

MATH 380

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or if  $\Delta t$  is very small  
or if its easier to analyze than the discrete system  $\leftarrow$  CALCULUS!

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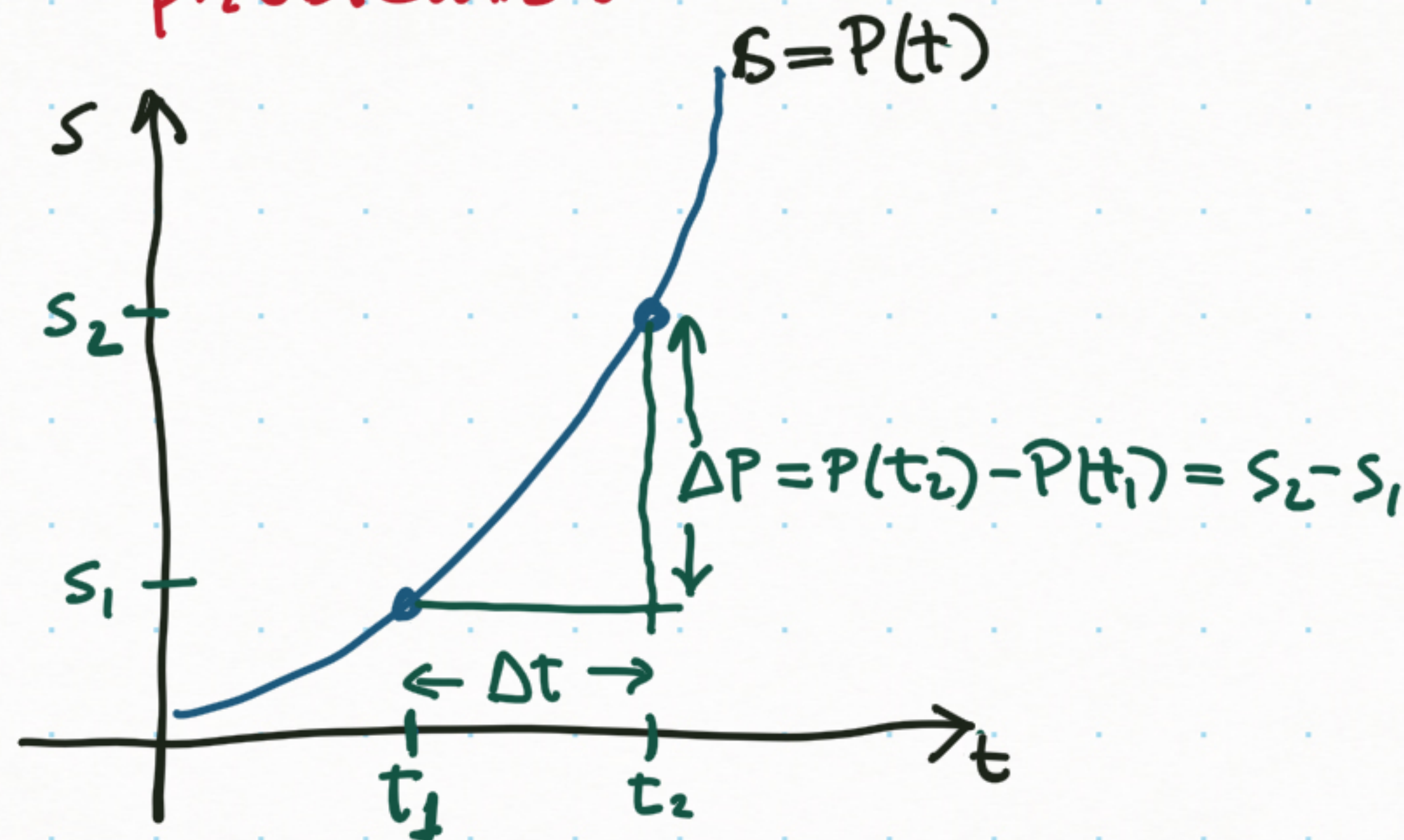
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Derivative is useful to

→ represent instantaneous change in "continuous" problems

→ approximate average rate of change in "discrete" problems.



As  $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$ , i.e.  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ , we get

$$\frac{dP}{dt},$$

the slope of the tangent to the curve  $s = P(t)$  at  $t = t_1$ .

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Continuous version:  $\frac{dP}{dt} \propto P$ , i.e.  $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$  for  $k = b - d$   
"effective" pop. growth rate

underlying assumptions?

Let's solve this!

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We have,  $\ln P = kt + C$

i.e.,  $P = e^{kt+C} = (e^C)(e^k)^t$

i.e.,  $P(t) = A r^t$  for some constants  $A, r > 0$   
"e<sup>k</sup>"

Using the initial value,  $P(t_0) = P_0$ , we get

$$P_0 = P(t_0) = A r^{t_0}, \quad \text{i.e., } A = P_0 r^{-t_0}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\begin{aligned} P(t) &= P_0 r^{(t-t_0)} \\ \text{or } P(t) &= P_0 e^{k(t-t_0)} \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0 \end{aligned}}$$

↖ Verify?  
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Once we have the best model(s) of this type, we can look at the "total error" based on CAC & LSC (or even use  $R^2$ ) and also just a simple "sanity check" by plotting the data vs. the model



Change the model?

Different/better assumptions?

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Partial Fractions

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{P(M-P)} &= \frac{A}{P} + \frac{B}{M-P} \\ &= \frac{AM - AP + BP}{P(M-P)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{means } 1 &= (B-A)P + AM \\ \text{i.e., } AM &= 1 \quad \& \quad B-A=0 \\ \text{i.e. } B &= A = 1/M \end{aligned}$$

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$$C = \ln \left| \frac{P}{M-P} \right| - Mrt, \text{ i.e., } C = \ln \left| \frac{P_0}{M-P_0} \right| - Mrt_0$$

& now use in the solution above

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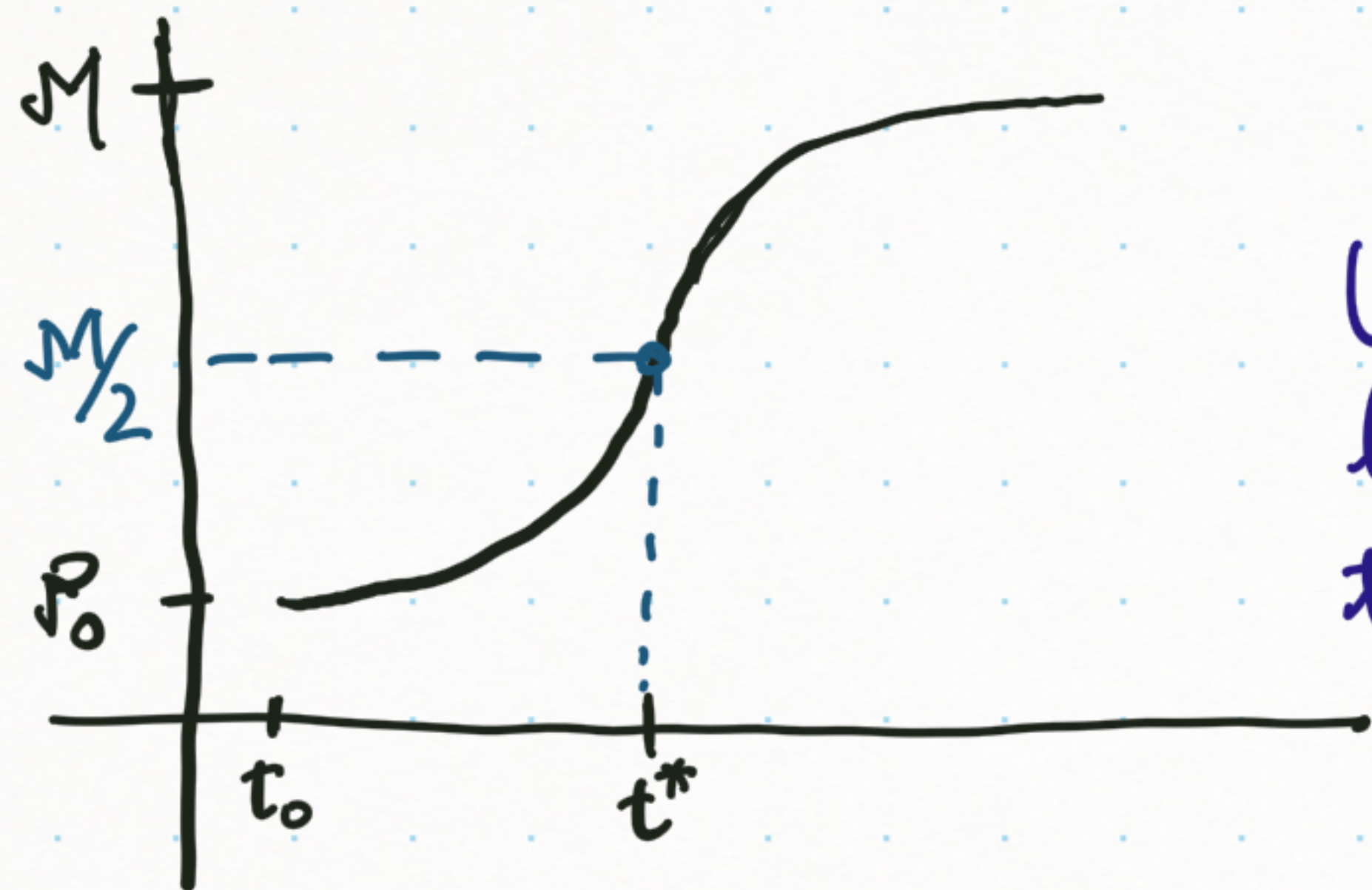
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Under the assumption that growth is logistic, we can estimate  $M/2$  as the population when rate of growth is maximum (point at which  $P''$  changes from  $> 0$  to  $< 0$ ).

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How about Human Population growth?

→ HW problem to use logistic growth model to estimate US population growth.

What are the shortcomings of this model for this task?

Missing factors?

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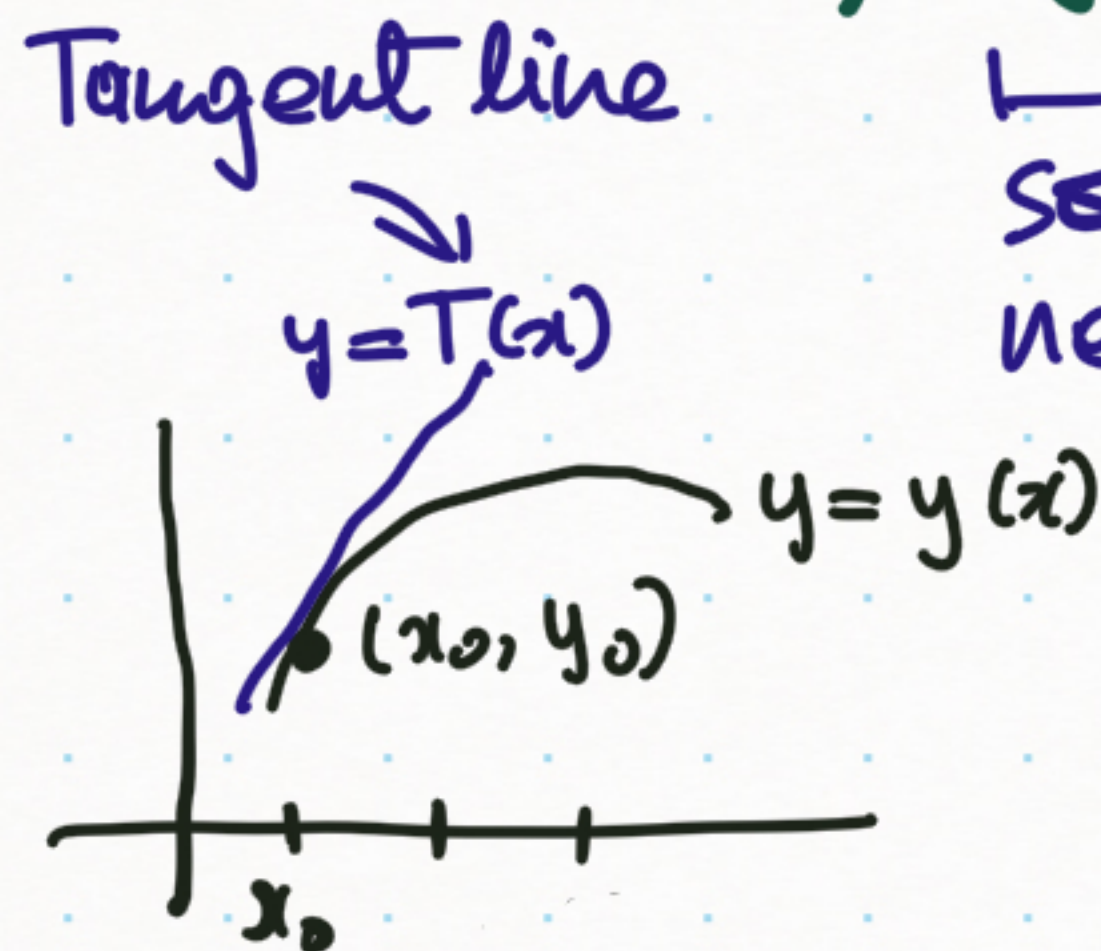
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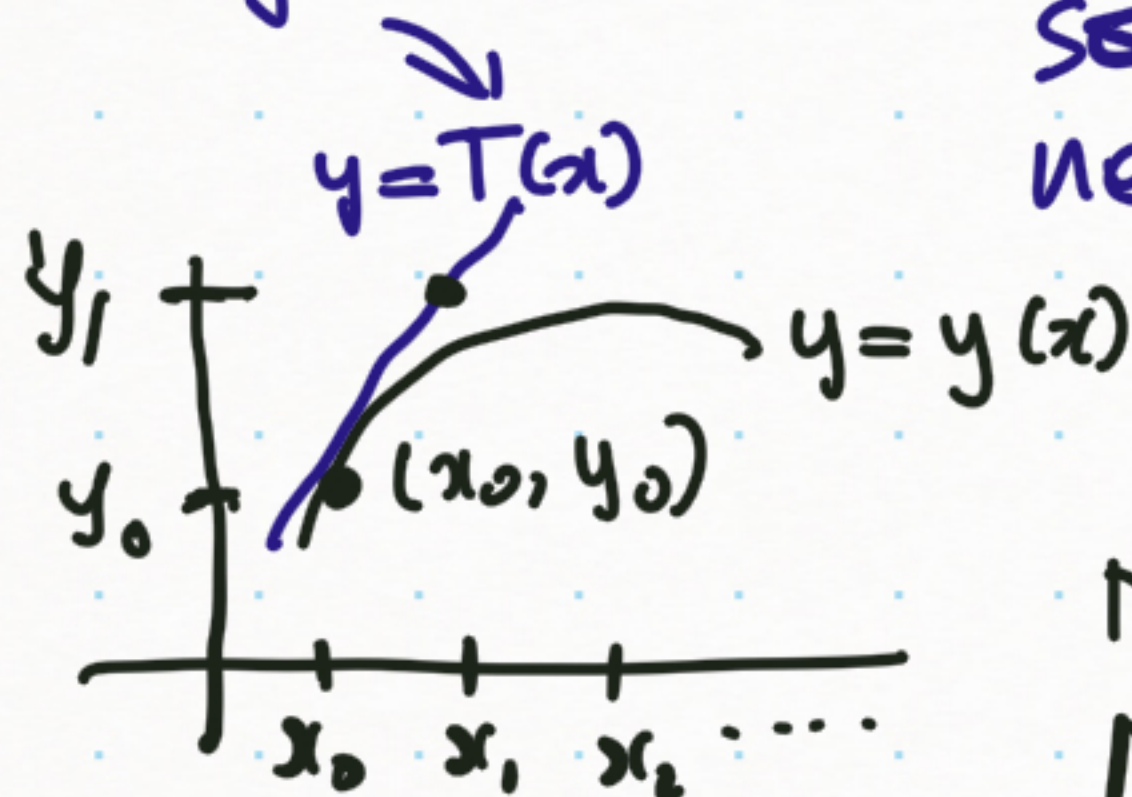
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Tangent line



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Next step  $x_1 = x_0 + \Delta x$  :  $y_1 = y_0 + \Delta x g(x_0, y_0)$

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Approximate the solution at each step by the tangent line at that pt.

$$y(x_n) \approx y(x_{n-1}) + h g(x_{n-1}, y(x_{n-1}))$$

$n \equiv \text{step \#}n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and } h \equiv \text{step-size}$

"Euler's Method"

e.g.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1+y$ ,  $y(0)=1$

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approx. solution  
at  $x=0.1$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + g(x_1, y_1) \Delta x \\ &= y_1 + (1+y_1) \Delta x = 1.2 + (1+1.2)(0.1) = 1.42 \end{aligned}$$

at  $x=0.2$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3 &= y_2 + g(x_2, y_2) \Delta x \\ &= y_2 + (1+y_2) \Delta x = 1.42 + (1+1.42)(0.1) = 1.662 \end{aligned}$$

at  $x=0.3$

⋮ ⋮ ⋮

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x, y)$$

→ Euler's method for approximate solution

→ Graphical visualization of the solution curve

Given initial condition  $y(x_0) = y_0$  of  $y' = g(x, y)$ ,  
the solution curve has to pass through  $(x_0, y_0)$   
and have slope  $g(x_0, y_0)$  there.

This can be visualized as short line segments of slope  $g(x, y)$   
at point  $(x, y)$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x, y)$$

→ Analyze solutions around "equilibrium values" using a "phase line."

Defn Autonomous differential equation is a DE of form  $\frac{dy}{dx} = g(y)$   
(e.g.  $\frac{dP}{dt} = kP$  or  $kP(M-P)$ )

For such a DE  $\frac{dy}{dx} = g(y)$ ,

the values of  $y$  for which  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  are called equilibrium values

points where  $y$  is at "rest" / not changing

Phase line shows the DE's equilibrium values and the behavior of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  &  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  around them on the  $y$ -axis.

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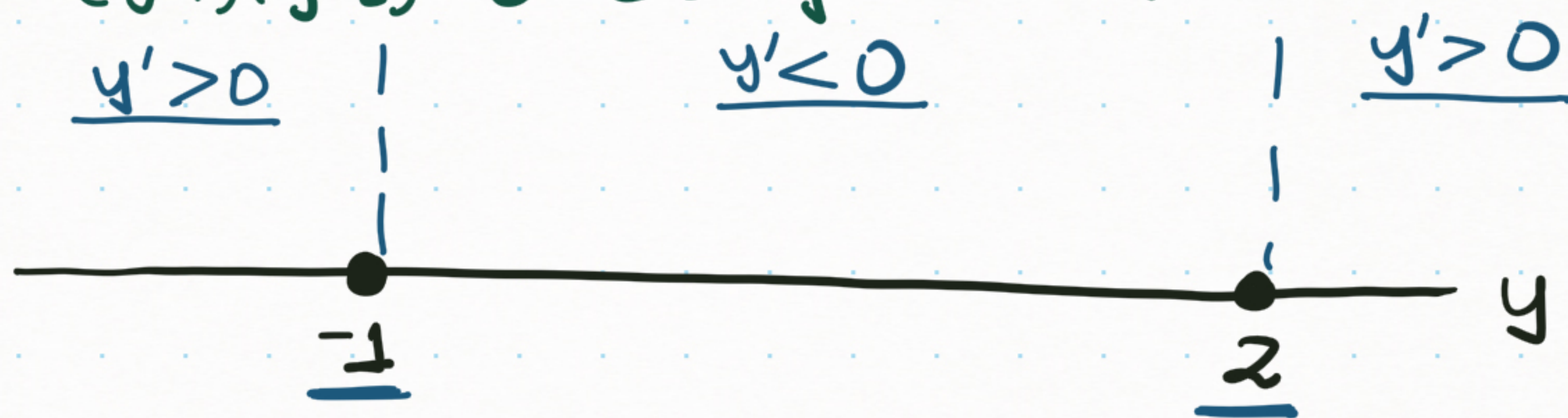
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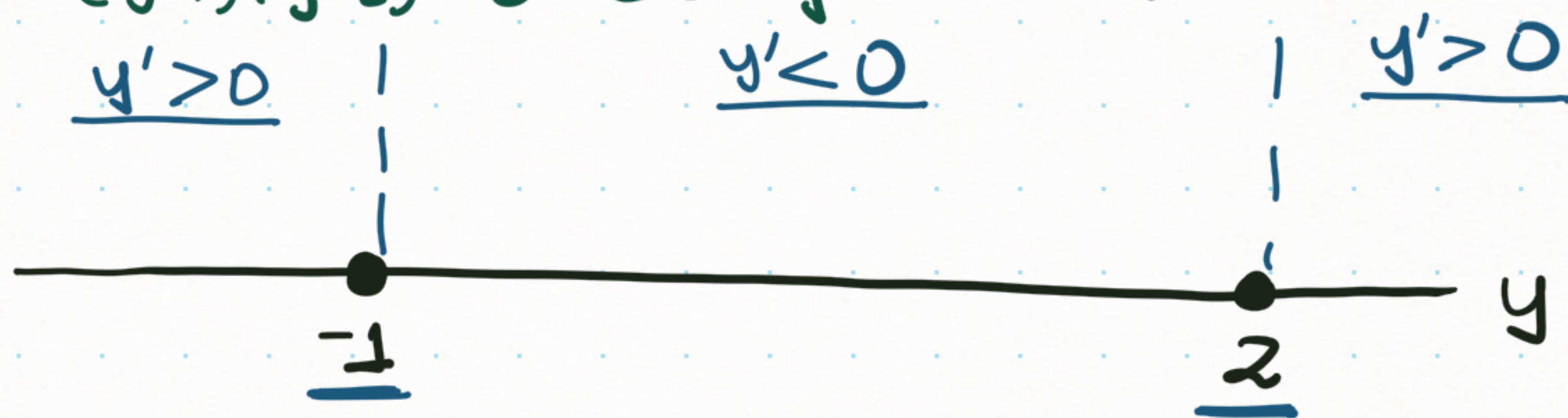
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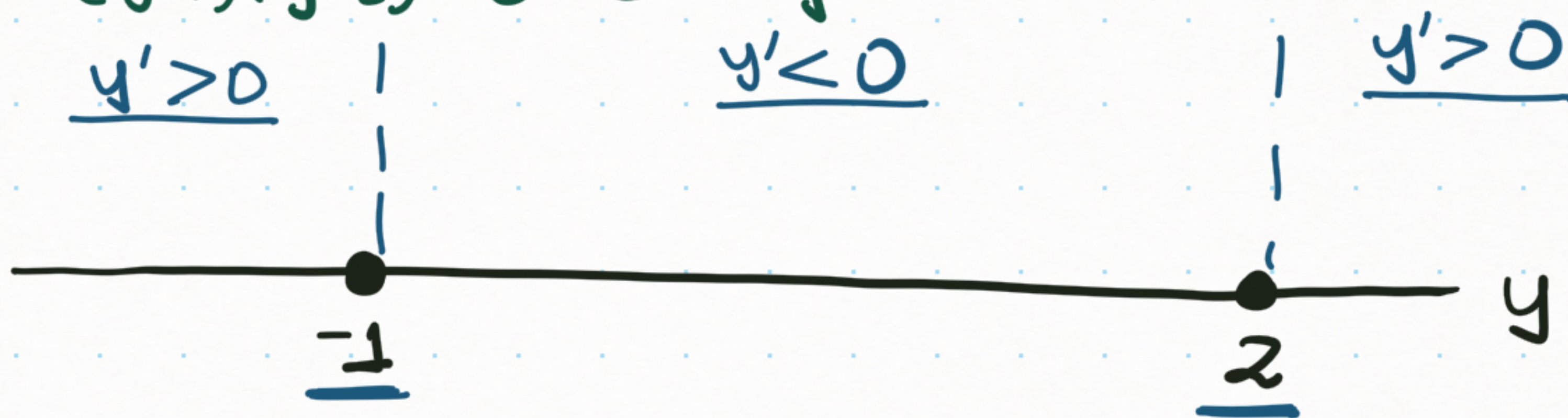
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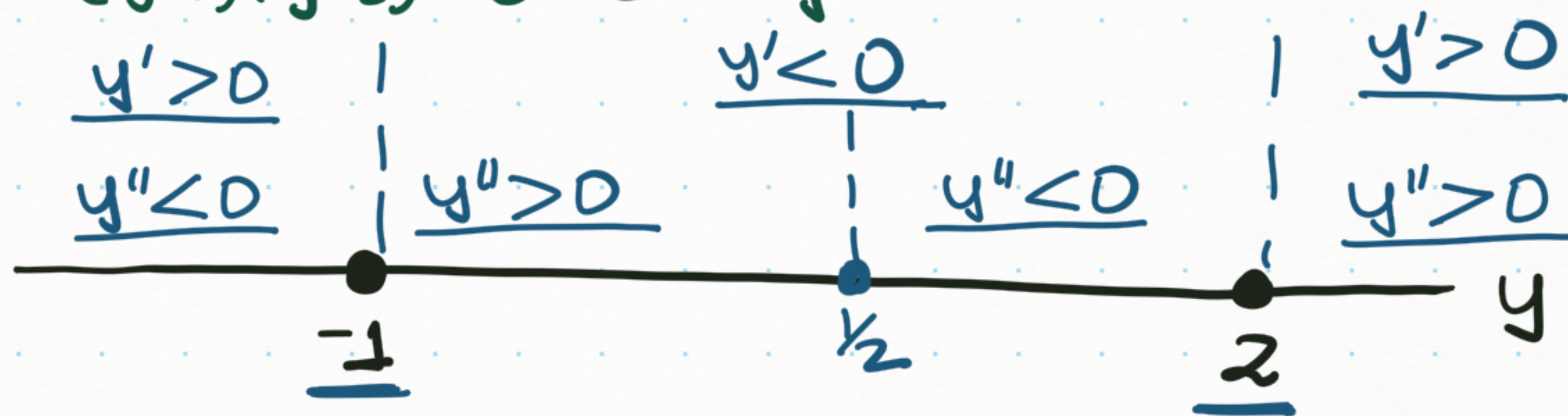
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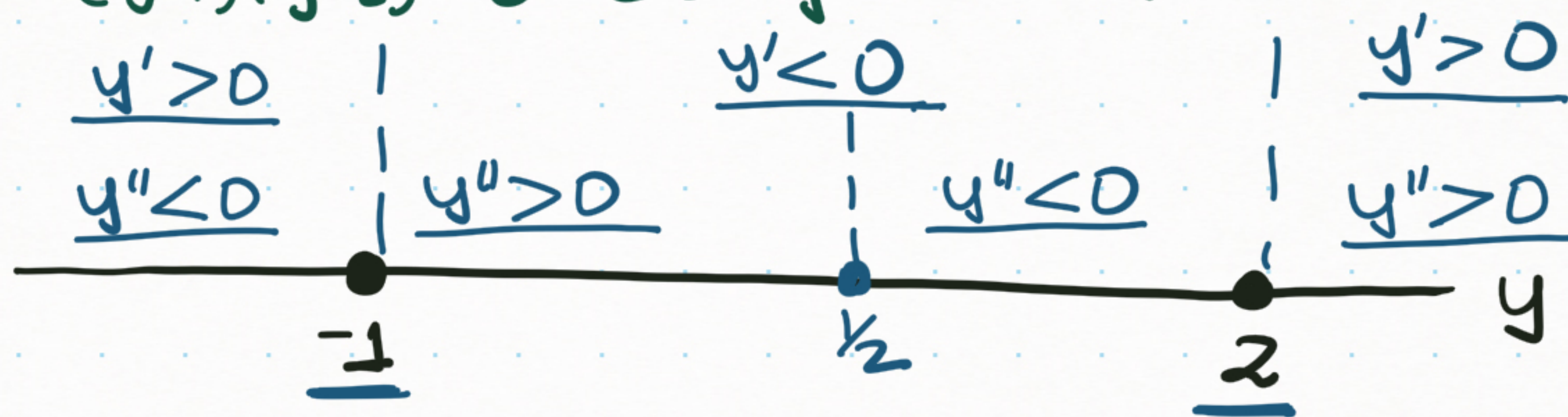
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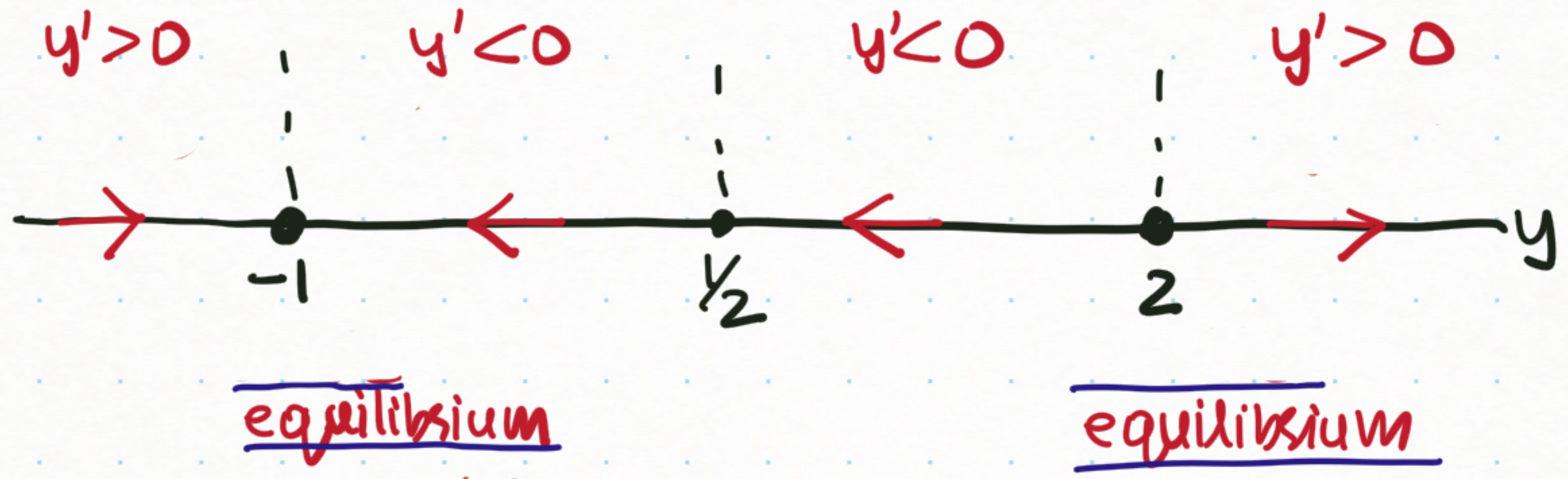
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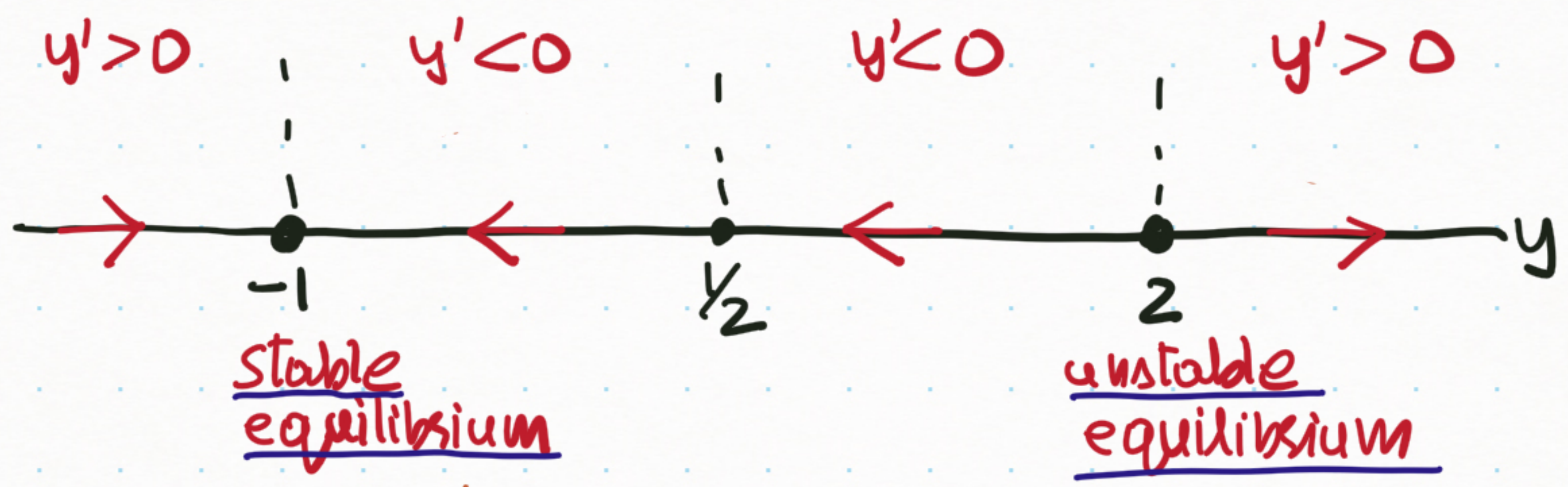
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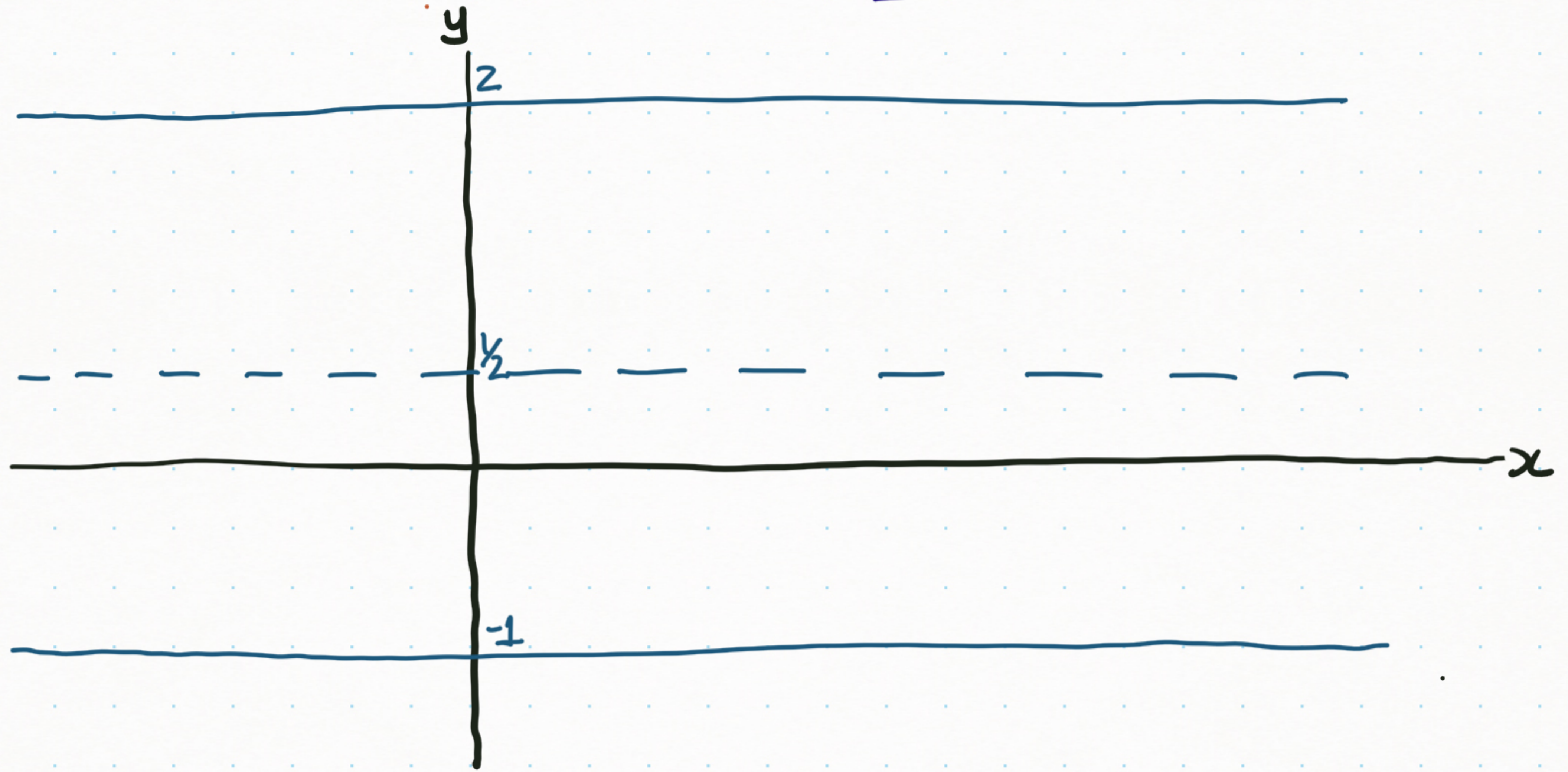
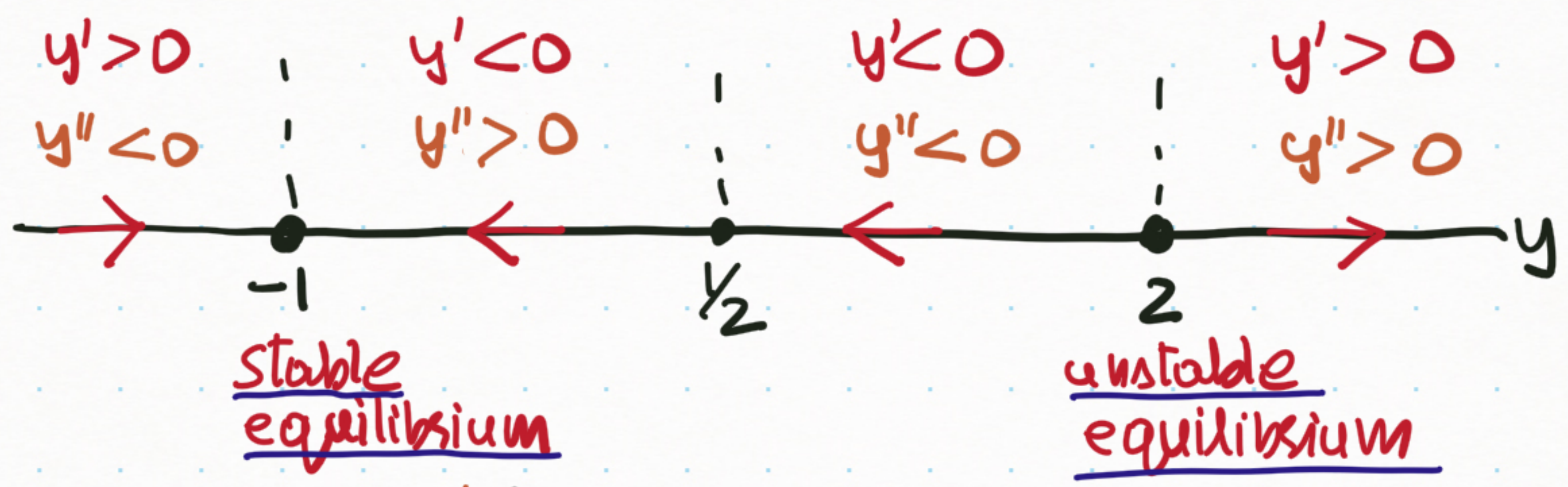
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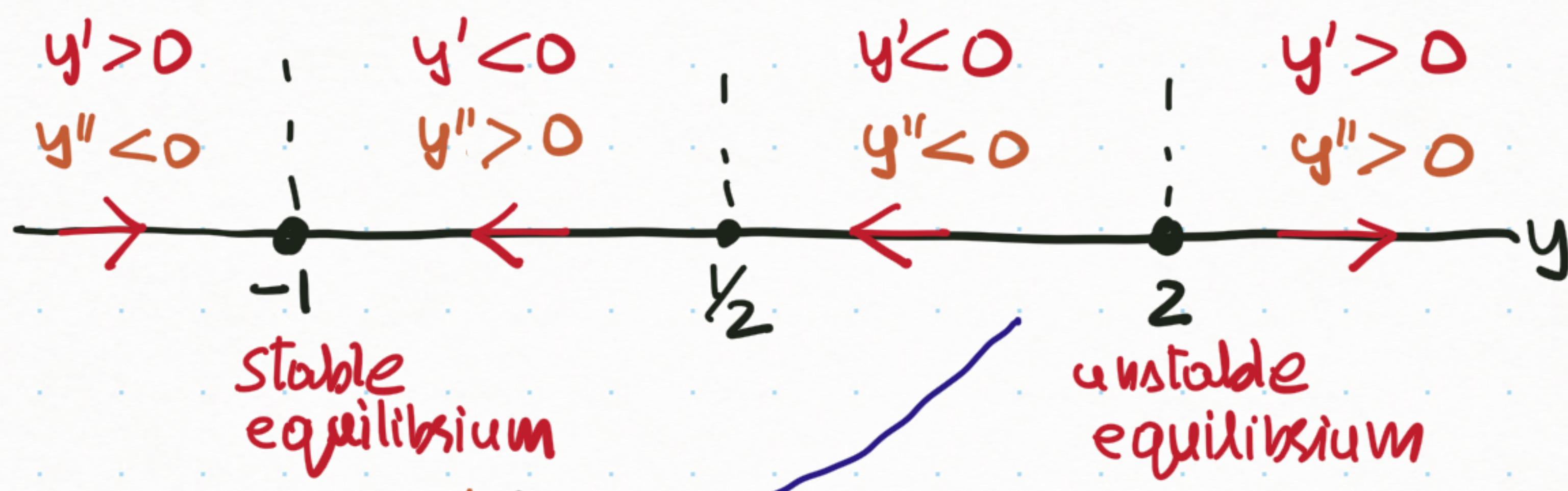
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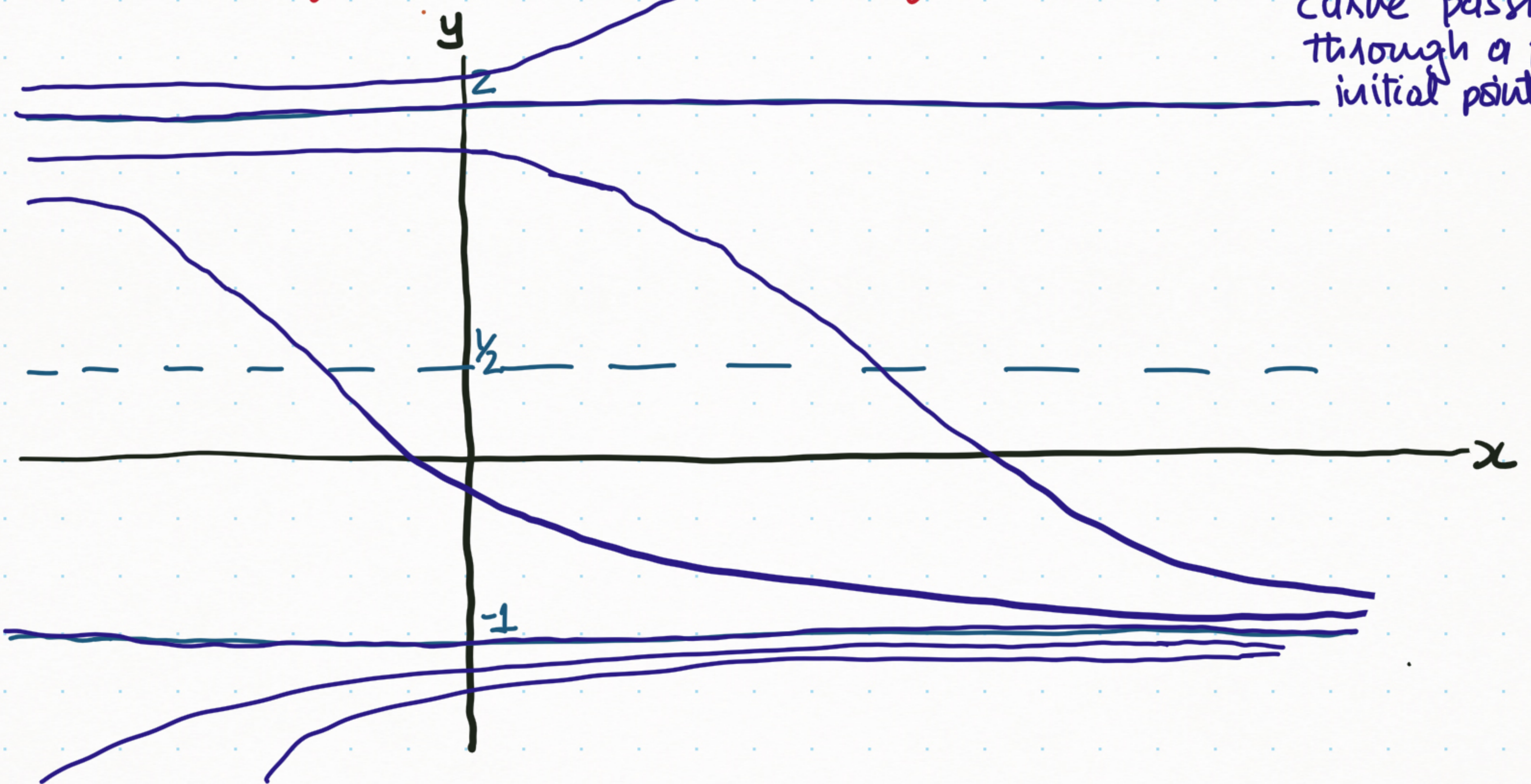








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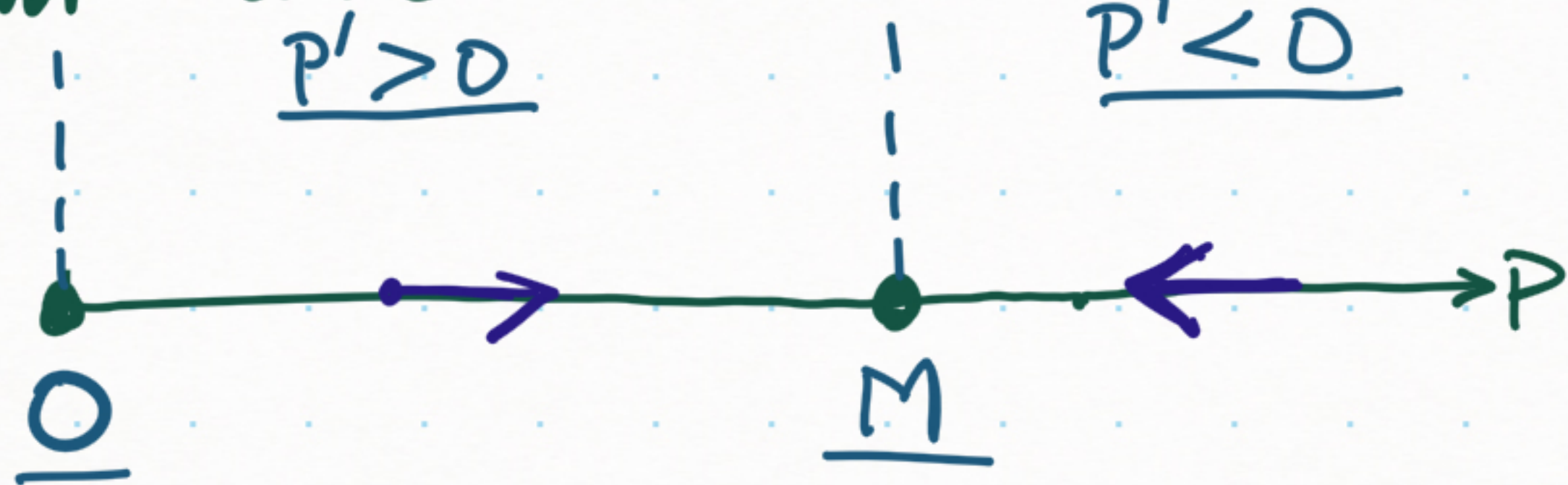
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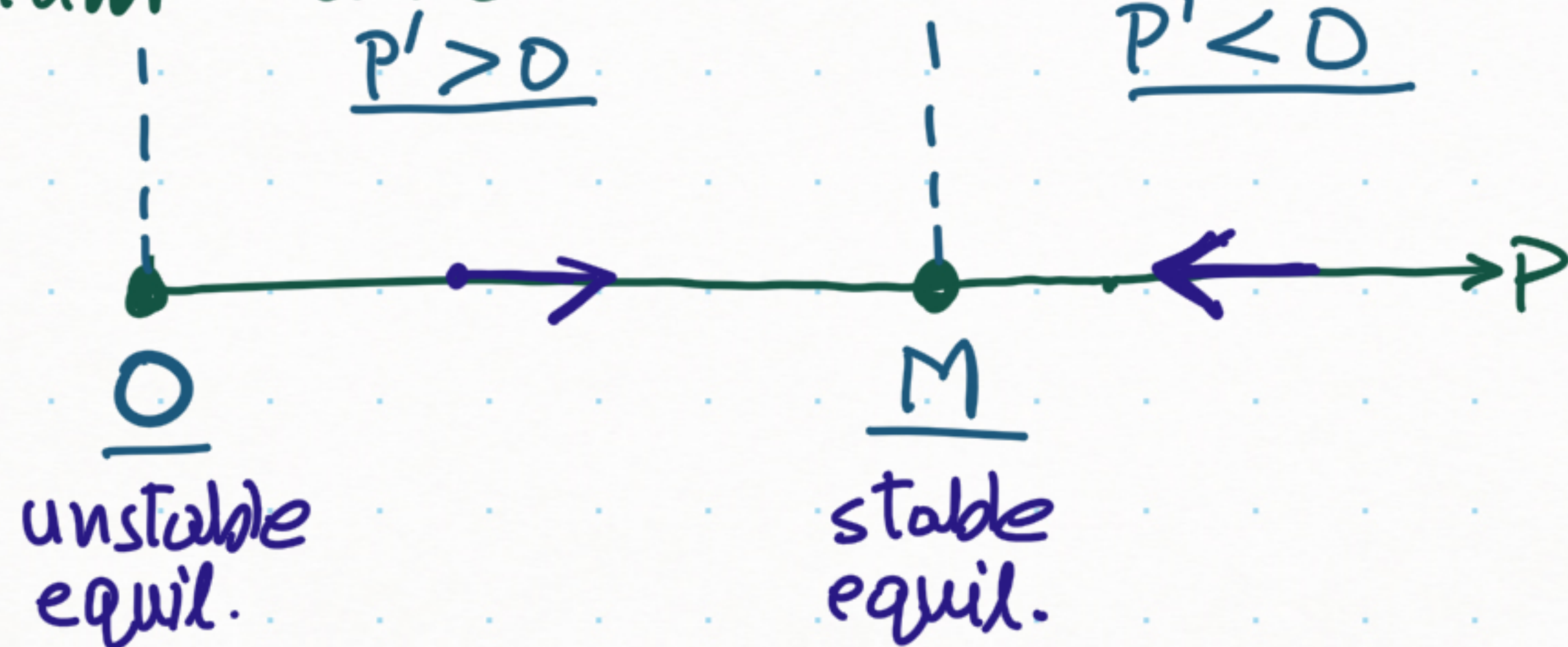
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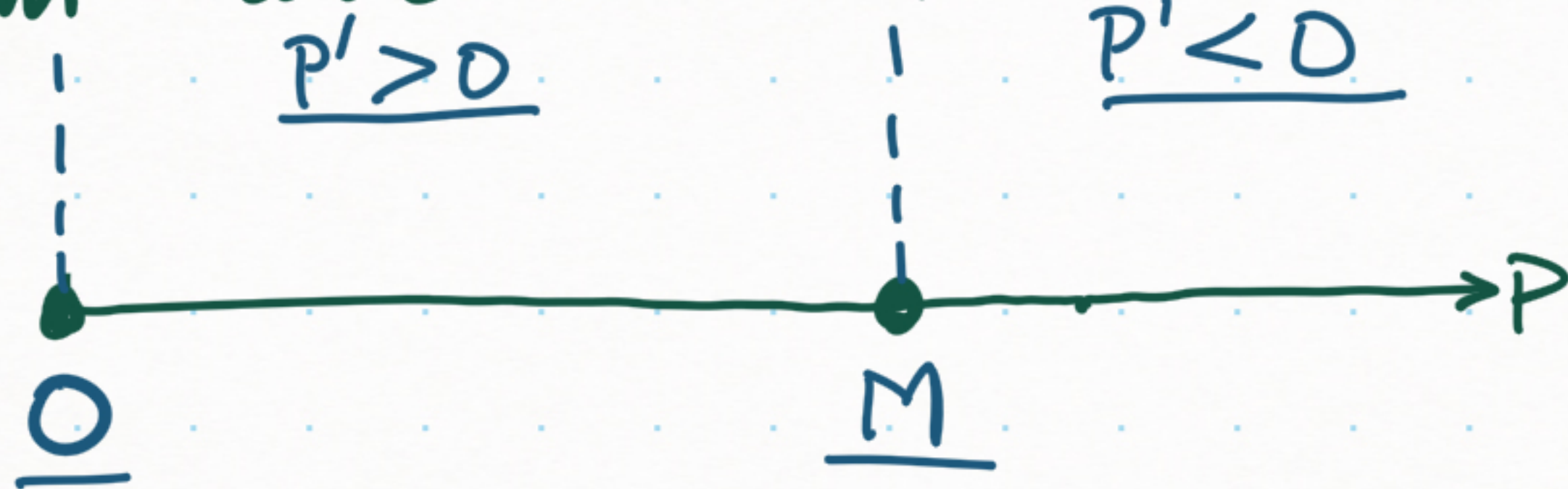
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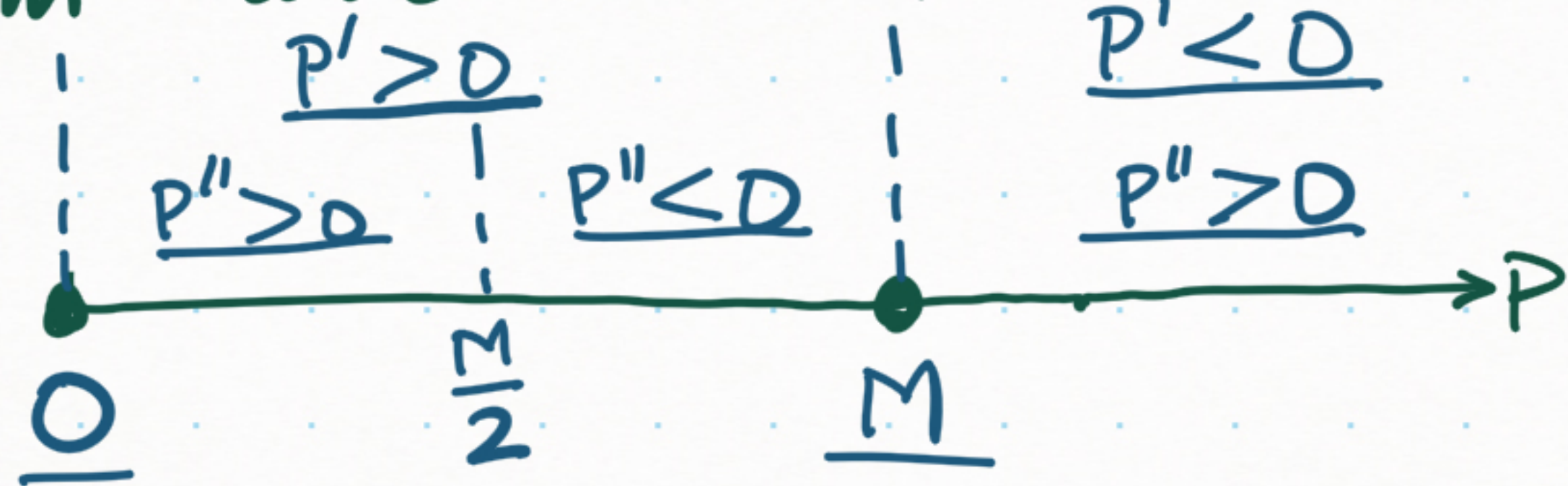
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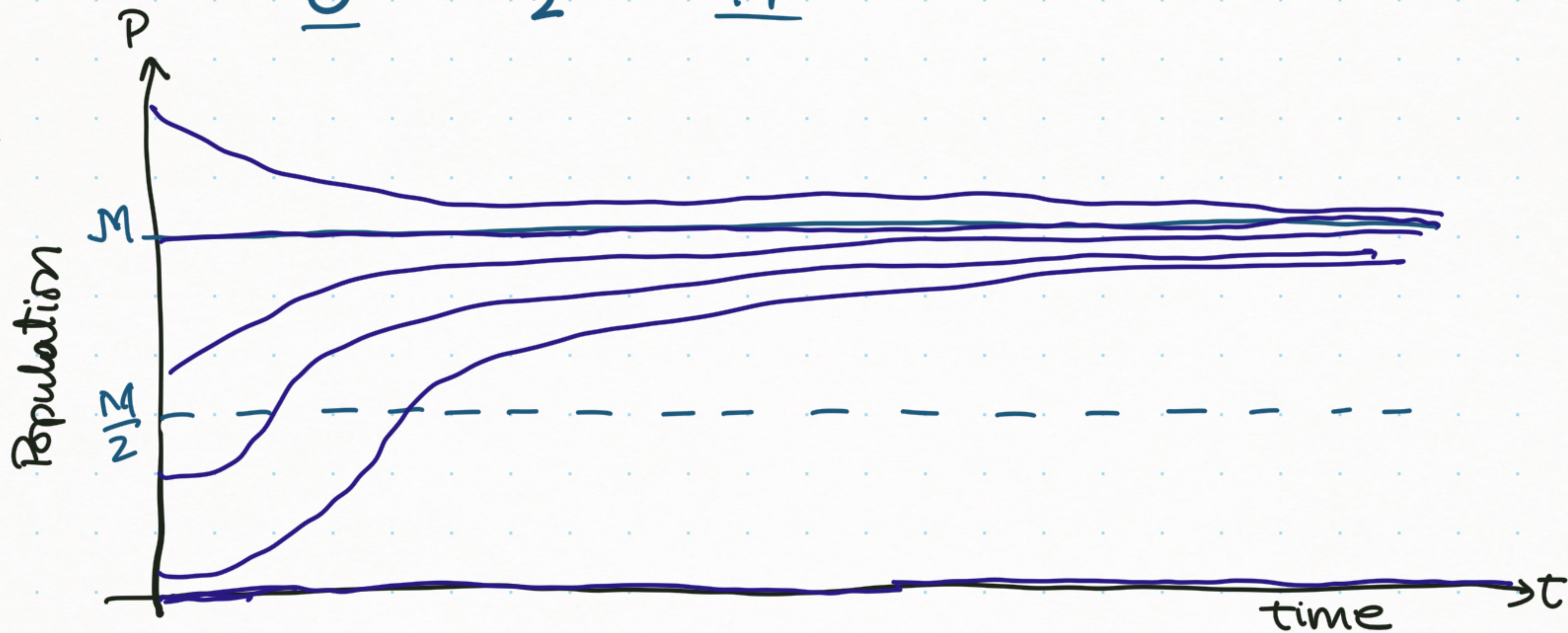
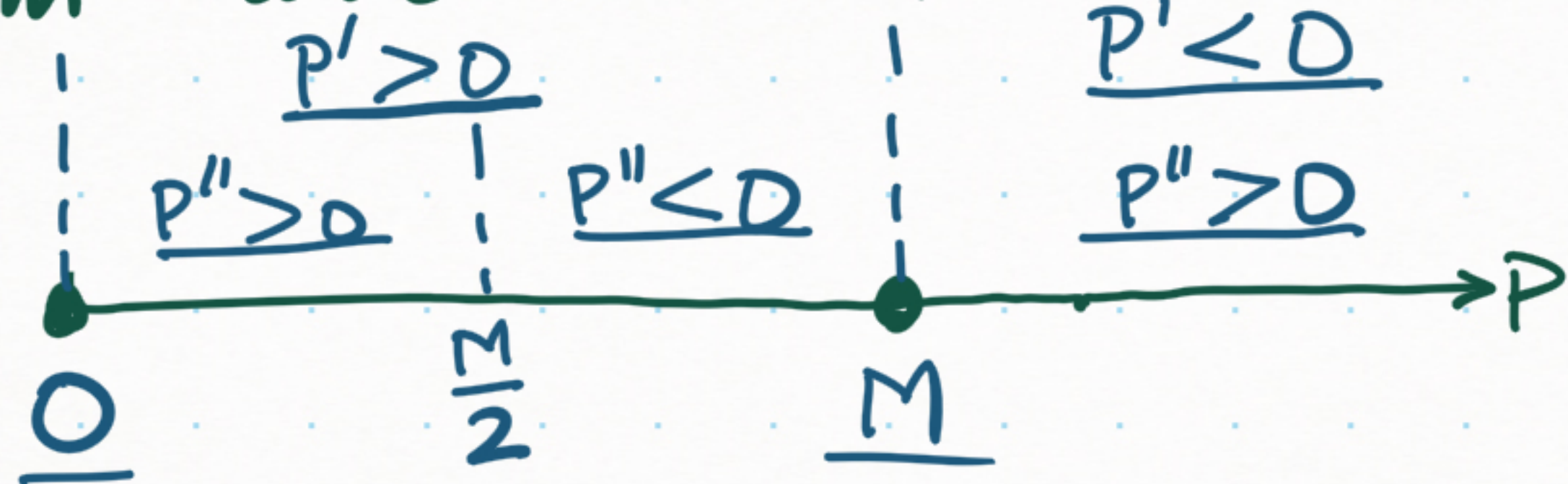
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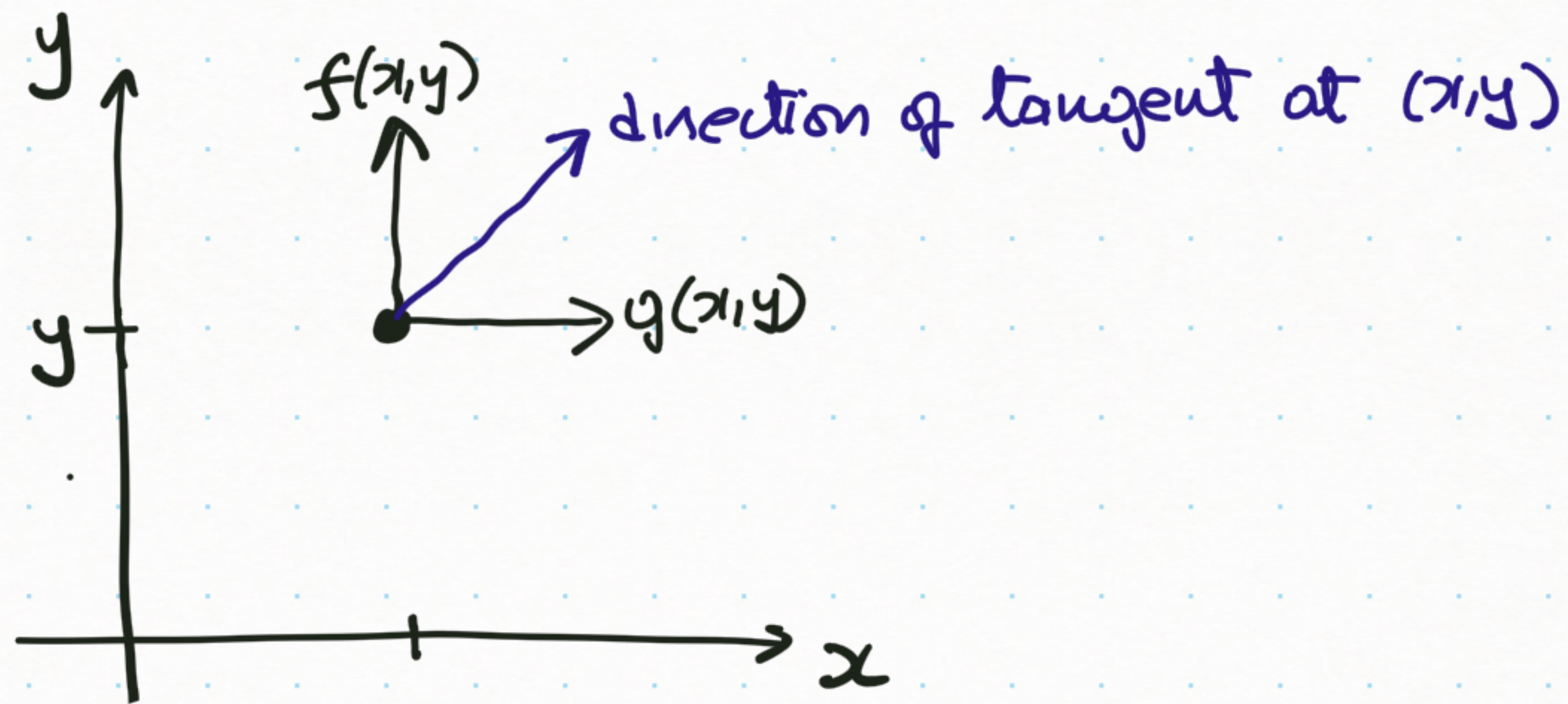
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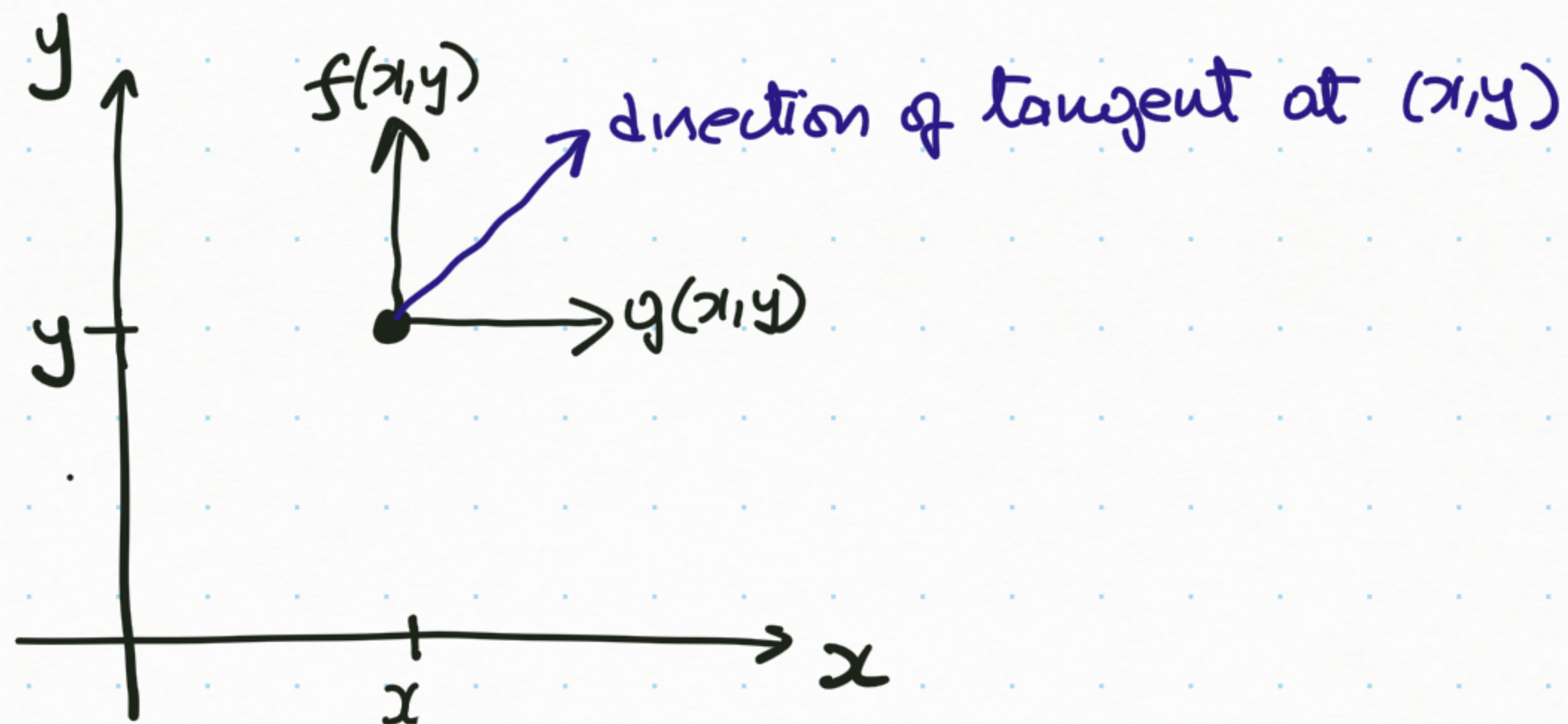
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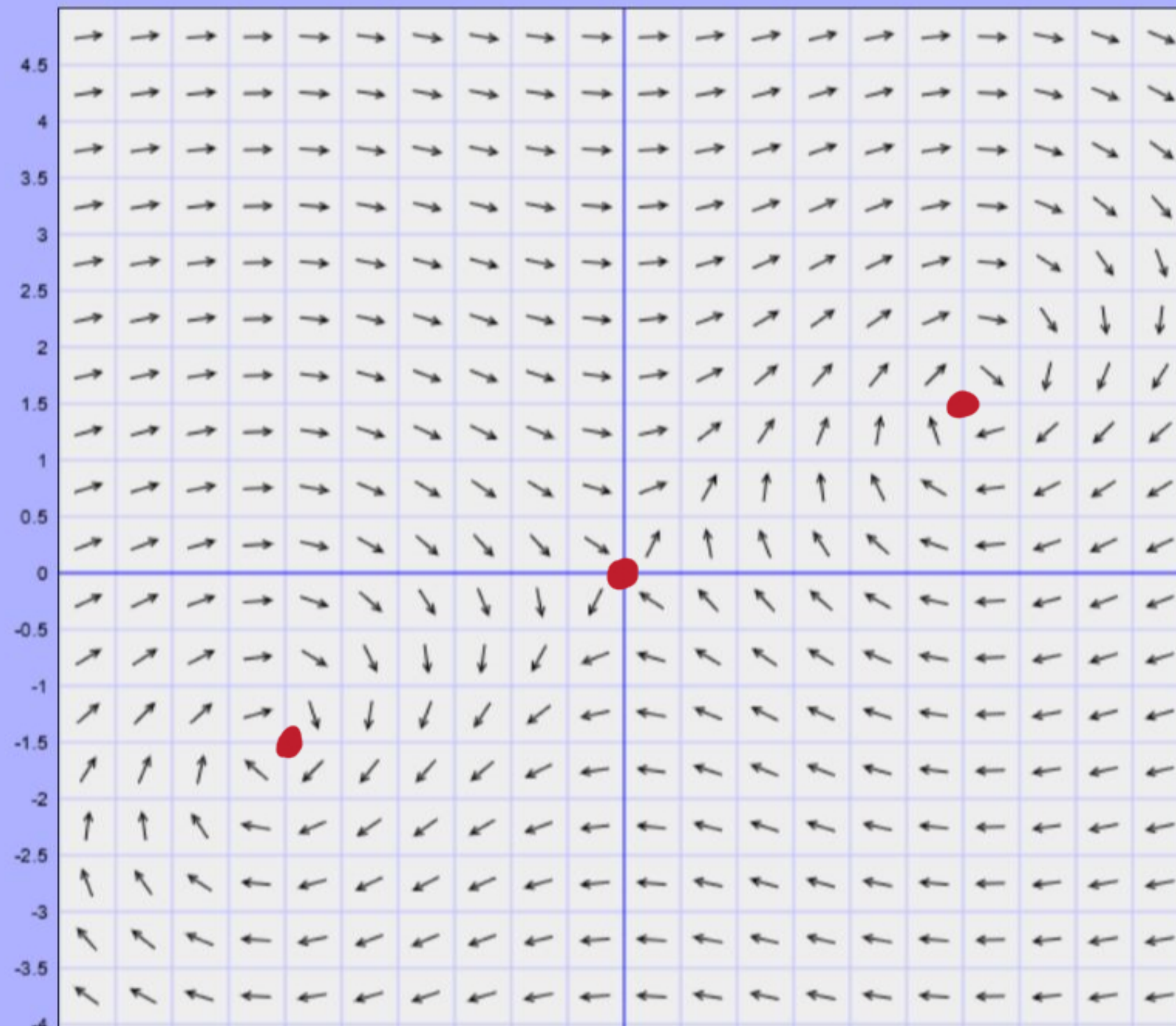
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Graph Phase Plane



see also Figure 12.2  
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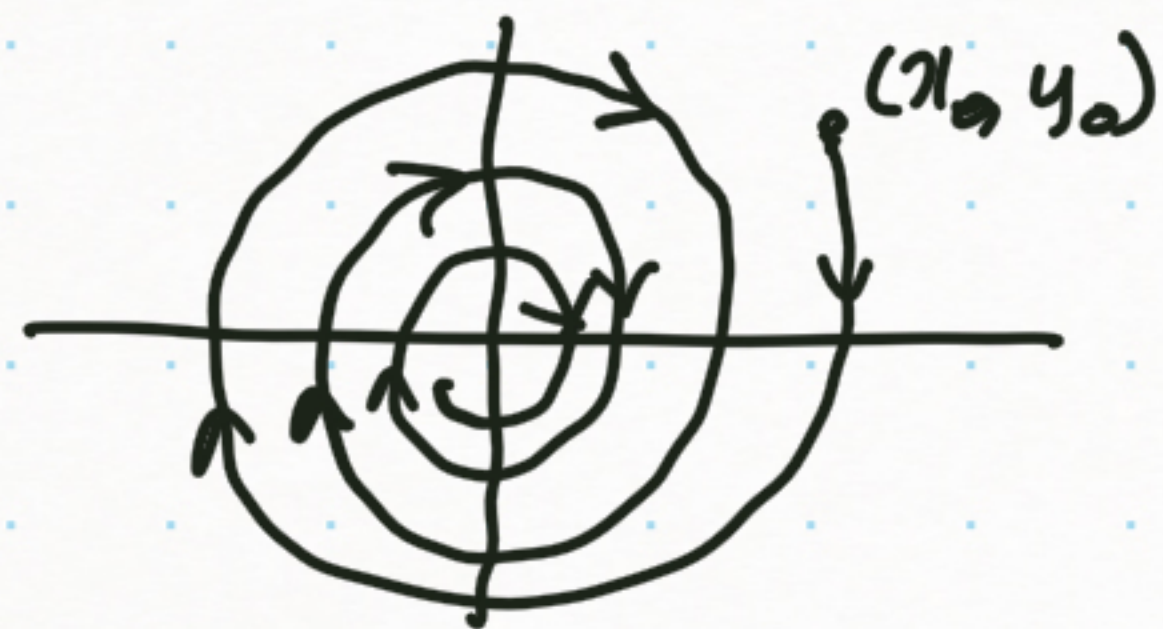
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