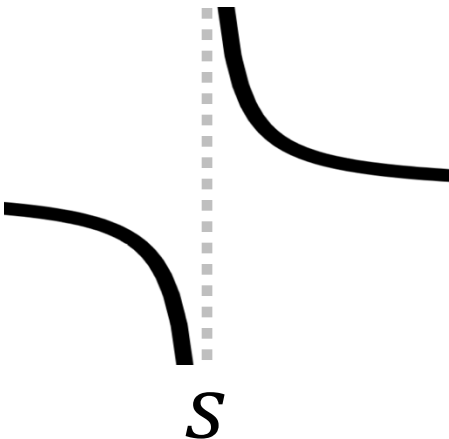


Semantics of Integrating and Differentiating Singularities

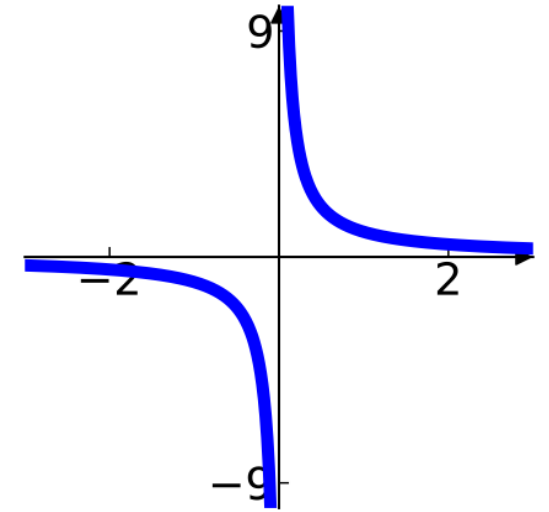
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$$\frac{d}{ds} \int_a^b$$


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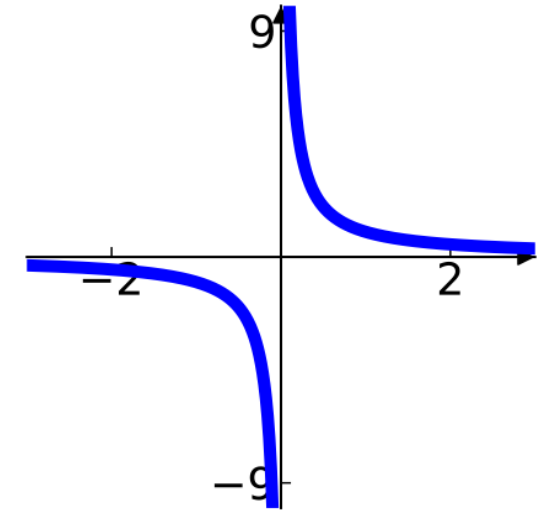
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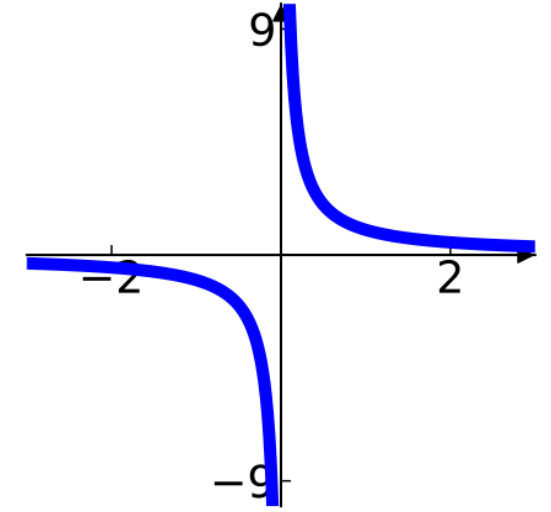
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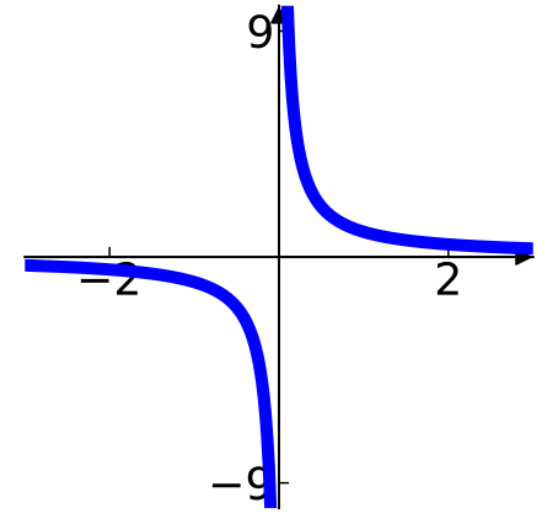
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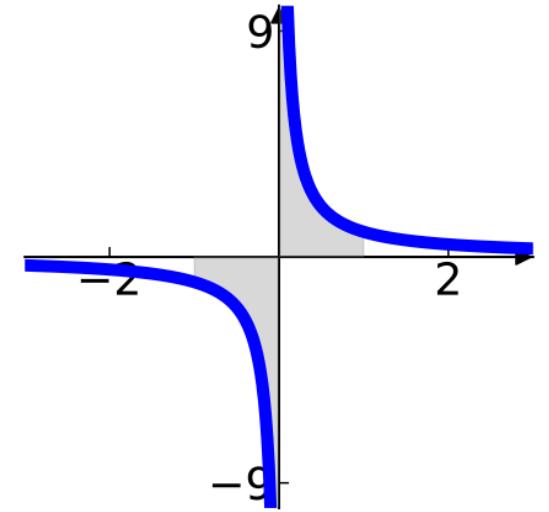
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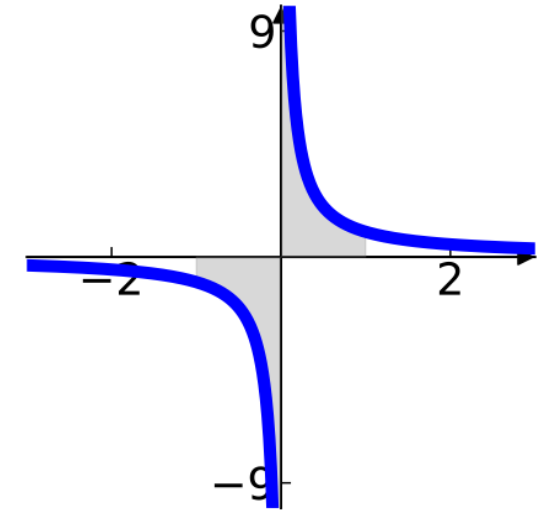


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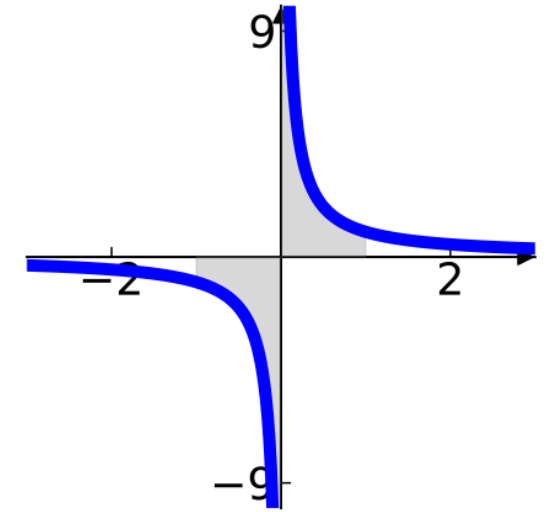
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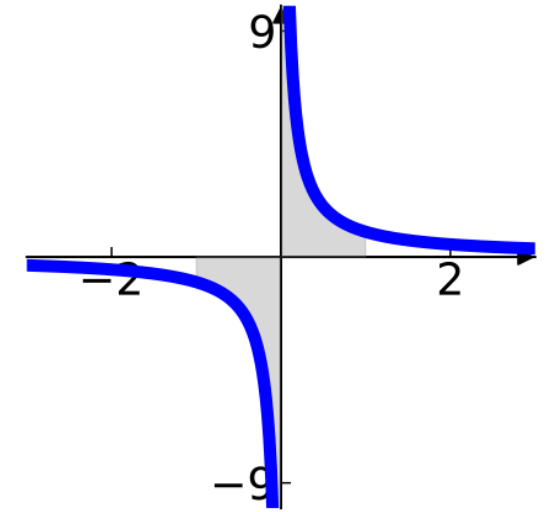
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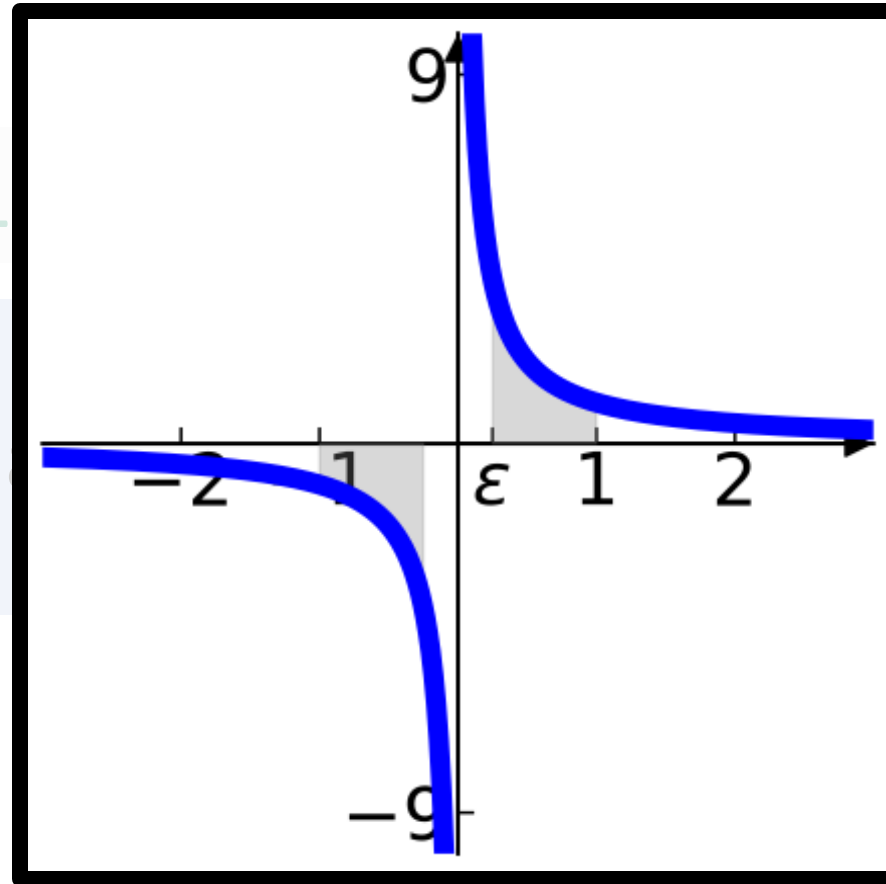
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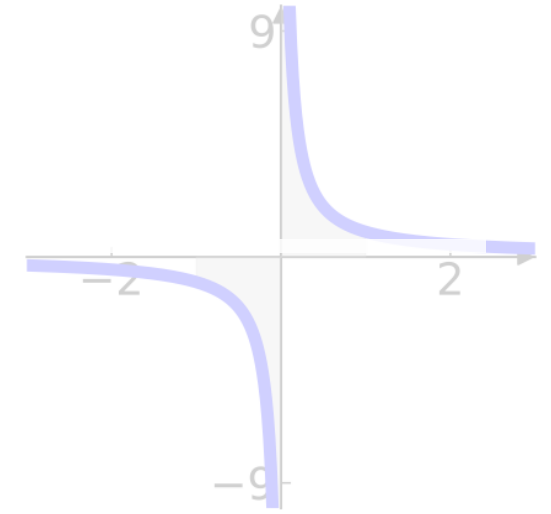
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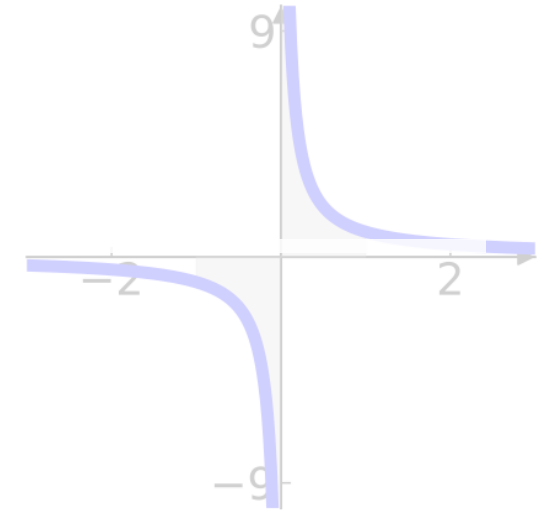
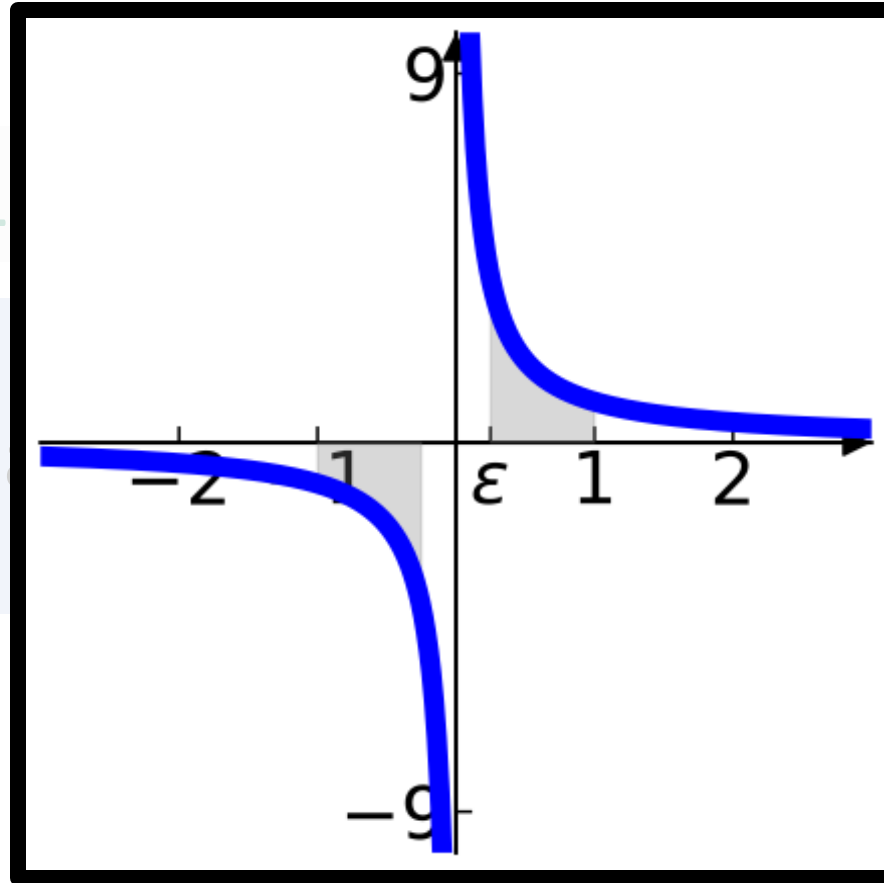
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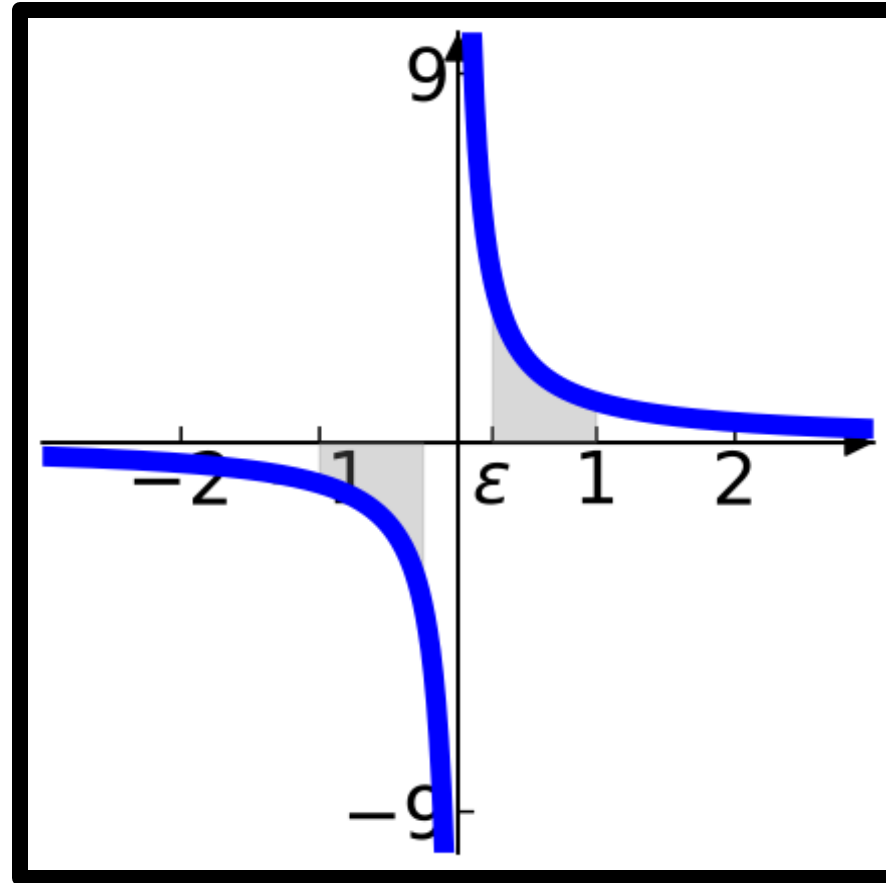


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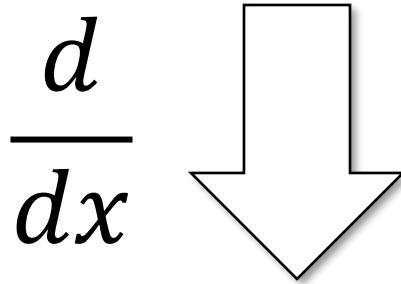
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Automatic Differentiation (AD)

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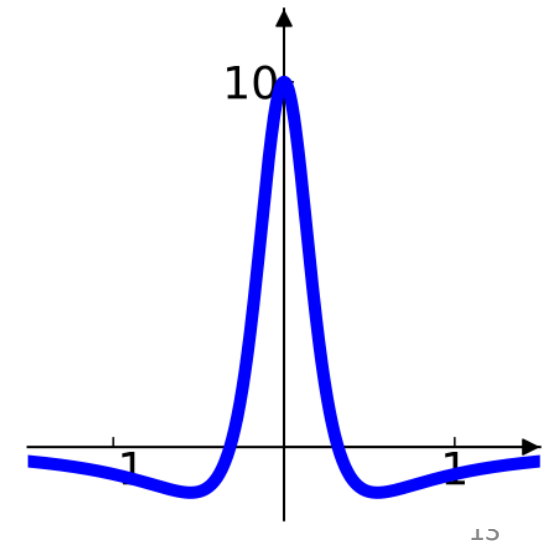
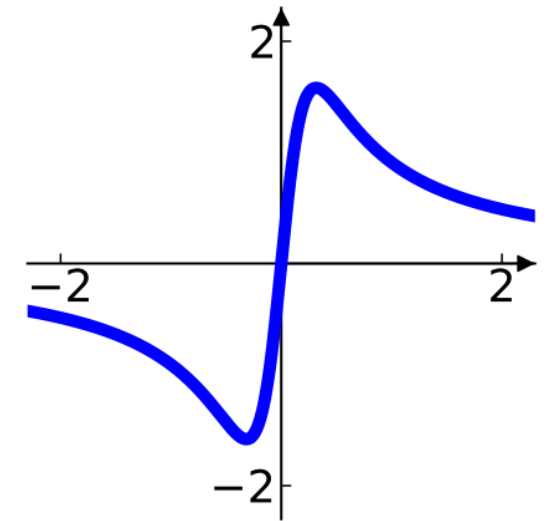


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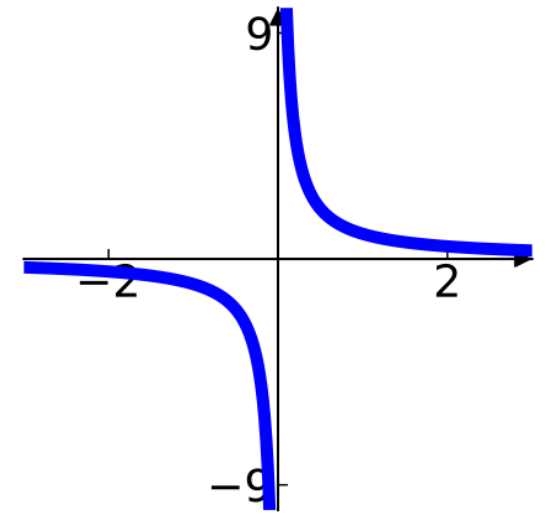
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Standard AD of a Singular Function

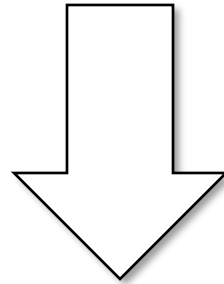
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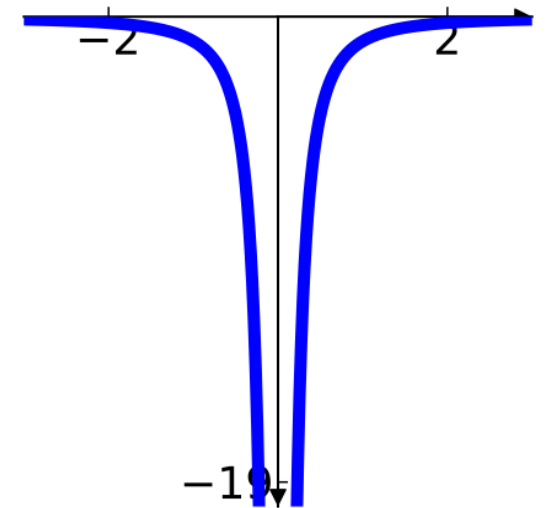
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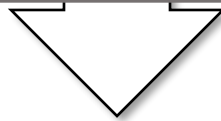
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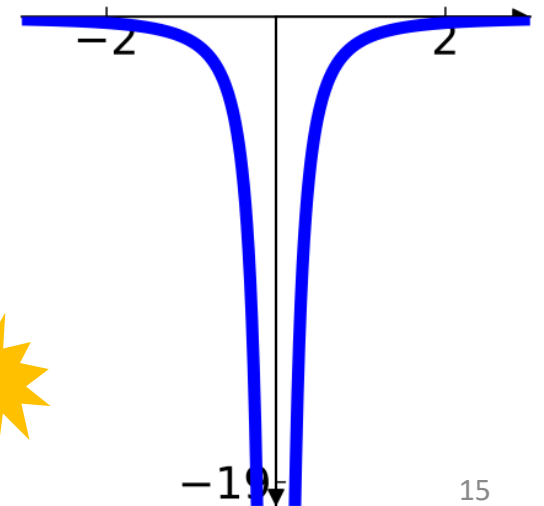
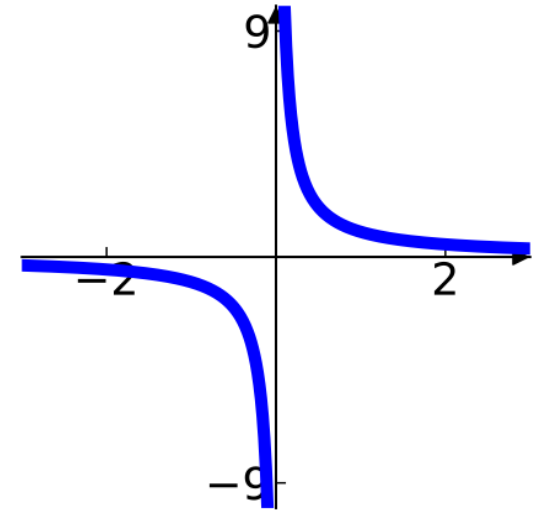
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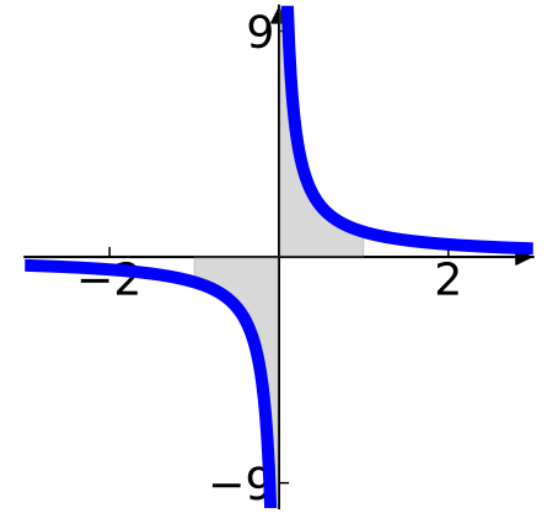
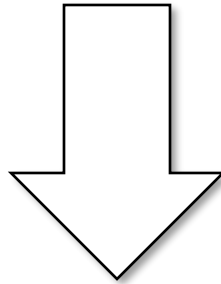


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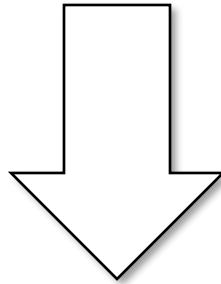


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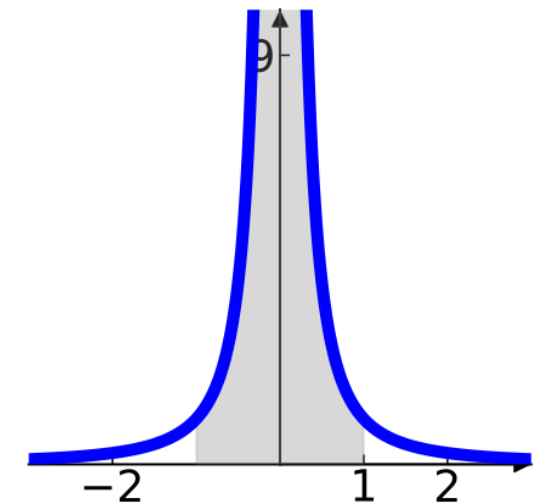
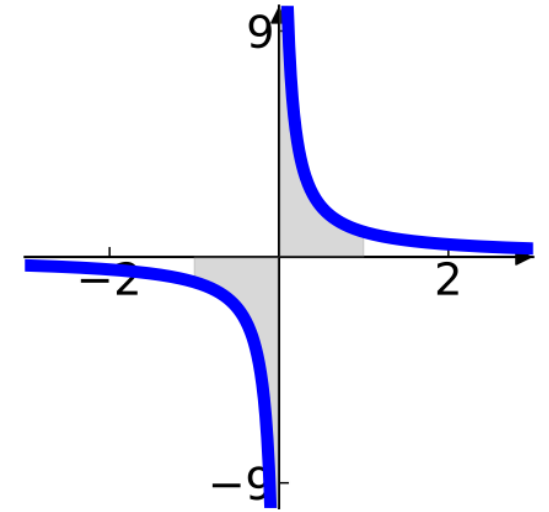
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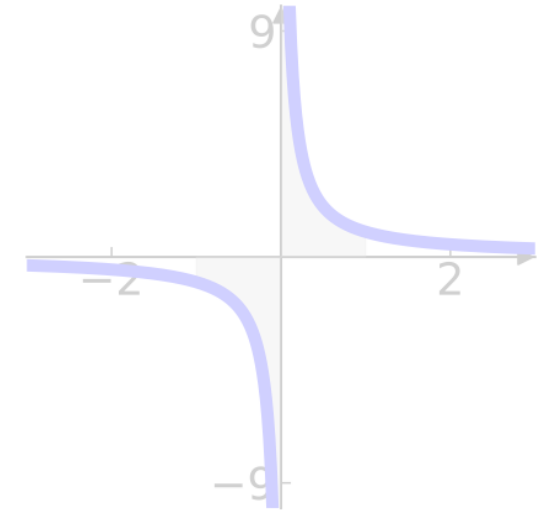


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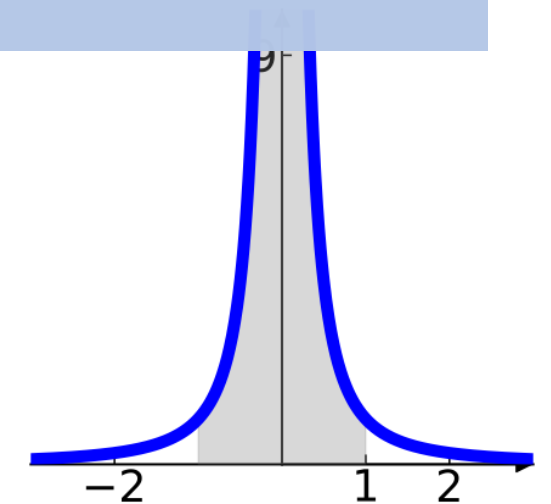
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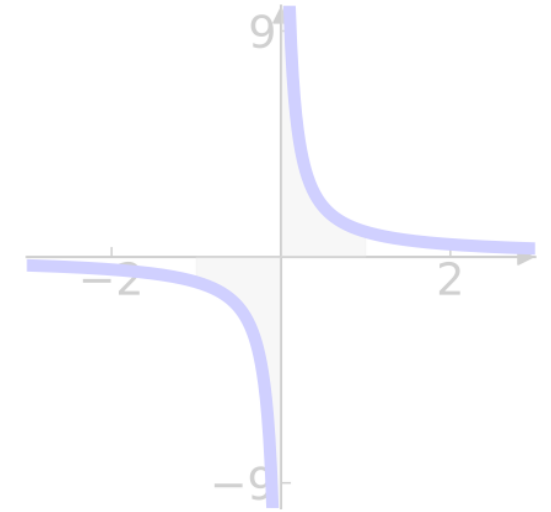
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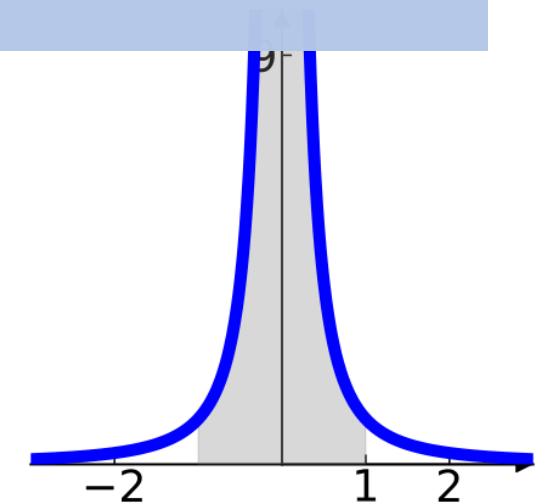


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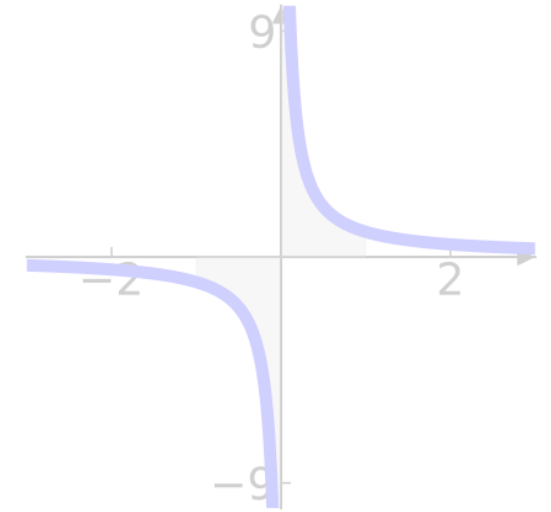


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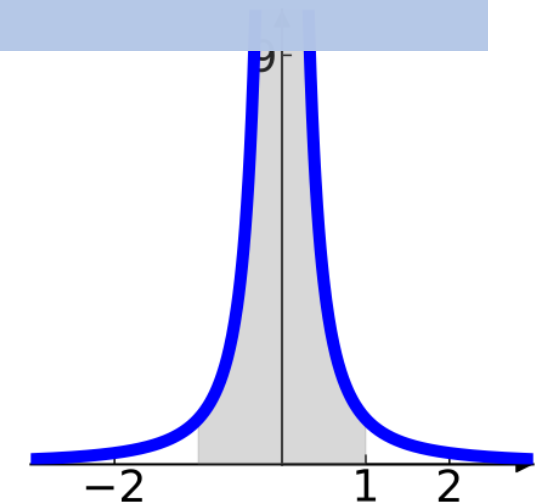
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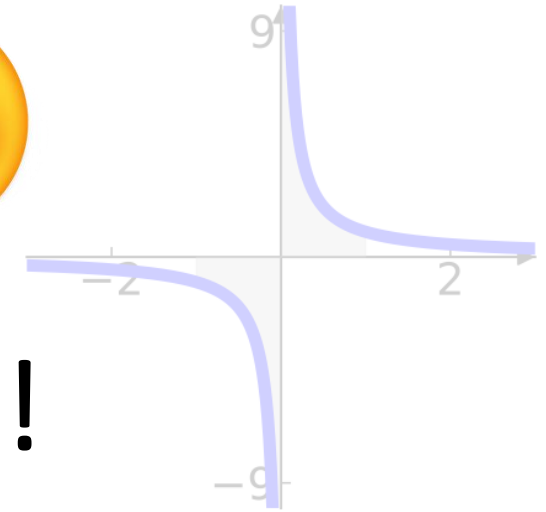


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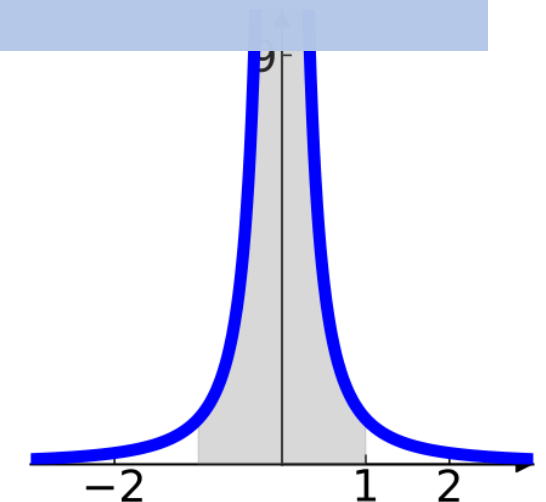
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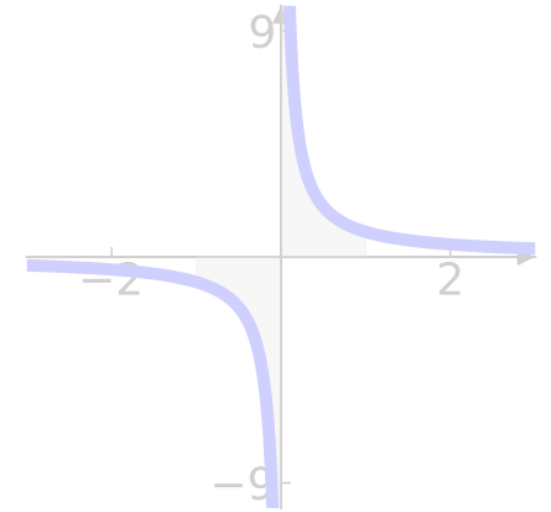
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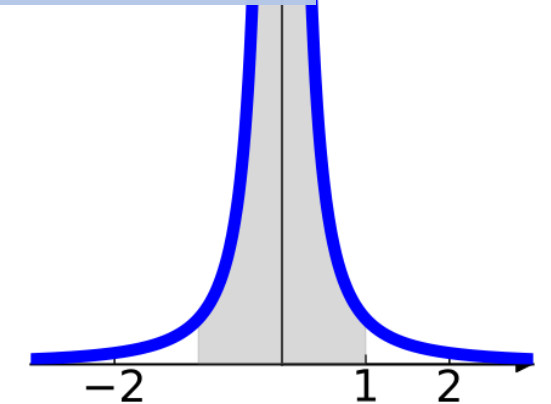
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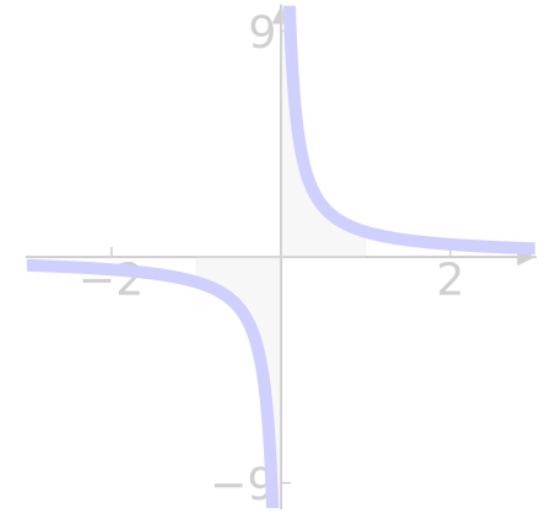
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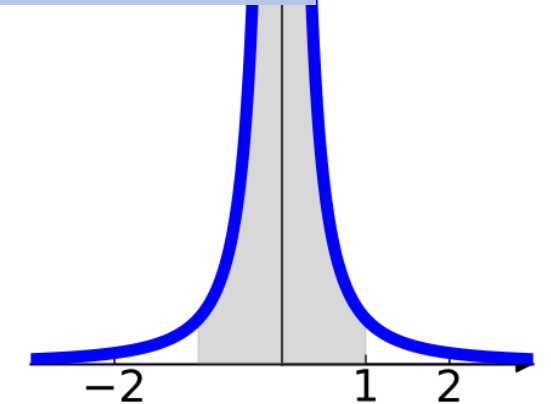
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Distribution Theory: Intuition

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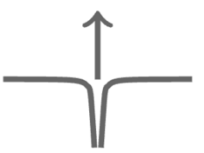


$$\mathcal{S} \frac{1}{x}$$



Informally, a *distribution* is a generalized function, closed under limits and generalized derivatives.

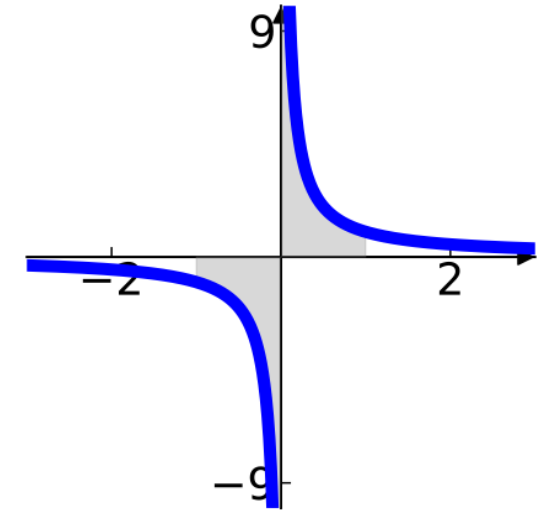
$$\frac{d}{dx} f_n(x) = \frac{-x^2 + 1/n}{(x^2 + 1/n)^2}$$



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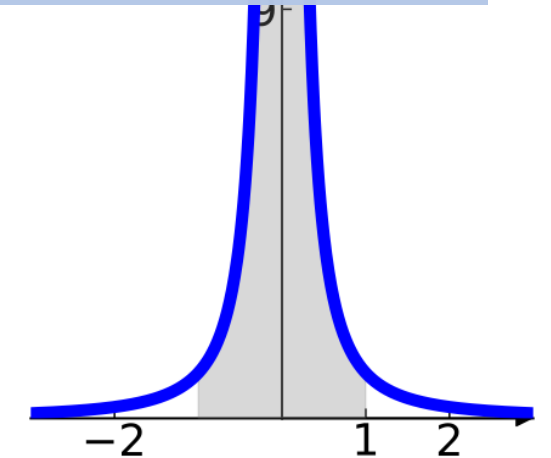
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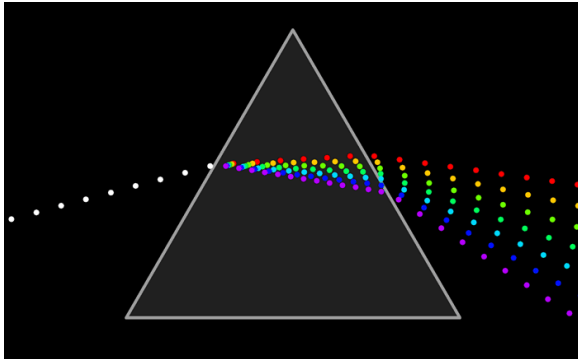
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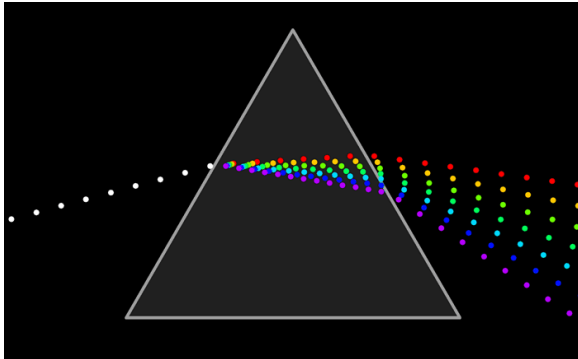
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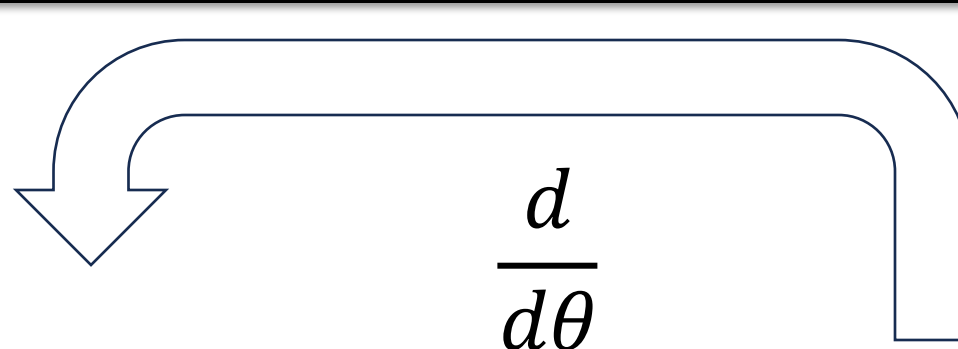


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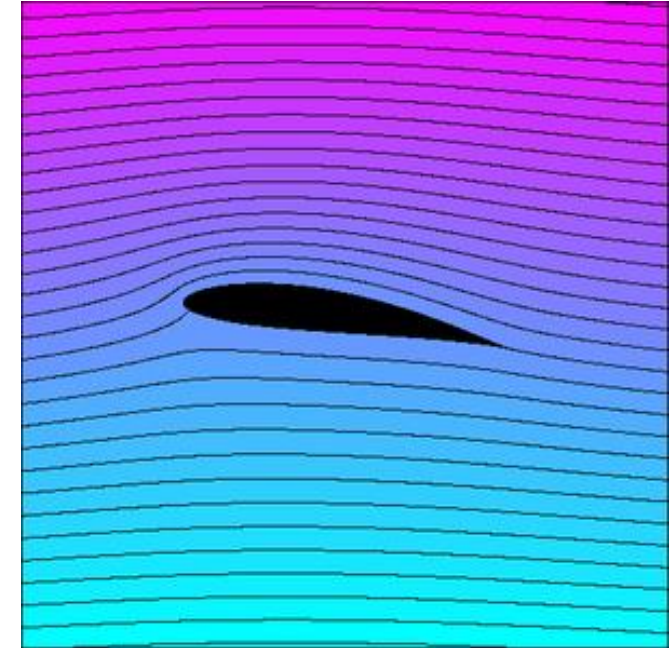
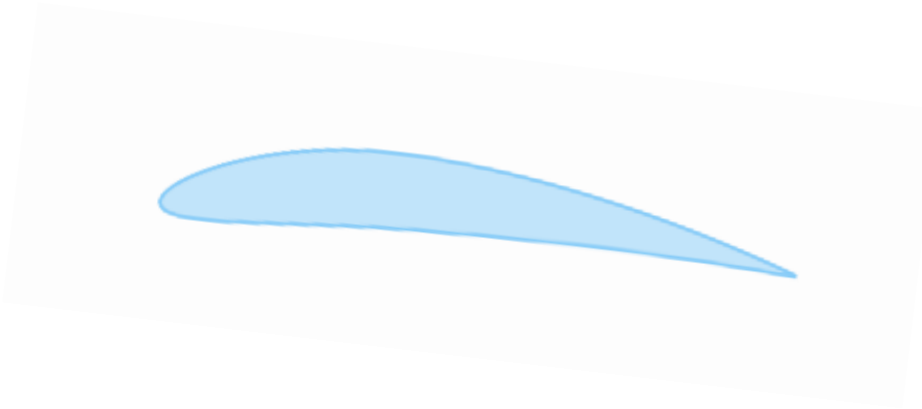


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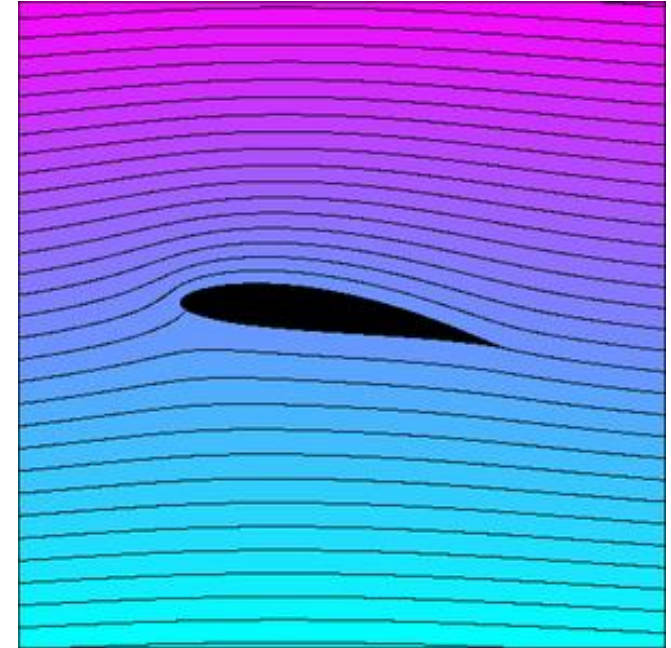
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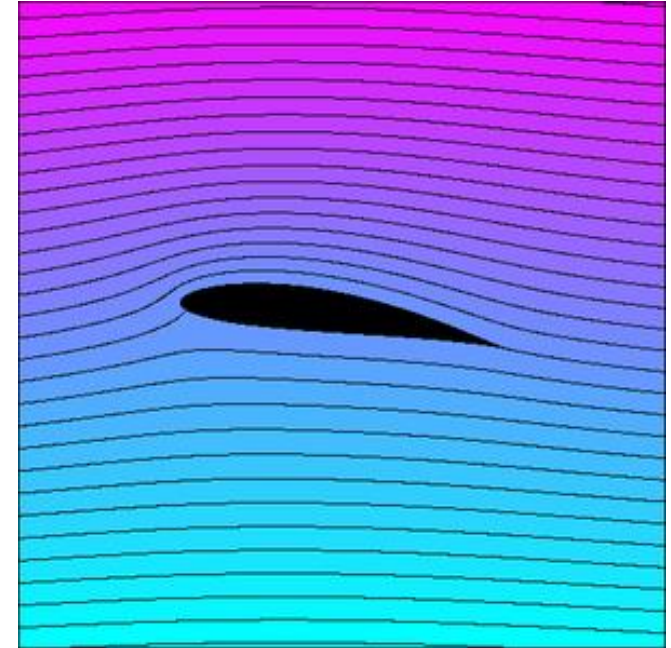


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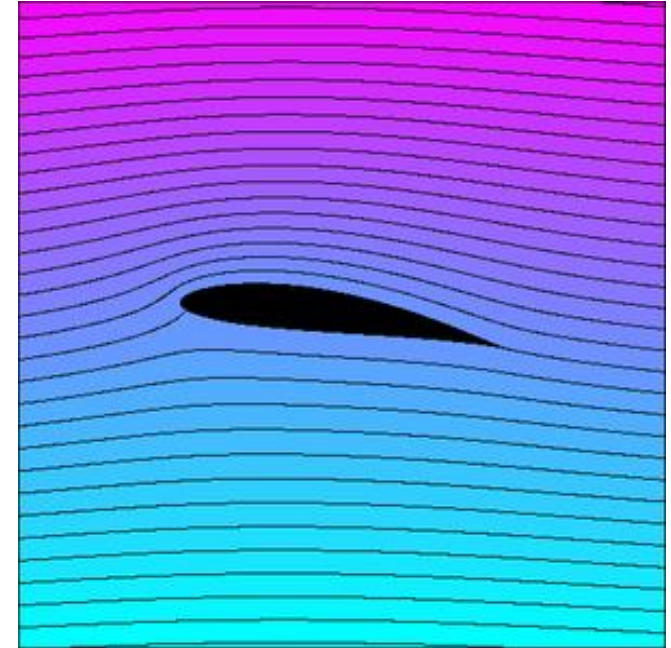
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Contributions

- Identify a new problem domain
- Rigorous, accessible math formalism
- First semantics of a differentiable PL with singular integration
- Solve problems in science and engineering



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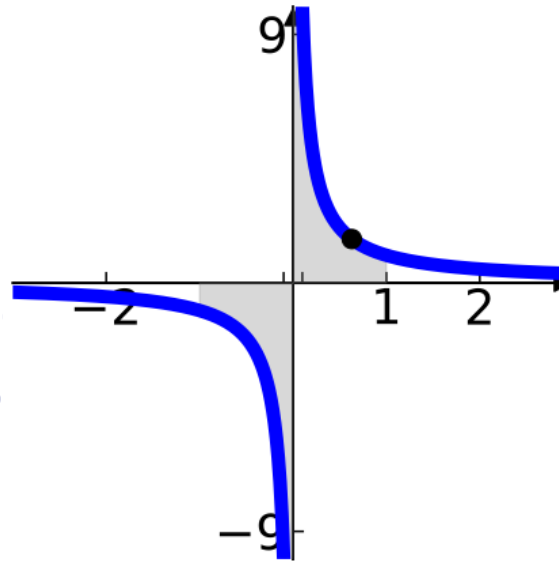
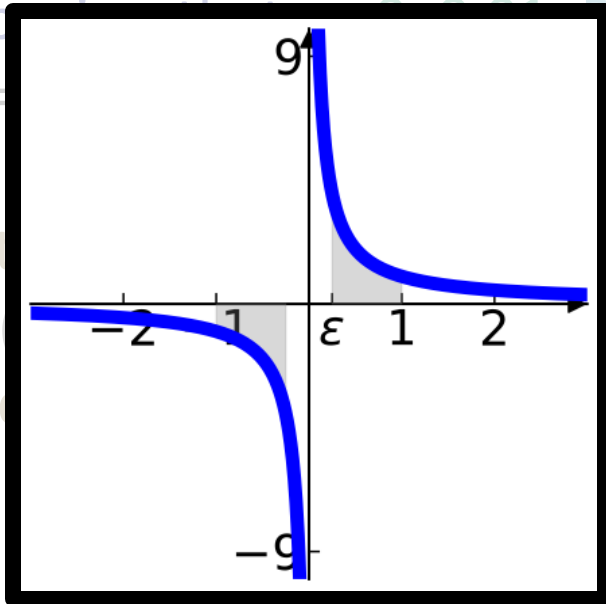
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    loss += (-1/(2 * pi) * est - alpha(uo) * Vinf)^2
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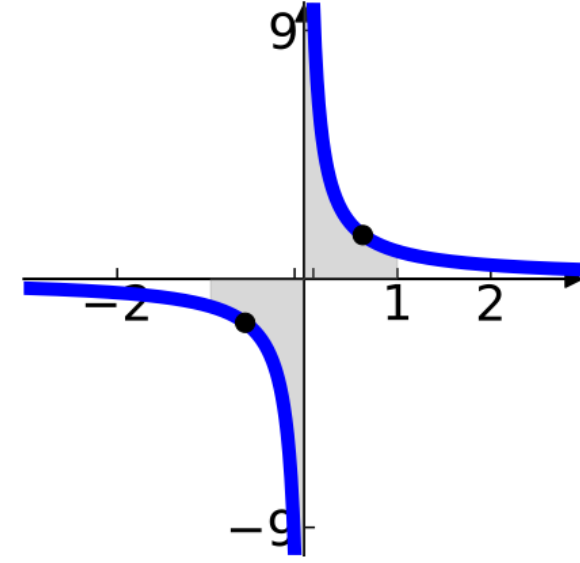
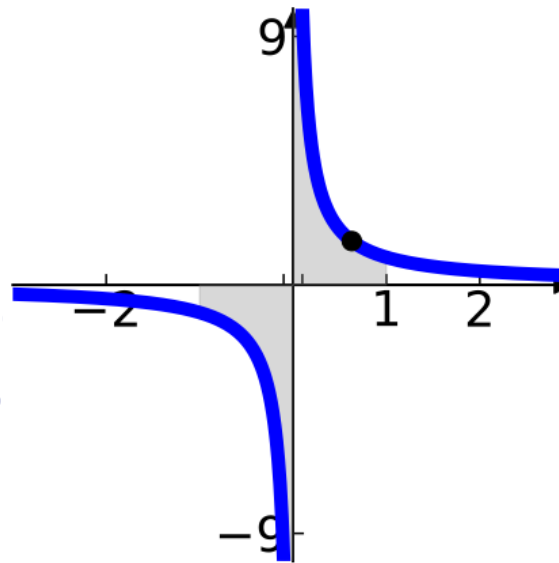
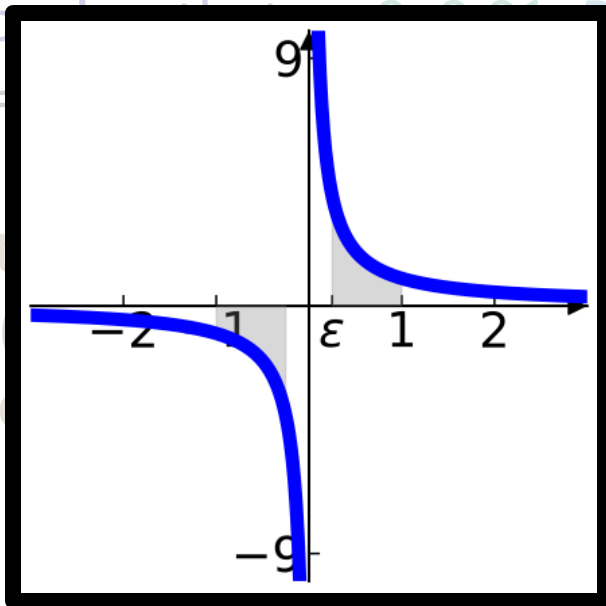
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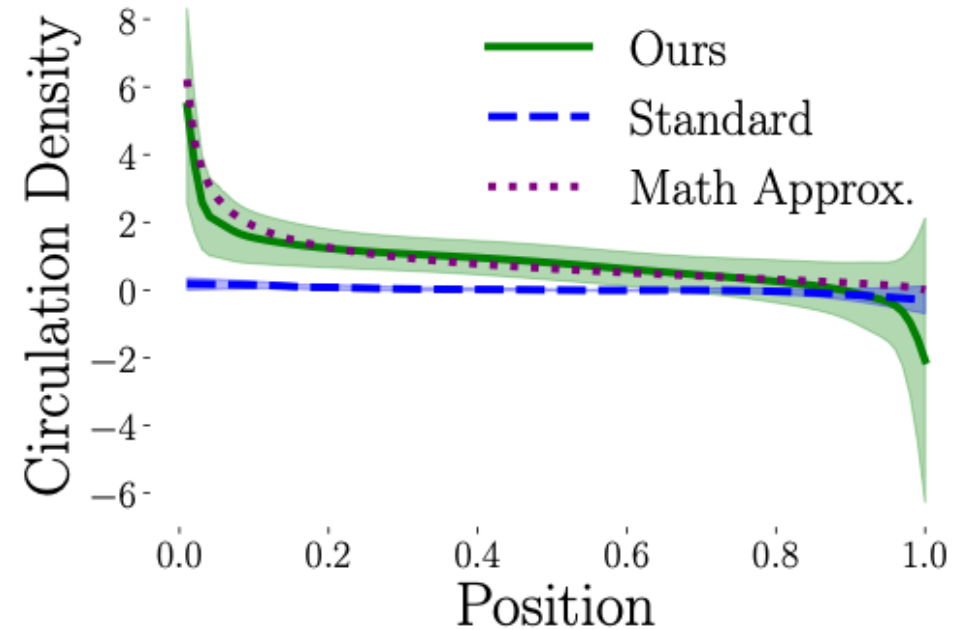
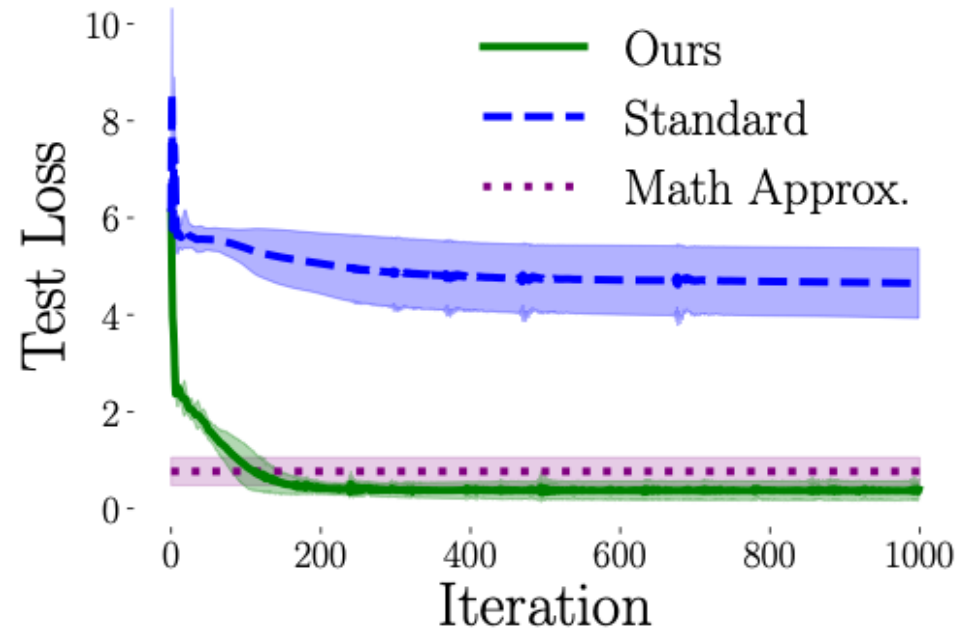


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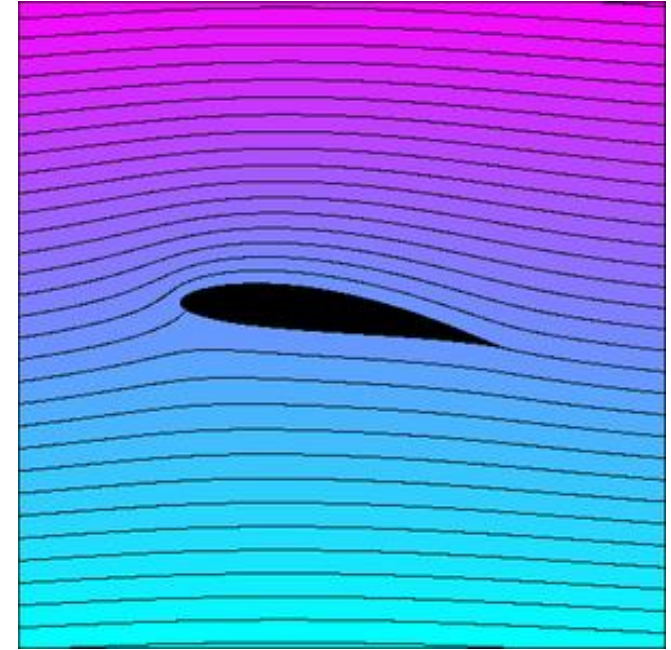
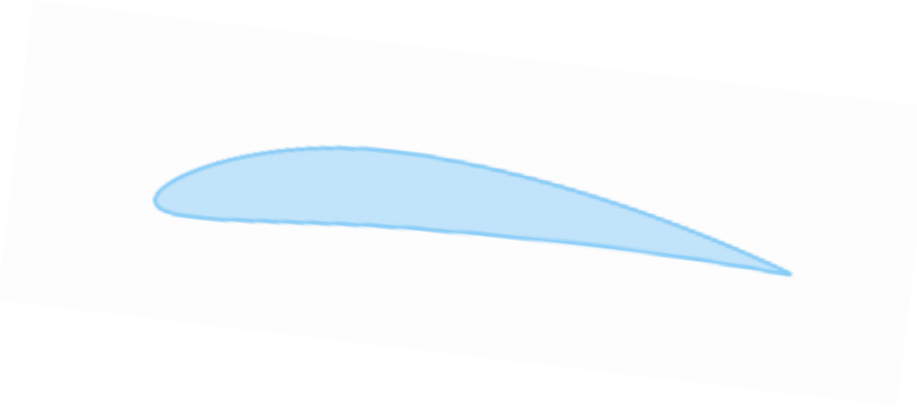
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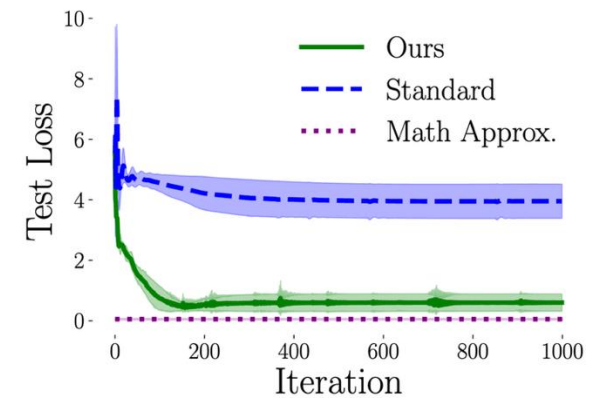
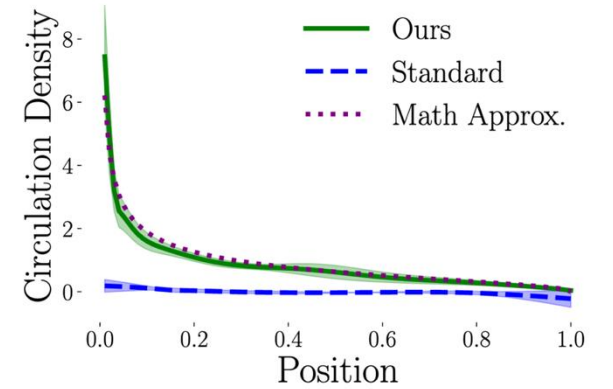
Solution: find NN params that minimize loss

Goal: calculate the circulation density, γ

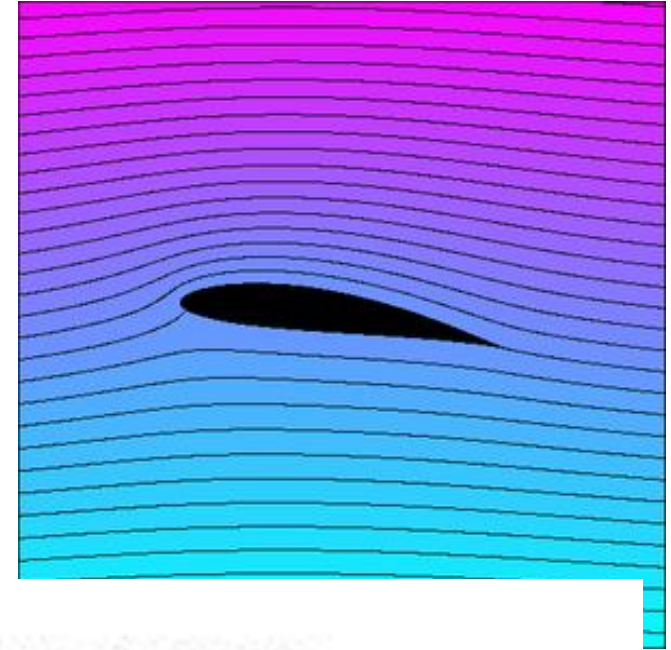
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A Simple, Smooth Language

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See the paper for the full **semantics** and a proof of **unbiasedness** and **consistency** wrt denotational semantics.

Contributions

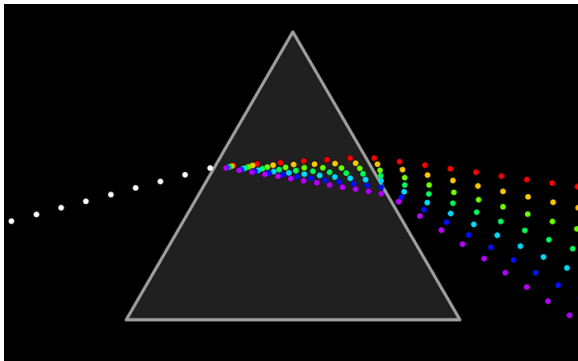
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Singular Integrals in The Wild

Signal Processing

Hilbert Transform



Aerodynamics

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Mechanical Engineering

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- Core `jax.custom_vjp`
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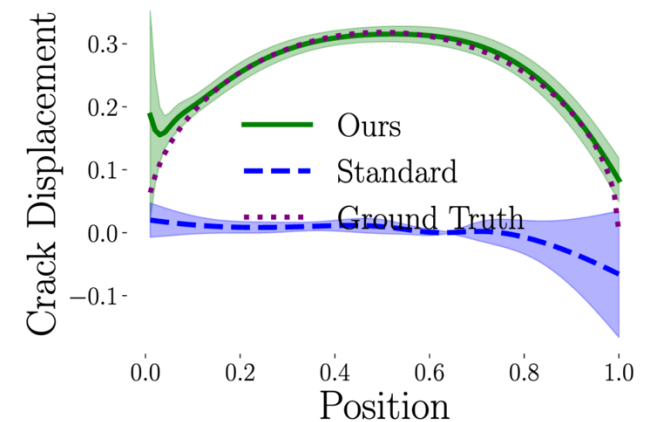
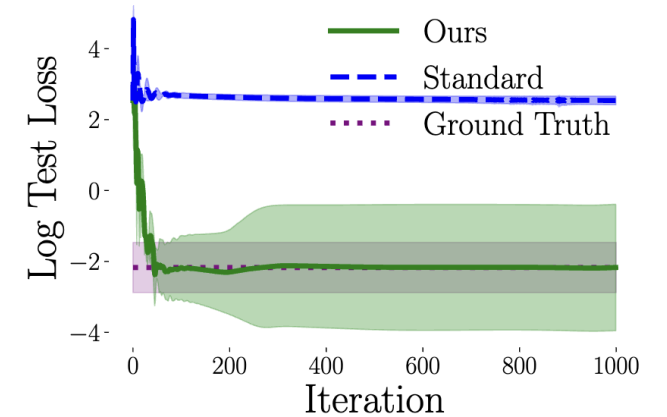
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Comparable speed (ms) to standard w. jit

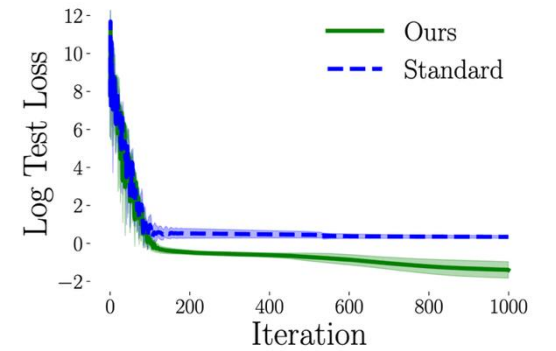
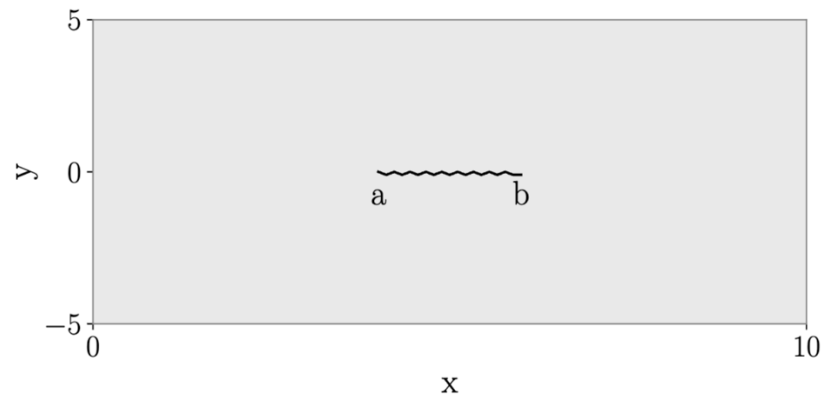
Mechanical Engineering: 1D Crack Problem



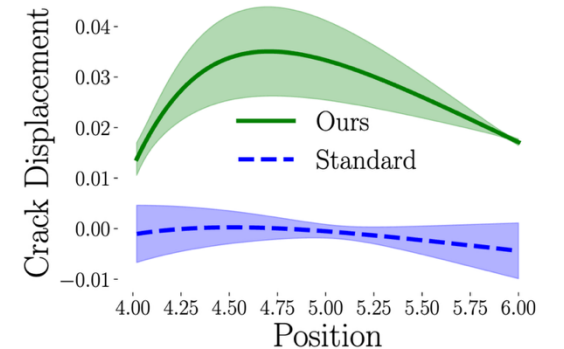
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Mechanical Engineering: 2D Crack Problem



$$\mathcal{H} \int_a^b \frac{V(t)}{(t-x)^2} dt + \int_a^b V(t) K_0(t, x) dt = -\pi \frac{1+\kappa}{\mu} p(x)$$



Related Work

Math

(Cauchy, 1826)

(Hadamard, 1932)

Distribution Theory

(Gelfand and Shilov, 1964)

Numerics

Sampling PV Integrals

(Longman, 1958)

Sampling FP Integrals

(Kutt, 1975)

(Monegato, 1994 and 2009)

Semantics of PPLs

(Kozen, 1981)

(Zhou et. al., 2019)

(Lew*, Huot*, 2023)

(Lee et. al., 2023)

AD with Discontinuities

(Nilsson, 2003)

(Chaudhuri et. al., 2010)

(Sherman et. al., 2021)

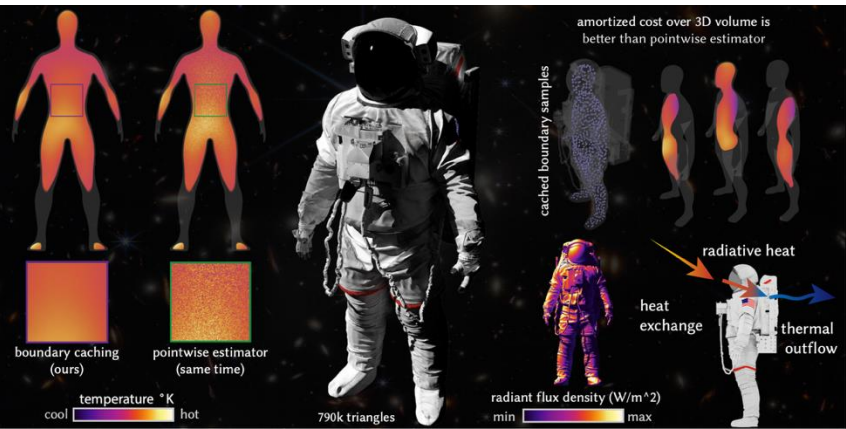
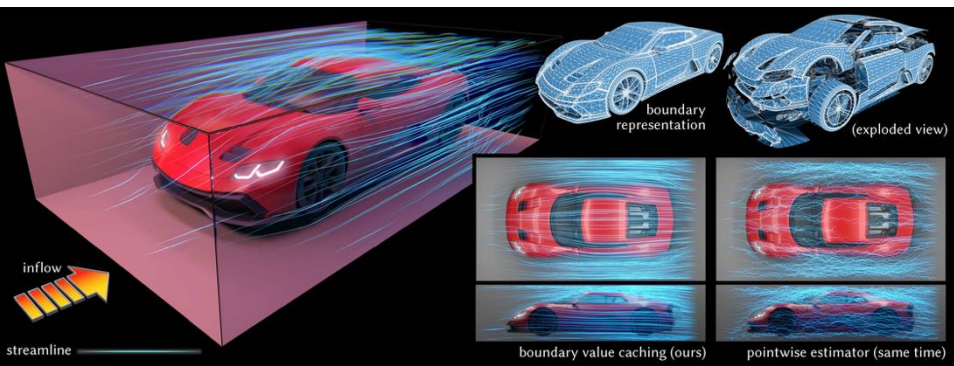
(Yang et. al., 2022)

(Michel et. al., 2024)

Future Work: 3D Singularities in Computer Graphics

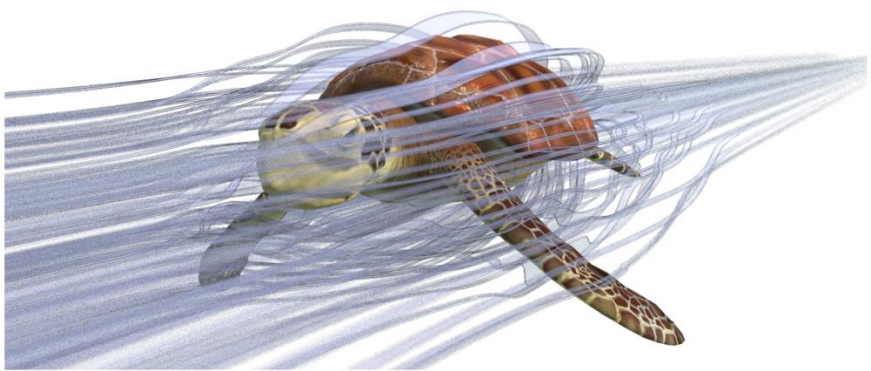
Boundary Value Caching for Walk on Spheres

(Miller*, Sawhney*, et. al., 2023)



Kelvin transformations for simulations on infinite domains.

(Nabizadeh et. al., 2021)

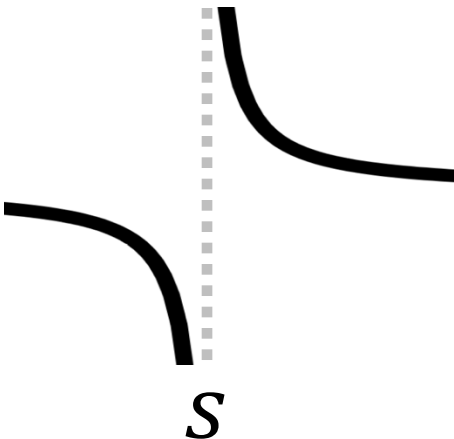


Future PL Work

- Multiple singularities and more general singularities
- Nested integration and multivariate integration
- More expressive control flow (e.g., while loops)
- Support for higher-order functions and recursion

Conclusion

- First language formalization for AD w/ singular integrals
- Need more language features and generality
- More applications: PDE solvers (e.g., FEniCS) and computer graphics

$$\frac{d}{ds} \int_a^b$$


SingularFlow
Implementation

