

# Optimal control with several targets: the need of a rate-independent memory

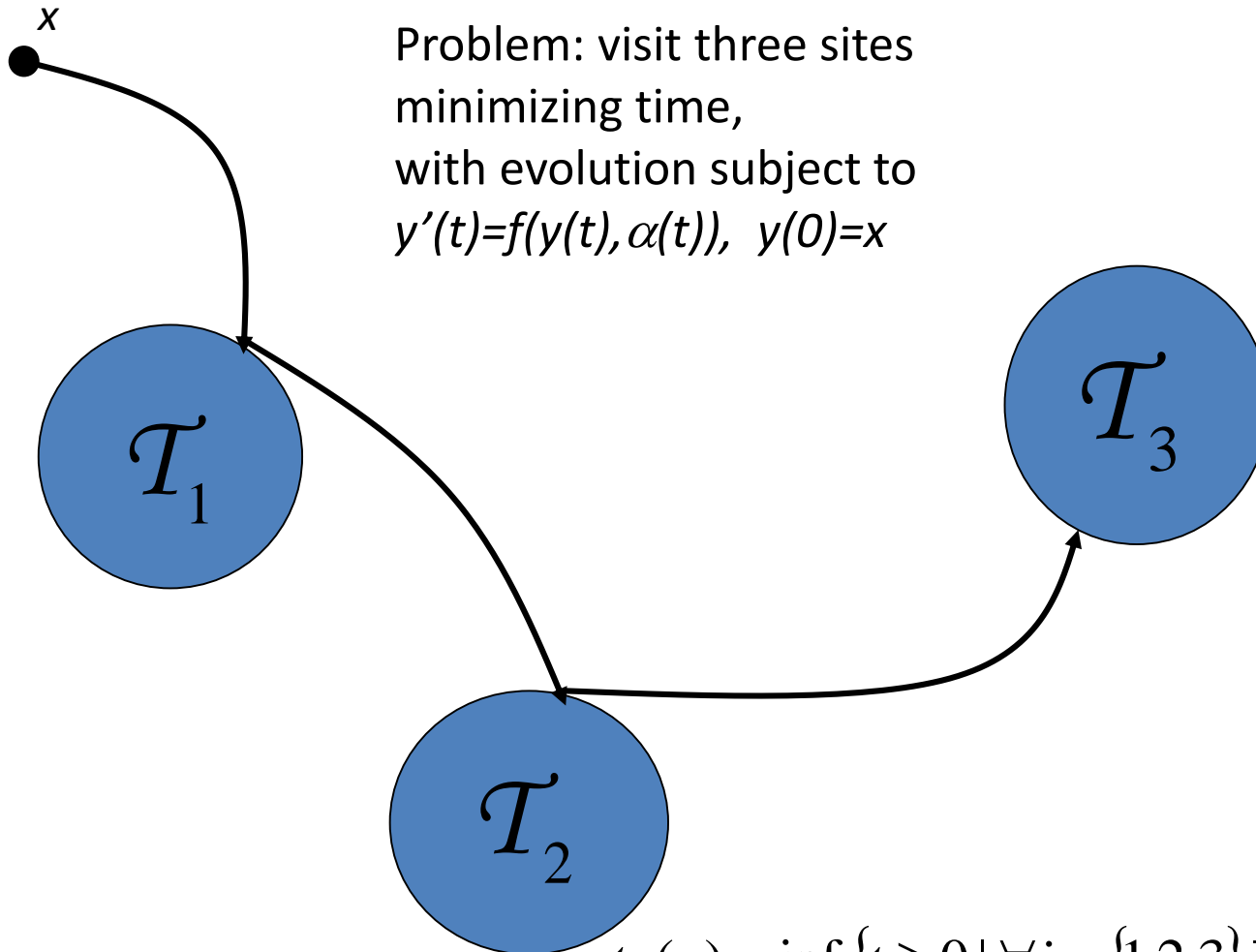
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# Optimal visiting problem

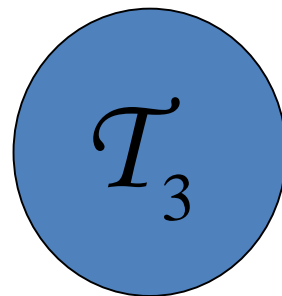
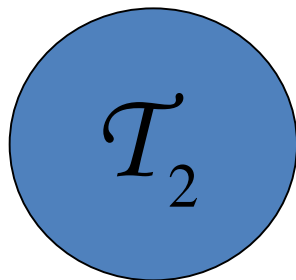
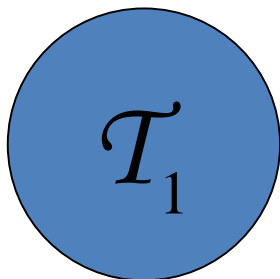


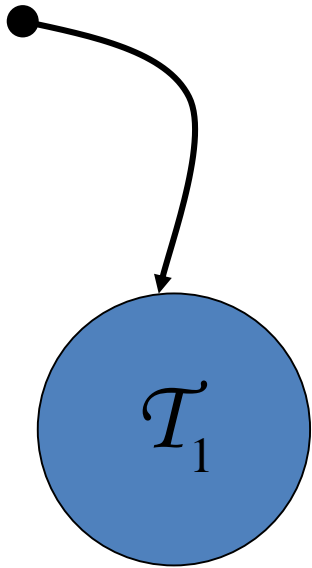
Problem: visit three sites  
minimizing time,  
with evolution subject to  
 $y'(t)=f(y(t),\alpha(t))$ ,  $y(0)=x$

$$t_\alpha(x) = \inf \{t \geq 0 \mid \forall i \in \{1,2,3\} \exists 0 \leq t_i \leq t, y(t_i) \in \mathcal{T}_i\}$$

$$T(x) = \inf_\alpha t_\alpha(x) \text{ optimal visiting function}$$

- The problem is obviously reminiscent of the famous Traveling Salesman Problem: minimizing the length of the path for passing through  $m$  cities.
- It is then characterized by a high computational complexity: many sub-problems must be addressed before solving the initial problem.





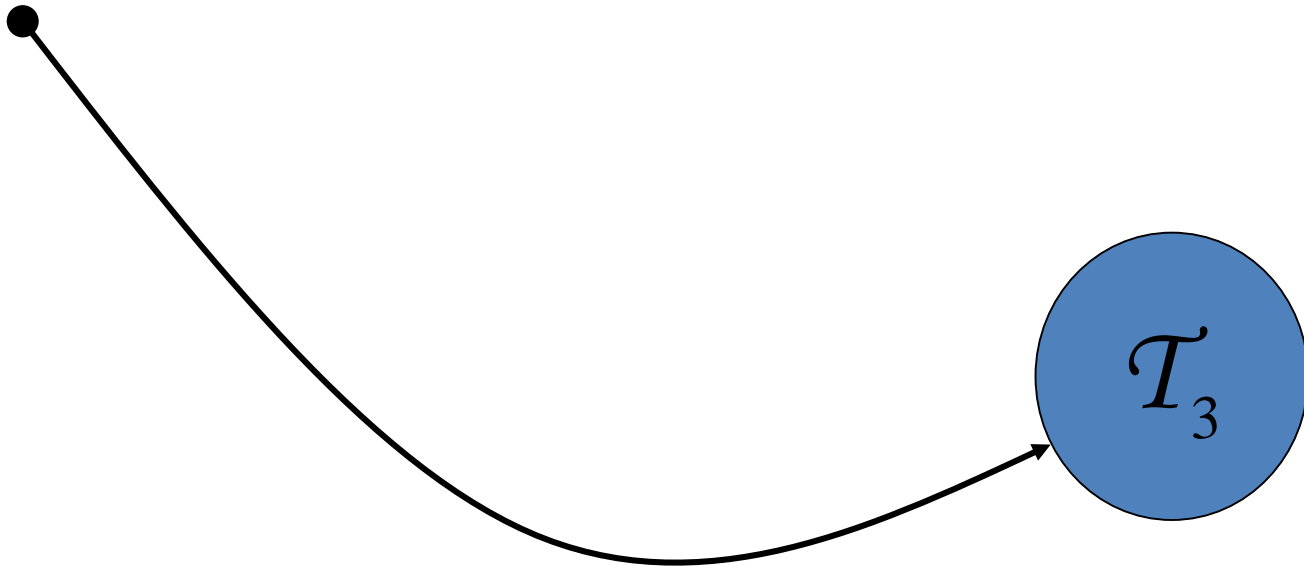
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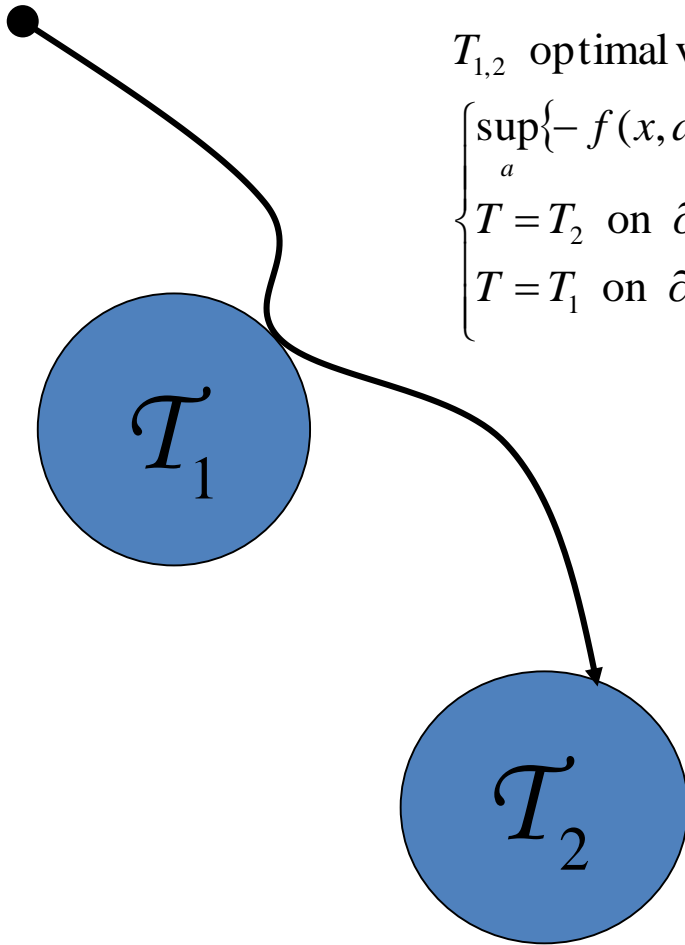
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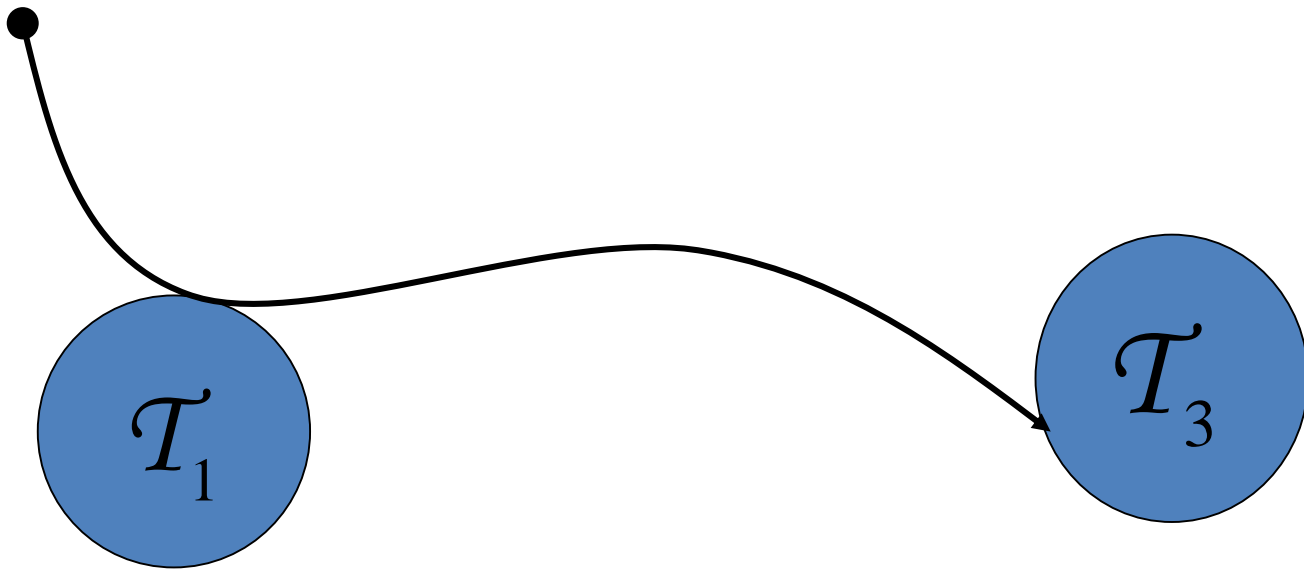
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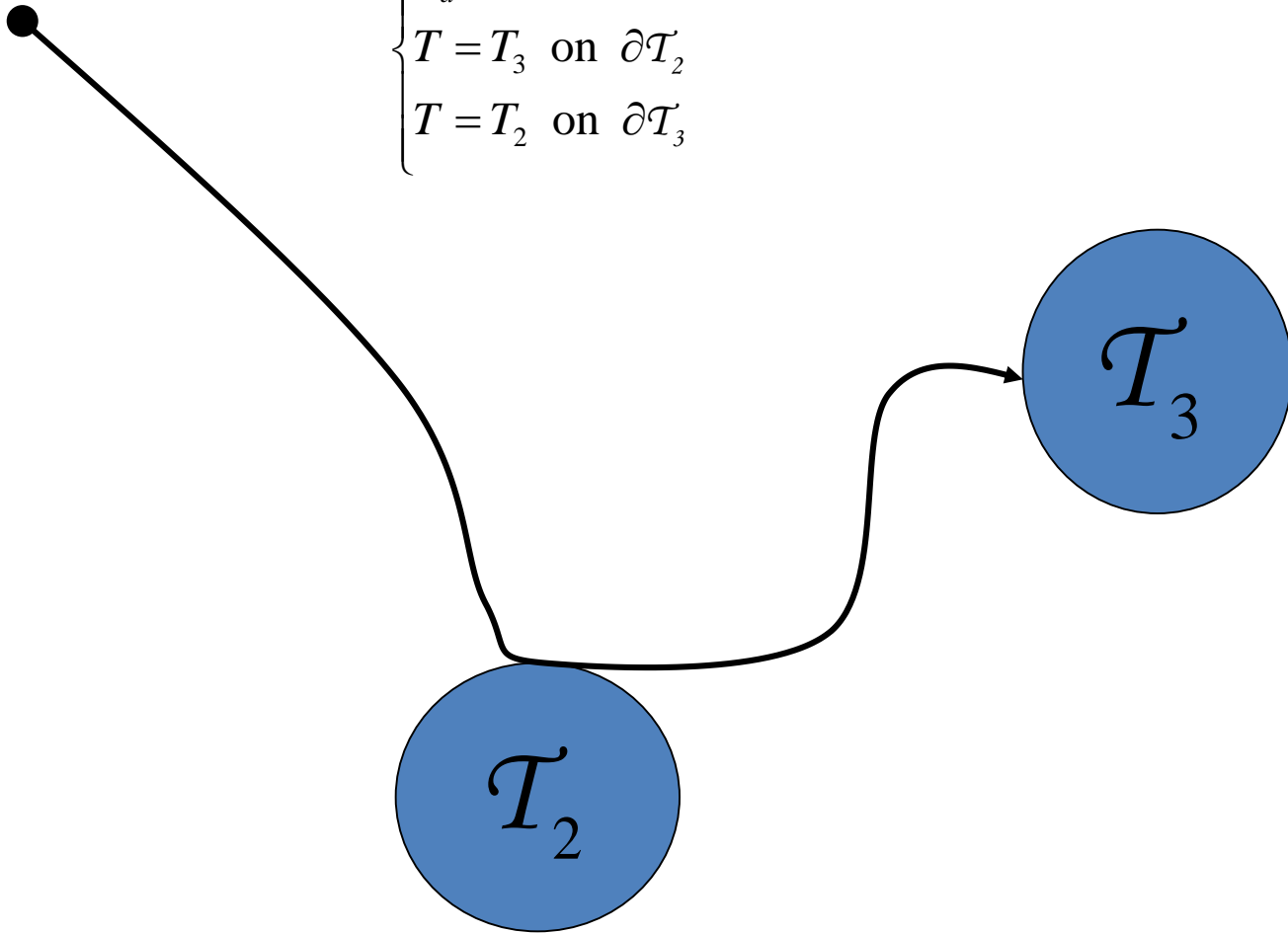


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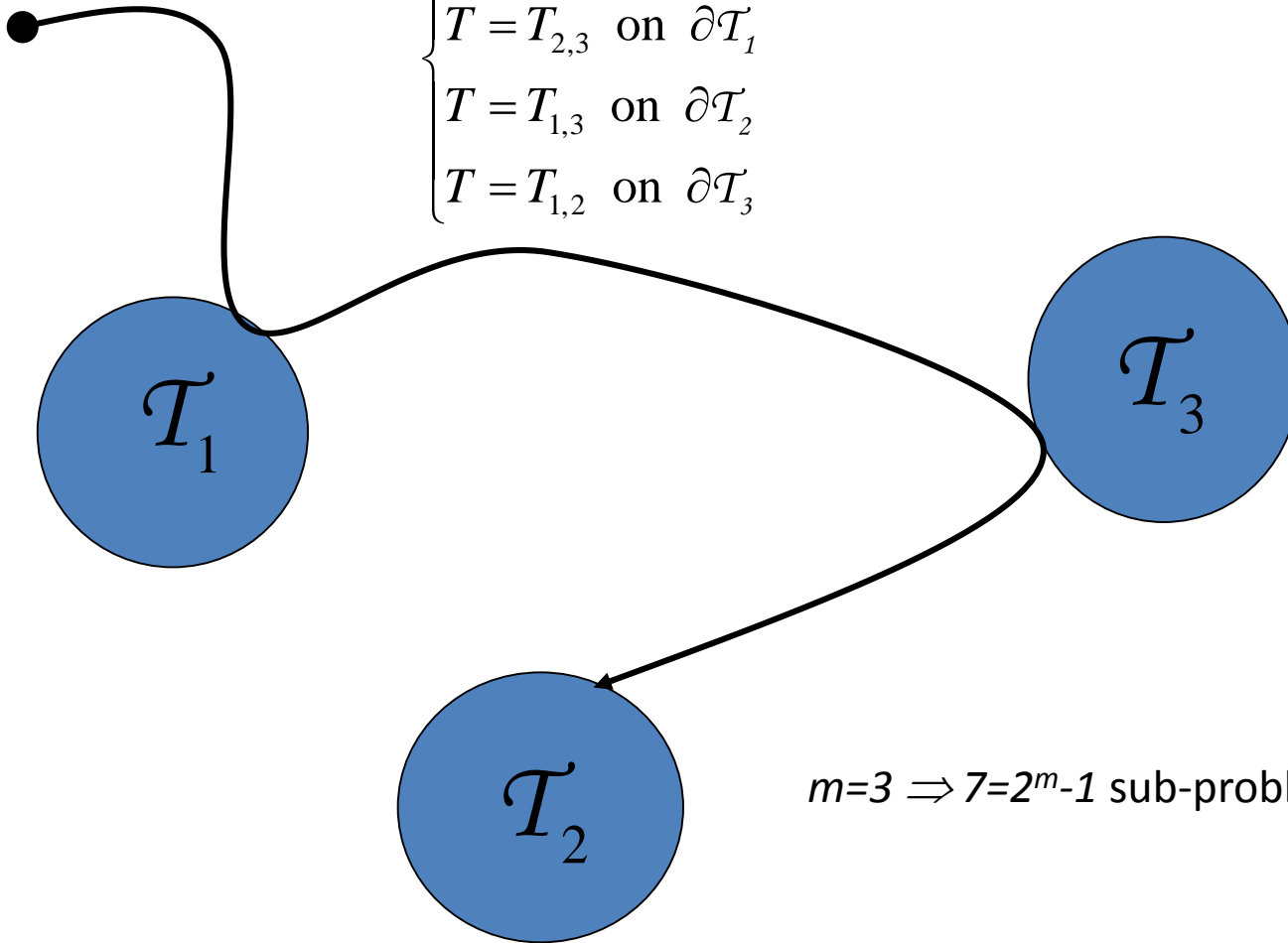
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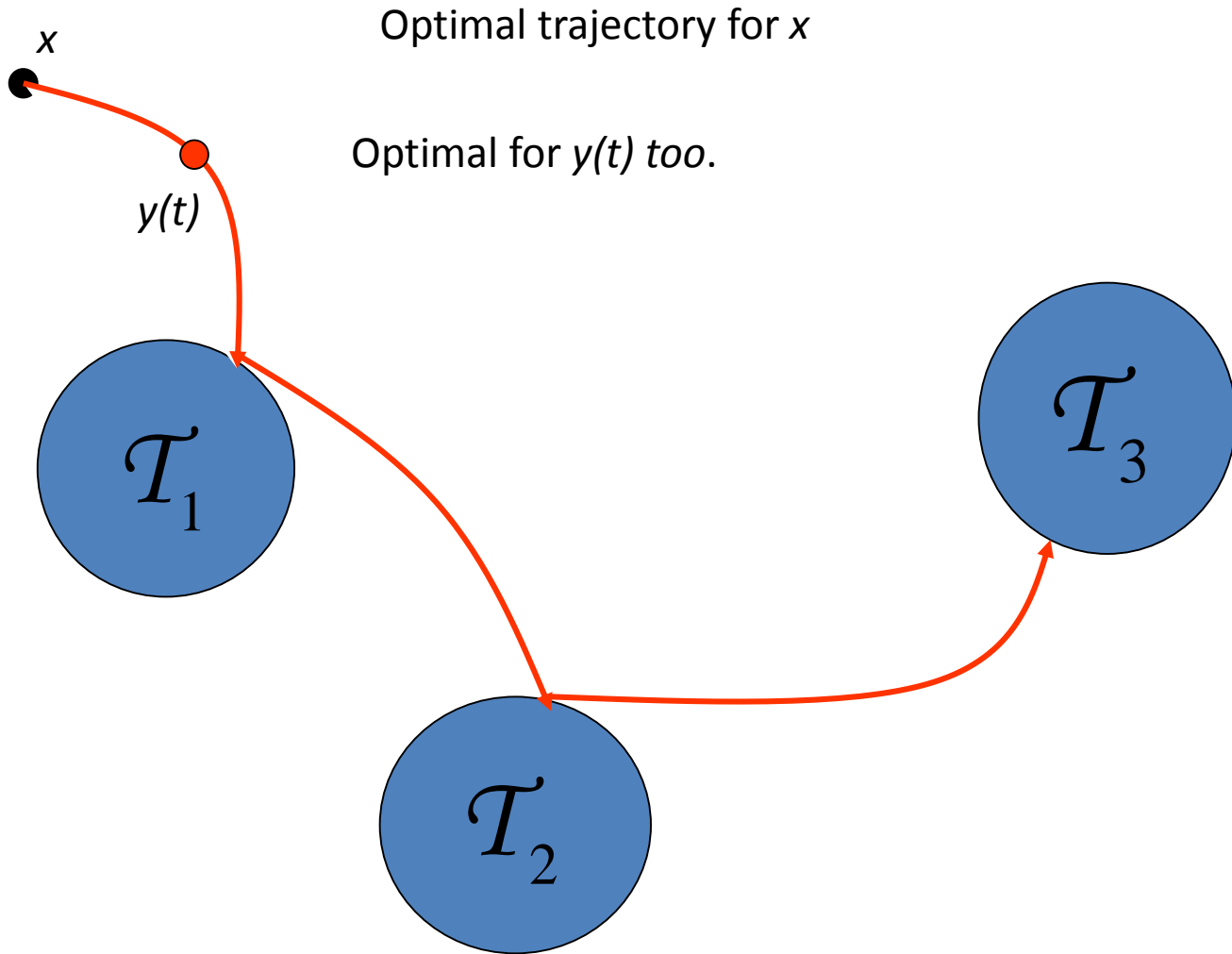
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$m=3 \Rightarrow 7=2^m-1$  sub-problems

# Goal

- Use Dynamic Programming for writing a “single” equation uniquely satisfied by the optimal visiting function.
- An immediate problem:
- The Dynamic Programming Principle does not hold.
- “Pieces of optimal trajectories are not optimal”!

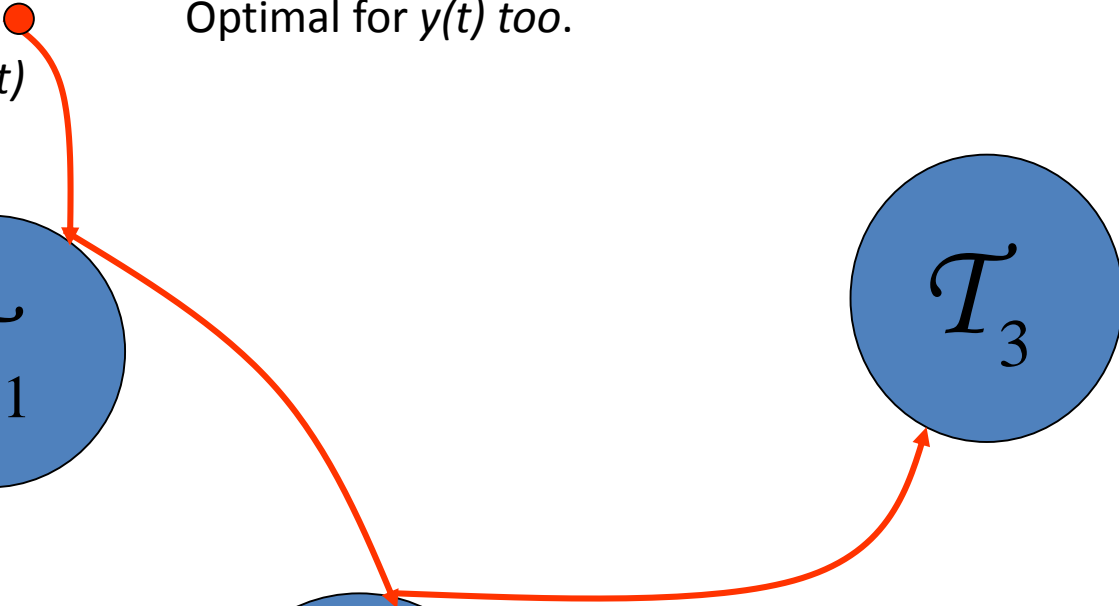
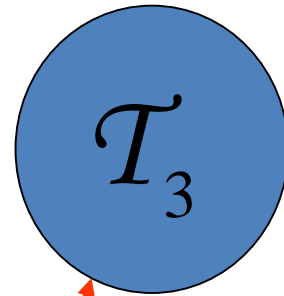
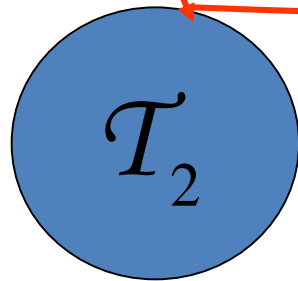
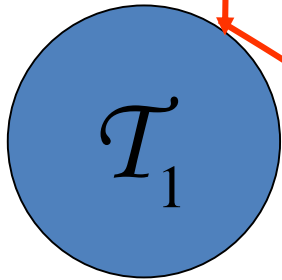


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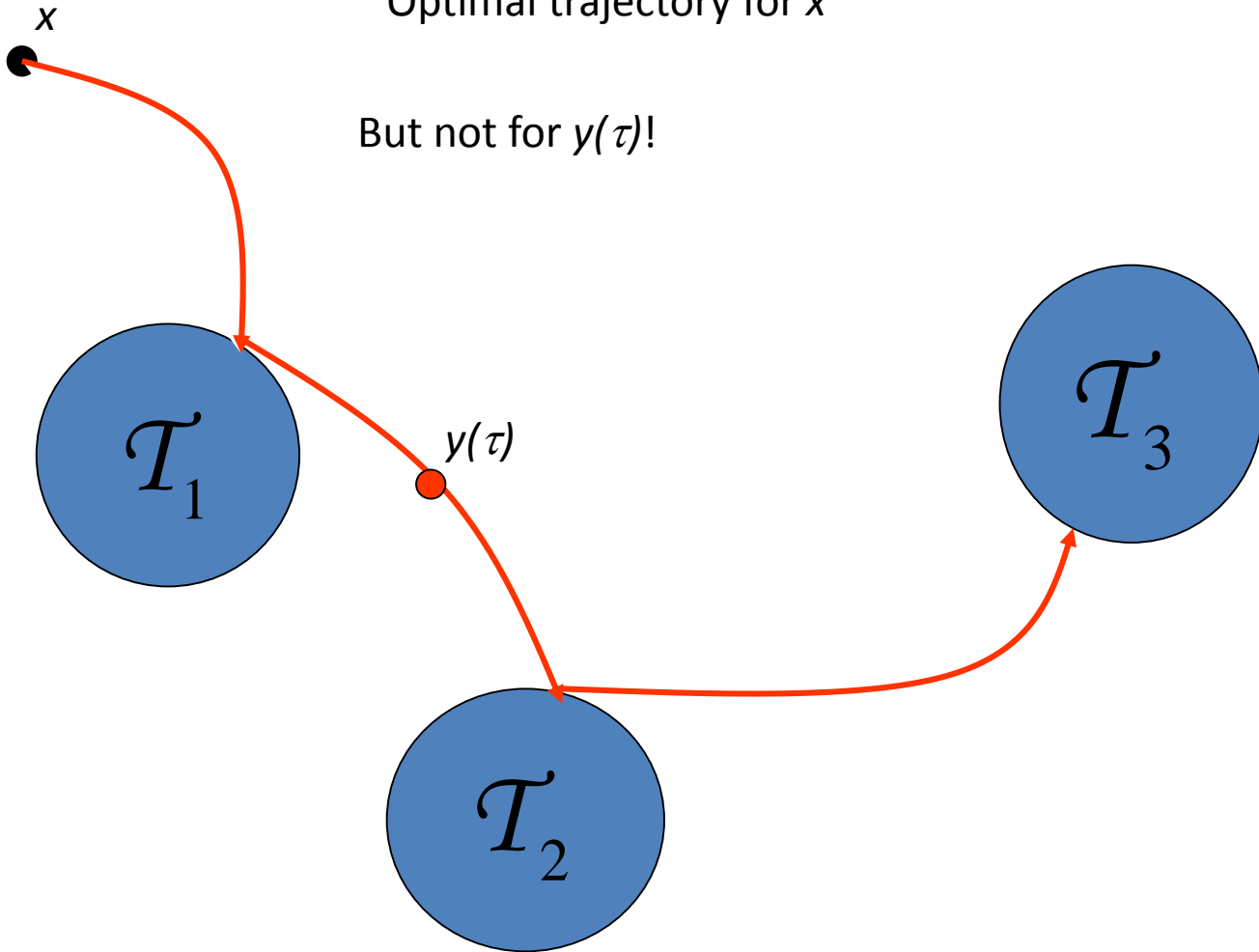
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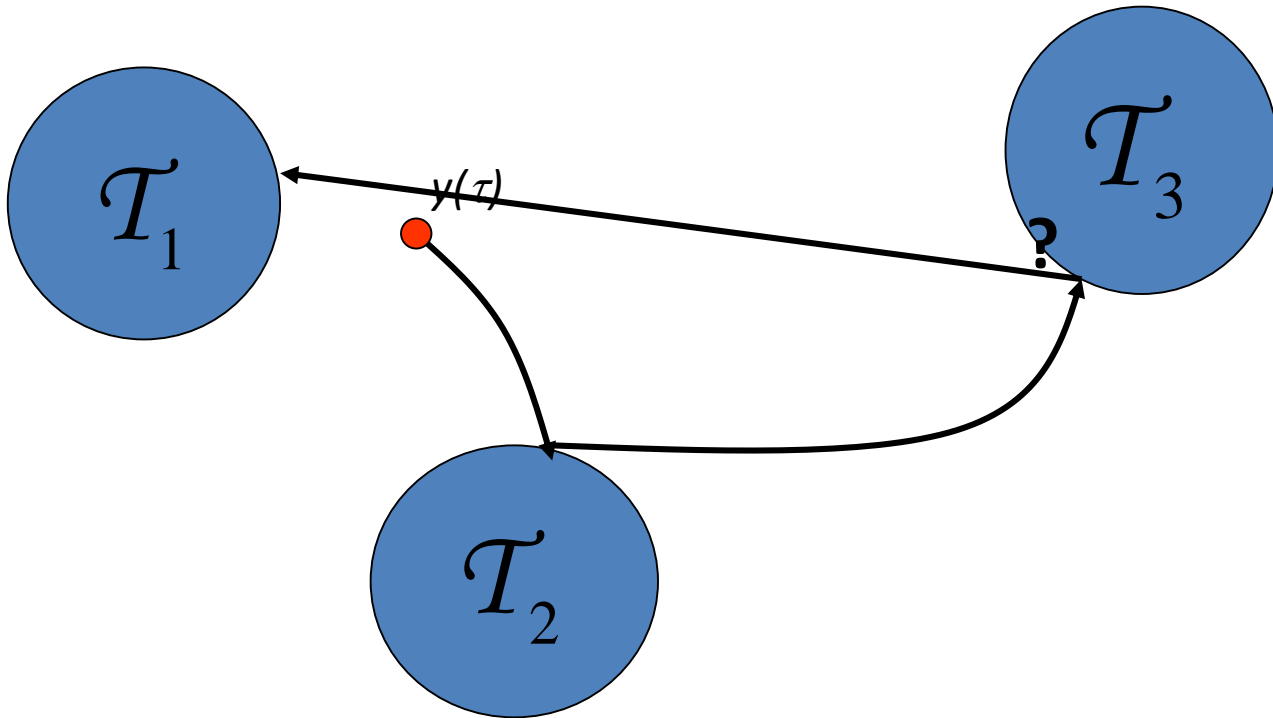
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# Need of memory

- We need a sort of memory!
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- For every  $i$ , we need a positive scalar  $w_i$ , evolving in time, which is zero if and only if we have already reached the  $i$ -th target.
- Such memory variables must depend on the sequences of reached values only, and not on the time-scale.
- They must be rate-independent memory variables.
- They exhibit hysteresis.

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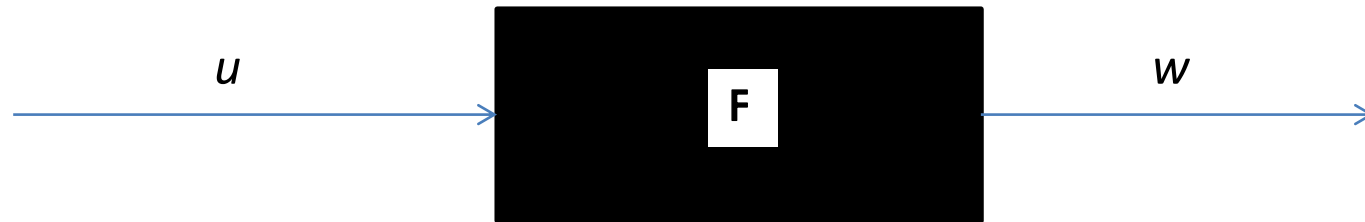
- Bellman '62 (added variables for TSP and DPP)

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# Hysteresis



$$w(t) = \mathbf{F}[u(\cdot)](t)$$

In particular, the operator  $\mathbf{F}$  is causal (i.e.  $\mathbf{F}[u](t)$  depends only on  $u_{|[0,t]}$ )

it is not linear,

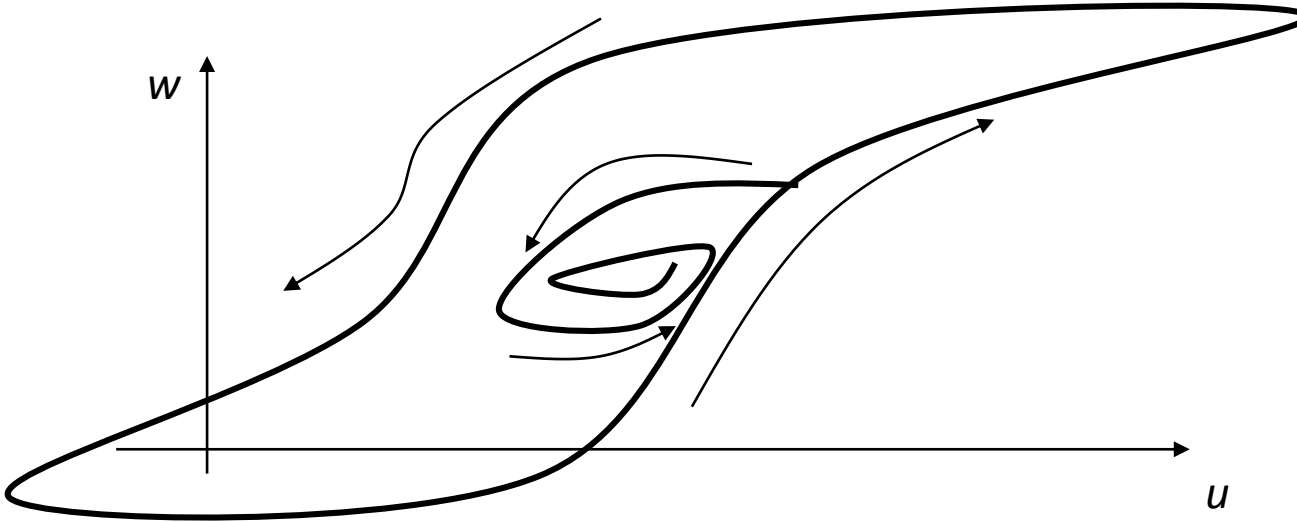
it is not differentiable,

$w(\cdot)$  may be discontinuous,

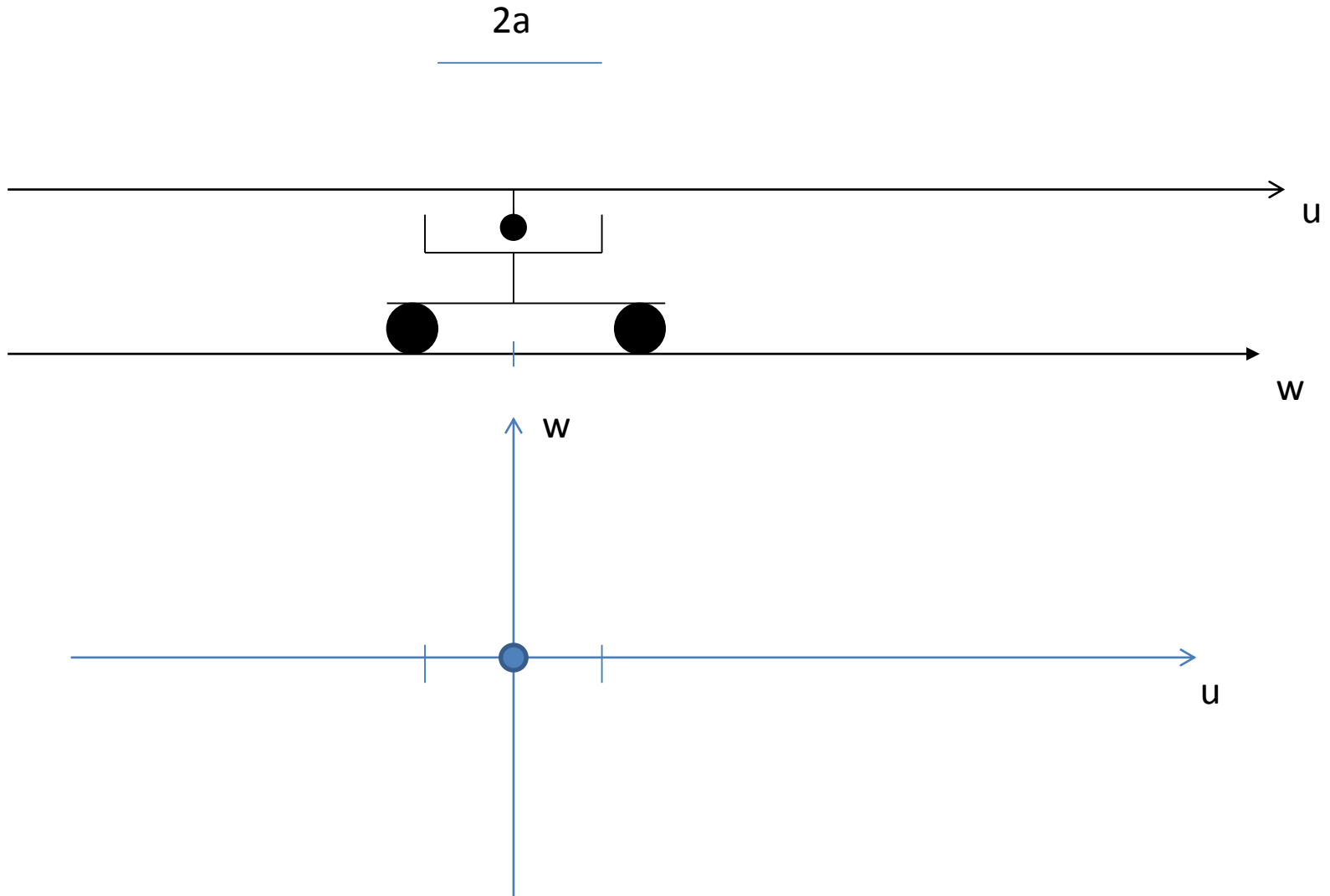
$\mathbf{F}[u \circ \varphi] = \mathbf{F}[u] \circ \varphi$ , for any (positive) time - scaling  $\varphi$  (rate - independence),

and typically the relationship  $u \mapsto w = \mathbf{F}[u(\cdot)]$  is not a "differential" relationship

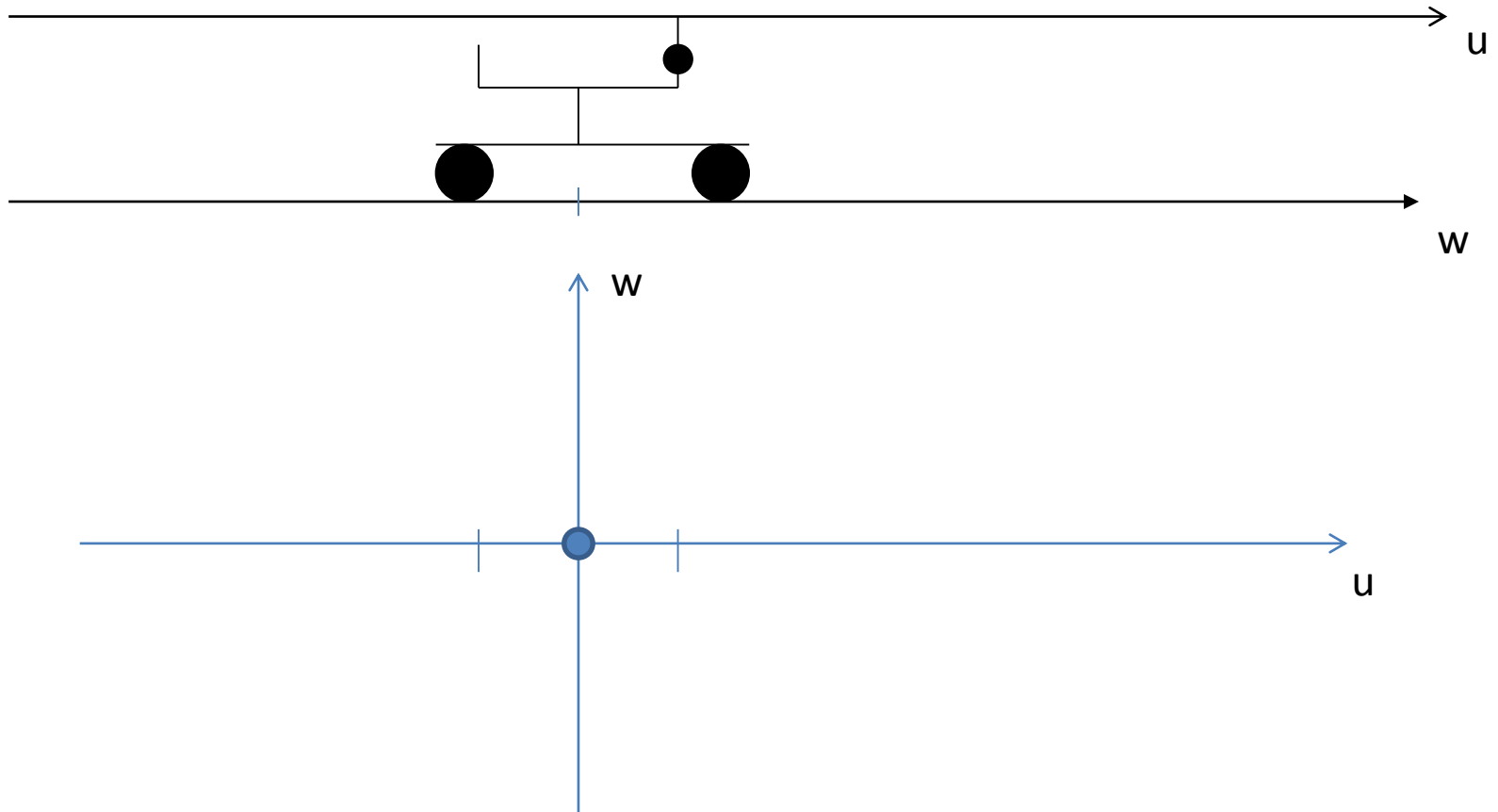
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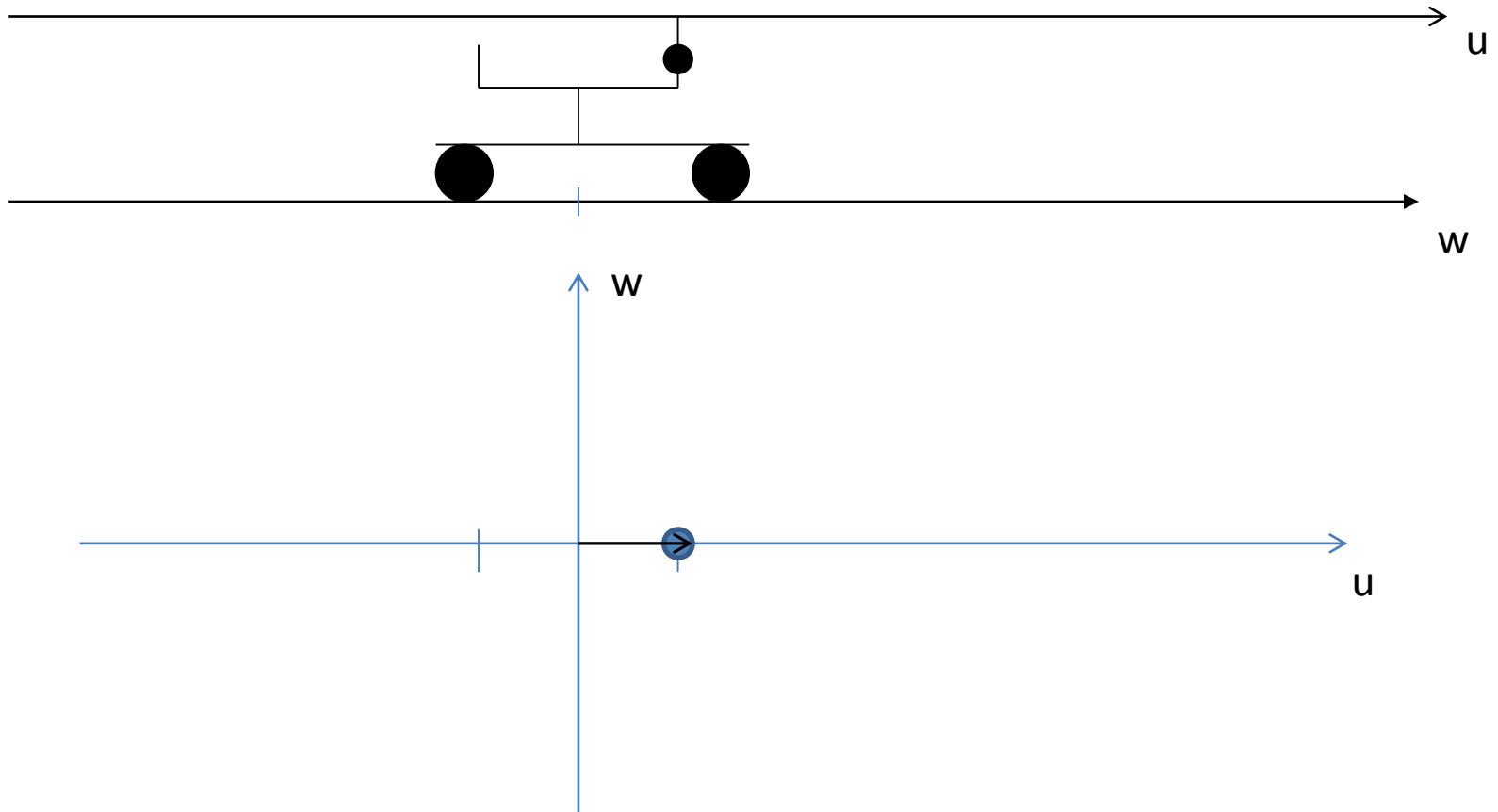
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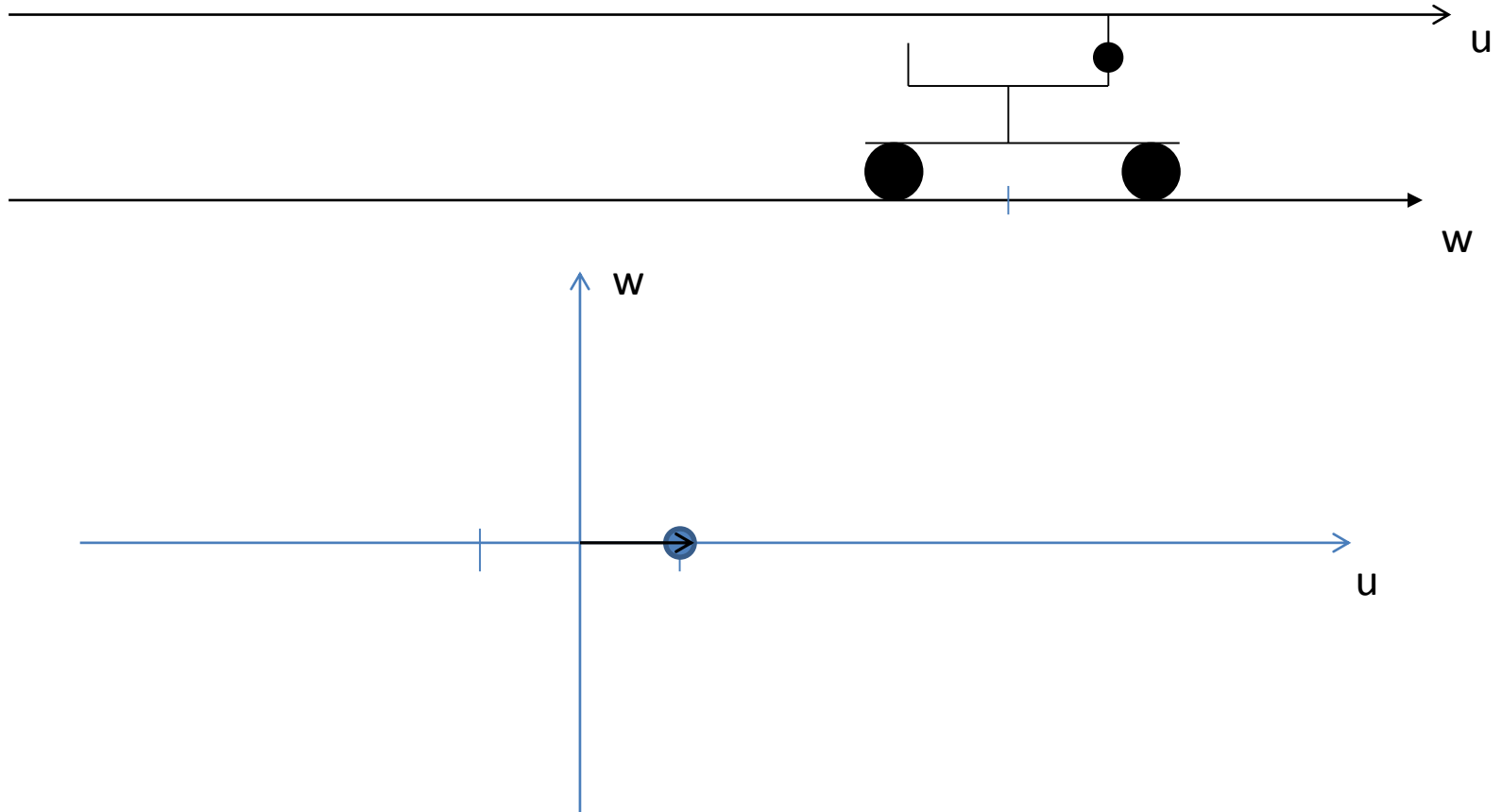


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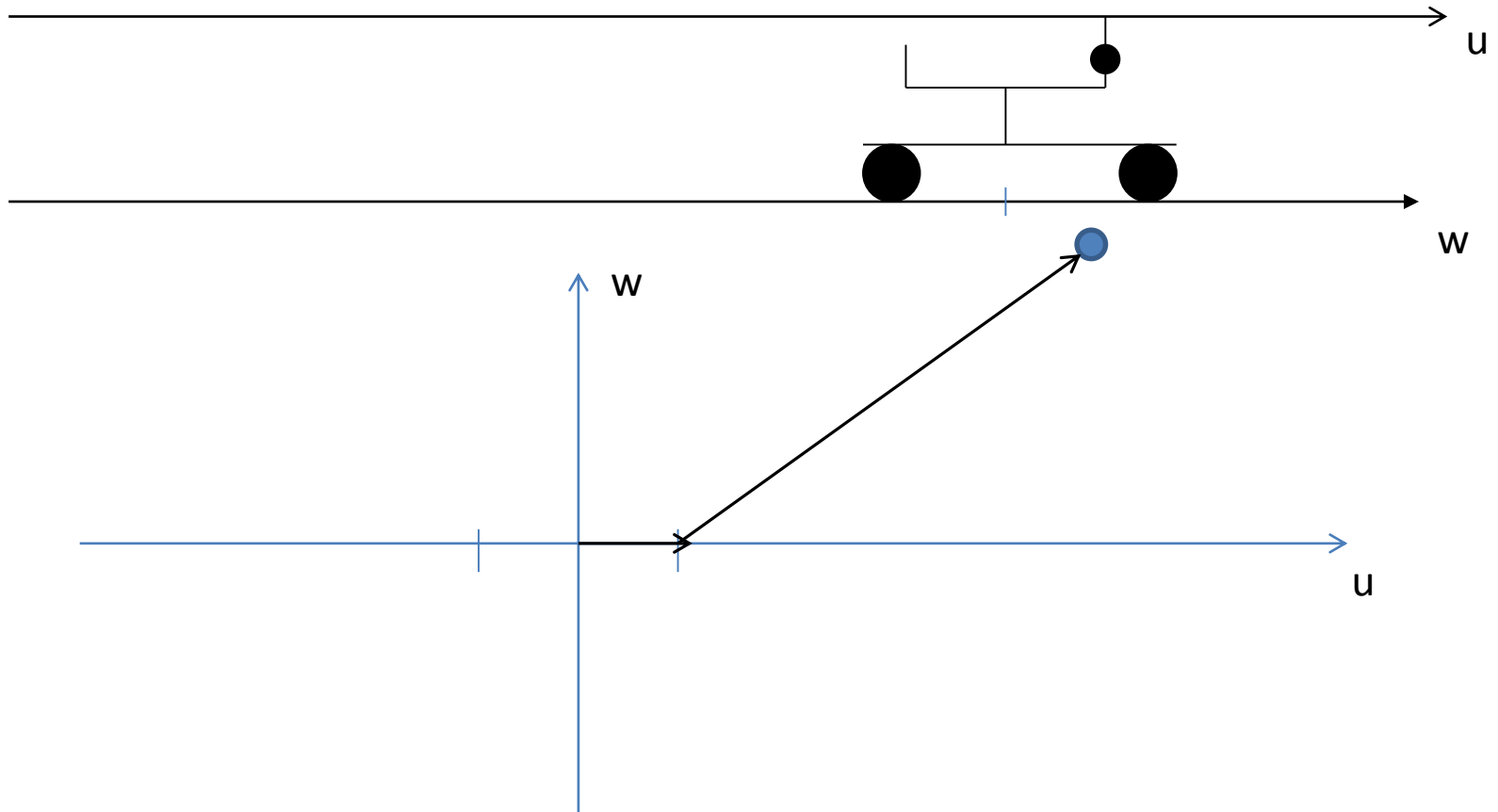




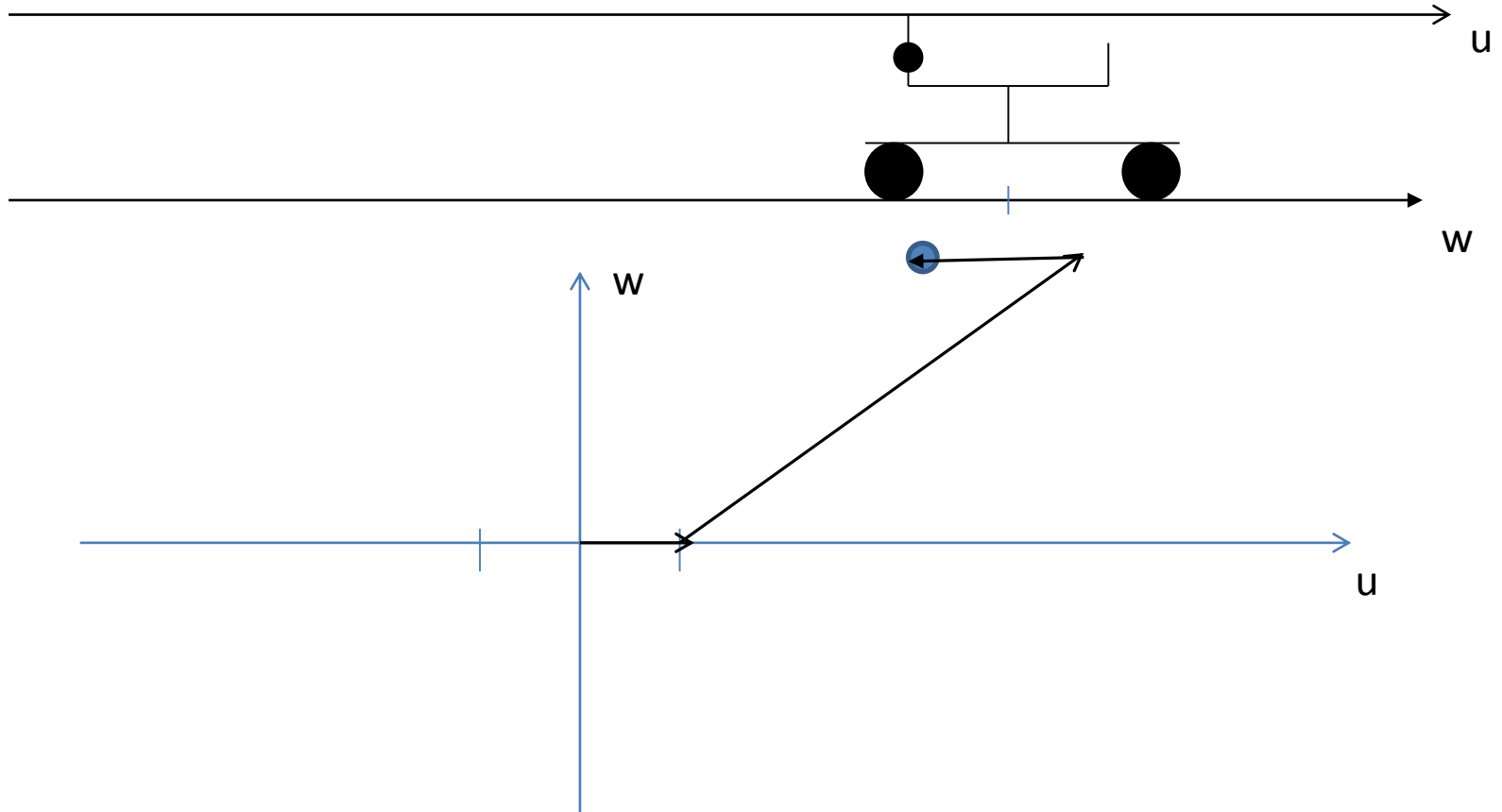
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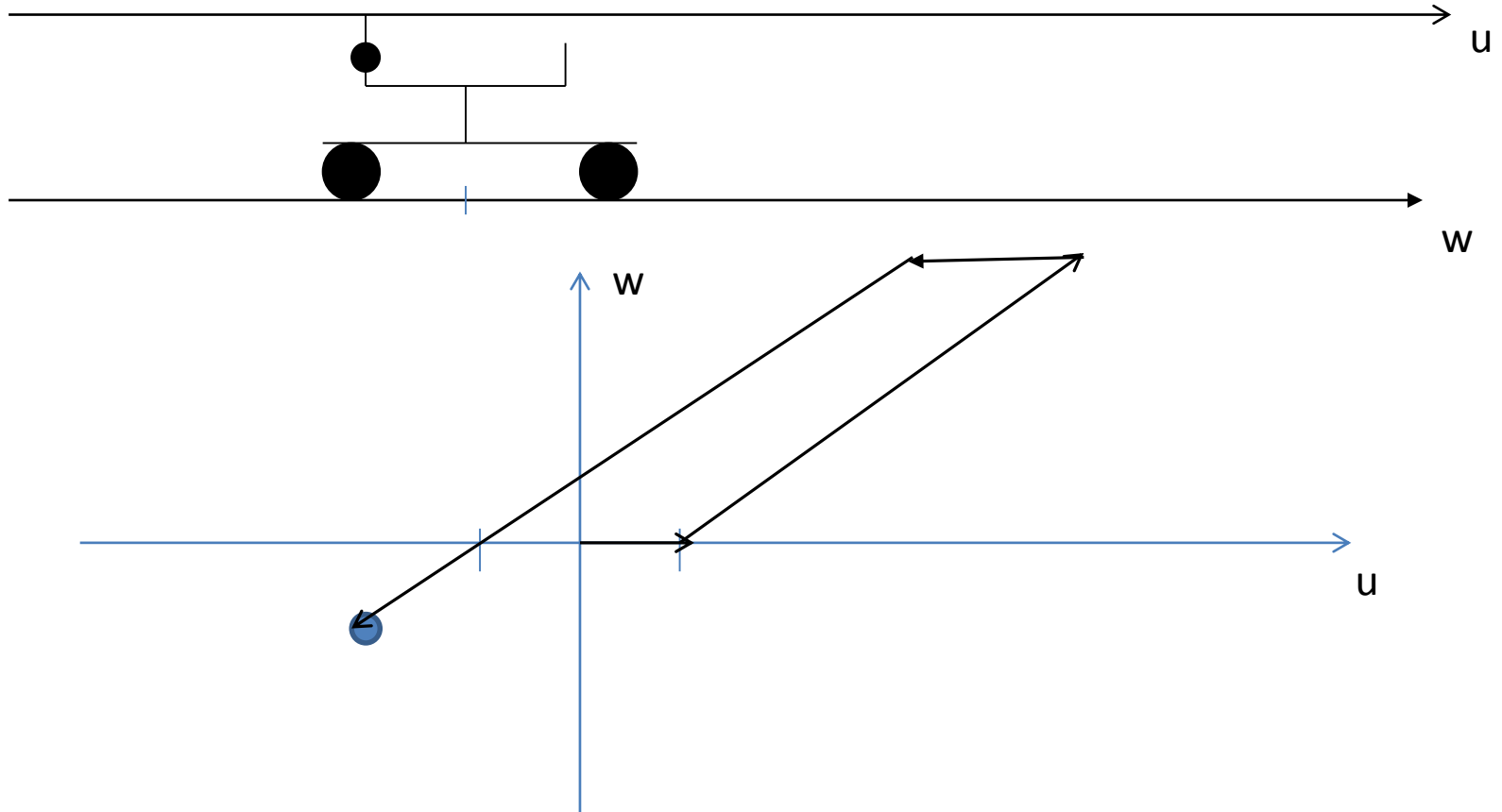
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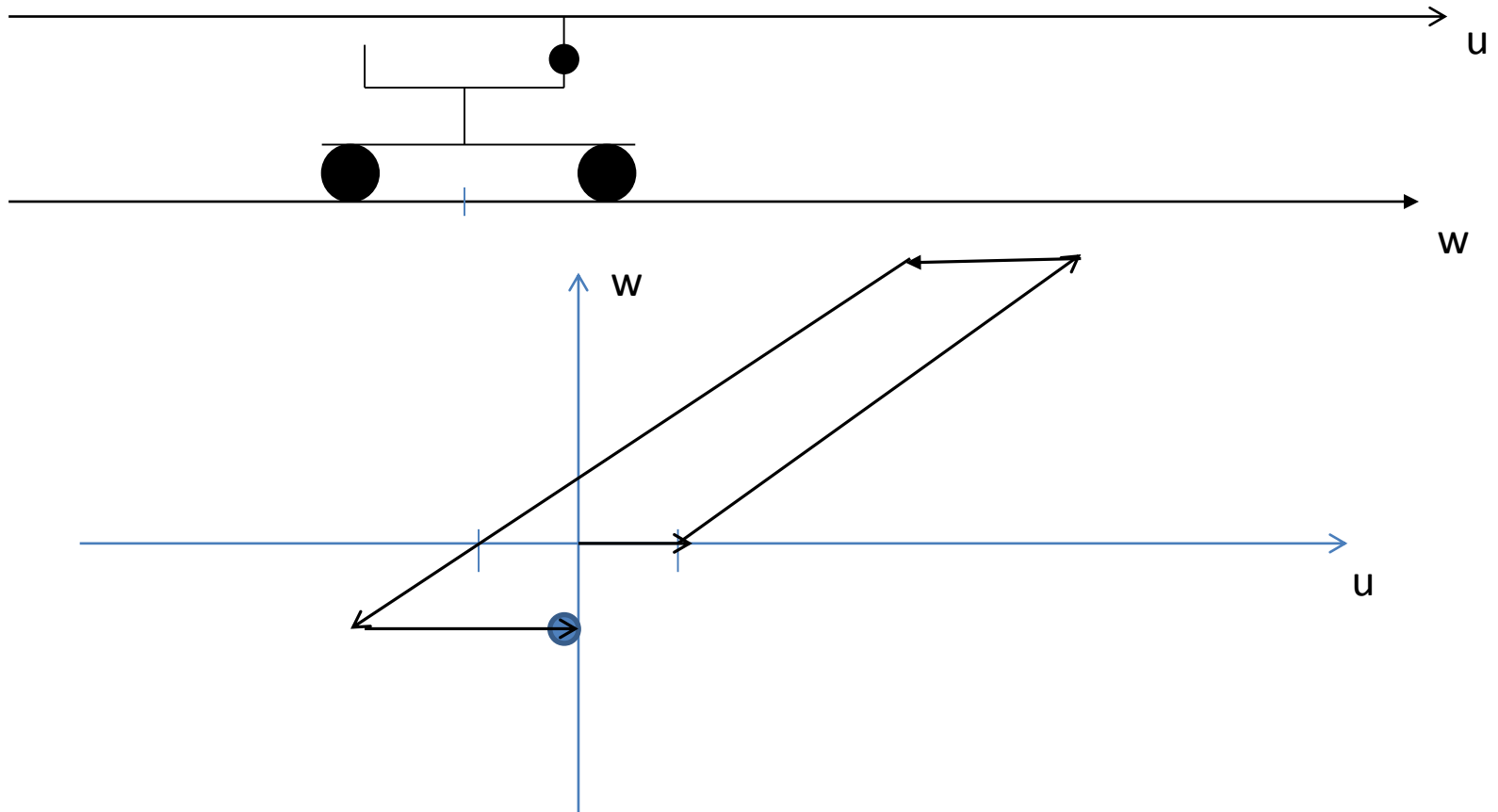
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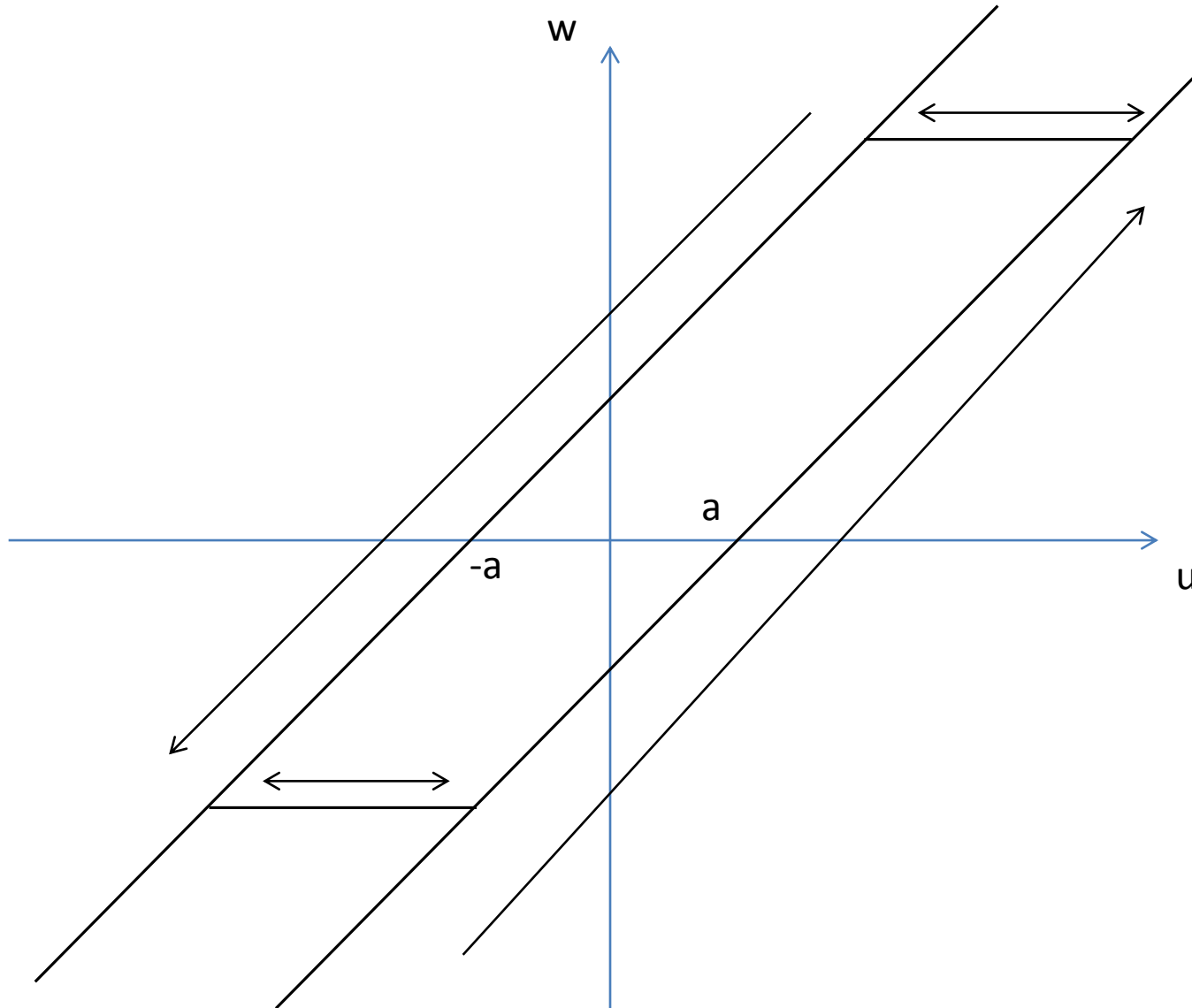
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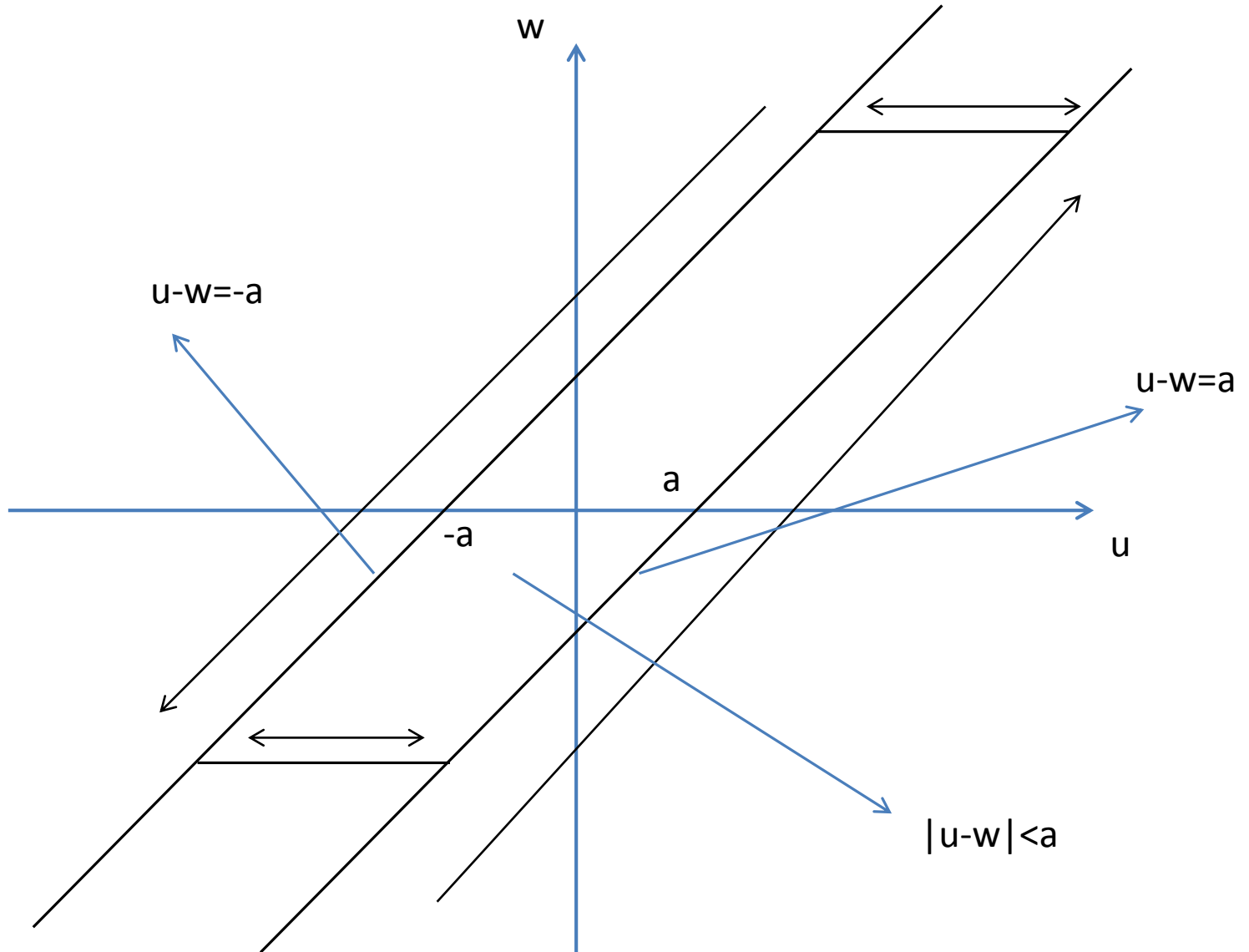
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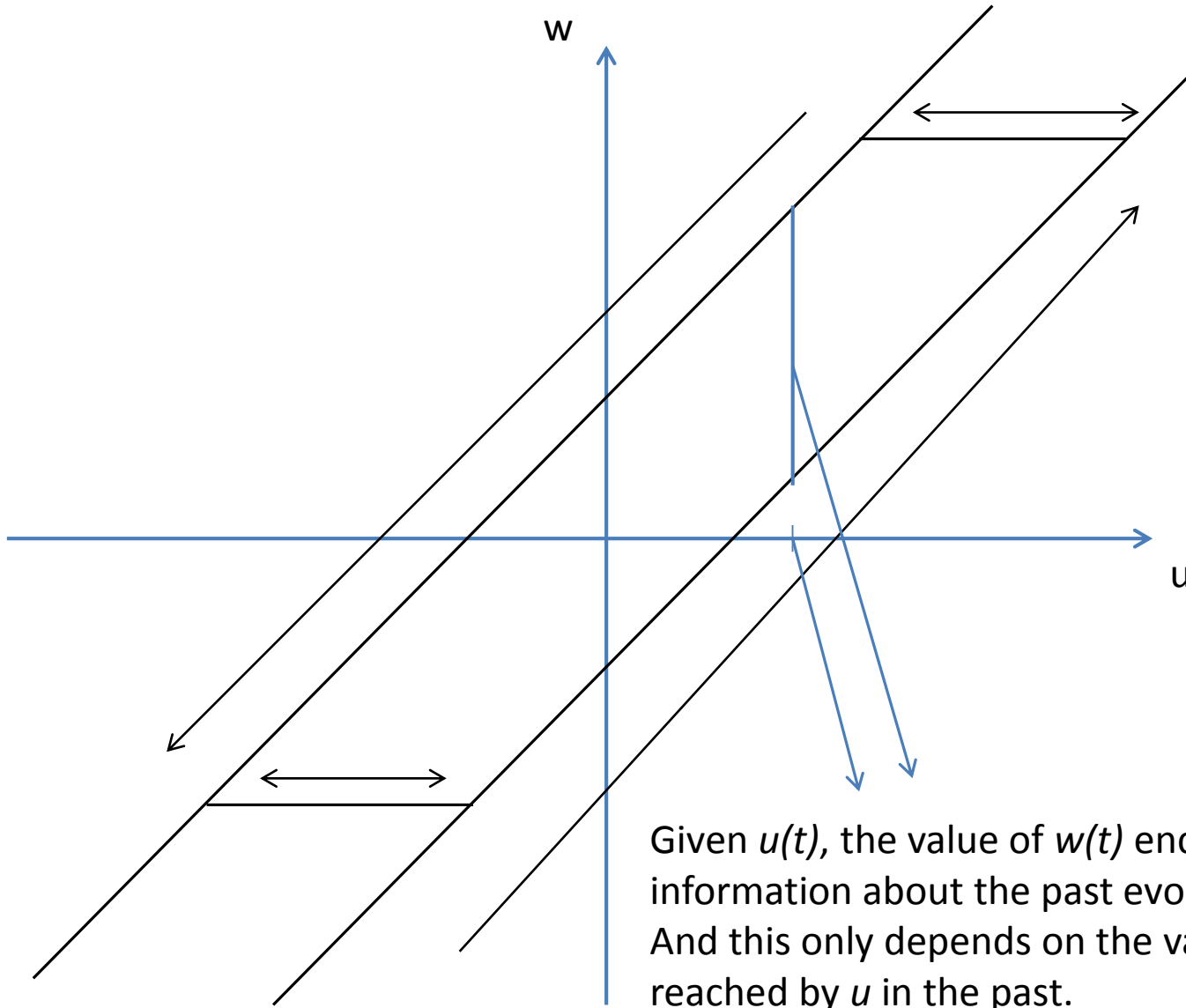
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## (a one-dimensional sweeping process)

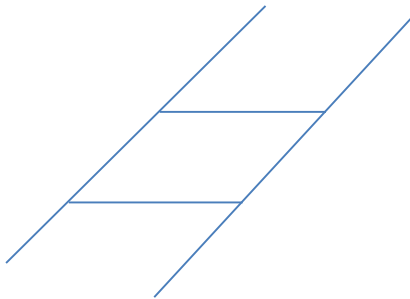
Variational inequality

$$\begin{cases} w'(t)(u(t) - w(t) - v) \geq 0 & \forall |v| \leq a \text{ for almost every } t \\ |u(t) - w(t)| \leq a & \forall t \end{cases}$$

$$w'(t) \in \partial I_{[-a,a]}(u(t) - w(t)) \quad \text{a.e. } t$$

Discontinuous ODE

$$w'(t) = \chi_r(u(t), w(t))(u'(t))^+ - \chi_l(u(t), w(t))(u'(t))^- \quad \text{for almost every } t$$



$$\chi_r(u, w) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } u - w = a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(u'(t))^+ = \max\{u'(t), 0\}$$

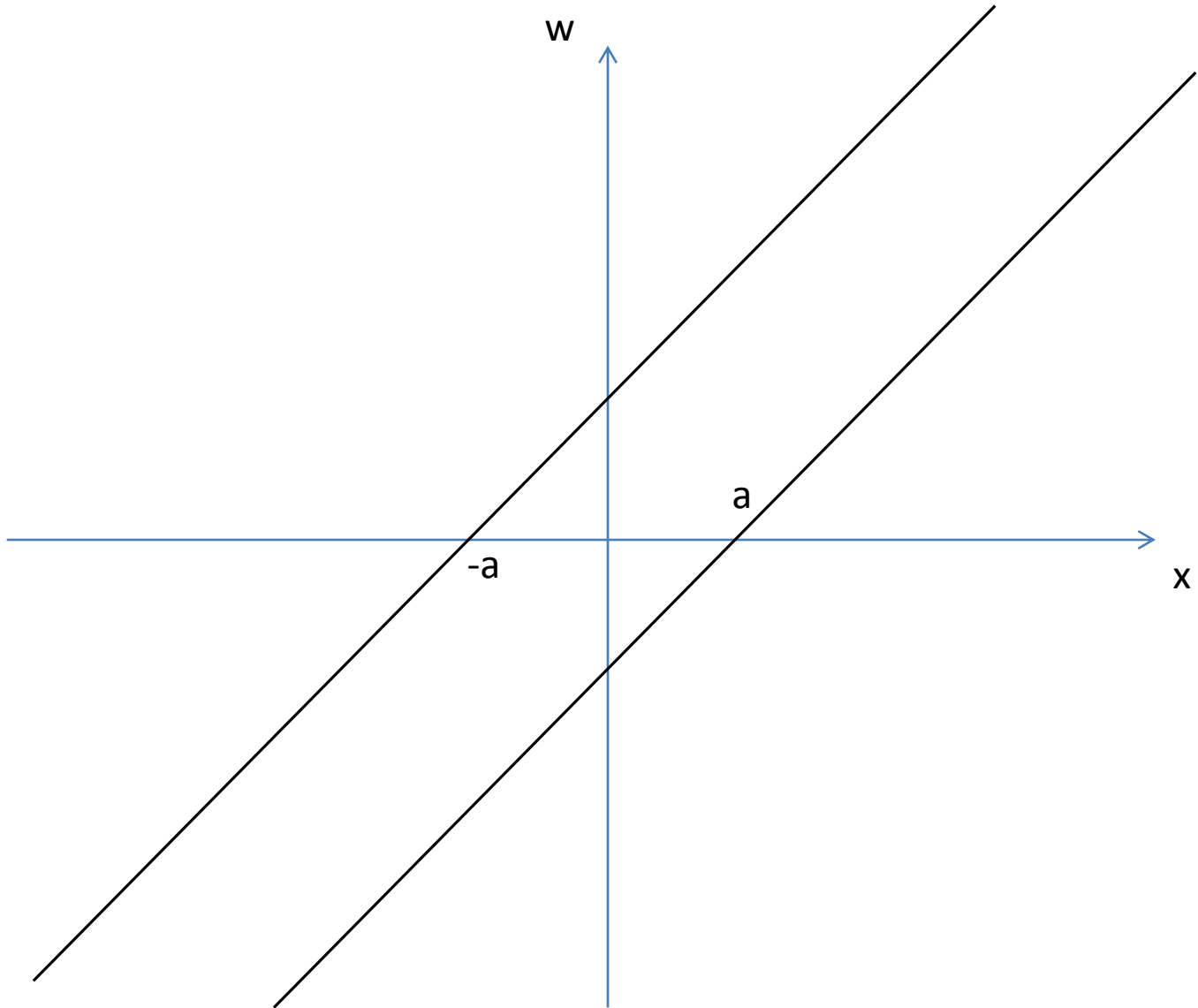
$$(u'(t))^- = \max\{-u'(t), 0\}$$

# The Play operator (a one-dimensional sweeping process)

- Reflecting (absorbing) boundary
- Skorokhod problem
- Sweeping process

# Optimal control with hysteresis

$$\begin{cases} y' = f(y, w, \alpha) \\ w = \wp[y] \\ (y(0), w(0)) = (x, w^0) \in \overline{\Omega}_a \subset \mathbf{R}^2 \end{cases}$$



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$$J(x, w^0, \alpha) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \ell(y(t), w(t), \alpha(t)) dt$$

$$V(x, w^0) = \inf_{\alpha} J(x, w^0, \alpha)$$

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$$H(x, w, p, q) = \sup_a \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -pf(x, w, a) \\ -q(\chi_r(x, w)f^+(x, w, a) - \chi_l(x, w)f^-(x, w, a)) \\ -\ell(x, w, a) \end{array} \right\}$$

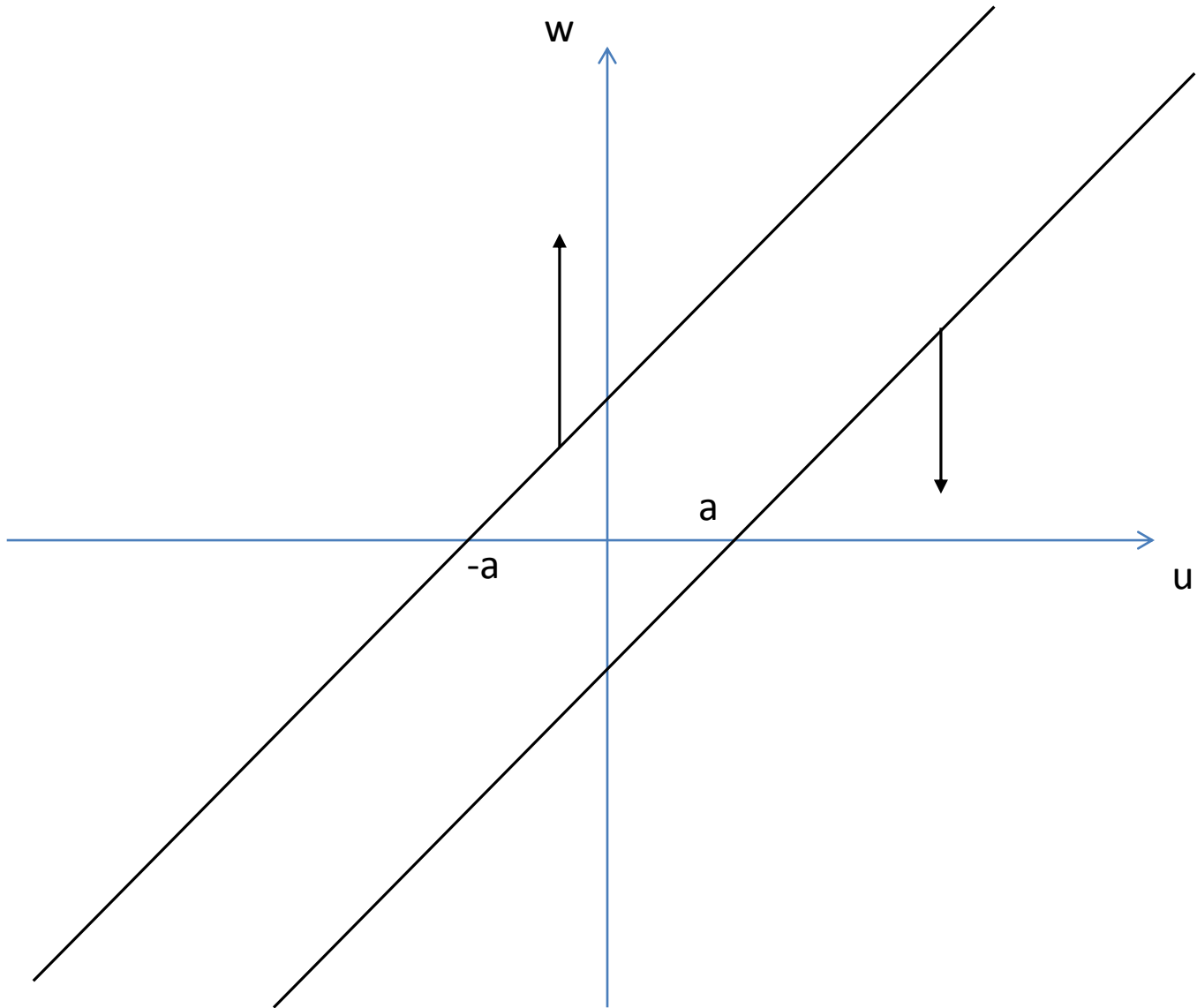
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$$\lambda V + H^*(x, w, V_x, V_w) \geq 0 \quad \text{in } \overline{\Omega}_a$$

$$\lambda V + H_*(x, w, V_x, V_w) \leq 0 \quad \text{in } \overline{\Omega}_a$$

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lambda V + H(x, w, V_x, 0) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega_a \\ \text{Neumann boundary conditions on } \partial\Omega_a \end{array} \right.$$





# Characterization

- The value function  $V$  is the unique continuous viscosity solution of the Hamilton-Jacobi problem.
- F. B.: Dynamic Programming for some optimal control problems with hysteresis, NODEA, 2002

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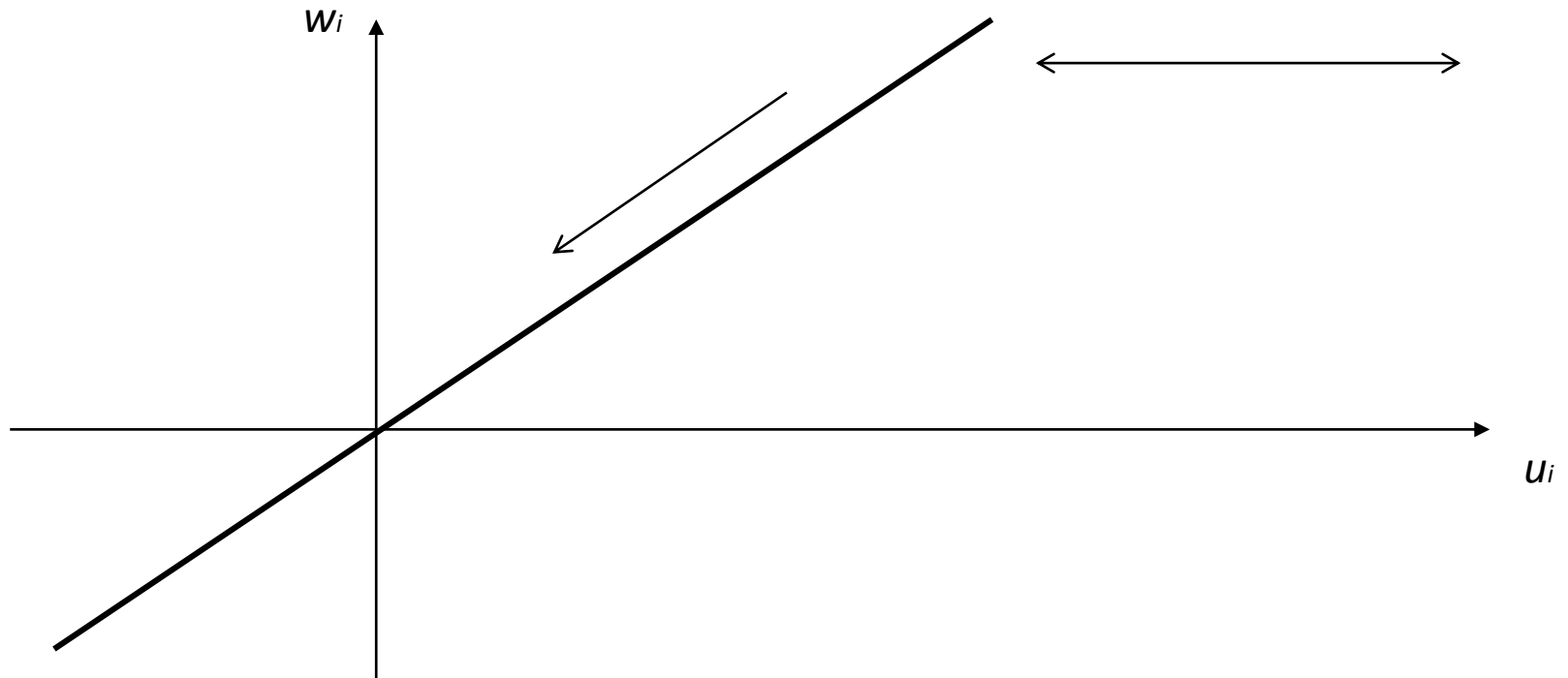
Suppose that we have  $m$  targets to visit,  $\mathcal{T}_i \subset \mathbf{R}^n$ .

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The new state variable is  $(x, w) = (x, w_1, \dots, w_m) \in \mathbf{R}^n \times \mathbf{R}^m$

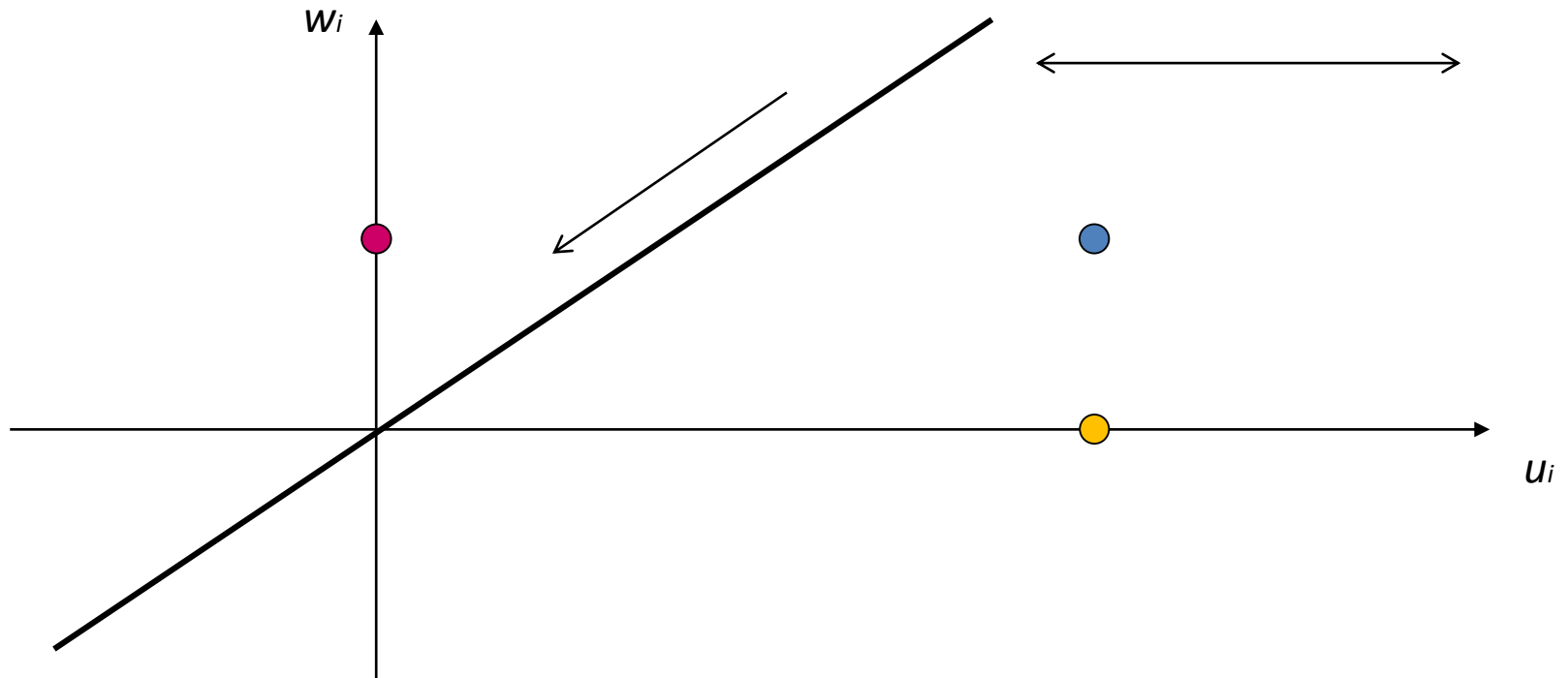
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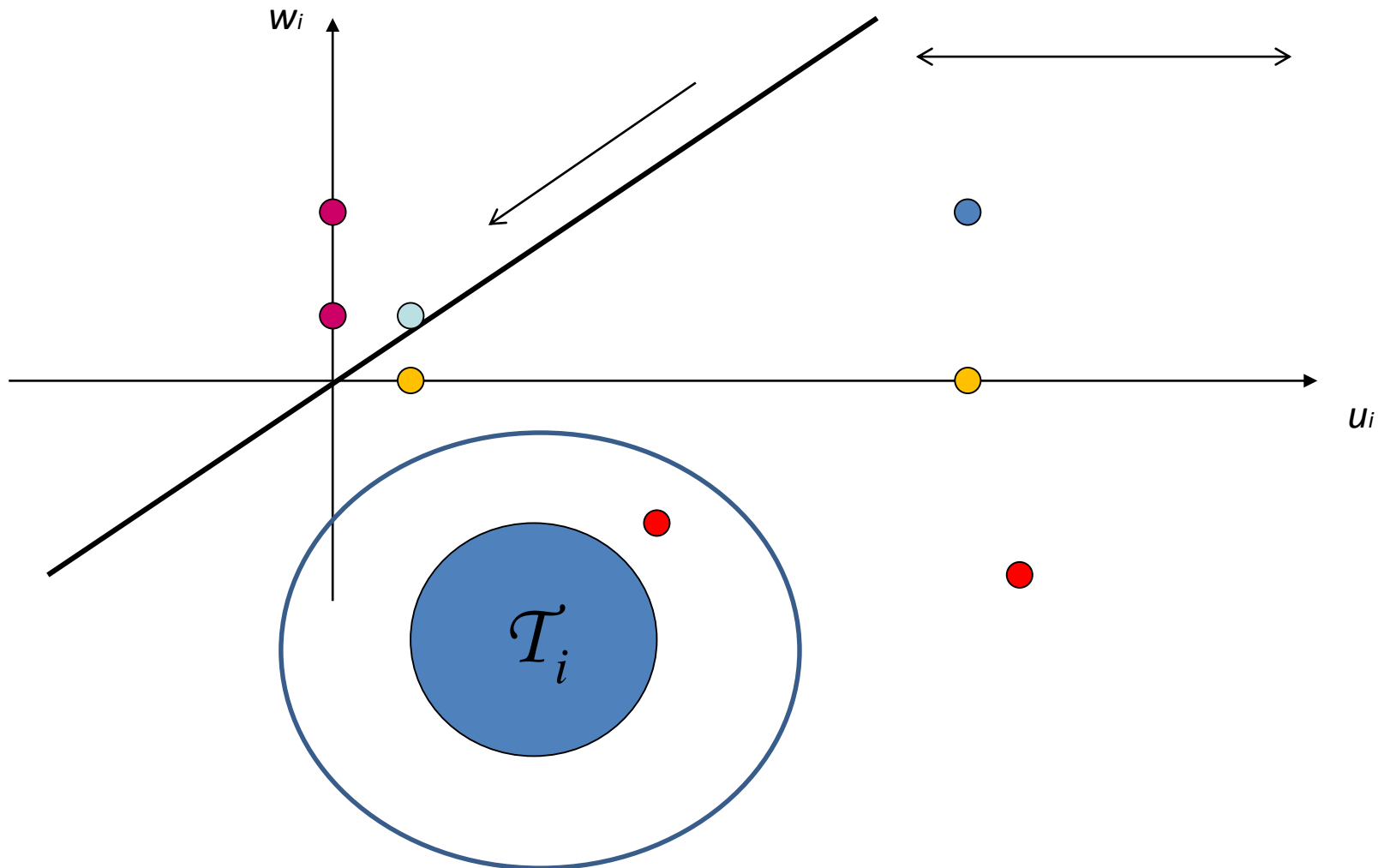
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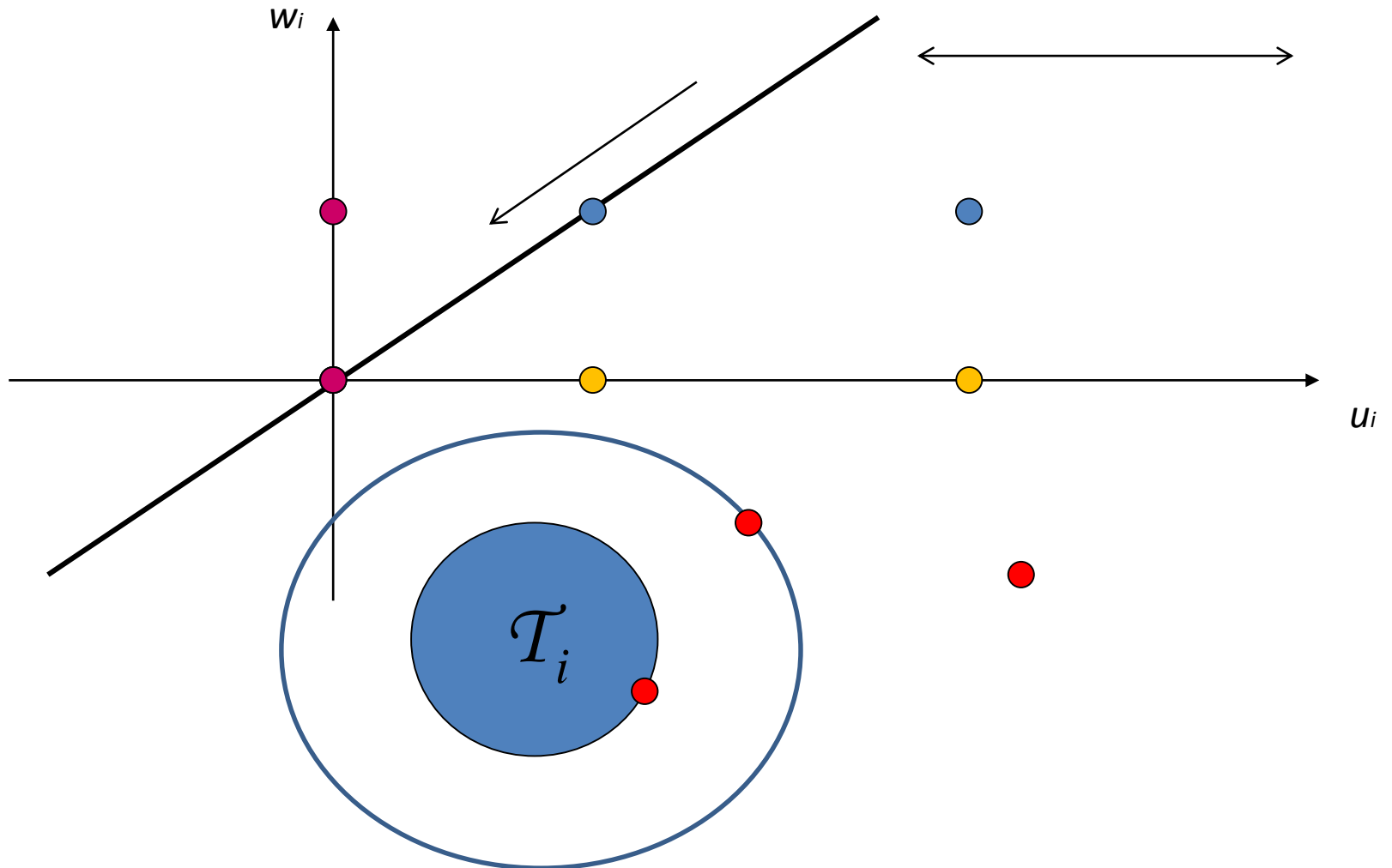
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# The optimal visiting problem

The distance function is not regular in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ .

$\forall j = 1, \dots, m$ , let  $g_j : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be such that

$g_j \in C^1(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R}) \cap Lip(\mathbf{R}^n, \mathbf{R})$ ,  $g_j \geq 0$ ,  $g_j(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \mathcal{T}_j$ ,

We consider the controlled system with hysteresis

in the new extended variable  $(y, w) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+m}$

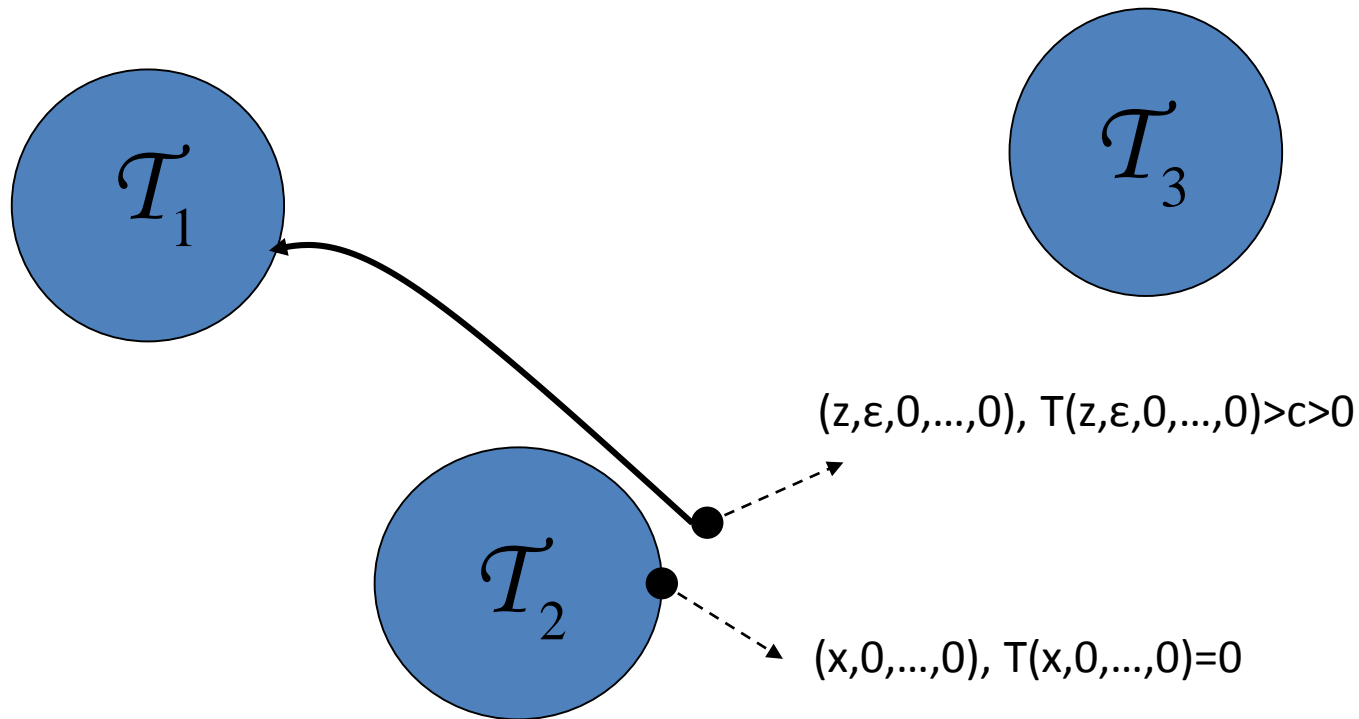
$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = f(y(t), \alpha(t)) \\ w_j(t) = SP[g_j \circ y](t), \quad j = 1, \dots, m \\ y(0) = x, \quad w_1(0) = w_1^0, \dots, w_m(0) = w_m^0 \end{cases}$$

$T(x, w_1, \dots, w_m)$  minimum time to reach

$$\mathcal{T} = \left\{ (x, w_1, \dots, w_m) \in \mathbf{R}^{n+m} \mid w_j = 0 \forall j = 1, \dots, m \right\}$$

**DPP holds but  $T$  is not continuous**

- $T$  is not continuous on the boundaries of the targets!





# A Mayer problem

We then consider the value function for a Mayer problem

$$V(x, w_1^0, \dots, w_m^0, t) = \inf_{\alpha} (w_1(t) + \dots + w_m(t))$$

$$T(x) = \inf \left\{ t \geq 0 \mid V(x, w^0, t) = 0 \right\}$$

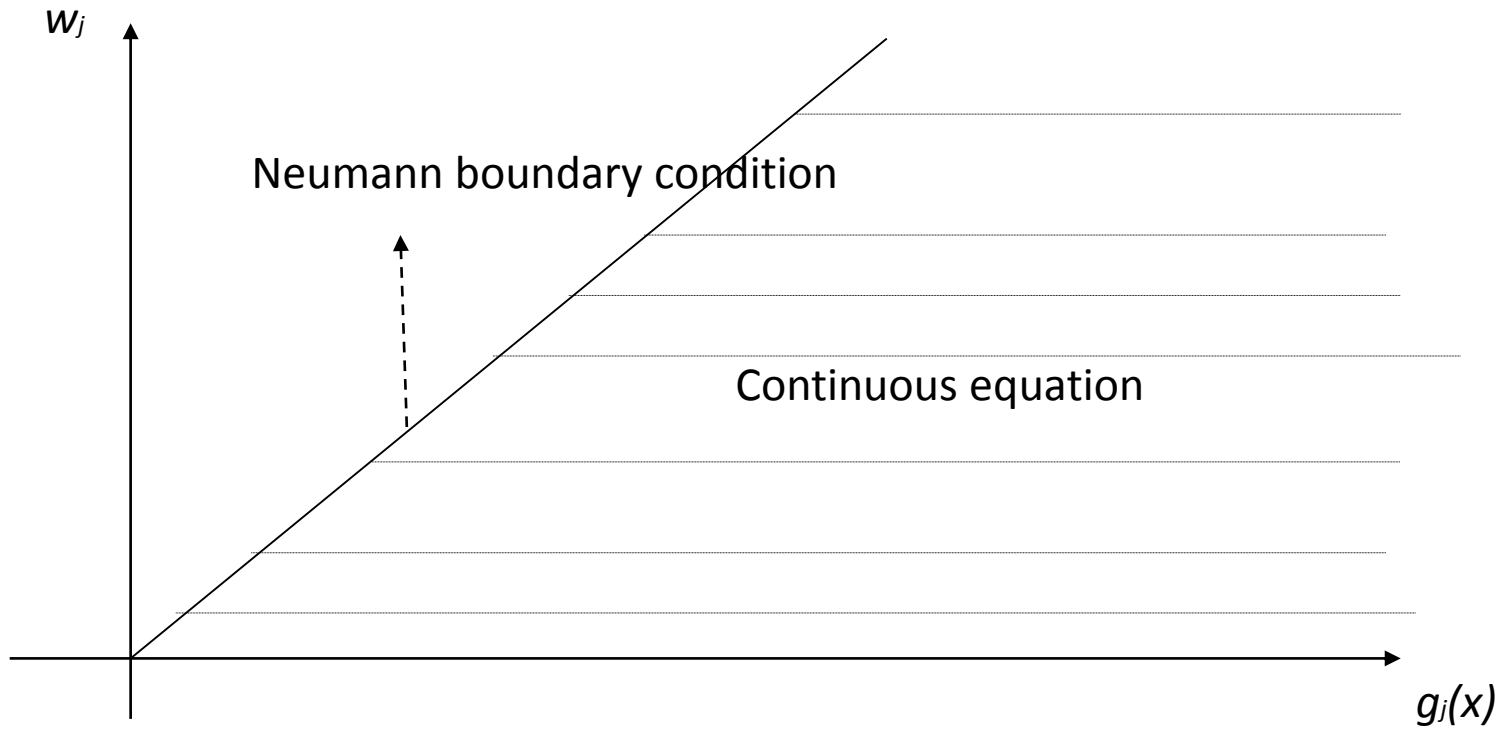
Knowing  $V$ , we can get informations on the optimal visiting function  $T$ .

# A Mayer problem

- The value function  $V$  is continuous.
- DPP holds.
- $V$  is the unique continuous viscosity solution of

$$\begin{cases} V_t(x, w, t) + \sup_a \left\{ -f(x, a) \cdot \nabla_x V(x, w, t) + \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{\partial V(x, w, t)}{\partial w_j} \chi(g_j(x), w_j) (\nabla g_j(x) \cdot f(x, a))^- \right\} = 0 \\ V(x, w, 0) = w_1 + w_2 + \cdots + w_m \end{cases}$$

# 'splitting the equation on ( $g_j(x), w_j$ )-planes'



# Switching memory

- Up to now the added memory variables were continuous in time.
- This is good, of course.
- However, we can also consider switching memory variables.
- Every memory variable  $w_i$  is a time dependent 'label' taking value 0 and 1
- '1' means: target  $T_i$  not reached yet
- '0' means: target  $T_i$  already reached

# Control of tourists flow

- The problem I am going to present takes inspiration from the problem of governing the flow of tourists inside the historical center of a heritage art city.
- F. B.-R. Pesenti: Non-memoryless pedestrian flow in a crowded environment with target sets, to appear on Annals of ISDG vol 15
- Here I present a possible model for flow of excursionists (daily tourists that arrive in the city in the morning and go away in the evening).

# Control of excursionists flow

- First of all excursionists have only two main attractions they want to visit.
- The two attractions are not necessarily of the same interest: a main attraction P1 and a minor attraction P2.
- The excursionists arrive at the train station during a fixed interval of time.
- They may decide to first visit attraction P1 and then attraction P2 or vice-versa. This choice may, for example, depend on the crowdedness and on the expected waiting time.
- They have to return back to the station at the fixed time  $T$ .

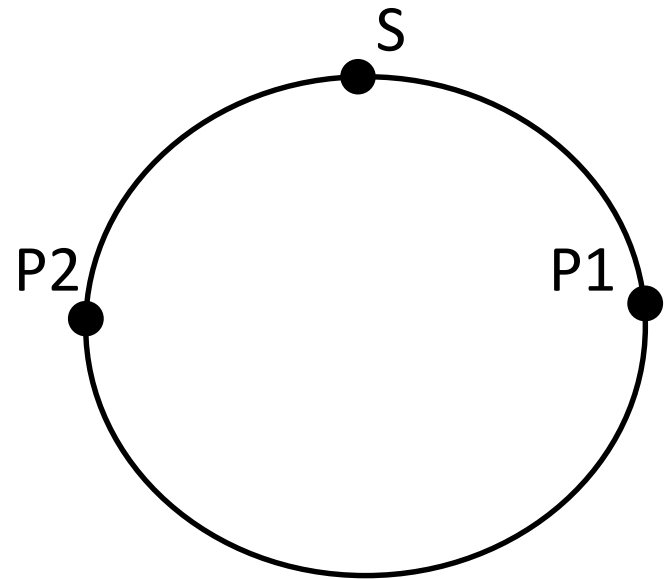
# Some features of the model

- (Memory) Excursionists may occupy at the same instant the same place in the path but they may have different purposes: someone has already visited P1 only, someone else P2 only, someone both, someone else nothing.
- At the initial time they all have the same purposes.
- During the day they split into several “populations” with different purposes.
- And possibly they eventually recover into the same population.
- Excursionists in the same point at the same instant may have “different past histories”.

# The model

- We describe the path of excursionists inside the city as a circular graph with three identified points:

- S the station
- P1 the attraction 1
- P2 the attraction 2

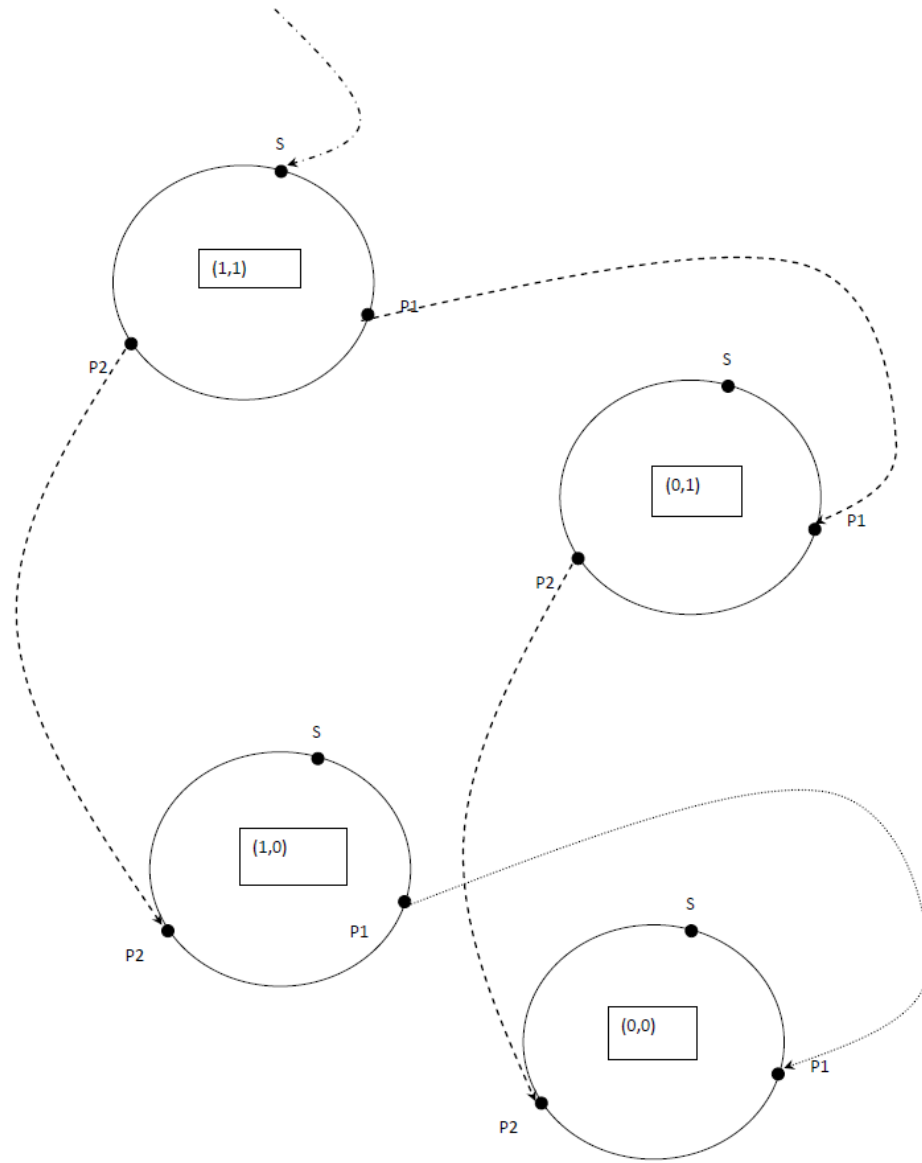


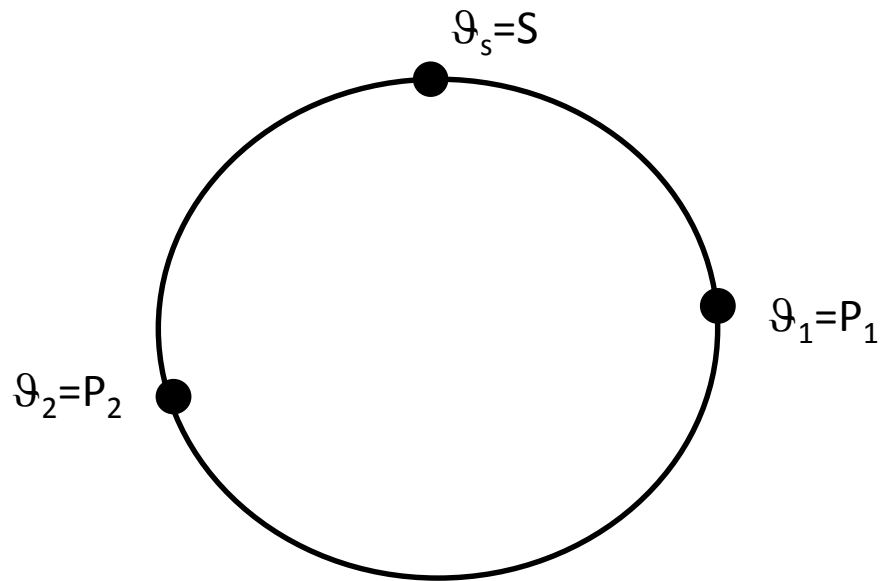
- The position of an excursionist is given by the parameter  $\vartheta \in [0, 2\pi]$



# Memory

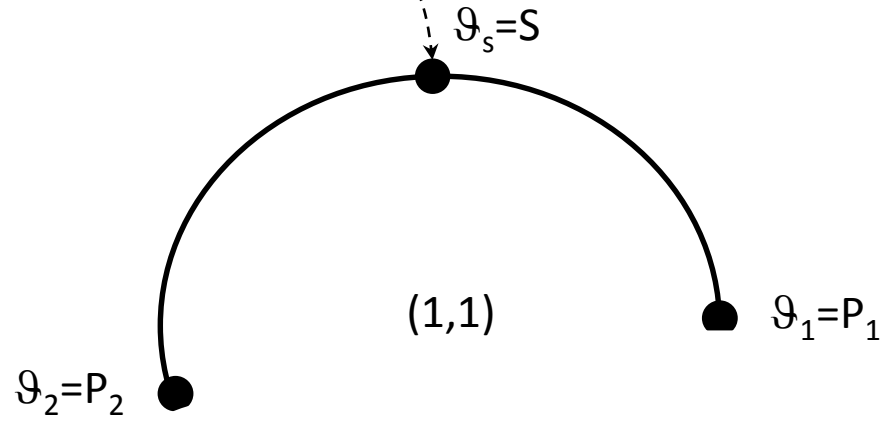
- To the state  $\mathcal{Q}$  we add two more parameters  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  which may take values 0 or 1.
- $w_1=1$  means P1 is not visited yet.
- $w_1=0$  means P1 is already visited
- $w_2=1$  means P2 is not visited yet
- $w_2=0$  means P2 is already visited.
- We have then four states/modes :  $(\mathcal{Q}, 1, 1)$ ,  $(\mathcal{Q}, 0, 1)$ ,  $(\mathcal{Q}, 1, 0)$ ,  $(\mathcal{Q}, 0, 0)$ .





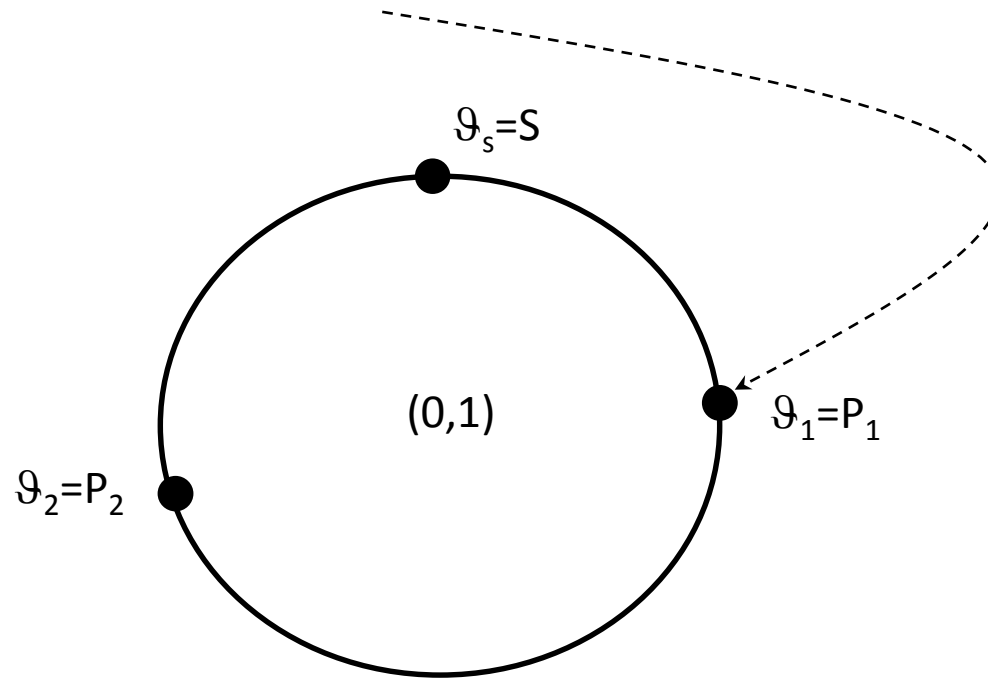
$$0 \leq \vartheta_1 < \vartheta_s < \vartheta_2 < 2\pi$$

State  $(1,1)$ ,  $B(1,1)$



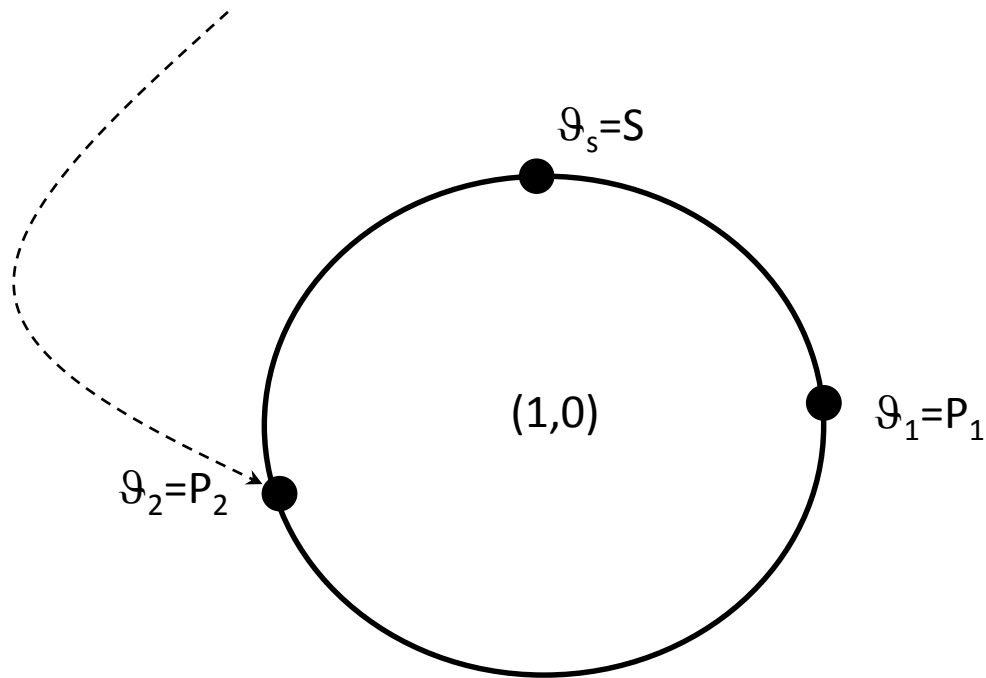
$$\vartheta \in [\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2]$$

State  $(0,1)$ ,  $B(0,1)$



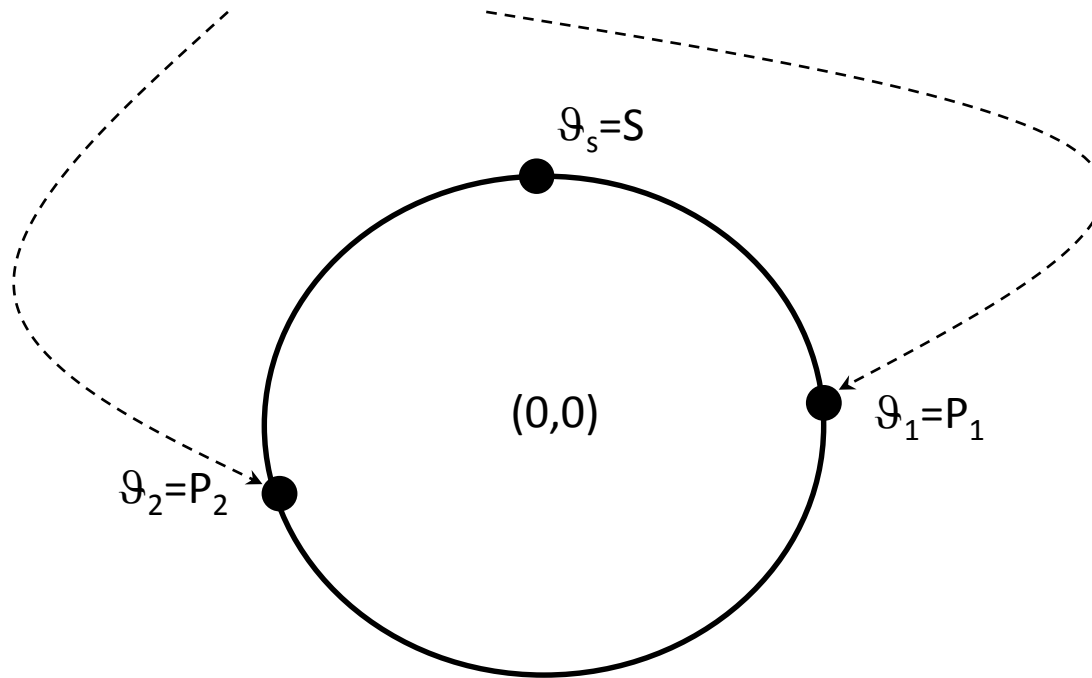
$$\vartheta \in [\vartheta_2 - 2\pi, \vartheta_2]$$

# State $(1,0)$ , $B(1,0)$



$$\vartheta \in [\vartheta_1, \vartheta_1 + 2\pi]$$

# State $(0,0)$ , $B(0,0)$



$$\vartheta \in [0, 2\pi]$$

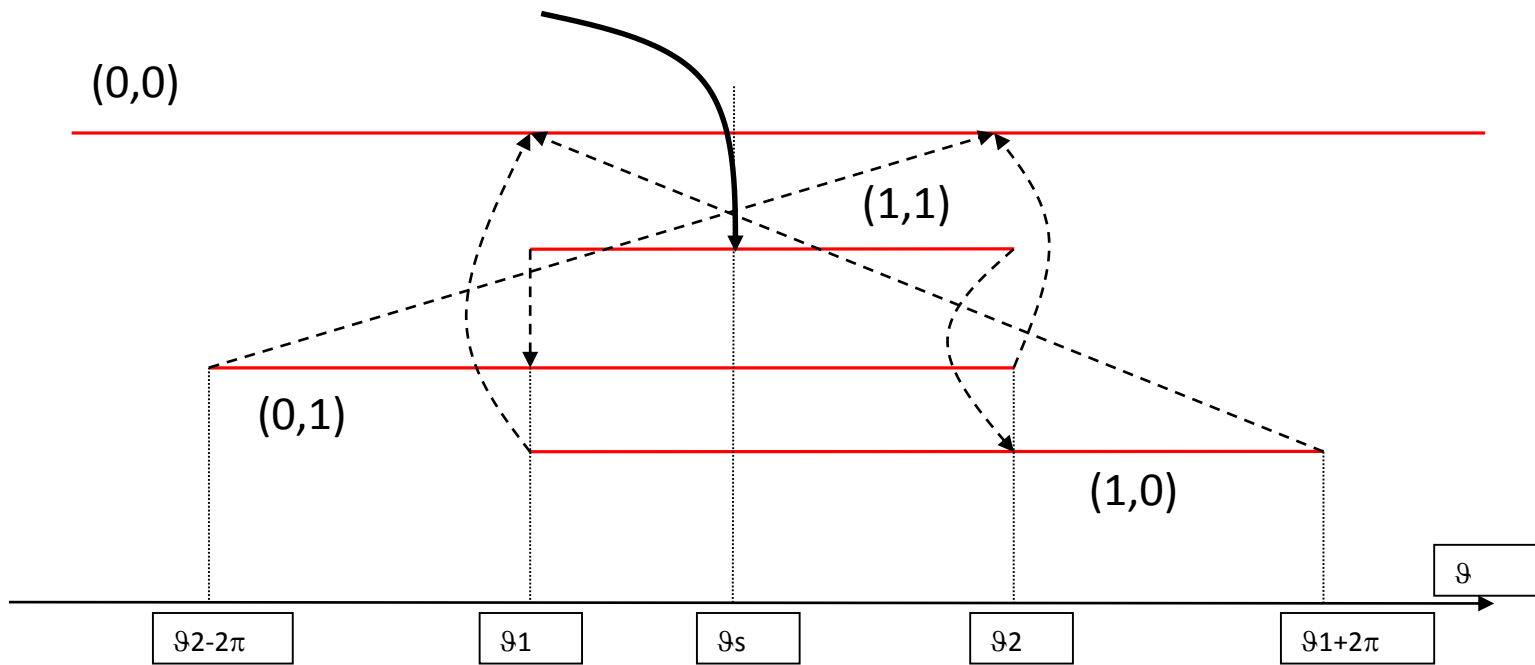
# State space

- The state space is then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( B(1,1) \times (1,1) \cup B(0,1) \times (0,1) \cup \right. \\ & \left. B(1,0) \times (1,0) \cup B(0,0) \times (0,0) \right) \\ & \times [0, T] = \\ & B \times [0, T] \end{aligned}$$



# Switching representation in line



# The mean field game model

$$\mathcal{G}'(s) = u(s), \mathcal{G}(t) = \mathcal{G}$$

$$M = (m^{1,1}, m^{0,1}, m^{1,0}, m^{0,0}) : B \times [0, T] \rightarrow [0, +\infty[,$$

$$(\mathcal{G}, w_1, w_2, t) \mapsto m^{w_1, w_2}(\mathcal{G}, t)$$

$$J(\mathcal{G}, w_1, w_2, t, u, M) = \int_t^T \left( \frac{u^2(s)}{2} + F^{w_1(s), w_2(s)}(M[s]) \right) ds$$

$$+ c_1 w_1(T) + c_2 w_2(T) + c_3 (\mathcal{G}(T) - \mathcal{G}_s)^2$$

# Switching

- From  $B(1,1)$  we may switch on  $B(0,1)$  and on  $B(1,0)$
- From  $B(0,1)$  we may switch on  $B(0,0)$
- From  $B(1,0)$  we may switch on  $B(0,0)$
- From  $B(0,0)$  we do not switch away

# Exit time interpretation

- Given  $M$
- In every one of the first three branches we may interpret the optimal control problem as a finite horizon/exit time optimal control problem
- The exit cost is given by the value function on the point where we switch on.
- On the fourth branch  $B(0,0)$ , the problem is just a finite horizon problem with all given data.

# HJB problem

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -V_t(\theta, 1, 1, t) + \frac{1}{2}|V_\theta(\theta, 1, 1, t)|^2 = F^{(1,1)}(\mathcal{M}(t)) & \text{in } ]\theta_1, \theta_2[ \times ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta_1, 1, 1, t) = V(\theta_1, 0, 1, t) & \text{in } ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta_2, 1, 1, t) = V(\theta_2, 1, 0, t) & \text{in } ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta, 1, 1, T) = c_1 + c_2 + c_3(\theta - \theta_s)^2 & \text{in } ]\theta_1, \theta_2[ \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow V(., 1, 1, .)$$

$$V(., 0, 1, .) \longleftarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -V_t(\theta, 0, 1, t) + \frac{1}{2}|V_\theta(\theta, 0, 1, t)|^2 = F^{(0,1)}(\mathcal{M}(t)) & \text{in } ]\theta_2 - 2\pi, \theta_2[ \times ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta_2 - 2\pi, 0, 1, t) = V(\theta_2, 0, 0, t) & \text{in } ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta_2, 0, 1, t) = V(\theta_2, 0, 0, t) & \text{in } ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta, 0, 1, T) = c_2 + c_3(\theta - \theta_s)^2 & \text{in } ]\theta_2 - 2\pi, \theta_2[ \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} -V_t(\theta, 1, 0, t) + \frac{1}{2}|V_\theta(\theta, 1, 0, t)|^2 = F^{(1,0)}(\mathcal{M}(t)) & \text{in } ]\theta_1, \theta_1 + 2\pi[ \times ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta_1, 1, 0, t) = V(\theta_1, 0, 0, t) & \text{in } ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta_1 + 2\pi, 1, 0, t) = V(\theta_1, 0, 0, t) & \text{in } ]0, T[ \\ V(\theta, 1, 0, T) = c_1 + c_3(\theta - \theta_s)^2 & \text{in } ]\theta_1, \theta_1 + 2\pi[ \end{array} \right. \longrightarrow V(., 1, 0, .)$$

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# The transport equation

- If it optimally behaves, then every excursionist moves with the optimal feedback

$$u^*(\mathcal{G}, w_1, w_2, t) = -V_{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}, w_1, w_2, t)$$

- Due to our simple model (the simple controlled dynamics, the non-dependence of  $F^{w_1, w_2}$  on  $\mathcal{G}$ , the one-dimensionality,...)
- (We also suppose that the initial distribution  $m_0$  is everywhere zero in all branches).
- The feedback optimal control has some good properties

# The transport equation

- No excursionist will return back on its path when inside the same branch (that is not an optimal behavior).
- To stop is not an optimal behavior (apart the case that we are at the station and that we stop there until  $T$ .)
- When arrived on a switching point, the best choice is to immediately switch.
- These facts simplify a little bit the transport equation.

# The transport equation

$$m^{1,1} \leftarrow \begin{cases} (m^{1,1})_t(\theta, t) + [u^*(\theta, 1, 1, t)m^{1,1}(\theta, t)]_\theta = 0 \\ m^{1,1}(\theta_s, t) = g(t) \end{cases}$$

$$m^{1,0} \leftarrow \begin{cases} (m^{1,0})_t(\theta, t) + [u^*(\theta, 1, 0, t)m^{1,0}(\theta, t)]_\theta = 0 \\ m^{1,0}(\theta_2, t) = m^{1,1}(\theta_2, t) \end{cases}$$

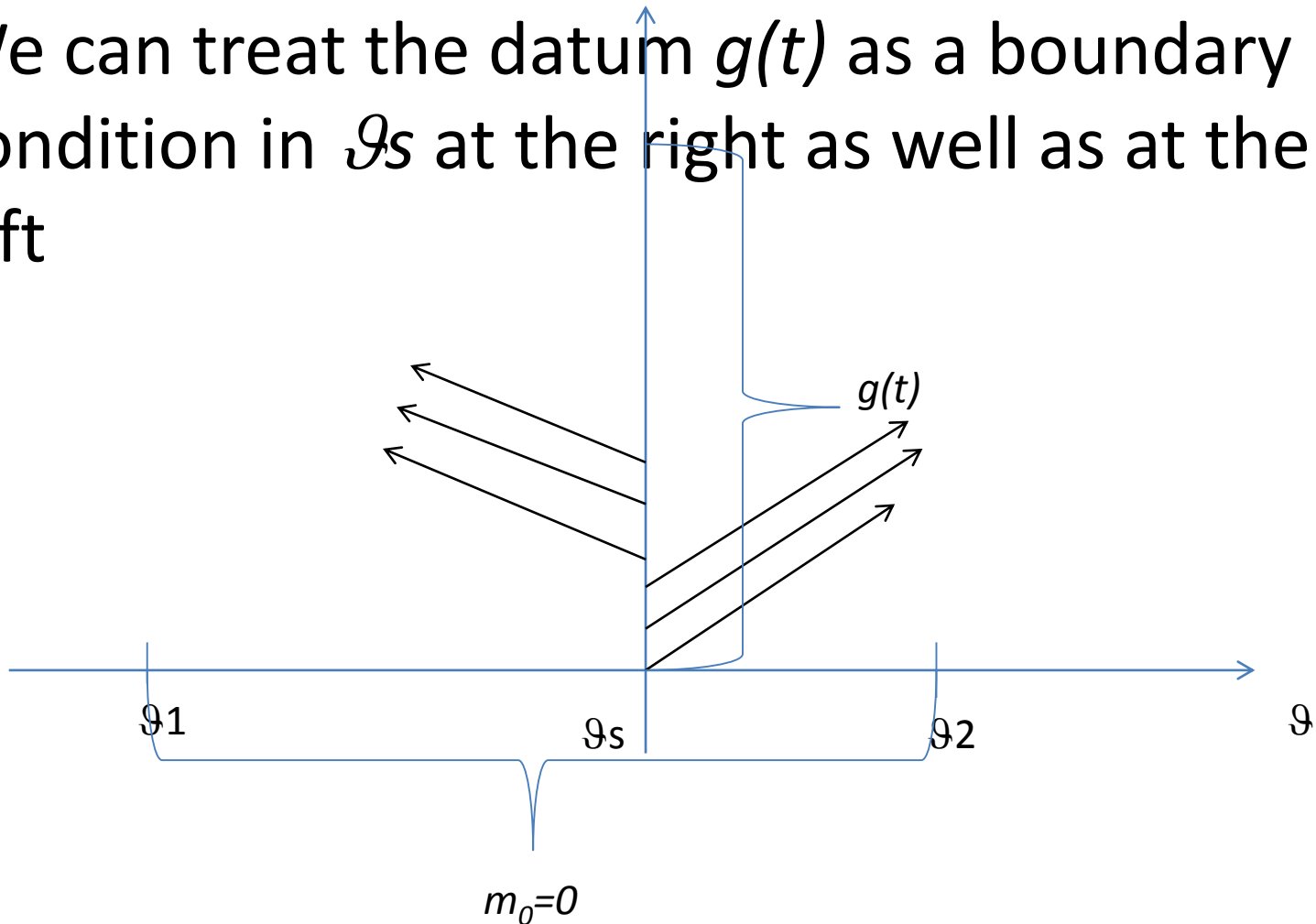
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# “characteristics”

- We can treat the datum  $g(t)$  as a boundary condition in  $\mathcal{D}_s$  at the right as well as at the left



# Equilibrium Mean Field

$$M \rightarrow V \rightarrow u^* = -V_g \rightarrow \tilde{M}$$

- This function (after some relaxation/convexification) is usc (closed graph) and convex/compact as function from  $C([0,T];P(B))$  into itself which is convex.
- Hence, there exists a fixed point (an equilibrium).

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