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Answered for certain  $F$ 's (kick forcing): Bakhtin, Cator, Khanin '14  
Bakhtin '16

also, in compact & essentially compact space settings: Sinai et al  
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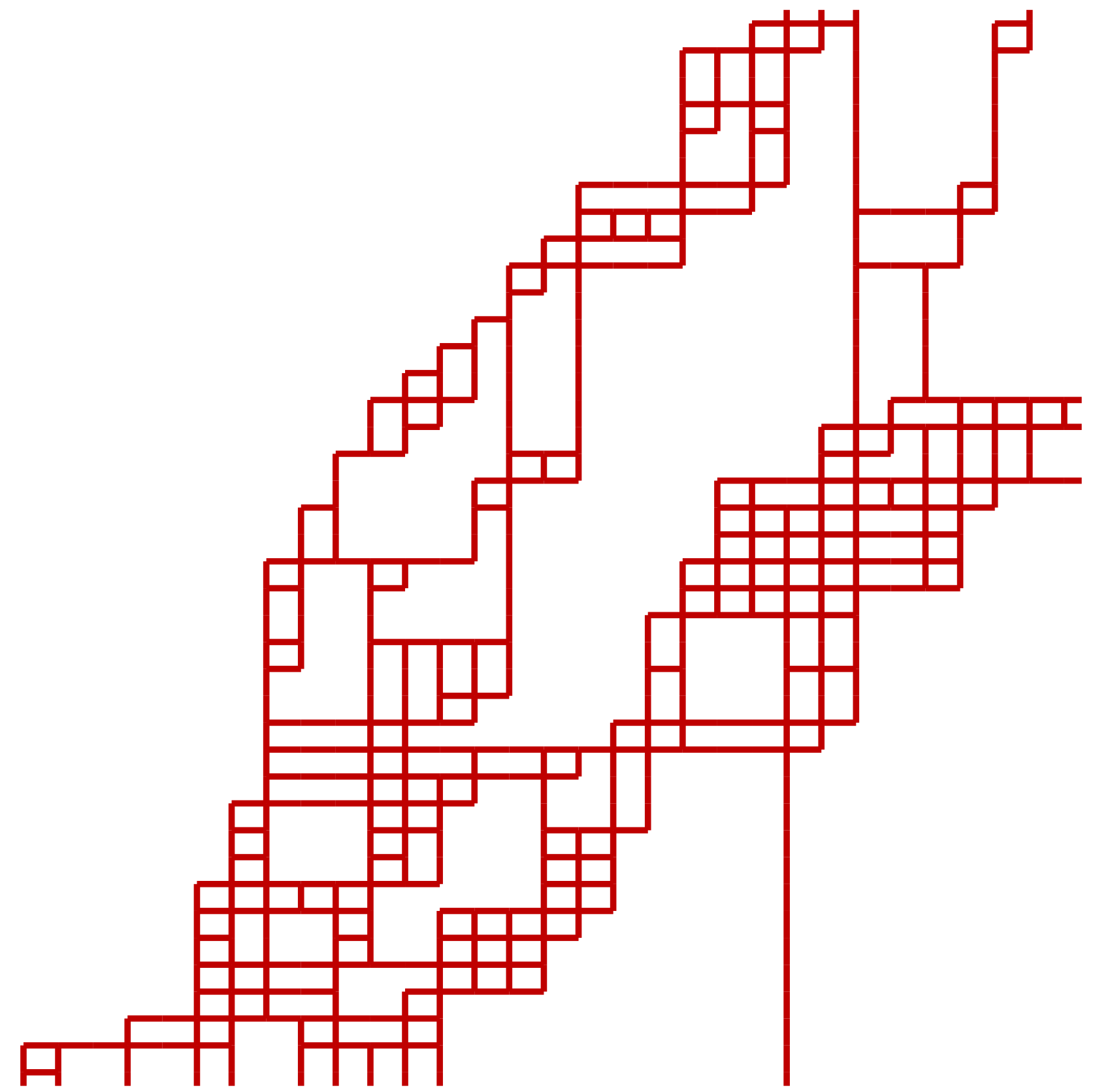
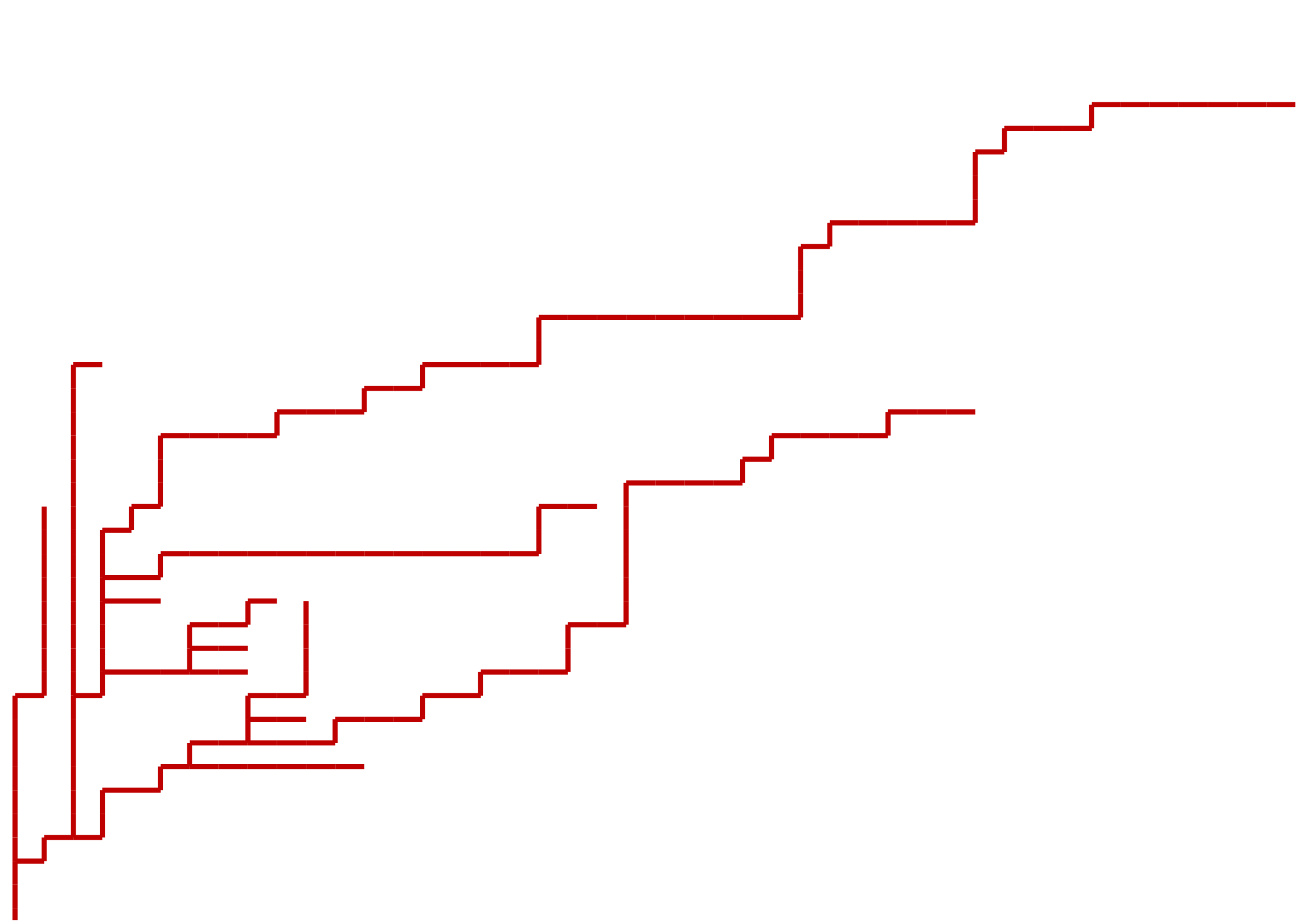
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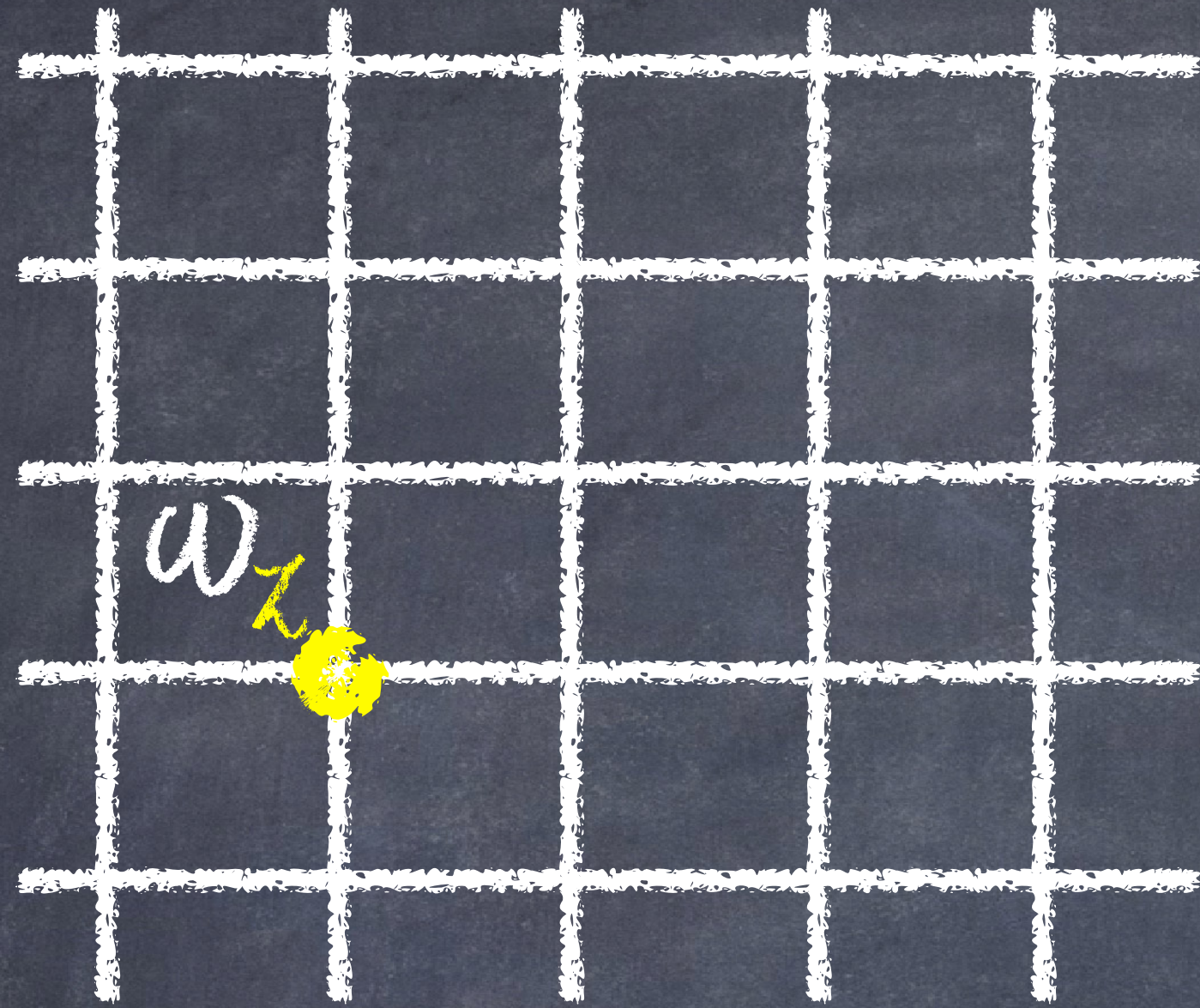
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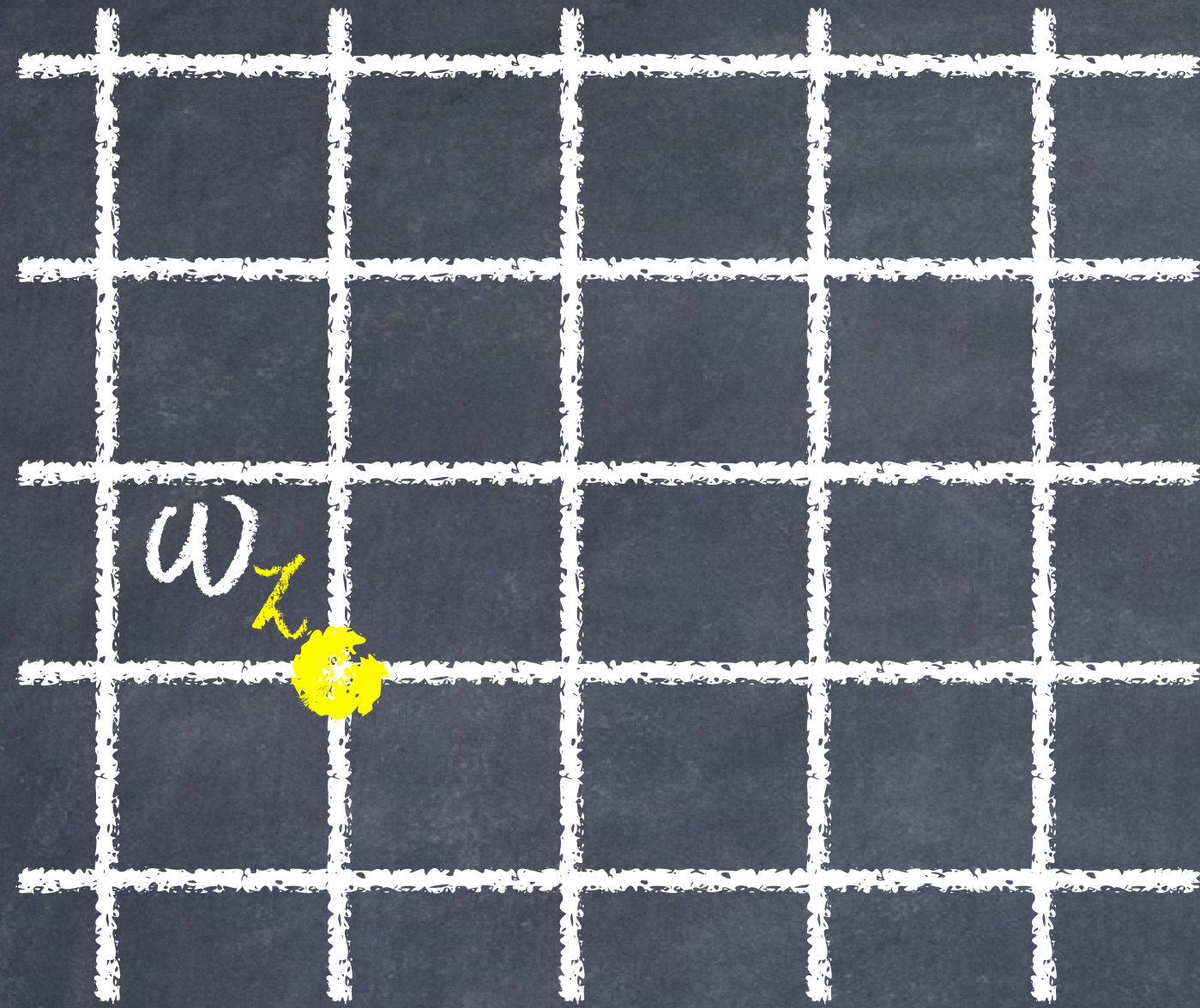
We find new instability structures for certain random  $v$



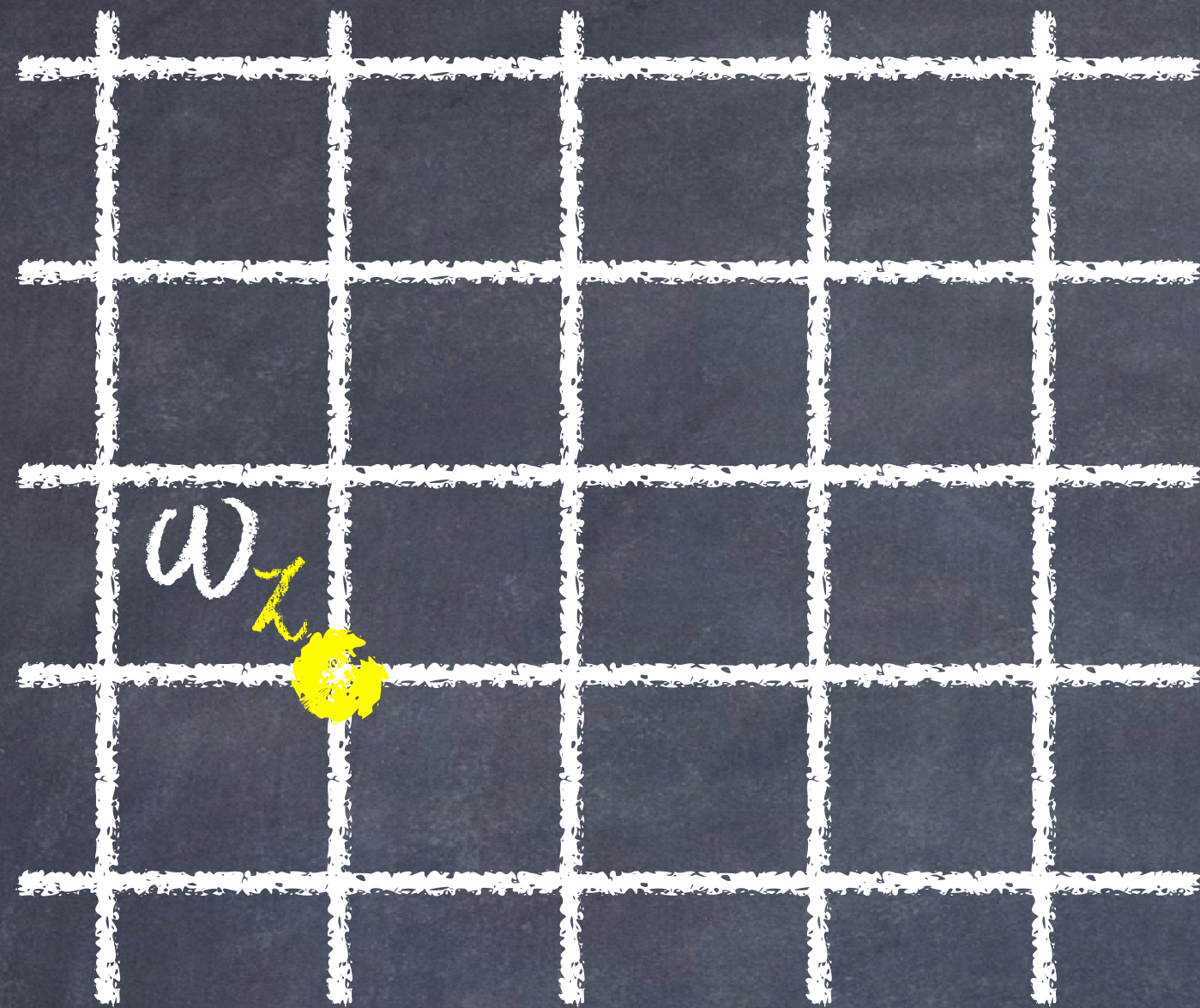






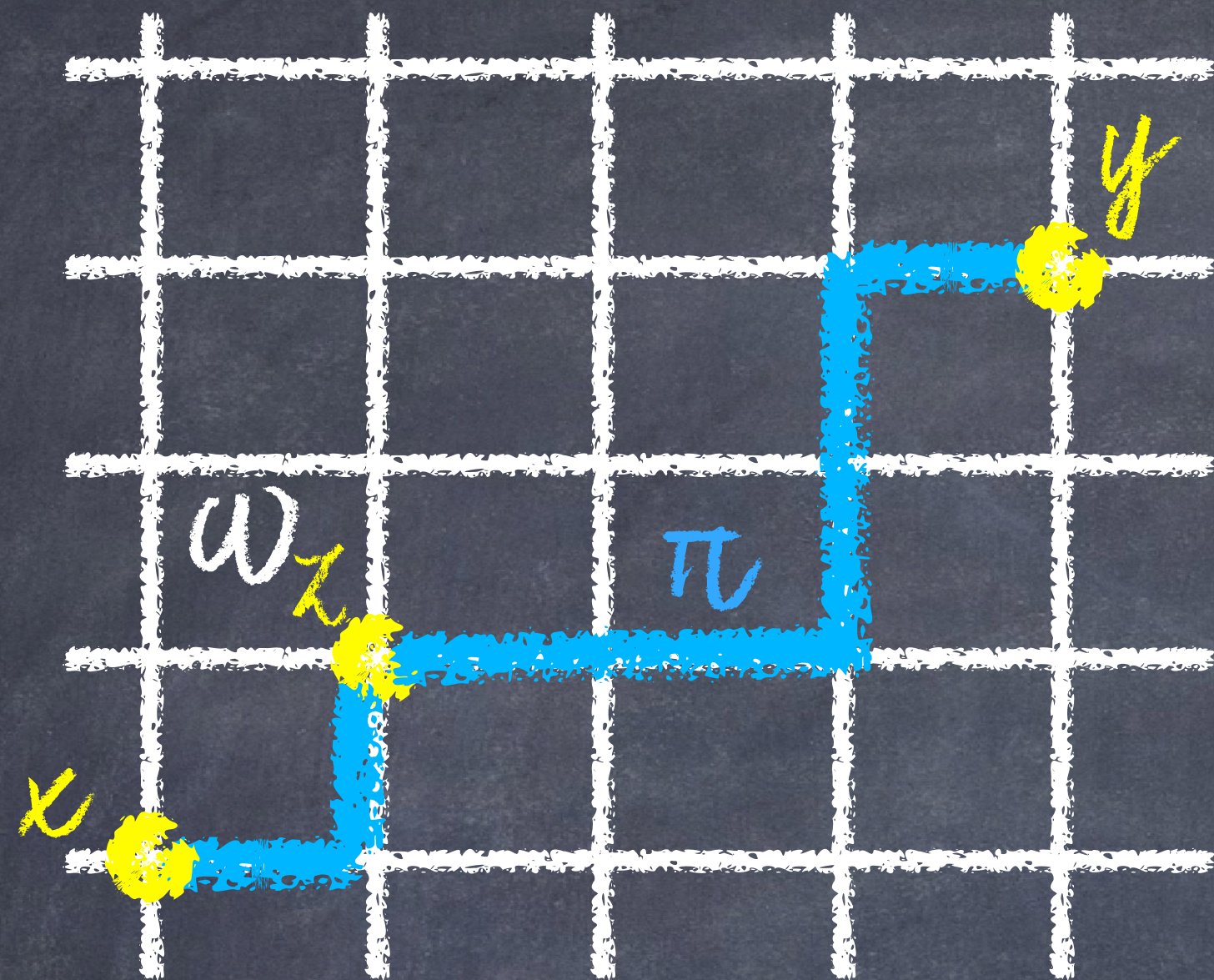


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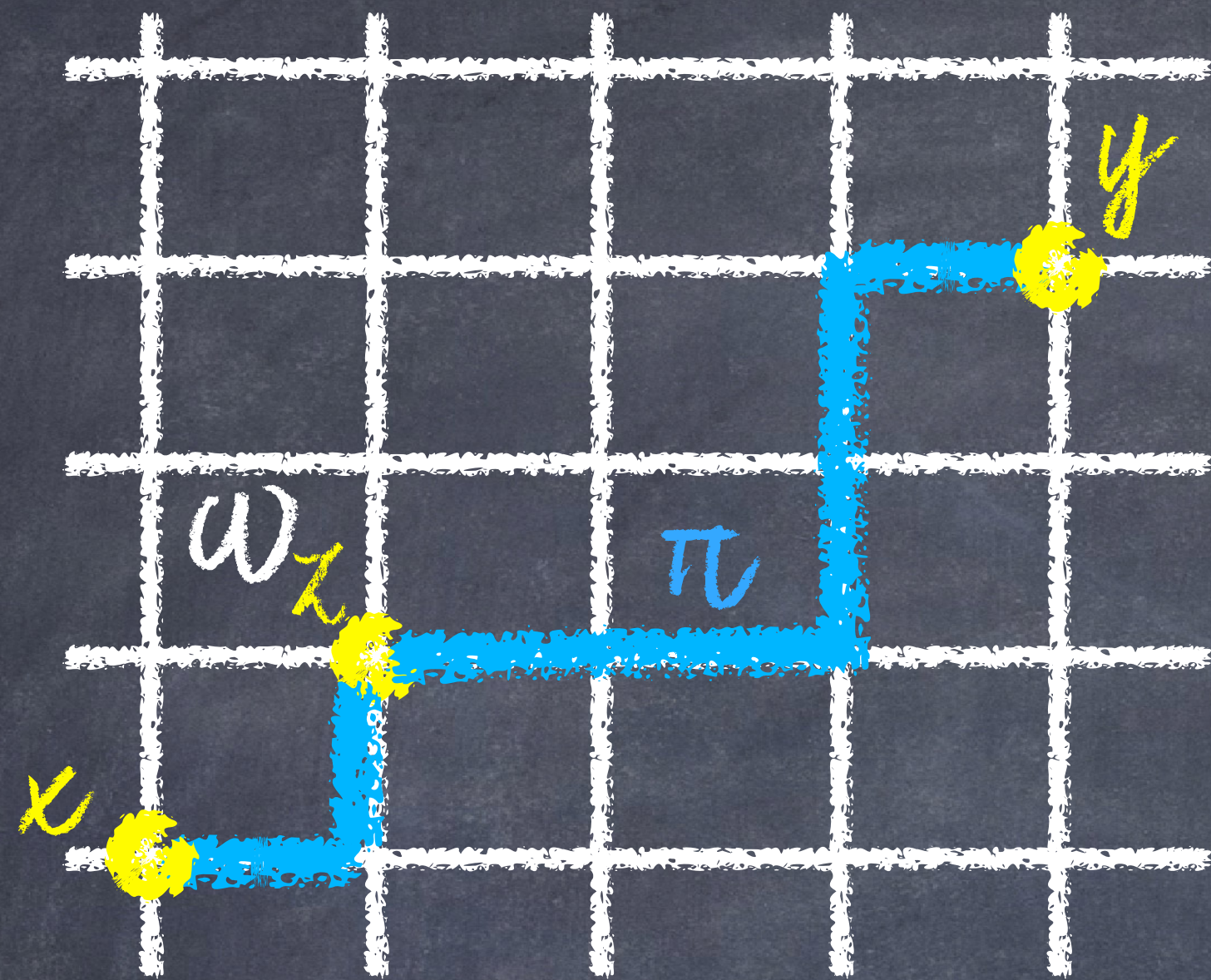
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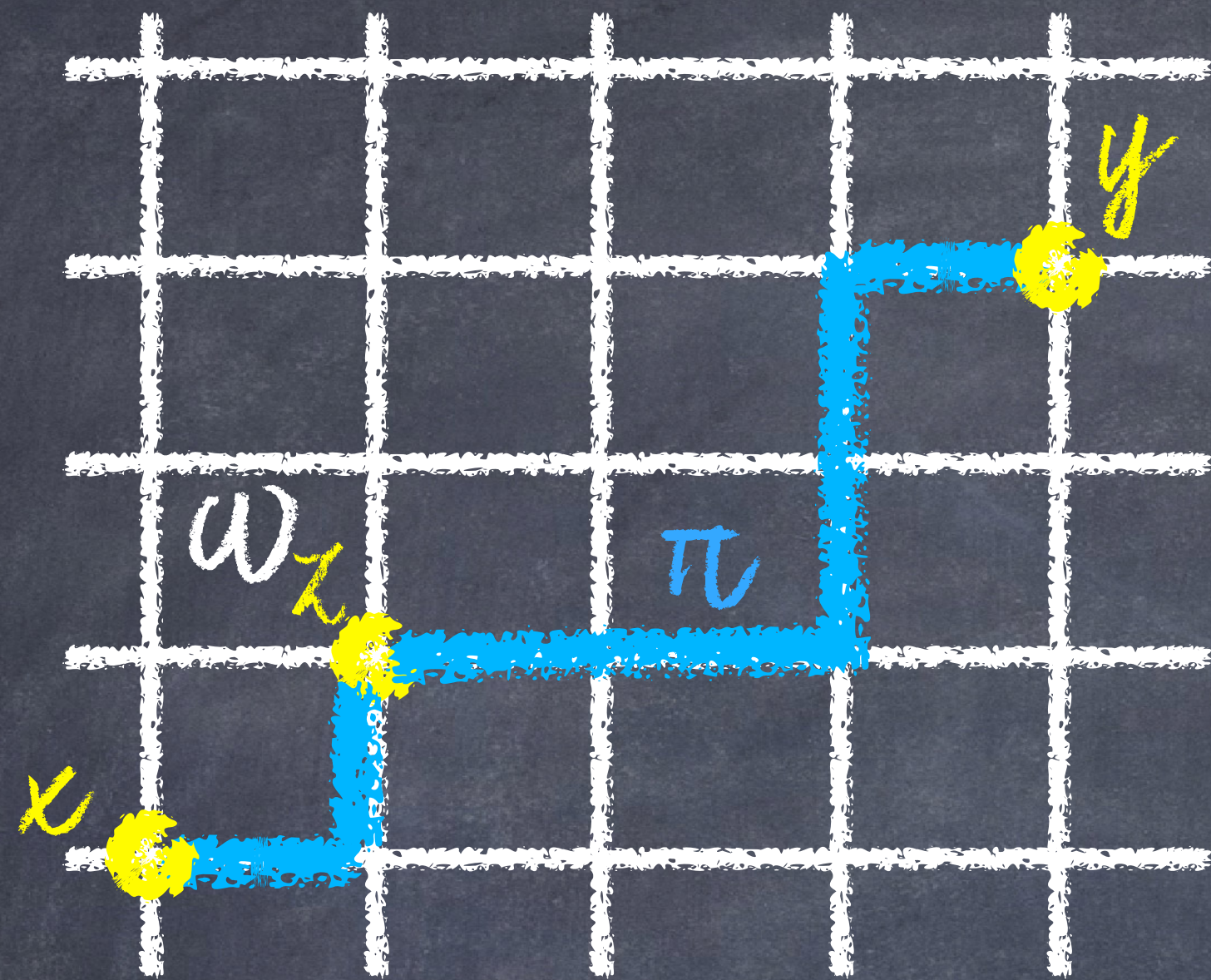


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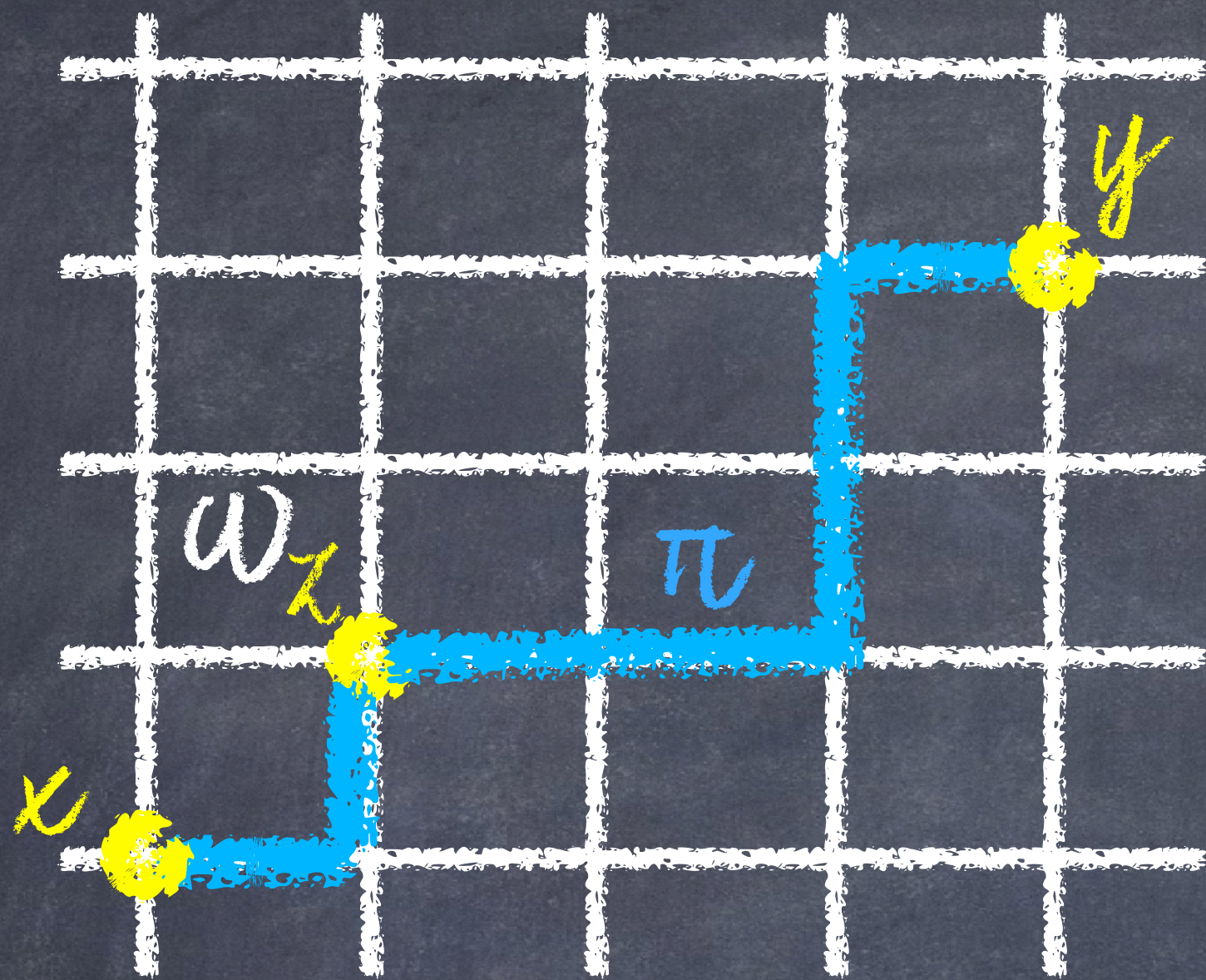
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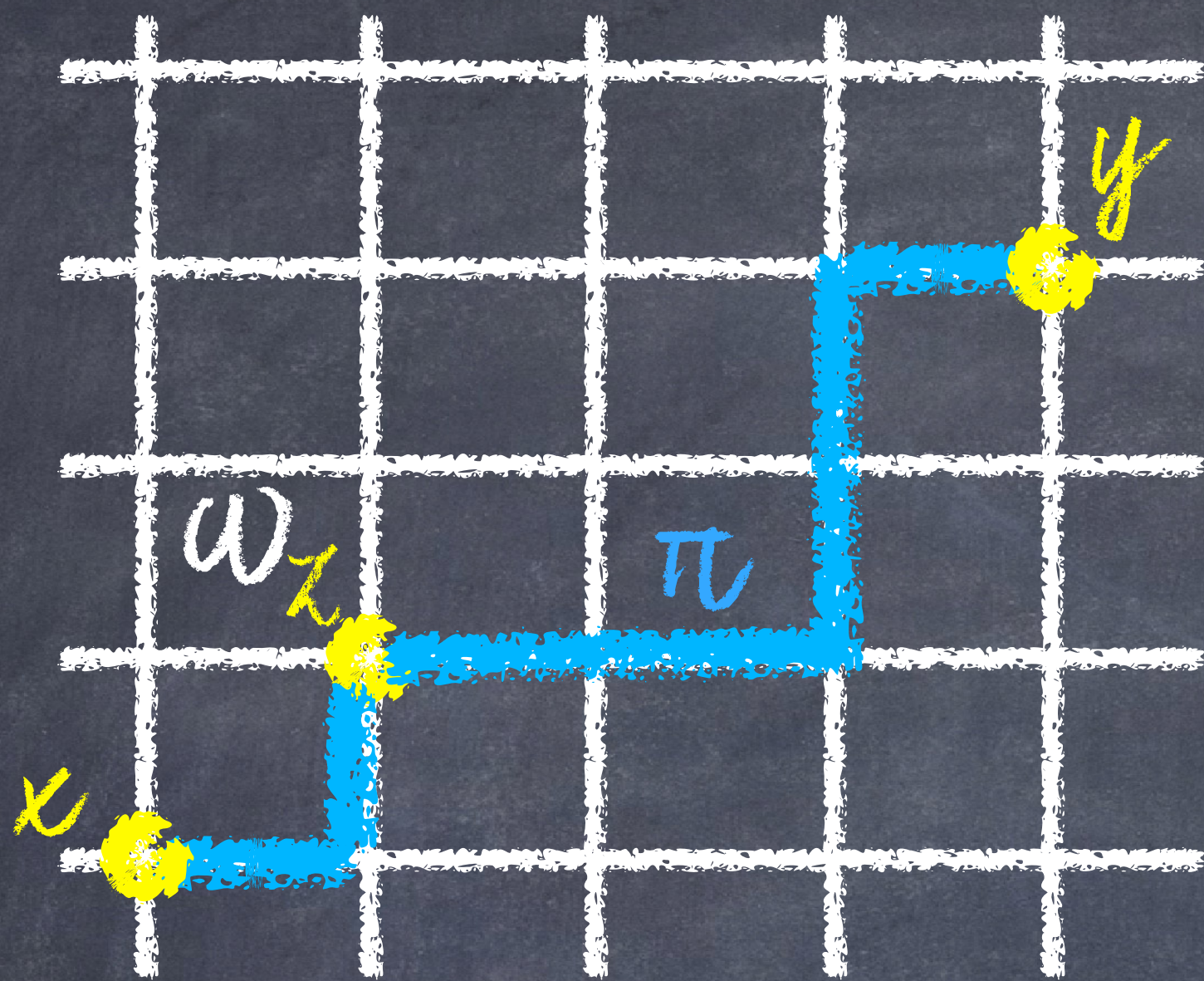


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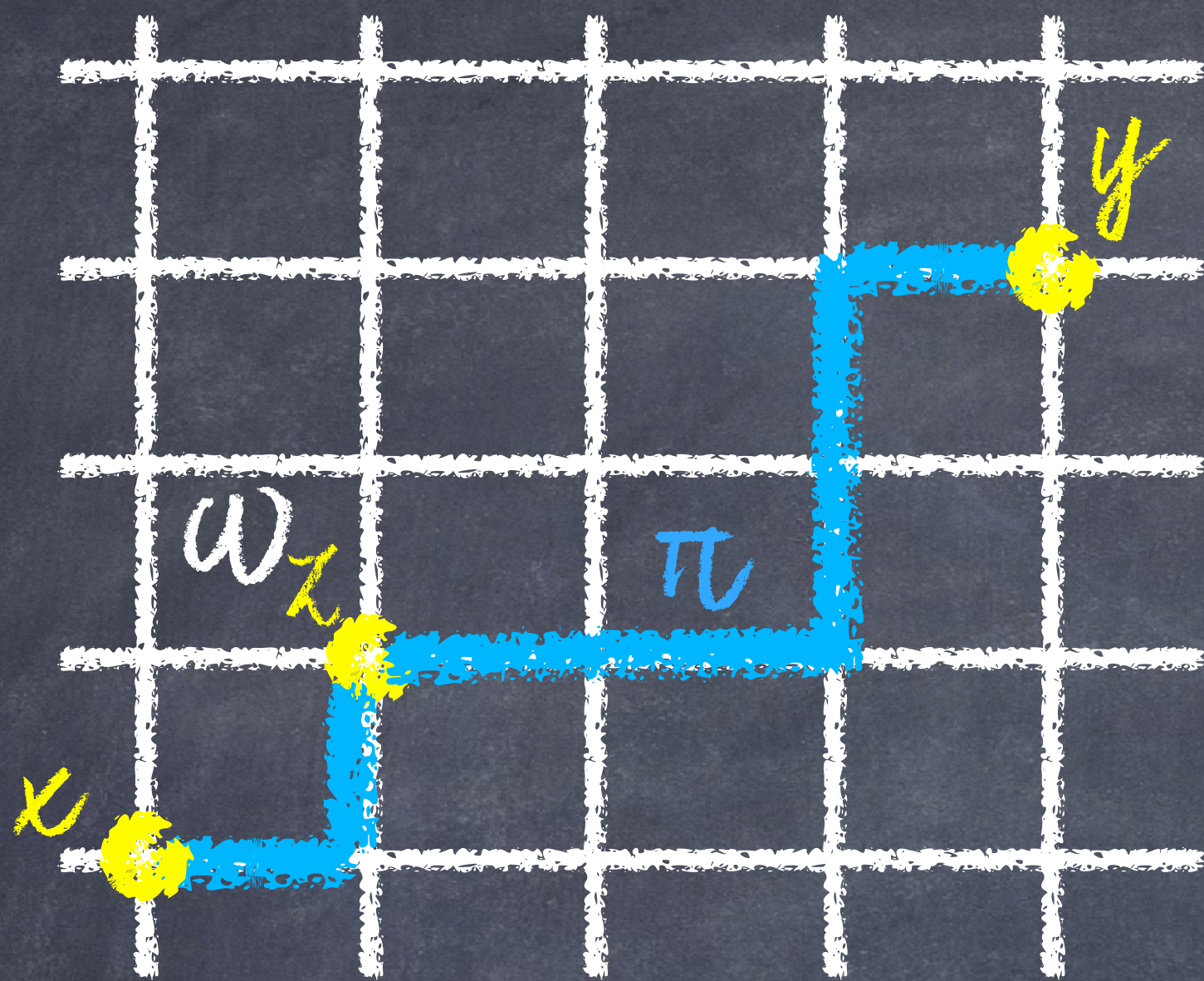
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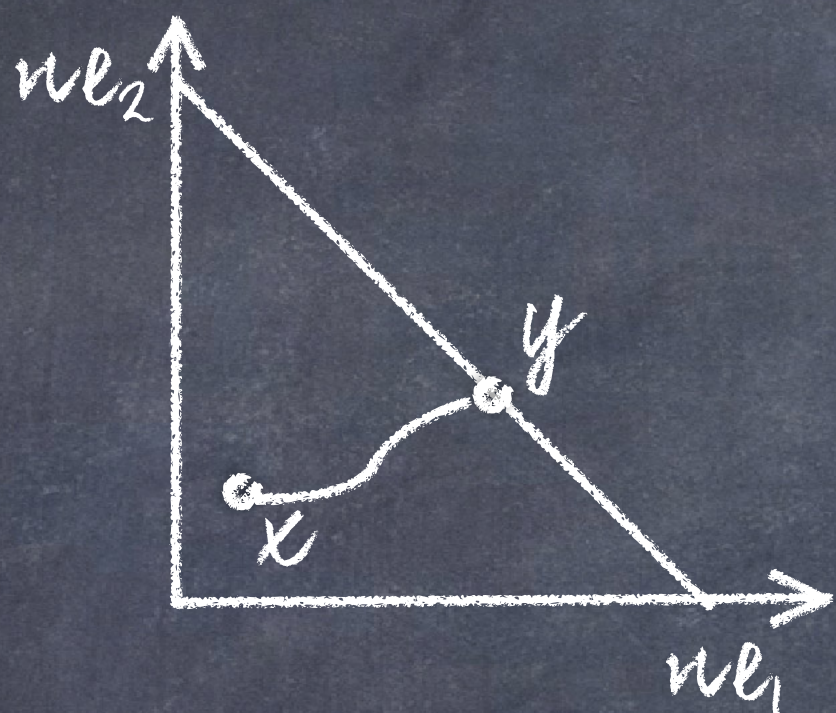
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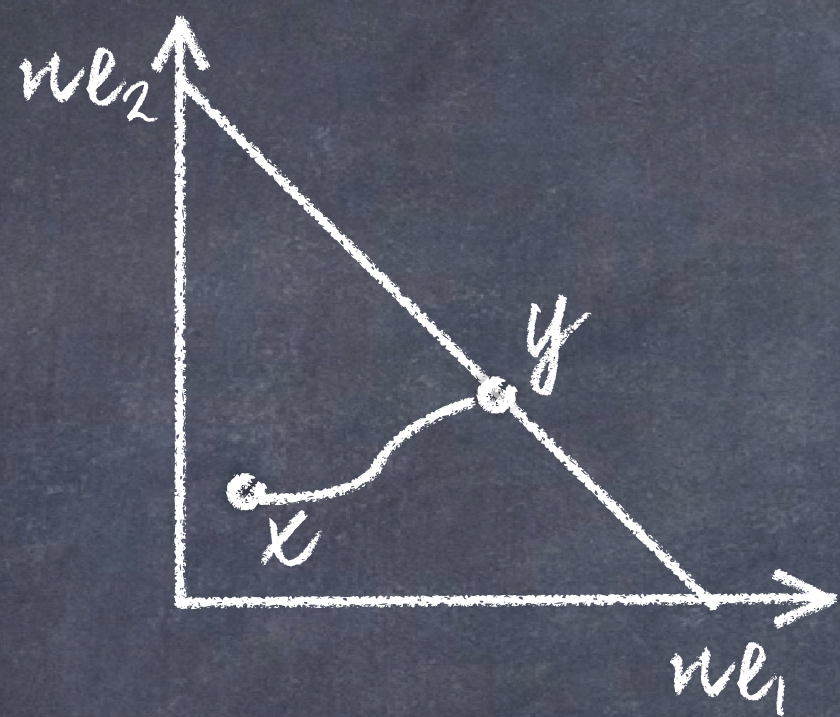
Semi-infinite geodesic: each finite piece is a geodesic



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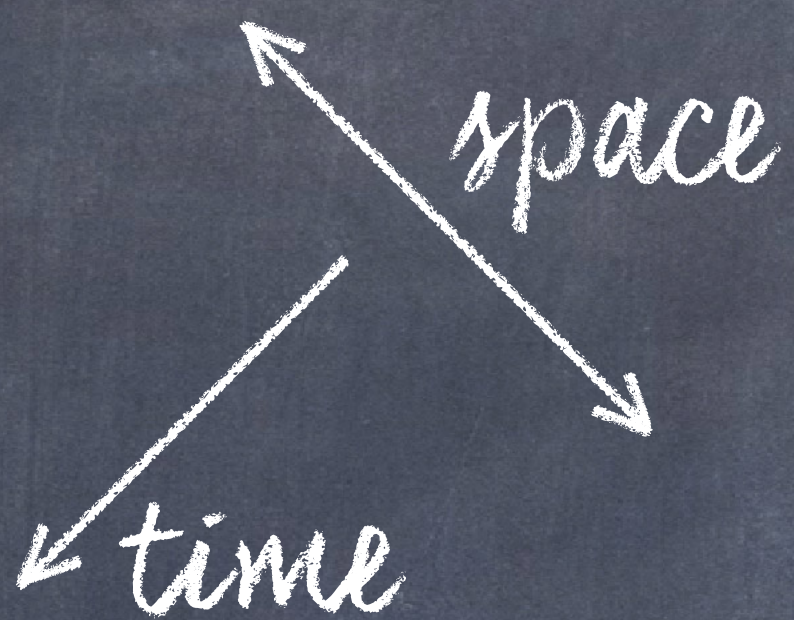
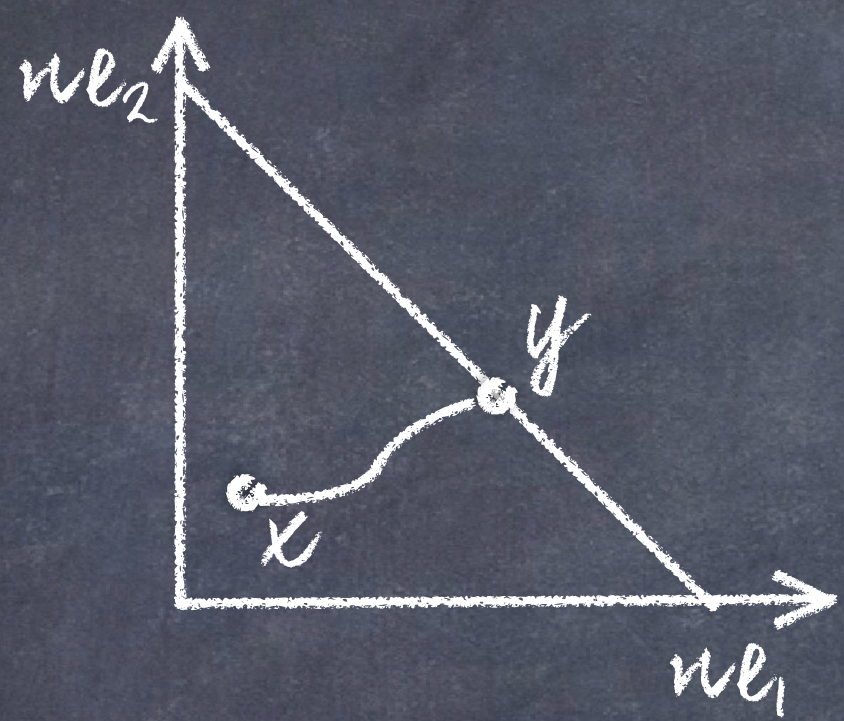
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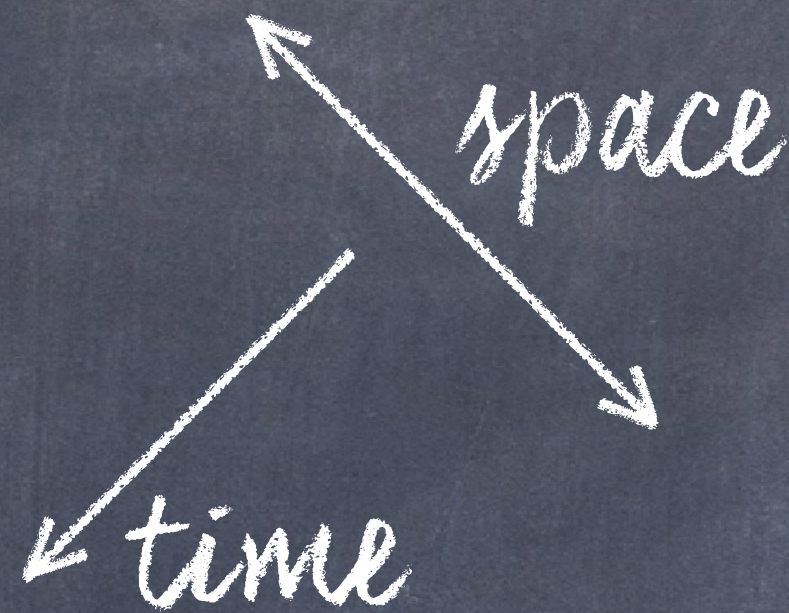
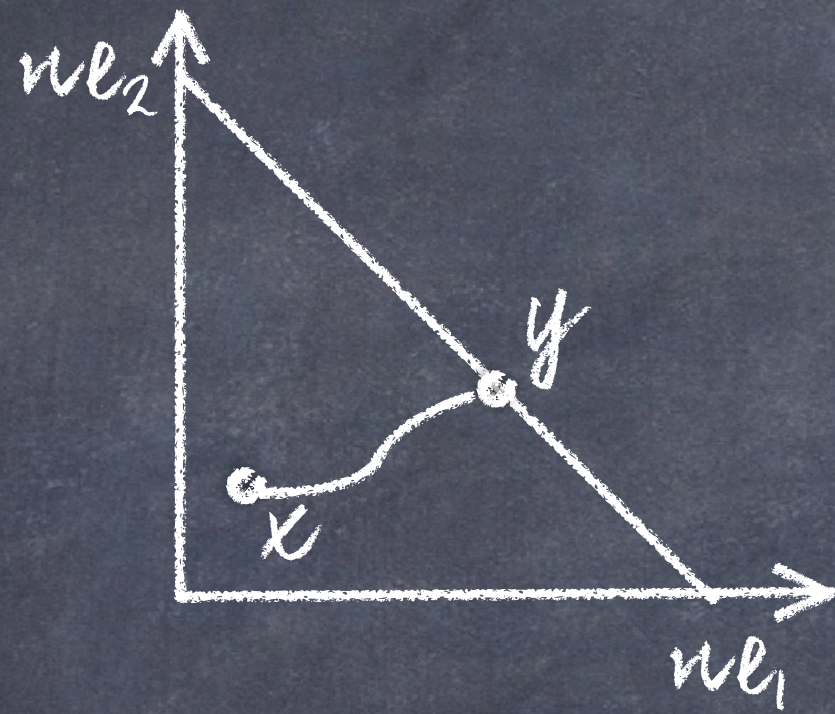
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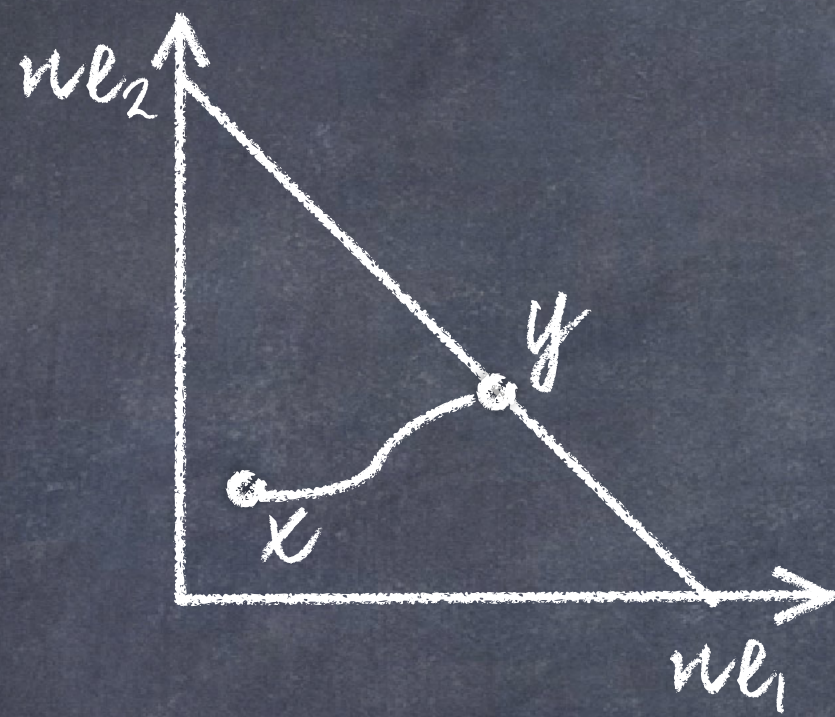
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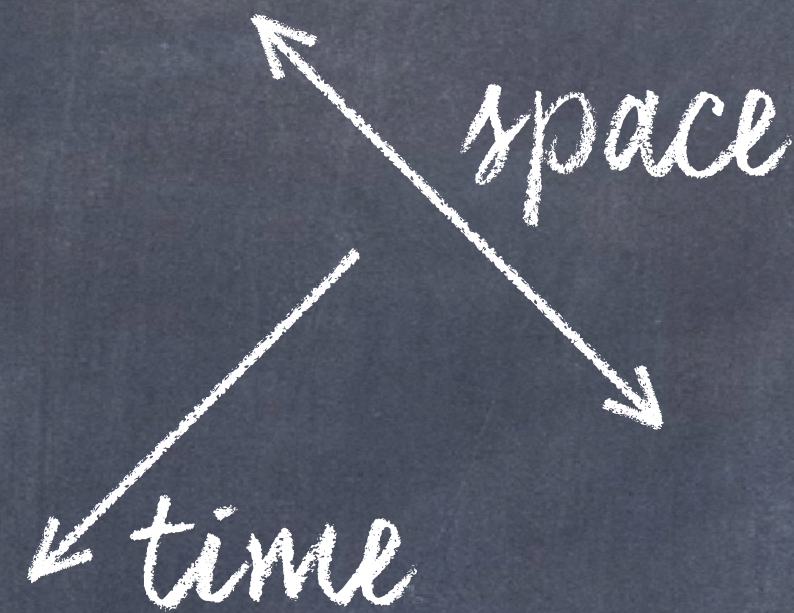
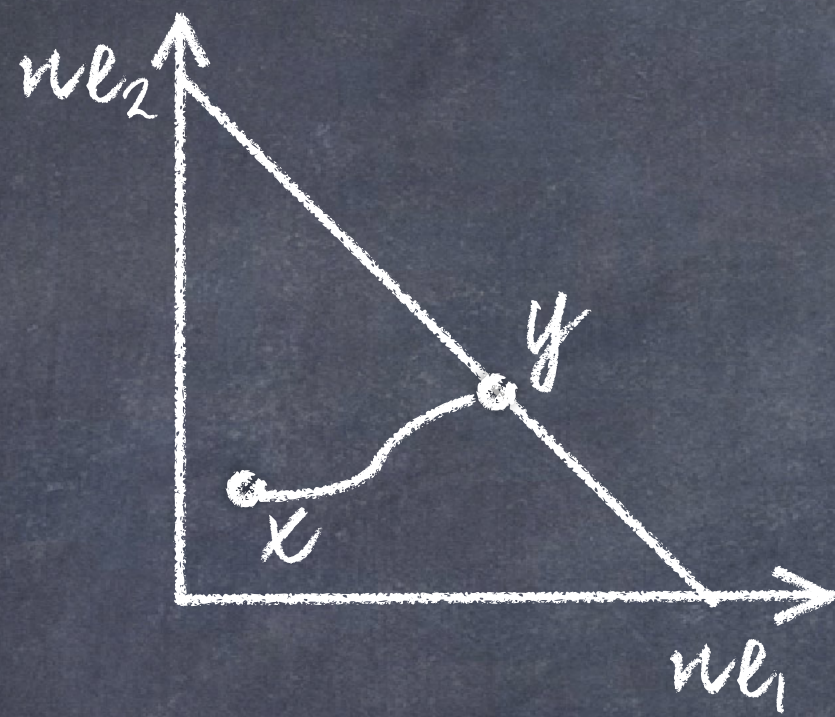


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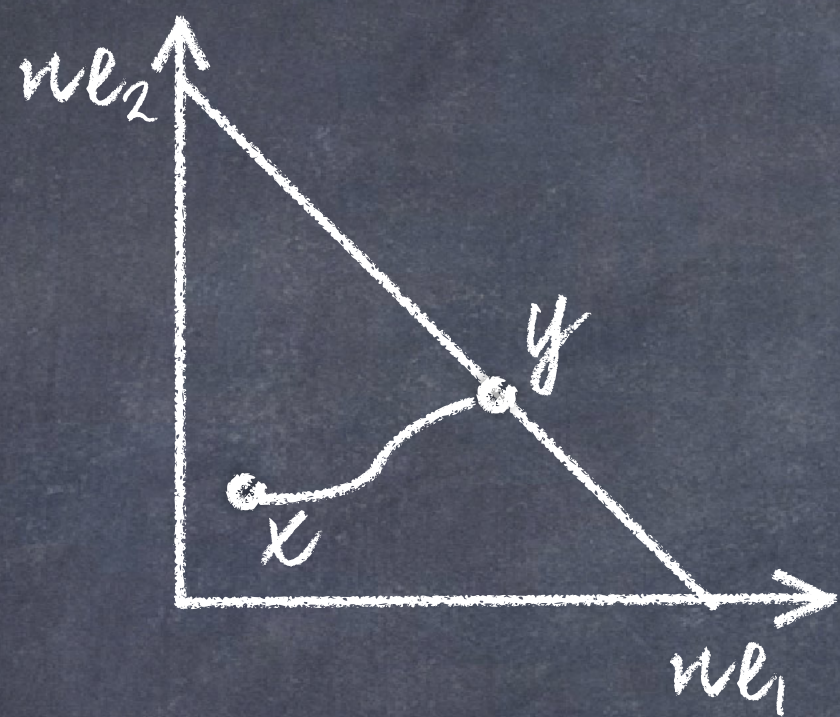
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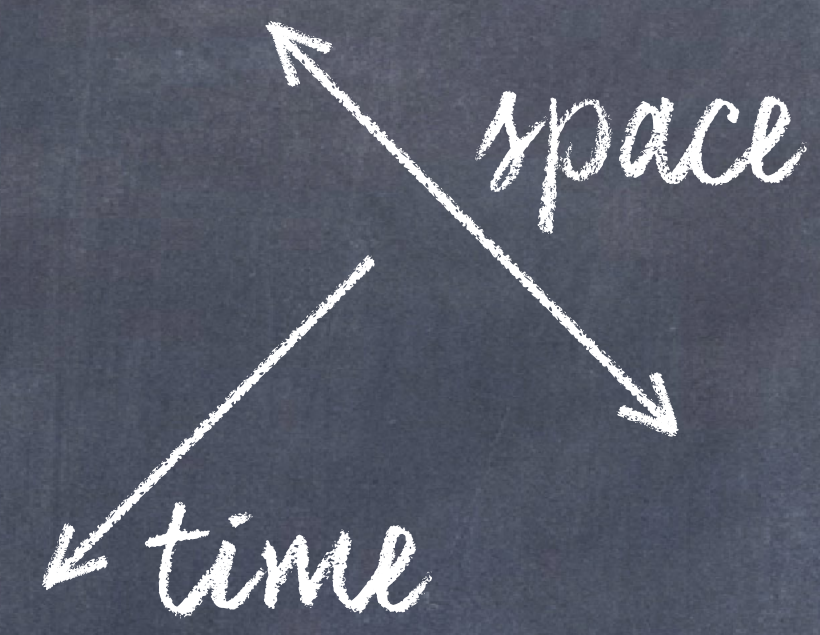
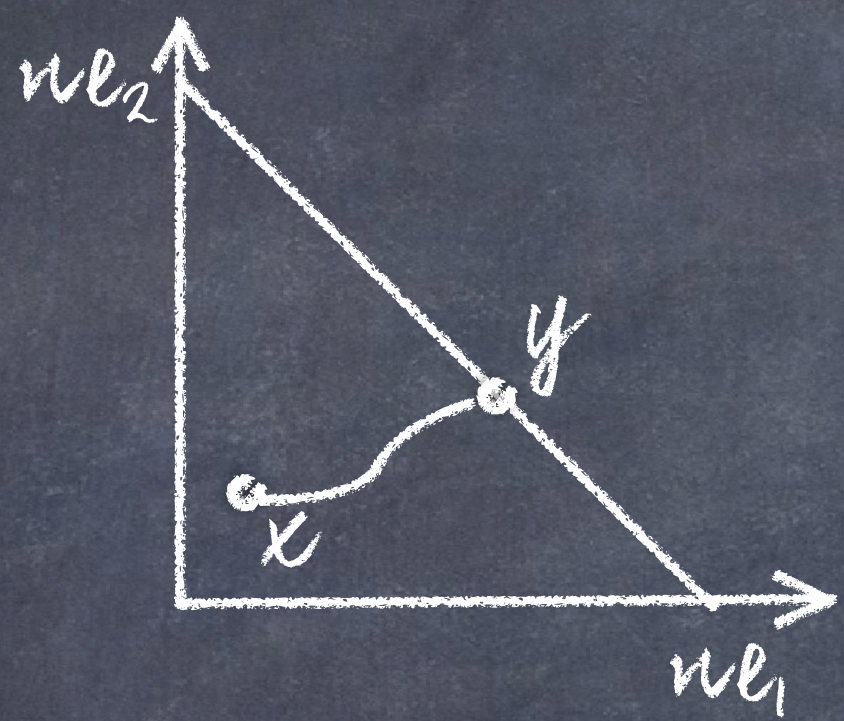


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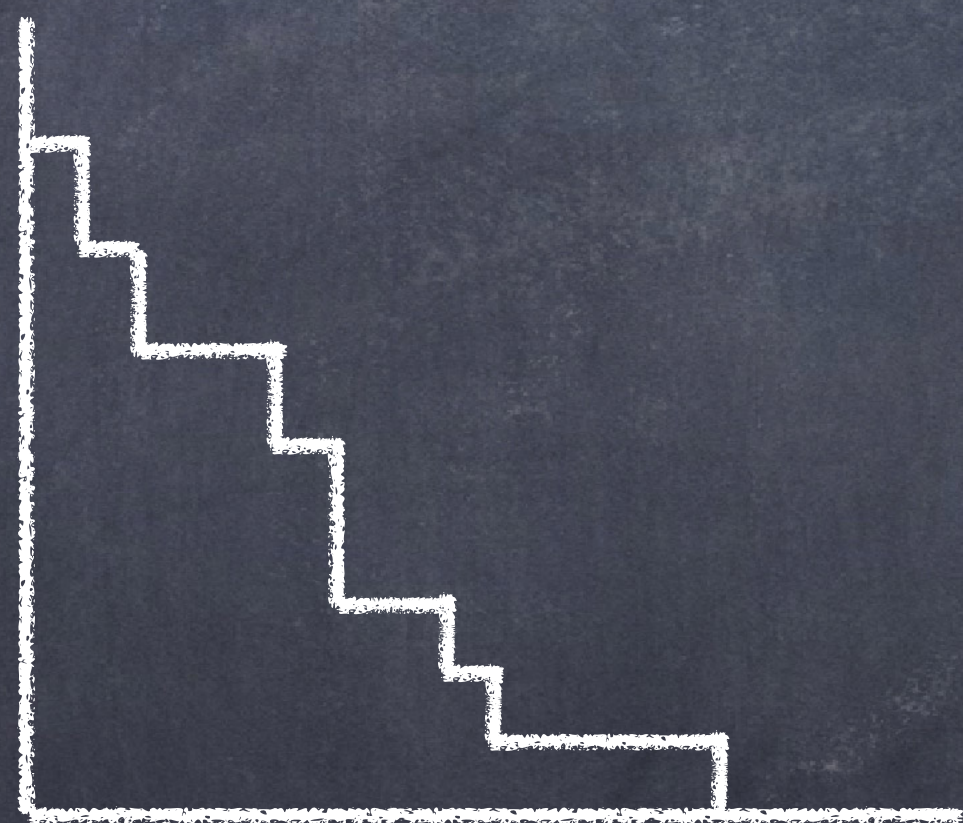
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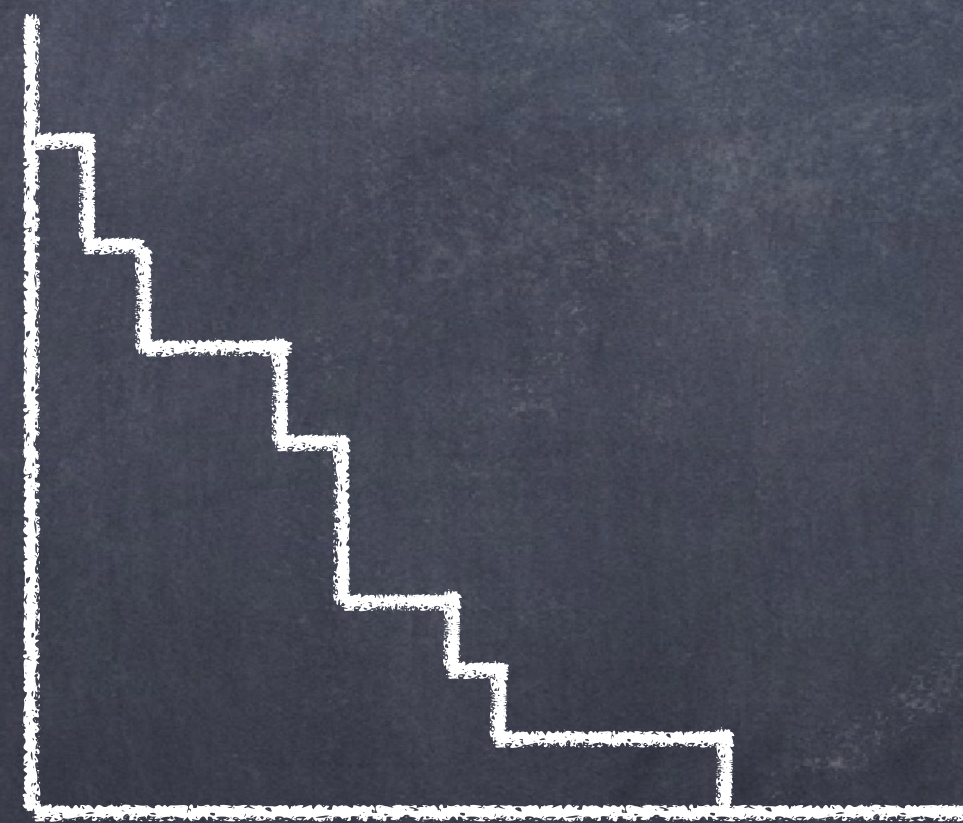


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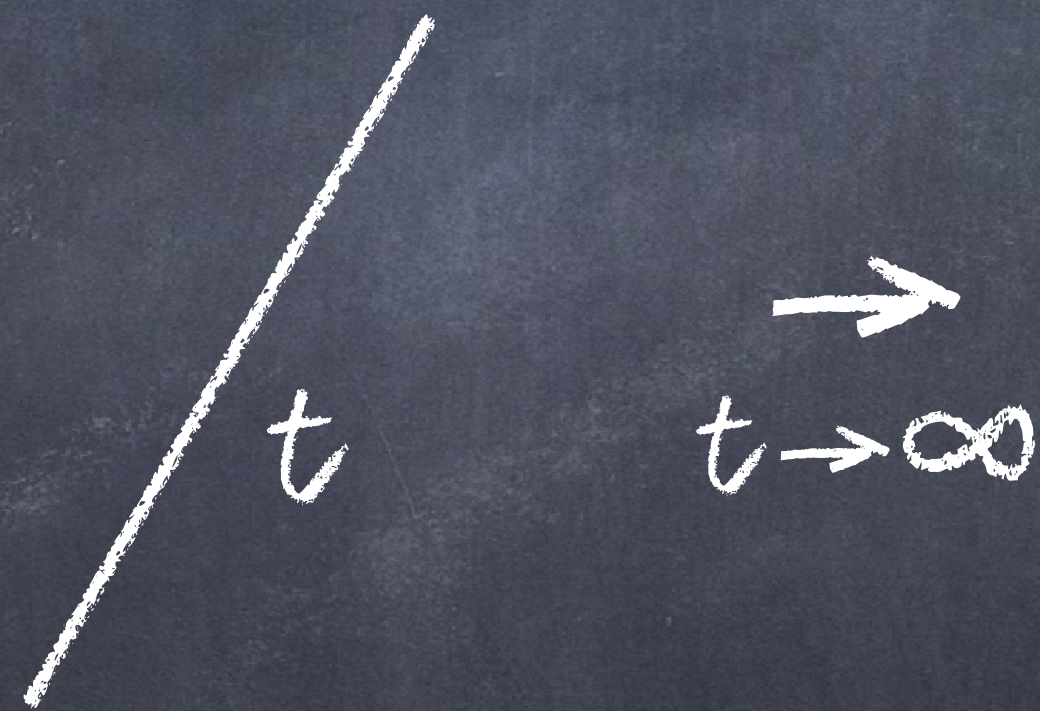
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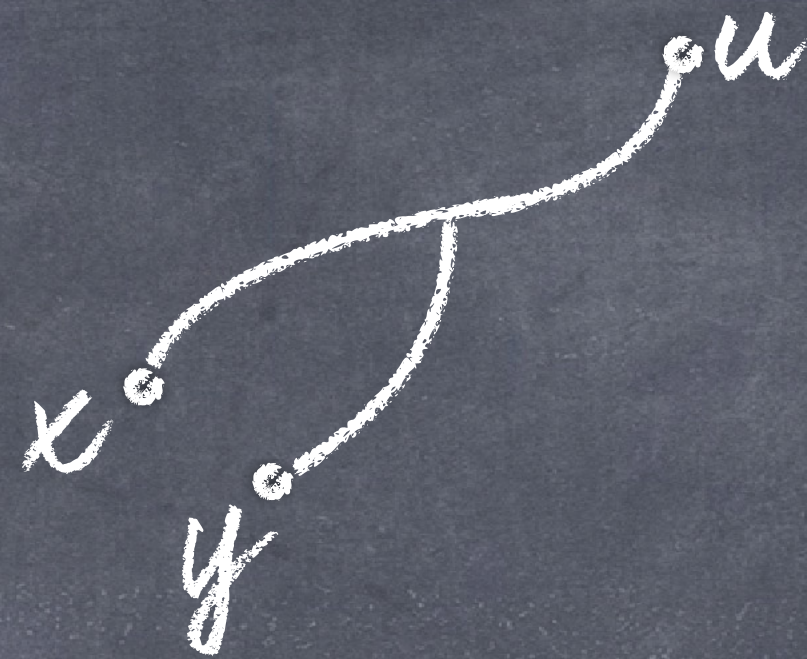
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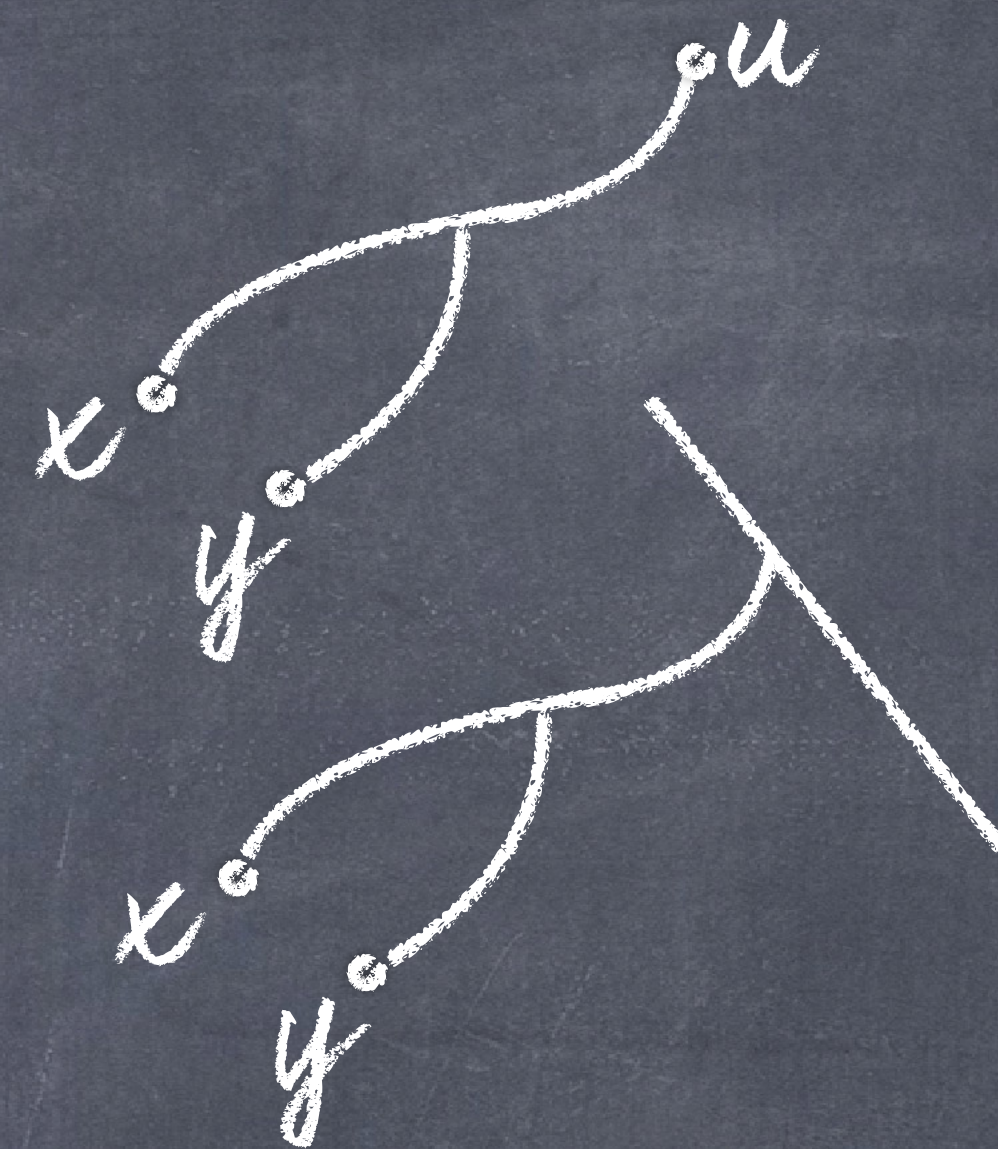
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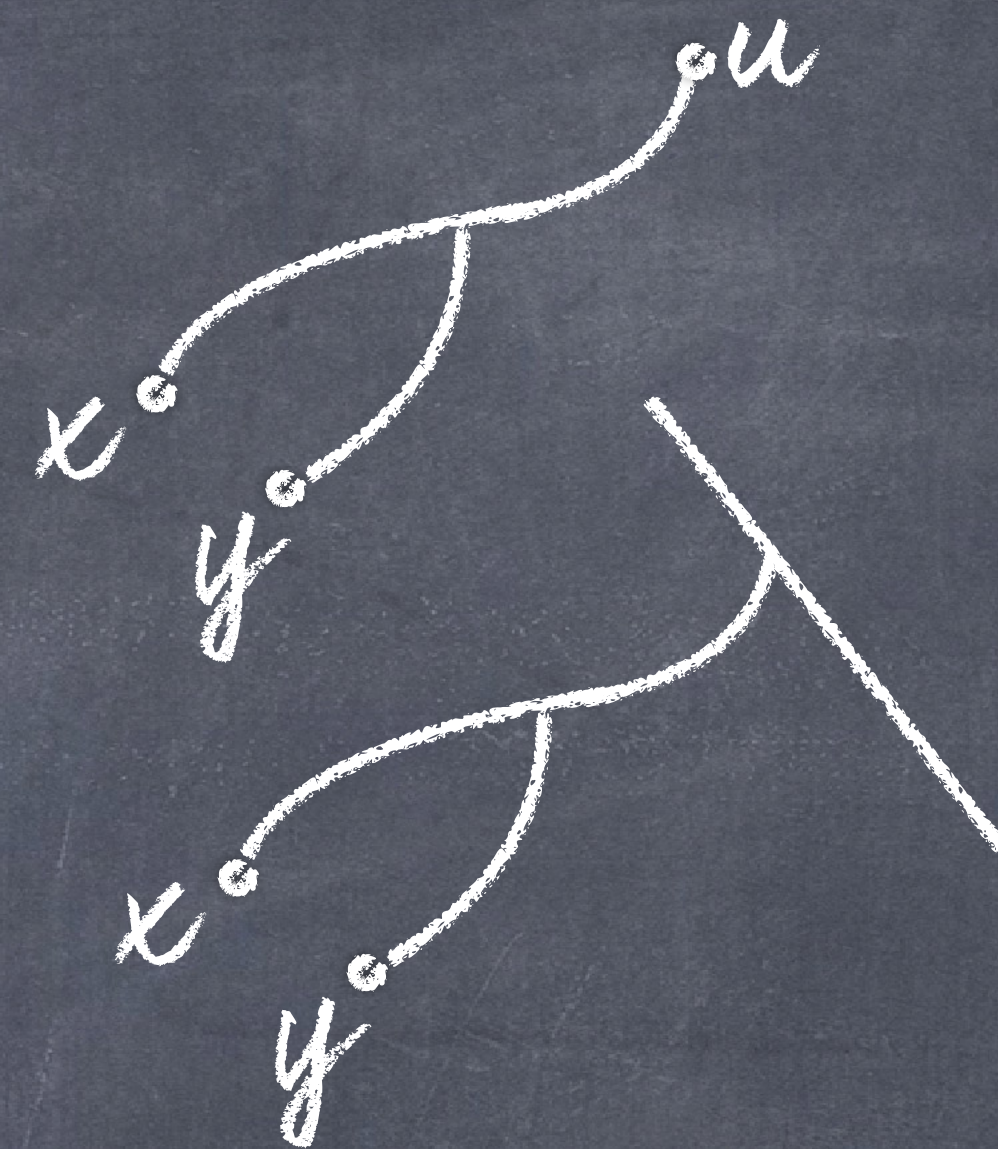
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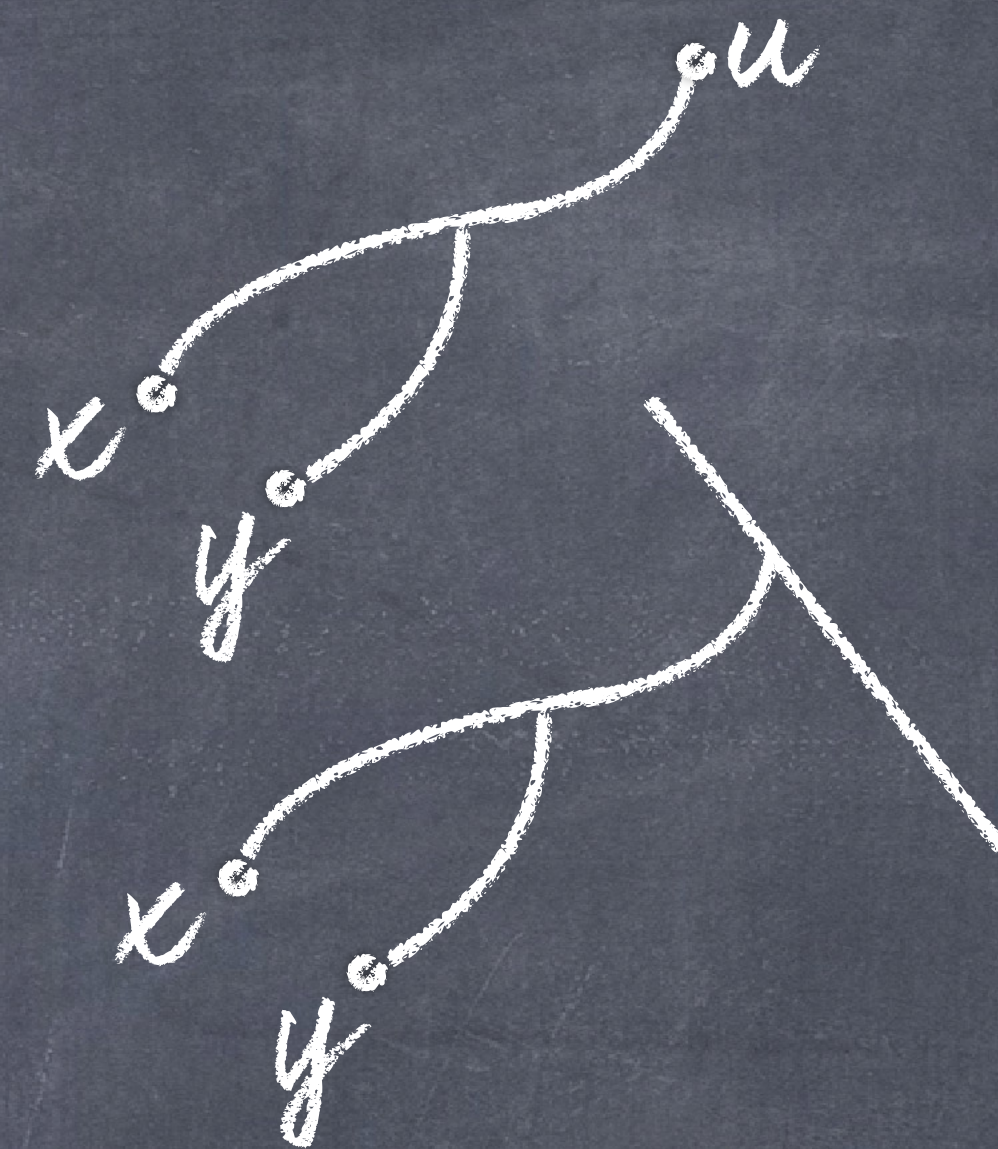


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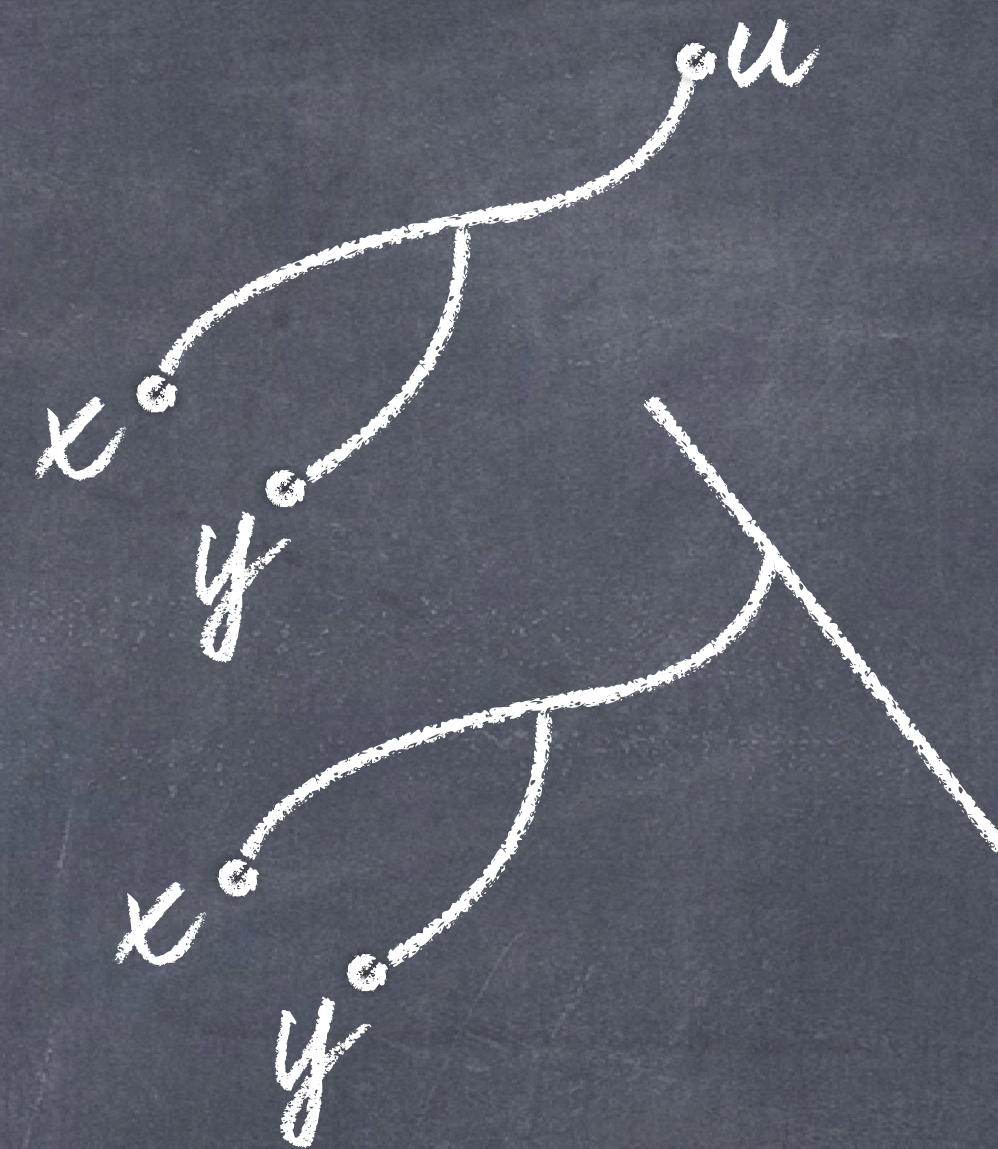


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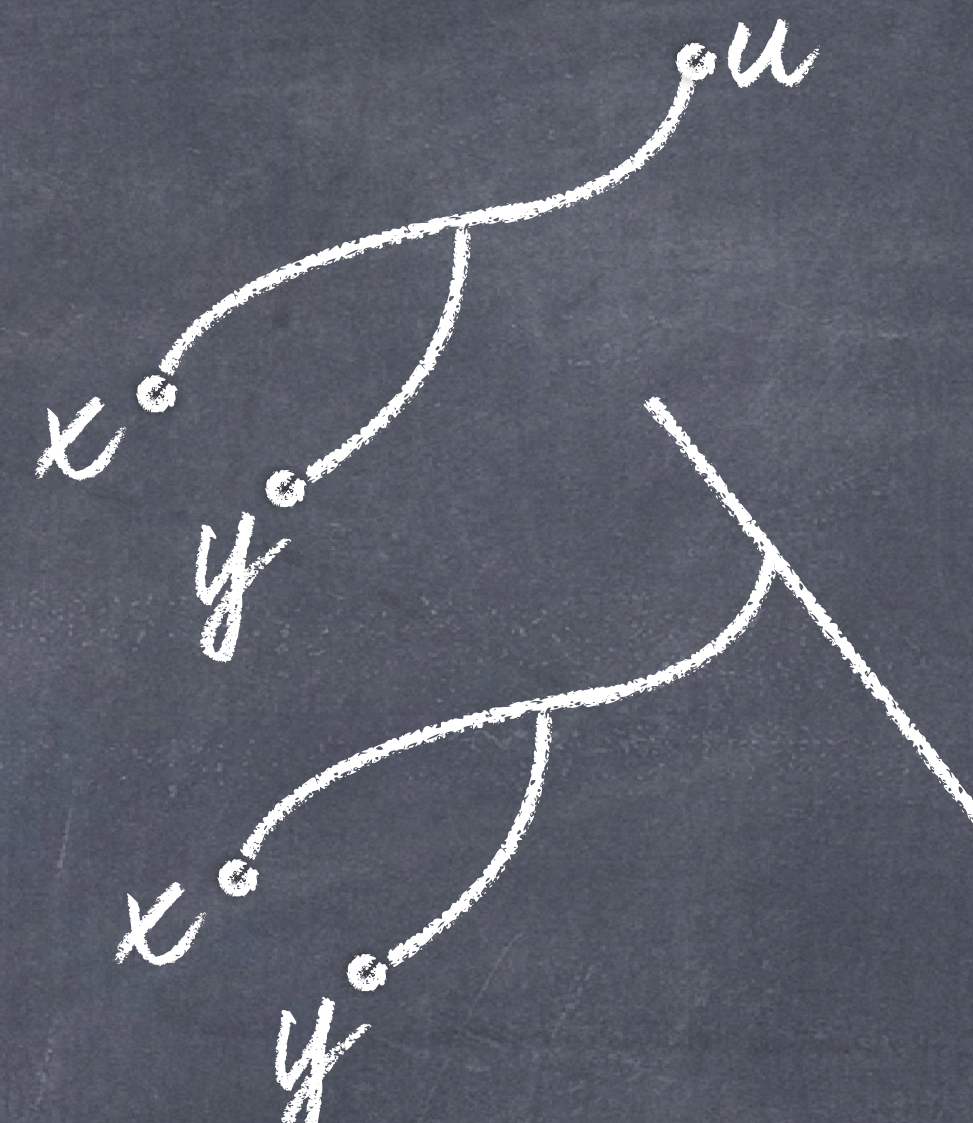
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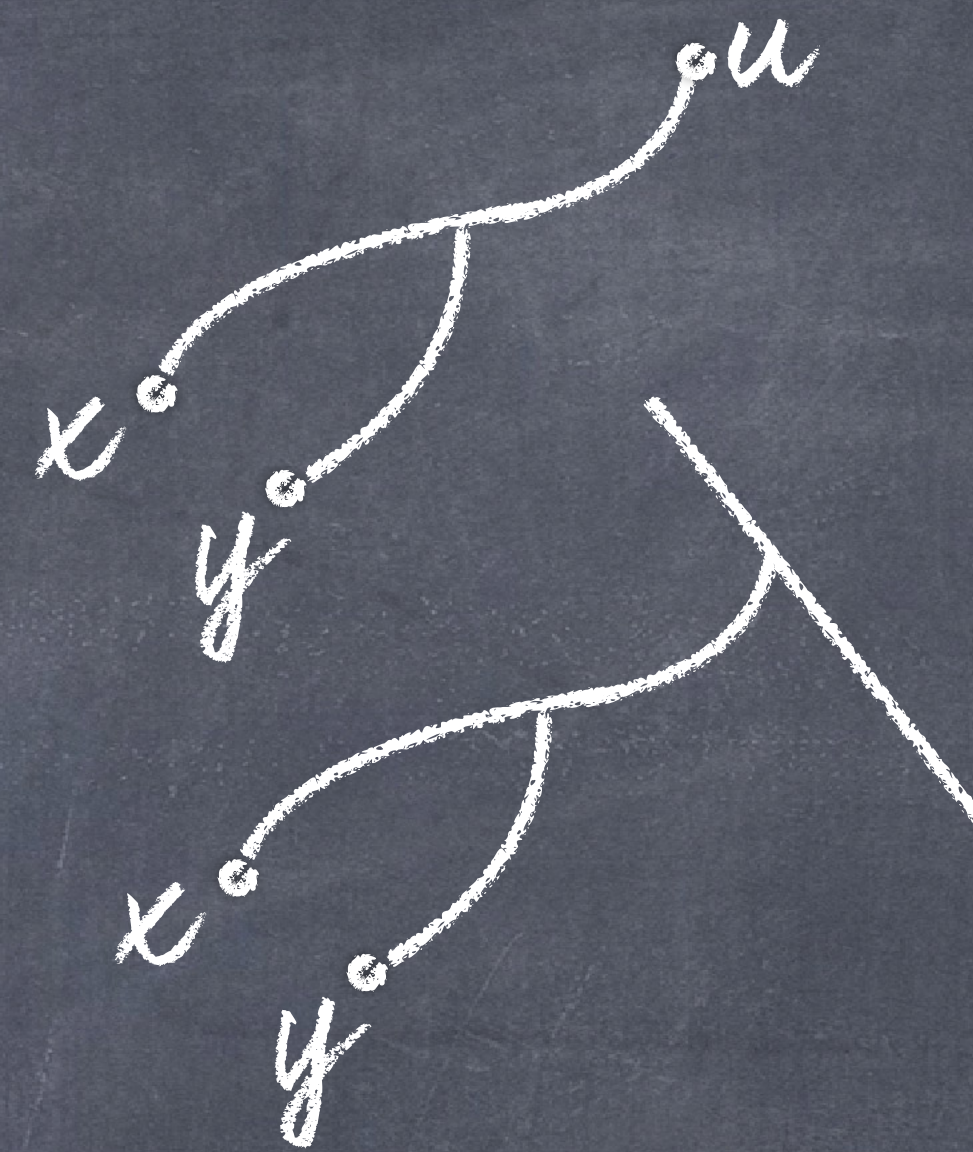
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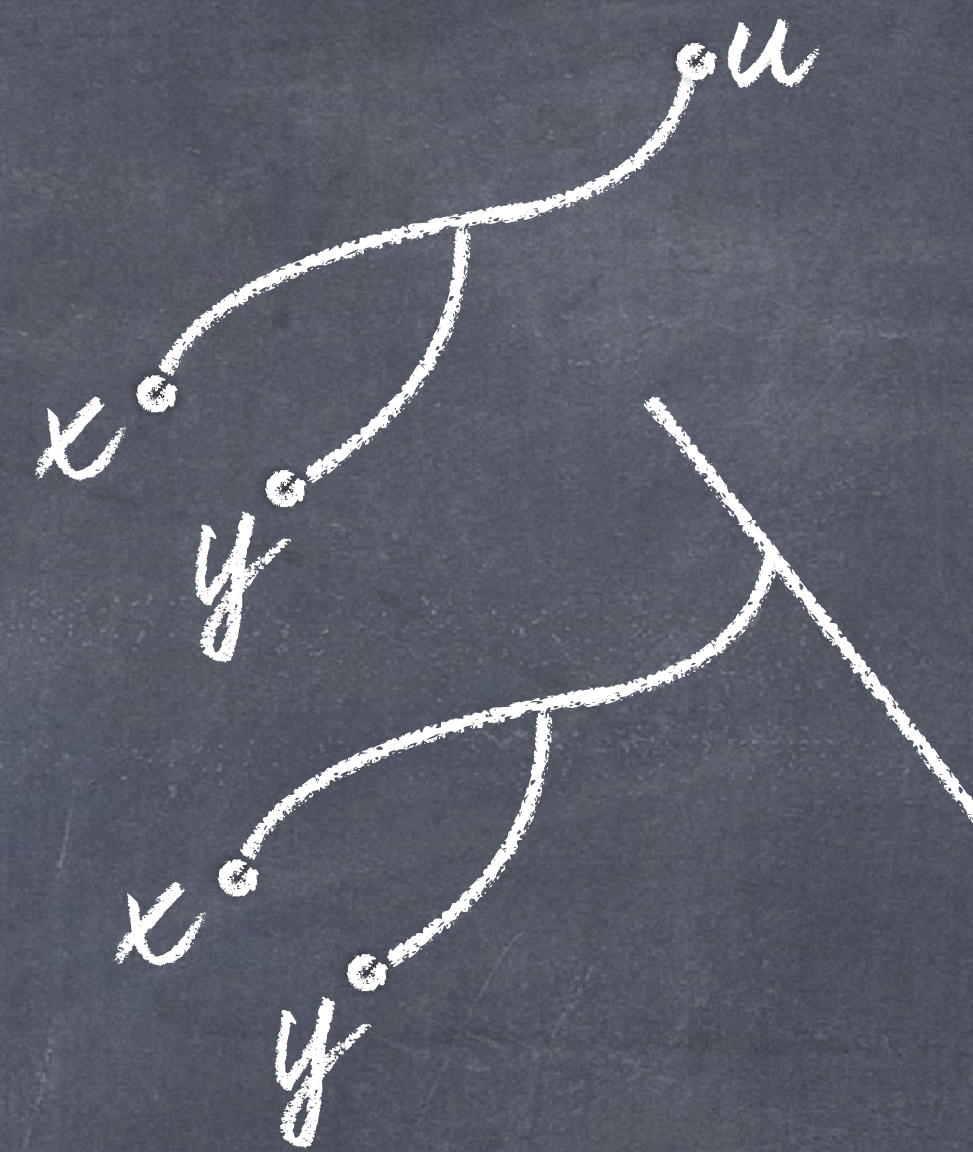


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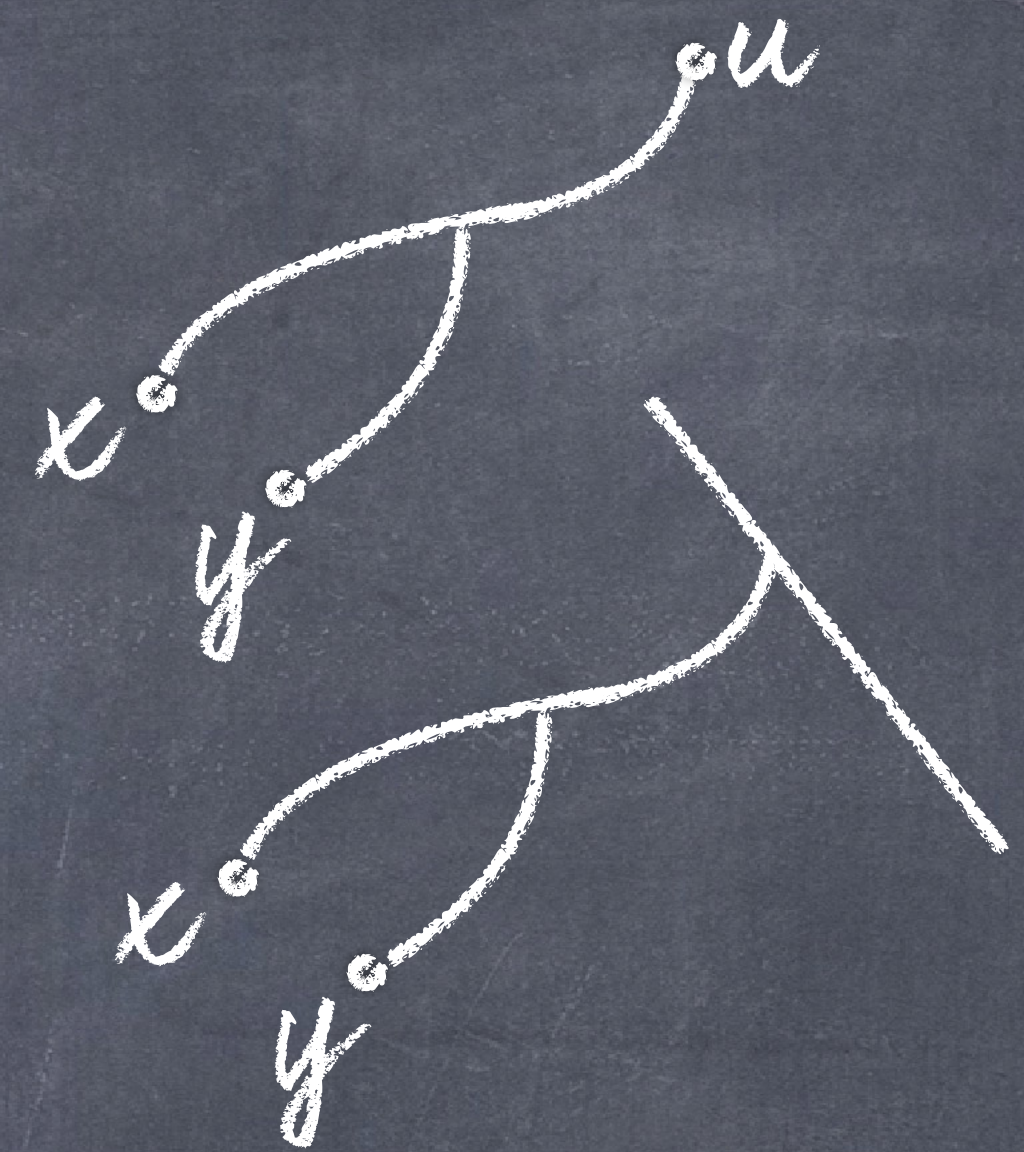
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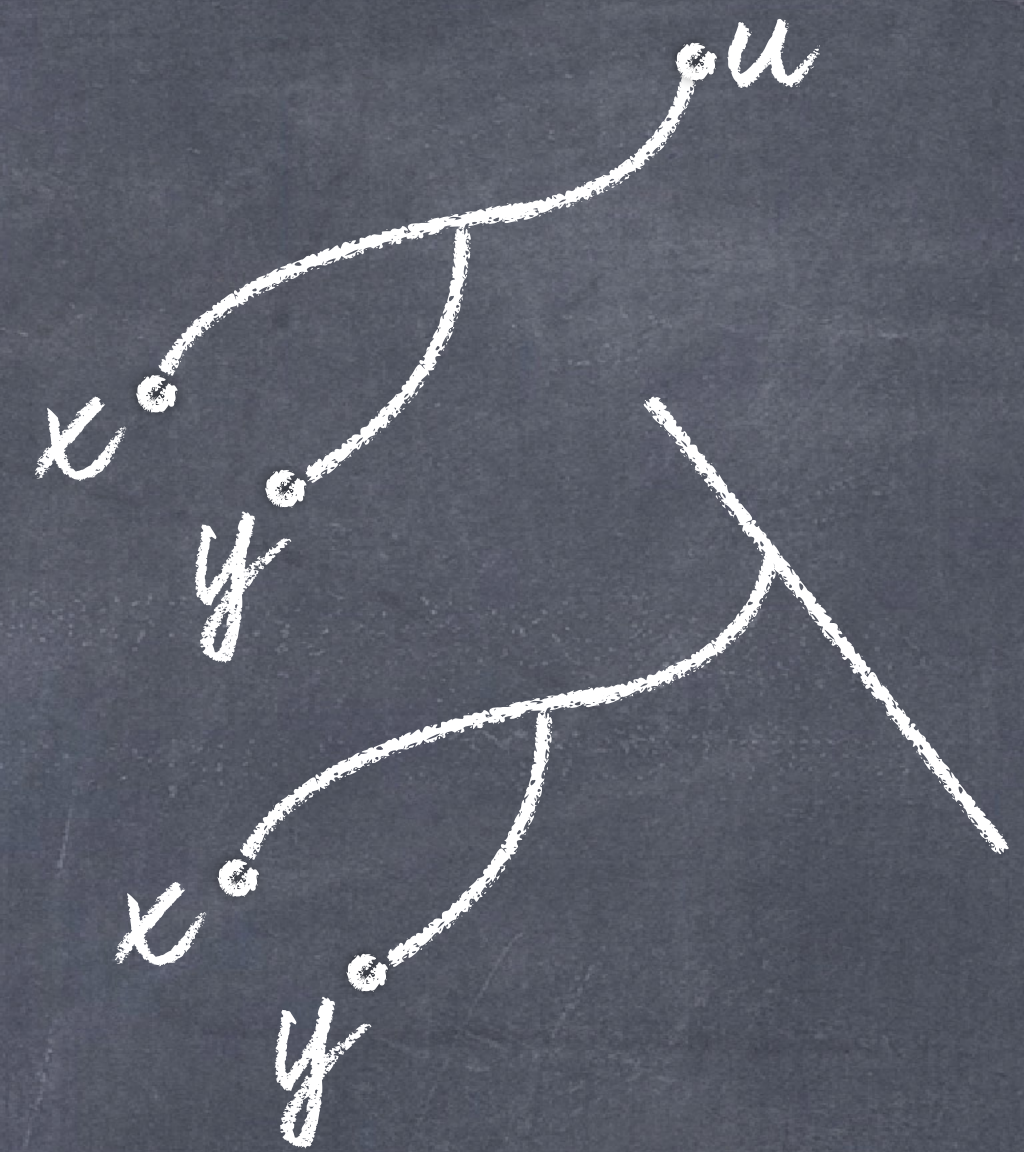


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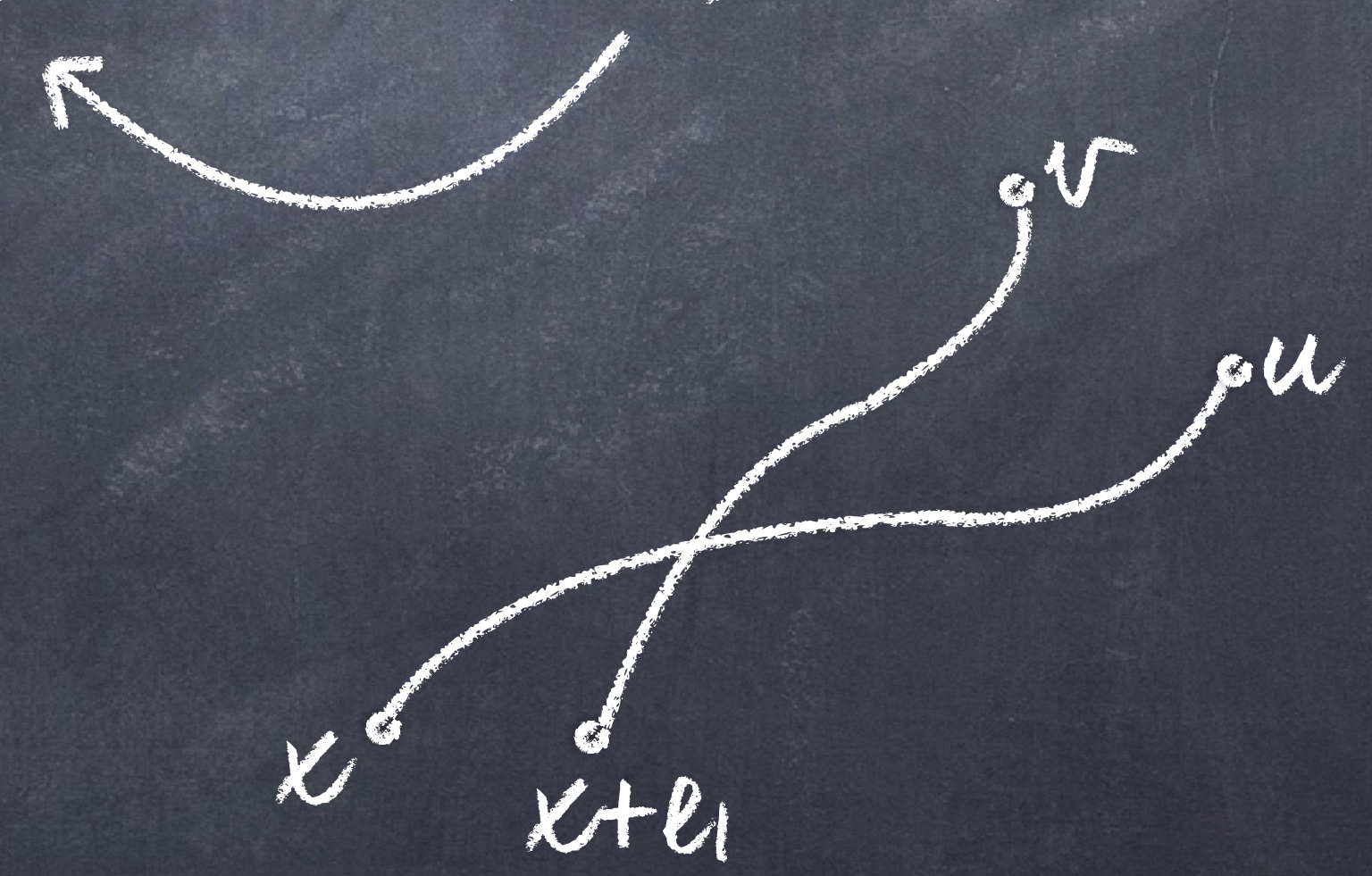


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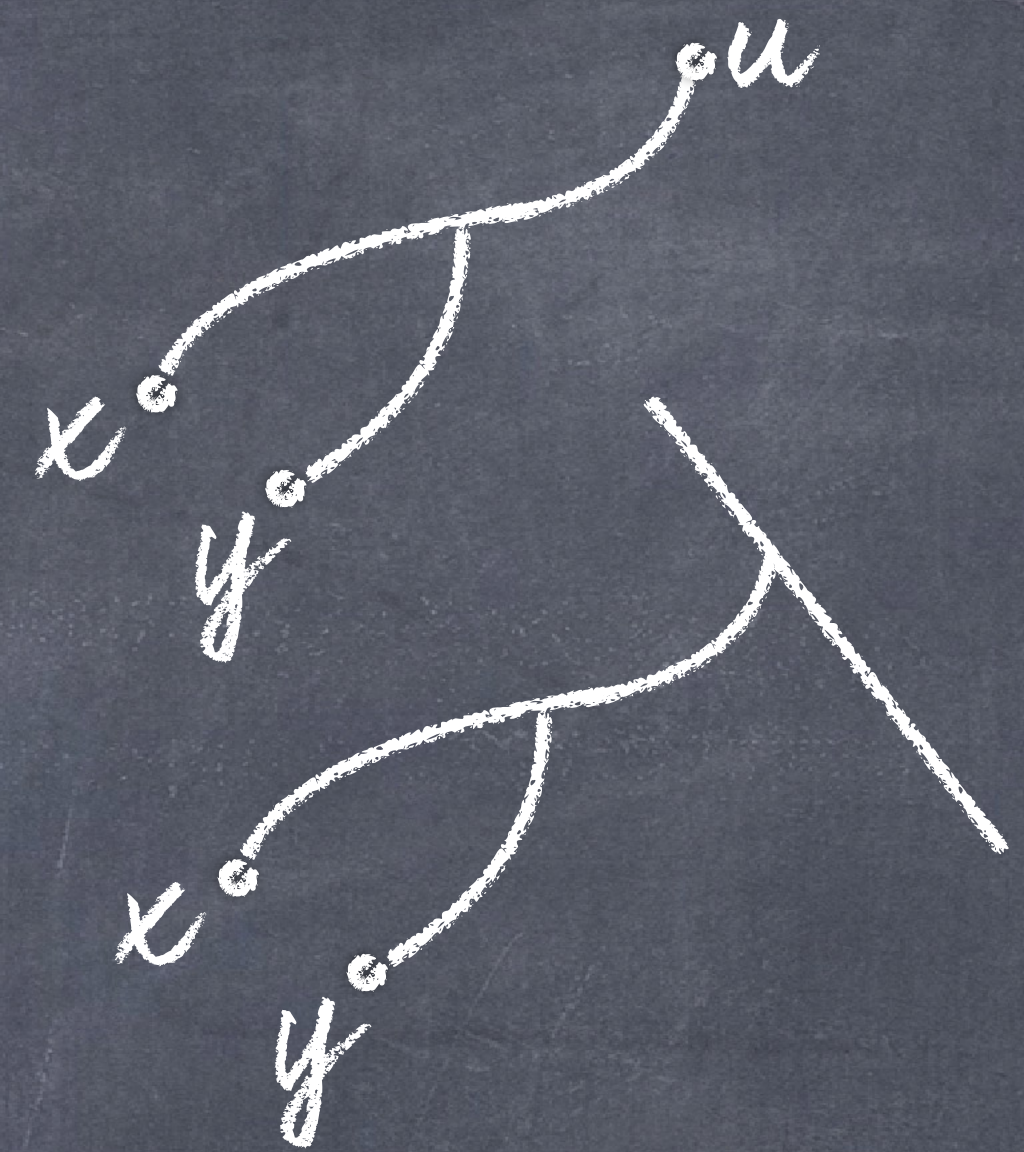
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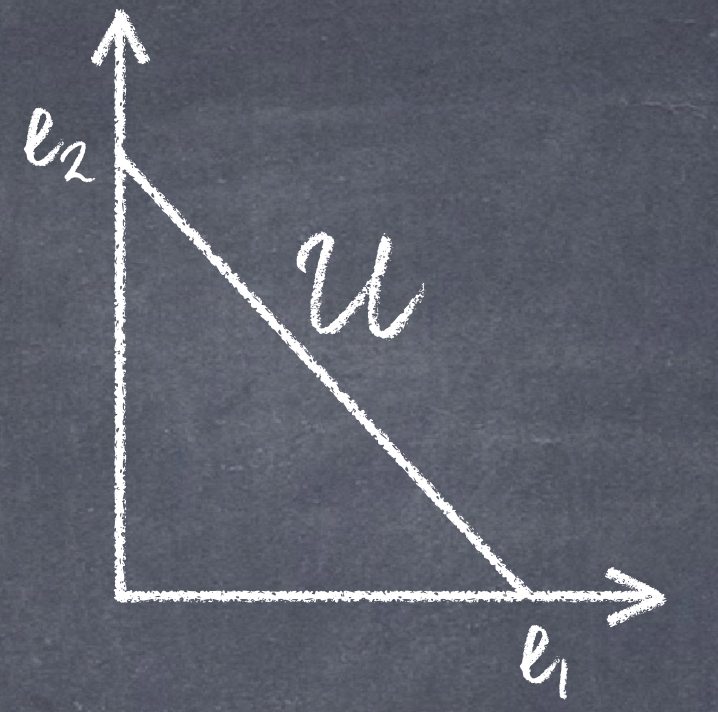


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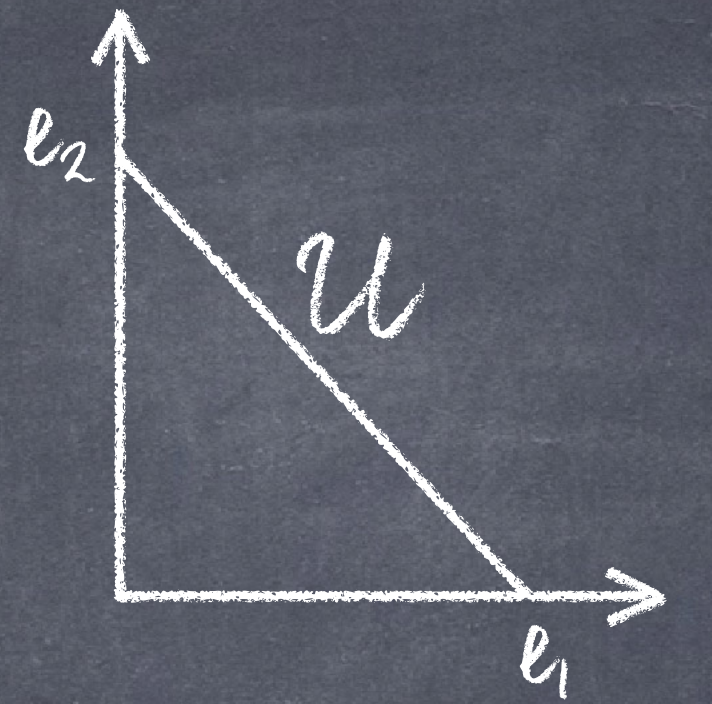
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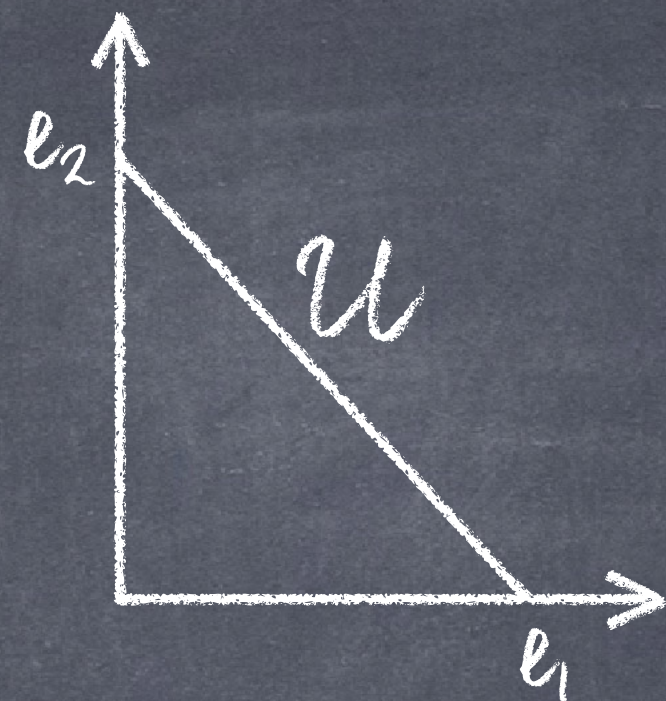


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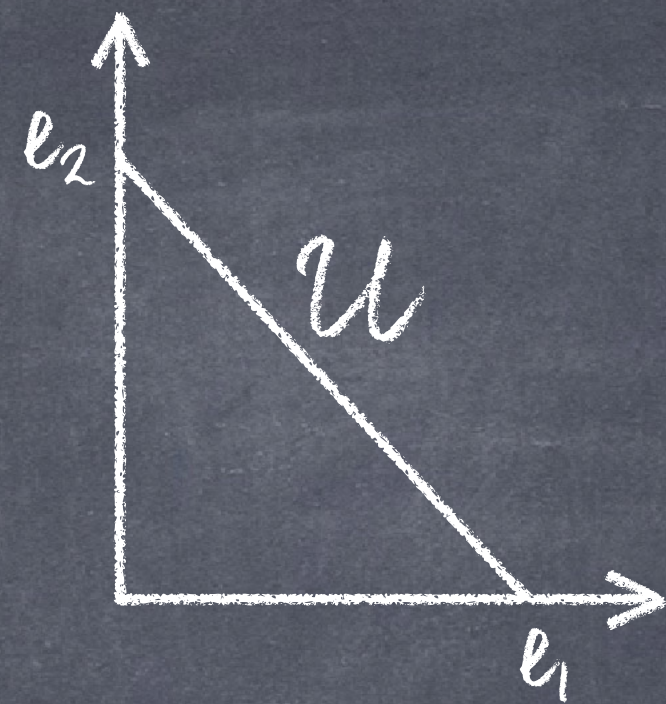
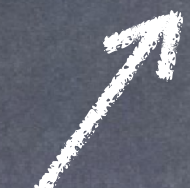
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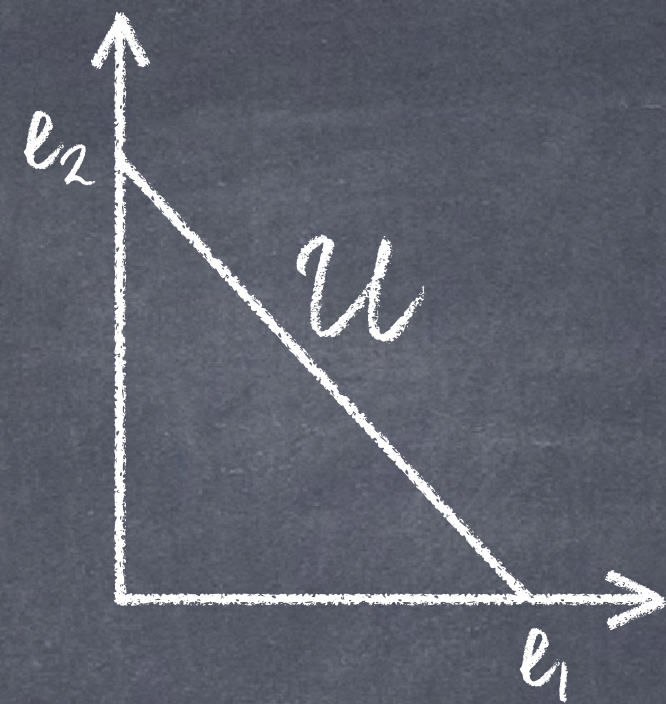


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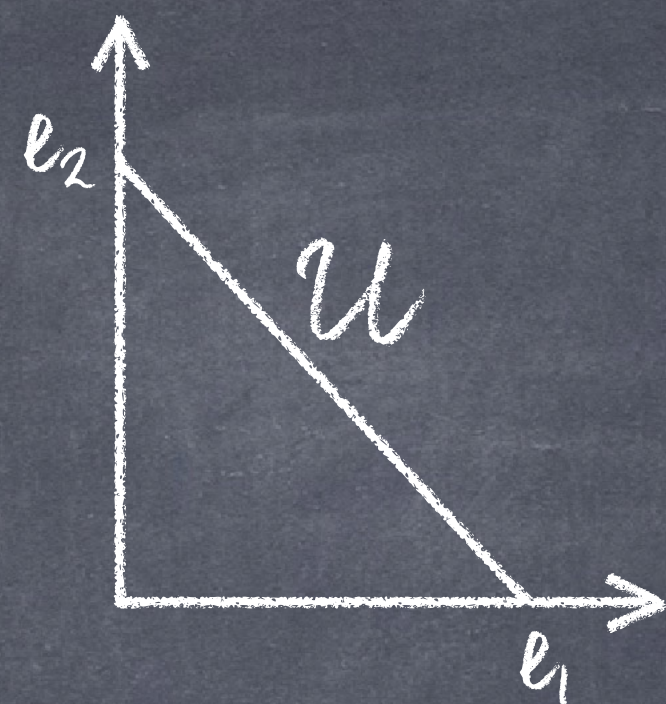
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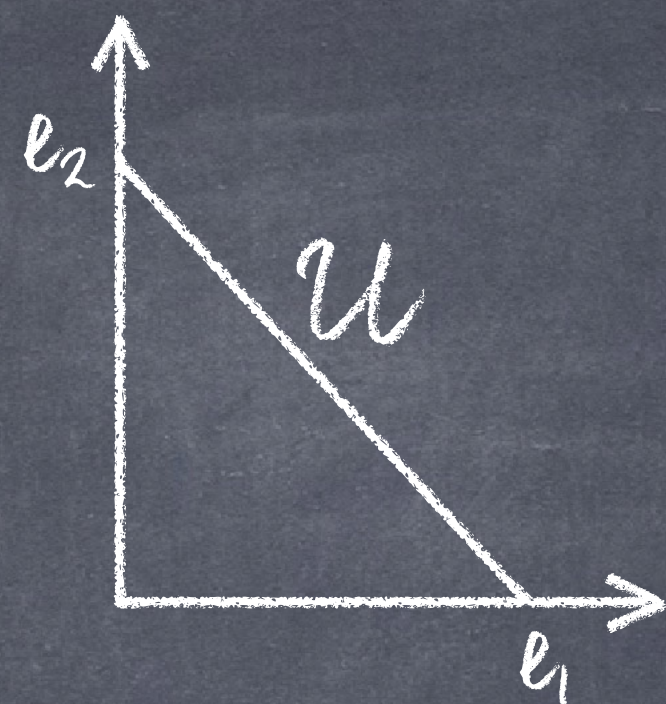


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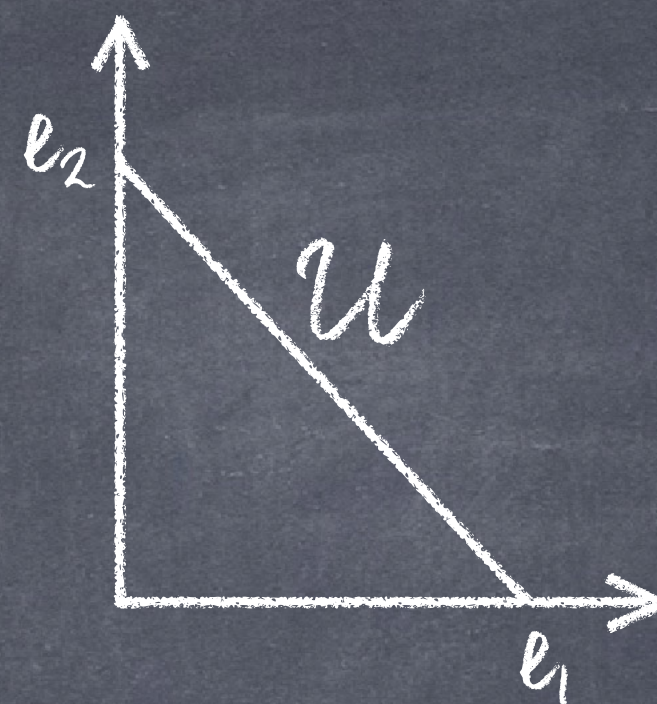
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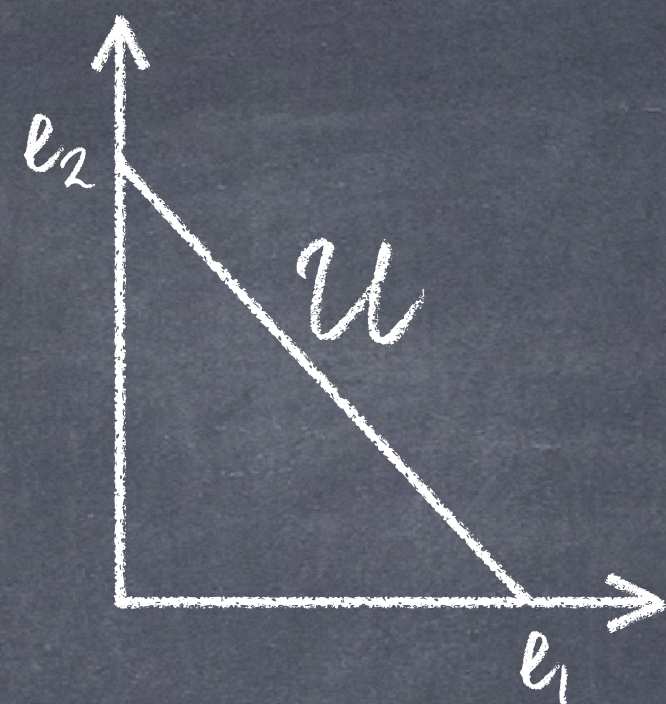
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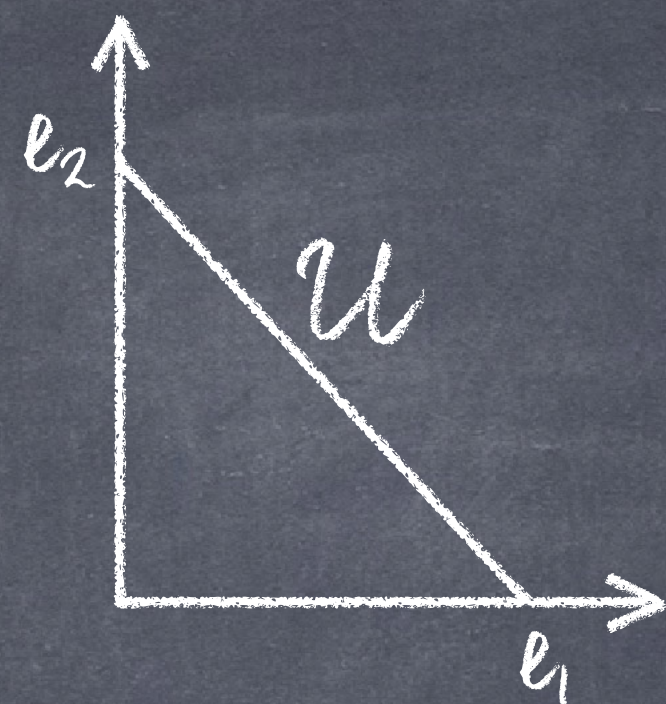
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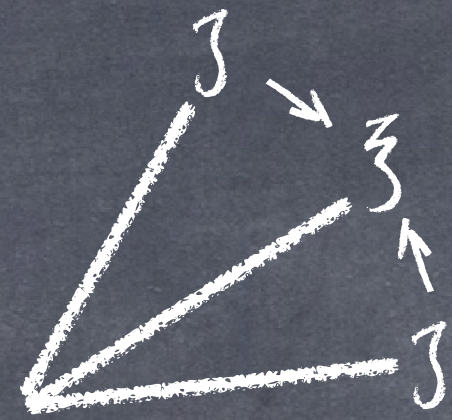
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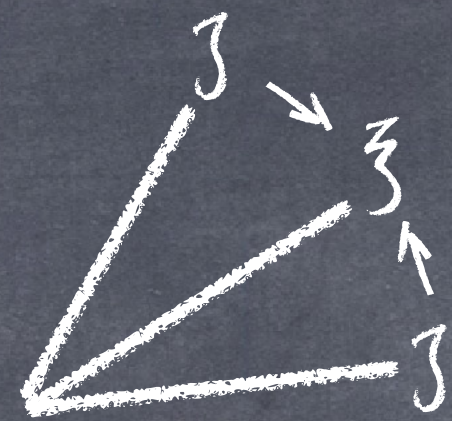


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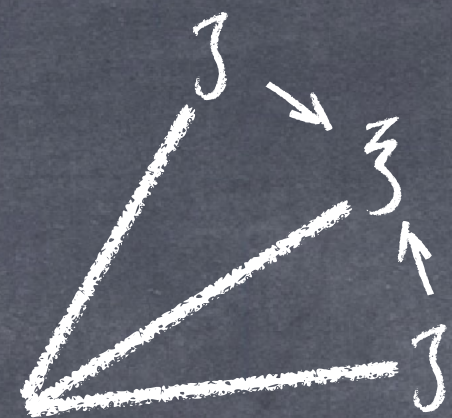
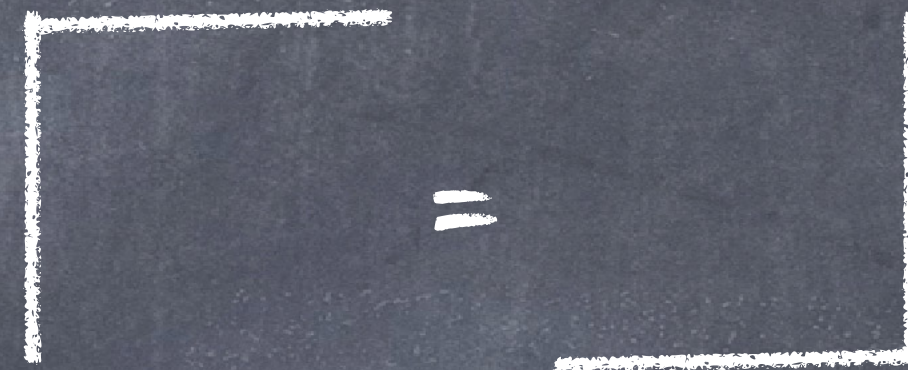
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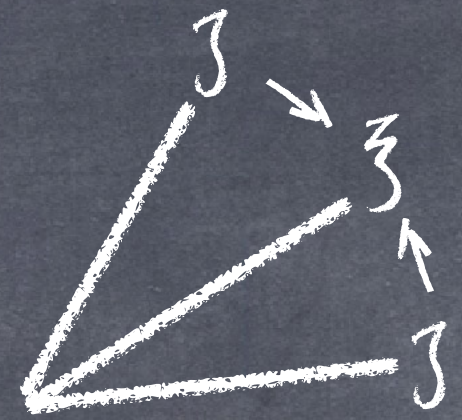
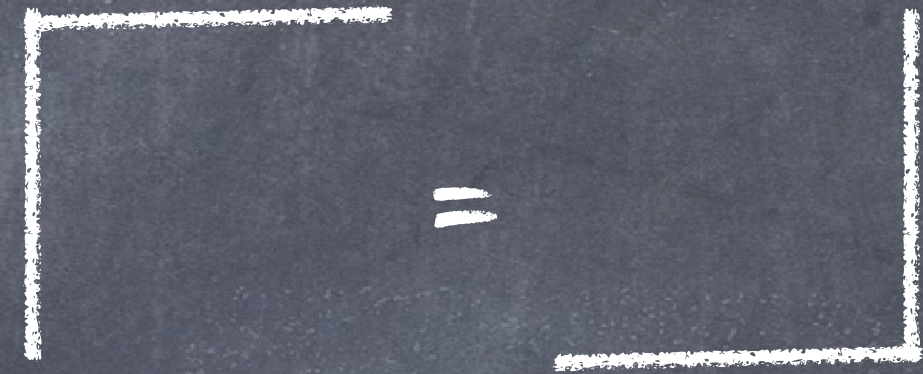
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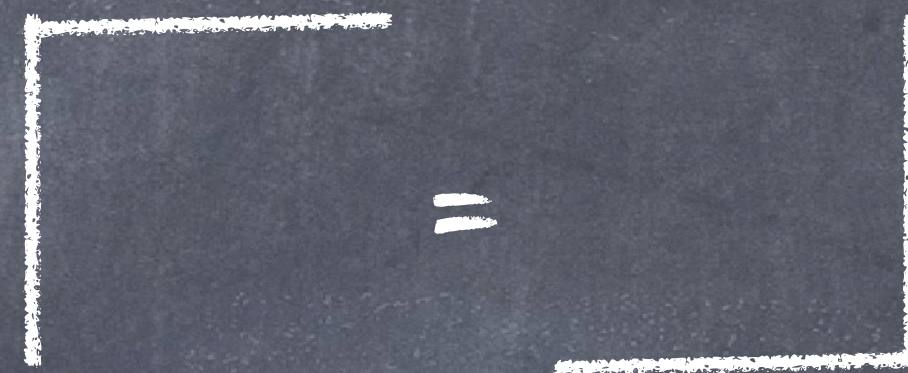
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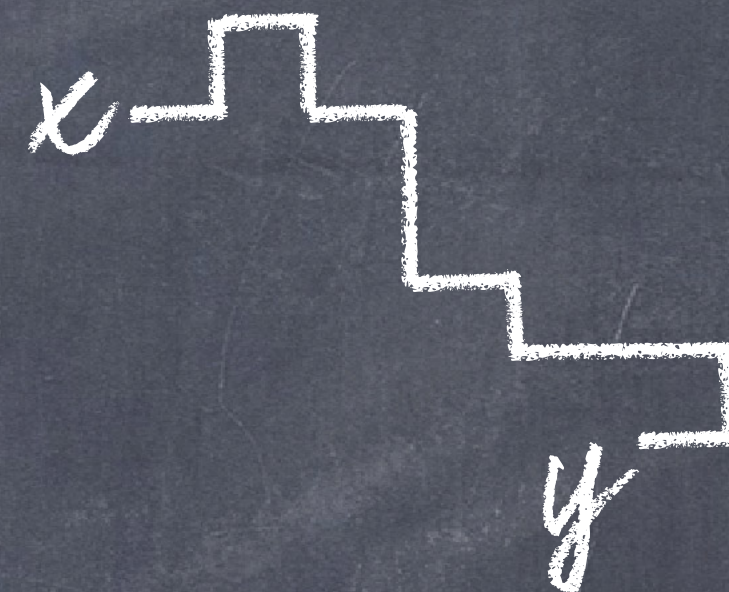


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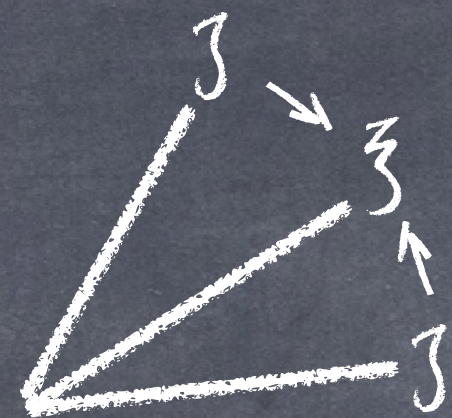
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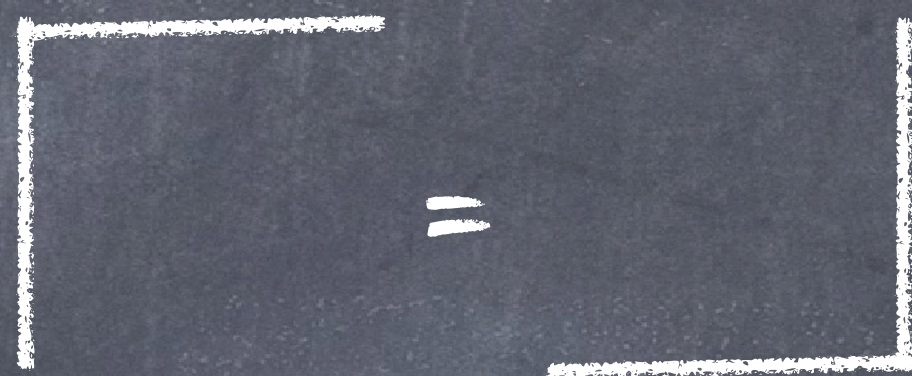
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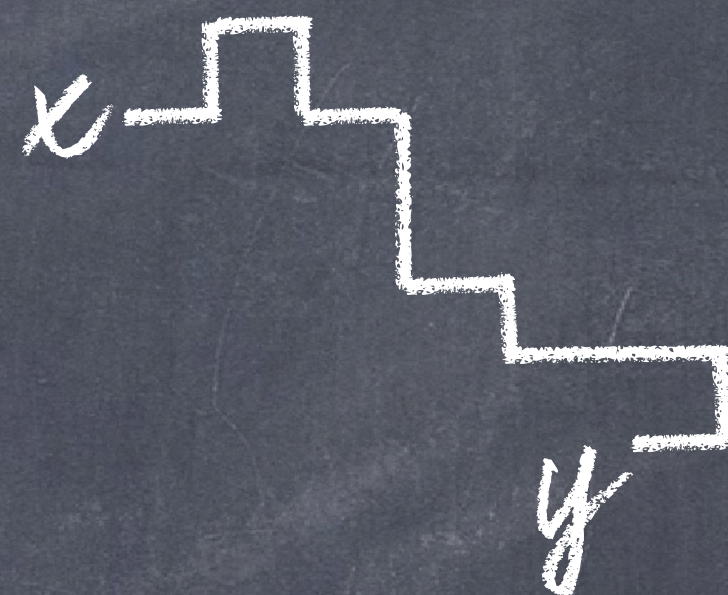
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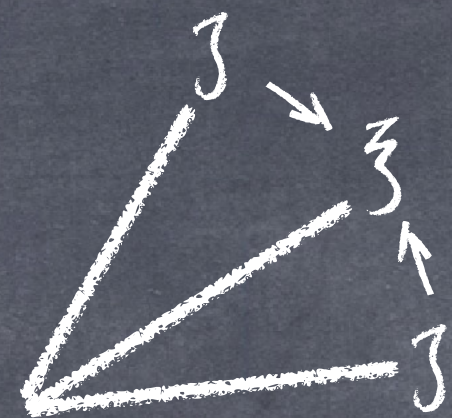


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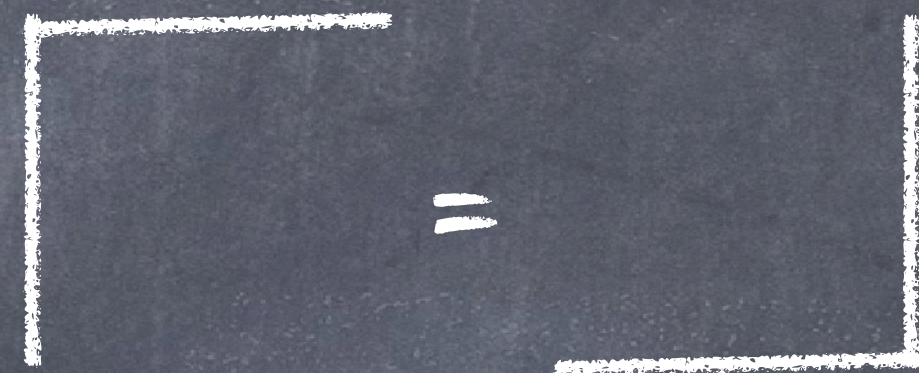


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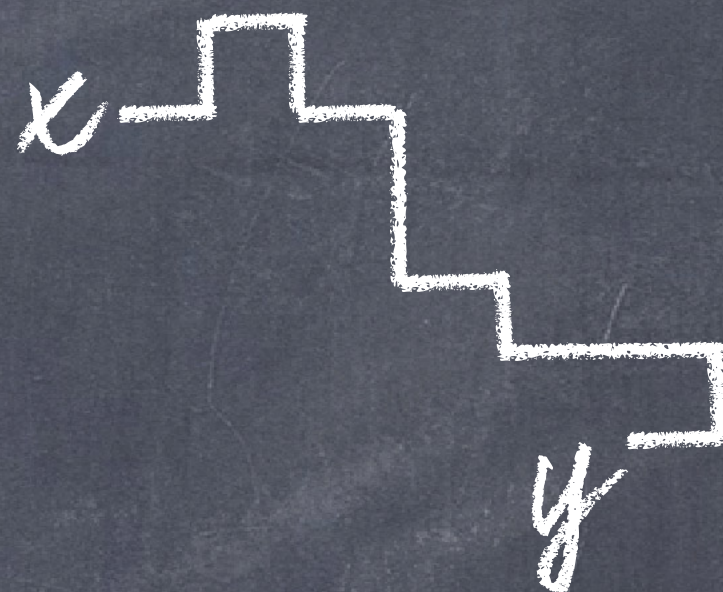


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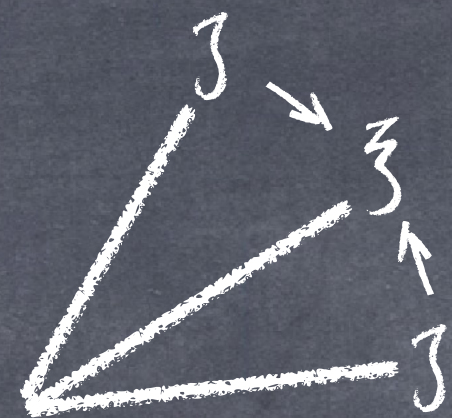
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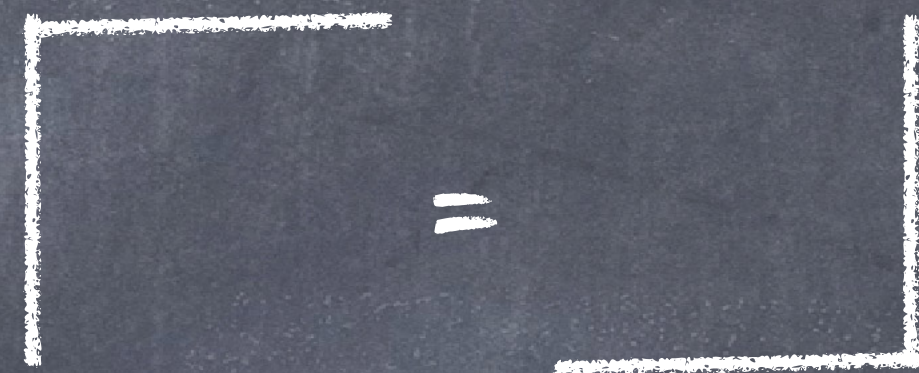
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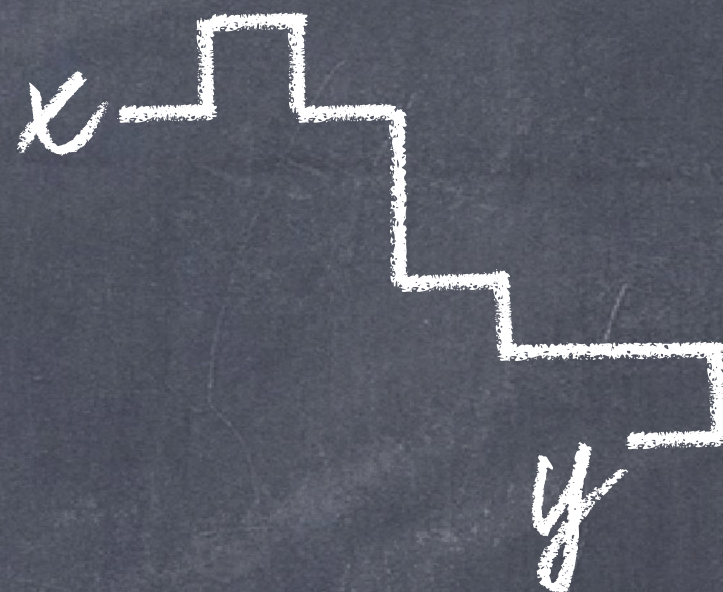


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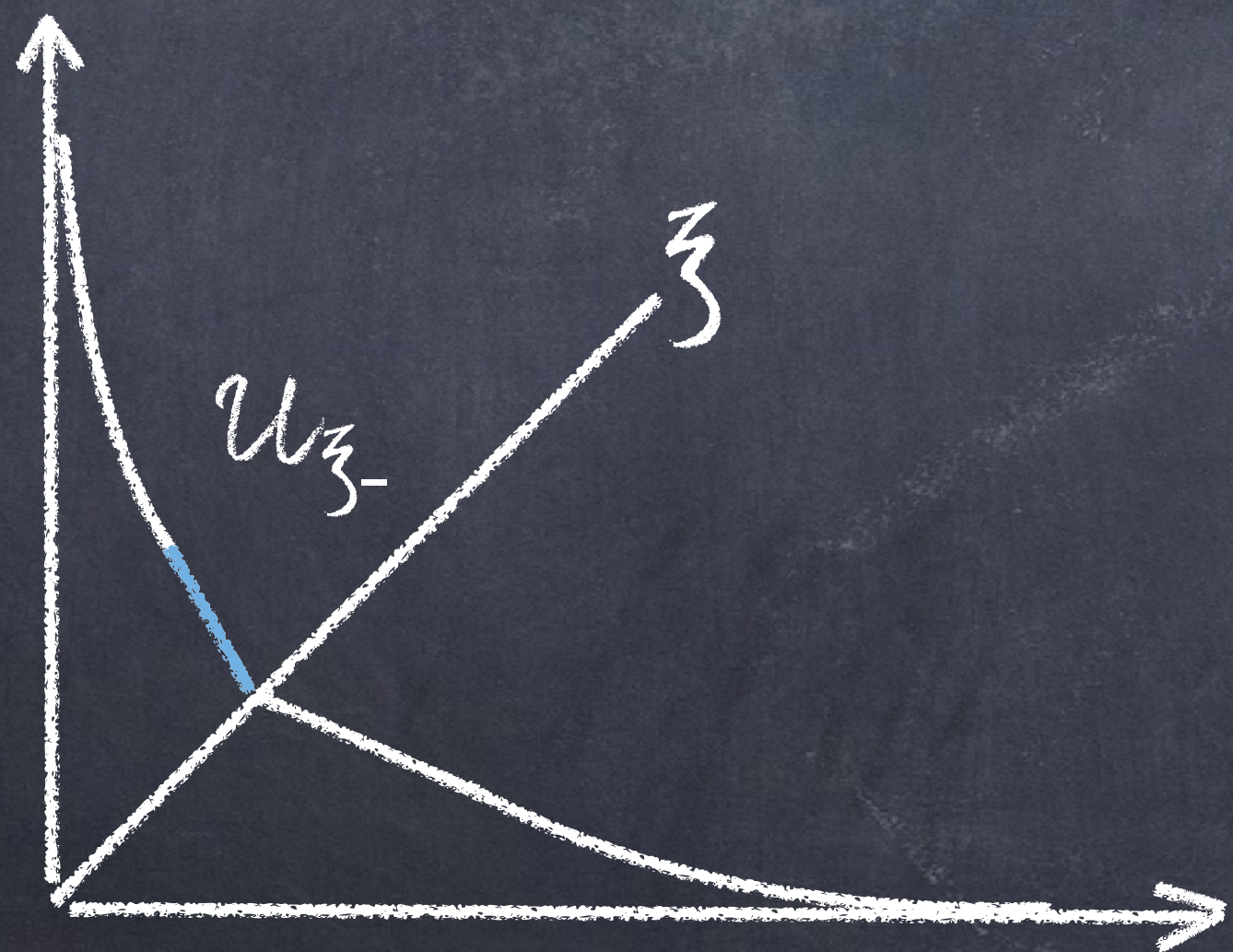


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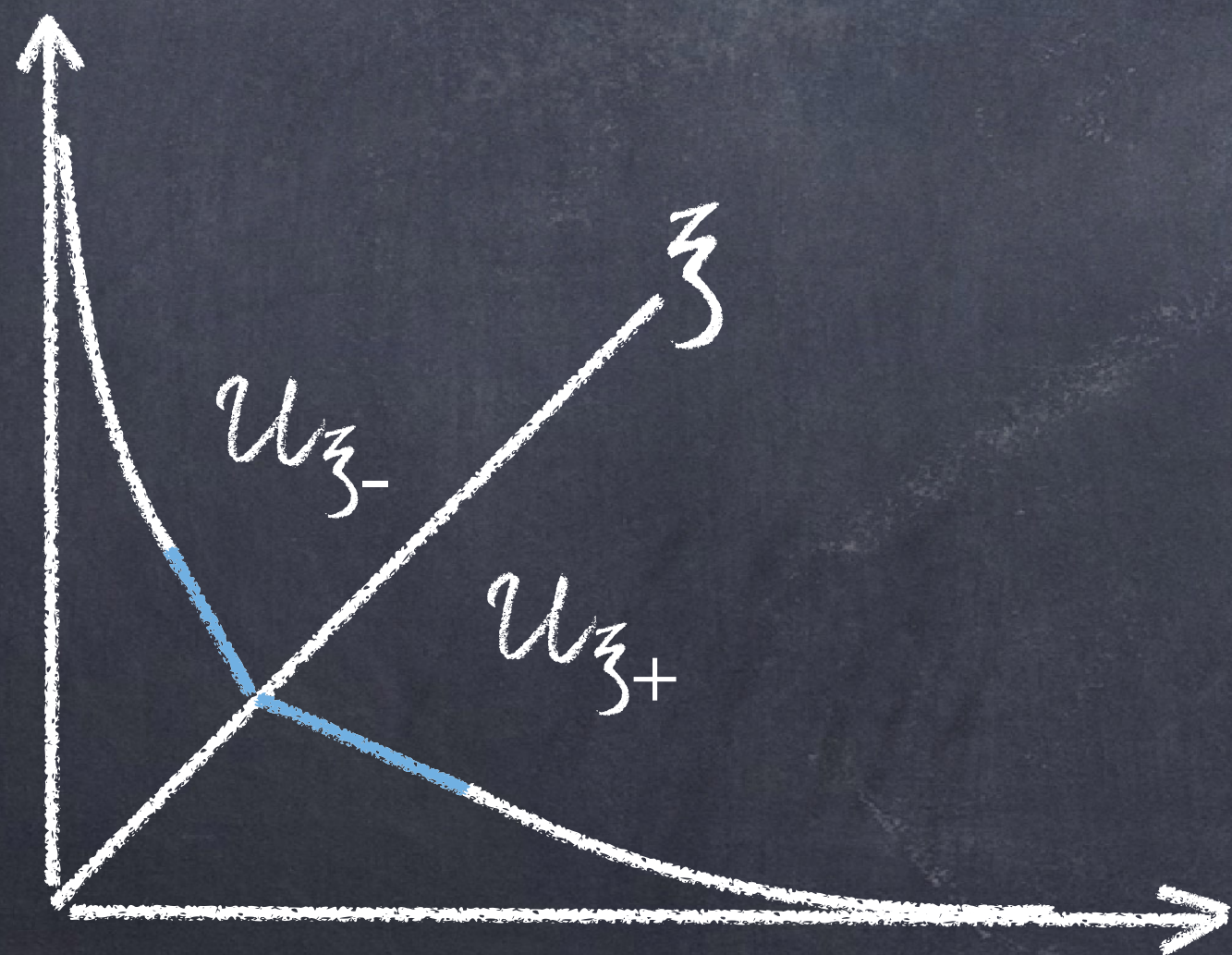


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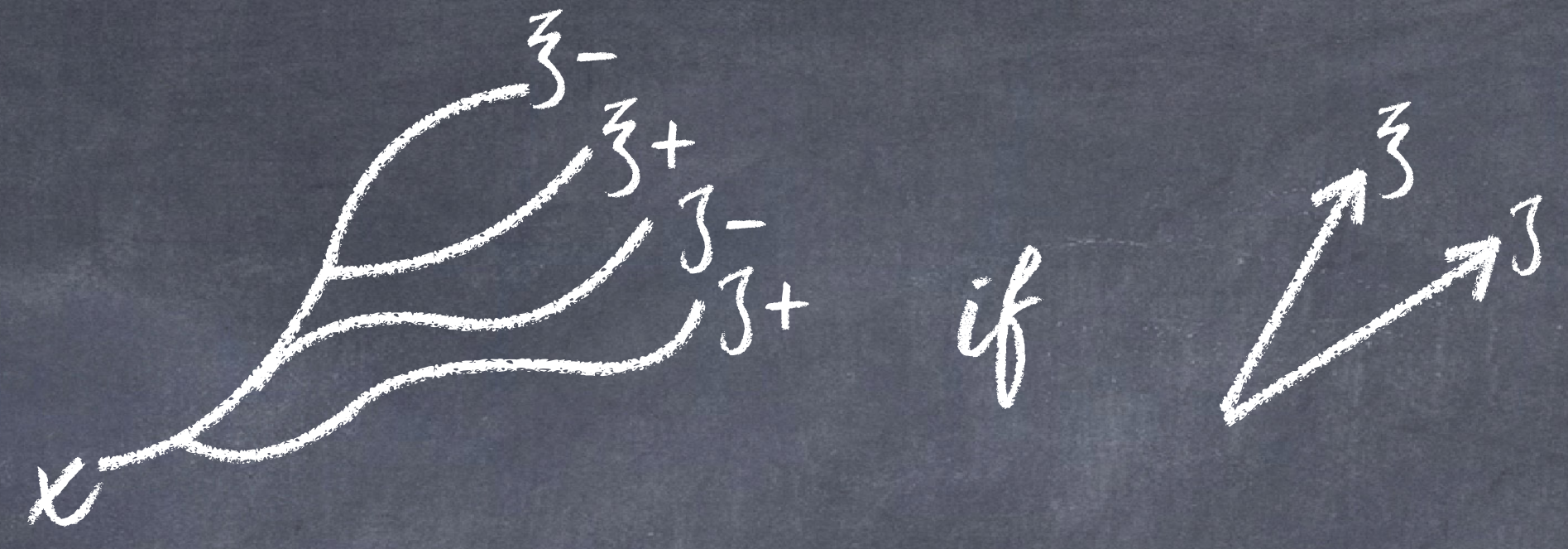
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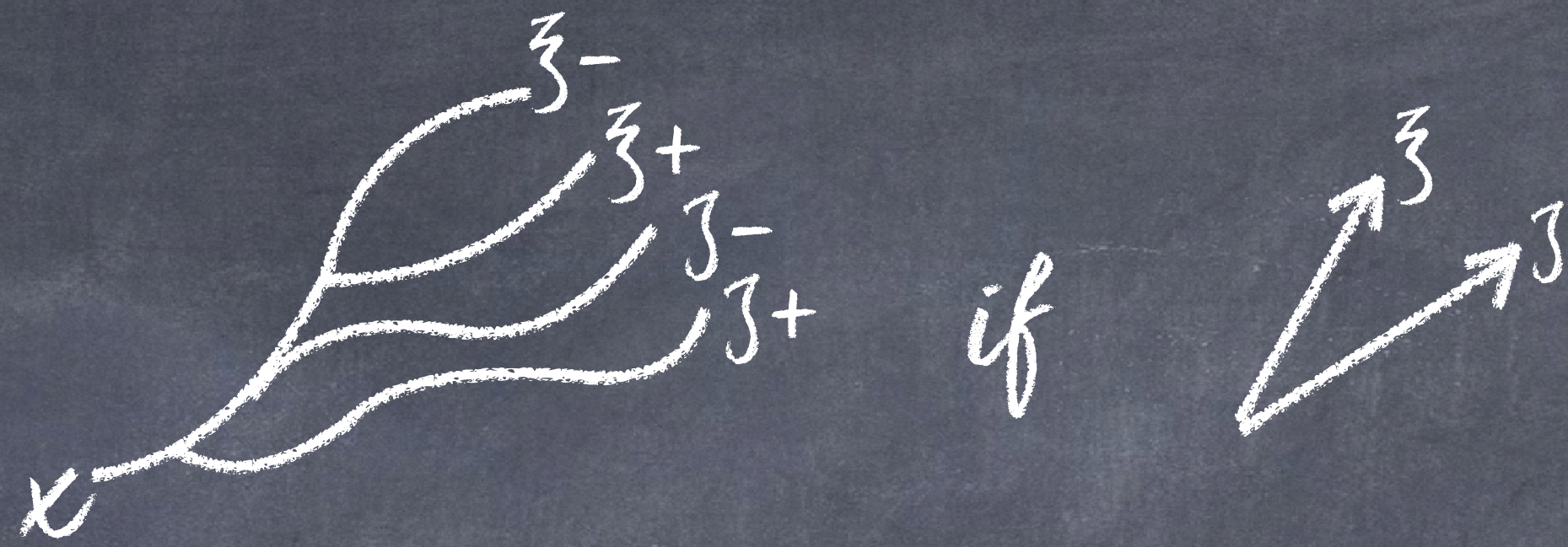


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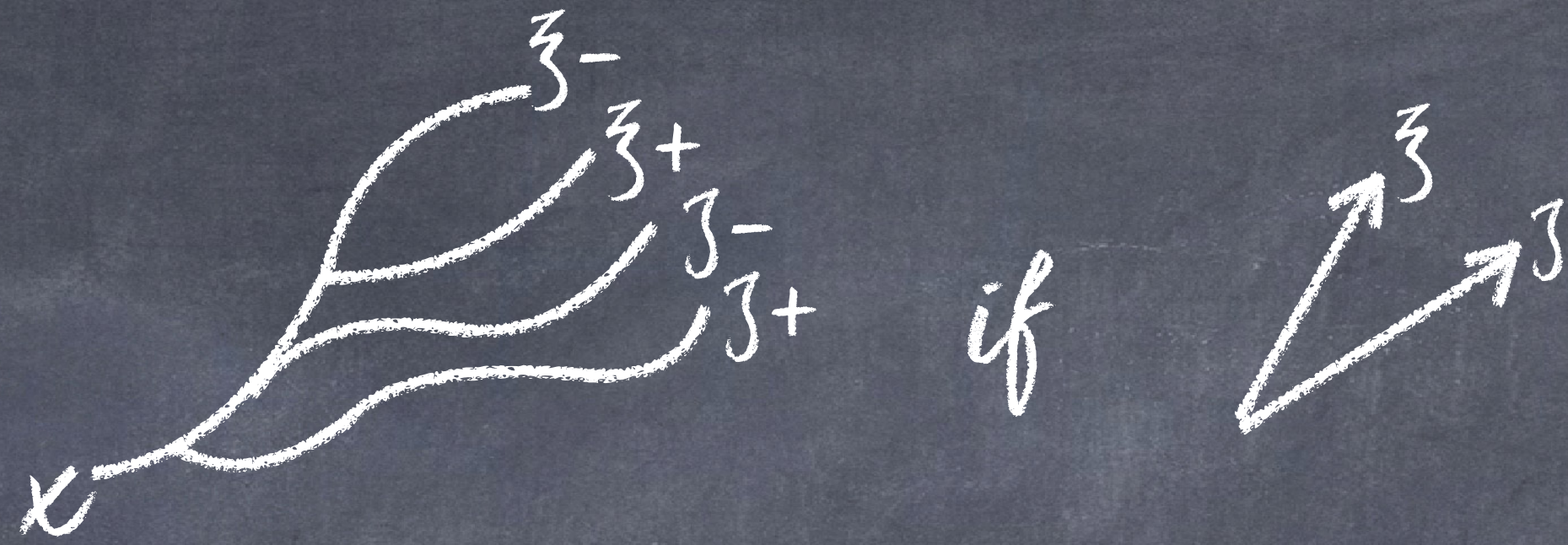


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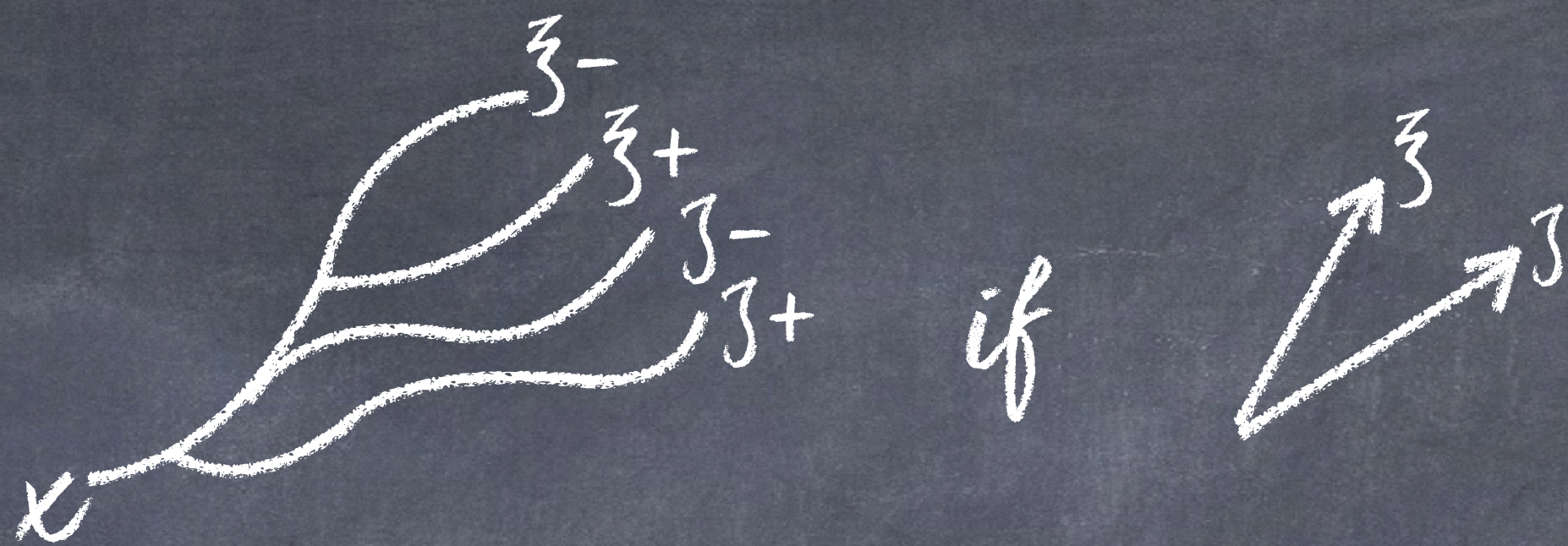
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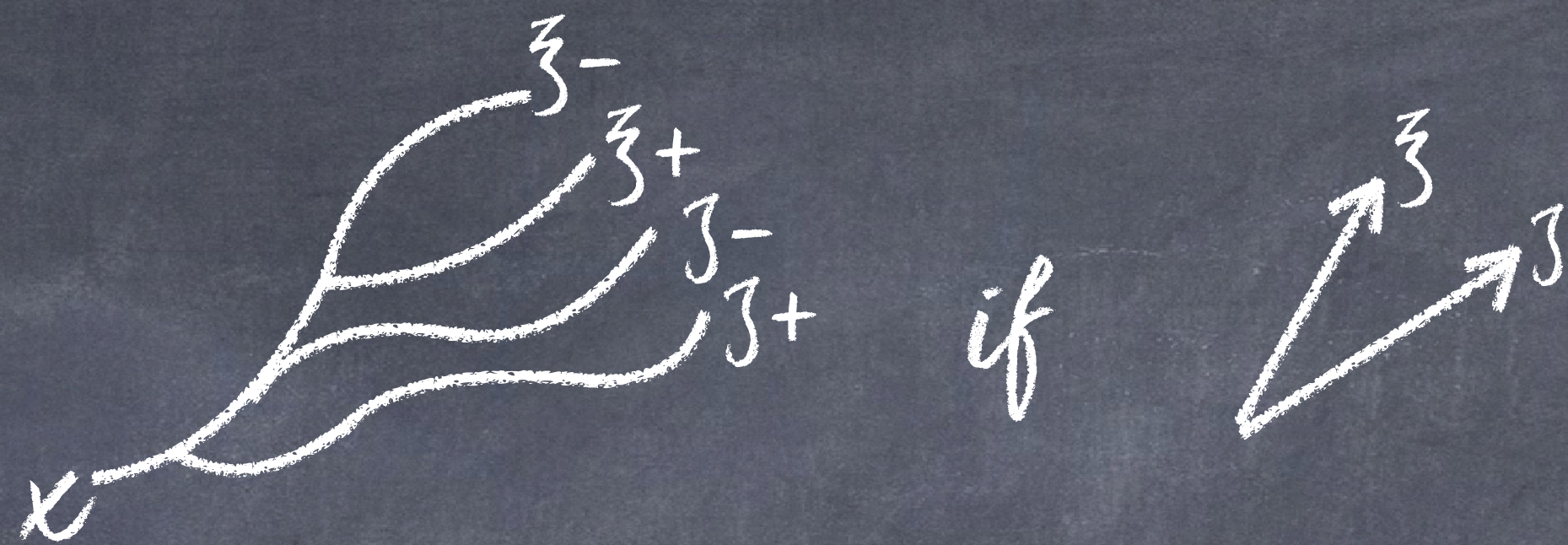


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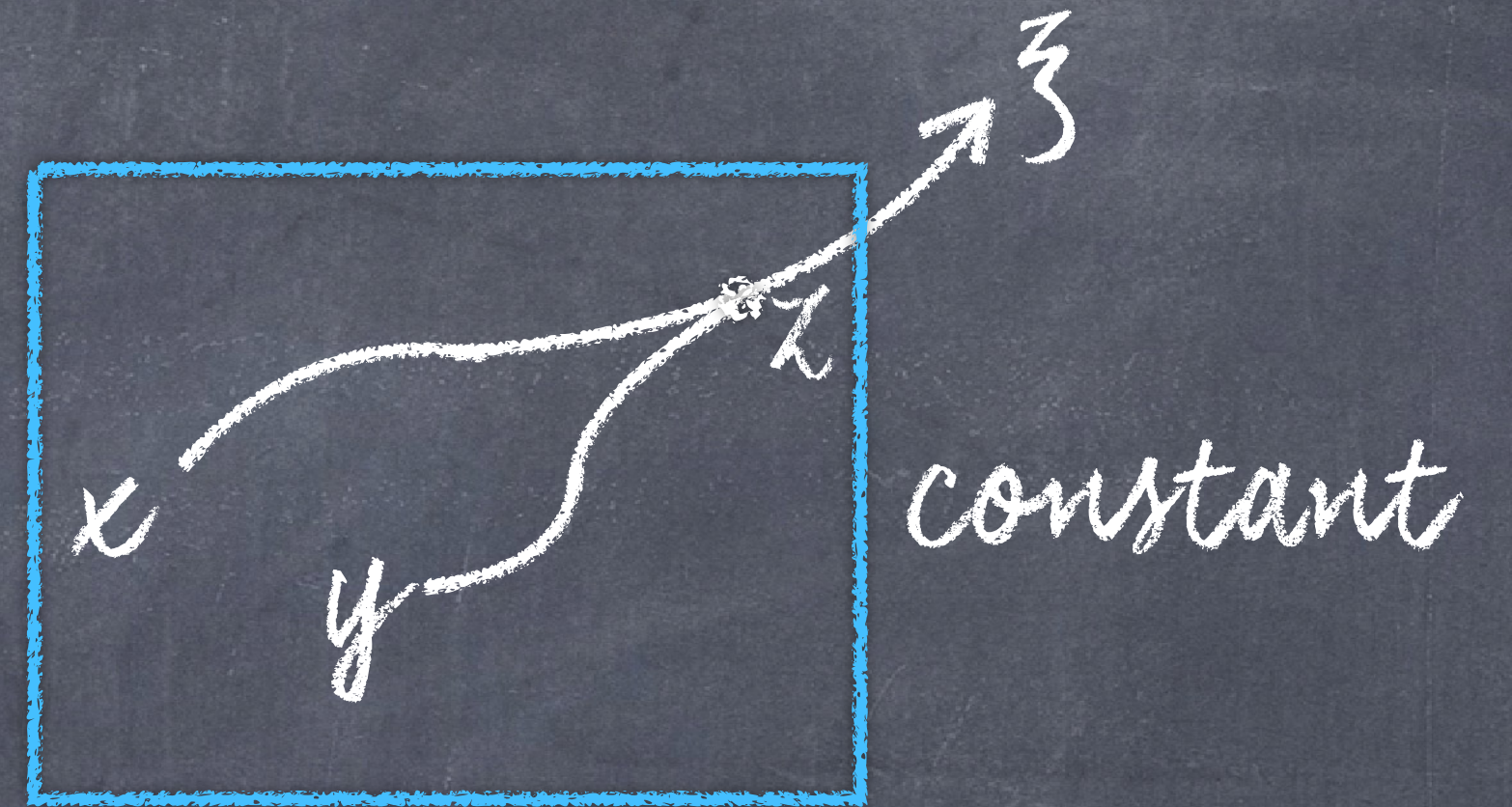


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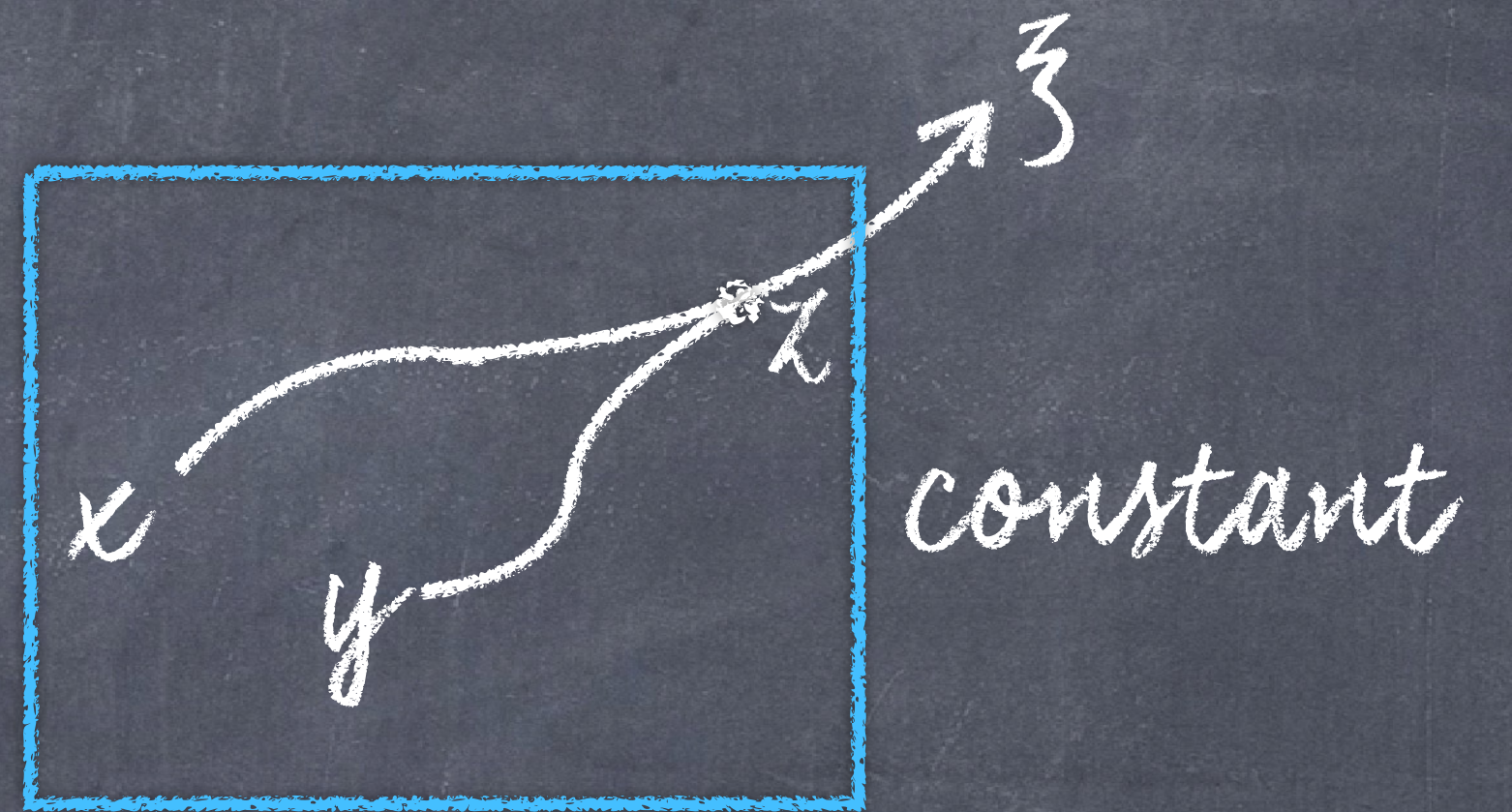
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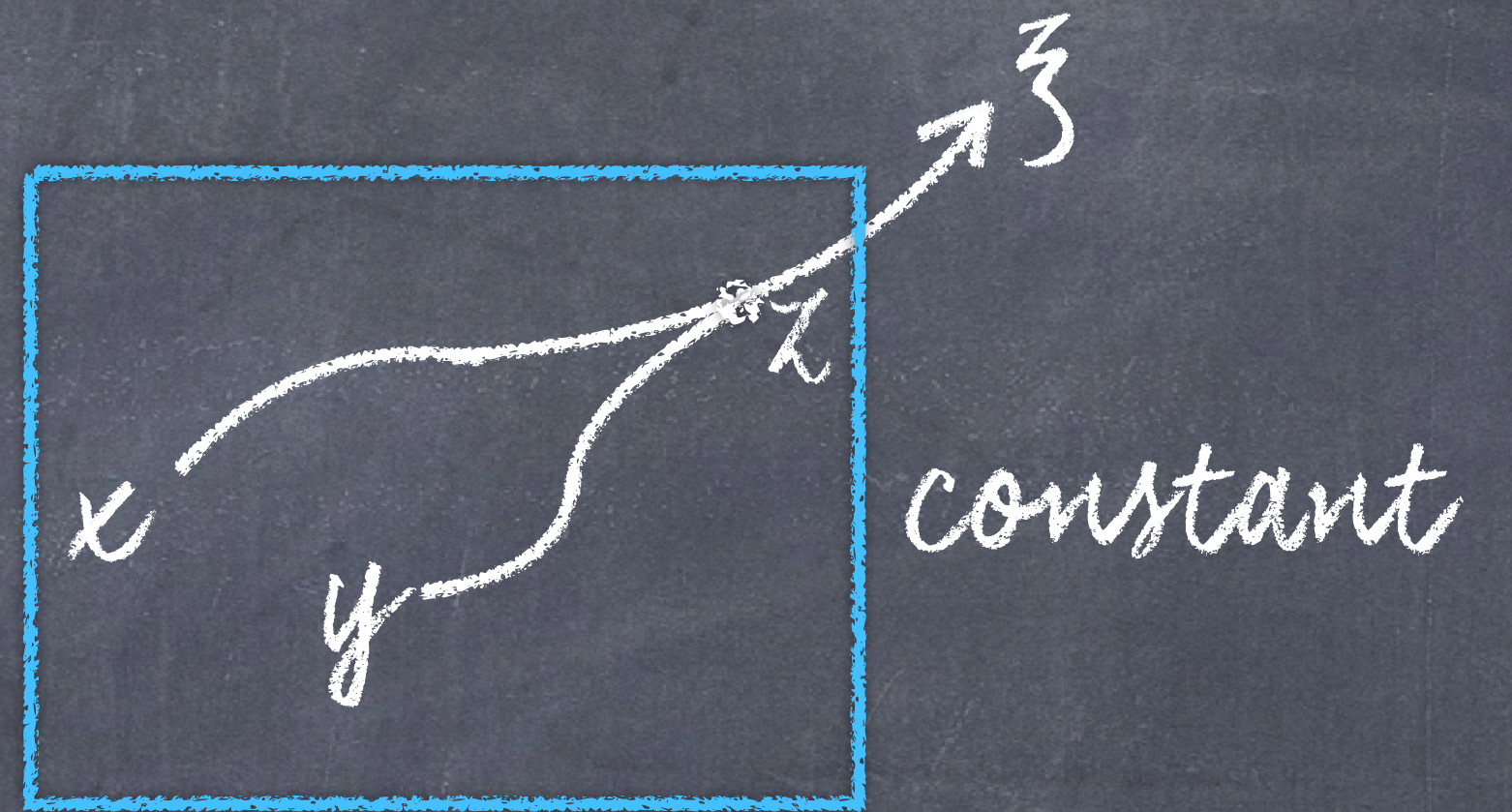


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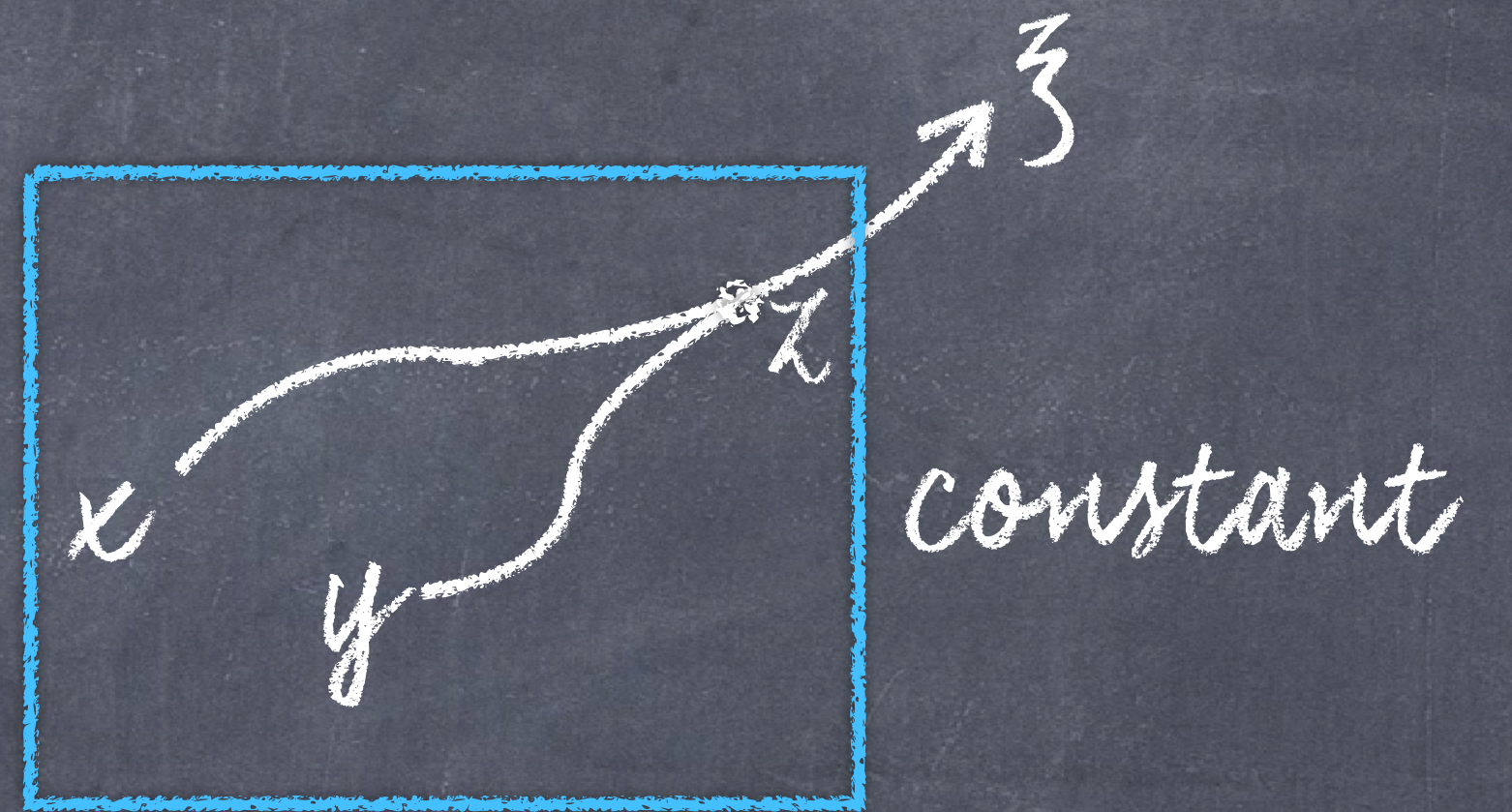


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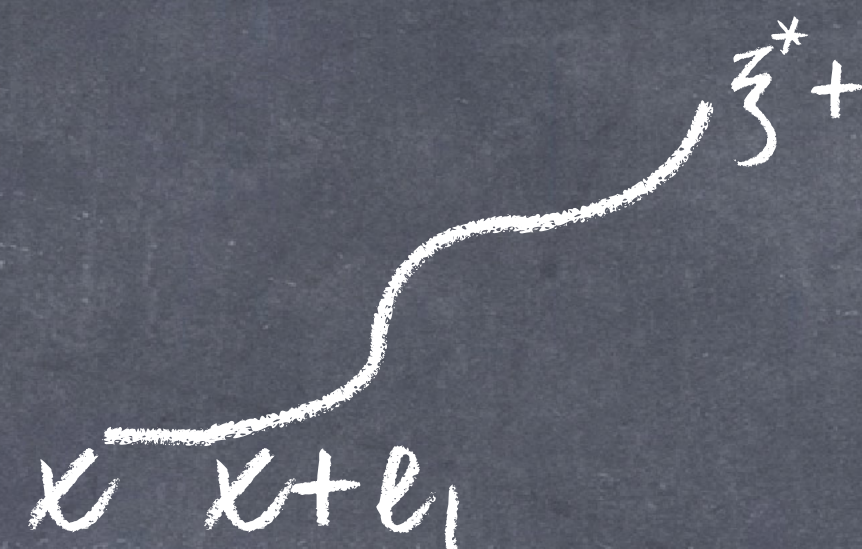
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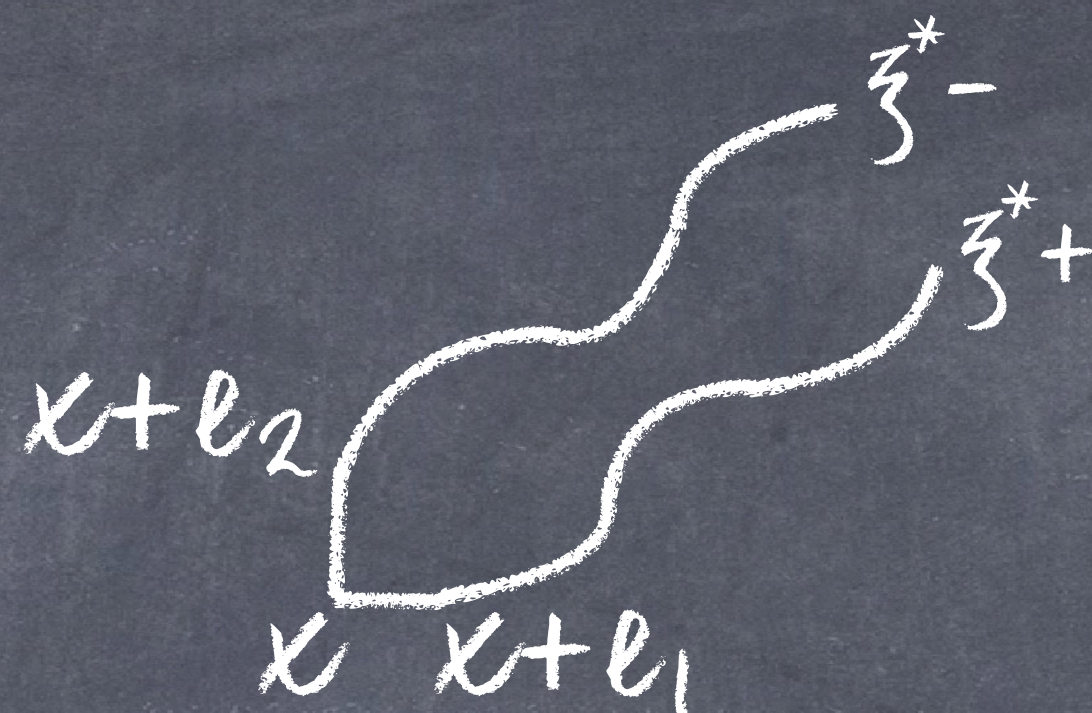
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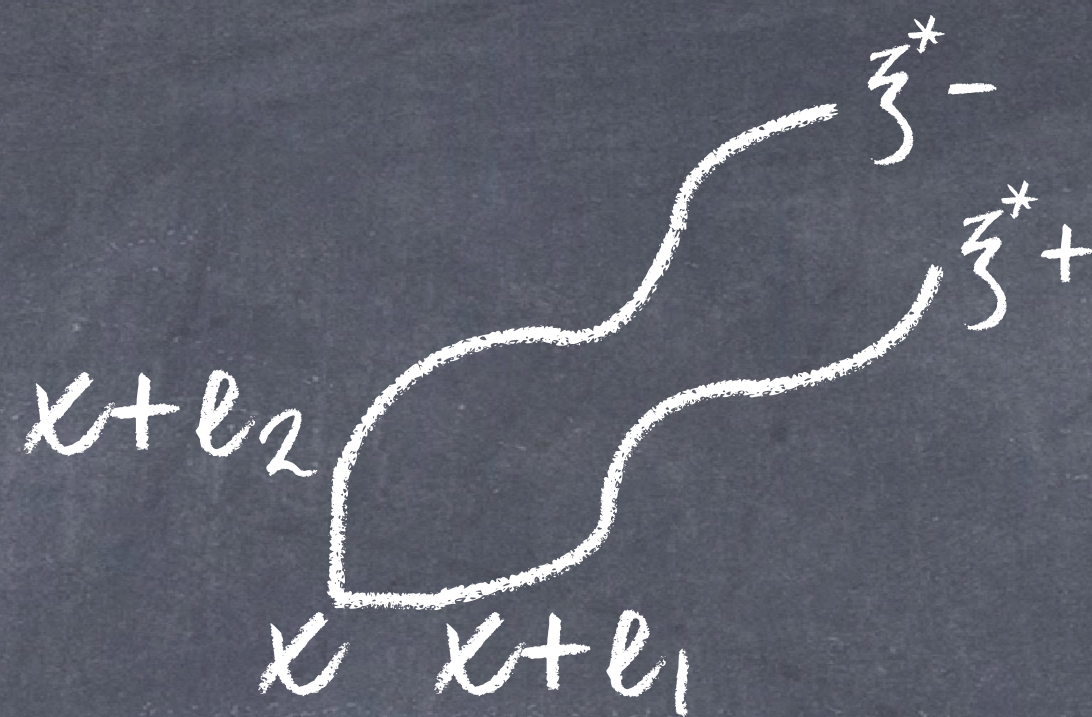


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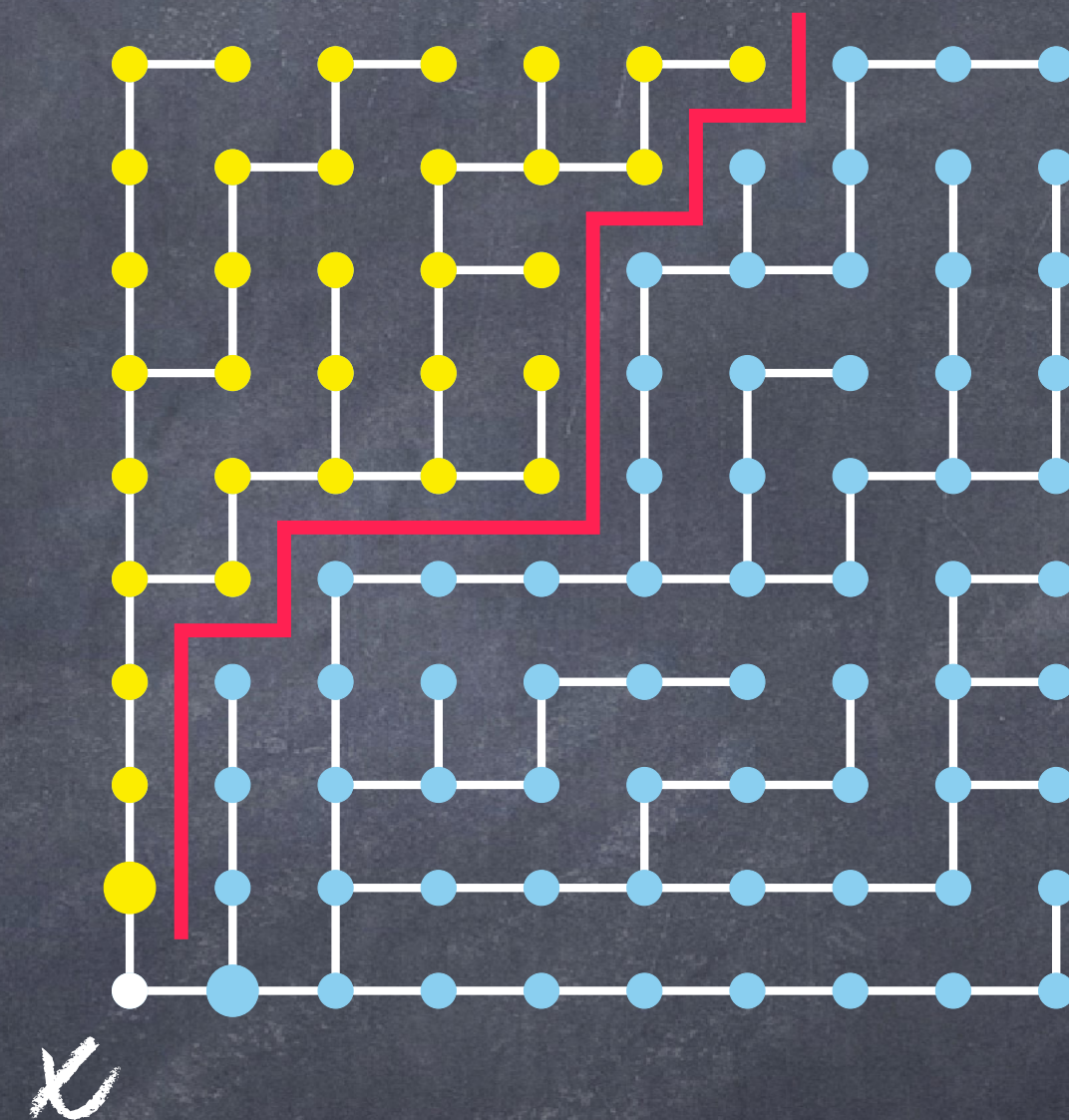
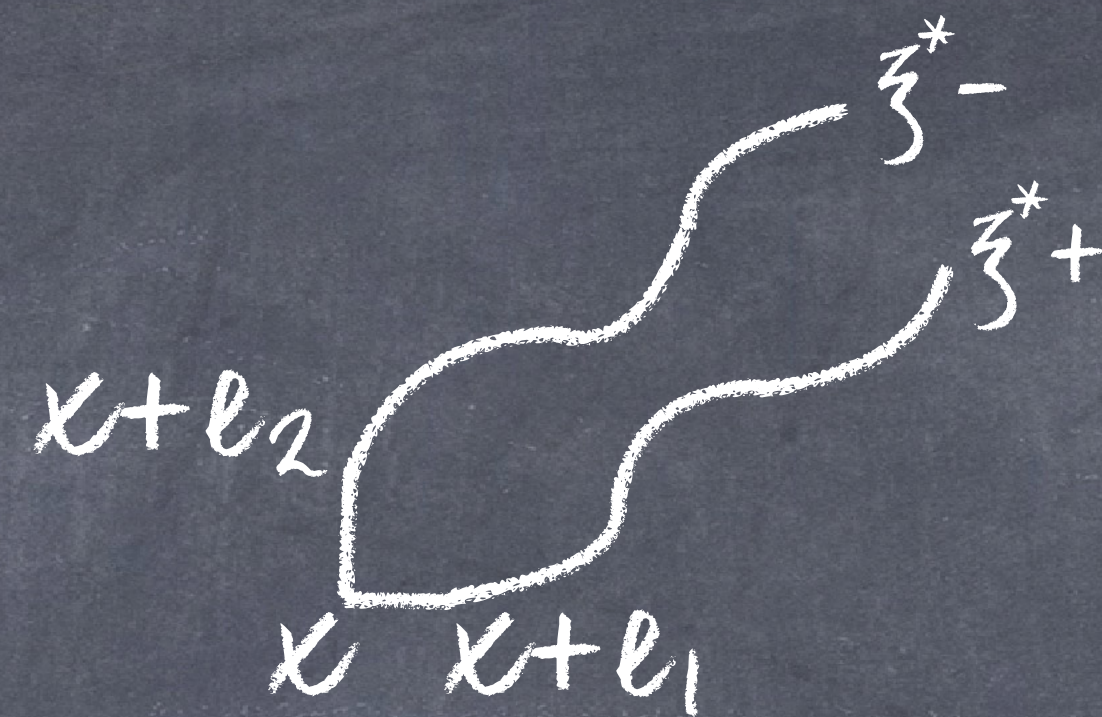
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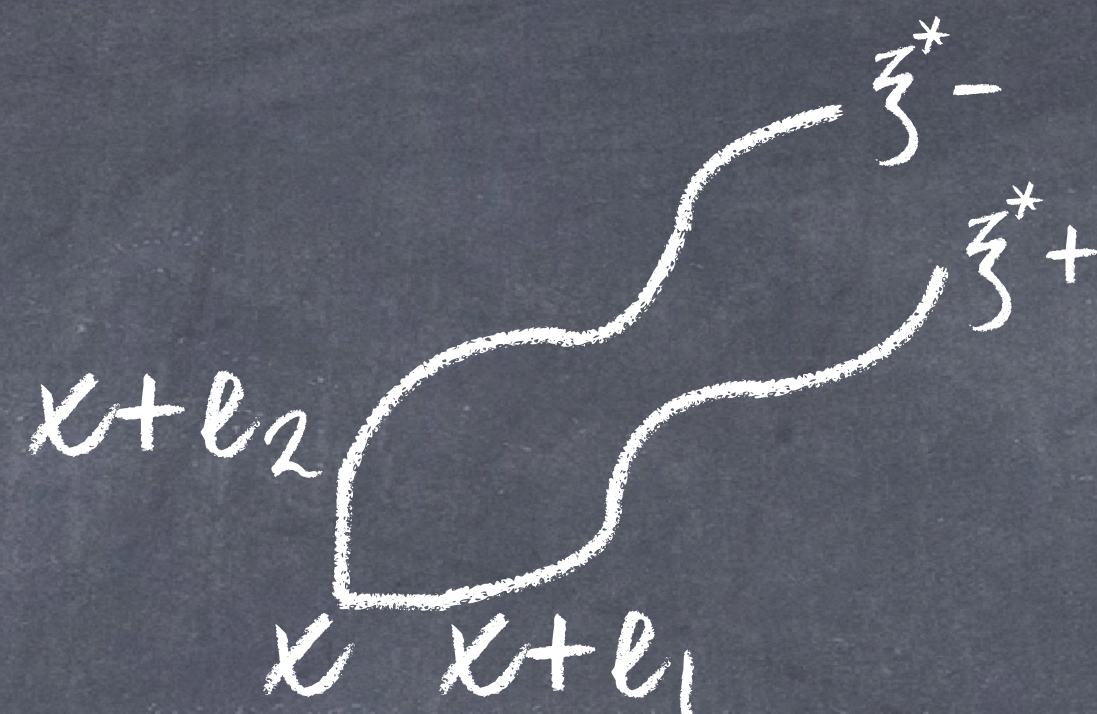
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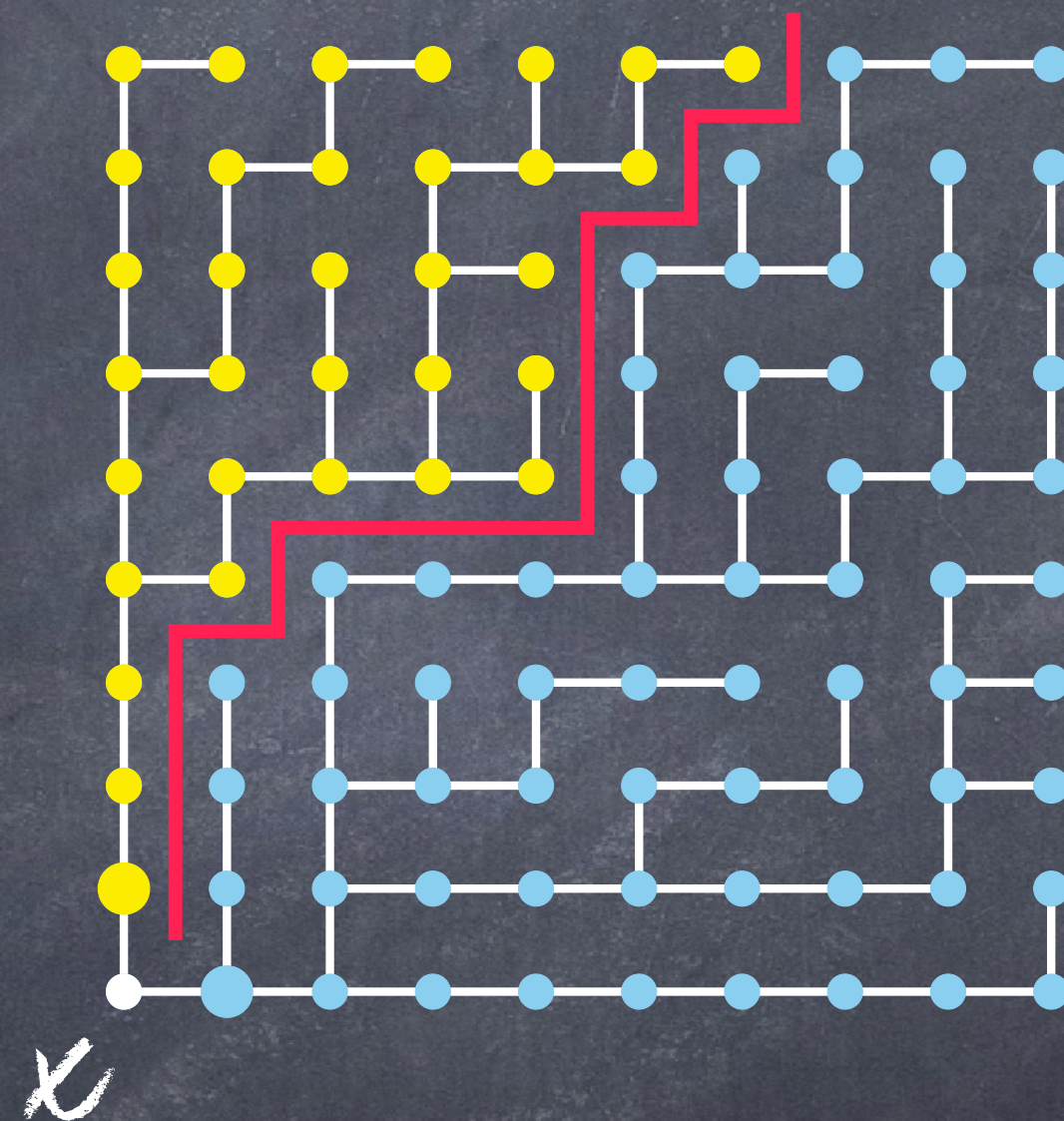
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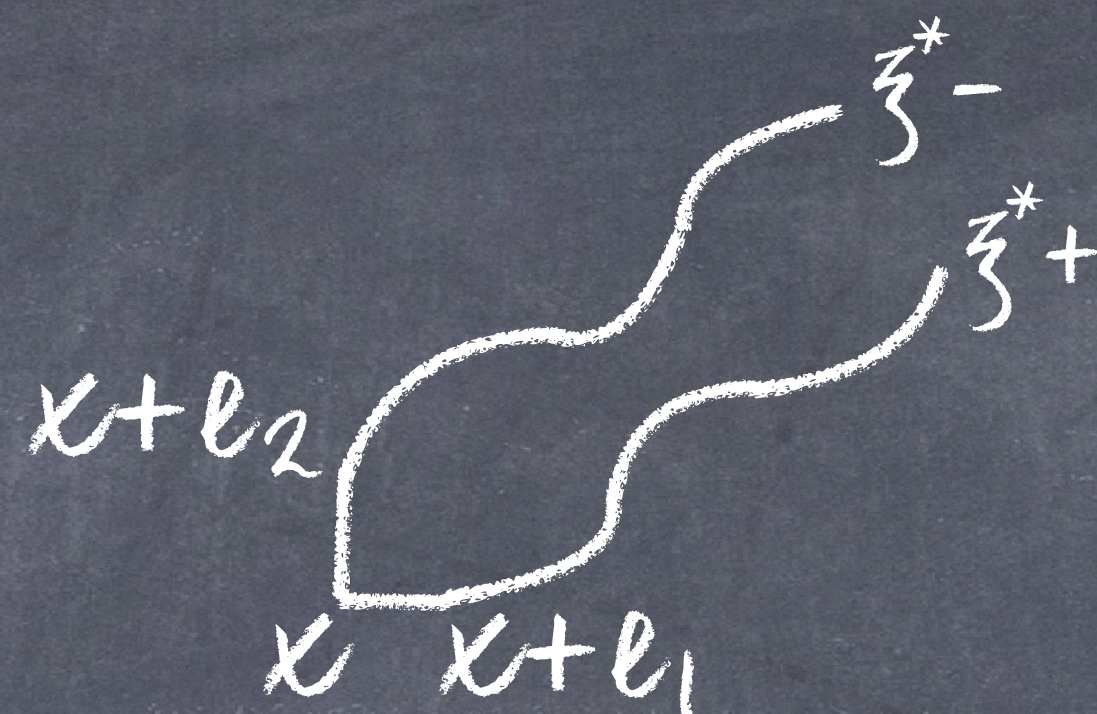


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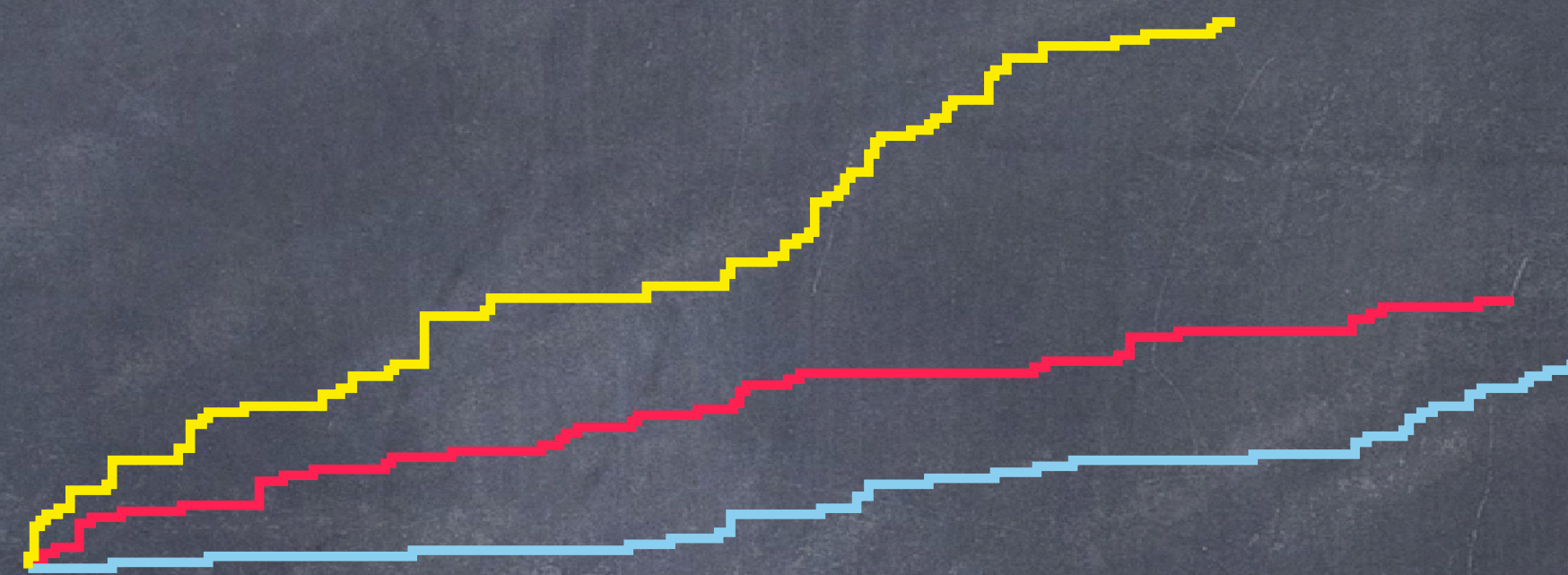


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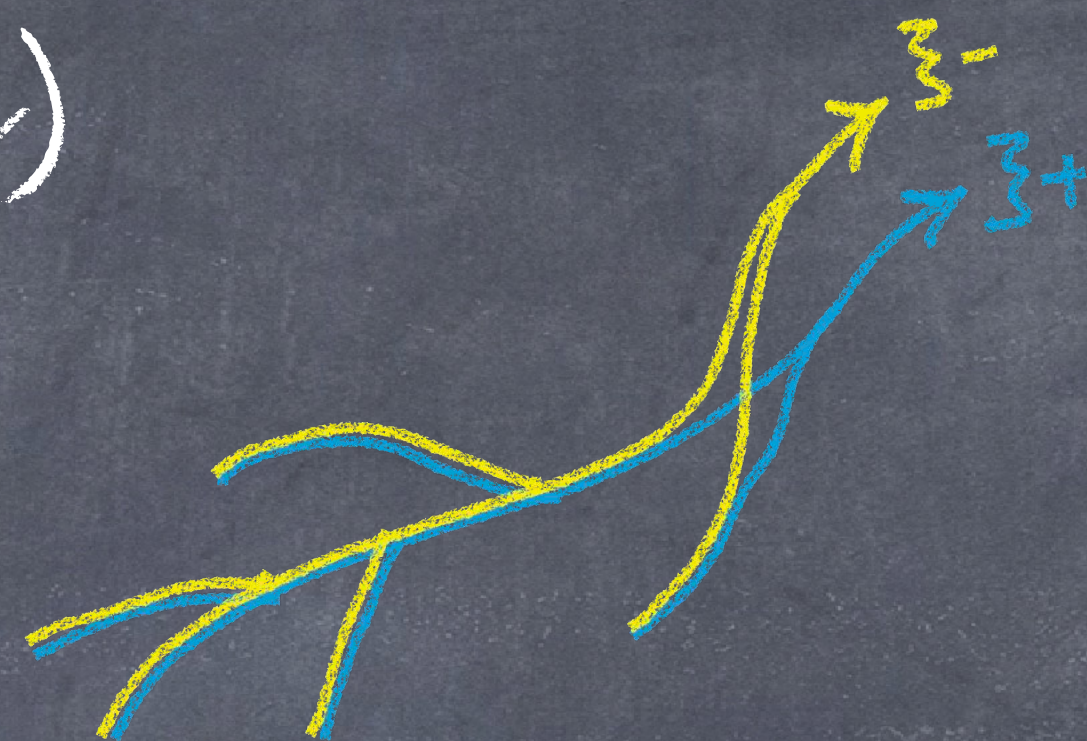


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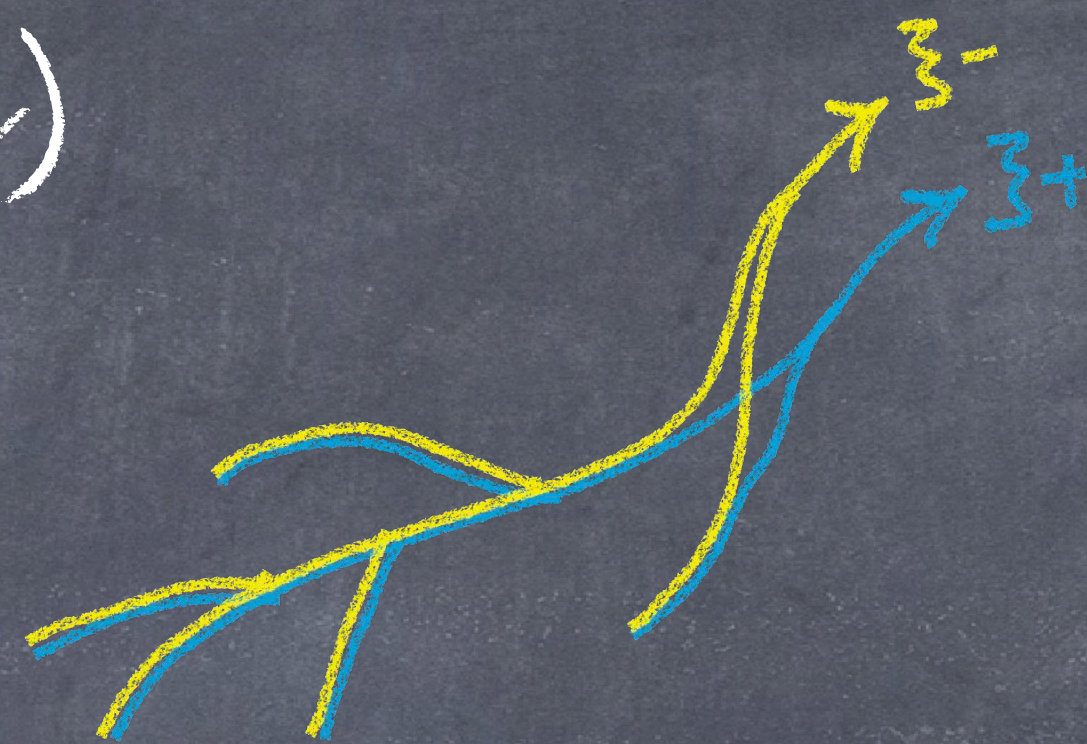
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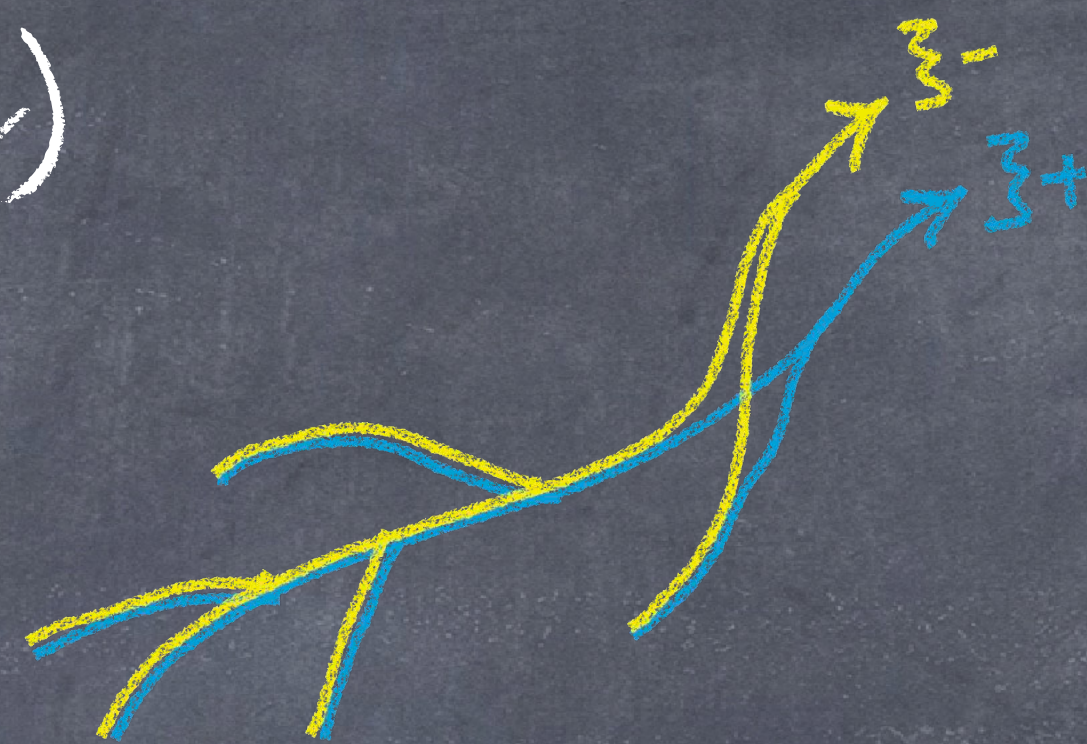


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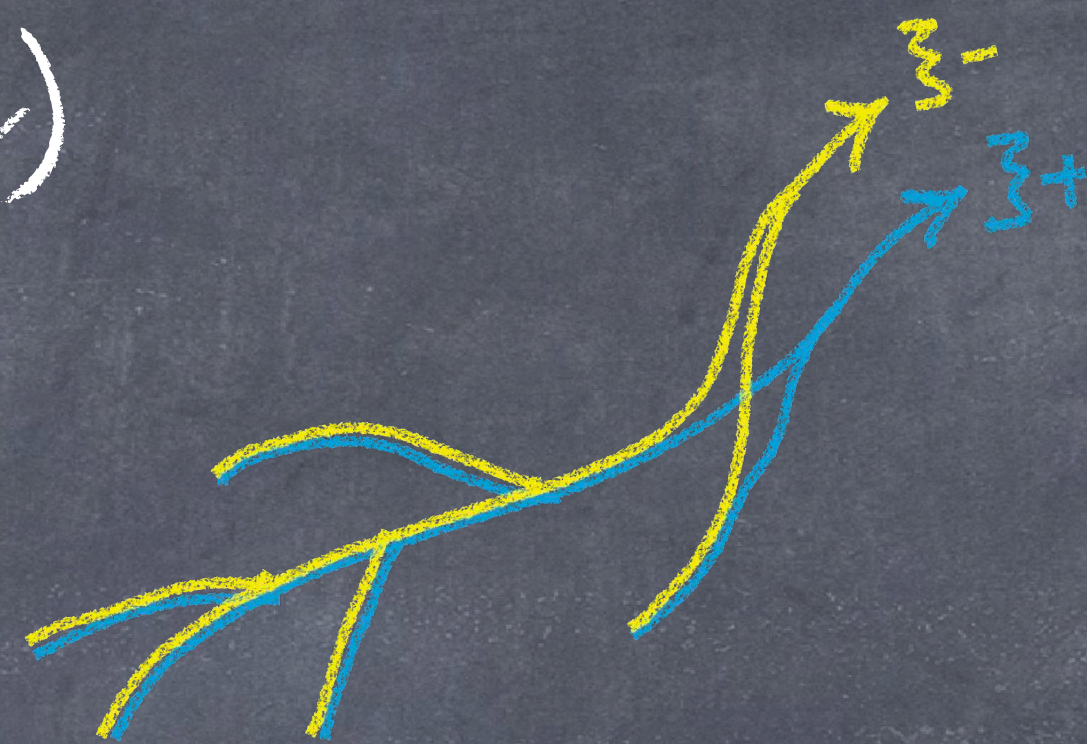
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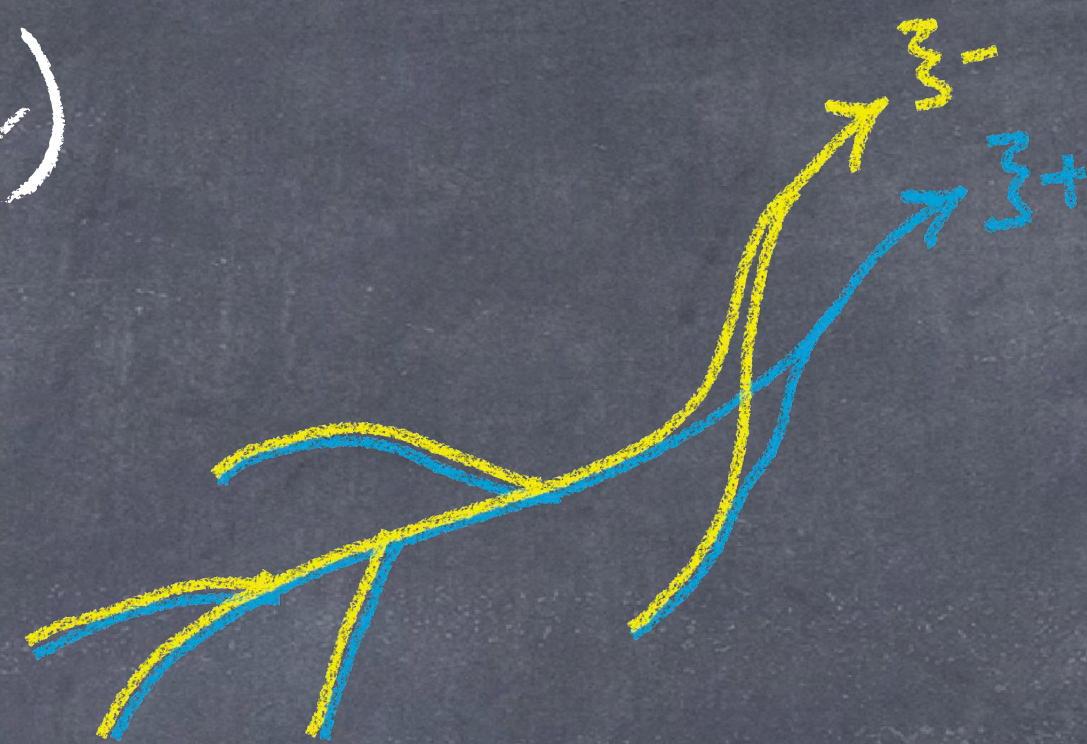
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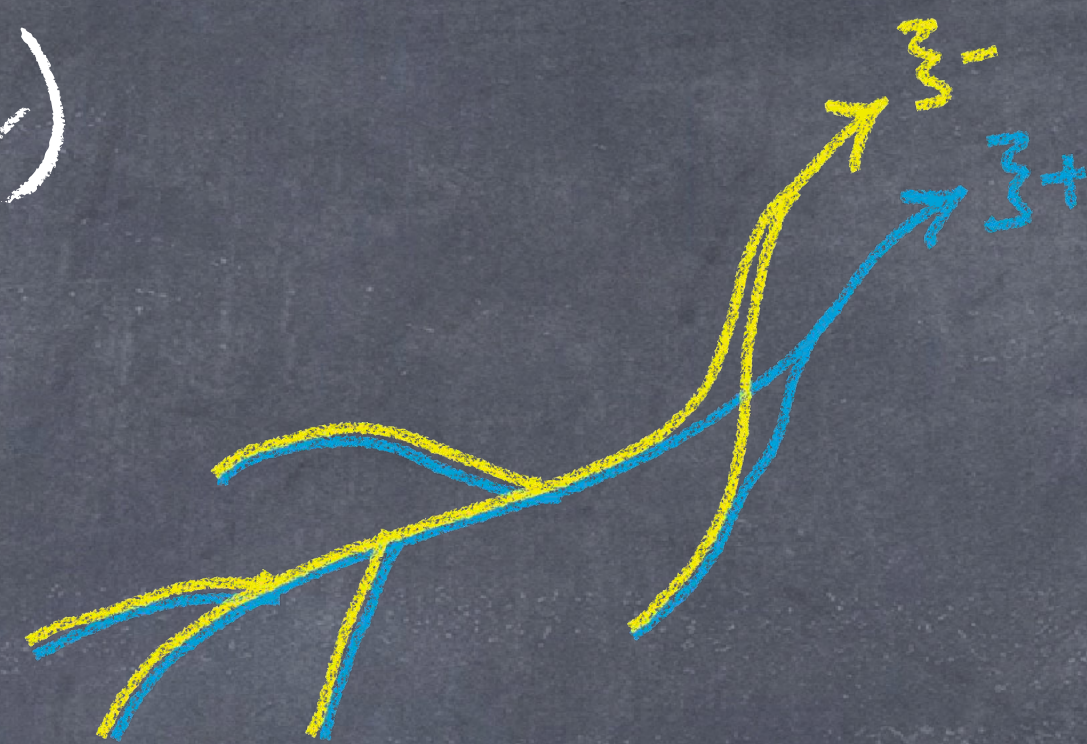
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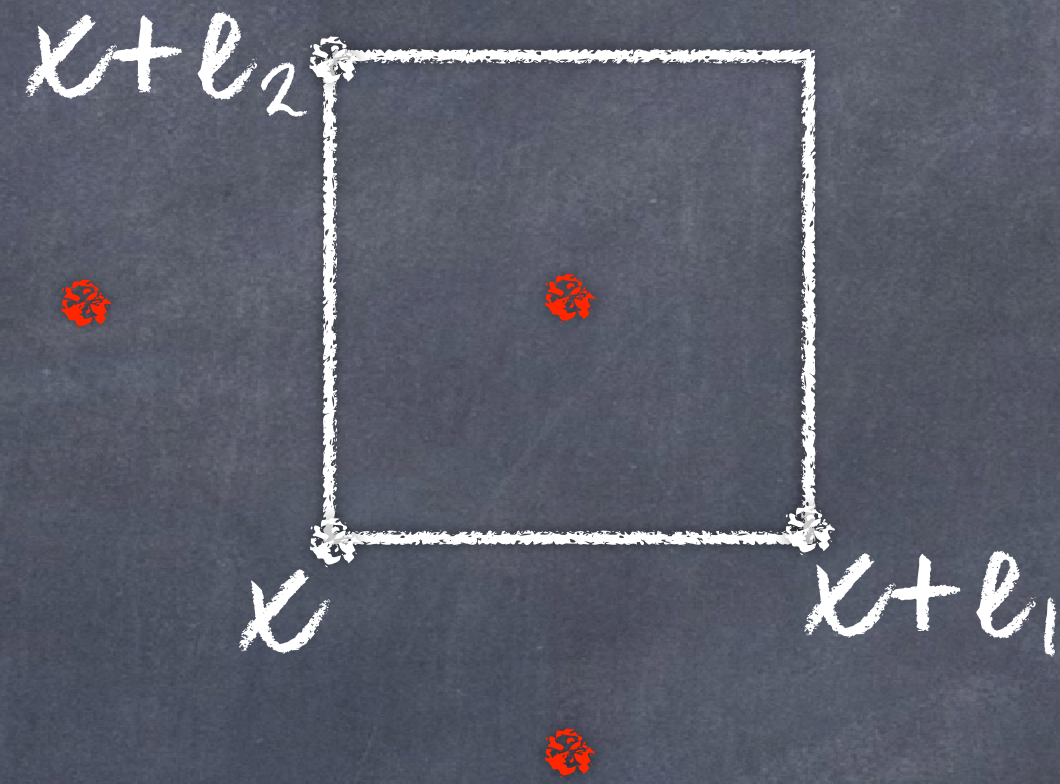
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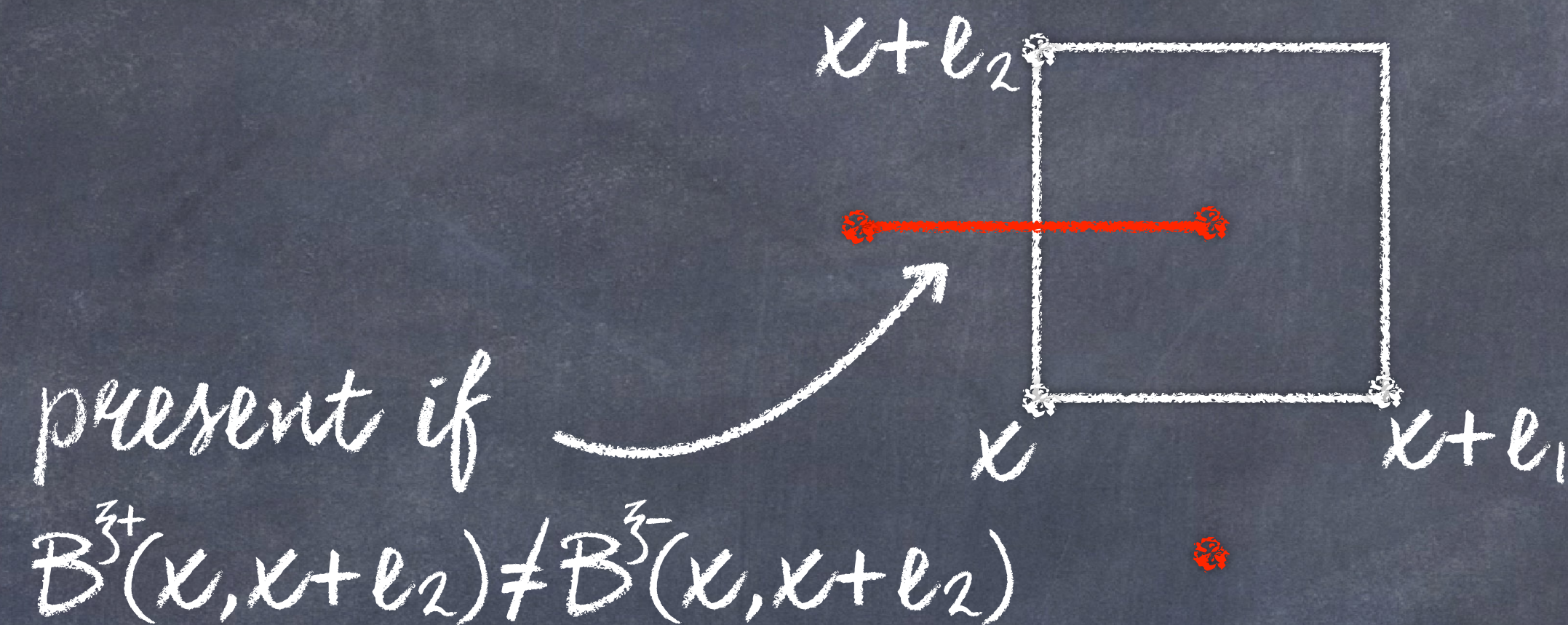
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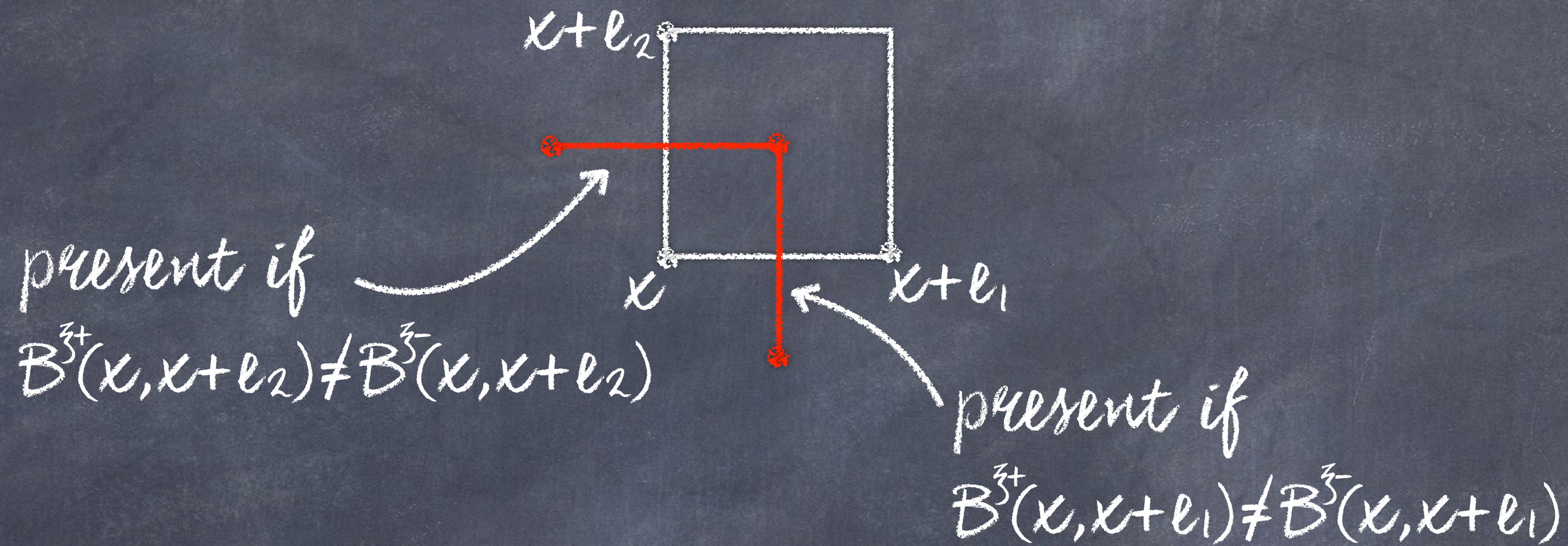
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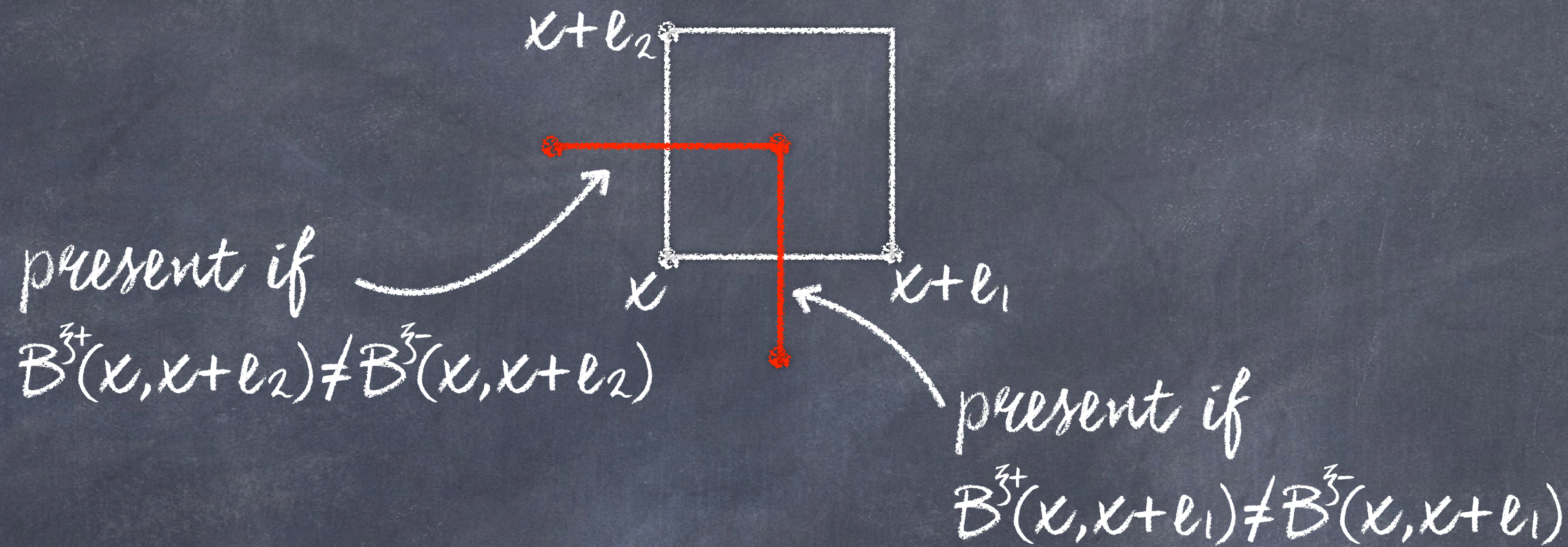
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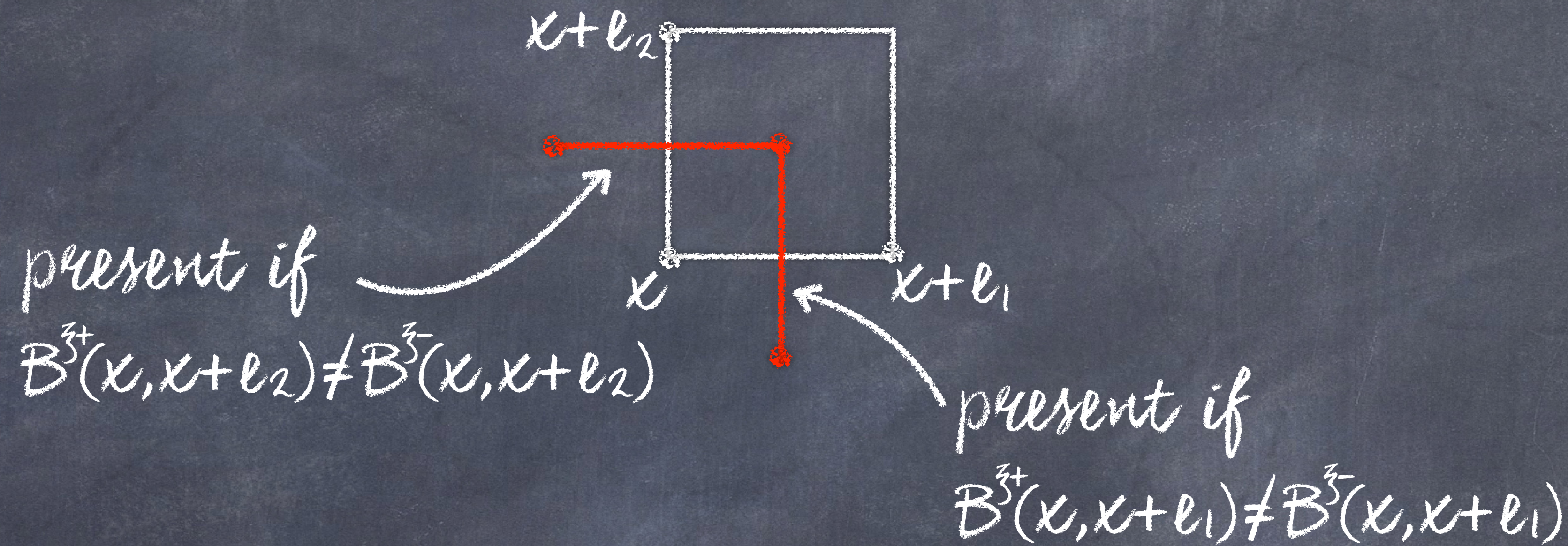
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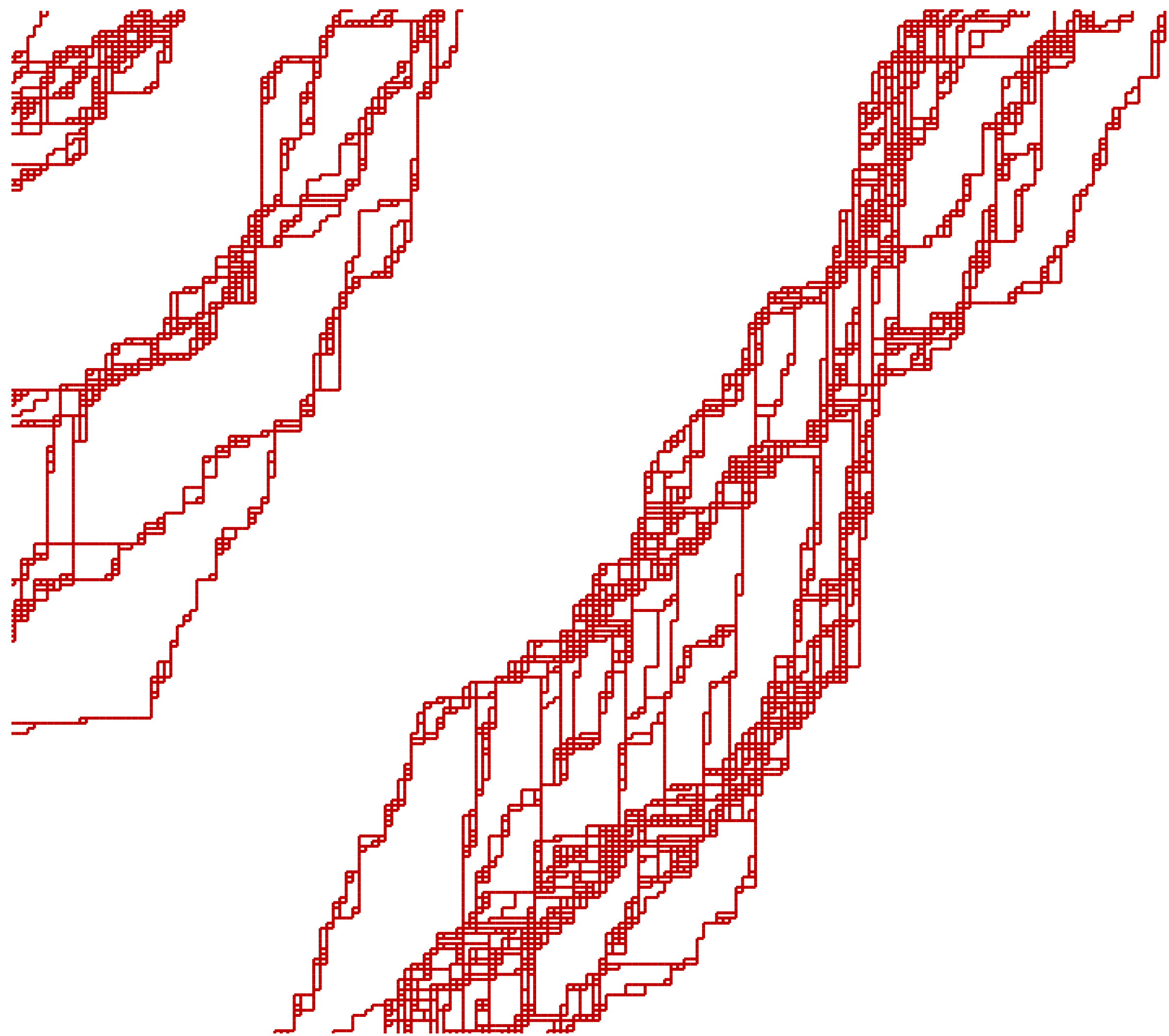


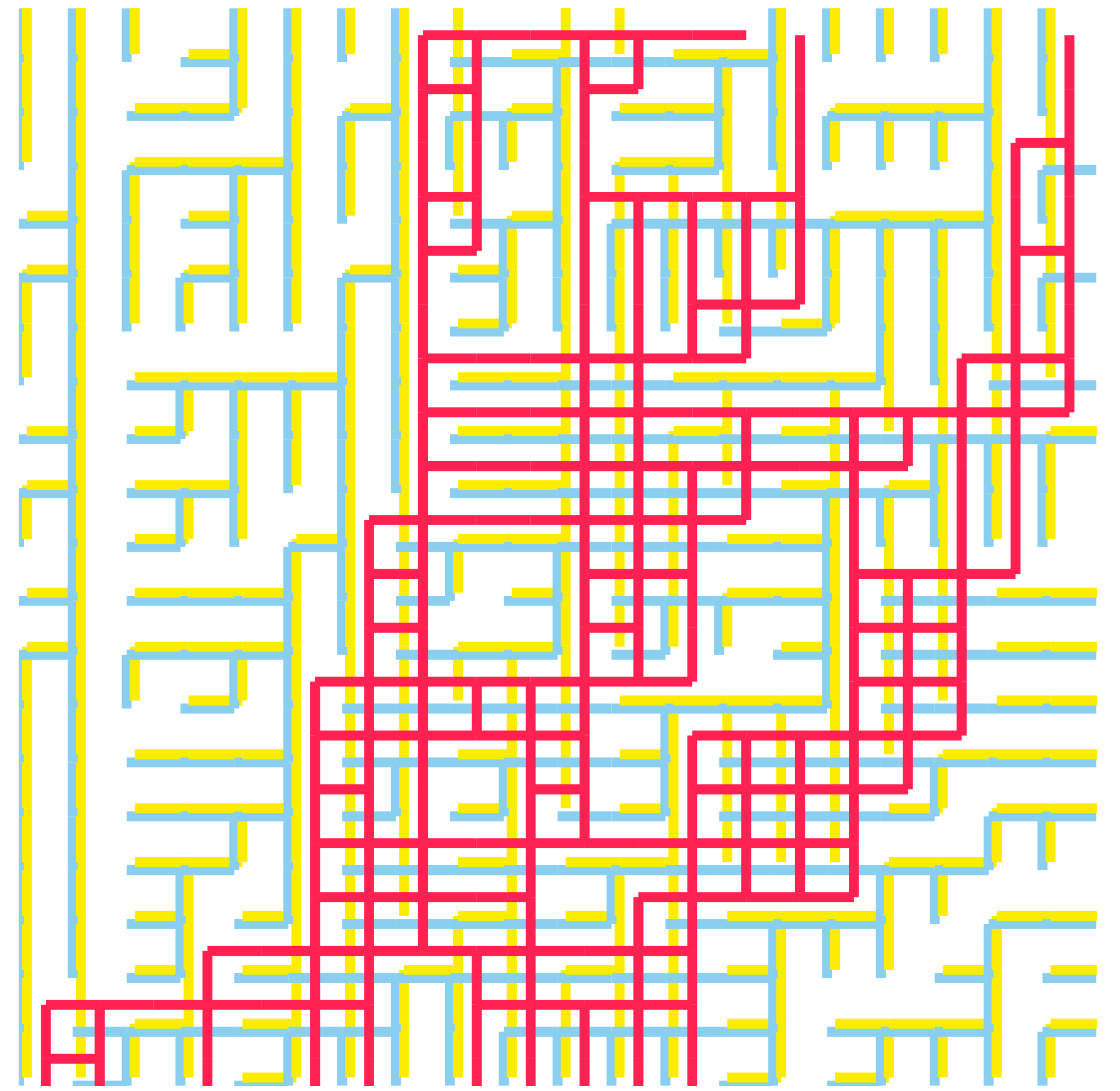
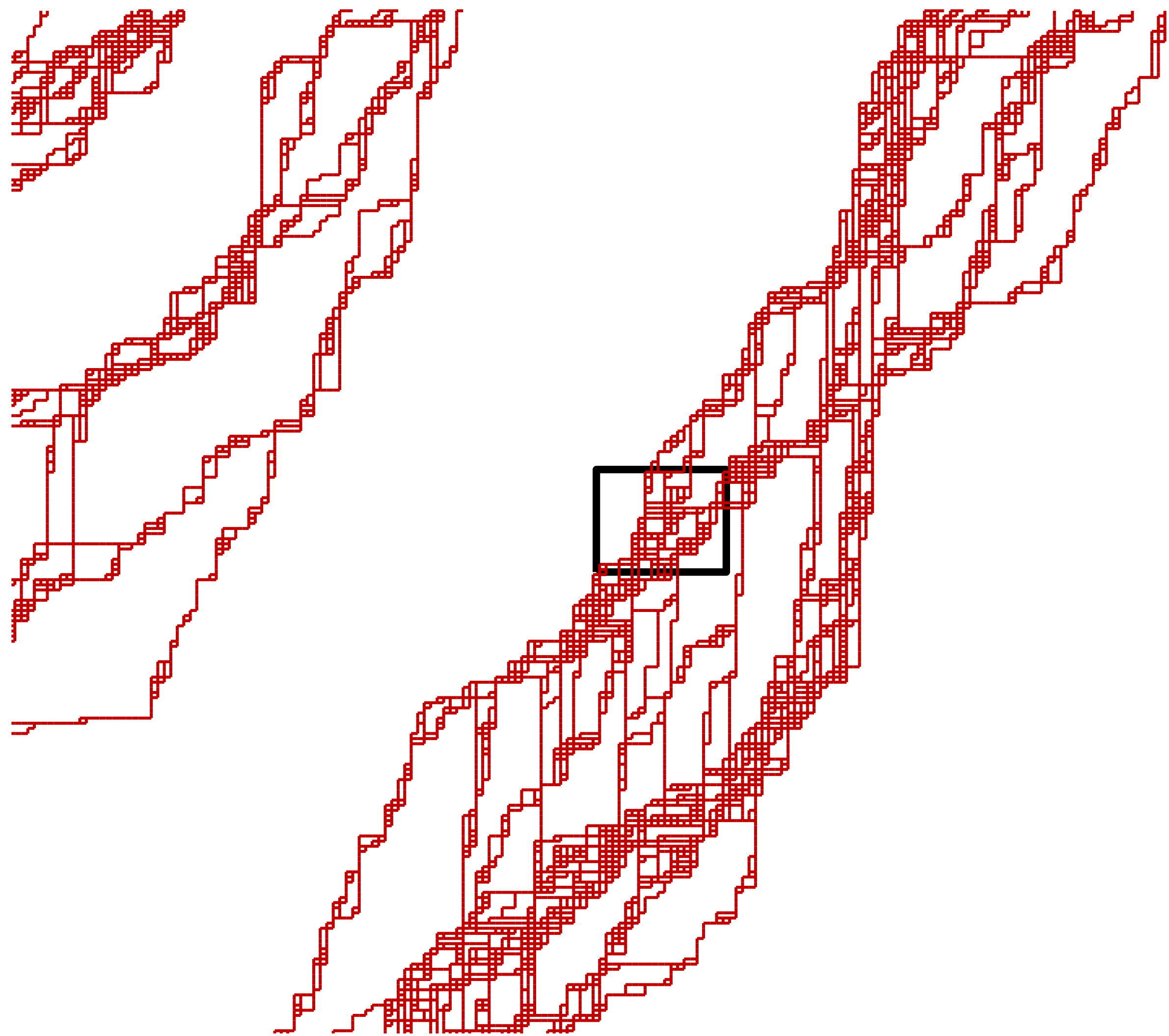
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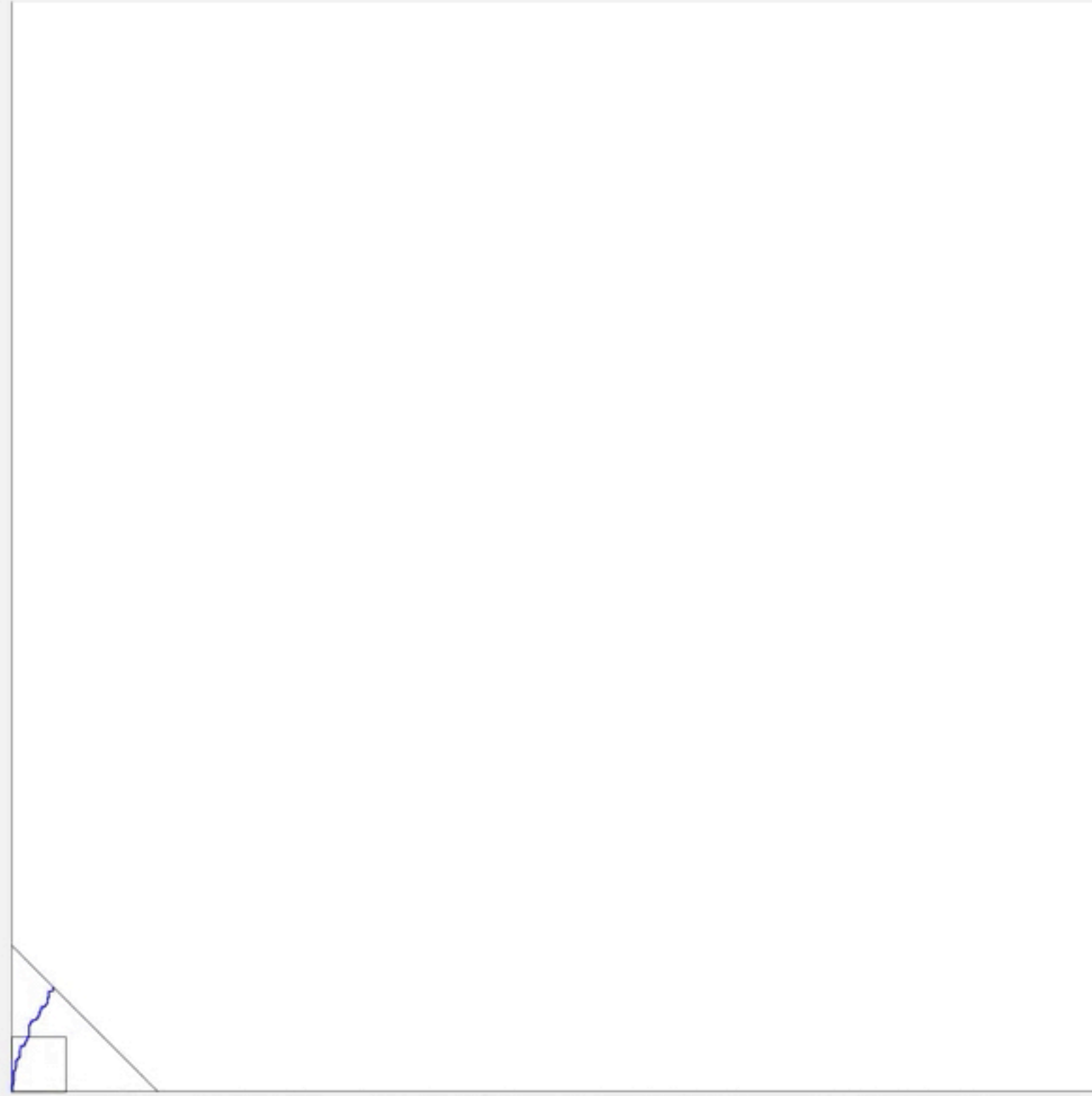


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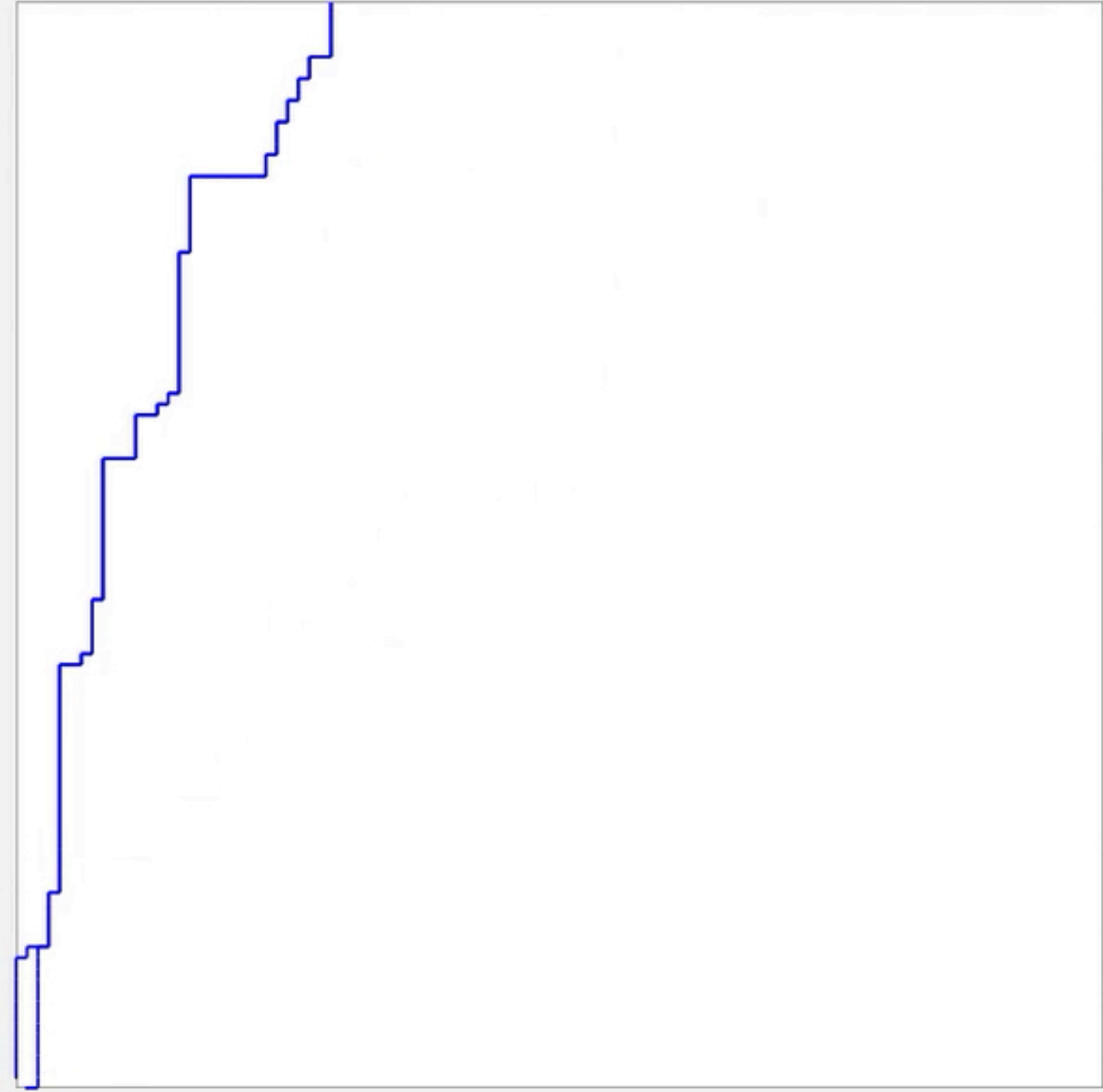




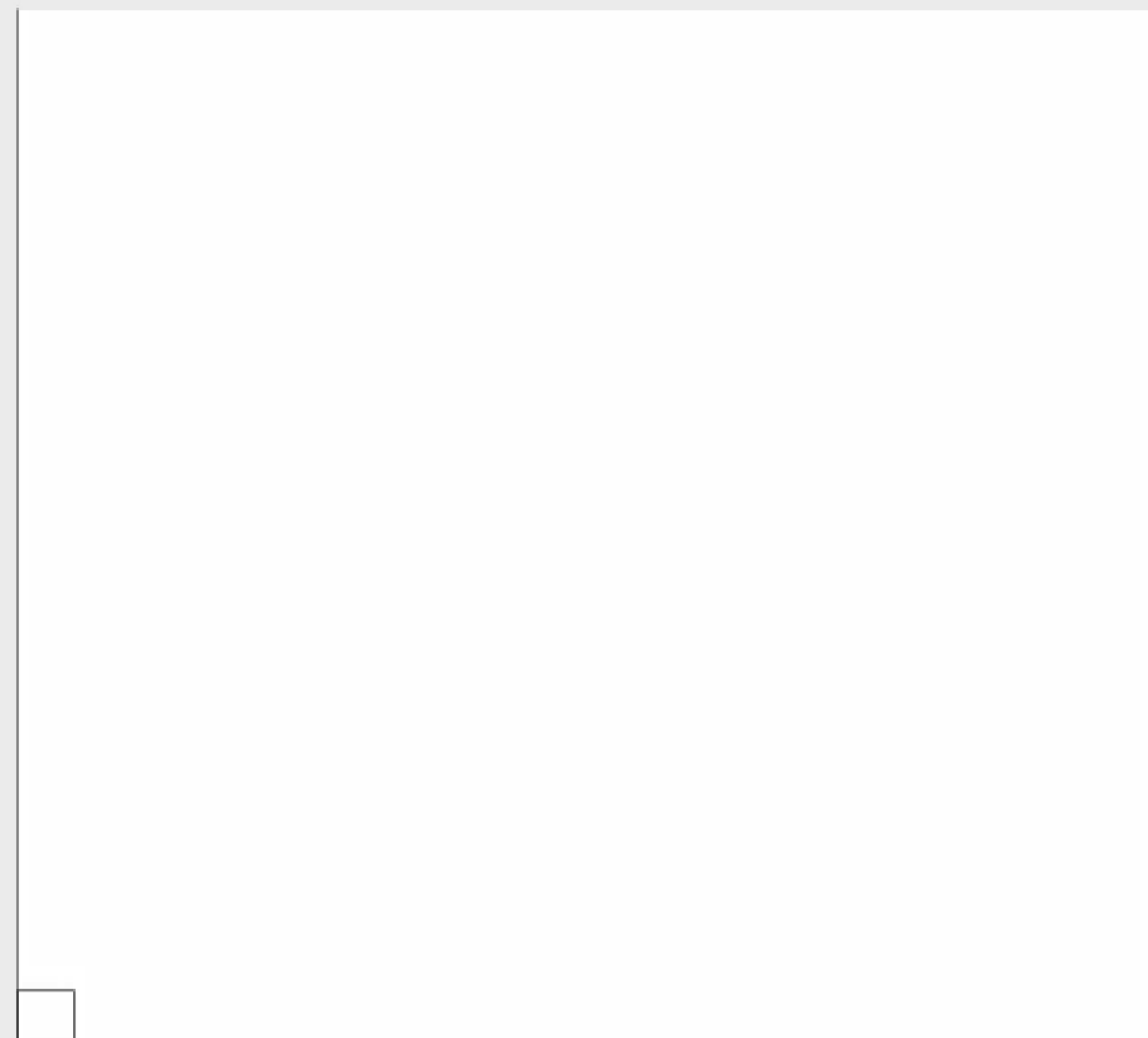




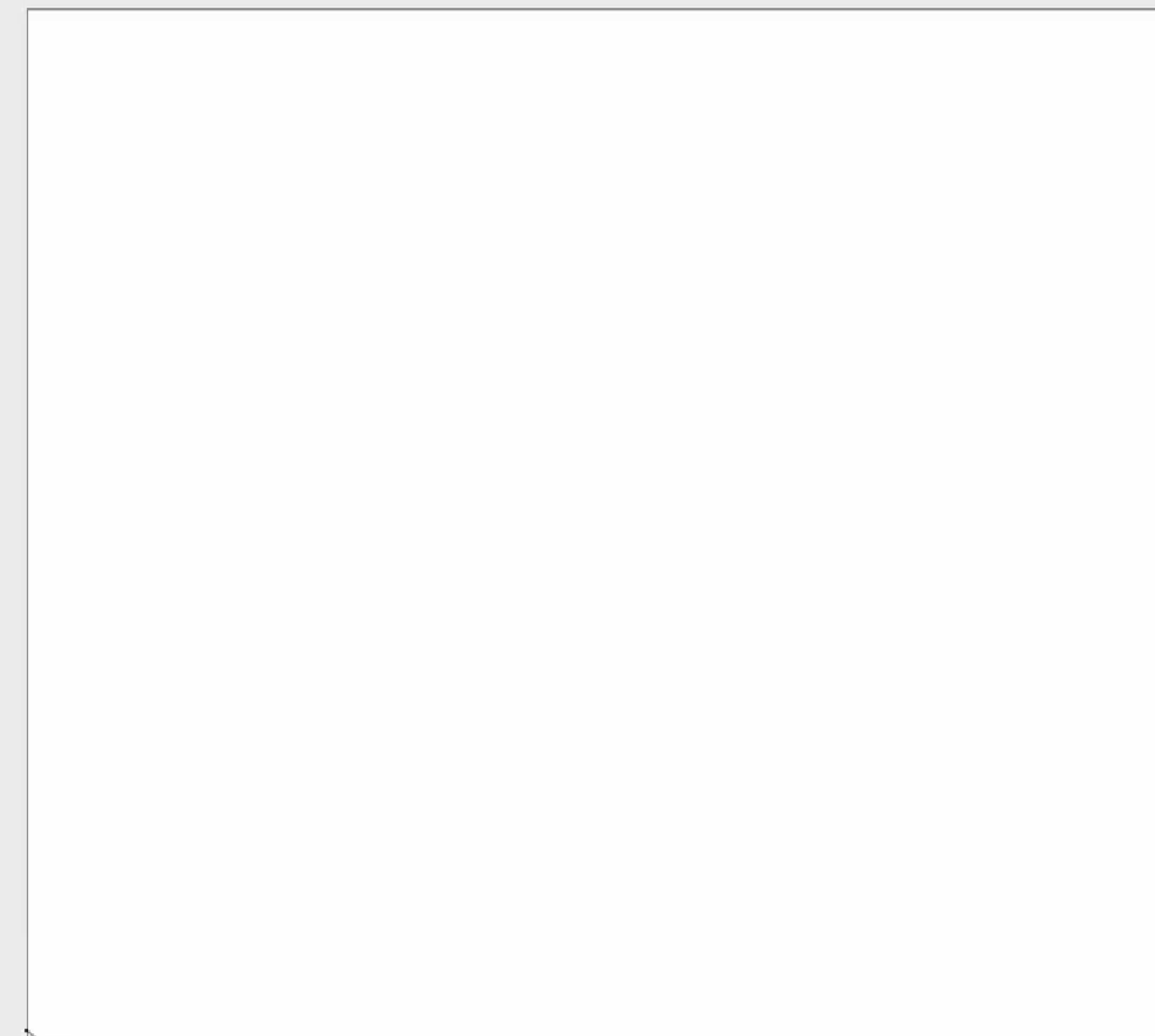
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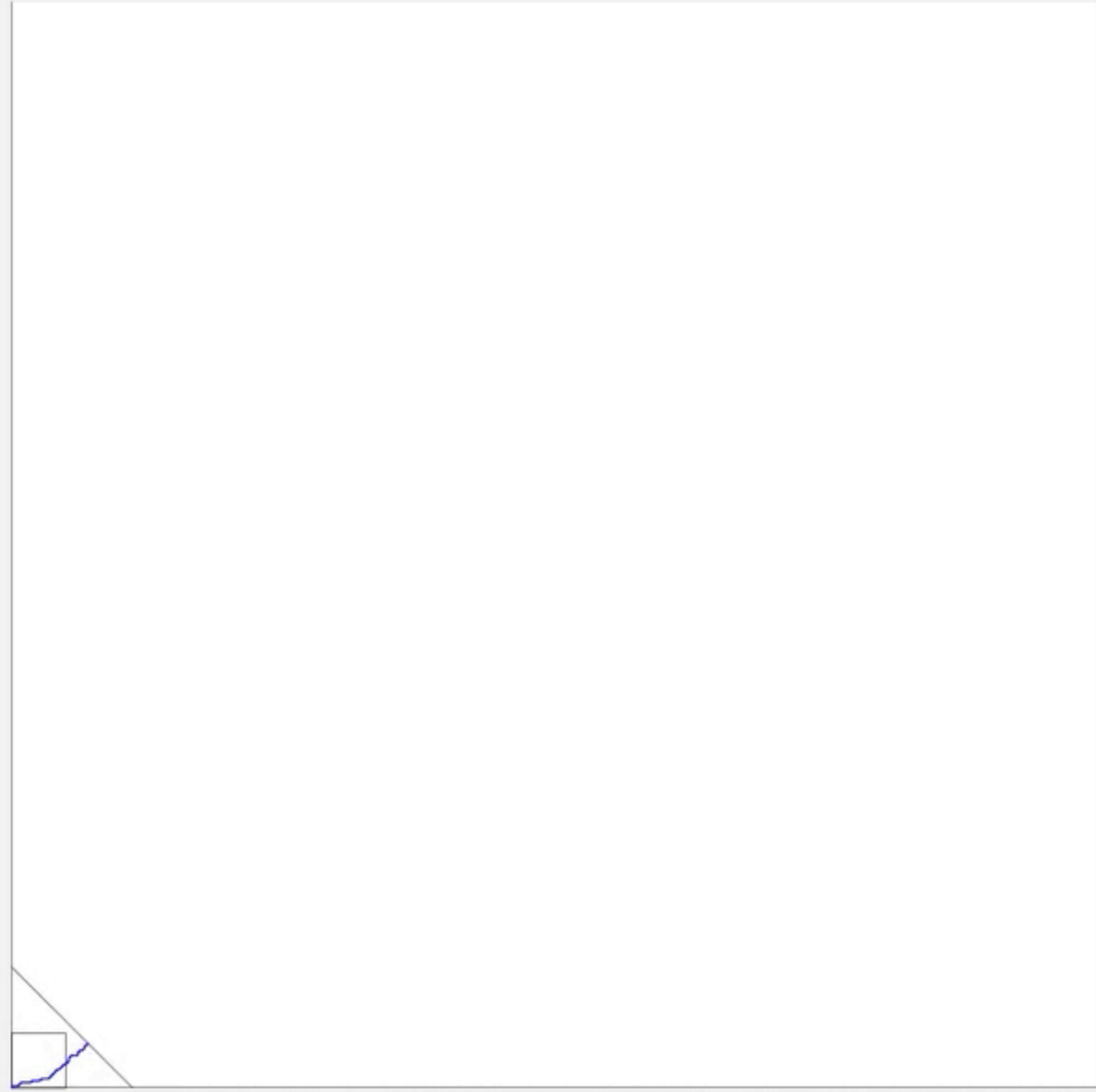




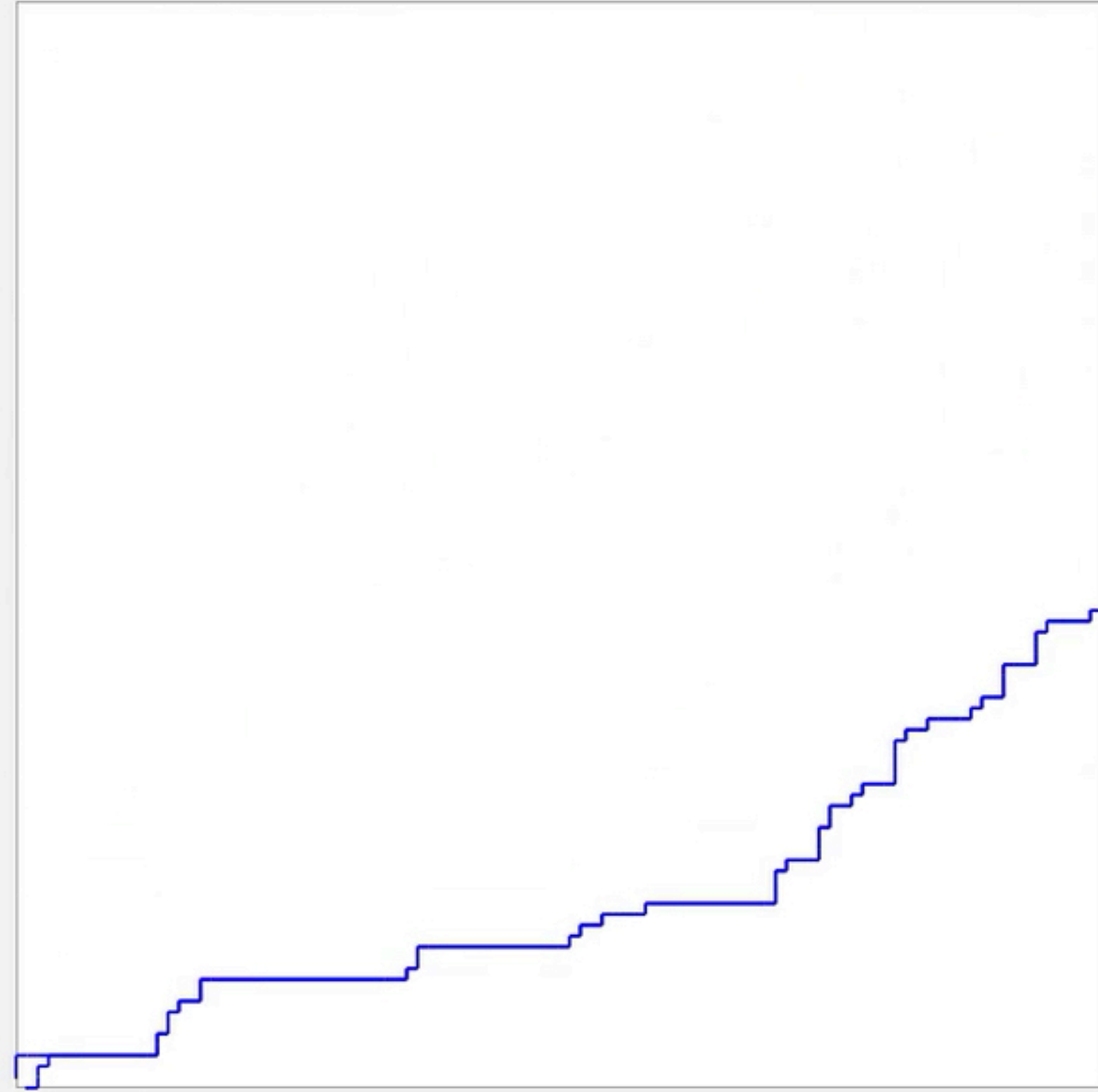


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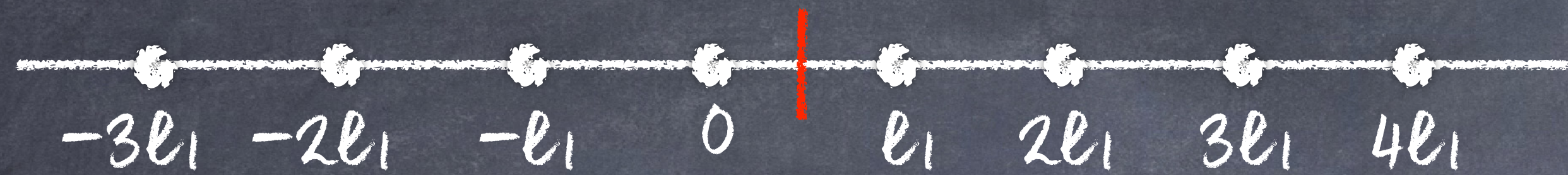
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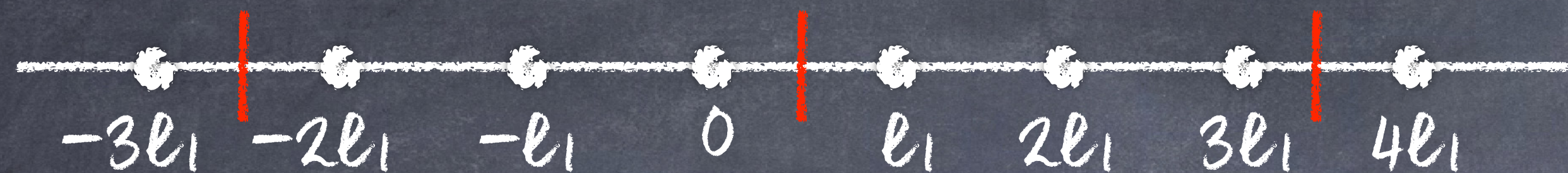






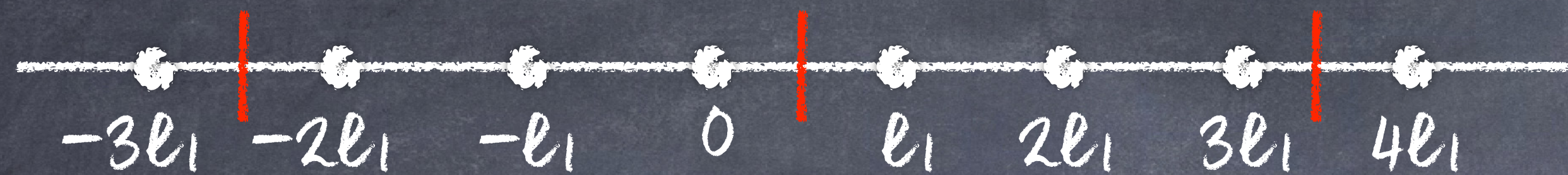


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