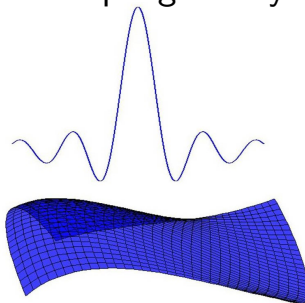


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**Sampling Theory:** the study of spaces of functions which are perfectly reconstructible from their values taken on certain discrete sets of points.

- Example:  $\Omega$ -bandlimited functions
  - Fourier transforms of elements of  $L^2[-\Omega, \Omega]$
  - $\Omega$  called the bandlimit
- Resources: large body of literature
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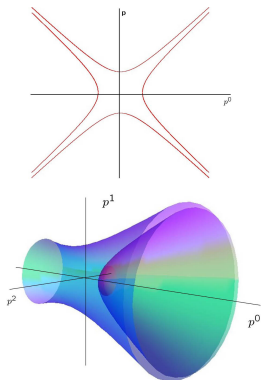
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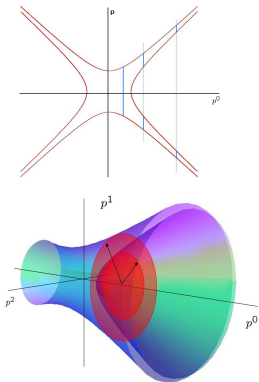
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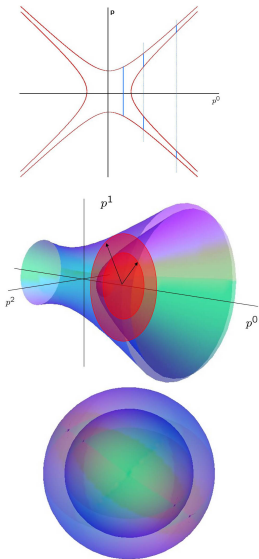
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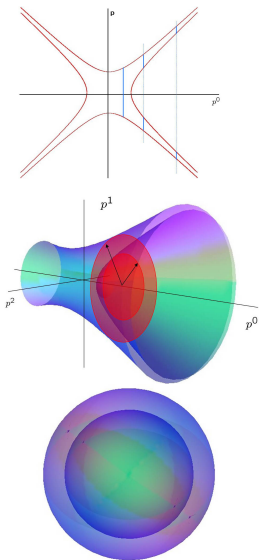
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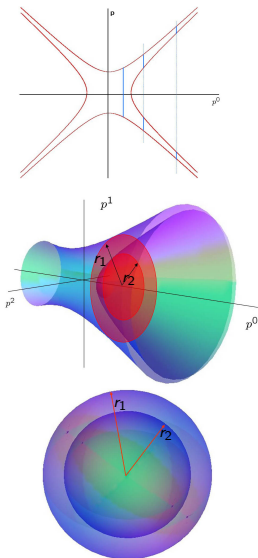


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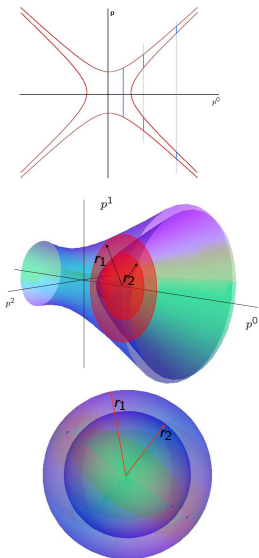


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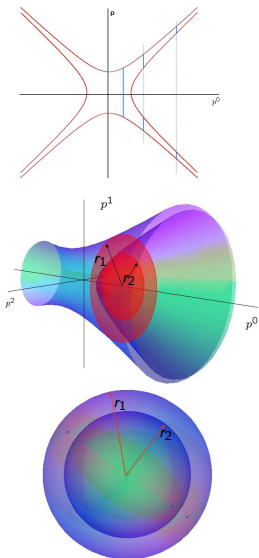


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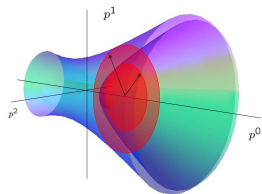
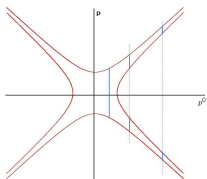


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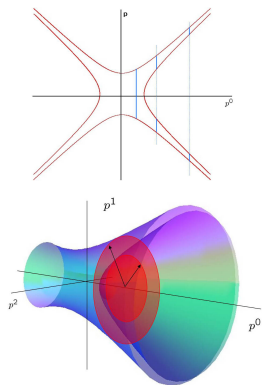
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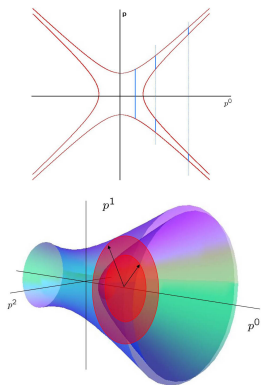
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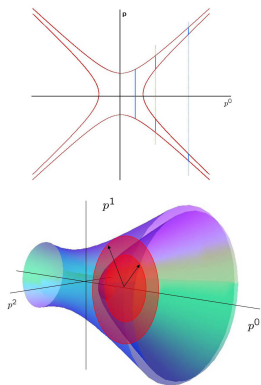
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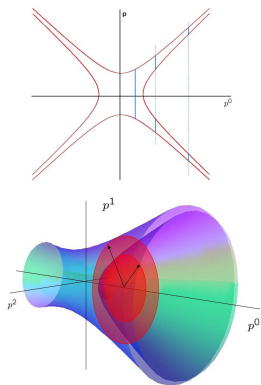
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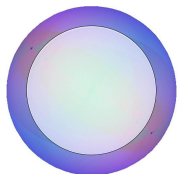
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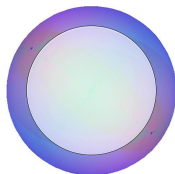
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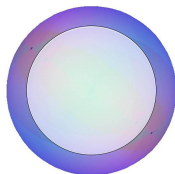
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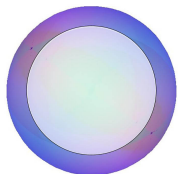
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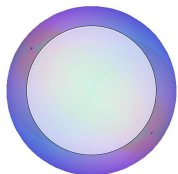
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# Outlook

- Would like to develop full understanding of reconstruction properties of  $B(M, \Omega)$  for physically relevant spacetimes: Power law, Schwarzschild, etc.
- spatial sampling formulas for fixed temporal frequencies, higher dimensions
- use techniques from communication engineering- e.g. oversampling to improve convergence rates of sampling formulas
- more general/abstract results for sampling on pseudo-Riemannian manifolds