

L^2 geometry of vortices

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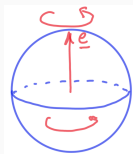
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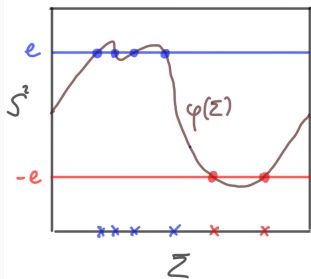
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Two topological charges



$$k_+ = \#(\varphi(\Sigma), \mathbf{e}), \quad k_- = \#(\varphi(\Sigma), -\mathbf{e})$$

Constraint: $k_+ - k_- = \deg(P)$

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Hence $E \geq 2\pi(k_+ + k_-)$ with equality iff

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Hence, if a (k_+, k_-) -vortex exists,

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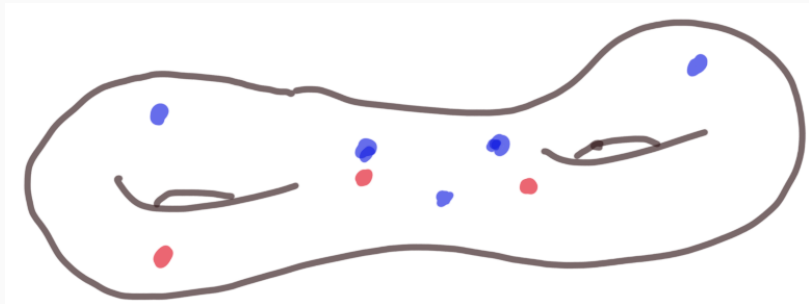
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Regularize, convert into $T(h_{reg}) = h_{reg}$ for a nonlinear operator $T : H_0^1(\Sigma) \rightarrow H_0^1(\Sigma)$. Apply Leray-Schauder.

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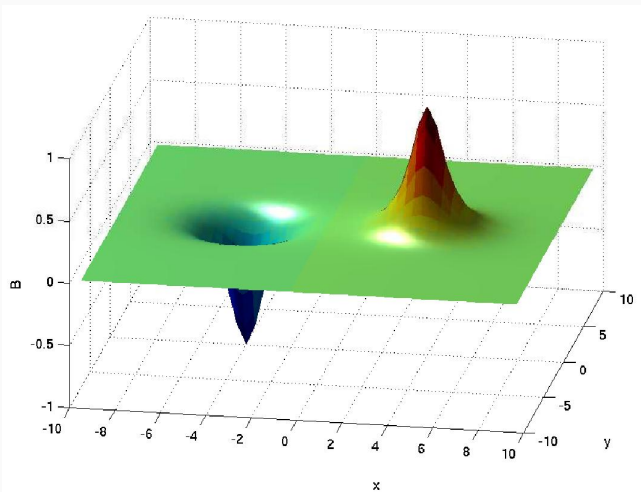
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- Looks singular on coincidence set but **in dimension 2** has a canonical smooth structure

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) &= (z - z_1)(z - z_2) \cdots (z - z_k) \\ &= z^k + a_1 z^{k-1} + \cdots + a_k \end{aligned}$$

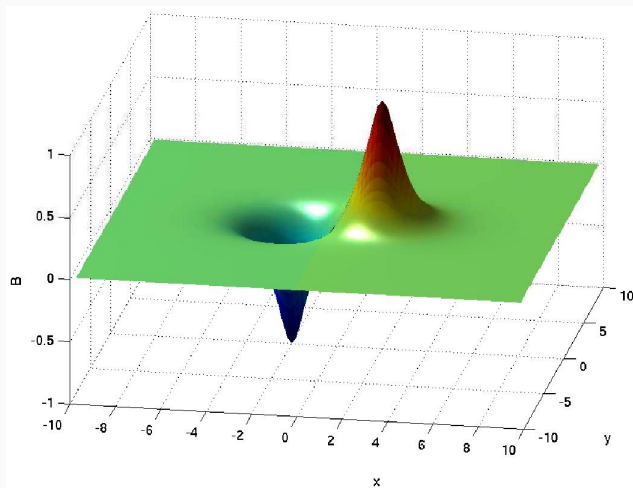
(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) define local complex coords on $\text{Sym}_k \Sigma$

- $M_{k_+, k_-}(\Sigma)$ is noncompact (if $k_+, k_- > 0$)

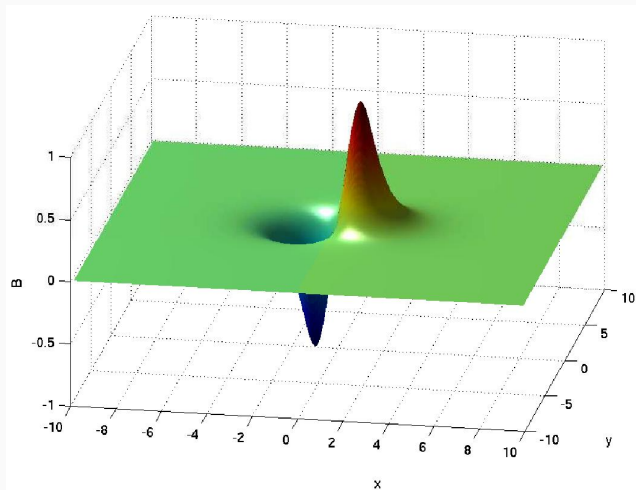
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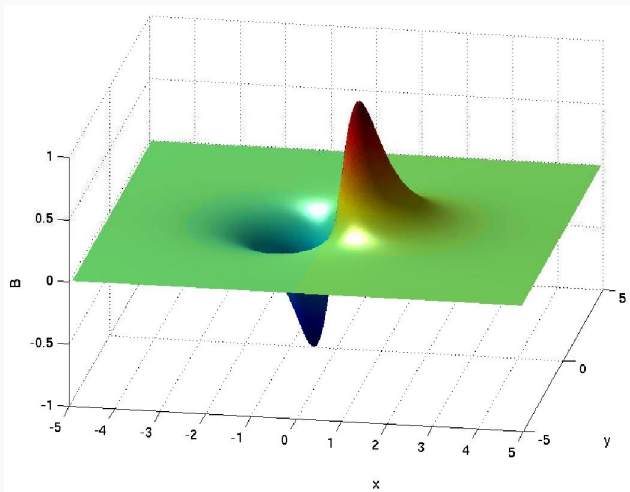
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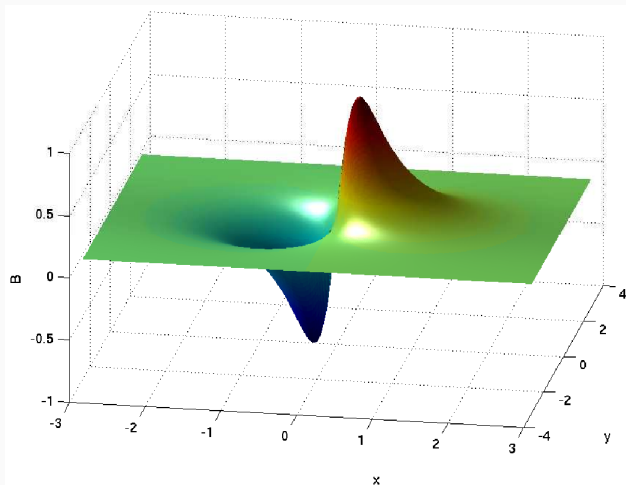
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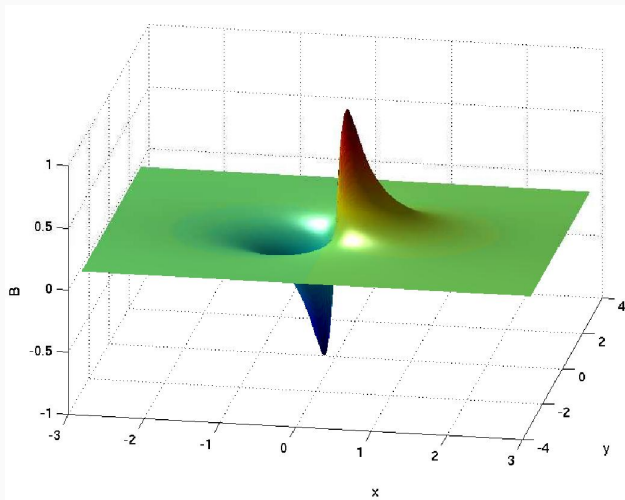
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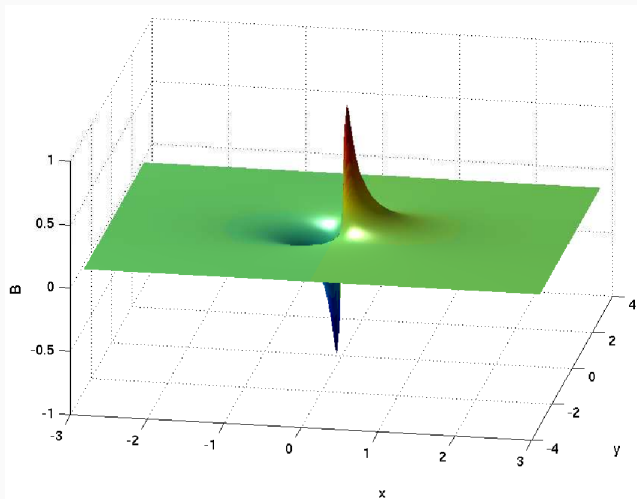
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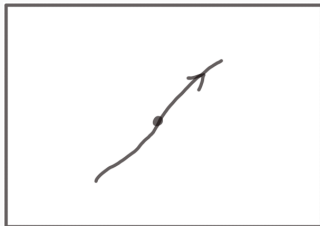


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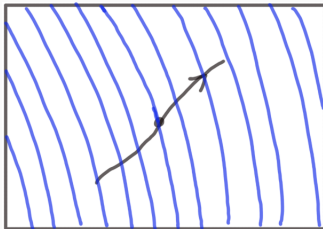
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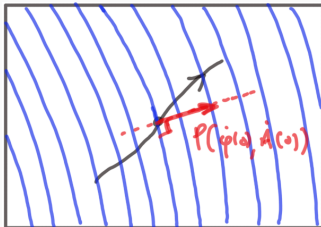
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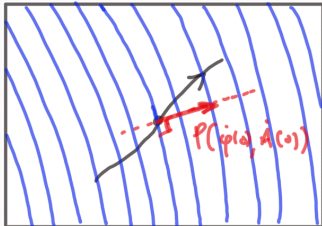
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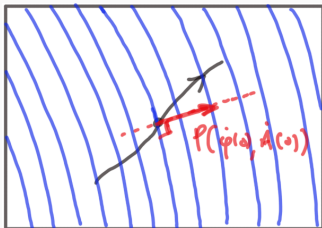
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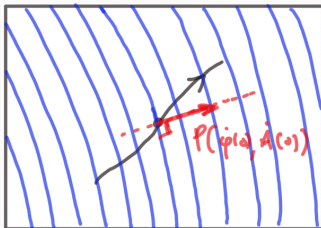
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where $\pi_{\pm} : \Sigma \times \Sigma \setminus \Delta \rightarrow \Sigma$ are the projection maps

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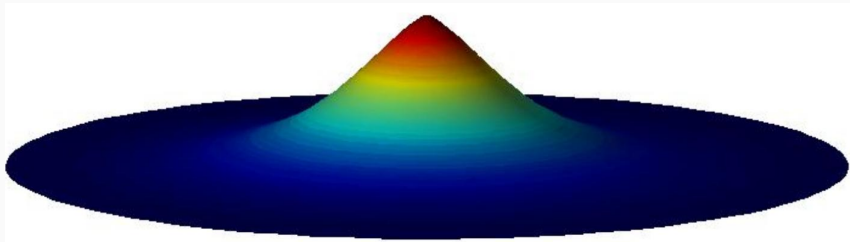
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Isometric embedding of the space of centred $(1, 1)$ vortices on euclidean \mathbb{R}^2

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- $g_g = d\theta_1^2 + e^{-2}d\theta_2^2$
- $\mu(x_+, x_-) = (1 - |x_-|^2)\partial_{\theta_1} + e^2(2 - |x_+|^2 - |x_-|^2)\partial_{\theta_2}$
- $M_{k_+, k_-}^{\mathbb{C}^2}(\Sigma) = \text{Sym}_{k_+} \Sigma \times \text{Sym}_{k_-} \Sigma$
- Canonical embedding $\iota : M_{k_+, k_-}^{S^2}(\Sigma) \rightarrow M_{k_+, k_-}^{\mathbb{C}^2}(\Sigma)$
- **Conjecture** $\iota^* g_{L^2}^{\mathbb{C}^2}$ converges uniformly to $g_{L^2}^{S^2}$ in the limit $e \rightarrow \infty$
- Consistent with volume computations