

Secular Equations - Applications and Methods

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Summary of the talk

- motivation and examples
- solving the explicit problem
- solving the implicit problem by factorization
- solving the implicit problem by iteration
- comments and conclusions

History

- **Secular** (adj.) 3. astronomy, of or denoting slow changes in the motion of the sun or planets (c.f. 1. not connected with religious or spiritual matters) (O.E.D.)
- early use of the term **secular equation** in papers by Cauchy and Sylvester refer to equations from which the eigenvalues of a real symmetric matrix may be obtained
- Hilbert (1924) and E.T. Browne (1930) explicitly refer to the characteristic equation as a secular equation
- Golub (SIAM Review, 1973) gives a number of examples of more general secular equations (to follow). See also Golub & Meurant (Matrices, Moments and Quadrature with Applications, 2010)

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- often impose extra conditions that identify particular λ

Examples

- eigenvalues of a symmetric bordered matrix
- eigenvalues following a symmetric rank-one change
- the trust-region subproblem
- regularization of quadratic minimization
- global optimization
- total least squares

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Global Lipschitz optimization

- given a C^2 function $f(x)$ with Lipschitz Hessian, Taylor \implies

$$c^L(s) \equiv f(x) + s^T g(x) + \frac{1}{2} s^T H(x) s - \frac{1}{3} \sigma \|s\|_2^3 \leq$$
$$f(x + s) \leq f(x) + s^T g(x) + \frac{1}{2} s^T H(x) s + \frac{1}{3} \sigma \|s\|_2^3 \equiv c^U(s)$$

where g/H are the gradient/Hessian of f & σ is the Lipschitz constant

- global minima of c^L and c^U over $\mathcal{S} = \{s : \|s\|_2 \leq \Delta\}$ provide lower and upper bounds for global minimum of $f(x + s)$ over \mathcal{S}
- partition “space of interest” for f into overlapping hyper-spheres and apply branch and bound to find global minimizer in this space
- global minima of c^L and c^U over \mathcal{S} each has associated secular equation \implies tractable (Cartis, Farmer, Fowkes, G.,2012)

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- suppose that eigen-decomposition $A = Q\Lambda Q^T$ is known, with $\Lambda = \text{Diag}(\lambda_i): \lambda_i \leq \lambda_{i+1}$ & orthogonal Q , and that $\bar{b} = Q^T b \implies x(\lambda) = Q\bar{x}(\lambda)$:

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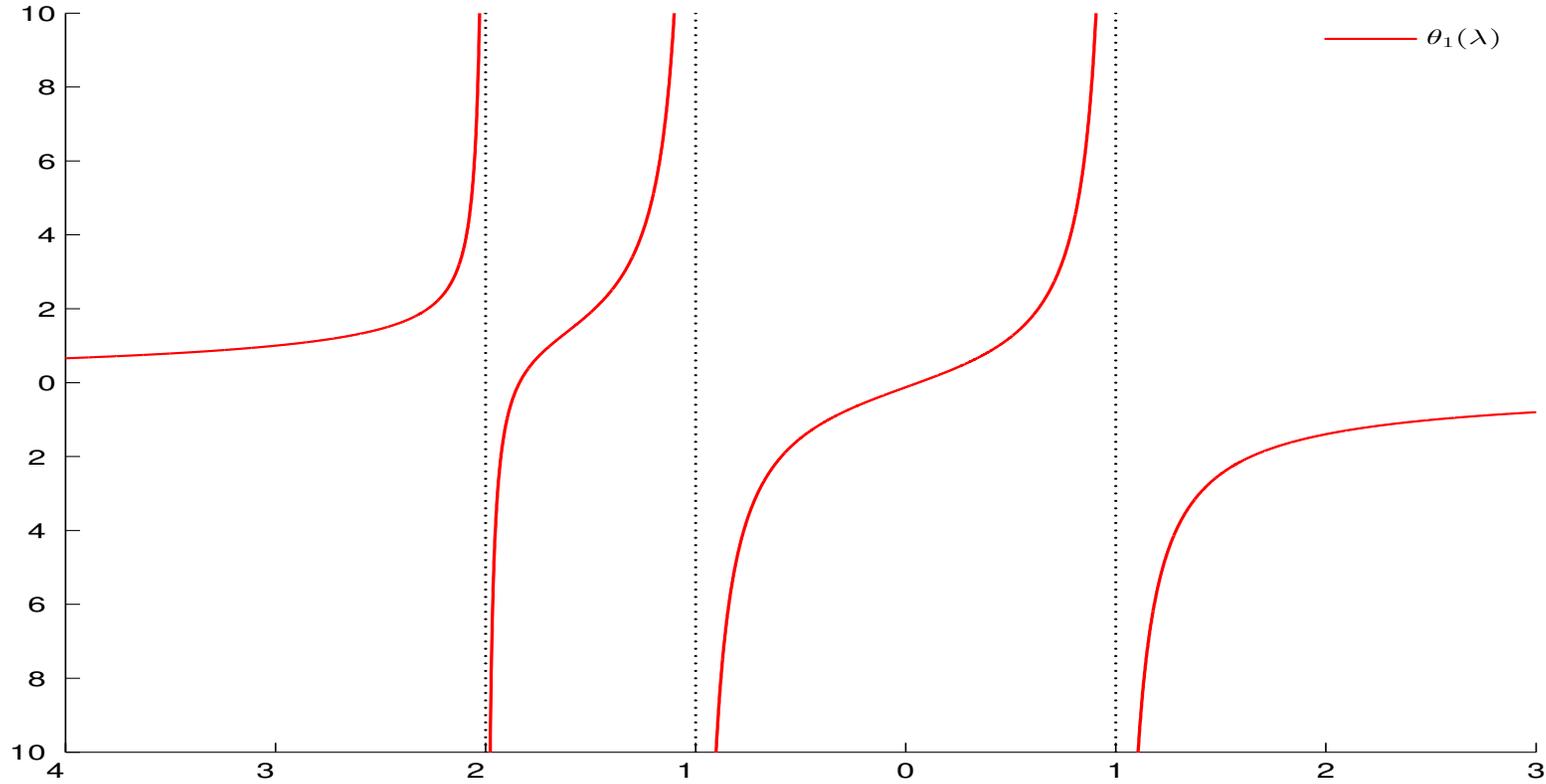
and, e.g.,

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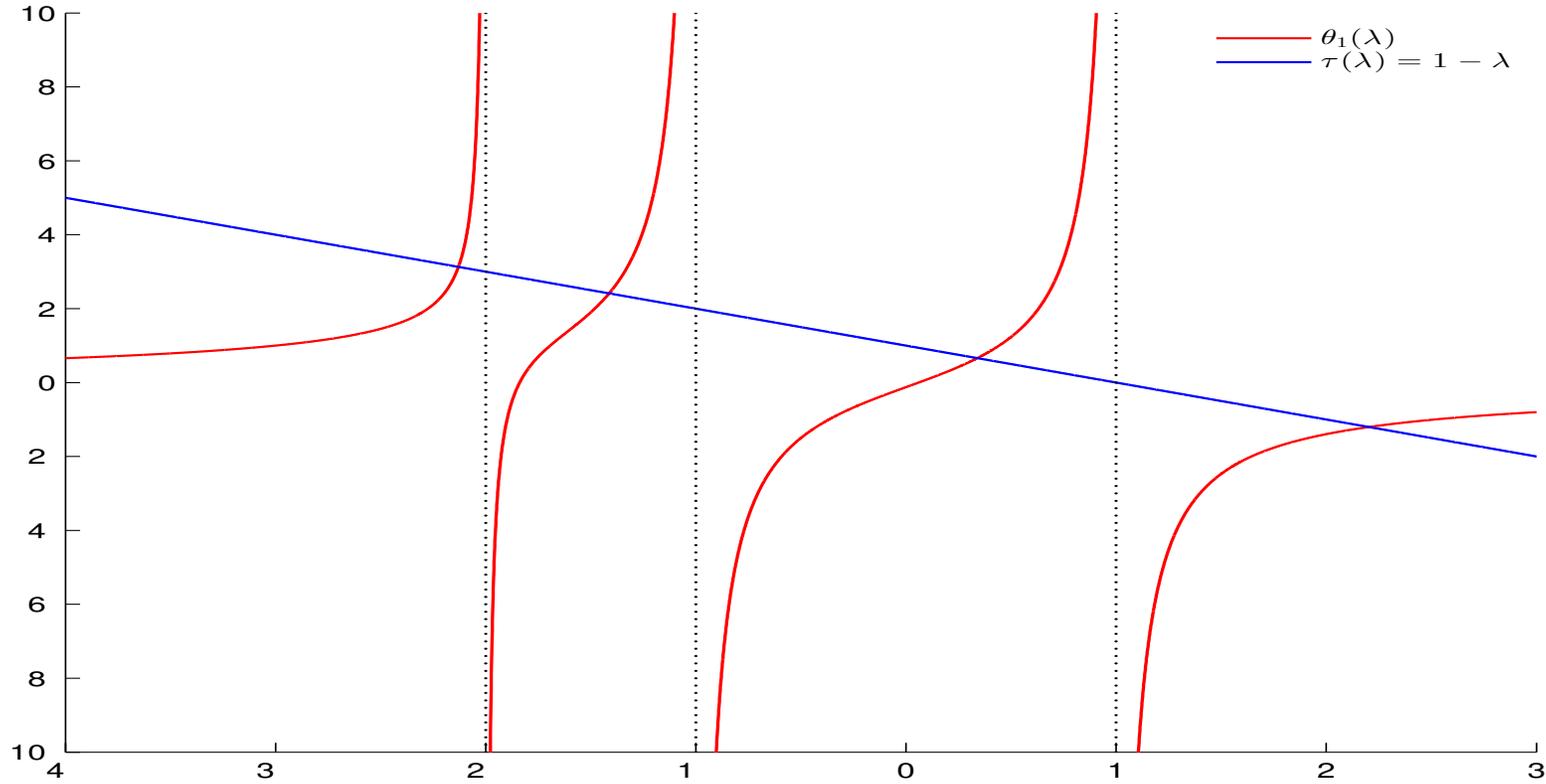


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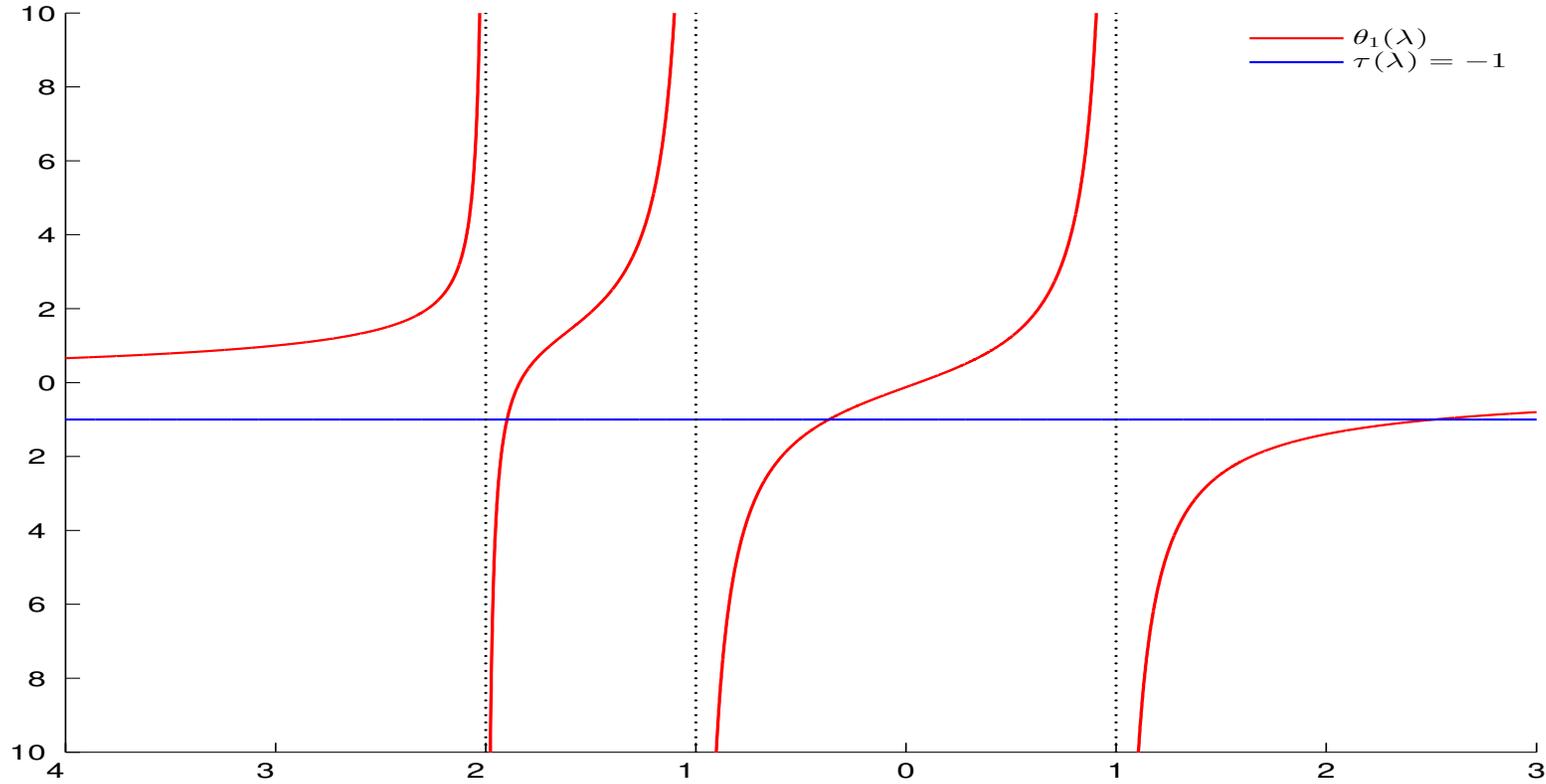


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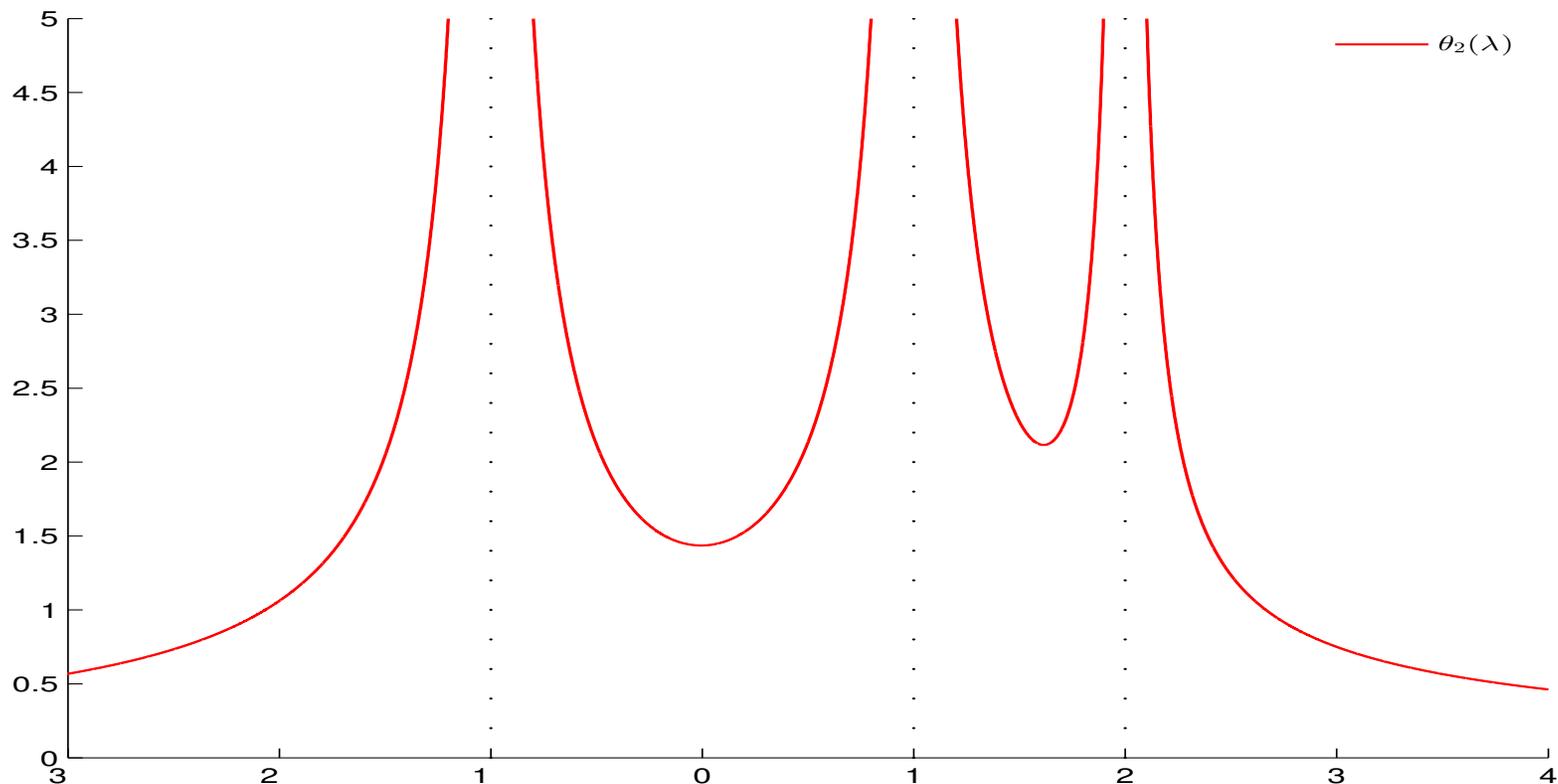


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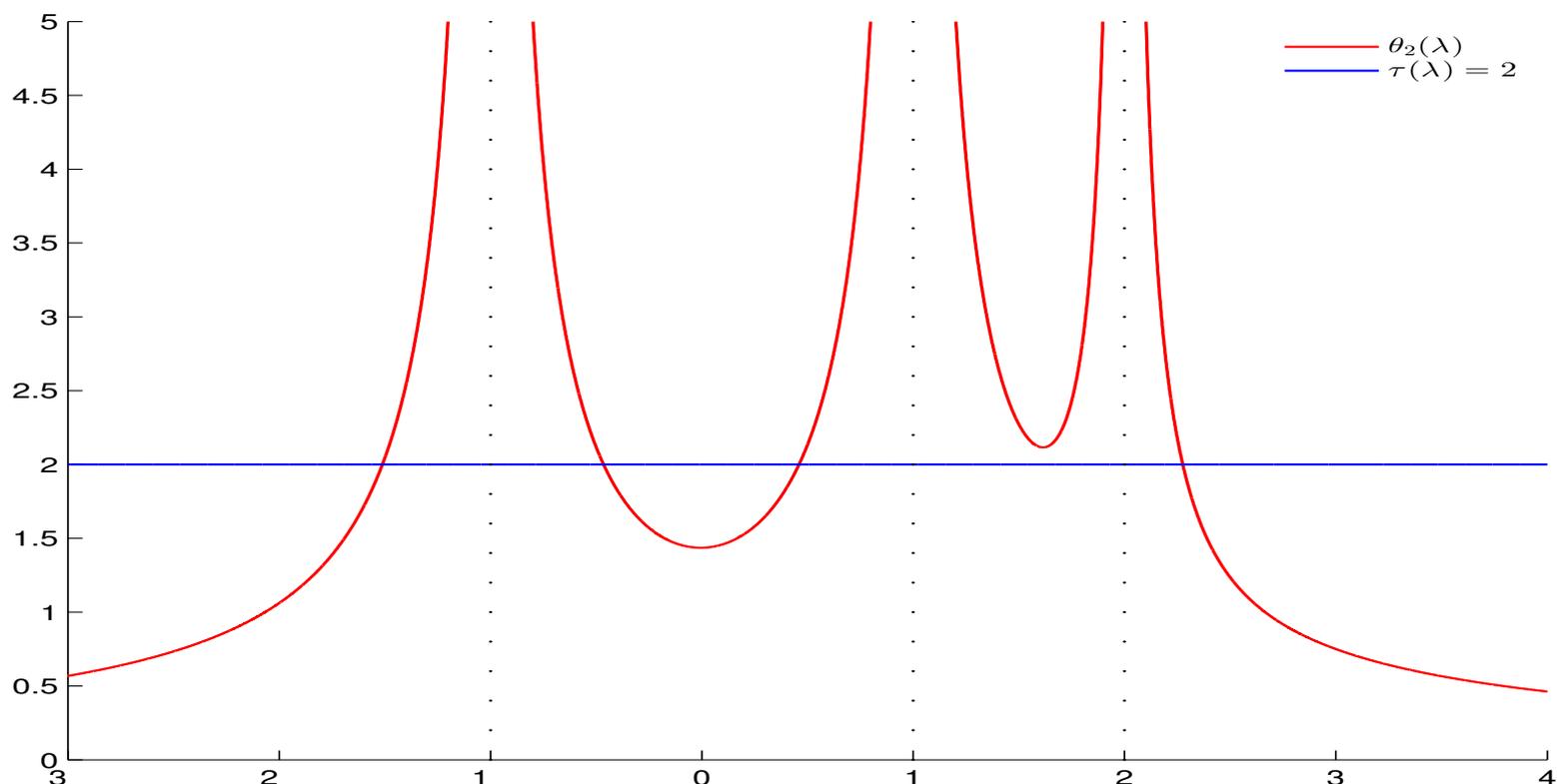


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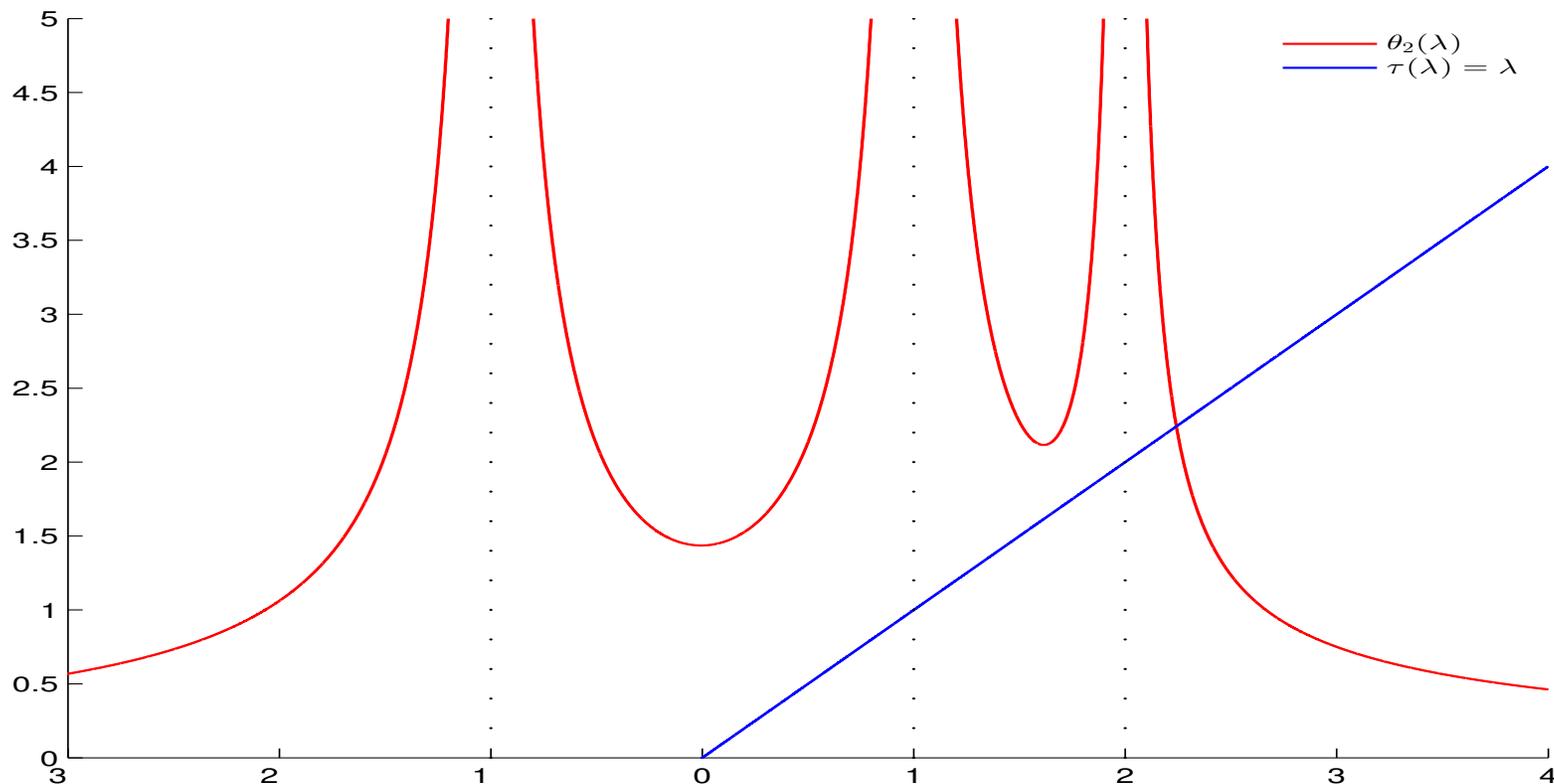


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- construct low-order rational approximations $r_1^{(k)}$ and $r_2^{(k)}$ to p_1 and p_2 with poles λ_j and λ_{j+1}
- find appropriate root $\lambda^{(k)}$ of low-order polynomial equation

$$r_1^{(k)}(\lambda) + r_2^{(k)}(\lambda) = \tau(\lambda)$$

- appropriate approximations lead to global quadratic convergence of $\lambda^{(k)}$ from left or right of root, or locally from either side

(Bunch, Nielsen, Sorensen, 1978, Li, 1994)

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- $O(n)$ approximation methods for **all** roots related to multi-level integral transform evaluation (Livne, Brandt, 2002)

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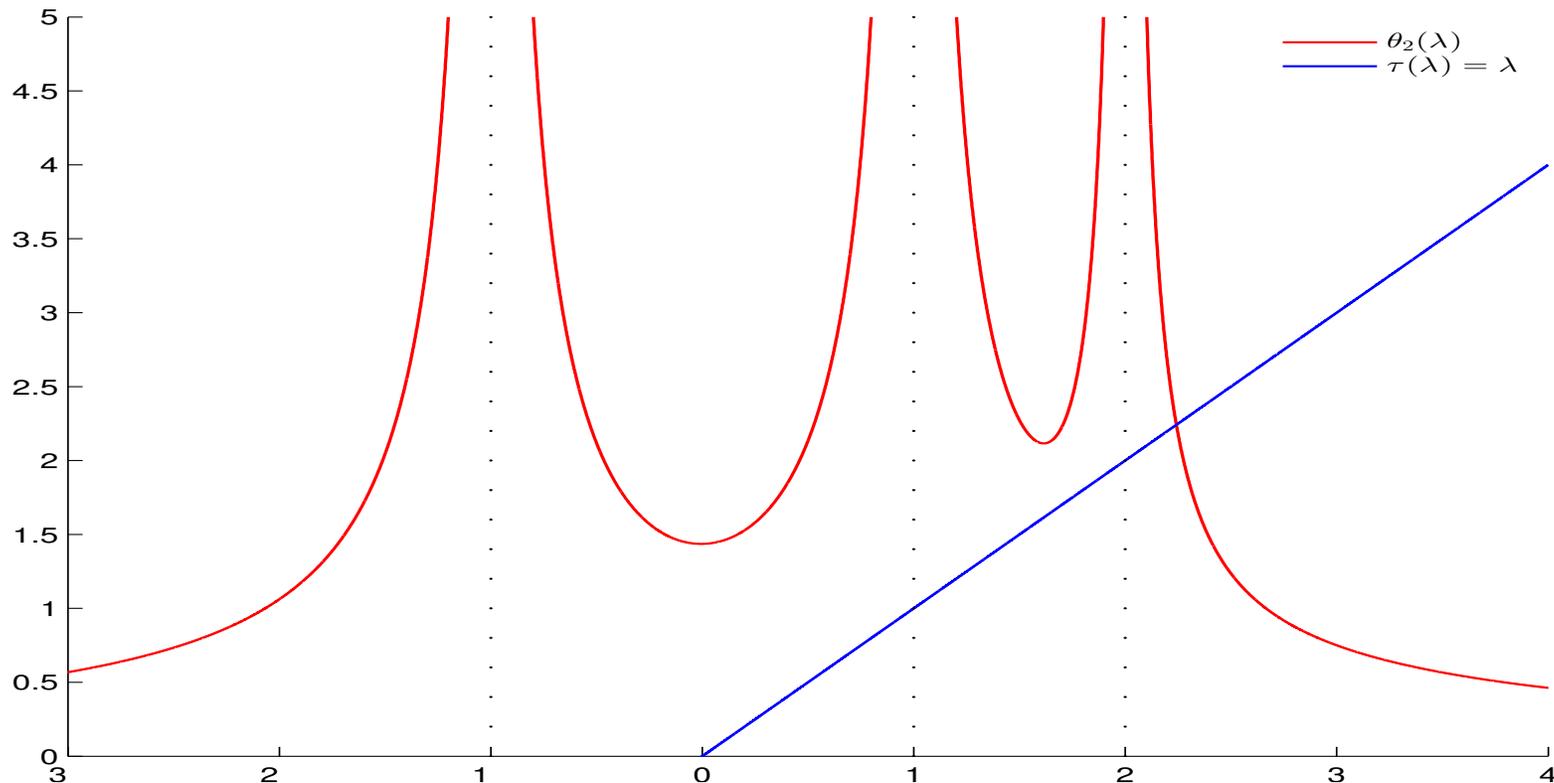
- usually $\tau(\lambda)$ is convex, increasing for positive λ
 \implies unique root in $[\max(0, -\lambda_1), \infty)$, but generally λ_1 unknown
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- need to evaluate $\theta_2(\lambda)$ and its derivatives

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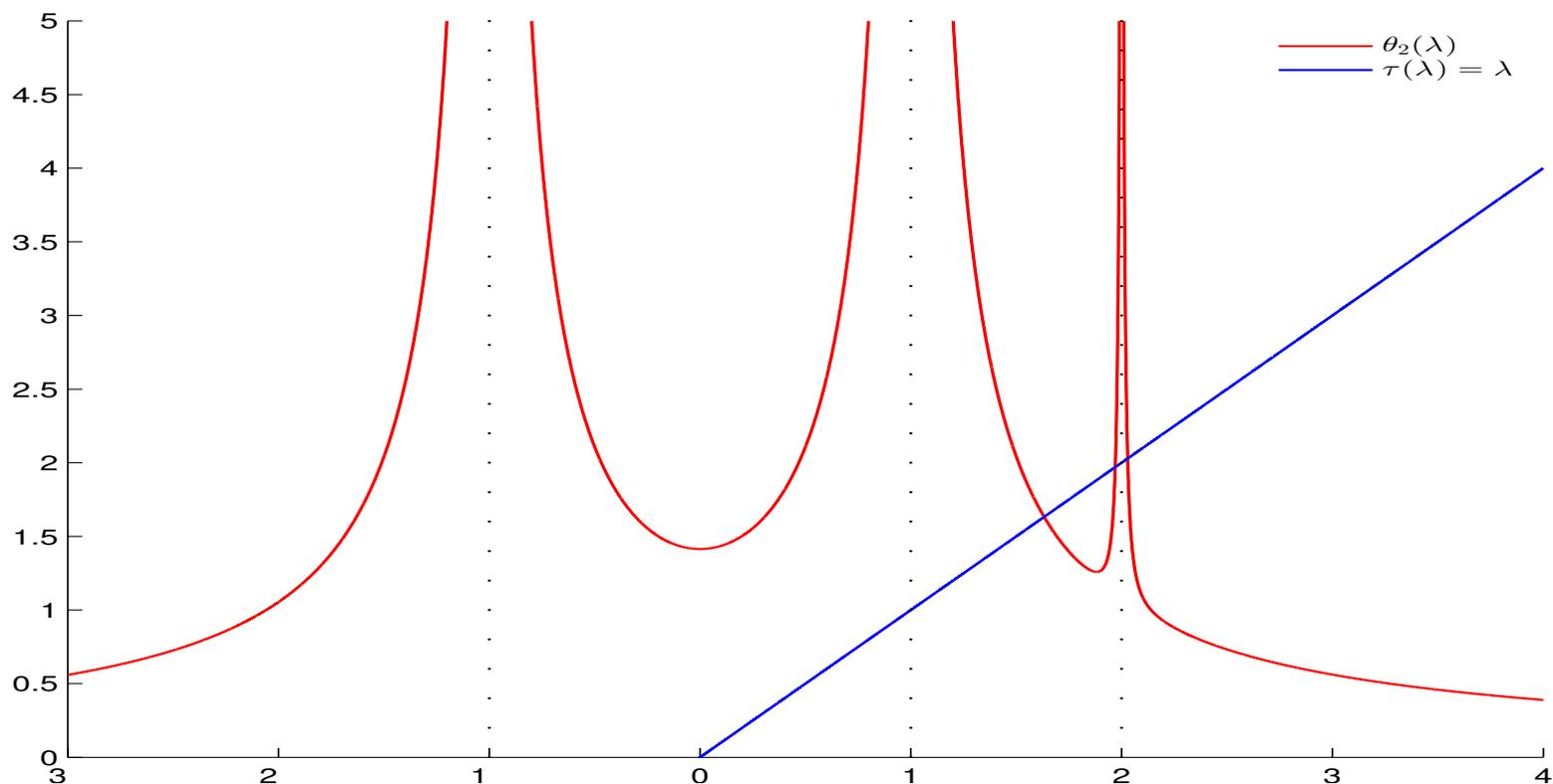
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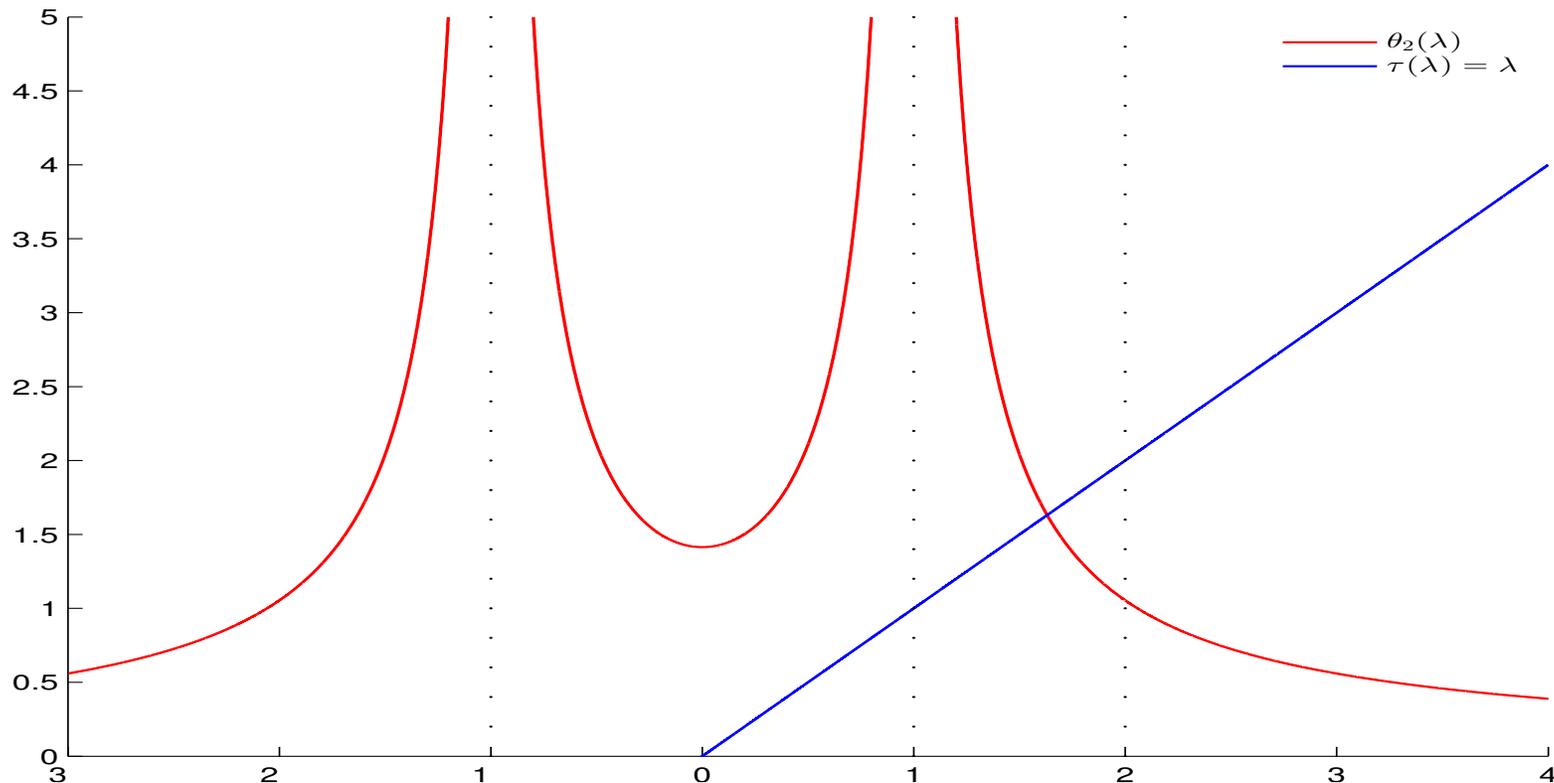
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• may equivalently find the largest root $\geq \max(0, -\lambda_1)$ of

$$\pi(\lambda) \equiv \|x(\lambda)\|_2^2 = \tau^2(\lambda) \equiv \rho(\lambda) \text{ where } (A + \lambda I)x(\lambda) = b$$

since derivatives of $\pi(\lambda)$ are easy to find

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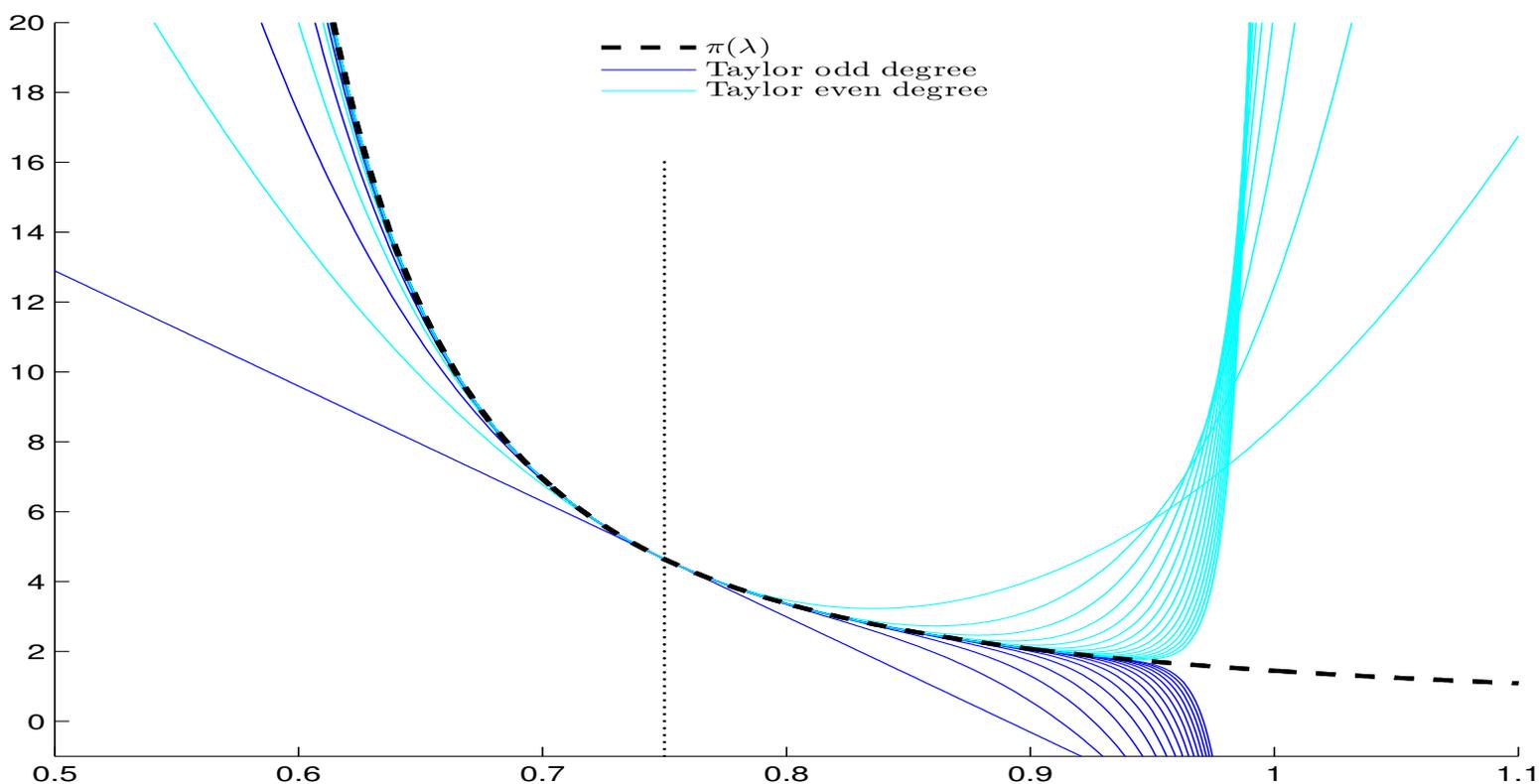
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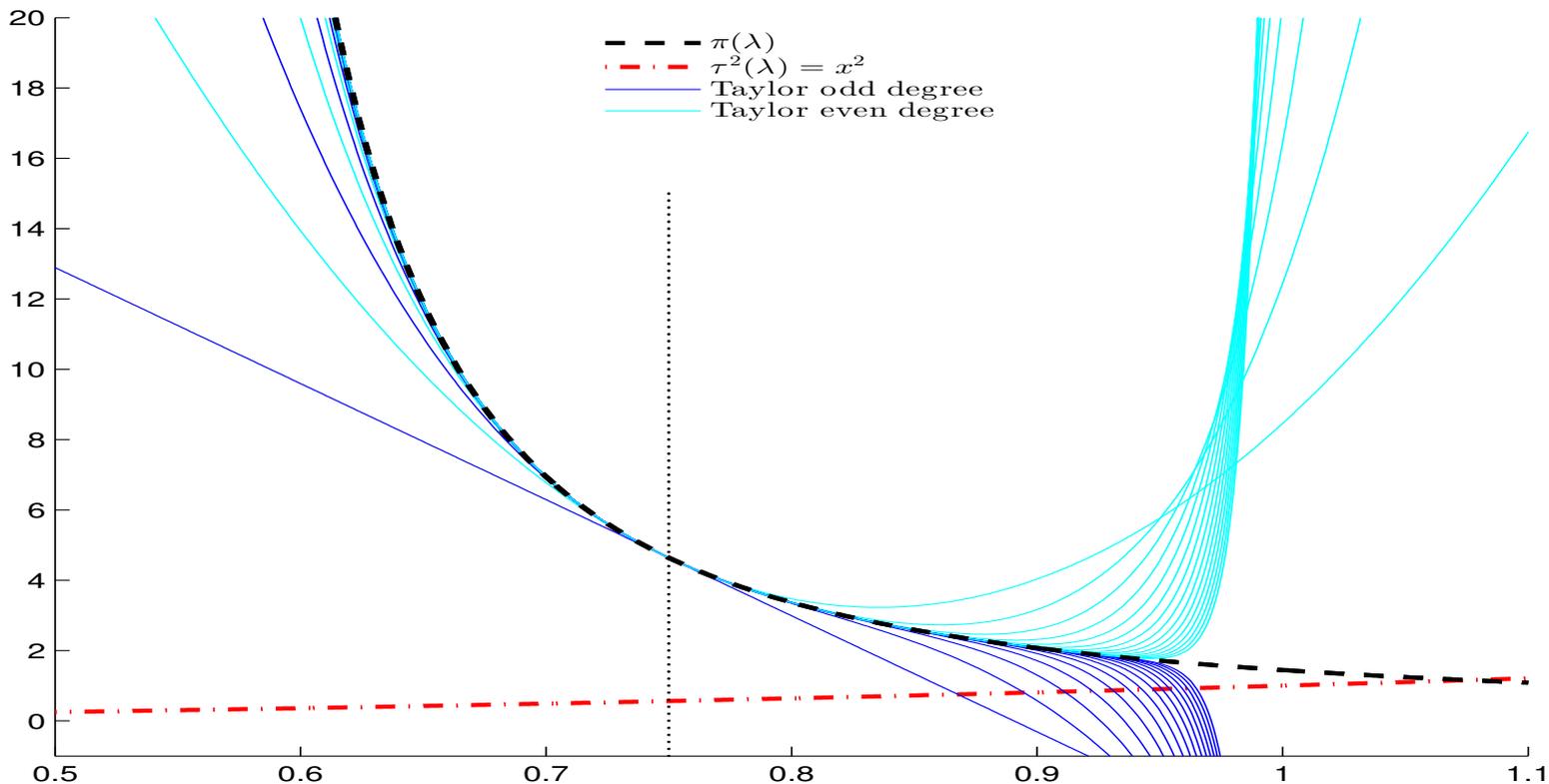
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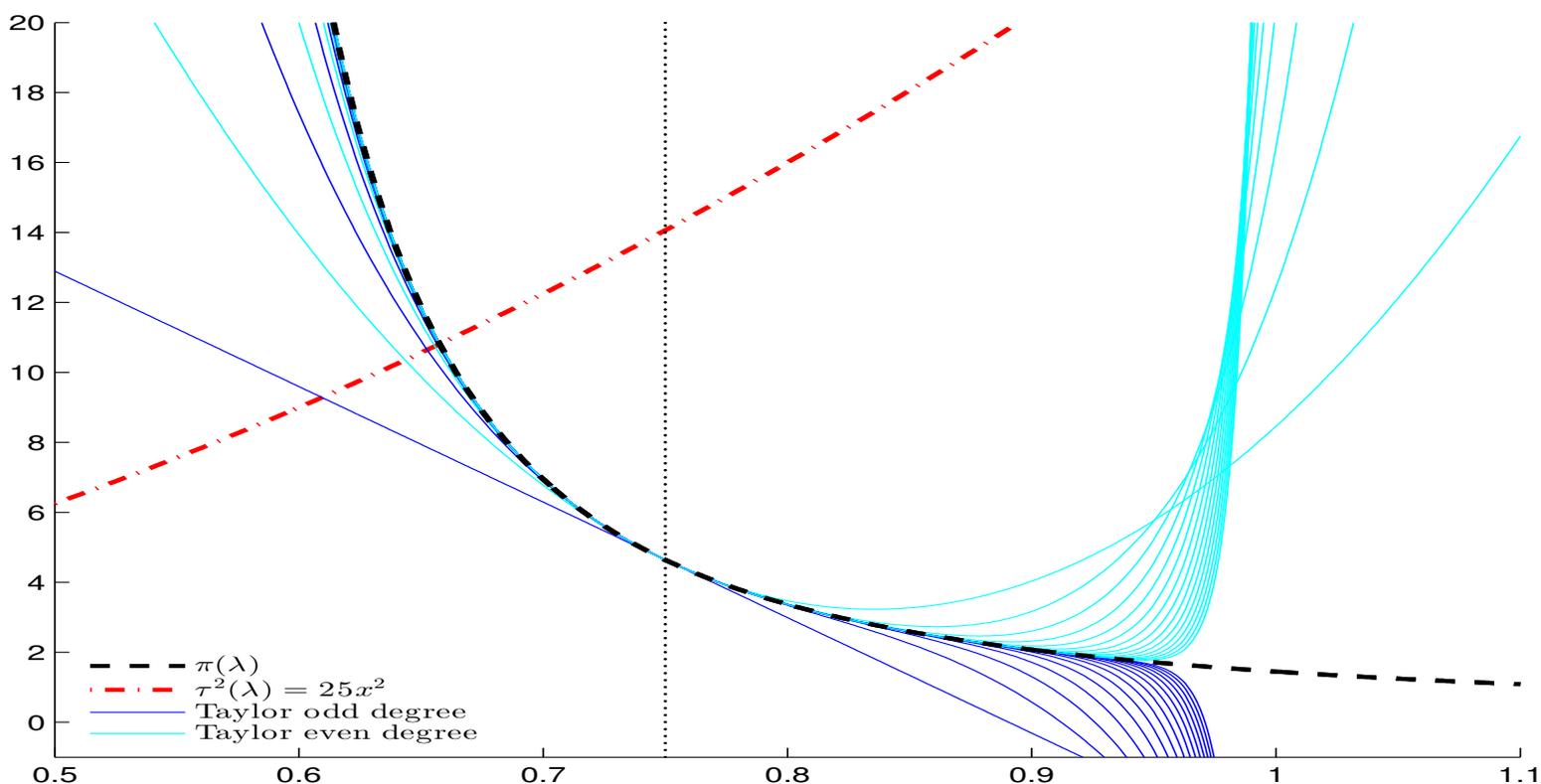
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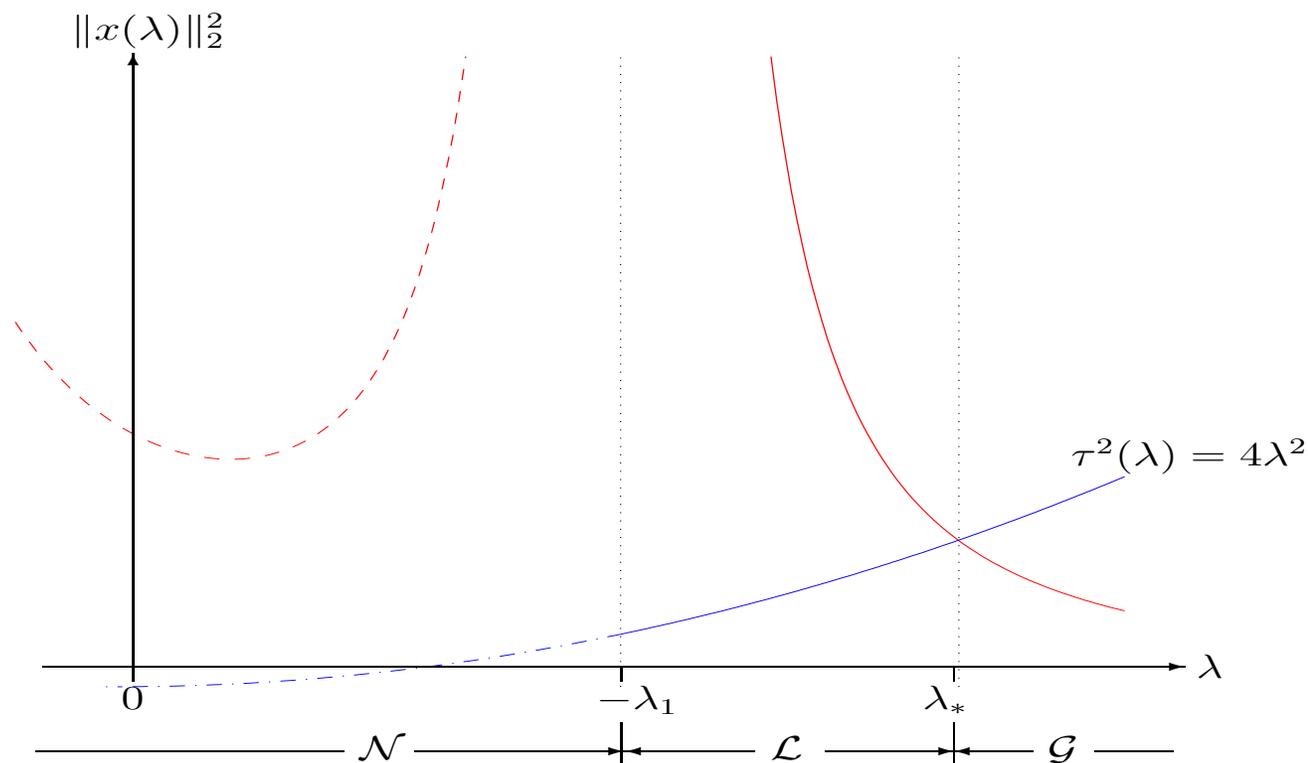
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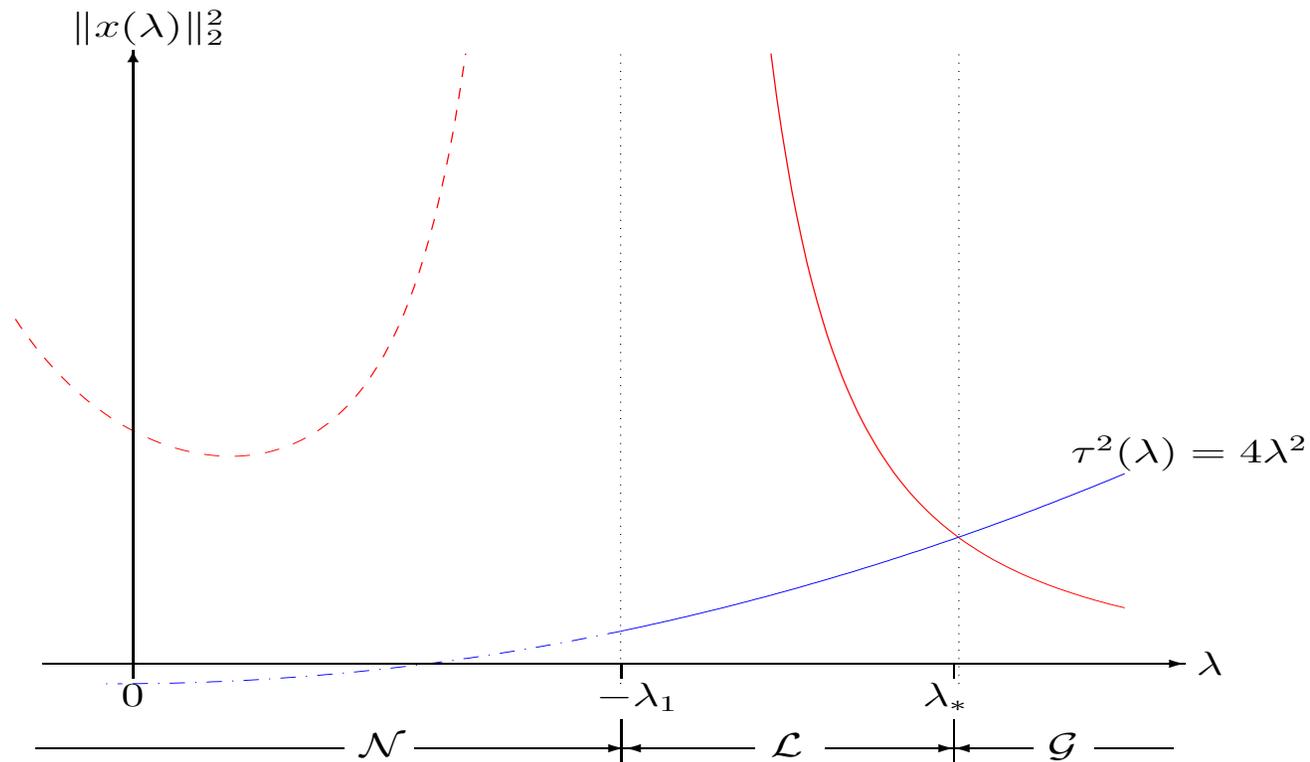
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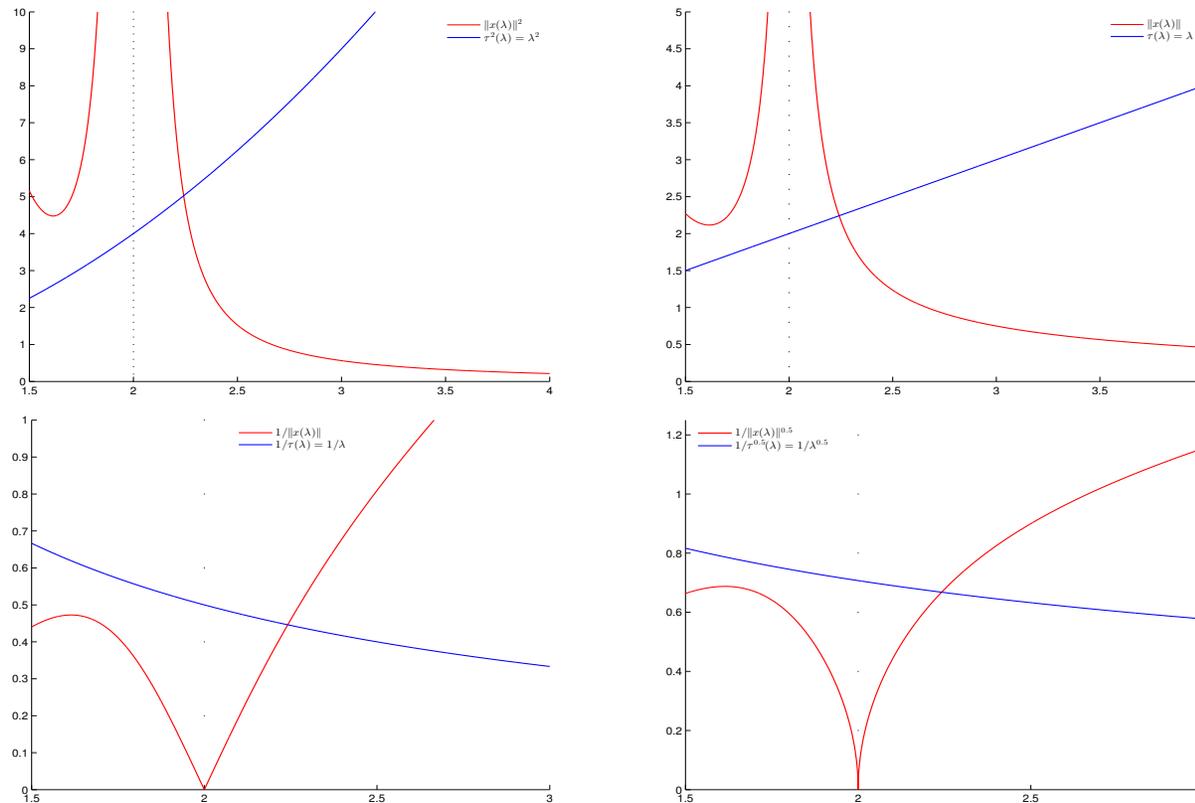


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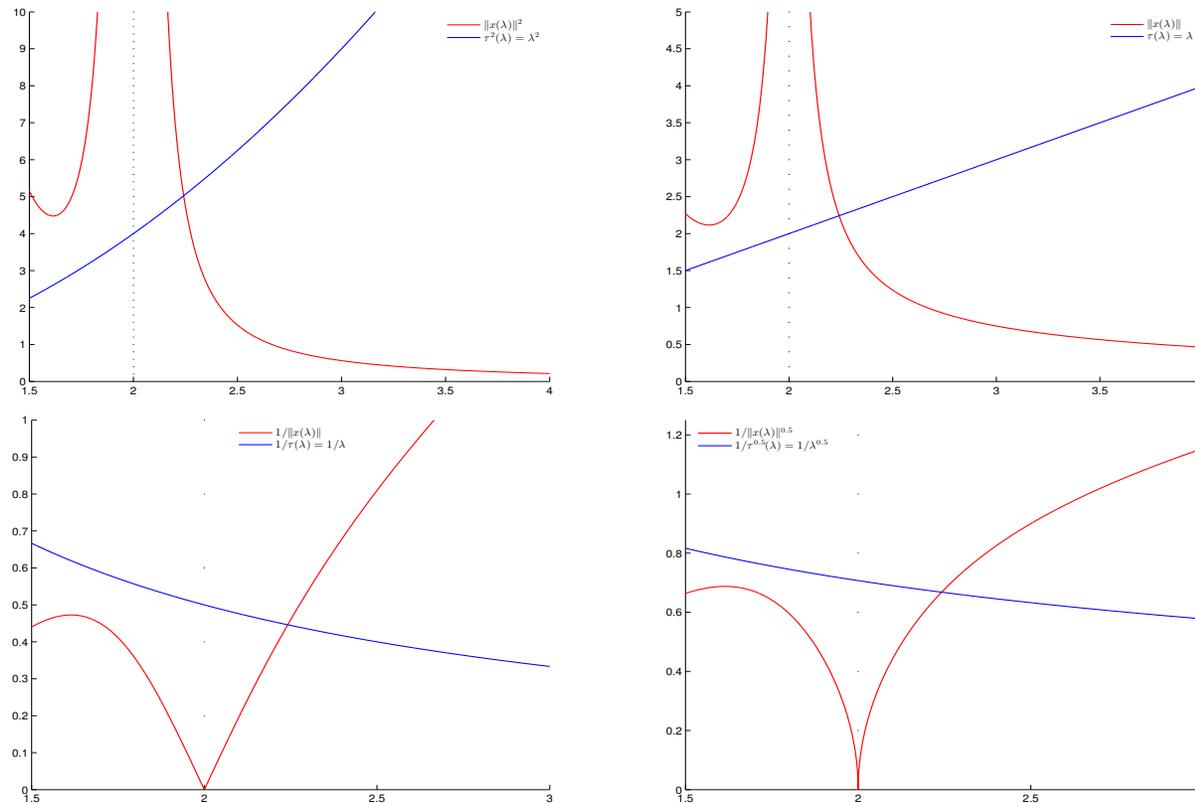


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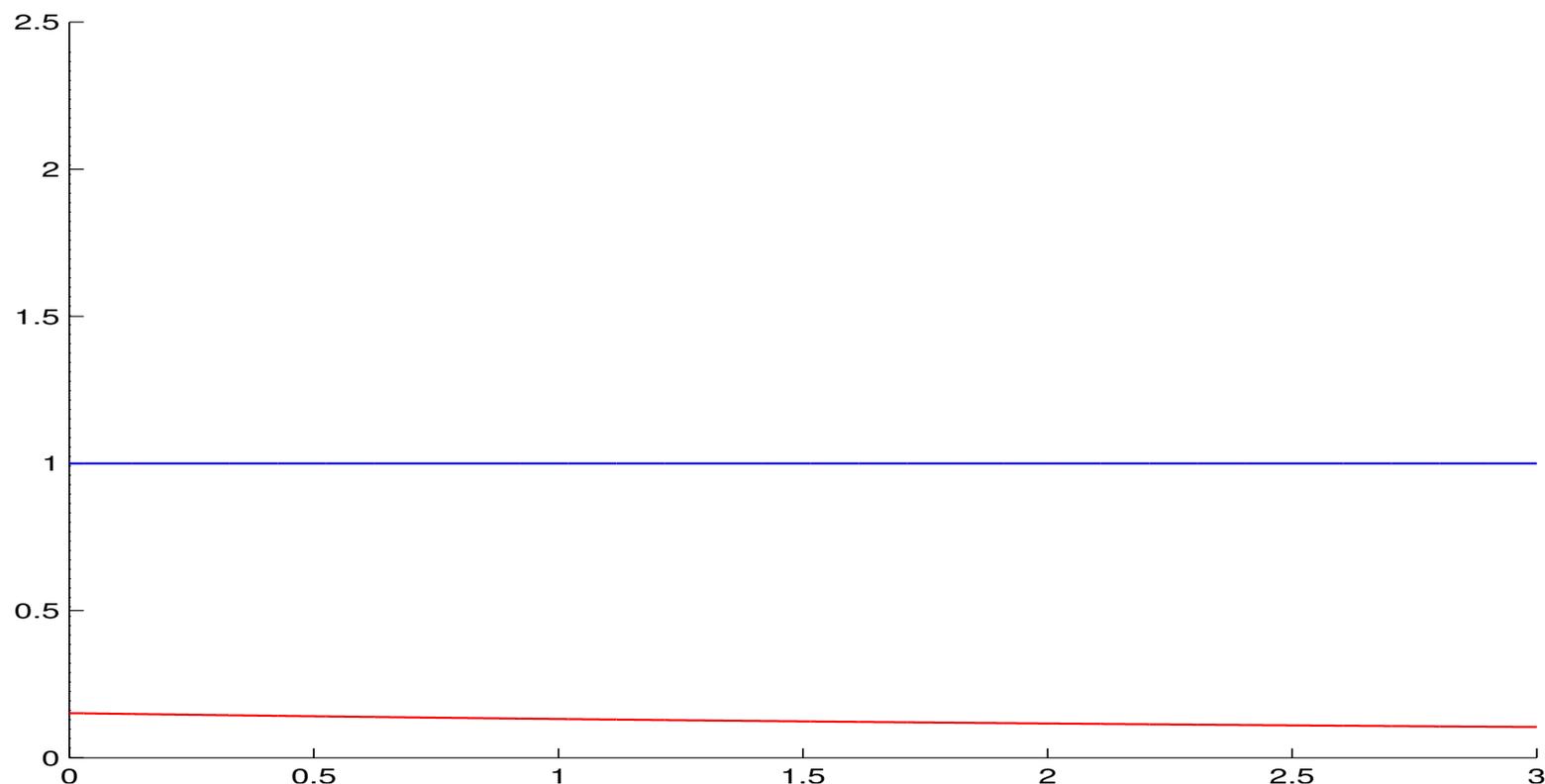
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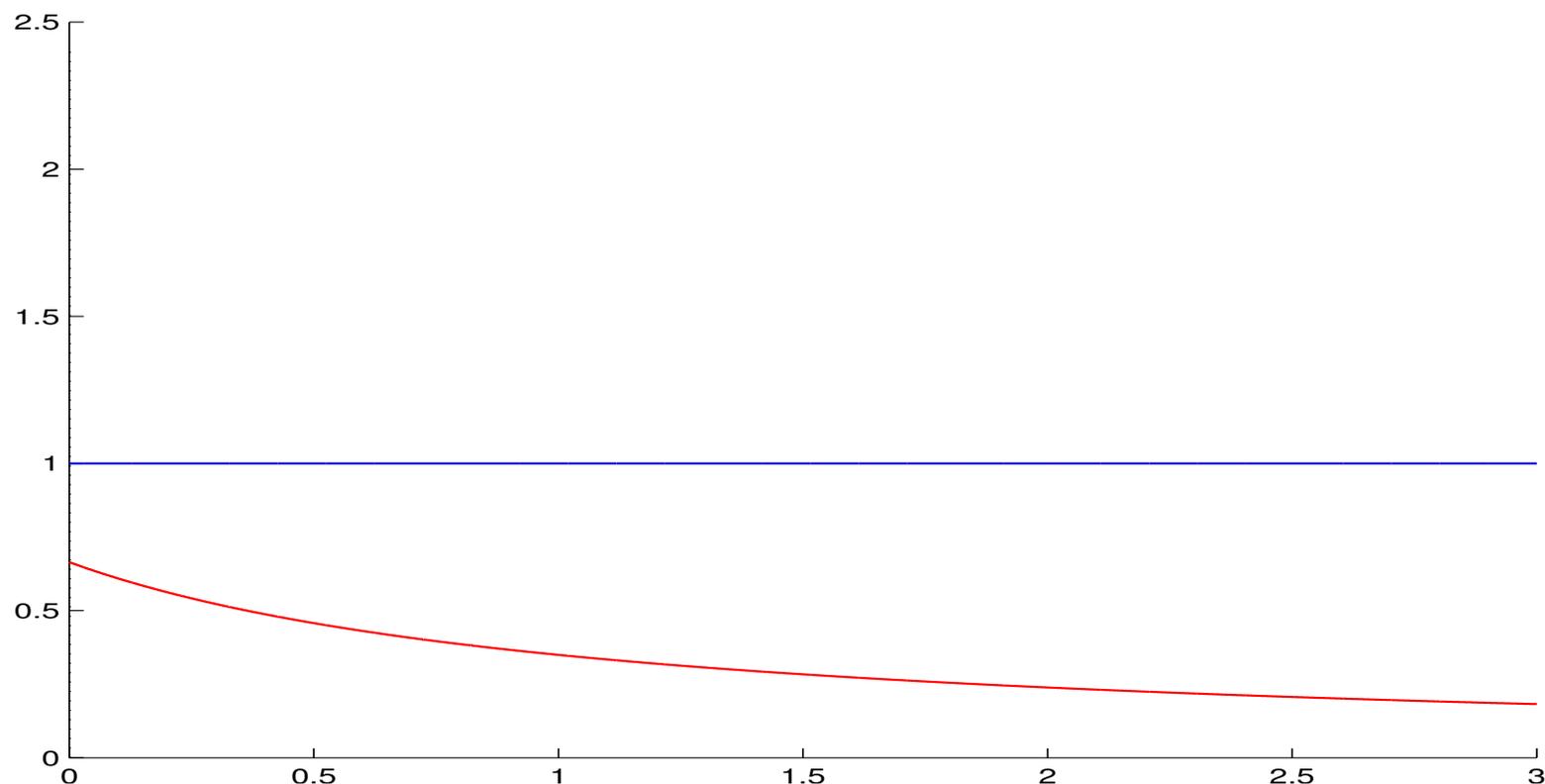
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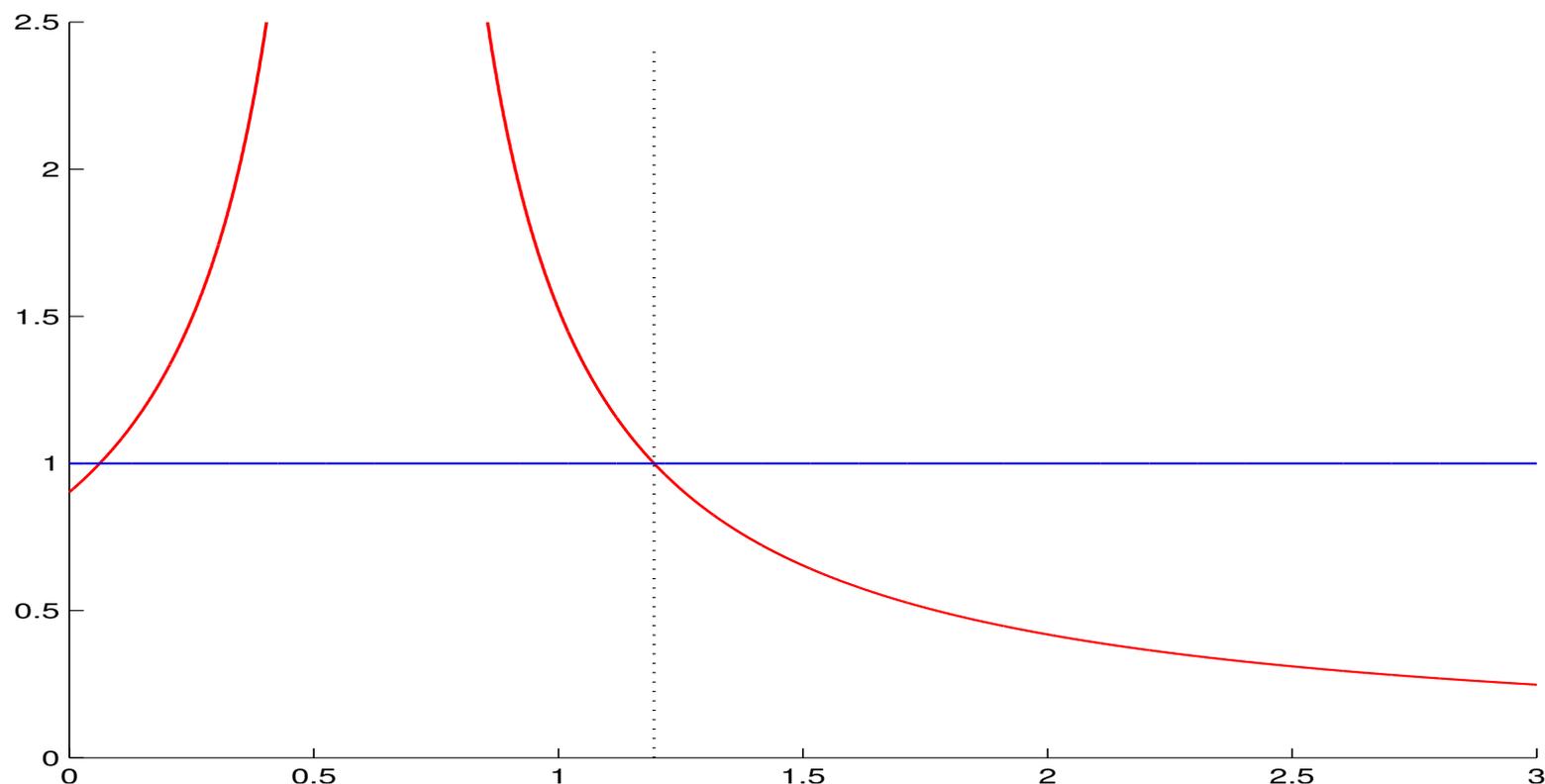
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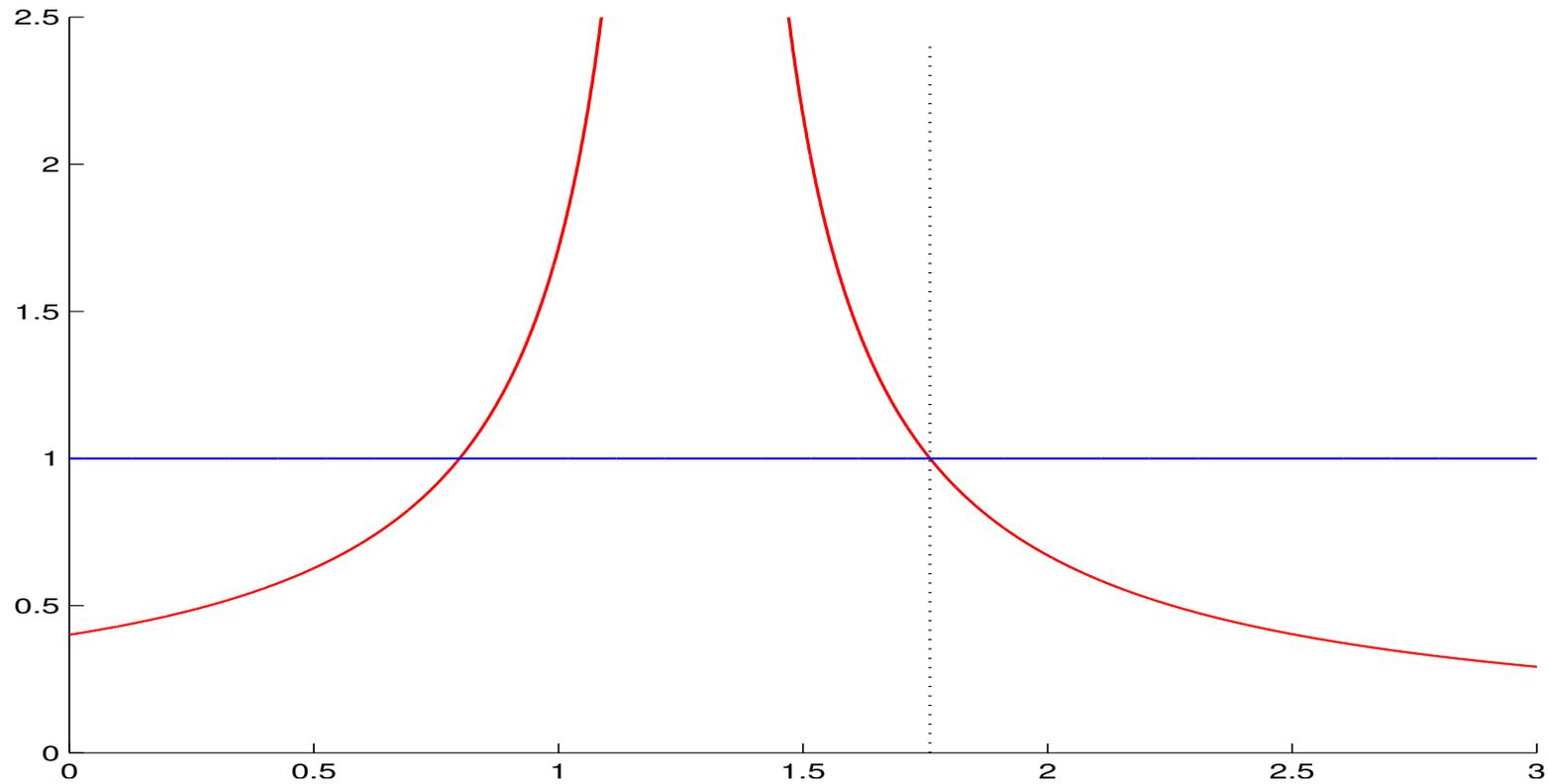
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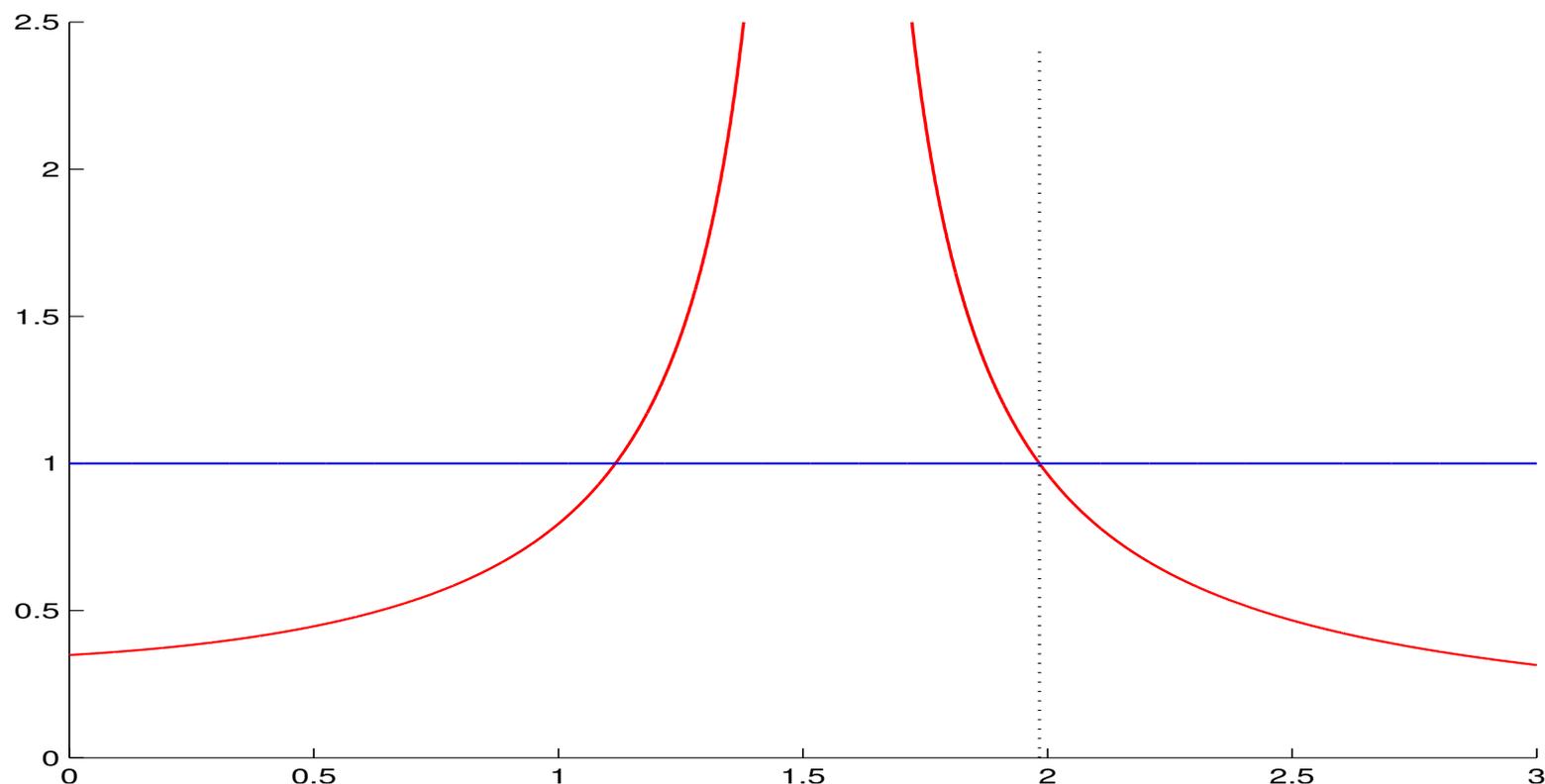
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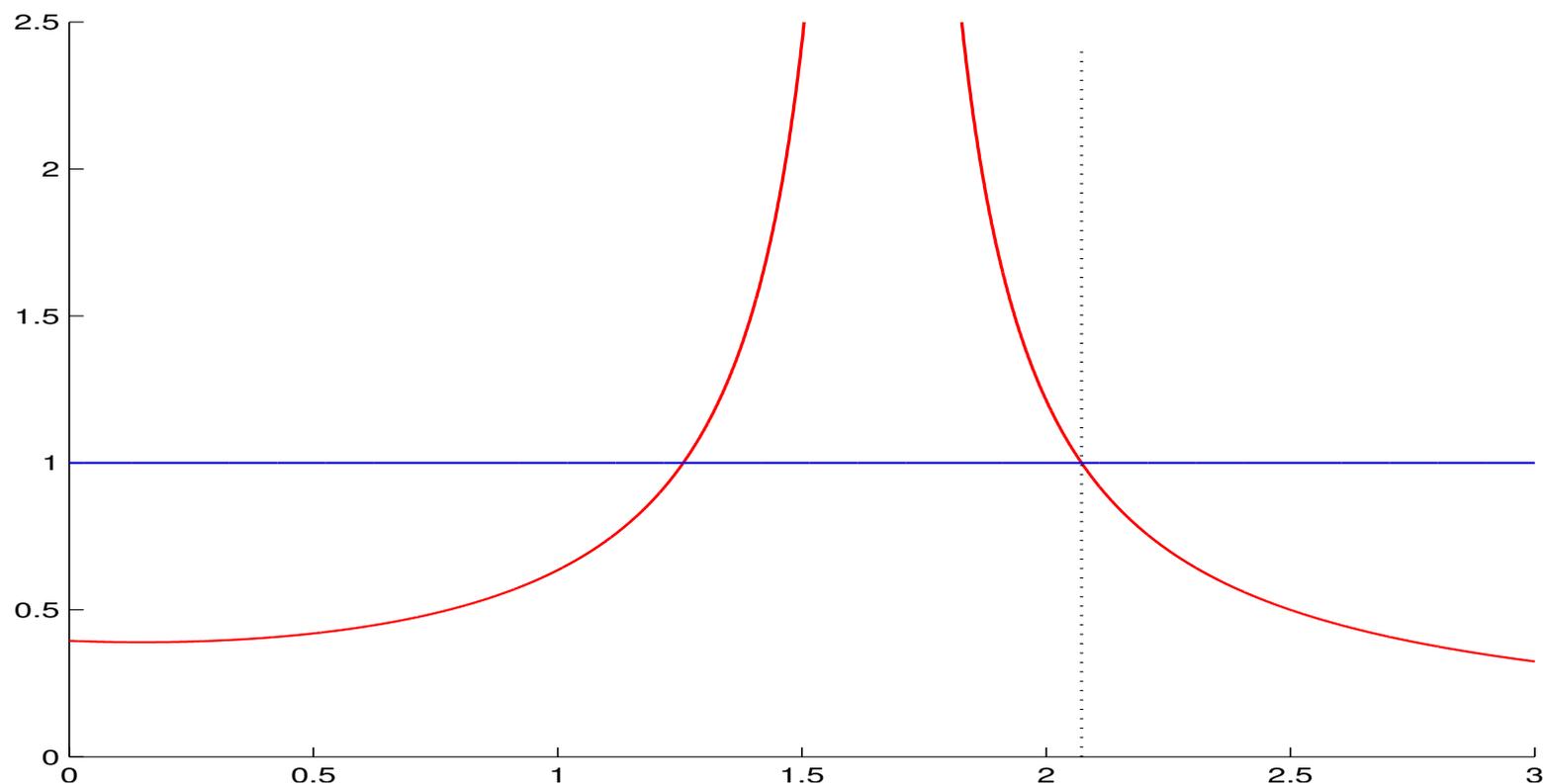
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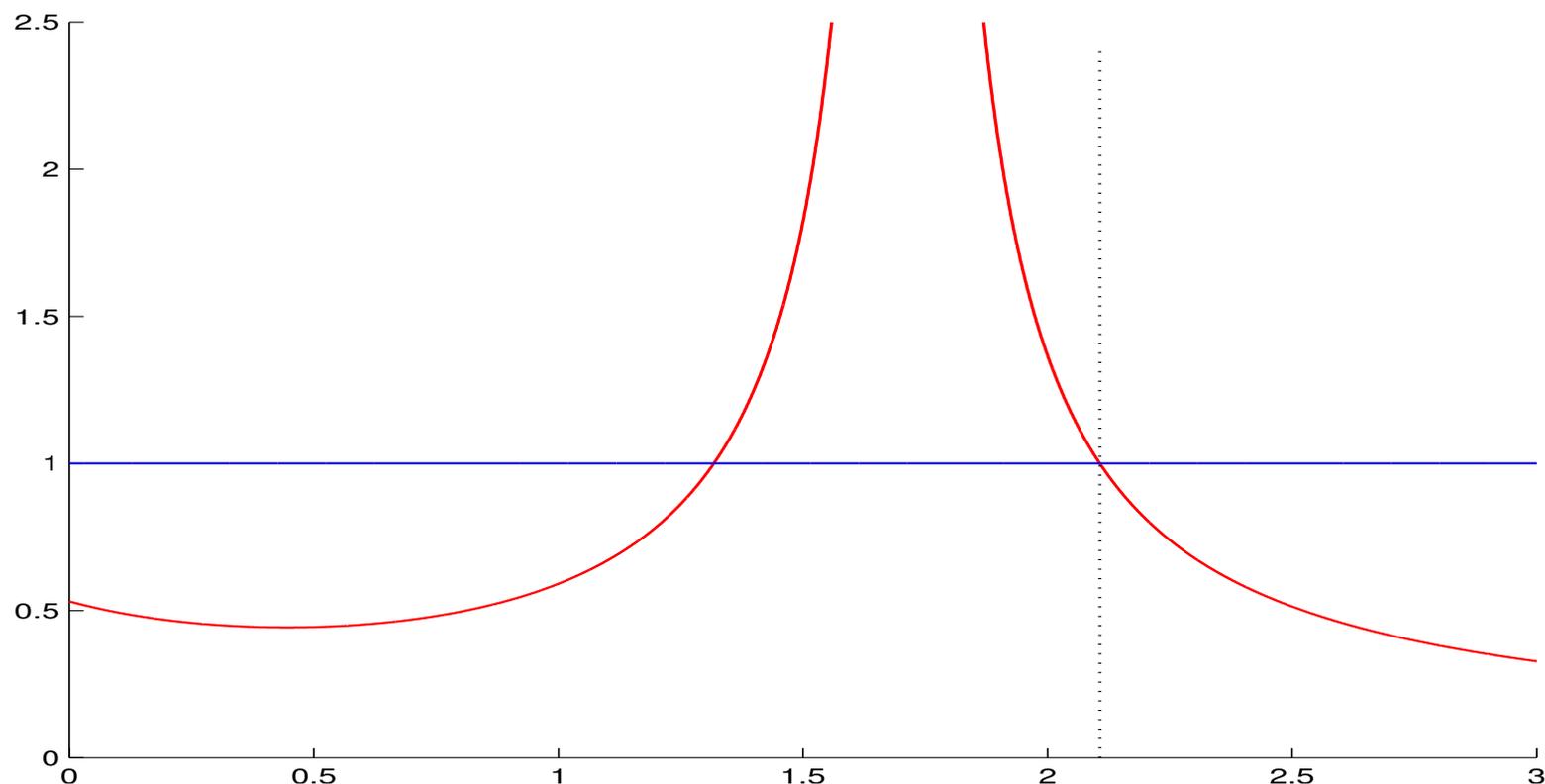
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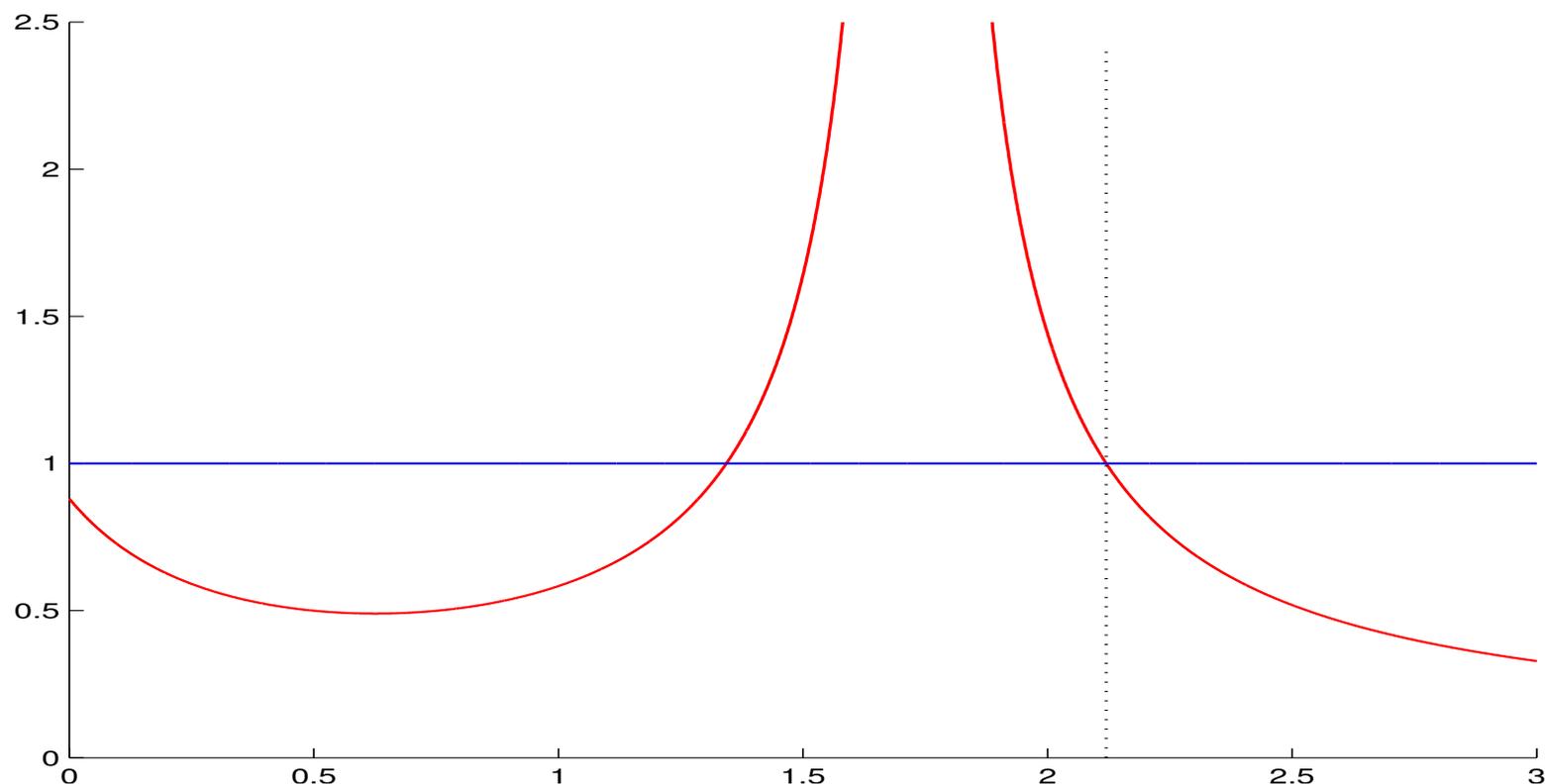
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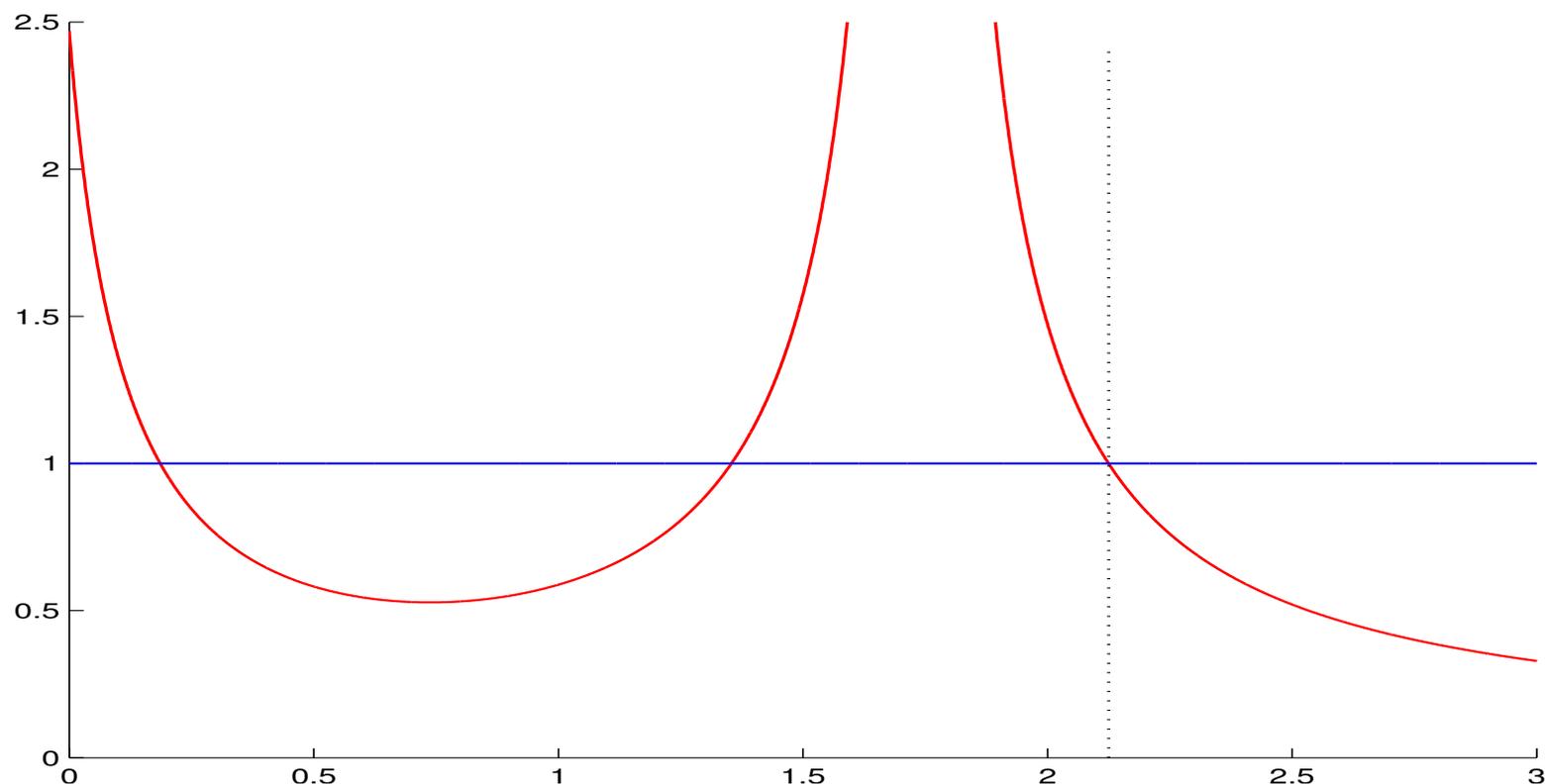
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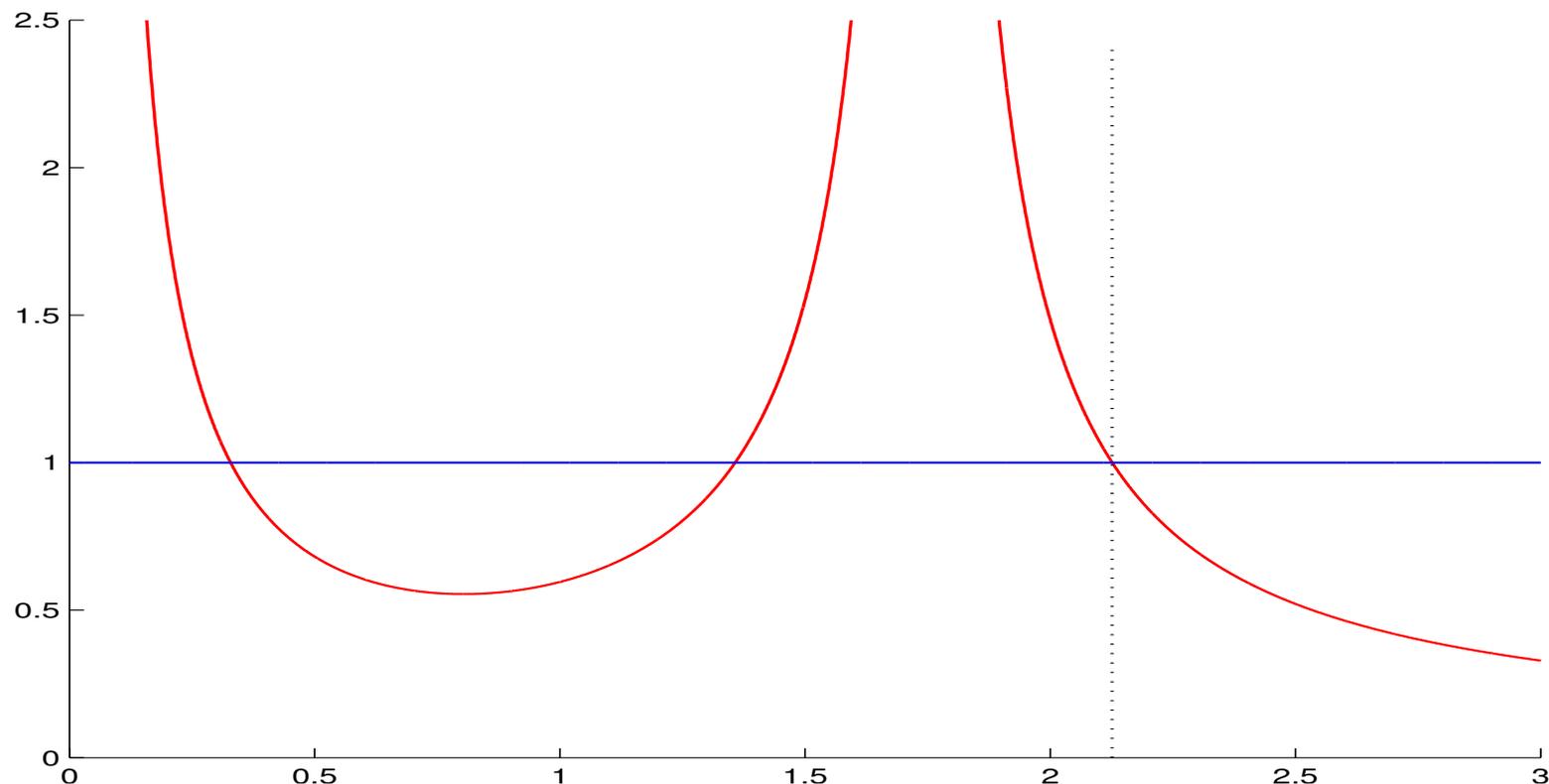
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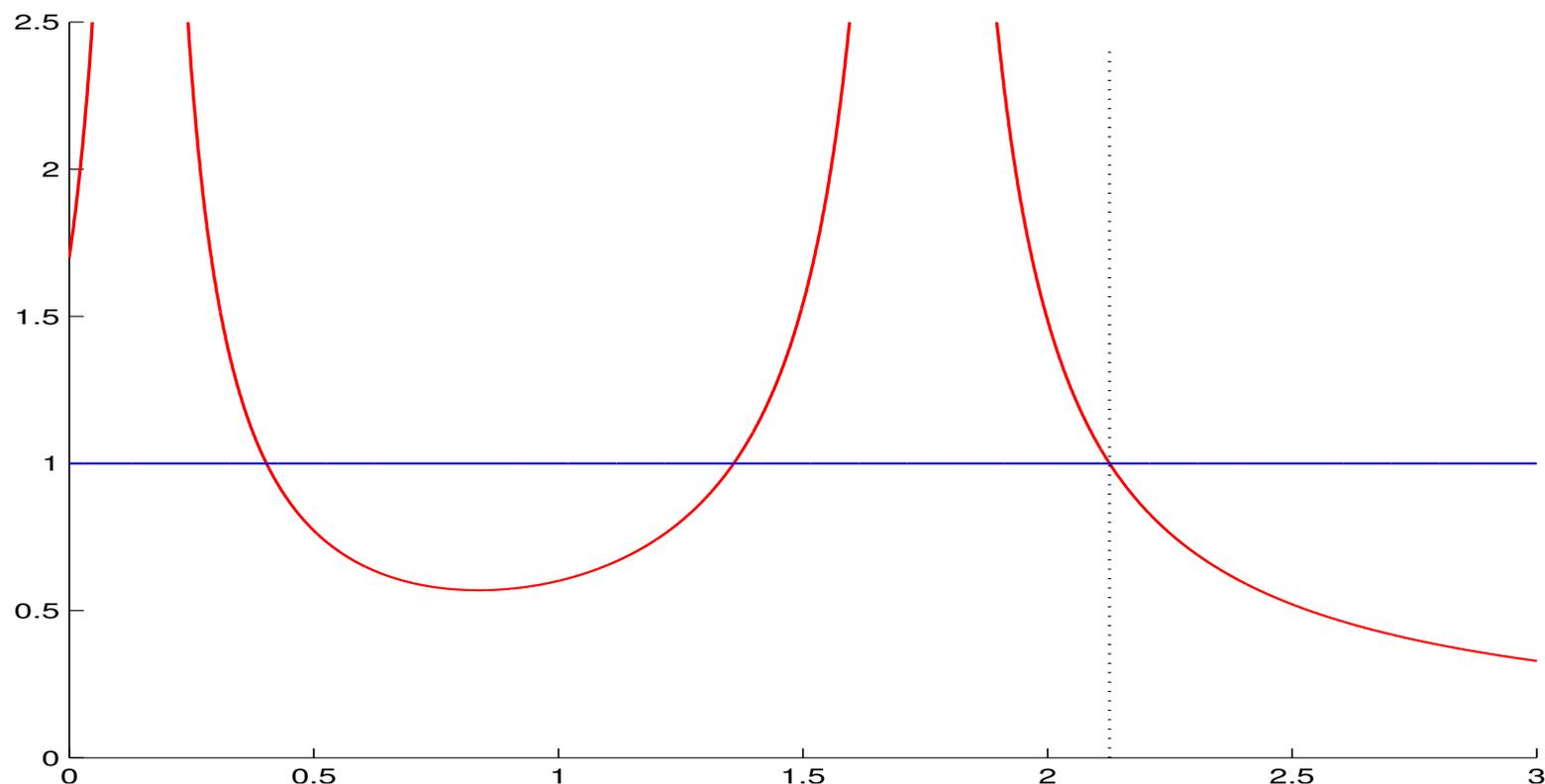
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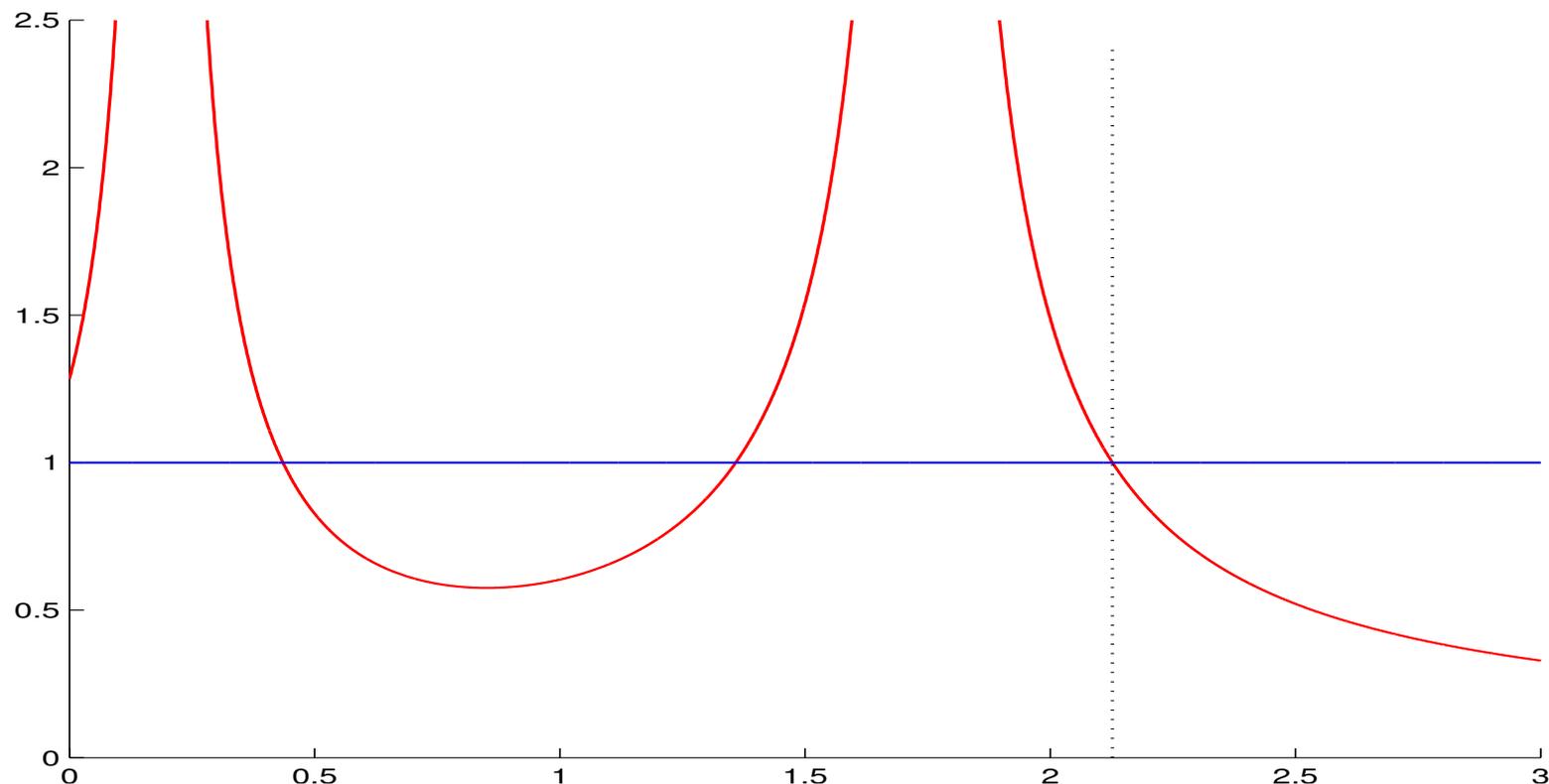
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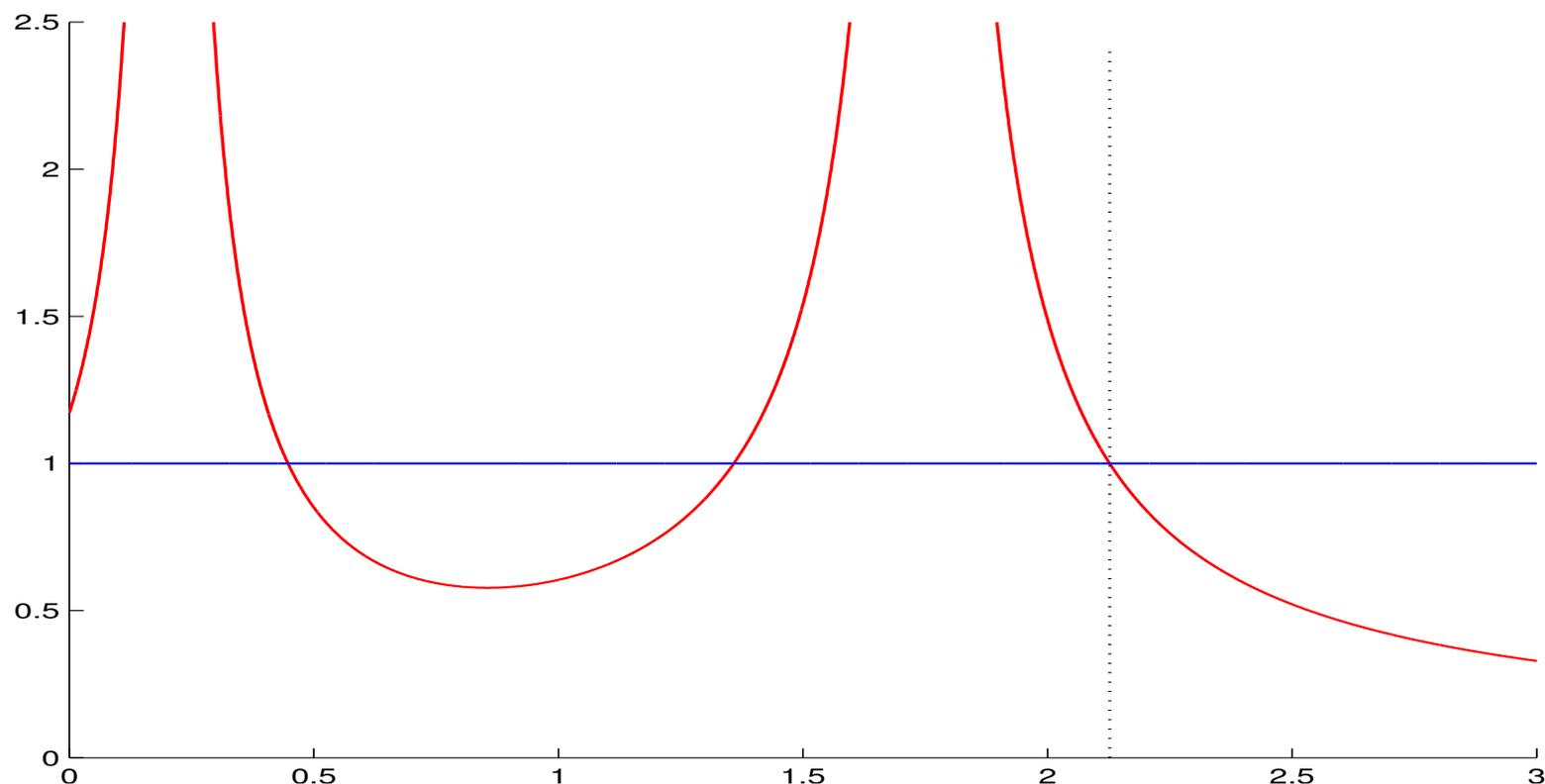
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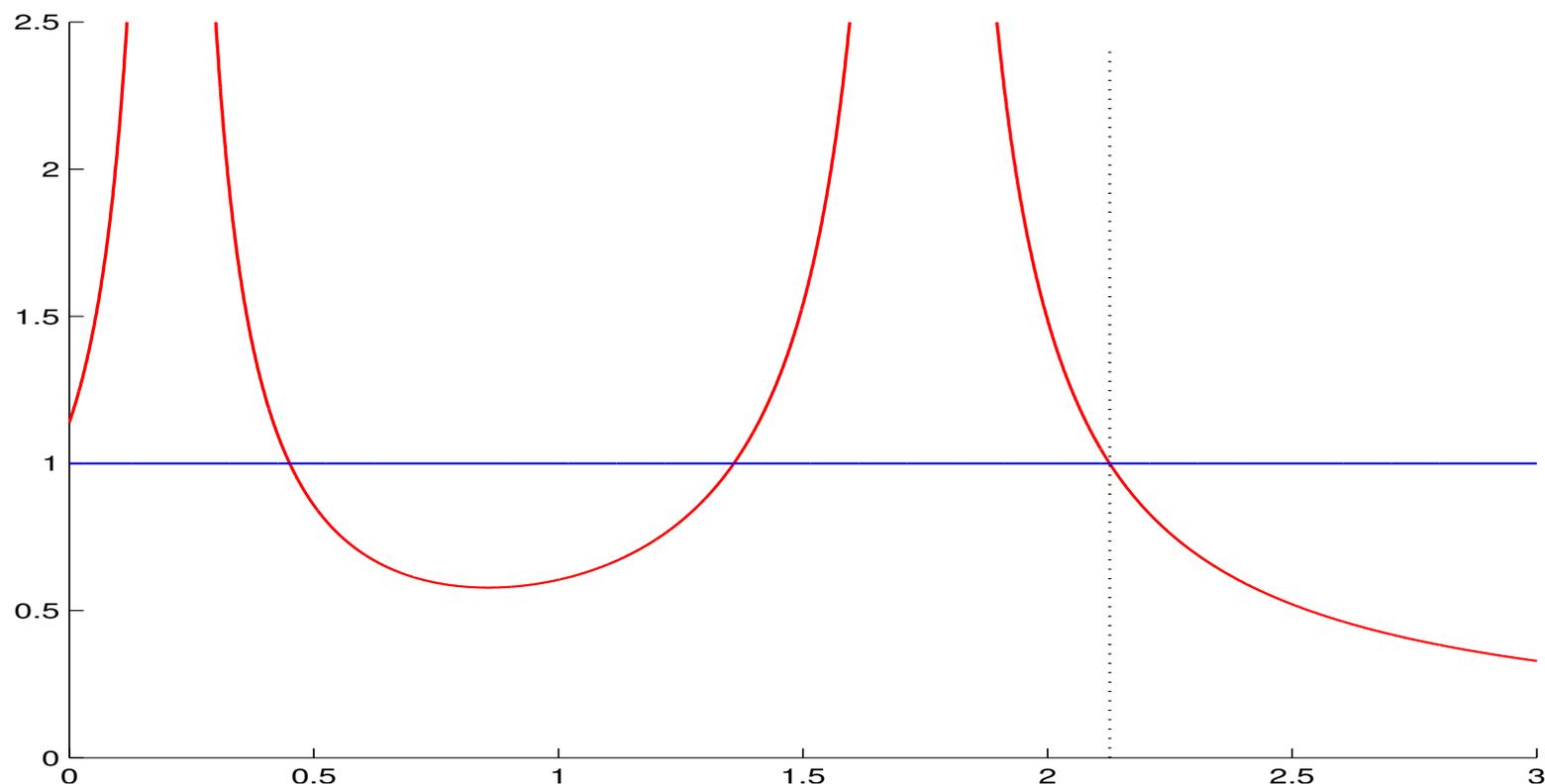
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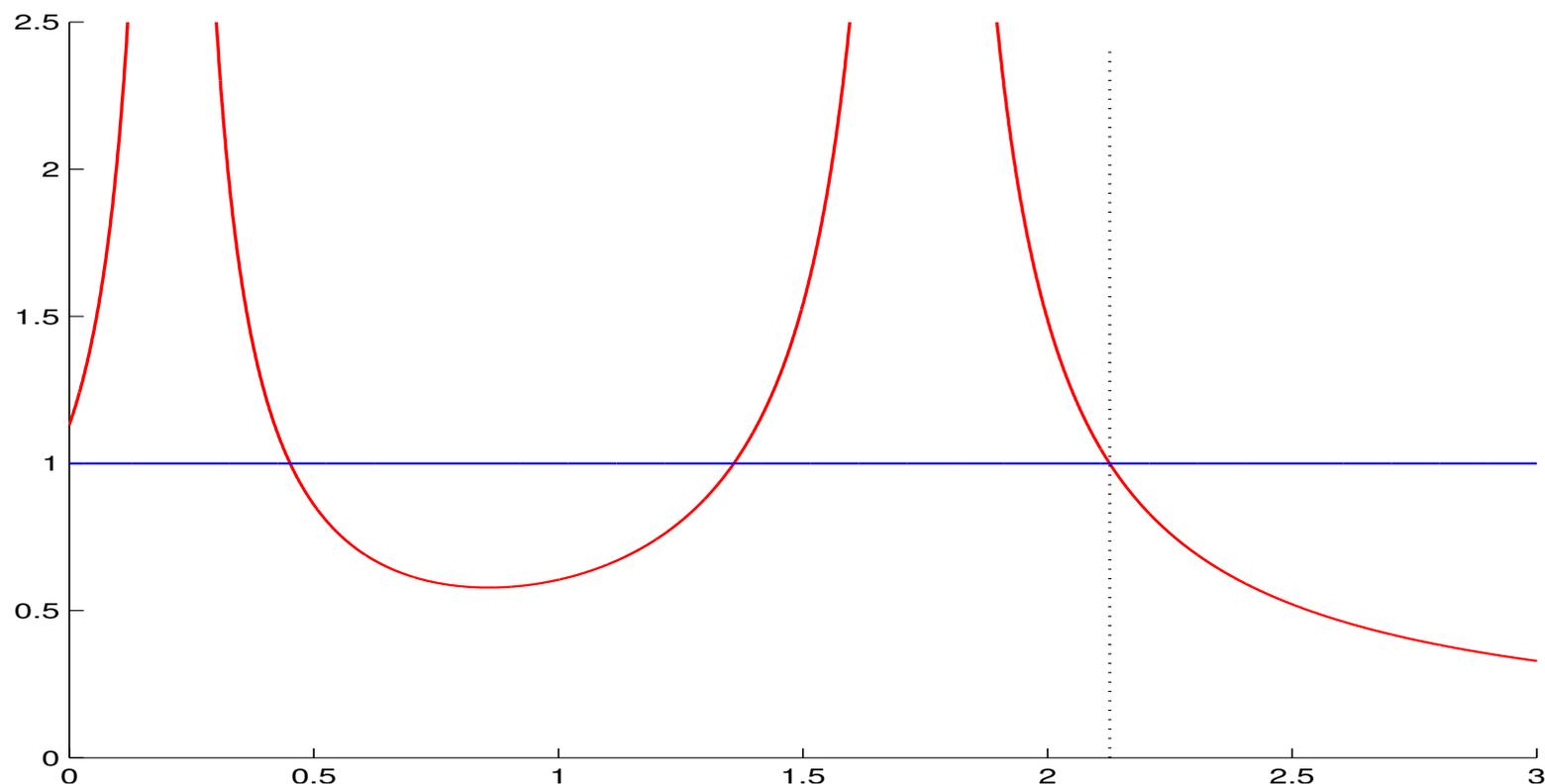
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