

# FULLY NONLINEAR EQUATIONS: Lecture Note 3

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WE CONSIDER  $F(x, y, u, p, q) = 0$  WITH  $p = \partial u / \partial x$ ,  $q = \partial u / \partial y$ .

FOR INSTANCE  $F = p^2 + q^2 - 1$  IS THE EIKONAL EQUATION.

WE DIFFERENTIATE WRT  $x$ :

$$F_x + F_u u_x + F_p p_x + F_q q_x = 0$$

BUT  $u_x = p$  AND  $q_x = p_y$ . HENCE

$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} F_p + \frac{\partial p}{\partial y} F_q = -F_x - p F_u$$

THIS IS A QUASI-LINEAR EQUATION FOR  $p$ .

SO ON (1)  $\frac{dx}{ds} = F_p$ ,  $\frac{dy}{ds} = F_q$ , THEN  $\frac{dp}{ds} = -F_x - p F_u$ .

NOW REPEAT THE PROCEDURE BY DIFFERENTIATING WRT  $y$ :

$$F_y + F_u u_y + F_p p_y + F_q q_y = 0$$

BUT  $u_y = q$  AND  $p_y = q_x$ . SO

$$F_p \frac{dq}{dx} + F_q \frac{dq}{dy} = -F_y - F_u q.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{ds} &= \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{dx}{ds} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{ds} \\ &= p F_p + q F_q \end{aligned}$$

THIS IS QUASI-LINEAR EQUATION FOR  $q$ :

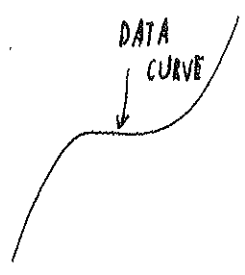
HENCE ON (2)  $\frac{dx}{ds} = F_p$ ,  $\frac{dy}{ds} = F_q$ , THEN  $\frac{dq}{ds} = -F_y - F_u q$ .

COMBINING (1) AND (2) WE ARE LEFT WITH A 5x5 SYSTEM OF ODE'S:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{CHARPIT'S} \\ \text{EQUATION} \end{array} \right\} \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{ds} &= F_p & \frac{dy}{ds} &= F_q \\ \frac{dp}{ds} &= -F_x - p F_u & \frac{dq}{ds} &= -F_y - q F_u \\ \frac{du}{ds} &= p F_p + q F_q \end{aligned}$$

THEY ARE SOLVED WITH THE INITIAL DATA

$$X = X_0(\tau), Y = Y_0(\tau), U = U_0(\tau) \text{ AT } S = 0$$



THE INITIAL CONDITION FOR  $p_0, q_0$  (i.e.  $p(0), q(0)$ )

ARE OBTAINED FROM

$$F(X_0, Y_0, U_0, p_0, q_0) = 0$$

together WITH 
$$\frac{dU_0}{ds} = p_0 \frac{dX_0}{ds} + q_0 \frac{dY_0}{ds}$$

BECAUSE  $F$  IS NON-LINEAR IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT MORE THAN ONE CHARACTERISTIC PASSES THROUGH EACH POINT ON THE DATA CURVE.

EXAMPLE 1 CONSIDER  $U_y + U_x^2 = 0$  WITH INITIAL DATA

$$U(x, 0) = ax \text{ ON } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

SOLUTION HERE  $F(x, y, u, u_x, u_y) = u_y + u_x^2 = p^2 + q$ .

SO CHARPIT'S EQUATION BECOME (WITH  $F_p = 2p, F_q = 1$ )

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = 2p, \quad X(0) = \tau \quad \frac{dp}{ds} = 0, \quad p(0) = a$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = 1, \quad Y(0) = 0 \quad \frac{dq}{ds} = 0, \quad q(0) = -a^2$$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = 2p^2 + q, \quad U(0) = a\tau$$

$p(x, 0) = a$   
 ~~$\frac{du}{ds} = 2a^2 - a^2 = a$~~   
 ~~$\frac{dx}{ds} = 2a$~~   
 ~~$\frac{dy}{ds} = 1$~~   
 ~~$\frac{dq}{ds} = 0$~~   
 ~~$p(0) = a, q(0) = -a^2$~~

WE SOLVE THIS ODE SYSTEM:

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$$p = a, \quad q = -a^2$$

$$\text{So } \frac{dx}{ds} = 2a, \quad x(0) = \tau \quad \longrightarrow \quad x = 2as + \tau$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = 1, \quad y(0) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad y = s$$

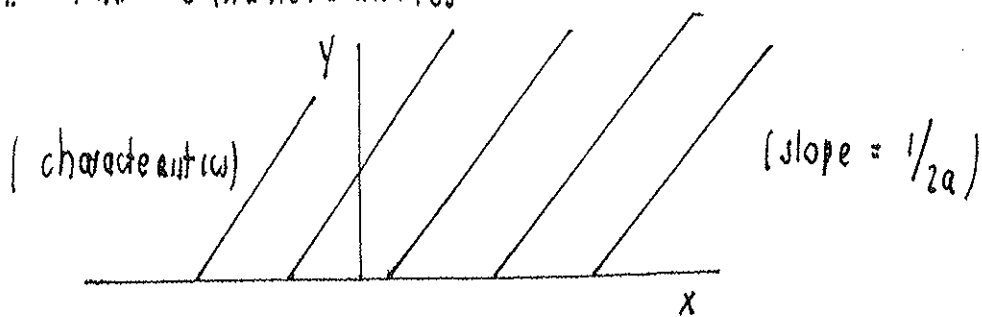
$$\frac{du}{ds} = 2a^2 - a^2, \quad u(0) = a\tau \quad \longrightarrow \quad u = a^2s + a\tau.$$

NOW ELIMINATE  $s$  AND  $\tau$ :  $s = y, \quad \tau = x - 2ay.$

$$\text{So } u = a^2(y) + a(x - 2ay) \quad \longrightarrow \quad u = a(x - ay)$$

$\longrightarrow u = a(x - ay)$  IS THE SOLUTION AND  $x = 2ay + \tau,$

ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS:

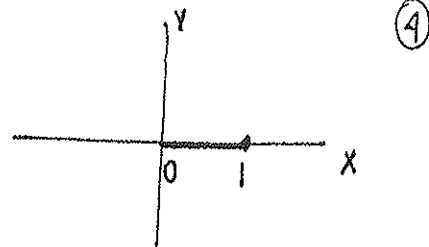


SO IF  $y$  IS TIME, THIS IS A WAVE MOVING TO THE RIGHT.

### EXAMPLE 2

SOLVE  $U - X U_x - \frac{1}{2} U_y^2 + X^2 = 0$

WITH  $U(X, 0) = X^2 - \frac{1}{6} X^4$  FOR  $0 < X < 1$ .



NOW WE WRITE  $F(X, Y, U, U_x, U_y) = U - pX - \frac{1}{2} q^2 + X^2 = 0$   $p = U_x, q = U_y$

CHARPIT'S SYSTEM BECOMES:

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = F_p = -X$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = F_q = -q$$

$$\frac{dU}{ds} = p F_p + q F_q = -pX - q^2$$

$$\frac{dp}{ds} = -F_x - F_U p = -(-p + 2X) - p = -2X$$

$$\frac{dq}{ds} = -F_y - F_U q = -q$$

NOW PARAMETERIZE DATA CURVE BY  $X: \tau, y=0, U = \tau^2 - \frac{1}{6} \tau^4$ ,

$p = 2\tau - \frac{2}{3} \tau^3$ . WE THEN SET  $F = 0$  TO FIND  $q$  AT  $s=0$ :

$$U - pX - \frac{1}{2} q^2 + X^2 = \tau^2 - \frac{1}{6} \tau^4 - (2\tau - \frac{2}{3} \tau^3) \tau - \frac{1}{2} q^2 + \tau^2 = 0.$$

THIS YIELDS  $-\frac{1}{6} \tau^4 + \frac{2}{3} \tau^4 - \frac{1}{2} q^2 = 0 \rightarrow \frac{\tau^4}{2} - \frac{1}{2} q^2 = 0.$

THIS GIVES  $q = \pm \tau^2$

LET'S TAKE THE + ROOT SO THAT (THE MINUS ROOT GIVE ANOTHER SOLUTION) (5)

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = -x, \quad x(0) = \tau$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = -y, \quad y(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = -px - y^2, \quad u(0) = \tau^2 - \frac{1}{6} \tau^4$$

$$\frac{dp}{ds} = -2x, \quad p(0) = 2\tau - \frac{2}{3} \tau^3$$

$$\frac{dq}{ds} = -q, \quad q(0) = \tau^2$$

IT IS PERHAPS EASIER TO NOTICE THAT

$$\frac{dq}{dx} = \frac{q}{x}, \quad q = \tau^2 \text{ when } x = \tau \longrightarrow q = \tau x.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x} = \tau, \quad y = 0 \text{ when } x = \tau \longrightarrow y = \tau x - \tau^2$$

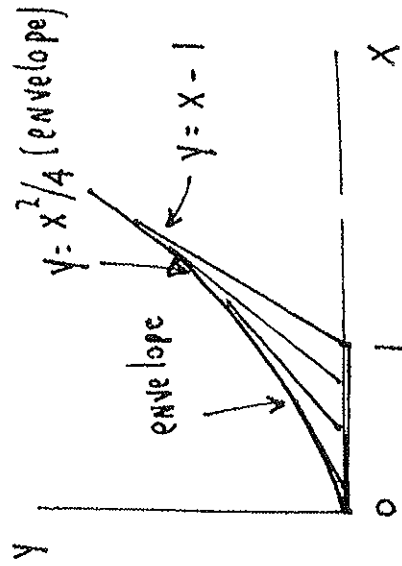
$$\frac{dp}{dx} = 2, \quad p = 2\tau - \frac{2}{3} \tau^3 \text{ when } x = \tau \longrightarrow p = 2x - \frac{2}{3} \tau^3.$$

NOW FINALLY  $U = px + \frac{y^2}{2} - x^2.$

THIS GIVES  $U = (2x - \frac{2}{3} \tau^3) x + \frac{\tau^2 x^2}{2} - x^2.$

OR  $U = x^2 + \frac{\tau^2 x^2}{2} - \frac{2}{3} x \tau^3$

WITH  $y = \tau x - \tau^2$  IN IMPLICIT FORM  
FOR THE SOLUTION.  $0 < \tau < 1$



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characteristics are

$$y = \tau x - \tau^2.$$

LET'S CALCULATE THE ENVELOPE OF THE CHARACTERISTICS.

WE WRITE

$$G(y, x, \tau) = 0$$

$$G = y - \tau x + \tau^2$$

$$G_\tau(y, x, \tau) = 0$$

$$\text{so } G_\tau = 0 \rightarrow -x + 2\tau = 0 \rightarrow \tau = x/2$$

$$\text{HENCE } y - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} = 0 \rightarrow y = \frac{x^2}{4}$$

IS ENVELOPE

WE BEGIN WITH THE WAVE EQUATION  $\phi = \phi(x, y, t)$

$$\phi_{tt} = c^2 (\phi_{xx} + \phi_{yy}).$$

LET  $\phi = e^{-i\omega t} \psi(x, y)$  TO GET  $\psi_{xx} + \psi_{yy} + k^2 \psi = 0$

WHERE  $k = \omega/c$ . NOW IF WE NON-DIMENSIONALIZE BY SETTING  $x = X/L, y = Y/L$

WE OBTAIN

$$\psi_{xx} + \psi_{yy} + \kappa^2 \psi = 0 \quad \kappa = L^2 k.$$

ASSUME THAT  $\kappa \gg 1$  (HIGH SPATIAL FREQUENCY  $\rightarrow$  LOW WAVELENGTH).

THEN LET  $\psi = A(x, y) e^{i\kappa U(x, y)}$   $U =$  phase of wave.

WE CALCULATE  $\psi_x = i\kappa U_x A e^{i\kappa U} + A_x e^{i\kappa U}$   $A =$  amplitude

$$\psi_{xx} = -\kappa^2 U_x^2 A e^{i\kappa U} + i\kappa U_{xx} A e^{i\kappa U} + 2i\kappa U_x A_x e^{i\kappa U} + A_{xx} e^{i\kappa U}.$$

SUBSTITUTING INTO  $\psi_{xx} + \psi_{yy} + \kappa^2 \psi = 0$  WE OBTAIN

$$\underline{-\kappa^2 A (U_x^2 + U_y^2)} + i\kappa [(U_{xx} + U_{yy}) A + 2 \nabla U \cdot \nabla A] + (A_{xx} + A_{yy}) + \underline{\kappa^2 A}$$

THE TWO LARGEST TERMS PROPORTIONAL TO  $\kappa^2$  BALANCE AND SO

$$-(U_x^2 + U_y^2) = -1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad U_x^2 + U_y^2 = 1 \quad \text{EIKONAL EQUATION.}$$

SPECIAL SOLUTIONS ARE  $U = -x, A = 1 \rightarrow \psi = e^{-i\kappa x}$

$$\text{OR } \phi = e^{-i\omega t} e^{-i\kappa x} = e^{-i\kappa(x+ct)} \quad c = \omega/\kappa$$

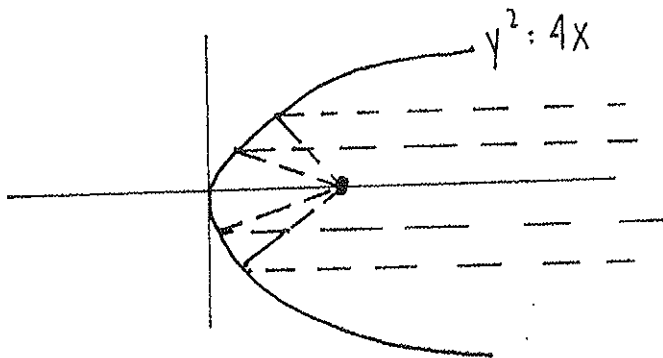
THIS IS A WAVE PROPAGATING TO THE LEFT.

IF  $U = x, A = 1$  THEN  $\phi = e^{i\kappa(x-ct)}$  A WAVE MOVING TO RIGHT.

# EIKONAL EQUATION

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## EXAMPLE PARABOLIC REFLECTOR.



$$p^2 + q^2 = 1 \quad p = U_x$$

$$q = U_y$$

$$X = \tau^2, \quad y = 2\tau, \quad -\infty < \tau < \infty$$

parametrizes the reflector

WE WANT TO SHOW THAT RAYS OF LIGHT (I.E. THE CHARACTERISTICS) ALL MEET AT THE FOCAL POINT OF THE PARABOLA.

WE ASSUME  $U = -X$  <sup>on the parabola</sup> (I.E.  $\phi = e^{-iK(X+ct)}$ ) A WAVE MOVING TO THE LEFT IS INCIDENT ON THE PARABOLA. WE WANT TO CALCULATE REFLECTED FIELD. WE WANT  $U = -X$  ON BOUNDARY OF PARABOLA

NOW THE CHARPIT SYSTEM IS

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = F_p = 2p, \quad x(0) = \tau^2 = x_0(\tau)$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = F_q = 2q, \quad y(0) = 2\tau = y_0(\tau)$$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = pF_p + qF_q = 2, \quad u(0) = -\tau^2 = u_0(\tau)$$

$$\frac{dp}{ds} = -F_x - pF_u = 0, \quad p(0) = p_0$$

$$\frac{dq}{ds} = -F_y - qF_u = 0, \quad q(0) = q_0$$



TO CALCULATE  $(p_0, q_0)$  WE NOTICE THAT ON  $T$

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$$\frac{dU_0}{dT} = \frac{\partial U_0}{\partial X} \frac{dX_0}{dT} + \frac{\partial U_0}{\partial Y} \frac{dY_0}{dT} \rightarrow -2T = 2p_0 T + 2q_0$$

THUS  $p_0^2 + q_0^2 = 1$ , AND  $q_0 = -T(1+p_0)$

WE SOLVE  $p_0^2 + (1+p_0)^2 T^2 = 1$

HENCE  $p_0 = \frac{-2T^2 \pm \sqrt{4T^4 - 4(T^2-1)(T^2+1)}}{2T^2+2} = \frac{-2T^2 \pm 2}{2T^2+2}$

WE WANT + SIGN SO THAT  $p_0 \neq -1$  (i.e.  $U \neq -X$ )

HENCE  $p_0 = \frac{-2T^2+2}{2T^2+2}$   $q_0 = -T(1+p_0) = -T\left(1 + \frac{2-2T^2}{2+2T^2}\right) = \frac{-2T}{1+T^2}$

THEN SOLVING CHARPIT'S SYSTEM WE OBTAIN

$$p = \frac{1-T^2}{1+T^2}, \quad q = \frac{-2T}{1+T^2}, \quad U = 2S - T^2$$

AND  $X = 2\left(\frac{1-T^2}{1+T^2}\right)S + T^2, \quad Y = \frac{-4T}{(1+T^2)}S + 2T.$

WE THEN ELIMINATE  $S$  TO OBTAIN:  $X - T^2 = 2\left(\frac{1-T^2}{1+T^2}\right)\left(\frac{Y-2T}{-4T}\right)(1+T^2).$

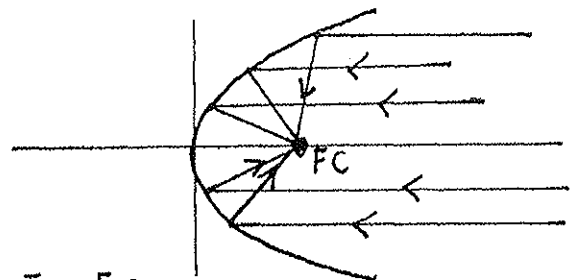
CLEANING THIS UP ONE OBTAINS THE FAMILY OF CURVES

$$X - T^2 = (T^2 - 1)\left(\frac{Y}{2T} - 1\right) \rightarrow 2T(X - T^2) = (T^2 - 1)(Y - 2T)$$

THIS IS A FAMILY OF STRAIGHT LINES FOR EACH  $T$  IN  $-\infty < T < \infty$

NOTICE THAT FOR ANY  $T$

$X=1$  WHEN  $Y=0$  ← FOCAL POINT FC.



EXAMPLE 2 (CAUSTIC IN A LIQUID SURFACE UNDER AN OBLIQUE LIGHT SOURCE)

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please see <http://www.ballandclaw.com/Caustic/index.html>  
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FOR A JAVA applet of the phenomenon.

$$F = p^2 + q^2 - 1$$

WE WANT TO SOLVE  $p^2 + q^2 = 1$  WITH  $u = -x$  ON

THE PORTION OF THE CIRCLE  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  WITH  $x_0 = \cos \tau$ ,  $y_0 = \sin \tau$

AND  $\pi/2 < \tau < 3\pi/2$ .

THE CHARPIT SYSTEM IS

$$\frac{dx}{ds} = 2p, \quad x(0) = \cos \tau$$

$$\frac{dy}{ds} = 2q, \quad y(0) = \sin \tau$$

$$\frac{du}{ds} = 2, \quad u(0) = -\cos \tau$$

$$\frac{dp}{ds} = 0, \quad p(0) = p_0(\tau)$$

$$\frac{dq}{ds} = 0, \quad q(0) = q_0(\tau)$$

TO DETERMINE  $p_0, q_0$  WE USE  $p_0^2 + q_0^2 = 1$

TOGETHER WITH  $du_0/d\tau = p_0 x_0' + q_0 y_0' \rightarrow \sin \tau = -\sin \tau p_0 + \cos \tau q_0$

BY INSPECTION ONE SOLUTION IS  $p_0 = -1, q_0 = 0$ . THIS

CORRESPONDS TO  $u = -x$  INCIDENT WAVE. WE, HOWEVER,

WANT THE REFLECTED WAVE.

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THE OTHER SOLUTION IS  $q_0 = \sin(2\tau)$ ,  $p_0 = \cos(2\tau)$

SINCE  $-\sin\tau \cos(2\tau) + \sin(2\tau) \cos\tau = \sin(2\tau - \tau) = \sin\tau$ .

THEN WE OBTAIN  $p = p_0 = \cos(2\tau)$

$q = q_0 = \sin(2\tau)$

AND  $\frac{dx}{ds} = 2 \cos(2\tau)$ ,  $x = 2 \cos(2\tau) s + \cos\tau$

$\frac{dy}{ds} = 2 \sin(2\tau)$ ,  $y = 2 \sin(2\tau) s + \sin\tau$

NOW WE ELIMINATE  $s$ :  $(x - \cos\tau) = 2 \cos(2\tau) \frac{(y - \sin\tau)}{2 \sin(2\tau)}$ .

THIS GIVES  $(x - \cos\tau) \sin 2\tau = (y - \sin\tau) \cos 2\tau$

OR EQUIVALENTLY  $\sin 2\tau x - \cos(2\tau) \sin 2\tau = y \cos 2\tau - \sin\tau \cos 2\tau$ .

THIS GIVES:  $x \sin(2\tau) - y \cos(2\tau) = \sin\tau$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \tau < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

THESE ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS: STRAIGHT LINES!

NOW WHAT IS THE ENVELOPE?

$$F = x \sin(2\tau) - y \cos(2\tau) - \sin\tau = 0$$

$$F_\tau = 2x \cos(2\tau) + 2y \sin(2\tau) - \cos\tau = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sin 2\tau & -\cos 2\tau \\ \cos 2\tau & \sin 2\tau \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin\tau \\ \frac{1}{2} \cos\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

RECALLING:  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{ad-bc}$

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THEN  $\begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin 2\gamma & \cos 2\gamma \\ -\cos 2\gamma & \sin 2\gamma \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \sin \gamma \\ \frac{1}{2} \cos \gamma \end{pmatrix}$

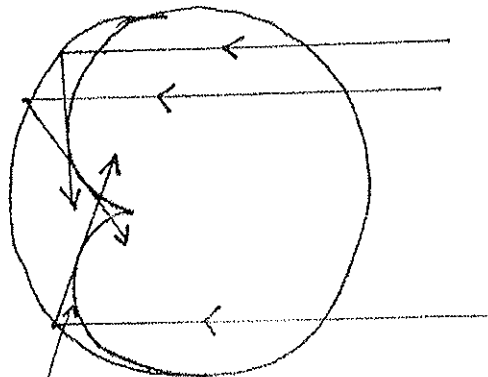
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$$X = \sin \gamma \sin 2\gamma + \frac{1}{2} \cos \gamma \cos 2\gamma$$

$$Y = -\sin \gamma \cos 2\gamma + \frac{1}{2} \cos \gamma \sin 2\gamma$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} < \gamma < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

IF YOU PLOT THIS CURVE THE PICTURE IS AS FOLLOWS



envelope.

THE ENVELOPE IS A  
NEPHROID  
OR  
(kidney)

