

Introduction to Permeable Sets

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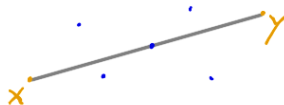
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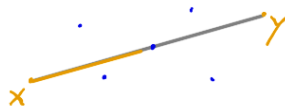
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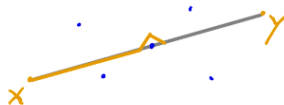
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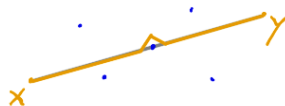
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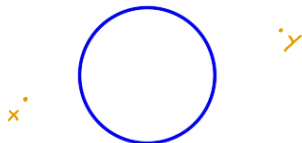
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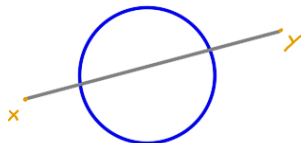
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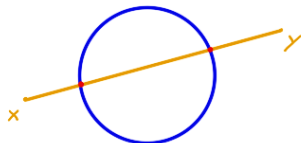
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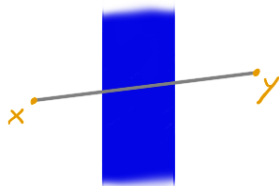
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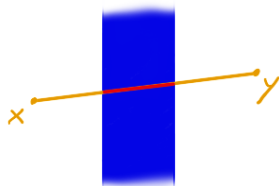
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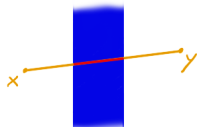
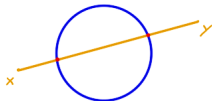
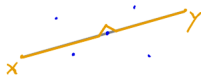
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Easy consequences:

- Subsets of permeable sets are permeable
- Permeable sets have empty interior (rel. to \mathbb{R}^d)

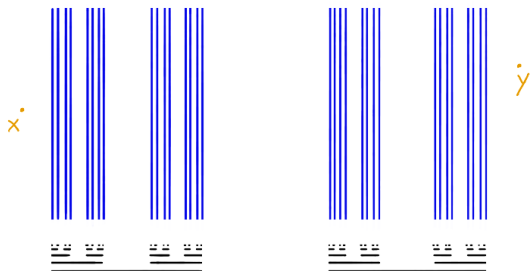
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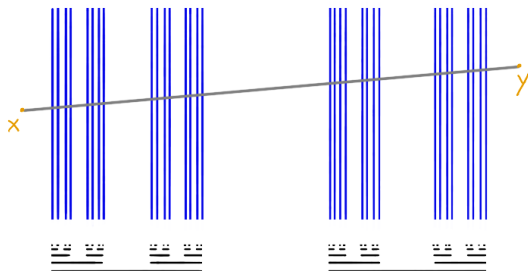
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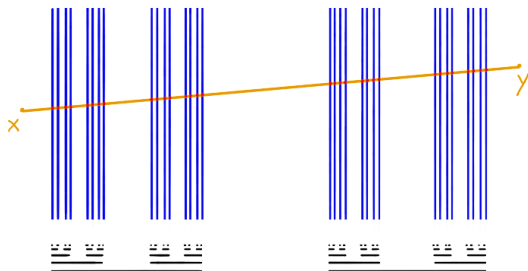
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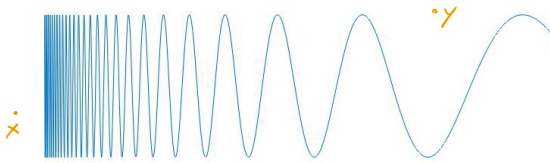
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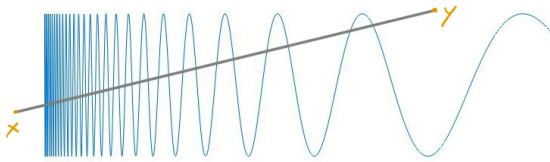
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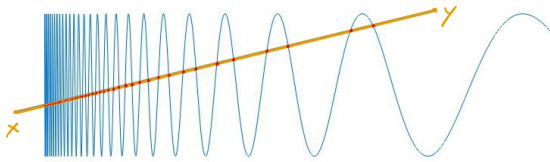
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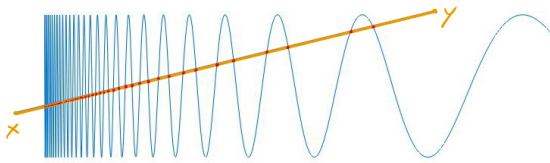
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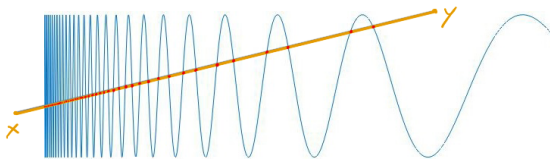


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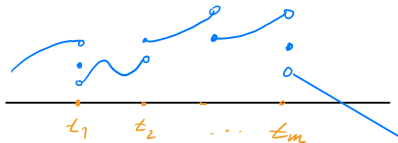
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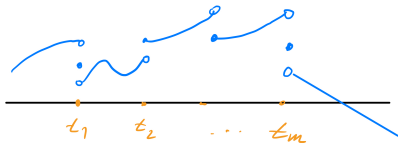


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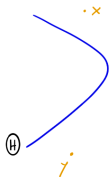
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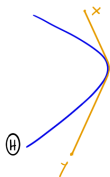
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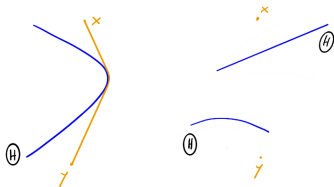
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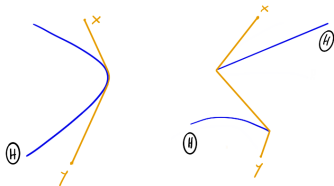
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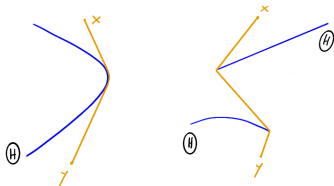
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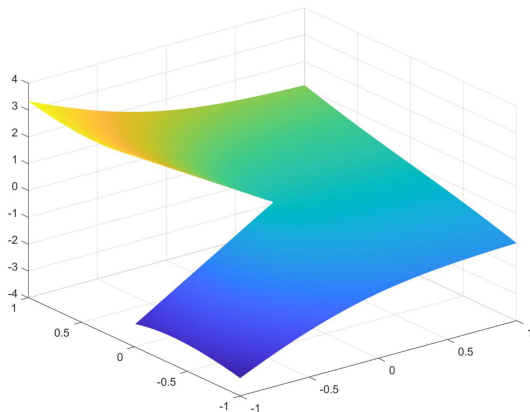
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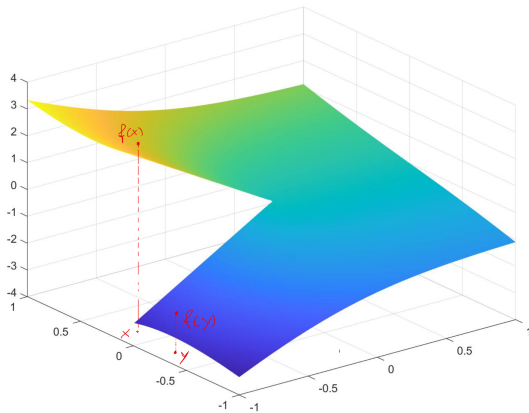
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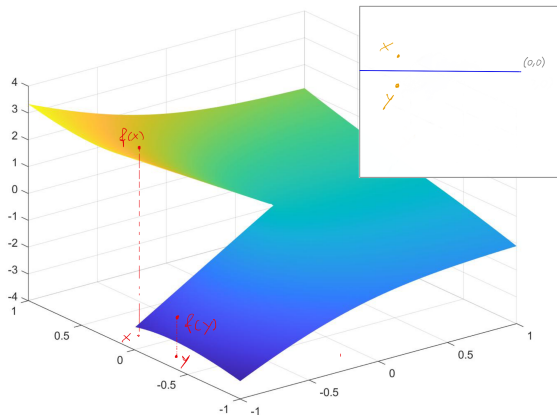
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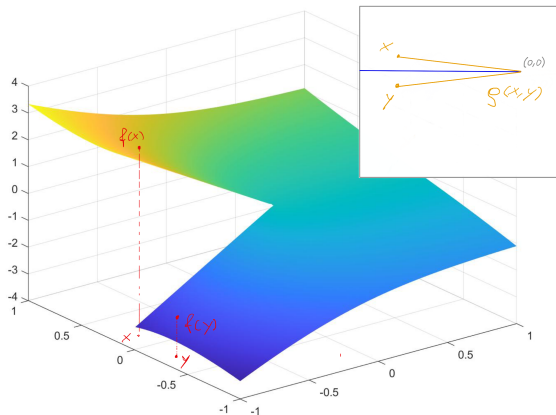
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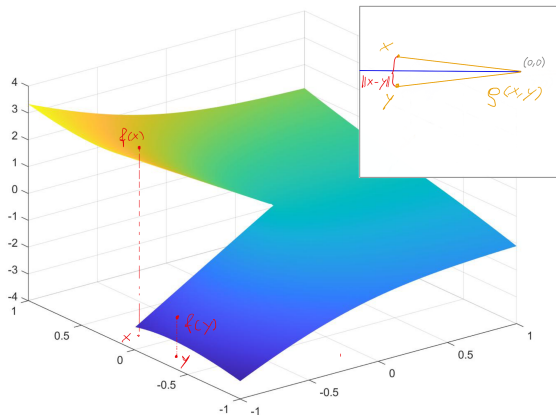
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Important result

Theorem (L. & St., 2022)

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