



From Cardiac Cells to Genetic Regulatory Networks

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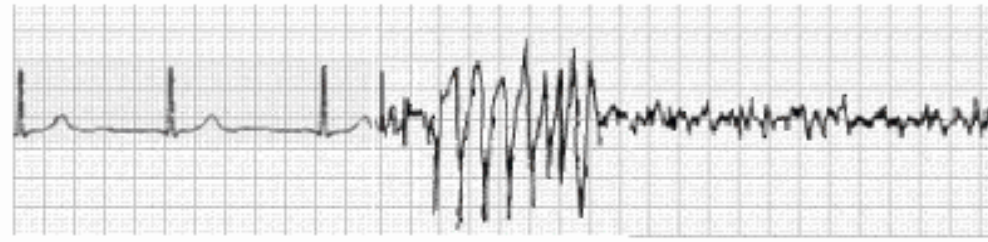


Background



Emergent Behavior in Heart Cells

EKG

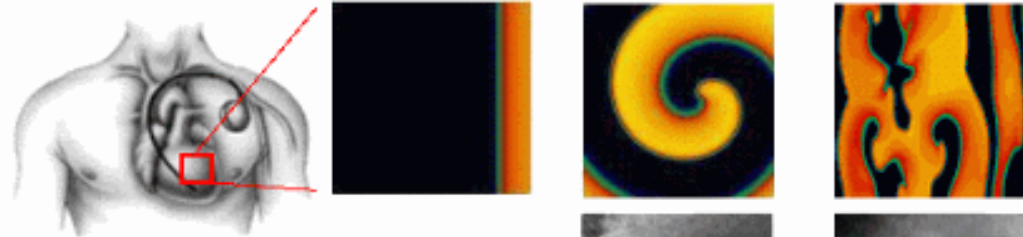


Normal Heart Rhythm

Ventricular Tachycardia

Ventricular Fibrillation

Surface



Simulation



Experiment



Arrhythmia afflicts more than **3 million Americans** alone

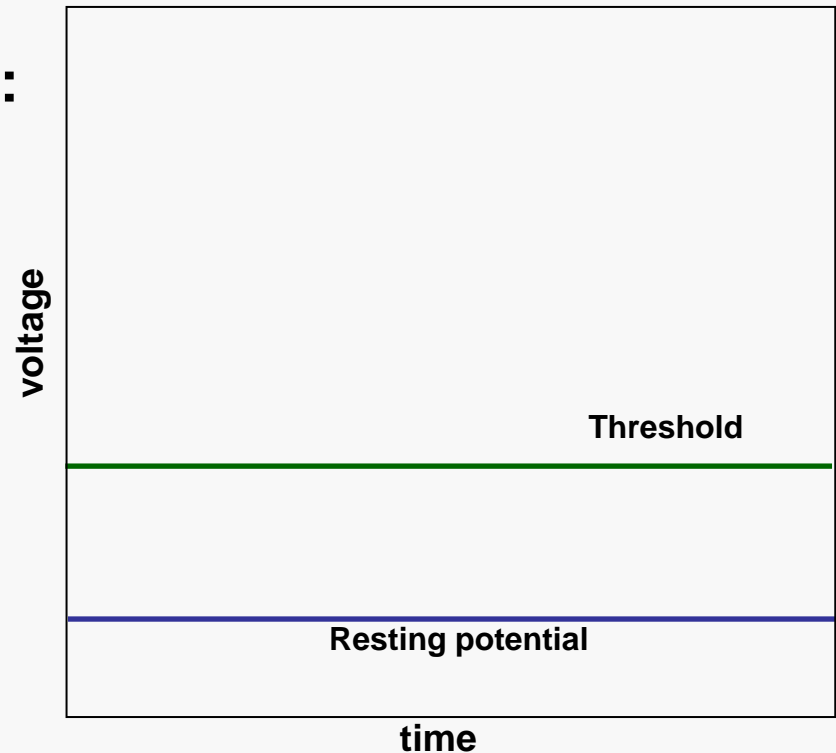


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Schematic Action Potential



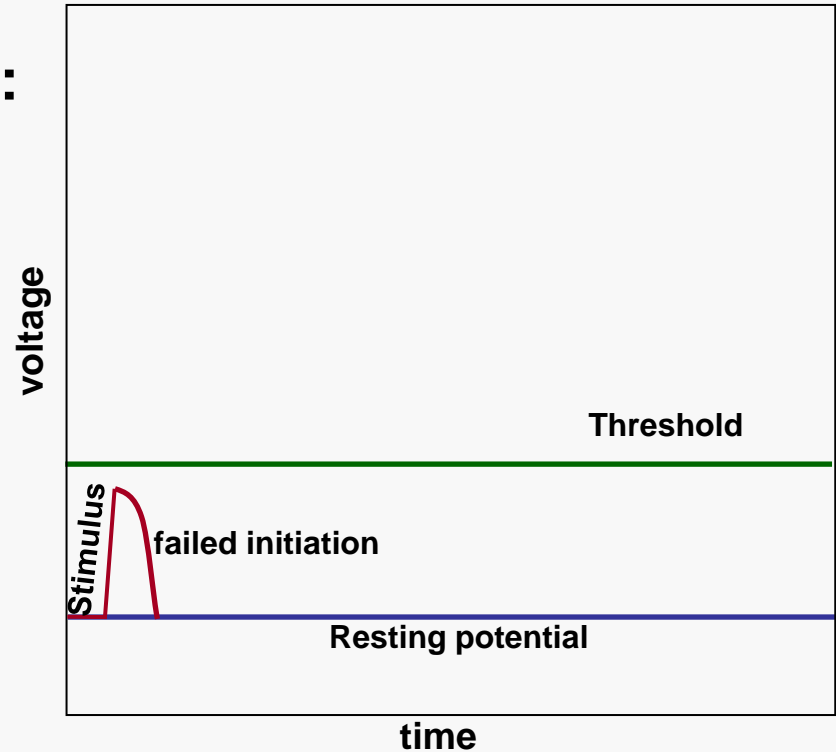


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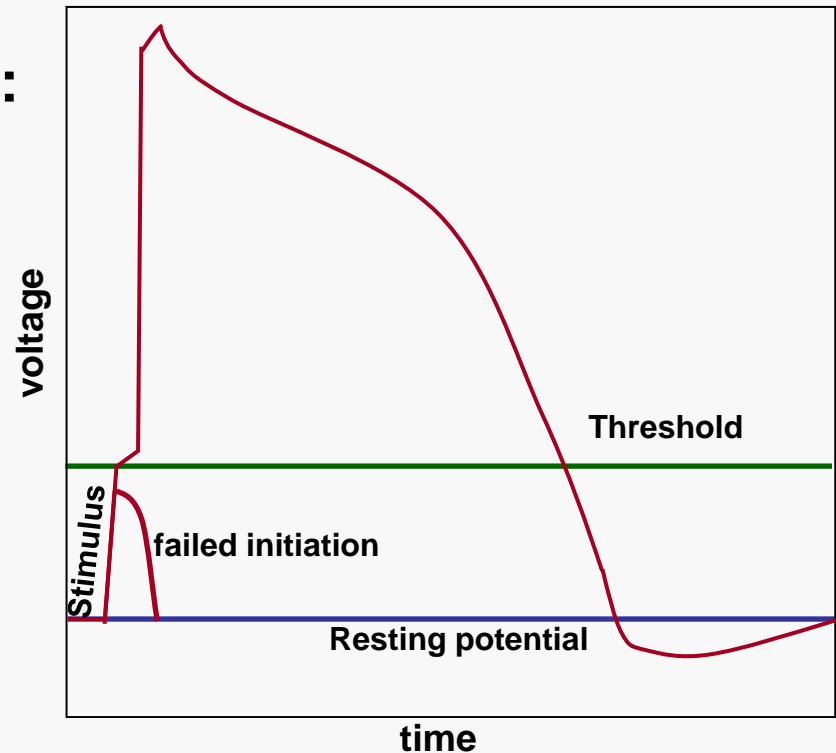


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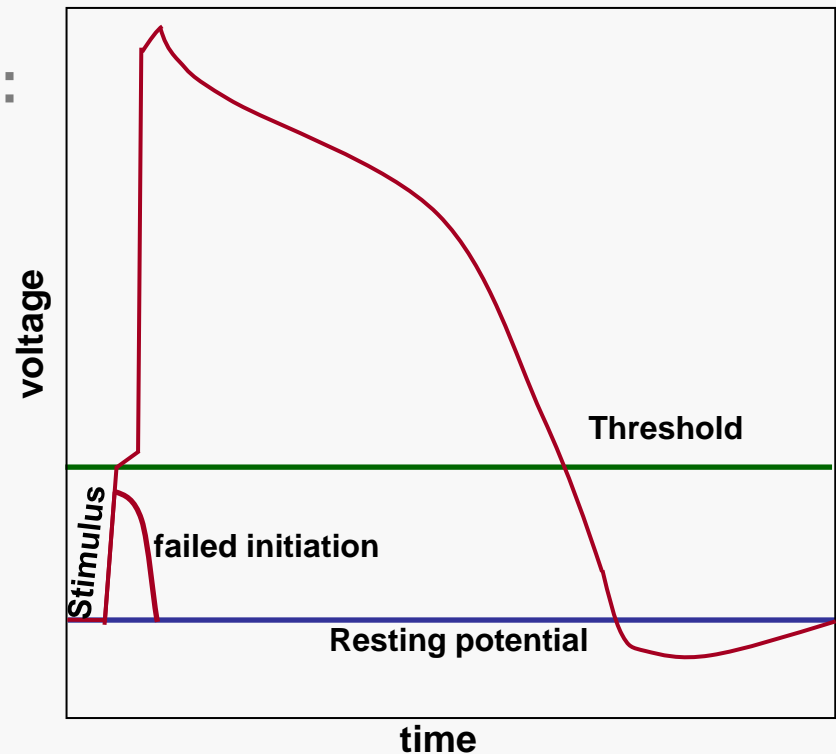
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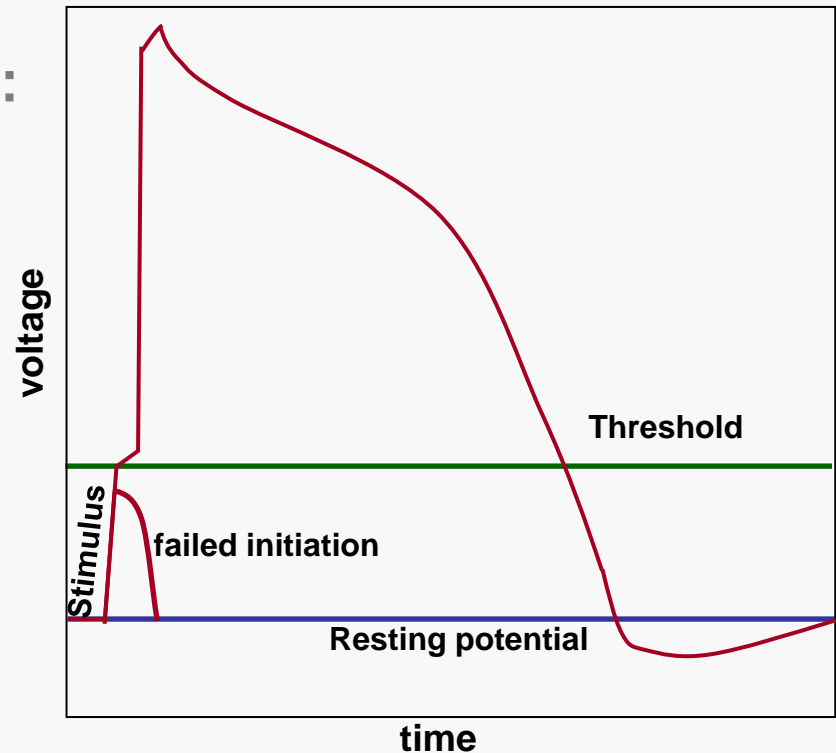
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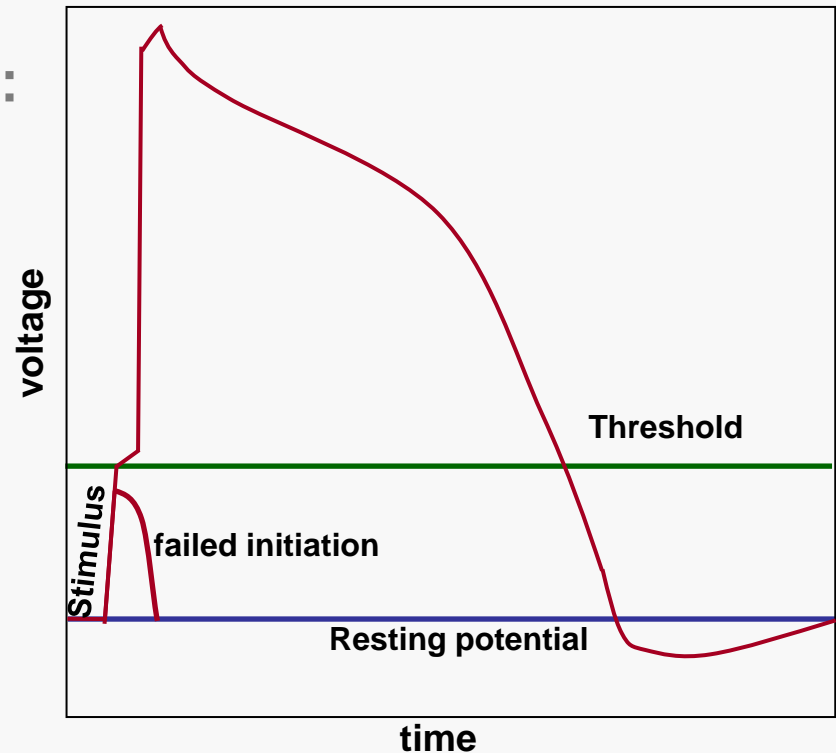
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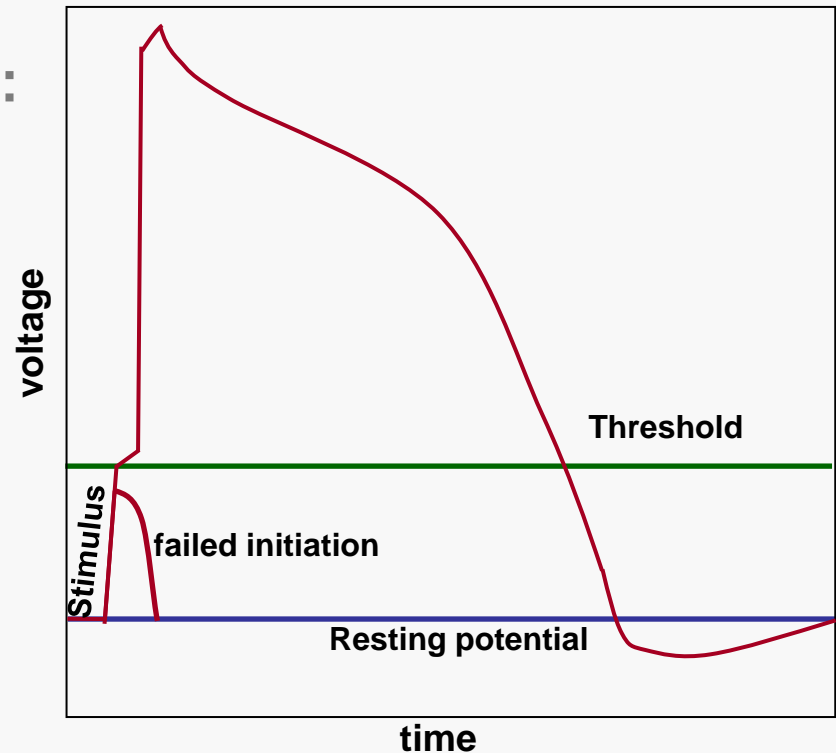
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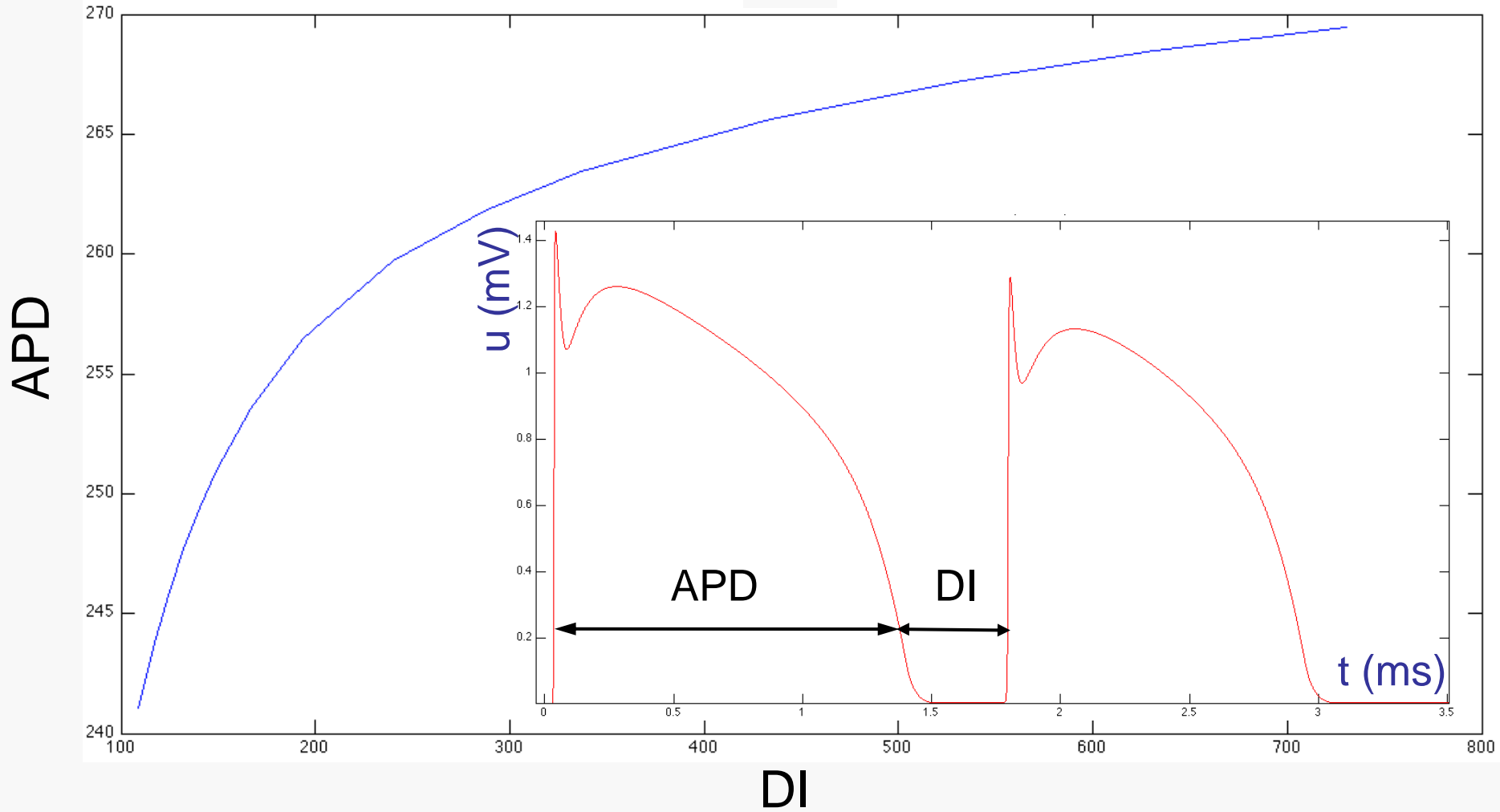


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Frequency Response





Existing Models

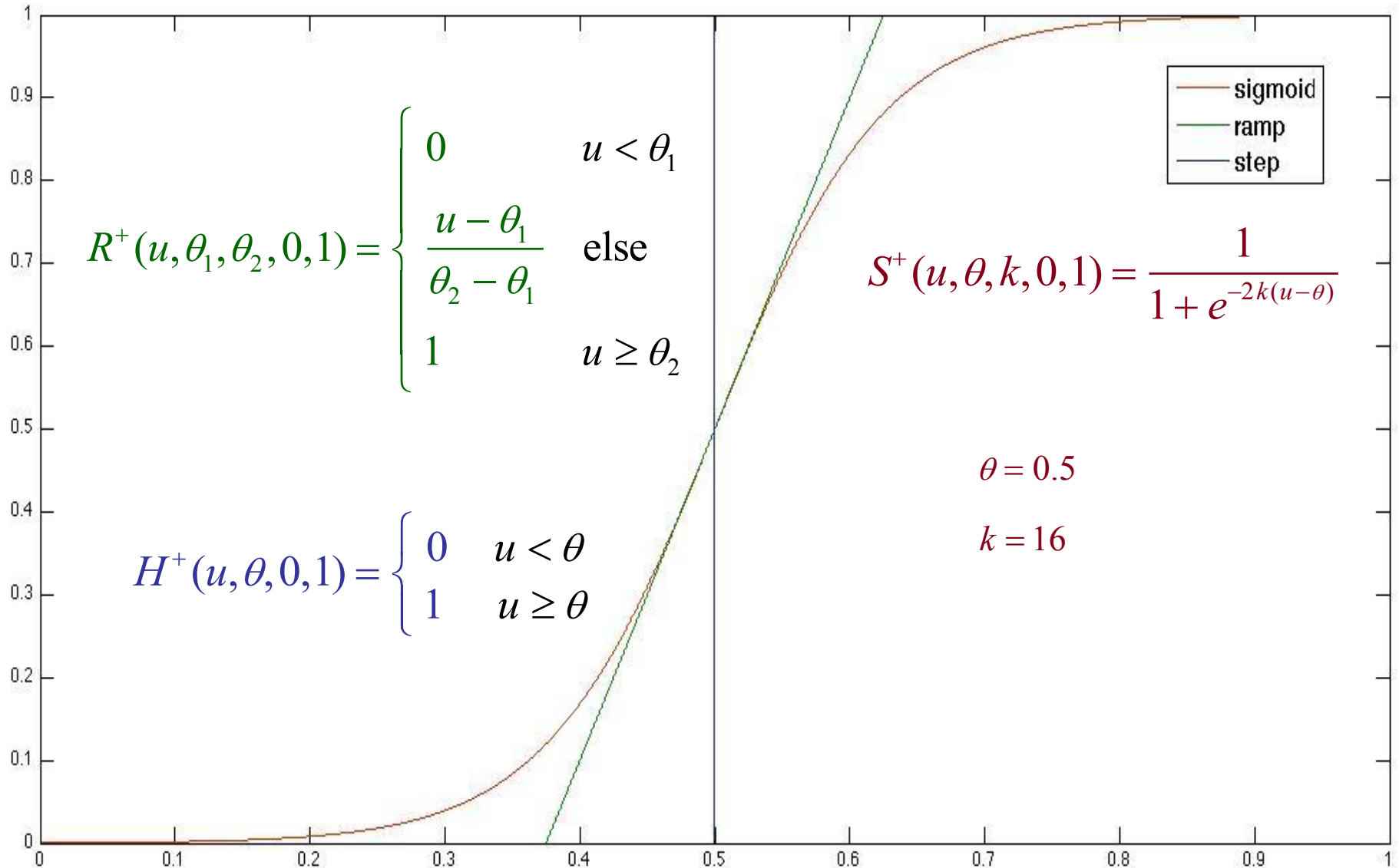
- **Detailed ionic models:**
 - Luo and Rudi: 14 variables
 - Tusher, Noble² and Panfilov: 17 variables
 - Priebe and Beuckelman: 22 variables
 - Iyer, Mazhari and Winslow: 67 variables
- **Approximate models:**
 - Cornell: 3 or 4 variables
 - SUNYSB: 2 or 3 variable



Biological Switching



Biological Switching





Threshold-Based Switching Functions

- Arithmetic Generalization of Boolean predicates $u \leq \theta$:

- Step: $H^+(u, \theta, 0, 1), \quad H^-(u, \theta, 0, 1) = 1 - H^+(u, \theta, 0, 1)$

- Sigmoid: $S^+(u, \theta, k, 0, 1), \quad S^-(u, \theta, k, 0, 1) = 1 - S^+(u, \theta, k, 0, 1)$

- Ramp: $R^+(u, \theta_1, \theta_2, 0, 1), \quad R^-(u, \theta_1, \theta_2, 0, 1) = 1 - R^+(u, \theta_1, \theta_2, 0, 1)$

- Boolean algebra generalizes to probability algebra:

$\sim(u \leq \theta)$: $H^-(u, \theta, 0, 1) = 1 - H^+(u, \theta, 0, 1)$

$(u \leq \theta_1) \& (v \leq \theta_2)$: $H^+(u, \theta_1, 0, 1) * H^+(v, \theta_2, 0, 1)$

$(u \leq \theta_1) | (v \leq \theta_2)$: $H^+(u, \theta_1, 0, 1) + H^+(v, \theta_2, 0, 1) - H^+(u, \theta_1, 0, 1) * H^+(v, \theta_2, 0, 1)$

- Generalization: $H^\pm(u, \theta, u_m, u_M), \quad S^\pm(u, \theta, k, u_m, u_M), \quad R^\pm(u, \theta_1, \theta_2, u_m, u_M)$

$$S^\pm(u, \theta, k, u_m, u_M) = u_m + (u_M - u_m) S^+(u, k, \theta)$$



Gene Regulatory Networks (GRN)

- GRNs have the following general form:

$$\dot{x}_i = \sum_{m=1}^{m_i} \prod_{n=1}^{n_m} a_{mn} s^{\pm}(x_{mn}, \theta_{mn}, k_{mn}, u_{mn}, v_{mn}) - b_i x_i$$

where:

a_{mn} : are activation / inhibition constants

b_i : are decay constants

$s^{\pm}(..)$: are possibly complemented sigmoidal functions

- **Note:** steps and ramps are sigmoid approximations



Minimal Model

Cornell's Minimal Resistor Model

$$\dot{u} = \nabla(D\nabla u) - (J_{fi} + J_{si} + J_{so})$$

$$J_{fi} = -H^+(u, \theta_v, 0, 1) (u - \theta_v)(u_u - u)v / \tau_{fi}$$

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Diffusion
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Activation
Threshold
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Heaviside
(step)

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Resistance
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Piecewise
Nonlinear

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Slow Input Gate

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Piecewise
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Piecewise
Linear



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Sigmoid
(s-step)

Nonlinear



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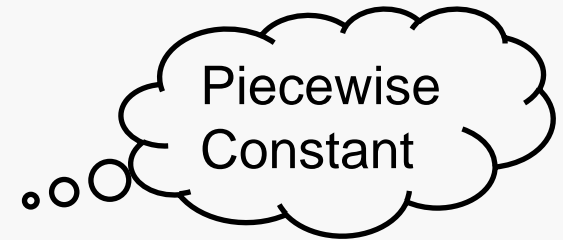
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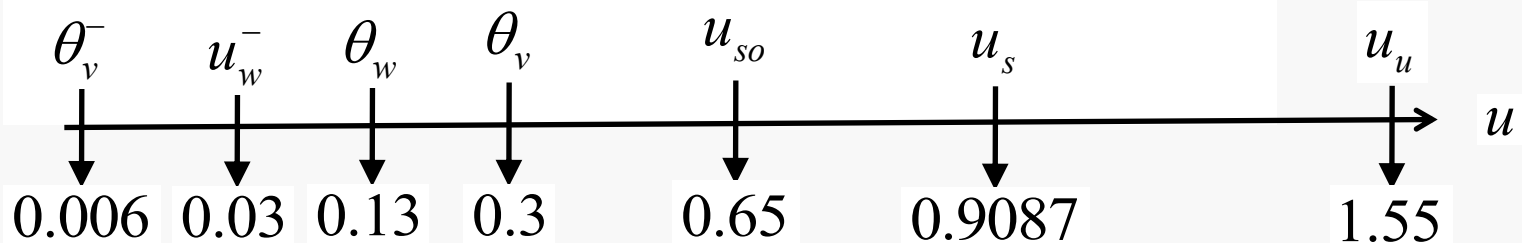
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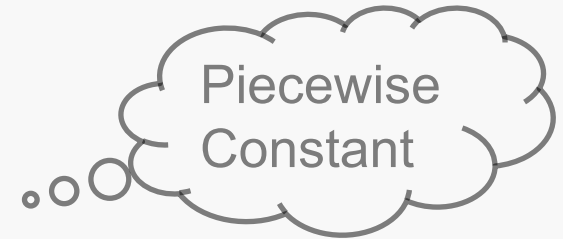
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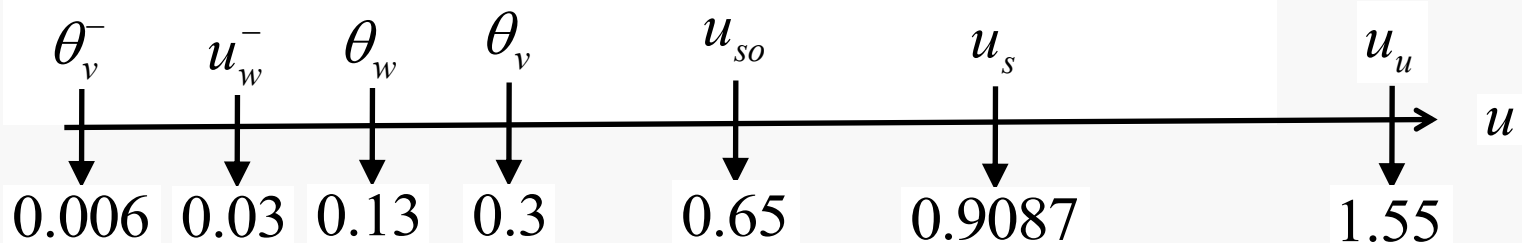
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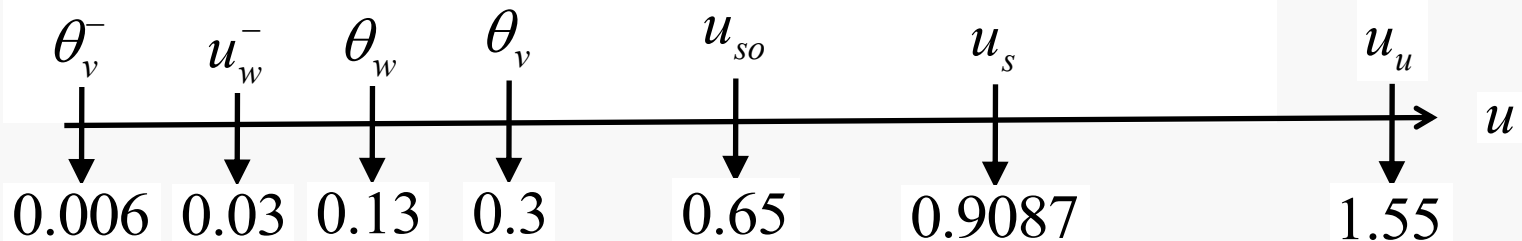
Piecewise Constant

Sigmoidal

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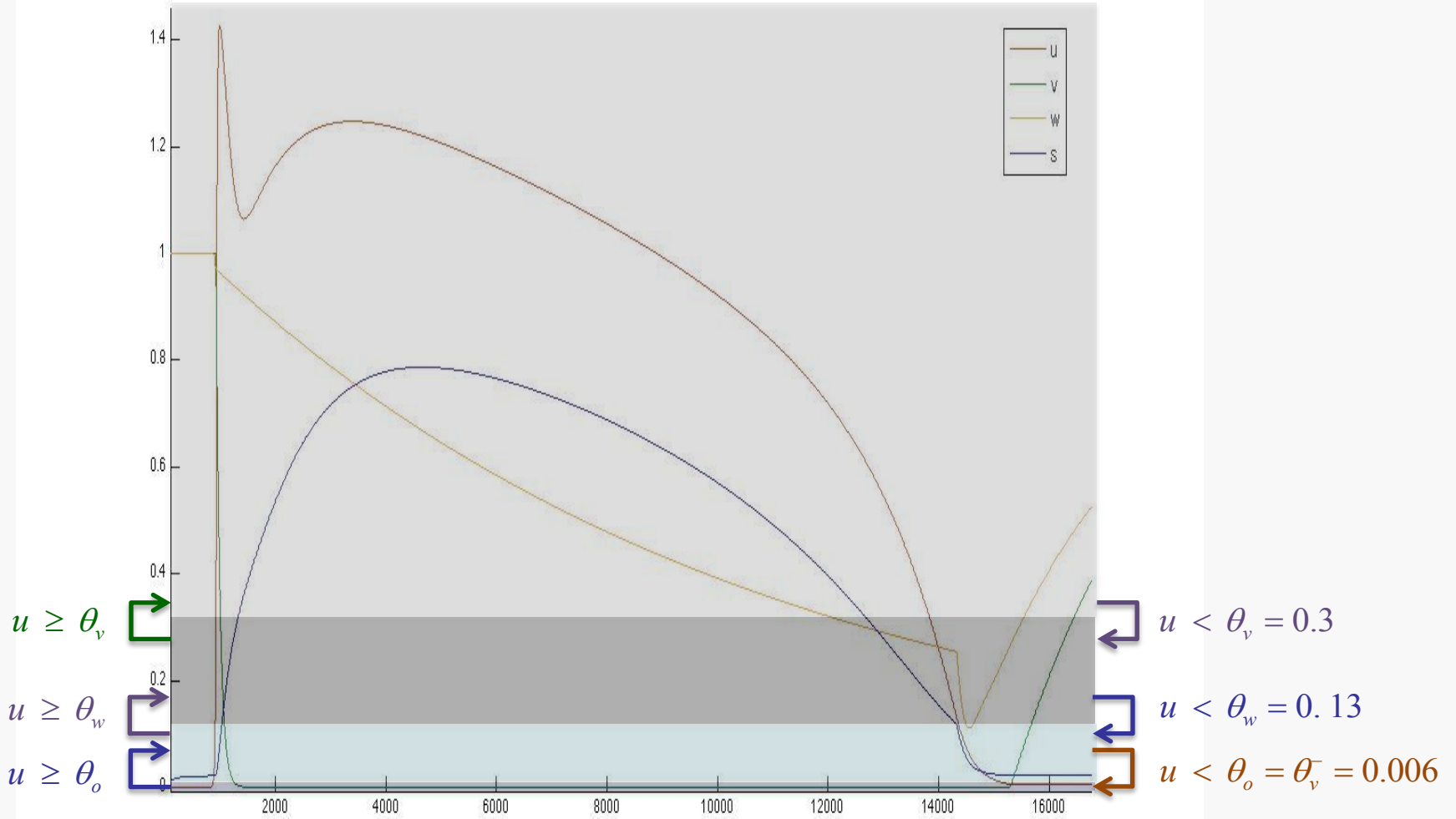
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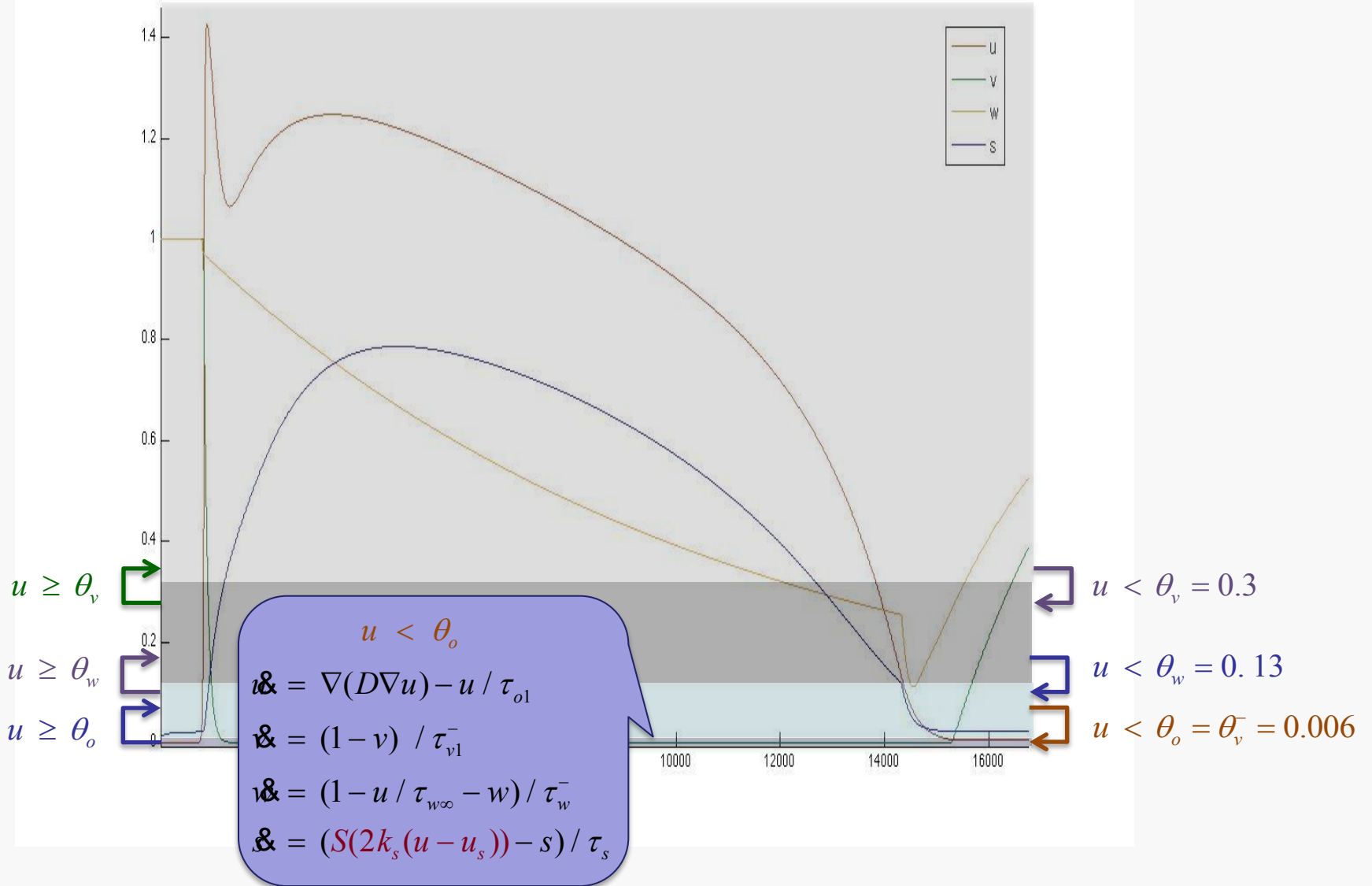


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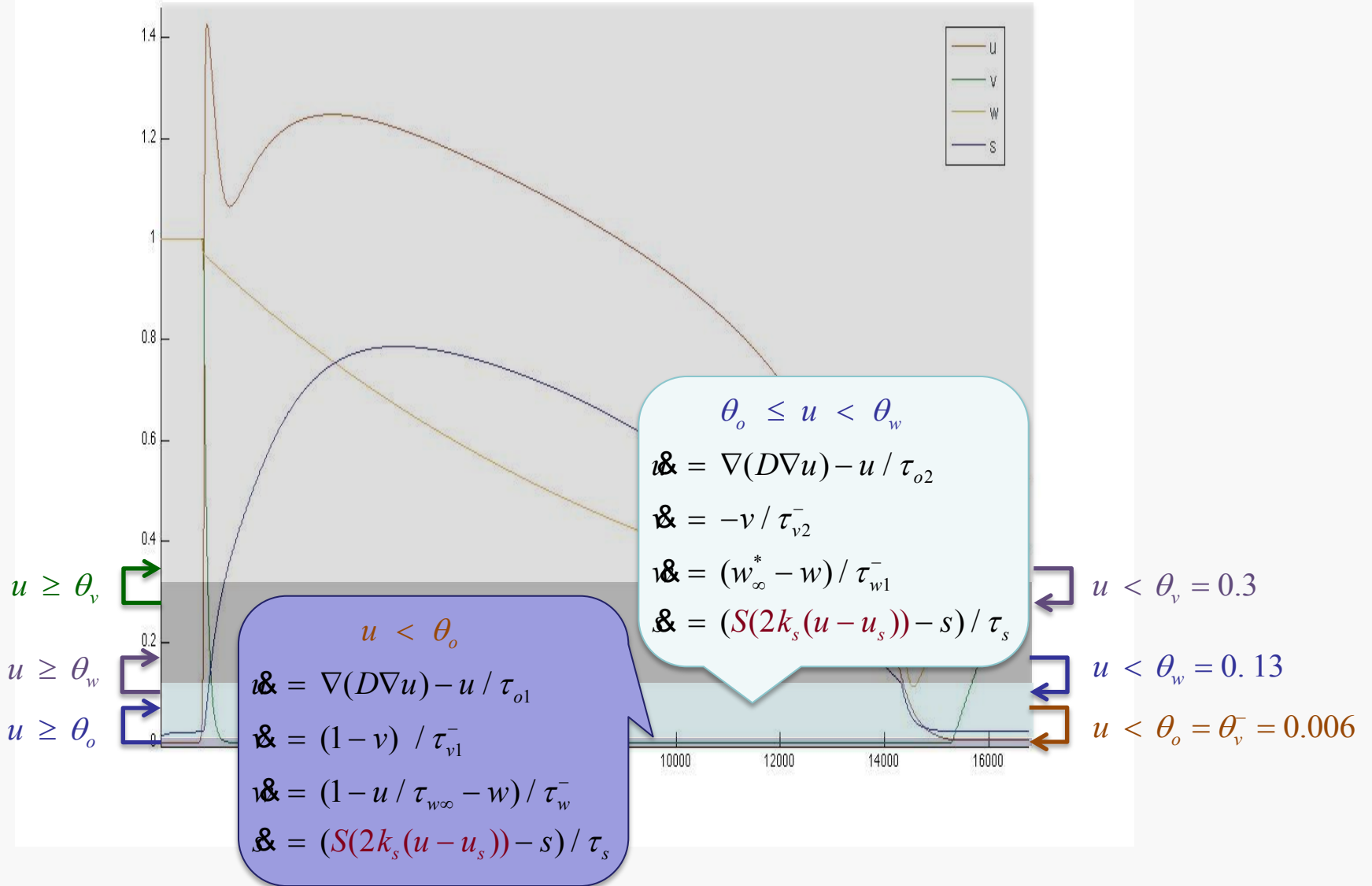




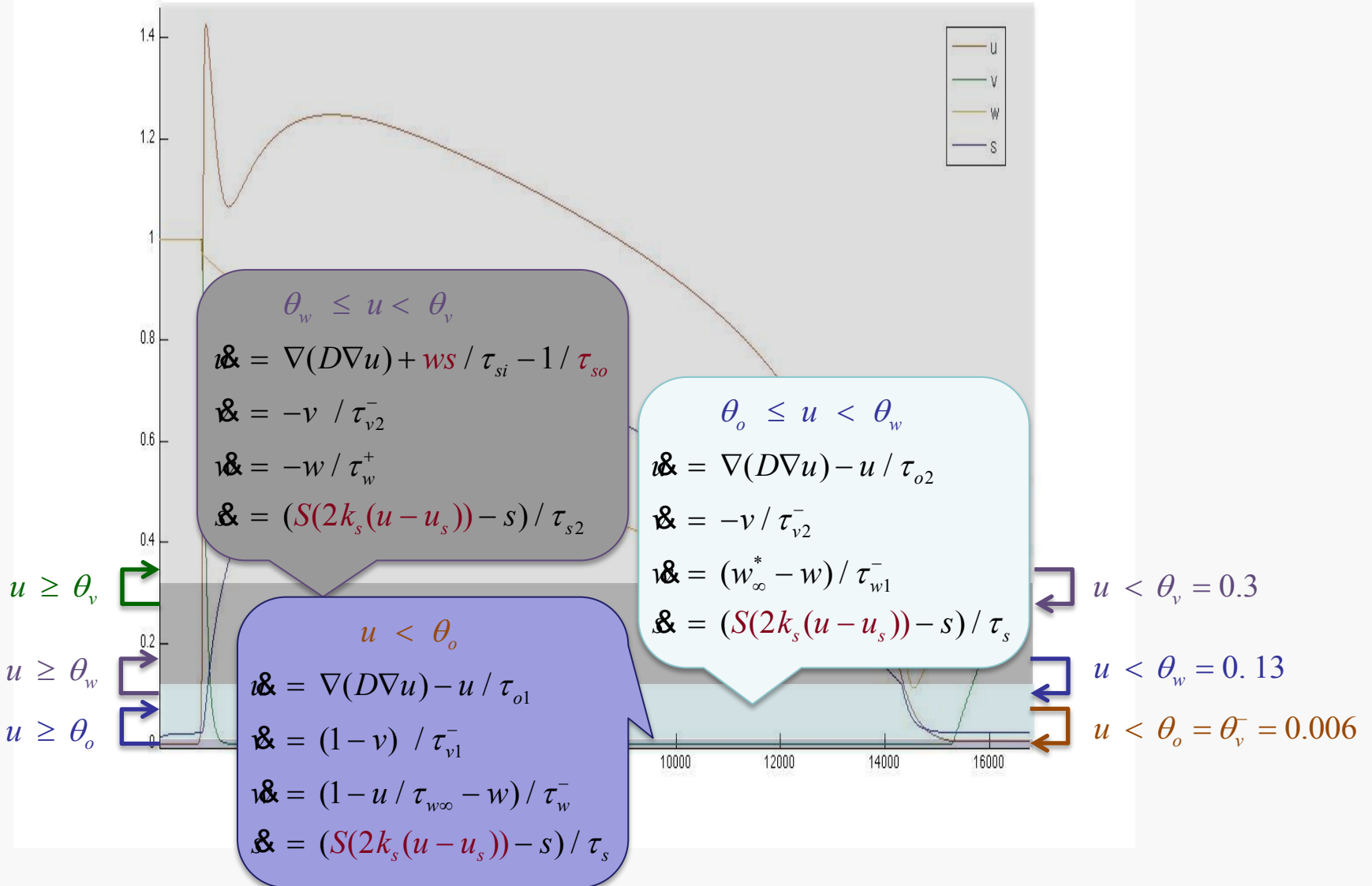
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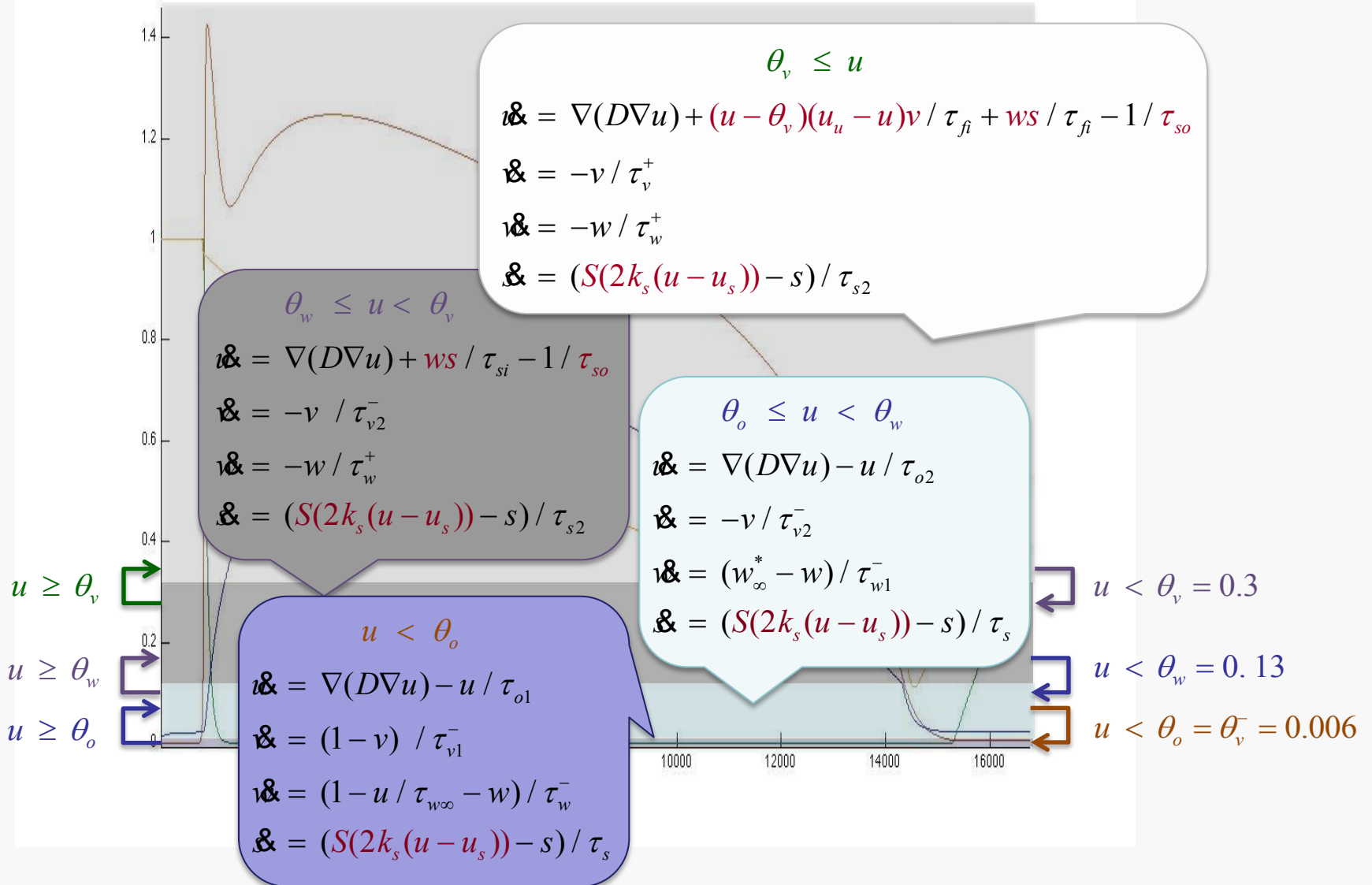
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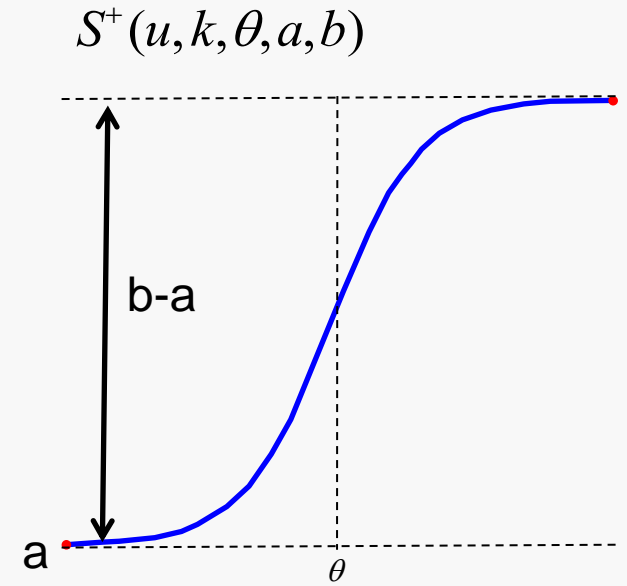
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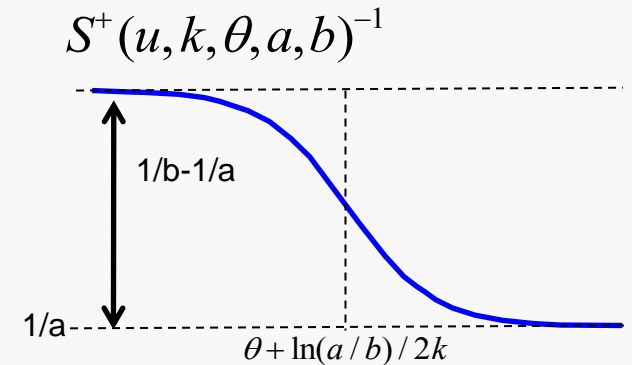
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Resistances vs Conductances

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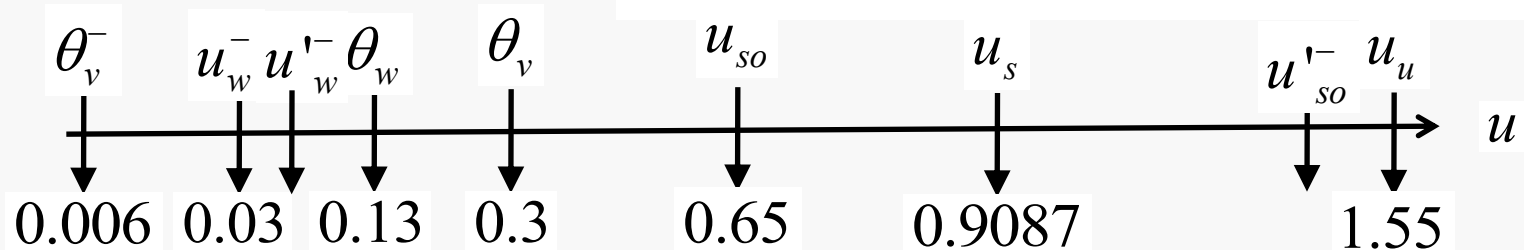
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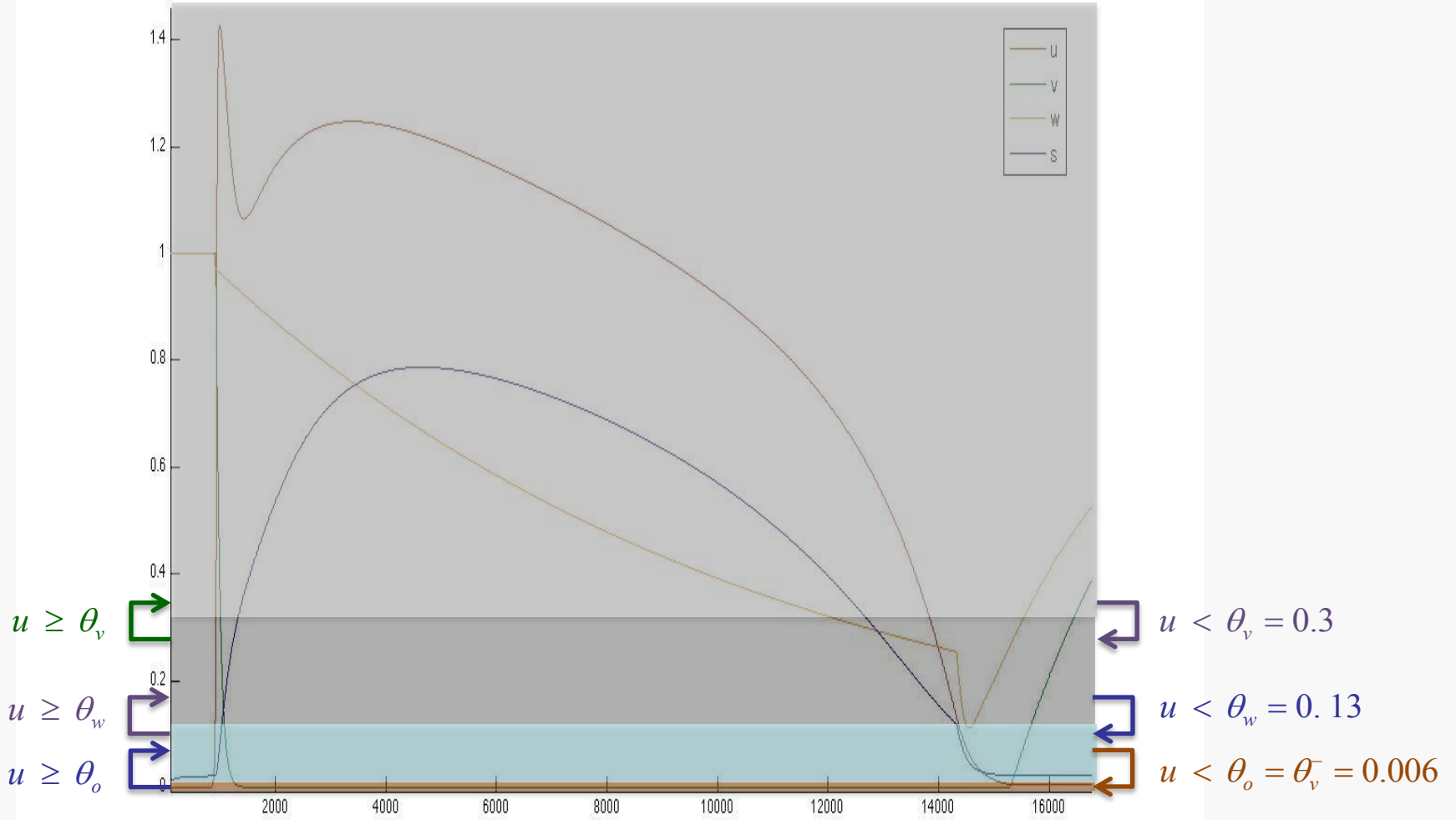
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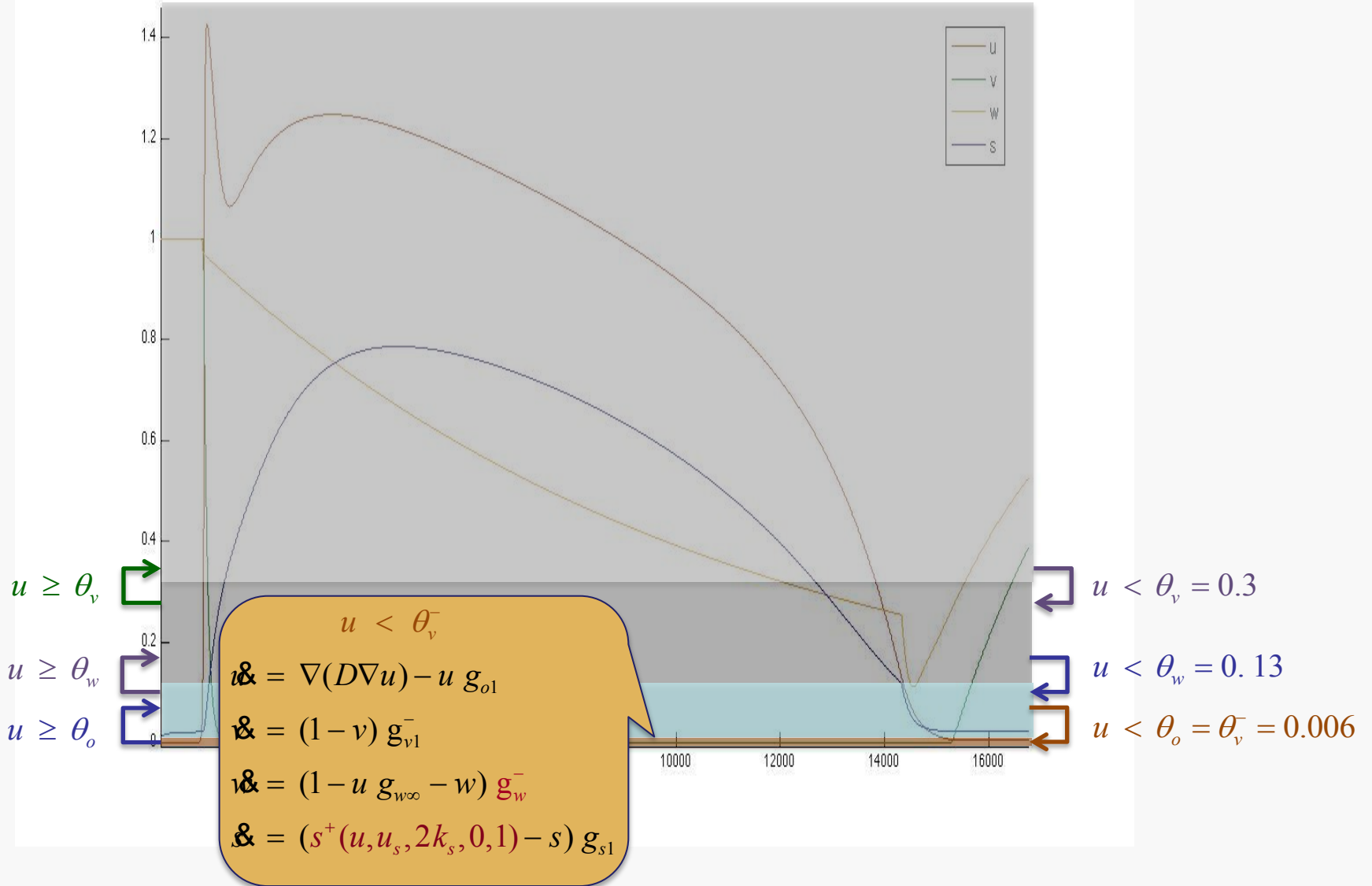
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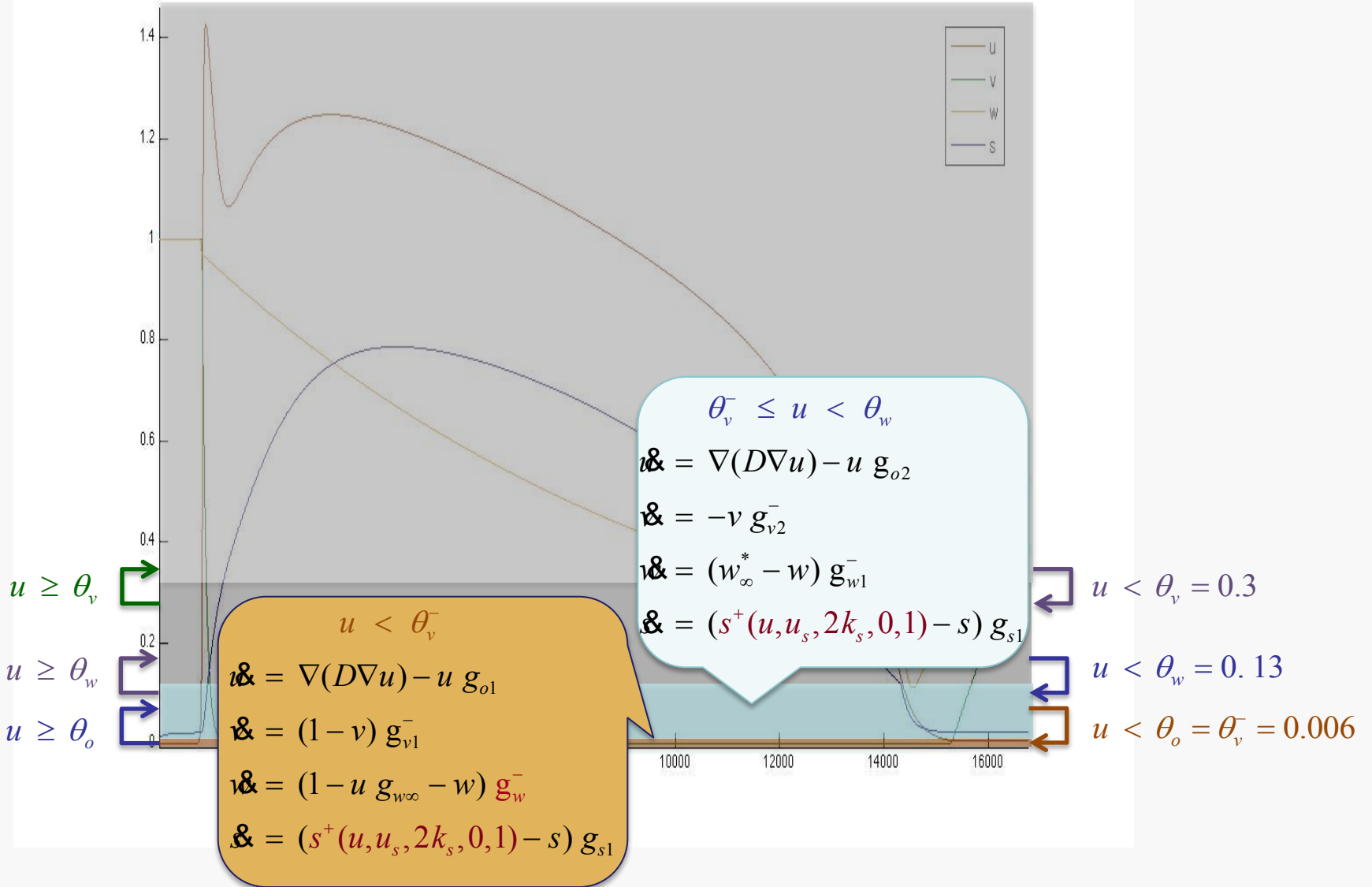
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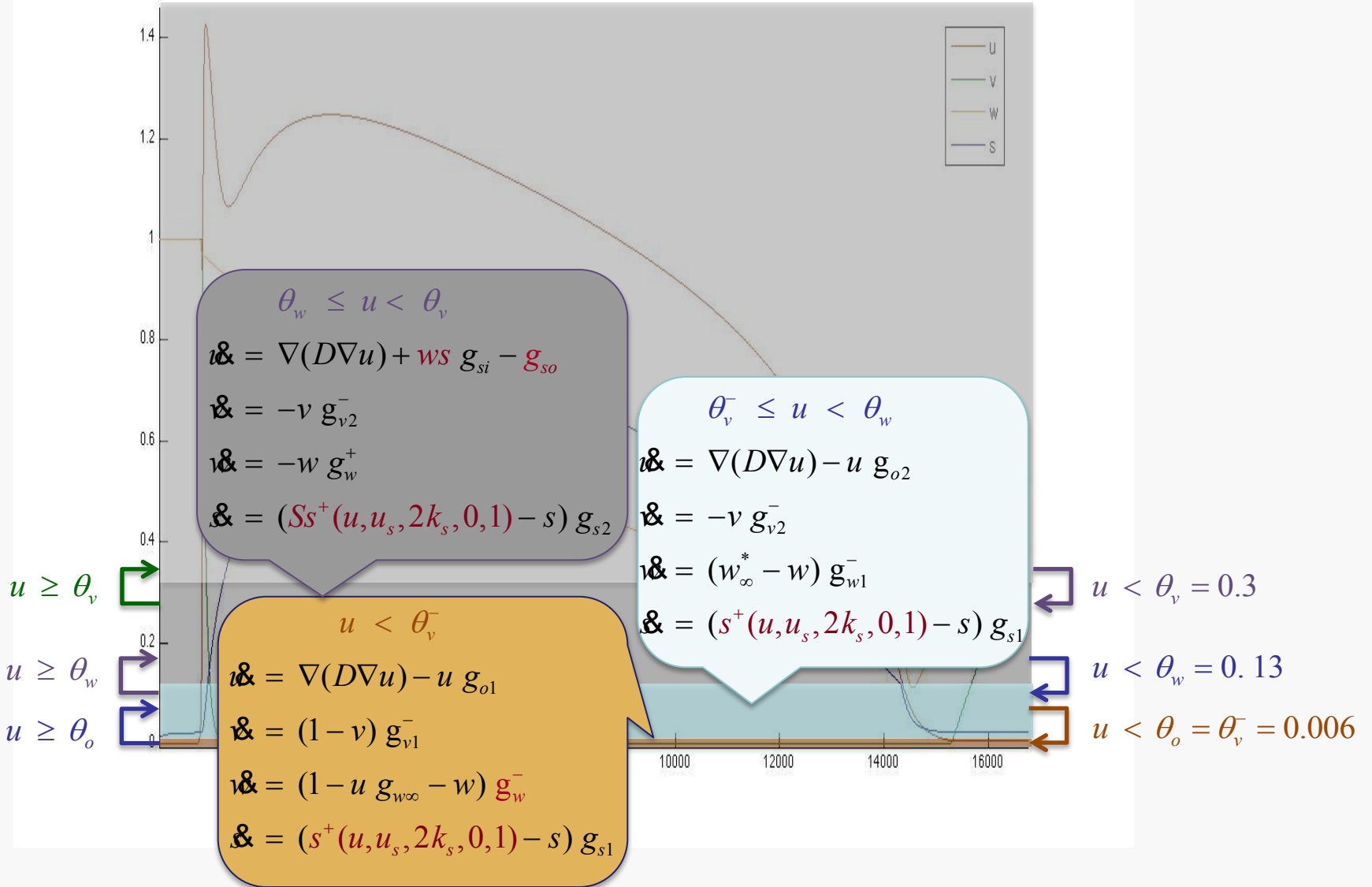
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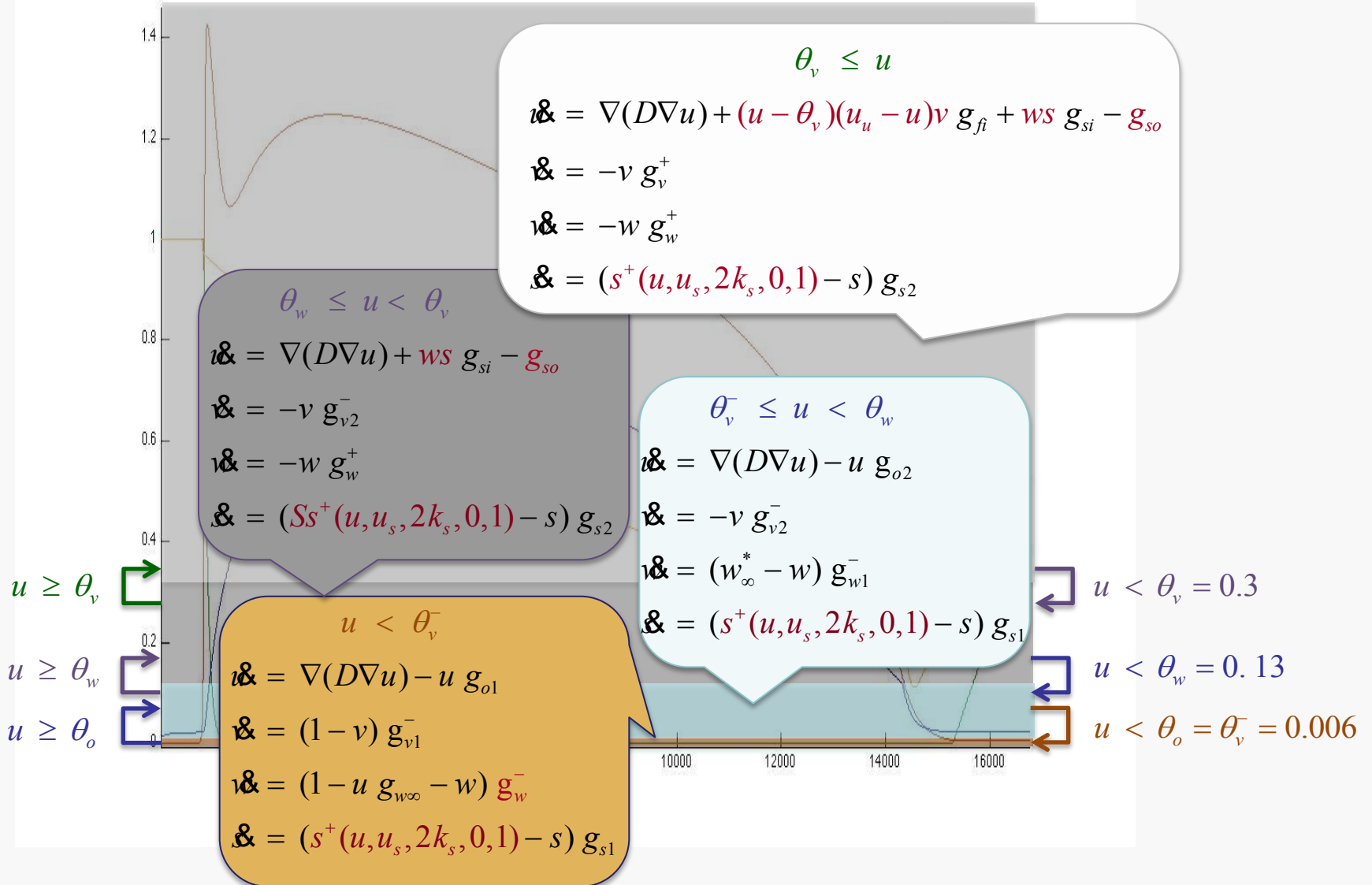
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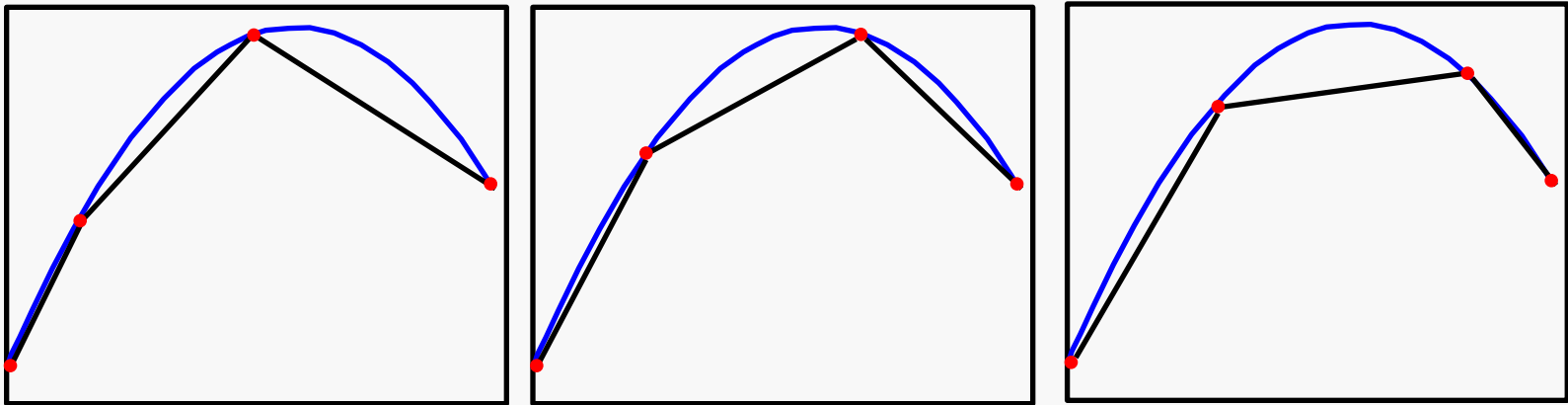
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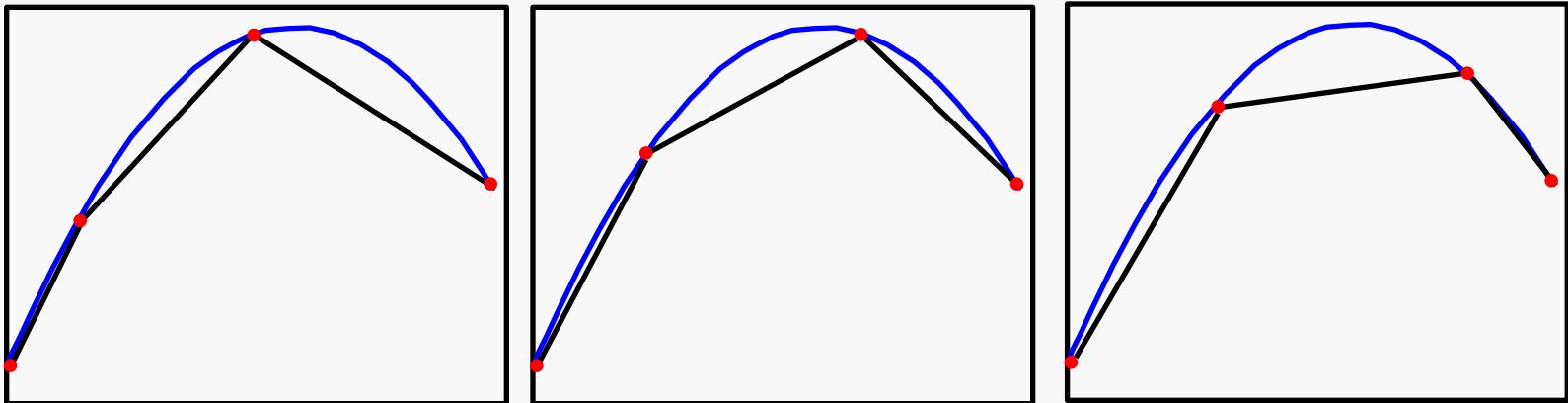


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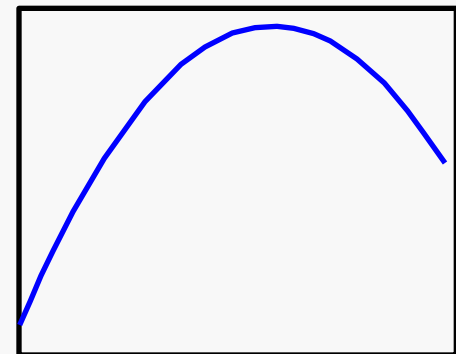


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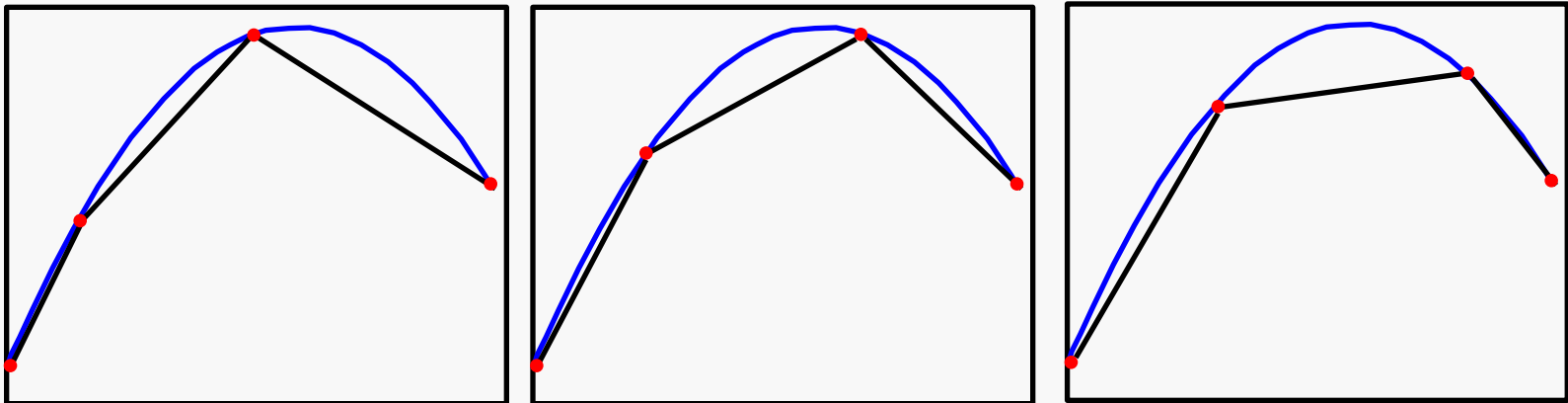


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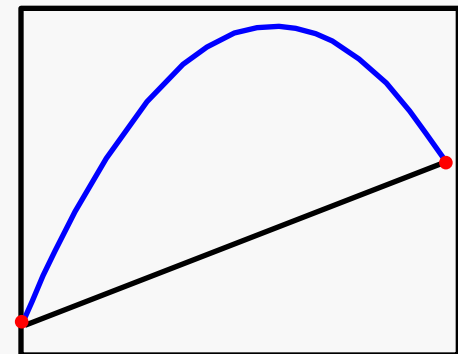


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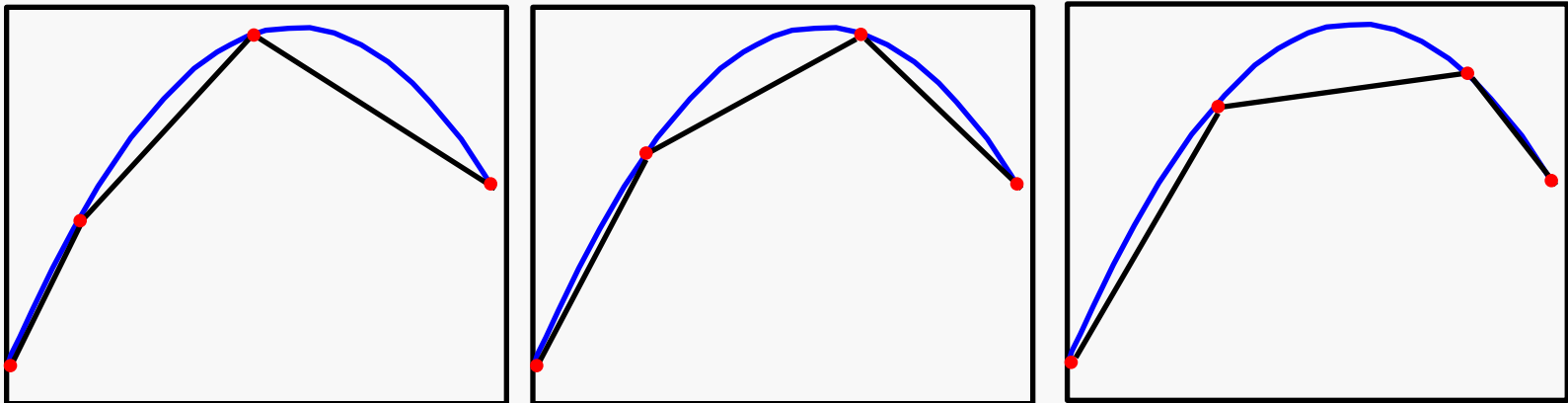


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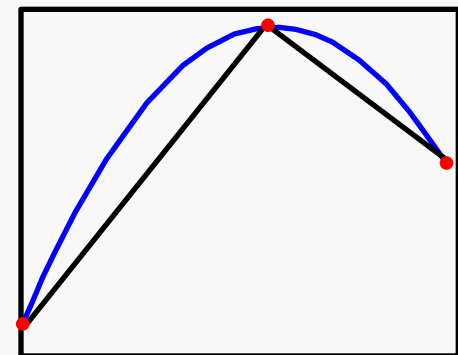


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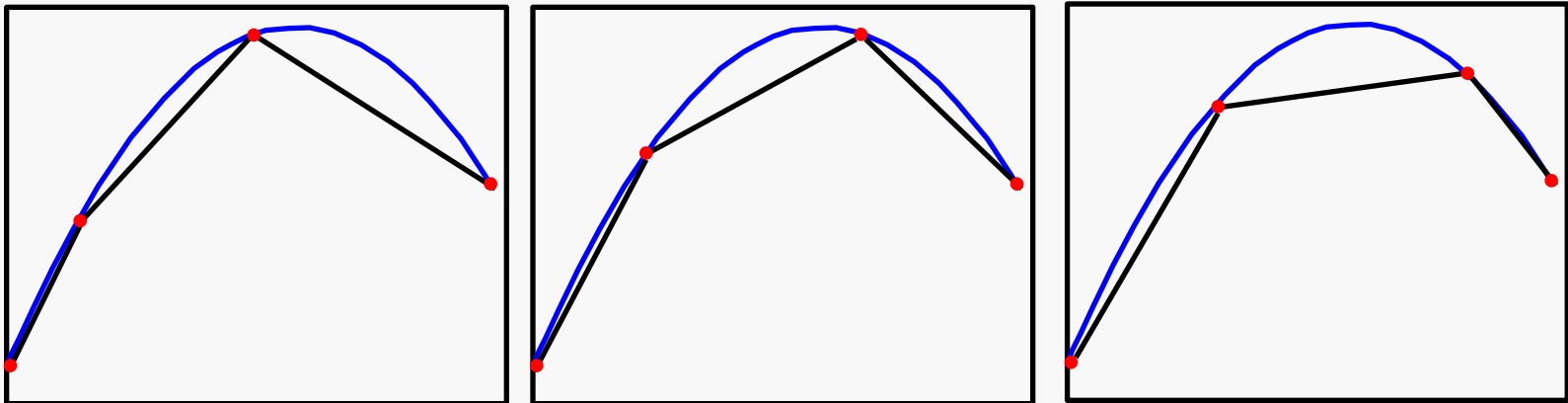


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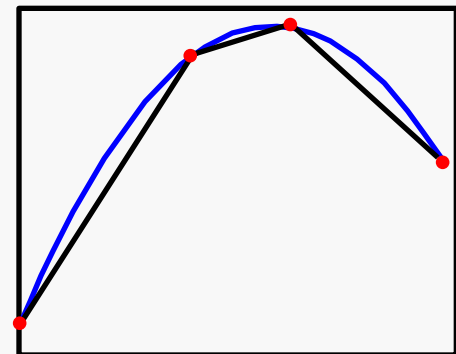


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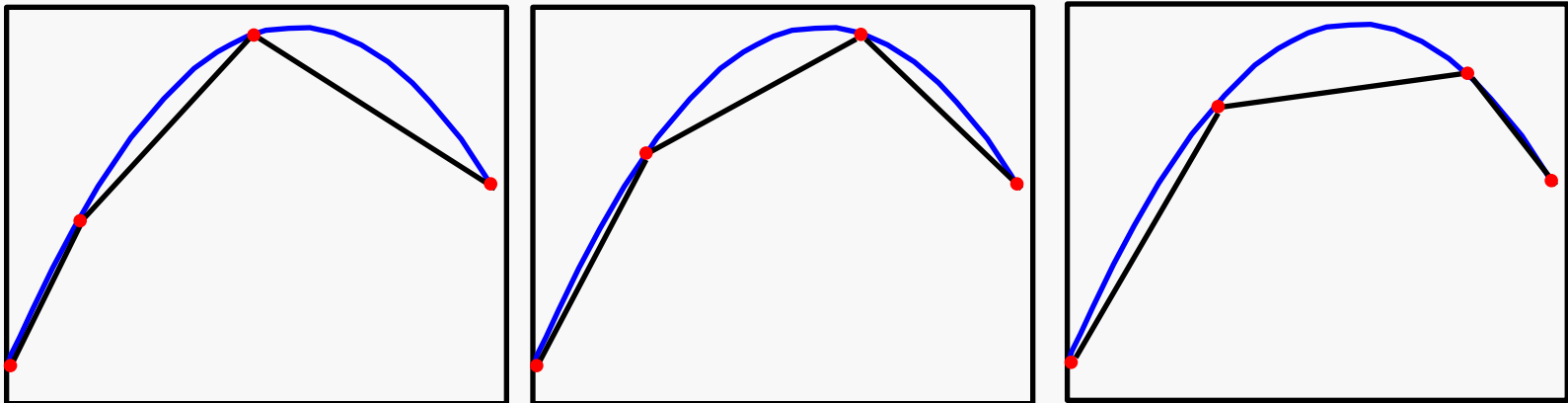


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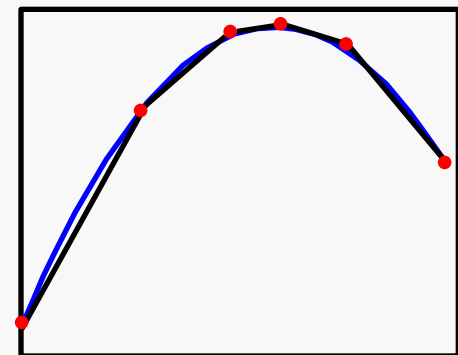


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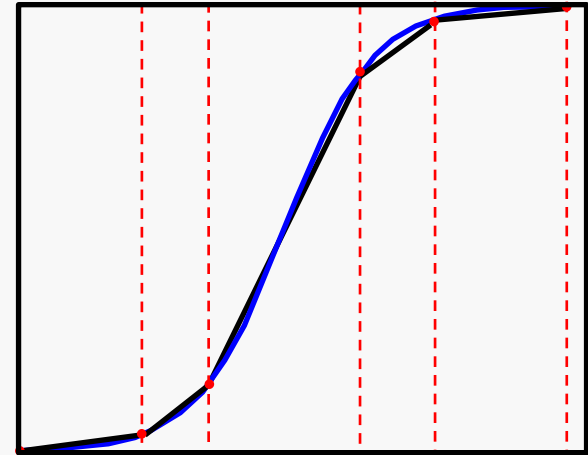
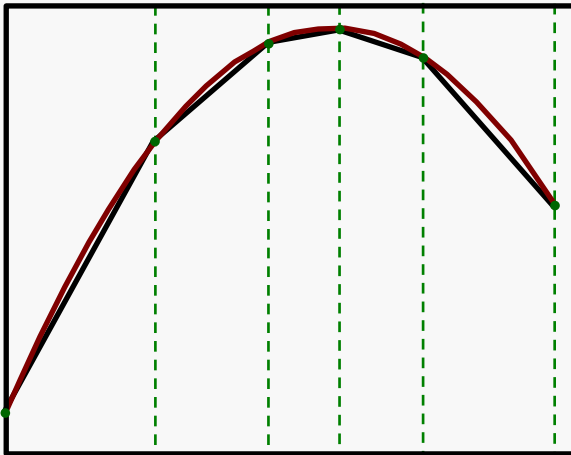


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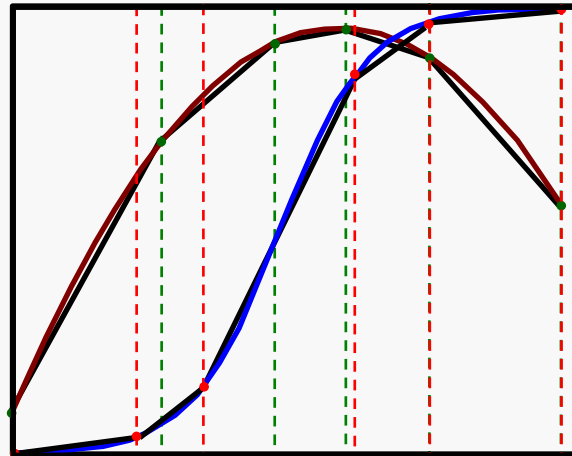


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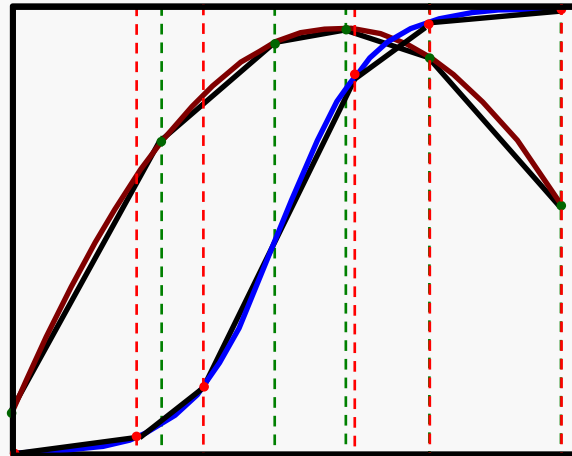


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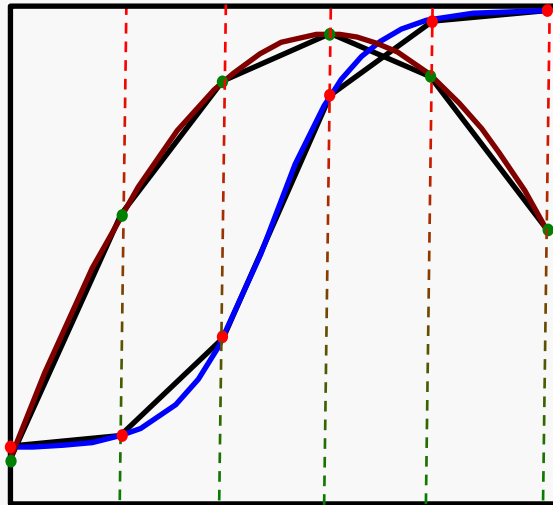


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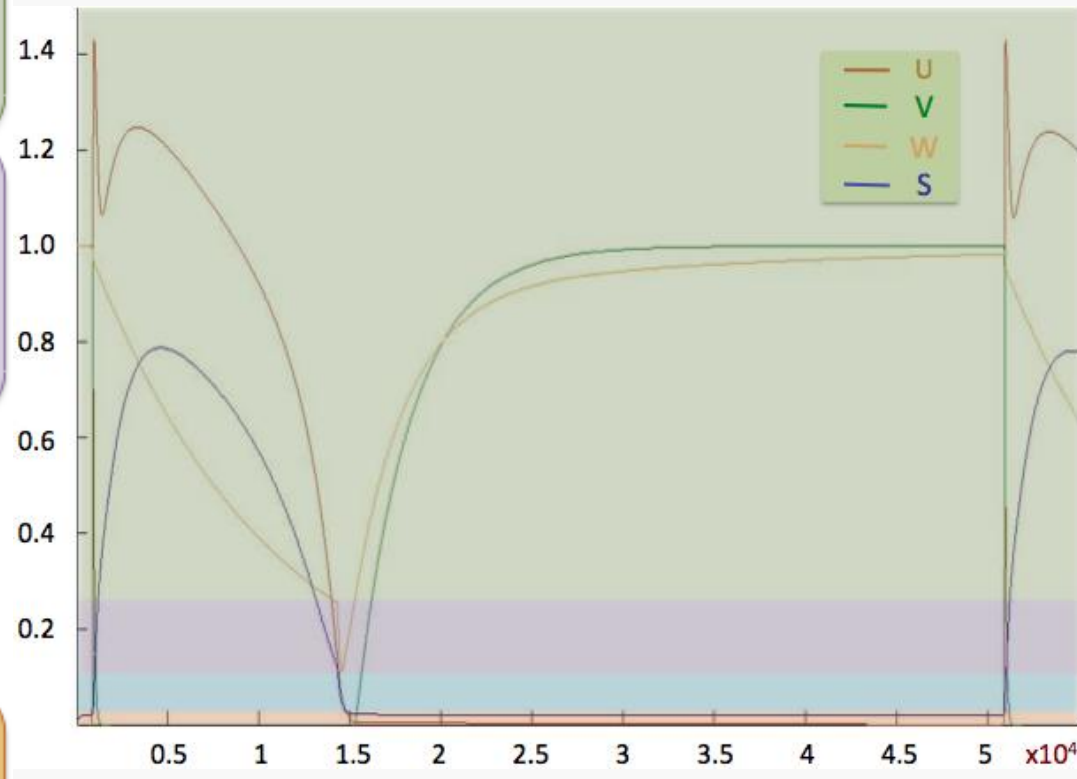
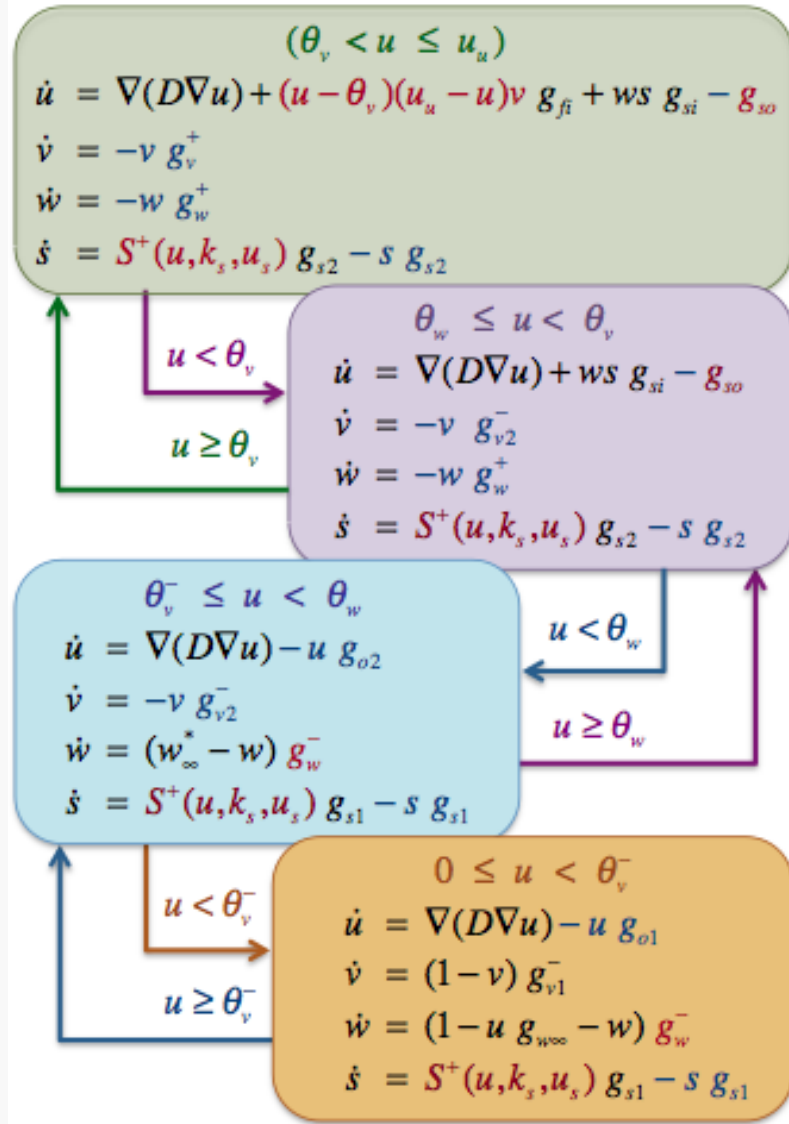
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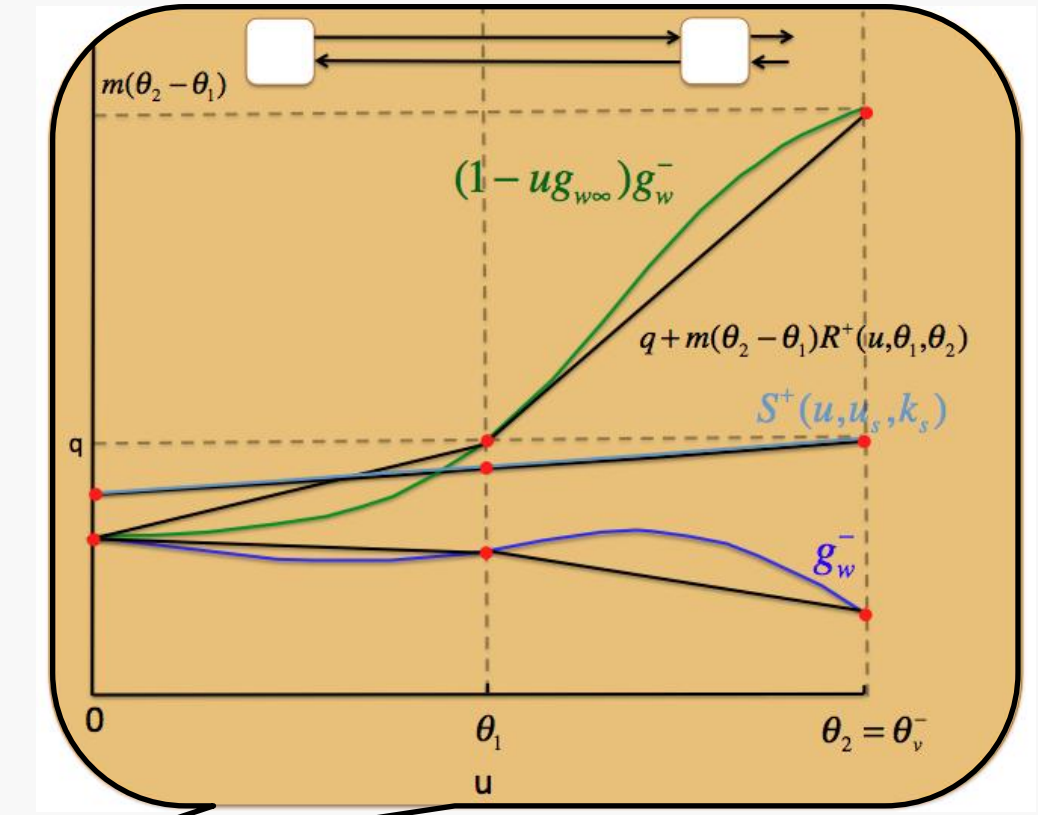
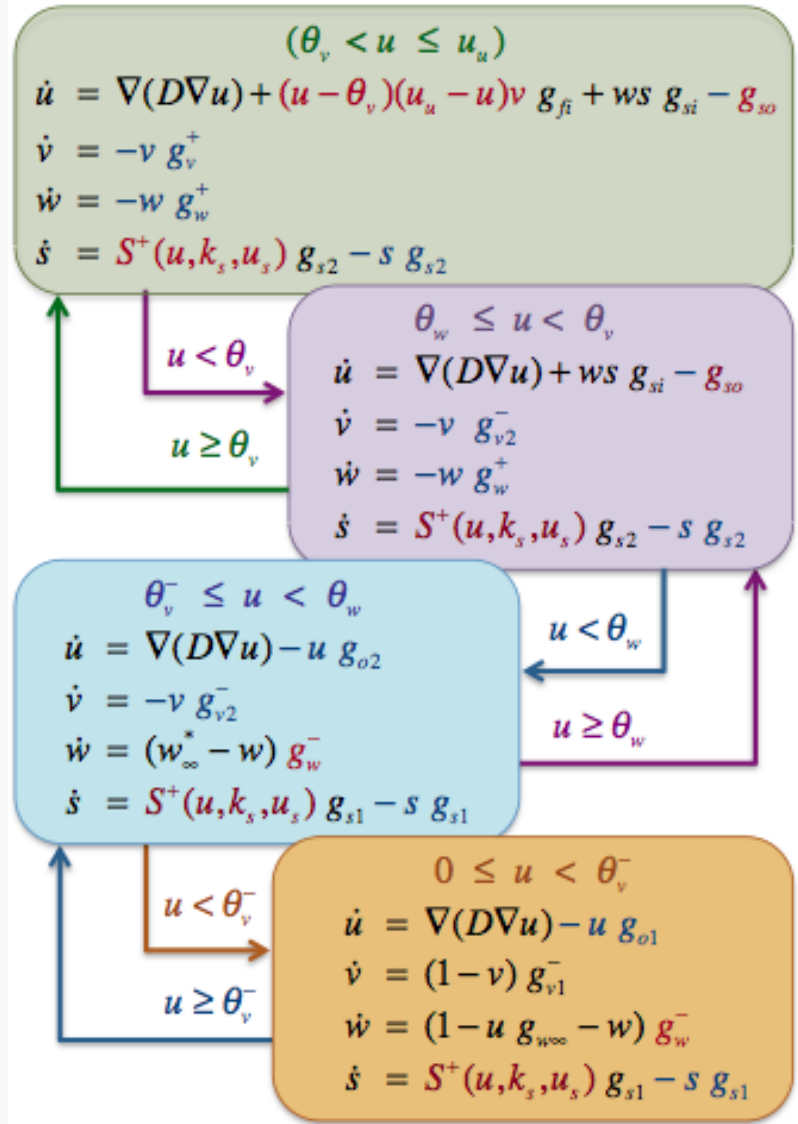


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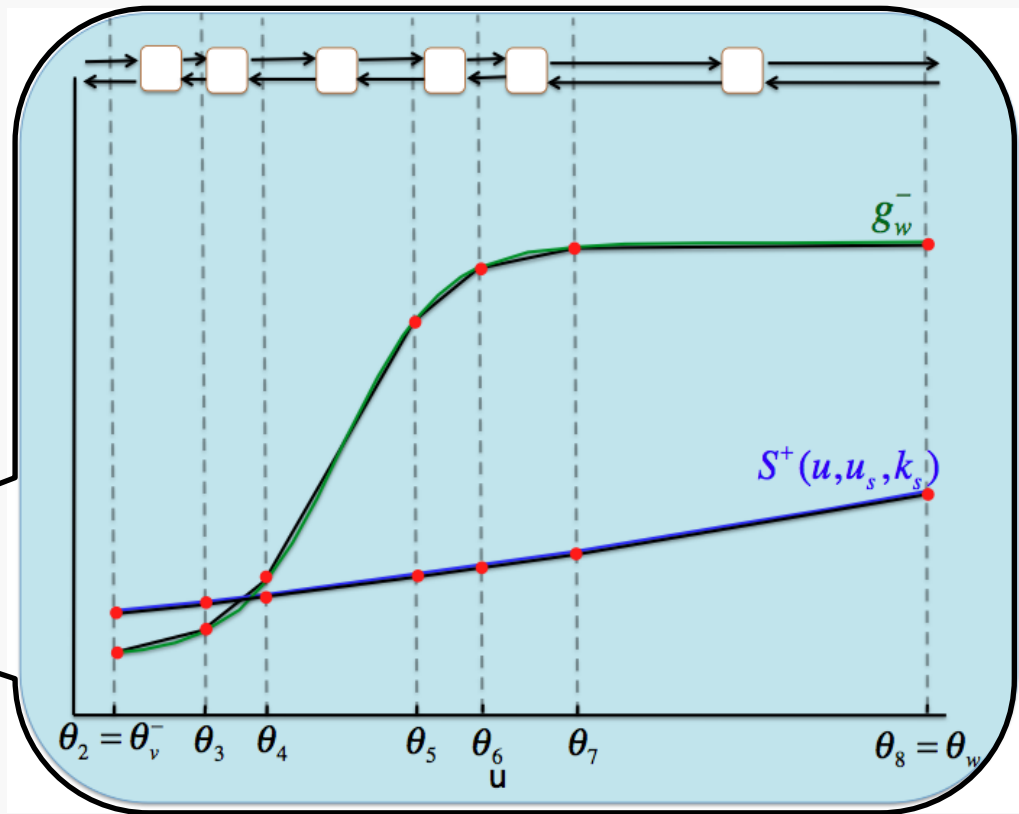
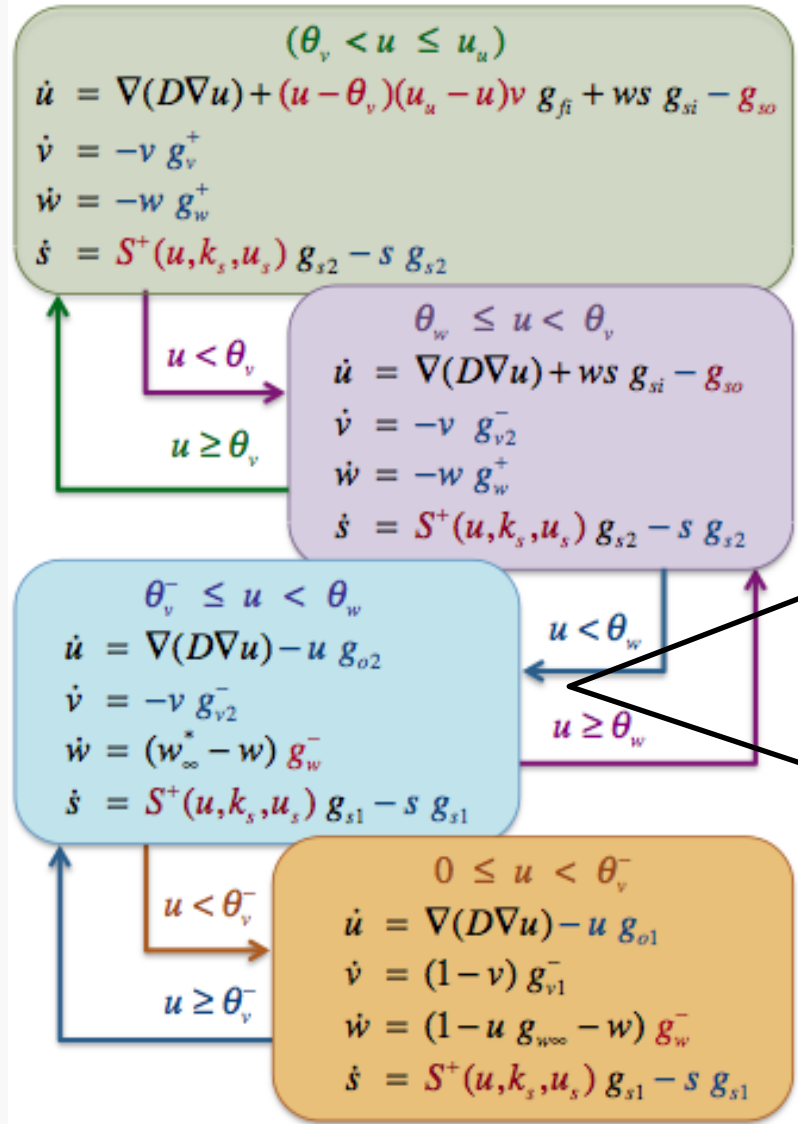


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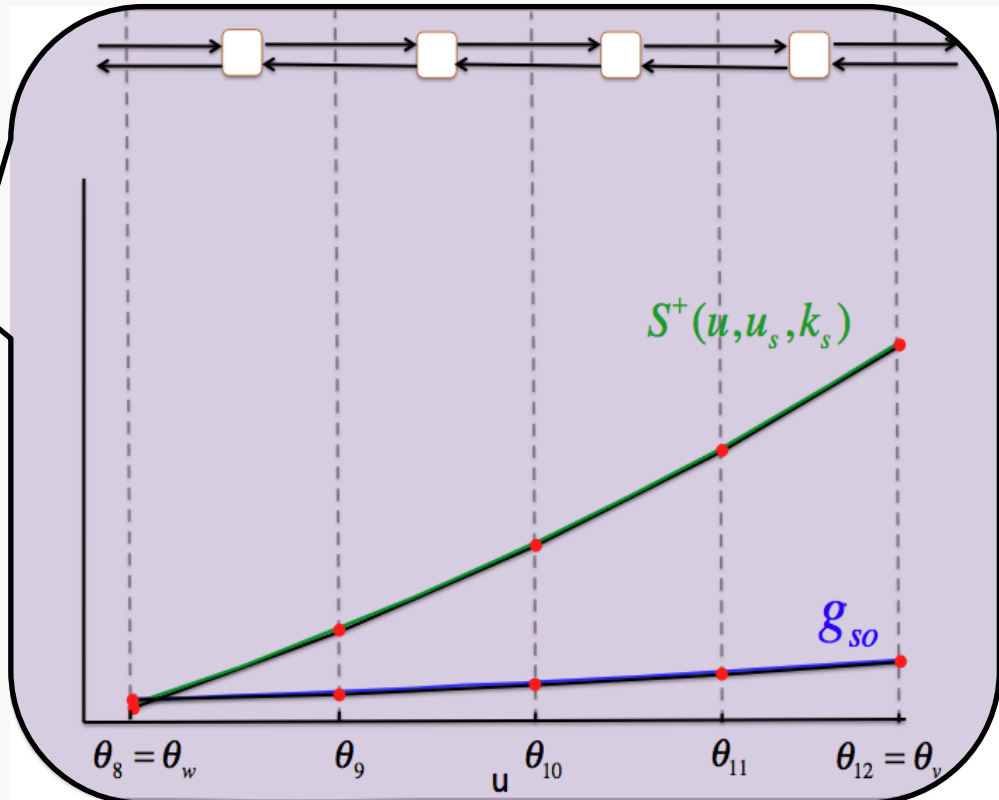
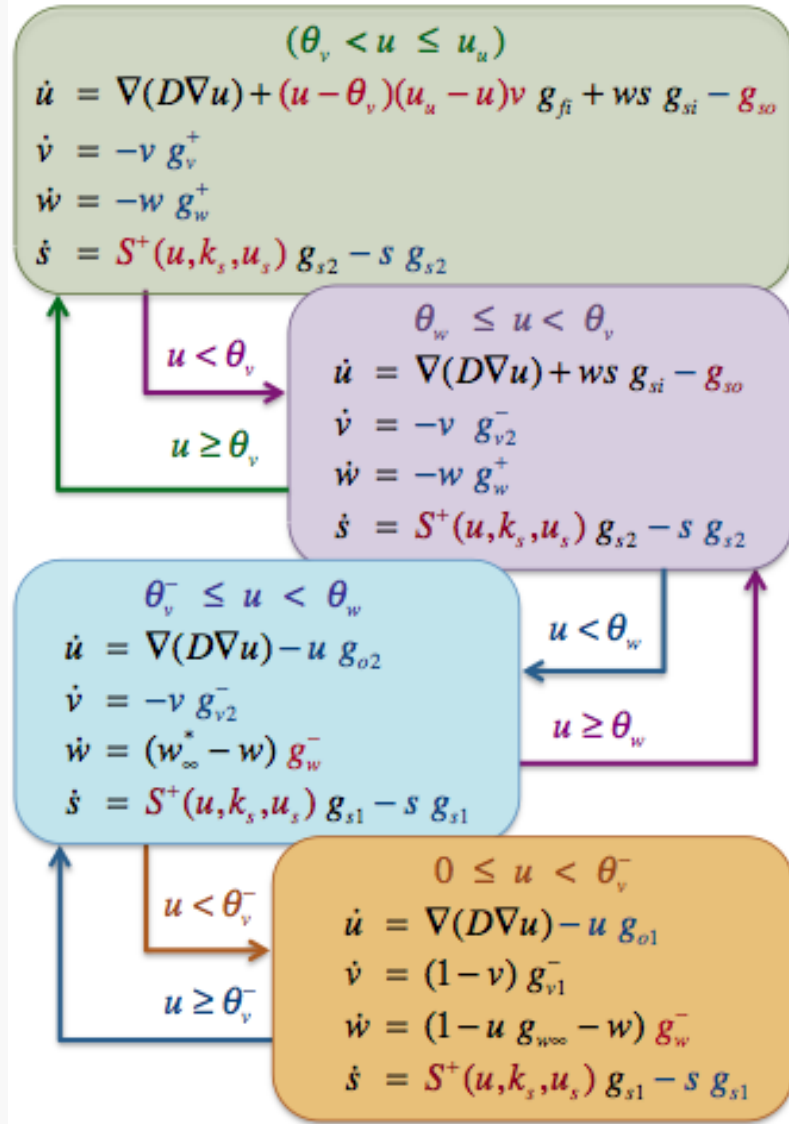




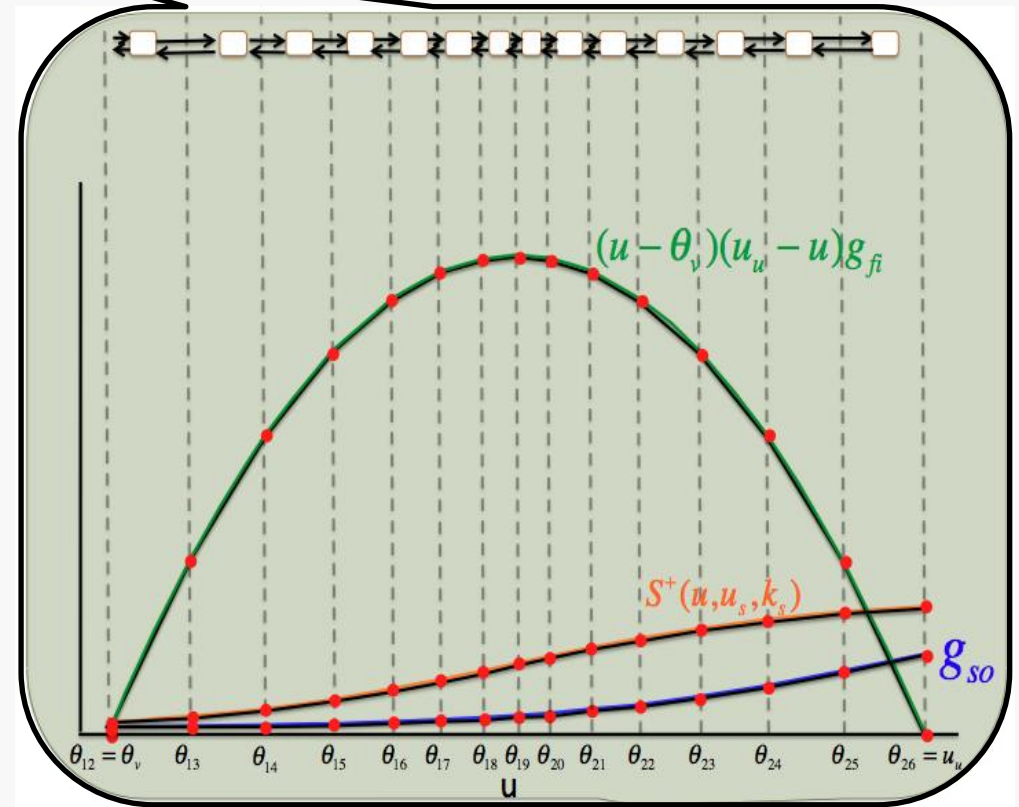
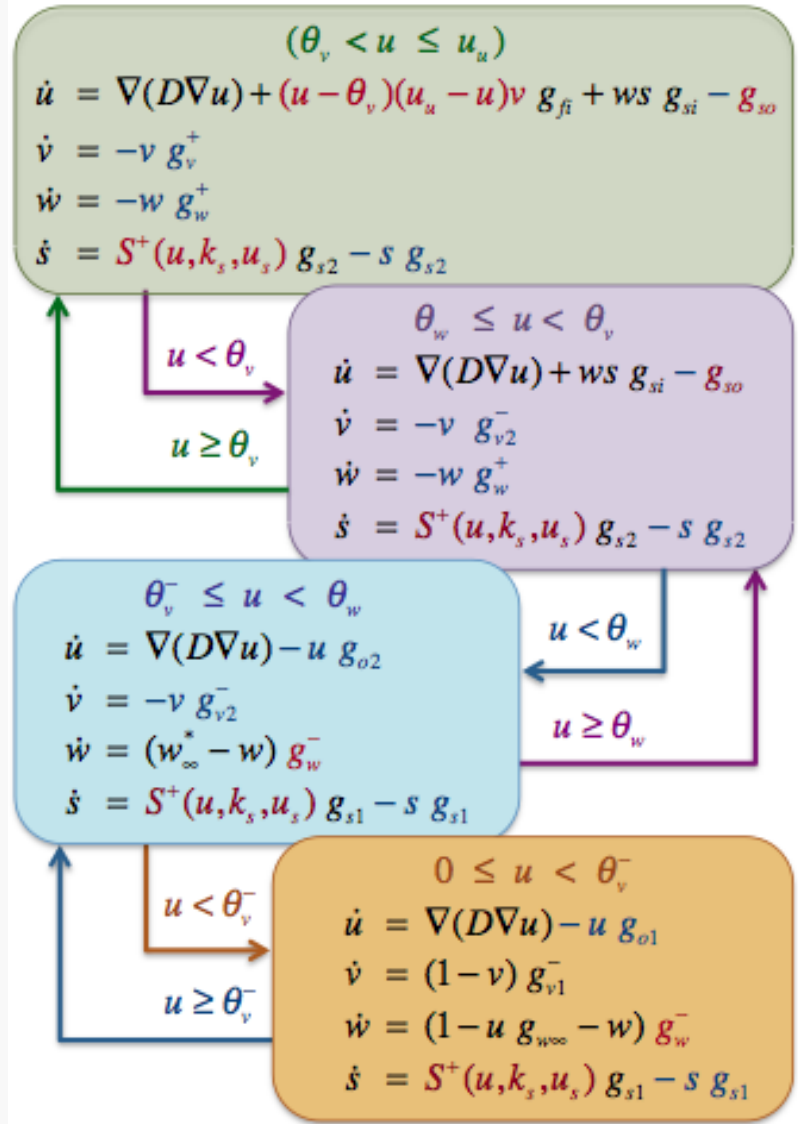
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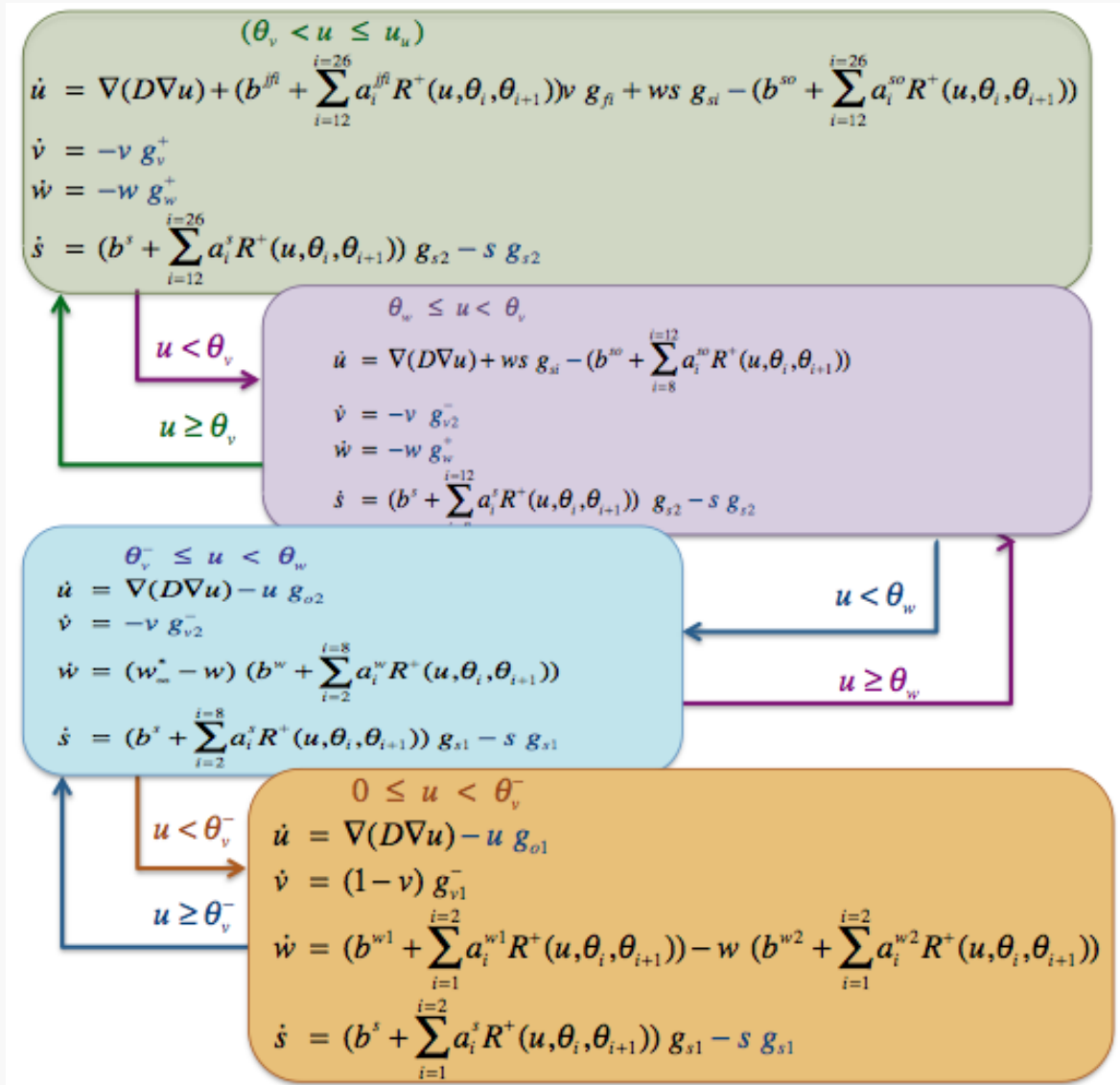
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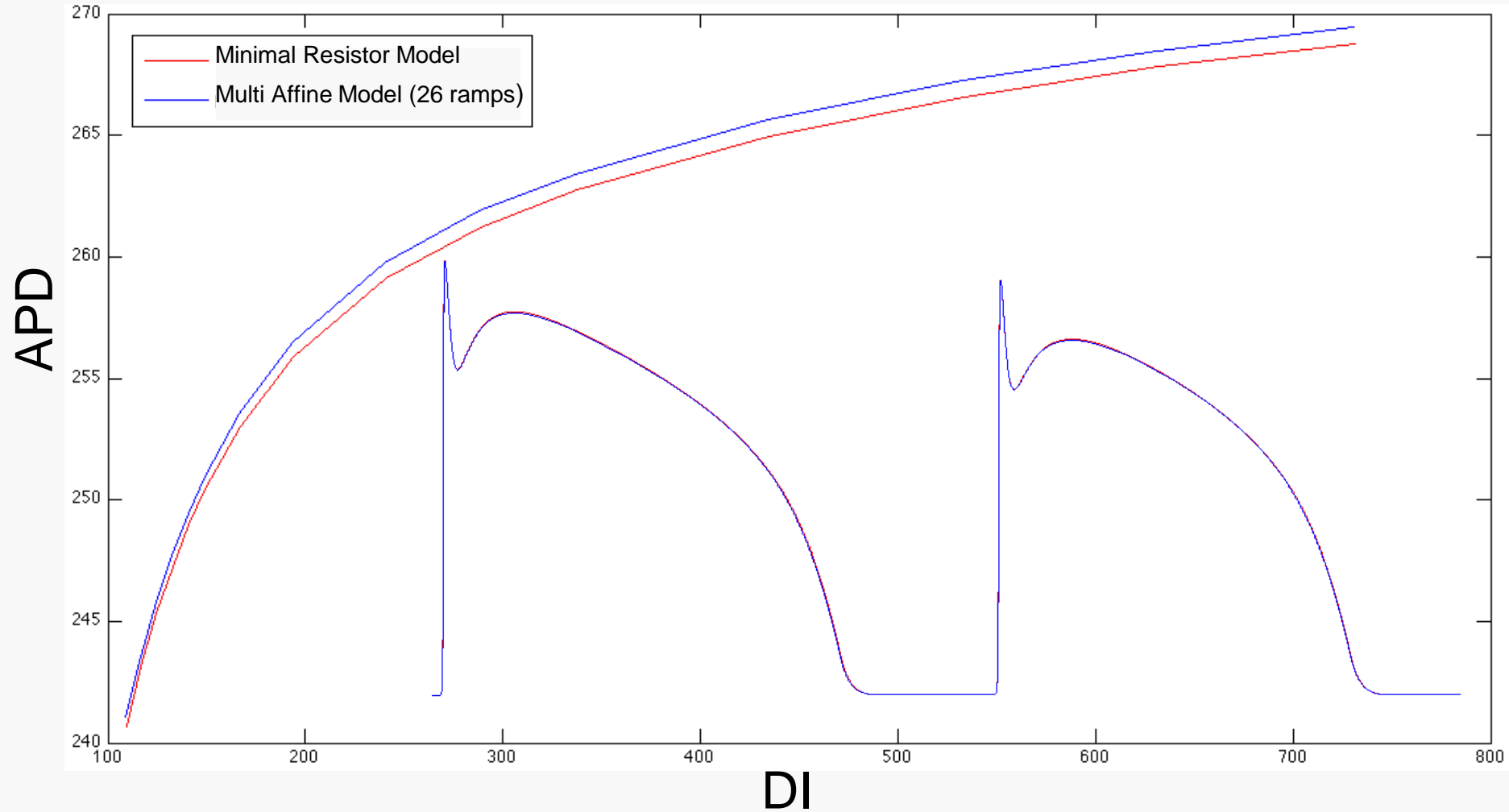


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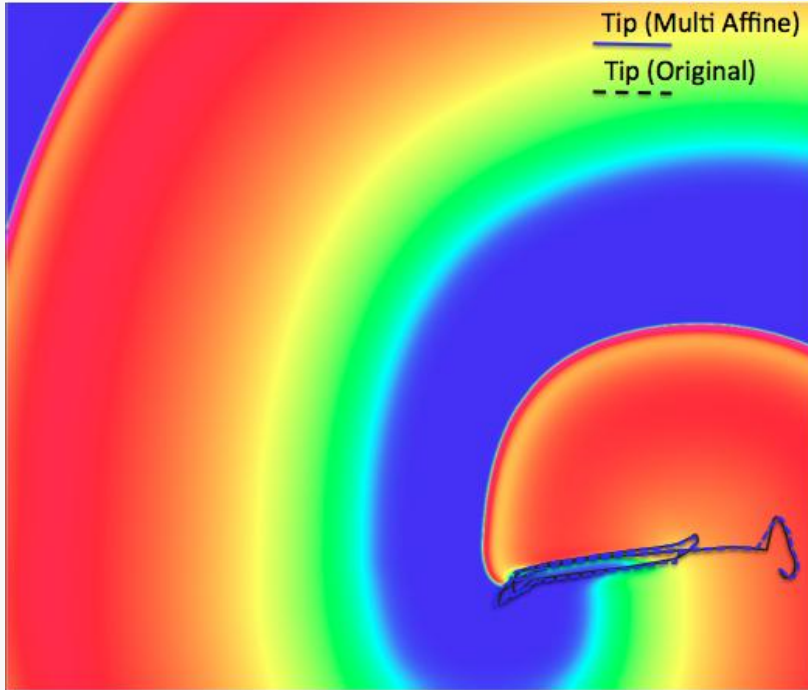


1D Cable Comparison

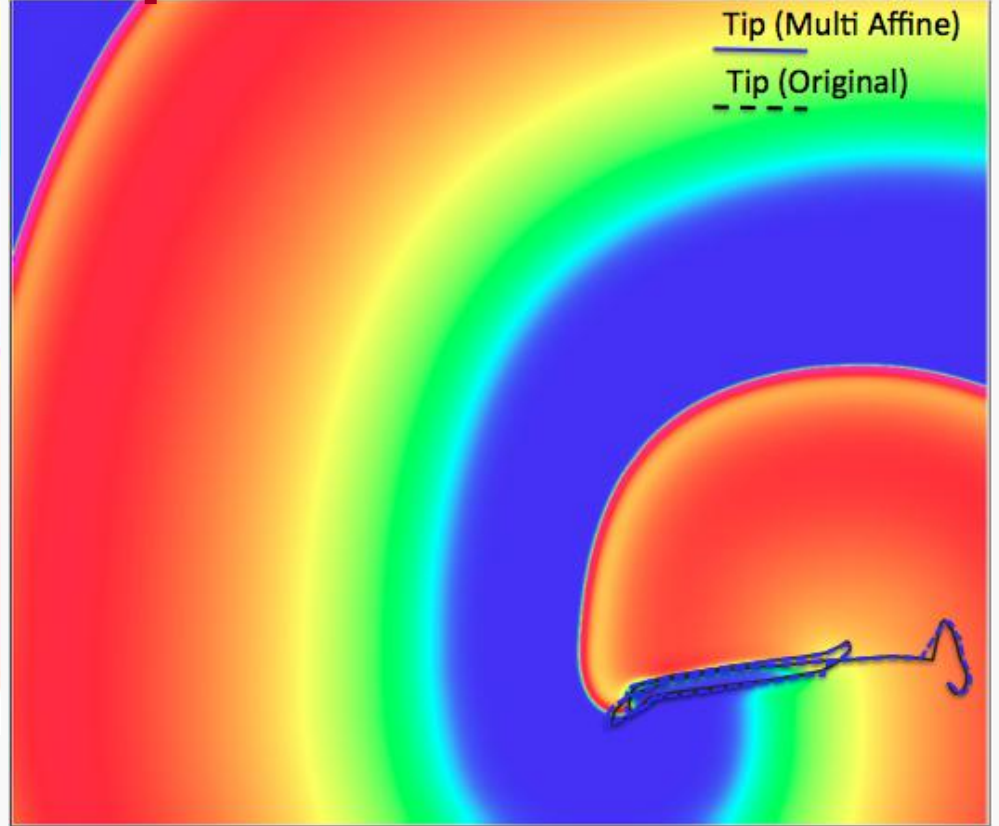




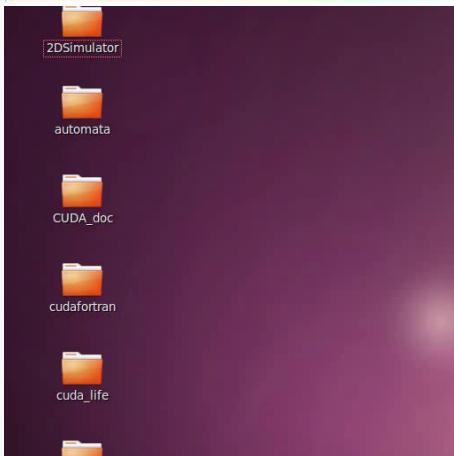
2D Comparison



Original MRM



Multi Affine (26 ramps)



1024x1024 cells 100000 iterations 556 sec. vs. 810 sec.
(GPU Tesla C1060)

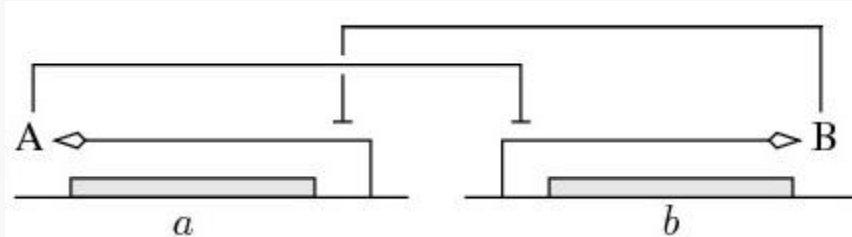
Simulation of the Multi Affine Model is
computational efficient (1.43 x)



Parameter Identification



Genetic Regulatory Networks



cross-inhibition network

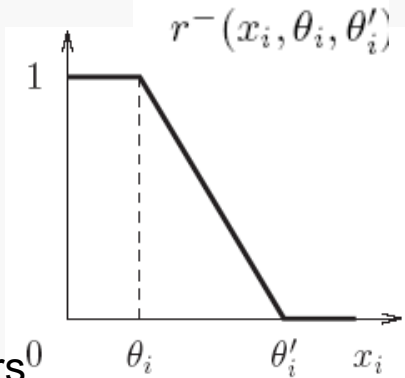
$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_a &= \kappa_a r^-(x_b, \theta_b^1, \theta_b^2) - \gamma_a x_a \\ \dot{x}_b &= \kappa_b r^-(x_a, \theta_a^1, \theta_a^2) - \gamma_b x_b \end{aligned}$$

x : protein concentration

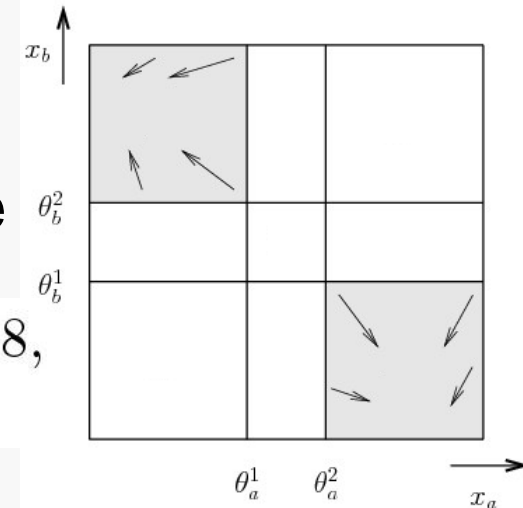
$\theta_a^1, \theta_a^2, \theta_b^1, \theta_b^2$

threshold concentration

$\kappa_a, \kappa_b, \gamma_a, \gamma_b$: rate parameters



G. Batt, C. Belta and R. Weiss (2008) **Temporal logic analysis of gene networks under parameter uncertainty**



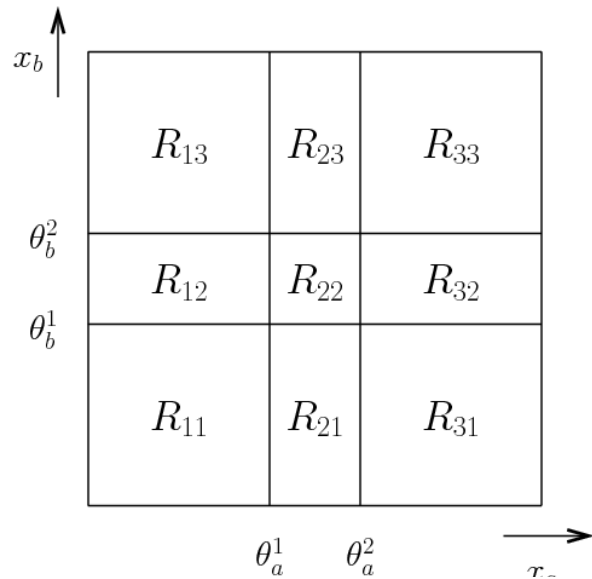
- Find parameters such that network is bistable

$$p = (\kappa_a, \kappa_b) \in \mathcal{P} = [0, 40] \times [0, 20] \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_a &= 1, \quad \gamma_b = 2, \quad \theta_a^1 = 8, \\ \theta_b^1 &= 8, \quad \theta_a^2 = \theta_b^2 = 12 \end{aligned}$$

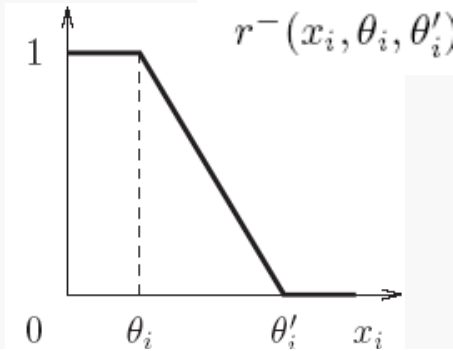


Genetic Regulatory Networks

- Partition of the state space: rectangles $R \in \mathcal{R}$



$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_a &= \kappa_a r^-(x_b, \theta_b^1, \theta_b^2) - \gamma_a x_a \\ \dot{x}_b &= \kappa_b r^-(x_a, \theta_a^1, \theta_a^2) - \gamma_b x_b \end{aligned}$$



❖ Differential equation models $\dot{x} = f(x, p)$, with

- f is **piecewise-multi-affine** (PMA) function of state **variables** x
- f is **affine** function of rate **parameters** p k_a, k_b

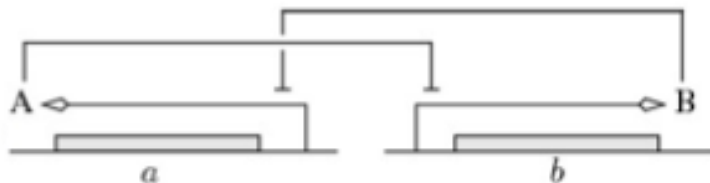
(multi-affine functions: products of different state variables allowed)



Specifications of dynamical properties

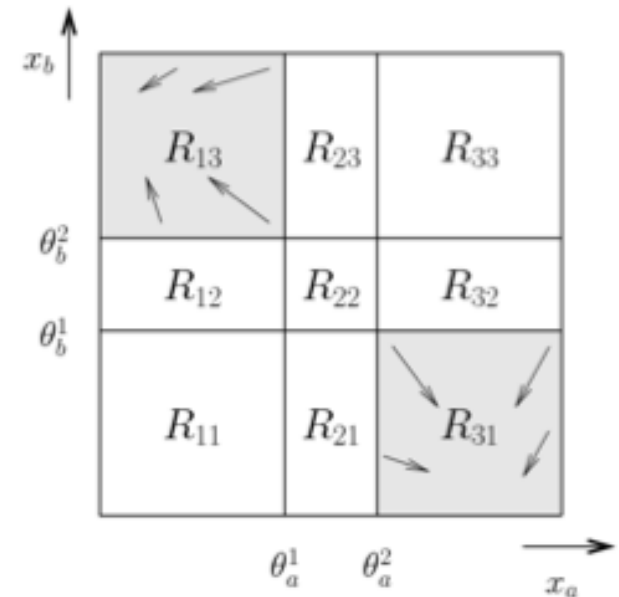
❖ Dynamical properties expressed in temporal logic (LTL)

- set of atomic proposition Π : $x_i < \lambda_i, x_i > \lambda_i$
- usual logical operators $\neg\phi, \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2, \phi_1 \vee \phi_2, \phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2, \dots$
- temporal operators $X\phi, F\phi, G\phi, \phi_1 U \phi_2, \dots$



bistability property:

$$\phi_1 = (x_a < \theta_a^1 \wedge x_b > \theta_b^2 \rightarrow G(x_a < \theta_a^1 \wedge x_b > \theta_b^2)) \wedge (x_b < \theta_b^1 \wedge x_a > \theta_a^2 \rightarrow G(x_b < \theta_b^1 \wedge x_a > \theta_a^2))$$

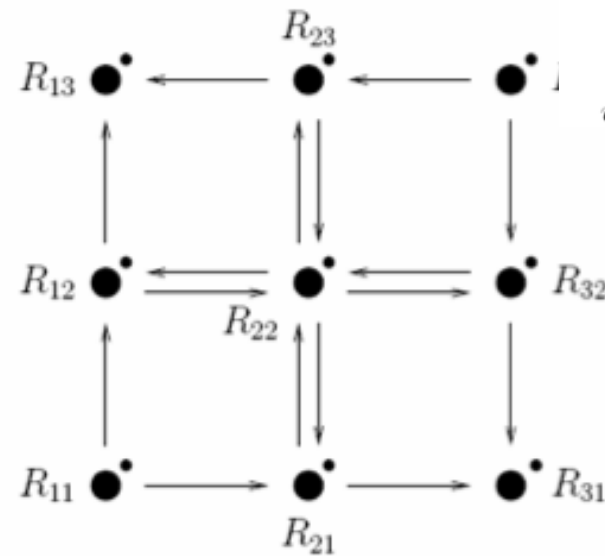
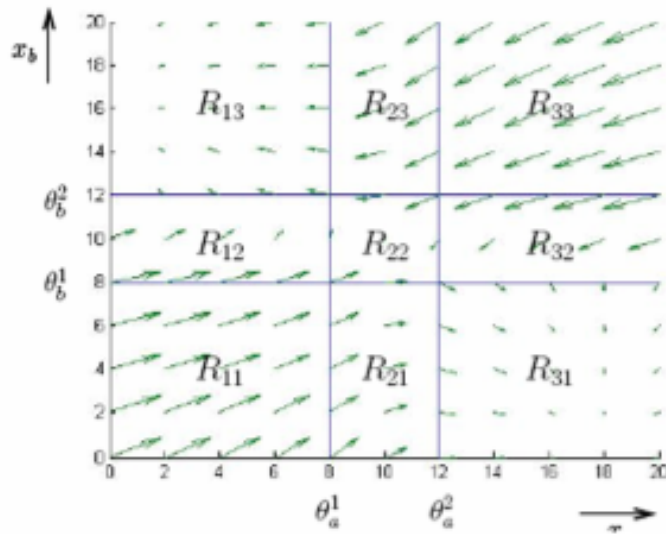
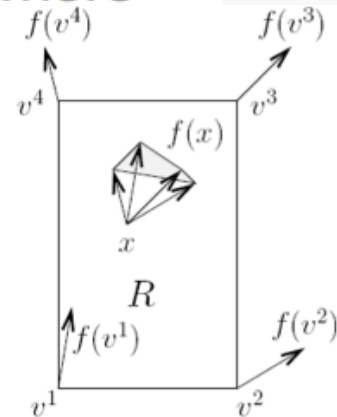


How to define that the system satisfies an LTL property ?



❖ **Discrete transition system, $T_{\mathcal{R}}(p) = (\mathcal{R}, \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R},p}, \models_{\mathcal{R}})$, where**

- \mathcal{R} finite set of rectangles $\forall x \in R, f(x) \in \text{hull}(\{f(v) \mid v \in \mathcal{V}_R\})$
- $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R},p}$ quotient transition relation
- $\models_{\mathcal{R}}$ quotient satisfaction relation



$$R_{11} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R},p} R_{21}, R_{21} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R},p} R_{31}$$

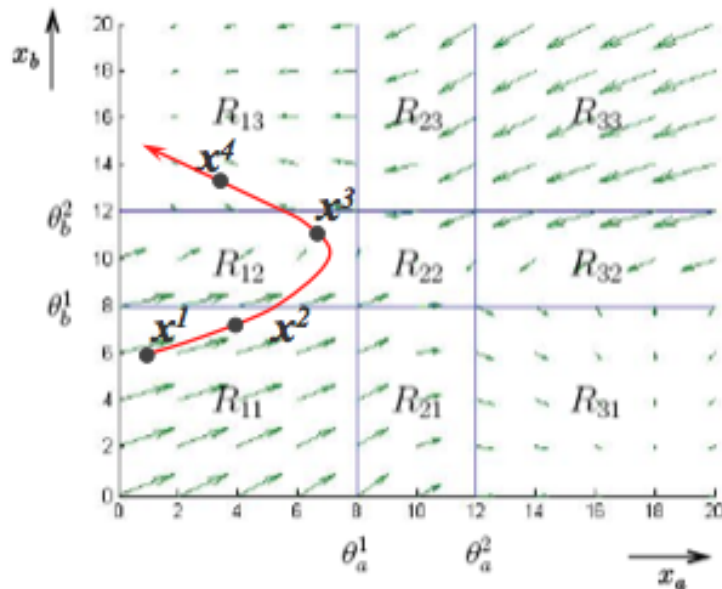
$$R_{11} \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R},p} R_{11},$$

$$R_{11} \models_{\mathcal{R}} x_a < \theta_a^1, R_{11} \models_{\mathcal{R}} x_b < \theta_b^1$$

Embedding transition system

❖ **PMA system, $\Sigma = (f, \Pi)$ associated with embedding transition system, $T_{\mathcal{X}}(p) = (\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{R}}, \rightarrow_{\mathcal{X},p}, \models_{\mathcal{X}})$, where**

- $\mathcal{X}_{\mathcal{R}}$ continuous state space
- $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{X},p}$ transition relation
- $\models_{\mathcal{X}}$ satisfaction relation



$$x^1 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{X},p} x^2, \quad x^1 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{X},p} x^3,$$

$$x^2 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{X},p} x^3, \quad x^3 \rightarrow_{\mathcal{X},p} x^4$$

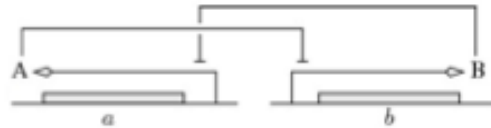
$$x^1 \models_{\mathcal{X}} x_a < \theta_a^1, \quad x^1 \models_{\mathcal{X}} x_b < \theta_b^1,$$

$$x^4 \models_{\mathcal{X}} x_a < \theta_a^1, \quad x^4 \models_{\mathcal{X}} x_b > \theta_b^1$$



Iterative exploration of parameter space

gene network



PMA model

$$\dot{x}_a = \kappa_a r^-(x_b, \theta_b^1, \theta_b^2) - \gamma_a x_a$$

$$\dot{x}_b = \kappa_b r^-(x_a, \theta_a^1, \theta_a^2) - \gamma_b x_b$$

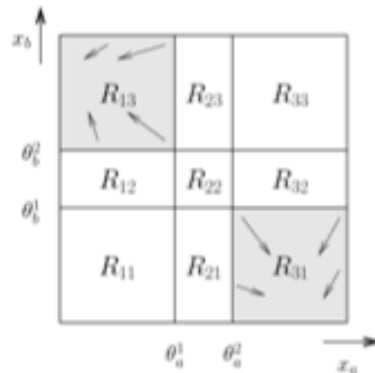
intervals for uncertain parameters

$$\kappa_a \in [0, 40], \kappa_b \in [0, 20]$$

$$\gamma_a = 1, \gamma_b = 2, \theta_a^1 = 8,$$

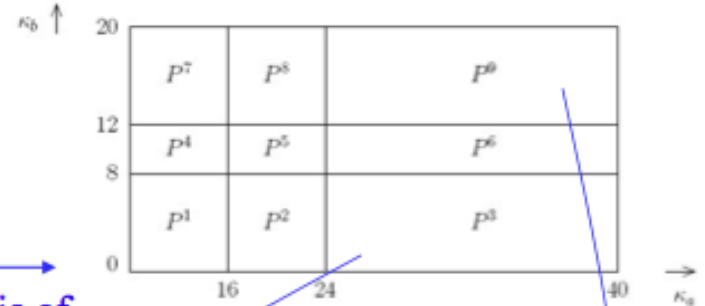
$$\theta_b^1 = 8, \theta_a^2 = \theta_b^2 = 12$$

specifications



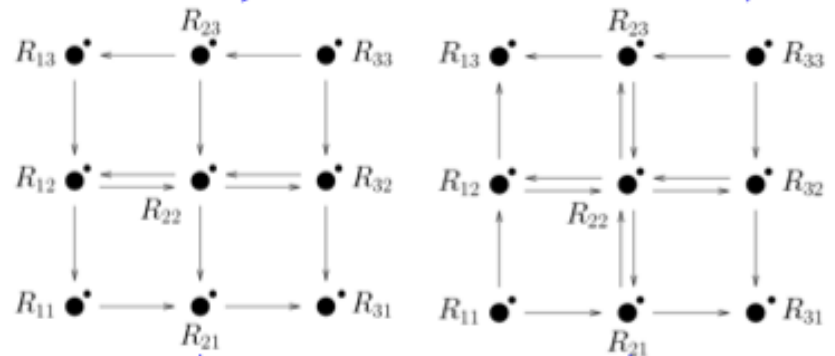
$$(x_a < \theta_a^1 \wedge x_b > \theta_b^2 \rightarrow G(x_a < \theta_a^1 \wedge x_b > \theta_b^2))$$

$$\wedge (x_b < \theta_b^1 \wedge x_a > \theta_a^2 \rightarrow G(x_b < \theta_b^1 \wedge x_a > \theta_a^2))$$



synthesis of parameter constraints

discrete abstractions
convexity properties



model checking

$$T_{\mathcal{R}}(p^3) \not\models \phi$$

No conclusion

$$T_{\mathcal{R}}(p^9) \models \phi$$

Valid parameter set



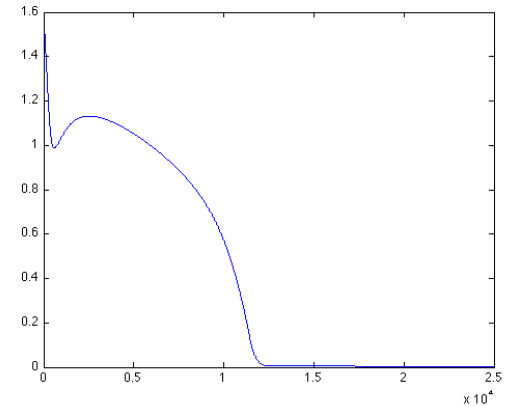
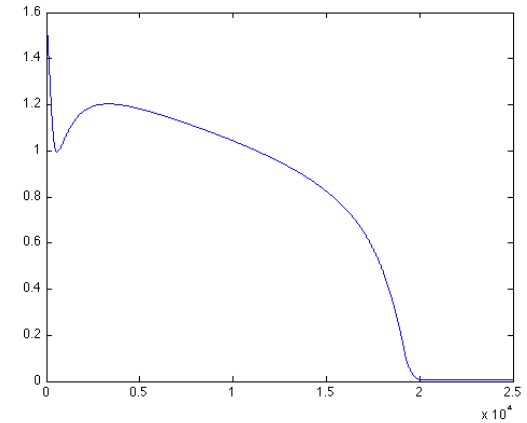
Parameter Identification for APD

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\theta_v < u \leq u_u) \\
 \dot{u} &= \nabla(D\nabla u) + (b^{j\bar{f}} + \sum_{i=12}^{i=26} a_i^{j\bar{f}} R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) v g_{j\bar{f}} + w s g_{s\bar{f}} - (b^{s\bar{o}} + \sum_{i=12}^{i=26} a_i^{s\bar{o}} R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) \\
 \dot{v} &= -v g_v^+ \\
 \dot{w} &= -w k_p g_w^+ \\
 \dot{s} &= (b^s + \sum_{i=12}^{i=26} a_i^s R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) g_{s2} - s g_{s2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \theta_w \leq u < \theta_v \\
 \dot{u} &= \nabla(D\nabla u) + w s g_{s\bar{f}} - (b^{s\bar{o}} + \sum_{i=8}^{i=12} a_i^{s\bar{o}} R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) \\
 \dot{v} &= -v g_{v2}^- \\
 \dot{w} &= -w k_p g_w^+ \\
 \dot{s} &= (b^s + \sum_{i=12}^{i=12} a_i^s R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) g_{s2} - s g_{s2}
 \end{aligned}$$

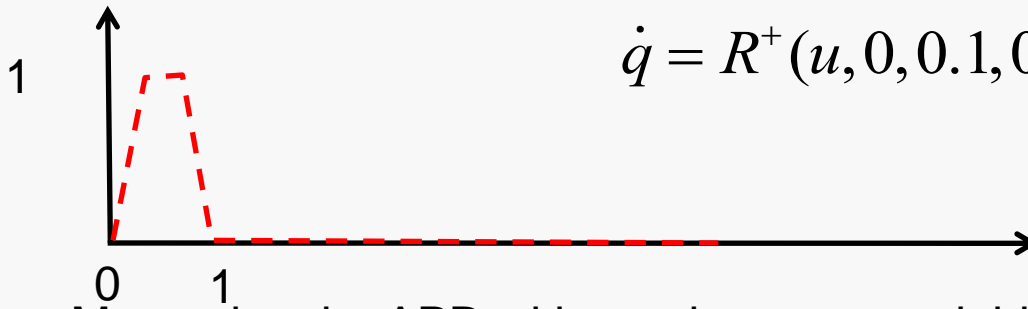
$$\begin{aligned}
 & \theta_v^- \leq u < \theta_w \\
 \dot{u} &= \nabla(D\nabla u) - u g_{o2} \\
 \dot{v} &= -v g_{v2}^- \\
 \dot{w} &= (w_w^* - w) k_a (b^{w^*} + \sum_{i=2}^{i=8} a_i^{w^*} R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) \\
 \dot{s} &= (b^s + \sum_{i=2}^{i=8} a_i^s R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) g_{s1} - s g_{s1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 0 \leq u < \theta_v^- \\
 \dot{u} &= \nabla(D\nabla u) - u g_{o1} \\
 \dot{v} &= (1-v) g_{v1}^- \\
 \dot{w} &= k_a (b^{w1} + \sum_{i=1}^{i=2} a_i^{w1} R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) - w k_a (b^{w2} + \sum_{i=1}^{i=2} a_i^{w2} R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) \\
 \dot{s} &= (b^s + \sum_{i=1}^{i=2} a_i^s R^+(u, \theta_i, \theta_{i+1})) g_{s1} - s g_{s1}
 \end{aligned}$$



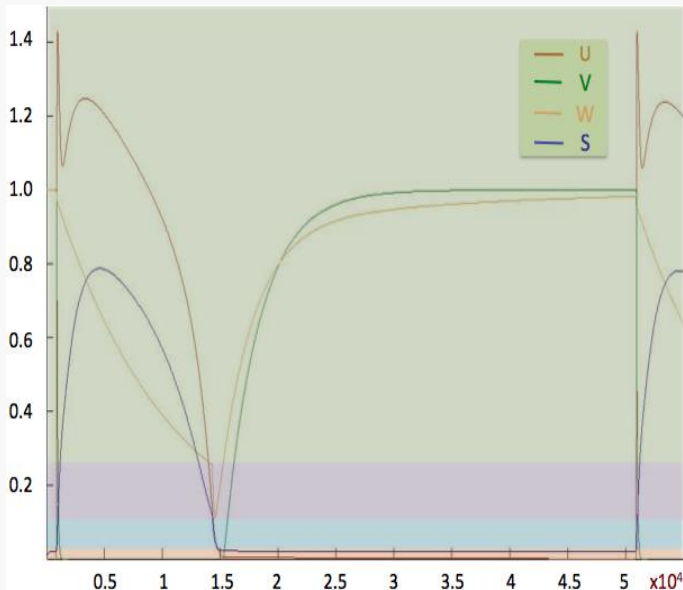
Encoding a Property on the APD

Introducing a new state variable for the stimulus:



$$\dot{q} = R^+(u, 0, 0.1, 0, 1) + R^-(u, 0.9, 1, 1, 0)$$

Measuring the APD with another state variable: $\dot{z} = R^+(u, 0.3, 0.3, 0, 1)$

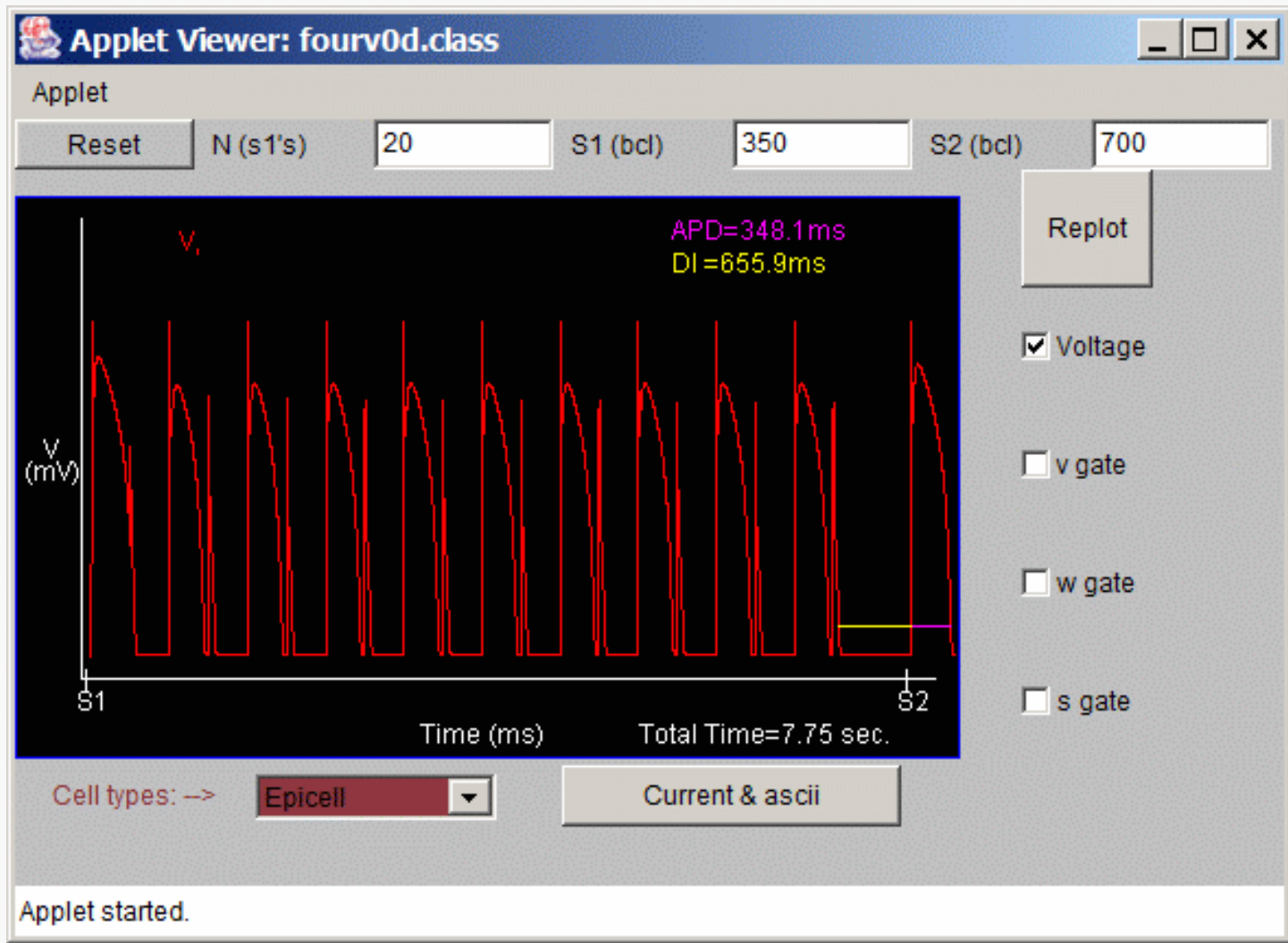


Property: starting with initial conditions $u=0, w=0.8, v=1.0, s=0.0$ the cell will fire an action potential with APD between 200 and 300 ms

LTL FORMULA:

$$\phi = (u = 0 \wedge w = 0.8 \wedge v = 1.0 \wedge s = 0.0) \rightarrow F(z > 200 \wedge z < 300)$$

Alternans





Future Works

- **Performing experiments with Rovergene**
- **Encoding more sophisticated properties**
- **Discriminate healthy/unhealthy tissues using model checking**



**Thanks for
the attention**



function [e,a,b,xb] = **optimalLinearApproximation**(x,y,S)

Input:

x,y: Curves given as an x-points vector and a vector of y-points vectors

S: Number ≥ 2 of desired segments

Output:

e: Errors matrix

a,b: Line-segment-coefficients matrix

xb: x-coordinate at breaking point matrix

Initialization

$z_1 = \text{size}(x)$; $P = z_1(2)$; Get number of points in each curve

$z_2 = \text{size}(y)$; $C = z_2(1)$; Get number of digitized curves

$se = \text{zeros}(1,C)$; Initialize vector of errors, one error for each curve

Cost tables

$\text{cost} = \text{ones}(P,S) * \text{inf}$; $\text{cost}(30,4) = \text{min cost to pt 30 with 4-segm polyline}$

$\text{error} = \text{ones}(P,P) * \text{inf}$; $\text{error}(i, n) = \text{cached error of line segment } (i,n)$

$\text{cost}(2,1) = 0$; 1-segment-polyline cost of polyline (1,2) = 0

Predecessor table

$\text{father} = \text{ones}(P,S) * \text{inf}$; $\text{father}(30,4) = \text{pred of pt 30 on a 4-segm polyline}$

Computation of optimal segmentation

Initialize cost and father for 1-segment-polyline, from pt 1 to all other pts

for p = 2:P Traverse all other points

for c = 1:C Traverse all curves

$se(c) = \text{segmentError}(x(1:p), y(c,1:p))$; (1,p)-line-segment appr error

end; **for** c

$\text{cost}(p,1) = \text{max}(se)$; Maximum error among all curves

$\text{father}(p,1) = 1$; All 1-segment polylines have father point 1

end; **for** p



Compute s-segm-polyline cost from point 1 to all other points

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for s = 2:S           Number of segments in the polyline
  for p = 3:P         Next-point-number to consider
    minErr = cost(p-1,s-1); minIndex = p-1; Error of (p-1,p) = 0
    for i = s:p-2     Next-intermediate-point to consider
      if (error(i,p) == Inf) Error of line segment (i,n) not cashed
        for c = 1:C   Next curve-number to consider
          se(c) = segmentError(x(i:p), y(k,i:p)); (i,p)-segment error
        end; for k
          error(i,p) = max(se); Maximum line segment error
        end; if
          currErr = cost(i,s-1) + error(i,p); s-segment-polyline error
          if (currErr < minErr)           Smaller error?
            minErr = currErr; minIndex = i; Update error and parent
          end; if
            end; for i
              cost(p,s) = minErr;       s-segment-polyline minimal cost
              father(p,s) = minIndex;   Last point's father on the polyline
            end; for p
          end; for s
        [e,a,b,xb] = ExtractAnswer;
      end
    
```



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function [e,a,b] = segmentError(x,y)
```

Input:

x,y: Digitized curve-segment as an x-vector and an y-vector

Output:

e: Error of the line segment between the first and last point

a,b: The coefficients defining this segment

Initialization:

$z = \text{size}(x)$; $P = s(2)$; Find out the number of points of x,y

Compute 1-segment linear-interpolation of (x,y) coefficients

$a = (y(n) - y(1)) / (x(n) - x(1))$;

$b = (y(1) * x(n) - y(n) * x(1)) / (x(n) - x(1))$;

Compute perpendicular-distance error for above line segment

$e = 0$; Initialize Error

for $p = 1:P$ Compute error for the each point on the curve

$e = e + (y(p) - a * x(p) - b)^2 / (a^2 + 1)$; Accumulate least square

end;

end



function [e,a,b,xb] = **ExtractAnswer**

Output:

e,a,b,xb: As in the output of `optimalLinearApproximation`

Initialization:

ib = zeros(S,S+1); xb = zeros(S,S+1); yb = zeros(C, S,S+1); **Points matrices**
a = zeros(C, S,S); b = zeros(C, S,S); er = zeros(C, S,S); **Coefficients/error**

Extract error and coefficient matrices

```

for s = S:-1:1    Traverse polyline segments in inverse order
    ib(s,s+1) = P;           Get last point number
    xb(s,s+1) = x(ib(s,s+1)); Get x-value for this point
    for c = 1:C    Traverse all curves
        yb(c,s,s+1) = y(c,ib(s,s+1)); Get y-value for this point
    end;
    for i = s:-1:1  Traverse predecessor points in inverse order
        ib(s,i) = father(ib(j,i+1),i); Get predecessor point number
        xb(s,i) = x(ib(s,i));           Get x-value for this point
        for c = 1:C  Traverse all curves
            yb(c,s,i) = y(c,ib(s,i));   Get y-value for this point
            [er(c,s,i), a(c,s,i), b(c,s,i)] = Compute err, a and b for segm (x,y)
                segmentError( x(ib(s,i):ib(s,i+1)), y(c,ib(s,i):ib(s,i+1)) );
        end
    end;
end;
end

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