

Current Status of Homotopy-based Initialization in OpenModelica

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Idea of Homotopy

- Starting from solving a simplified problem the problem is transformed to the original one successively
 - Continuation method
 - Convergence is possible even without accurate initial guess values

Homotopy Method

General Approach

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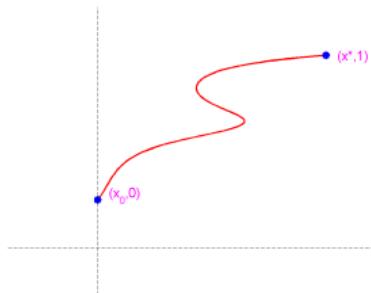
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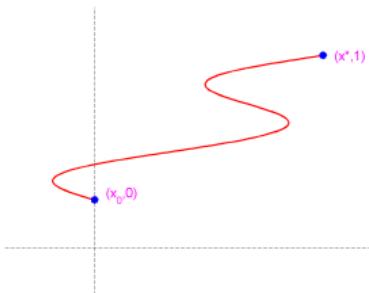
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• Homotopy operator for nonlinear systems:

$$\begin{aligned} H(z, \lambda) &= \lambda f(z) + (1 - \lambda)g(z) \\ &= \lambda f(z) + (1 - \lambda)g(z_0) + (1 - \lambda)(g(z) - g(z_0)) \\ &= \lambda f(z) + (1 - \lambda)g(z_0) + (1 - \lambda)\lambda(g(z) - f(z)) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\textit{homotopy(actual = actual, simplified = simplified)} = \lambda \textit{actual} + (1 - \lambda) \textit{simplified}$$

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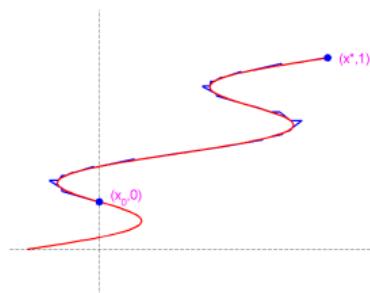
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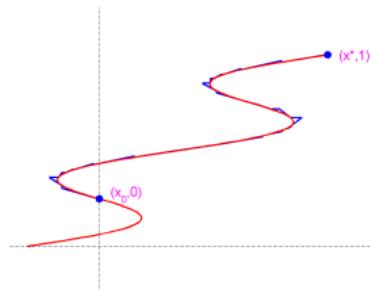
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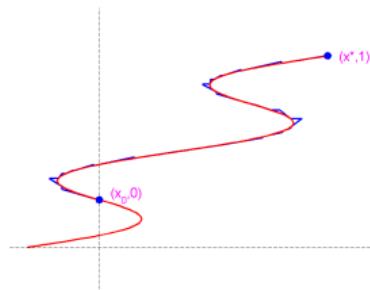
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- Each nonlinear system with homotopy operator is solved separately with its own homotopy iteration
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- The homotopy iteration loop can become quite large

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- No sensitive homotopy parameters that influence the convergence

- λ can only be increased and does not react to changes in the properties of the homotopy path
 - Homotopy path is not followed correctly and can be lost easily

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Default

The **equidistant global** approach is currently the default homotopy method for initialization. It is activated as **fallback method** if the normal initialization fails.

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`-homotopyOnFirstTry`

to directly use the homotopy method to solve the initialization problem.

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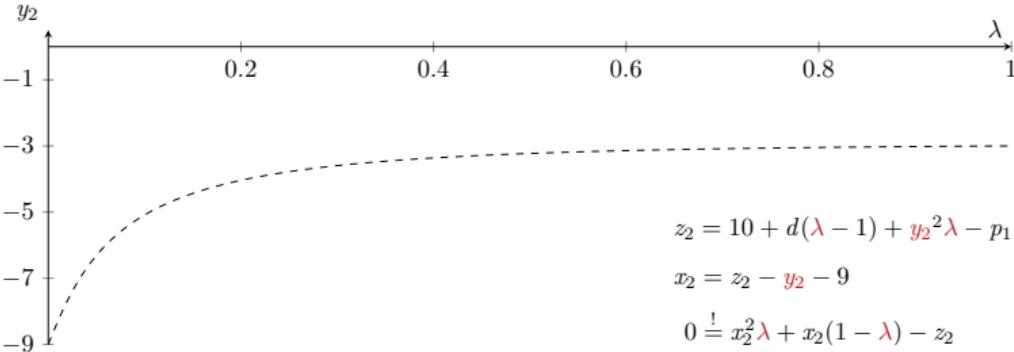
- Creation and optimization of a separate λ_0 -DAE
 - ▶ Duplicate DAE and internally set `--initOptModules+=replaceHomotopyWithSimplified`
- Determination of the smallest homotopy iteration loop in the original initialization system
 - ▶ Internally set `--initOptModules+=generateHomotopyComponents`
 - ▶ Beginning: First BLT block in which a homotopy operator is present
 - ▶ End: Last BLT block that describes a non-linear algebraic equation system
 - ▶ Creation of one nonlinear system

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Homotopy with adaptive step size: The Homotopy Algorithm

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Homotopy Path Calculation (omc homotopy4.mos --homotopyApproach=adaptiveLocal)



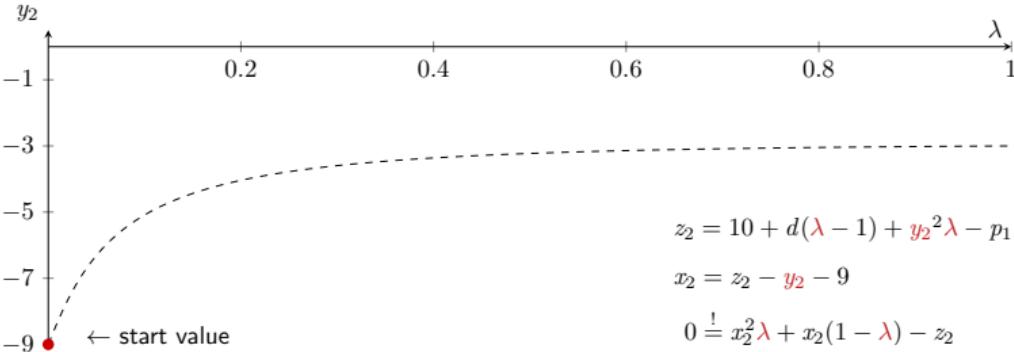
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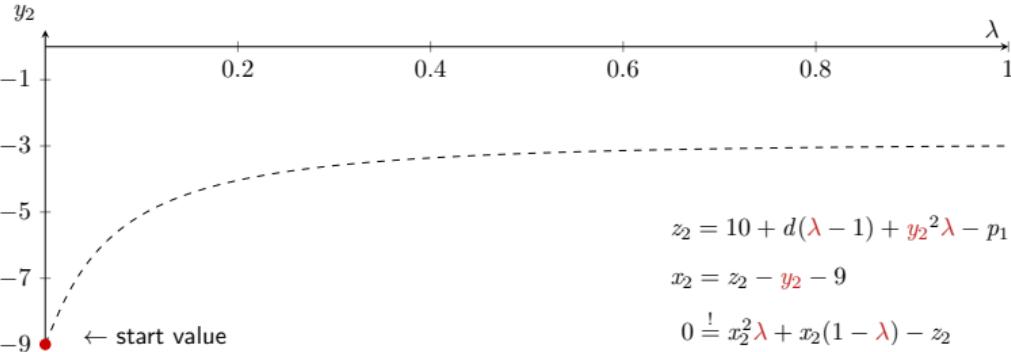
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$$\underline{J}_x(\underline{x}_s, \lambda_s) \cdot \underline{\dot{x}}_s = 0$$

$\underline{J}_x \in \mathbb{R}^{(m \times n)}$, Jacobian

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_s \\ \lambda_s \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_0 \\ \lambda_0 \end{pmatrix} + \tau_s \cdot \underline{d}$$

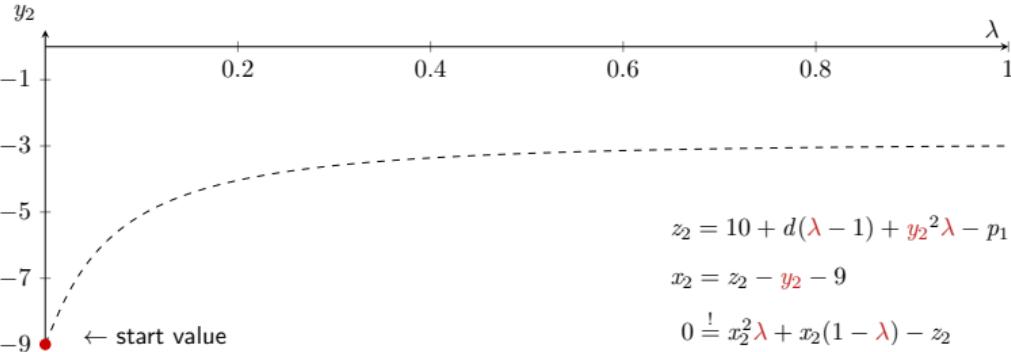
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solve linear system

form prediction step

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_s \\ \lambda_s \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_s' \\ \lambda_s' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_{s+1} \\ \lambda_{s+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

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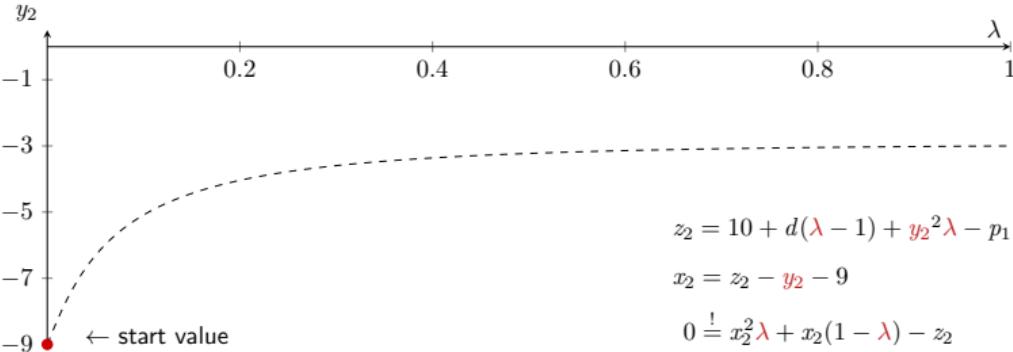
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Solve linear system:

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$$J_{\underline{H}} \in \mathbb{R}^{(n, n+1)}, \text{ Jacobian}$$

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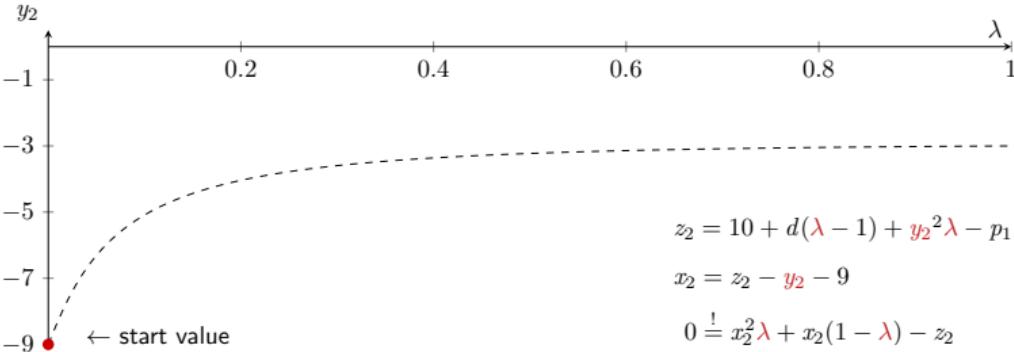
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Perform predictor step:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_{i+1}^\# \\ \lambda_{i+1}^\# \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \underline{x}_i \\ \lambda_i \end{pmatrix} + \tau_i \cdot \underline{v}_i,$$

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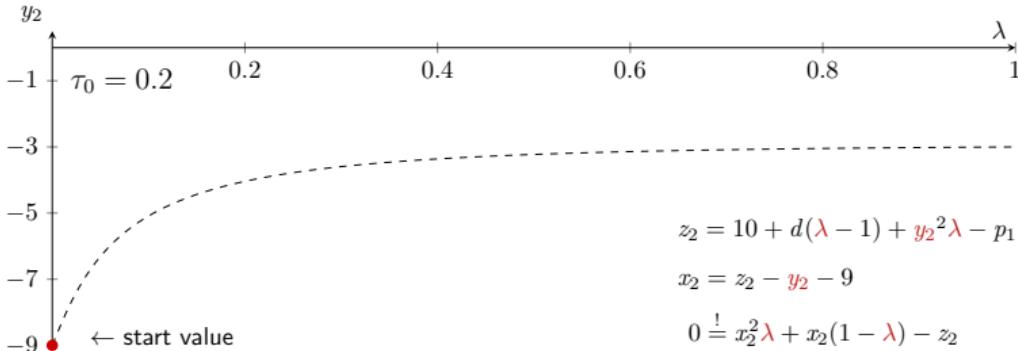
`-homTauStart=<value>`

to define the initial step size τ_0 .

Default: 0.2

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$$z_2 = 10 + d(\lambda - 1) + y_2^2 \lambda - p_1$$

$$x_2 = z_2 - y_2 - 9$$

$$0 \stackrel{!}{=} x_2^2 \lambda + x_2(1 - \lambda) - z_2$$

Procedure: Predictor Step

Derive:

$$\begin{aligned} H(\underline{x}(s), \lambda(s)) &= \underline{0} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial H}{\partial \underline{x}} \cdot \underline{x}'(s) + \frac{\partial H}{\partial \lambda} \cdot \lambda'(s) &= \underline{0} \end{aligned}$$

Solve linear system:

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$$0 \stackrel{!}{\leq} (\underline{v}^i)^T \cdot \underline{v}^{i-1}$$

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τ_i step size, \underline{v}_i normalized direction.

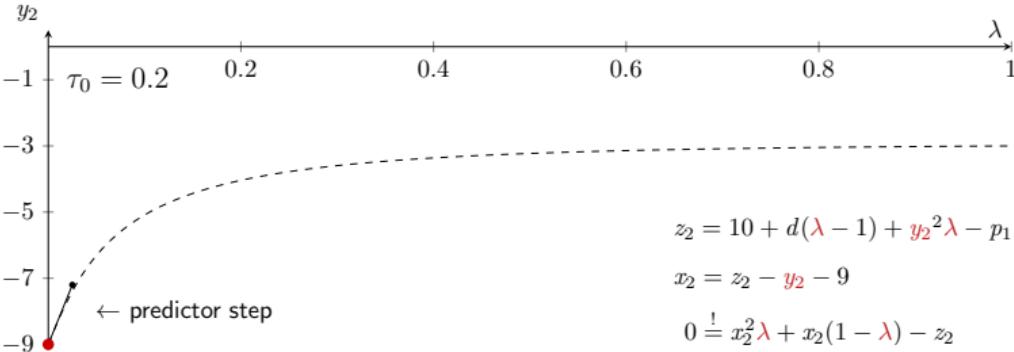
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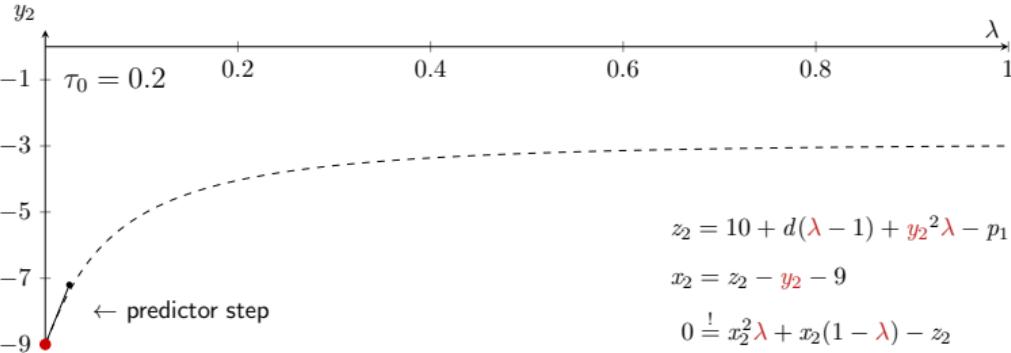
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Procedure: Predictor Step

- Assert?

- If $H(\underline{x}_{i+1}^\#, \lambda_{i+1}^\#)$ cannot be calculated, τ is decreased by a factor:

$$\tau := \frac{\tau}{homTauDecFacPredictor}$$

→ No assert in the example

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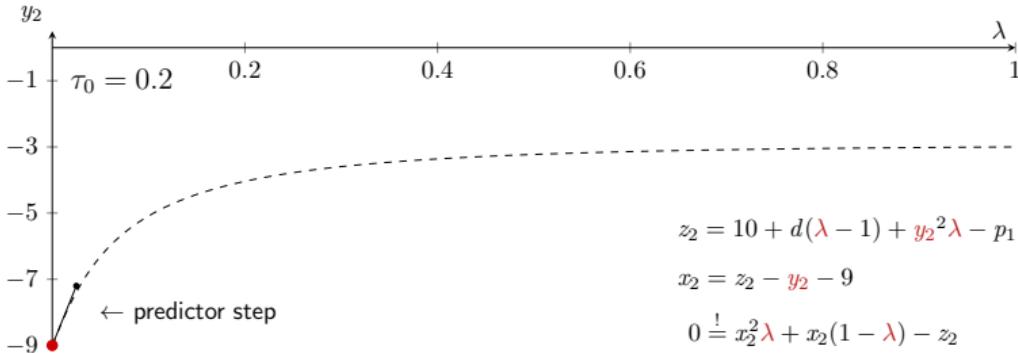
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to define the factor by which τ is decreased if the predictor step fails.

Default: 2.0

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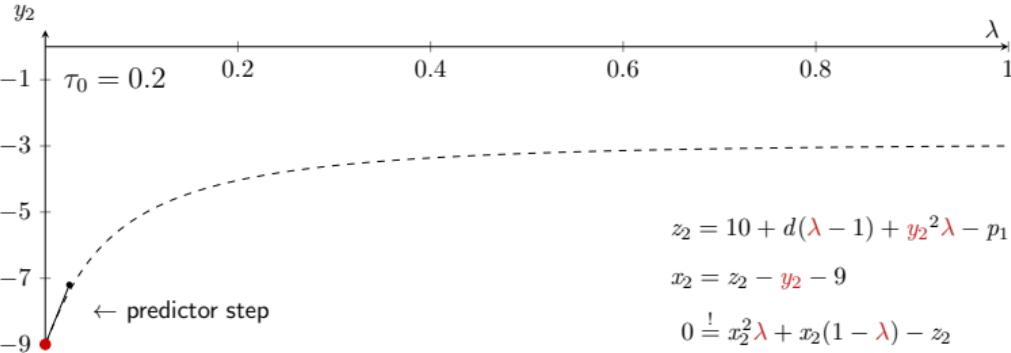
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Procedure: Corrector Step

Newton:

Get back to the homotopy path by Newton iteration steps with start values $(\underline{x}_{i+1}^\#, \lambda_{i+1}^\#)$ until

$$\underline{H}(\underline{x}_{i+1}, \lambda_{i+1}) \approx 0.$$

Backtracking Step

Fix one coordinate

$$\underline{\underline{x}}_{i+1} - \underline{\underline{x}}_i = 0$$

Orthogonal to tangent vector

$$\underline{\underline{x}}_{i+1} - \underline{\underline{x}}_i = 0$$

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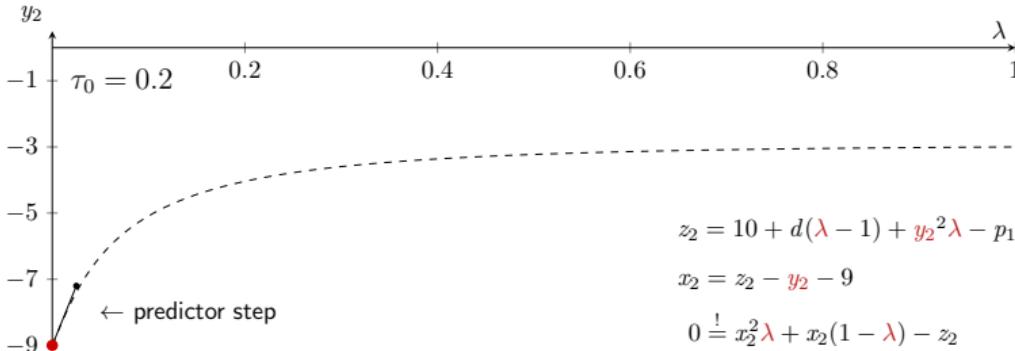
to define the tolerance for the residuals in the Newton corrector step.

Default: $1e-5$

(In the last step ($\lambda = 1$) the global accuracy is used.)

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`-homMaxNewtonSteps`

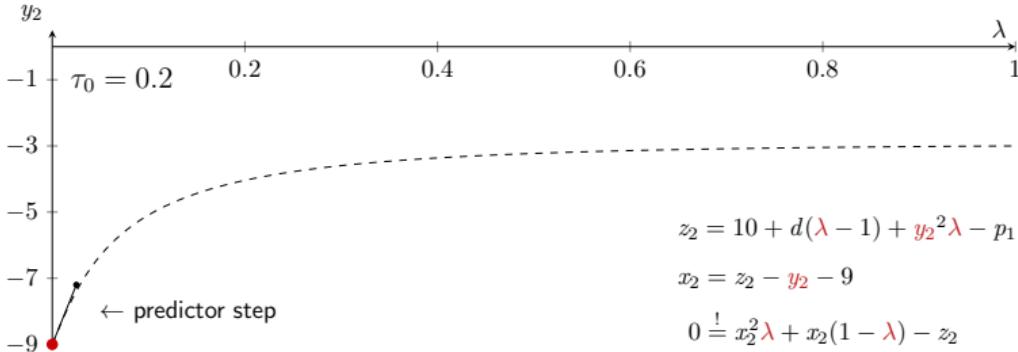
`=<value>`

to define the maximum number of iterations in the Newton corrector step.

Default: 20

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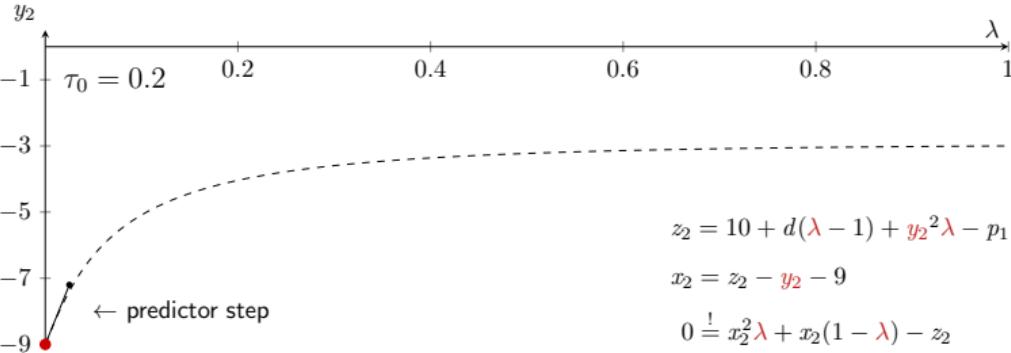
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$$(\underline{x}_{i+1} - \underline{x}_{i+1}^\#)^T \cdot \underline{v}_i = 0$$

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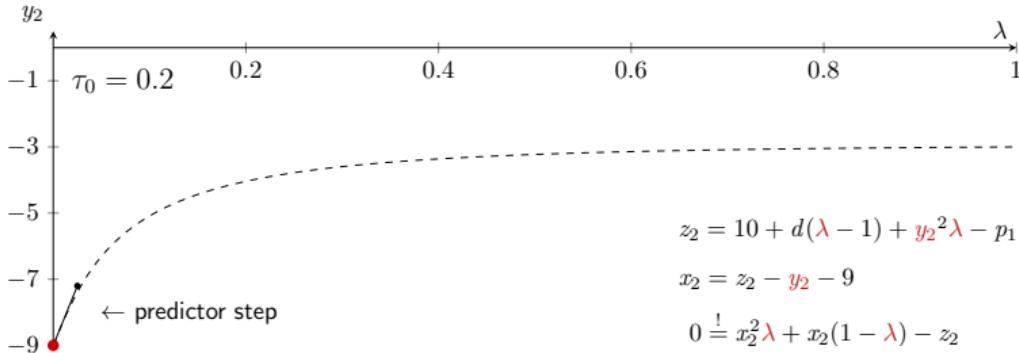
`-homBacktraceStrategy
=<fix/orthogonal>`

to define the backtracing strategy
in the Newton corrector step.

Default: fix

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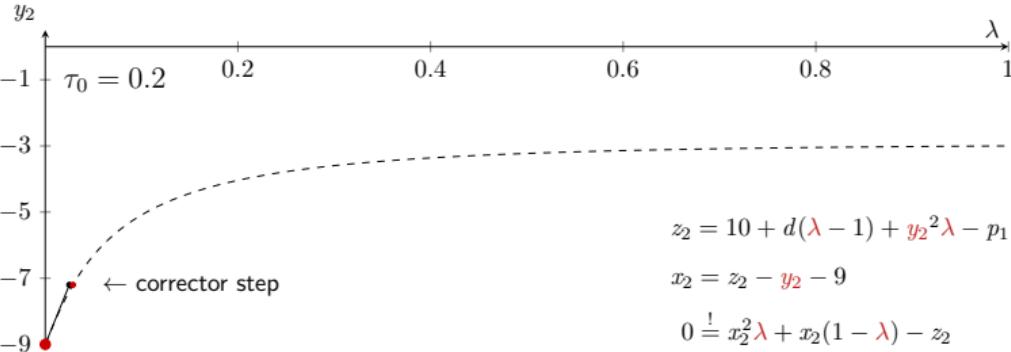
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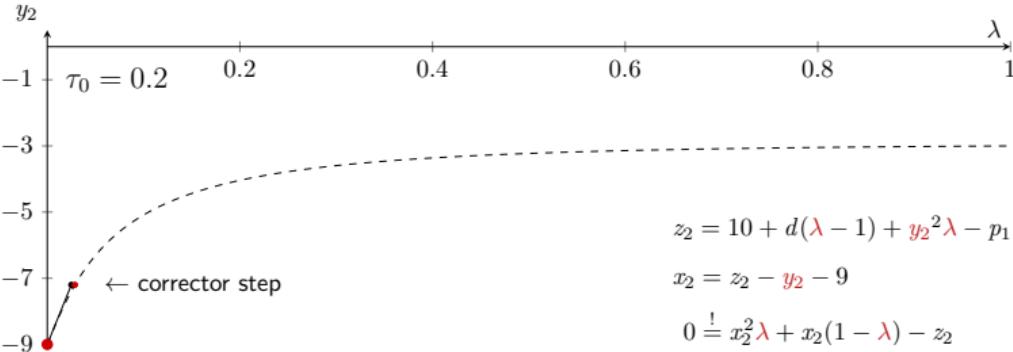
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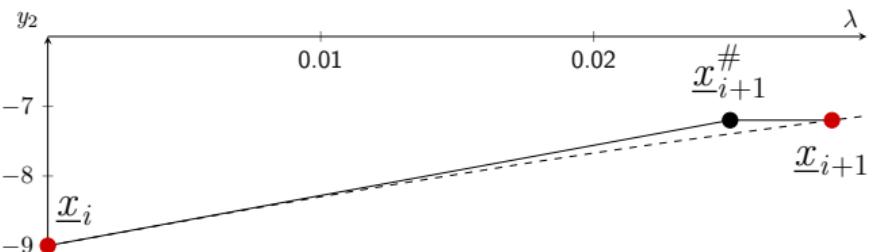
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Procedure: Check Step Acceptance and Adapt Step Size

Calculate the bending:

$$b = \frac{\|\underline{x}_{i+1} - \underline{x}_{i+1}^\#\|}{\|\underline{x}_{i+1}^\# - \underline{x}_i\|}$$



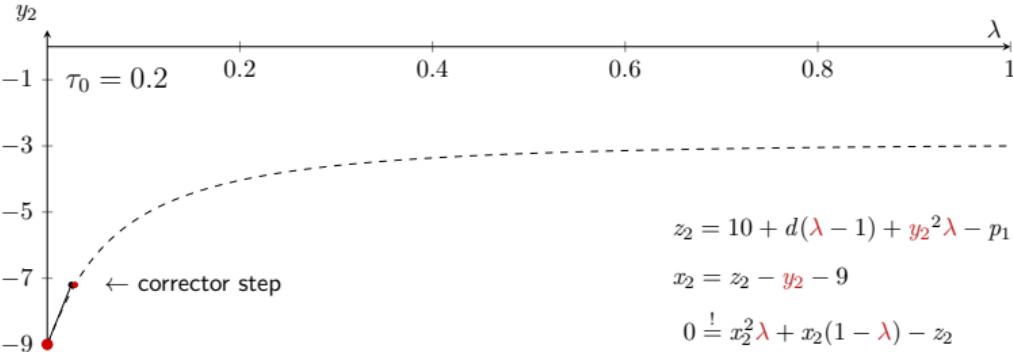
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$b > homAdaptBend$

→ Reject step!

$$\rightarrow \tau := \frac{\tau}{homTauDecFac}$$

→ Perform predictor and corrector step again with new τ

$b < homAdaptBend$

→ Accept step!

$$\rightarrow b < \frac{homAdaptBend}{homTauIncThreshold}$$

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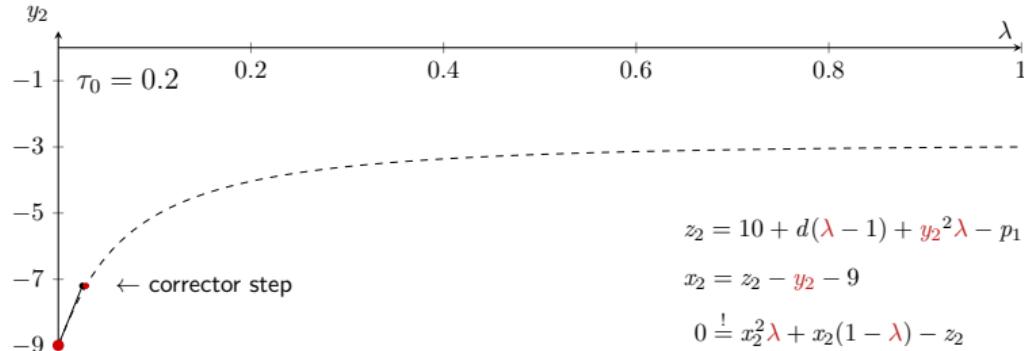
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`-homAdaptBend=<value>`

to define the maximum trajectory bending to accept the homotopy step.

Default: 0.5

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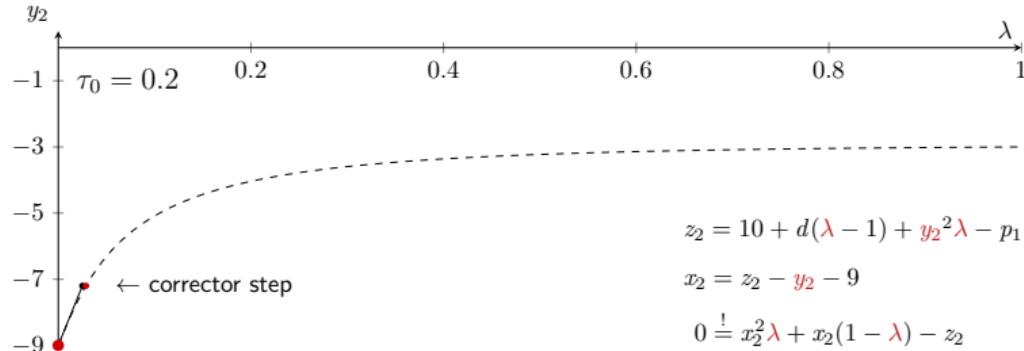
`-homTauDecFac=<value>`

to define the factor by which τ is decreased if the bending is too high.

Default: 10.0

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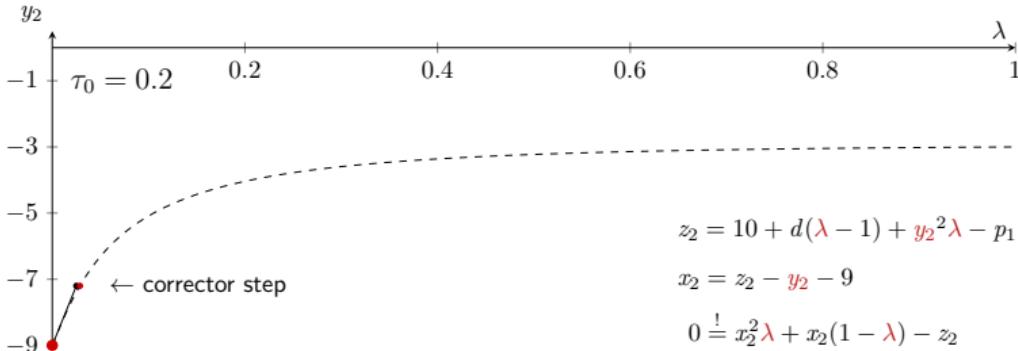
`-homTauMin=<value>`

to define the minimum step size τ .

Default: $1e-4$

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`-homTauIncThreshold`

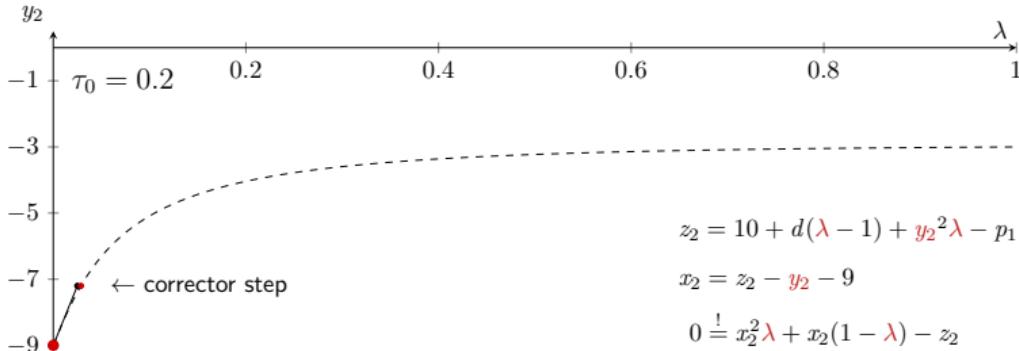
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to define a threshold for increasing τ .

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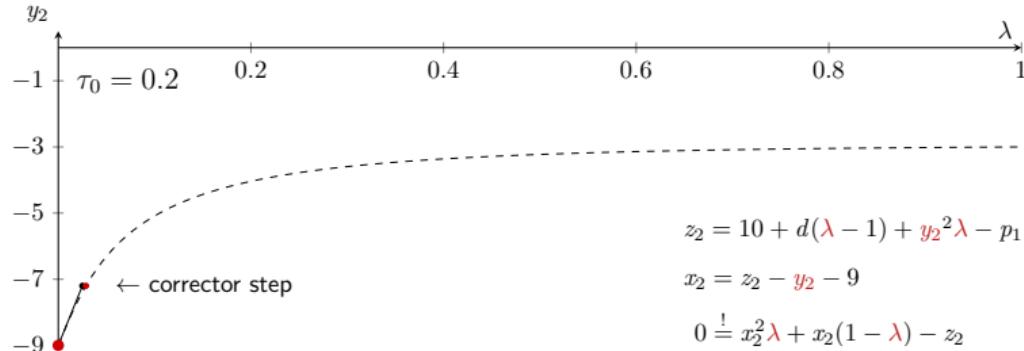
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`-homTauIncFac=<value>`

to define the factor by which τ is increased if the bending is lower than the threshold.

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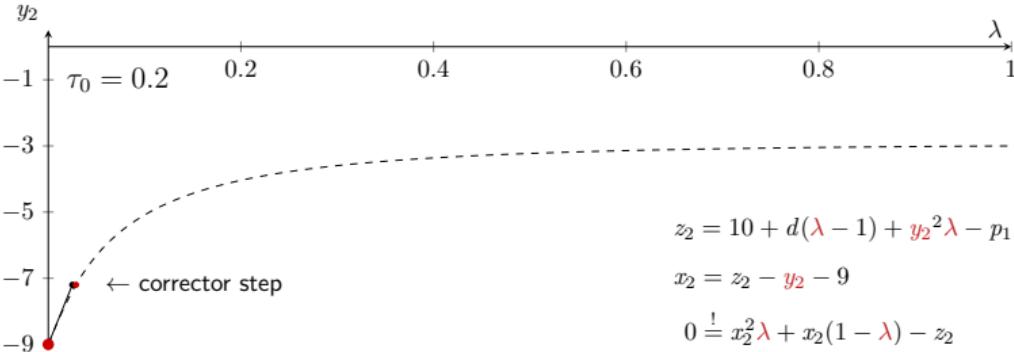
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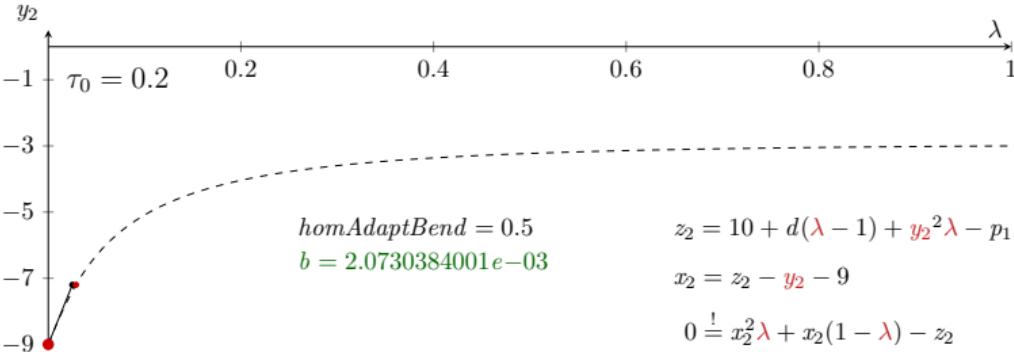
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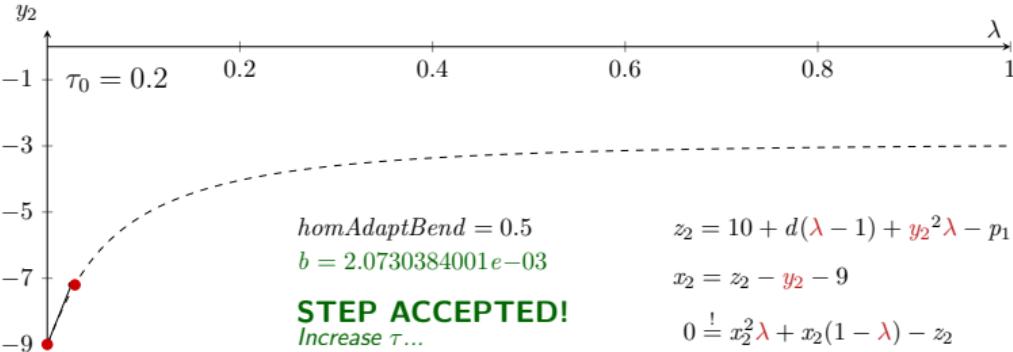
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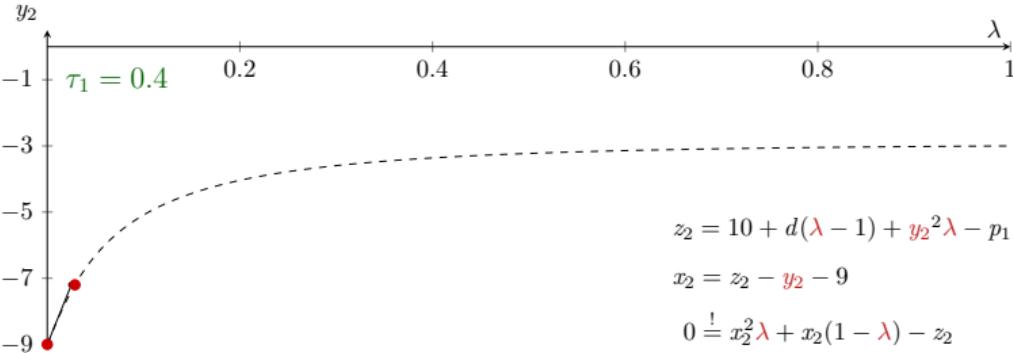
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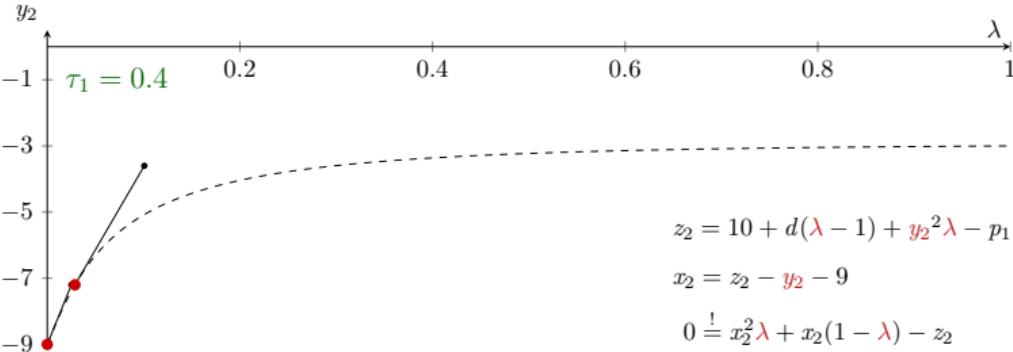
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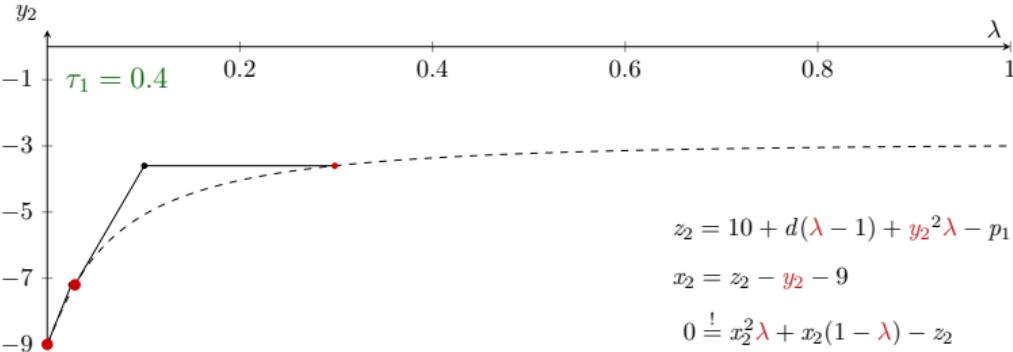
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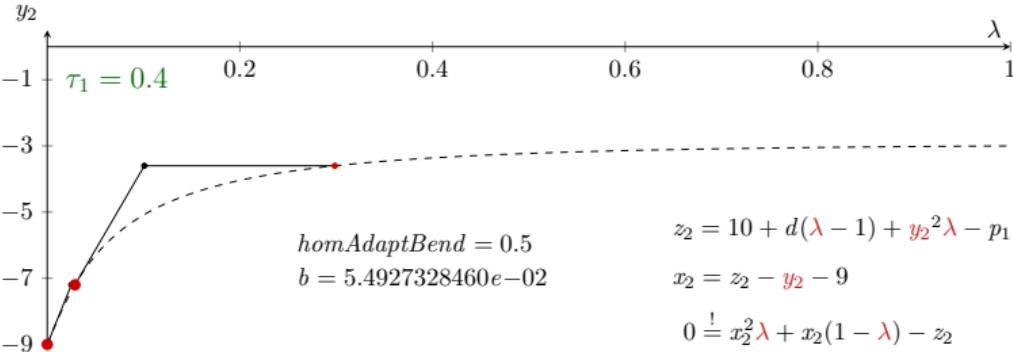
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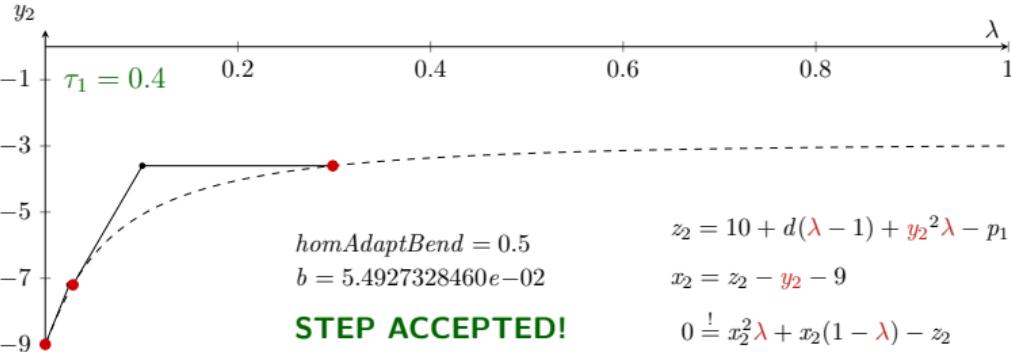
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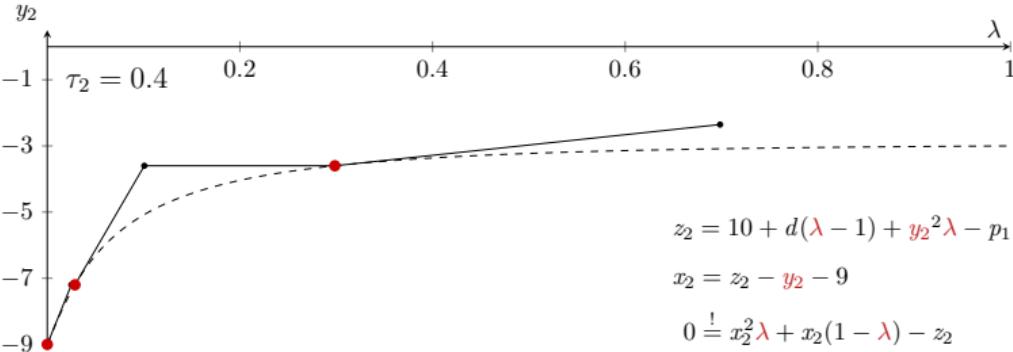
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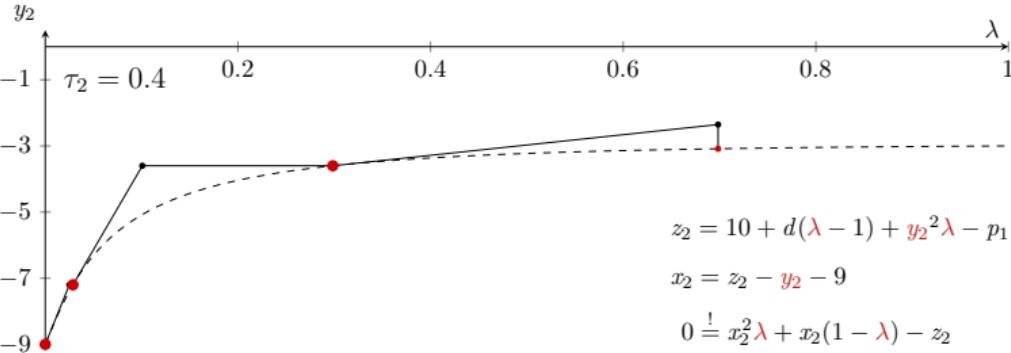
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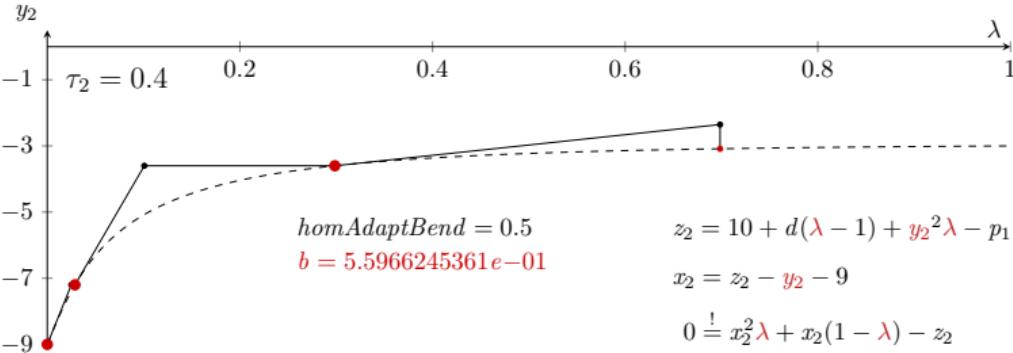
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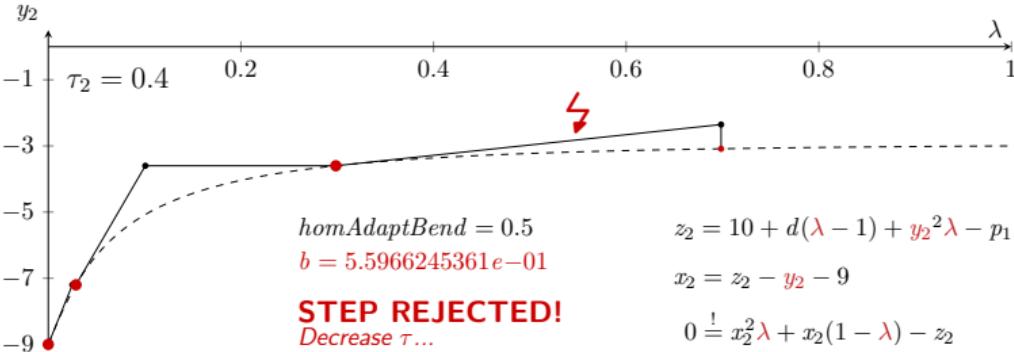
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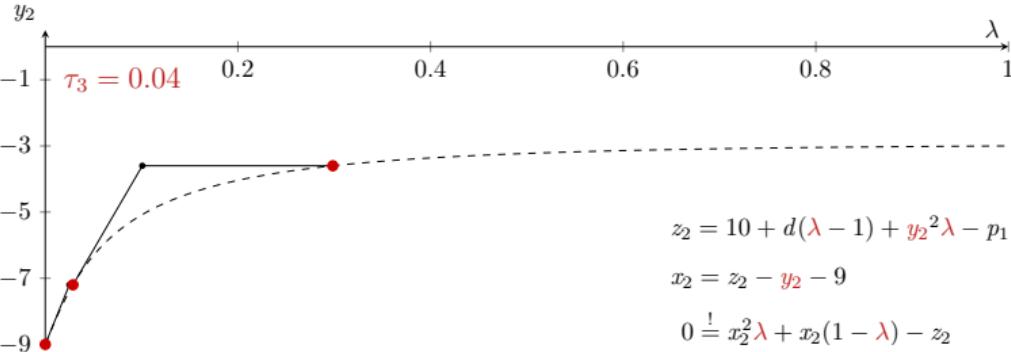
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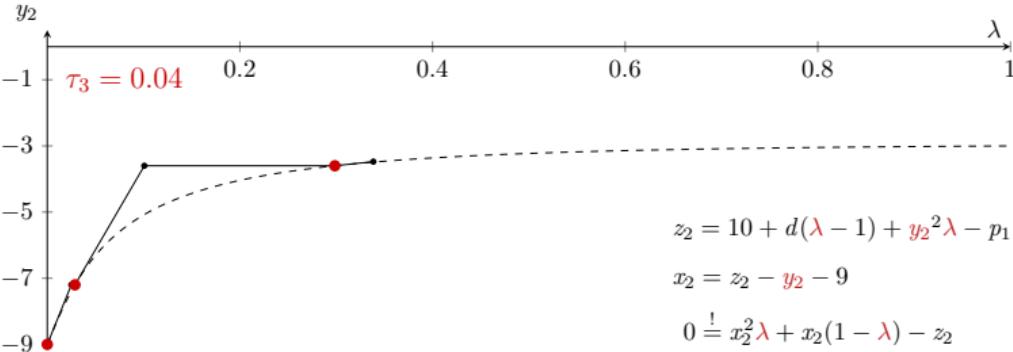
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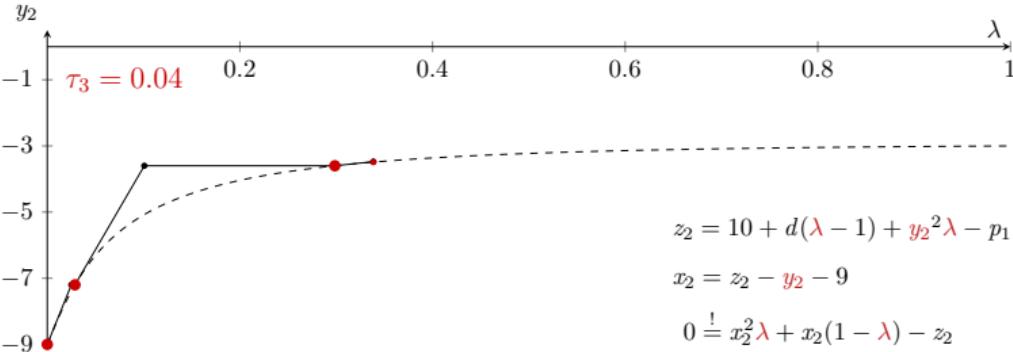
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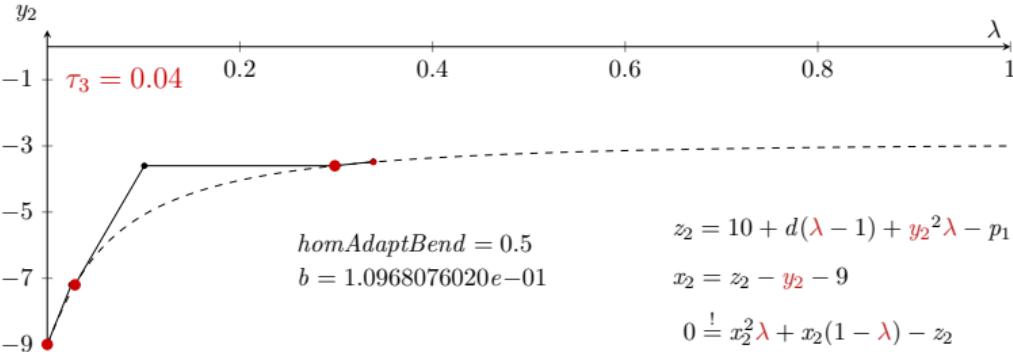
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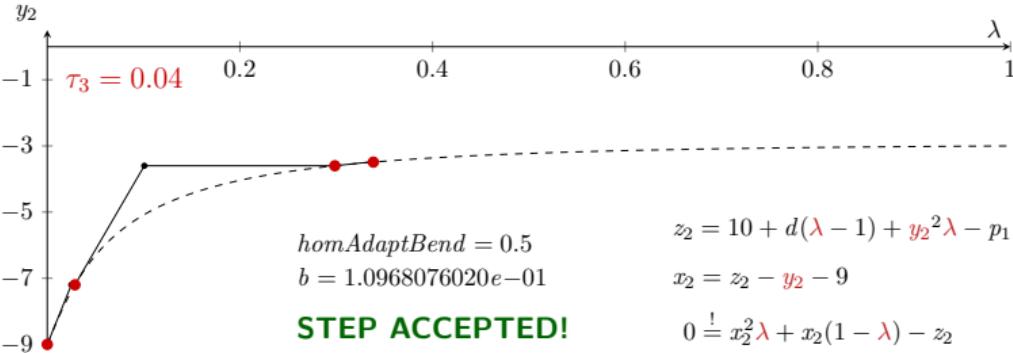
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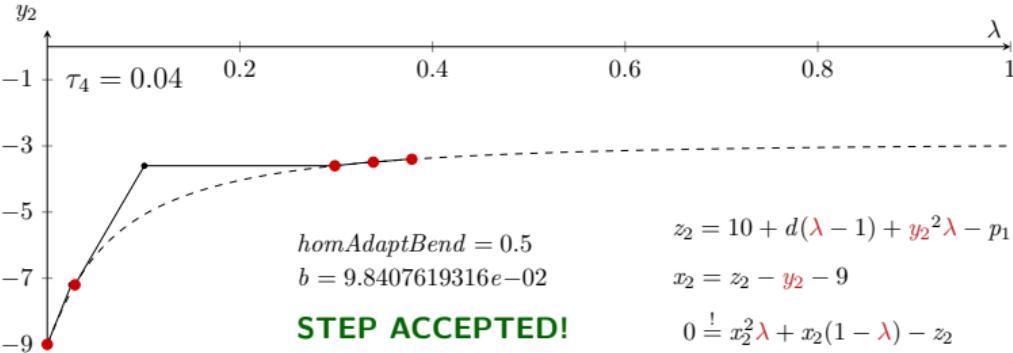
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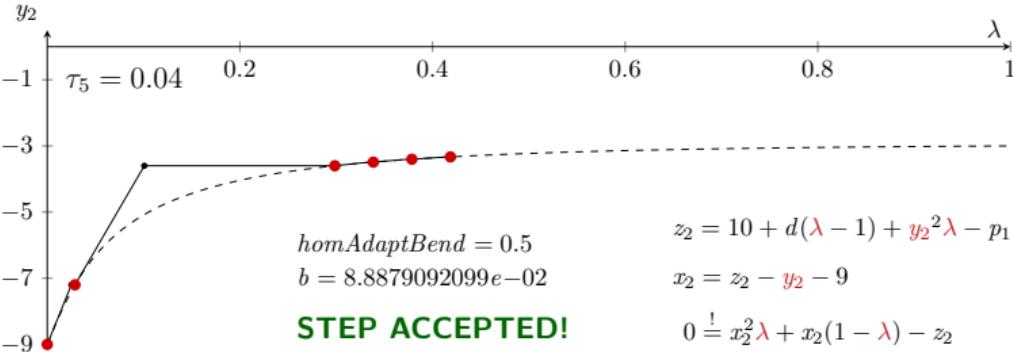
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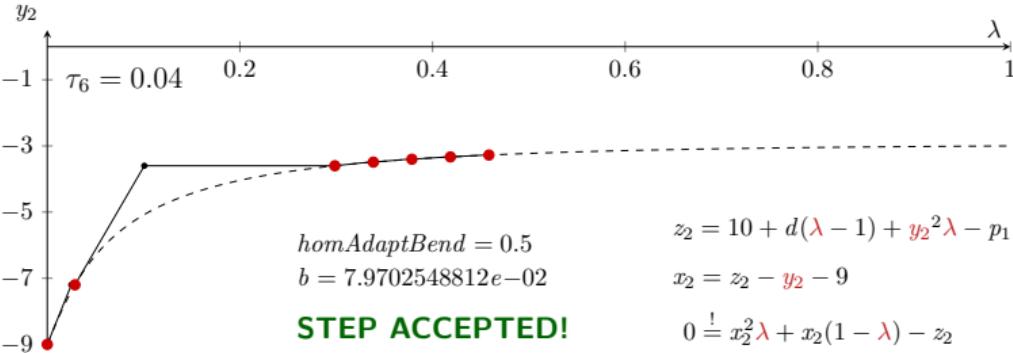
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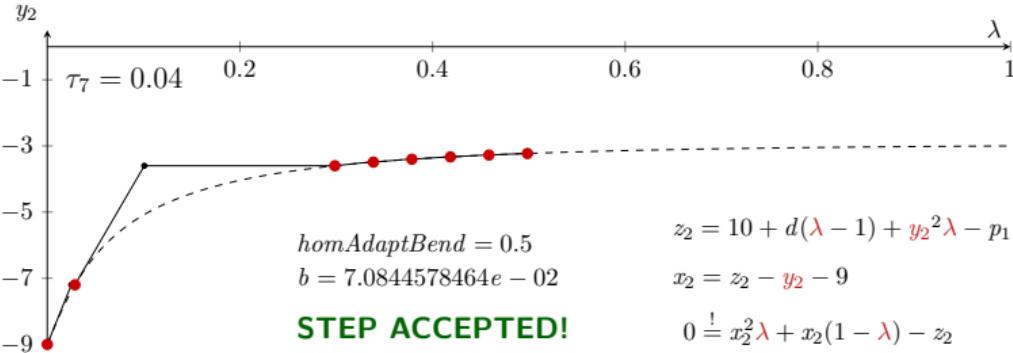
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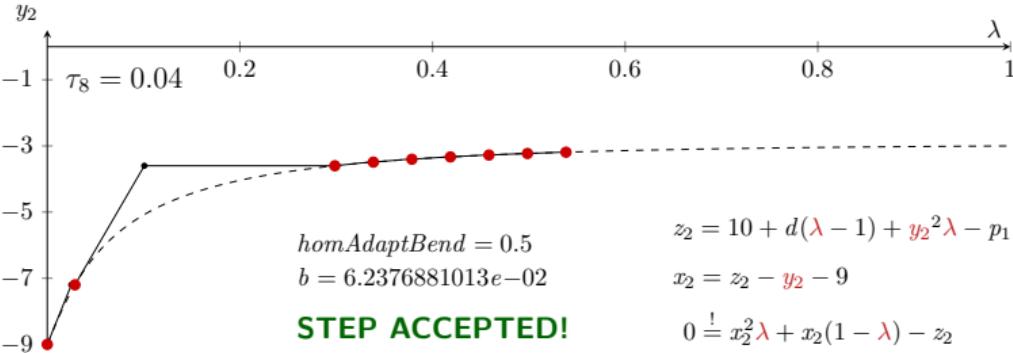
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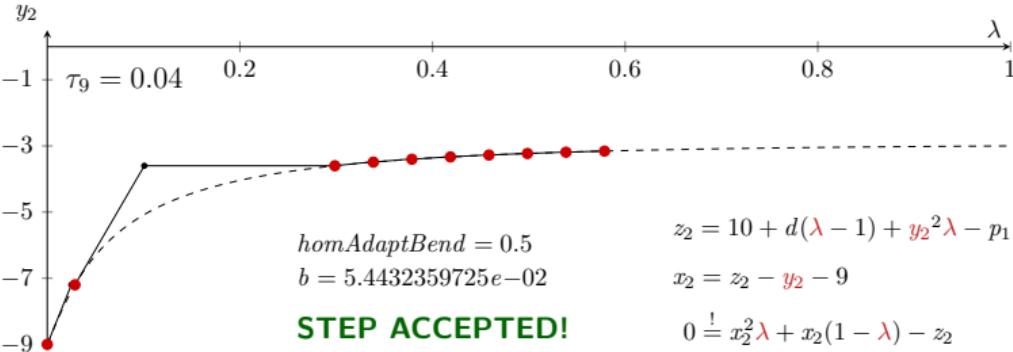
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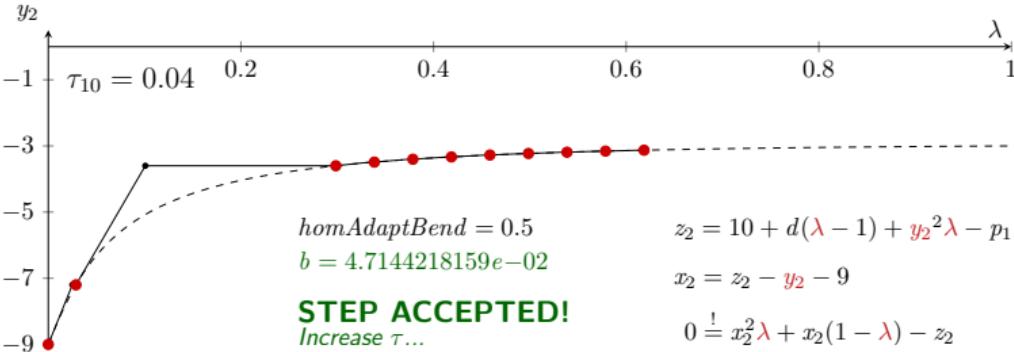
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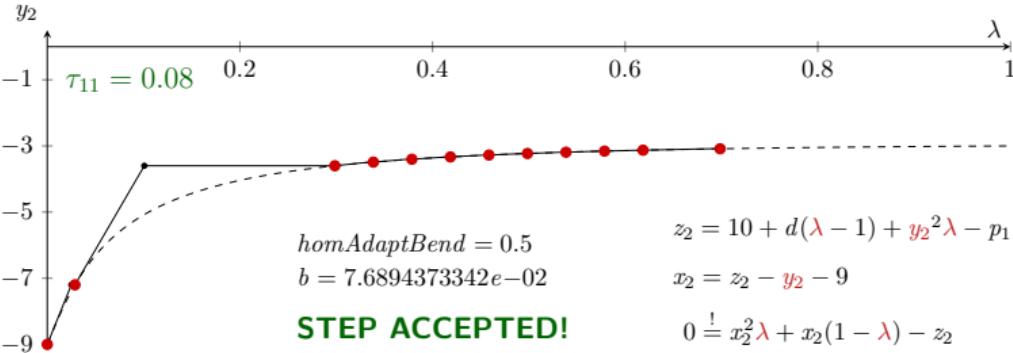
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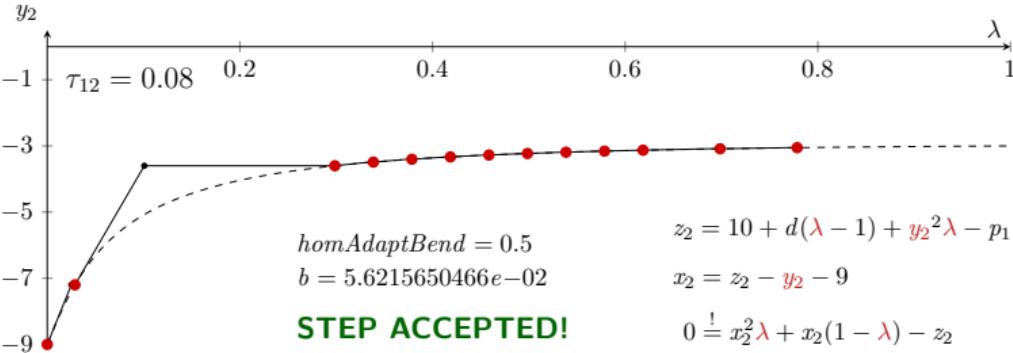
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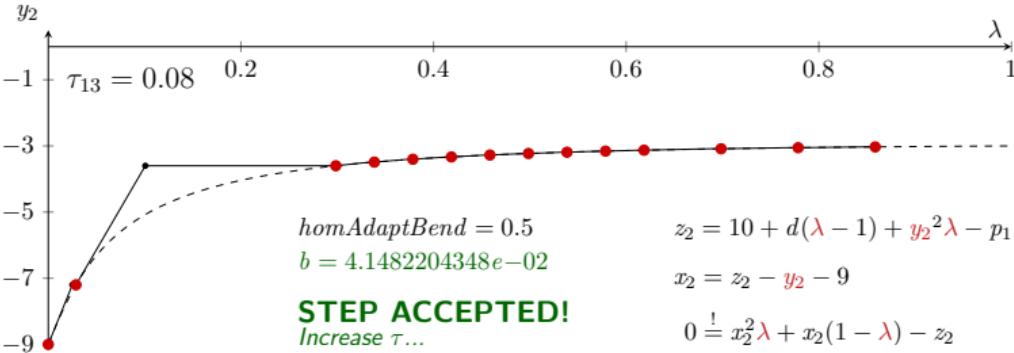
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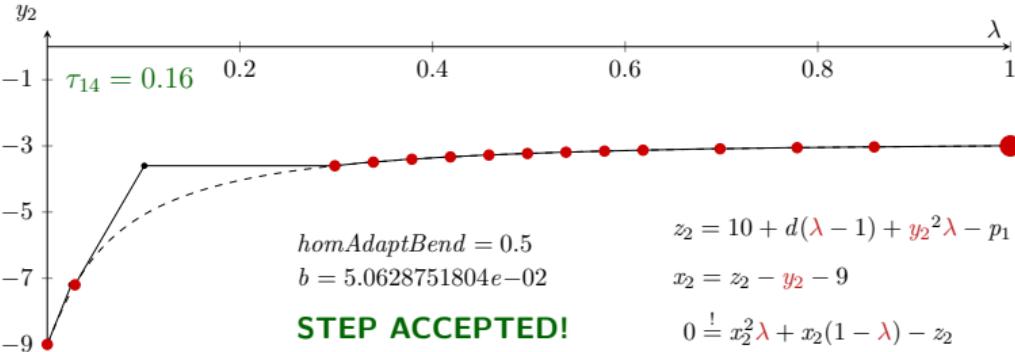
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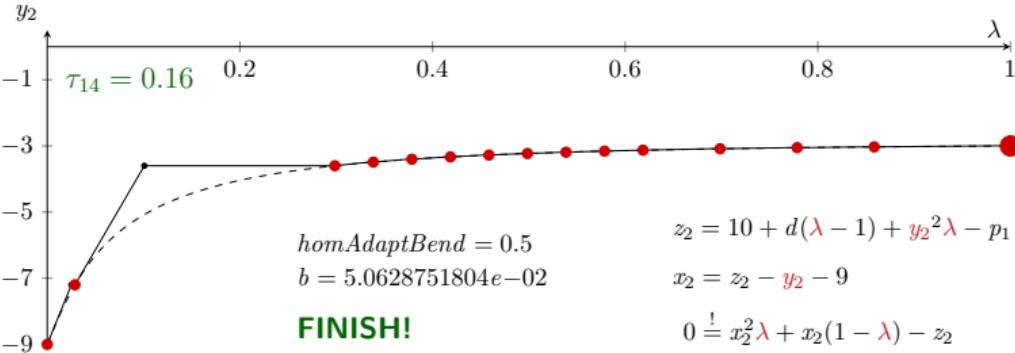
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- ▶ $homMaxLambdaSteps$ is reached
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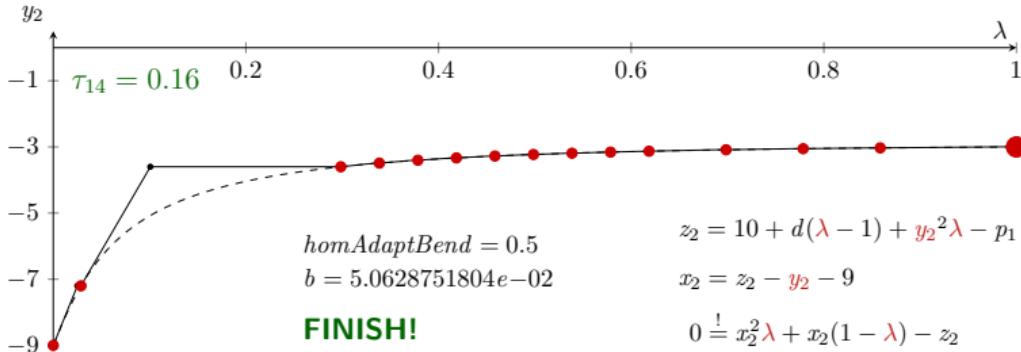
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Default: $100 \cdot \text{sizeOfSystem}$

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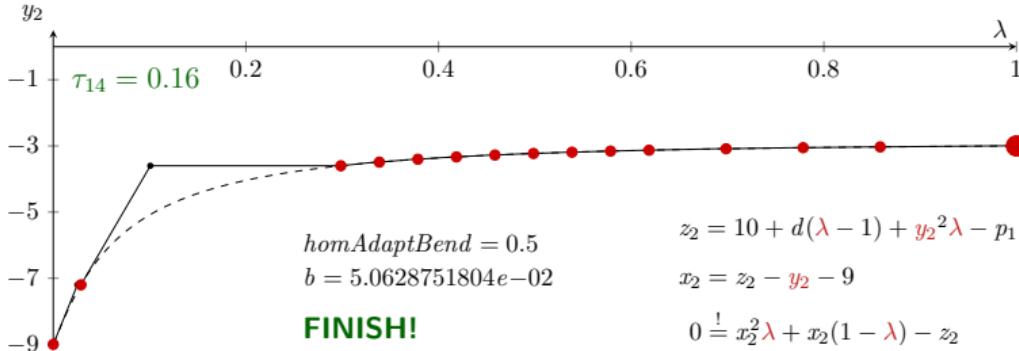
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Default: 10

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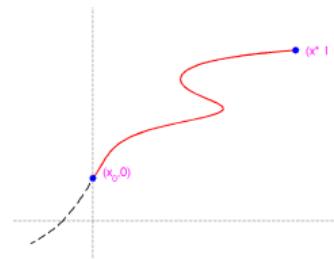
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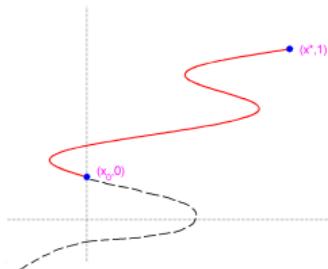
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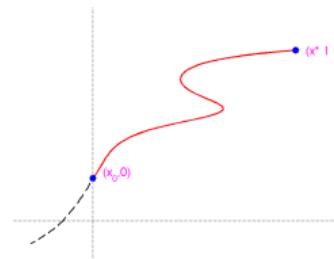


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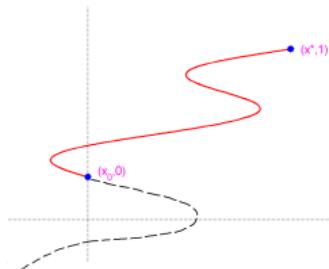
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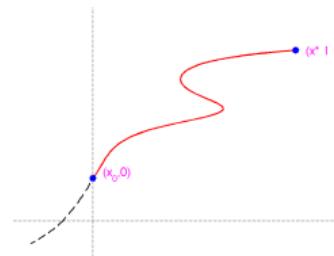
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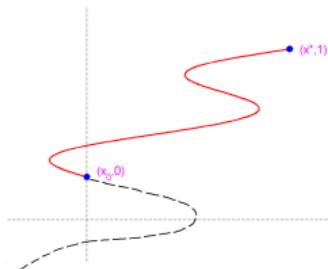
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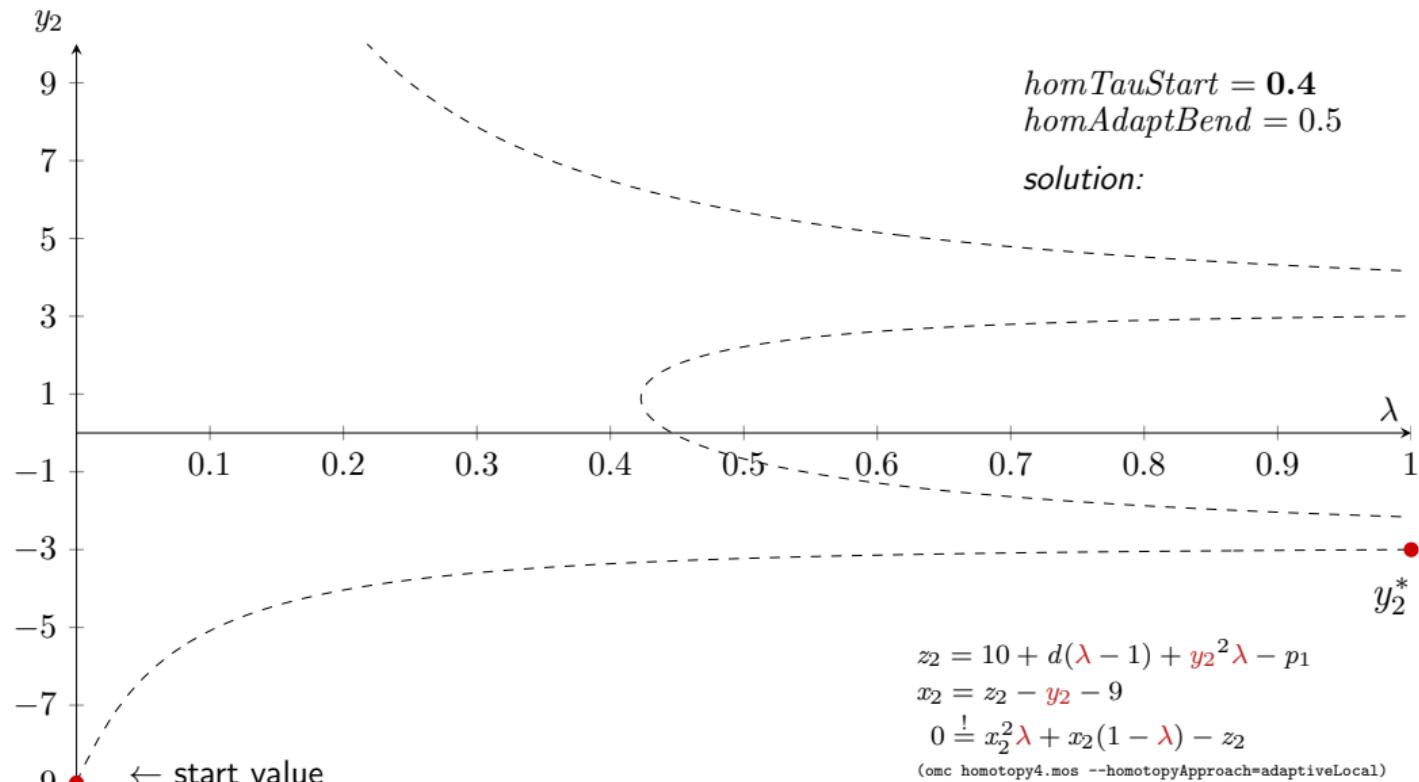
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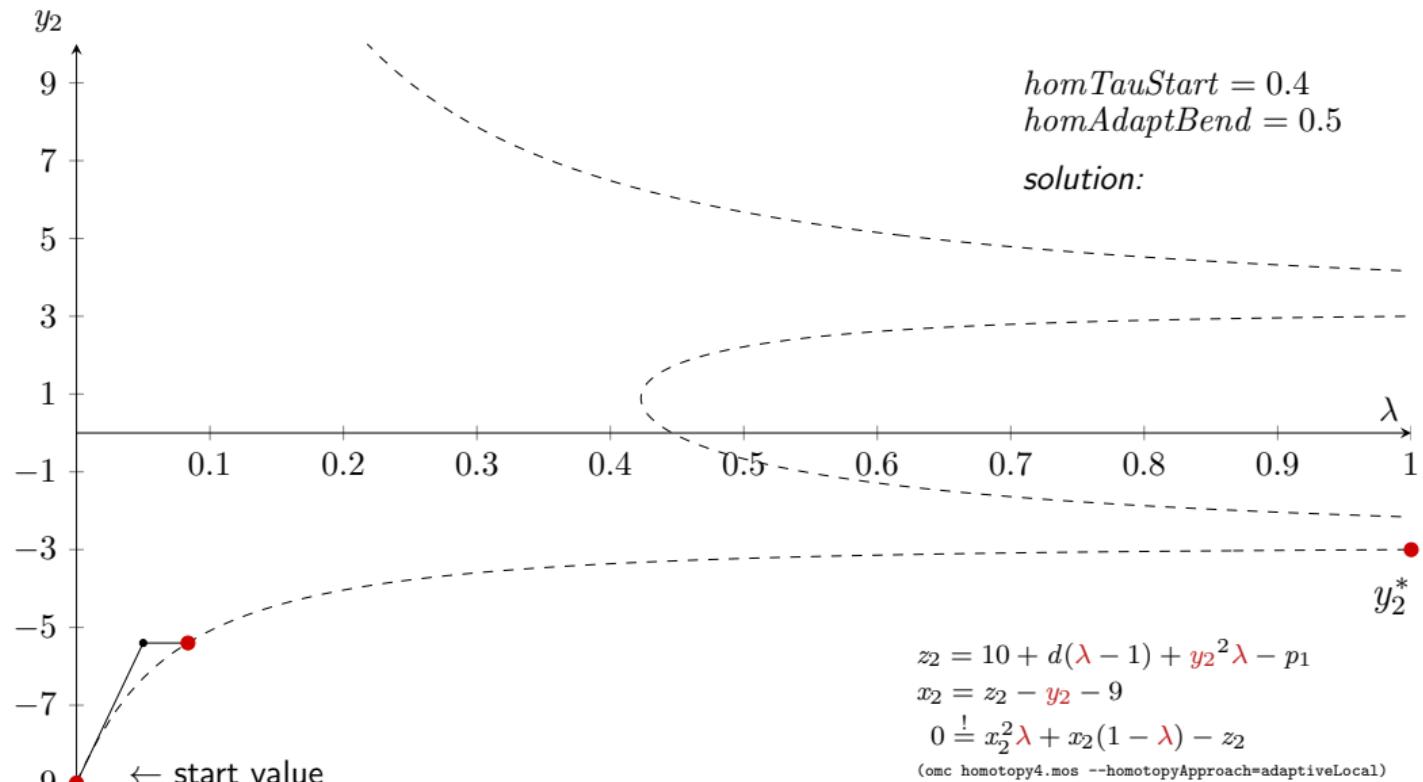
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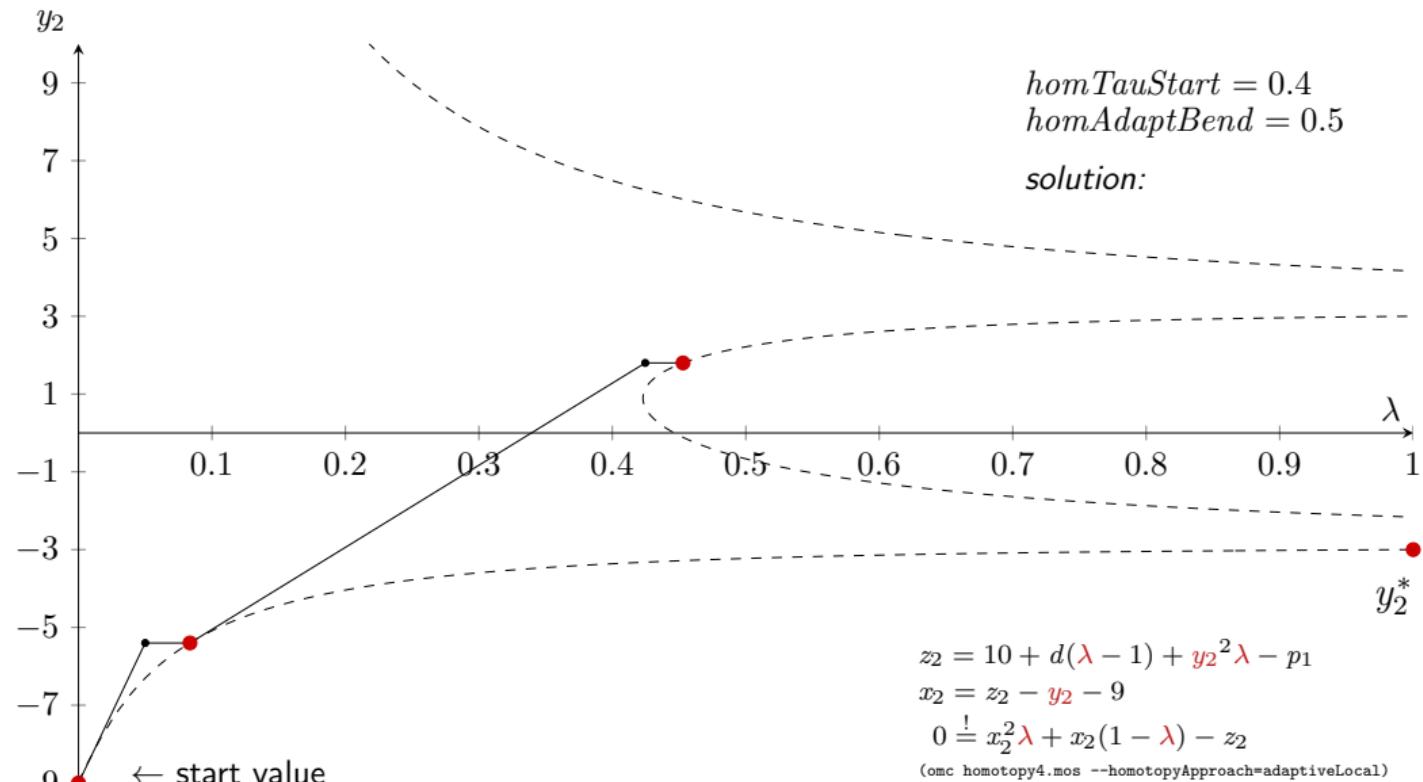
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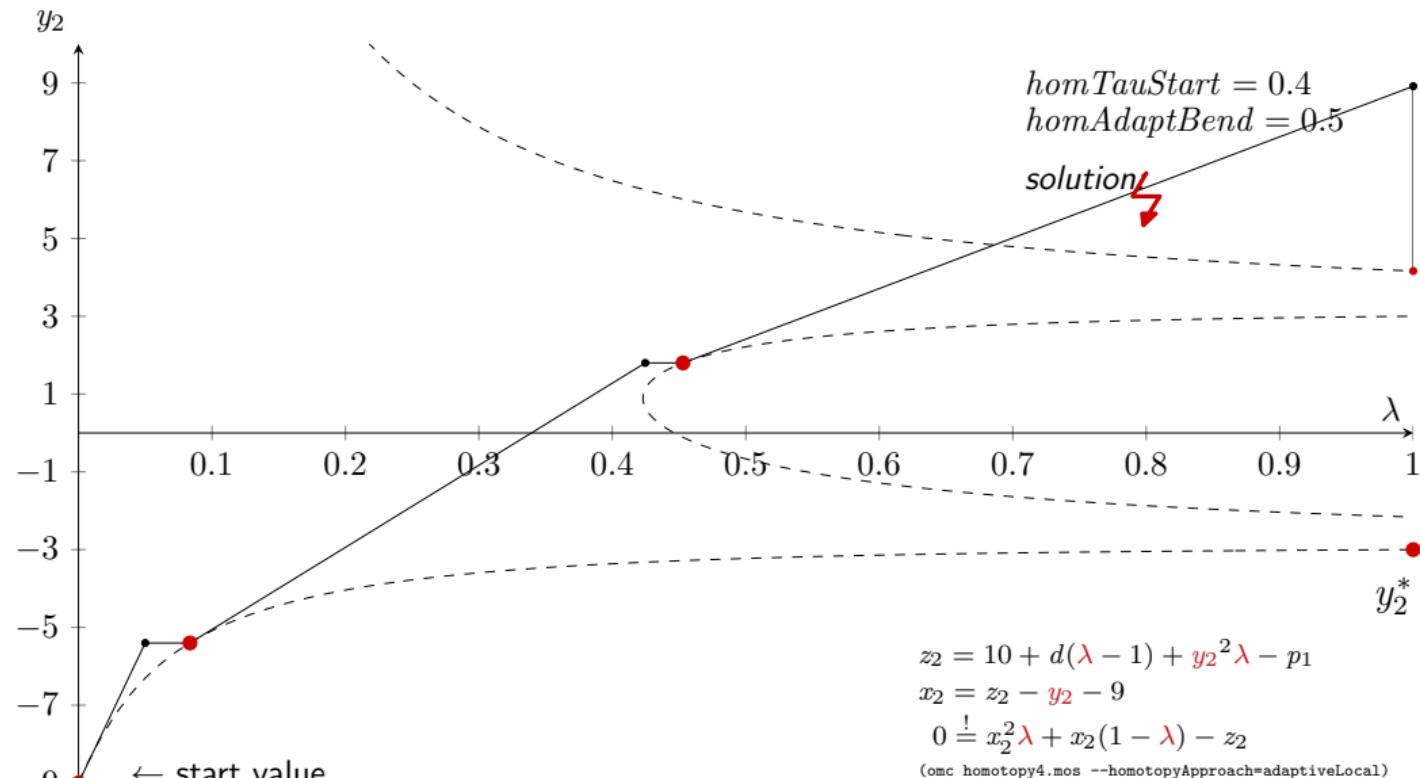
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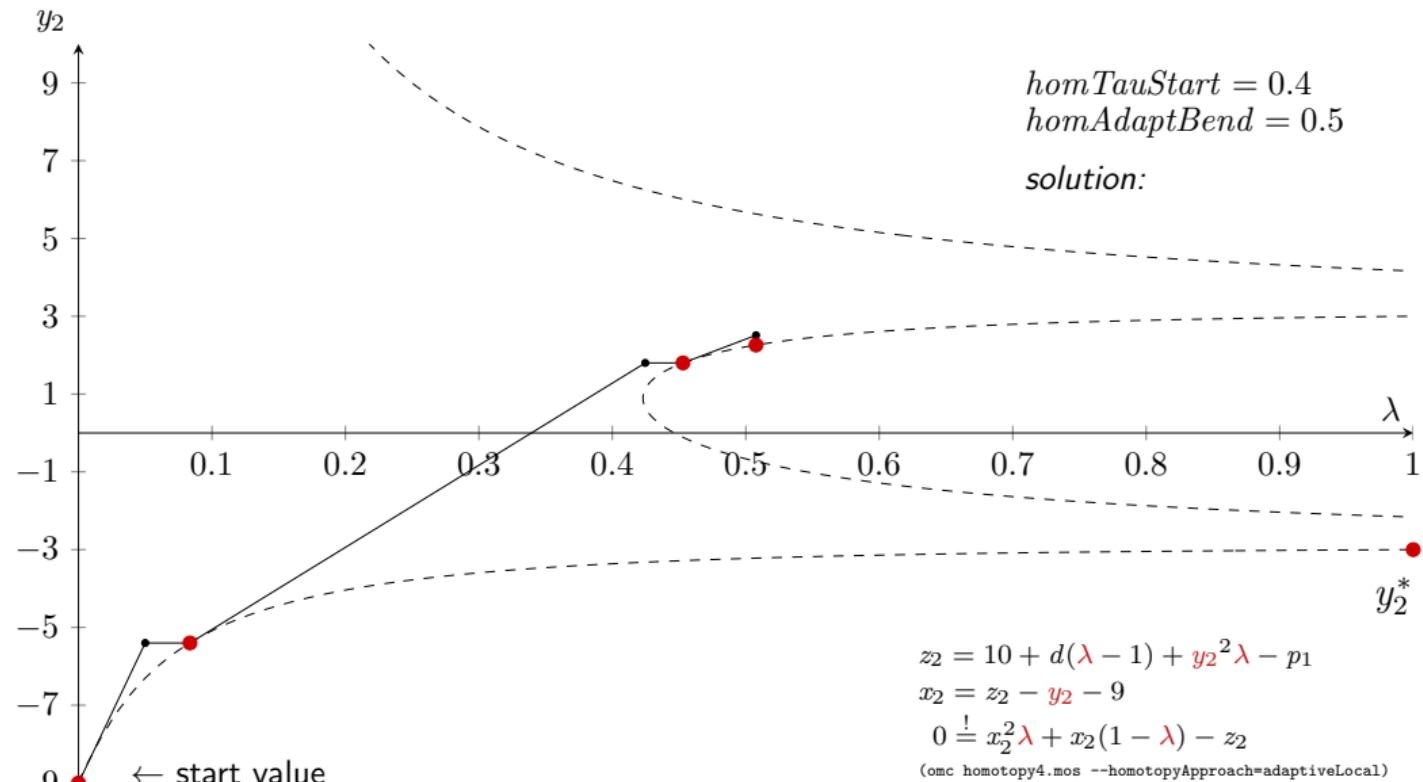
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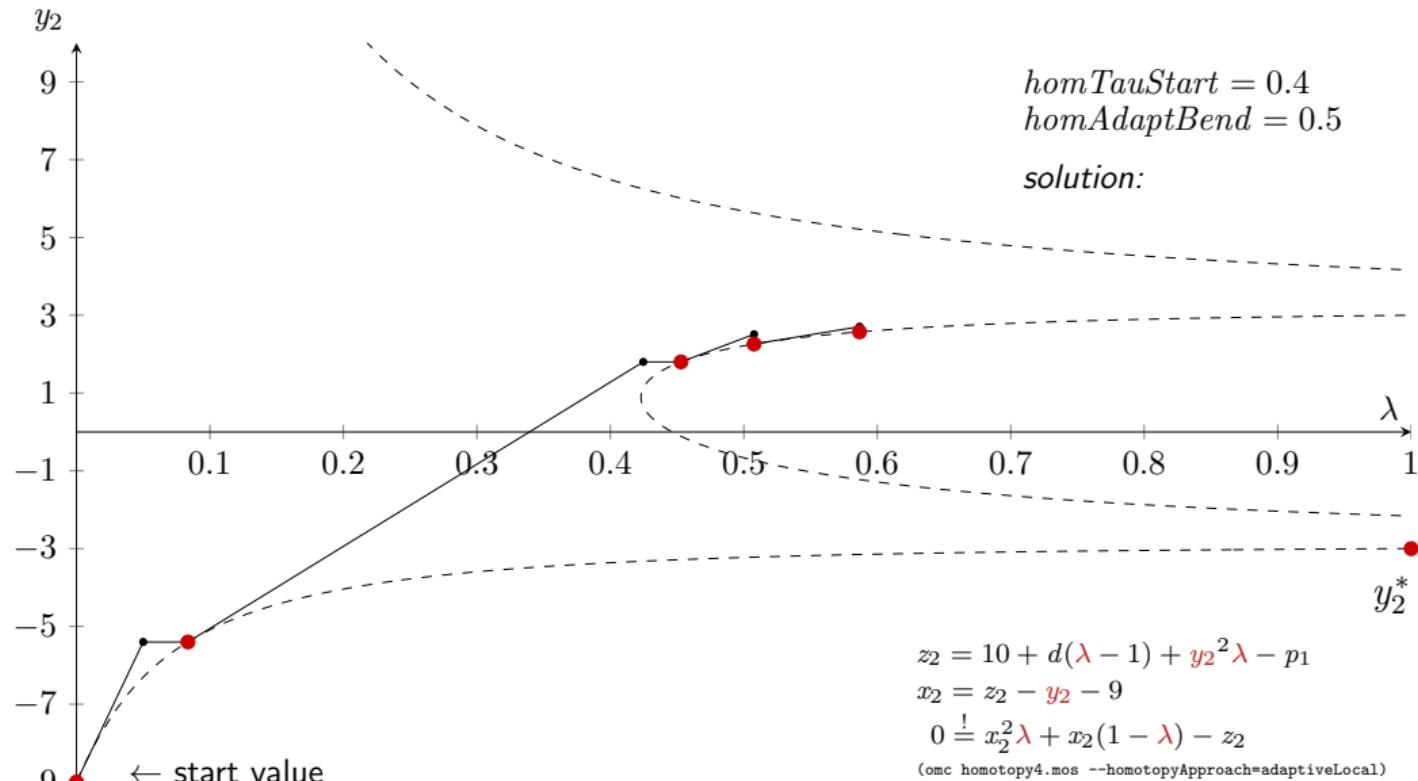
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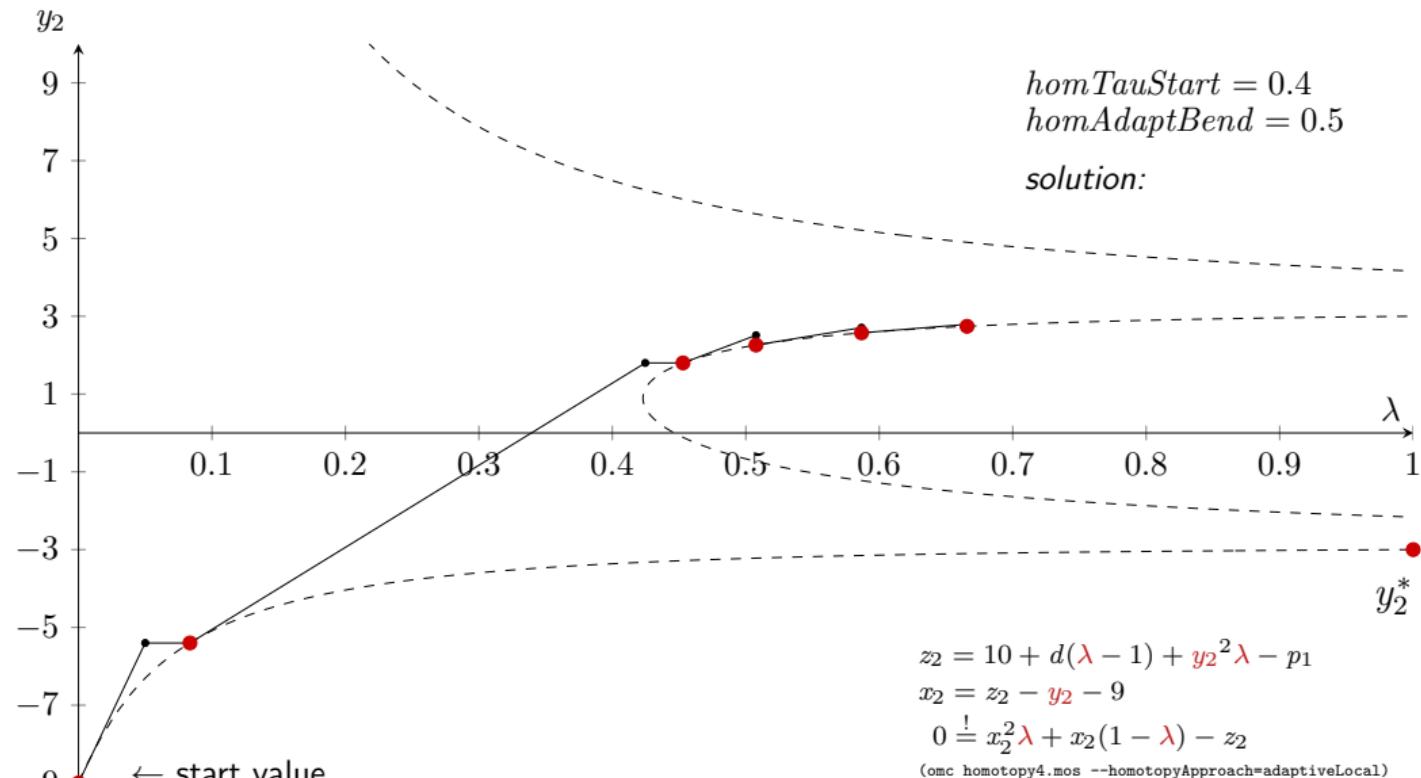
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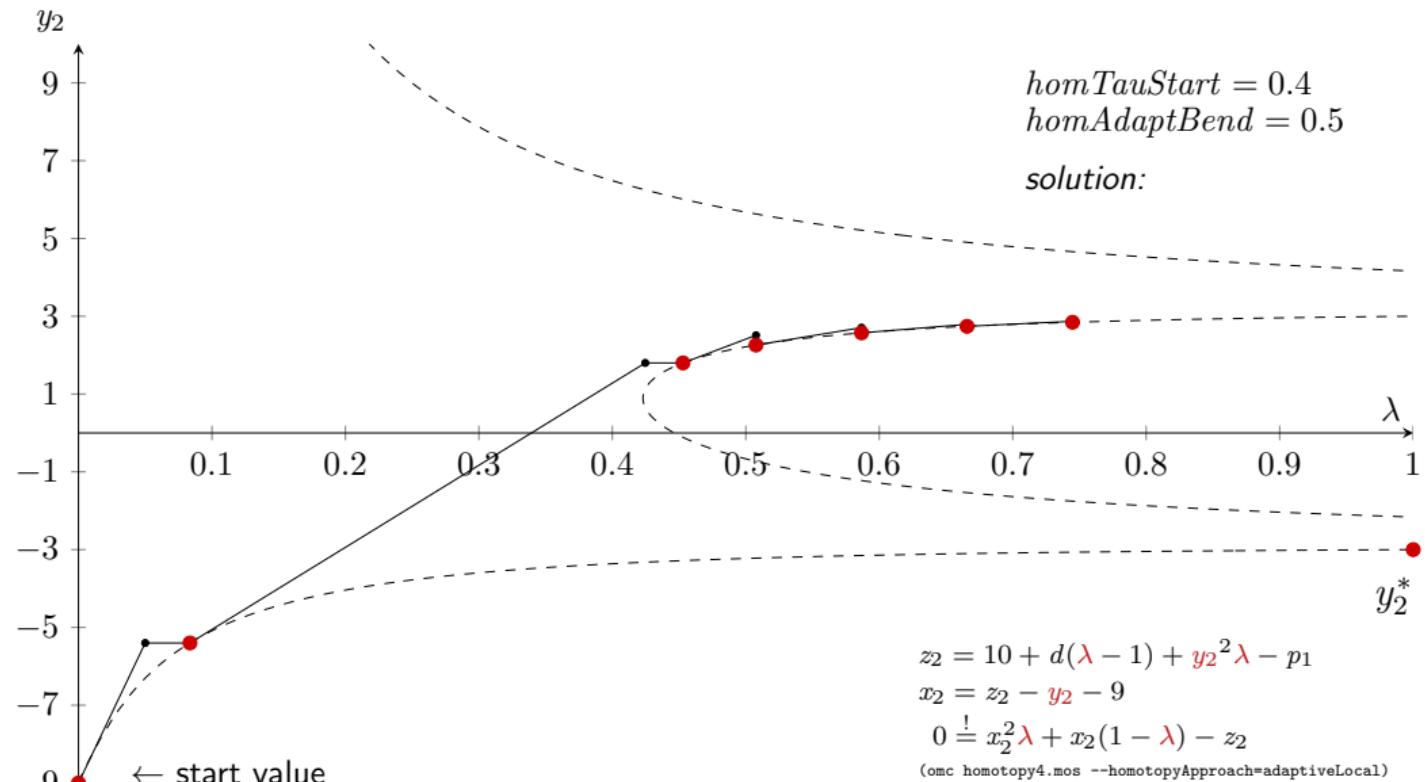
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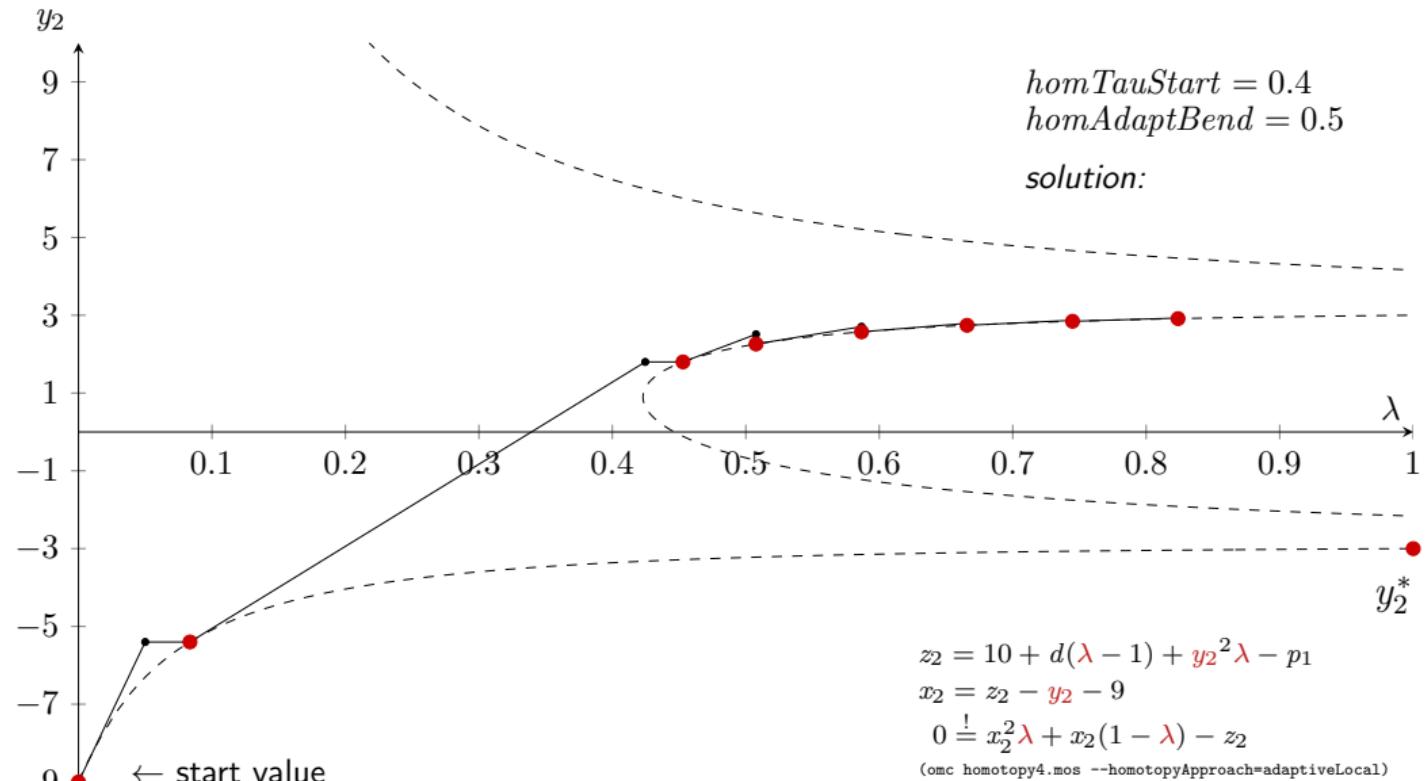
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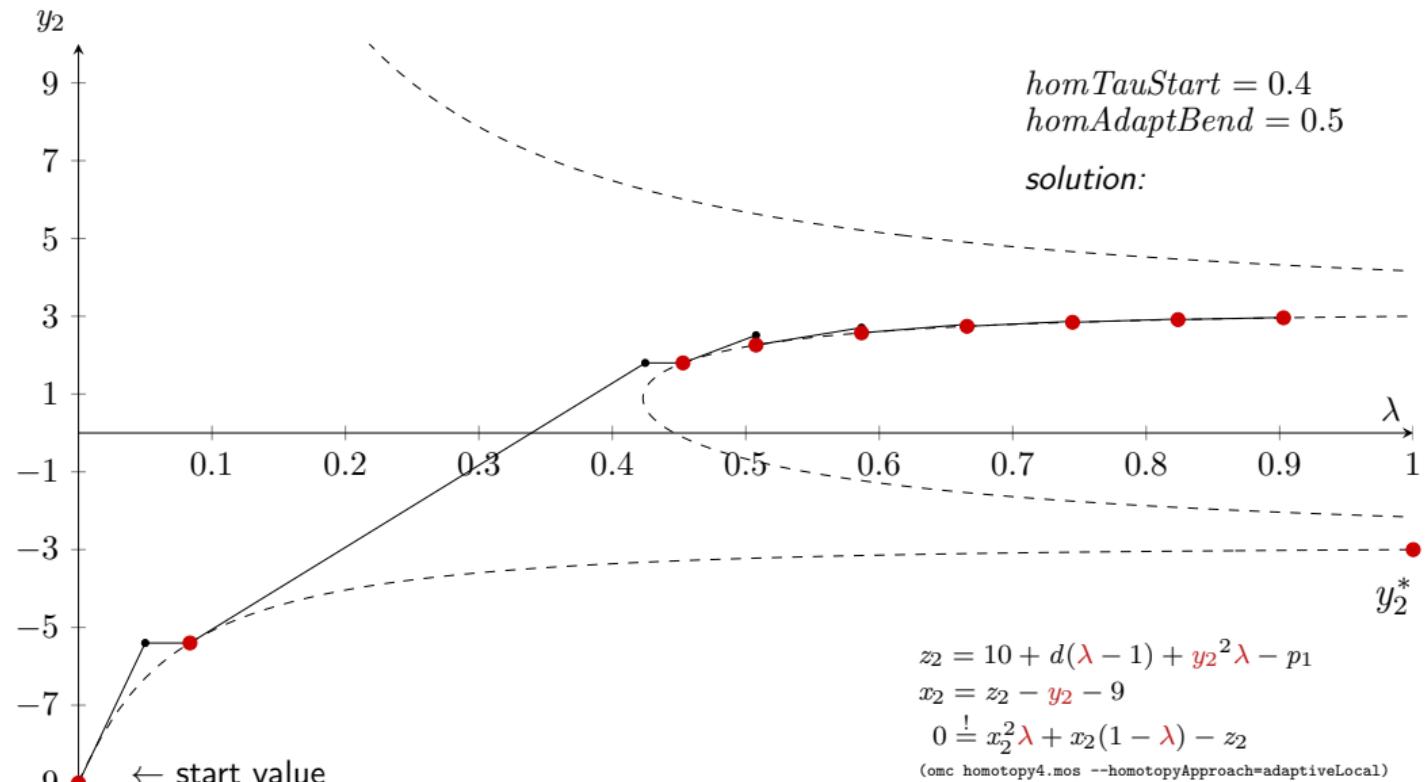
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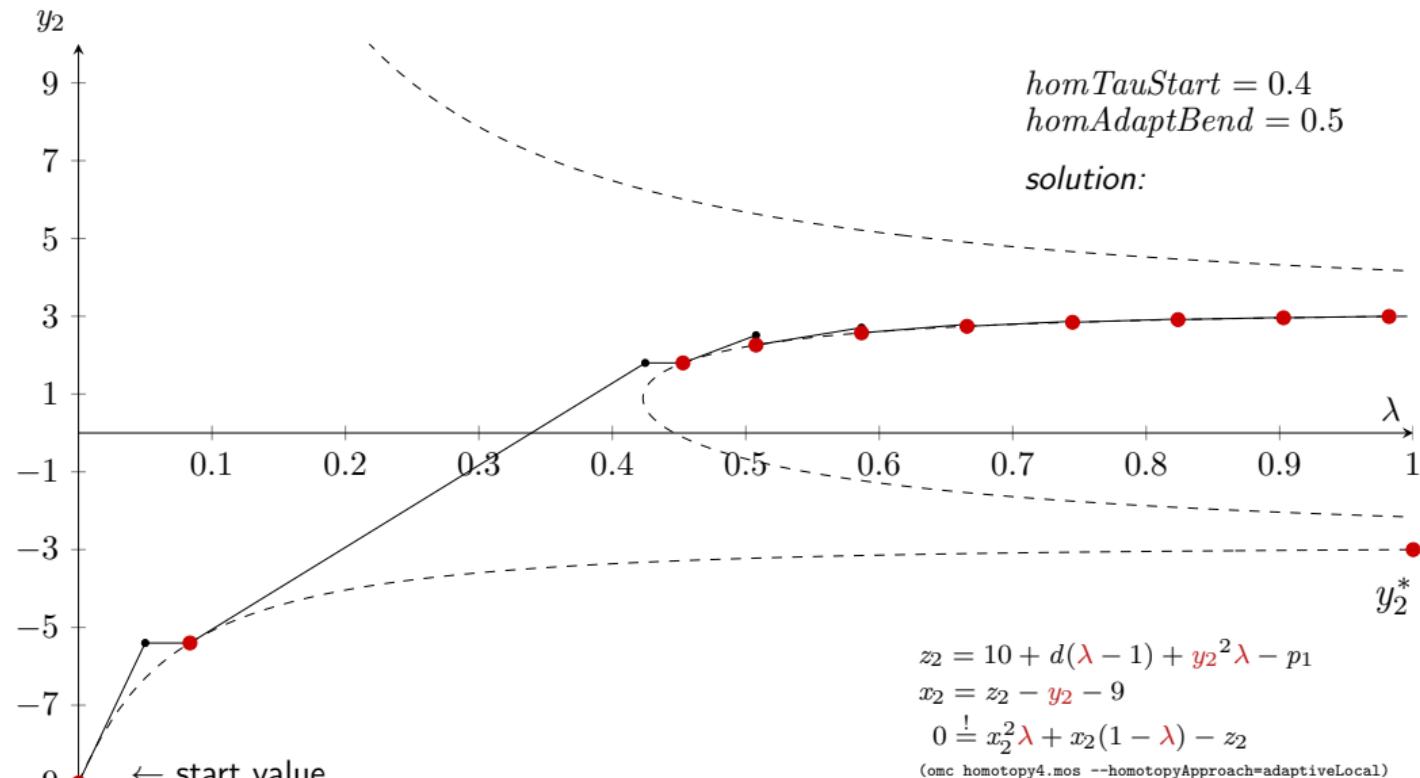
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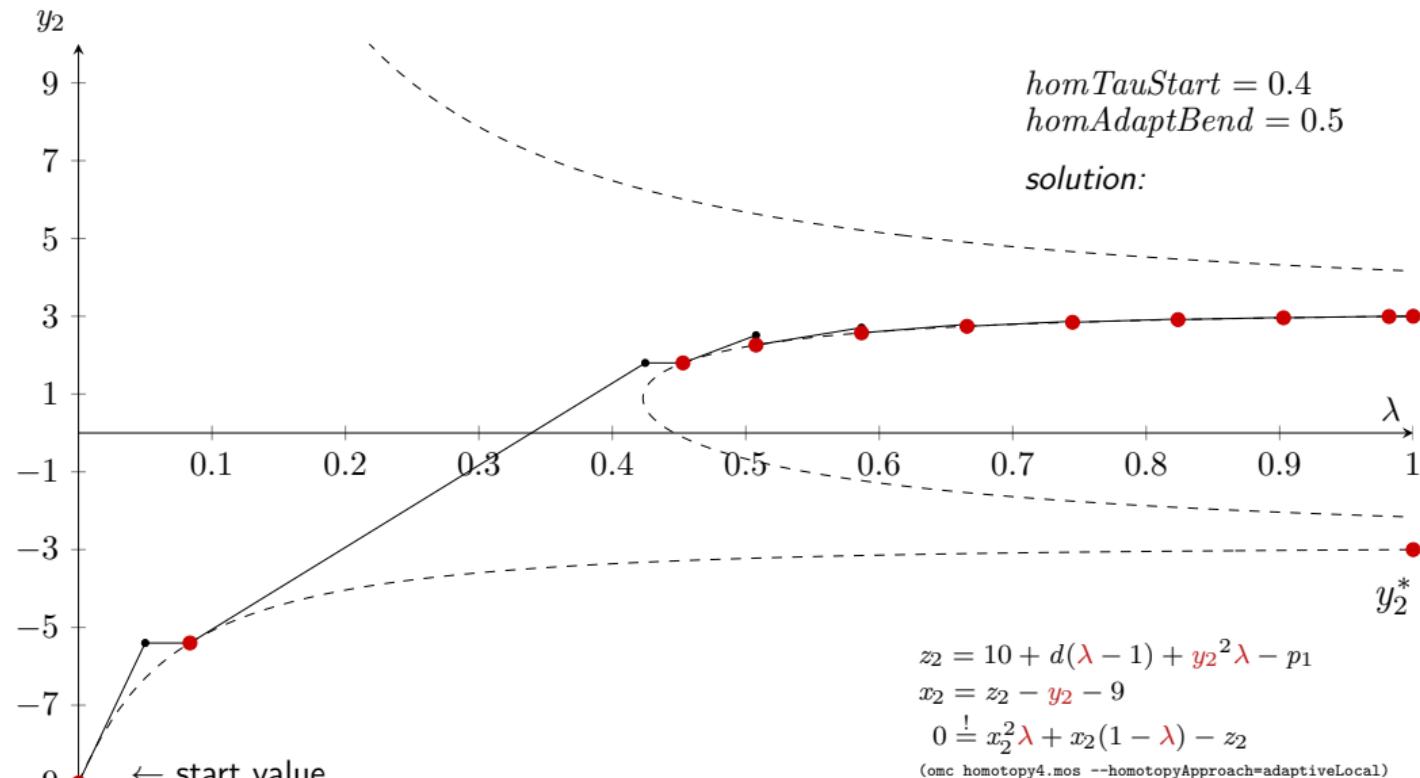
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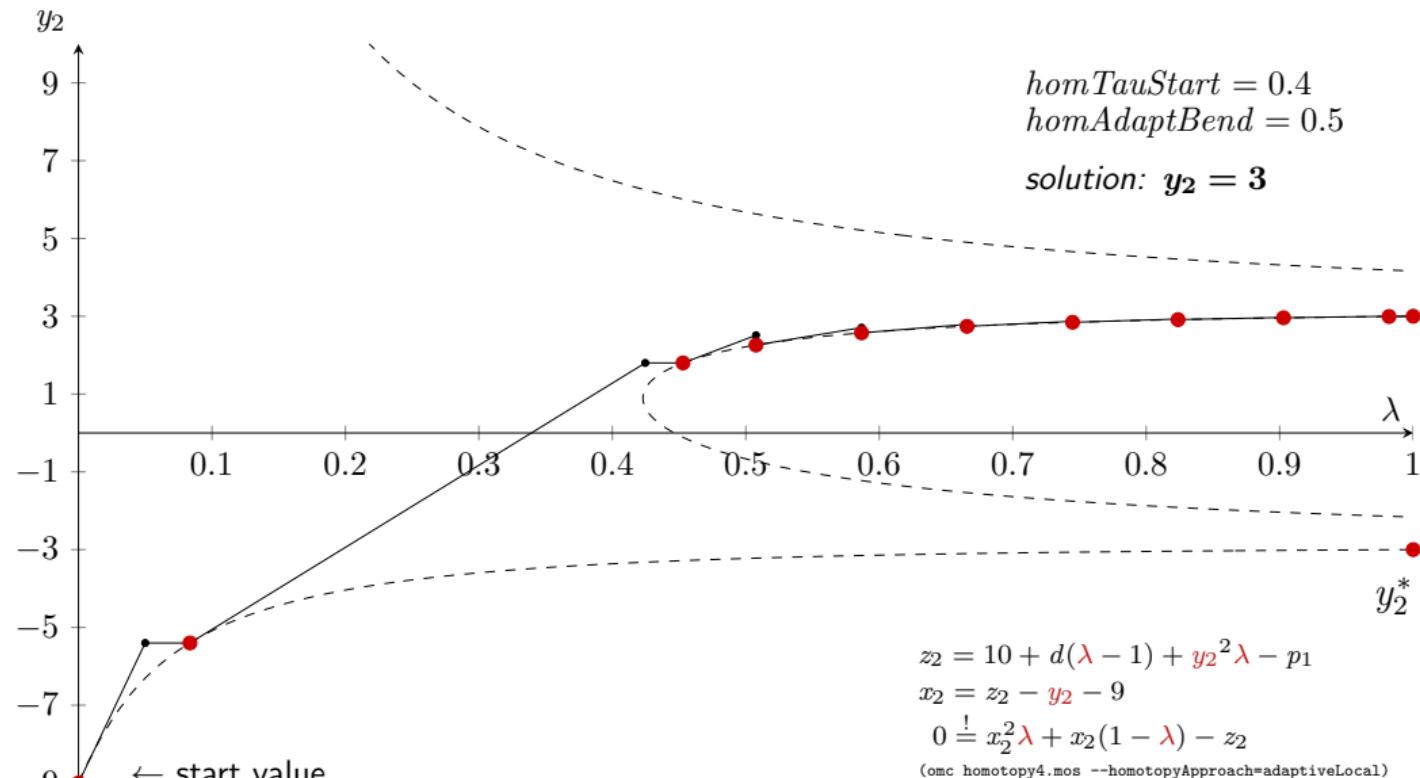
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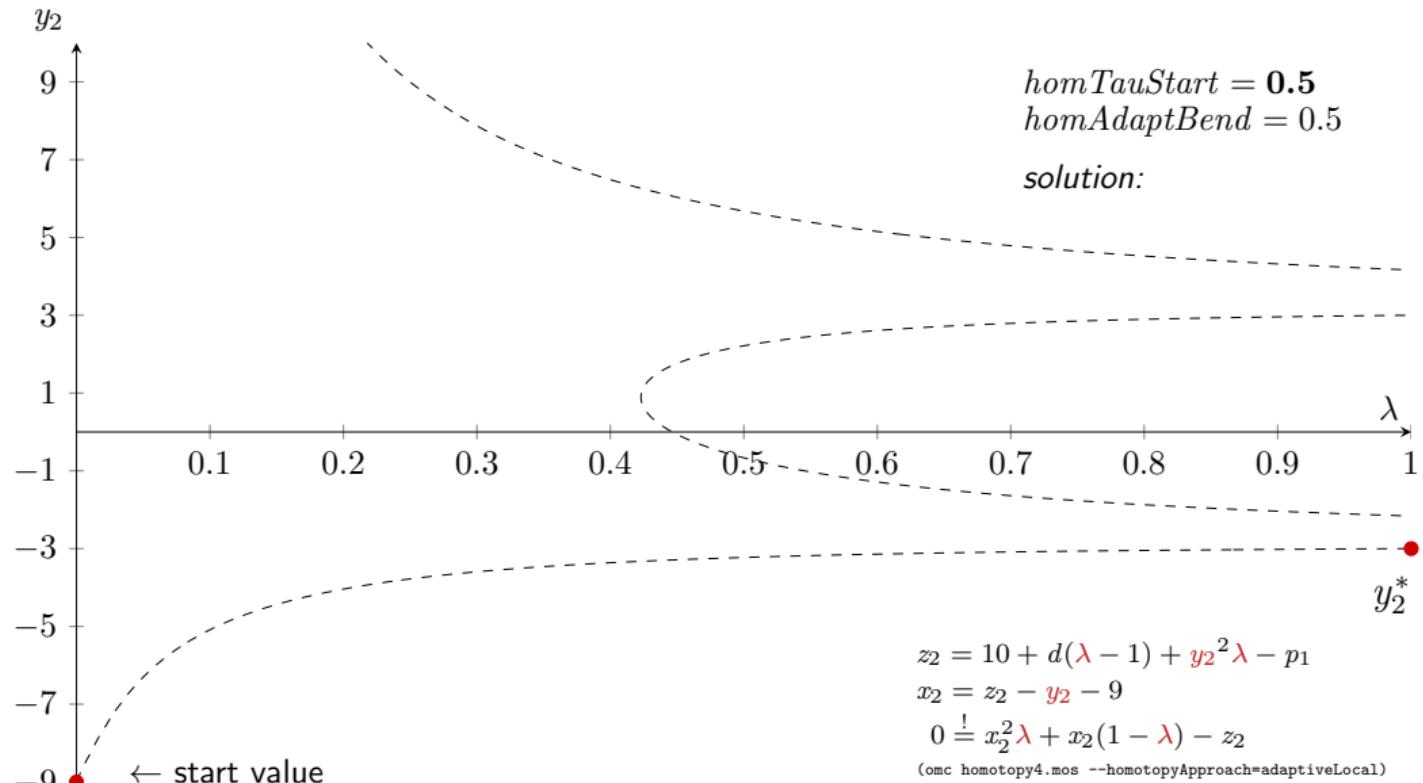
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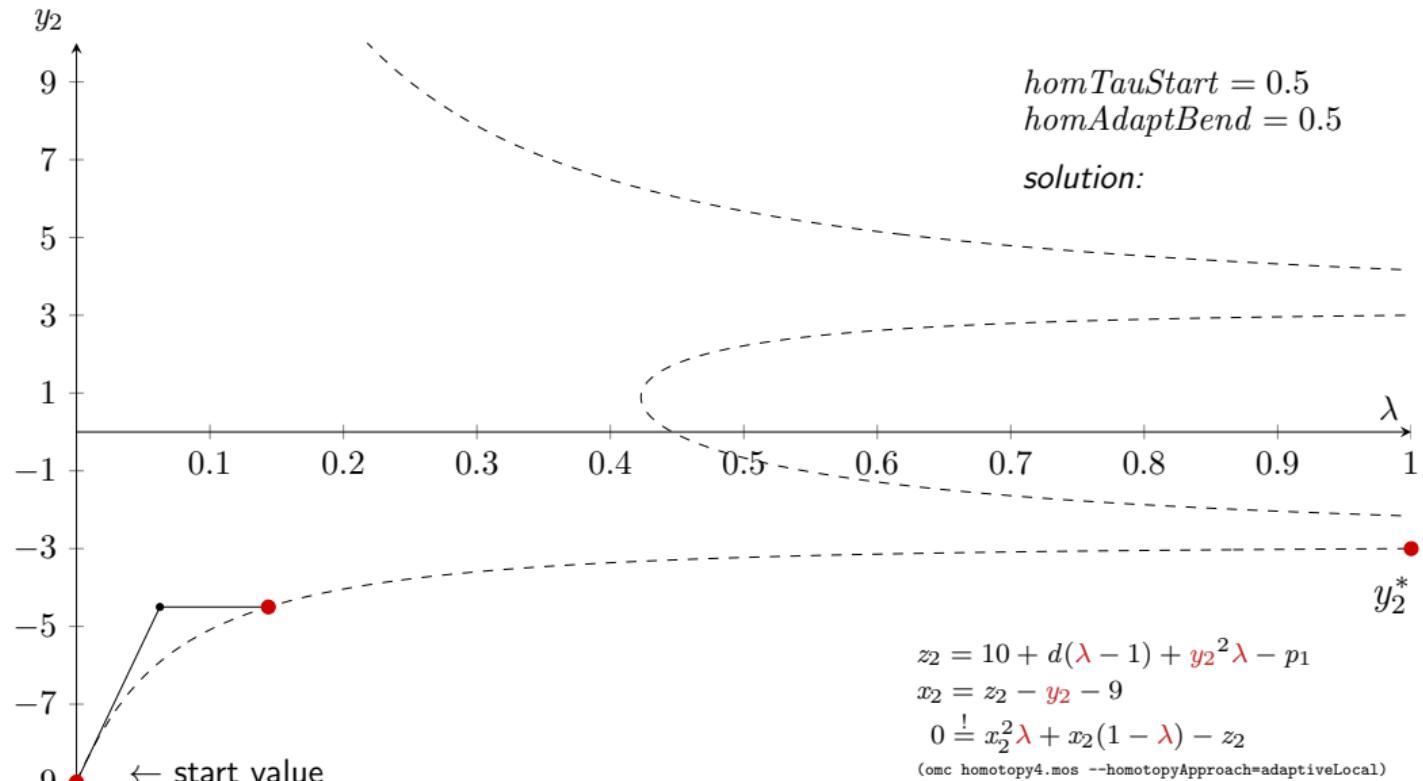
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solution:

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$$x_2 = z_2 - y_2 - 9$$

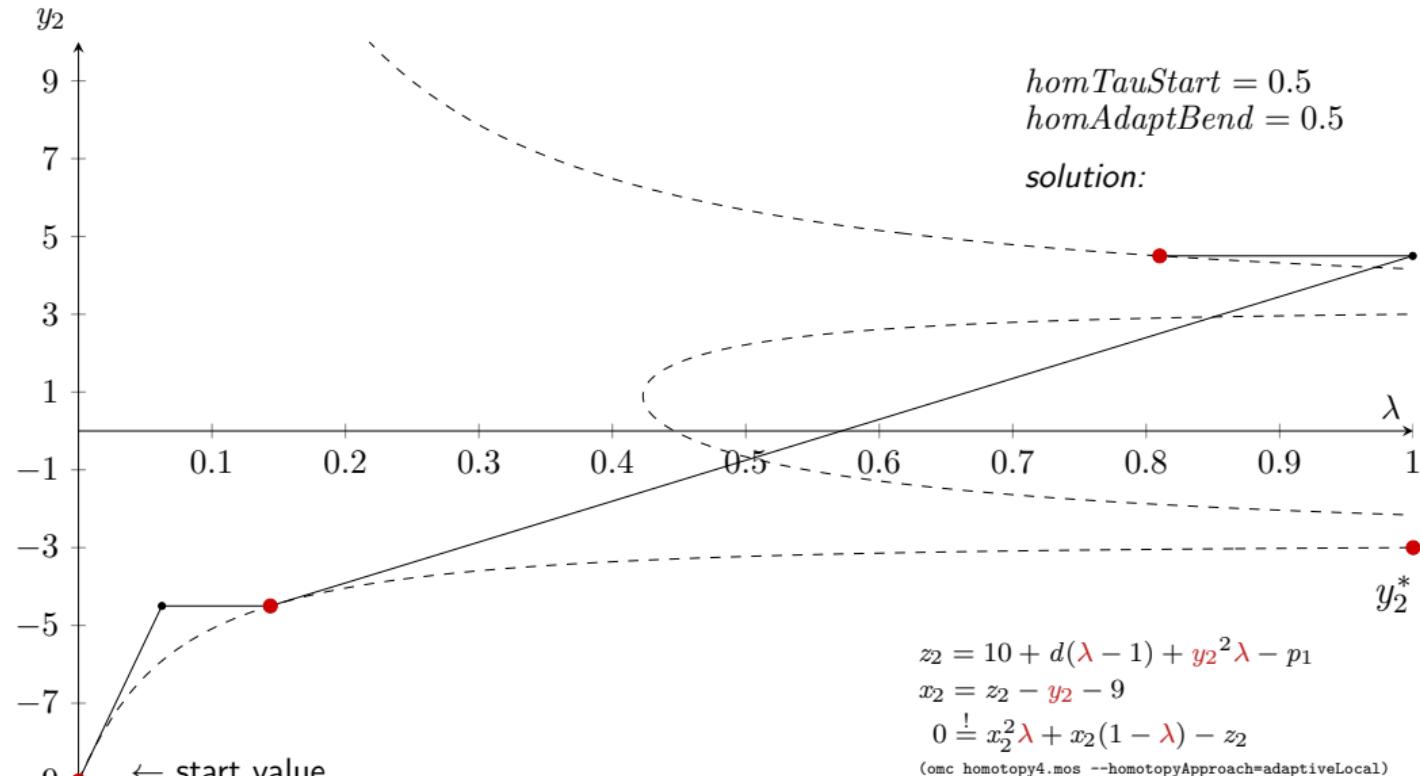
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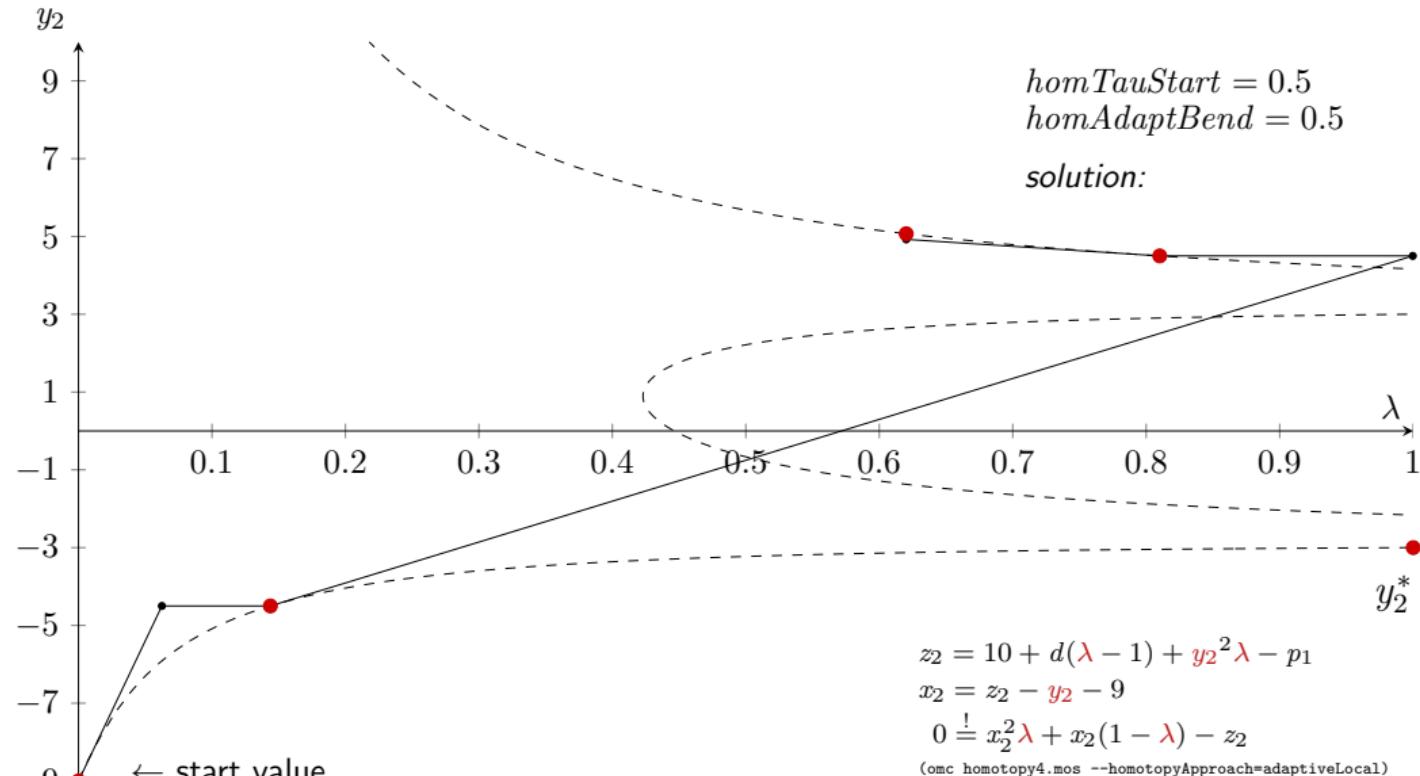
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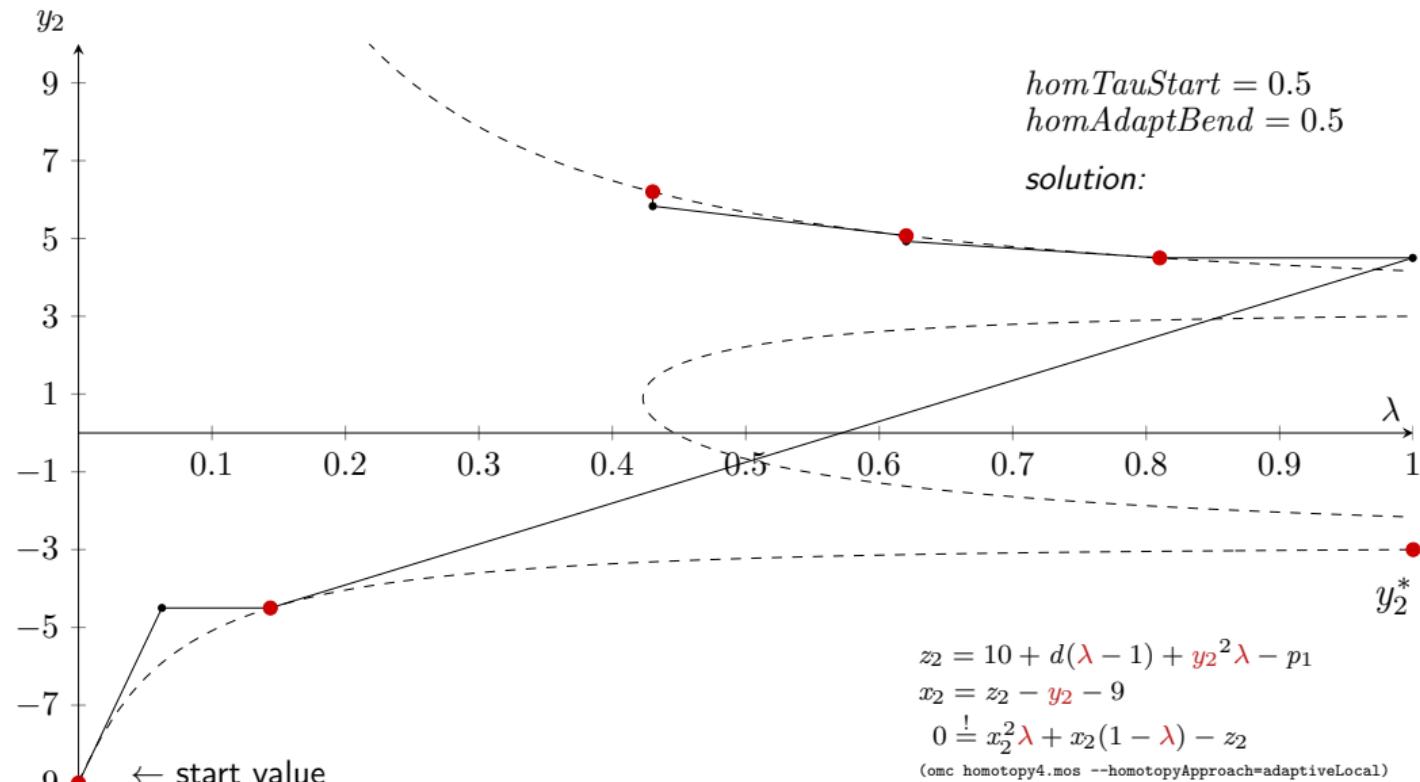
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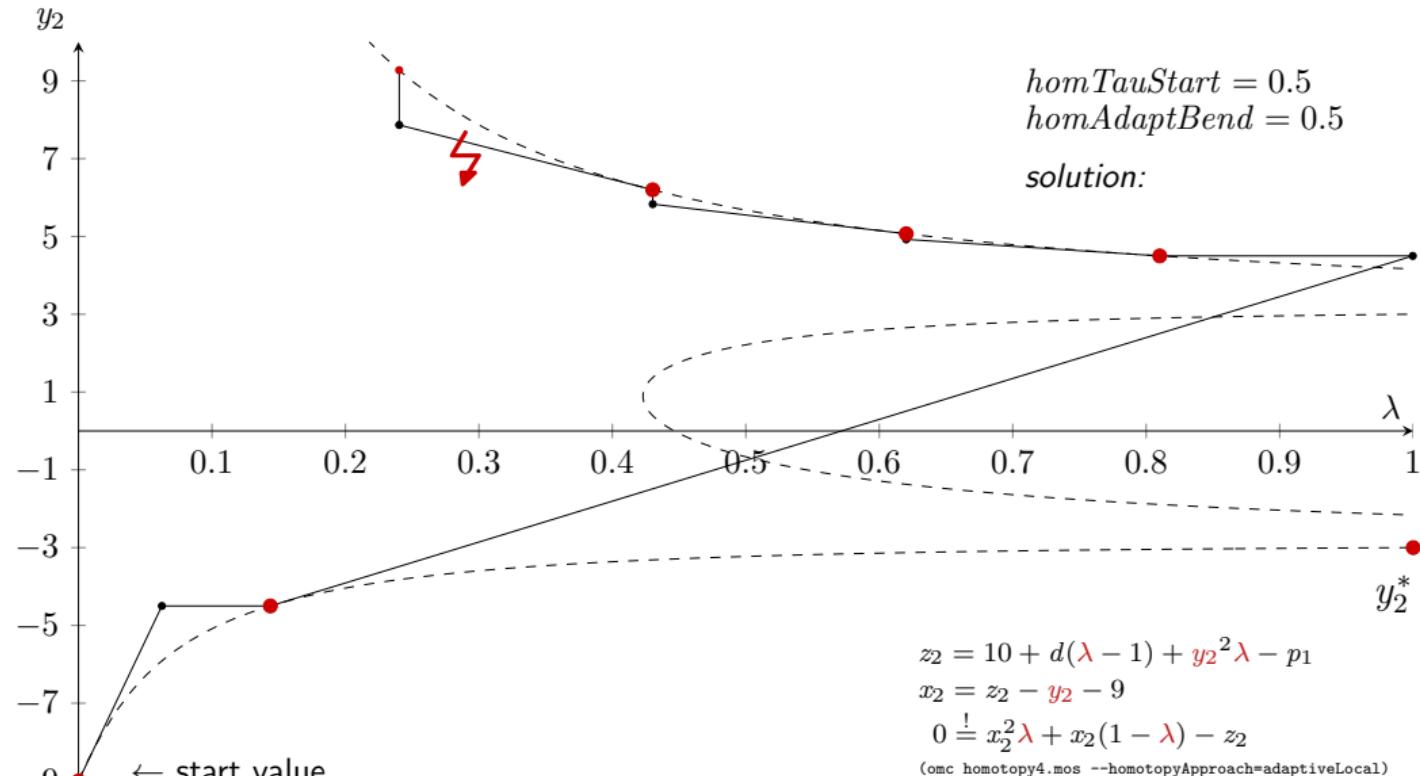
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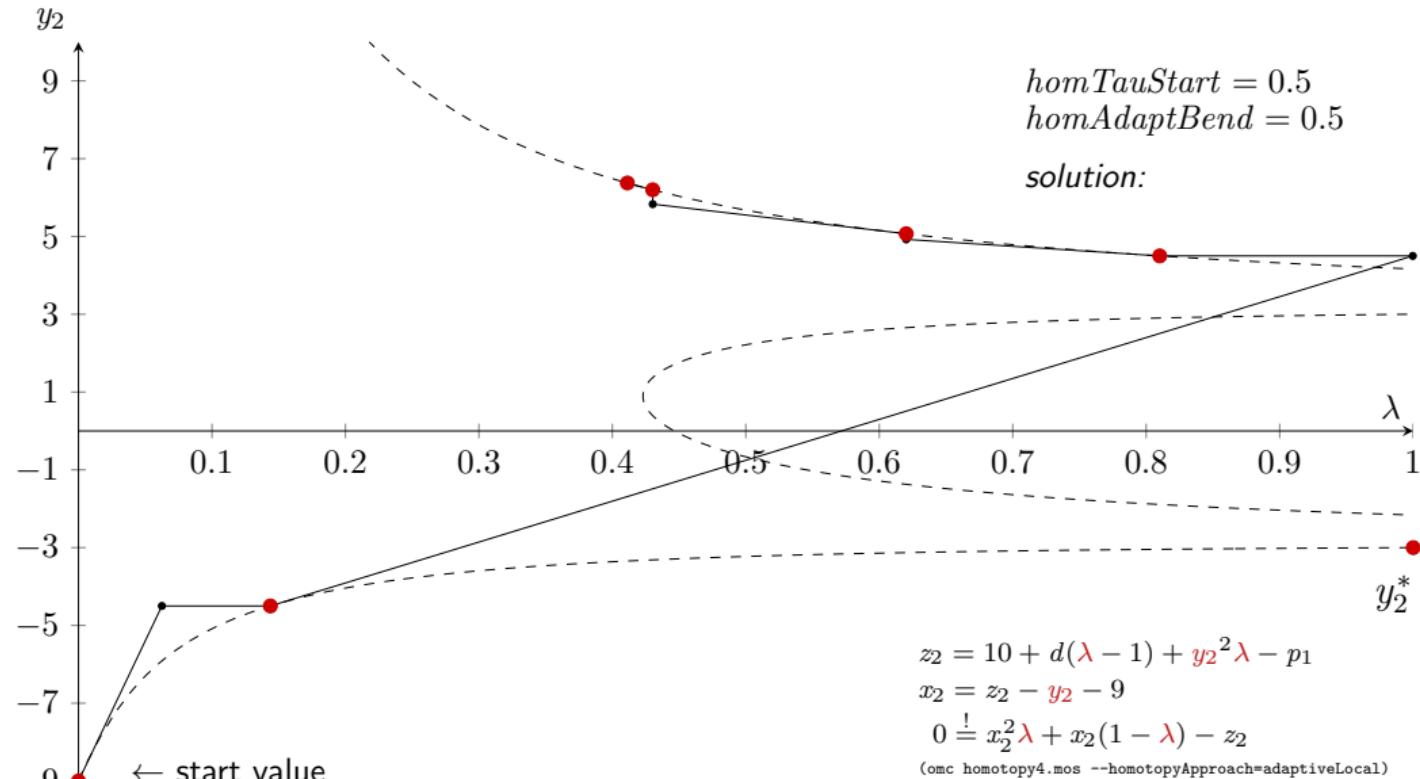
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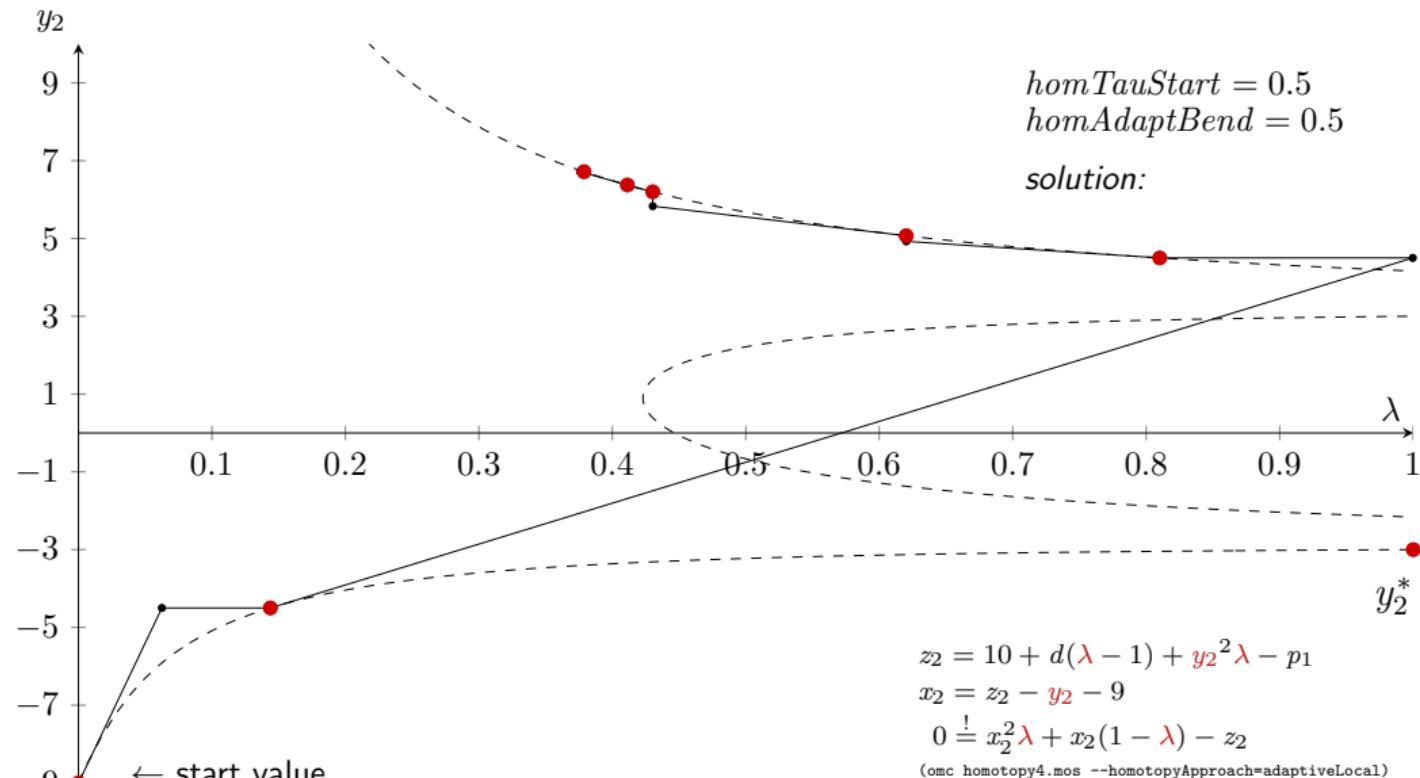
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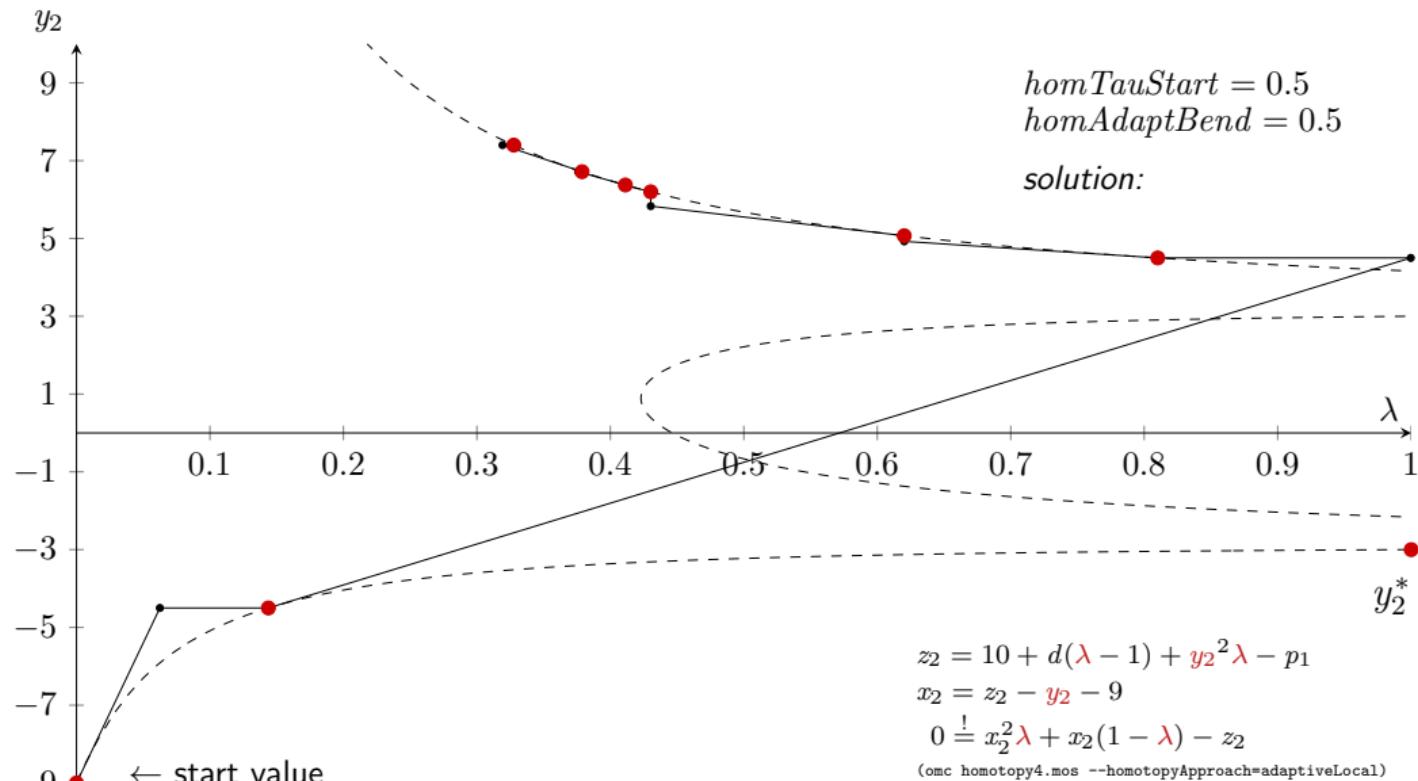
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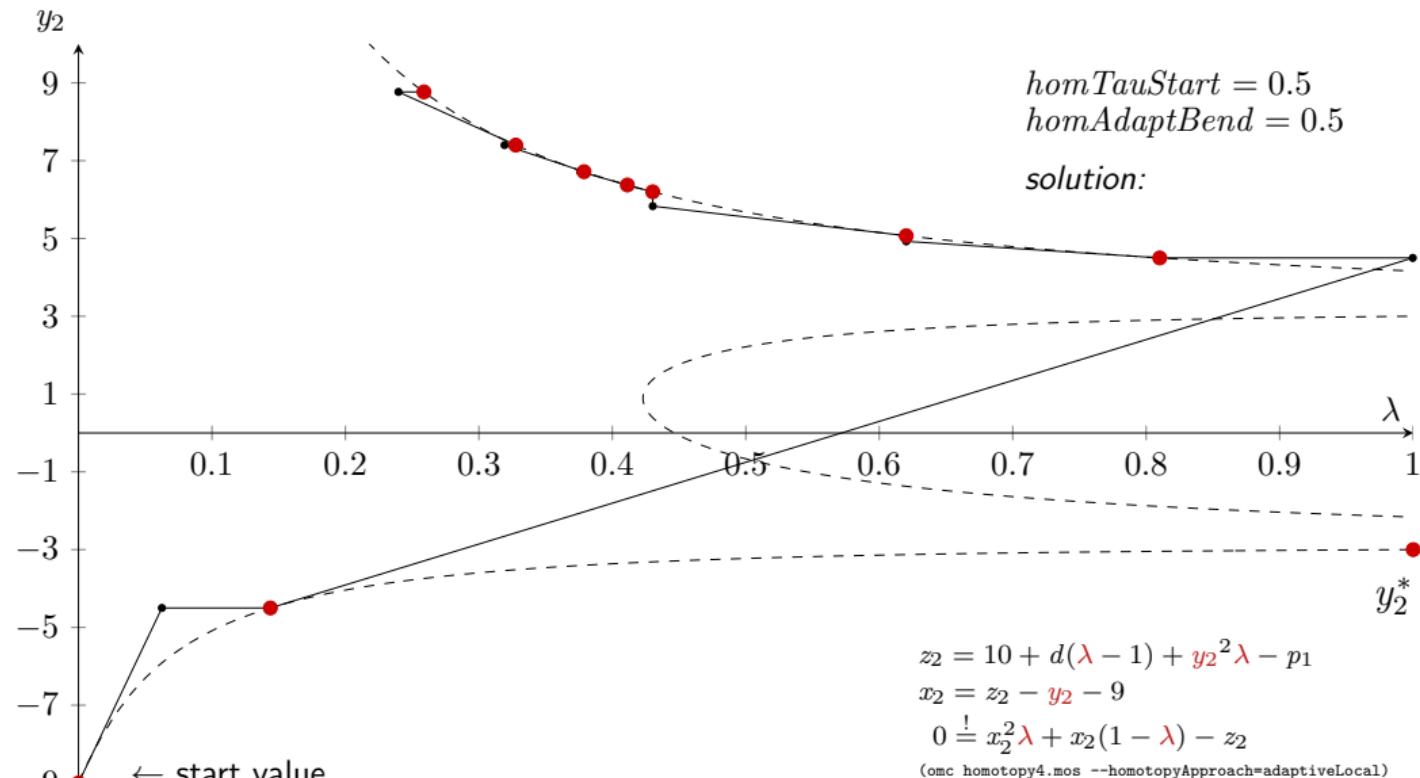
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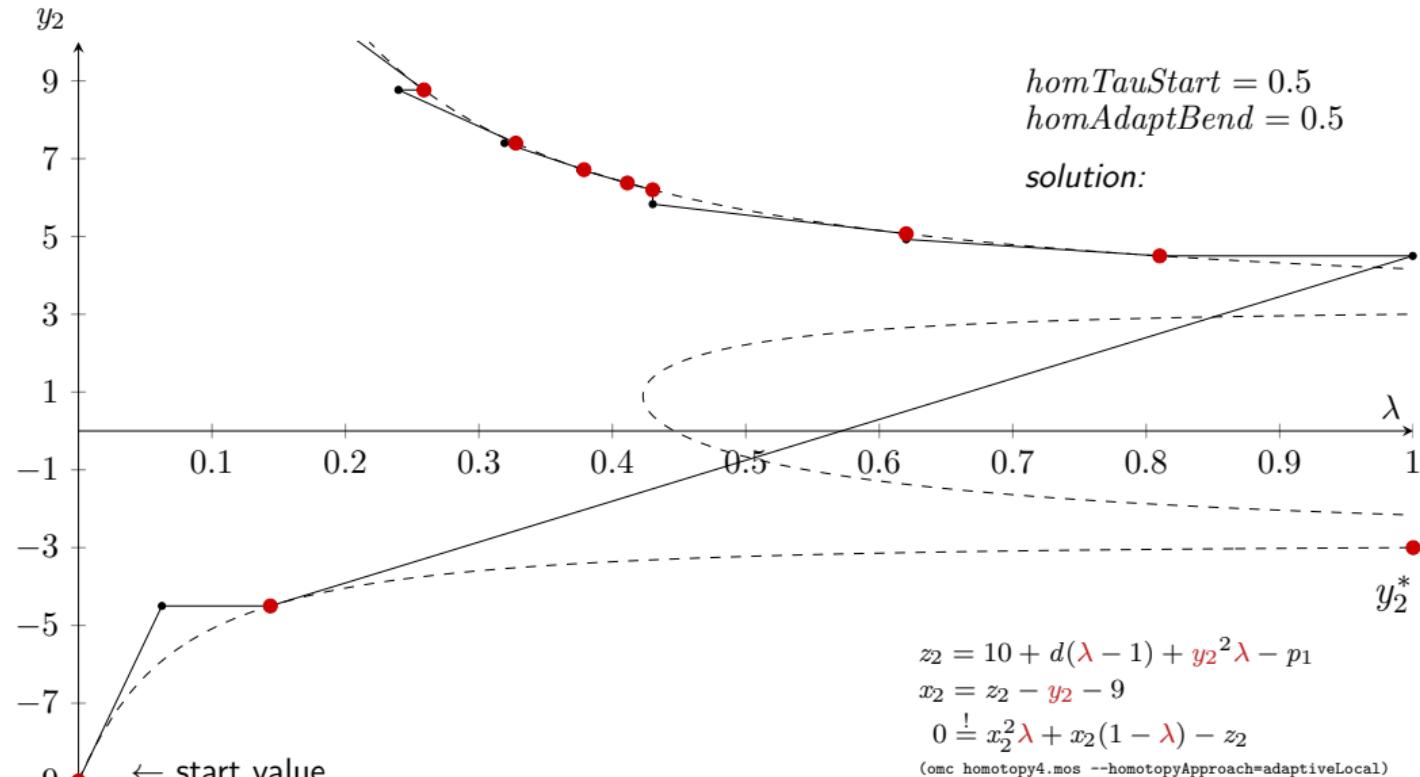
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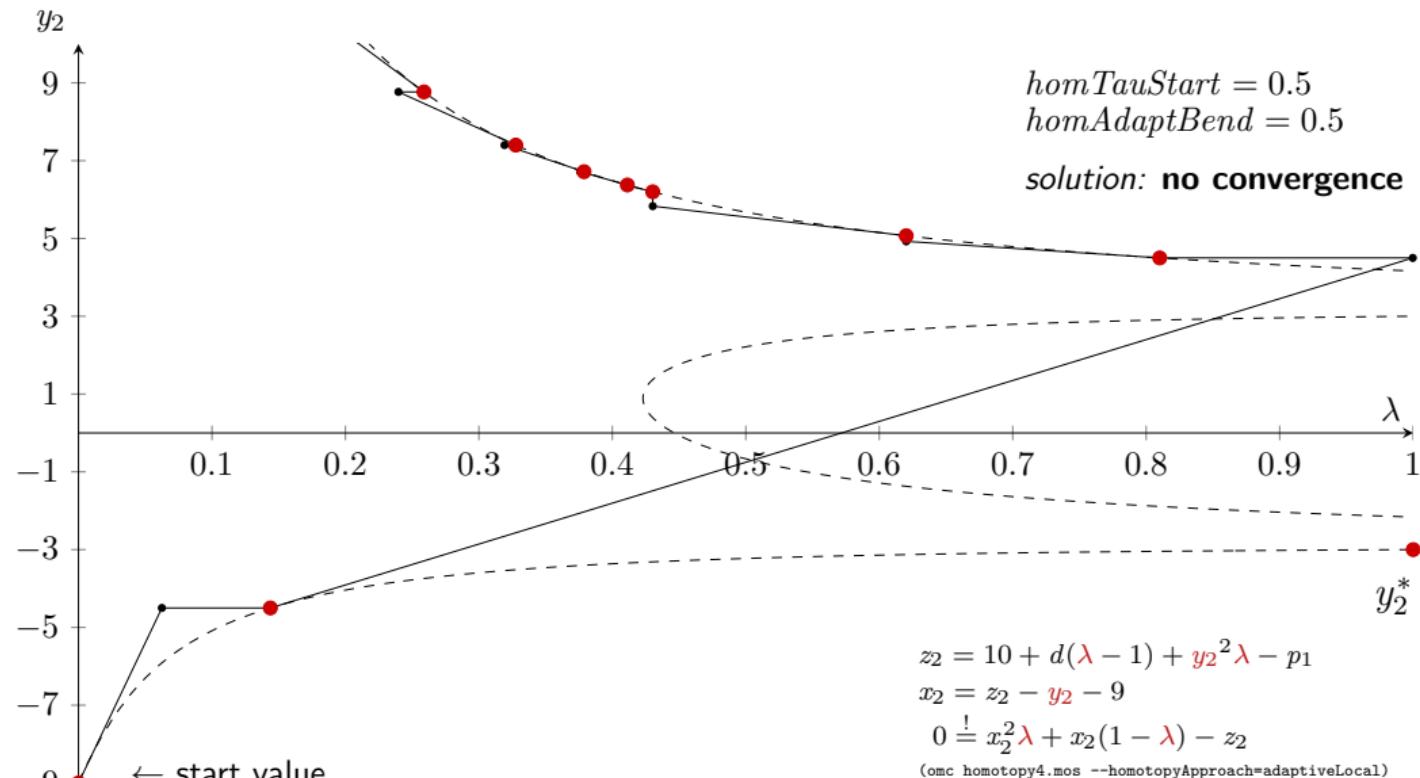
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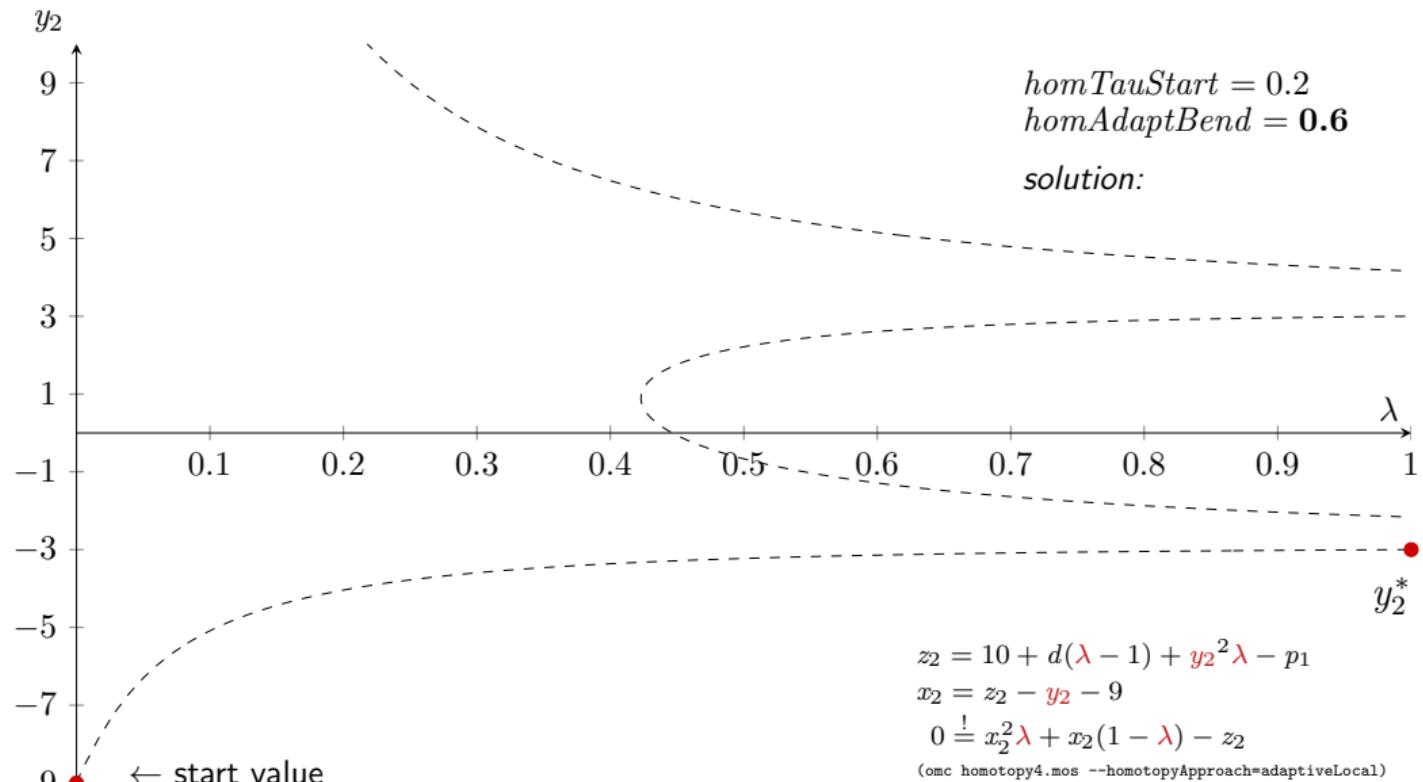
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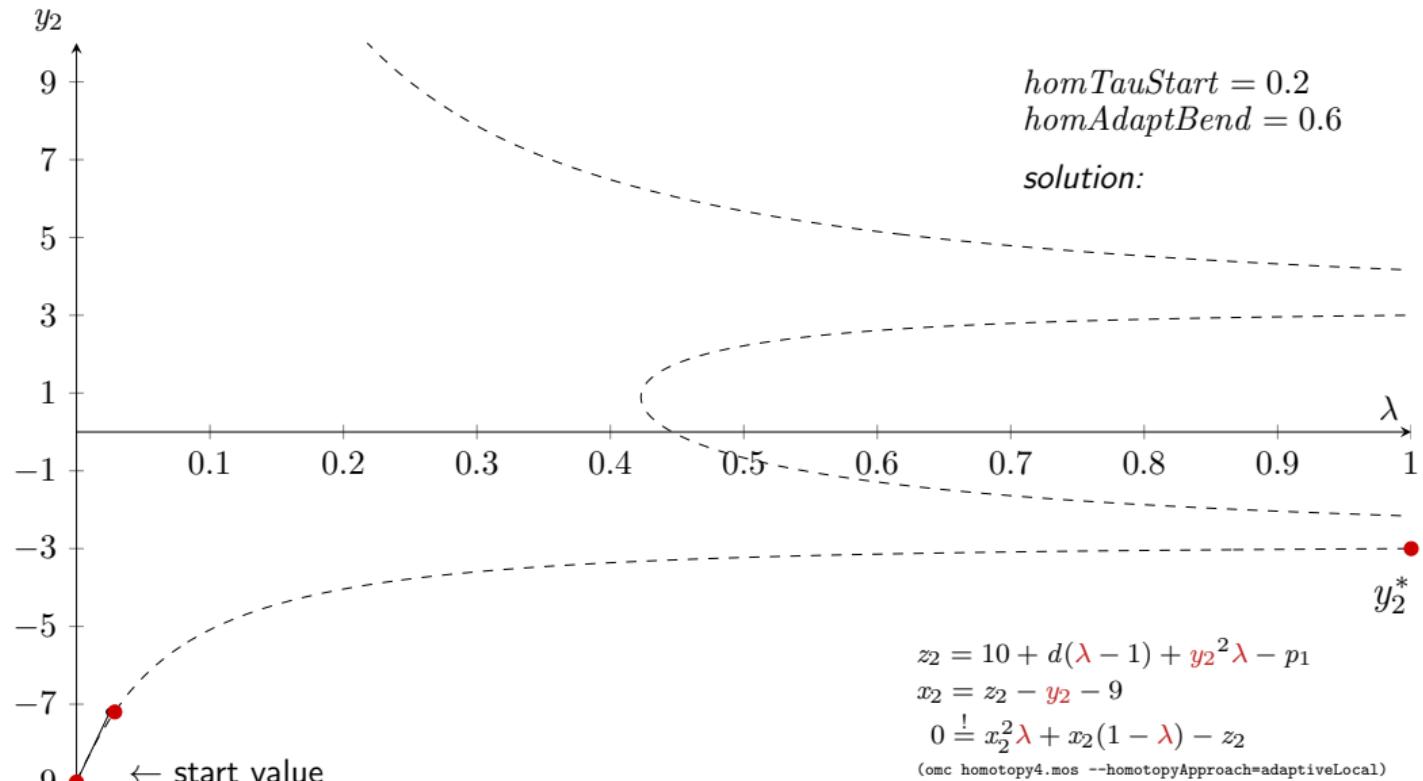
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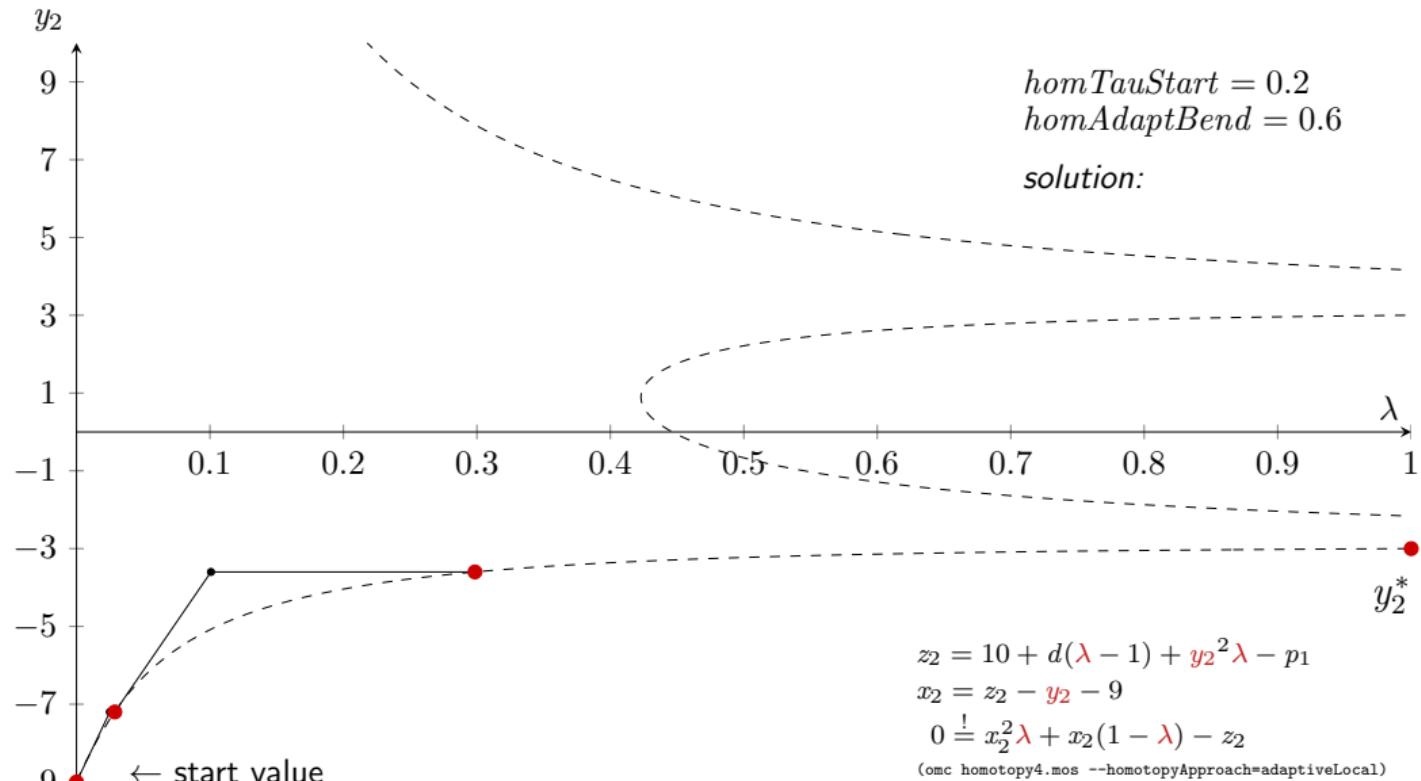
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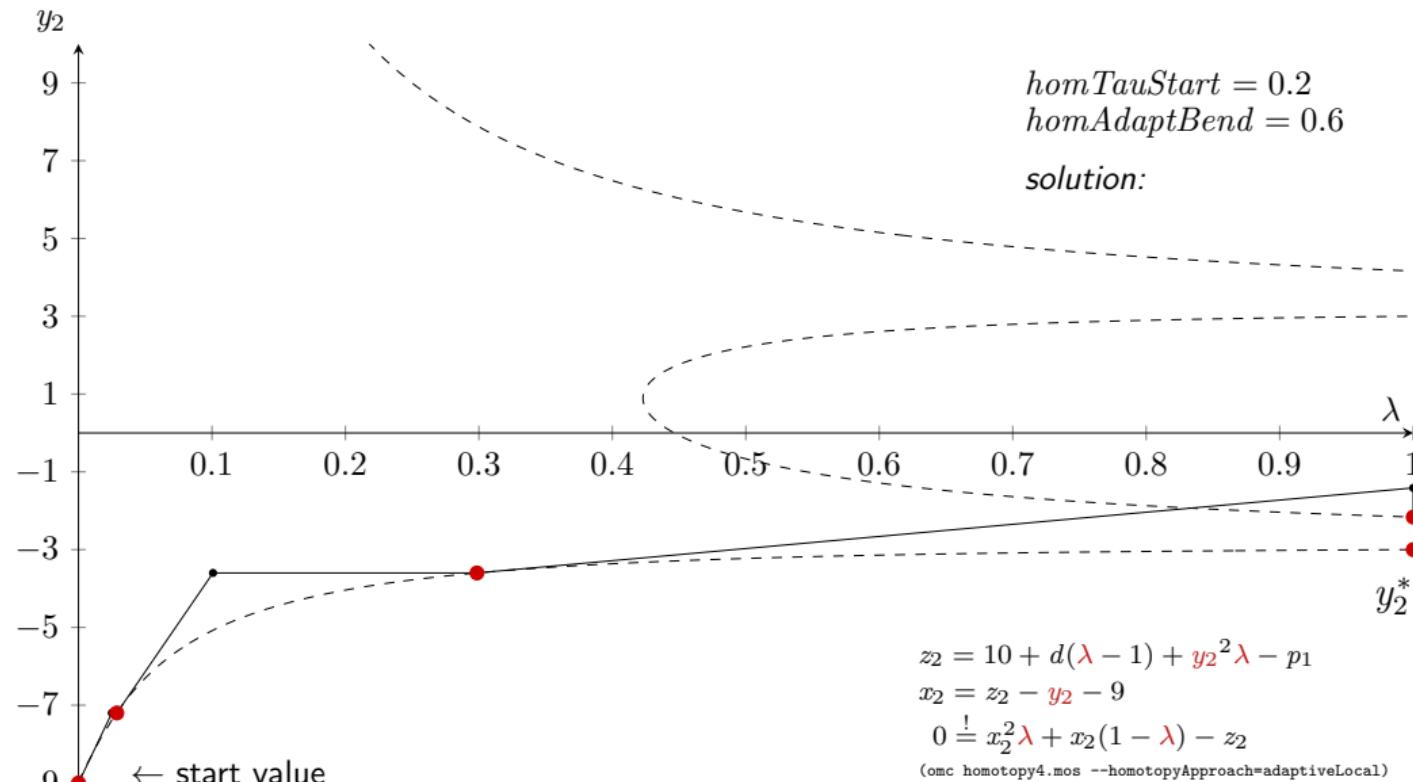
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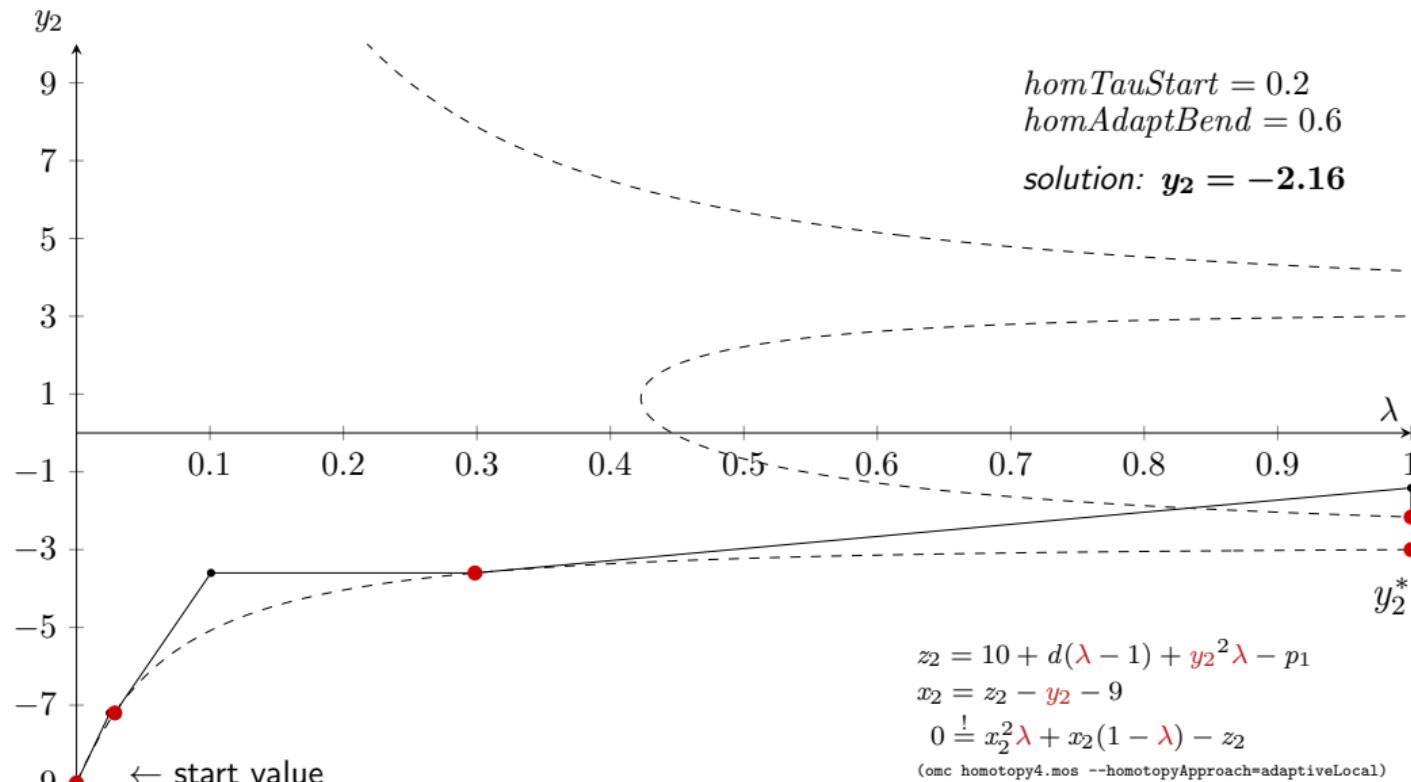
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Impact of Tearing

Tearing can influence the homotopy path calculation:

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Iteration variables: z_1, y_2, z_3

$$c = b \cdot (1 - \lambda) + b^2 \cdot \lambda$$

$$x_1 = z_1 + c - 5$$

$$y_1 = 9 + x_1 - z_1$$

$$d = x_1 + y_1 + z_1$$

$$z_2 = 10 + d \cdot (\lambda - 1) + y_2^2 \cdot \lambda - p_1$$

$$x_2 = z_2 - (9 + y_2)$$

$$e = \sin(d \cdot x_2)$$

$$x_3 = z_3 + e - 5$$

$$y_3 = 9 + x_3 - z_3$$

$$0 \stackrel{!}{=} -10 + p_1 + z_1 + y_1$$

$$0 \stackrel{!}{=} x_2^2 \cdot \lambda + x_2 \cdot (1 - \lambda) - z_2$$

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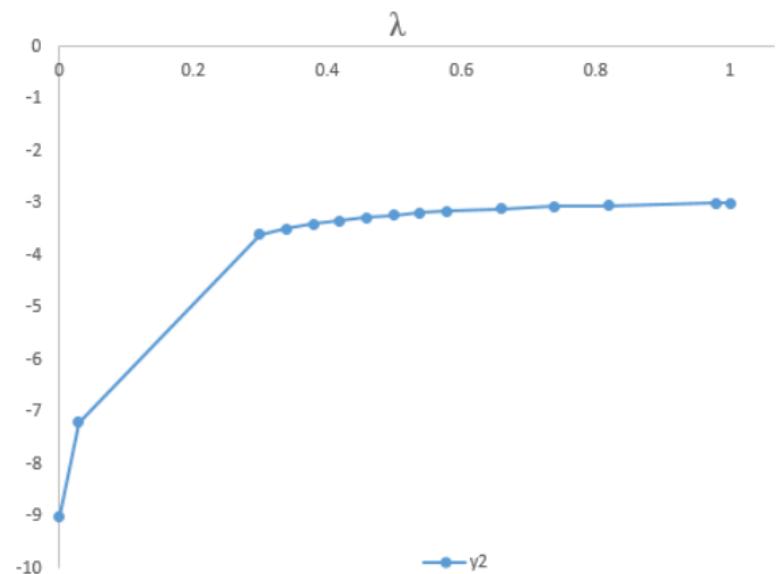
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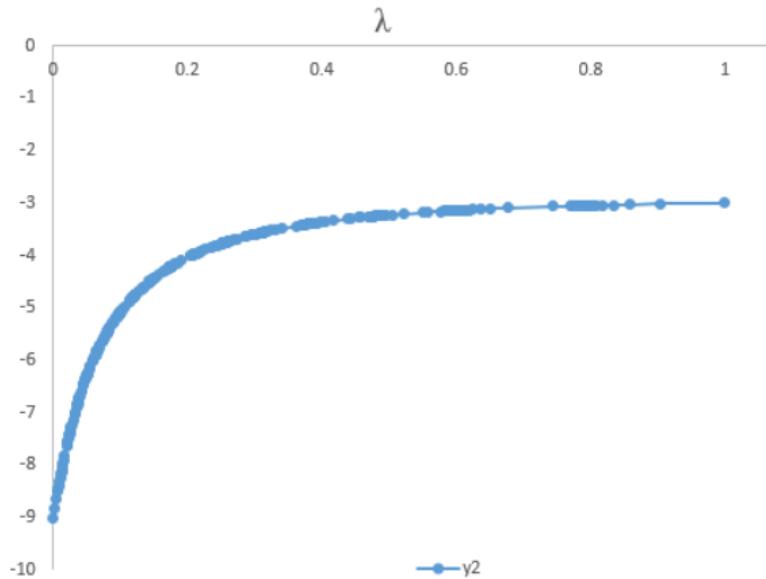
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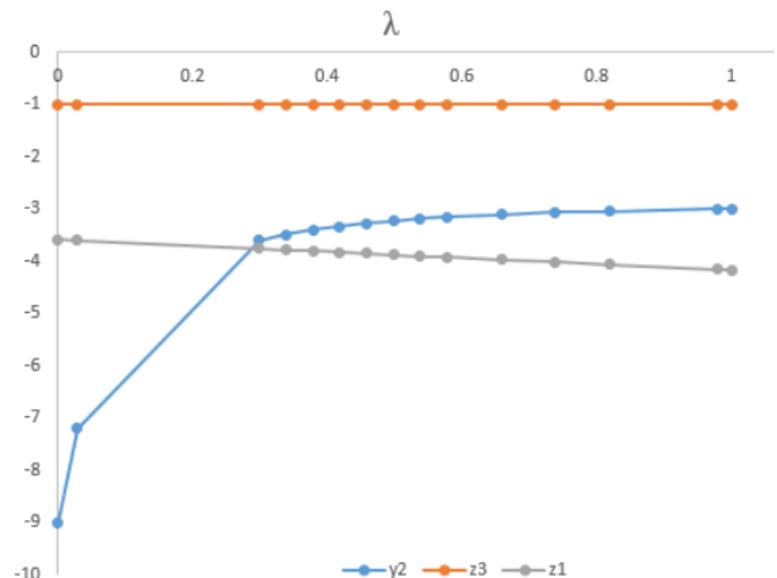


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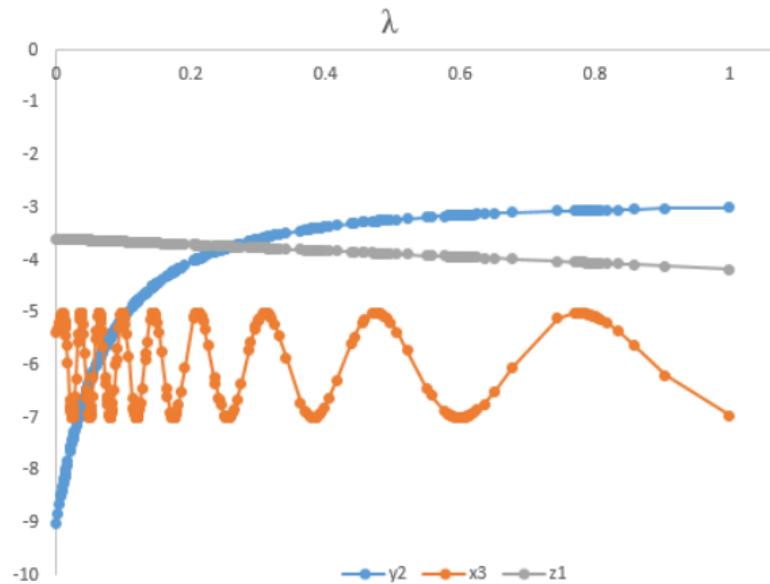
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