

# Convex Hulls of Trajectories

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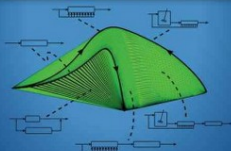
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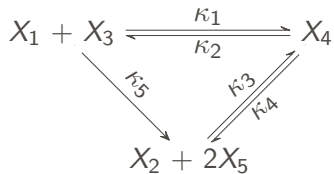
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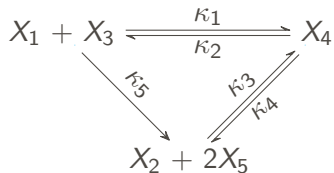
Attainable Region (AR) theory is a branch of chemical reaction engineering that incorporates elements of geometry and mathematical optimization to understand how chemical reactor networks—termed *reactor structures*—can be designed and improved.

AR theory is unique in that it is **geometric** in nature, and is particularly useful for understanding complex reactions (involving many competing reactions and species).

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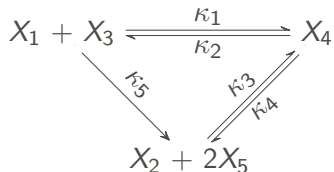


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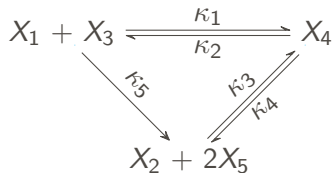
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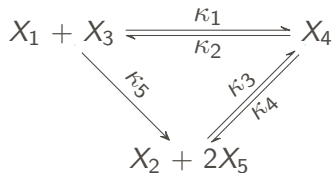


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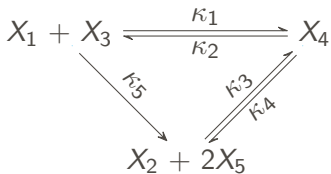
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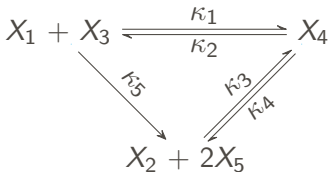


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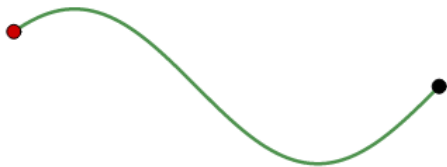
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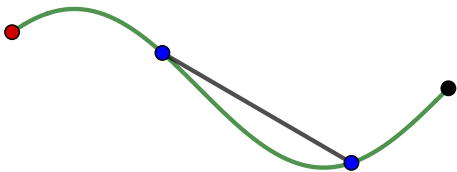
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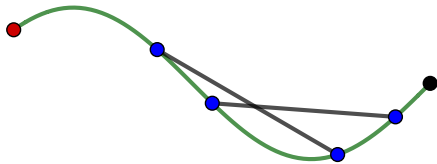
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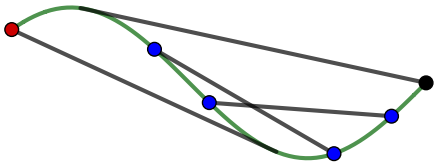
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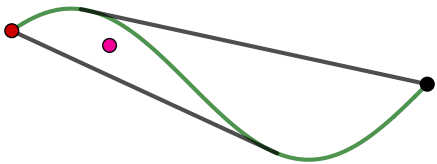
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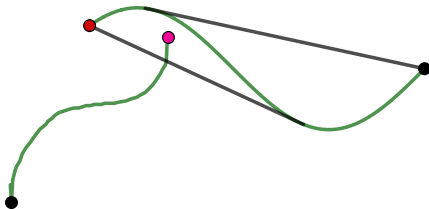




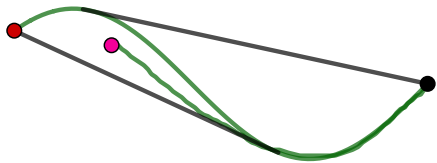












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For a given reaction network and starting point  $x_0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the *attainable region*,  $\mathcal{A}(x_0)$ , is the smallest subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that contains  $x_0$  and is both convex and forward closed.

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## Definition (Spectrahedral Shadow)

$$S = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m \mid \exists (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_p) \in \mathbb{R}^p : A_0 + \sum_i x_i A_i + \sum_j y_j B_j \succcurlyeq 0\}$$

where  $A_0$ ,  $A_i$  and  $B_j$  are real symmetric matrices. We use the symbol  $A \succcurlyeq 0$  to denote that the matrix  $A$  is positive semidefinite.

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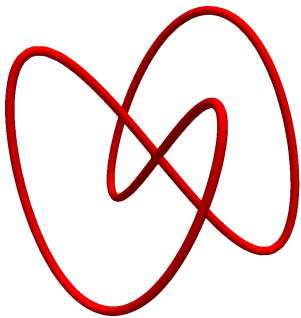
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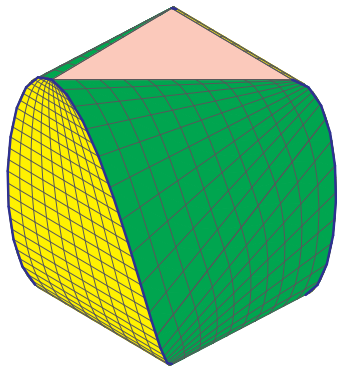
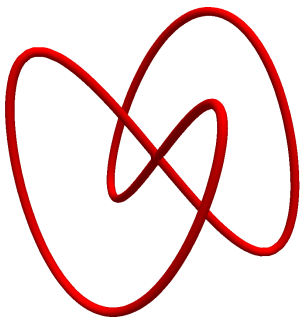
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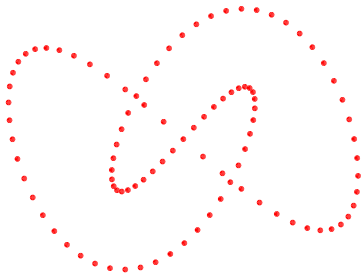
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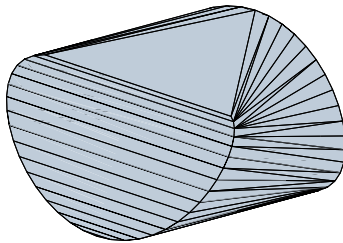
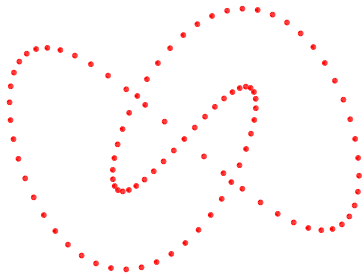




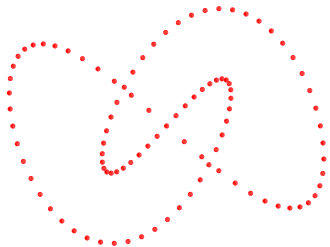


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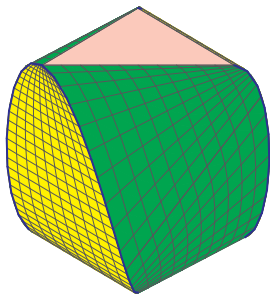
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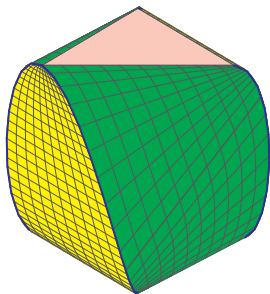
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$$d(B_1, B_2) = \max \left\{ \max_{x \in B_1} \min_{y \in B_2} \|x - y\|, \max_{y \in B_2} \min_{x \in B_1} \|x - y\| \right\}.$$

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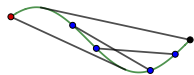
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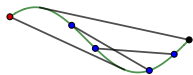
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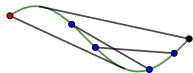
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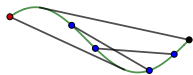
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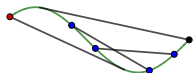
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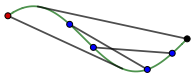
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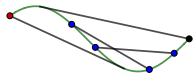
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  - 5     Output a list of curve points that are endpoints of those edges of  $A$ , that belong to  $G_i$ . This represents the  $i$ th arc of  $\partial C$ .
  - 6 **end**
  - 7 The edges  $H_j$  of  $A$  that correspond to isolated nodes of  $G$  represent edges of  $C$ .
- output:** The numbers  $\#_0$  and  $\#_1$  of arcs and edges of  $C = \text{conv}(C)$   
For each  $i$ : list of curve points that represent the  $i$ th arc of  $\partial C$ .  
List of line segments that represent the edges of  $C$ .

degree $2d$	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
max $\#_2$	6	9	13	16	20	21	24	26	28	30	30
tritangents	8	80	280	672	1320	2288	3640	5440	7752	10640	14168
max $\#_1$	10	14	20	25	30	32	35	37	41	42	43
edge surface	30	70	126	198	286	390	510	646	798	966	1150

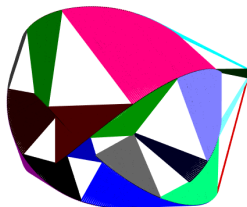
Table: Census of random trigonometric curves in 3-space

## Theorem (Ranestad, Sturmfels)

Let  $C$  be a general smooth compact curve of degree  $d$  and genus  $g$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . The algebraic boundary  $\partial C$  of its convex hull  $C$  is the union of the edge surface and the tritangent planes. The edge surface is irreducible of degree  $2(d-3)(d+g-1)$ , and the number of complex tritangent planes equals  $8\binom{d+g-1}{3} - 8(d+g-4)(d+2g-2) + 8g - 8$ .

degree 2d	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
max # <sub>2</sub>	6	9	13	16	20	21	24	26	28	30	30
tritangents	8	80	280	672	1320	2288	3640	5440	7752	10640	14168
max # <sub>1</sub>	10	14	20	25	30	32	35	37	41	42	43
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Thank You.