

Today

- Trig related rate problems:
 - Triangle with height-angle relation (fish).
 - Triangle with angle--opposite-side relation (clock).
- Linear approximation (3 examples).

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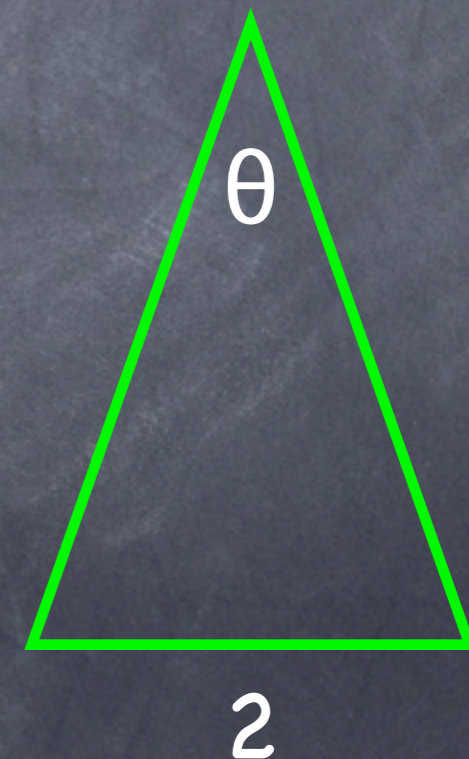
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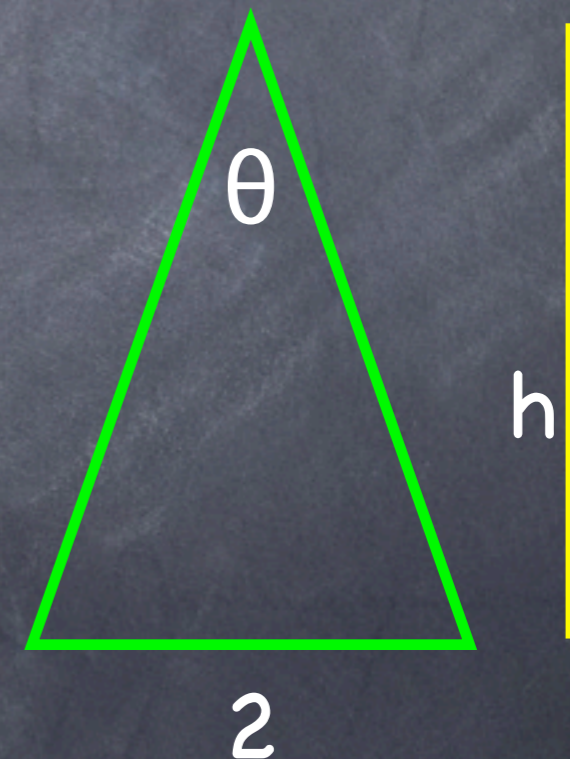
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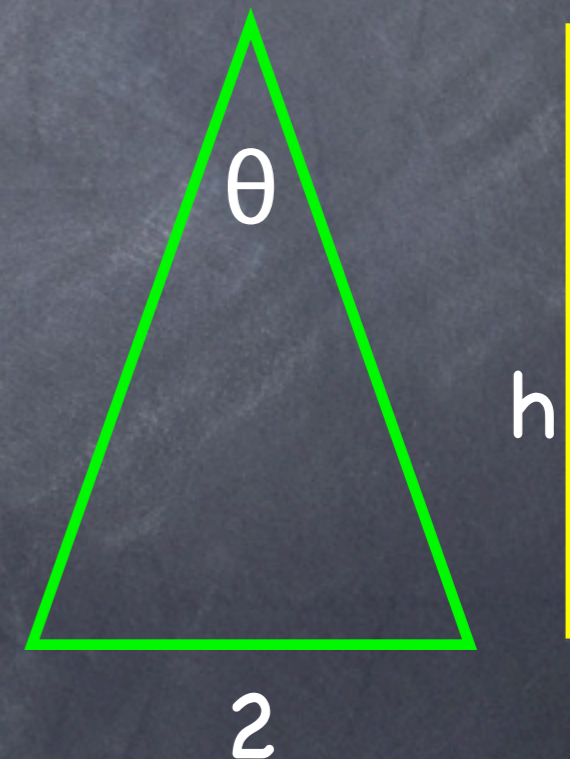
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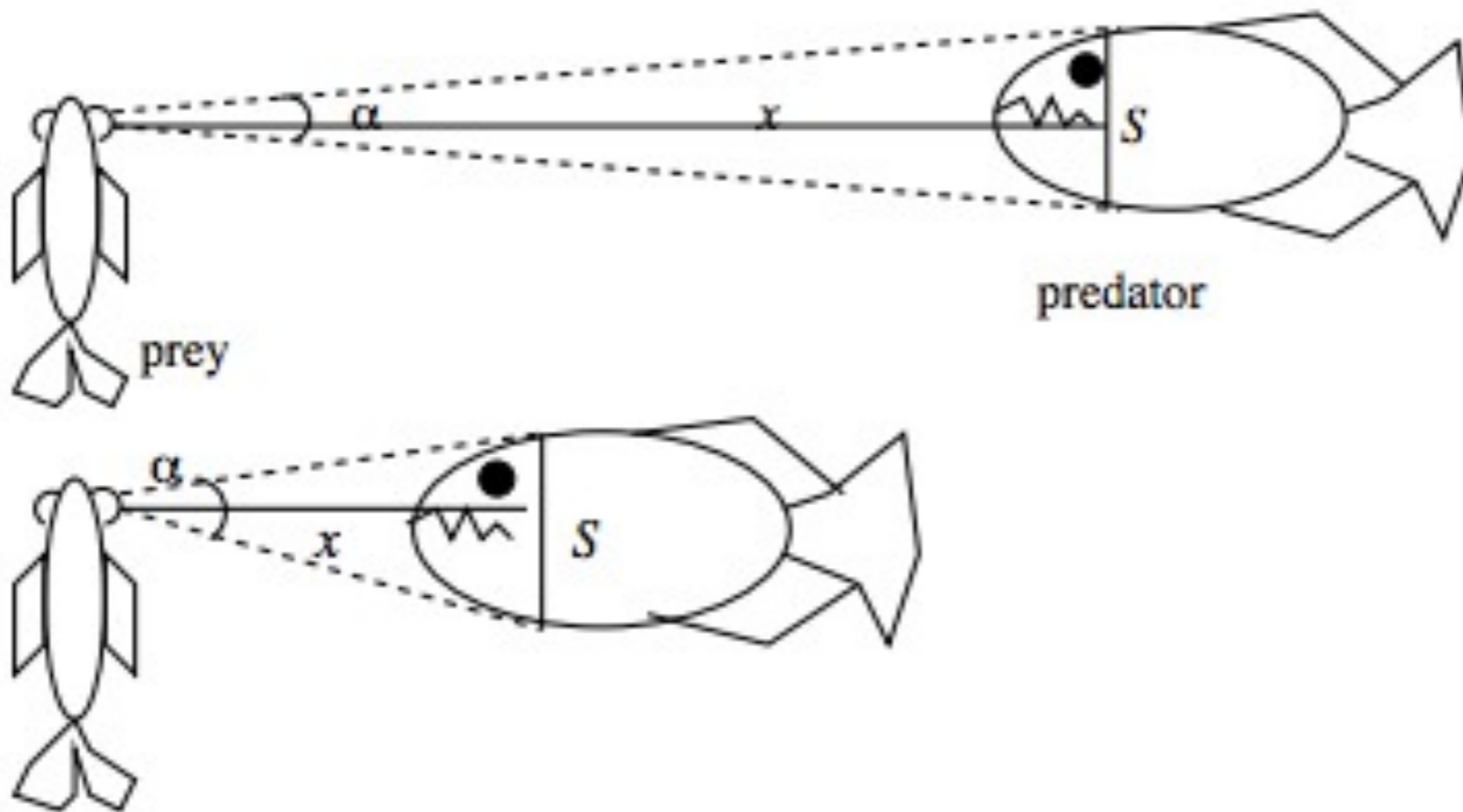
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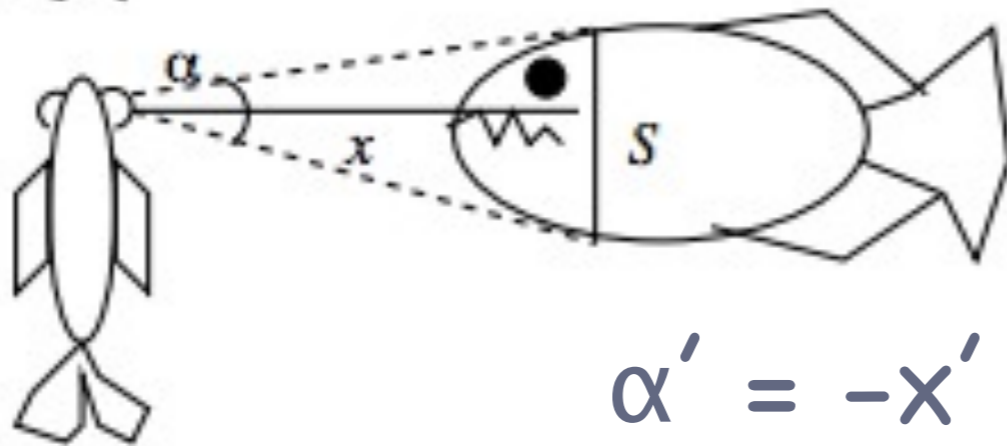
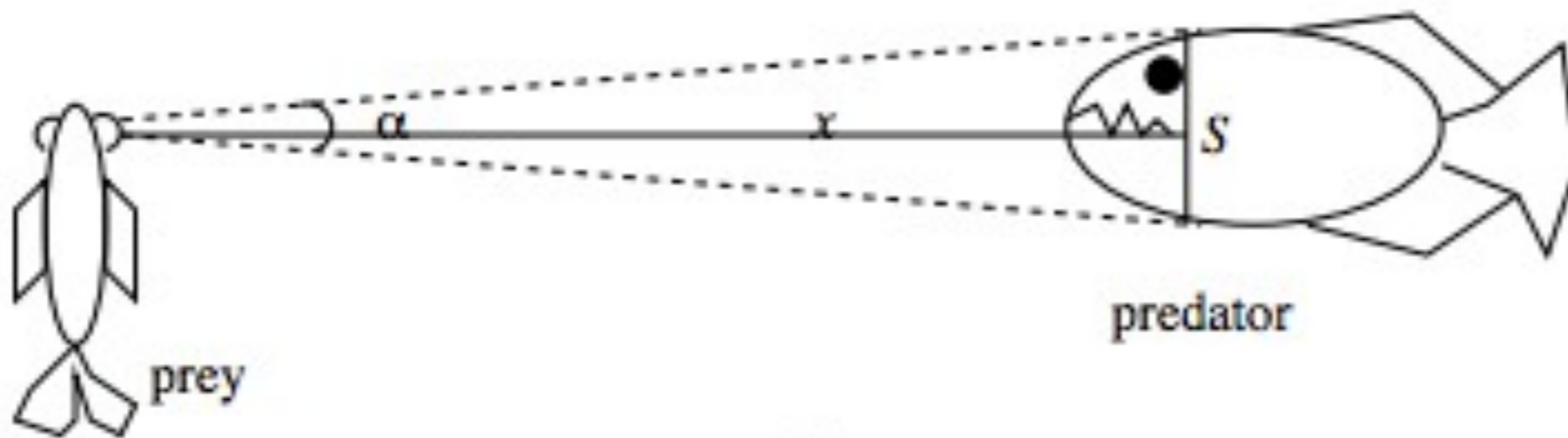
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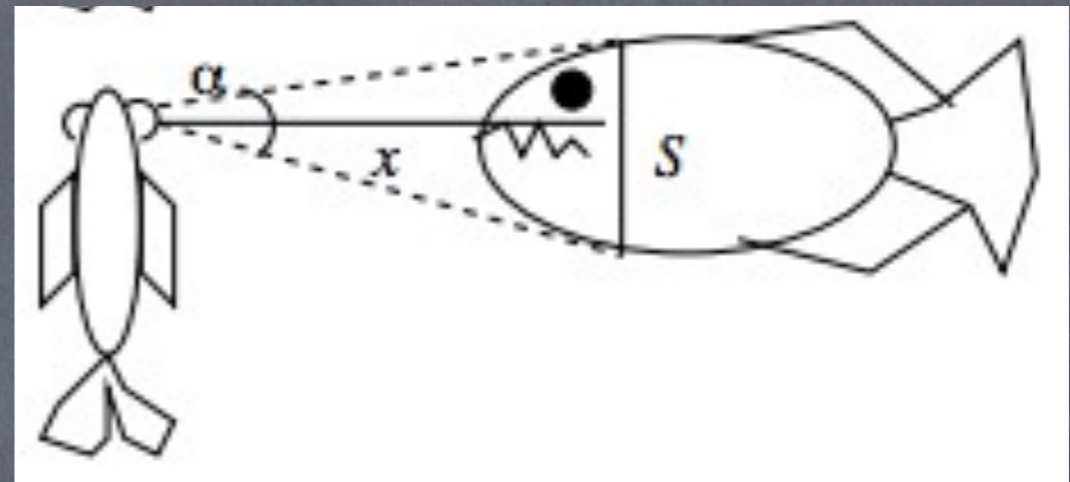
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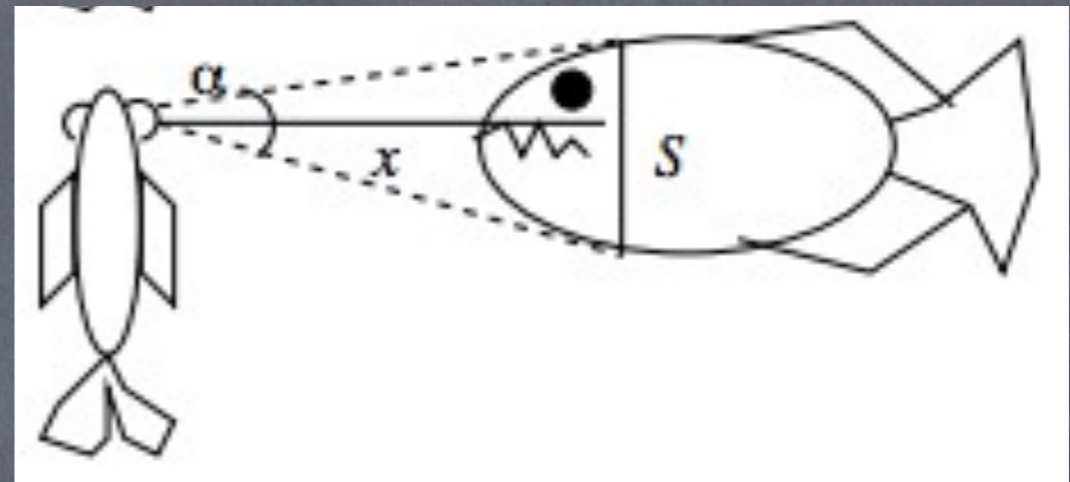
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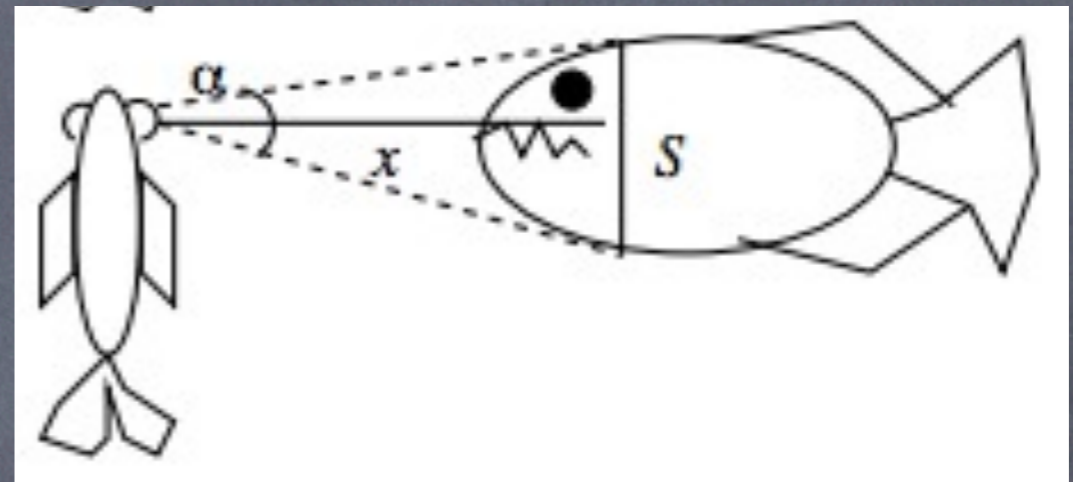
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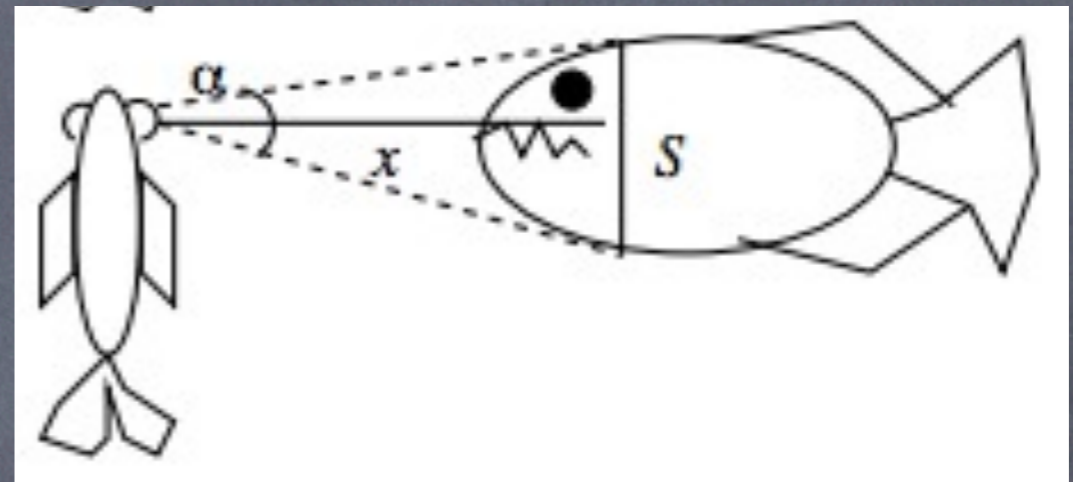
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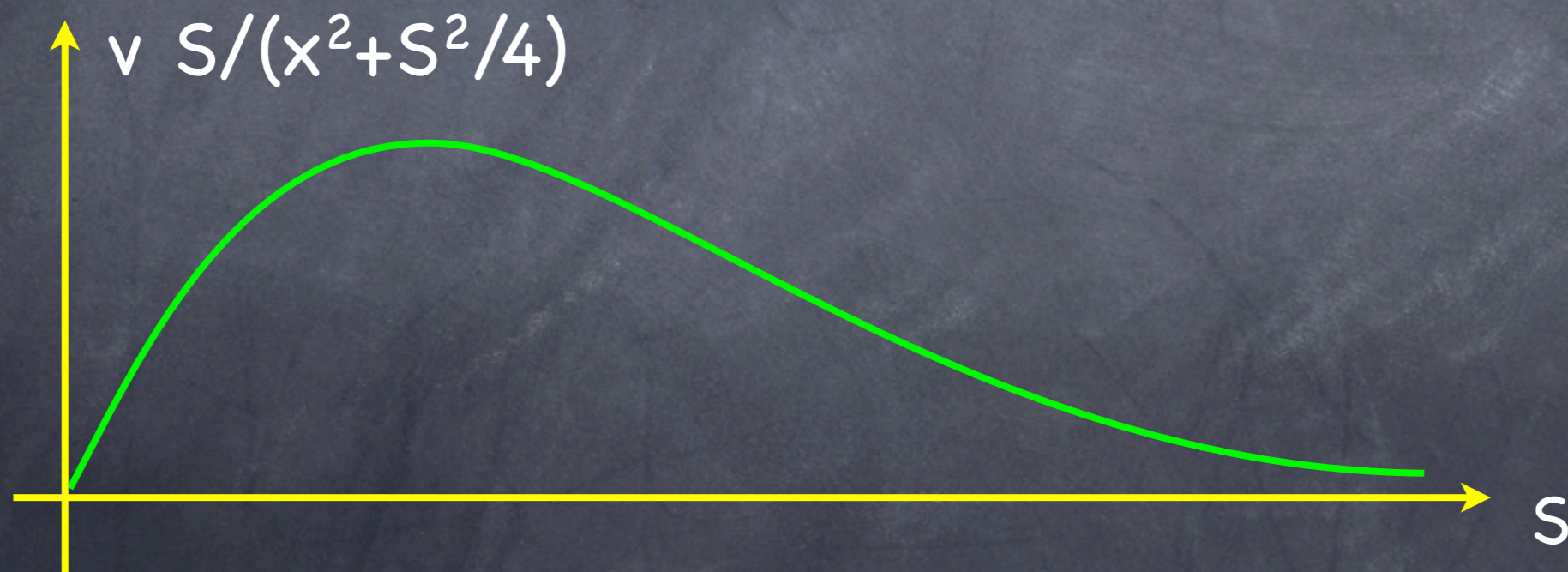
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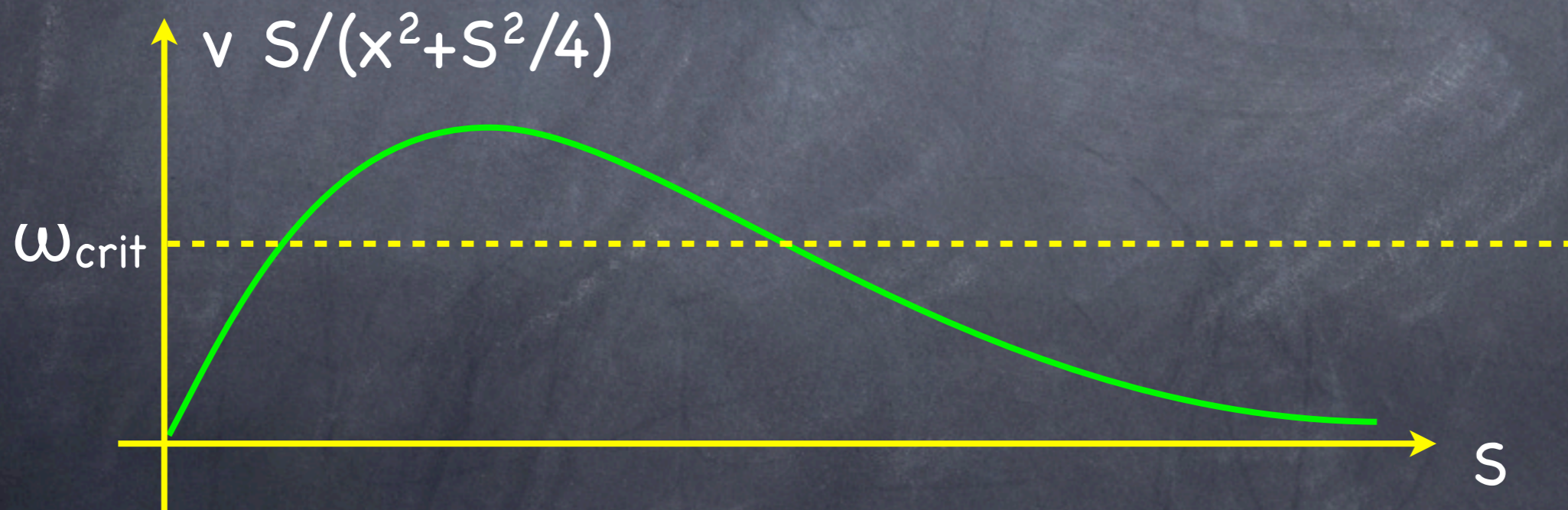
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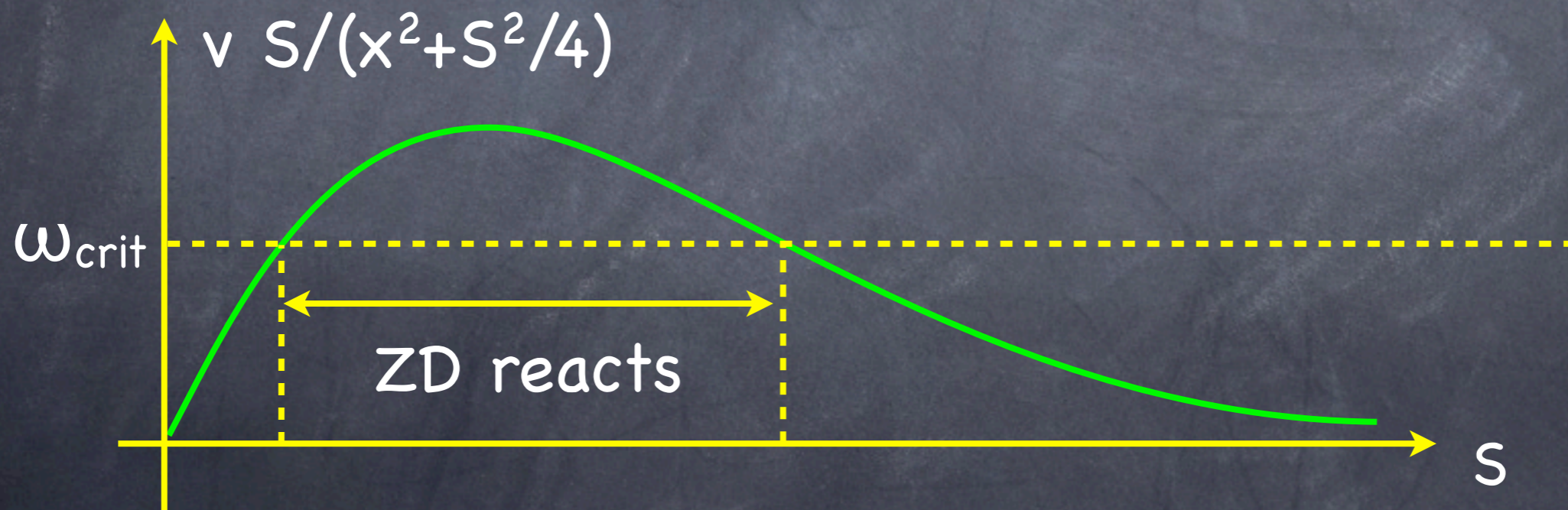
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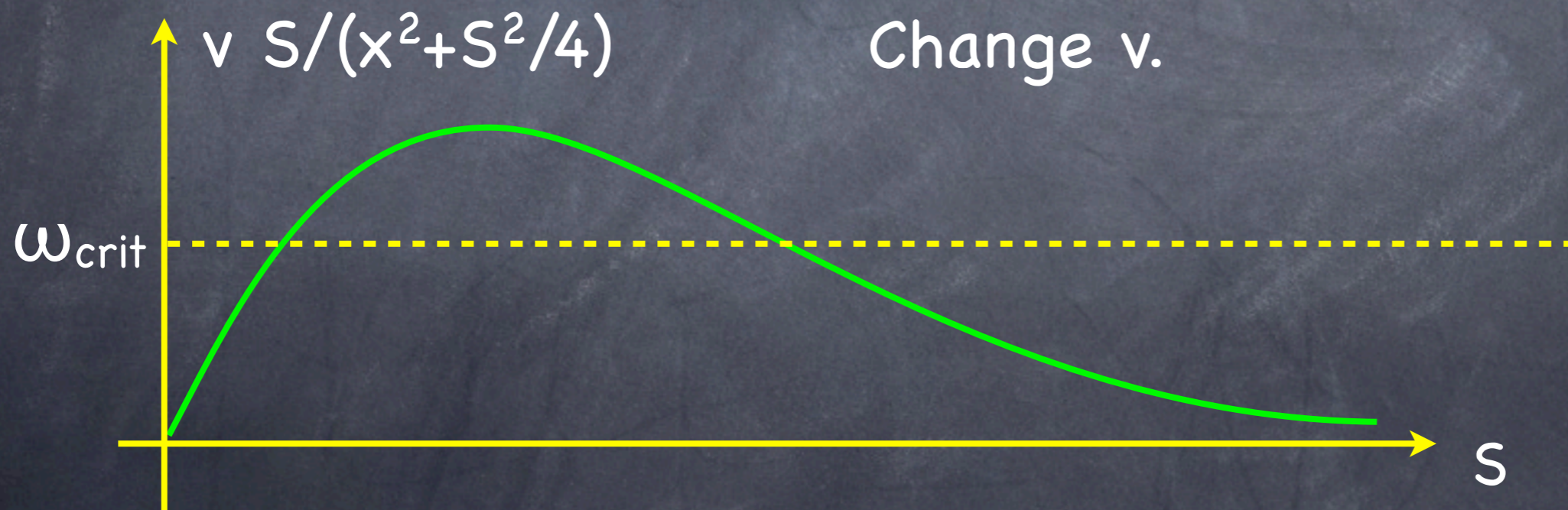
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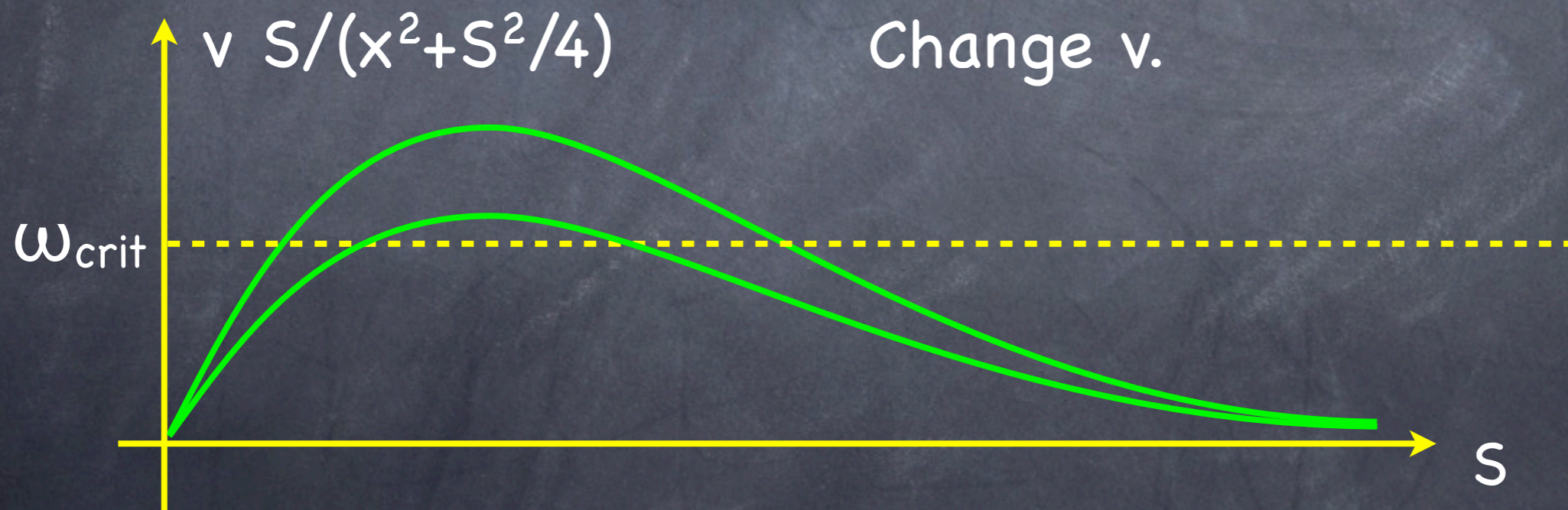
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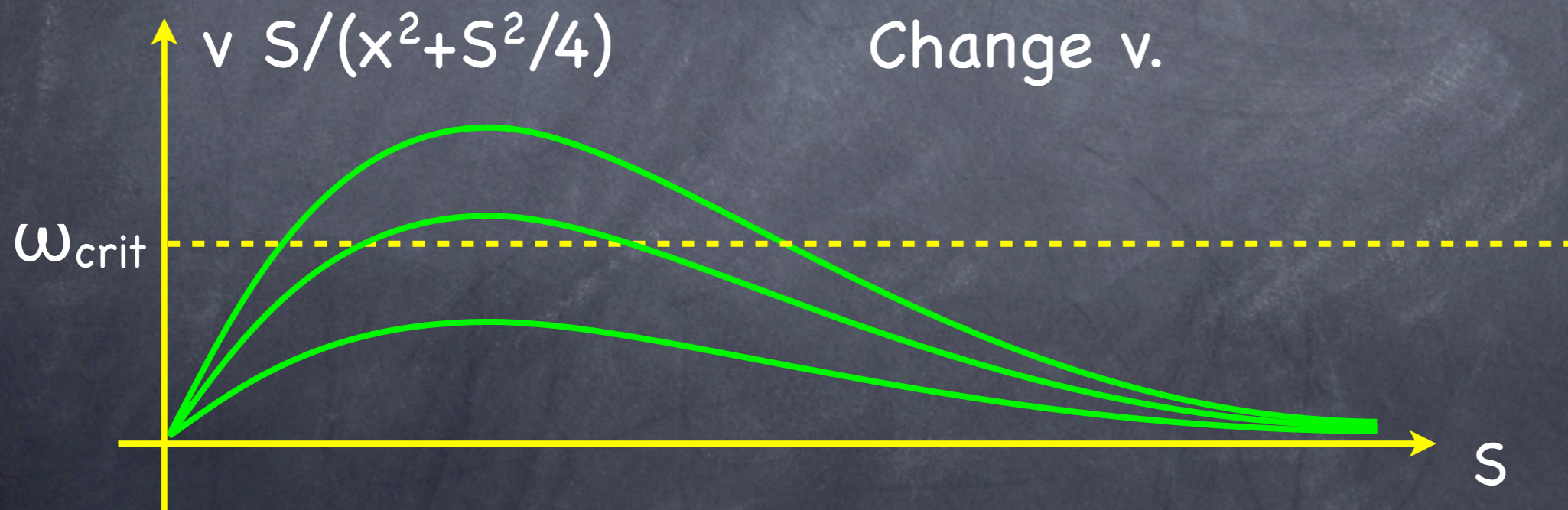
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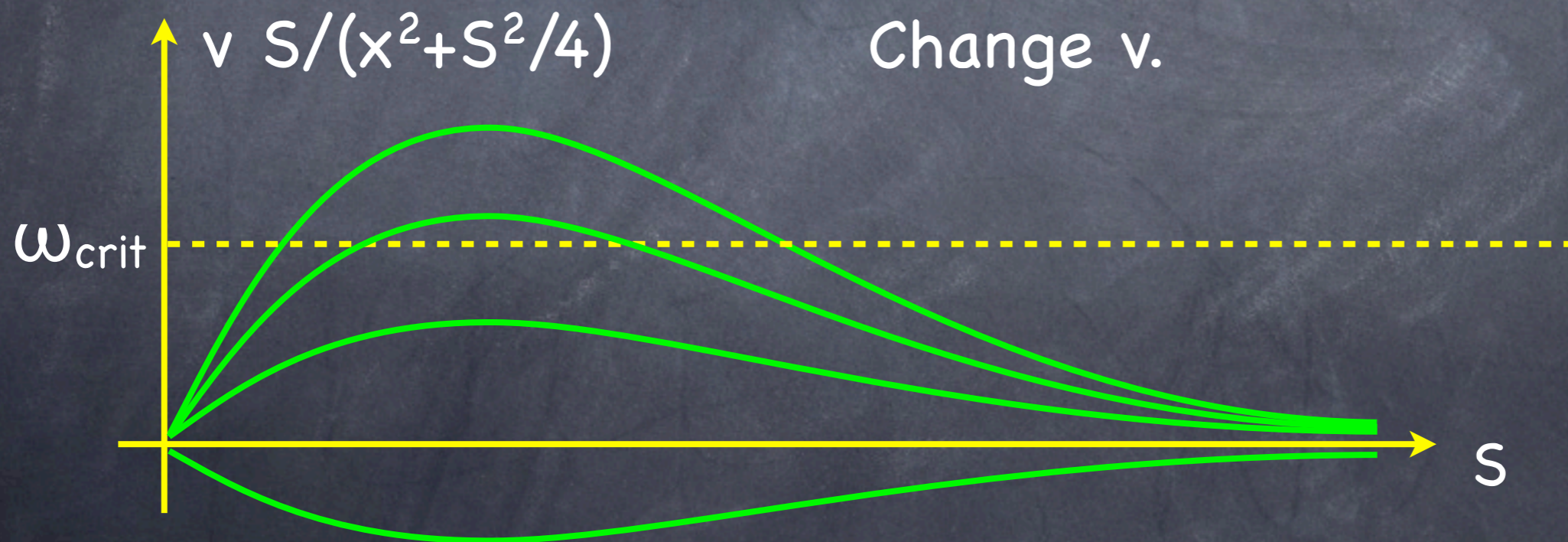
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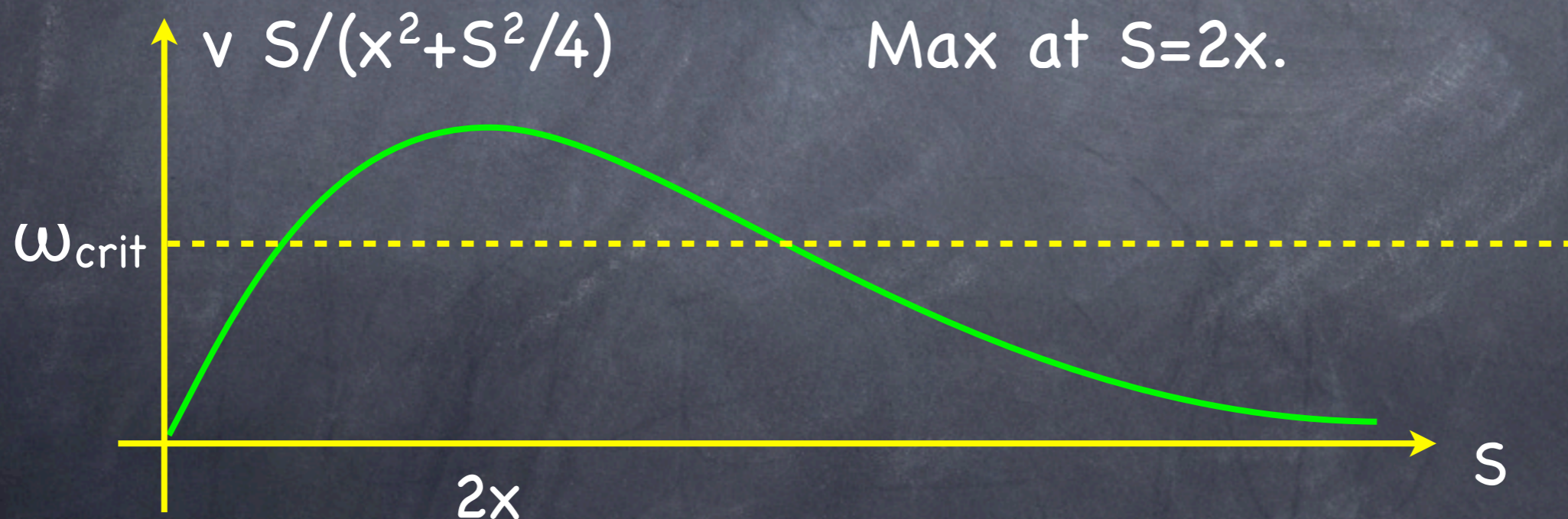
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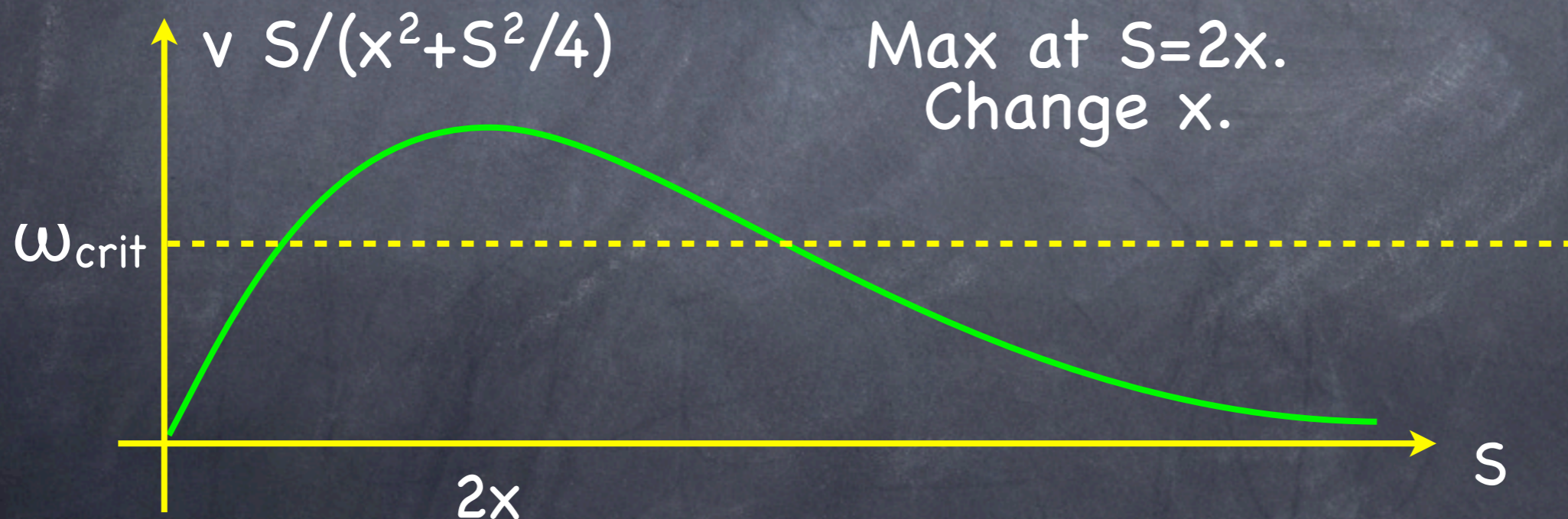
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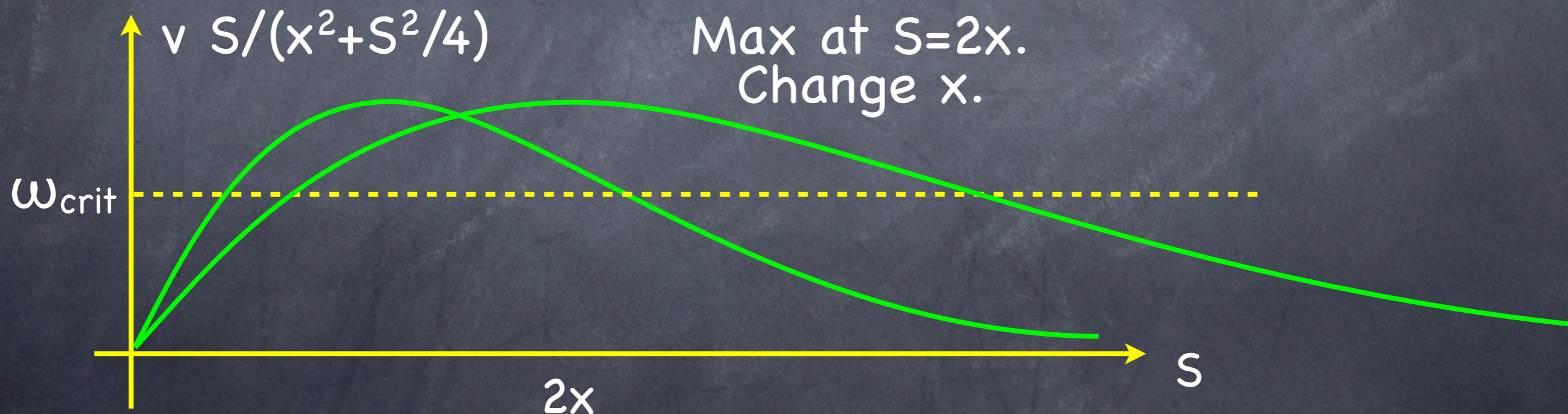
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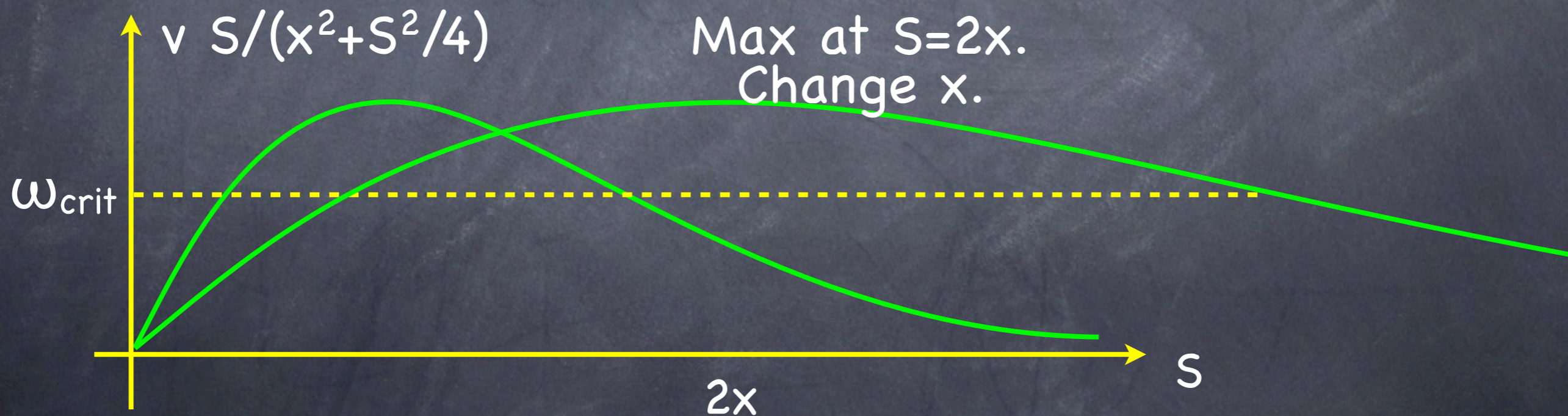
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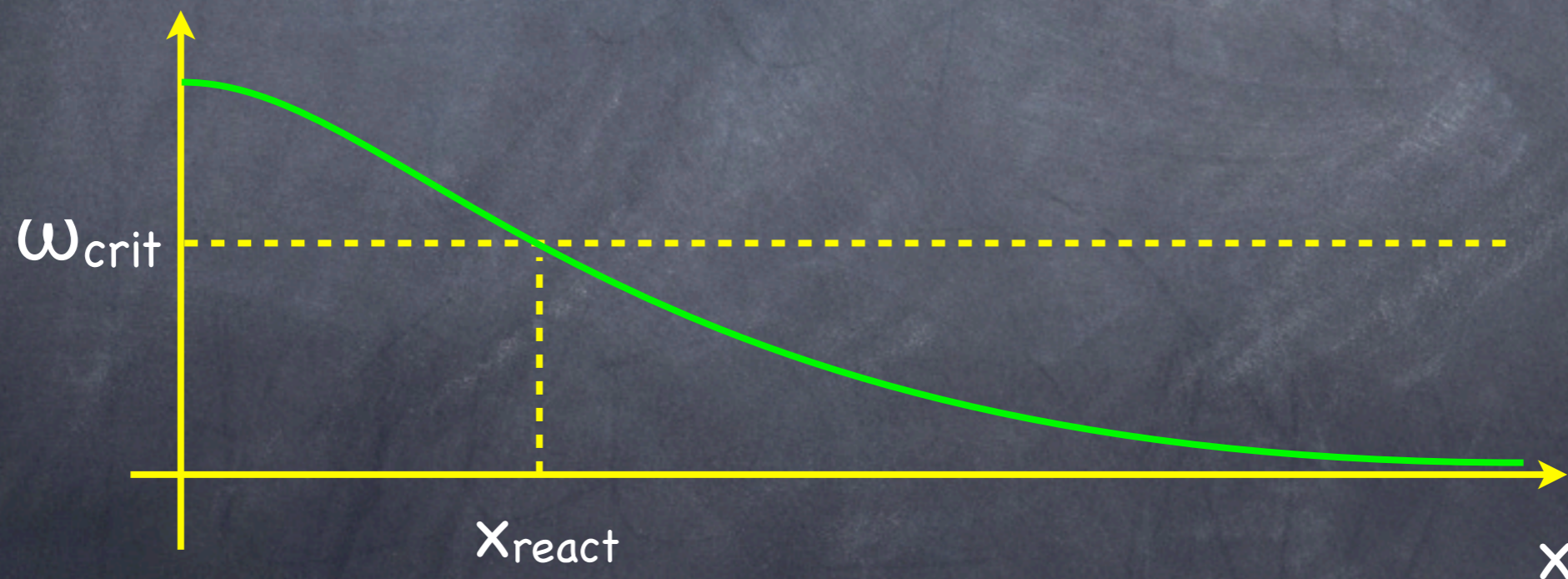
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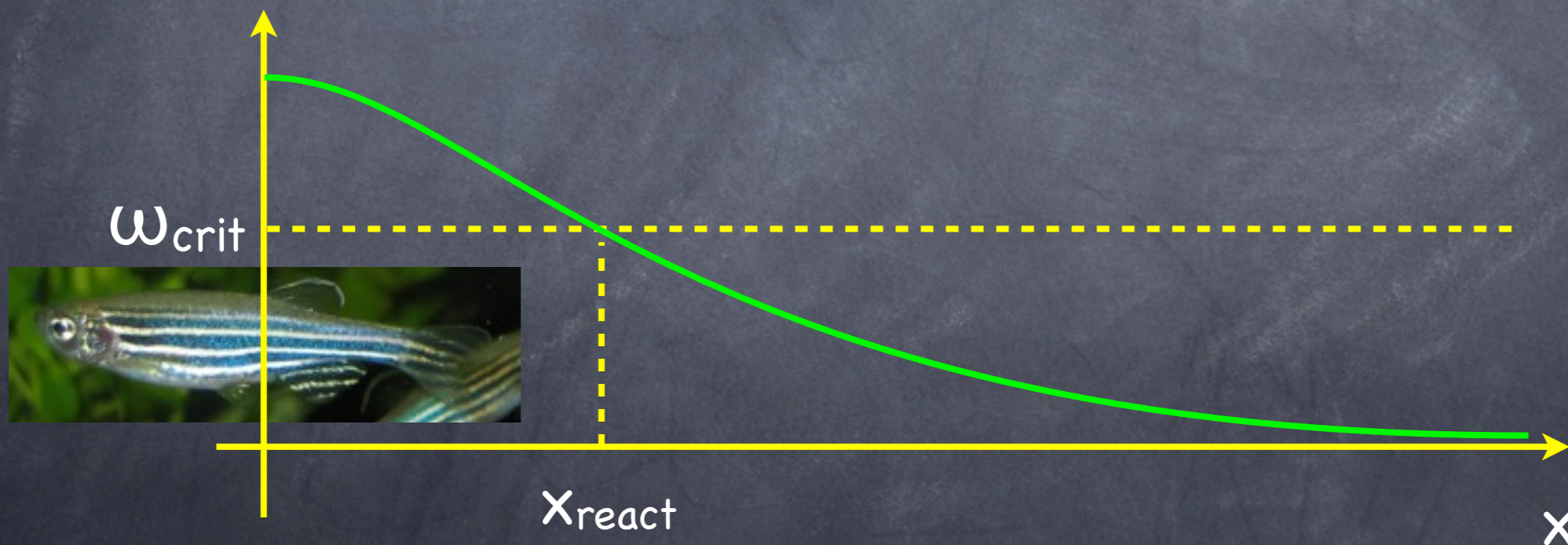
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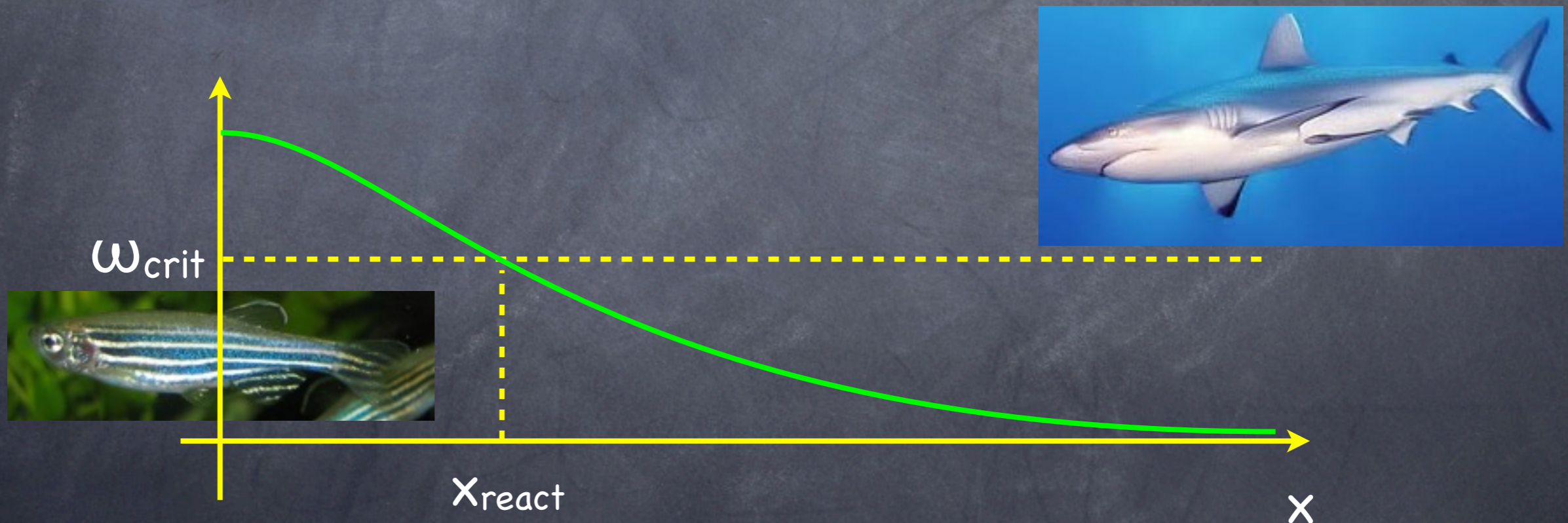
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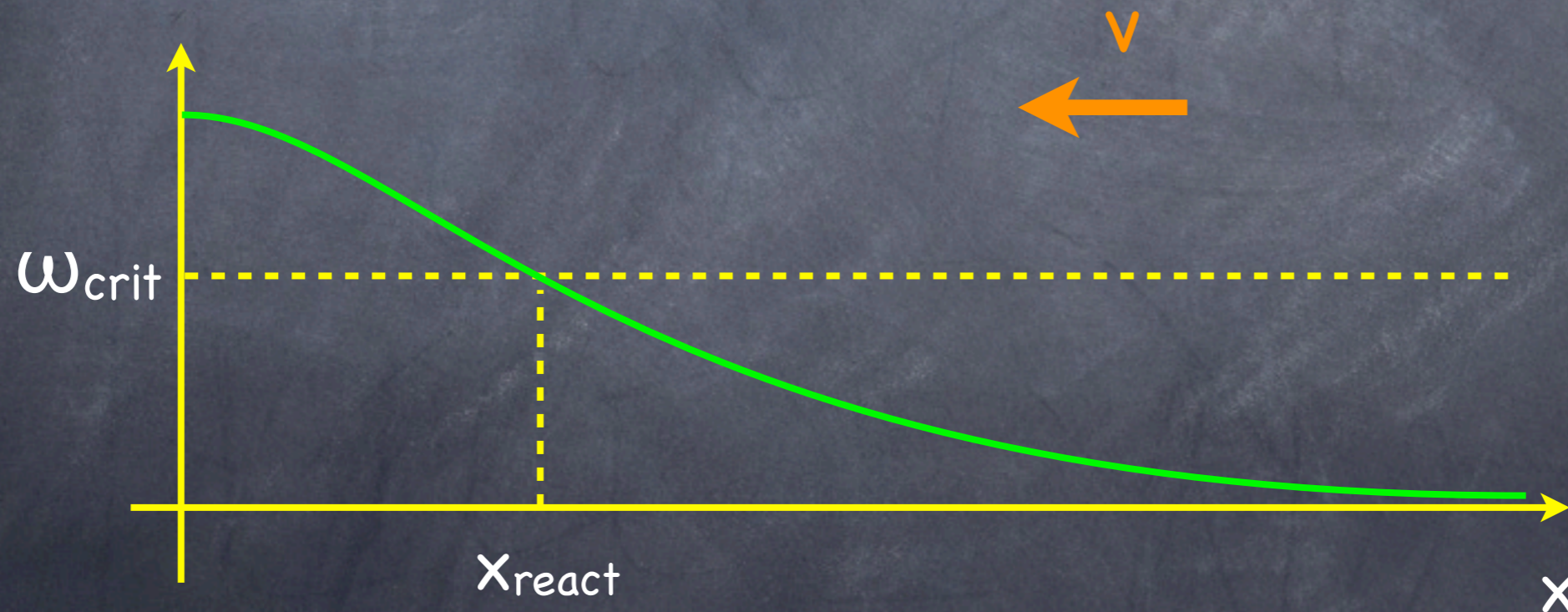
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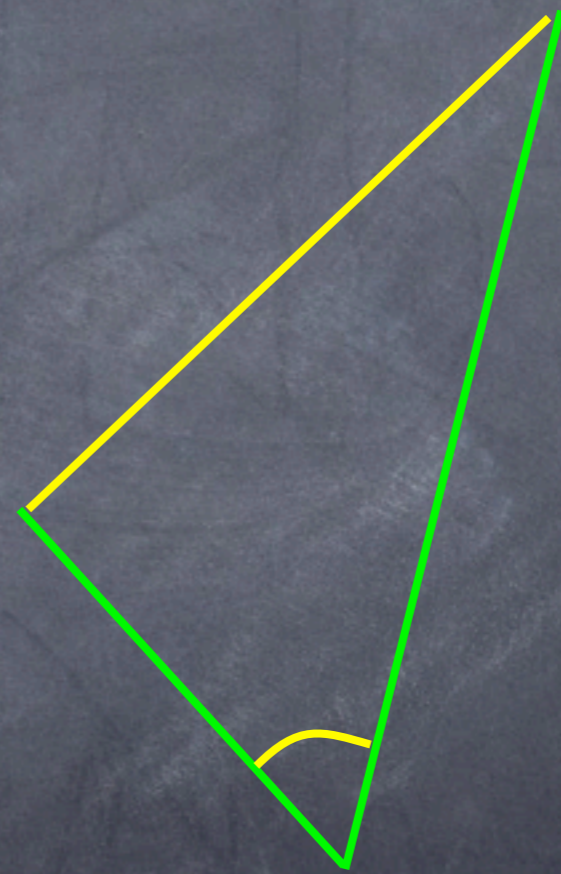
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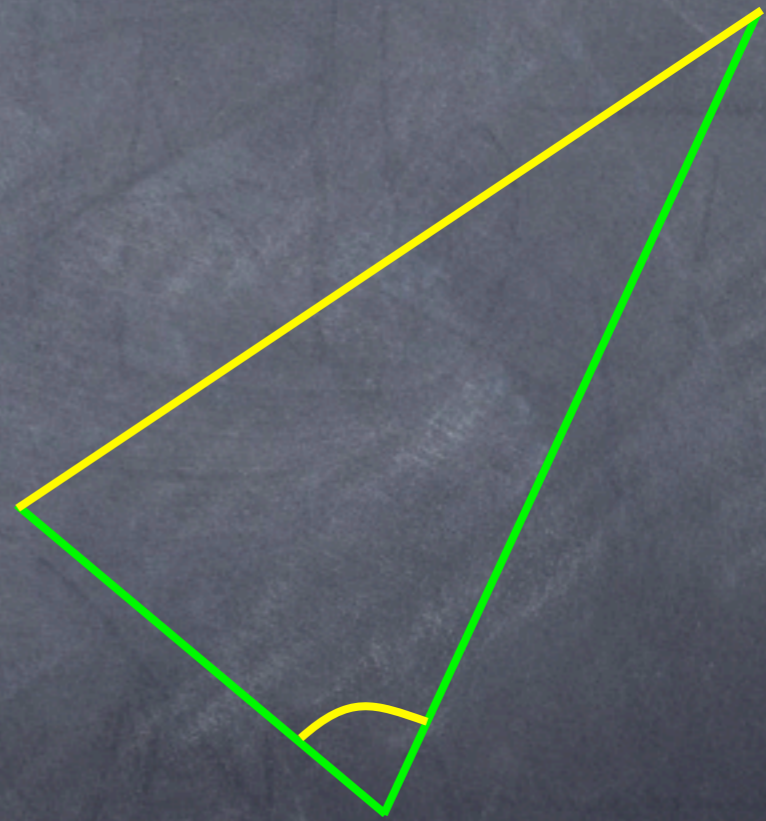


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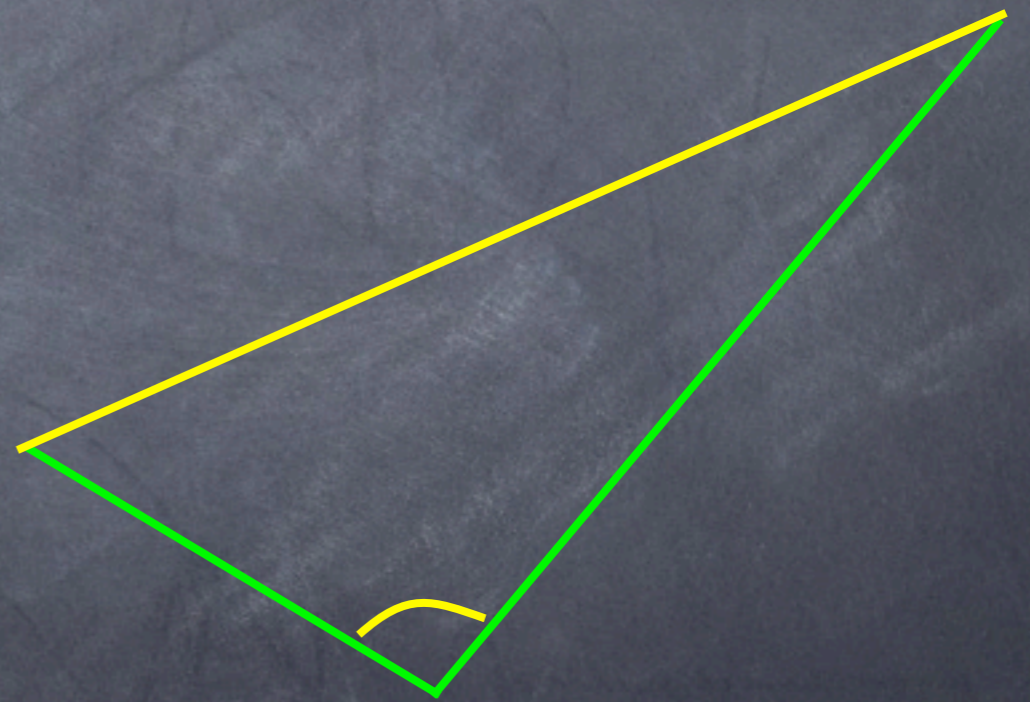
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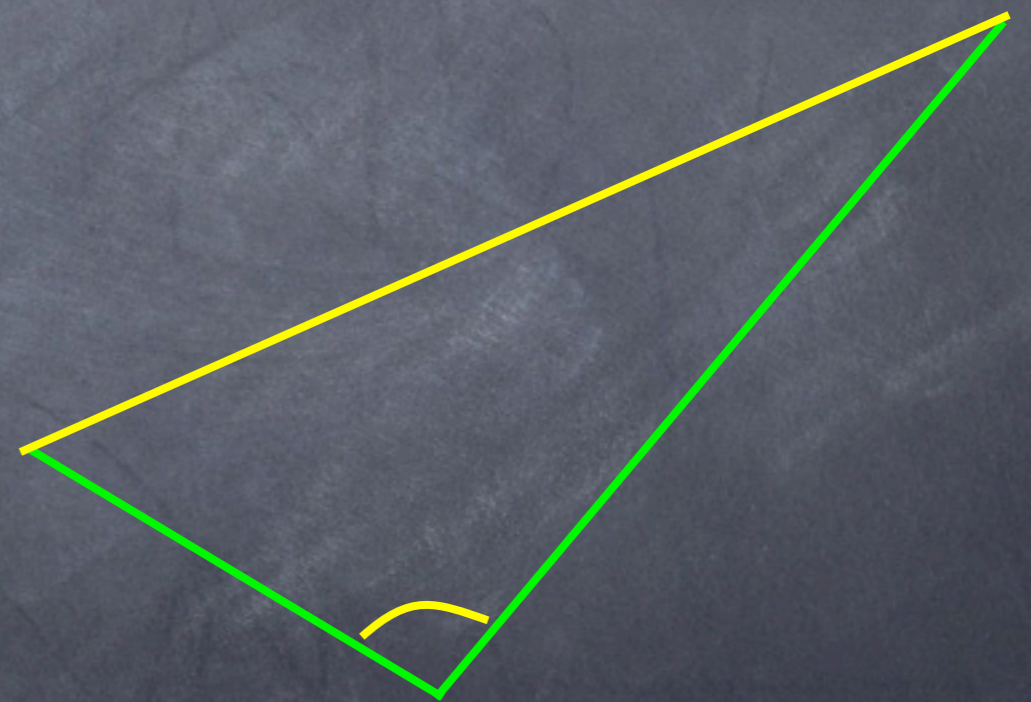
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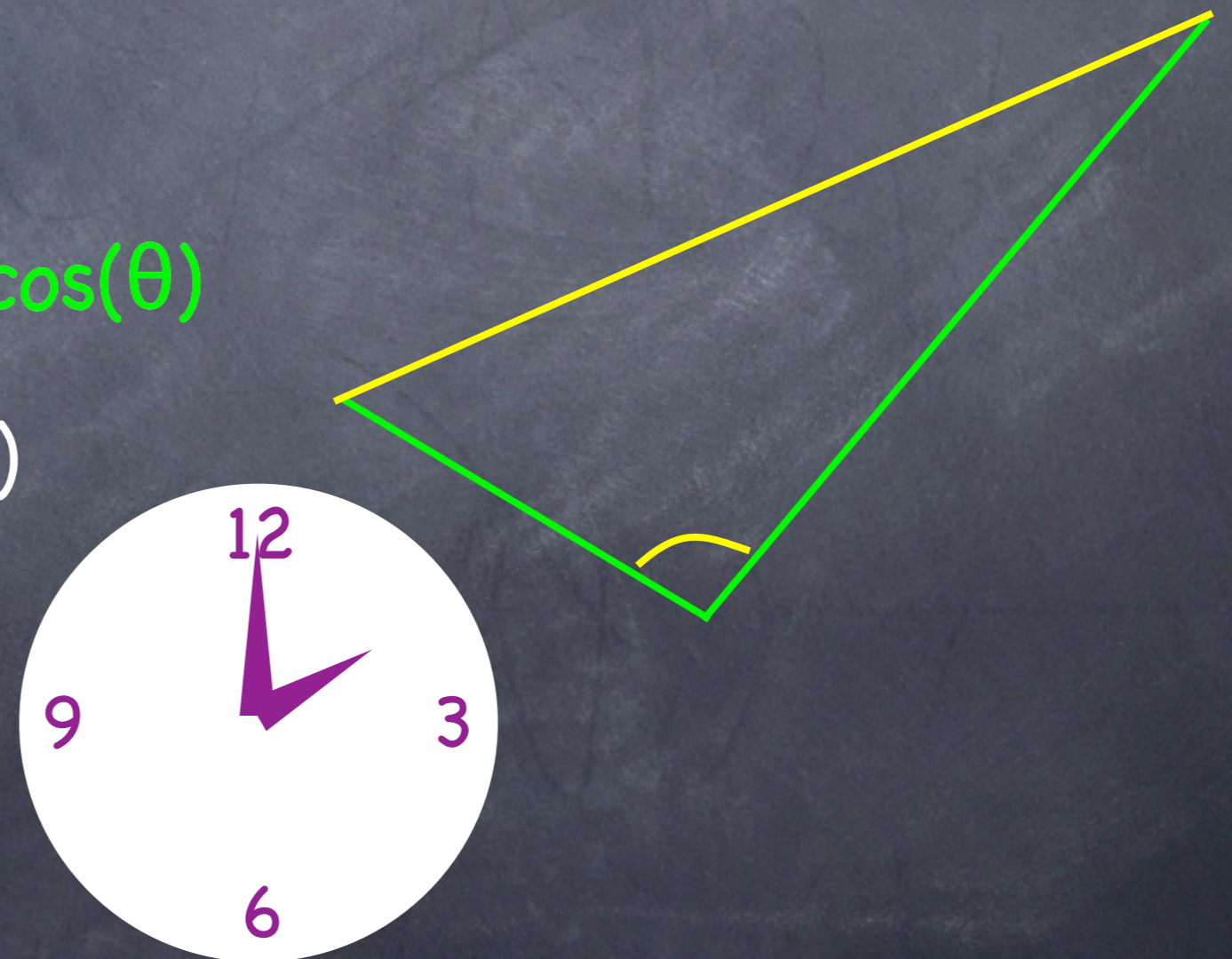
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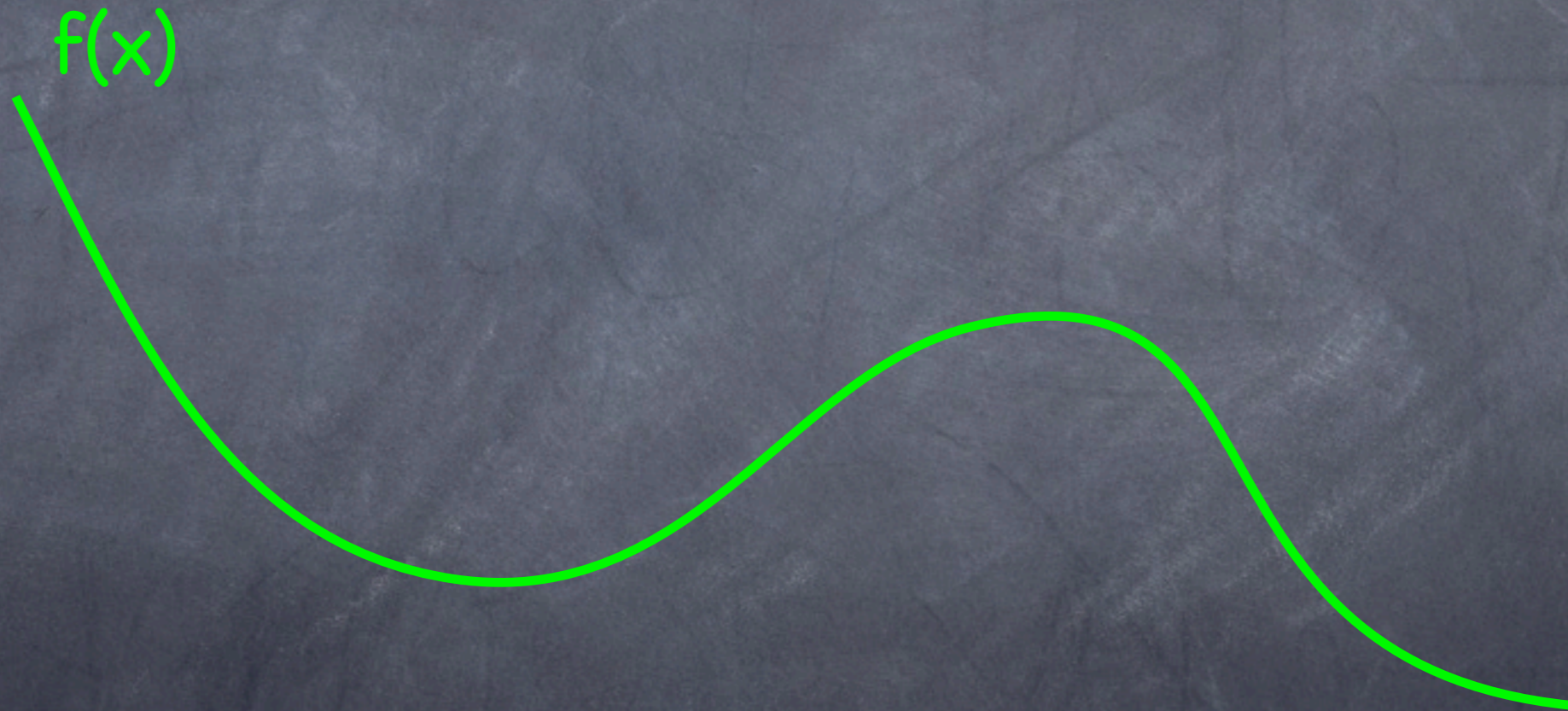
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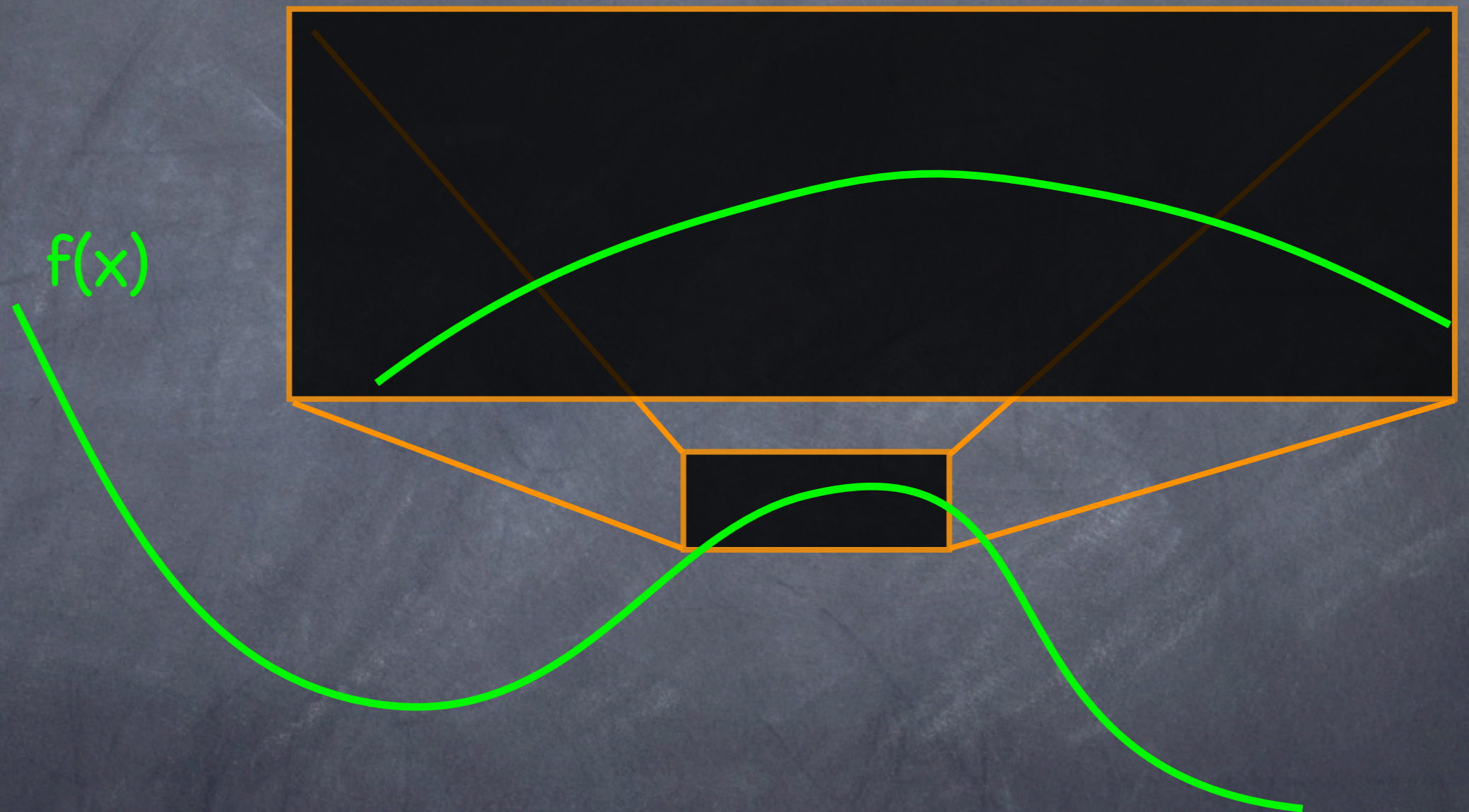


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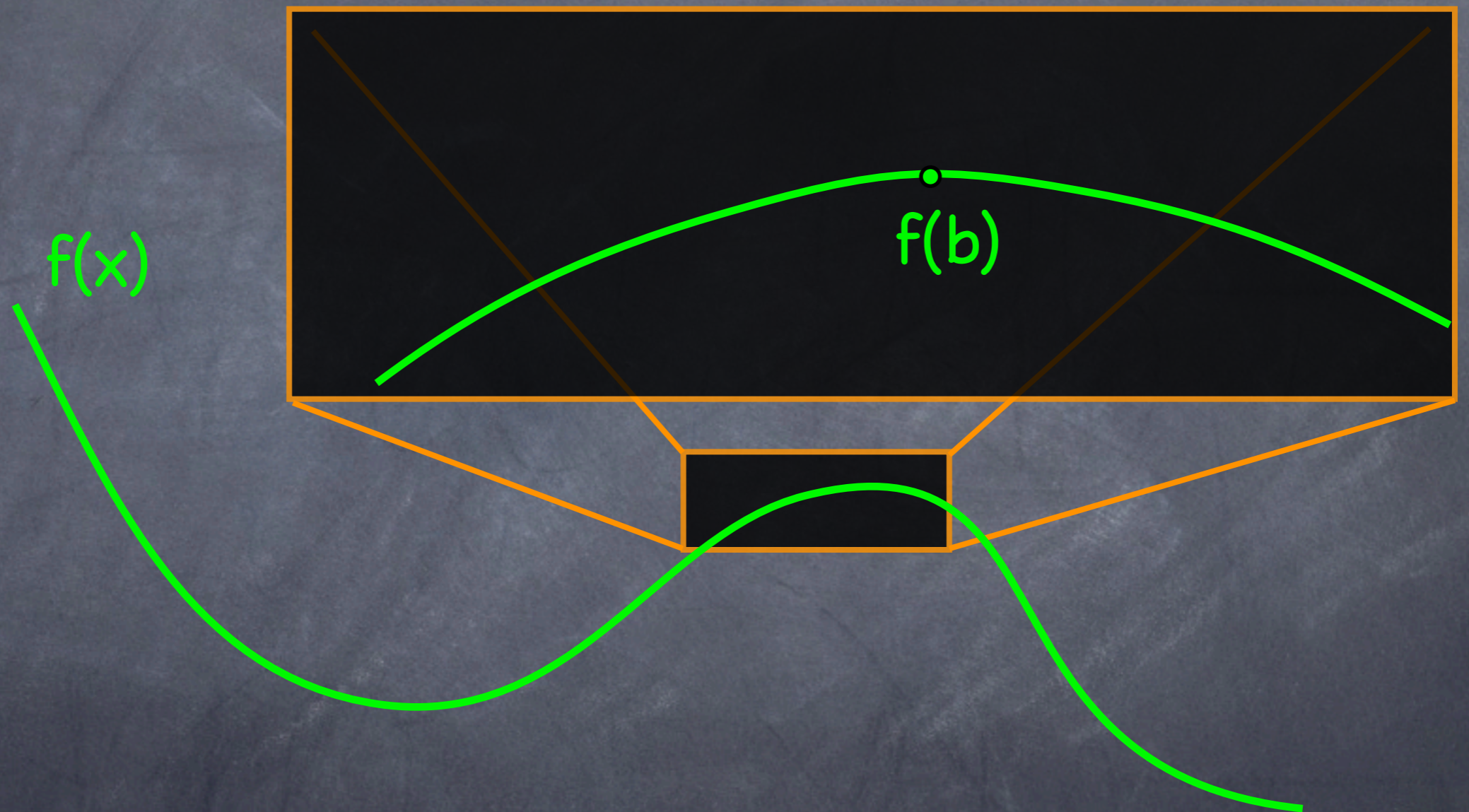
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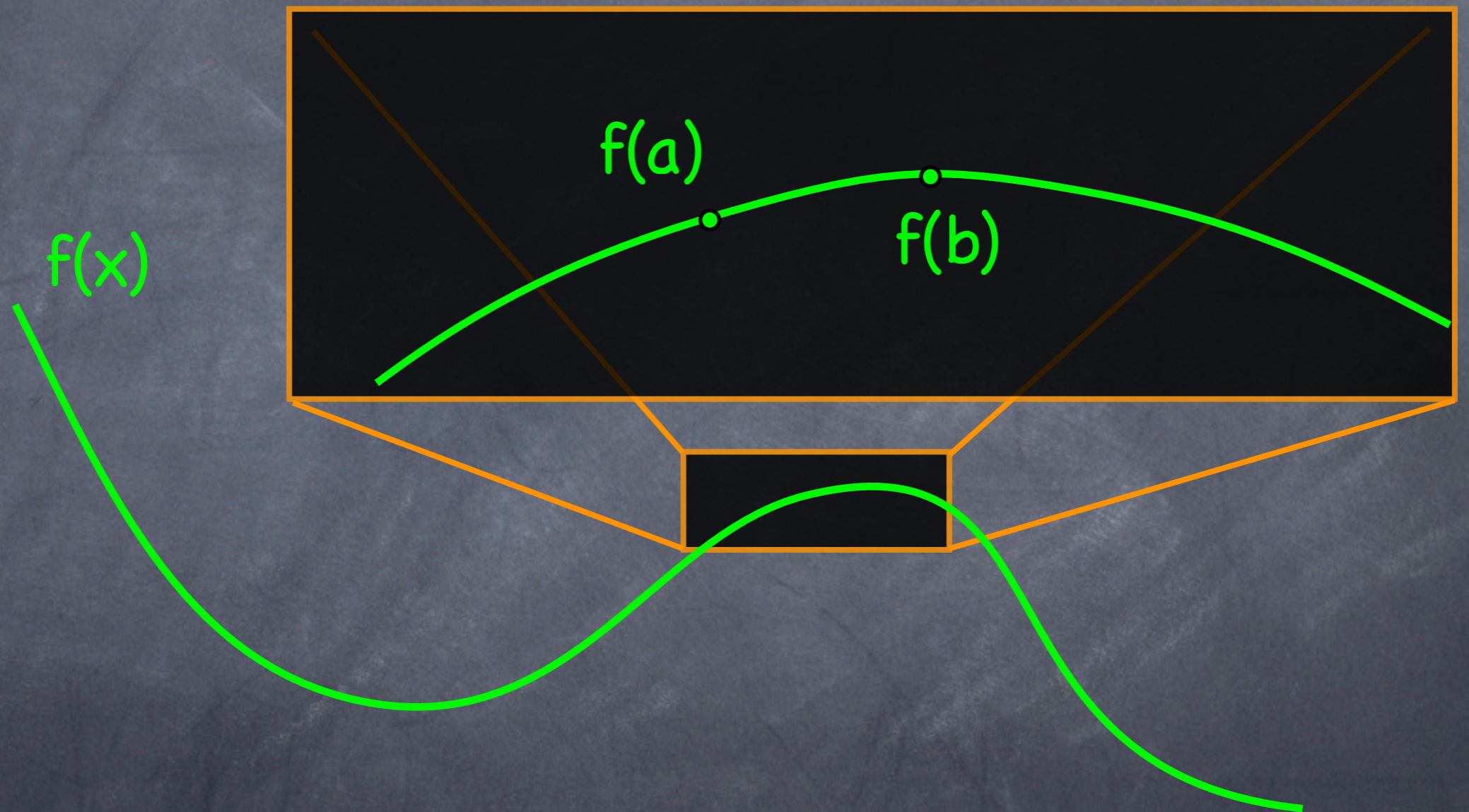
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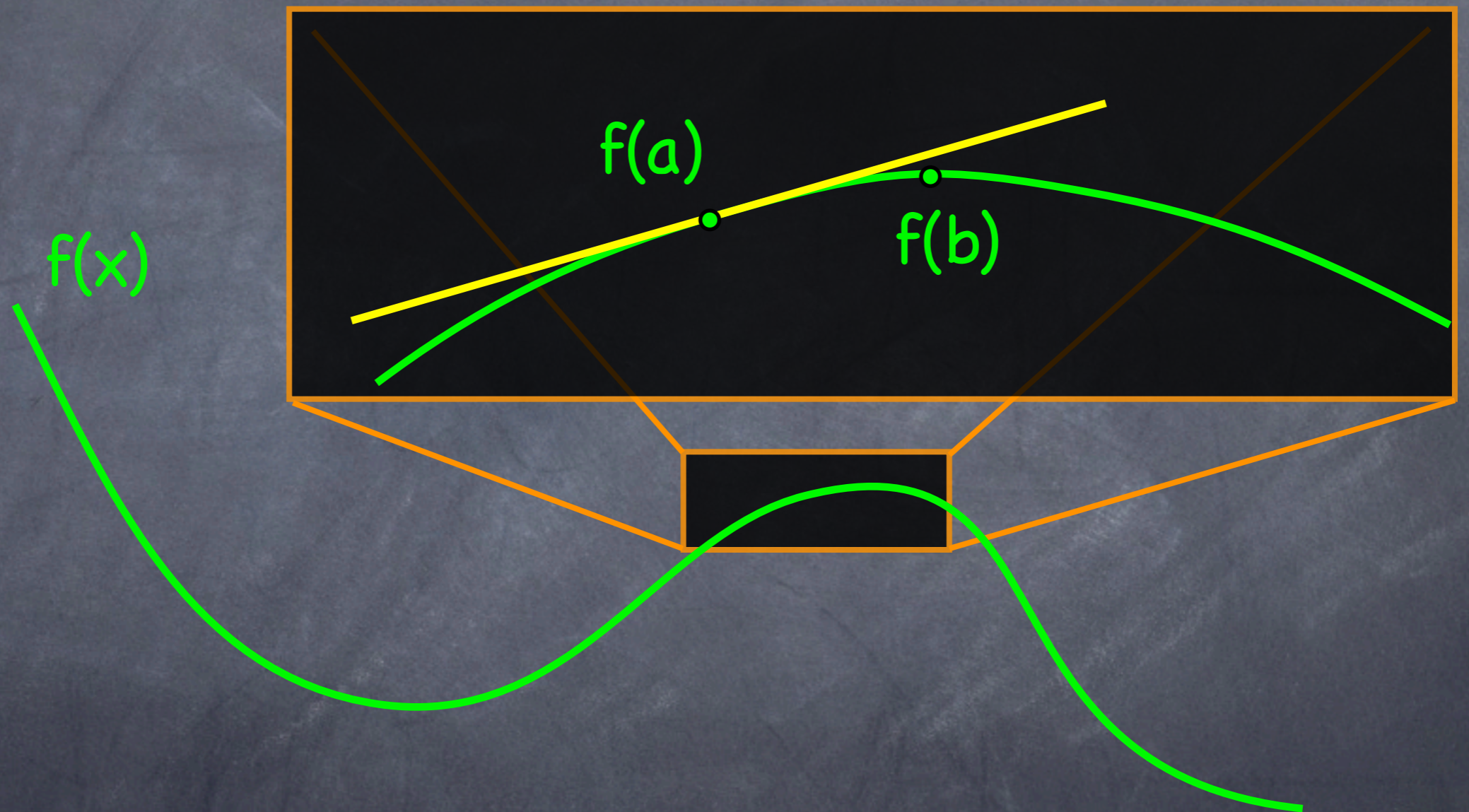
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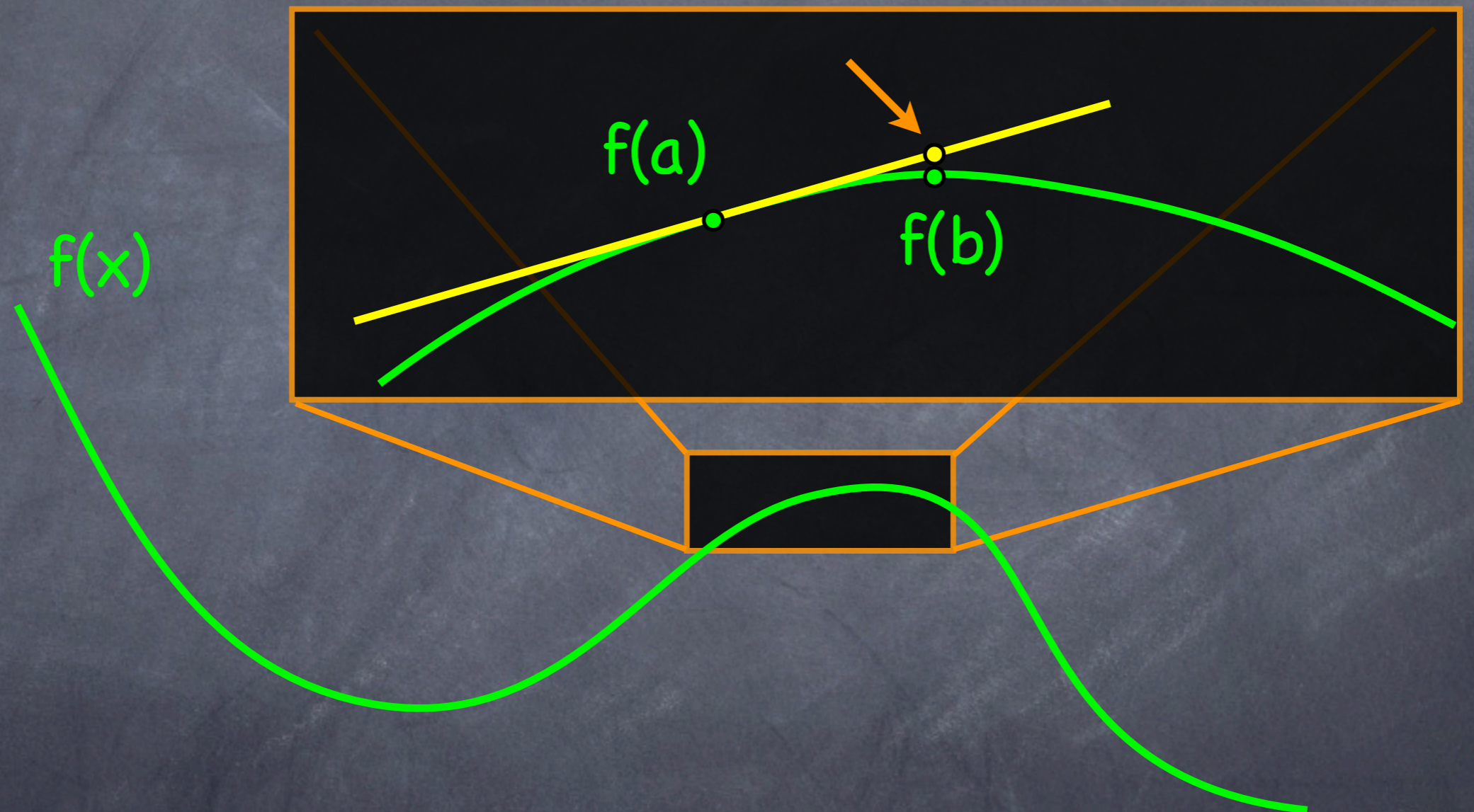
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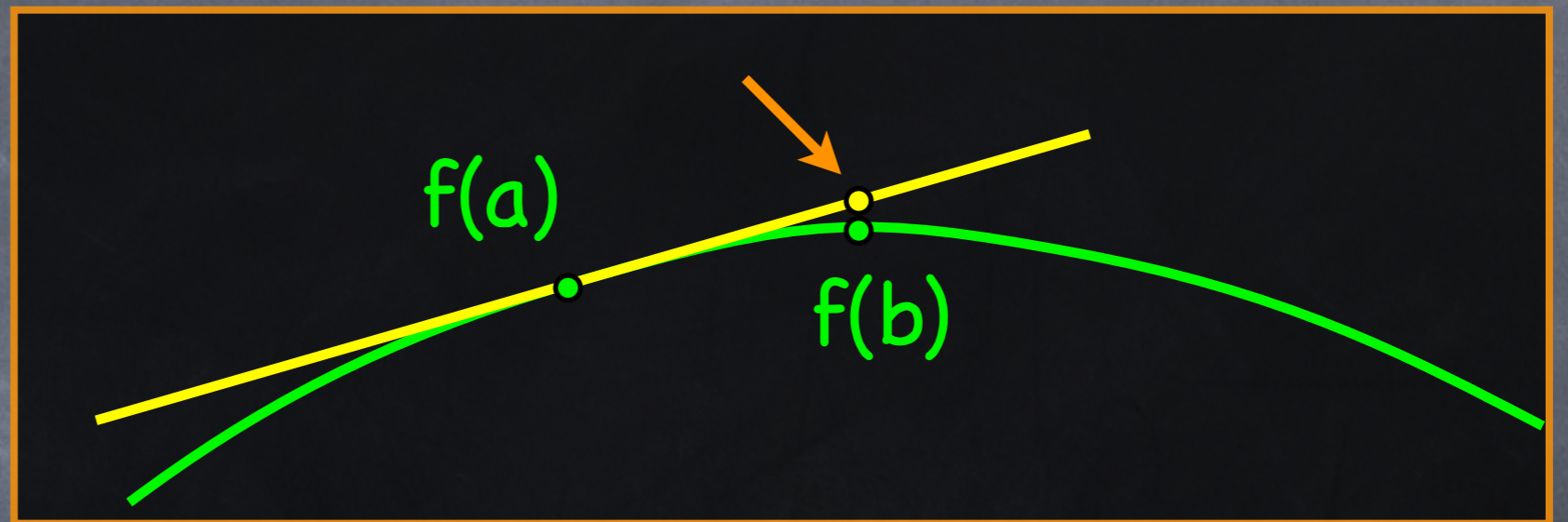
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