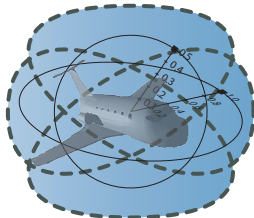


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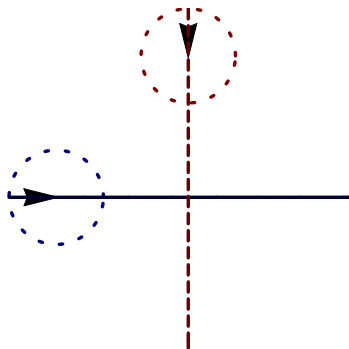
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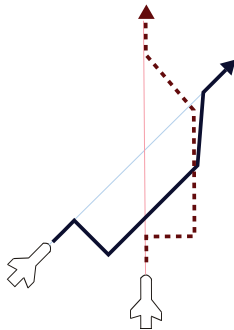
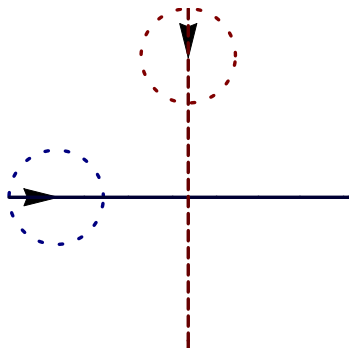


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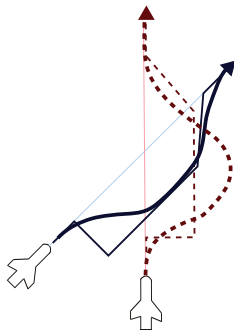
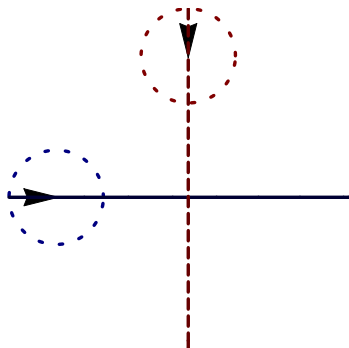
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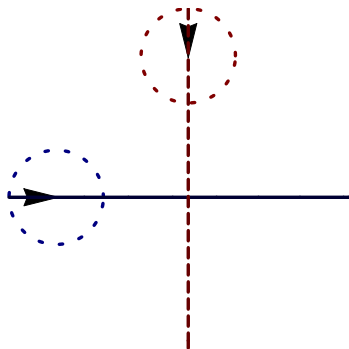


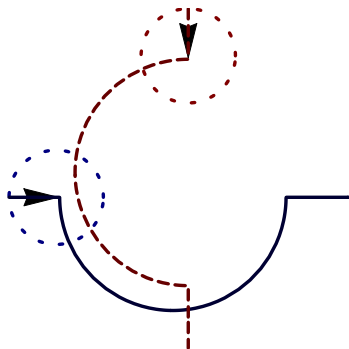
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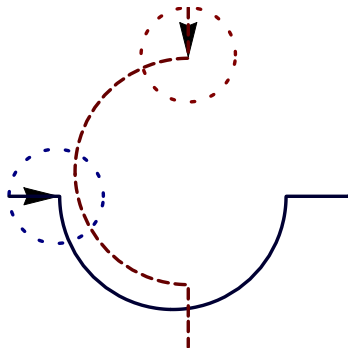


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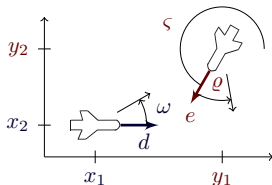
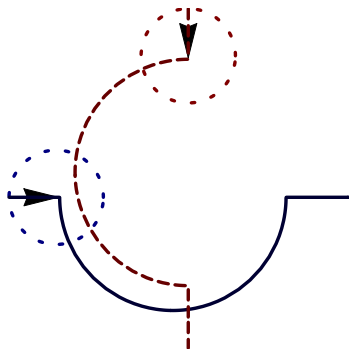






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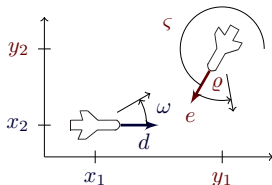
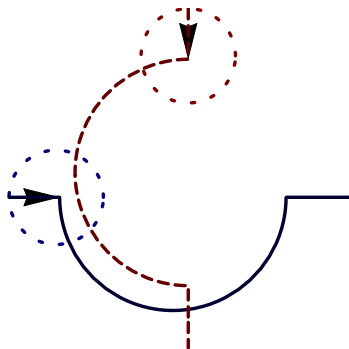
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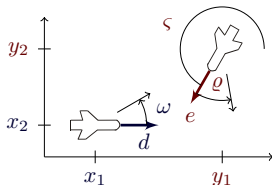
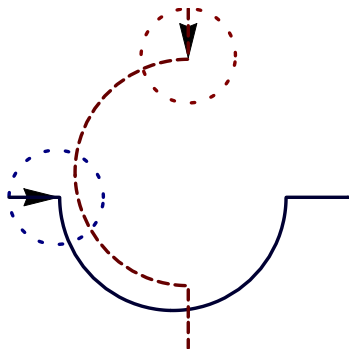
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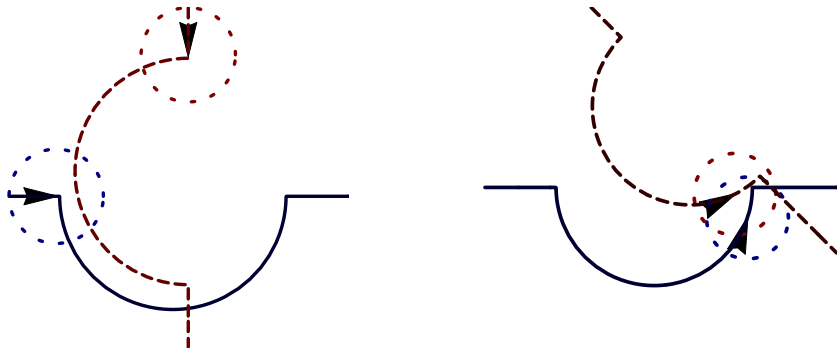
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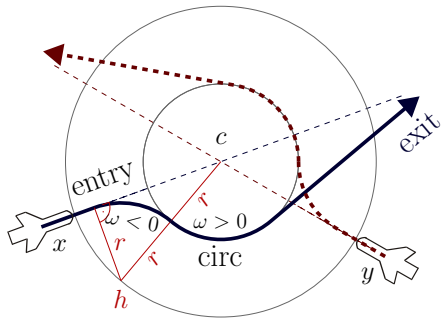
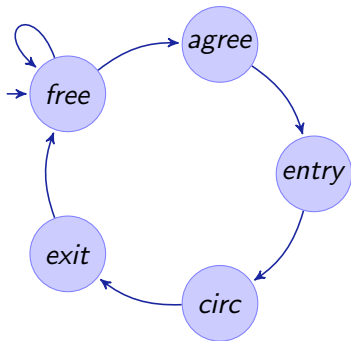
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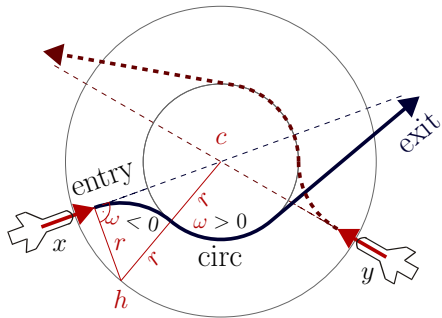
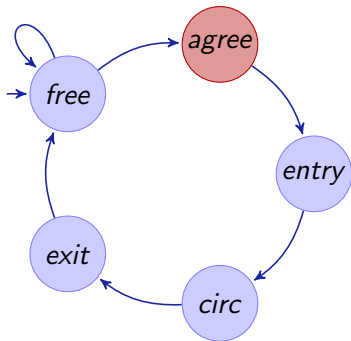
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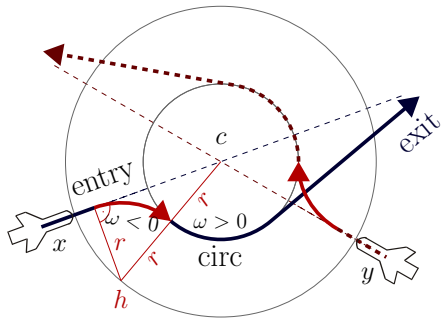
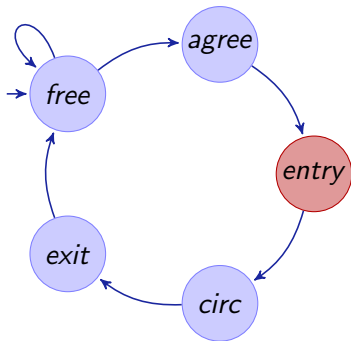
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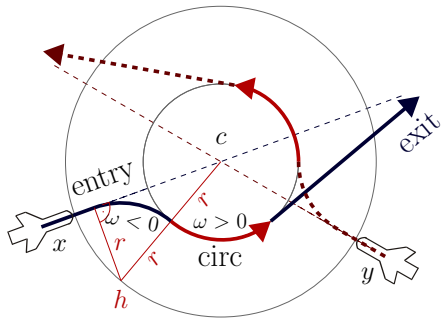
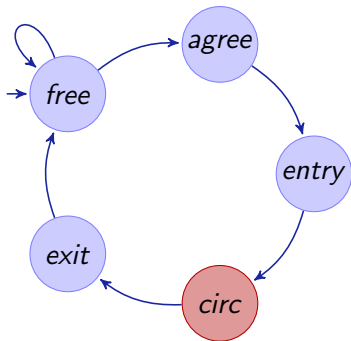
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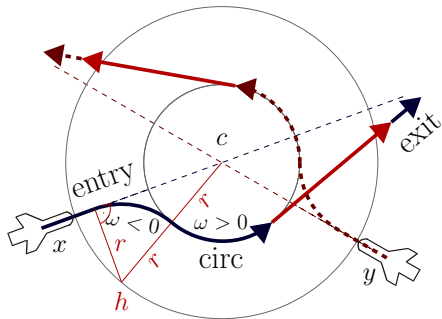
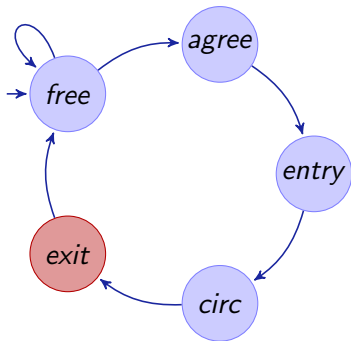
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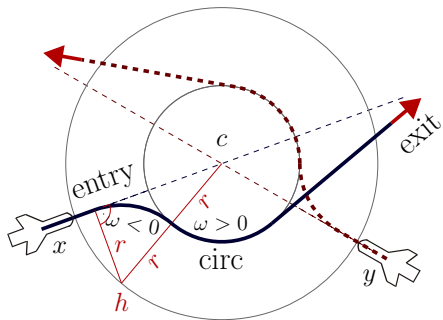
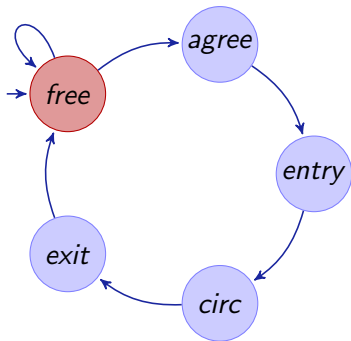
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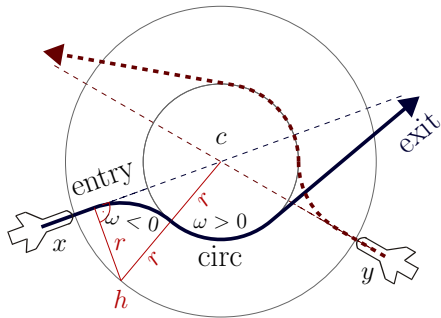
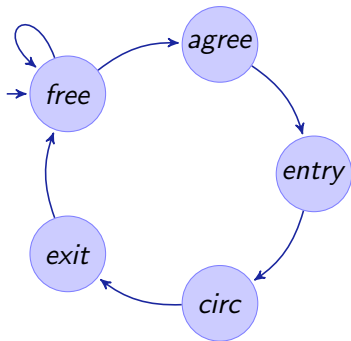
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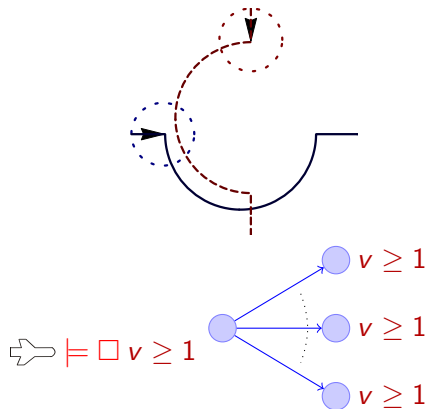
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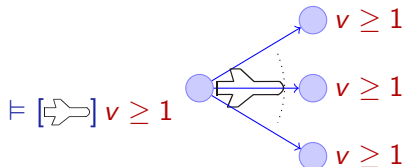
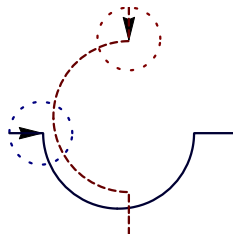
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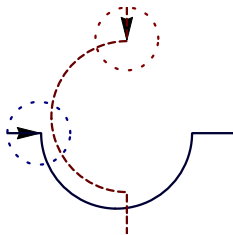
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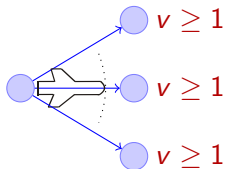


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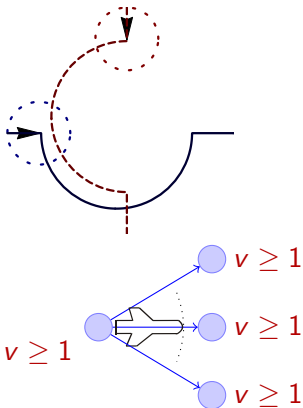
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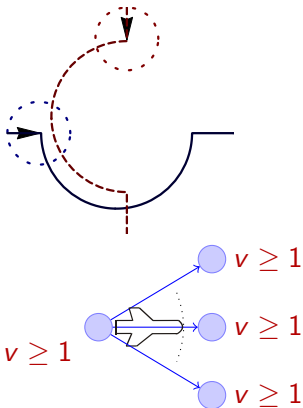
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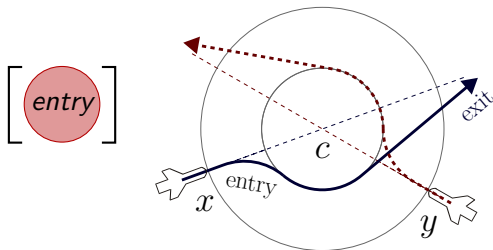


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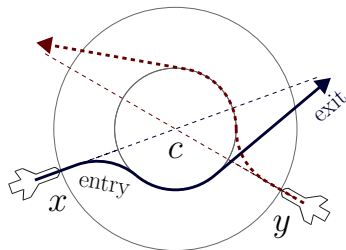
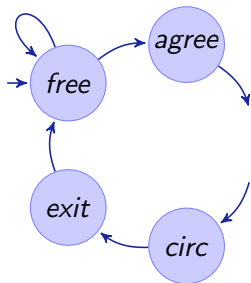




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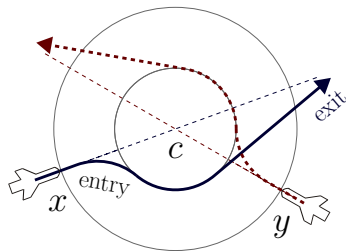
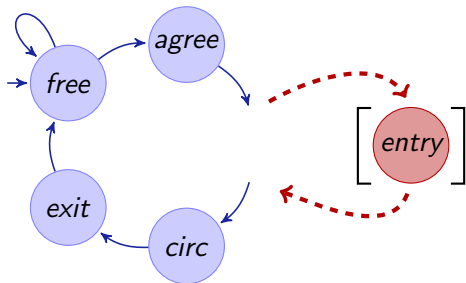
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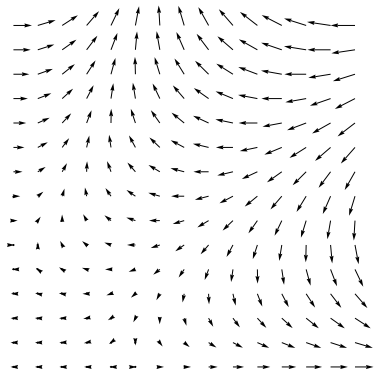


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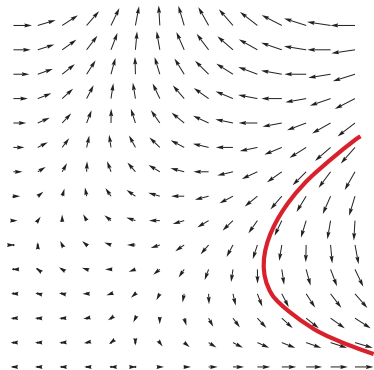
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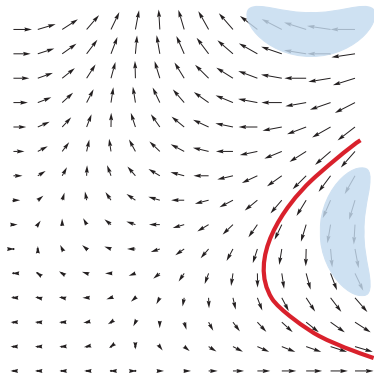
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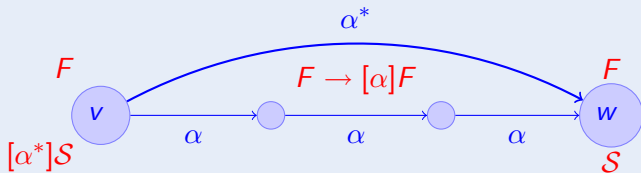


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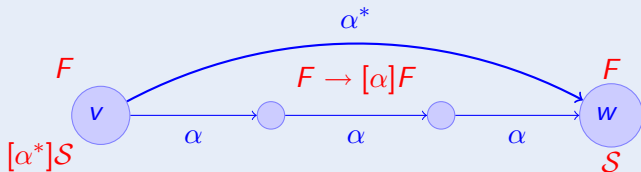
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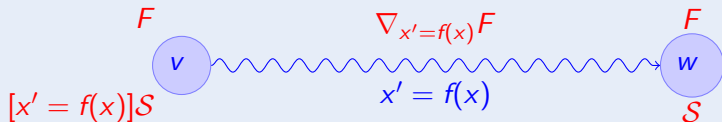
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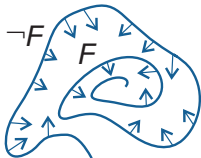
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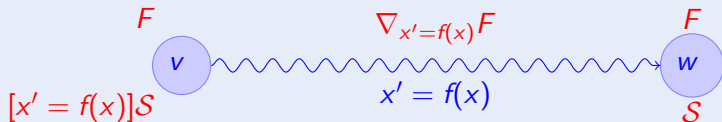
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$$\nabla_{x'_1=f_1(x), \dots, x'_n=f_n(x)} F \text{ is } \bigwedge_{(b \geq c) \in F} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial b}{\partial x_i} f_i(x) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial c}{\partial x_i} f_i(x) \right)$$

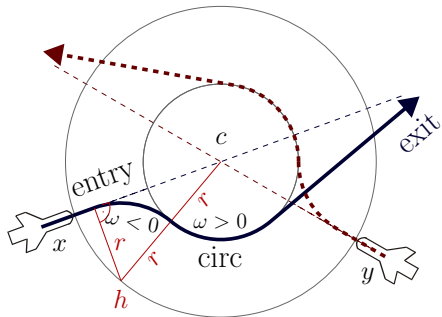
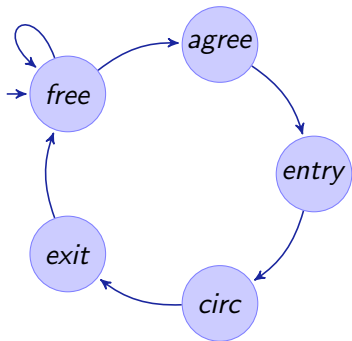


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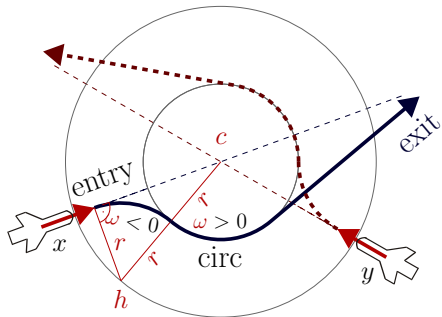
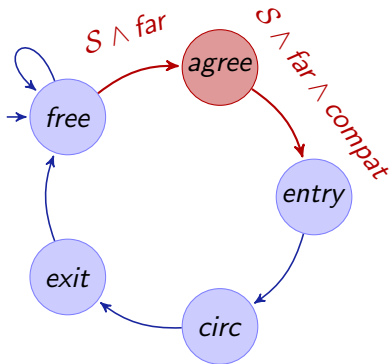


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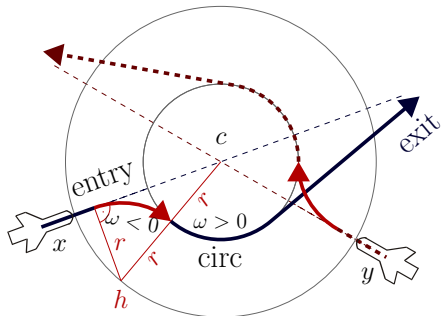
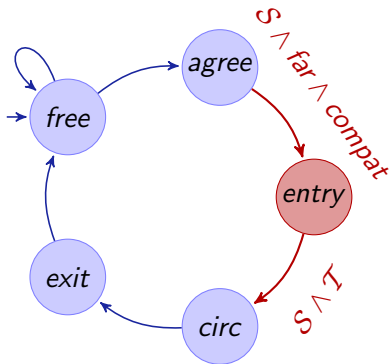
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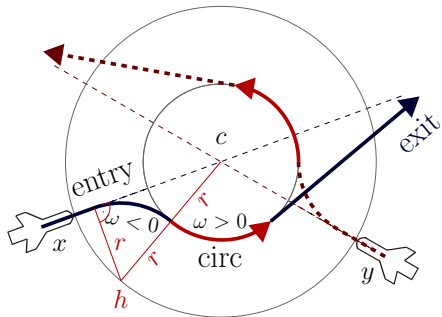
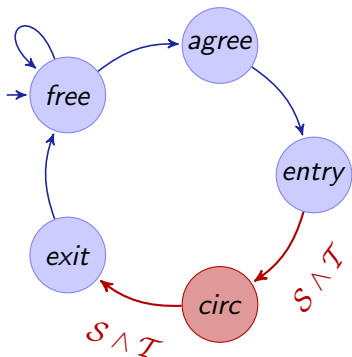
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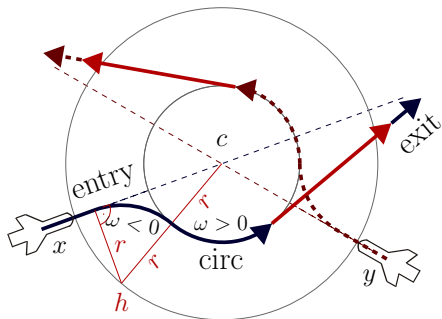
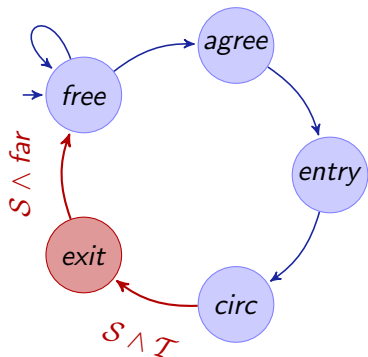
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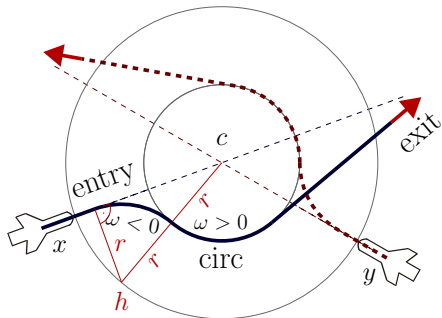
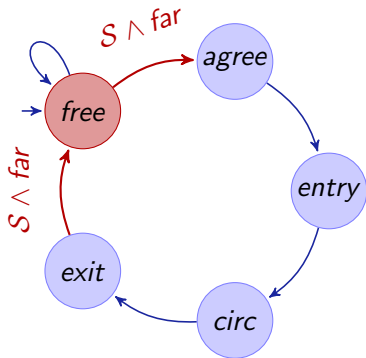
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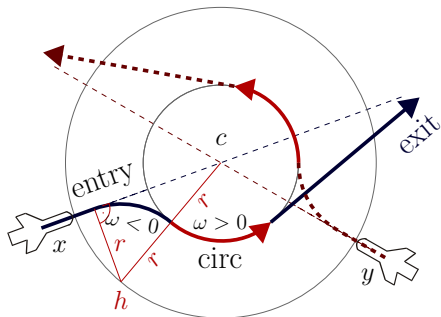
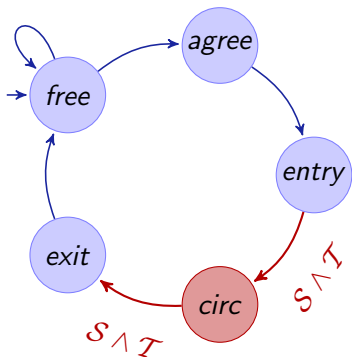
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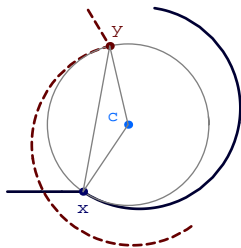
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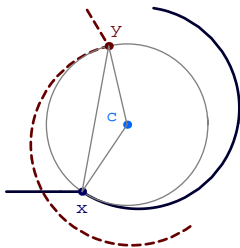
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Verify Roundabout Flight with Differential Invariants

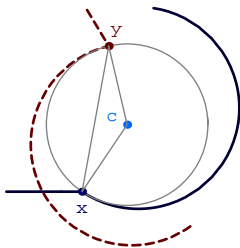
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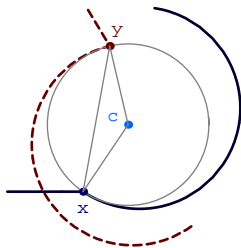
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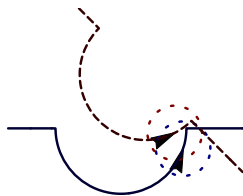
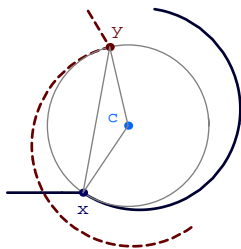


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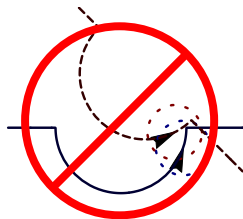
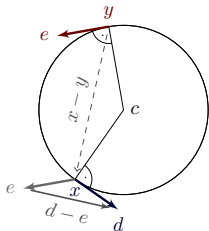


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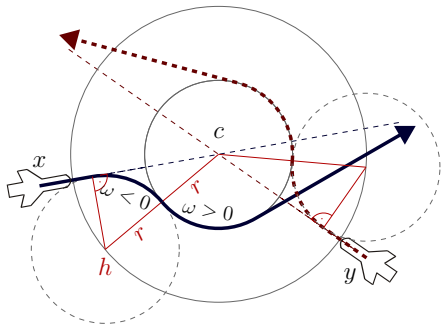
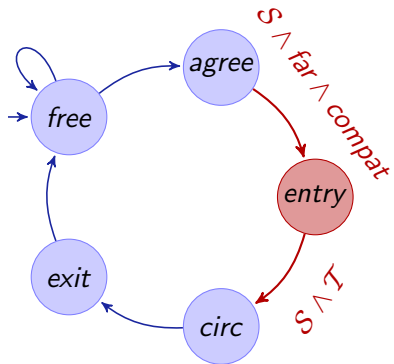
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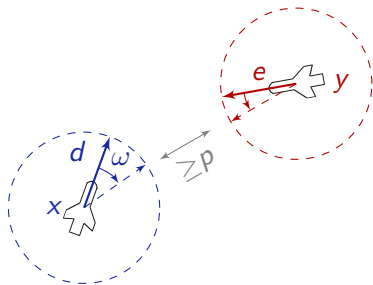
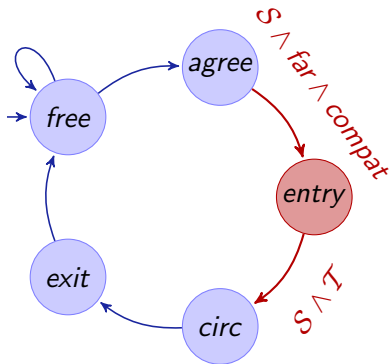
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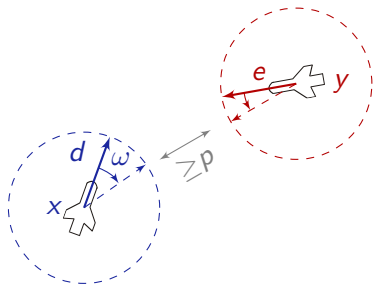
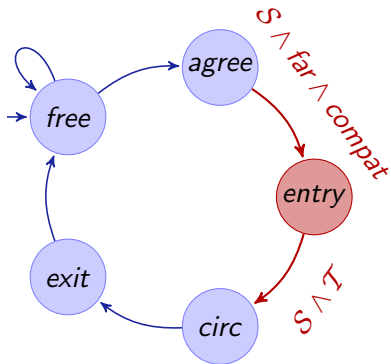
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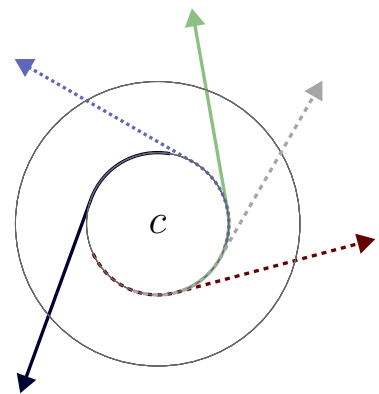
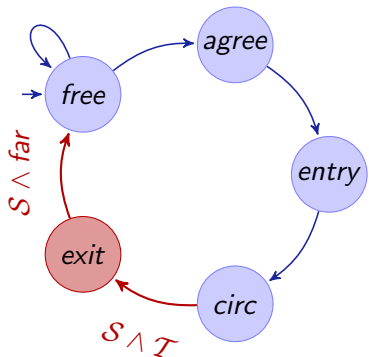
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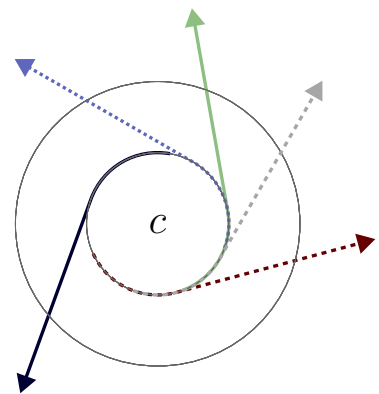
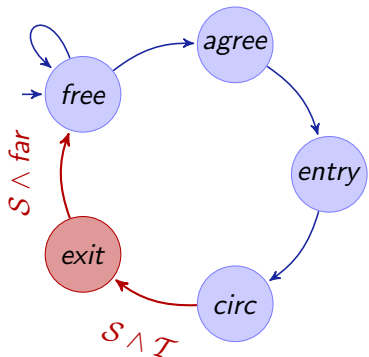
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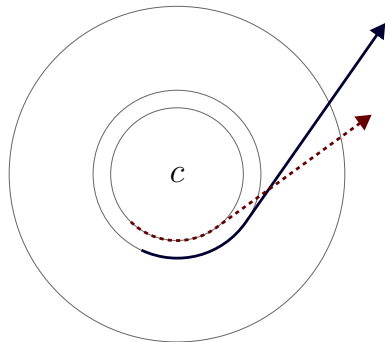
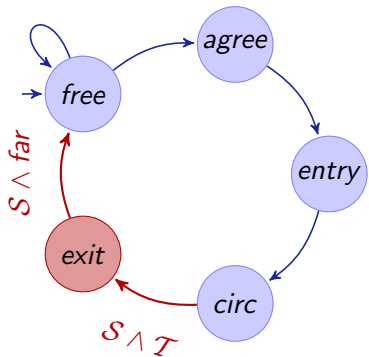
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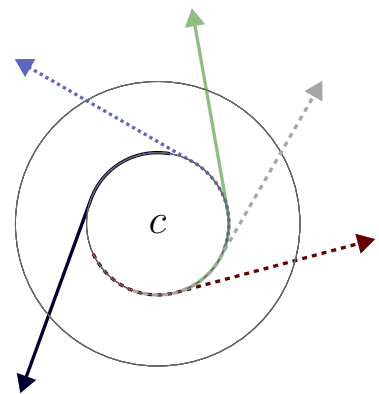
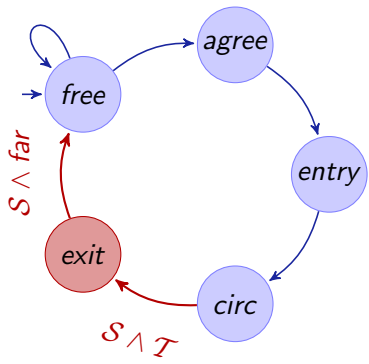
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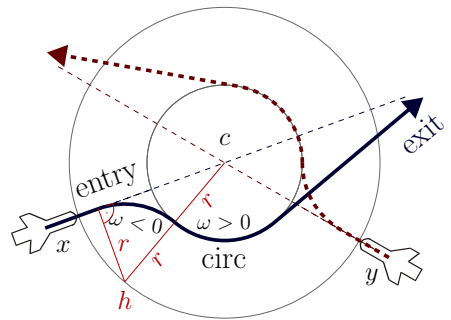
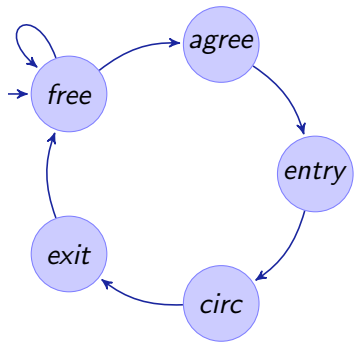


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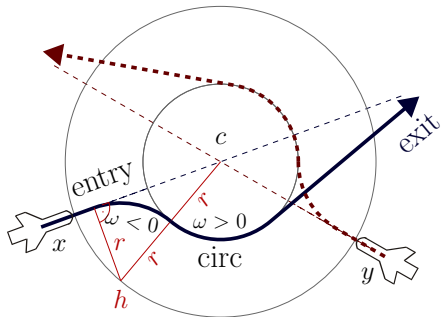
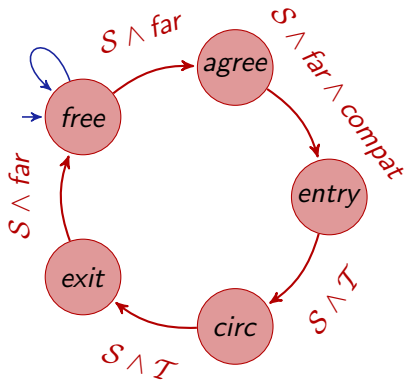


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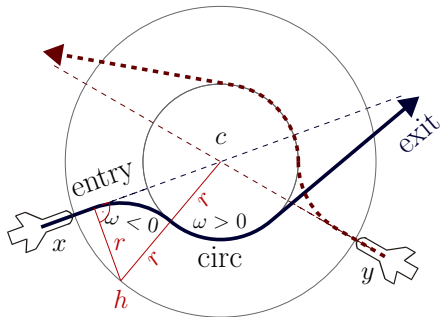
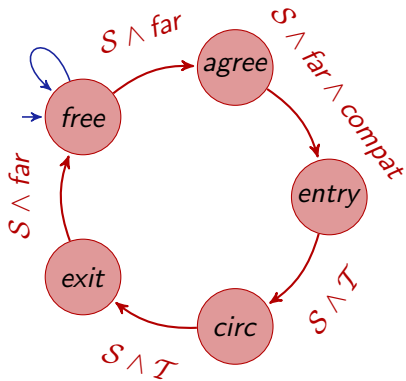
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Theorem (Collision freedom)

FTRM is collision free:

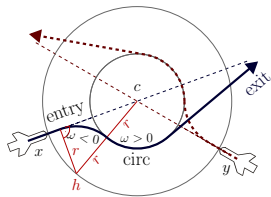
$$\|x - y\| \geq \text{far} \wedge \dots \rightarrow [FTRM] \|x - y\| \geq p$$

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Experimental Results

Case Study	Time(s)	Mem(Mb)	Steps	Dim
tangential roundabout (2a/c)	10.4	6.8	197	13
tangential roundabout (3a/c)	253.6	7.2	342	18
tangential roundabout (4a/c)	382.9	10.2	520	23
tangential roundabout (5a/c)	1882.9	39.1	735	28
bounded maneuver speed	0.5	6.3	14	4
flyable roundabout entry*	10.1	9.6	132	8
flyable entry feasible*	104.5	87.9	16	10
flyable entry circular	3.2	7.6	81	5
limited entry progress	1.9	6.5	60	8
entry separation	140.1	20.1	512	16
mutual negotiation successful	0.8	6.4	60	12
mutual negotiation feasible*	7.5	23.8	21	11
mutual far negotiation	2.4	8.1	67	14
simultaneous exit separation*	4.3	12.9	44	9
different exit directions	3.1	11.1	42	11

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- Formal verification can scale to real aircraft maneuvers!
- Differential invariants instead of reachability along solutions
- Fixedpoint computations to find differential invariants
- Compositional verification
- Challenging arithmetic complexity (simplifications)
- Improve differential invariant generation
- Abstract interpretation domain
- Widening in fixedpoint loop
- Nonlinear real arithmetic