

# Geometric methods for global stability in the Ricker competition model

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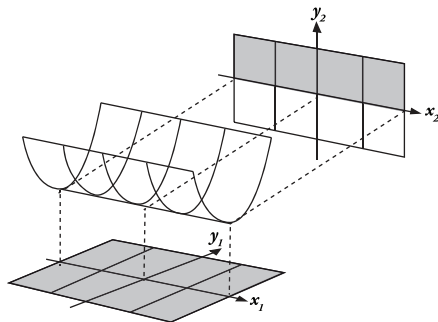
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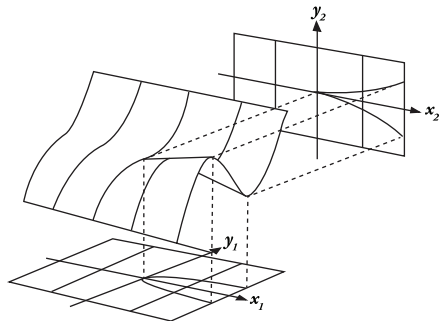
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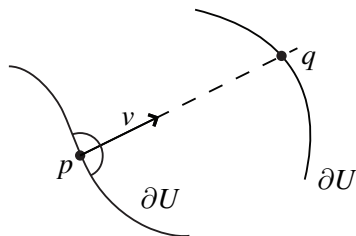
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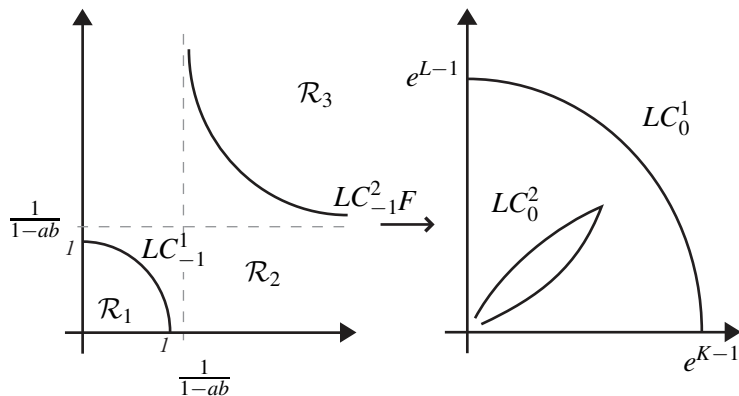
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**Figure :** The subdivision of the Domain of the Ricker competition map by the critical curves  $LC_{-1}^1$  and  $LC_{-1}^2$  and their respective images  $LC_0^1$  and  $LC_0^2$  showing the typical geometry.

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*In particular,  $F$  has a continuous extension to the one-point compactification and  $F(\mathbb{R}_+^2)$  is **compact**.*

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- This follows because the image of regular points cannot be on the boundary.
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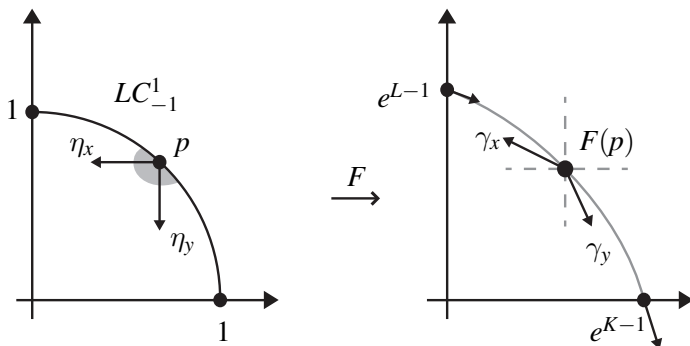


Figure : General directios of rays parallel to axes.



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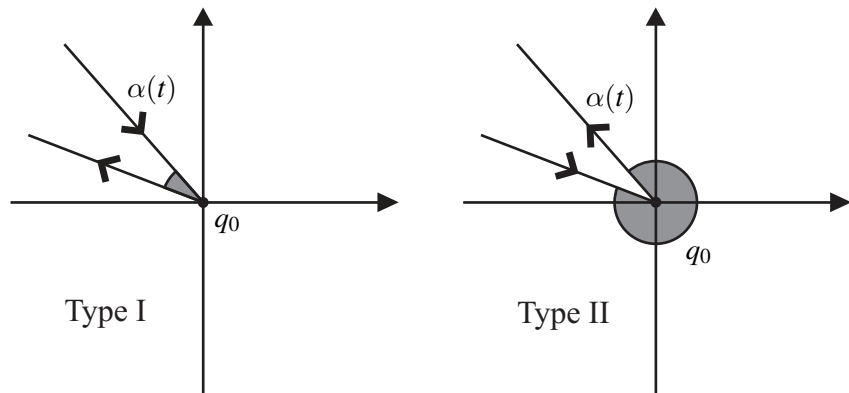


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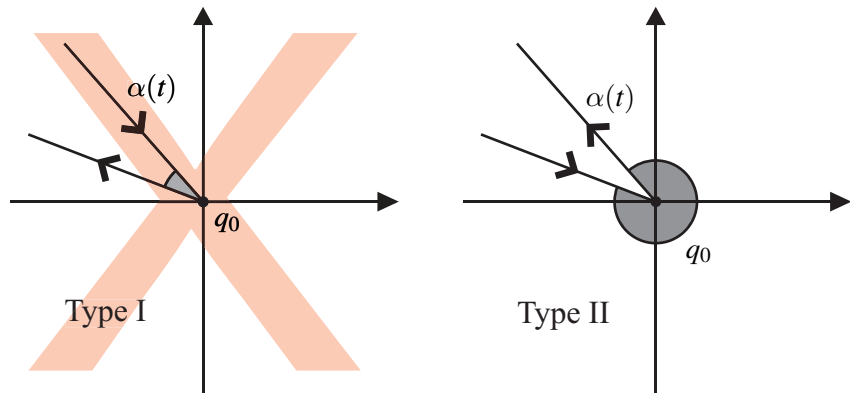
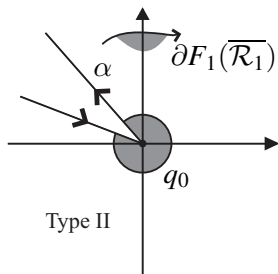


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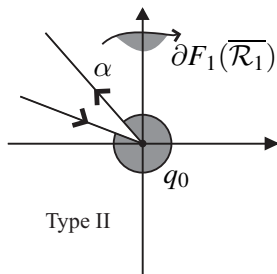
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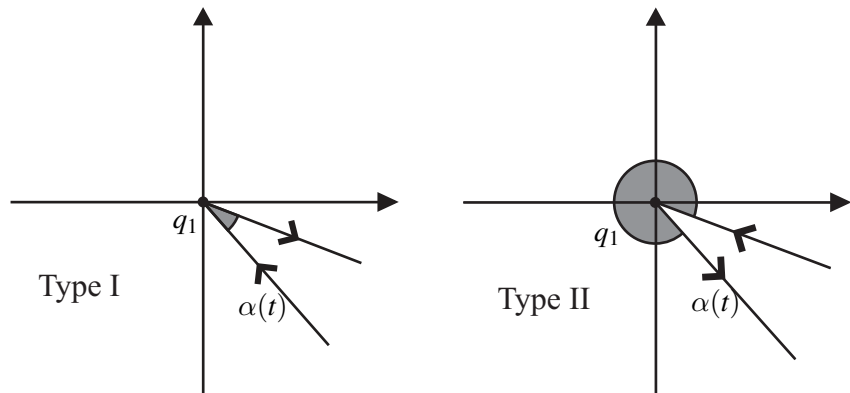


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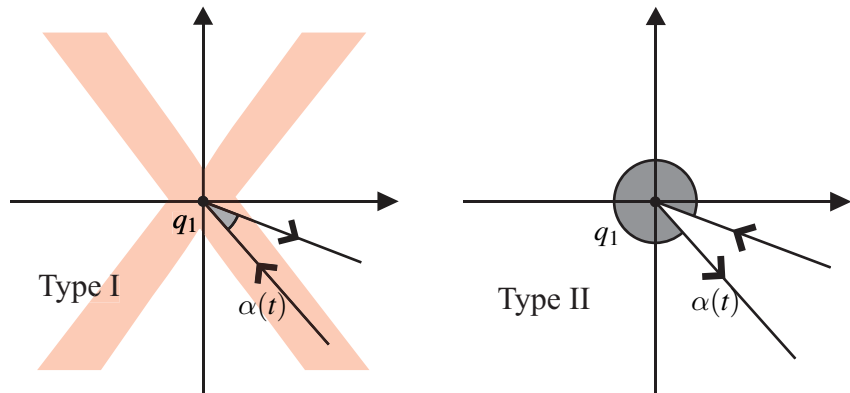


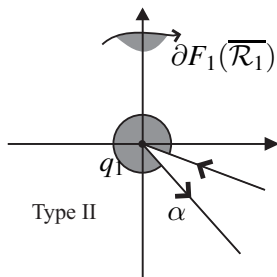
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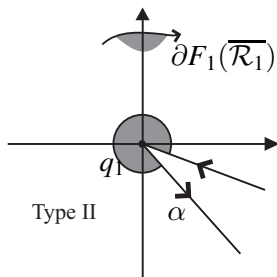
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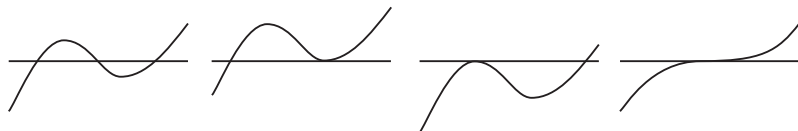
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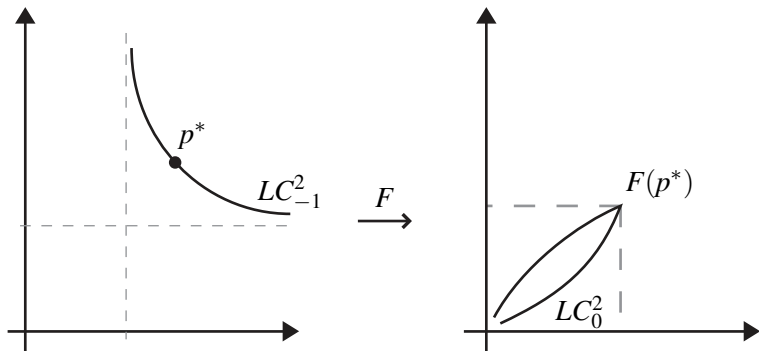
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## Corollary

*There is one cusp point  $p^* \in LC_{-1}^2$  and*

$$LC_0^2 \subseteq [0, f_1(p^*)] \times [0, f_2(p^*)]$$



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$F|_{\mathcal{R}_1} : \mathcal{R}_1 \rightarrow F(\mathcal{R}_1)$  is a homeomorphism.

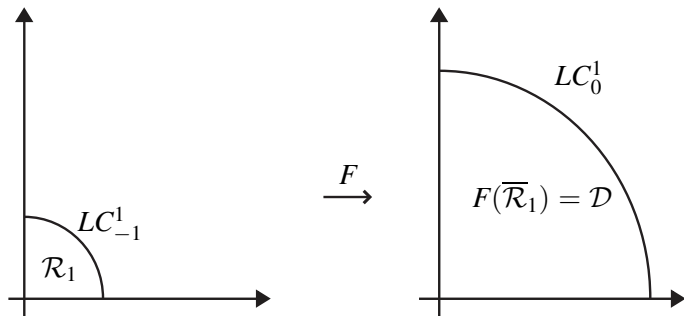


Figure : The image of  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is the region  $\mathcal{D}$ .



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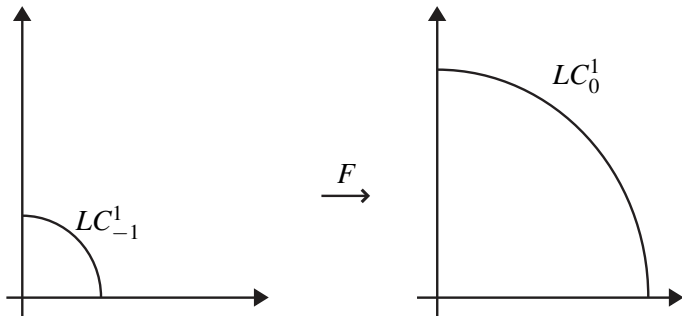


Figure :  $F$  is a local diffeomorphism on  $\text{int}(\mathcal{R}_1)$ .

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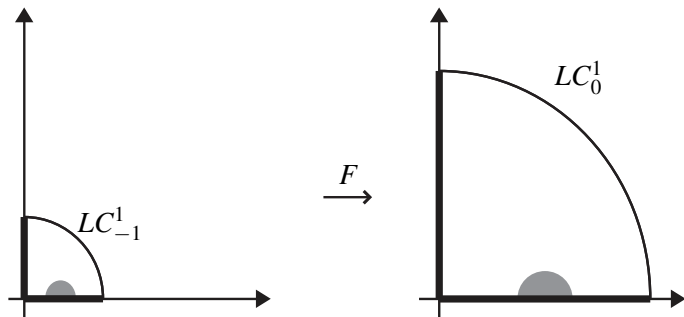


Figure : Axes are invariant and locally injective.

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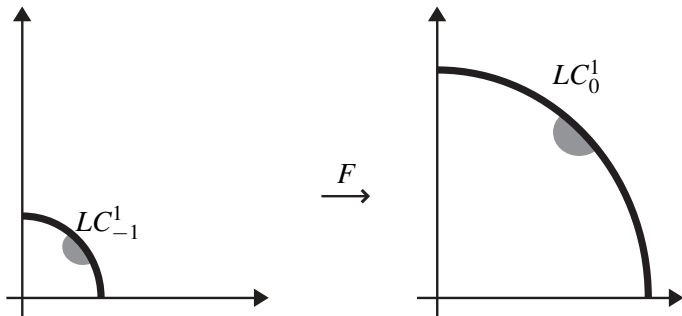
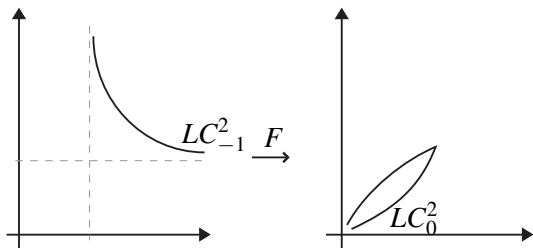


Figure : From the fold structure,  $F$  is injective on the boundary.

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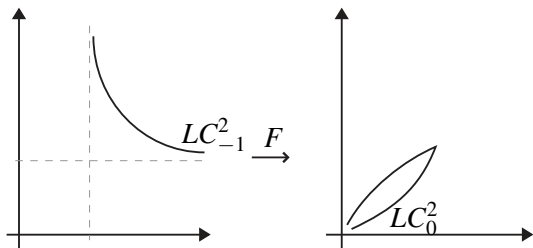
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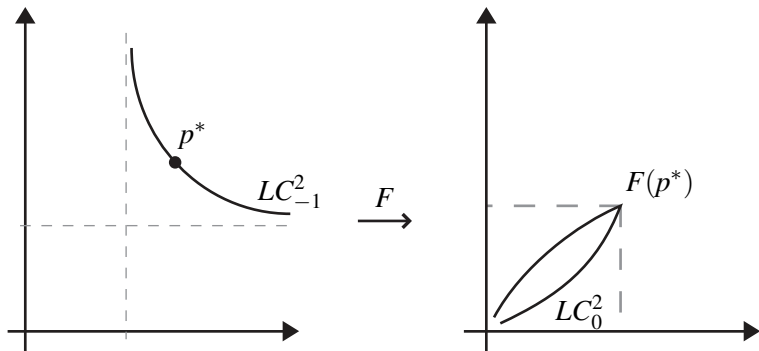
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Proof: One compactification and local injectivity at the boundary.

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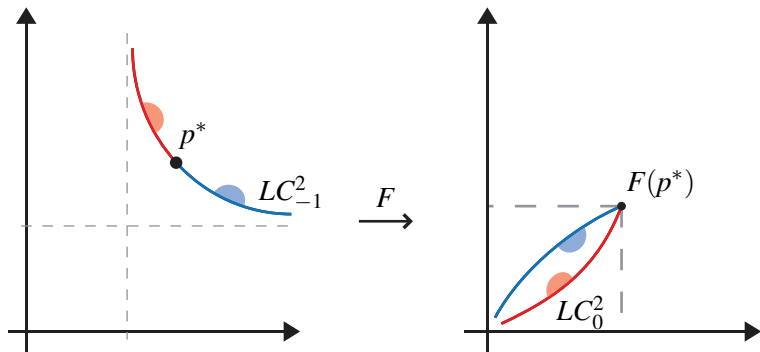


Figure : Except for the cusp  $p^*$ , all points are folds.

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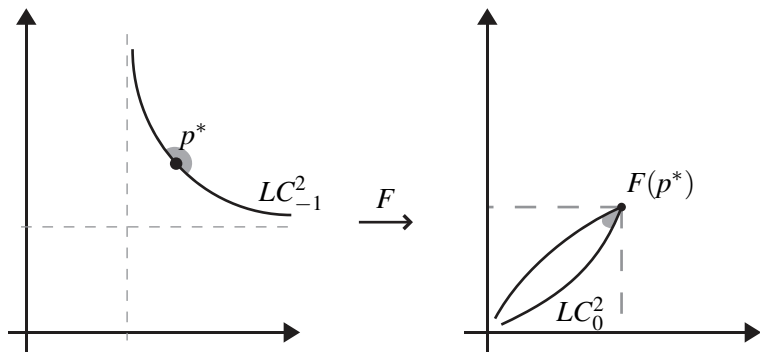


Figure : At the cusp, the local structure theorem yields local injectivity.

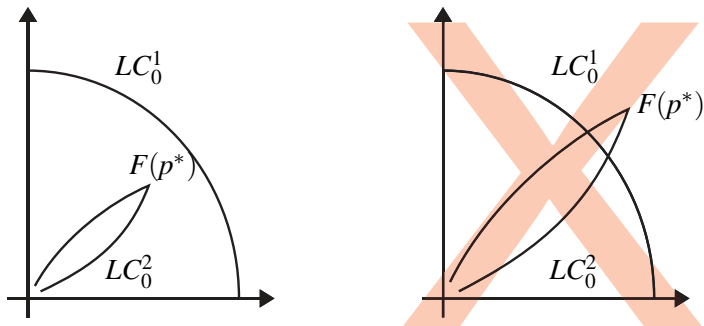
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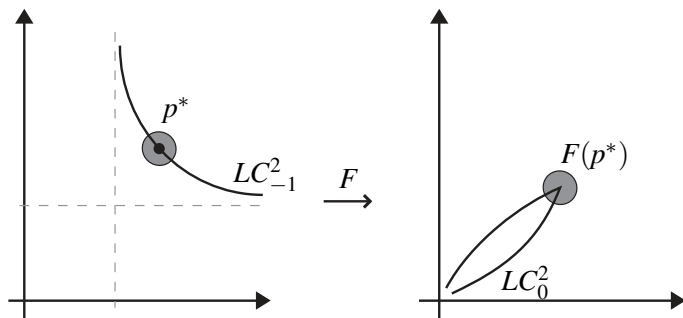


**Figure :** The only possible location for the image of the cusp is inside the region  $\mathcal{D}$ .

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## Proof of Main Geometric Result

The image of the cusp is exposed.

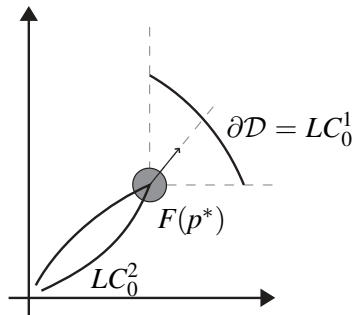


**Figure :** The cusp point in an interior point of the image, hence exposed.

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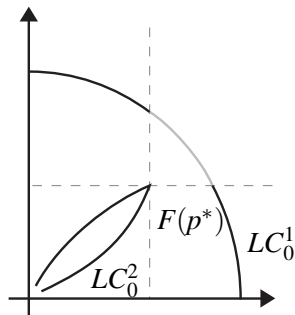
In any direction in the first quadrant, a ray must intersect  $\partial\mathcal{D}$ .



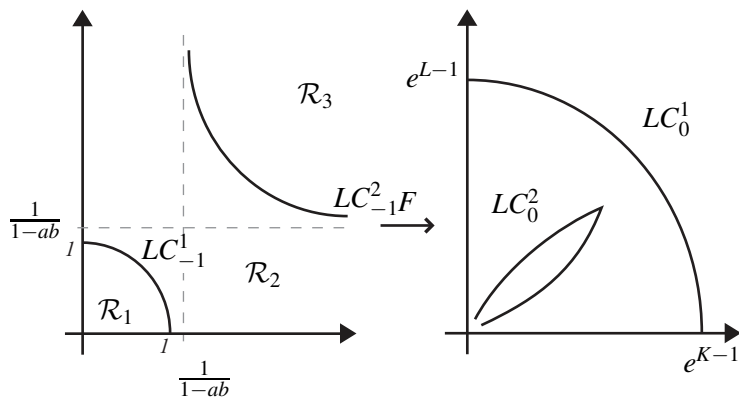
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$LC_0^1$  is above and to the right of  $LC_0^2$ .

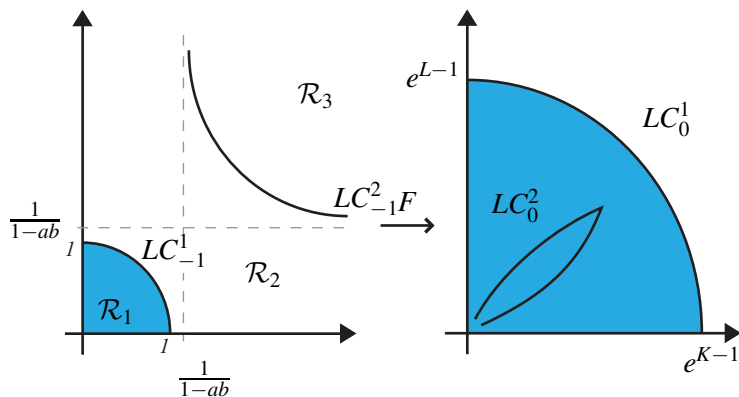


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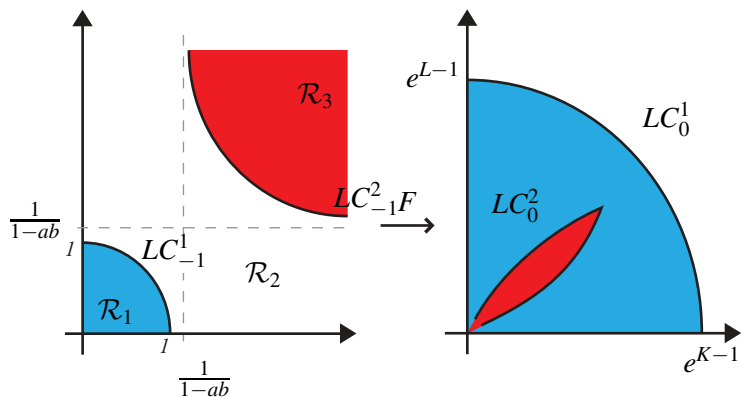




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