

Optimal Poincaré and logarithmic Sobolev constants by decomposition of the energy landscape

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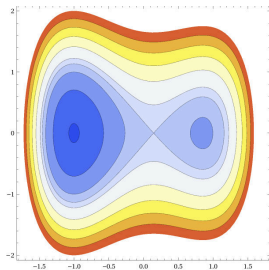
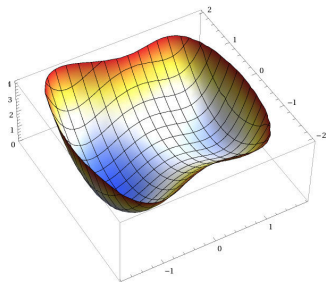
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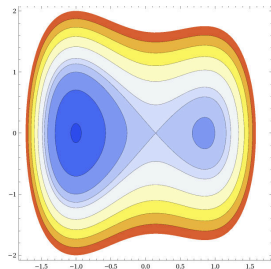
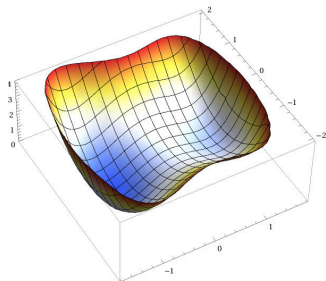
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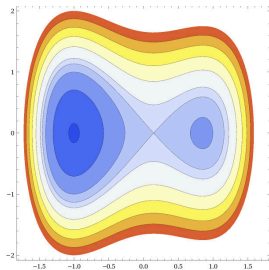
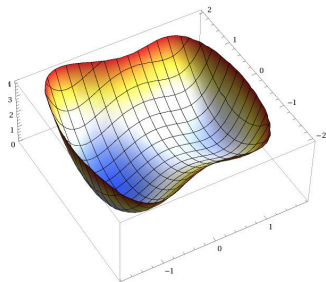
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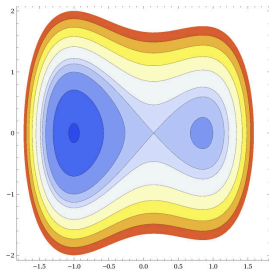
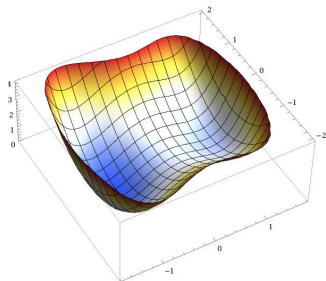
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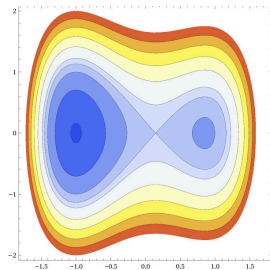
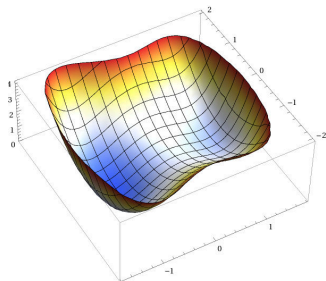
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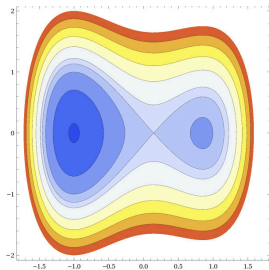
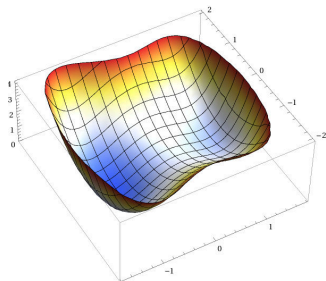
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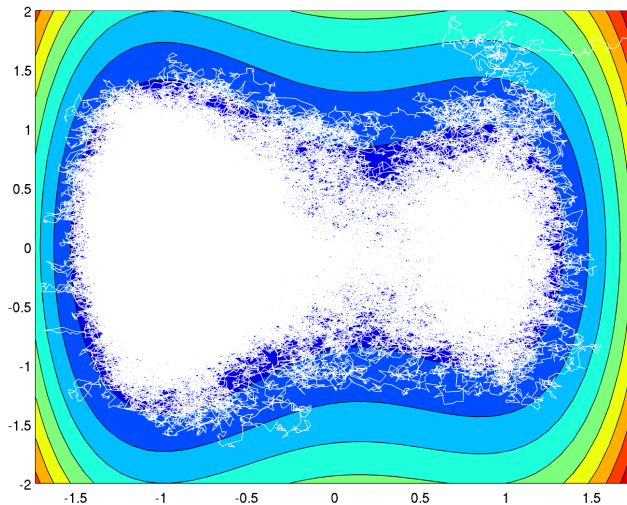


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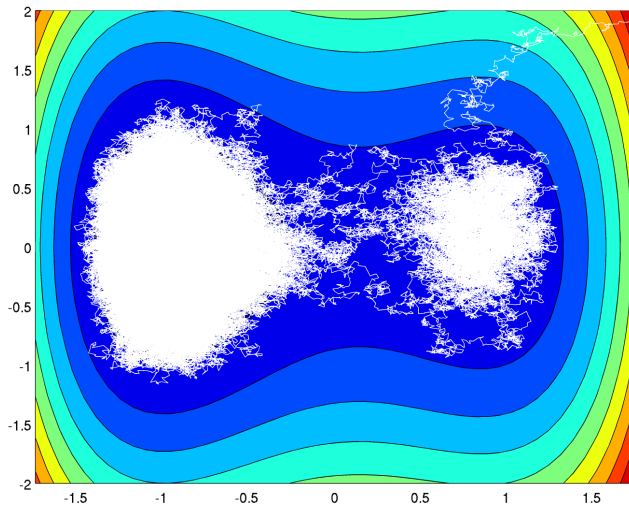


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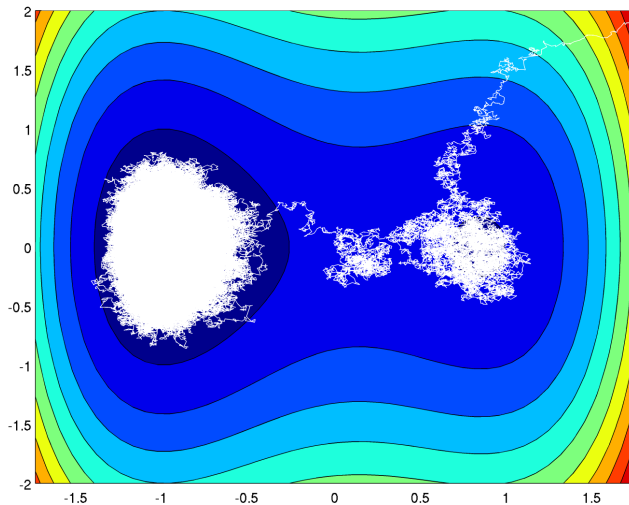


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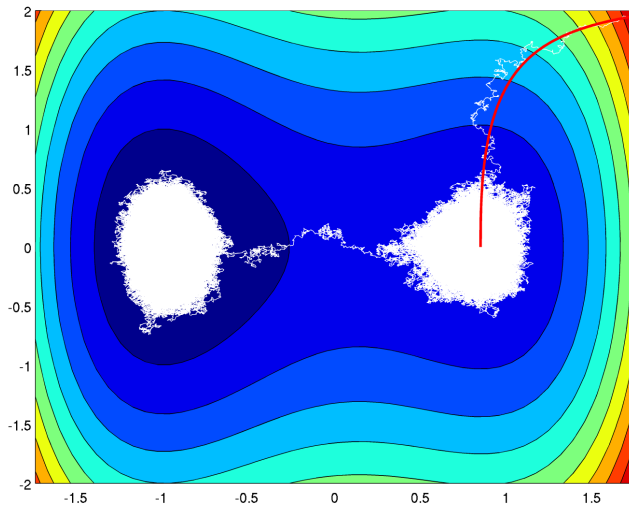


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The partition $\bigsqcup_i \Omega_i = \mathbb{R}^n$ is called **admissible** for μ if:

- (i) For each local minimum $m_i \in \mathcal{M}$ exists $\Omega_i \in \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}$ with $m_i \in \Omega_i$
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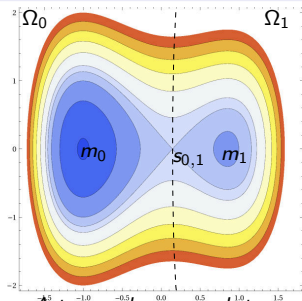
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Mixture representation:

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Asymptotic evaluation of the factor $\Lambda(Z_0, Z_1)$ for two special cases:

$$H(m_0) < H(m_1) : \quad \frac{\varrho}{\alpha} \approx \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{H(m_1) - H(m_0)}{\varepsilon} + \log \left(\frac{\kappa_0}{\kappa_1} \right) \right) = O(\varepsilon^{-1})$$

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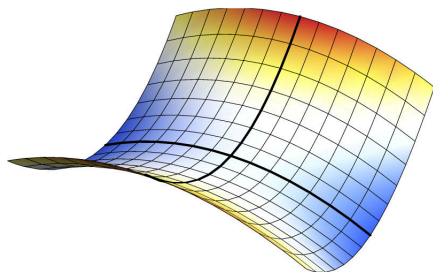


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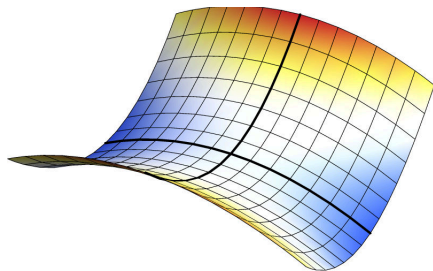


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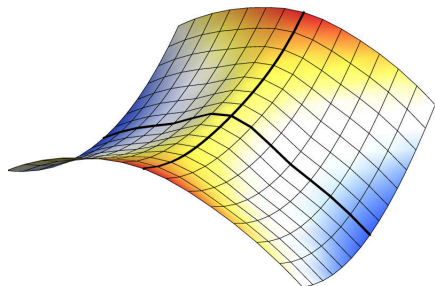


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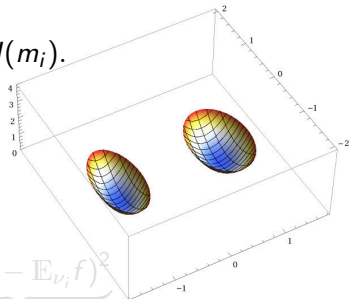
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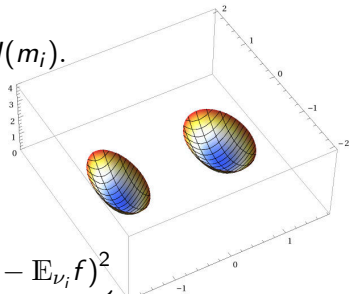
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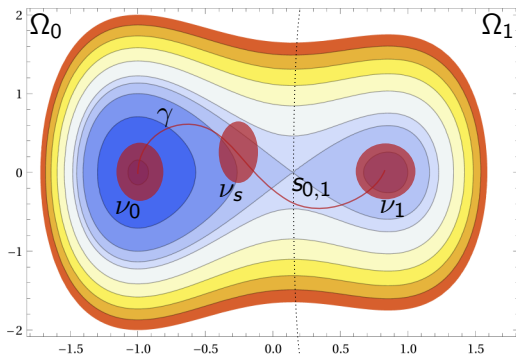
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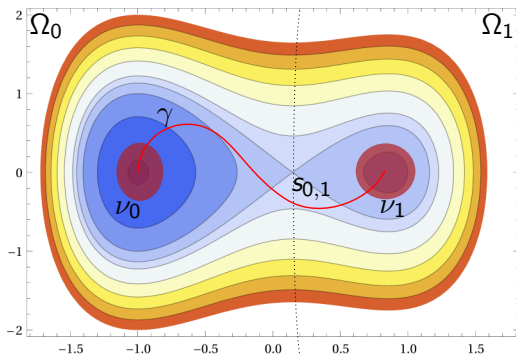
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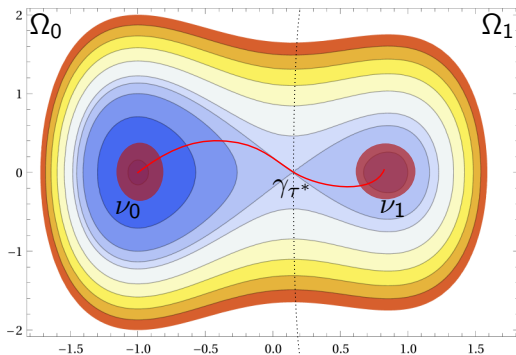
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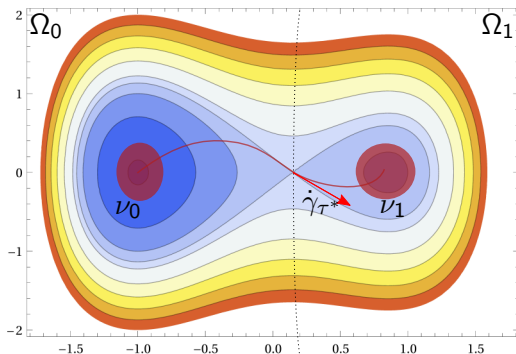
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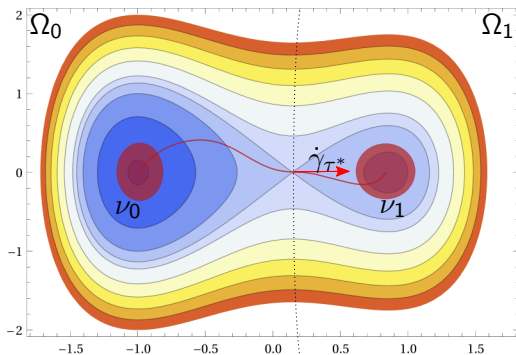
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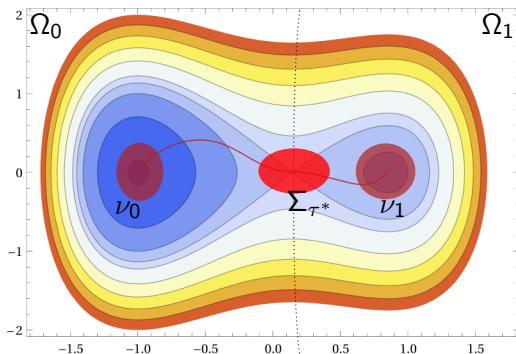
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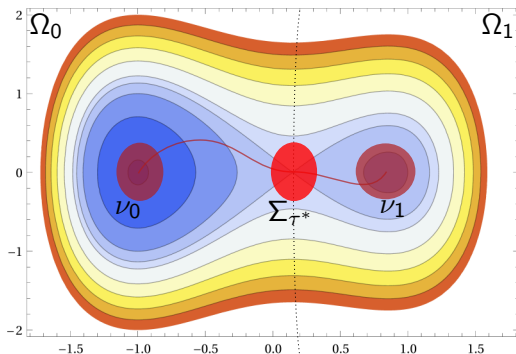
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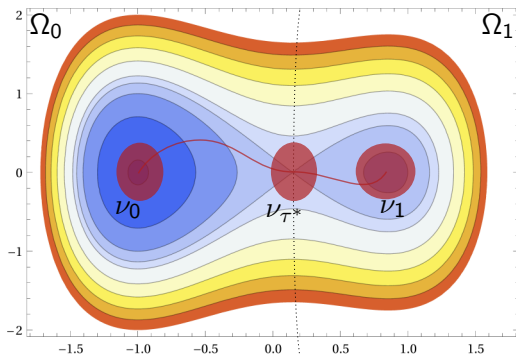
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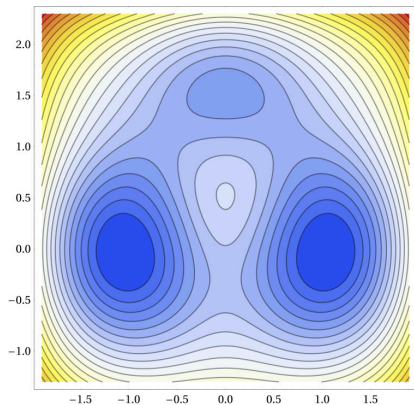
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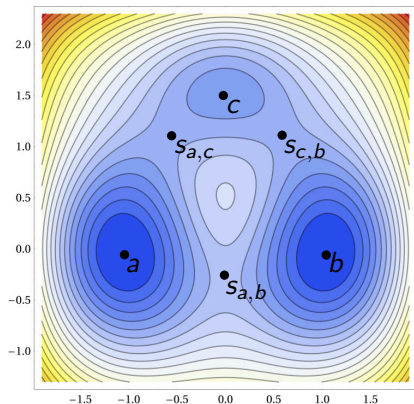
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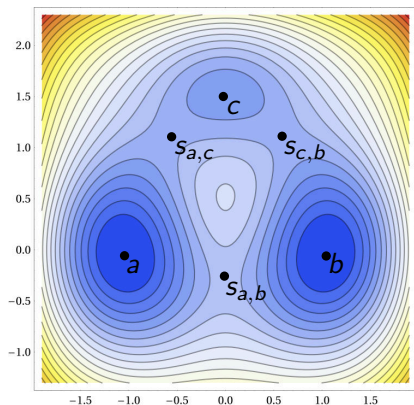
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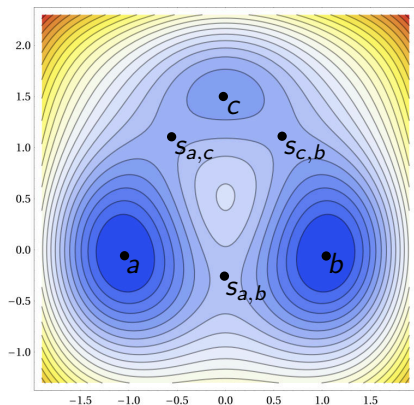
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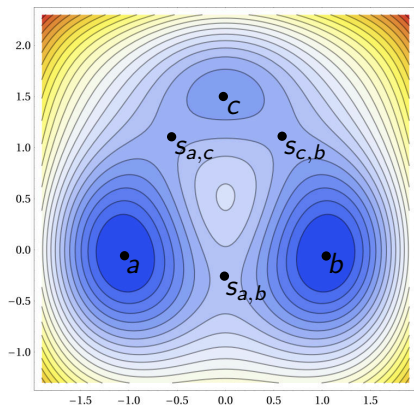
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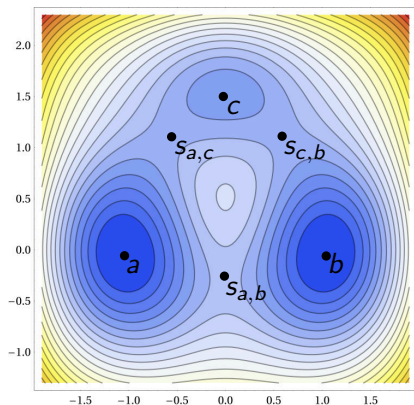
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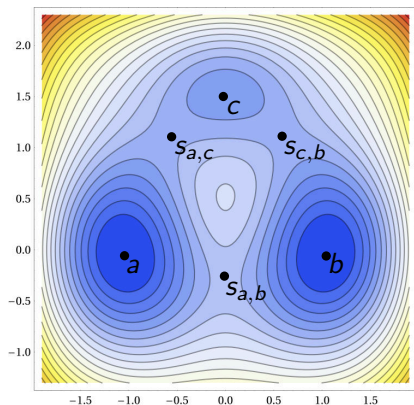
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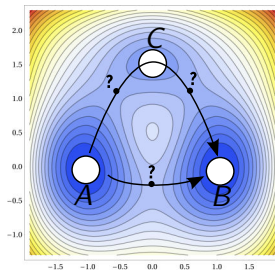
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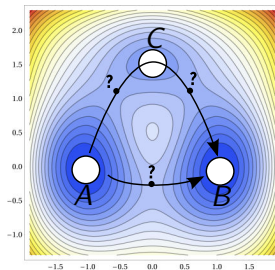
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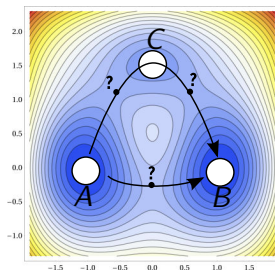
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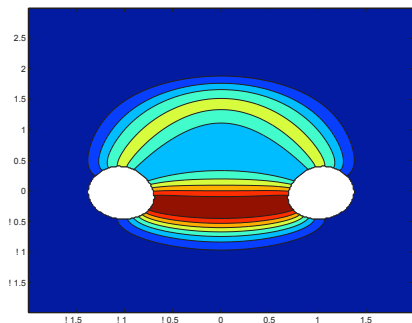
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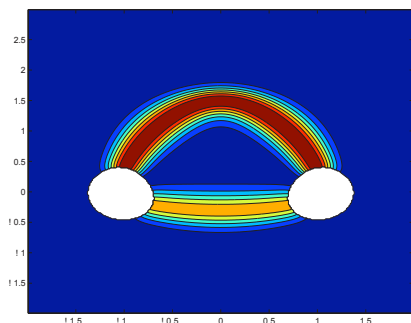
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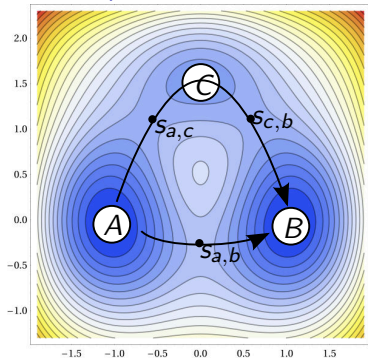


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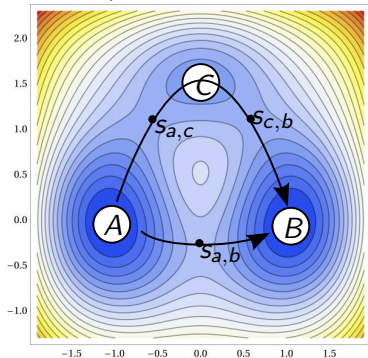
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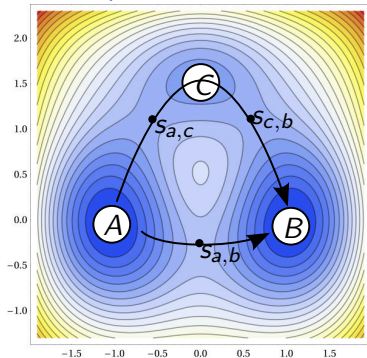
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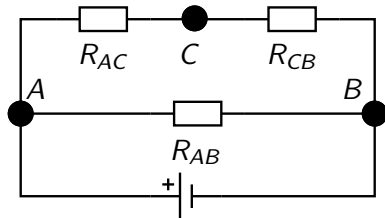
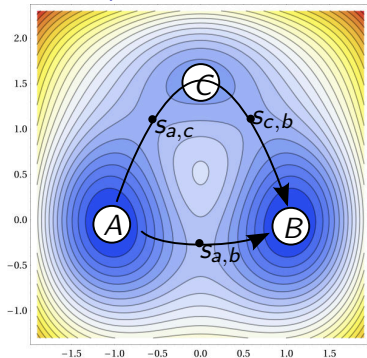
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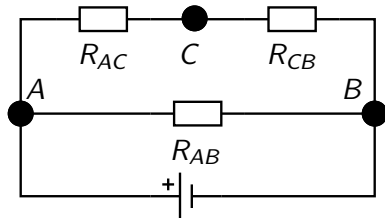
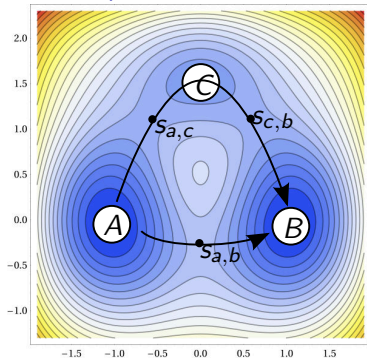
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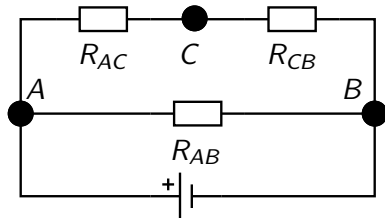
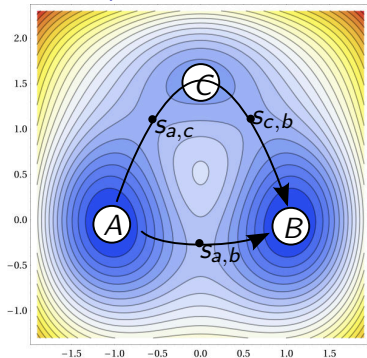
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