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A **gradient descent method** useful for an ample family of functionals defined on certain spaces of curves **satisfying both affine and isoperimetric constraints**.

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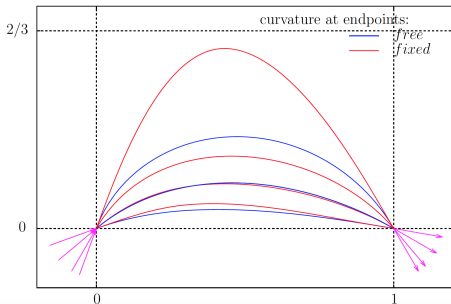
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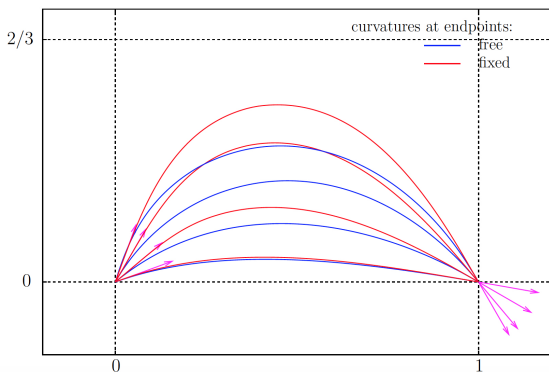
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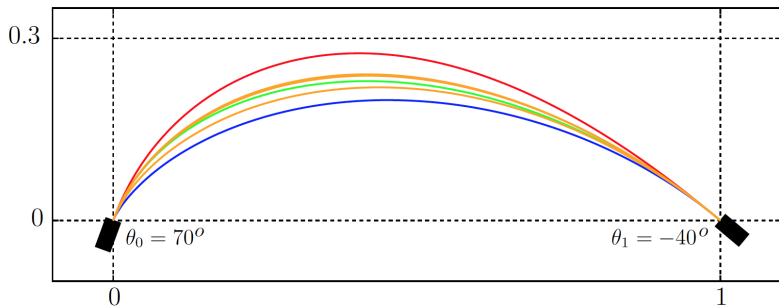
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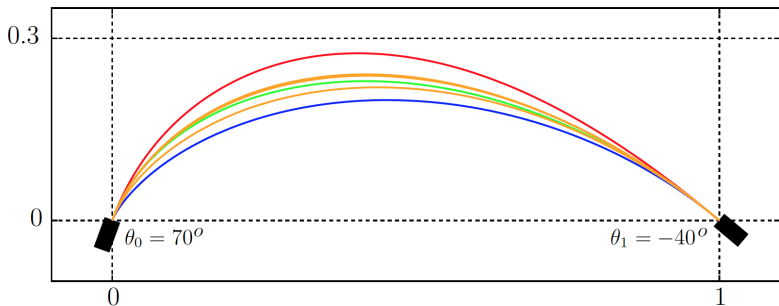


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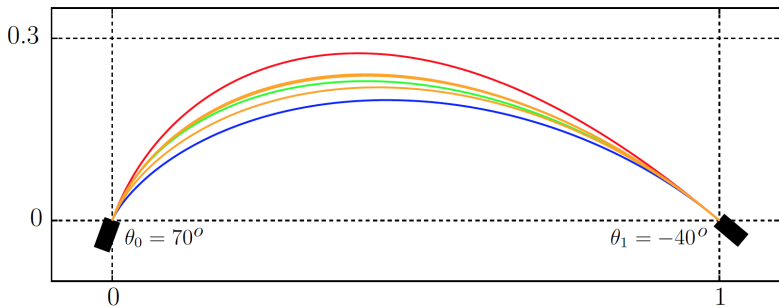


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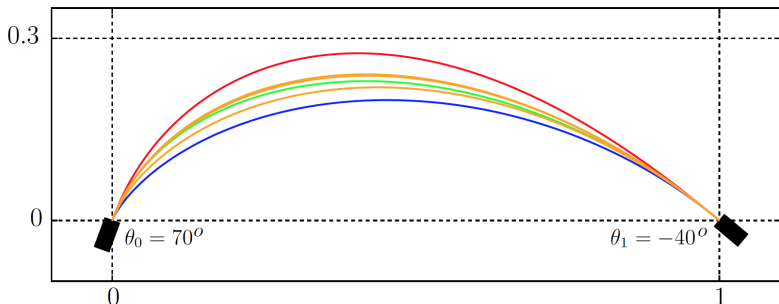
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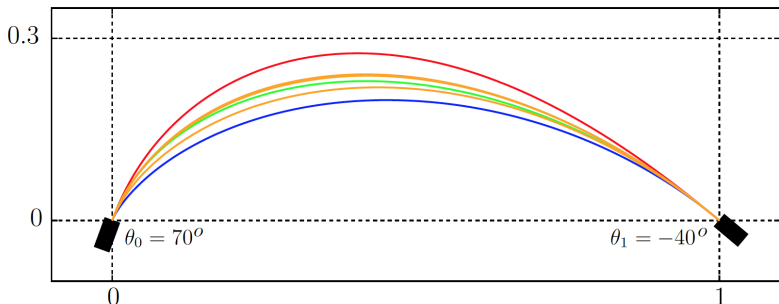


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