

# Line energies in micromagnetism

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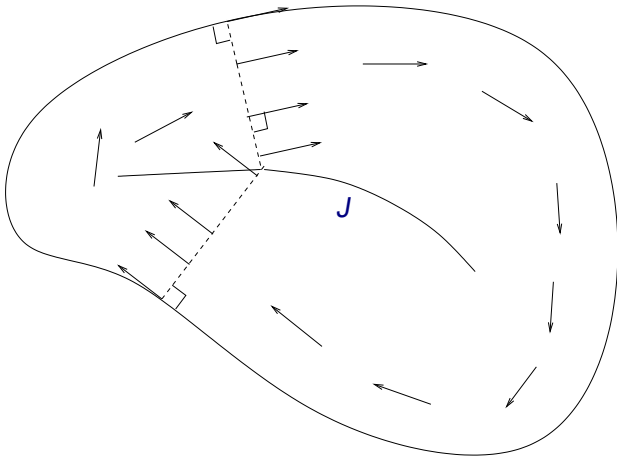
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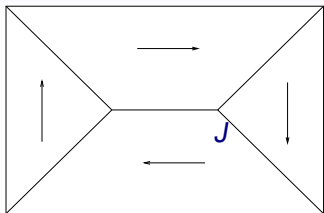
$$|\nabla \psi| = 1 \text{ in } \omega \quad \text{and} \quad \psi = 0 \text{ on } \partial\omega.$$

$\Rightarrow$  NO smooth solution (**jump lines** or **vortices** pour  $m$ )

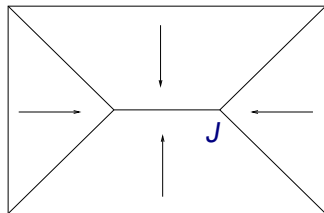
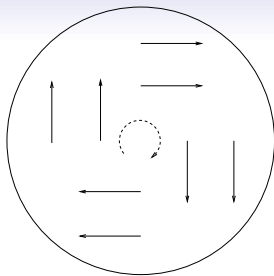
A special solution: the Landau state:  $m_0 := \nabla^\perp \text{dist}(x, \partial\omega)$



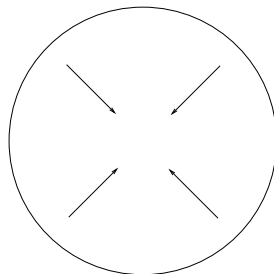


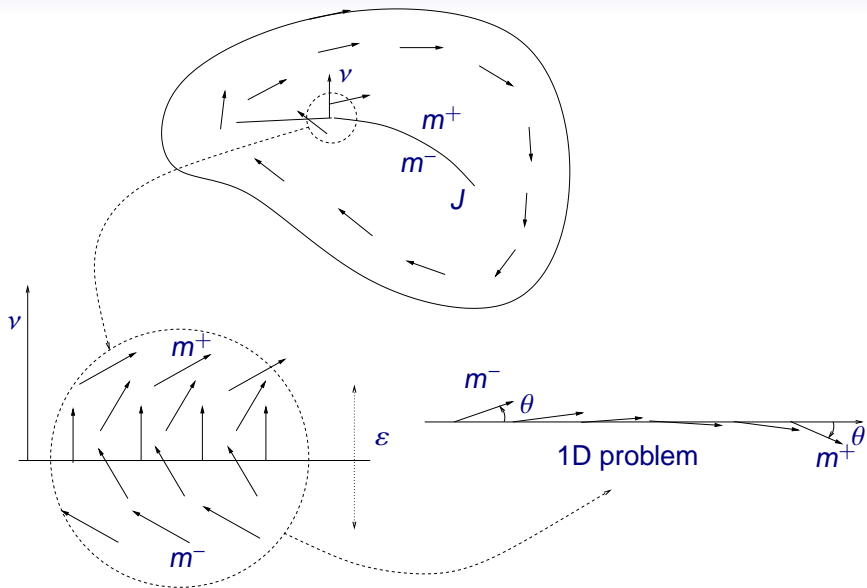


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**Question 1** : Prove the existence of minimizers.

**Question 2** : Identify the minimizers ?

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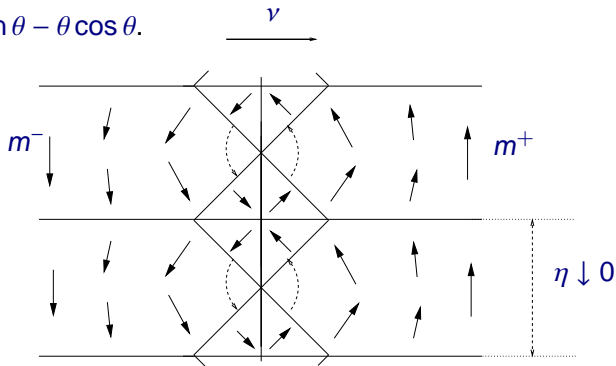
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**Method :** we will extend  $\mathcal{I}_f$  as a functional  $\mathcal{E}$  defined on  $L^1$ , l.s.c and such that the sets  $\{\mathcal{E} < \lambda\}$  are compact.

# Lower semi-continuity and micro-structure

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The minimal cost of a jump angle  $\theta$  is

$$\tilde{f}(d) = \begin{cases} \sin \theta - \theta \cos \theta & \text{if } 0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4, \\ \sqrt{2} - \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) \cos \theta - \sin \theta & \text{if } \pi/4 < \theta \leq \pi/2 \end{cases}$$

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**Question** : Are there any favorable micro-structure for the cost  $f(d) = d^2$  ?

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In particular

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For the invariance under isometries, we assume that

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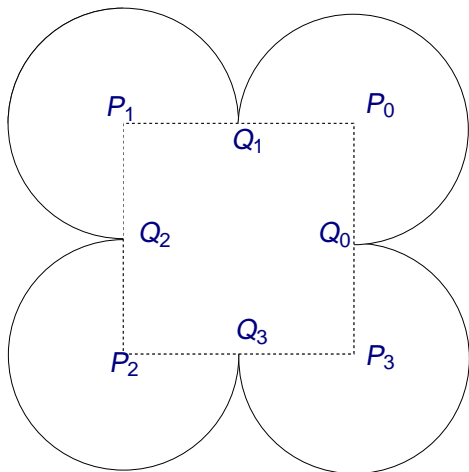
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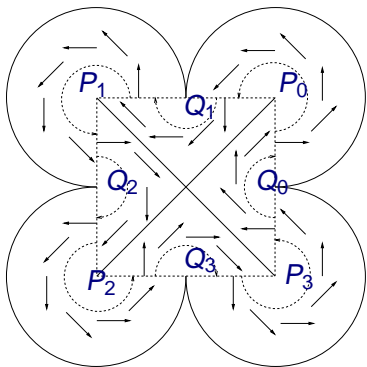
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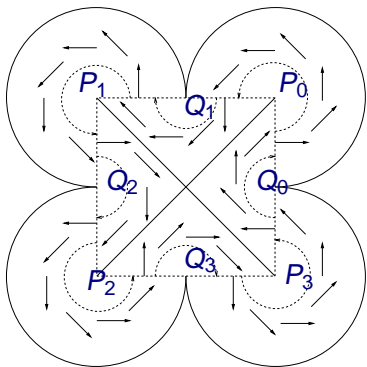
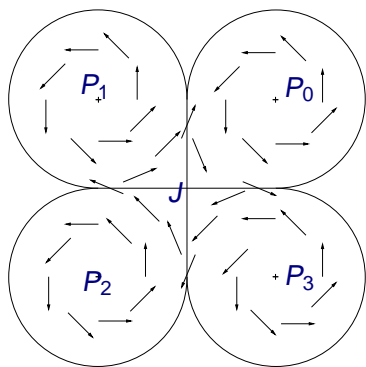
**Proposition (Ignat, M. '10) :** There exists  $\omega$  non convex such that  $f(d) \geq 0$  sur  $[0, \sqrt{2}/2]$ ,  $m_0$  is not a minimizer.

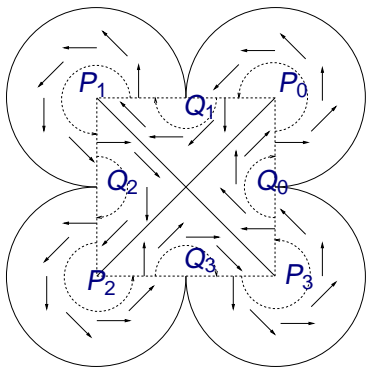
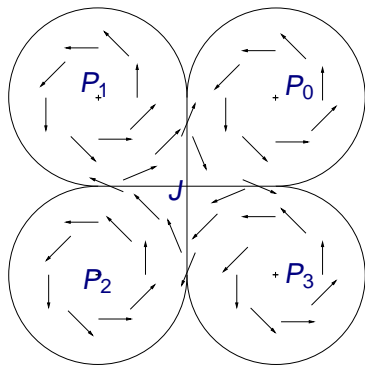
## Construction of $\omega$



$m_0$

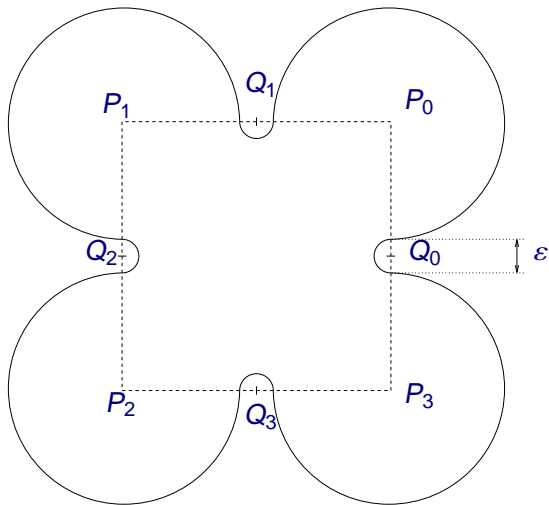


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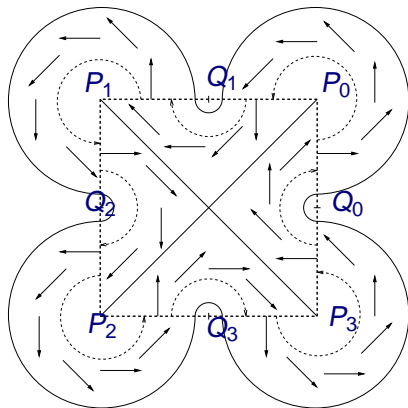
$$I_f(\tilde{m}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} I_f(m_0).$$

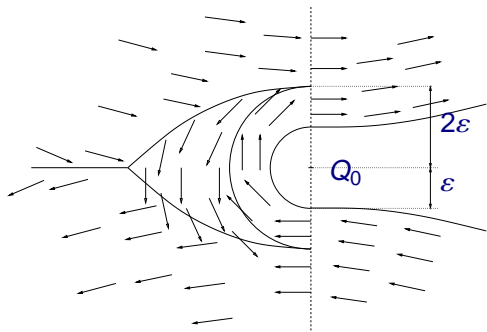
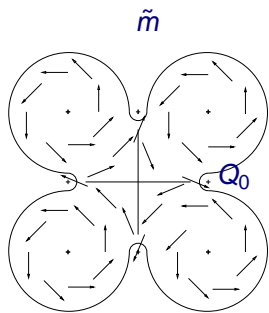
Construction of  $\omega_\varepsilon := \omega \setminus \{\partial\omega + B(0, \varepsilon)\}$

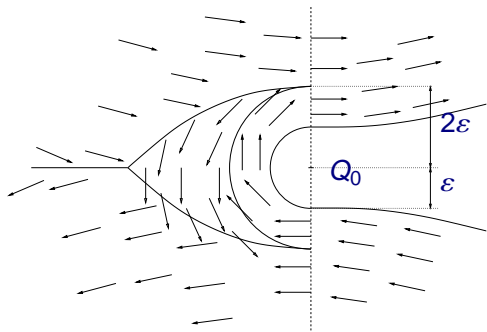
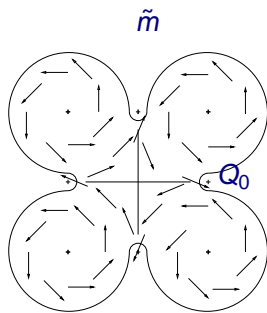




$m_0$







$$I_f(\tilde{m}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} I_f(m_0) + O(\varepsilon).$$

Thank you for your attention !