The Ricci flow and its solitons for homogeneous manifolds

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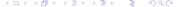
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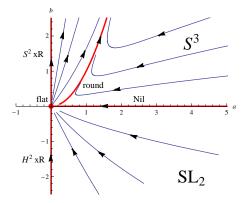


Figure: Phase plane for the ODE system

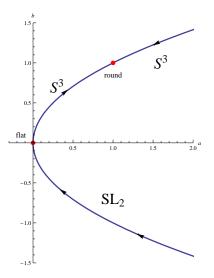


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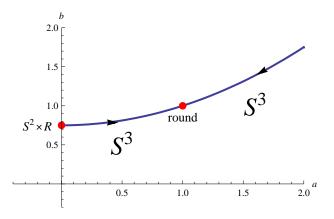


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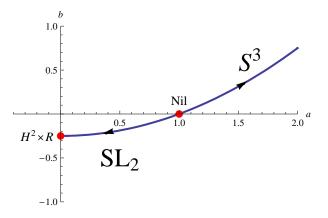


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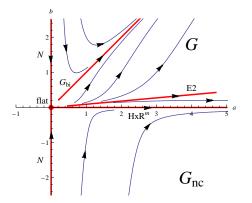


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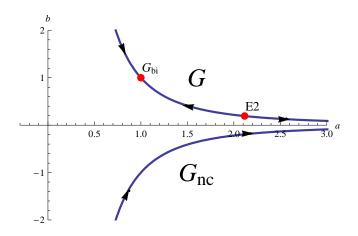


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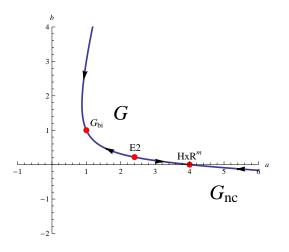


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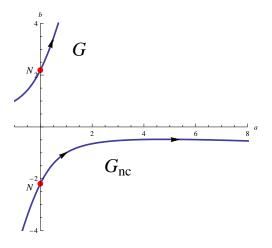


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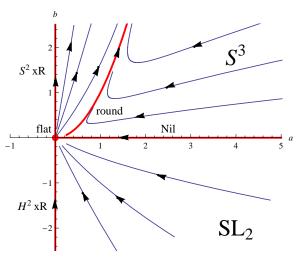


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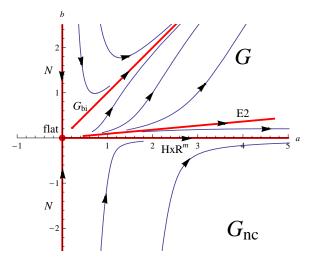


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