

Investment problem with switching modes

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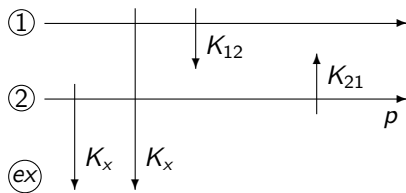
- ▶ The setup
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 - Mathematical framework
- ▶ Switching problem
 - Solutions
 - Experiments
- ▶ Investment problem
 - Same investment costs for both projects
 - Different investment costs for the projects
- ▶ Final comments and remarks

Main references

- ▶ Décamps, J.P., Mariotti, T. and Villeneuve, S., 2006. *Irreversible investment in alternative projects.*, Economic Theory, 28(2), pp.425-448.
- ▶ Zervos, M., Oliveira, C. and Duckworth, K., 2018. *An investment model with switching costs and the option to abandon.* Mathematical Methods of Operations Research, 88(3), pp.417-443.

Economic motivation

- ▶ The firm has two possible investments I_1 and I_2
- ▶ There is only one source of uncertainty the price (of the product) p



- ▶ Terminology
 - I_1 Investment ①
 - I_2 Investment ②
 - $K_{12} > 0$ Switching cost $I_1 \rightarrow I_2$
 - $K_{21} > 0$ Switching cost $I_2 \rightarrow I_1$
 - K_x exit cost (considered negative)
- ▶ The firm stays at one of the state at each moment of time $z \in \{I_1, I_2, ex\}$

Model 1/2

- ▶ Price process geometric Brownian motion: $dP_t = \mu P_t dt + \sigma P_t dB_t$
- ▶ Infinitesimal generator: $\mathcal{L} := \mu p \partial_p + \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 p^2 \partial_{pp}$
- ▶ Payoff of the investment during time $[t_1, t_2]$

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} e^{-rs} \pi_i(P_s) ds,$$

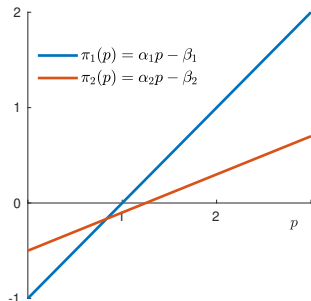
$$\pi_i(p) = \alpha_i p - \beta_i, \quad \alpha_1 > \alpha_2, \quad \beta_1 > \beta_2$$

μ - instantaneous drift

σ - instantaneous variance

r - discount rate

- ▶ β_i can be interpreted as instantaneous fixed costs of production



Model 2/2

For strategy s in the set of admissible strategies \mathcal{S} the expected payoff is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_s(z, p) = & \mathbb{E}_p \left[\underbrace{\int_0^\infty e^{-rt} (\pi_1(P_t) \mathcal{I}_{\{Z_t=l_1\}} + \pi_2(P_t) \mathcal{I}_{\{Z_t=l_2\}}) dt}_{\text{production}} - \right. \\
 & \underbrace{-K_{12} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e^{-rT_j^{12}} \mathcal{I}_{\{T_j^{12} < \infty\}} - K_{21} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} e^{-rT_j^{21}} \mathcal{I}_{\{T_j^{21} < \infty\}}}_{\text{costs associated with switching}} \\
 & \left. - \underbrace{K_x e^{-r\tau} \mathcal{I}_{\{\tau < \infty\}}}_{\text{cost of exit}} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

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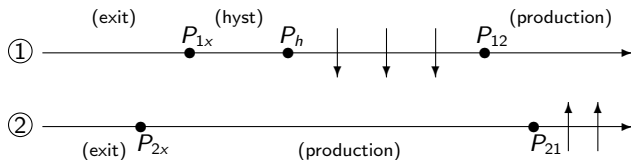
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Space division

- ▶ Production region: $(a) = 0$
- ▶ Switching region: $(b) = 0$
- ▶ Exit region: $(c) = 0$
- ▶ Hysteresis region: $(a) = 0$ only for ①

Hamilton-Jacobi-Bellman equation 2/2

- In the production region: (a) $\mathcal{L}v_i - rv_i + \pi_i = 0$
Cauchy-Euler equation

Assuming: $r > -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2} - \mu \right)^2$

- Solution:

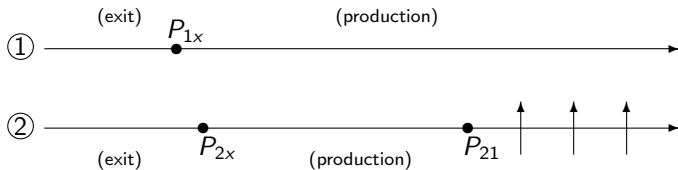
$$v = v_{hom} + v_{part}$$

$$v_{hom} = C_1 p^{d_1} + C_2 p^{d_2}, \quad C_1, C_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$v_{part} = \frac{\alpha_i}{r - \mu} p - \frac{\beta_i}{r}$$

where $d_1 < 0$ and $d_2 > 1$ solve equation $\frac{\sigma^2}{2} d^2 + (\mu - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})d - r = 0$

Solution of Type I (No downgrading)



$$v_1(p) = \begin{cases} -K_x, & p < P_{1x} \\ Ap^{d_1} + \frac{\alpha_1}{r-\mu}p - \frac{\beta_1}{r}, & p \geq P_{1x} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

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Construction of solution

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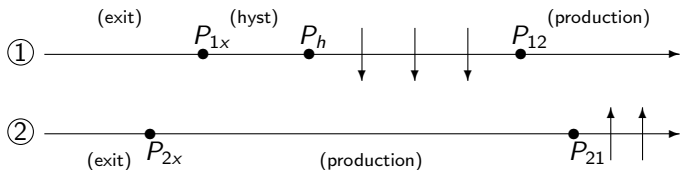
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Solution exists \longrightarrow Verifies HJB for the set of parameters ○

Solution of Type II (Hysteresis)

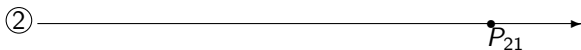
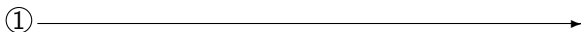


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Some other types of solution

There are other several possible types of solutions that depends on the parameters of the problem



Division of the state space, [Zervos et al., 2018]

Conditions on $K_1 > 0, K_0 > 0, K \in \mathbb{R}$ and $h(\cdot)$		Case
$0 \leq K$	$rK_1 \leq h(0)$	I.1, Lemma 1
	$\max\{-rK_0, -rK\} \leq h(0) < rK_1$	I.2, Lemma 2
	$K_0 \leq K$ and $h(0) < -rK_0$	II.1, Lemma 4
	$K < K_0$ and $-rK_0 \leq h(0) < -rK$	II.2, Lemma 5
	$K < K_0^* \leq K_0$ and $h(0) < -rK_0$	II.2, Lemma 5
	$K < K_0 < K_0^*$ and $h(0) < -rK_0$	II.3, Lemma 6
$K < 0$	$rK_1 - rK \leq h(0)$	I.1, Lemma 1
	$-rK \leq h(0) < rK_1 - rK$	I.3, Lemma 3
	$-rK_0 \leq h(0) < -rK$	III.1, Lemma 7
	$h(0) < -rK_0$ and $h(\delta_{\dagger}) \geq 0$ or $(h(\delta_{\dagger}) < 0$ and $K_1 \geq K_1^{\dagger})$ or $(h(\delta_{\dagger}) < 0, K_1 < K_1^{\dagger}$ and $K_0 \geq K_0^{\dagger})$	III.1, Lemma 7
	$h(0) < -rK_0,$ $h(\delta_{\dagger}) < 0, K_1 < K_1^{\dagger}$ and $K_0 < K_0^{\dagger}$	III.2, Lemma 8

- ▶ Zervos, M., Oliveira, C. and Duckworth, K., 2018. *An investment model with switching costs and the option to abandon*. Mathematical Methods of Operations Research, 88(3), pp.417-443.
- ▶ Table, page 25
- ▶ Project l_2 has $\pi_2(p) = -\beta_2$, no production

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II $\pi_1(\delta) - \pi_2(\delta) < 0$ and $K_{21} < K_{21}^\dagger$ and $K_{12} < K_{12}^\dagger$
the function V is of the type II.

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Type II (hysteresis) solution

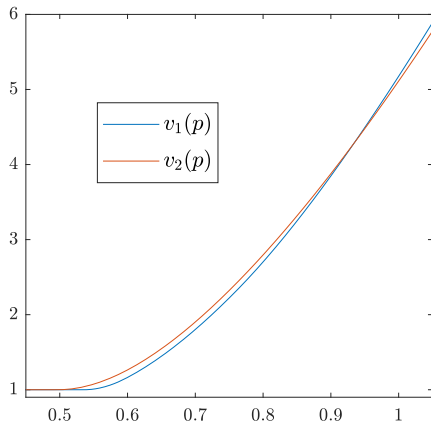


Illustration of HJB verification for Type II (hysteresis)

Example. The parameters: $\mu = 0, \sigma = 0.2, r = 0.05, \alpha_1 = 1, \beta_1 = 1, \alpha_2 = 0.5, \beta_2 = 0.5, K_{21} = 0.3, K_{12} = 0.1$.

Auxiliary $d_1 = -1.16, d_2 = 2.16, \delta = 0.56, K_{12}^\dagger = 0.32, K_{21}^\dagger = 21.55$,

Points: $P_{2x} = 0.50, P_{1x} = 0.54, P_h = 0.60, P_{12} = 0.78, P_{21} = 1.37$,

Coefficients: $A = 5.0, C_1 = 4.82, C_2 = 2.42, D_1 = 1.38, D_2 = 2.69$.

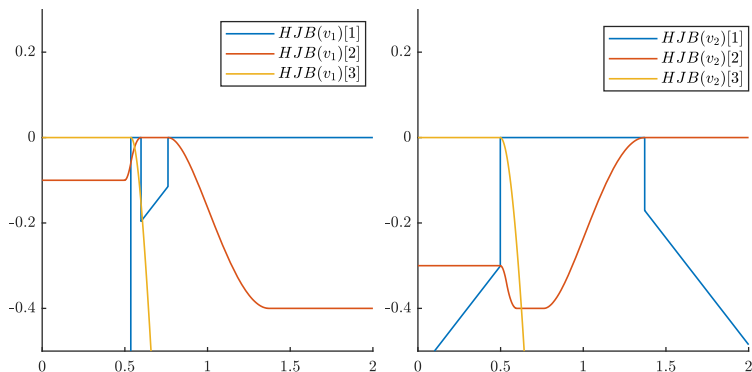
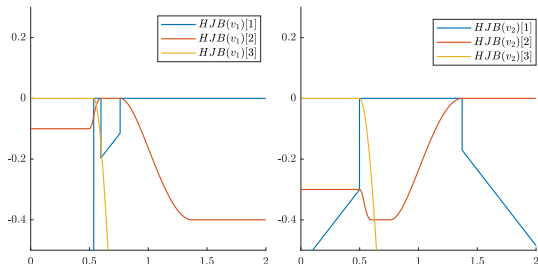
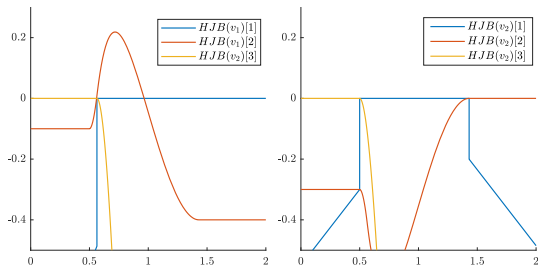


Illustration of HJB verification



Type II

The existence of solution of the certain type is a necessary condition but not sufficient, the HJB have to be verified



Type I

Experiments μ

μ	P_{1x}	P_h	P_{12}	P_{2x}	P_{21}	K_{21}^\dagger	K_{12}^\dagger
-0.1500	0.9305			0.9654	1.5650	0.0144	0.0052
-0.1000	0.8857			0.9024	1.4864	0.0908	0.0020
-0.0500	0.7944			0.7777	1.4124	0.8665	0.0054
-0.0300	0.7285			0.6938	1.3970	2.6249	0.0366
-0.0100	0.6192	0.7059	0.7710	0.5750	1.3888	9.7253	0.1613
0.0000	0.5359	0.5978	0.7608	0.4983	1.3715	21.5473	0.3183
0.0100	0.4395	0.4829	0.7504	0.4094	1.3546	59.3298	0.6130
0.0250	0.2742	0.2964	0.7345	0.2564	1.3300	942.6027	1.5882

- ▶ As μ increases (market becomes more favourable) every point moves towards zero, the firm is interested in moving faster to more risky/profitable investment I_1 .
- ▶ As μ decreases and gradually moves to (downward market) the firm exits faster and delays the movement from I_2 to I_1 .
- ▶ Decrease. The hysteresis region disappears, paying the cost of downgrading becomes unprofitable. $K_{12} = 0.10$ threshold is triggered.

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σ	P_{1x}	P_h	P_{12}	P_{2x}	P_{21}	K_{21}^\dagger	K_{12}^\dagger
0.0200	0.9857			1.0011	1.0861	0.0052	
0.0250	0.9702			0.9820	1.0935	0.0330	
0.0500	0.8966			0.8906	1.1345	0.5448	0.0052
0.0800	0.8159			0.7919	1.1884	1.9002	0.0609
0.0900	0.7907	0.7907	-0.1047	0.7615	1.2071	2.5411	0.0837
0.1000	0.7654	0.8338	0.8392	0.7324	1.2251	3.2903	0.1063
0.1500	0.6398	0.7043	0.7964	0.6029	1.2999	9.2186	0.2175
0.2000	0.5359	0.5978	0.7608	0.4983	1.3715	21.5473	0.3183
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- ▶ Increase. More uncertainty. Reluctant to make changes. The decision points spread further apart.
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Experiments K_{12}

P_{1x}	P_h	P_{12}	P_{2x}	P_{21}	A	K_{12}
0.5015	0.5063	0.7852	0.4975	1.3377	5.0069	0.0010
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0.5359	0.5978	0.7608	0.4983	1.3715	5.0069	0.1000
0.5510	0.6534	0.7396	0.4990	1.4007	5.0069	0.2000
0.5618	0.7073	0.7208	0.4996	1.4263	5.0069	0.3000
0.5632	0.7156	0.7182	0.4997	1.4299	5.0069	0.3150
0.5635	0.7173	0.7177	0.4997	1.4306	5.0069	0.3180
0.5635			0.4997	1.4307	5.0069	0.3184
0.5635			0.4997	1.4307	5.0069	0.6000
0.5635			0.4997	1.4307	5.0069	10.0000

- ▶ The exit option A is not affected
- ▶ Increase. Move from l_1 to l_2 for lesser prices, until it becomes non-profitable.
- ▶ Increase, threshold $K_{12}^\dagger = 0.32$ is triggered, after that does not affect solution
- ▶ Decreases. Until $P_{1x} - P_h$ collapse, if negative, it is not profitable to exit from l_1 , it is more profitable to move to l_2 , then exit. Strategy change.

Switching problem: Feel smart and happy



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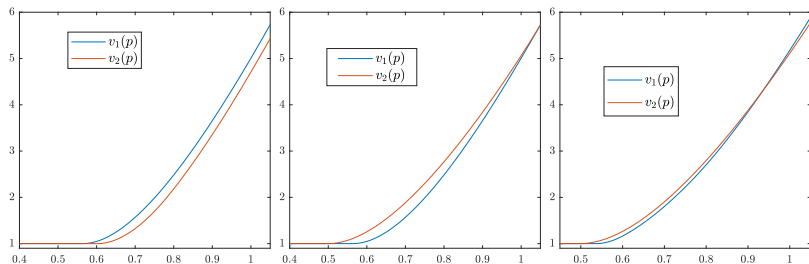
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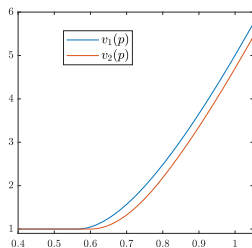


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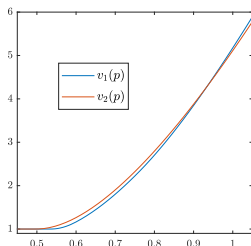
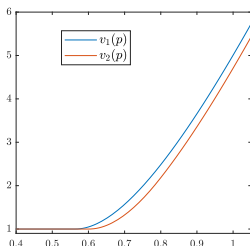
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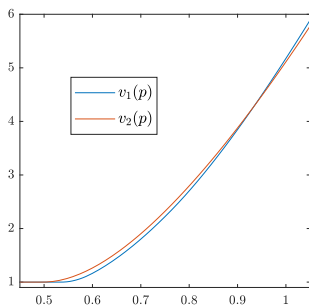
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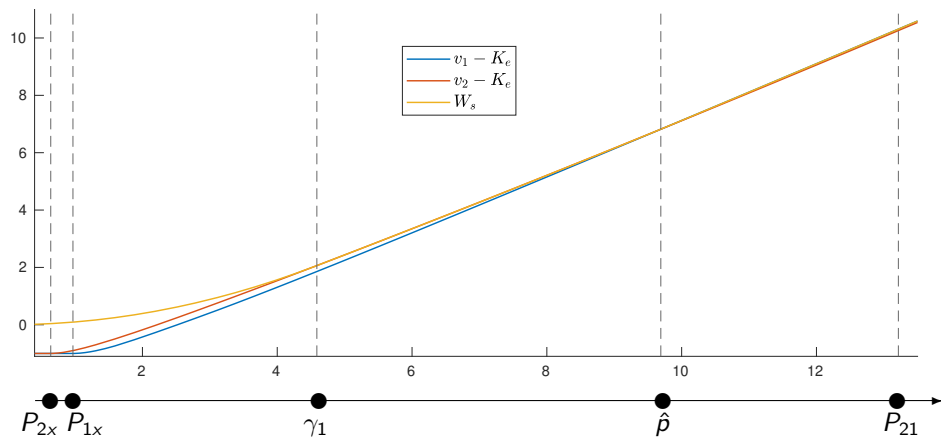
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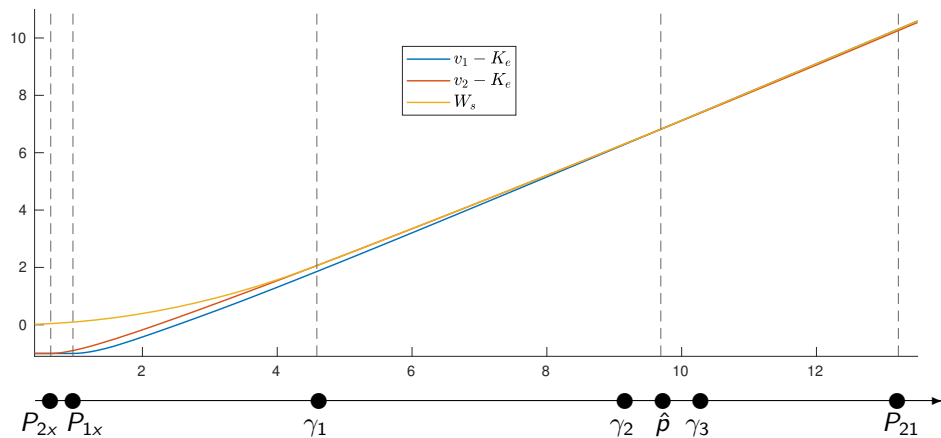
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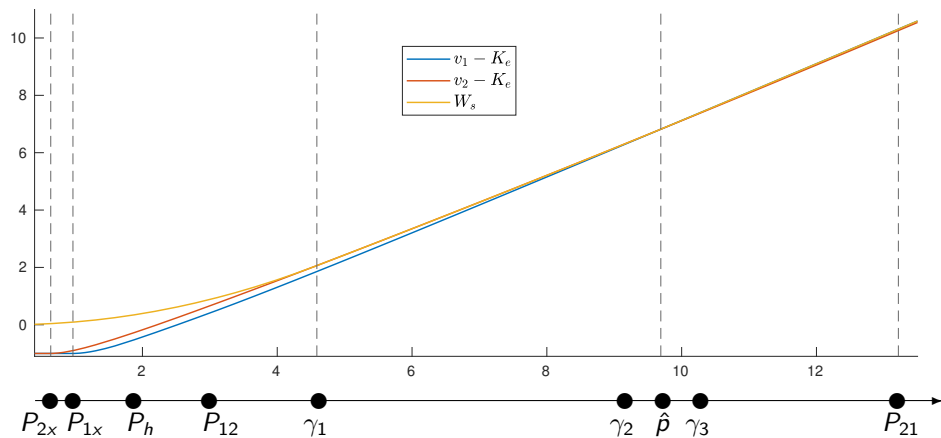
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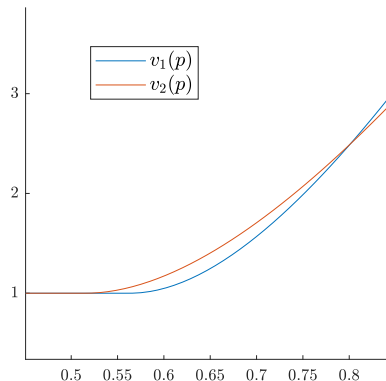


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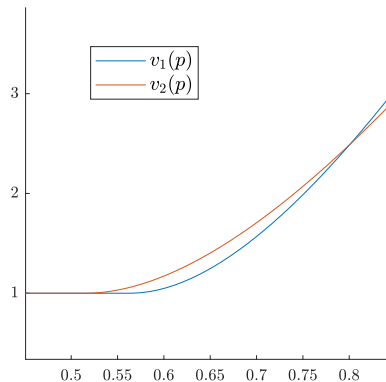
- ▶ Basic model (same as in [Dixit et al., 1994])
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 - ▶ No exit option, no cost of production
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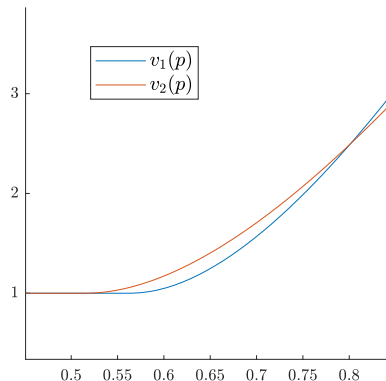
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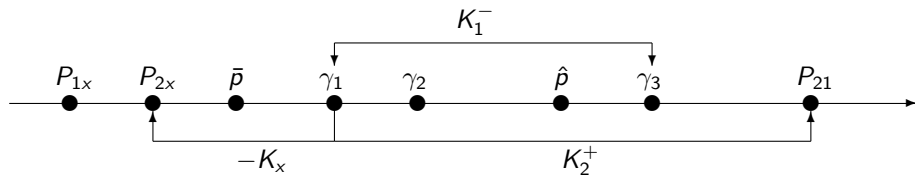
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thank you!

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