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# Complex tropical geometry

**About strange objects which lie behind the basic objects of the tropical geometry, just between tropical and classical algebraic geometries**

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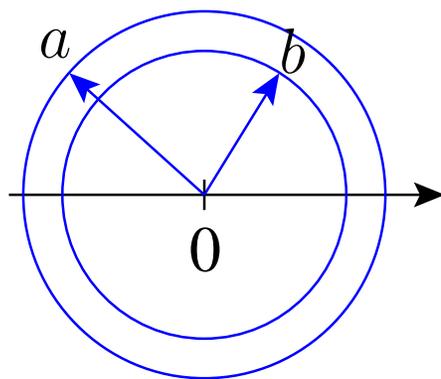
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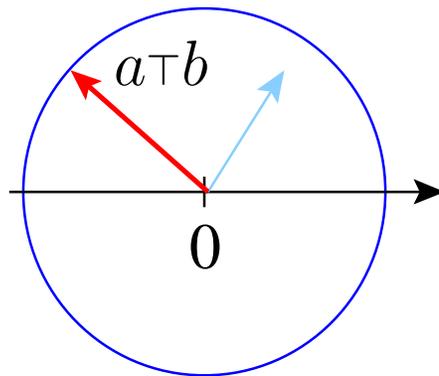
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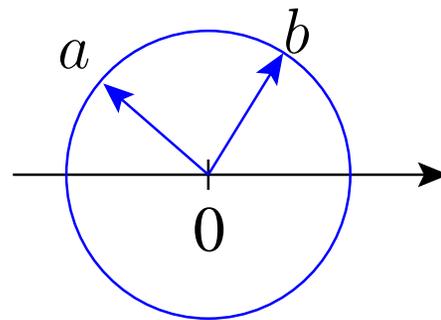
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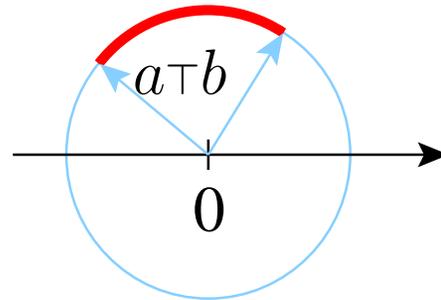
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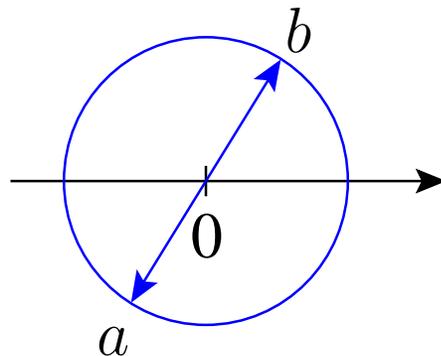
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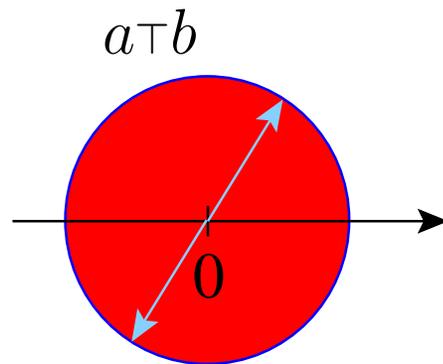
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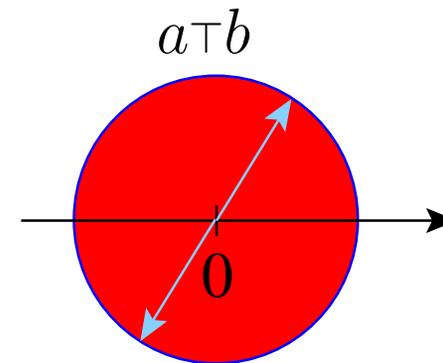
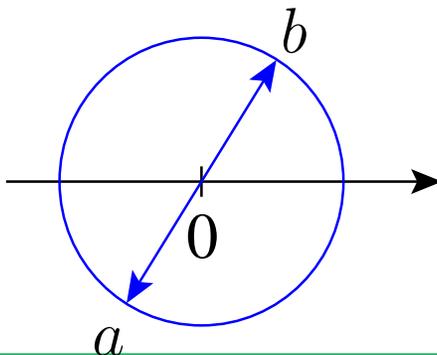
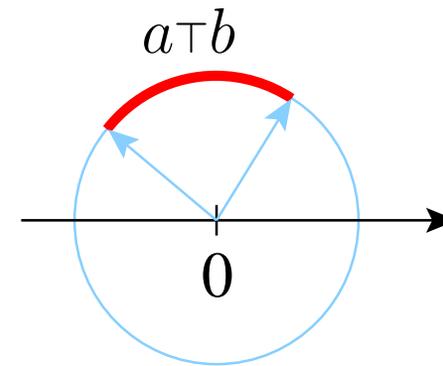
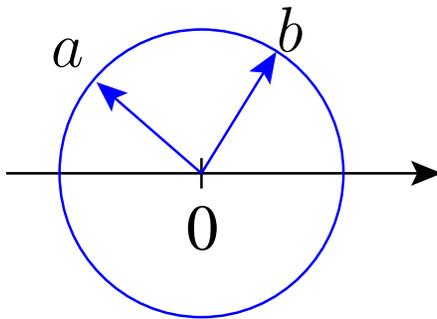
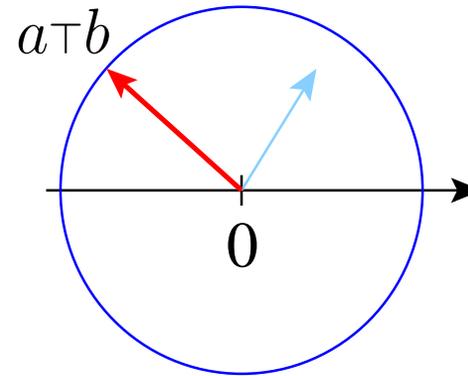
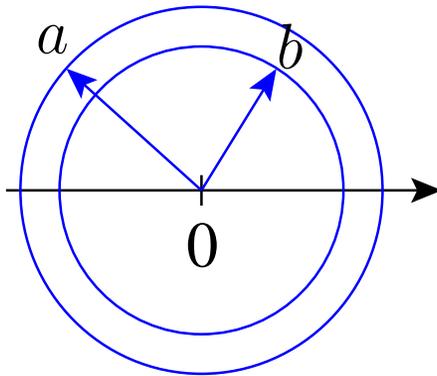
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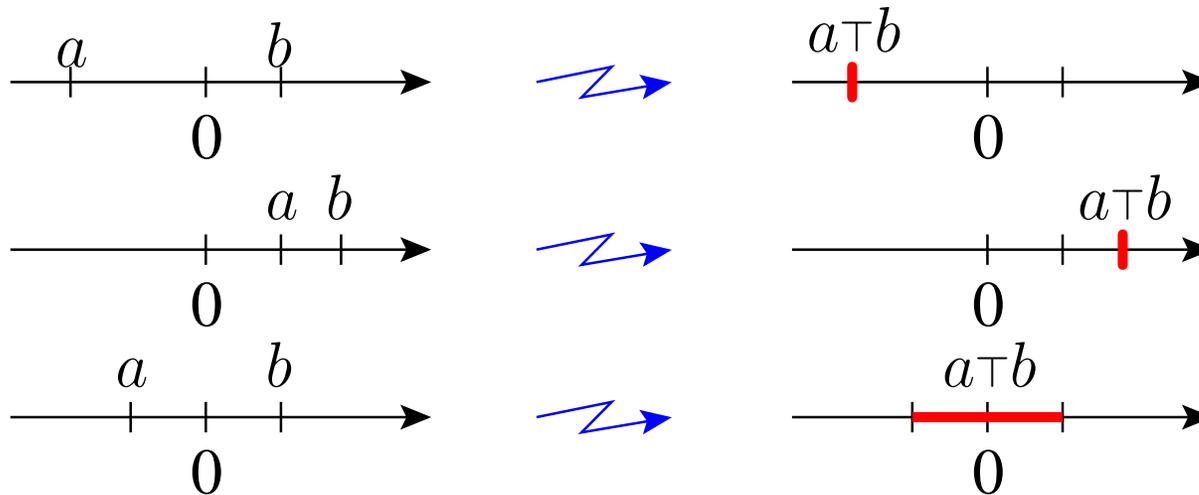
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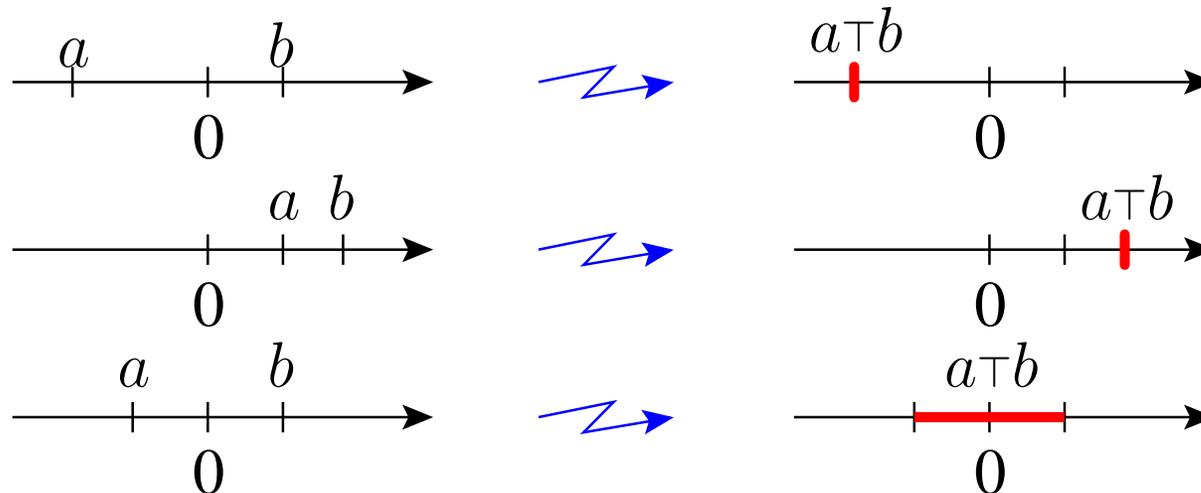
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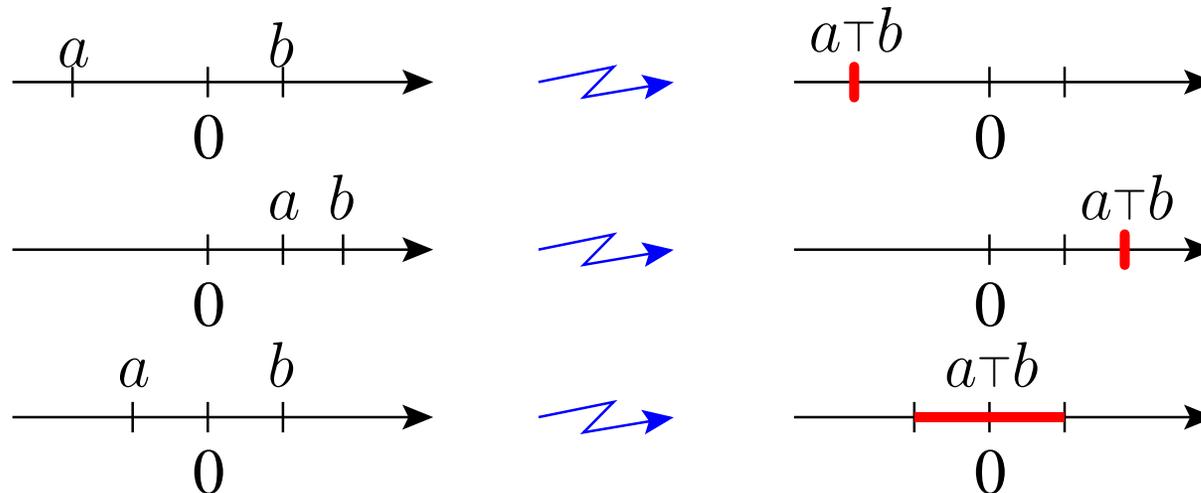


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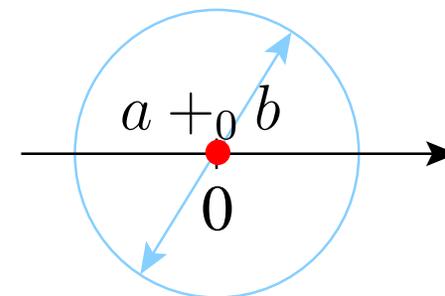
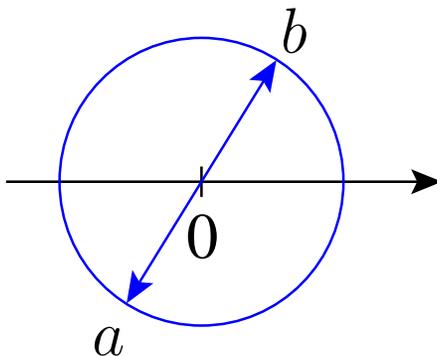
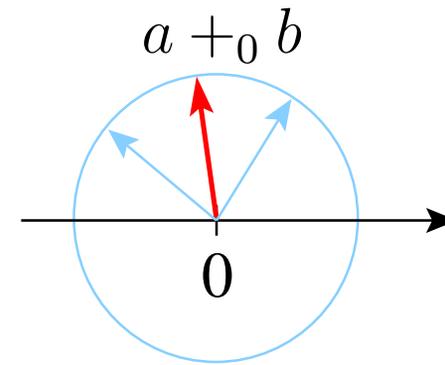
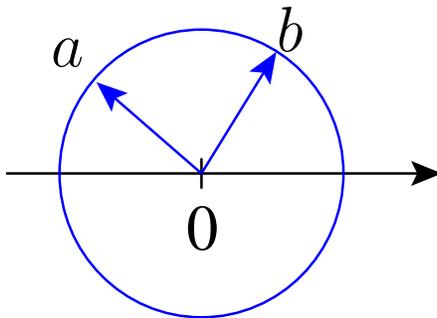
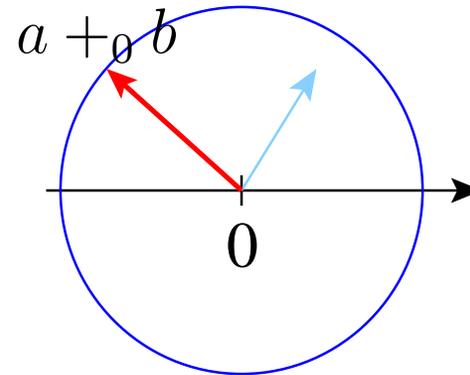
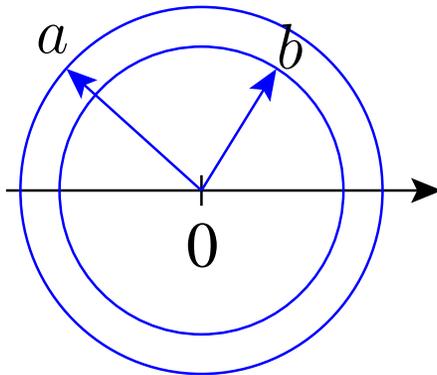
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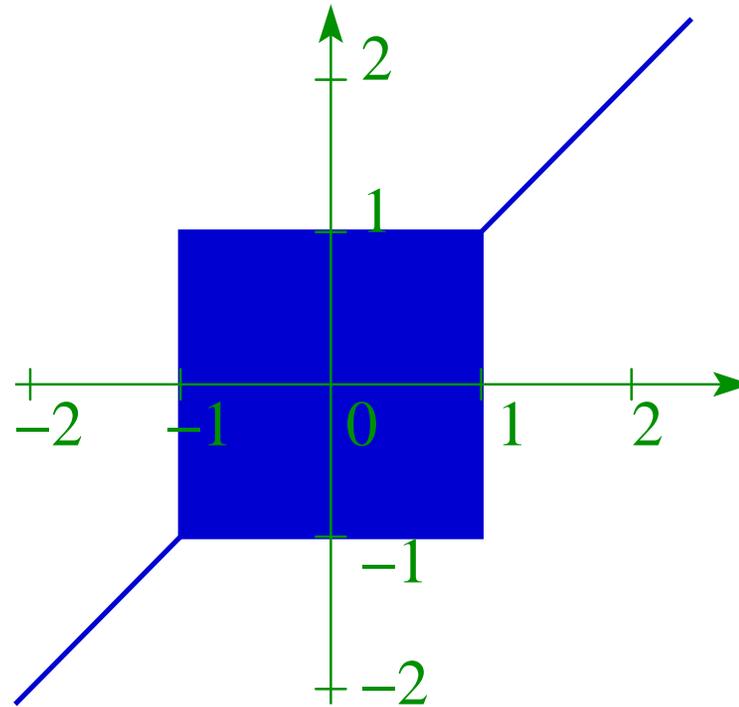
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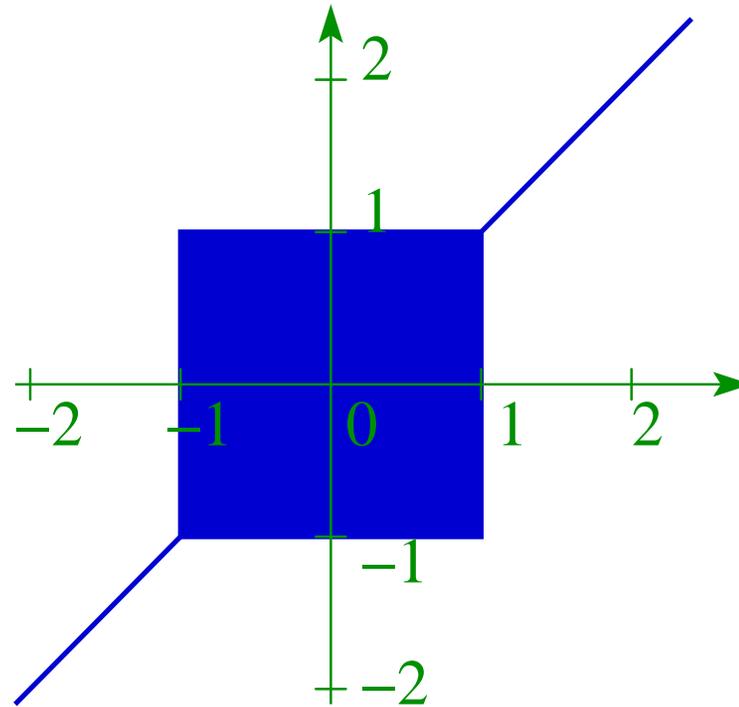
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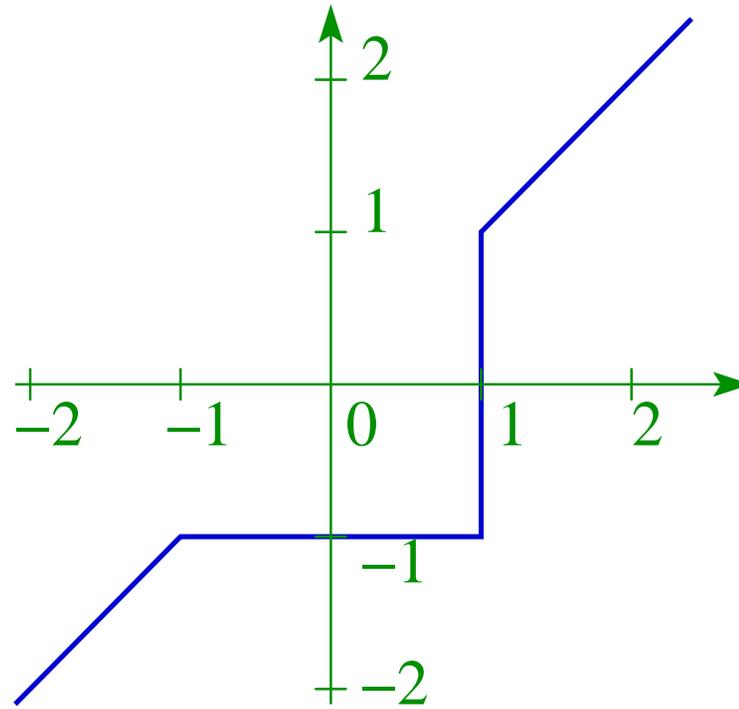
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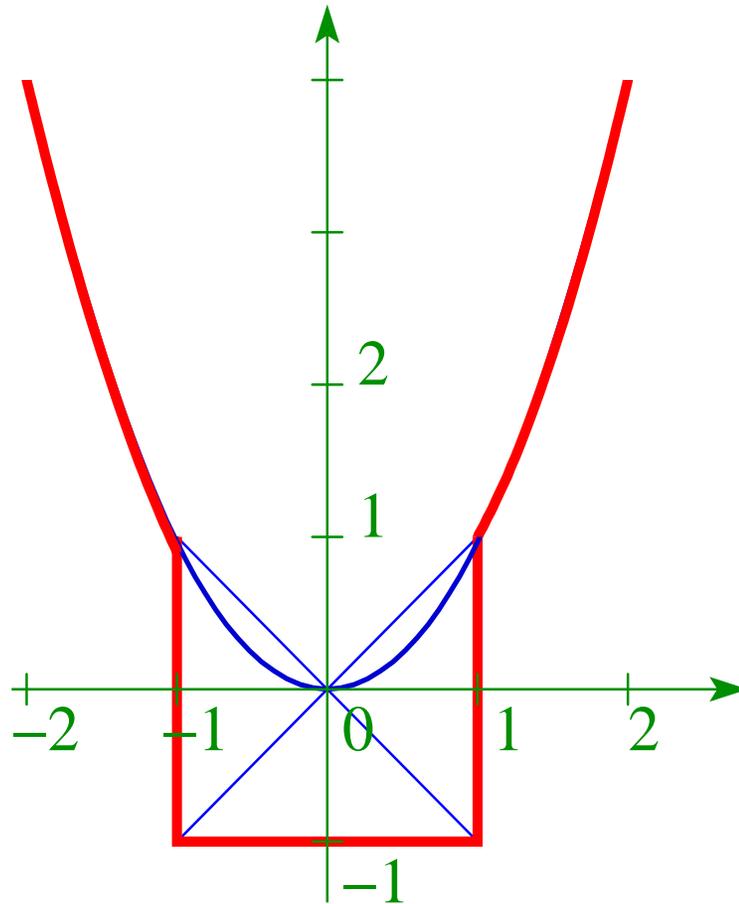
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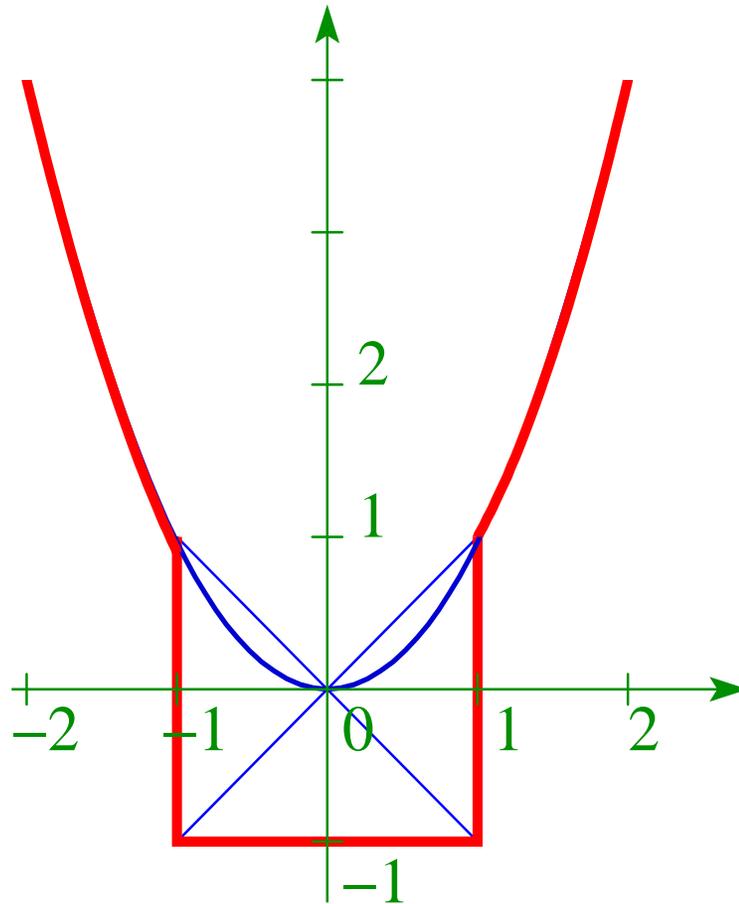
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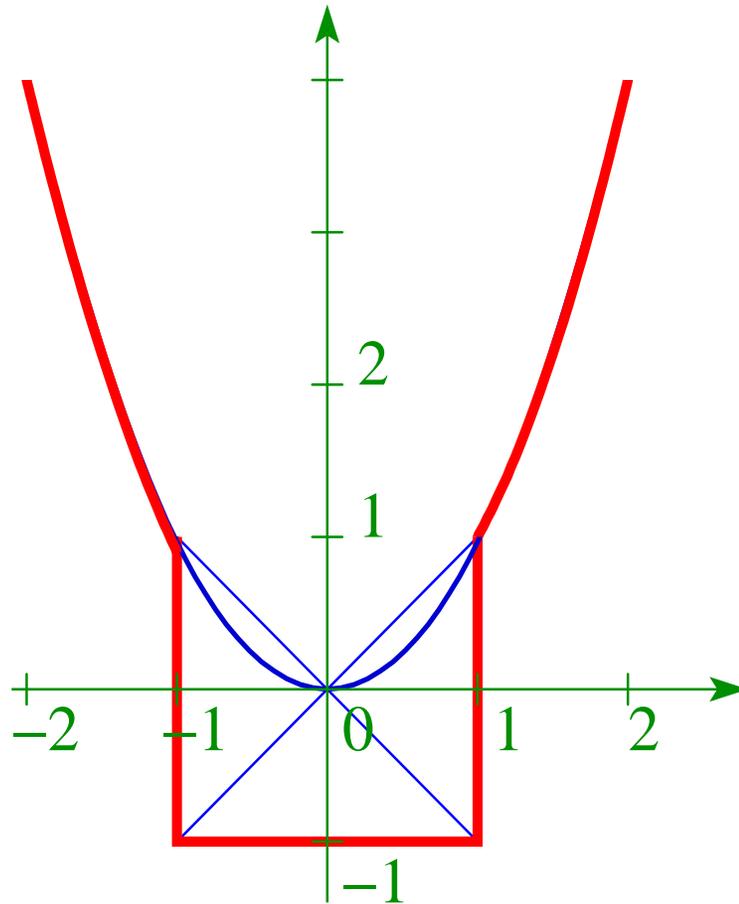
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