

# Today

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- Shapes of solutions for distinct eigenvalues case.
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- Office hours: Friday 1-2 pm, Monday 1-3 pm (to be confirmed)

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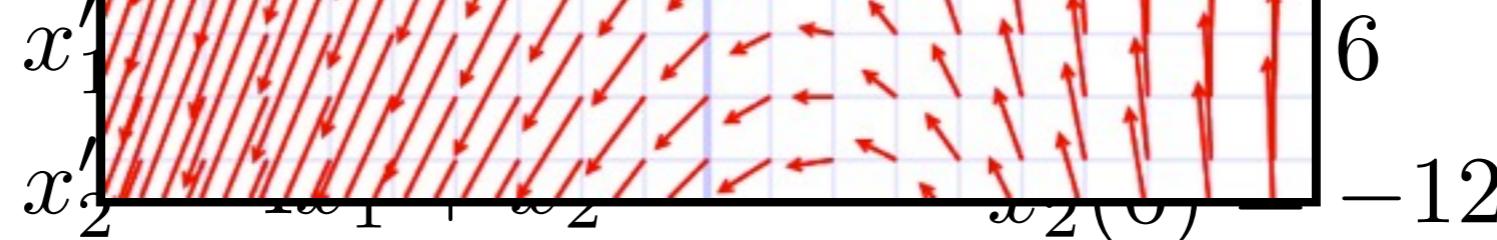
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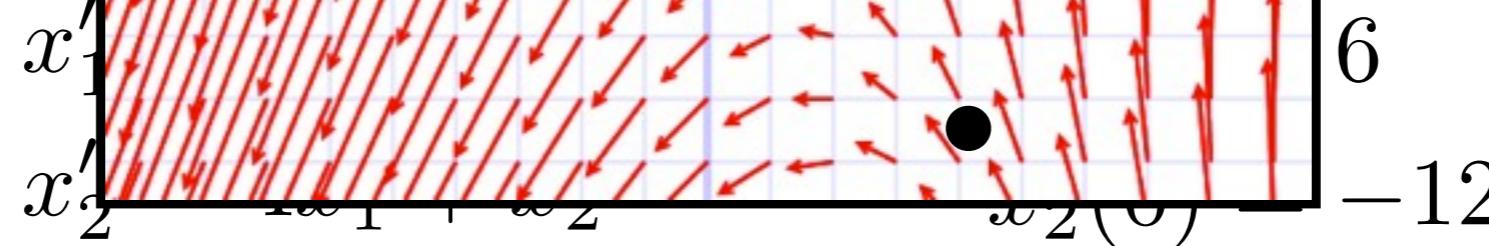
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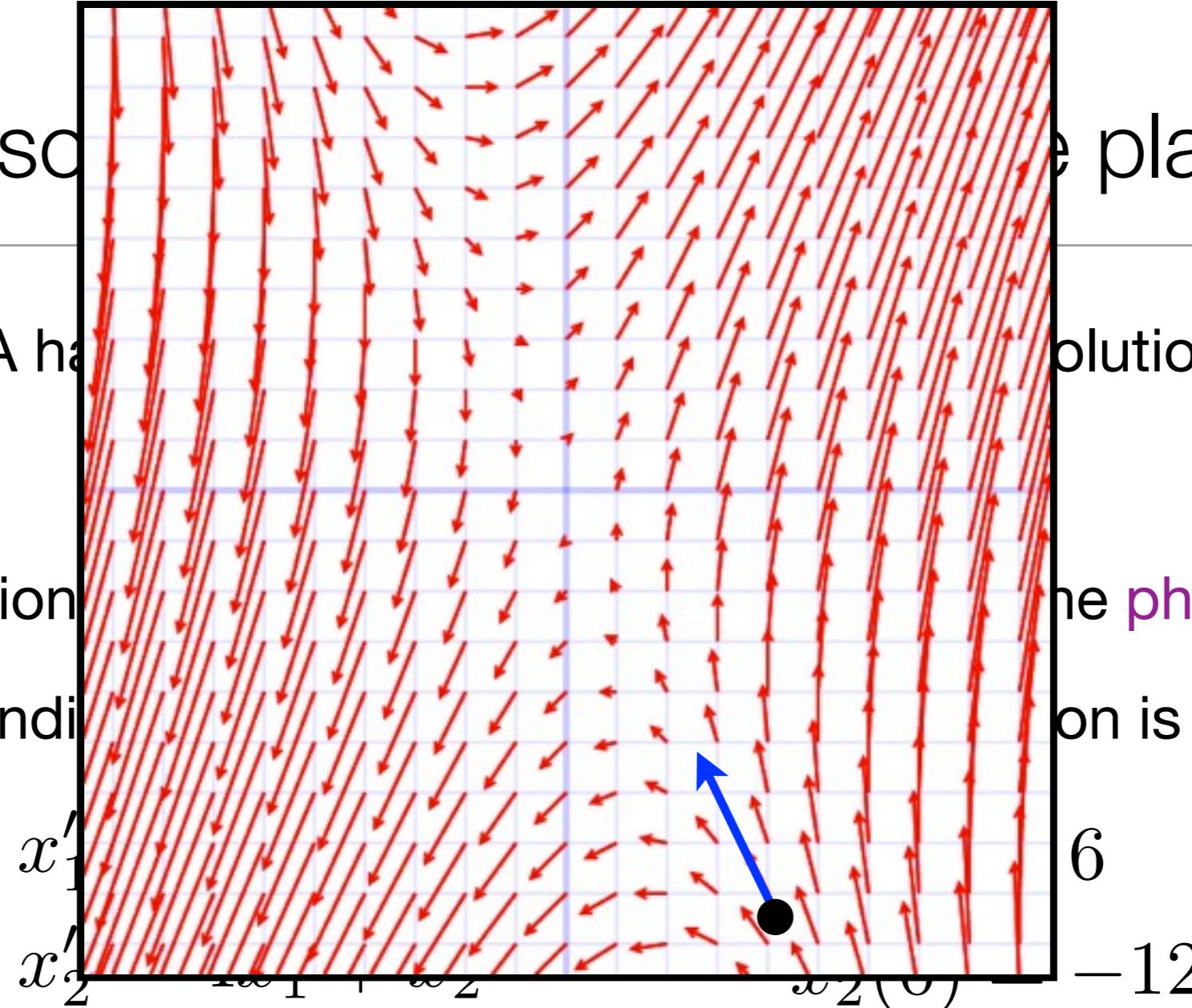
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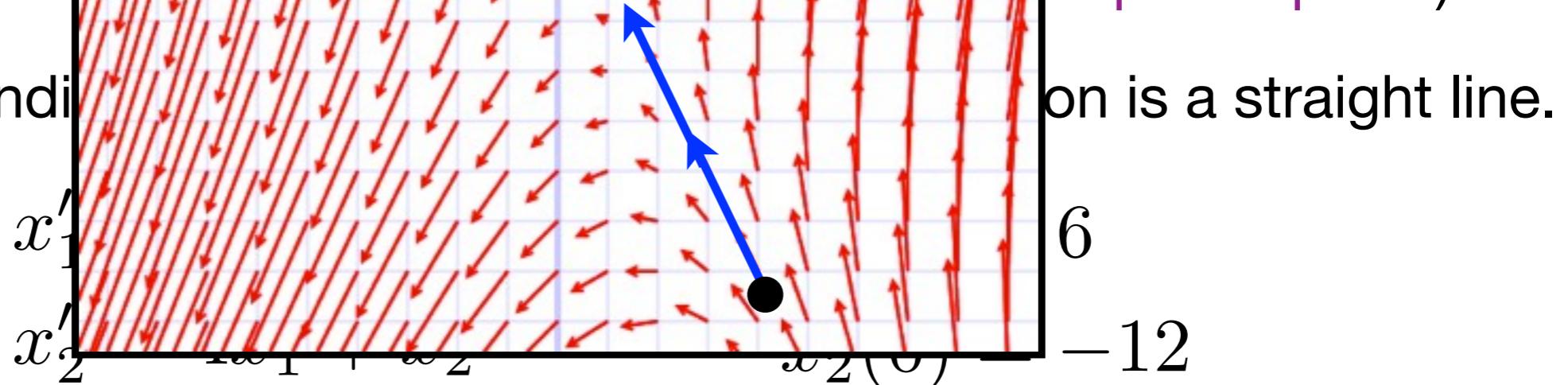
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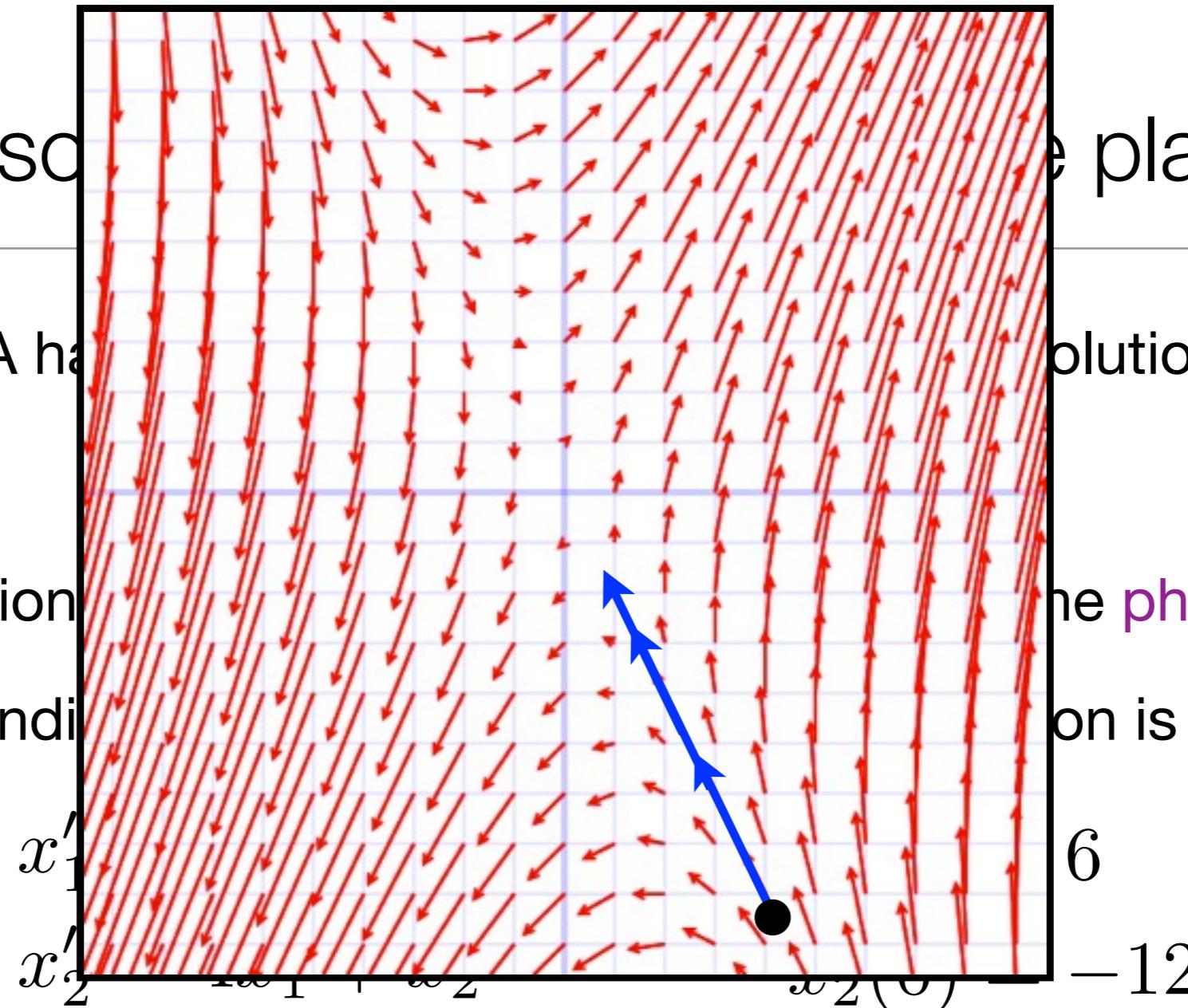
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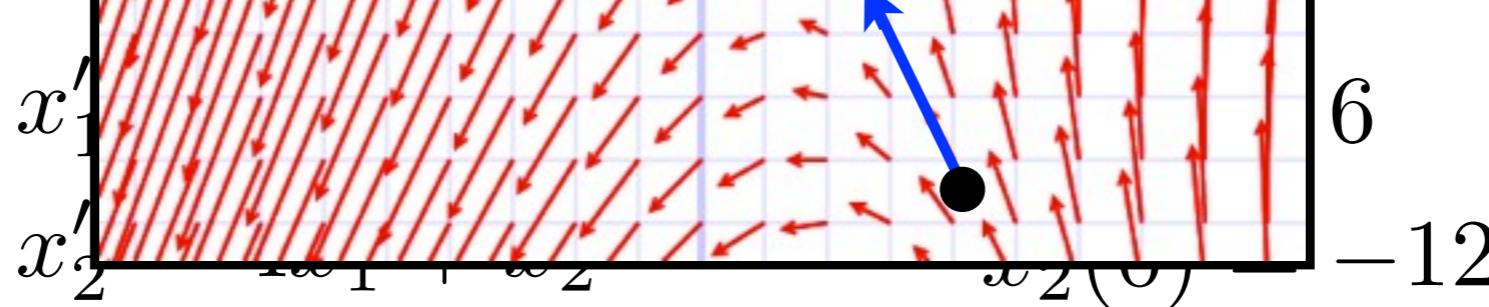
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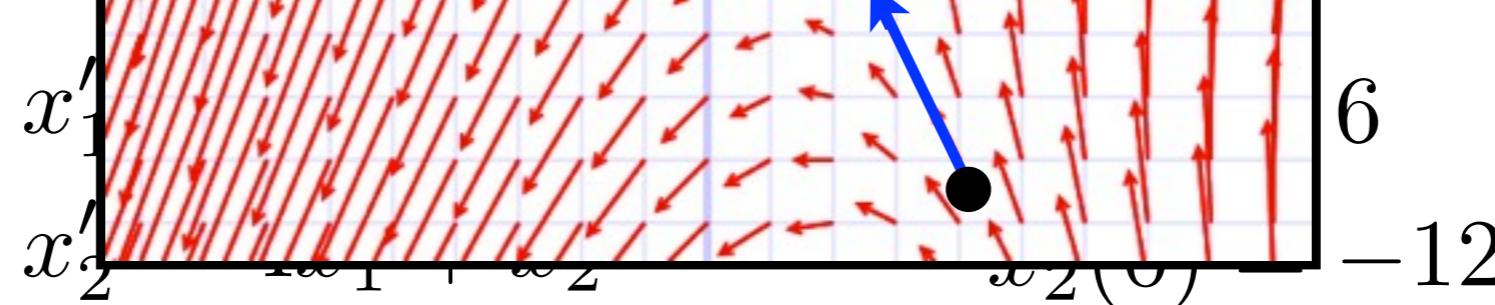
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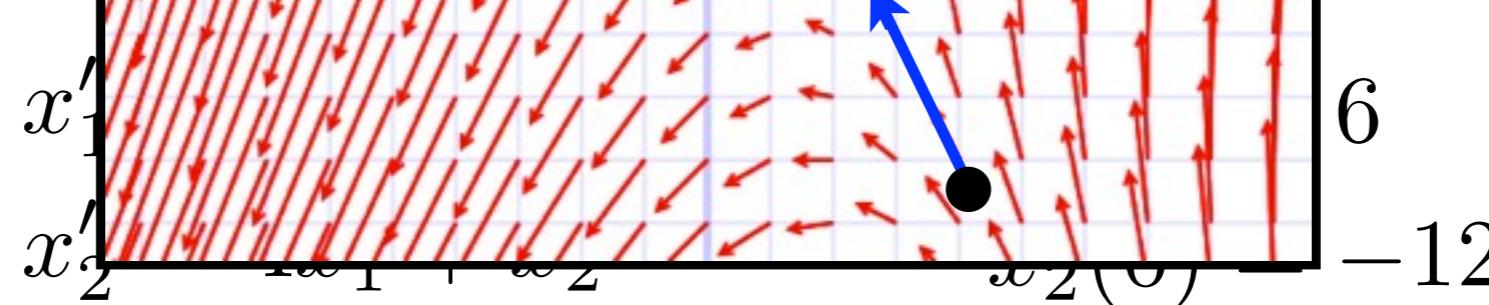
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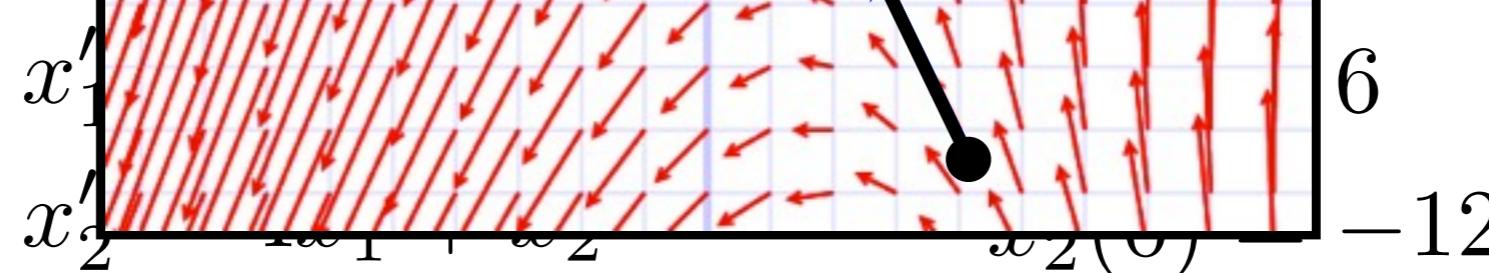
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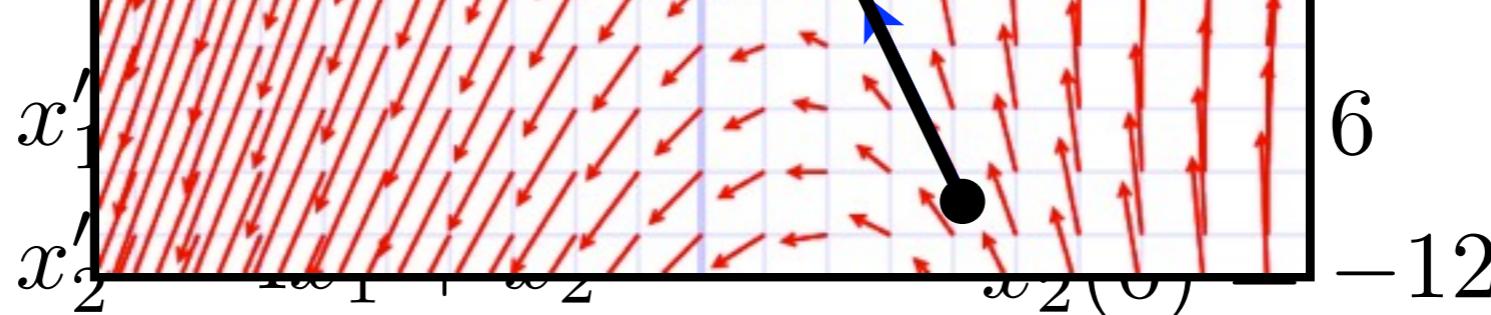
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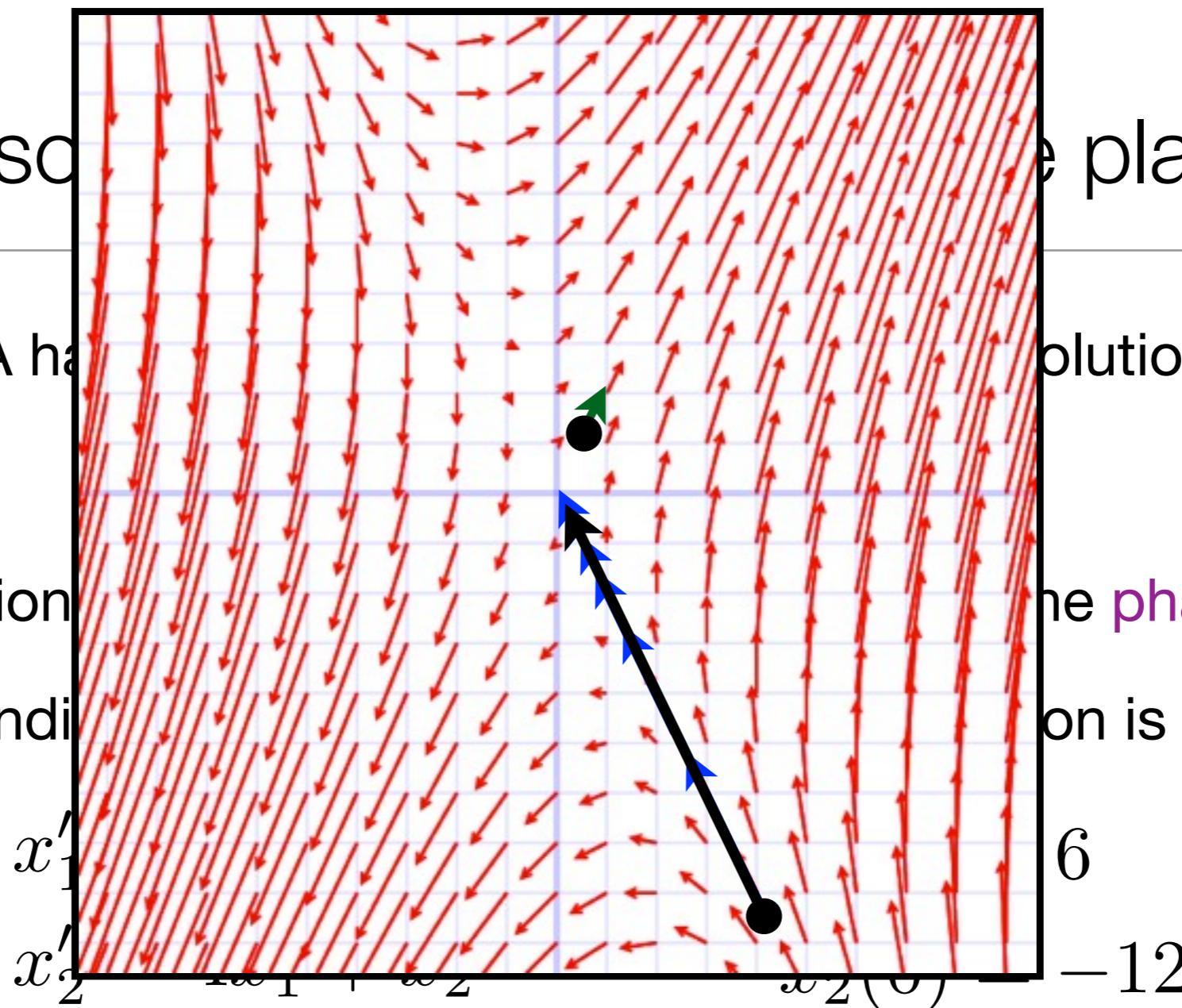
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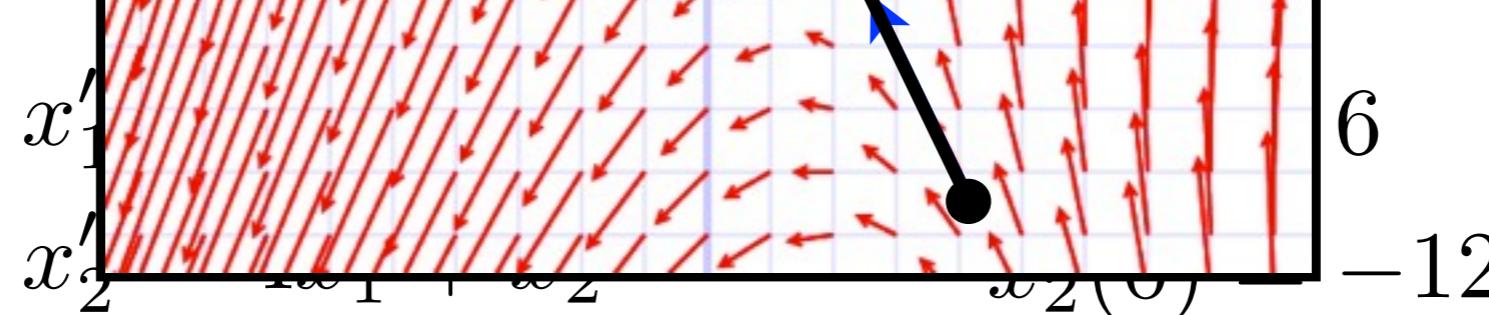
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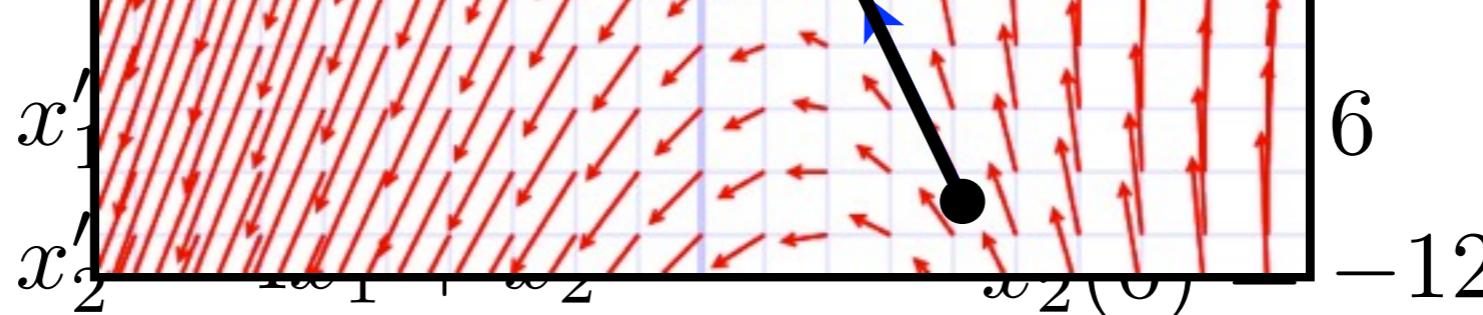
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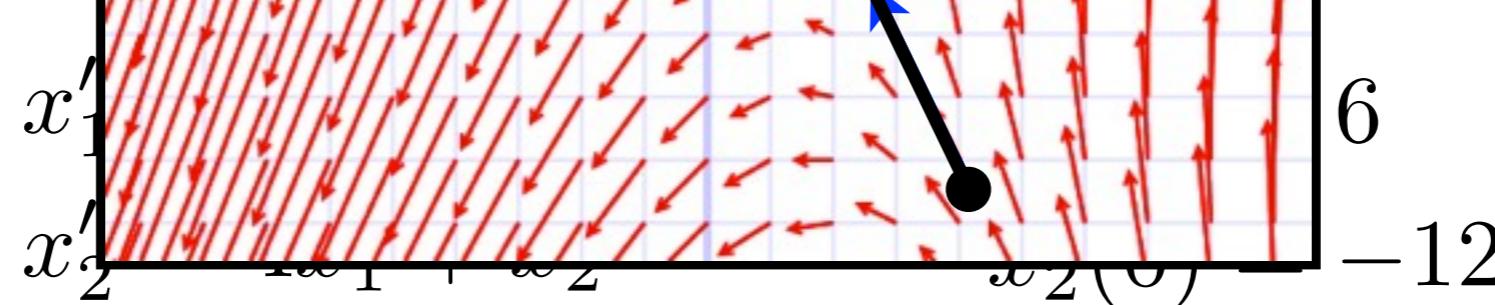
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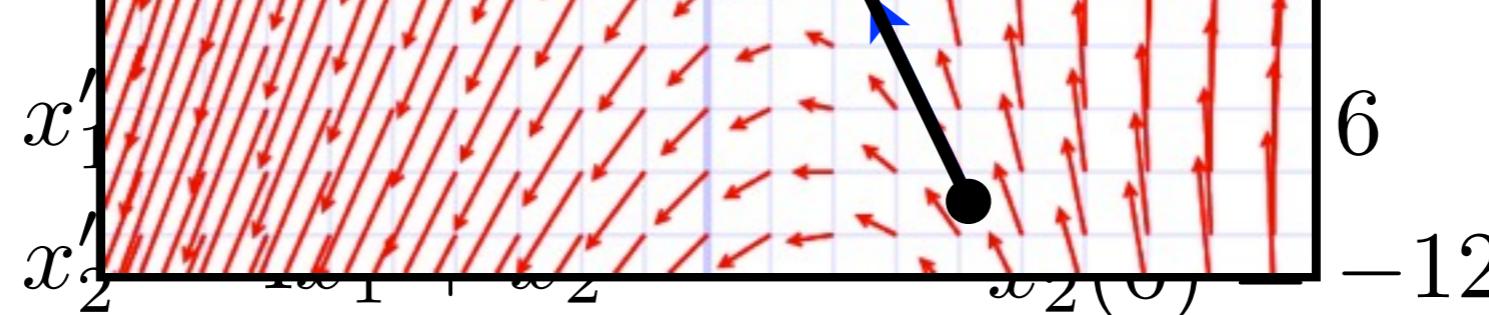
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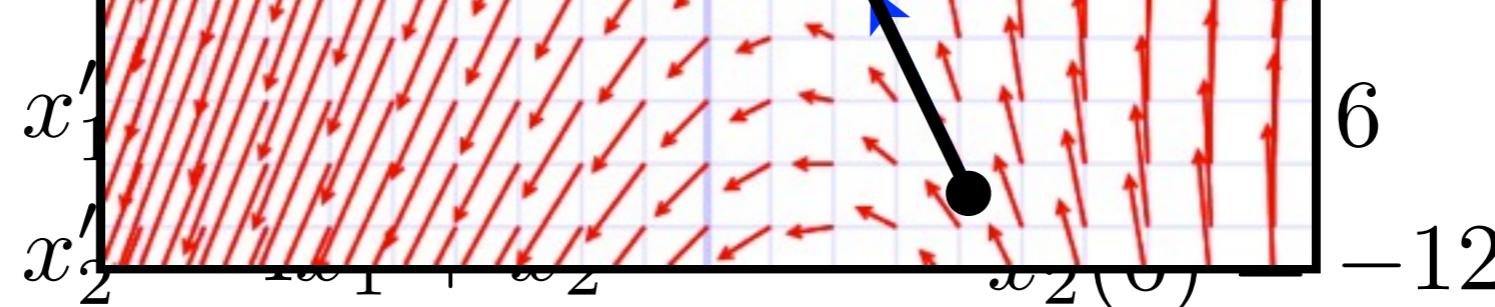
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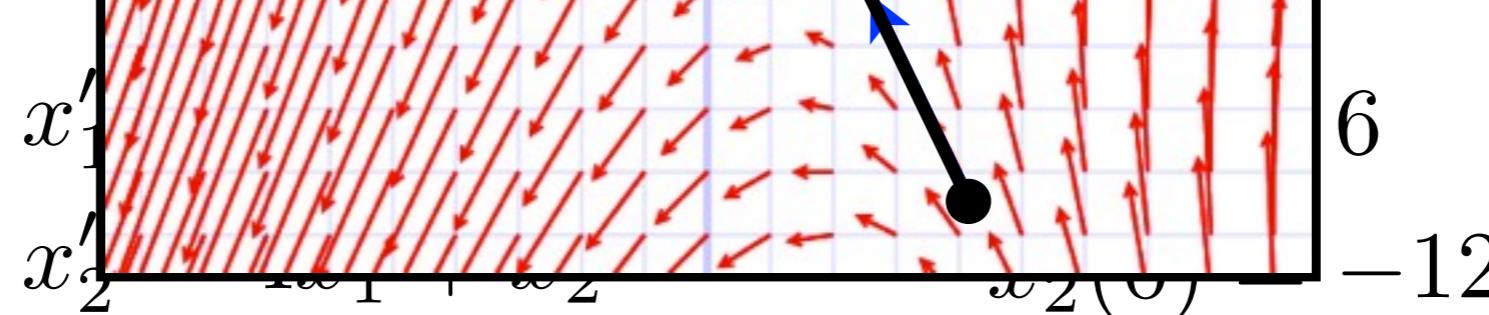
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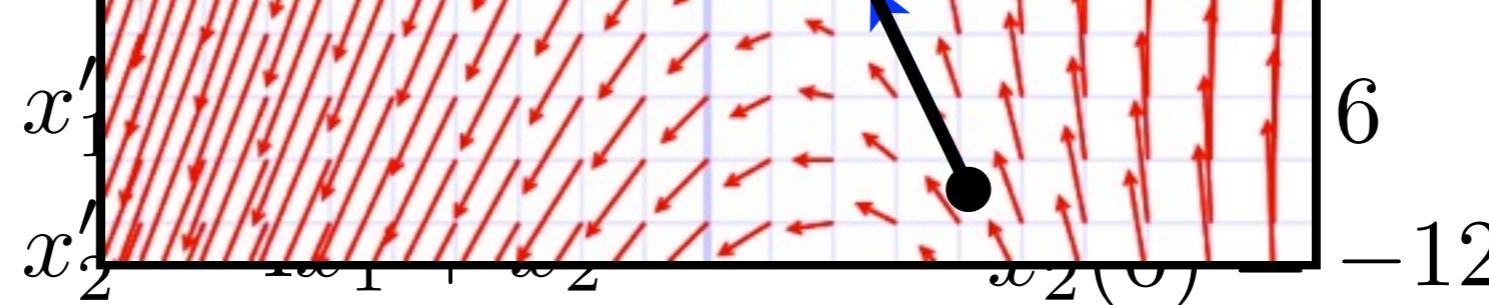
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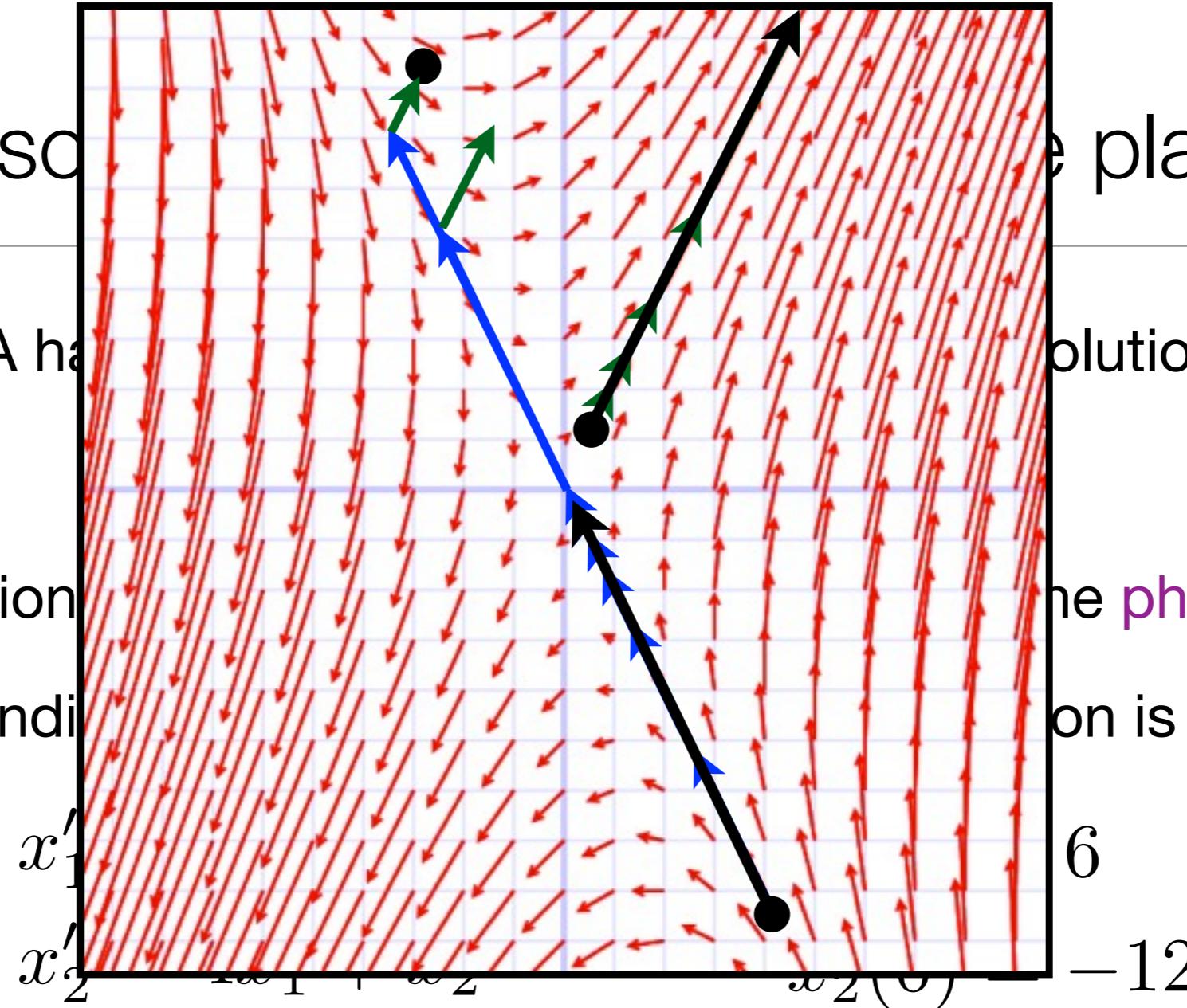
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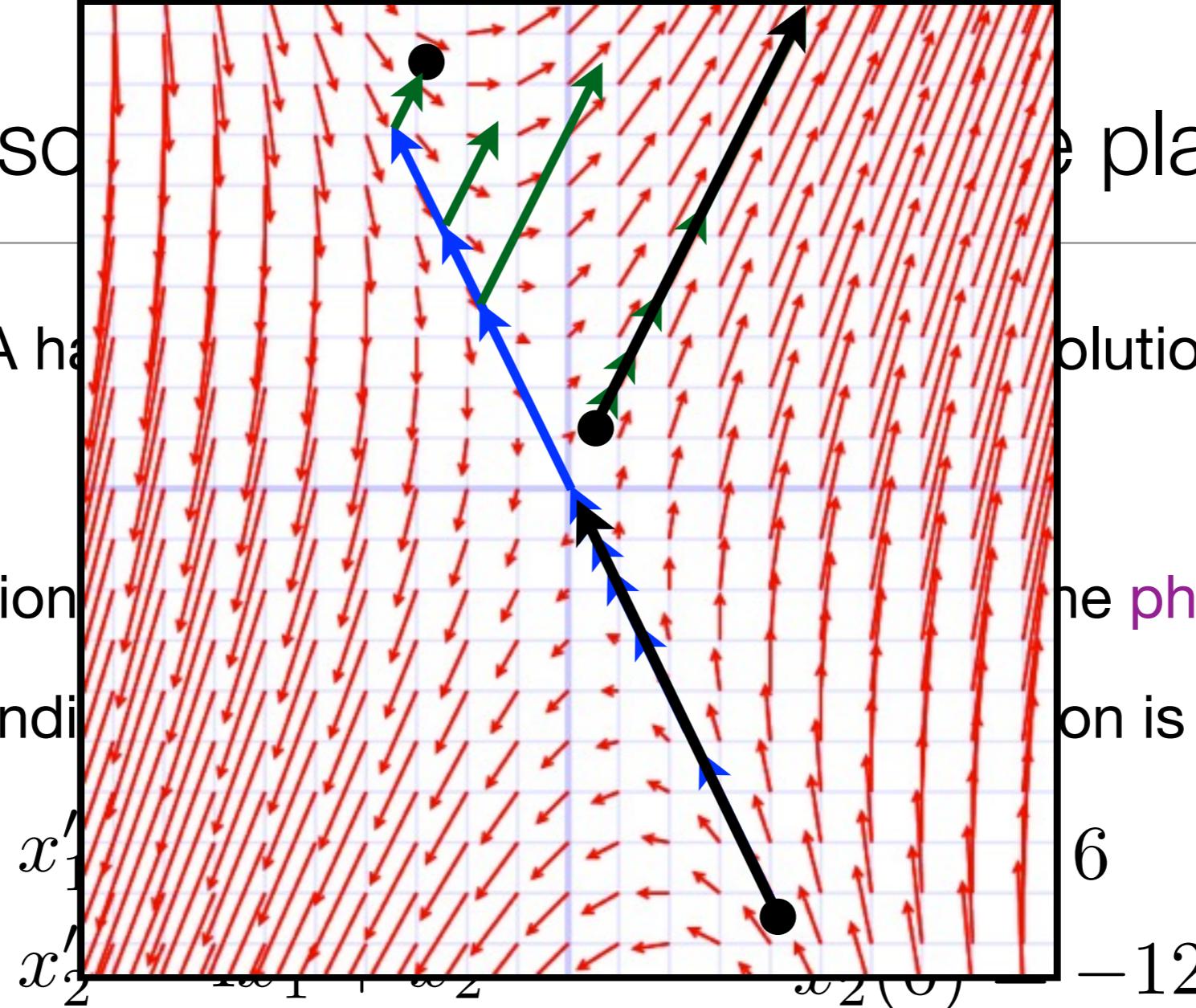
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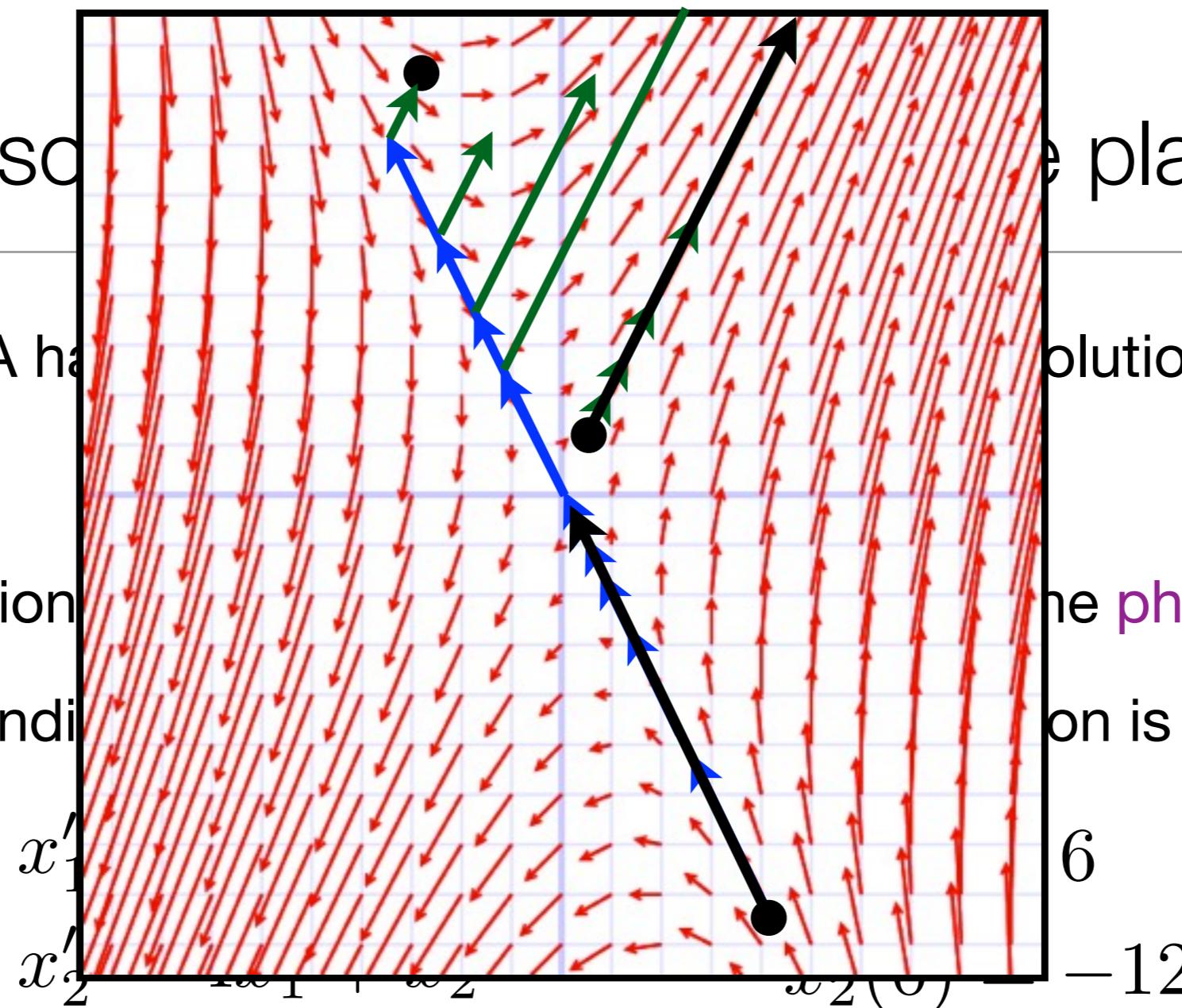
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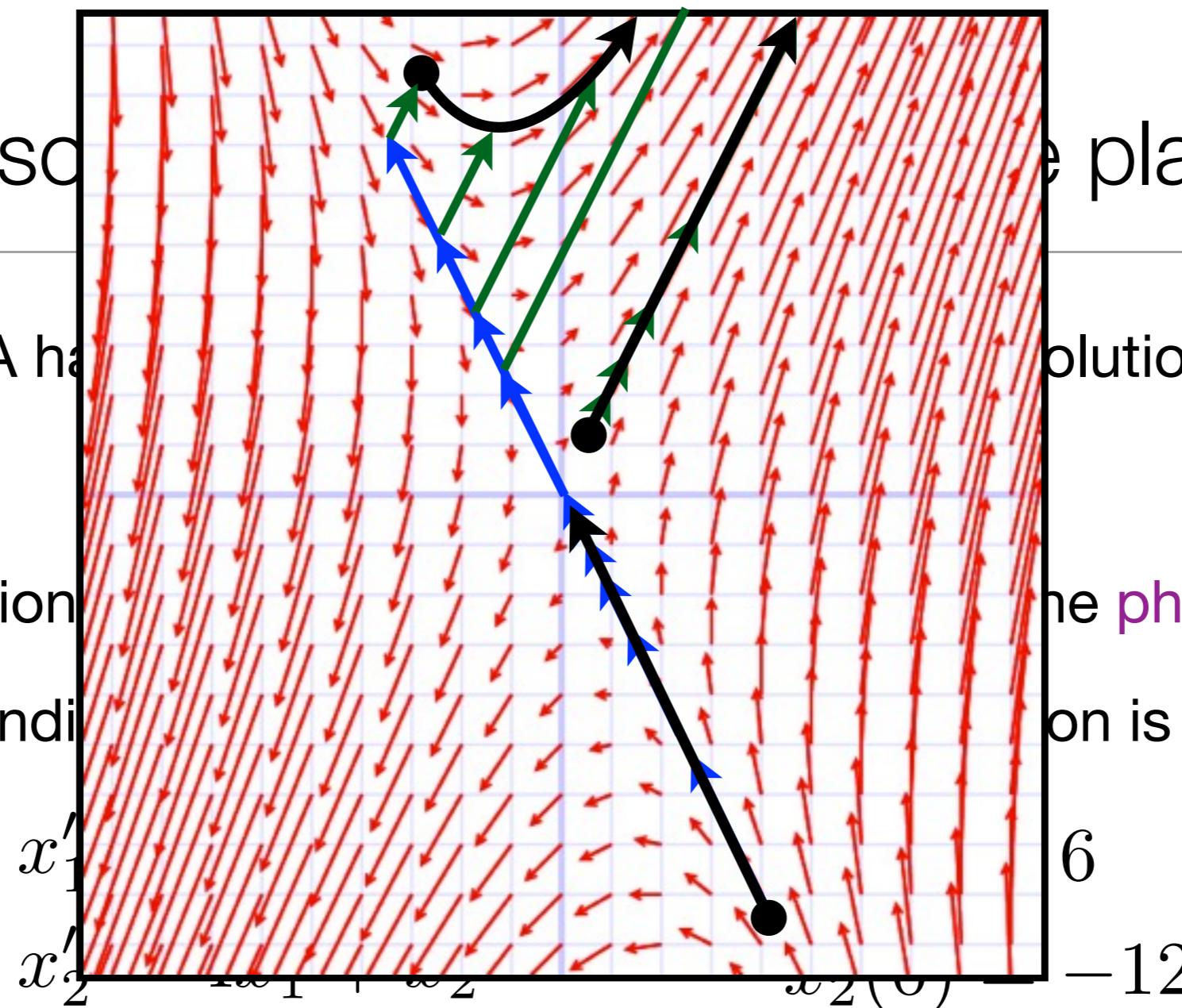
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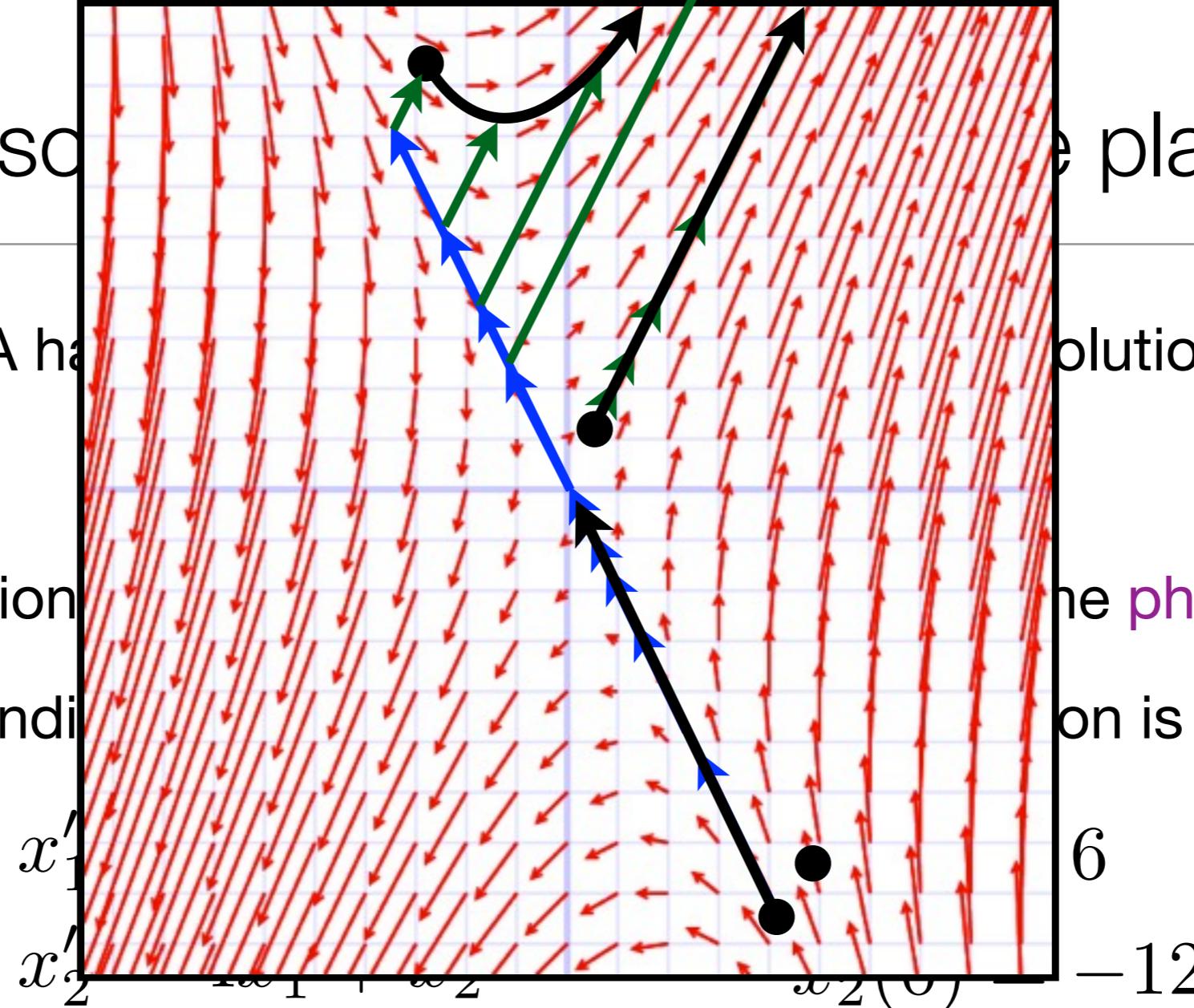
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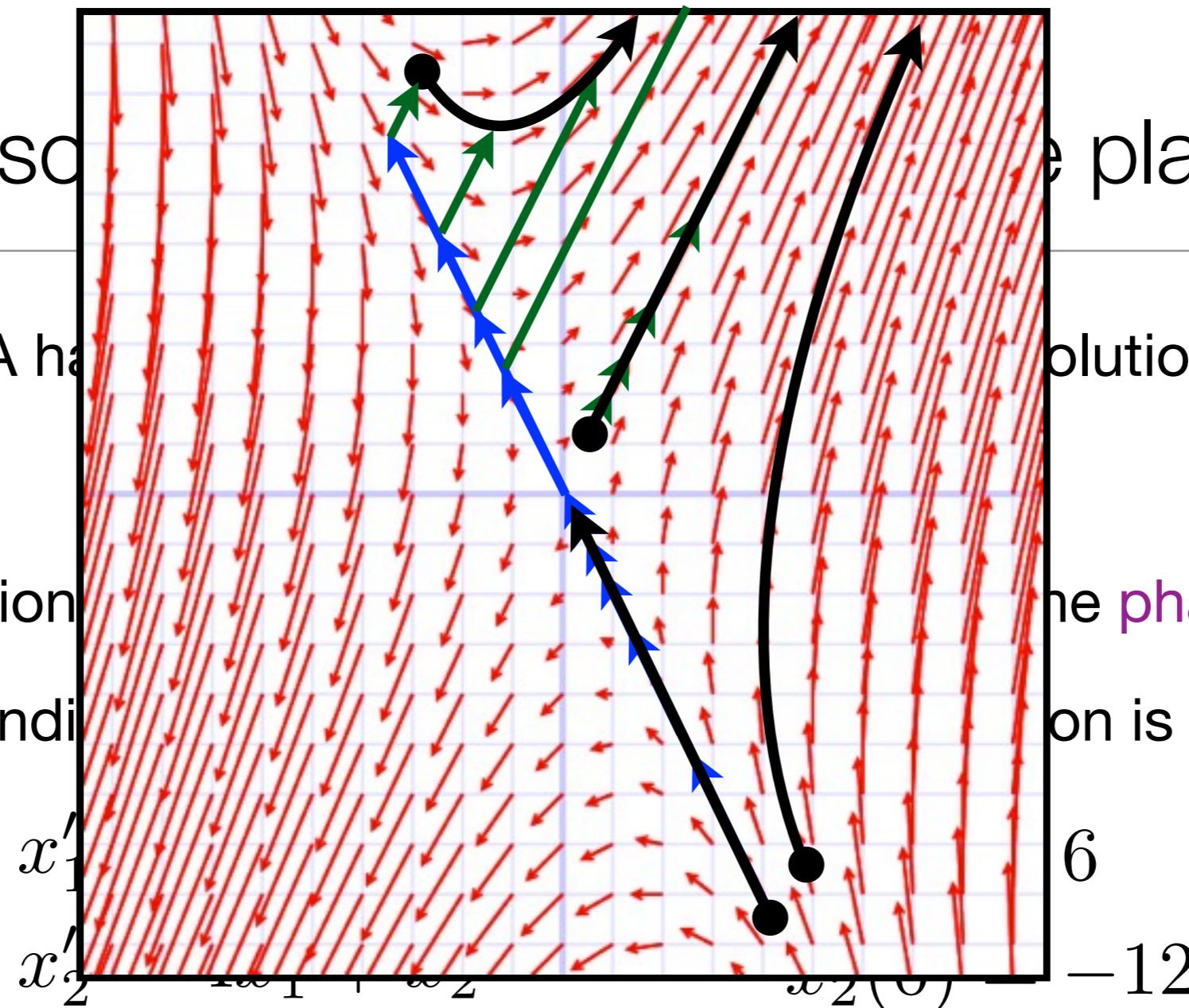
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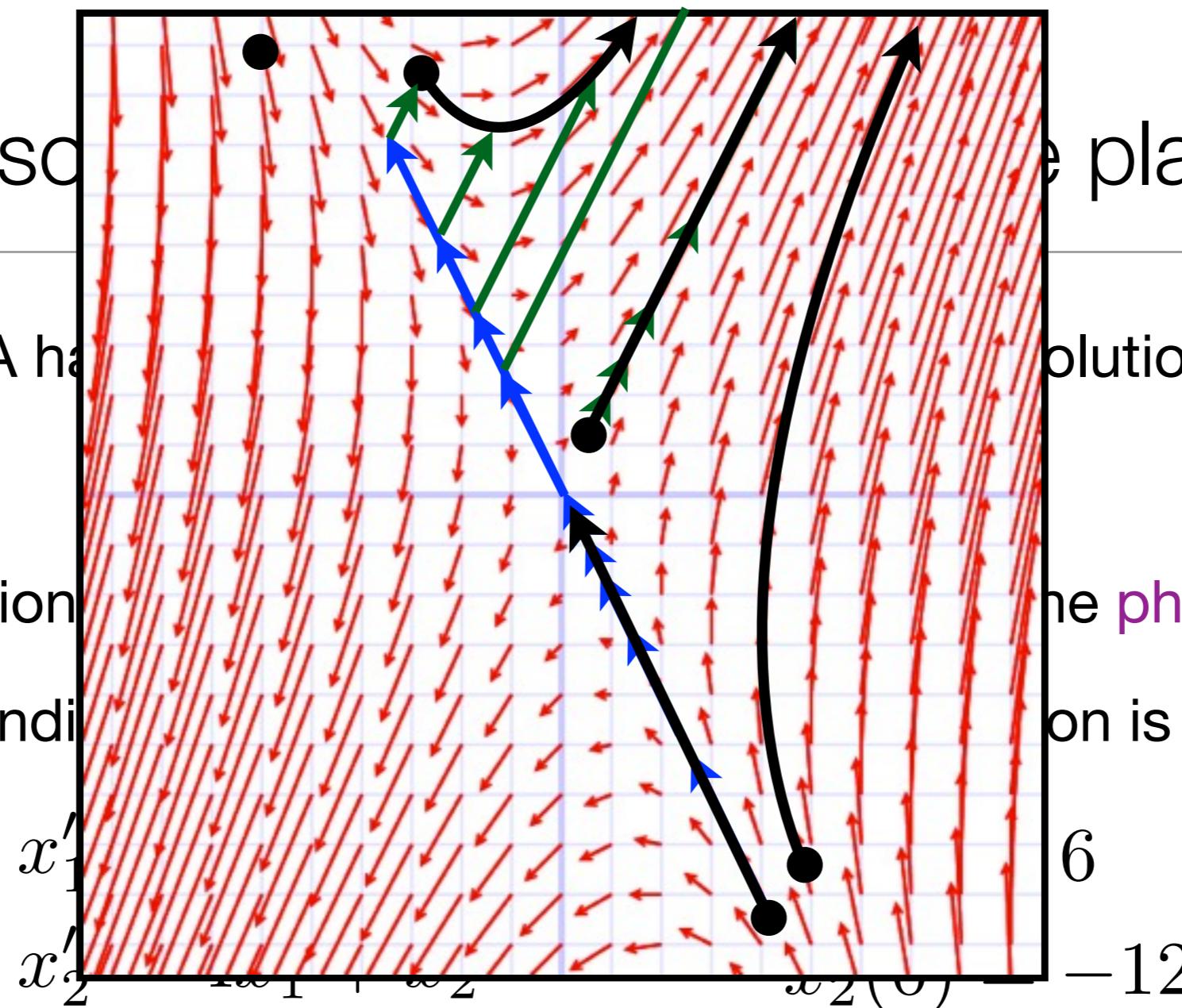
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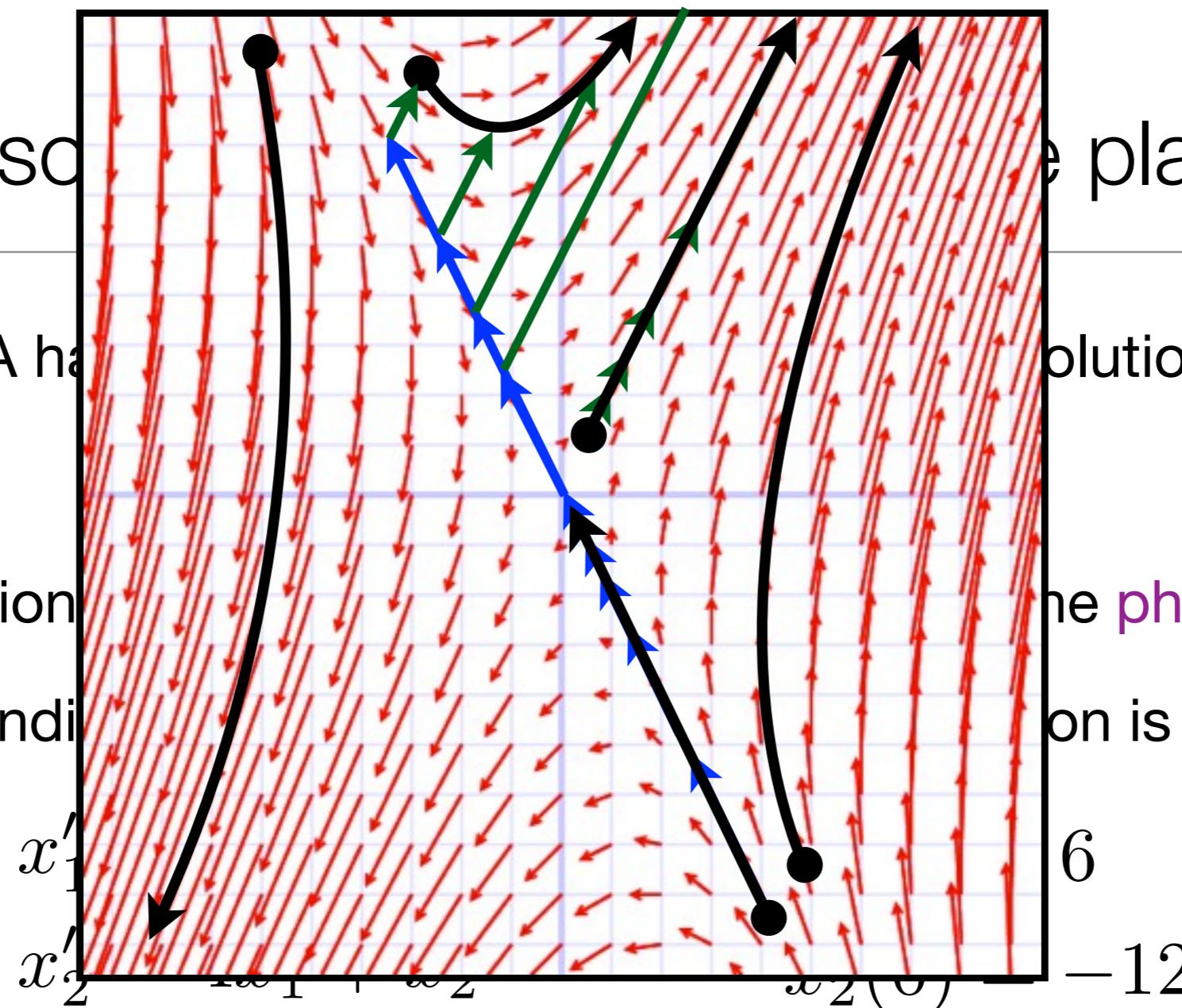
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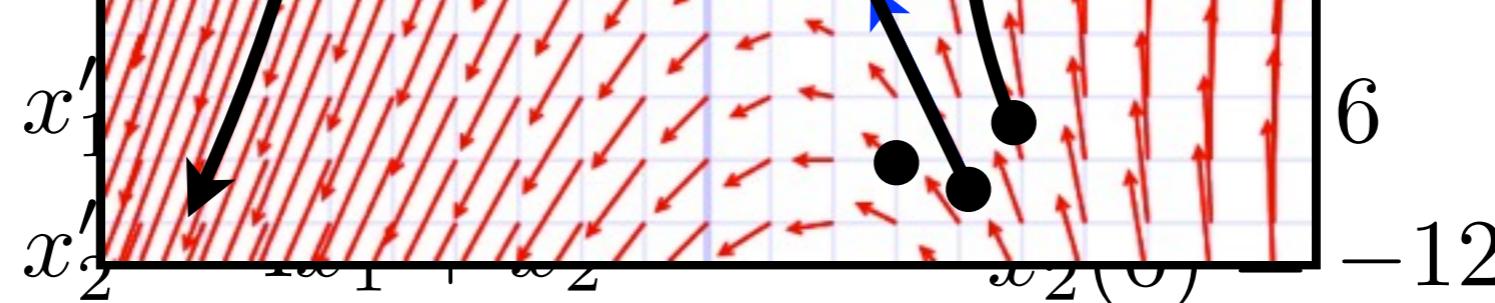
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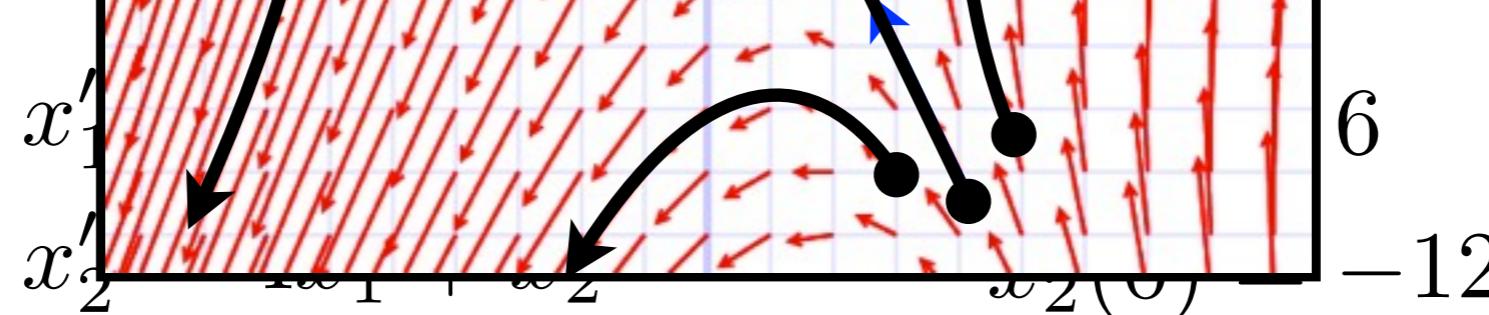
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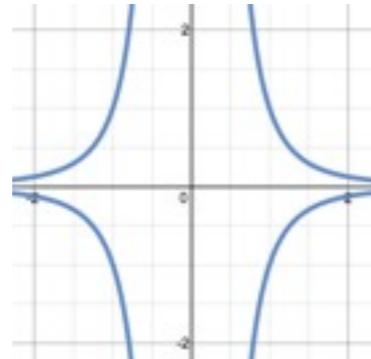
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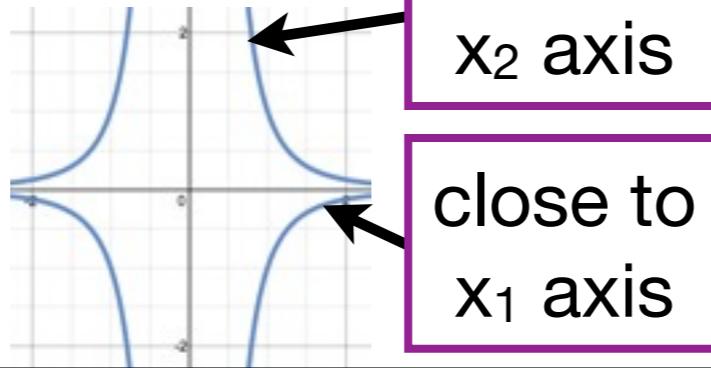
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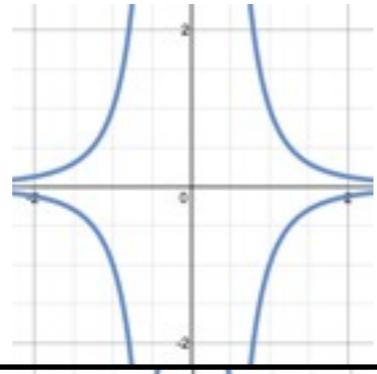
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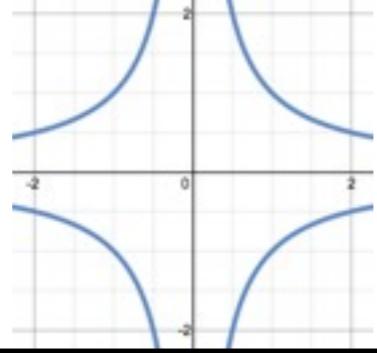


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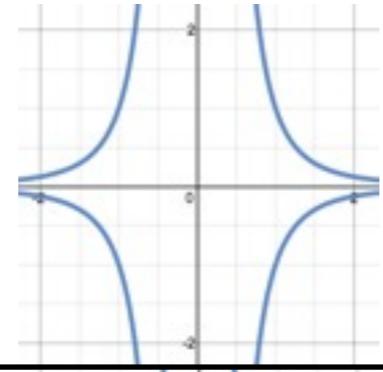


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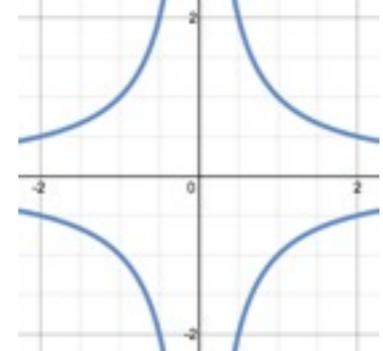


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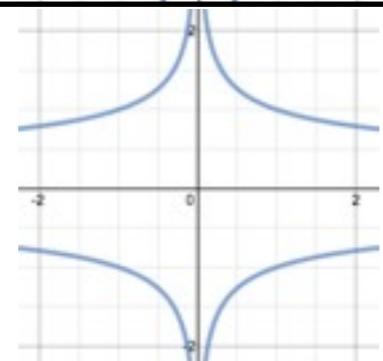
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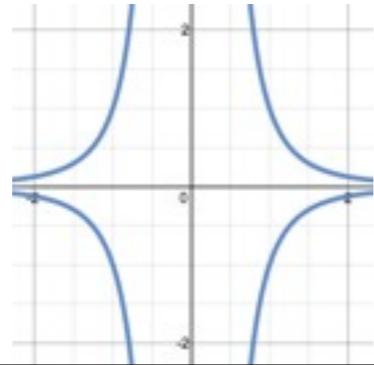


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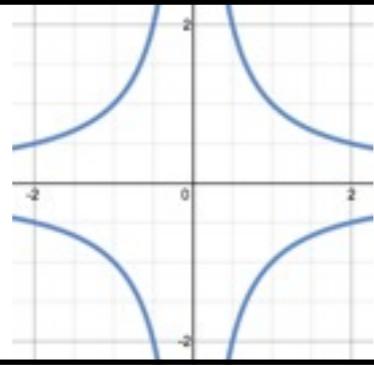
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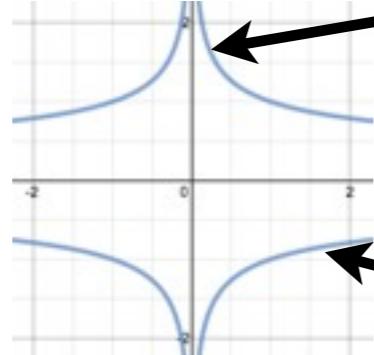
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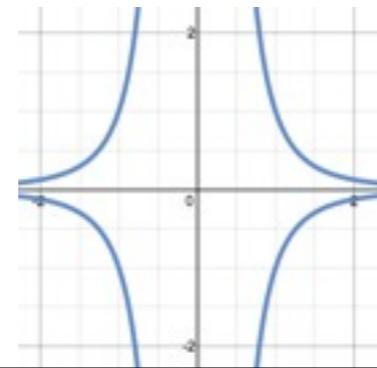
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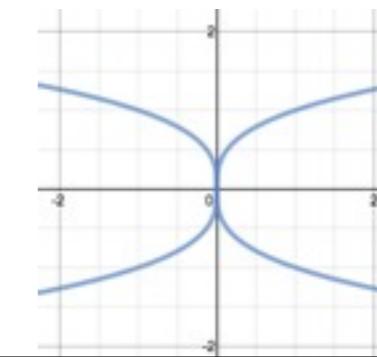
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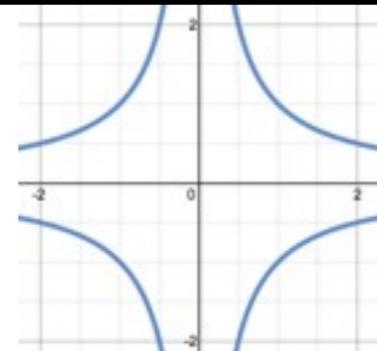
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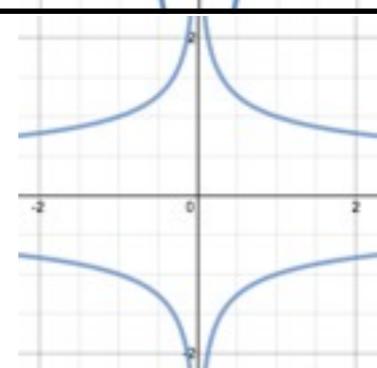
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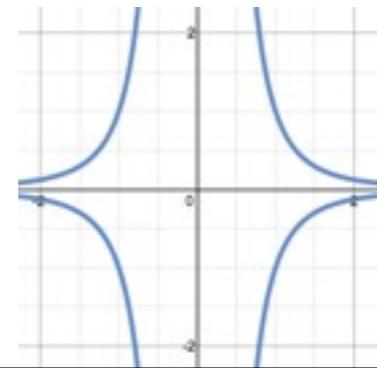


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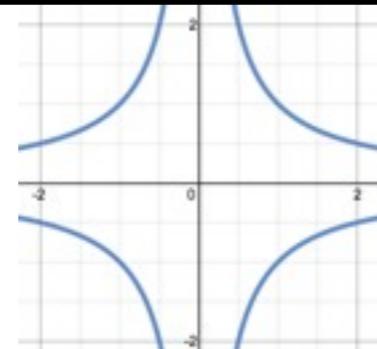
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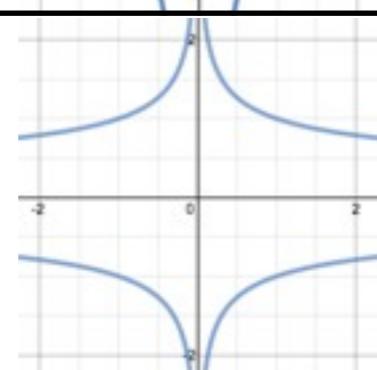
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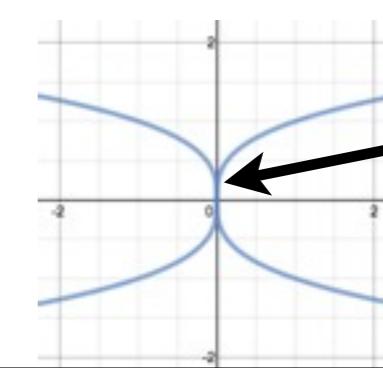
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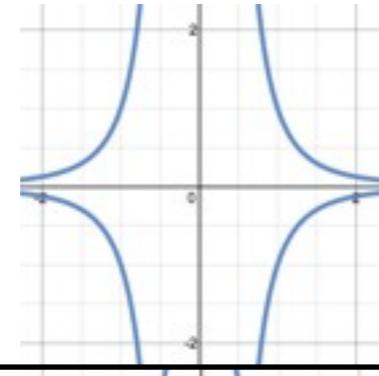


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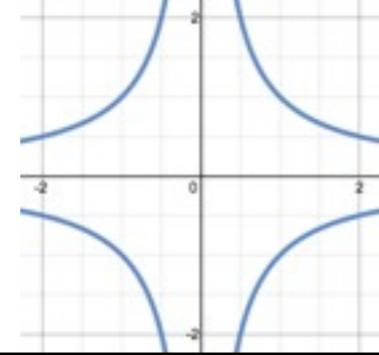
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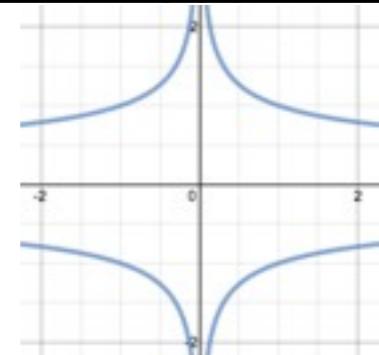
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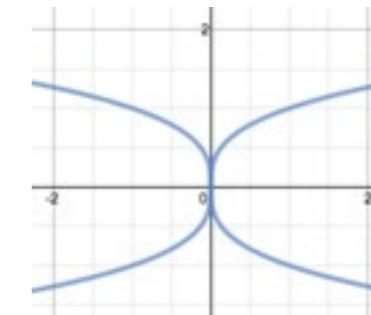
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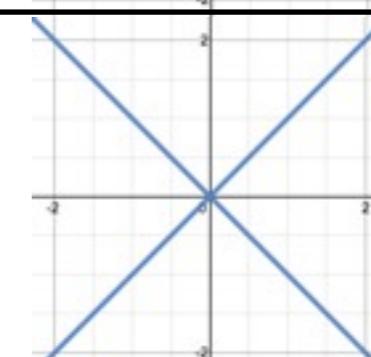
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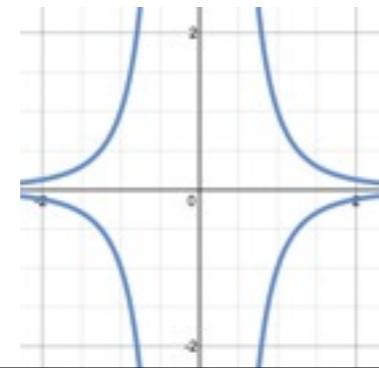


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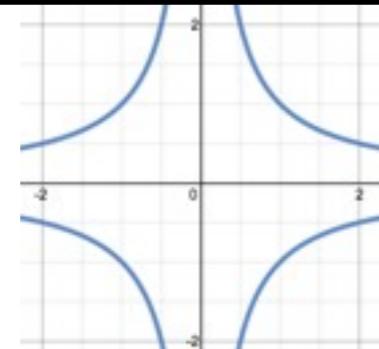
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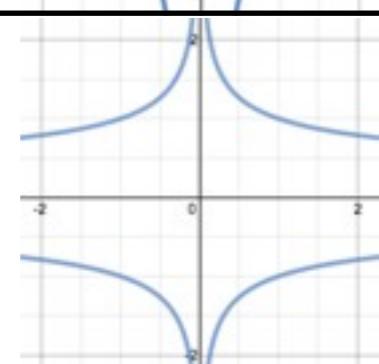
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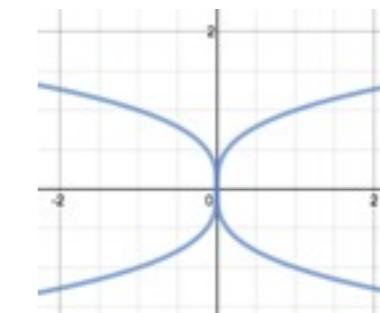
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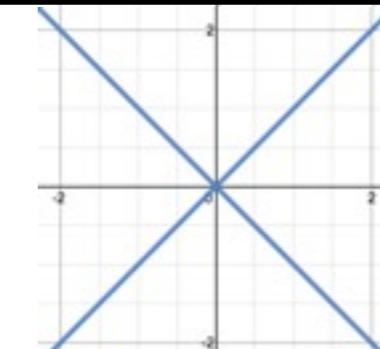
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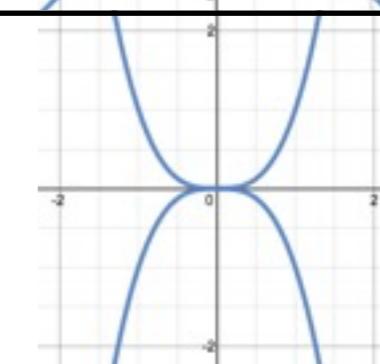
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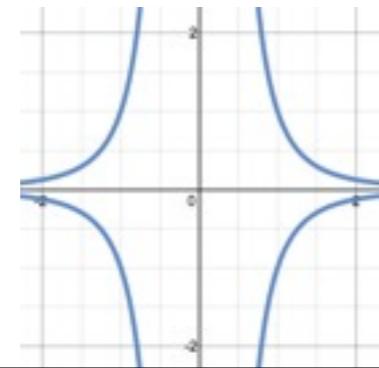


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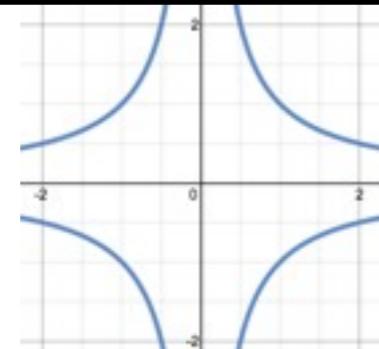
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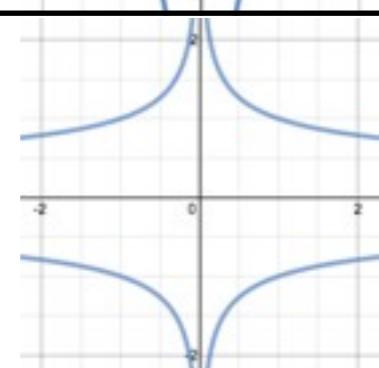
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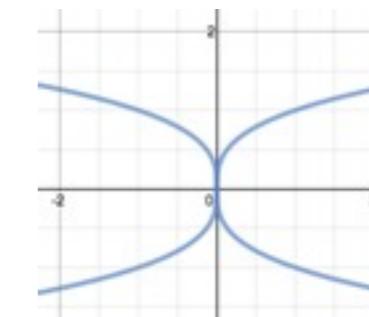
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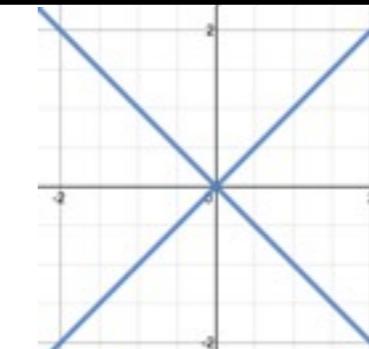
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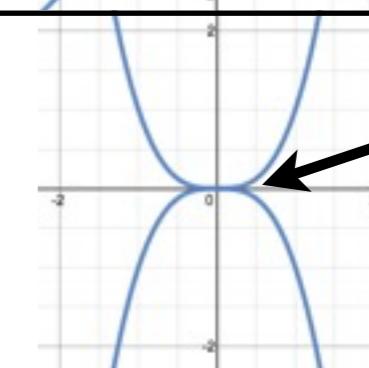
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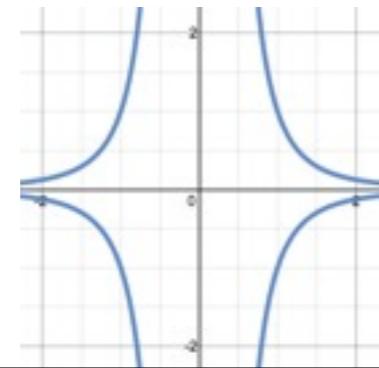
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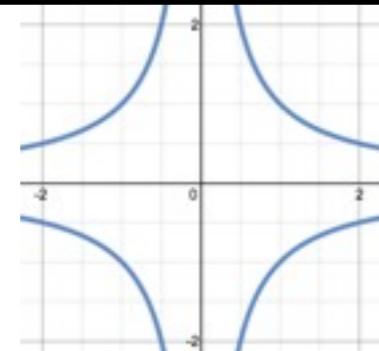
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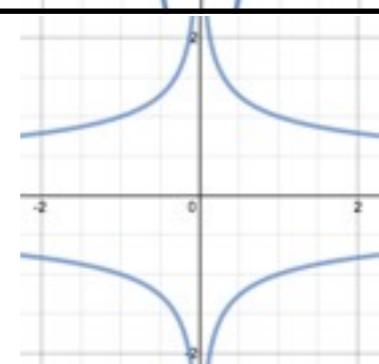
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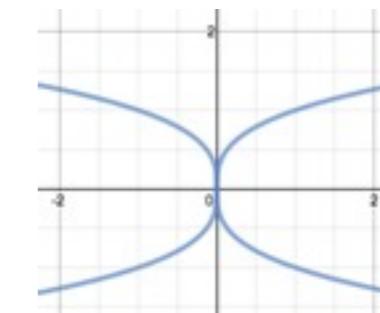
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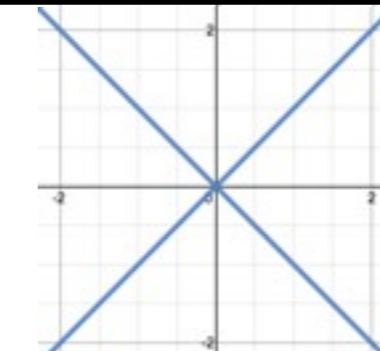
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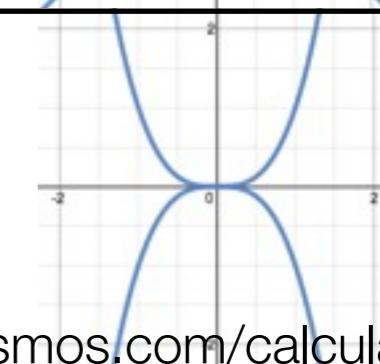
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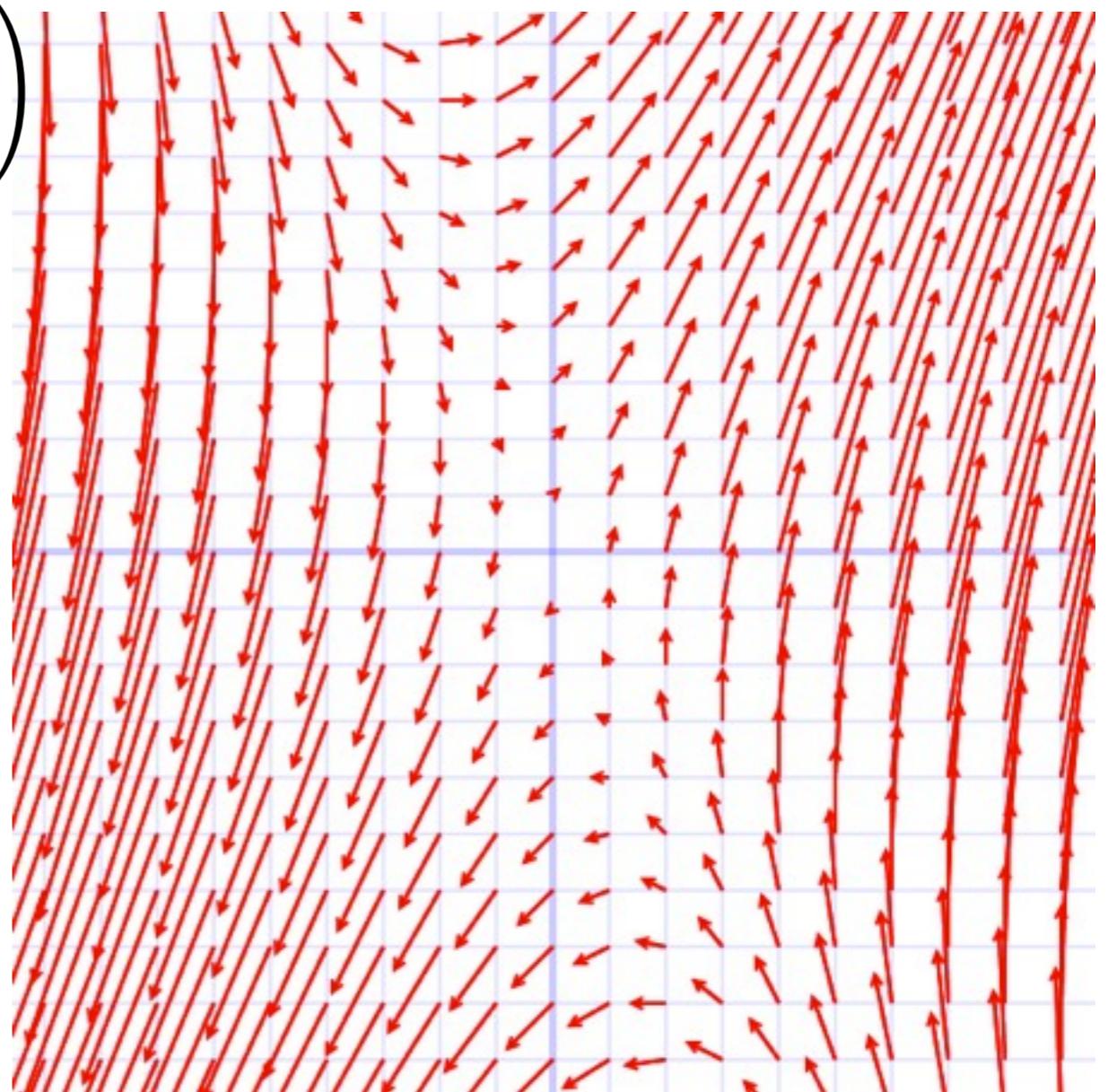
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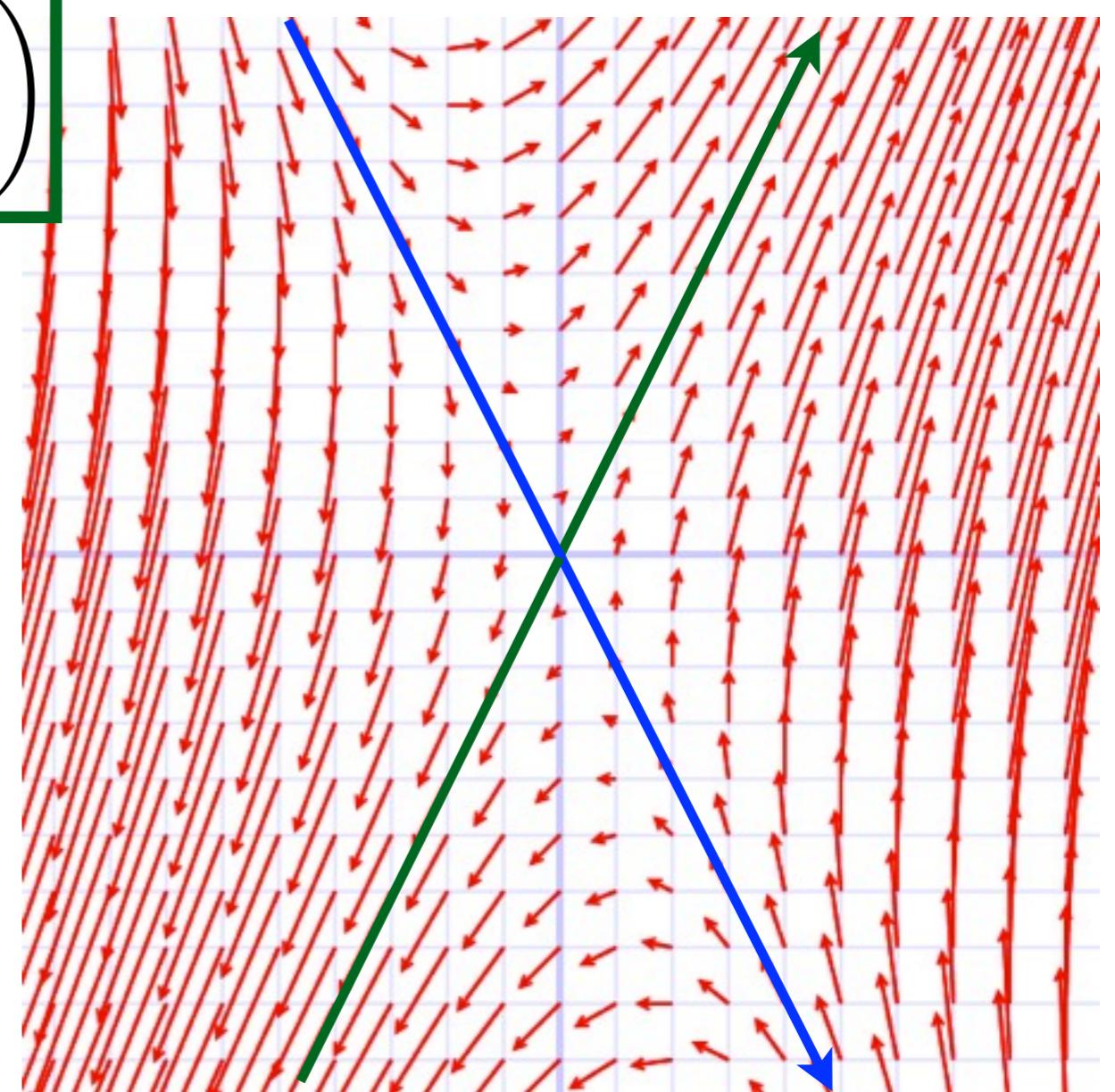
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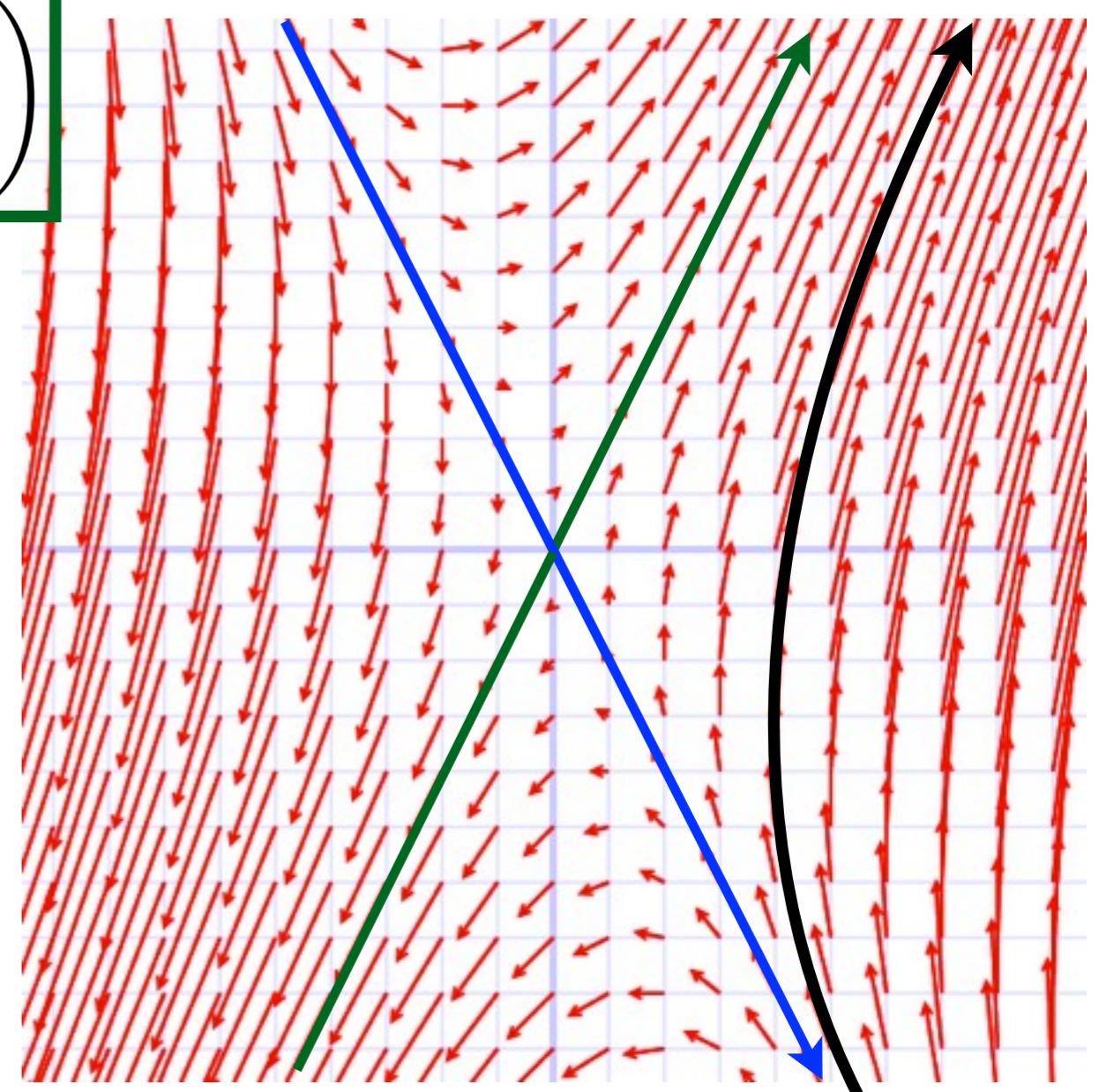
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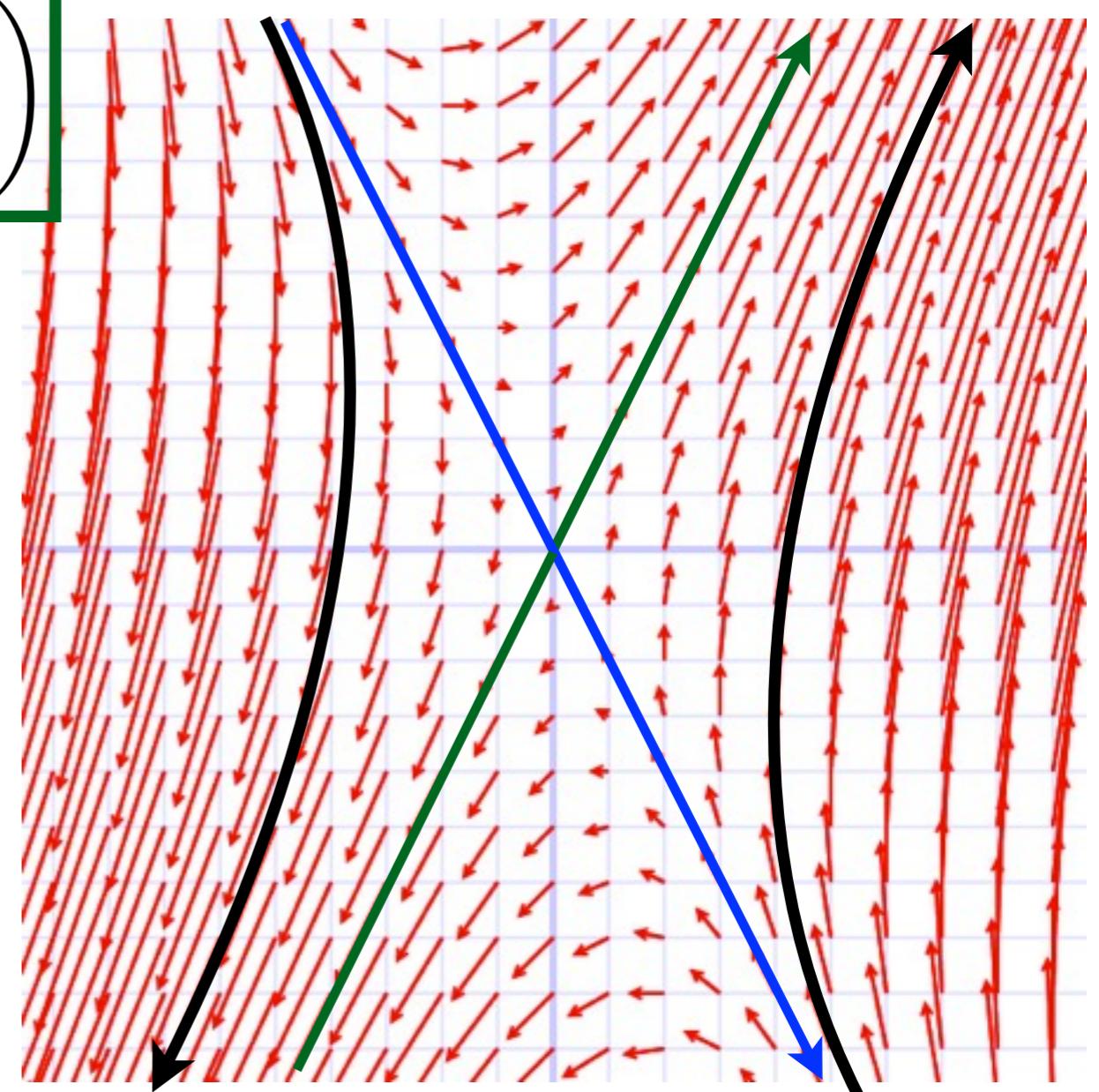
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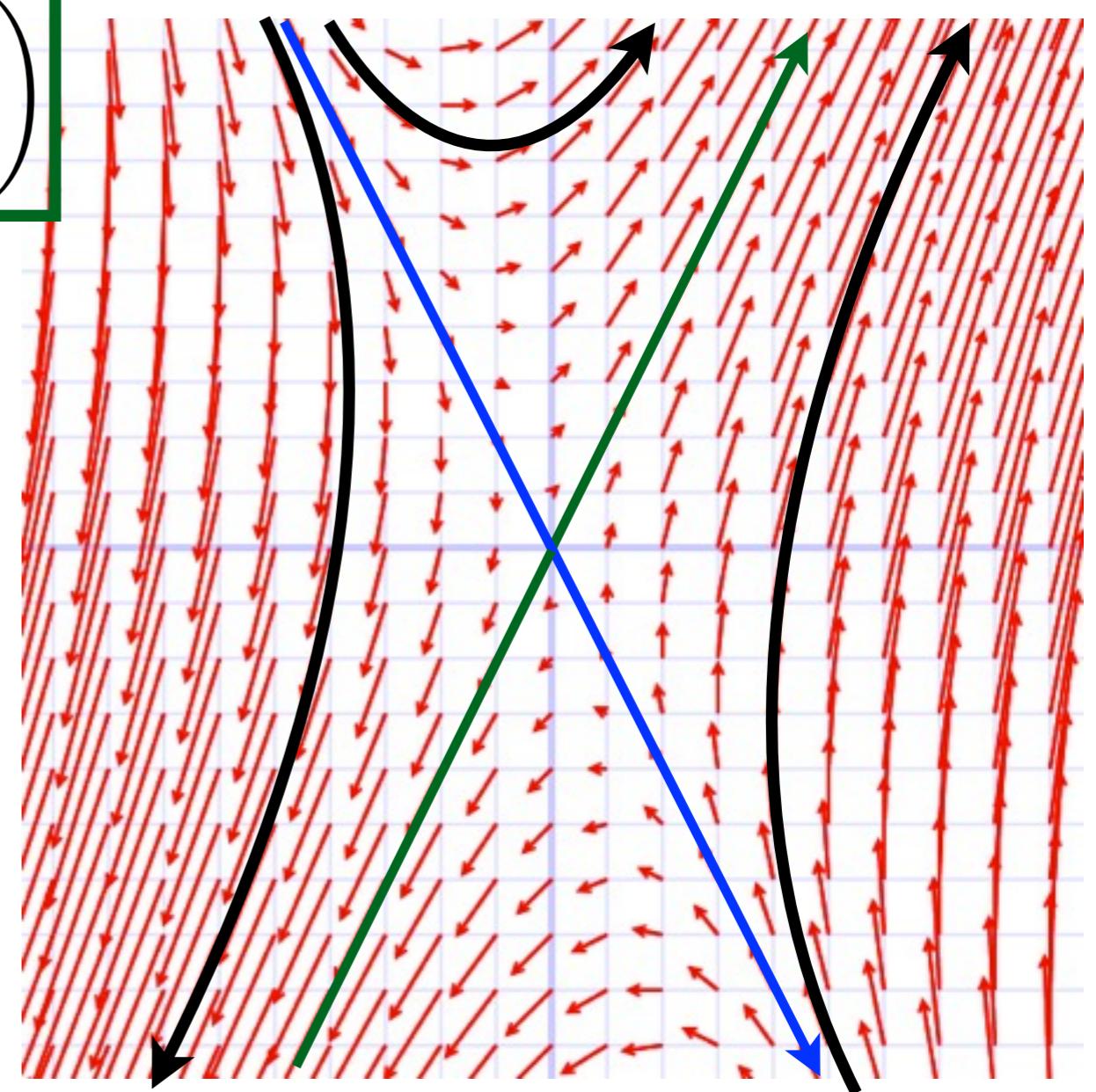
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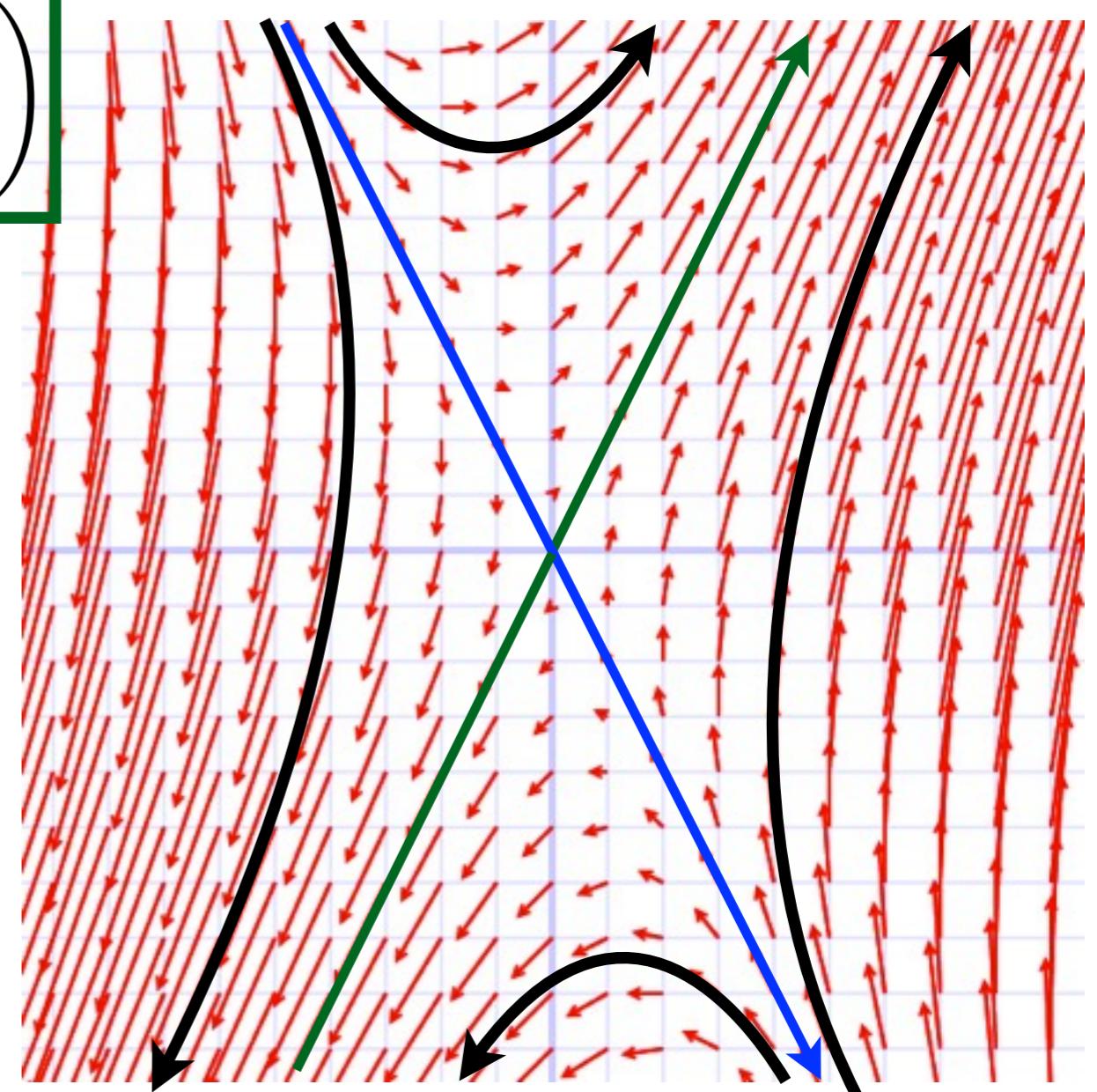
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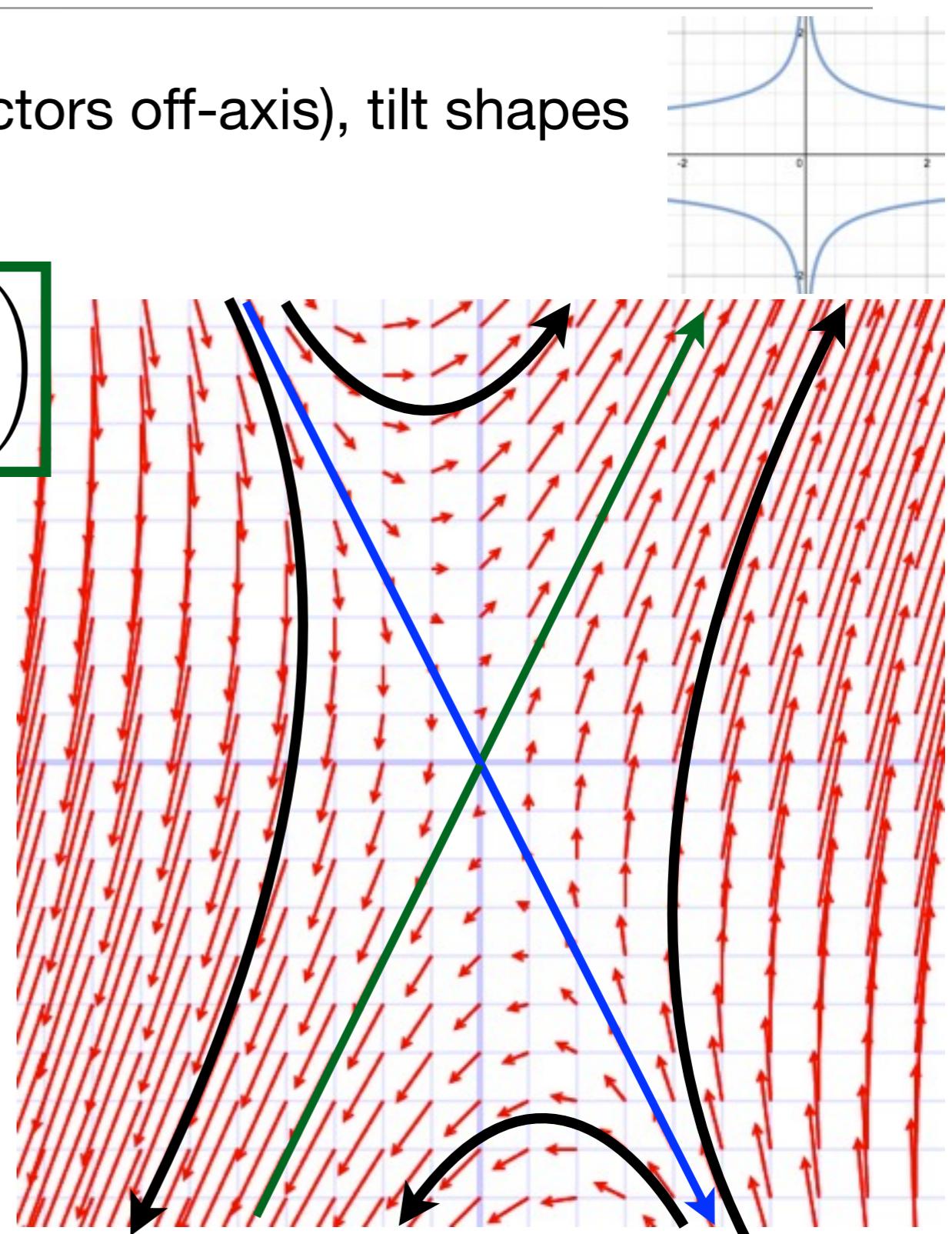
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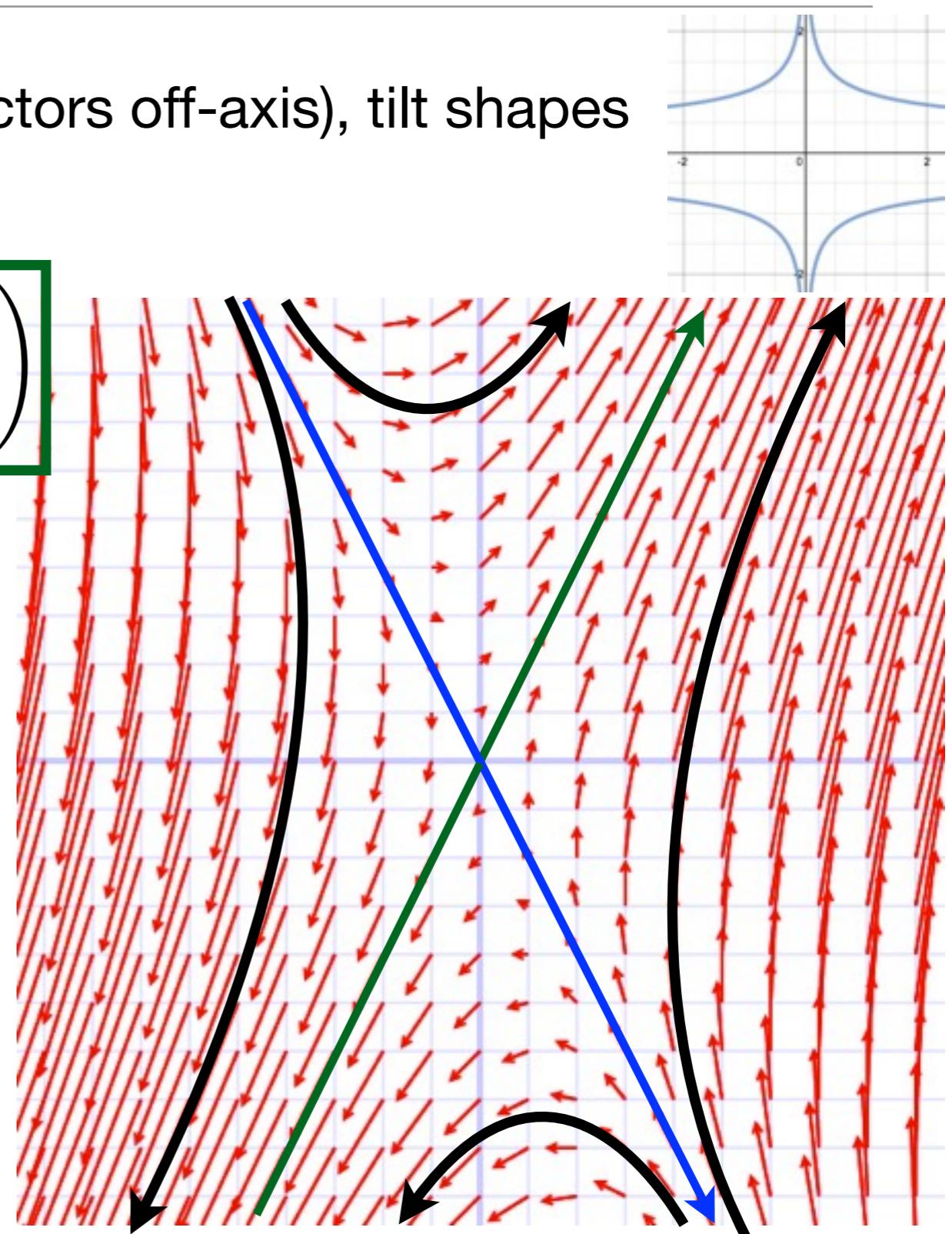


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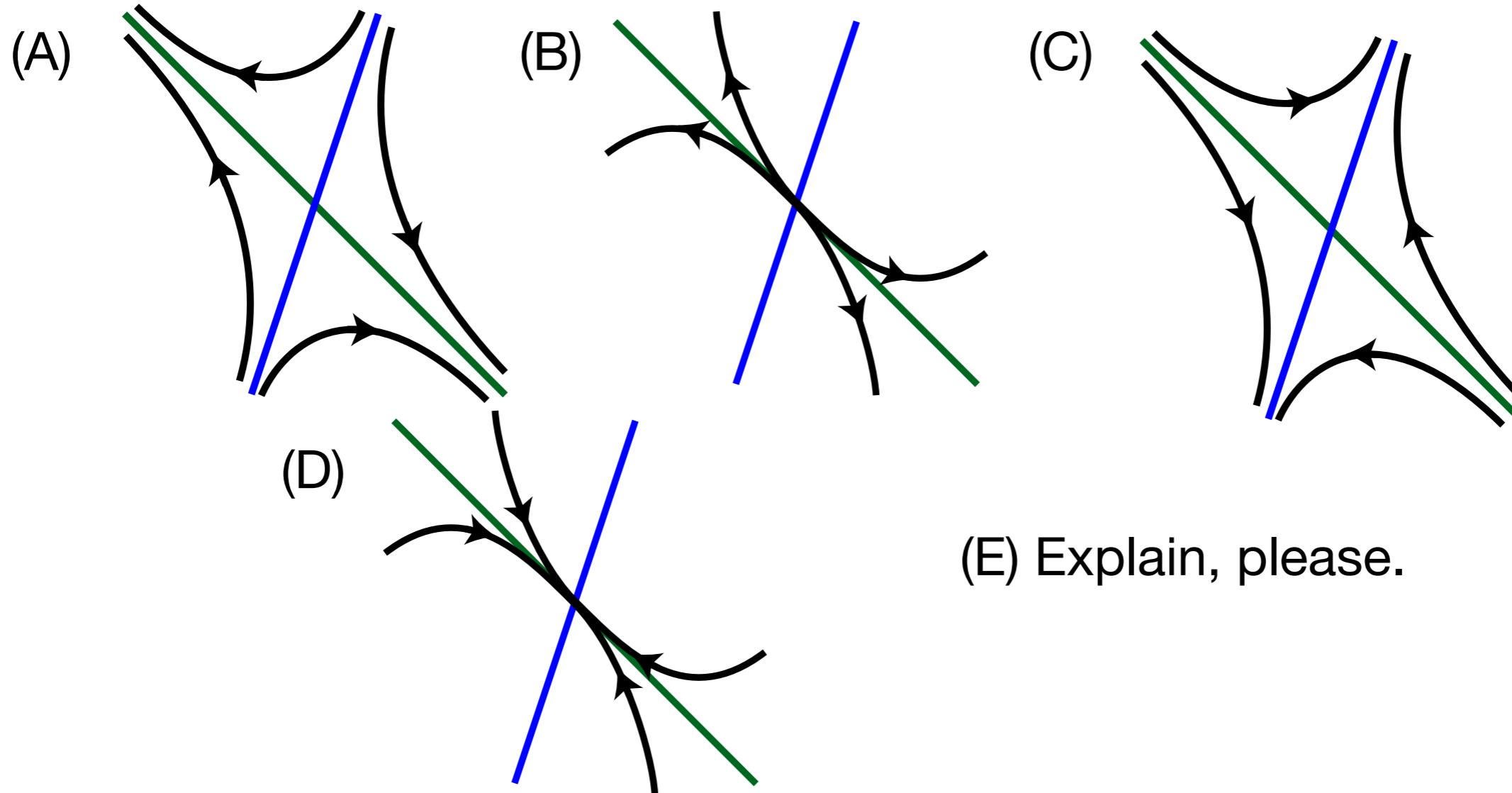
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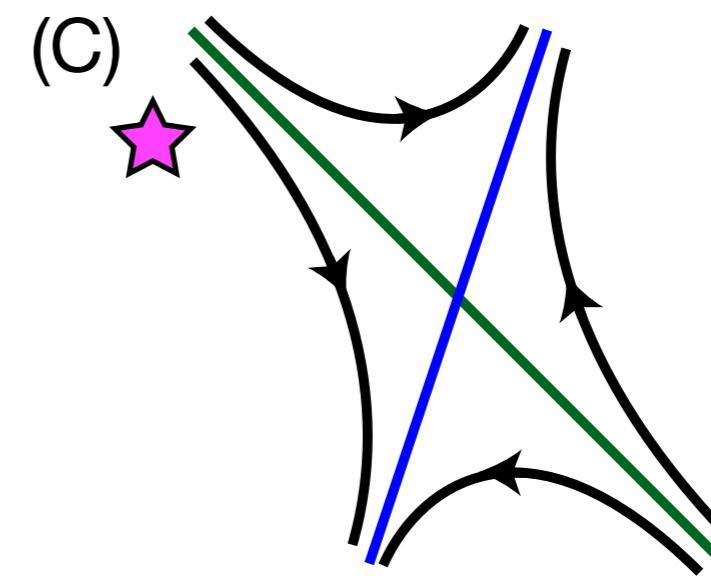
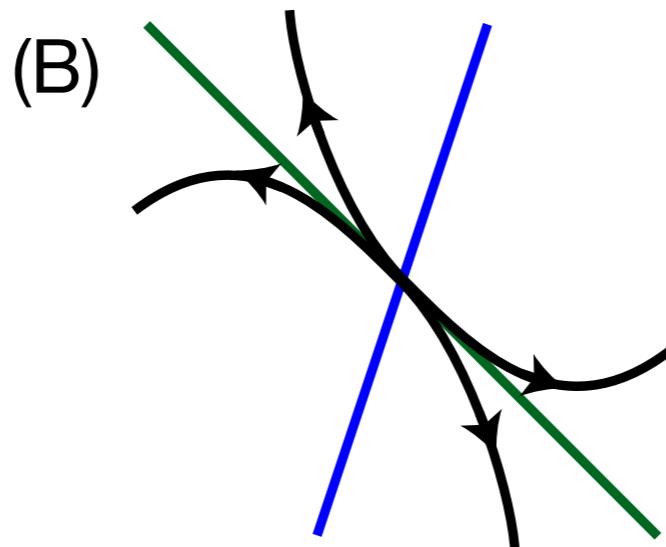
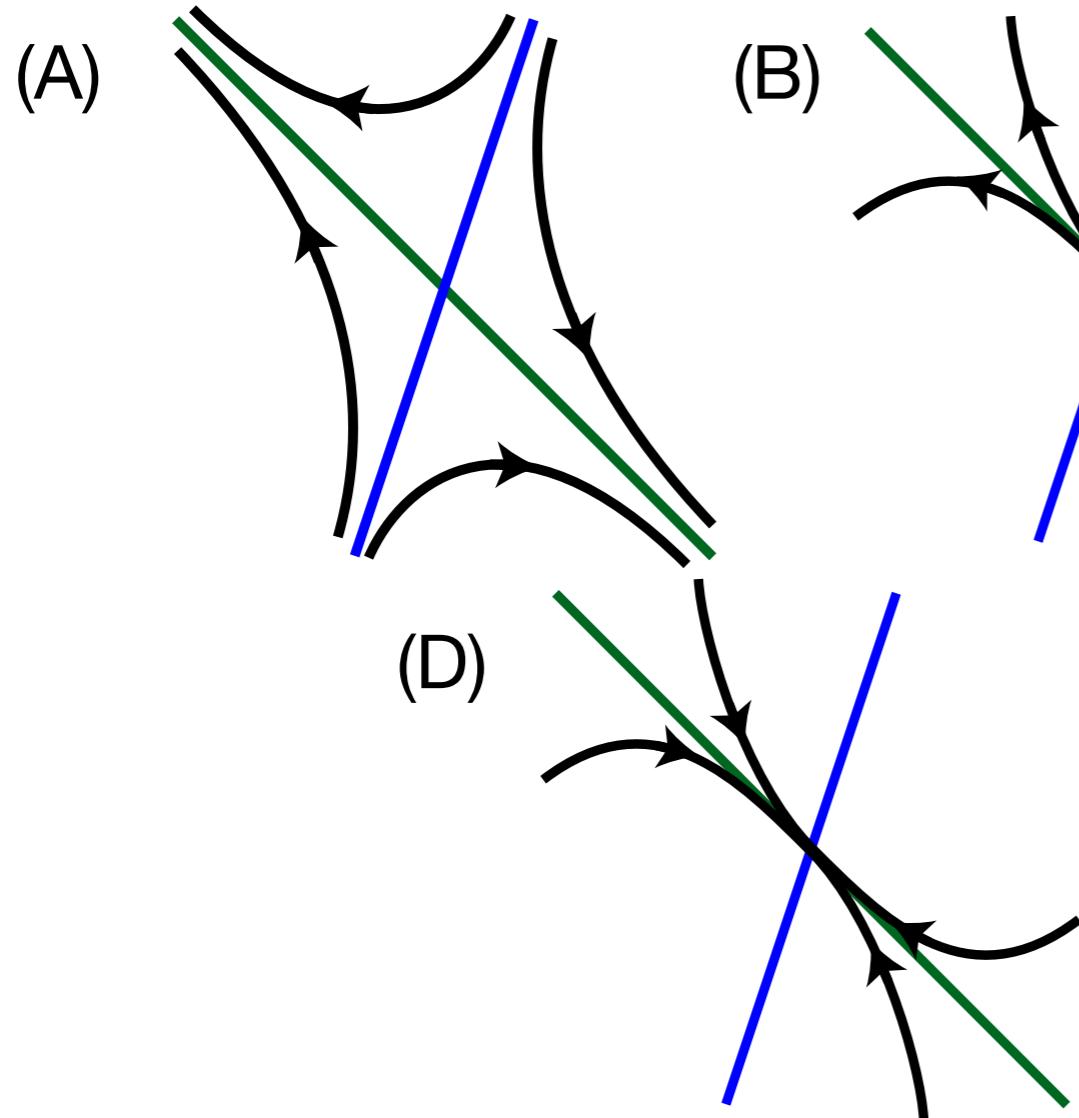
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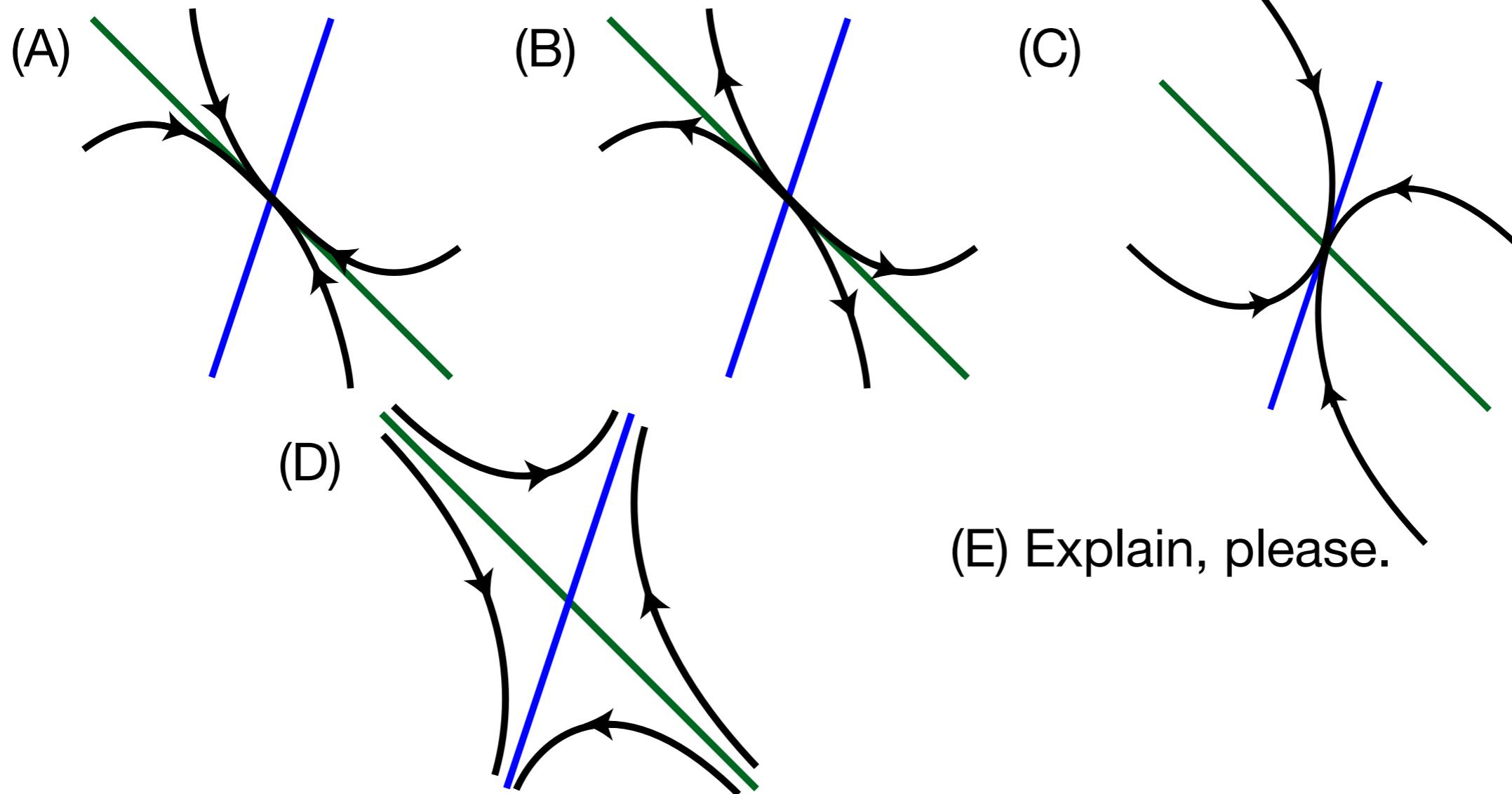


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