

Invariant λ -solitons

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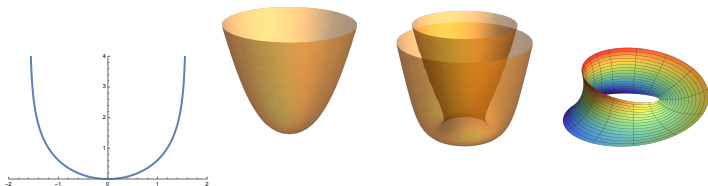
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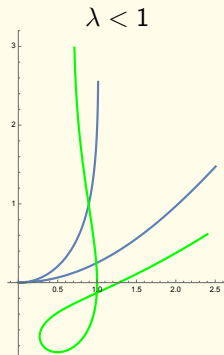
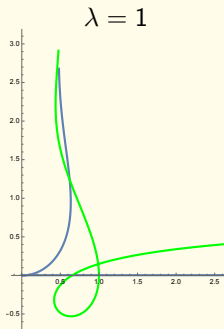
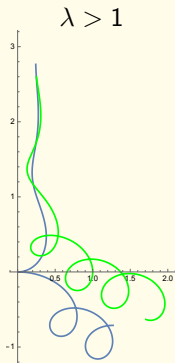
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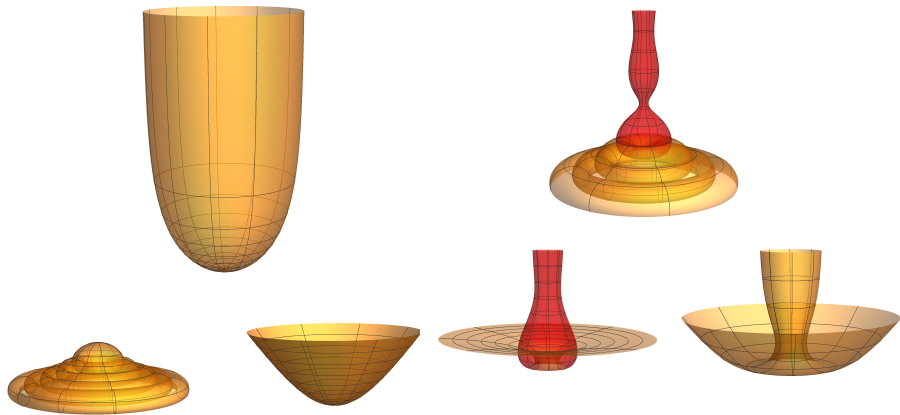
Theorem 1 (López, Bueno-Ortiz)

The rotational λ -solitons are given by:

- Either a vertical cylinder of radius $r_\lambda = 1/\lambda$,
- or one of the resulting surfaces after rotate the following profile curves around the axis x_3 .



Rotational λ -solitons obtained rotating the profile curves



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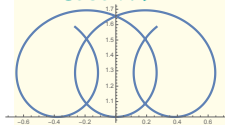
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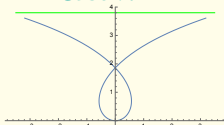
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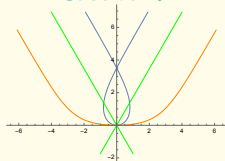
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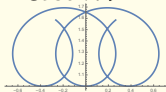


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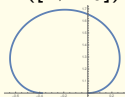
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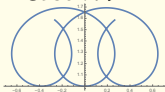
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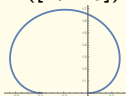
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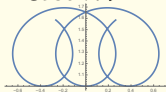


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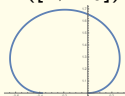
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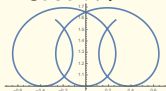
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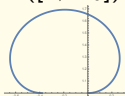
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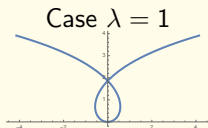


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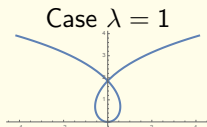
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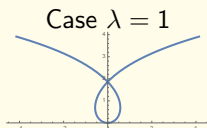
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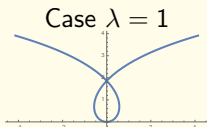
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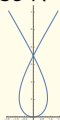
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Corollary 6 (Bueno, López, Ortiz)

Let Σ be a λ -soliton. Then, for any case of λ , Σ^* is strongly stable if

$$L > L_0/2.$$

where L_0 is the corresponding bound of Theorem 5 depending on the value of λ .

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