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A generalization of classical α BB underestimation to include bilinear terms

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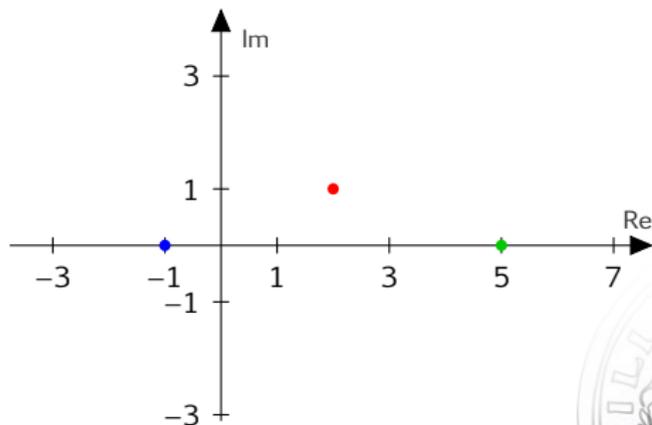
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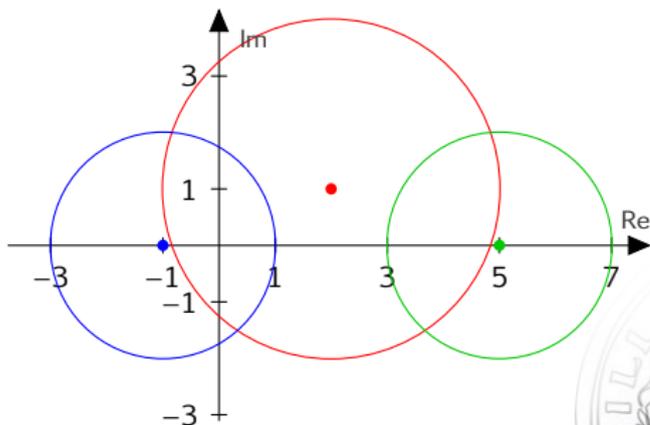
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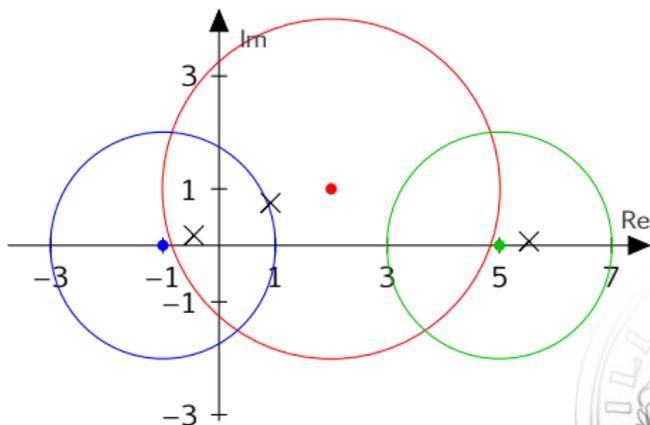
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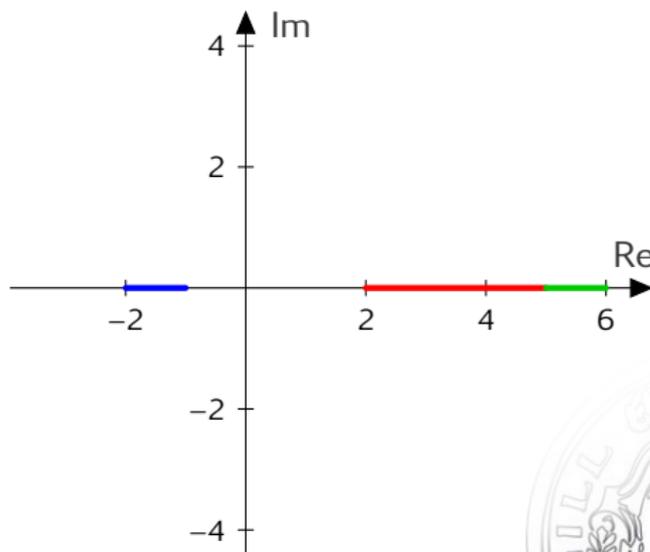


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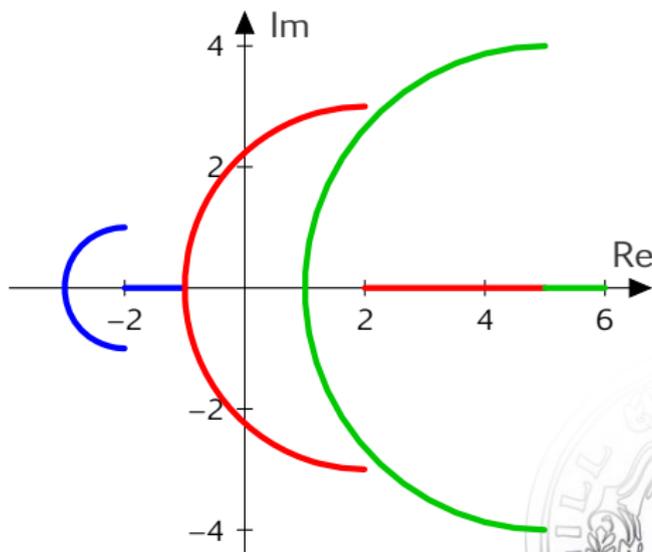


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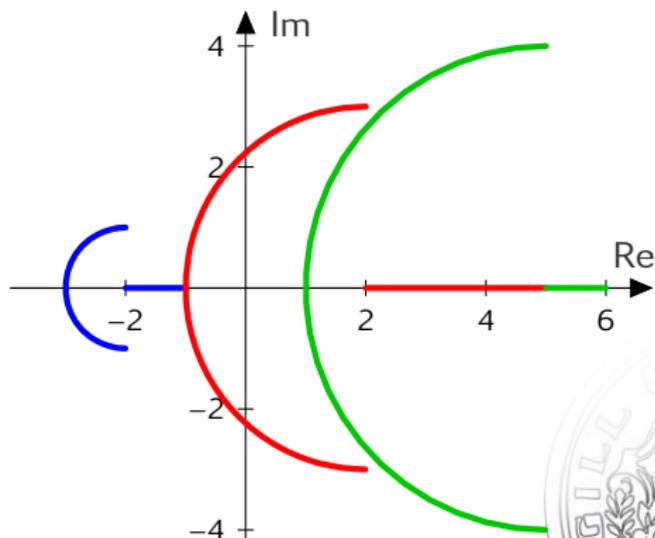


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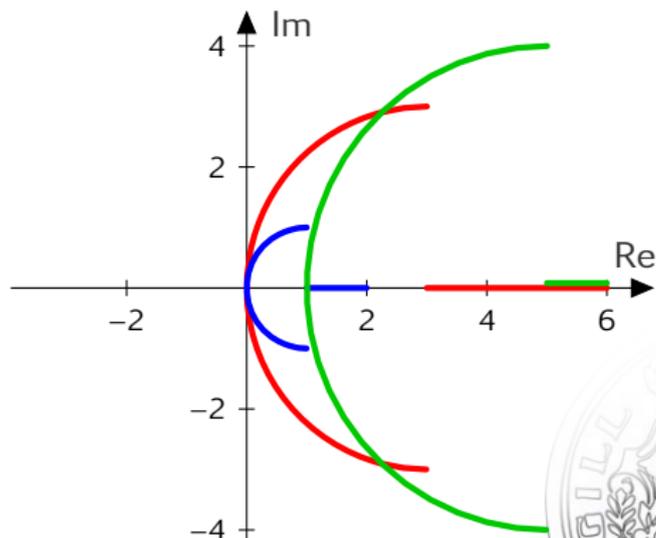


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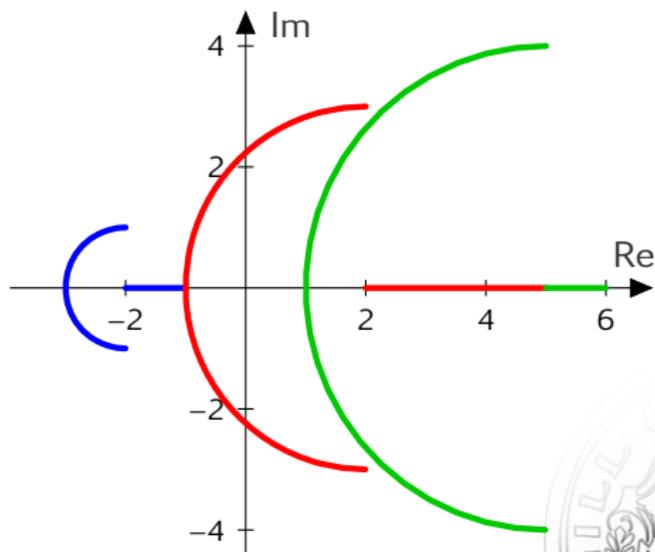


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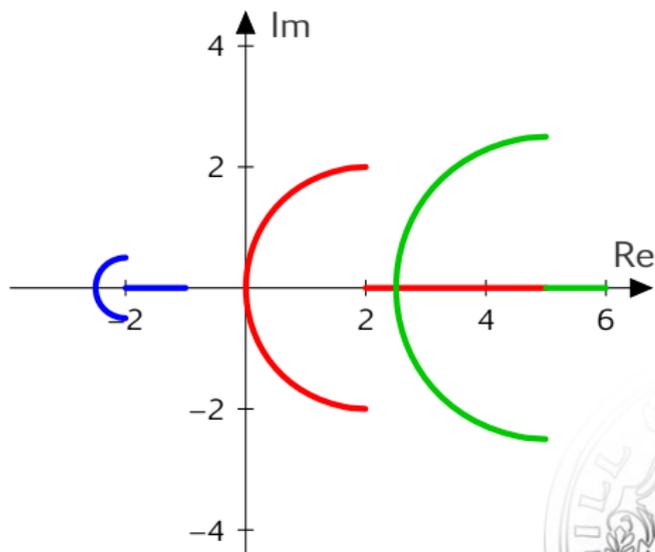


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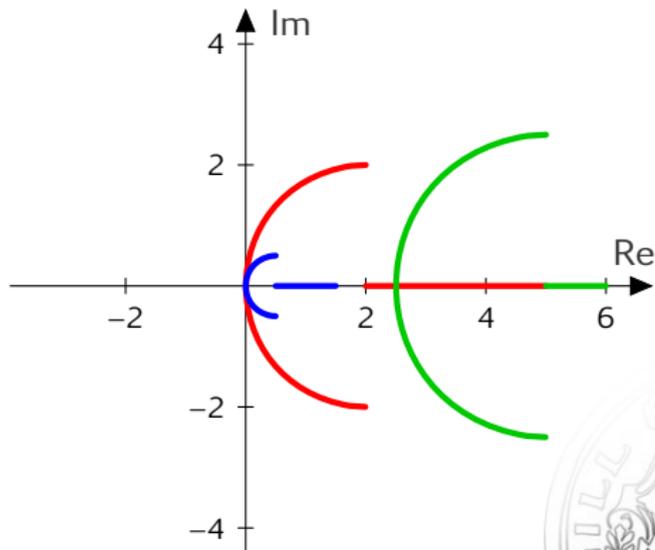


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Two questions must be answered

- ▶ How can we interpret the off-diagonal adjustments of the Hessian as perturbation terms?
- ▶ Is the new underestimator an improvement?



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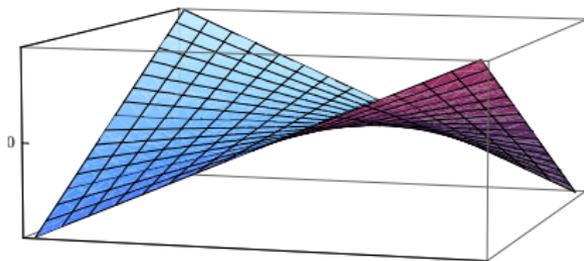
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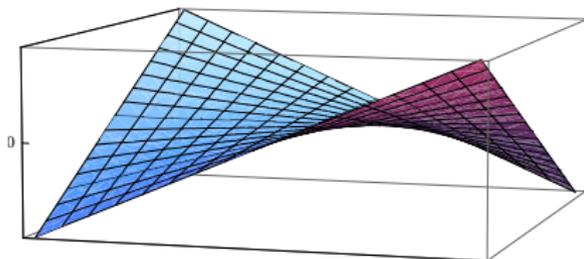
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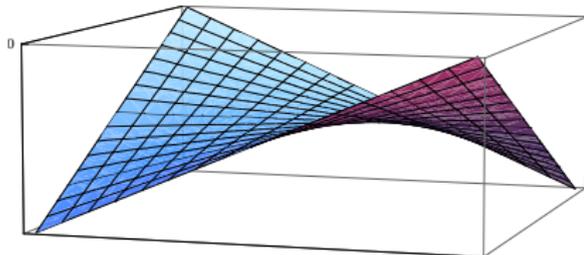
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- ▶ We can subtract a positive constant to ensure underestimation
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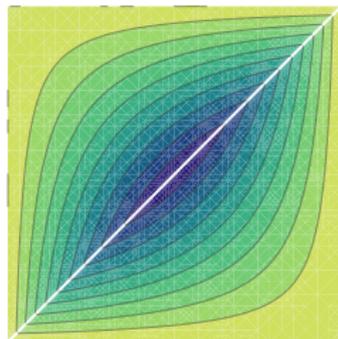
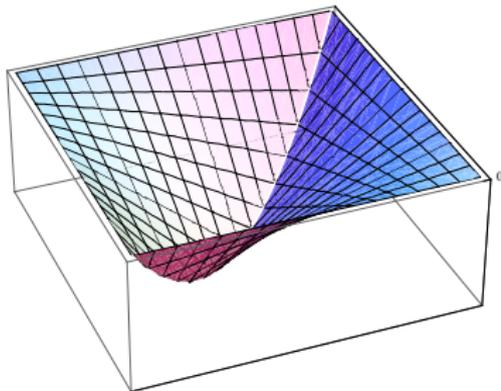


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Choosing the Parameters

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$$\alpha_i \geq 0, \quad \forall i$$

$$\beta_{ij} = \beta_{ji}, \quad \forall i, j : j > i$$

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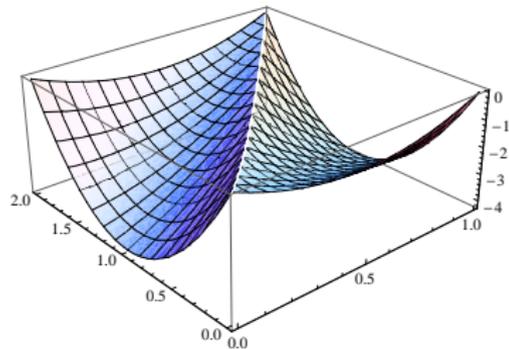
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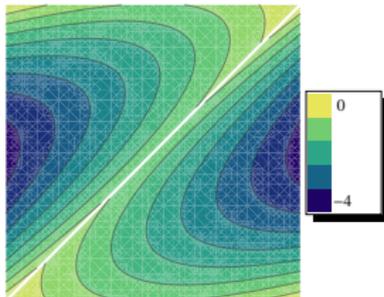
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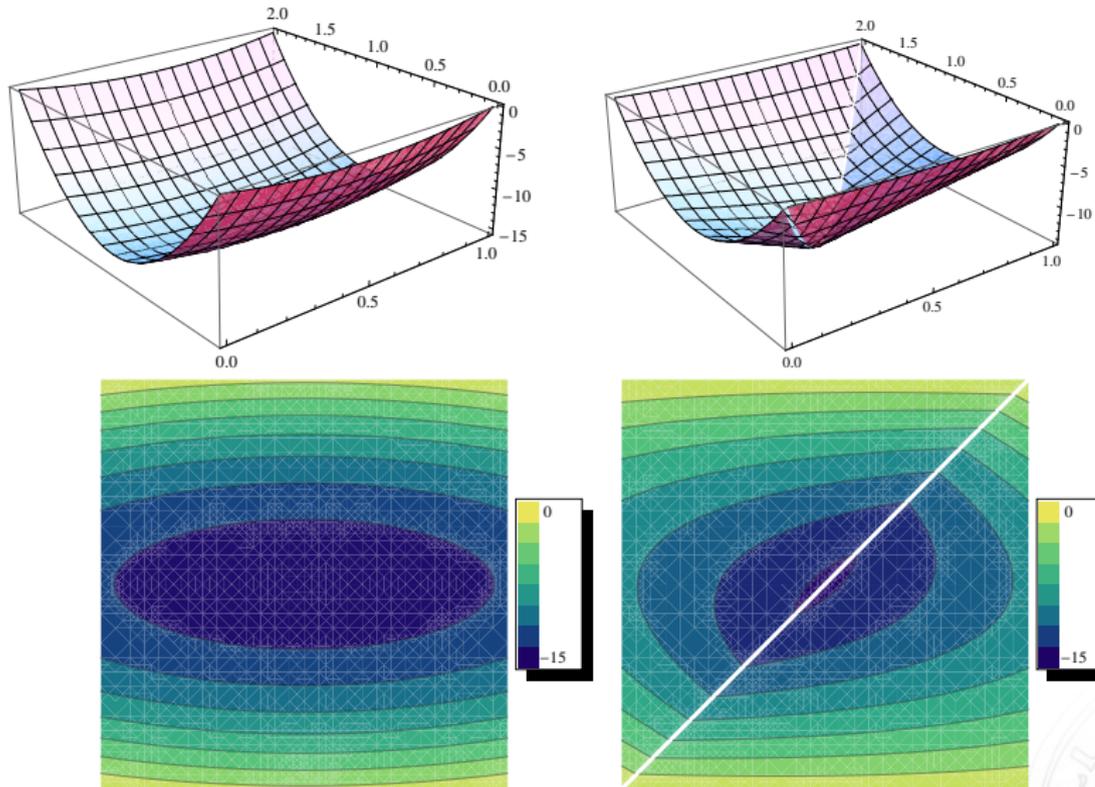


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