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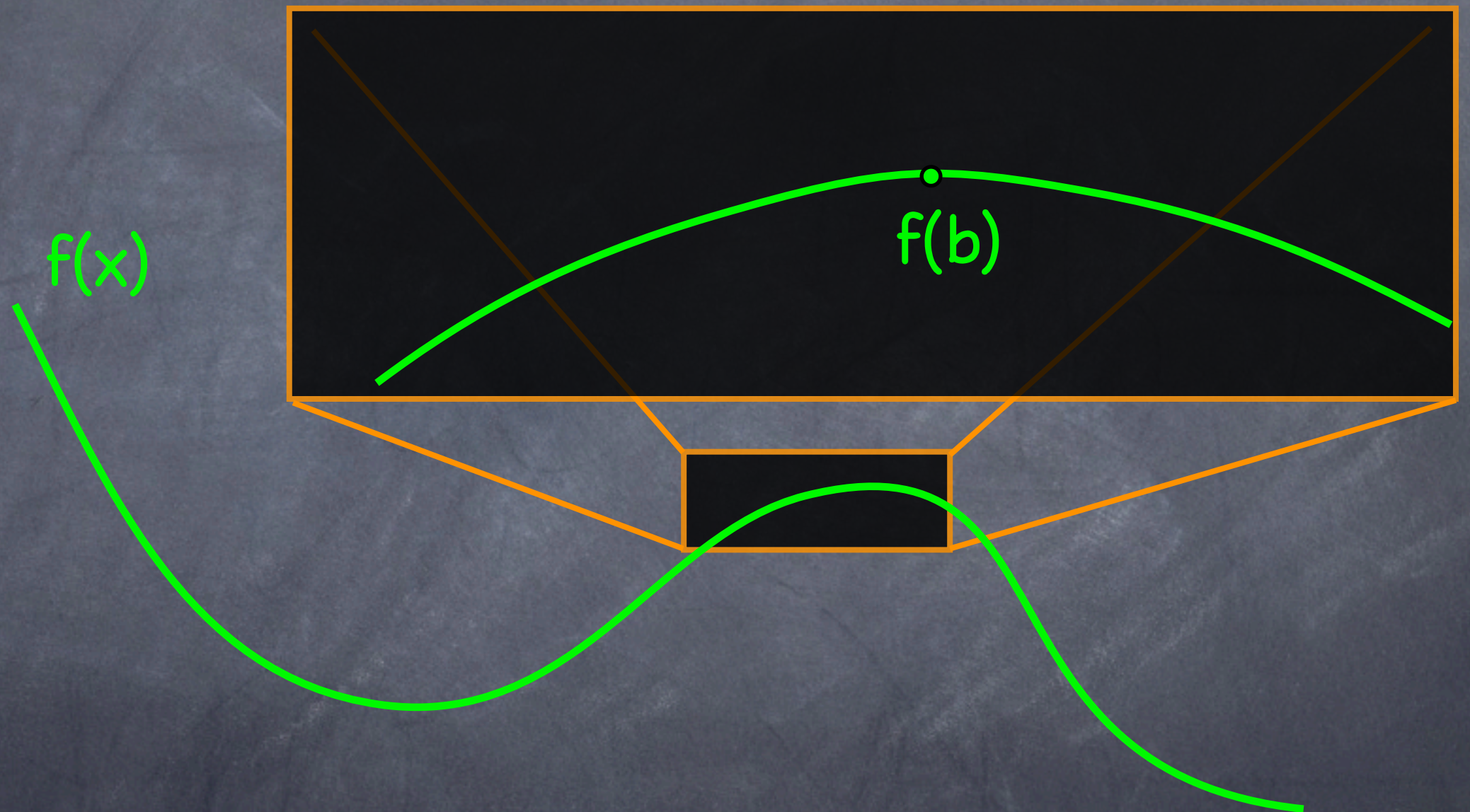
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- Reminders:

- OSH 3 due Monday (no questions on PL5.1)
- Assignment 3 due tomorrow
- Assignment 4a (midterm 1 content) Tues 7 am
- Assignment 4b (not midterm 1 content) F 5pm
- Office hours
  - Tu 10:30–11:30am
  - W 11:30–12:30, 2:30–3:30pm.



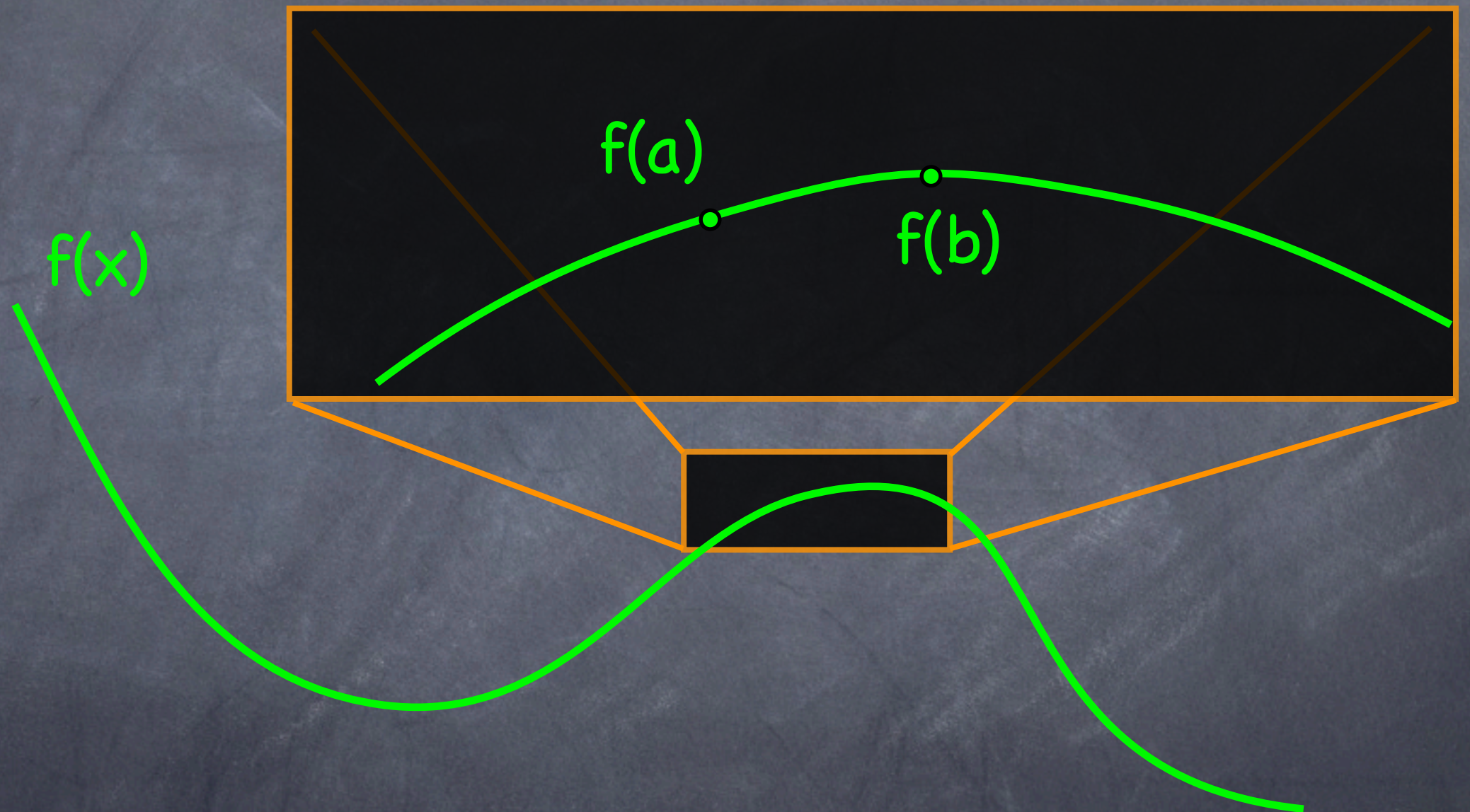
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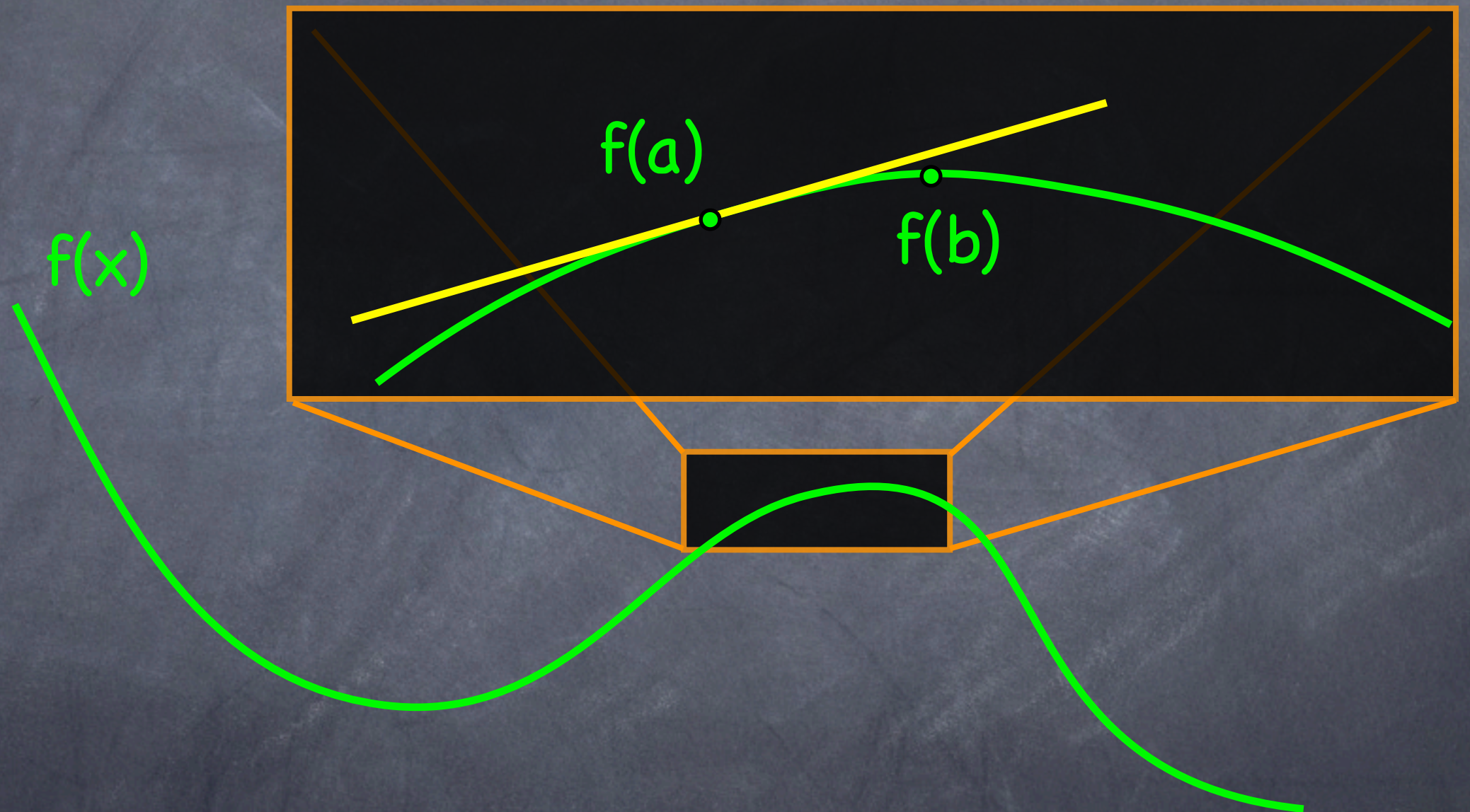
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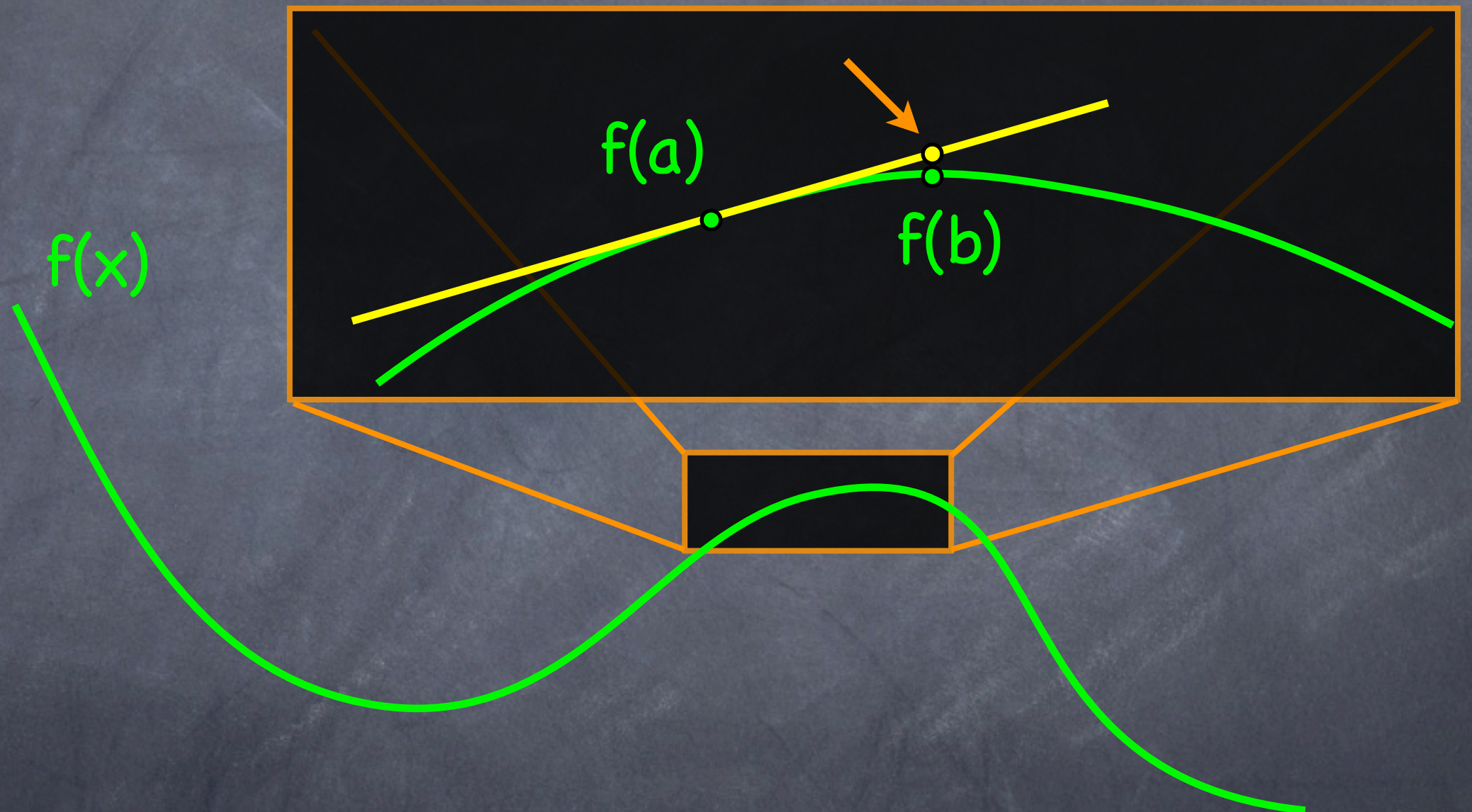
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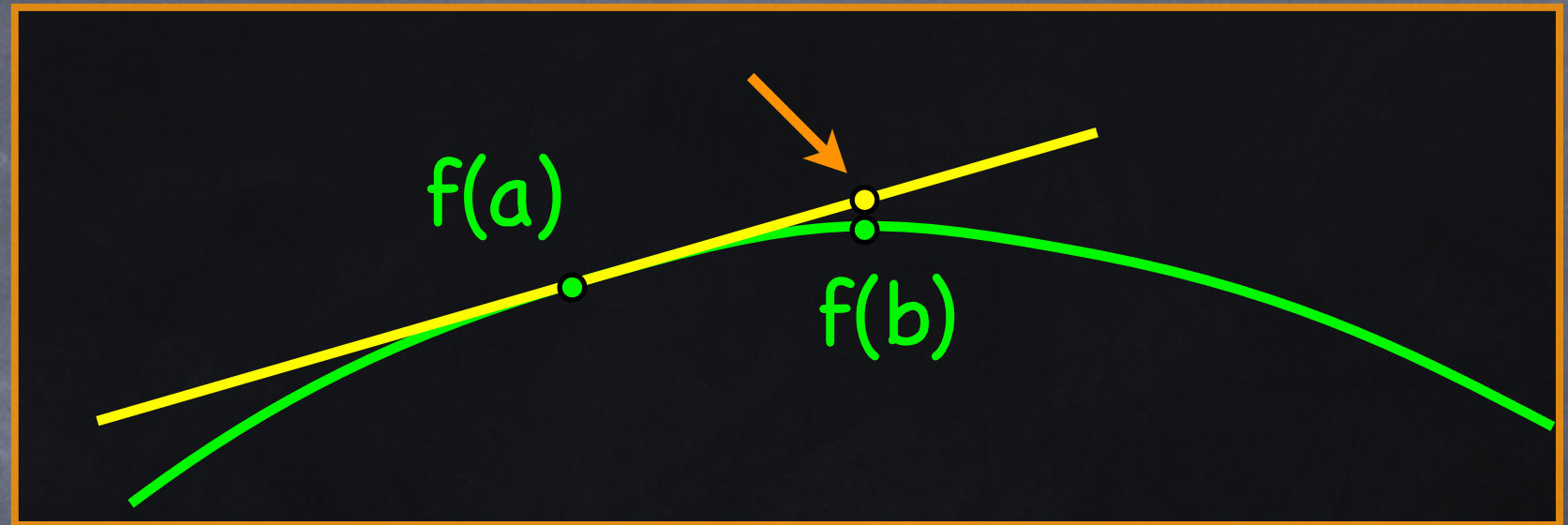
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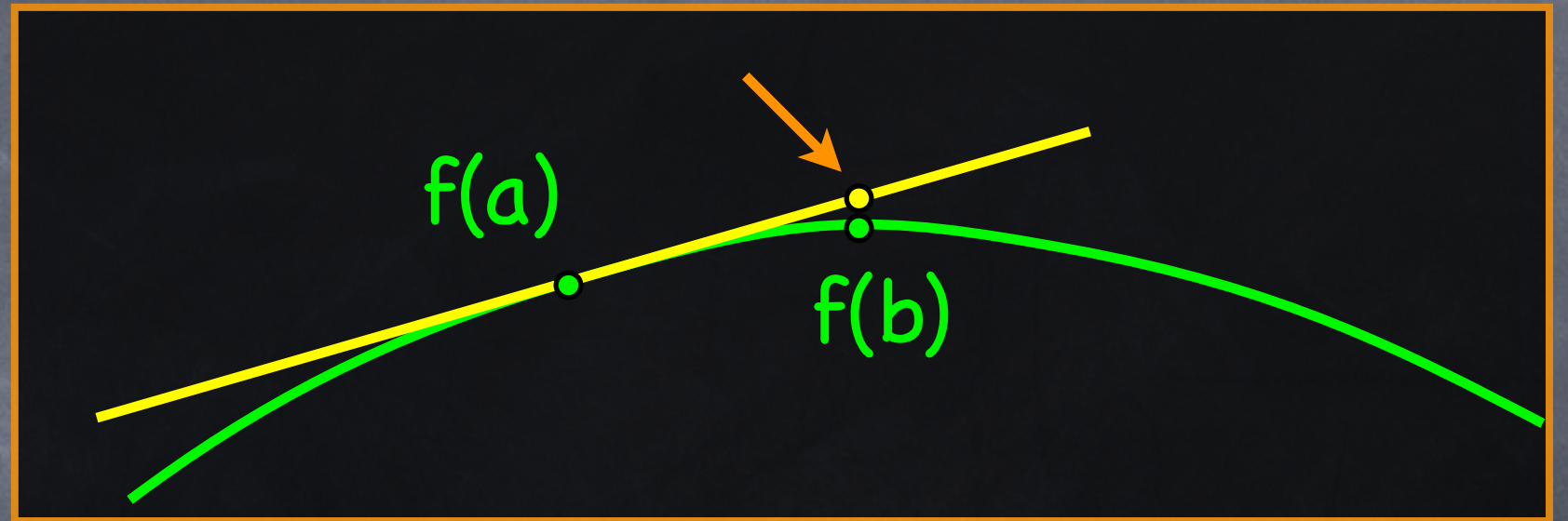
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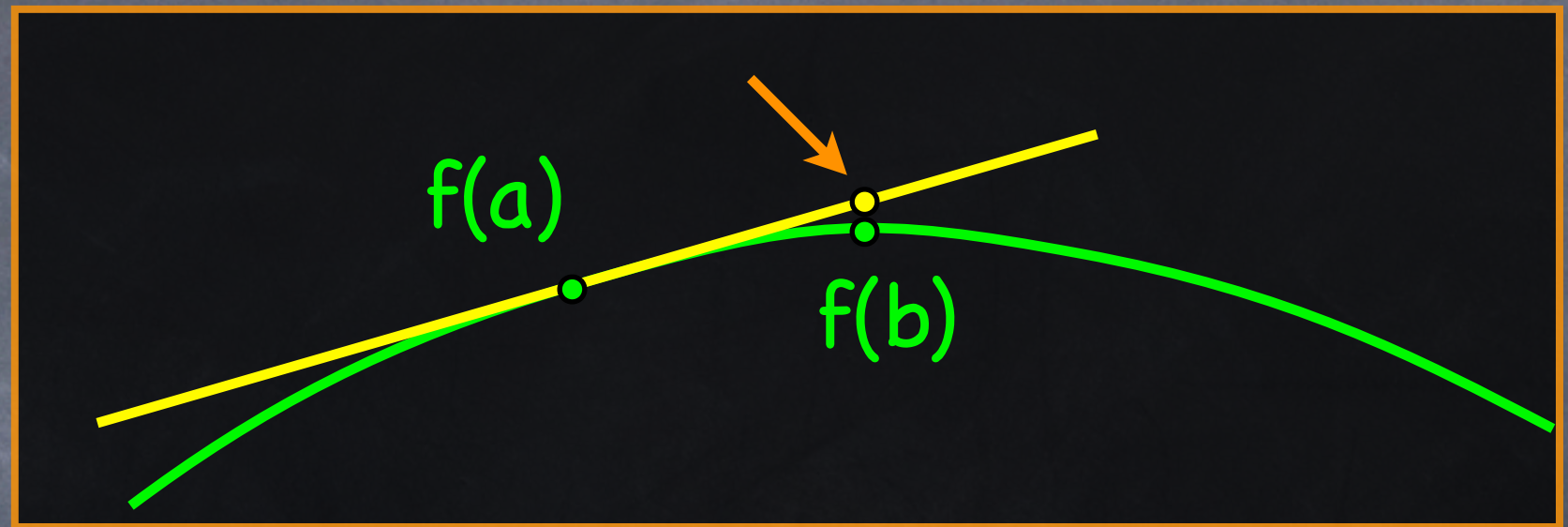
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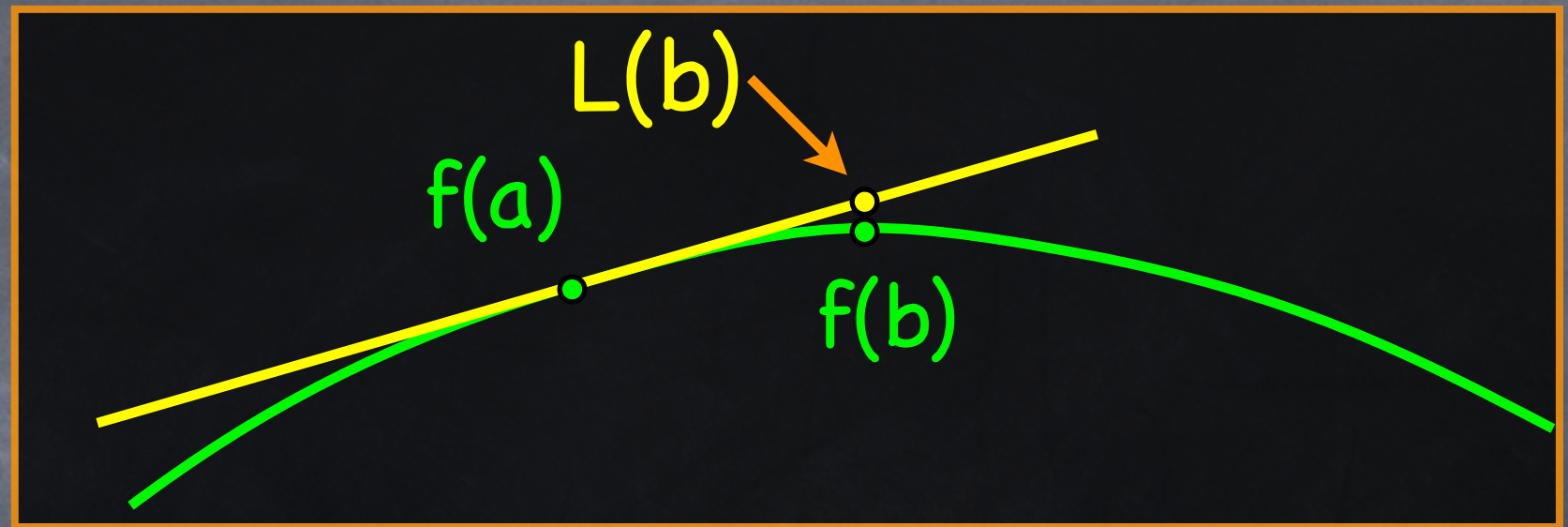
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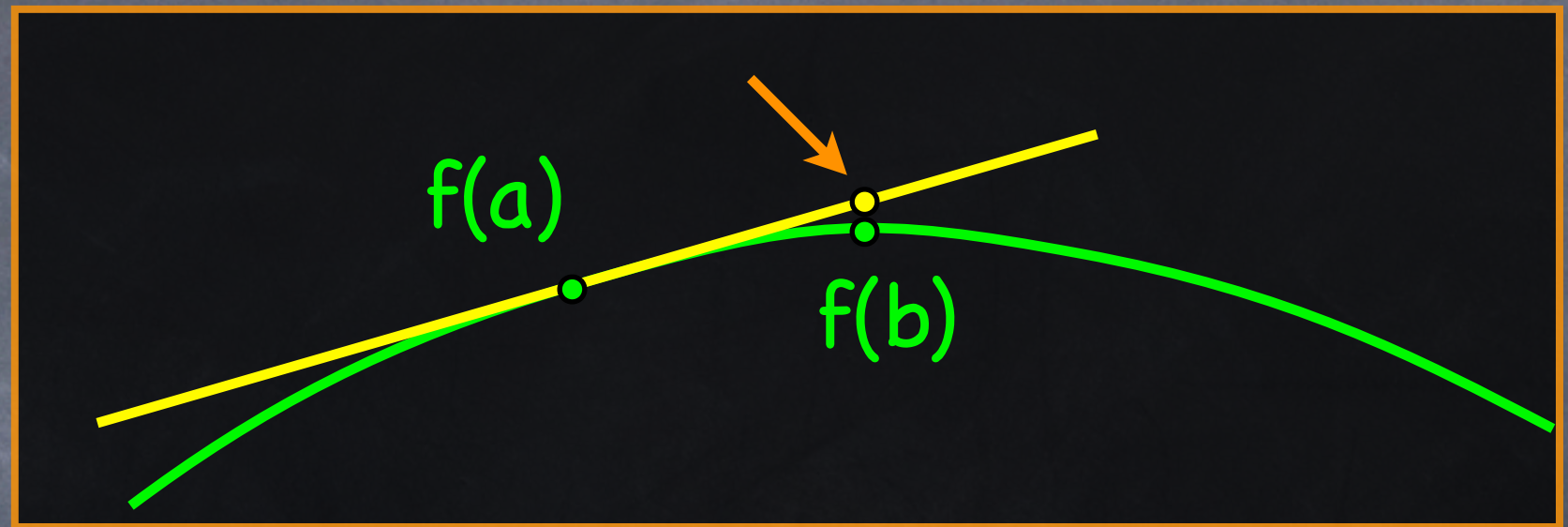
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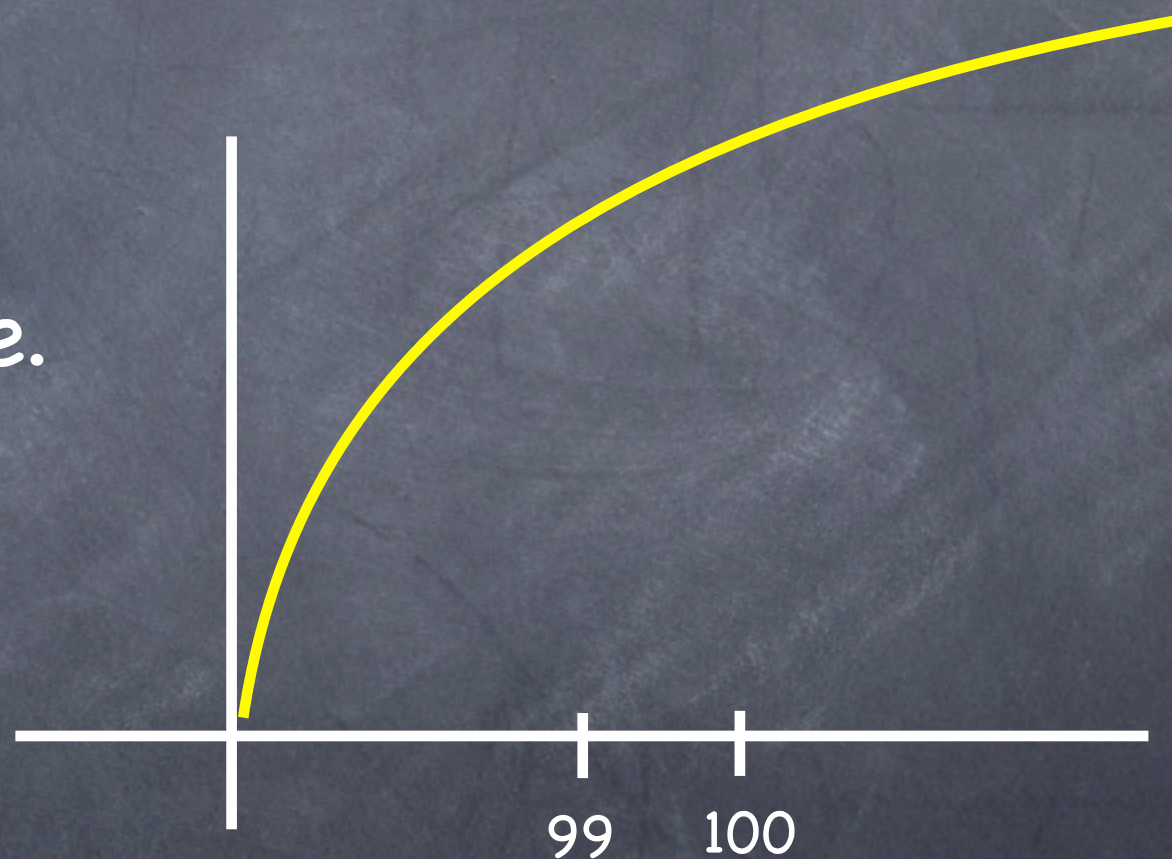


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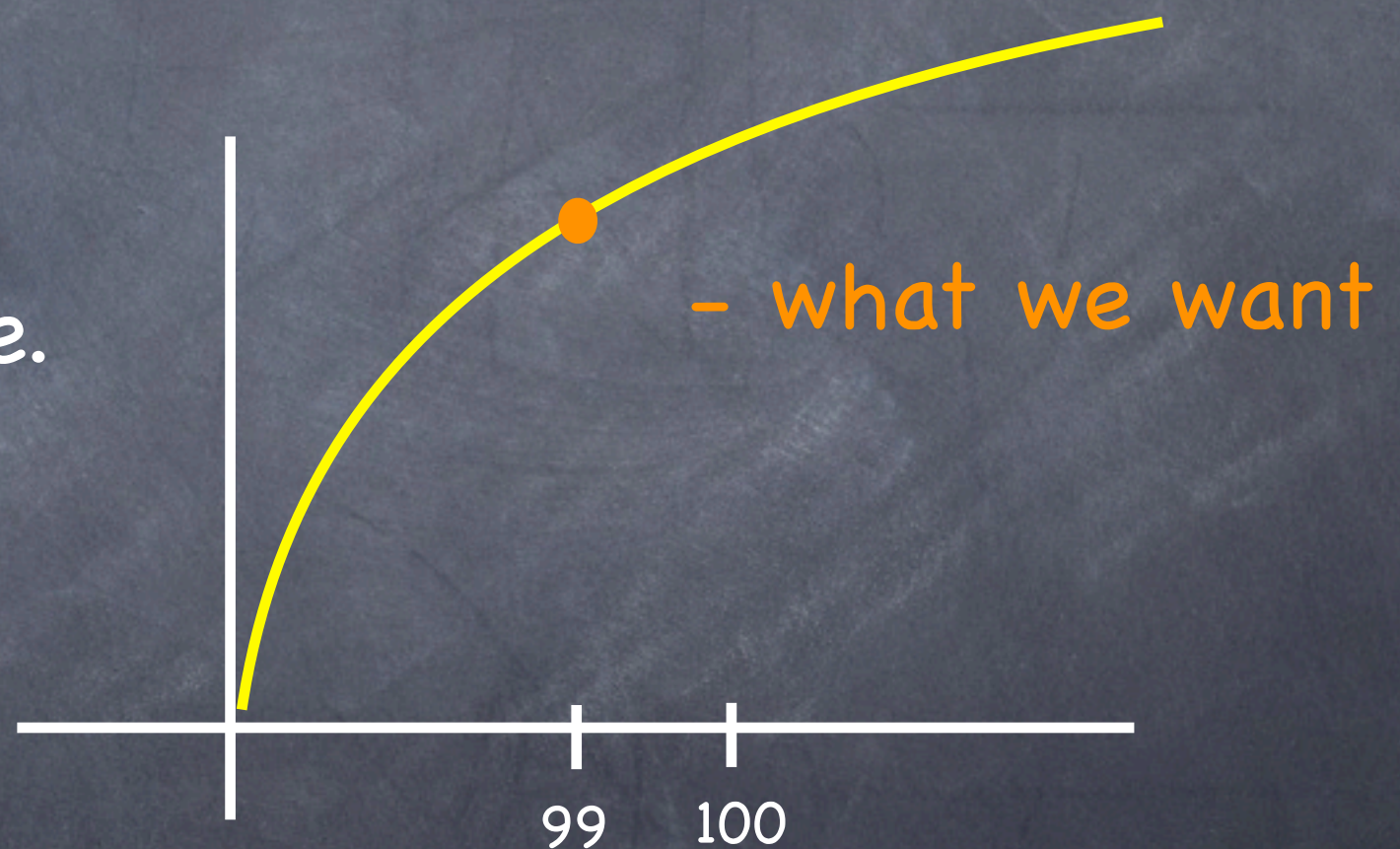


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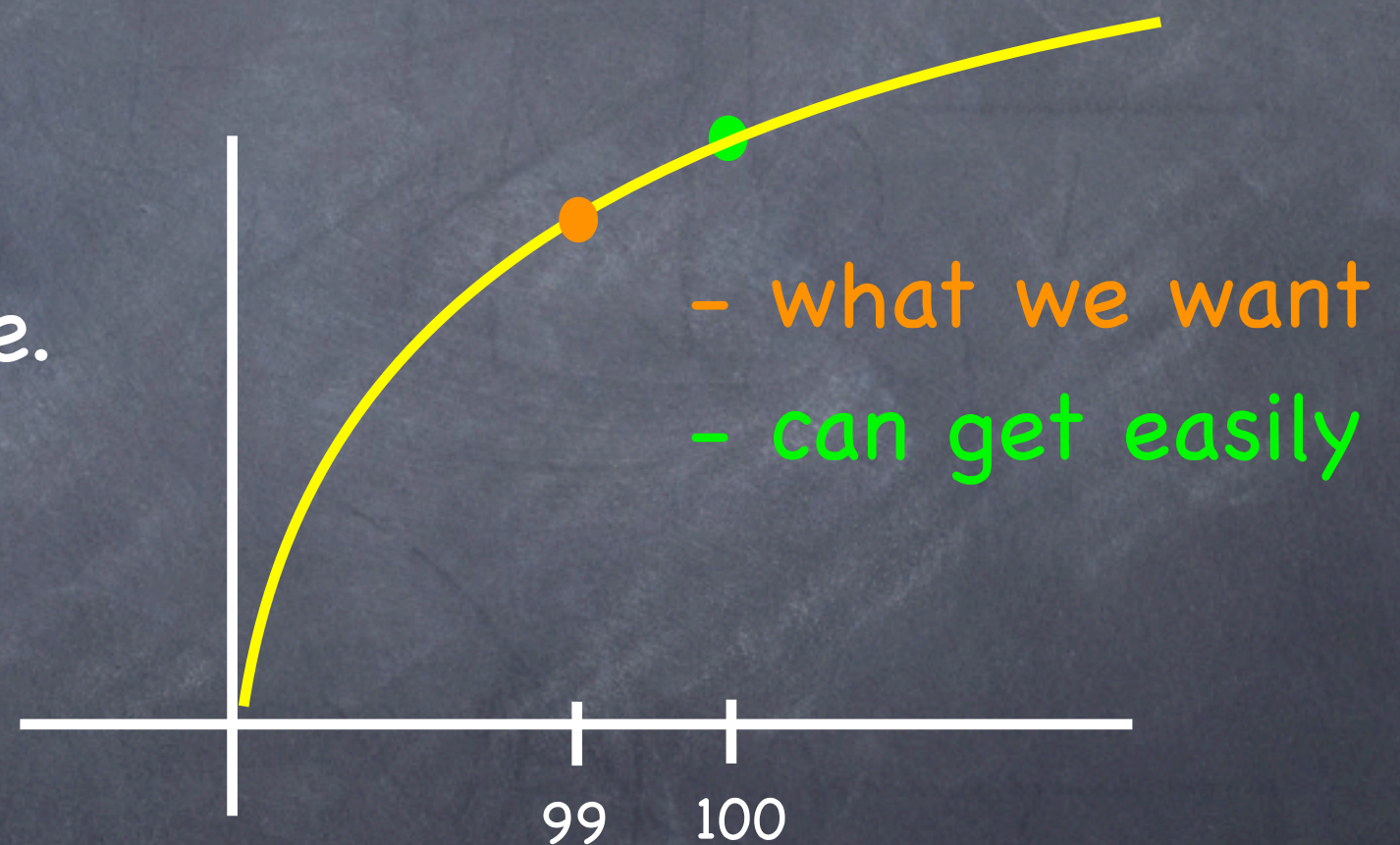


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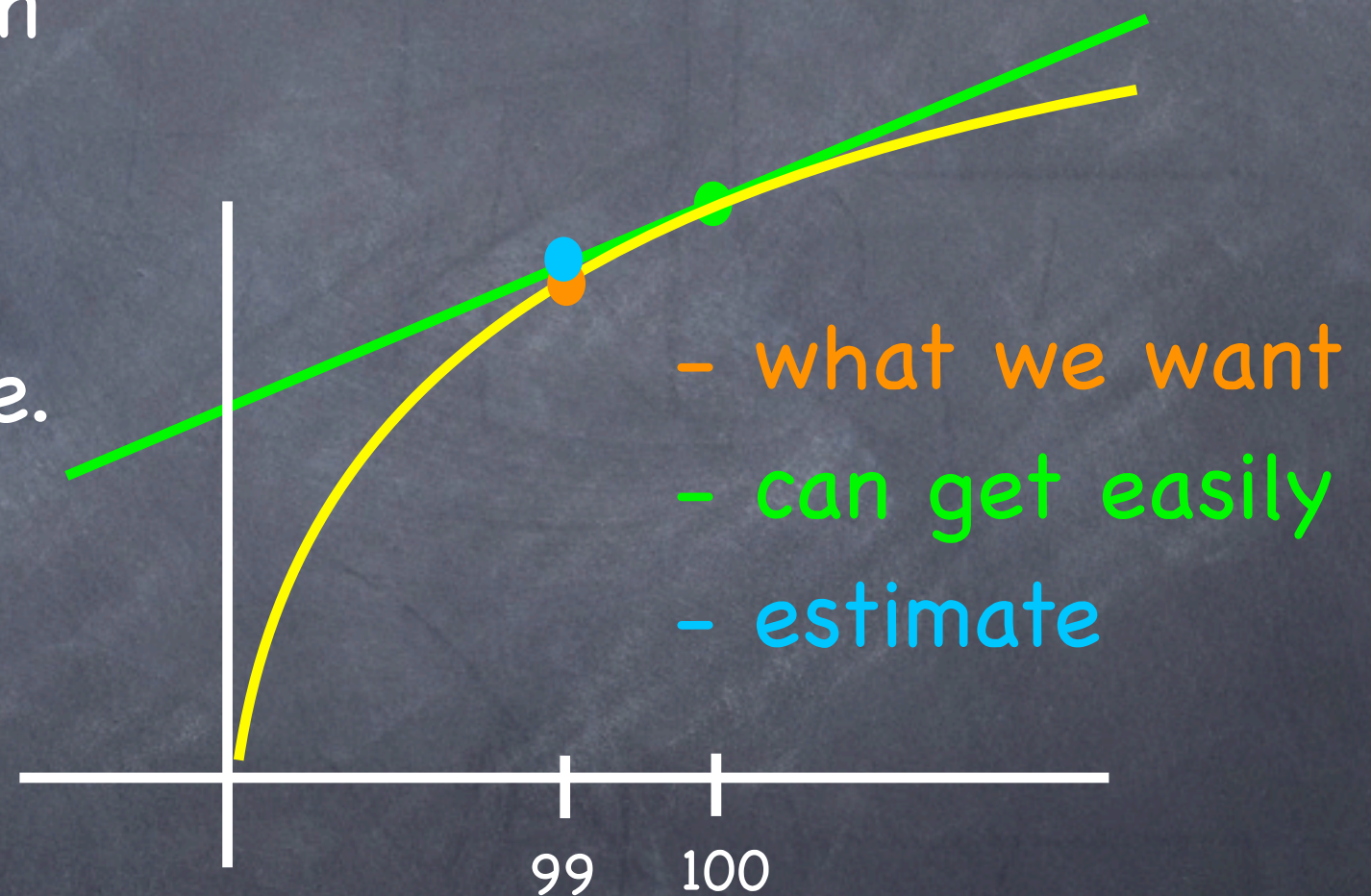


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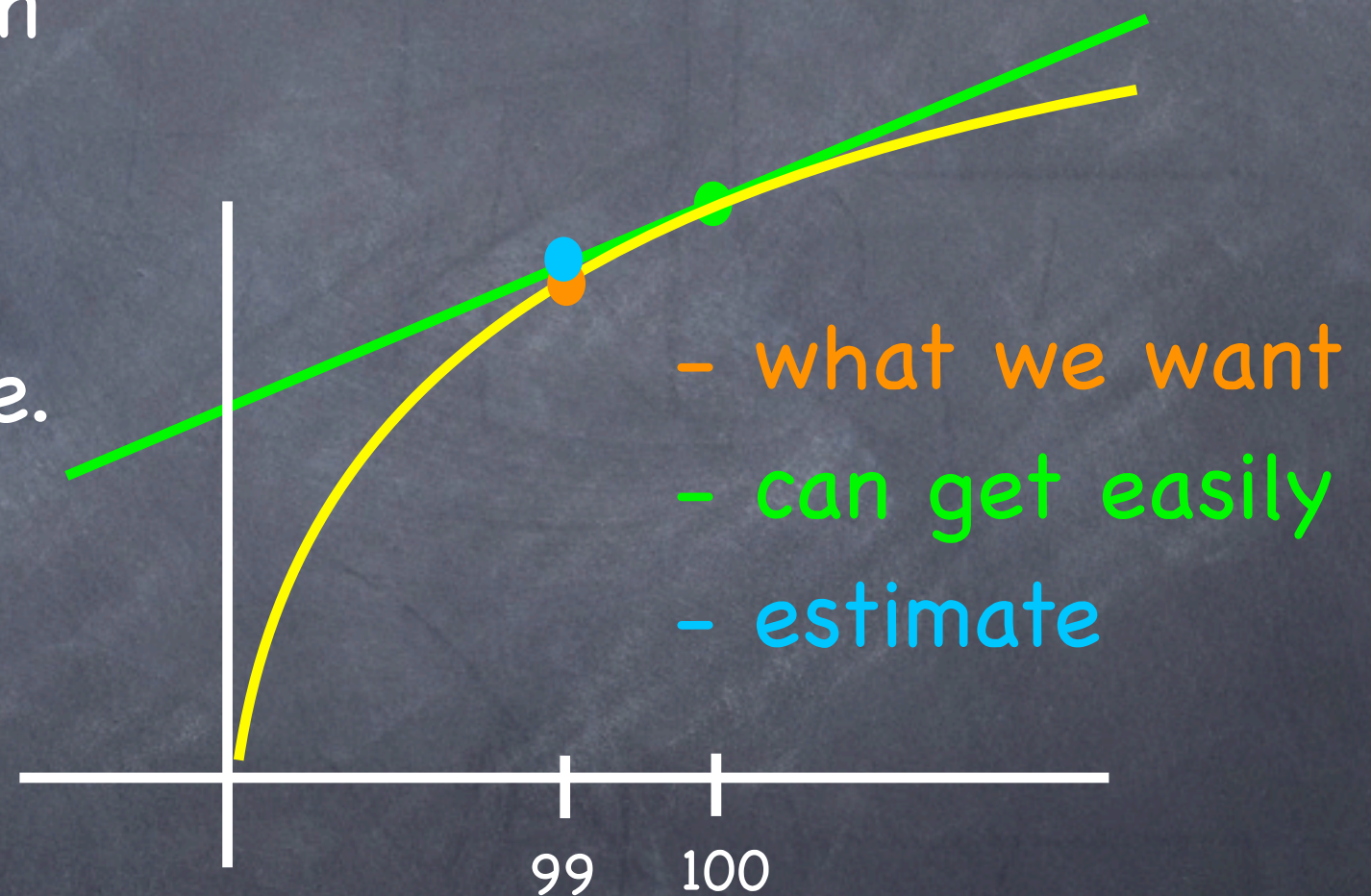


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$f(b) \approx f(a) + f'(a)(b-a)$

$$\approx 10 + 1/20 (99-100)$$

$$\approx 10 - 1/20 = 10 - 0.05 = 9.95.$$

(You should be able to do this without a calculator on the  
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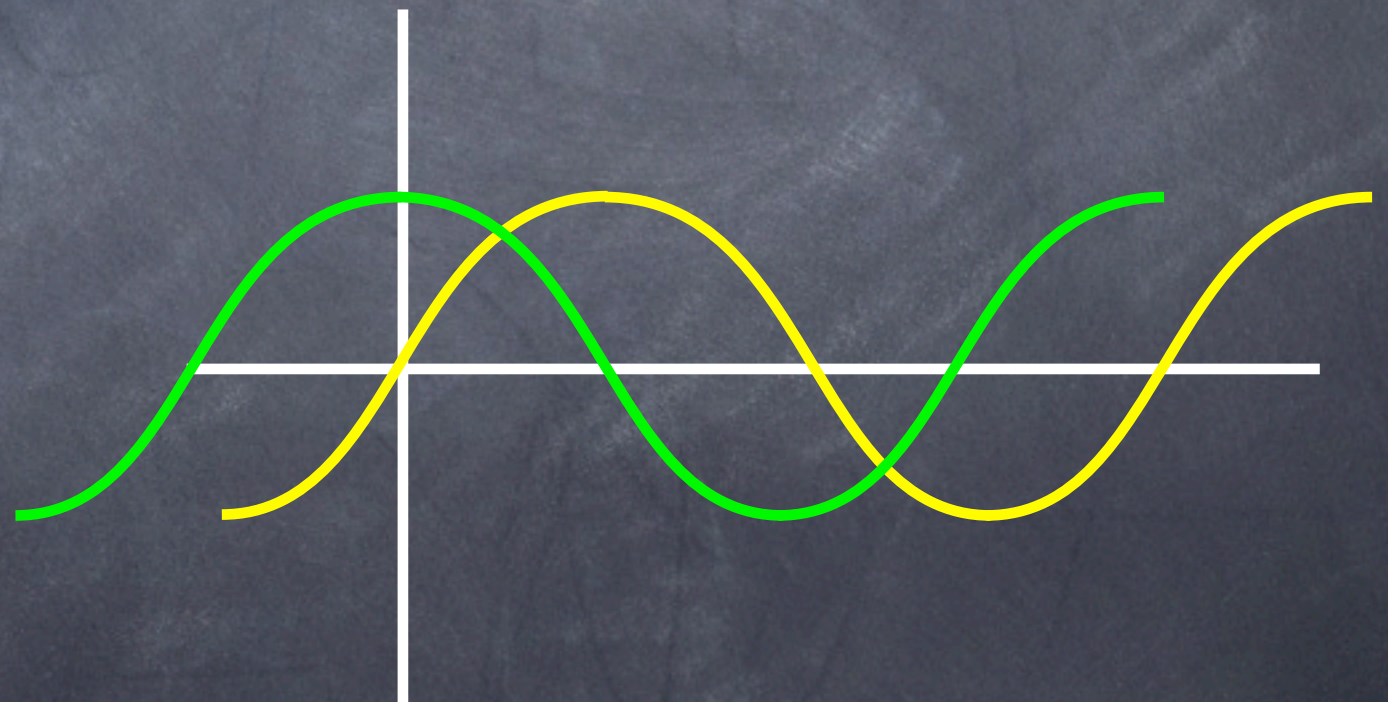
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Recall:  $(\sin(x))' = \cos(x)$





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$\approx 0 + (-1)(3-\pi) = 0.14159\dots$

(You don't have to memorize  $\pi$  for the midterm/exam.)



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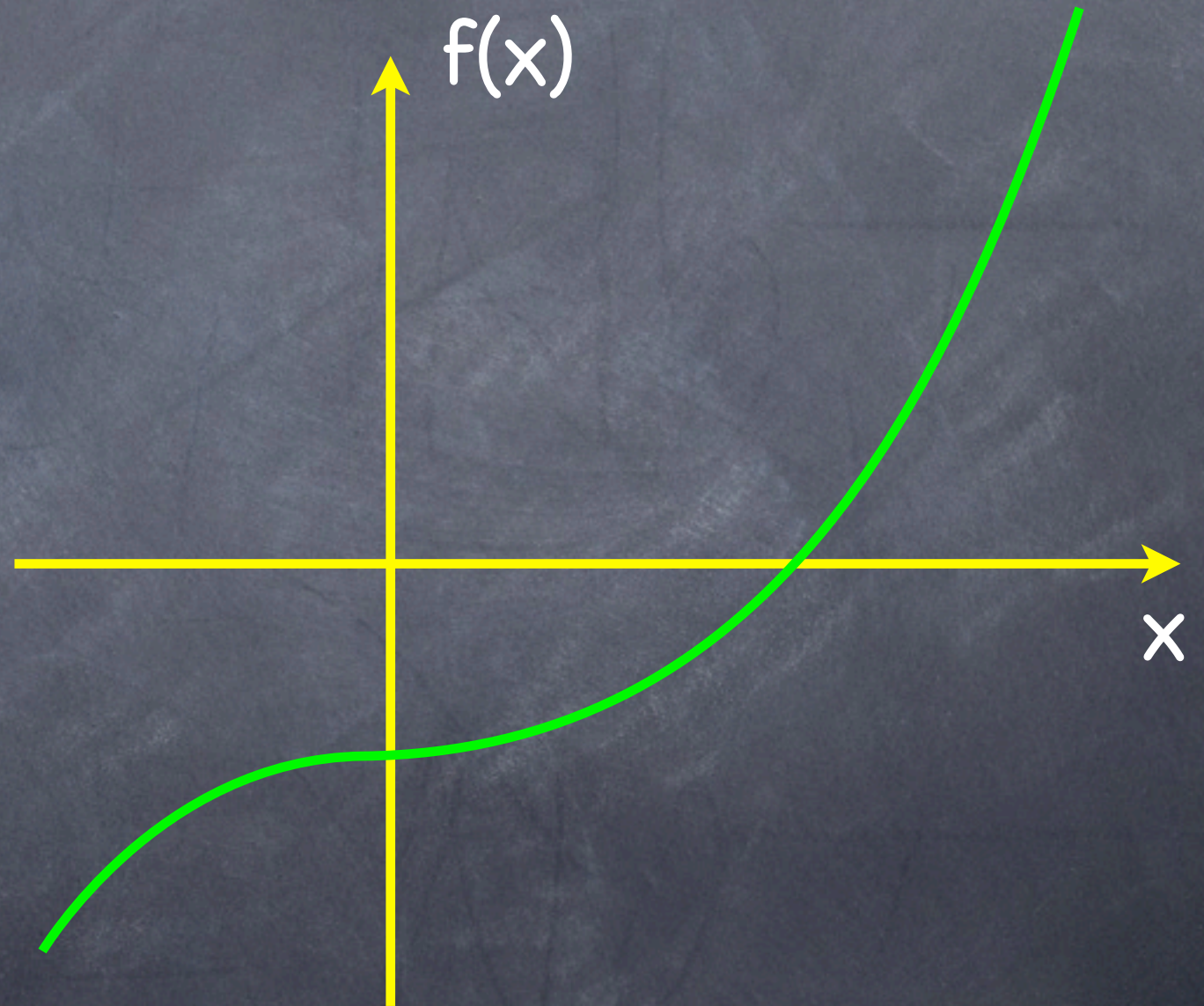


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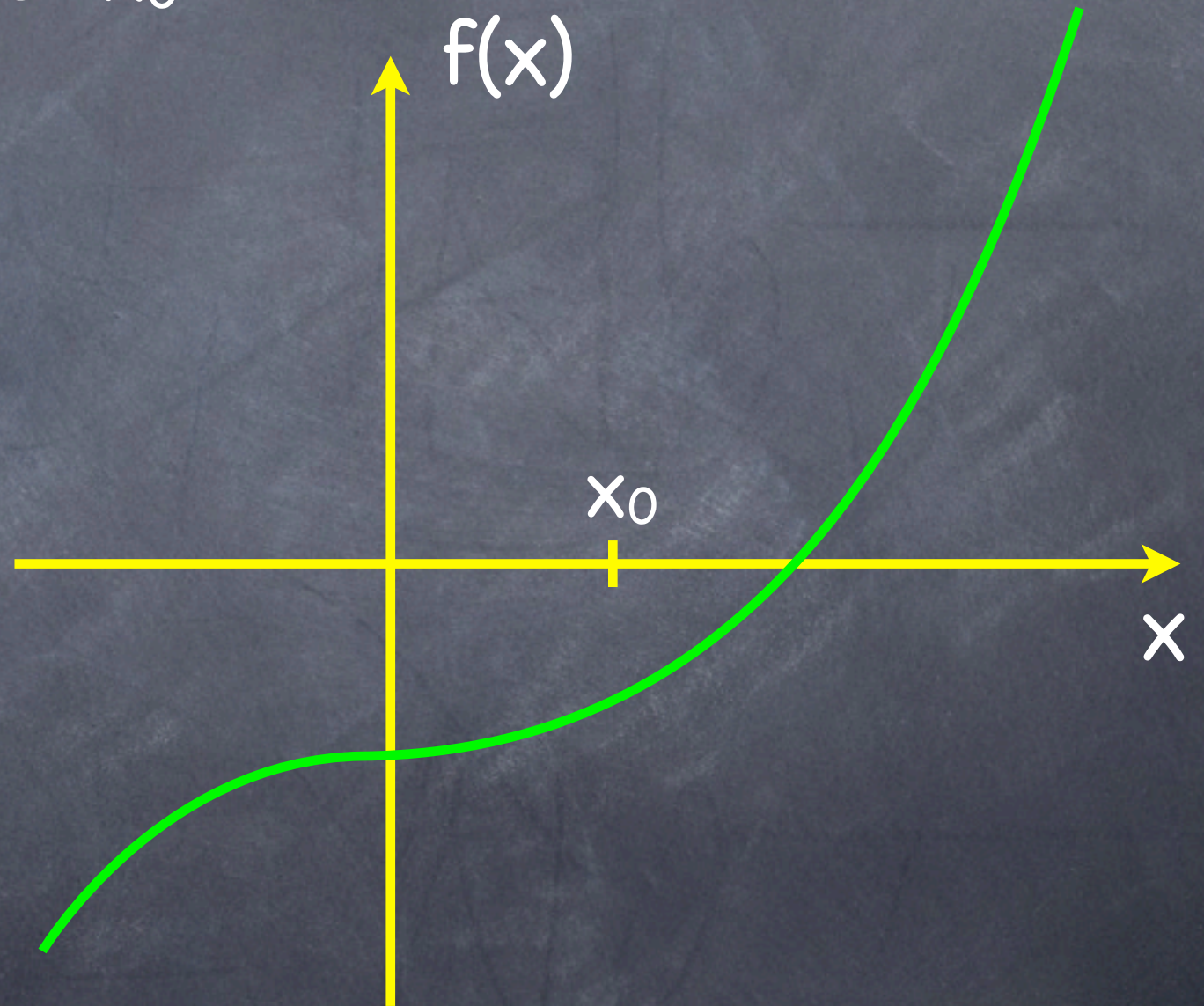
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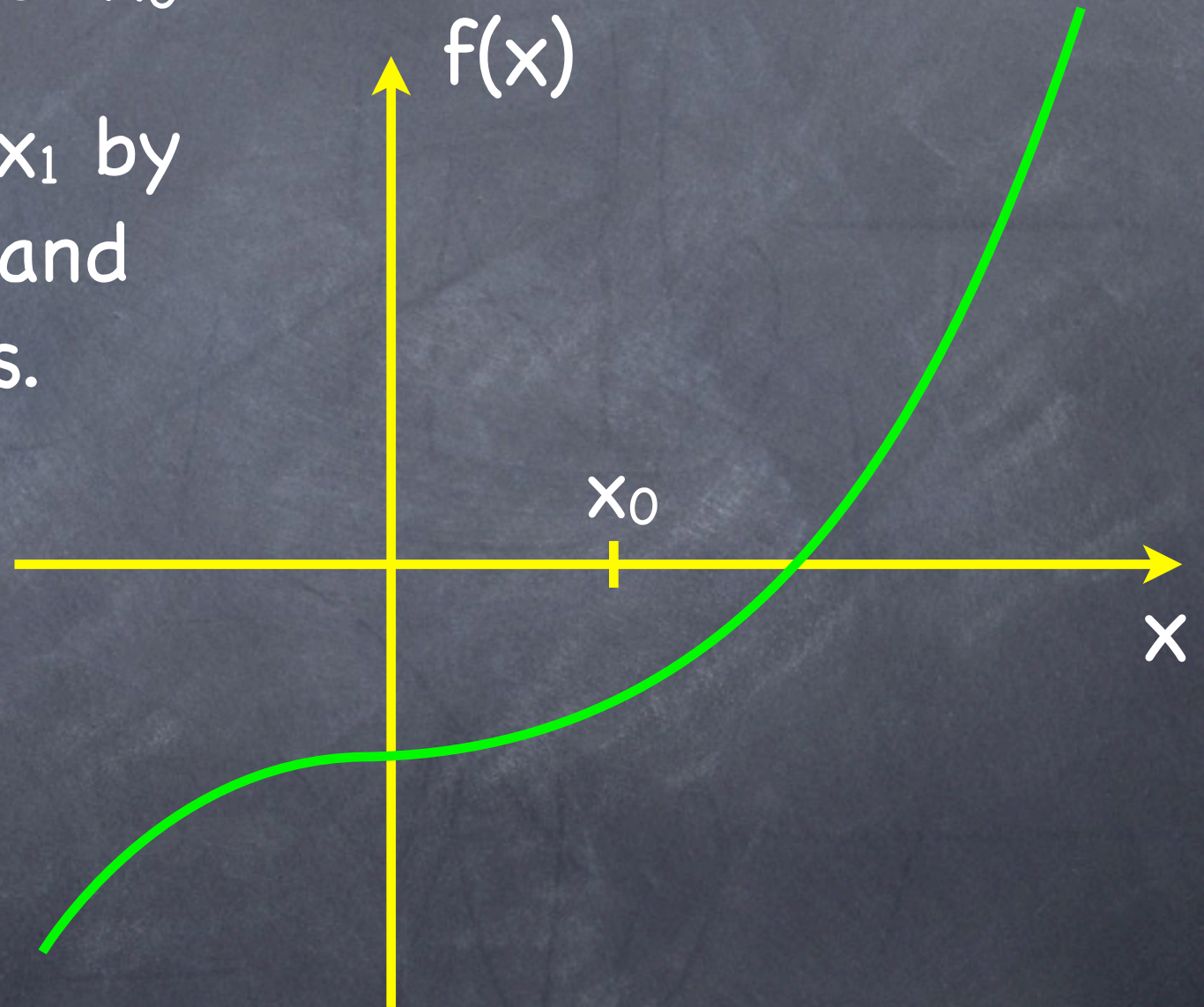
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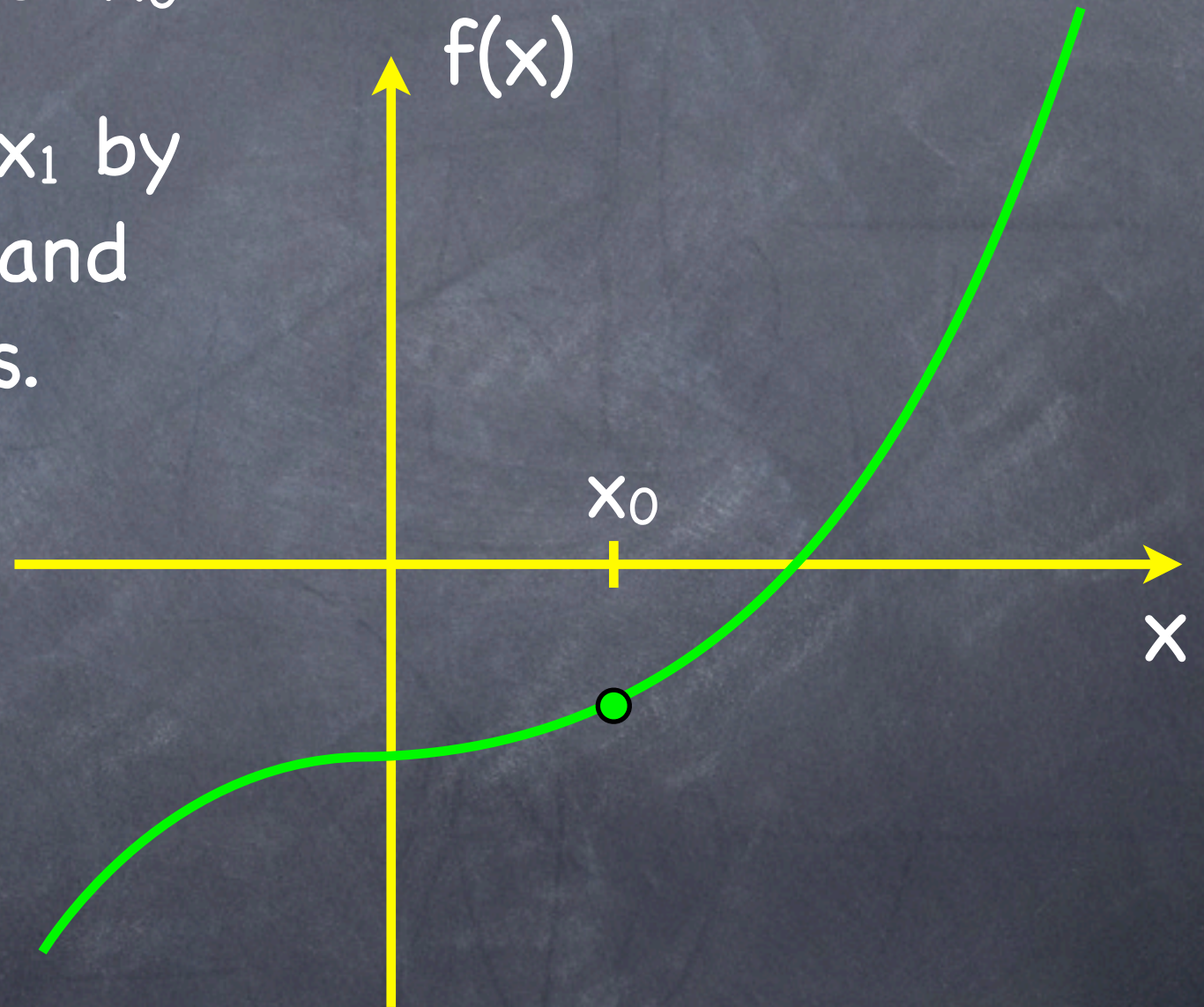
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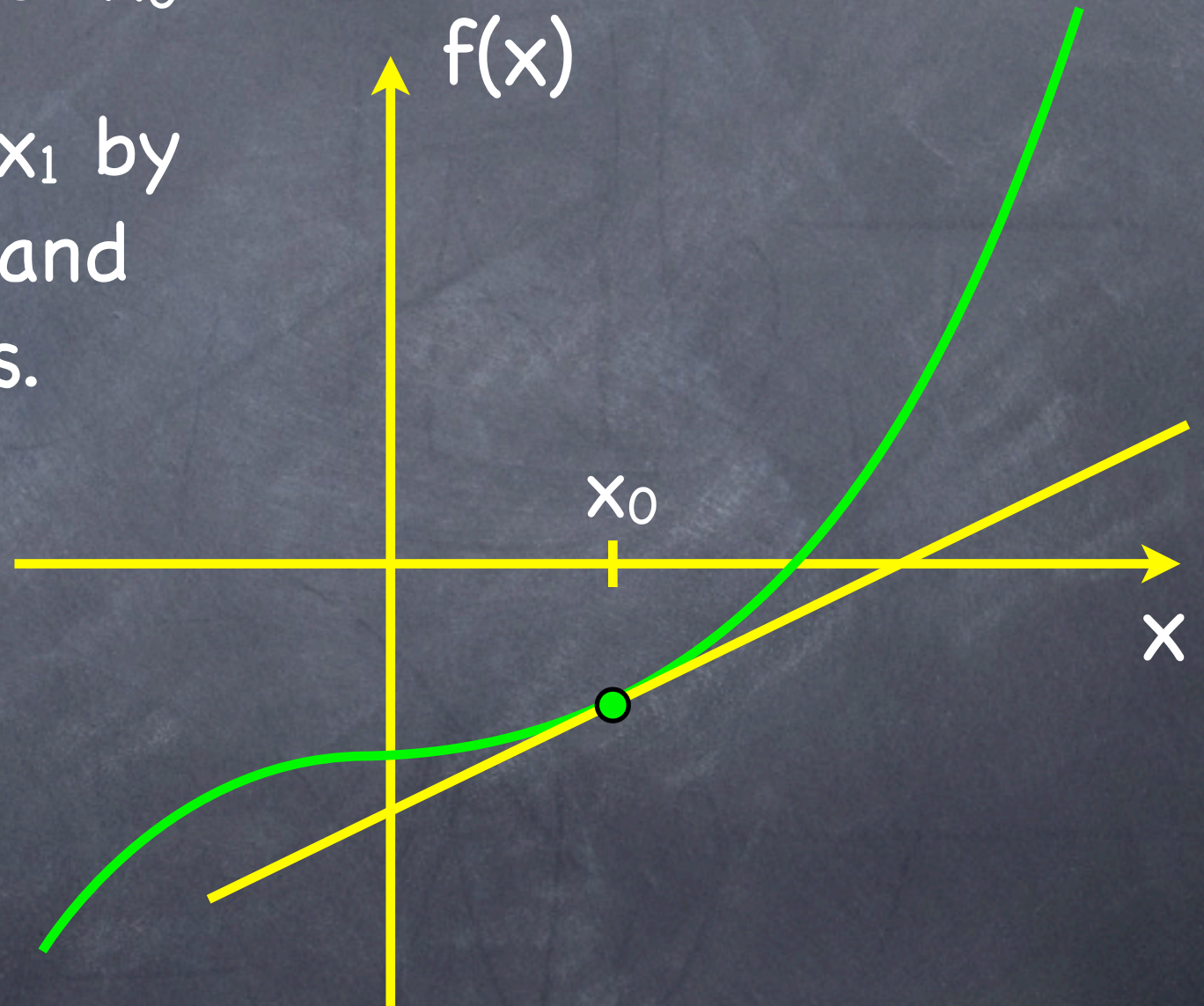
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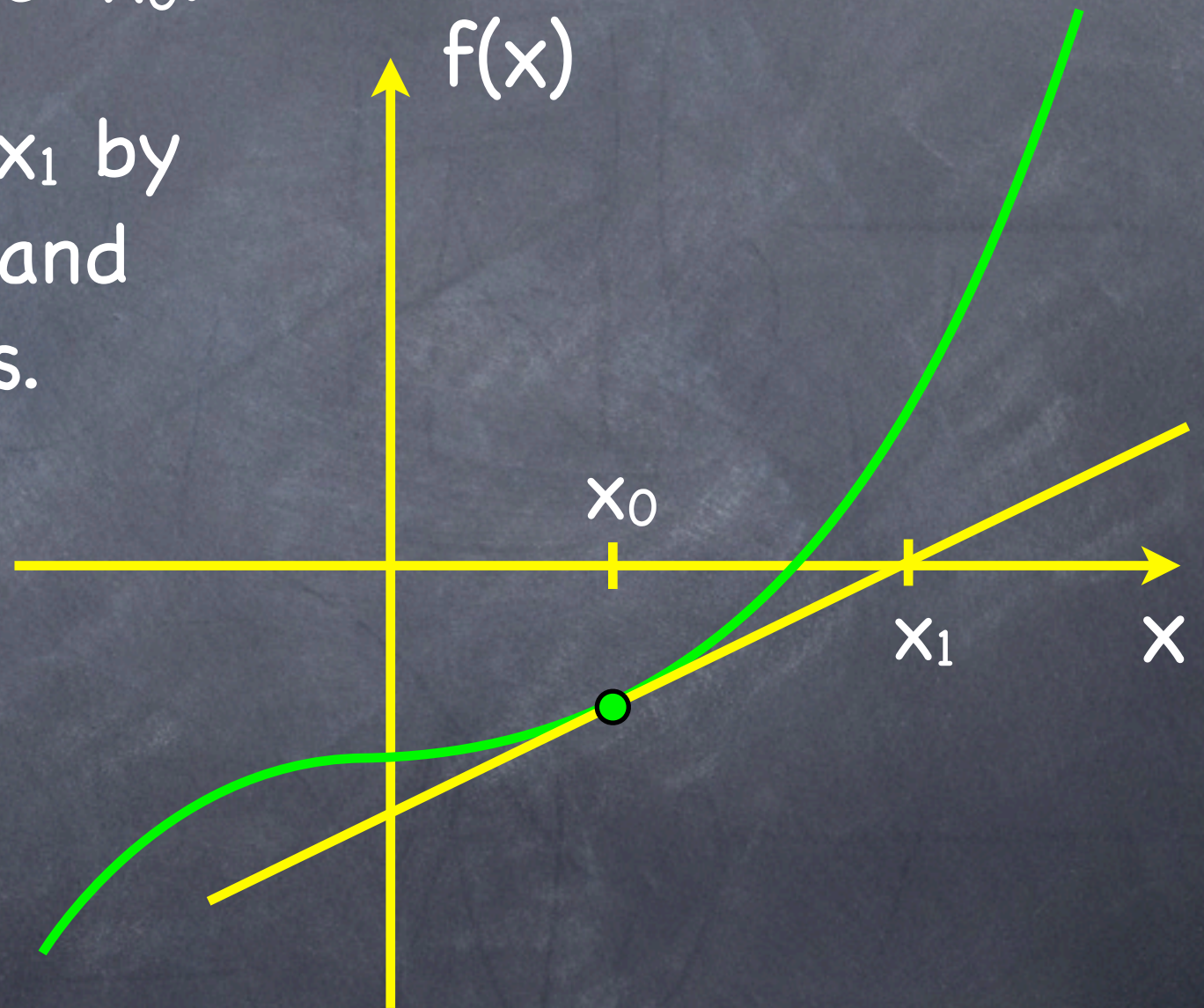
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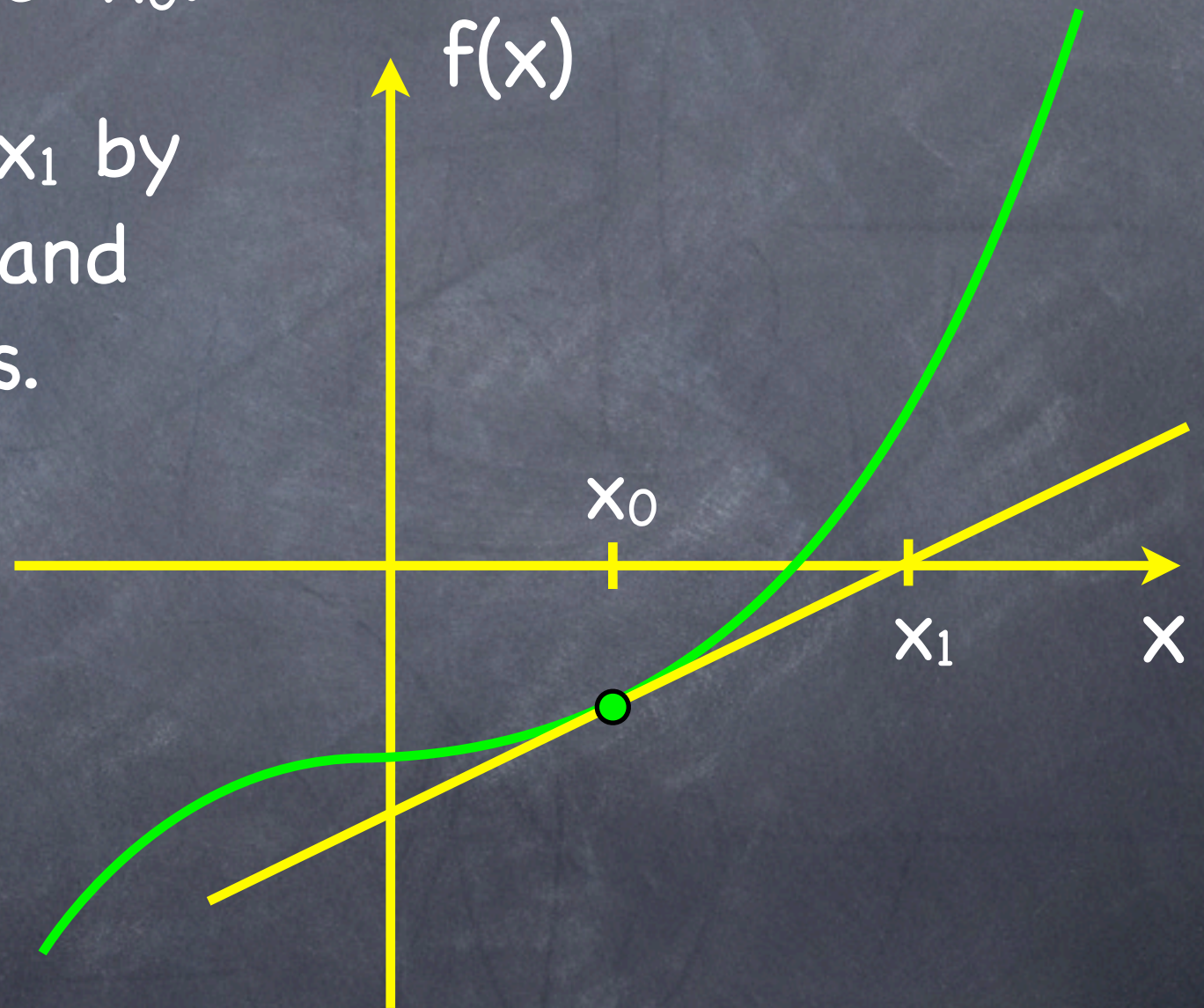
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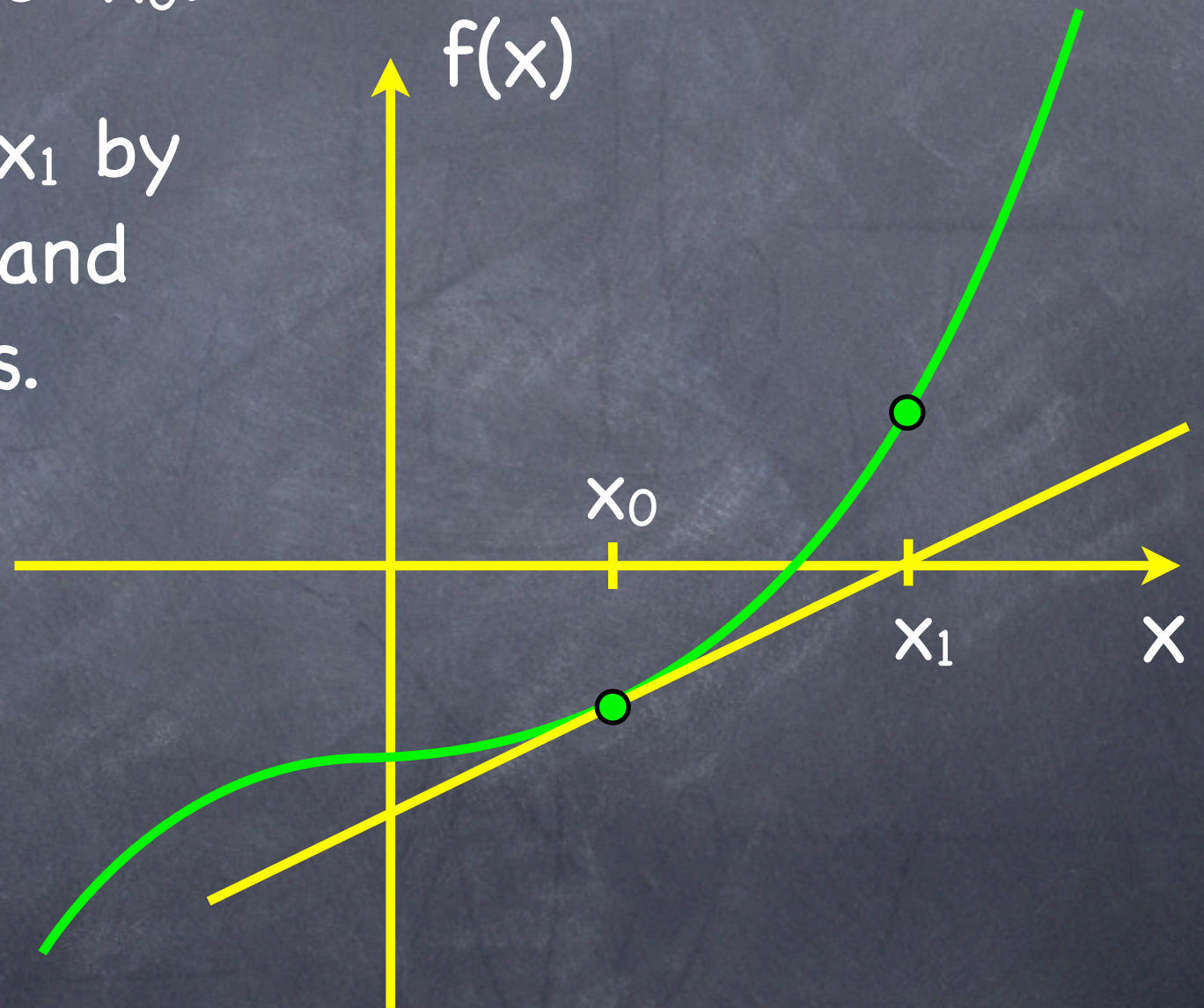
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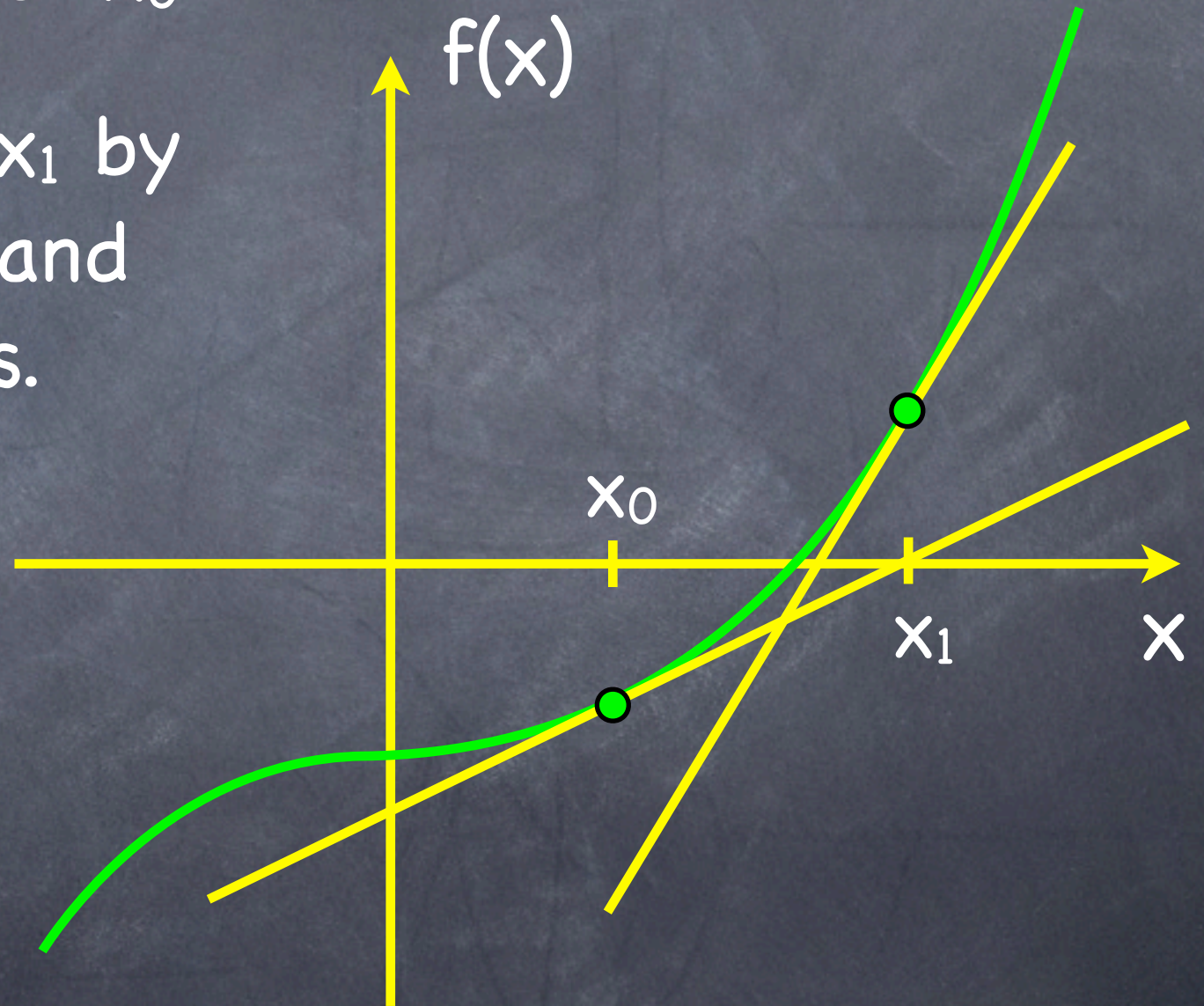
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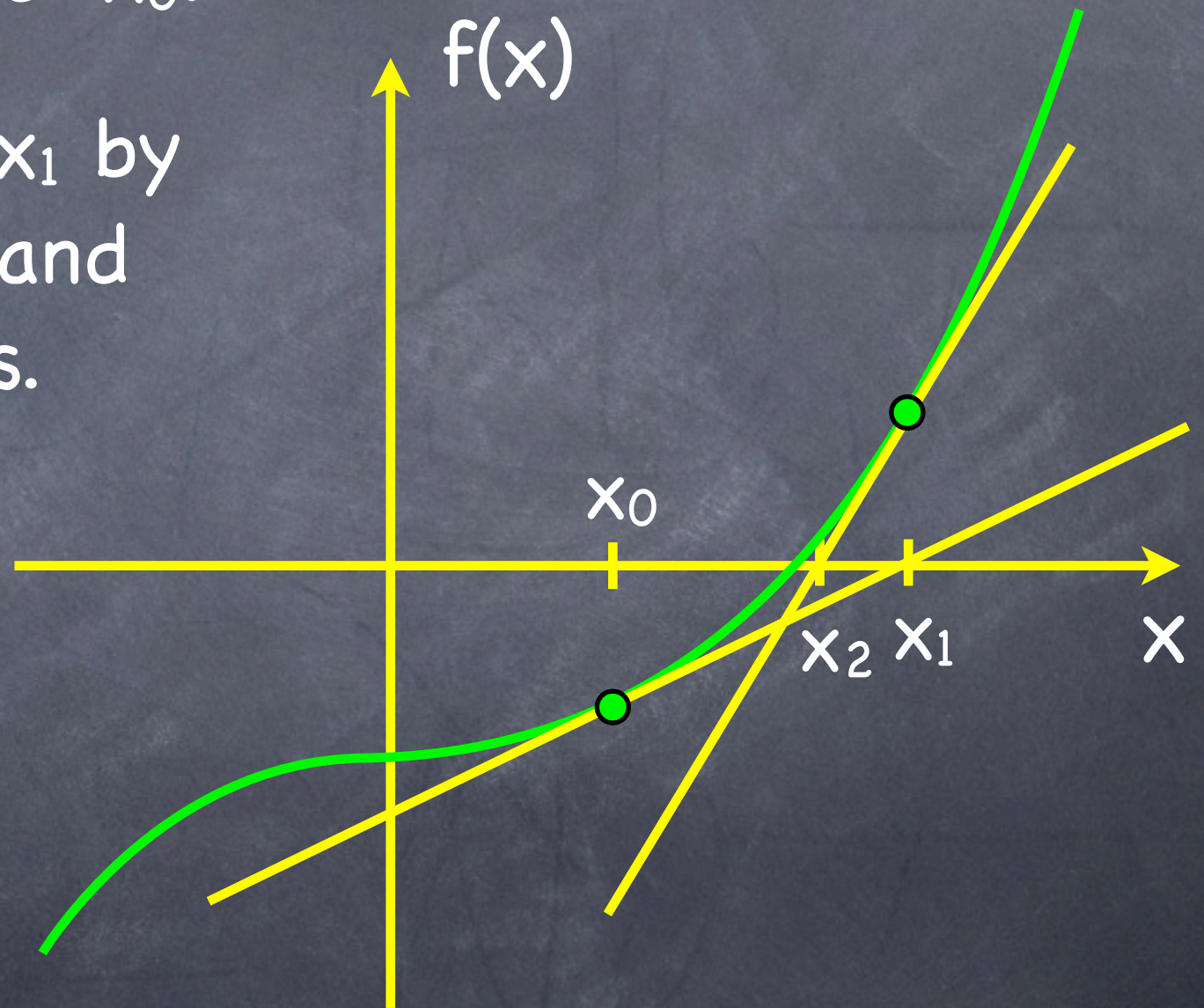
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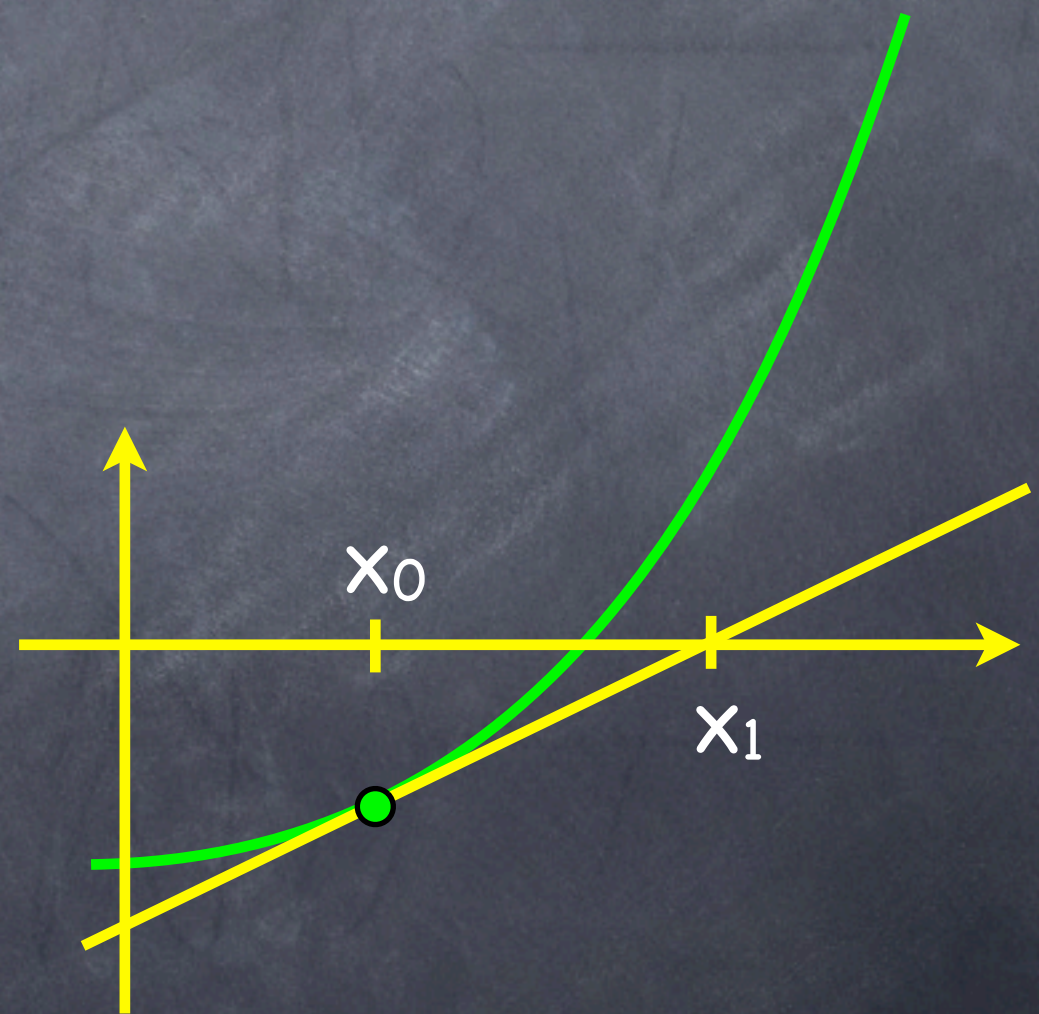
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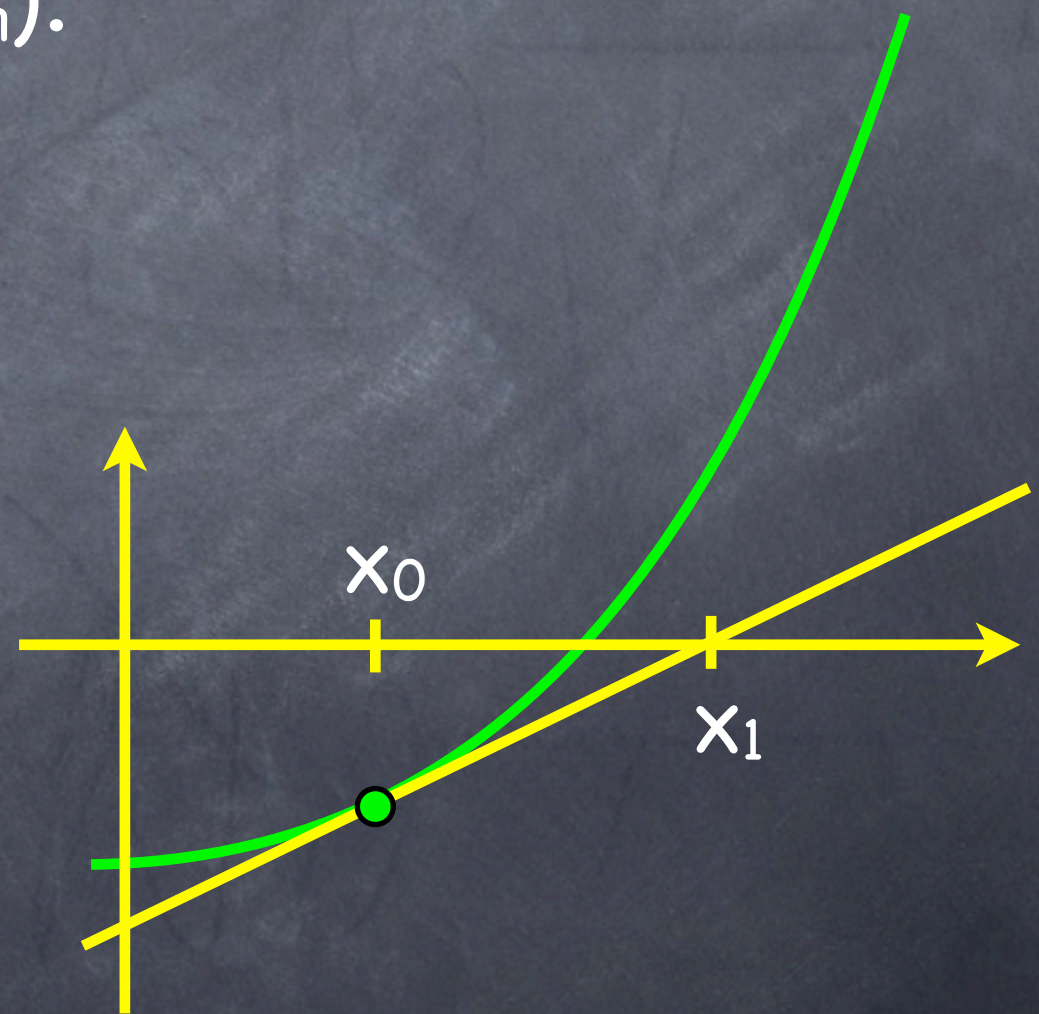




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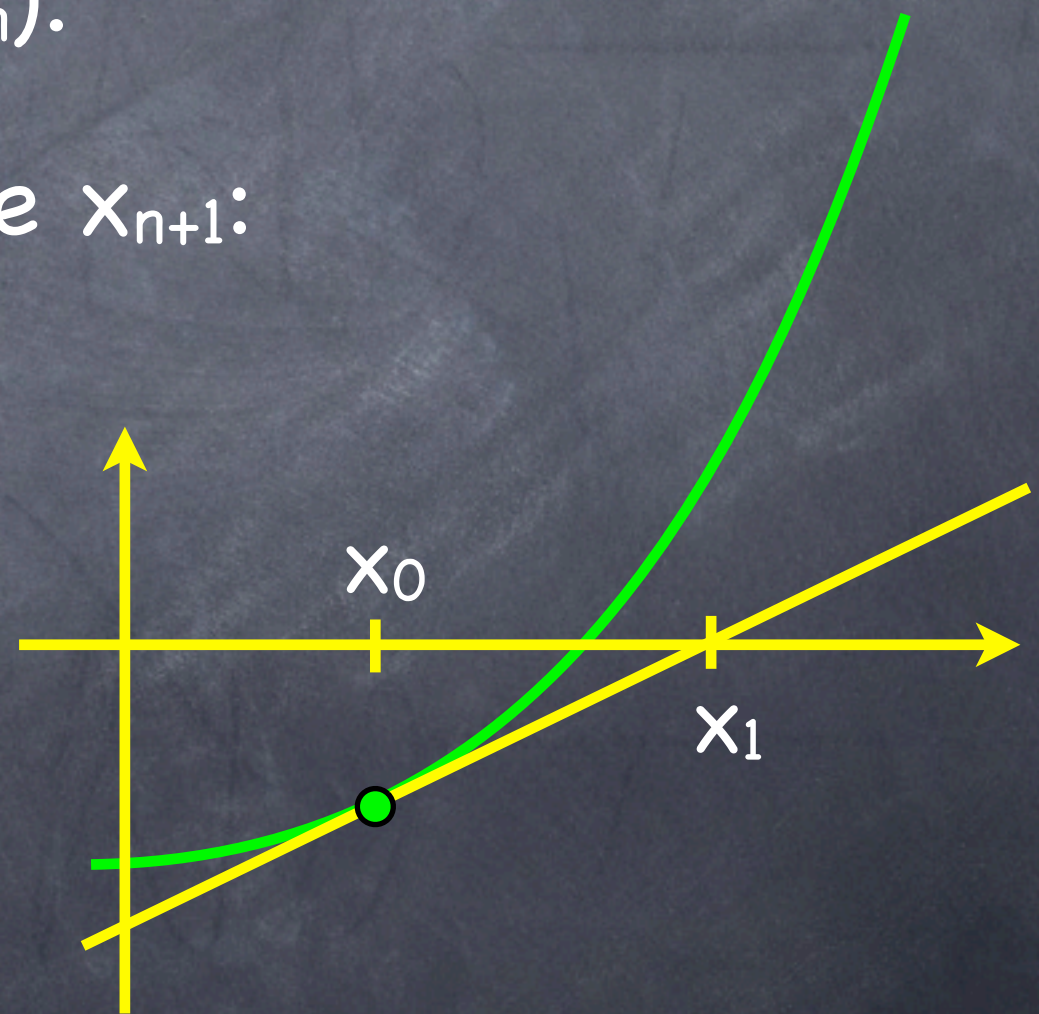
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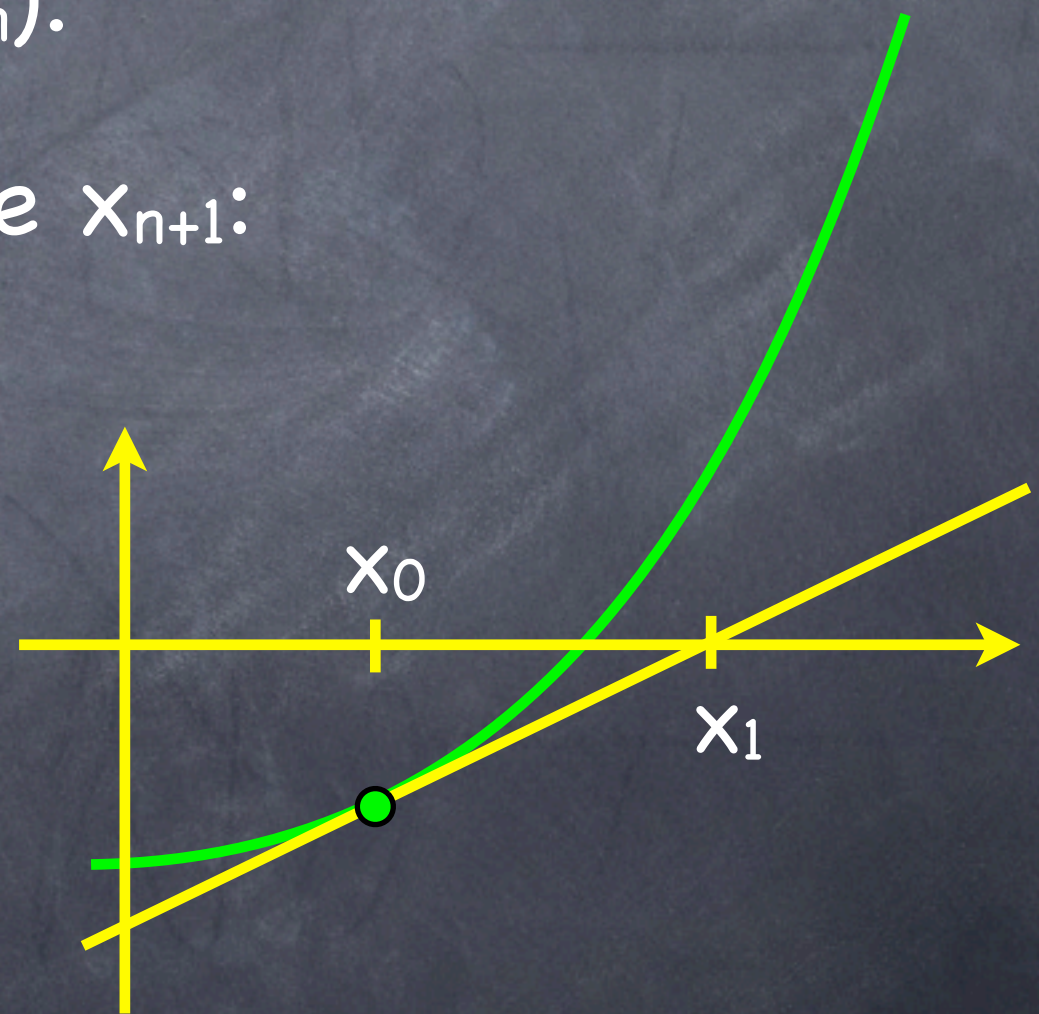
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Finished already? Now use linear approximation.  
Which approach is better?



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# Desmos...

- How to choose  $x_0$ ...



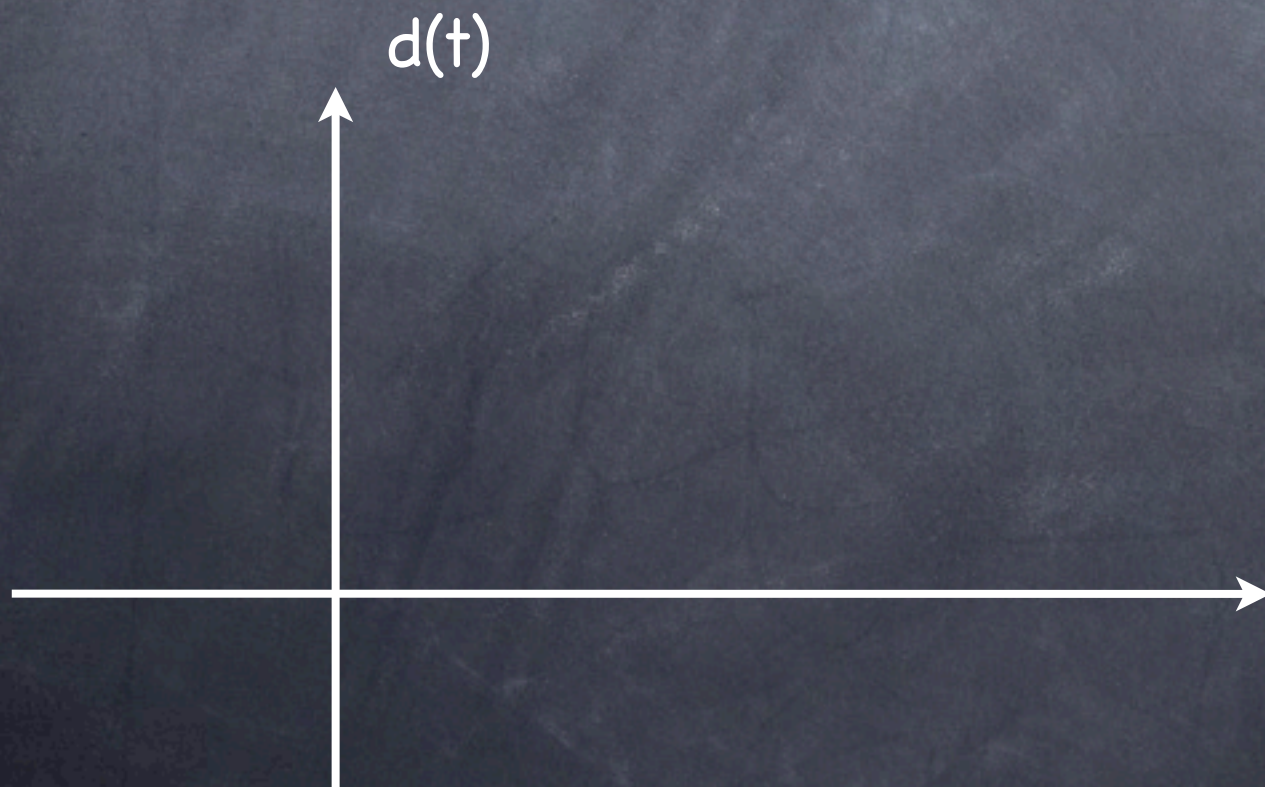
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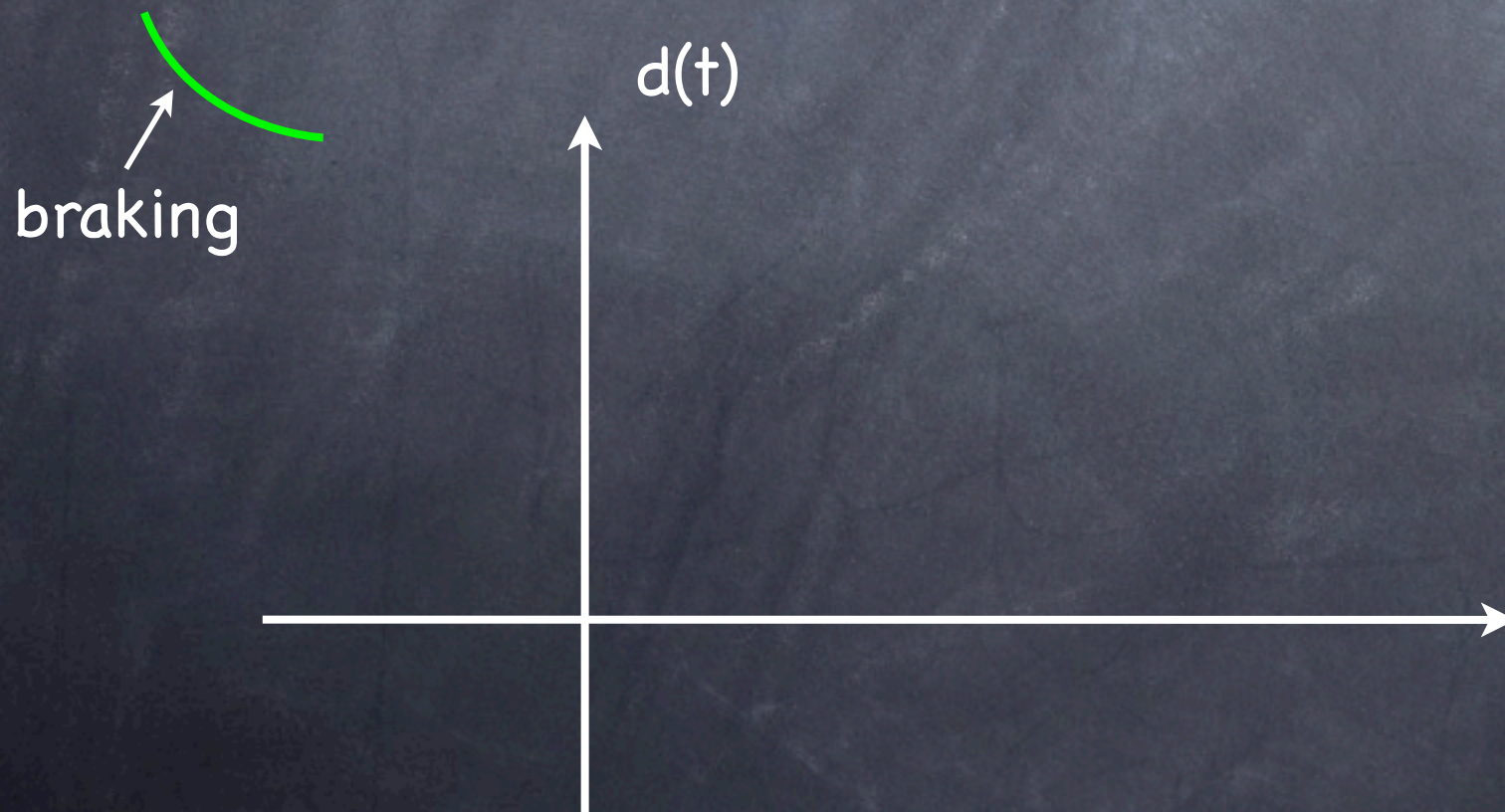
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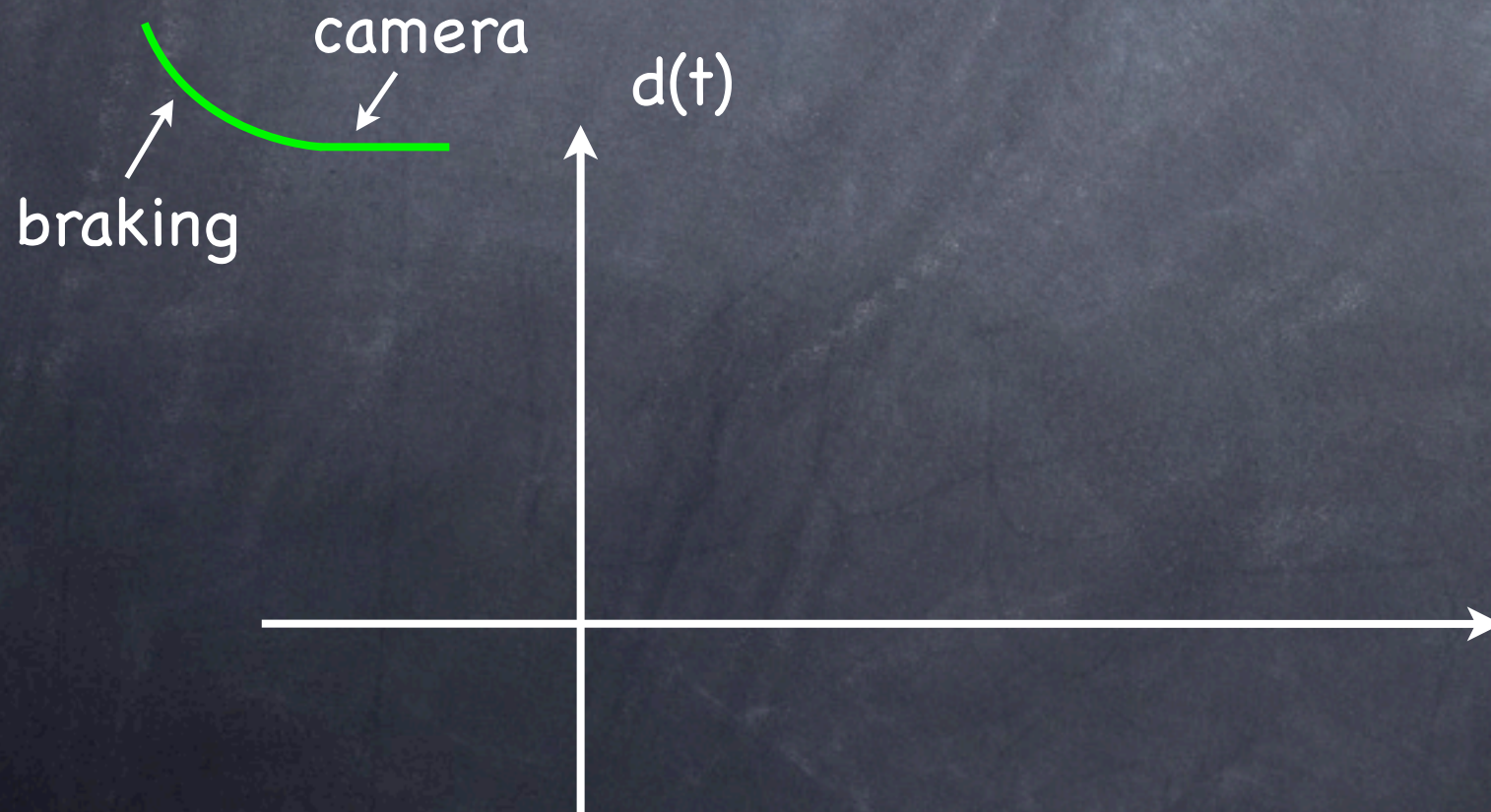
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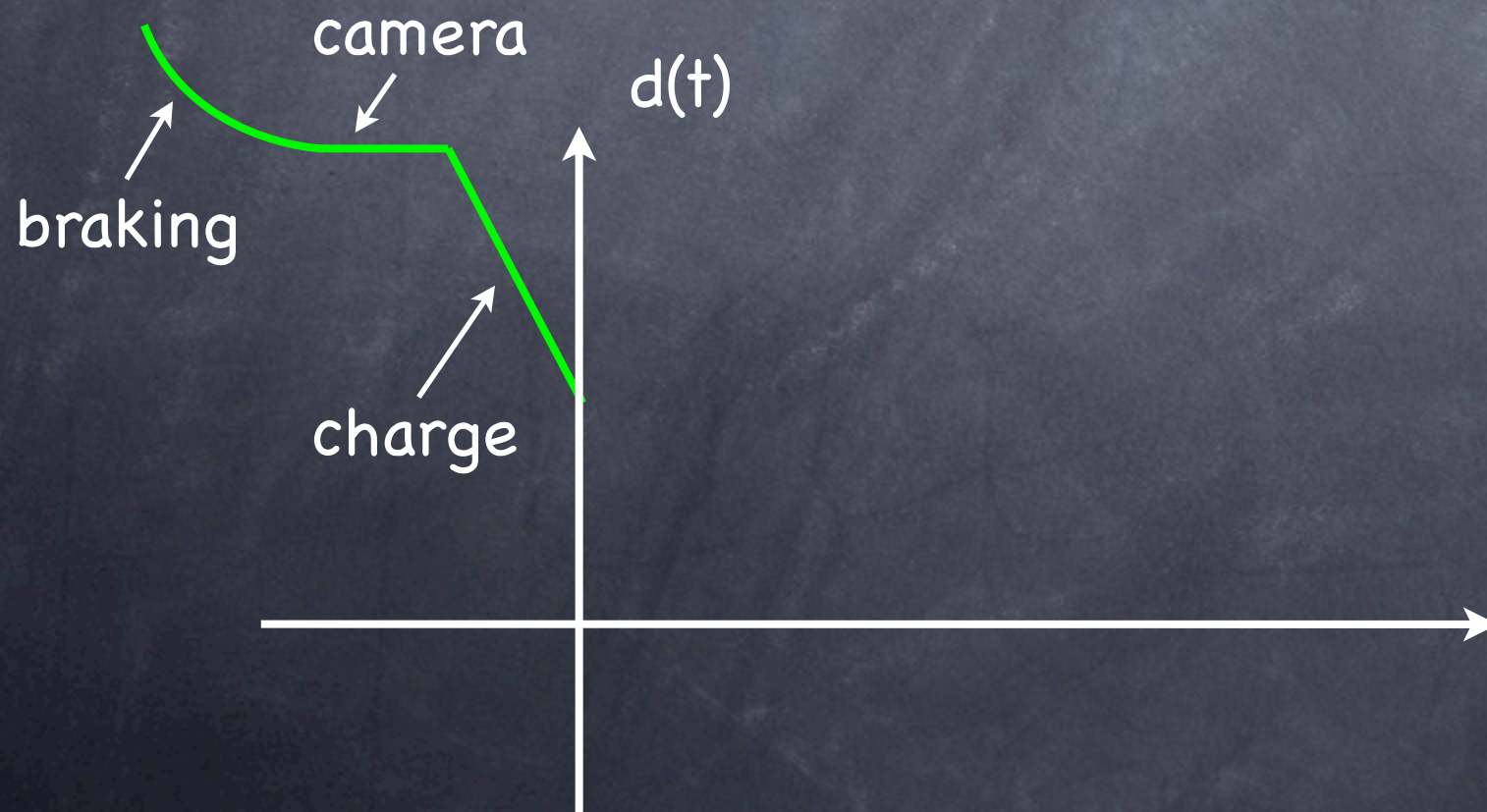
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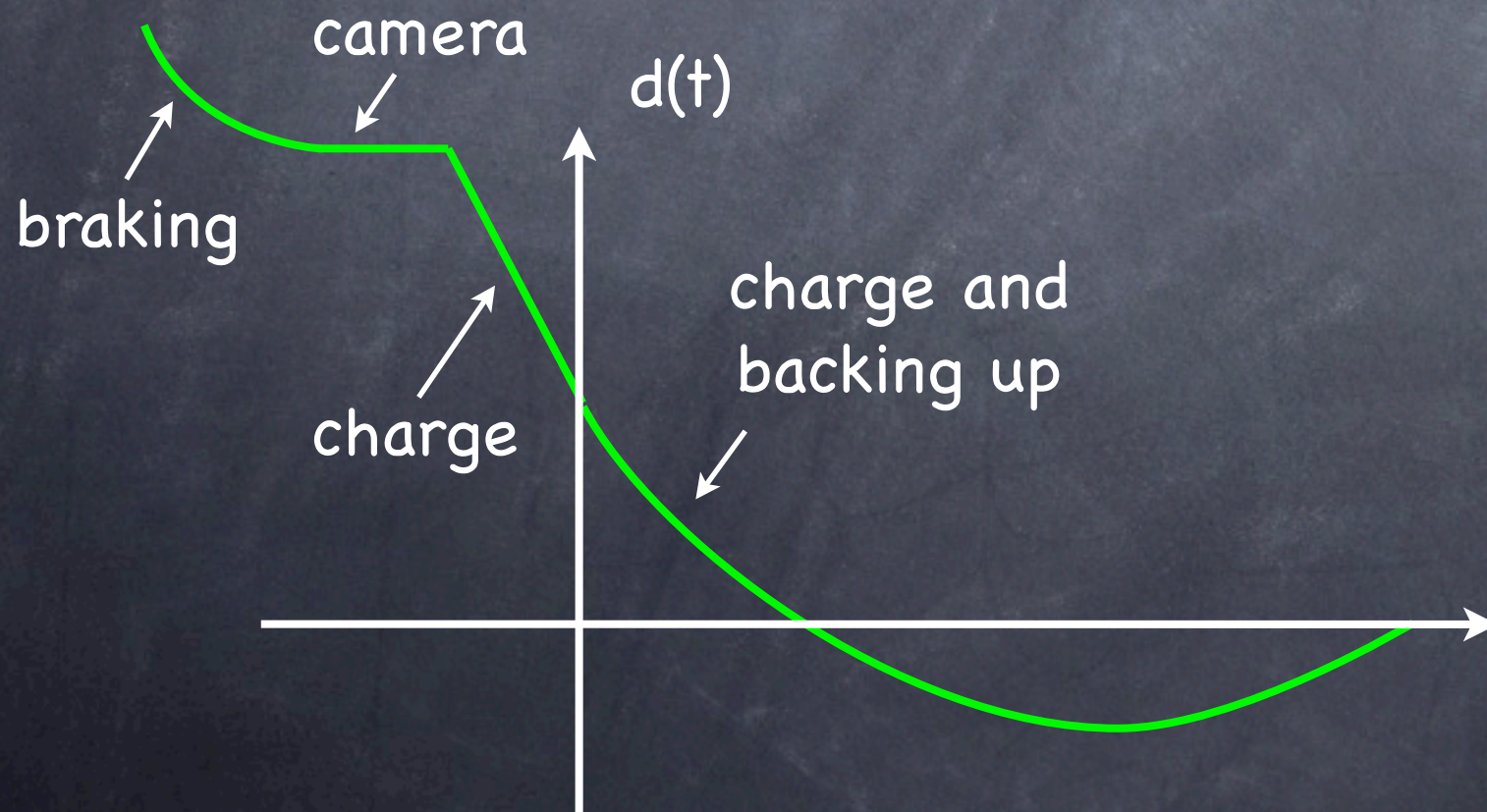
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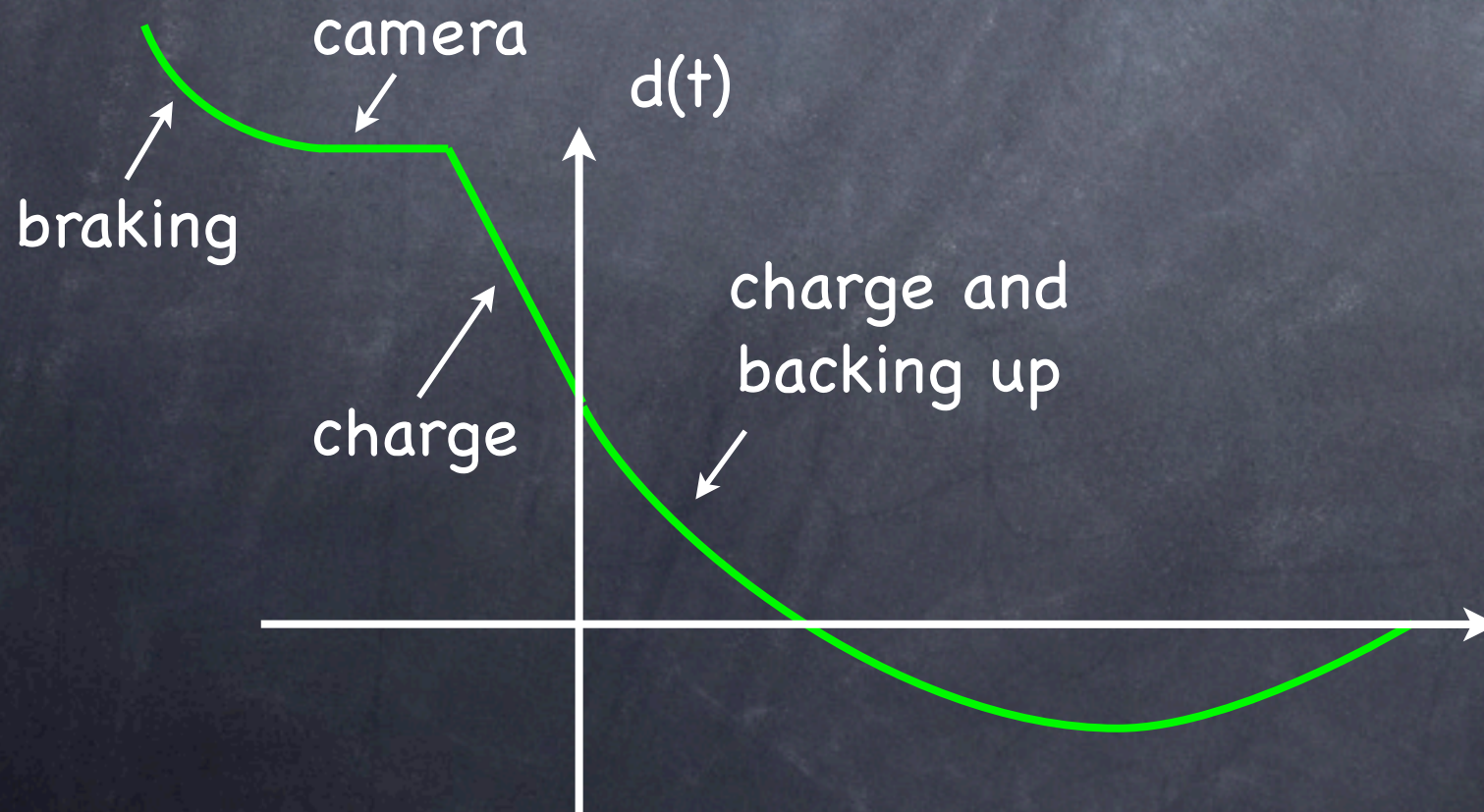
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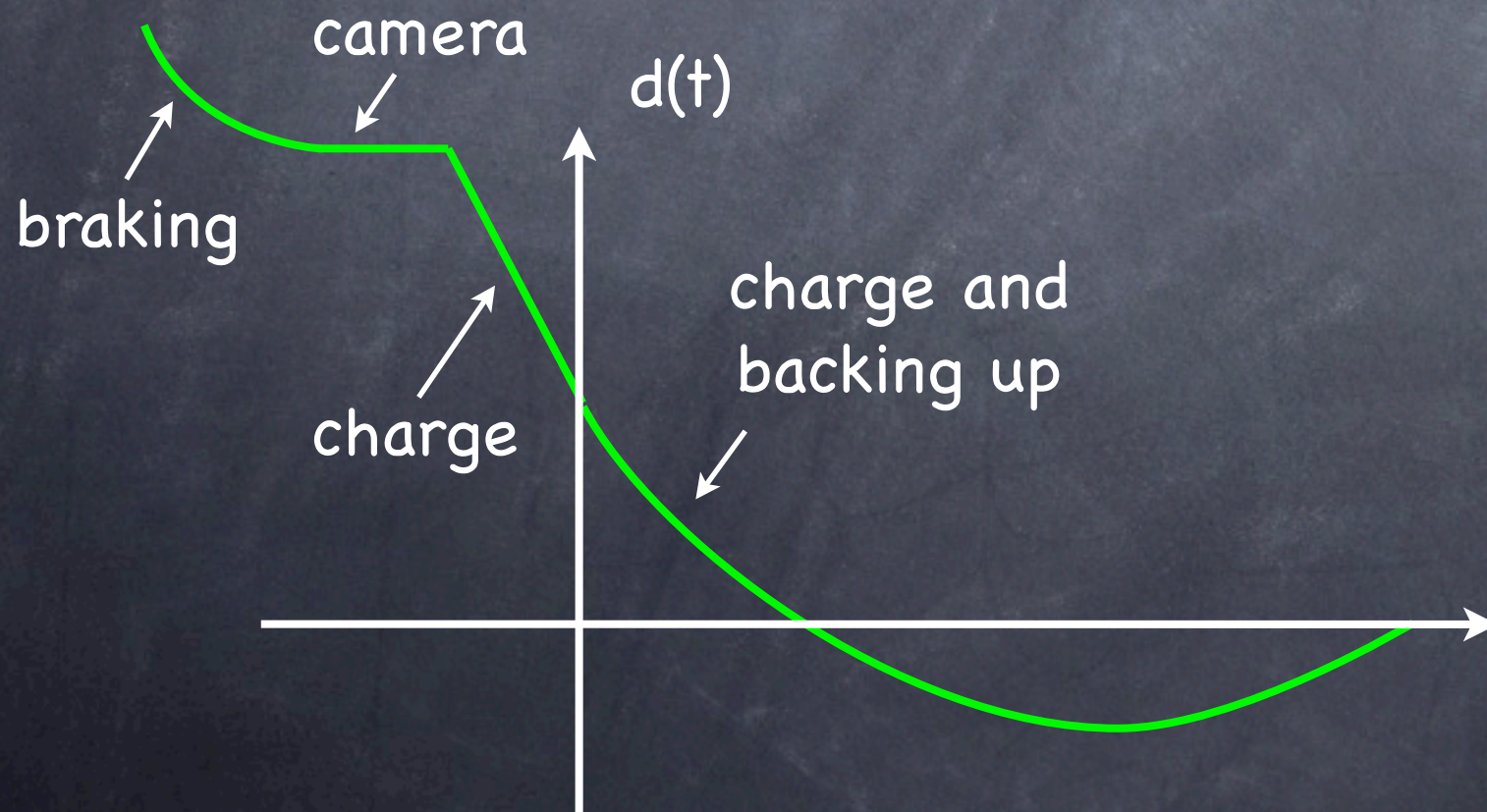


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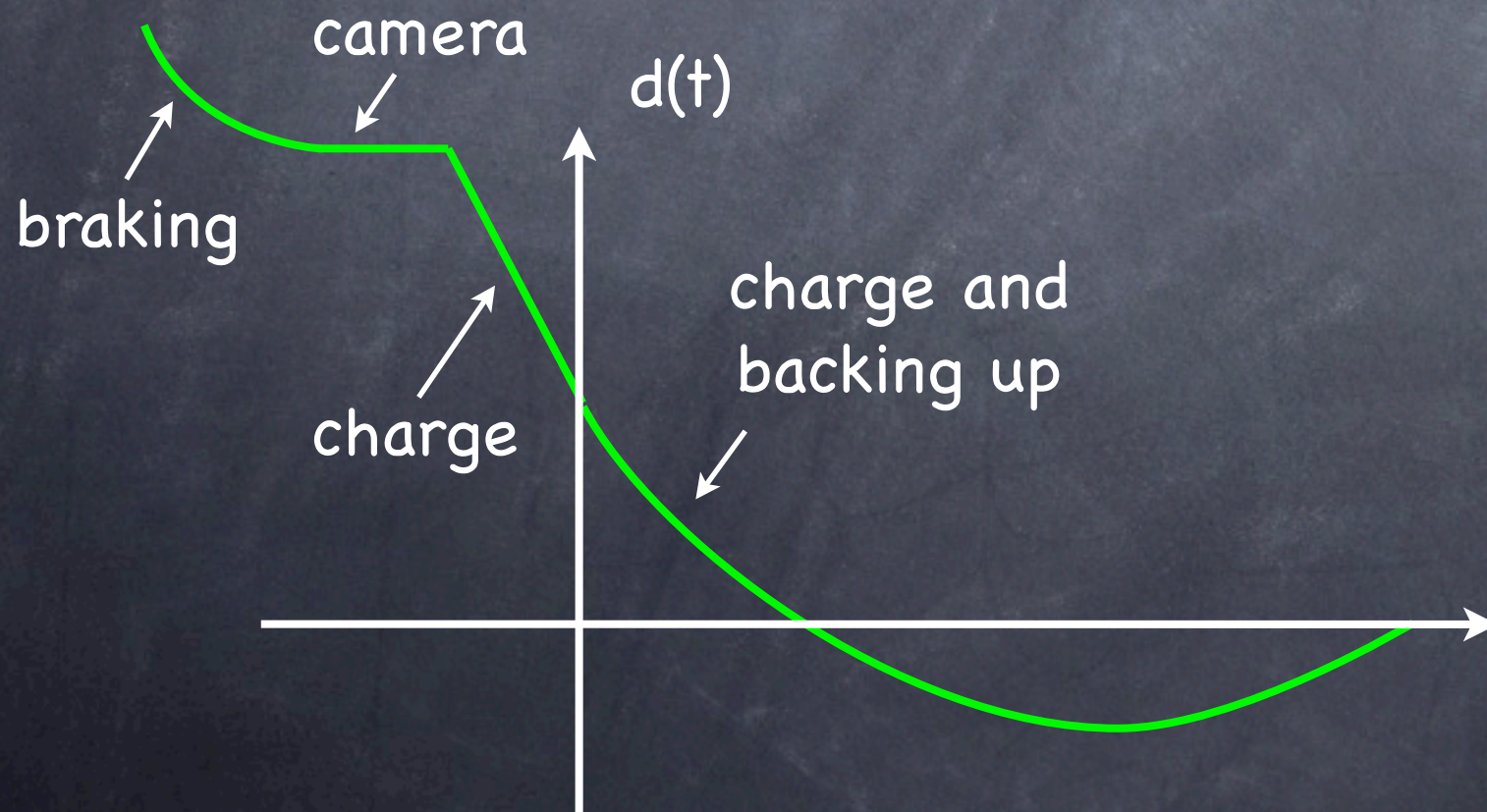
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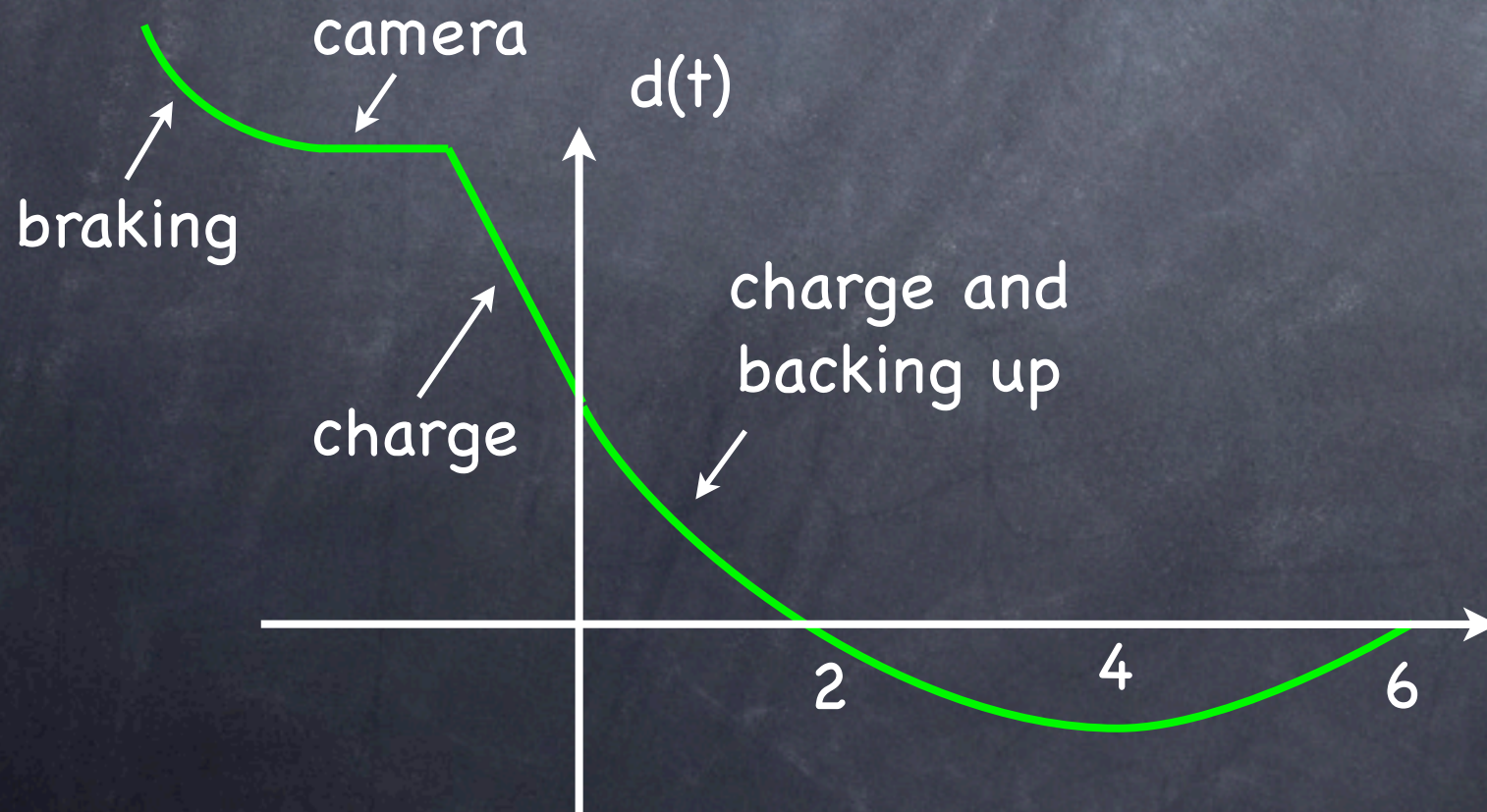
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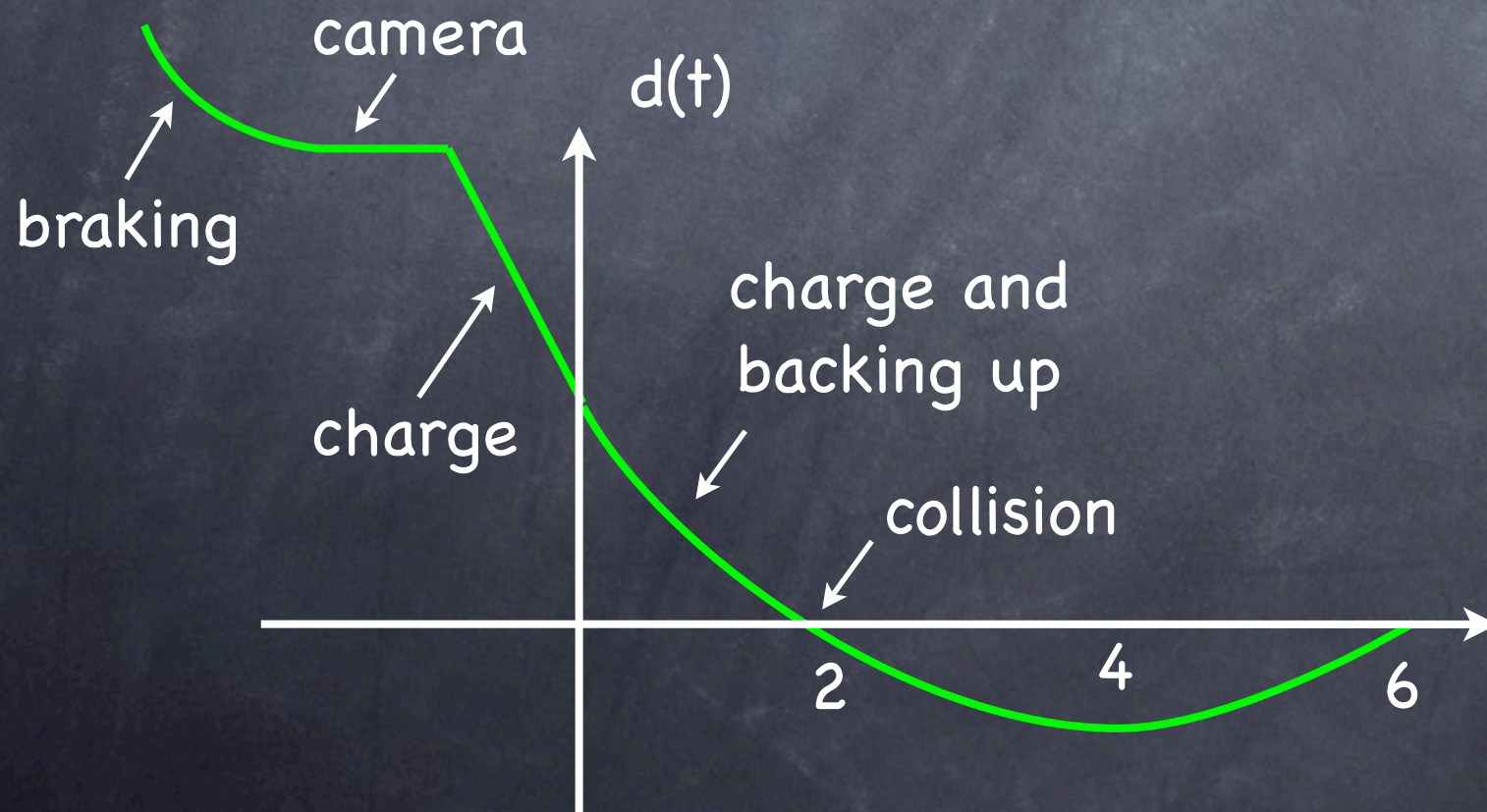
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(You should be able to do this without a calculator but we probably wouldn't ask you to on the midterm/exam!)