

Polygonal solutions for a shape optimisation problem

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Analytic Formulation

We can rewrite the functional J_λ in terms of h_Ω , the **support function** of Ω :

$$J_\lambda(h_\Omega) = \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} (h_\Omega^2 - h_\Omega'^2) d\theta - \int_0^{2\pi} h_\Omega d\theta.$$

Moreover the class $\mathcal{C}_{a,b}$ is:

$$\mathcal{C}_{a,b} = \{h_K \in W^{1,2}(0, 2\pi) : a \leq h_K \leq b, h_K'' + h_K \geq 0 \forall \theta \in [0, 2\pi]\}.$$

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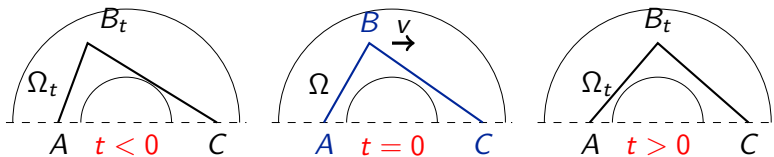
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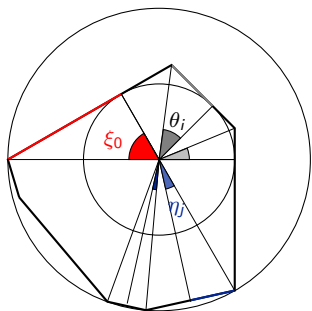
“Free sides” are not allowed



There cannot exist two “free” sides \overline{AB} , \overline{BC} otherwise \rightsquigarrow
 consider the set Ω_t obtained as a **perturbation** of Ω_λ moving the
 vertex B along the direction $v = \overrightarrow{AC}$ for a time $t \in (-\delta, \delta)$
 (N.B. all the other vertices are fixed!)

\rightsquigarrow contradiction!

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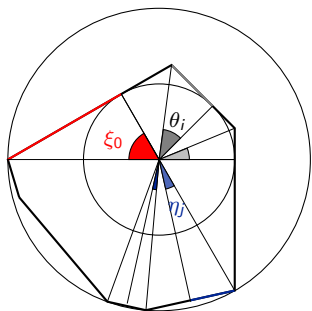
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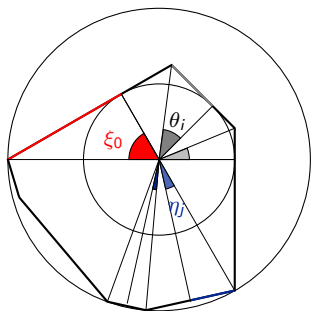
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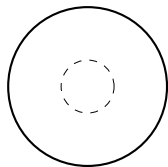
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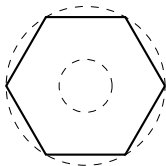
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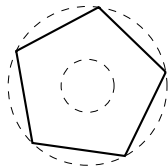
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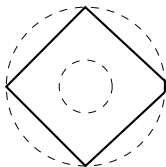
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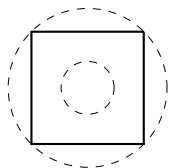
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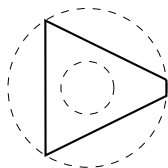
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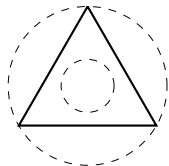
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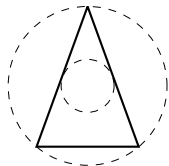
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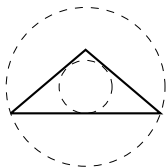
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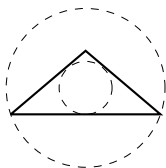
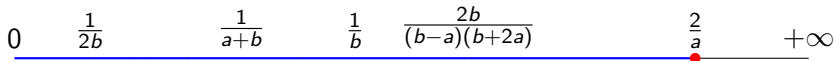
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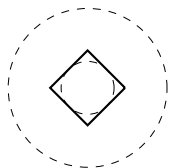
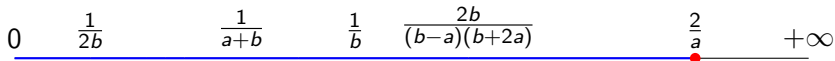
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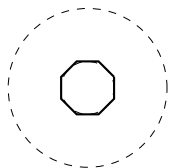
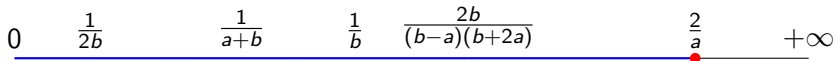
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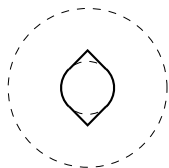
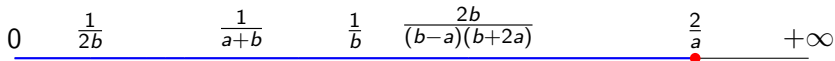
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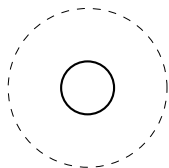
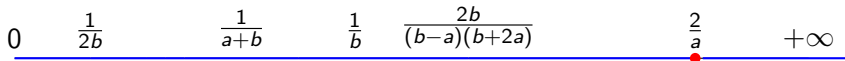
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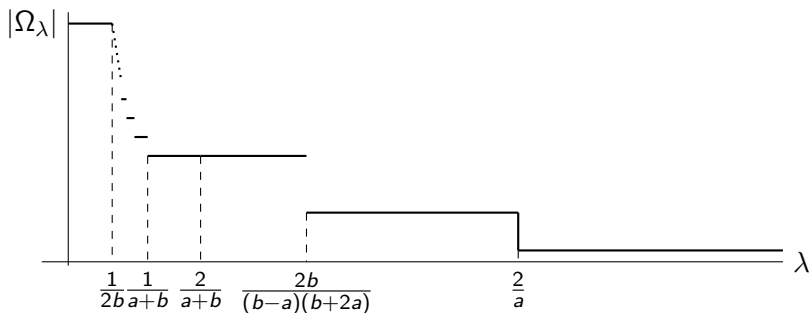
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$$\frac{2}{r}|\Omega| - P(\Omega) \geq \frac{2}{r}|D_r| - P(D_r) = 0.$$

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