

An Unhelpful Introduction

to Electricity & Magnetism

Part I: Really Unhelpful

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Background

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- How do you describe the stuff in the universe before it has a shape?

No:

- angles
- lengths
- volumes
- dot products

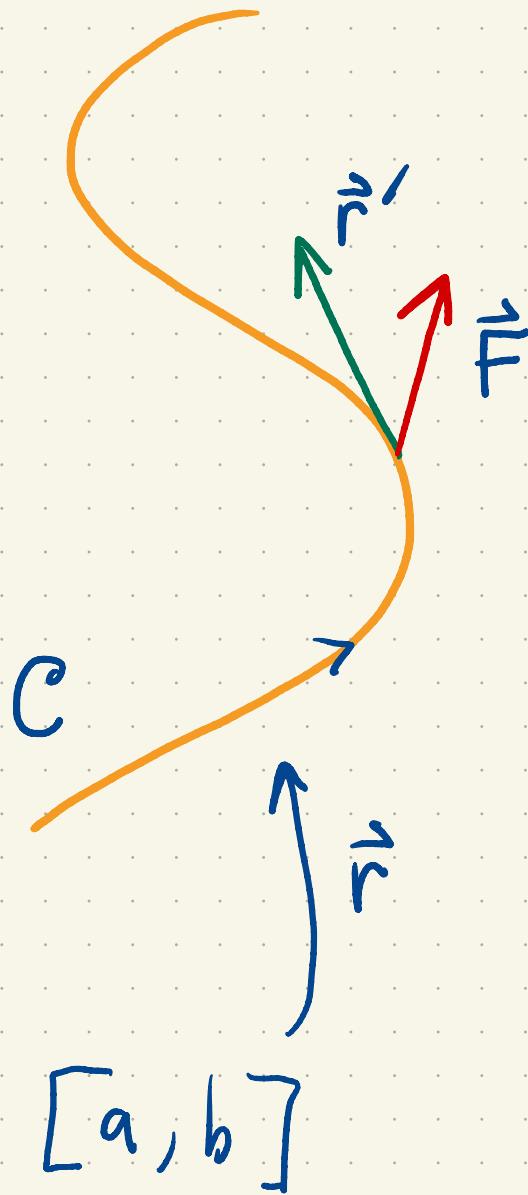
Outline

- Today: exterior derivative
covectors and their kin

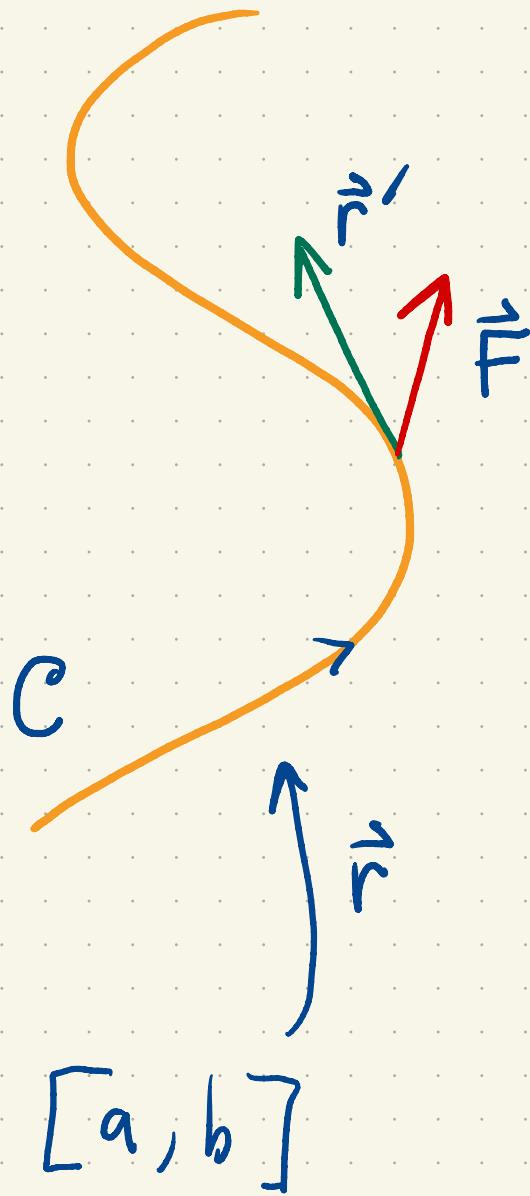
11/17 • What is the object described by
electromagnetism?

11/24 • Where do Maxwell's equations come from?

Line Integrals

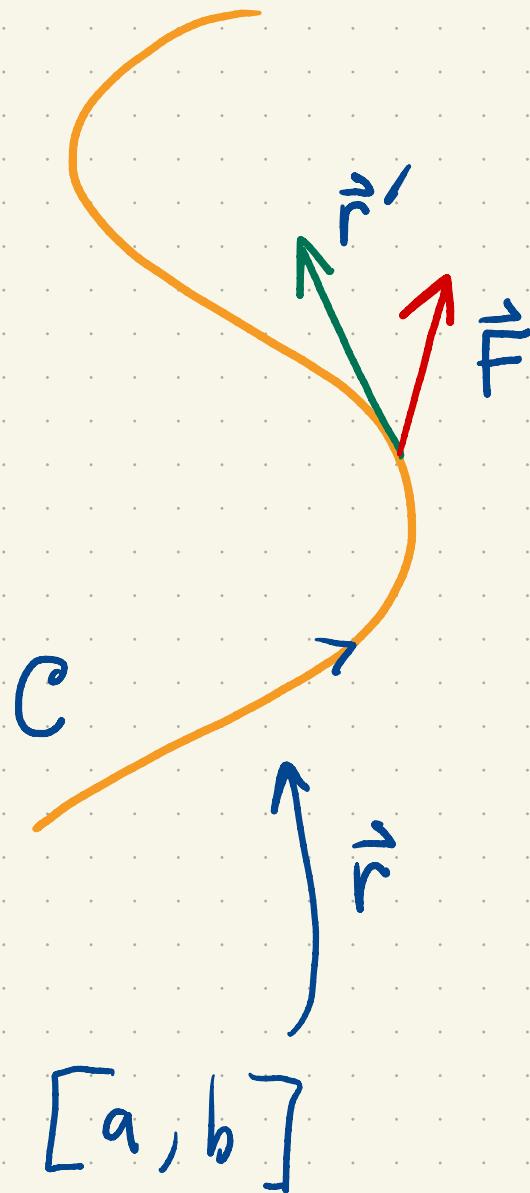


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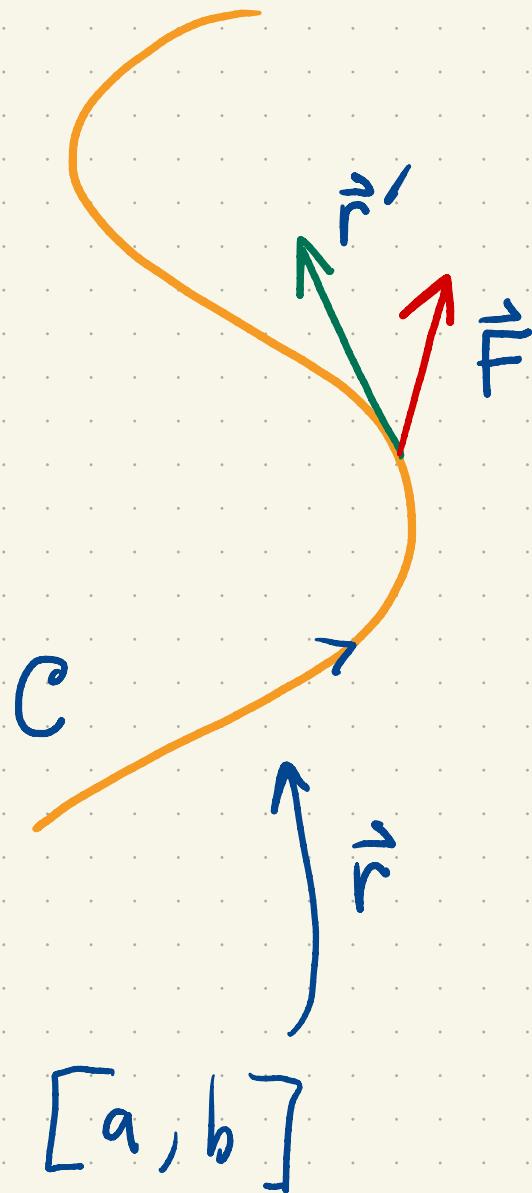
Line Integrals



$[a, b]$

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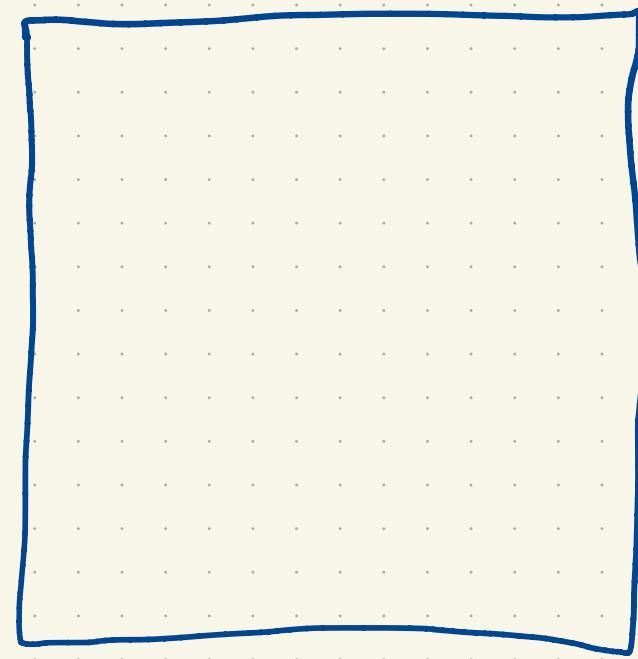


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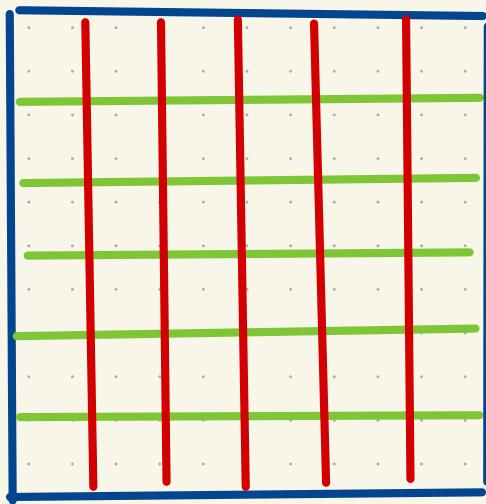
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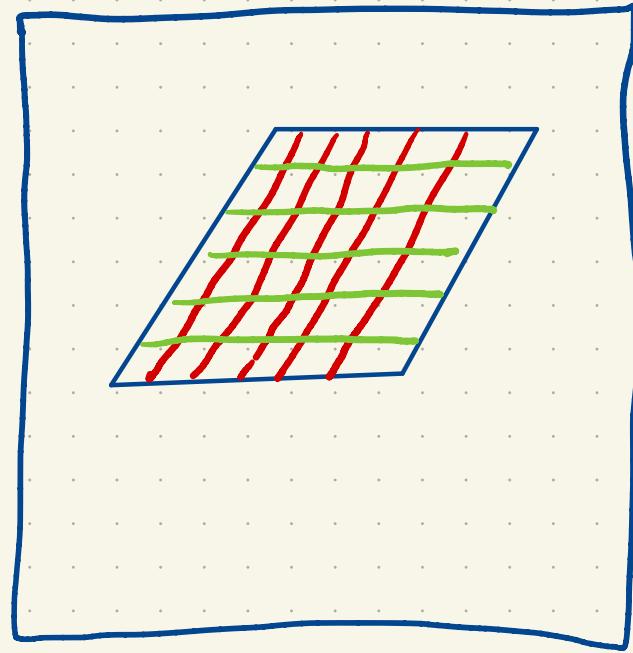
The true thing

Coordinates

(u, v)



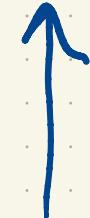
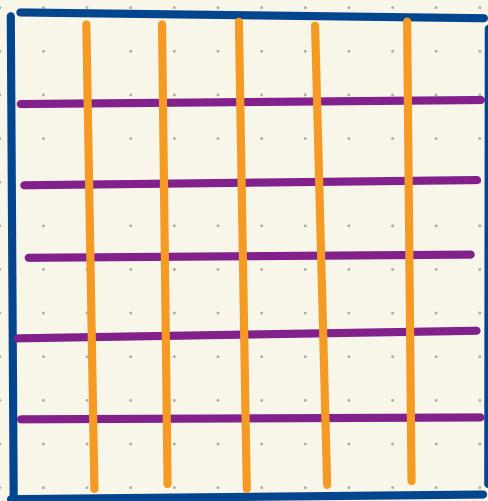
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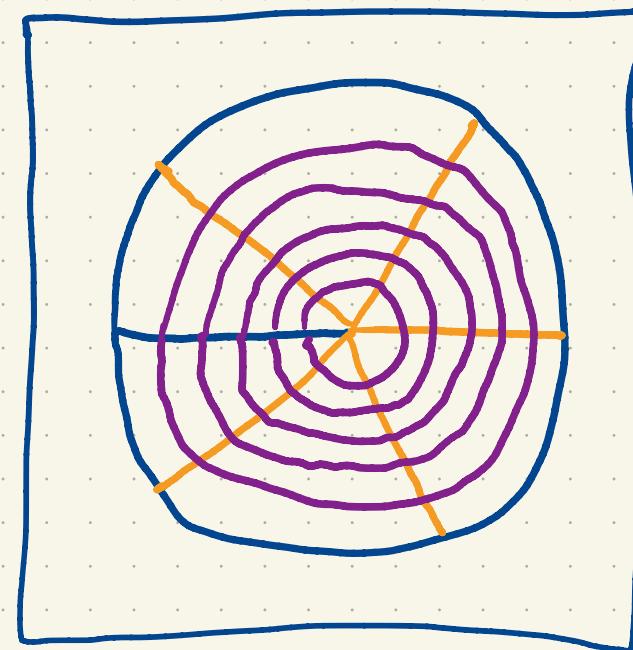
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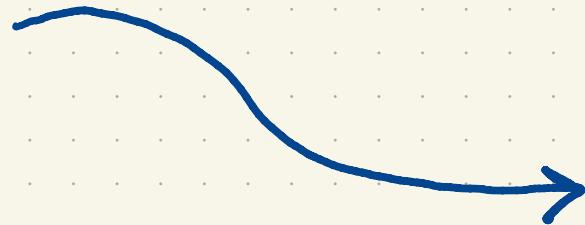
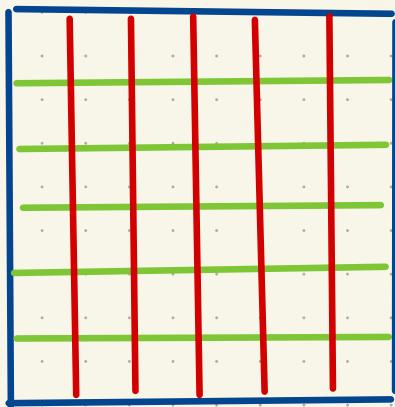
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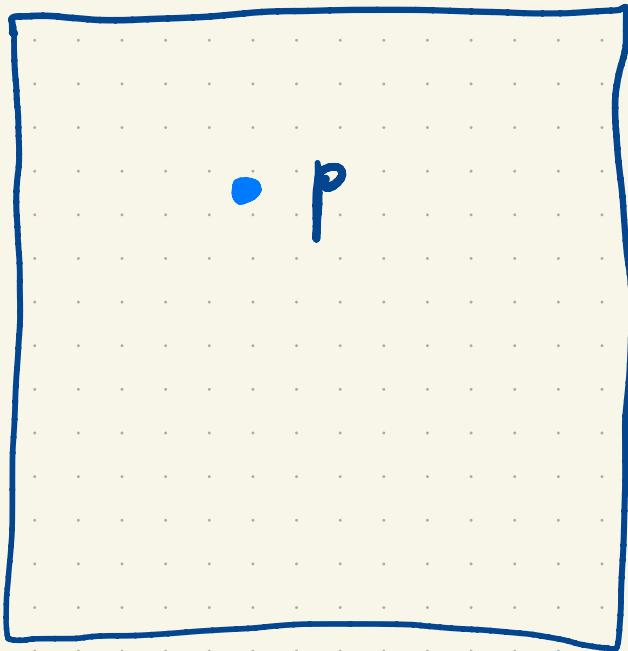
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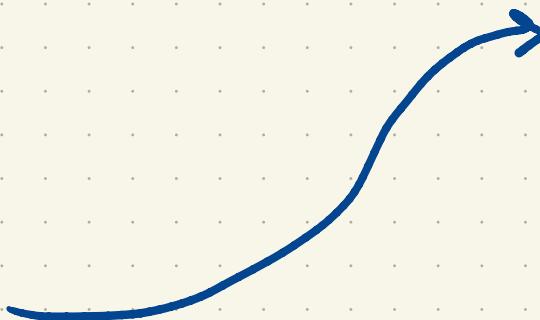
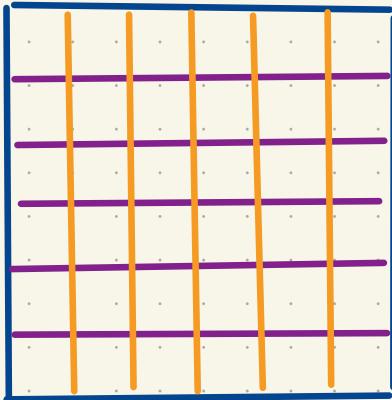
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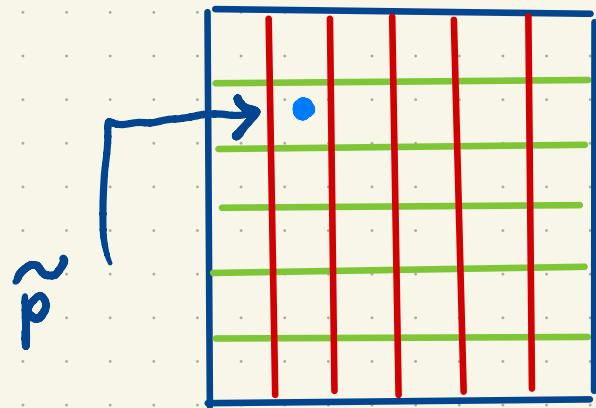


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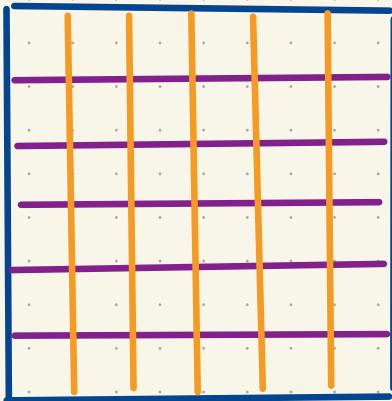


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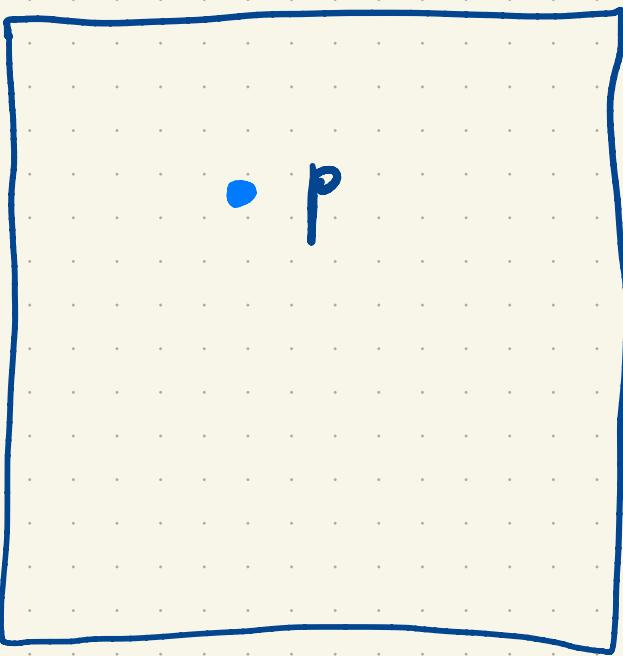
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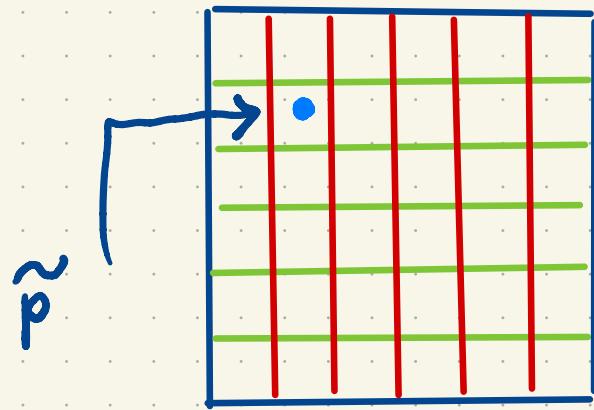


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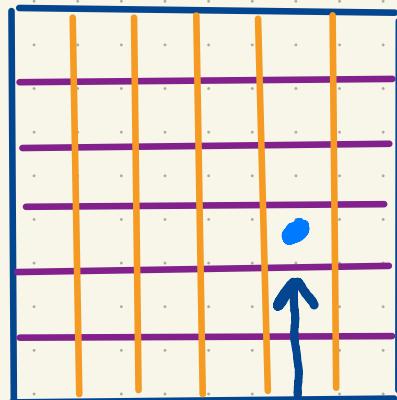


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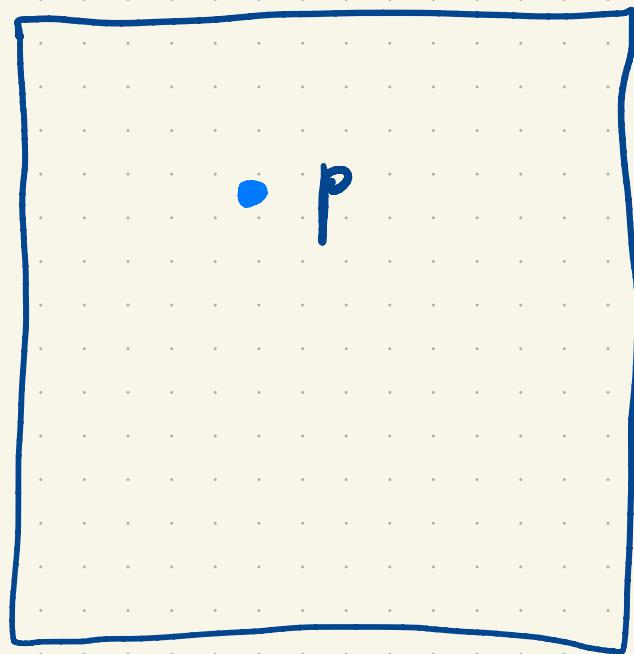


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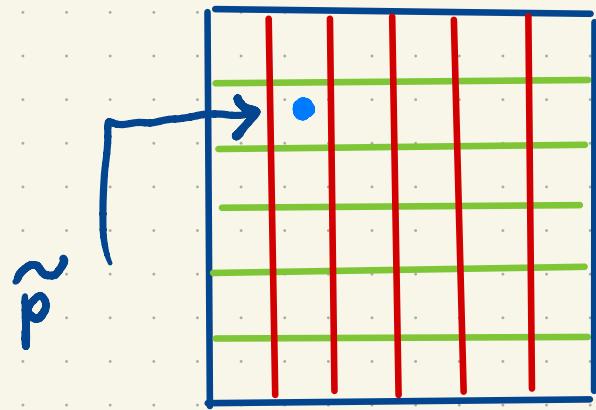
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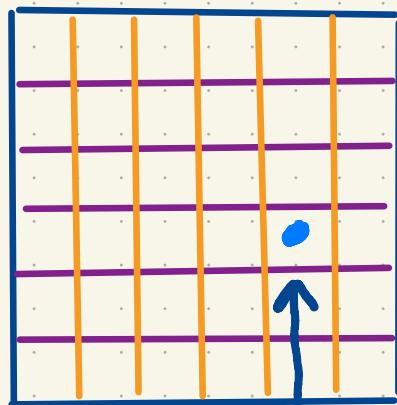


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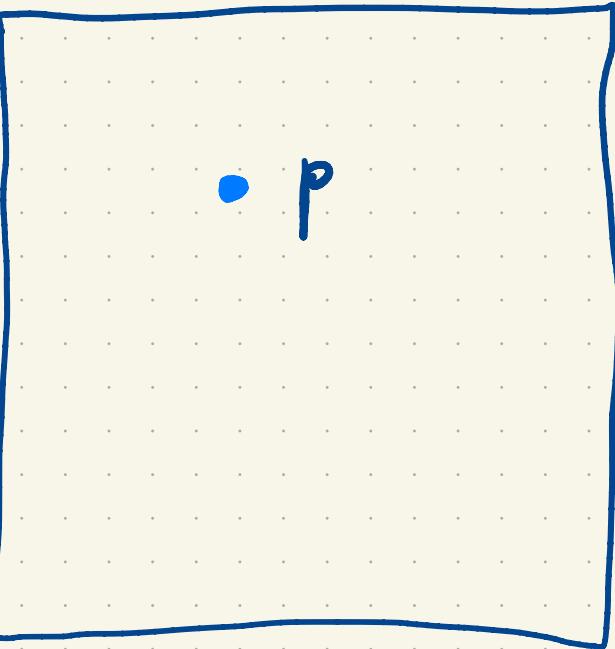


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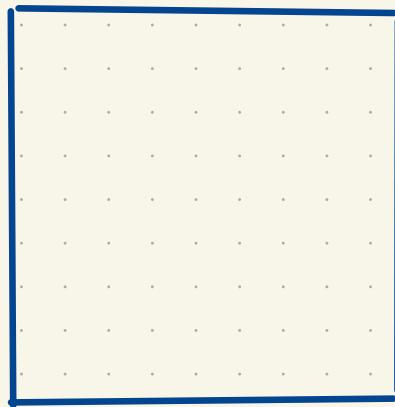
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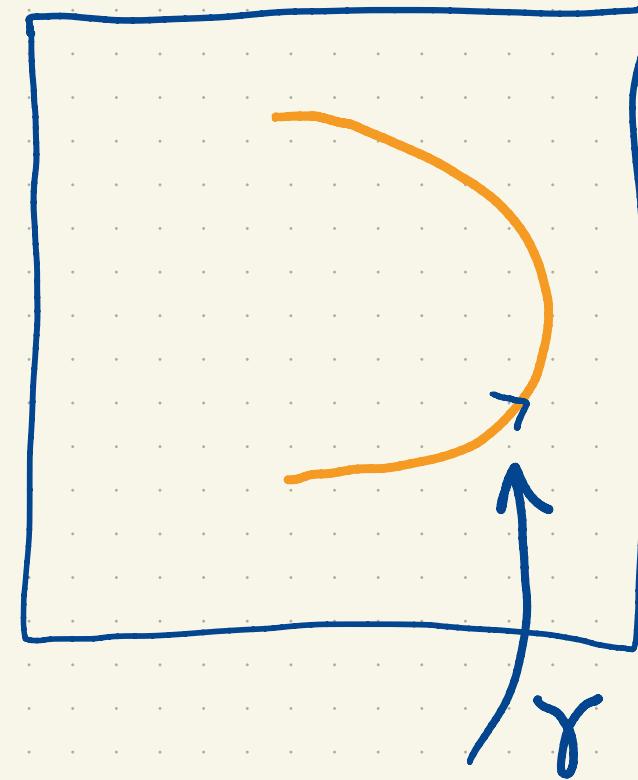
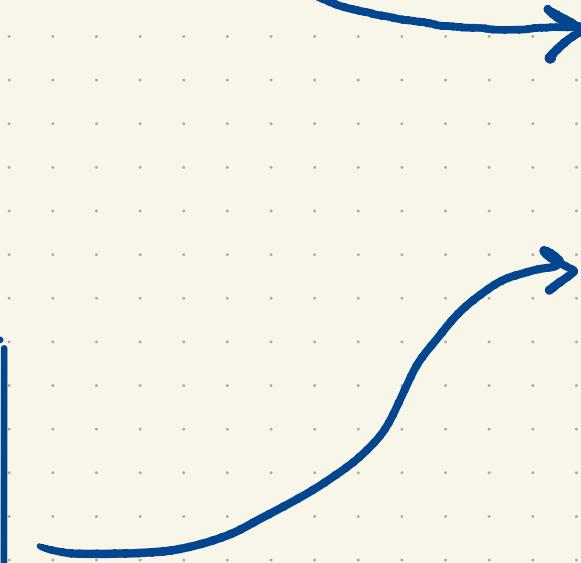
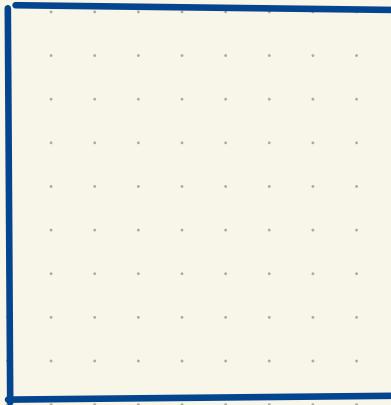
$$(u, v) = (U(r, \theta), V(r, \theta))$$

Tangent Vector = Infinitesimal Curve

(u, v)



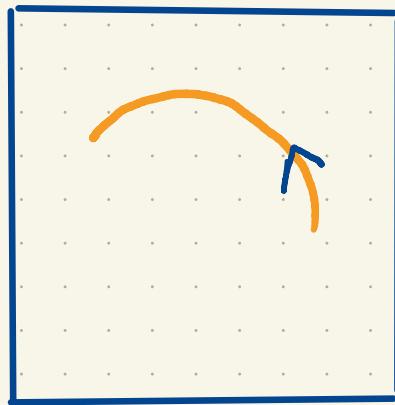
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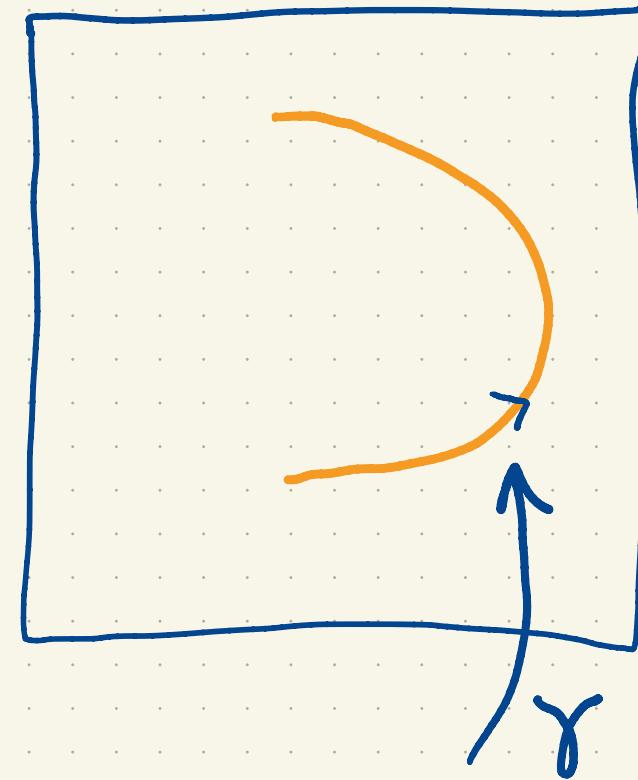
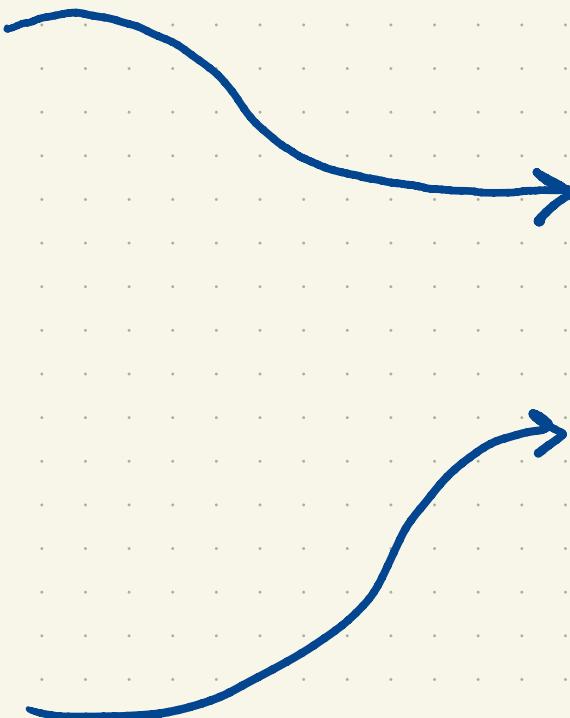
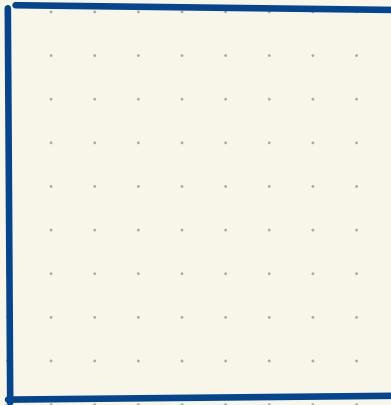
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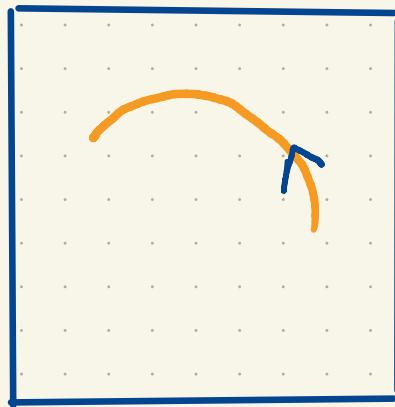
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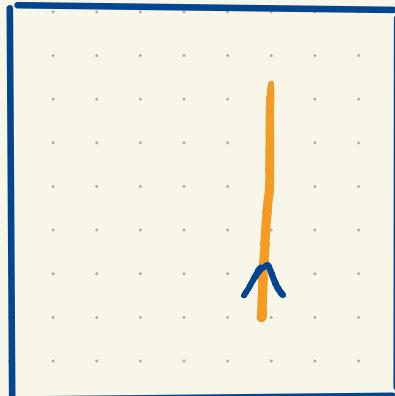
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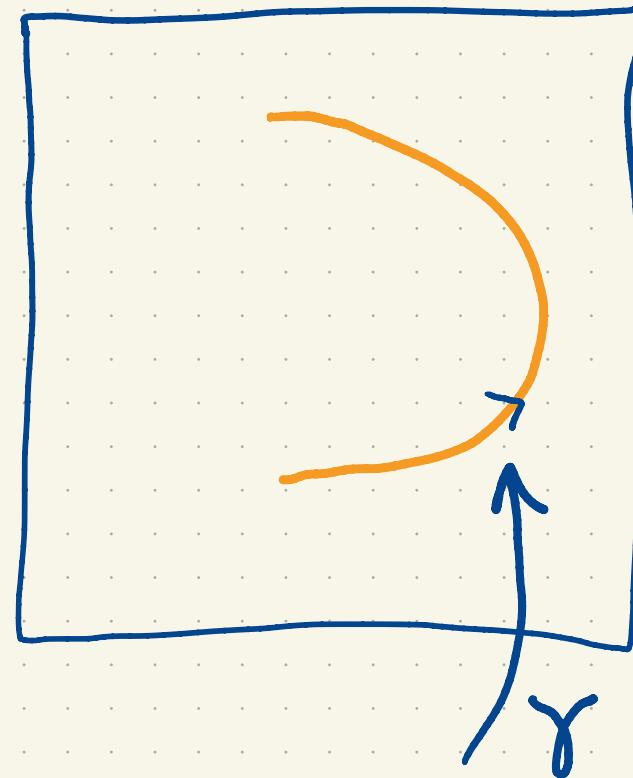


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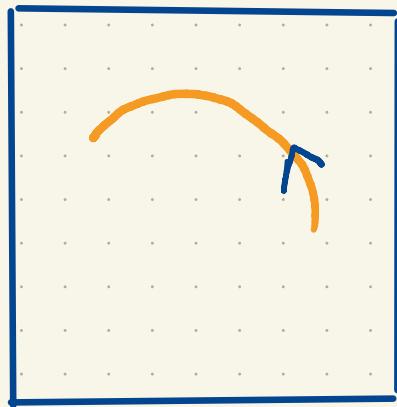


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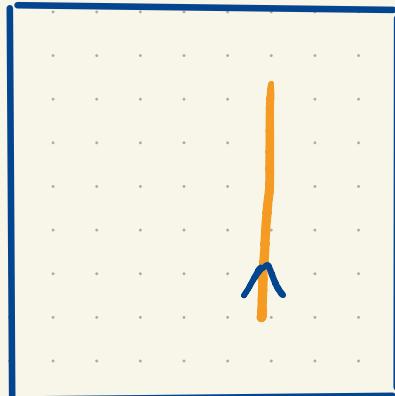


$$\tilde{\gamma}(t) = (u(t), v(t)) = (U(r(\varepsilon), \theta(\varepsilon))), V(r(\varepsilon), \theta(\varepsilon)))$$

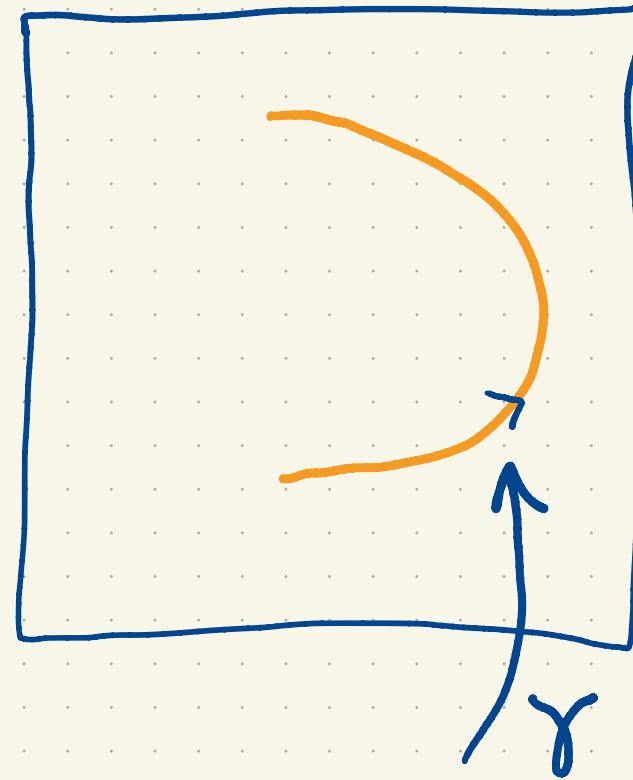
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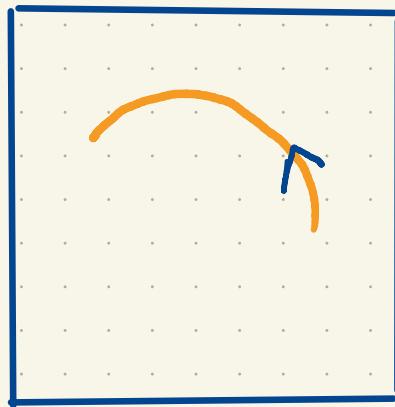


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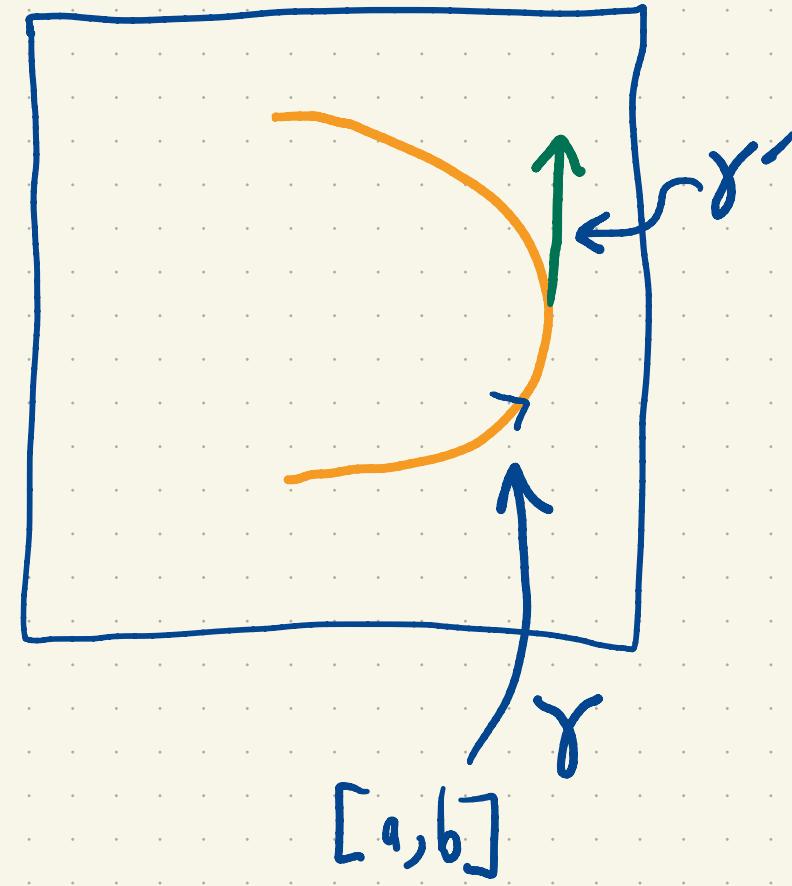
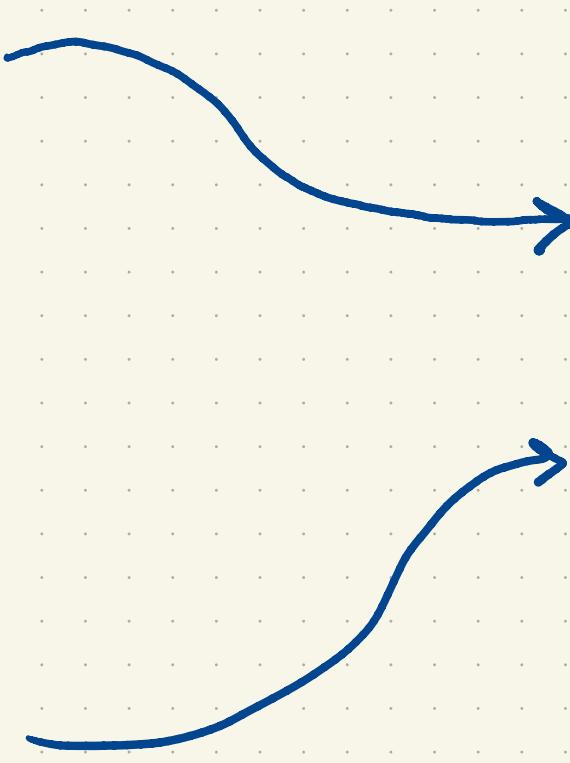
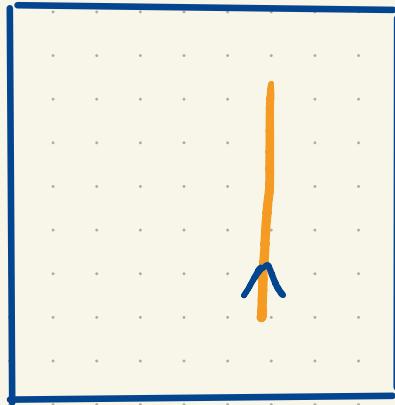


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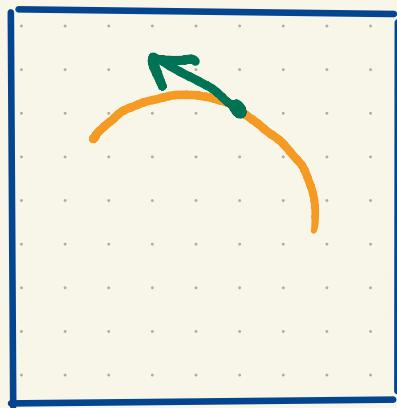
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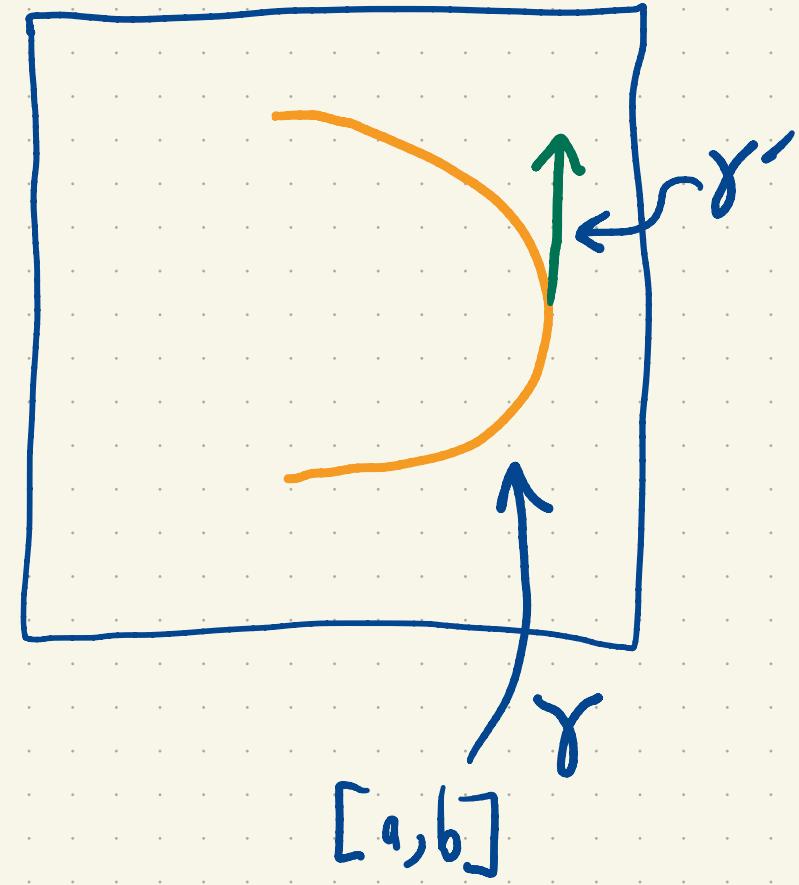
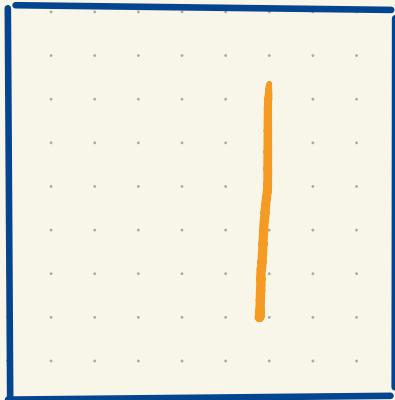
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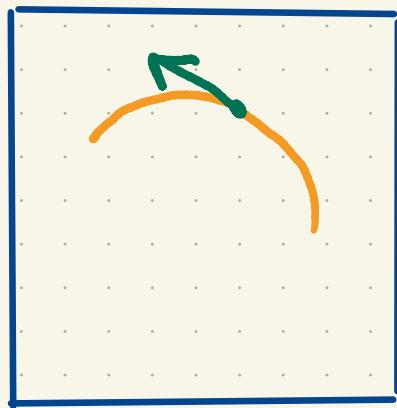
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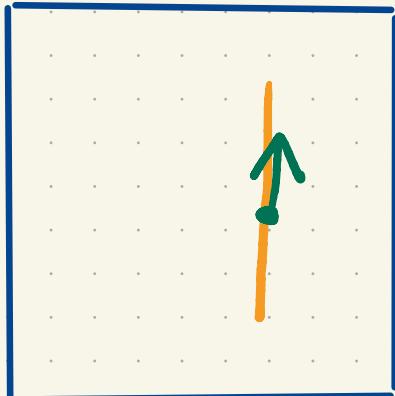
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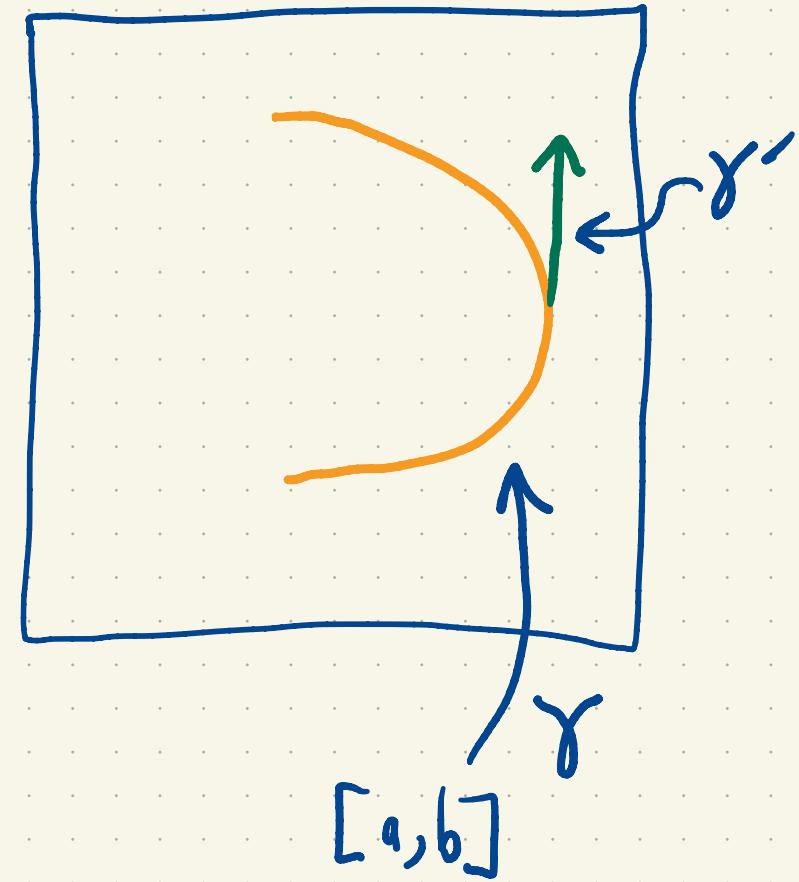


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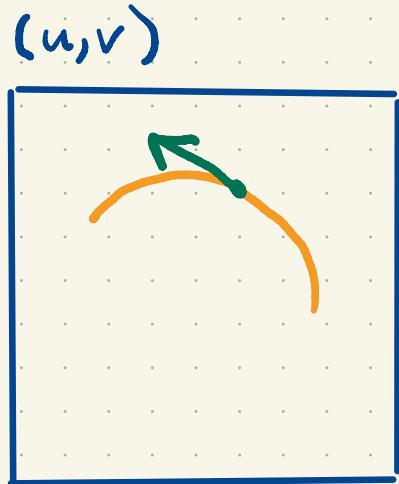
(r, θ)



$$\hat{\gamma}' = \begin{bmatrix} r' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix}$$

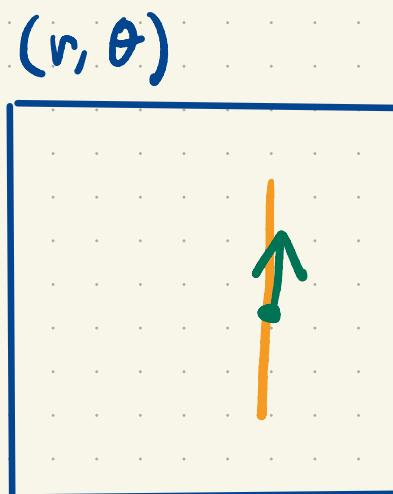


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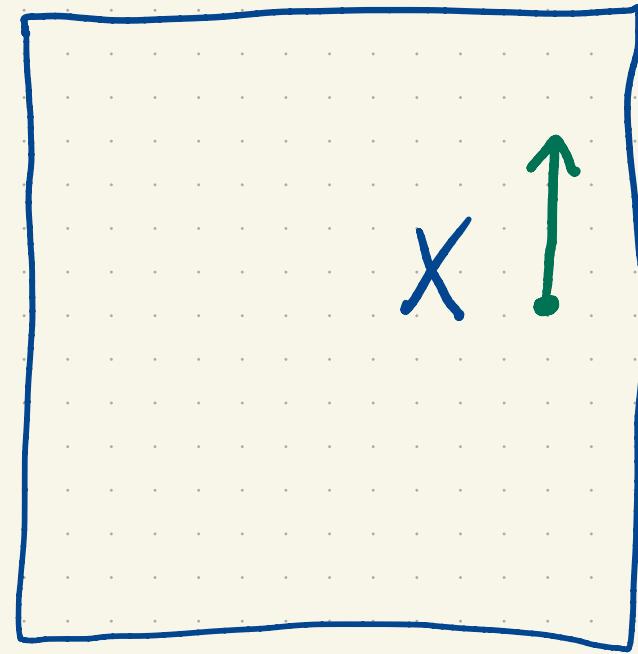
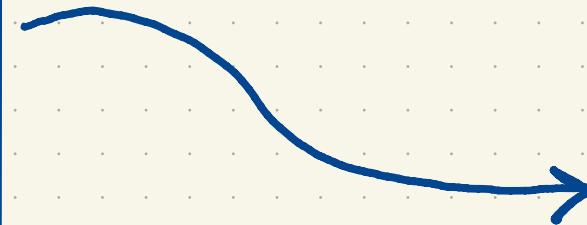
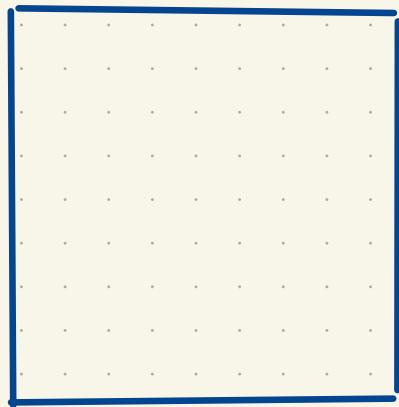


$$\begin{bmatrix} u' \\ v' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \partial U / \partial r & \partial U / \partial \theta \\ \partial V / \partial r & \partial V / \partial \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r' \\ \theta' \end{bmatrix}$$

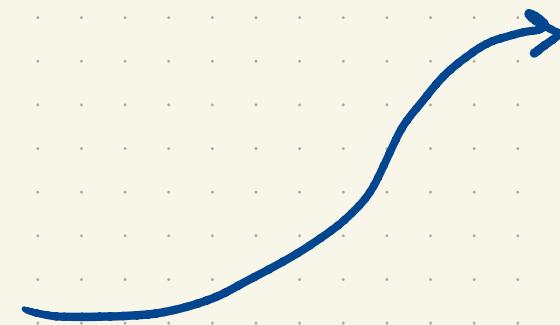
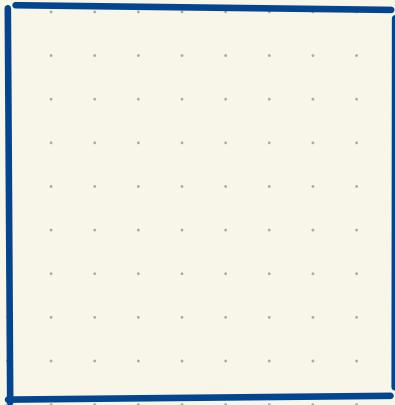
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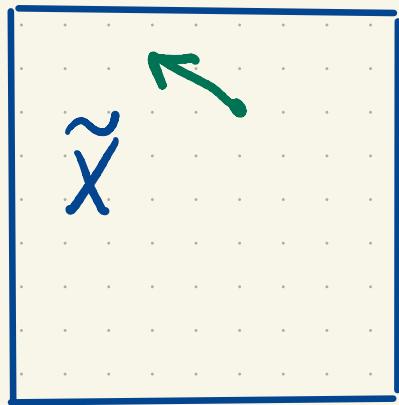


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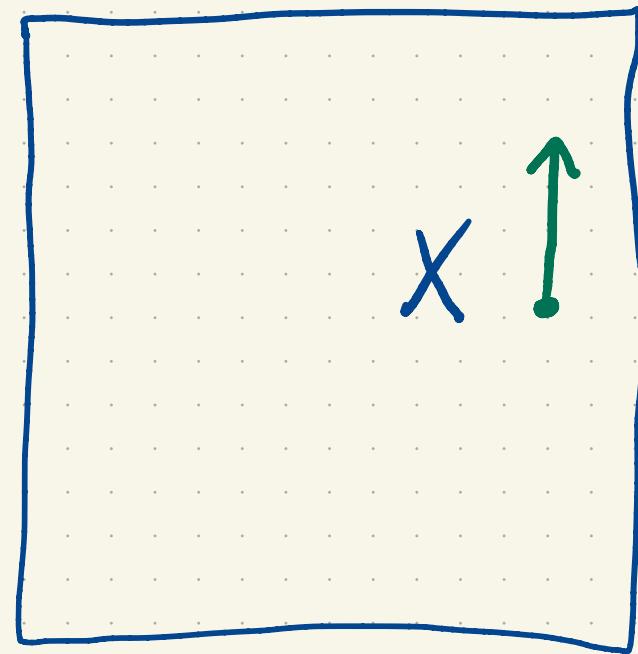
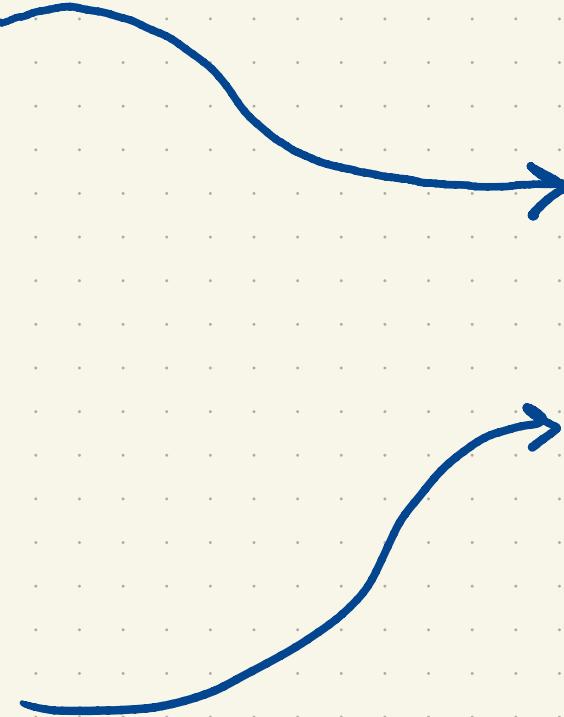
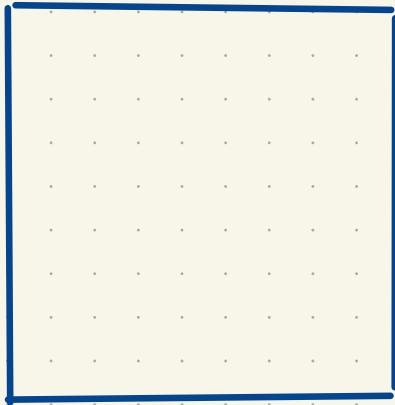


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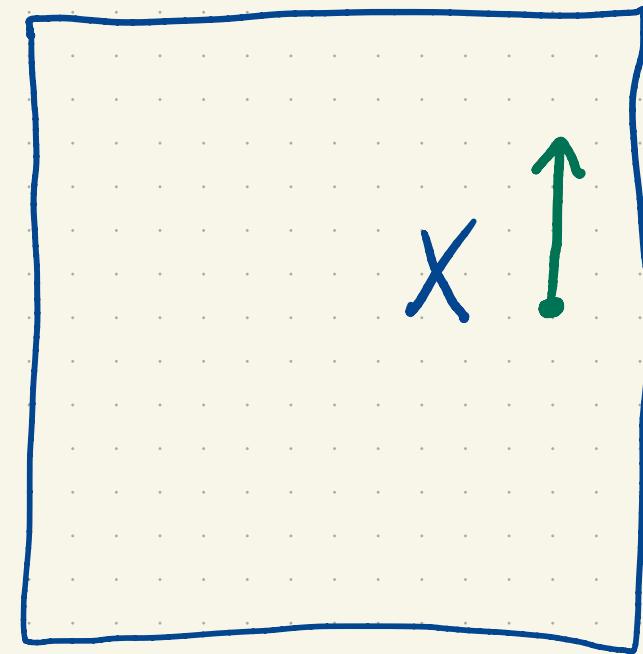
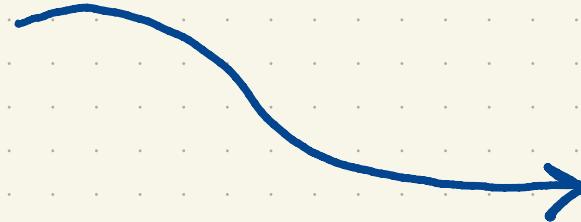
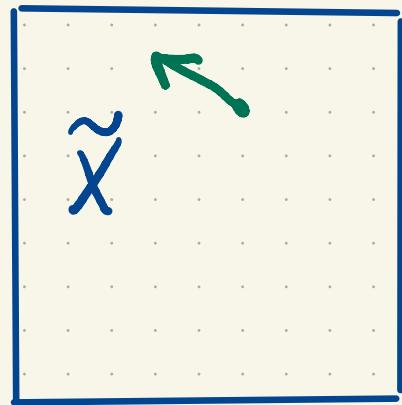


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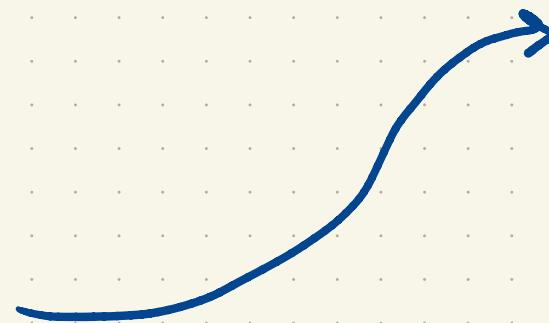
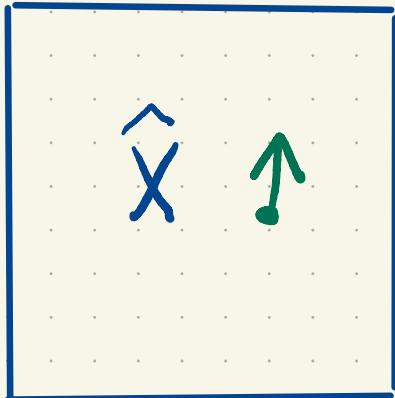


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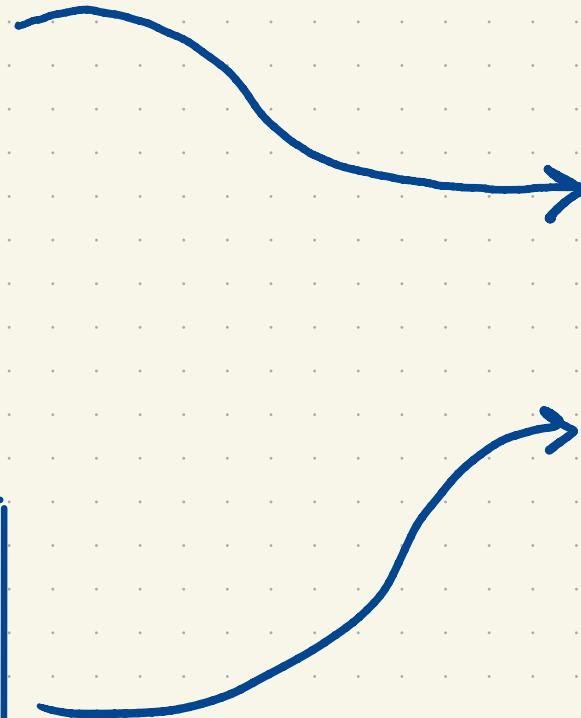
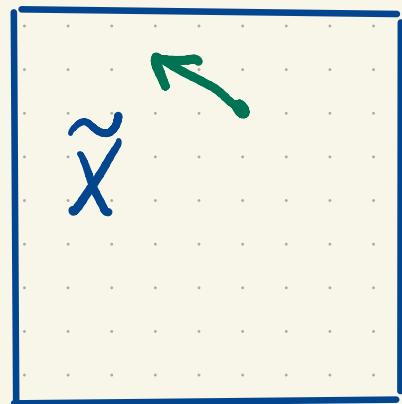


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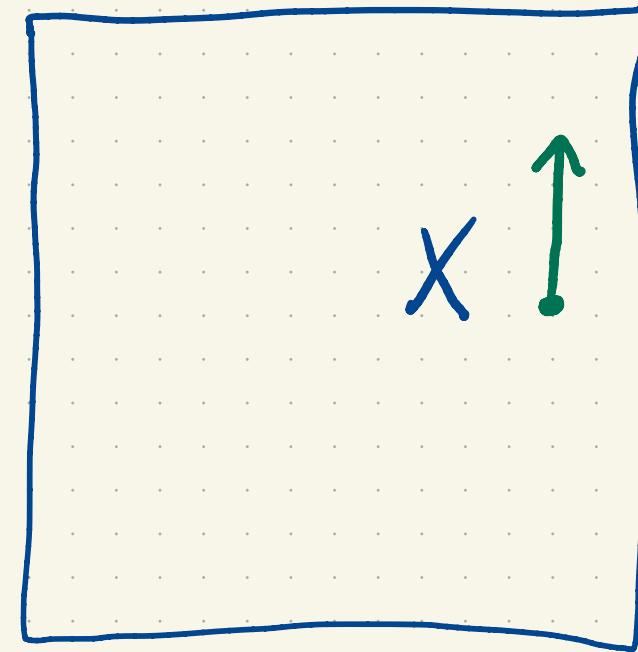
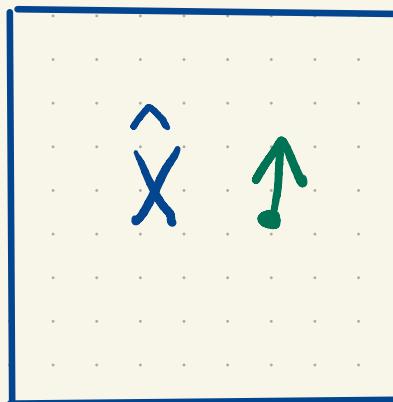


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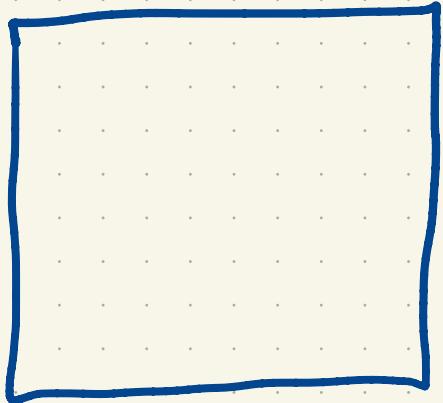
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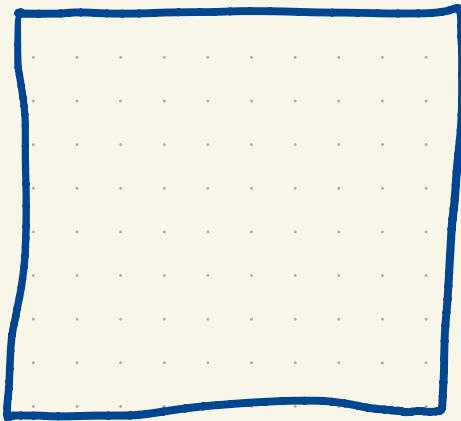
$$\tilde{X} = J\hat{X}$$

Covector = Infinitesimal Function

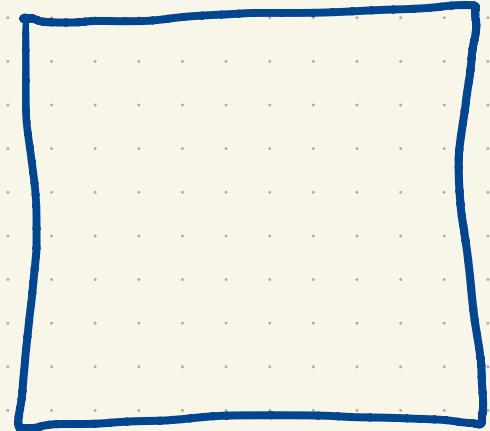
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True thing



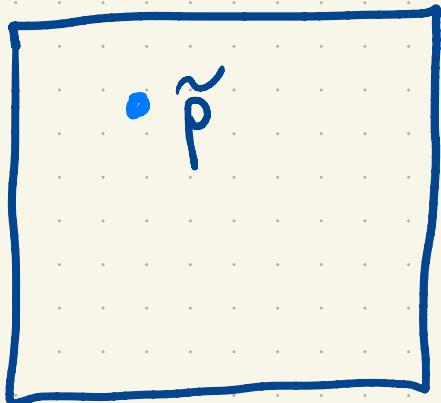
\tilde{T}

\hat{T}

T (e.g., temp)

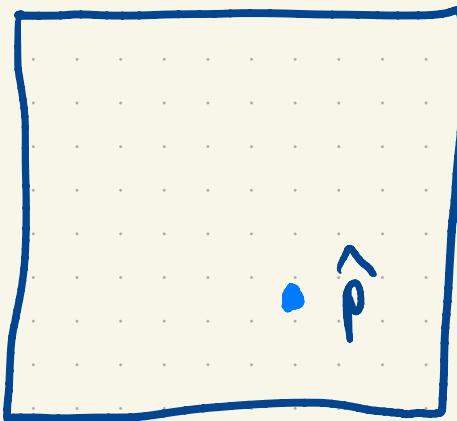
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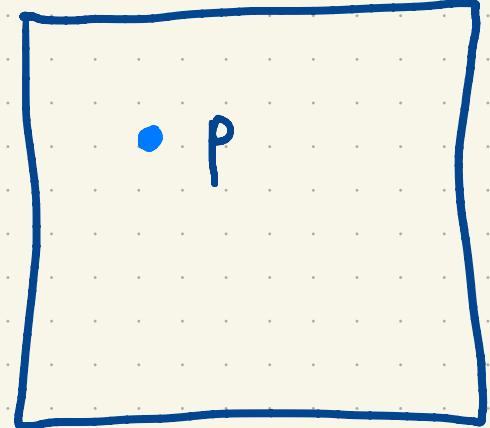
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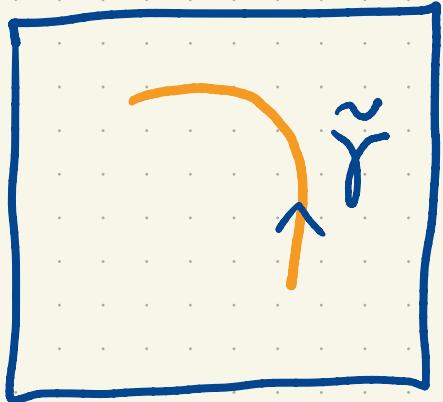
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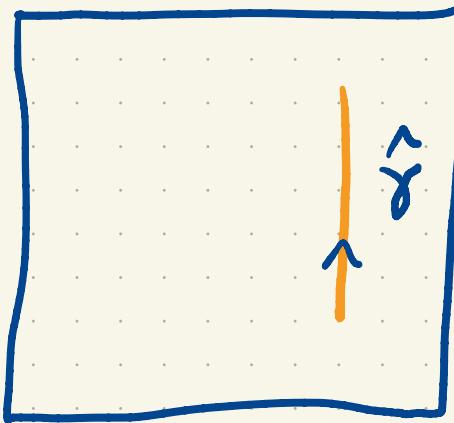
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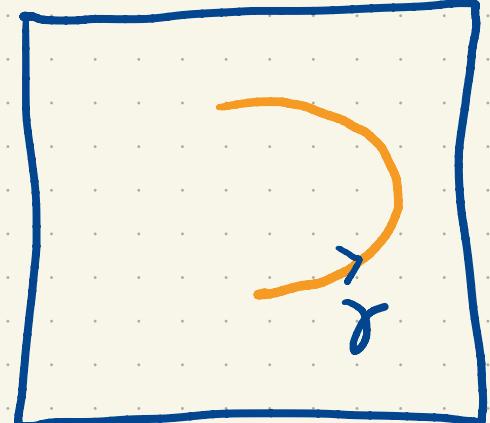
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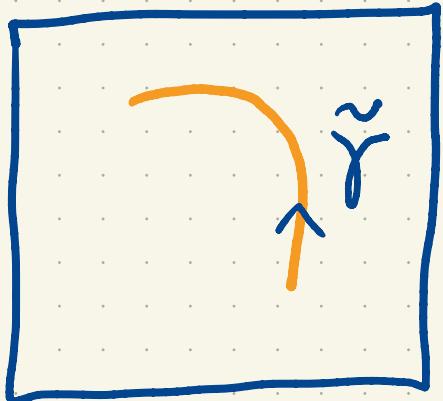
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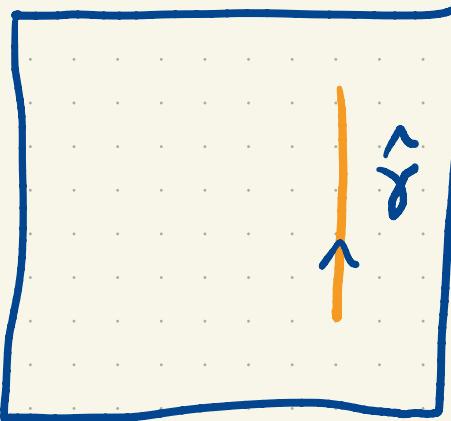
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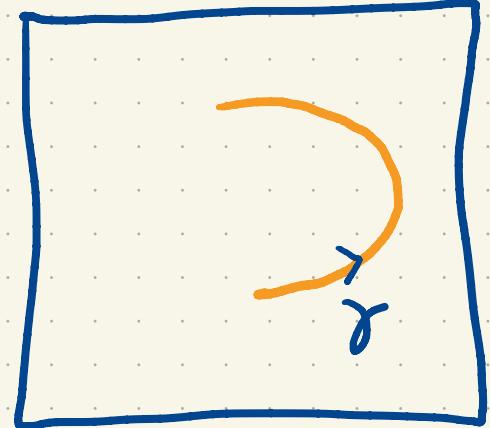
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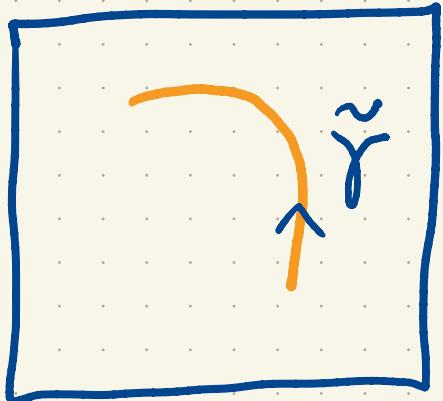
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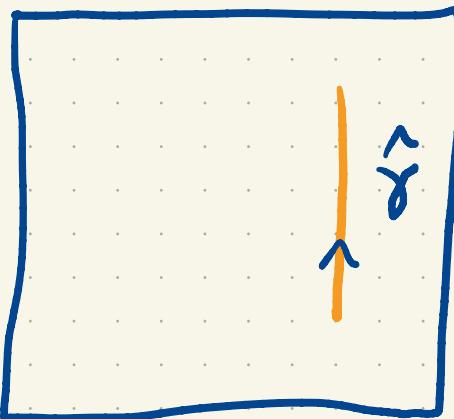
Covector = Infinitesimal Function

(u, v)



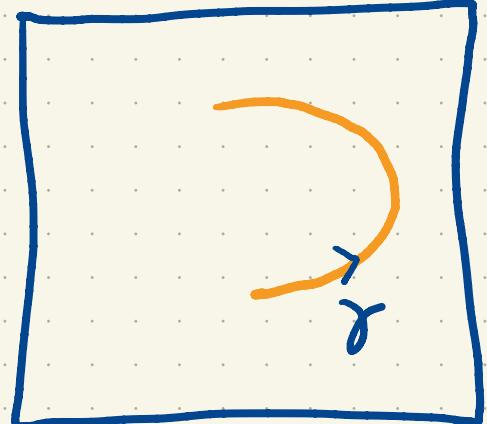
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(r, θ)



$\hat{\tau}$

True thing



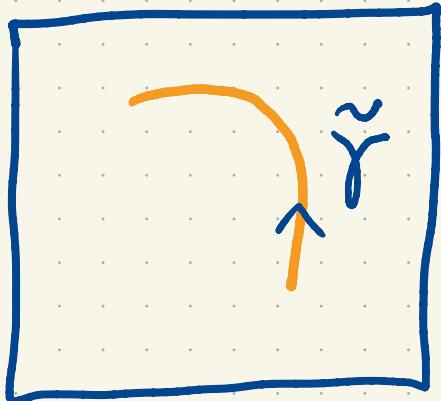
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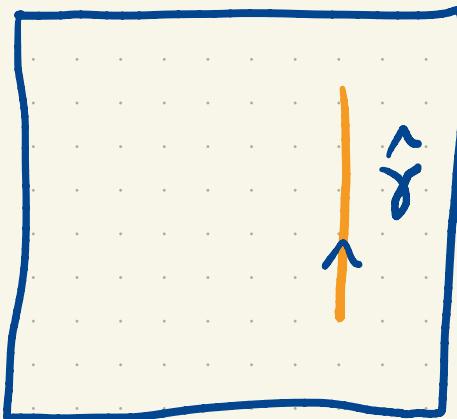
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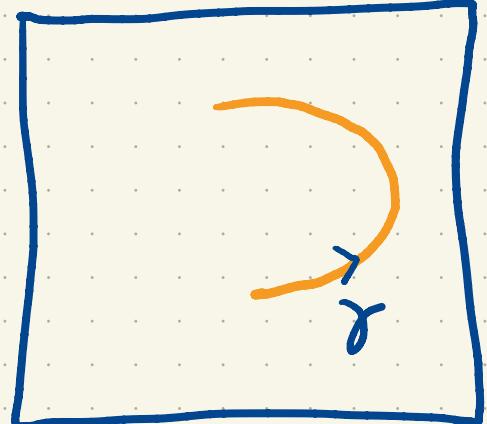
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\hat{T}

True thing



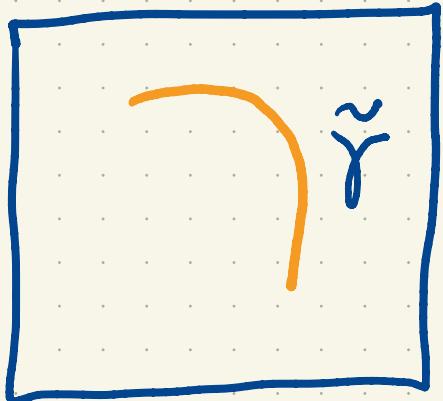
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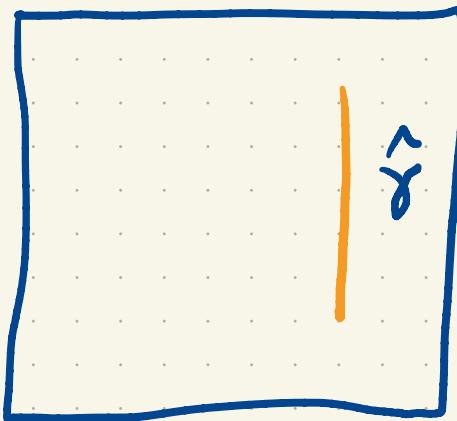
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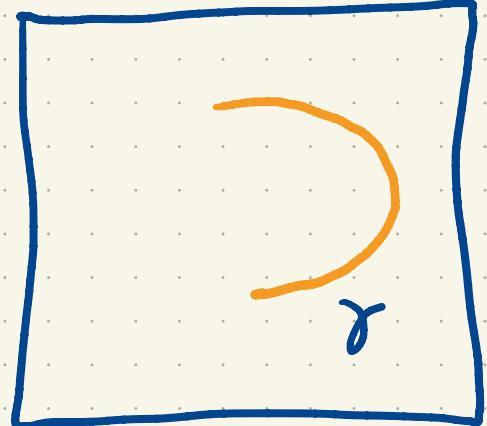
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$\hat{\gamma}$

True thing

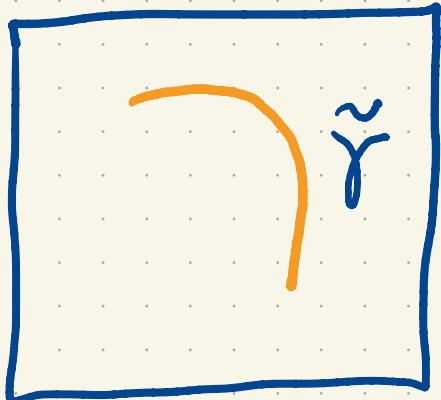


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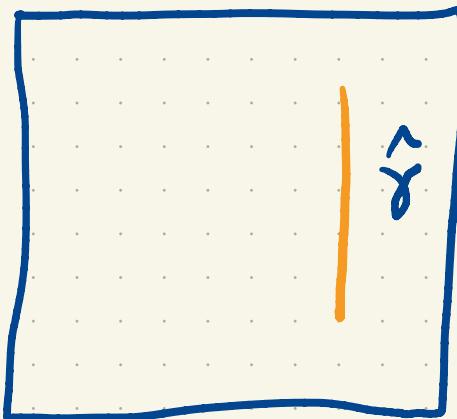
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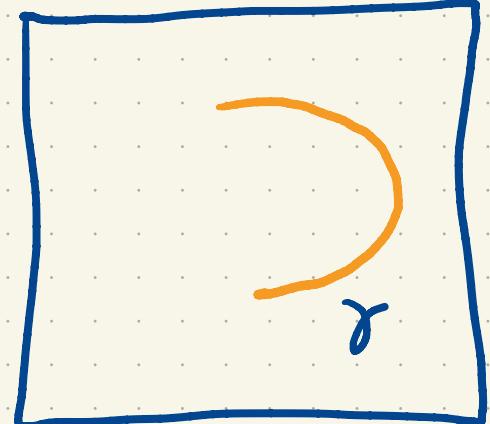
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True thing



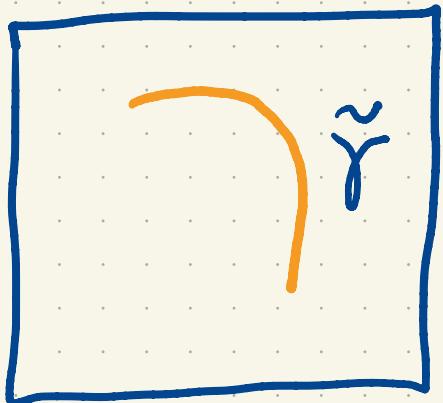
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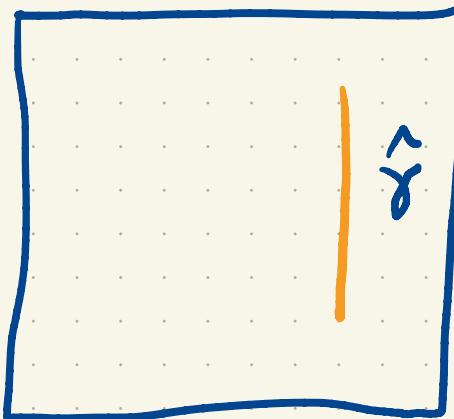
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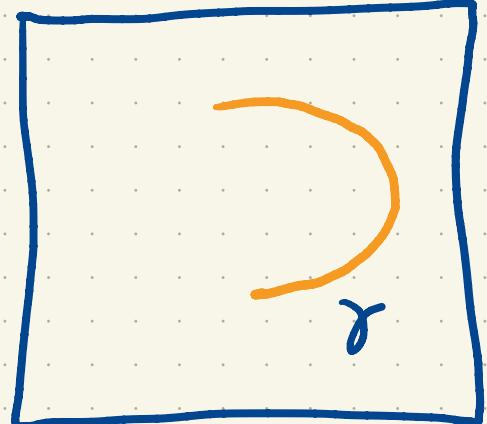
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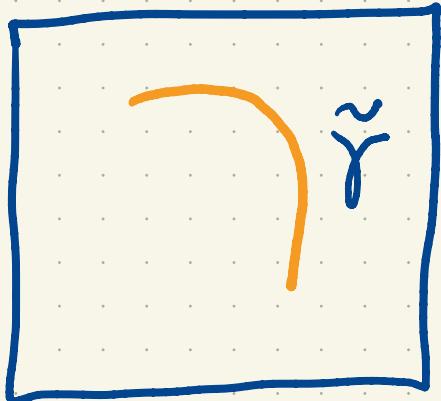
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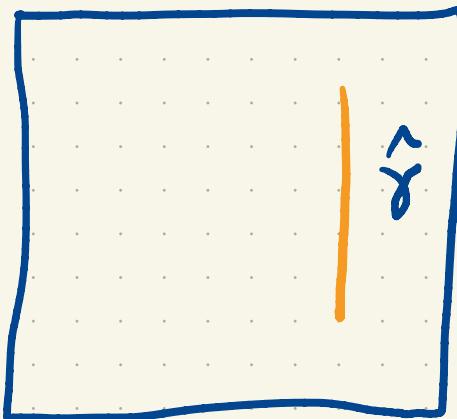
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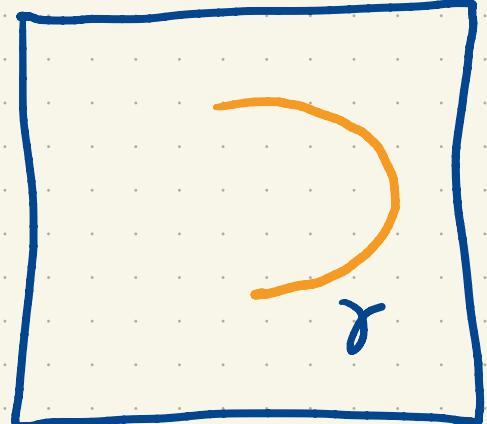
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True thing



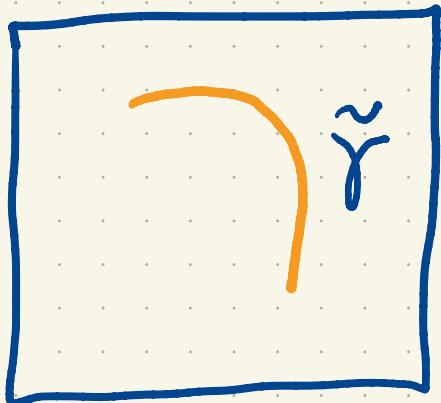
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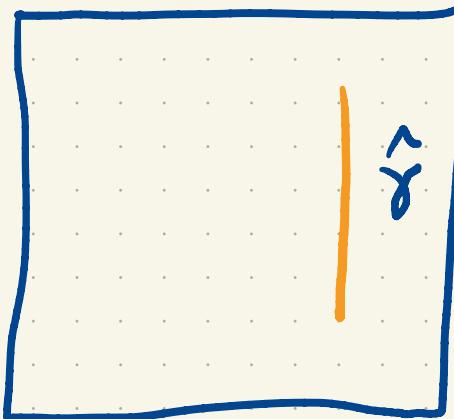
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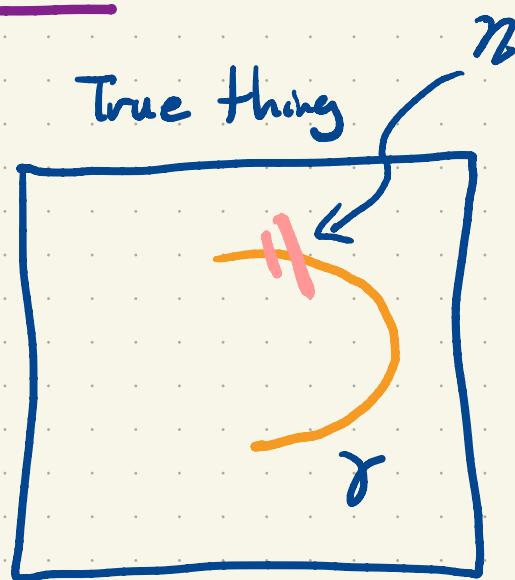
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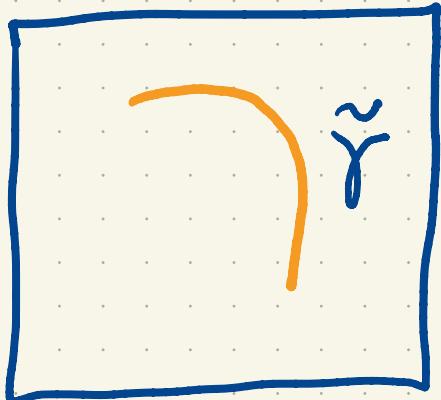
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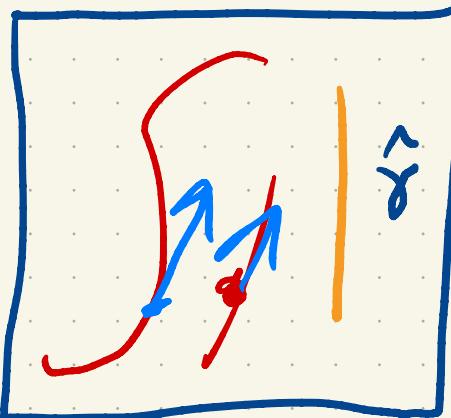
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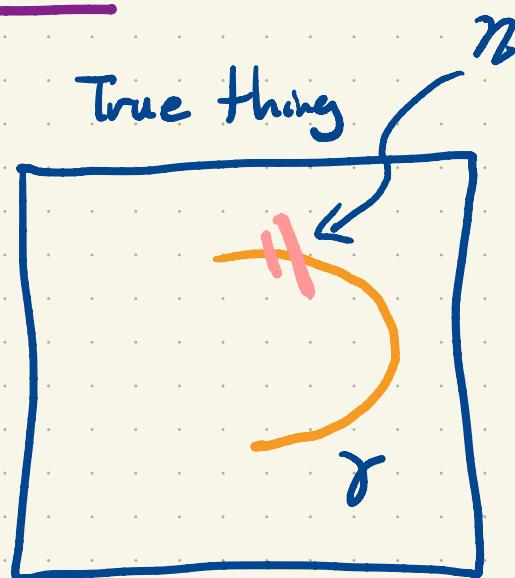
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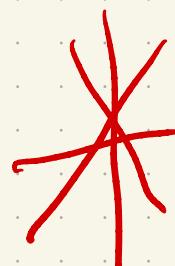
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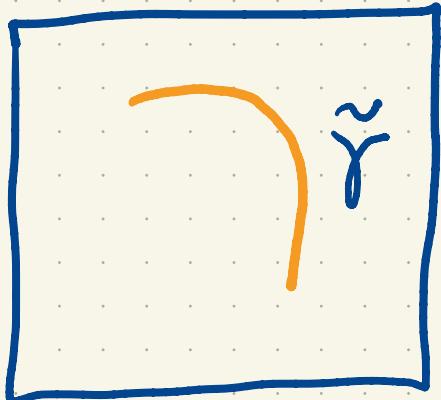
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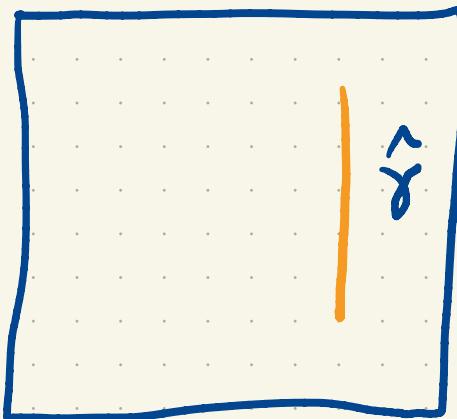
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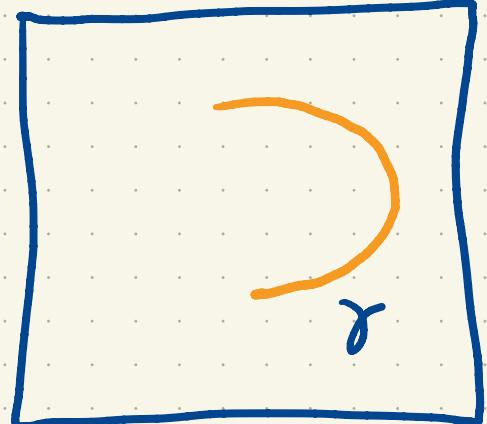
\tilde{T}

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True thing

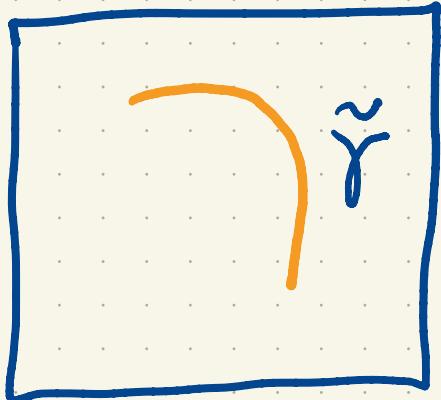


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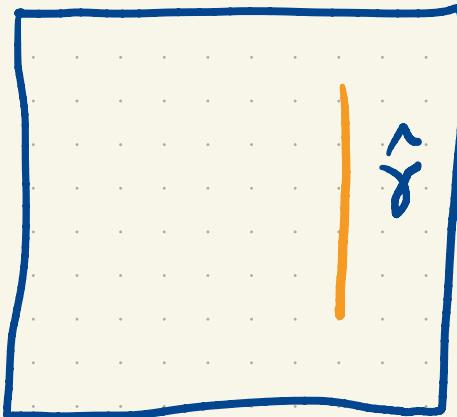
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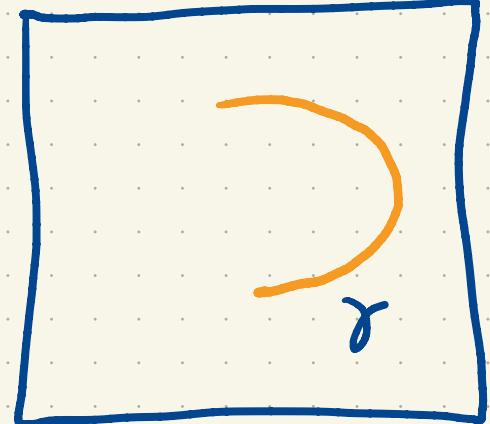
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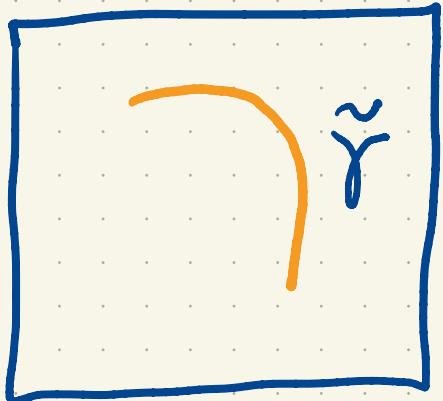


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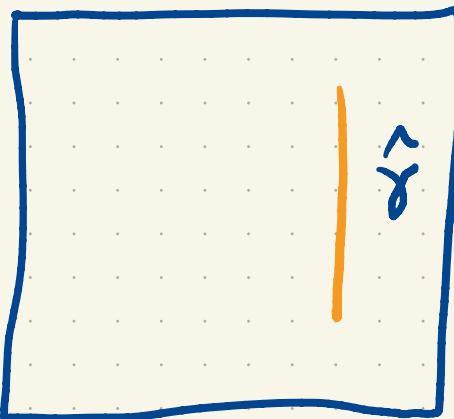
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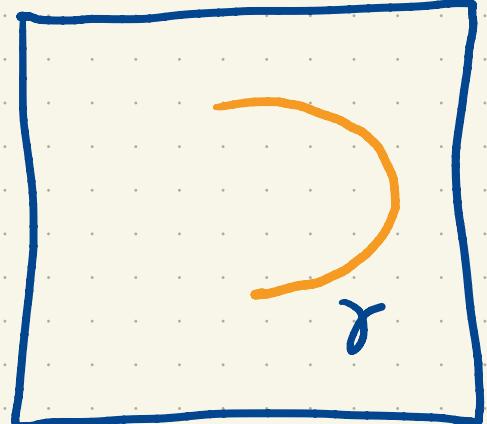
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True thing

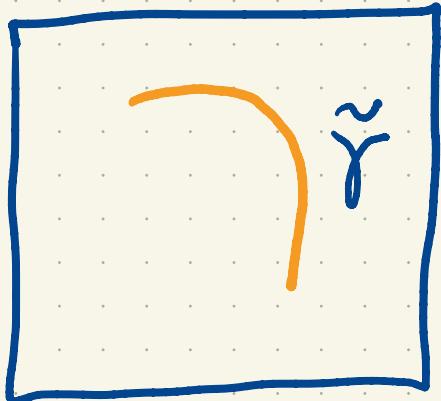


T (e.g., temp)

$$\tilde{n} J = \hat{n}$$

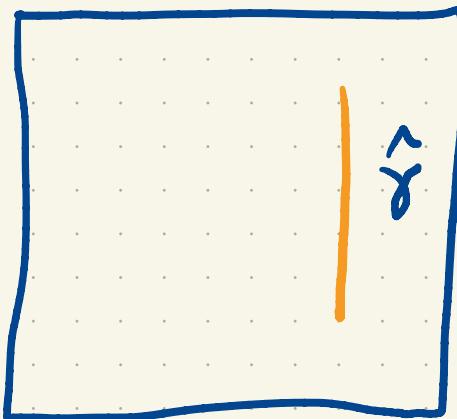
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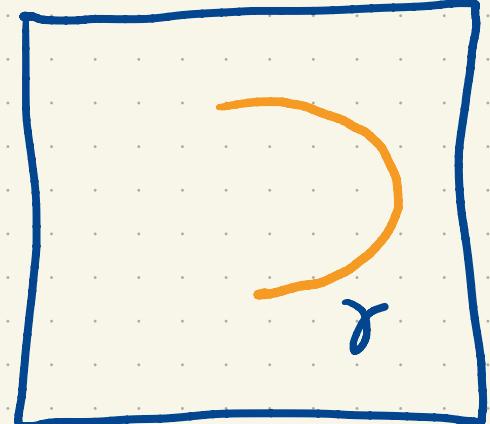
\tilde{f}

(r, θ)



\hat{g}

True thing



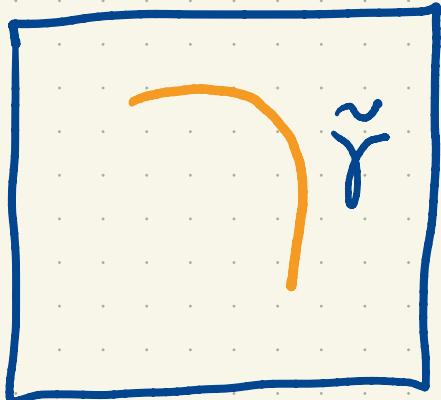
γ (e.g., temp)

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$$\tilde{X} = J \hat{X}$$

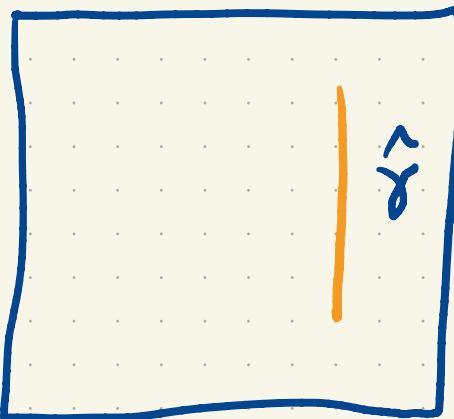
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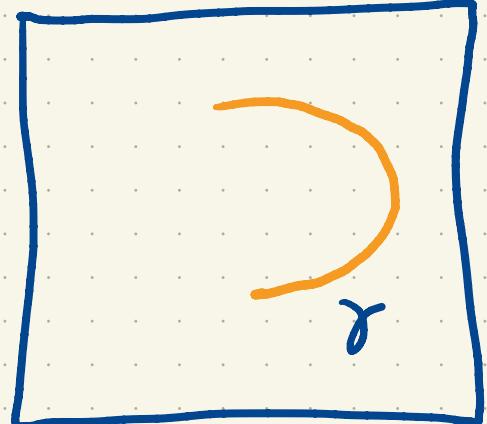
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True thing



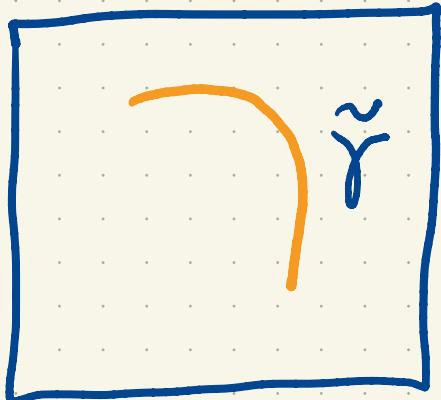
T (e.g., temp)

$$\tilde{n} = \hat{n} J^{-1}$$

$$\tilde{x} = J \hat{x}$$

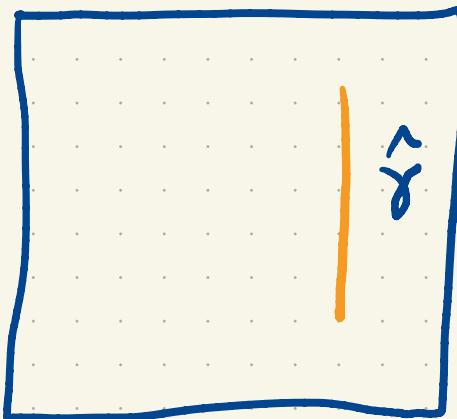
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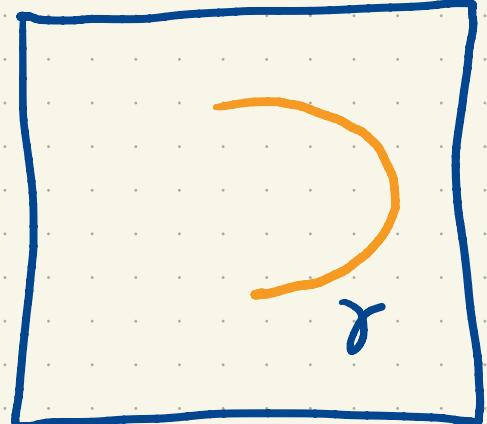
$\tilde{\tau}$

(r, θ)



$\hat{\gamma}$

True thing



T (e.g., temp)

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Job of a Covector

Covectors eat vectors and give back numbers.

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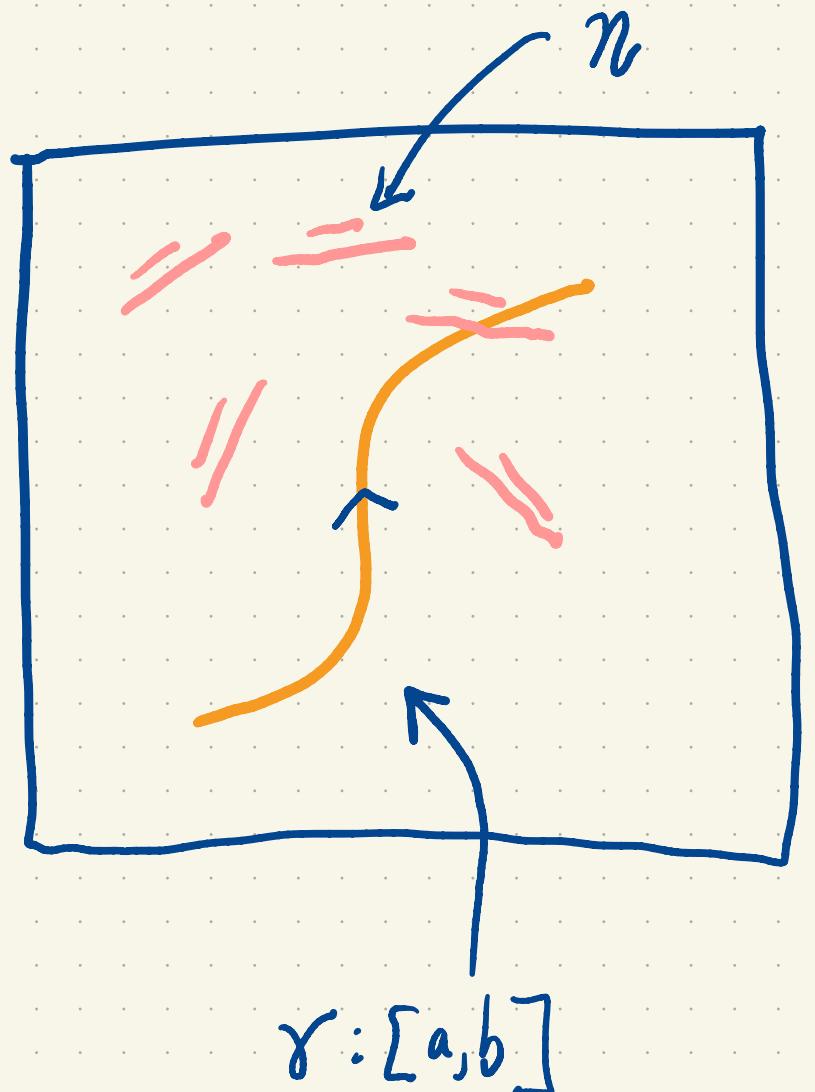
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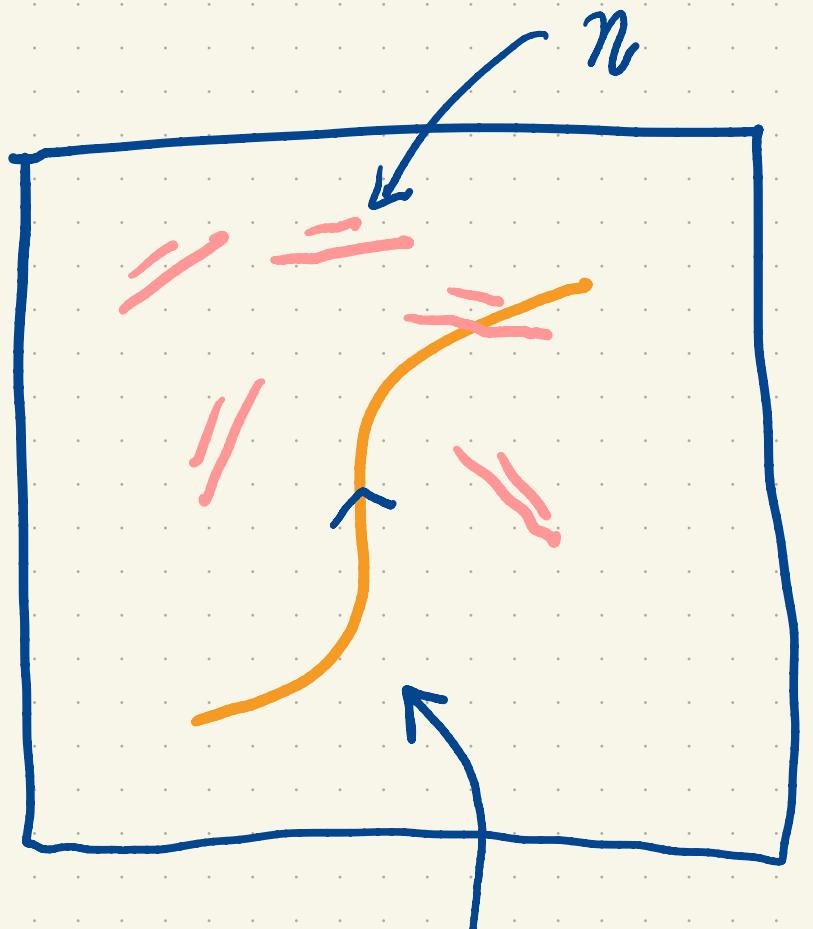
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"How fast is the infinitesimal function changing as I move with tangent vector x ?"

Fields of Covectors Eat Curves

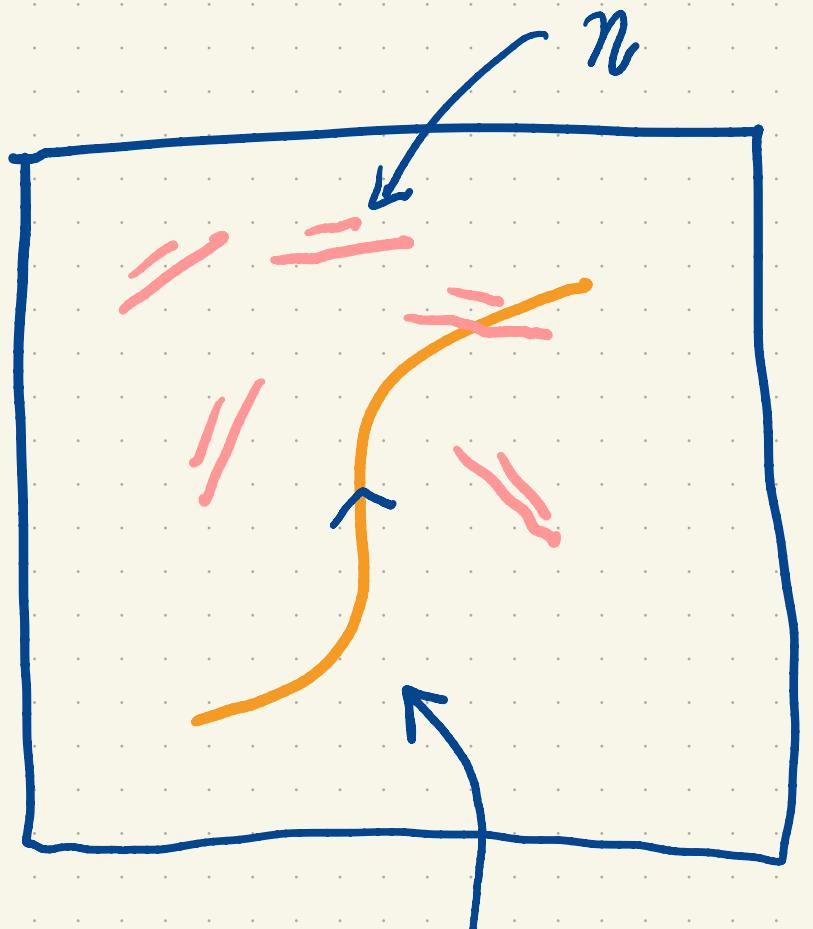


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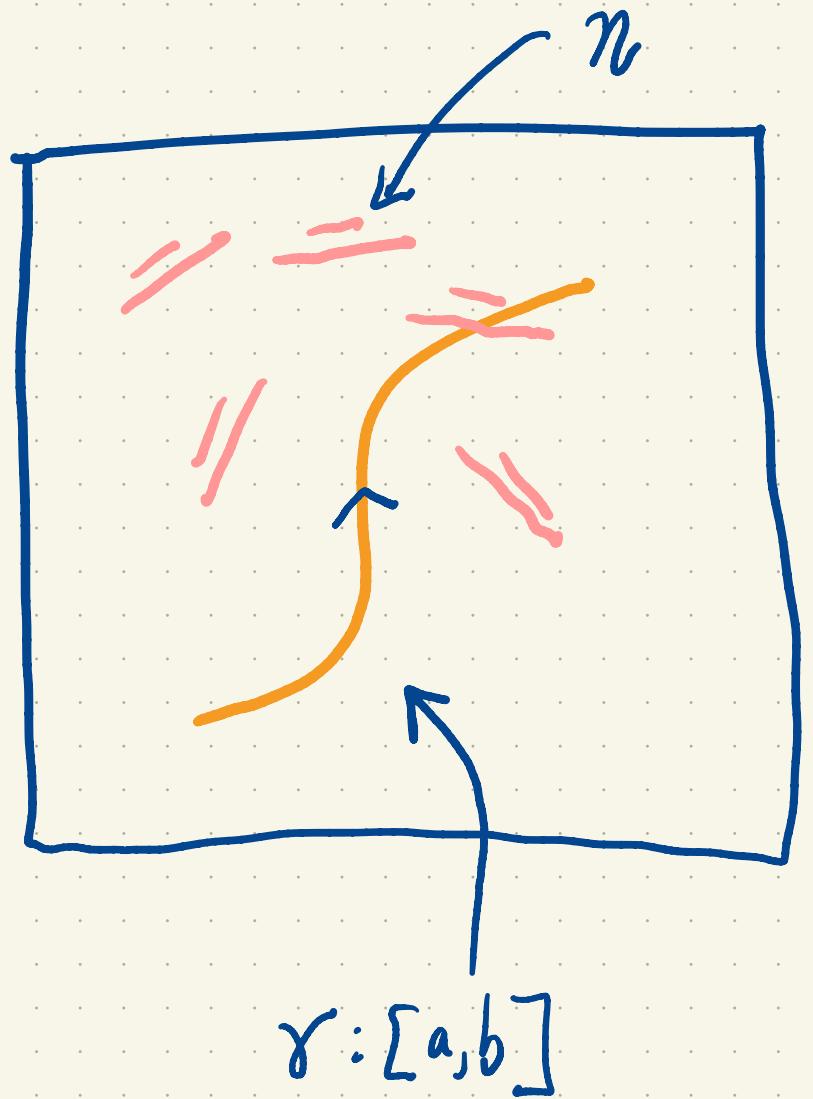
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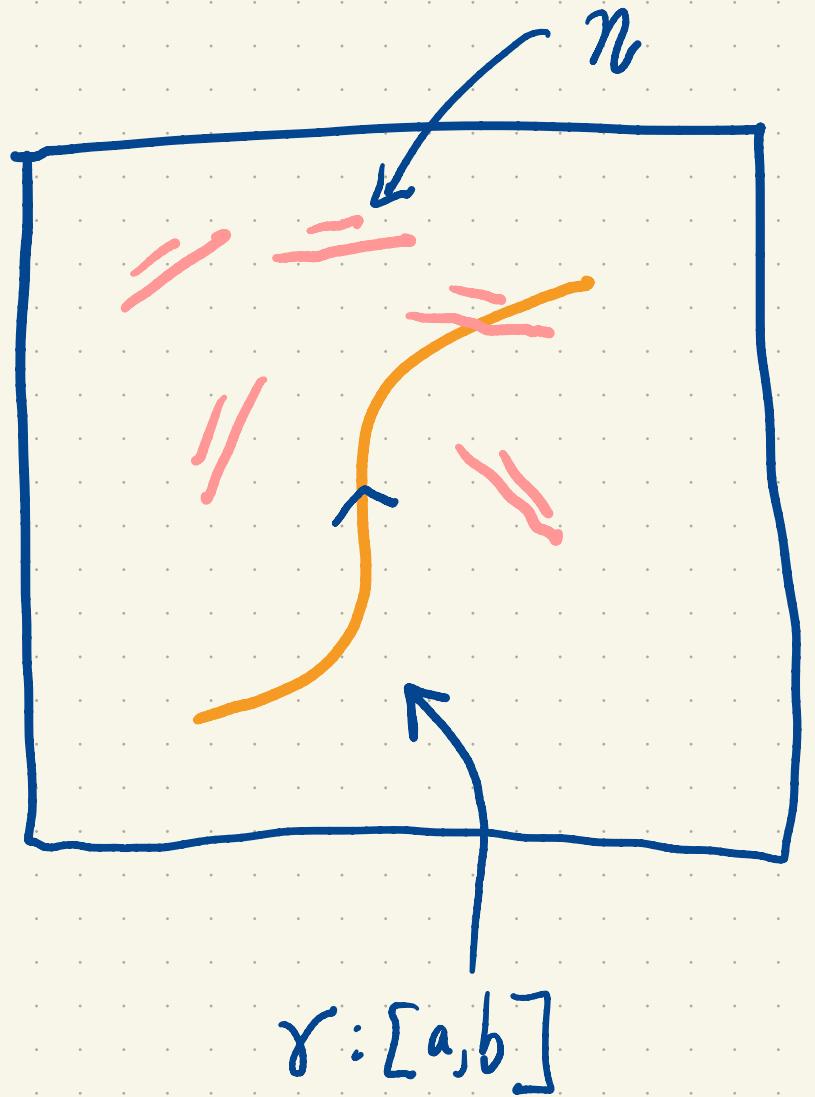
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X



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Exterior Derivative (part 0)

$$T \xrightarrow{d} dT$$

function

covector

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$$dT[X] = ?$$

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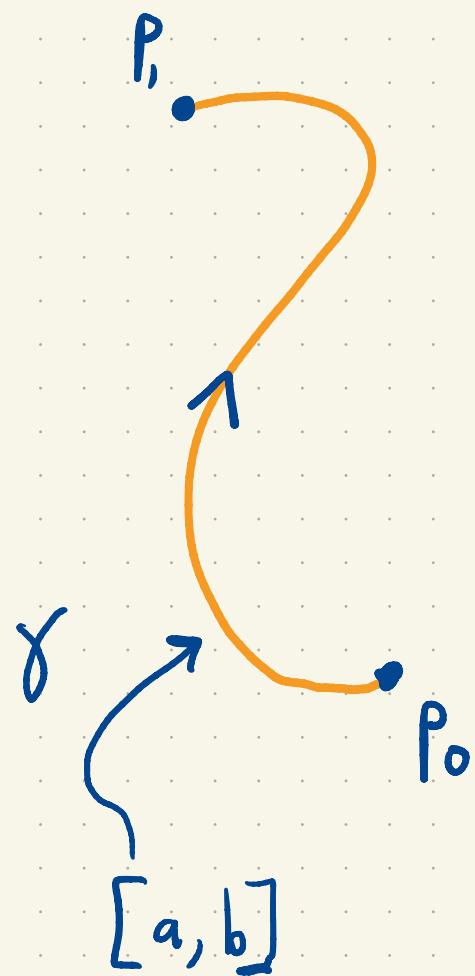
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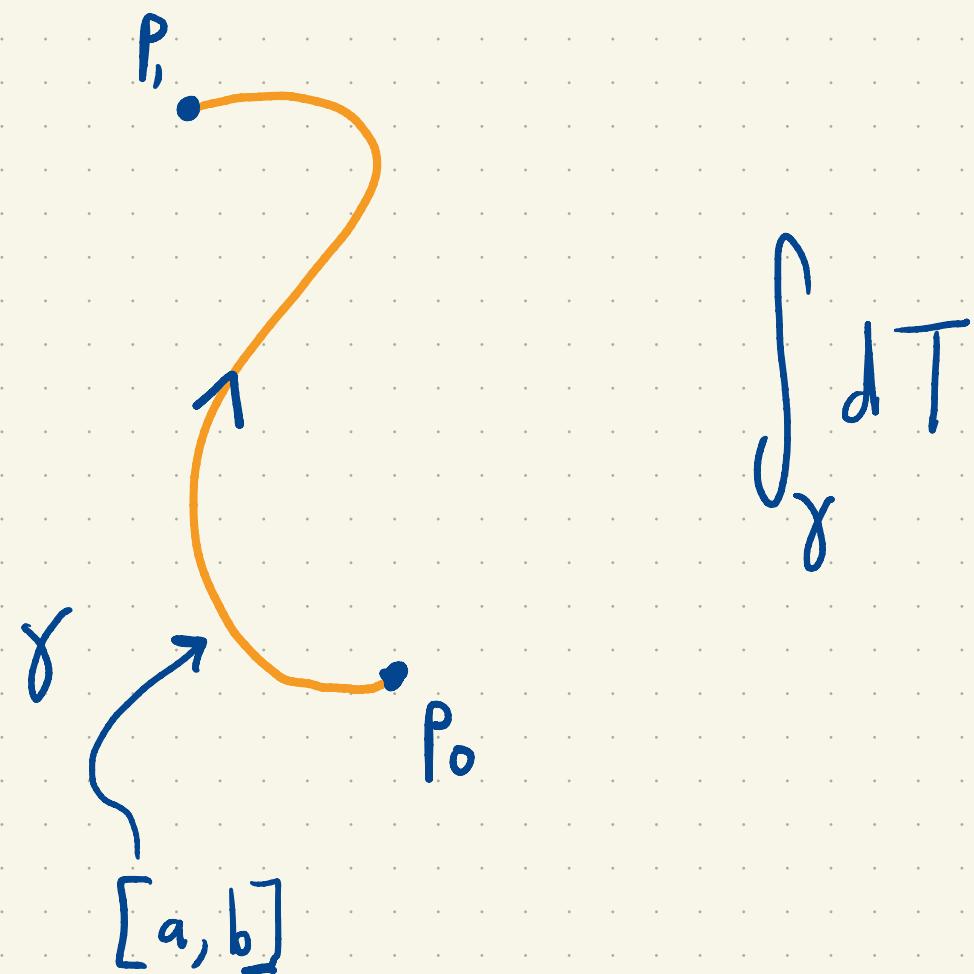
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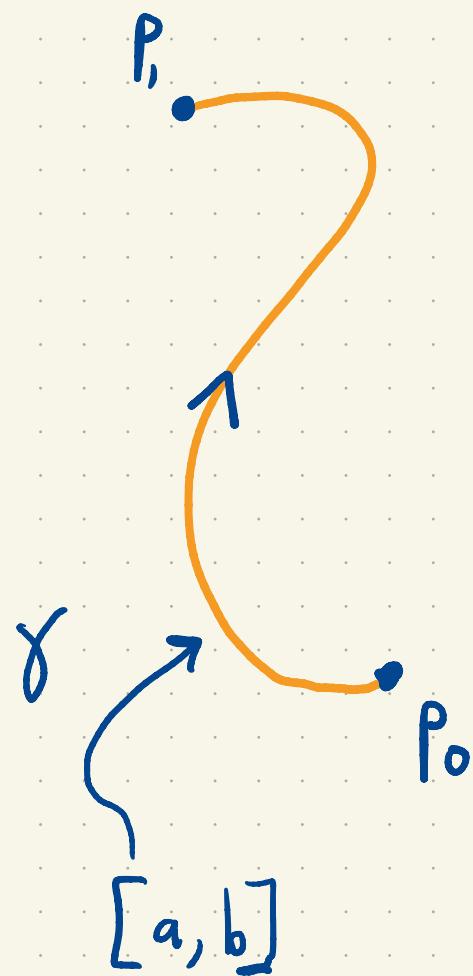
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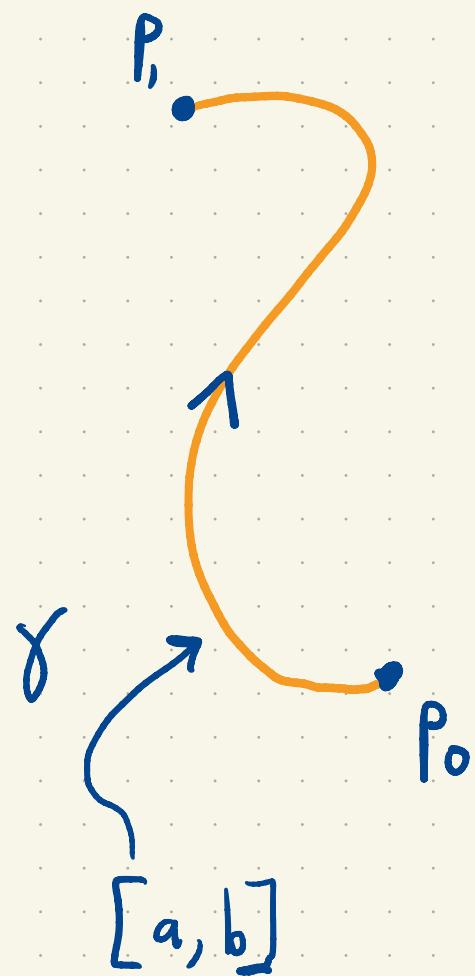


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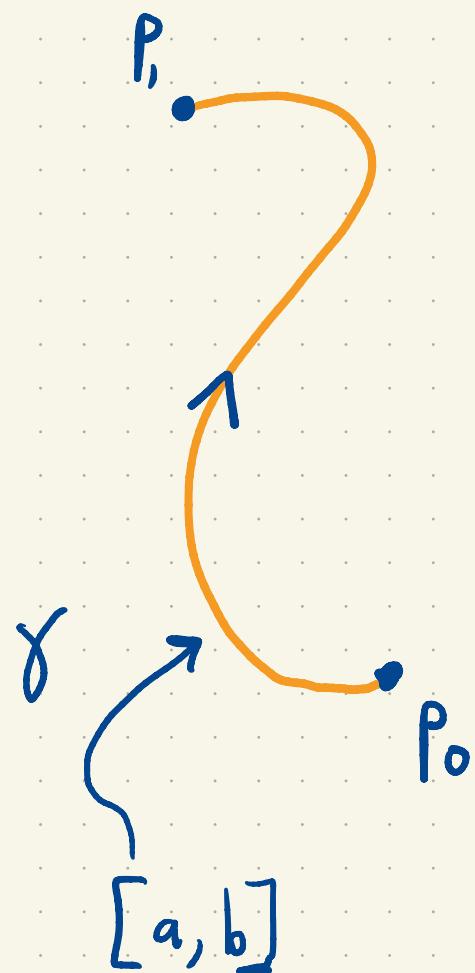
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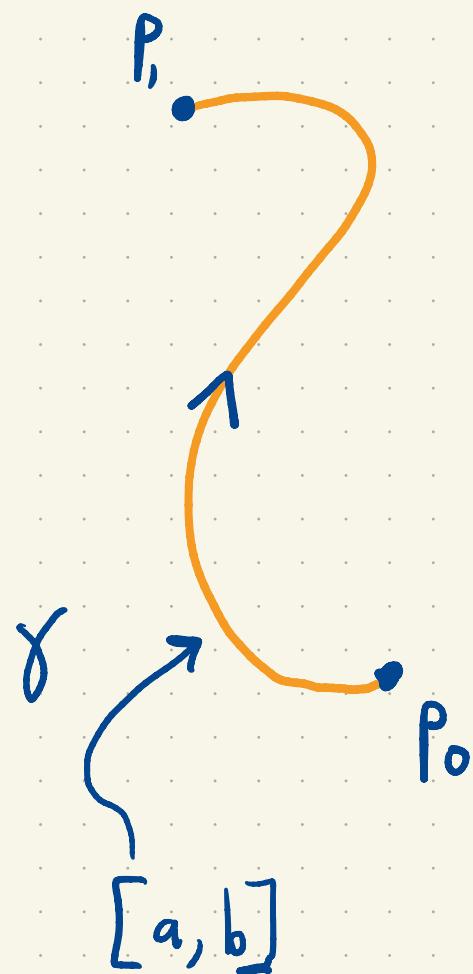
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FTC: $\int_a^b f'(s) ds = f(b) - f(a)$

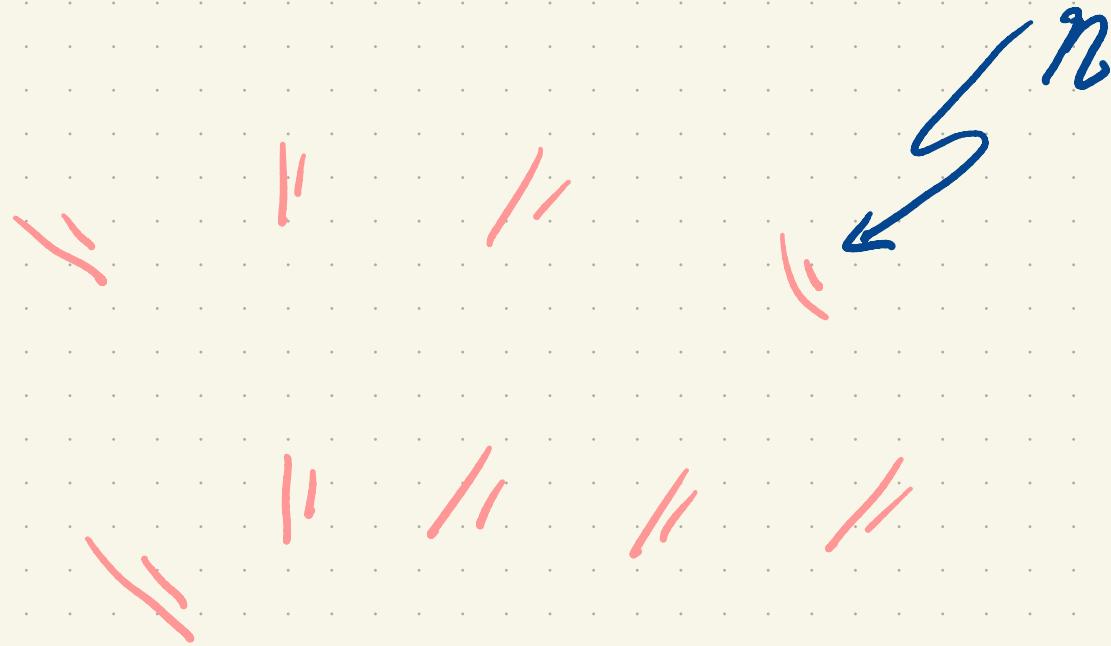
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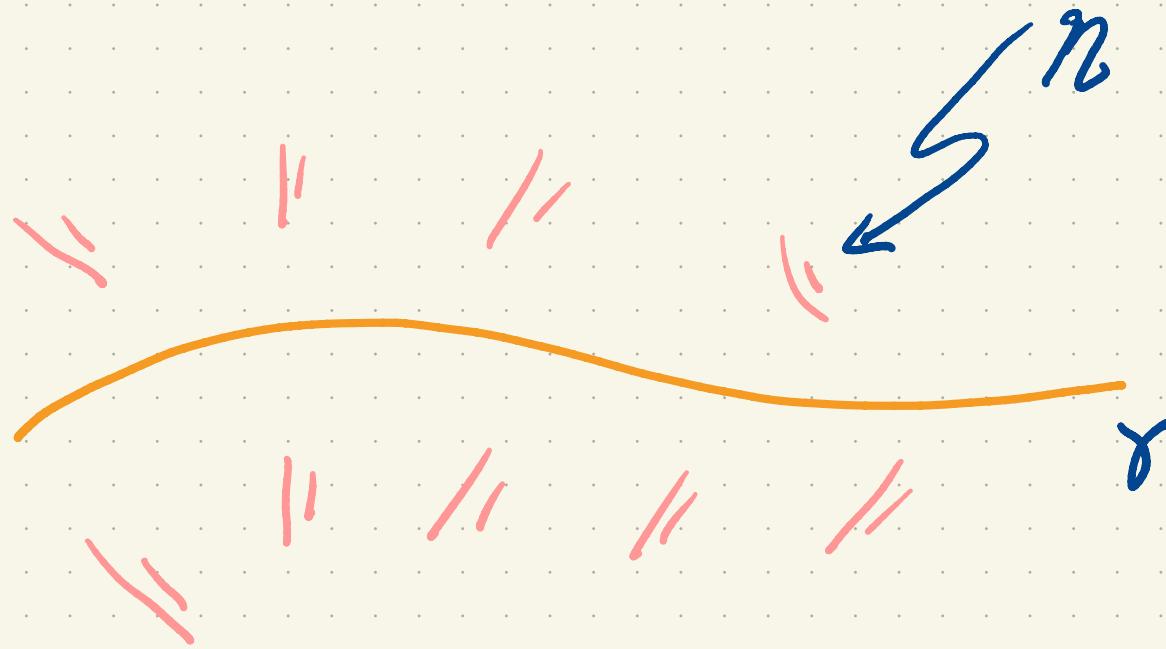
$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\gamma} dT &= \int_a^b \frac{d}{dt} T(\gamma(t)) dt \\ &= T(\gamma(b)) - T(\gamma(a)) \\ &= T(P_1) - T(P_0)\end{aligned}$$

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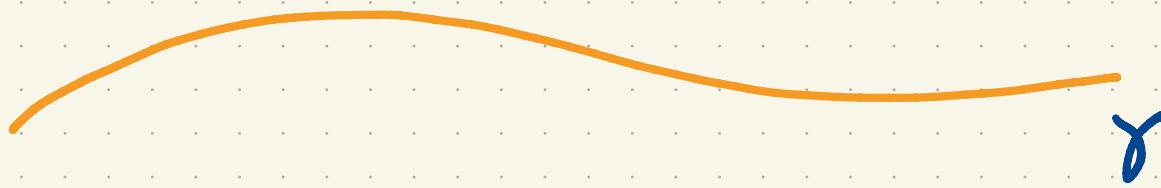
Derivative of a Covector Field



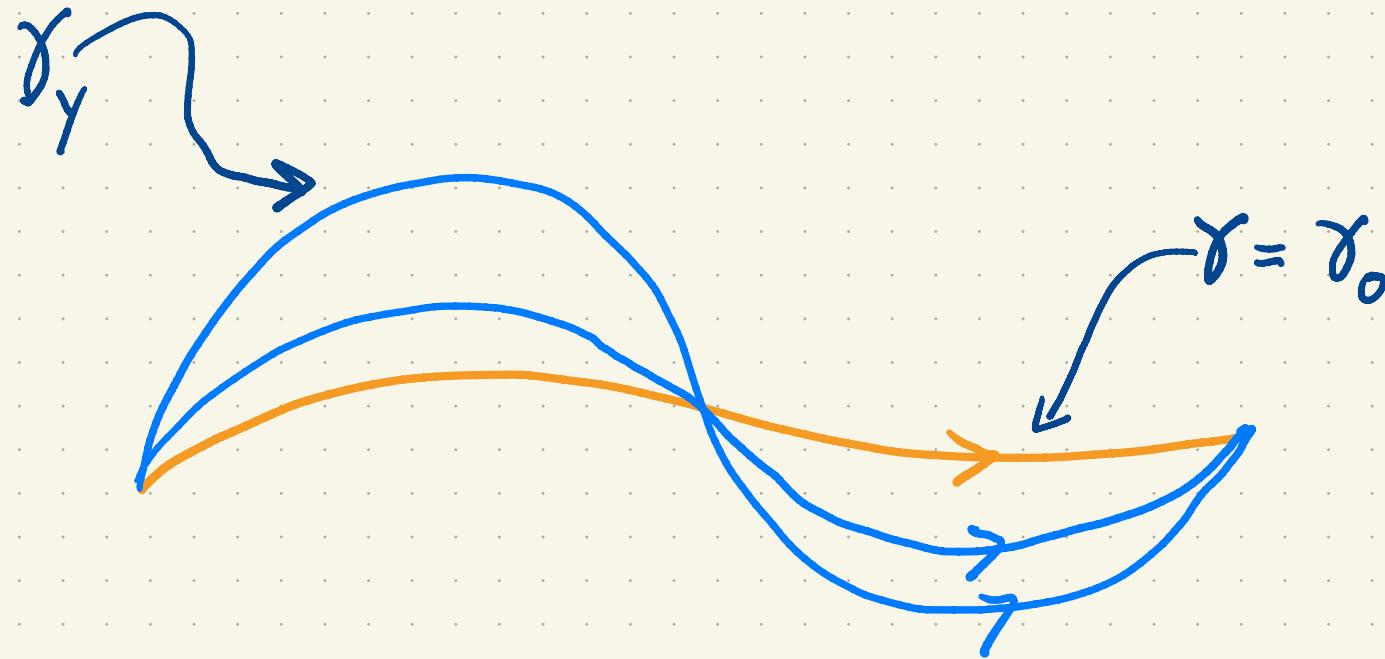
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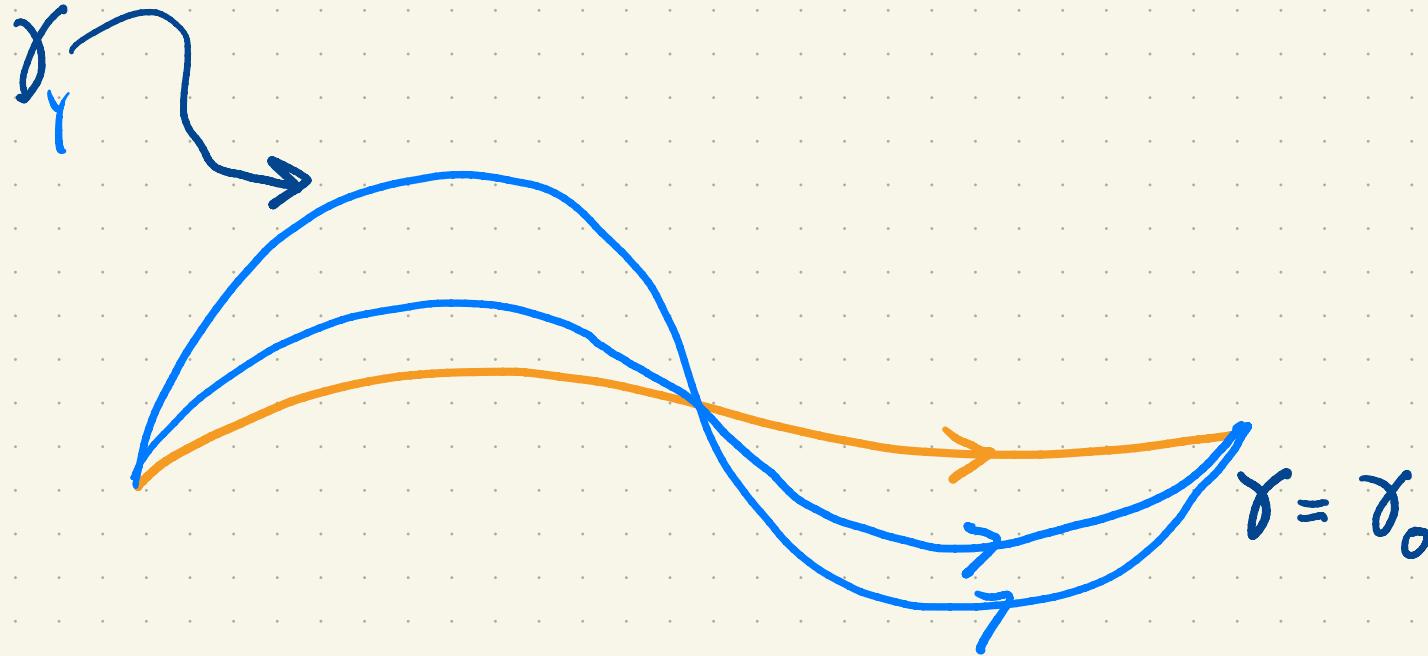
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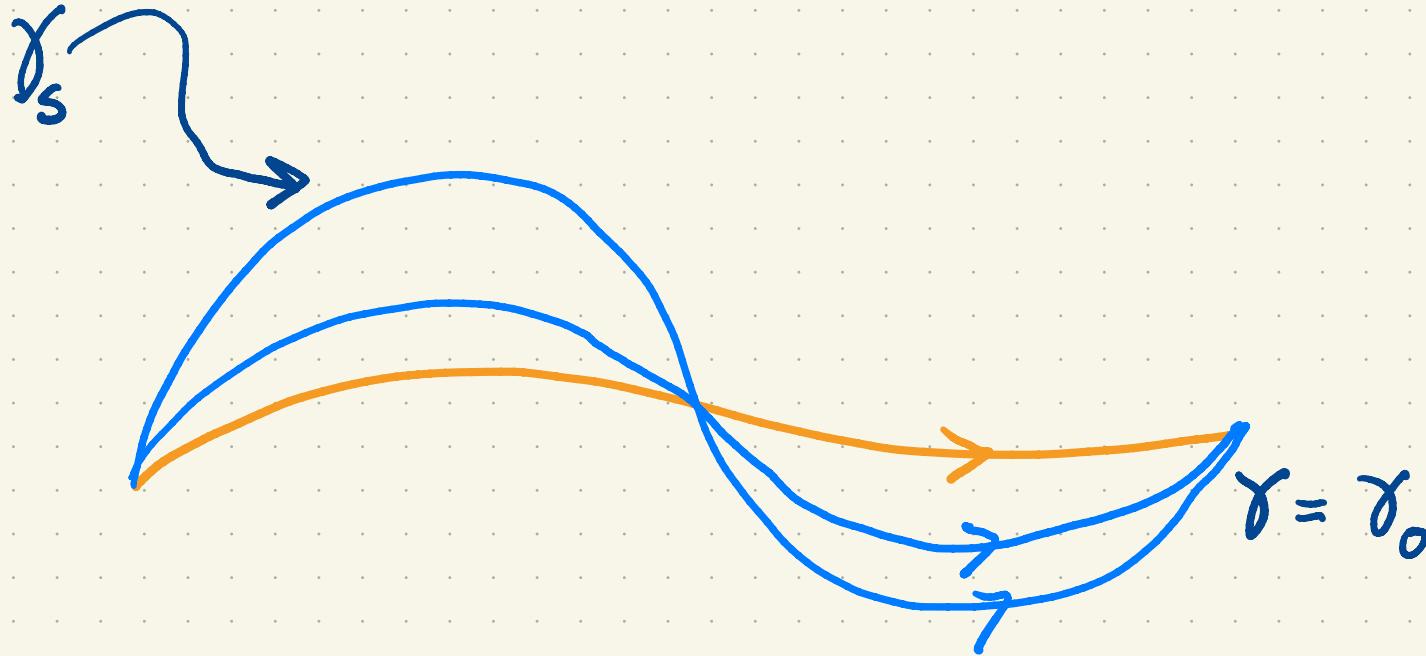


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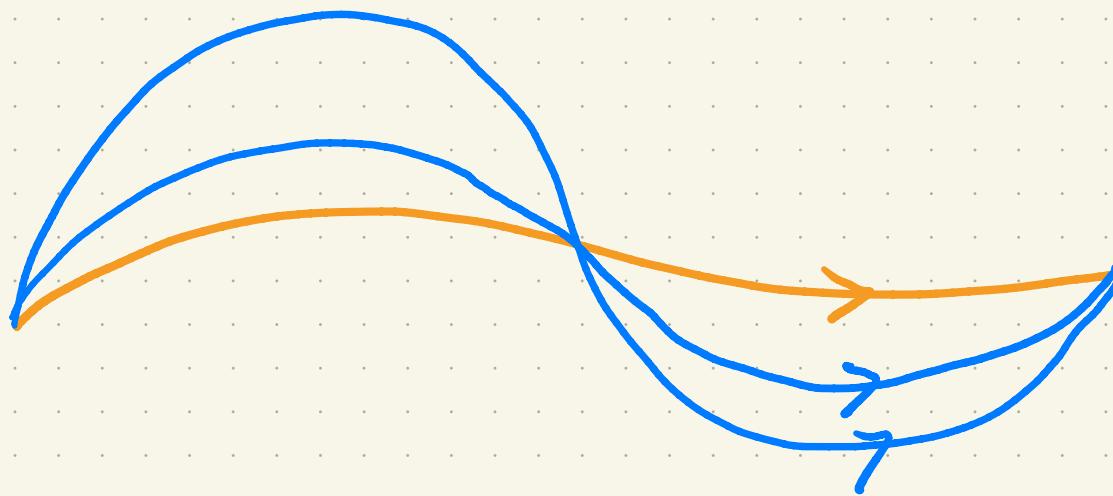
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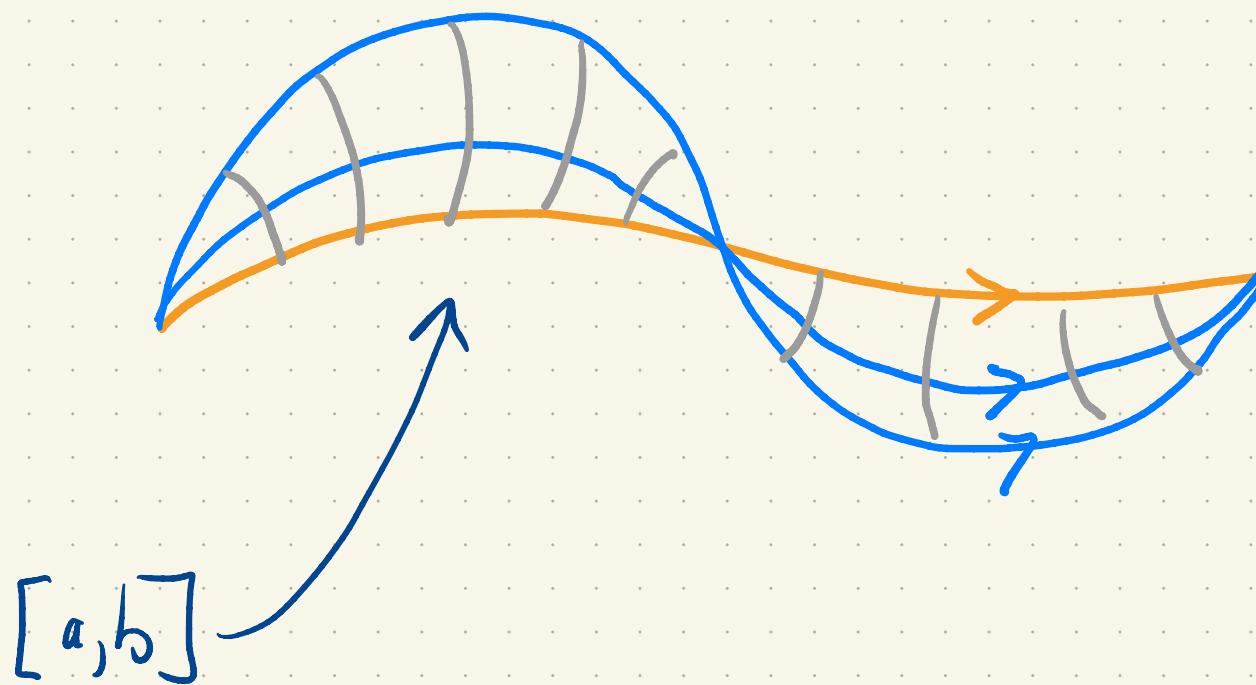


$$h(s) = \int_{\gamma_s}^{\gamma} n \quad | \quad h'(0) = ?$$

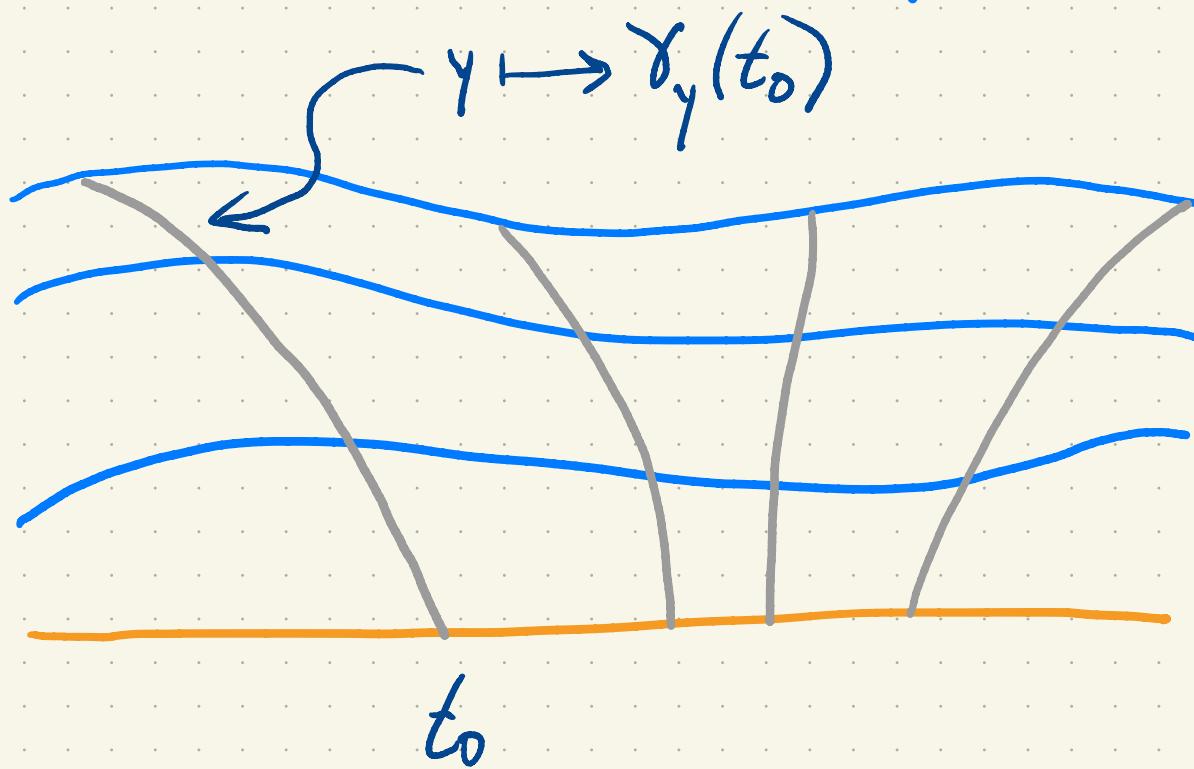
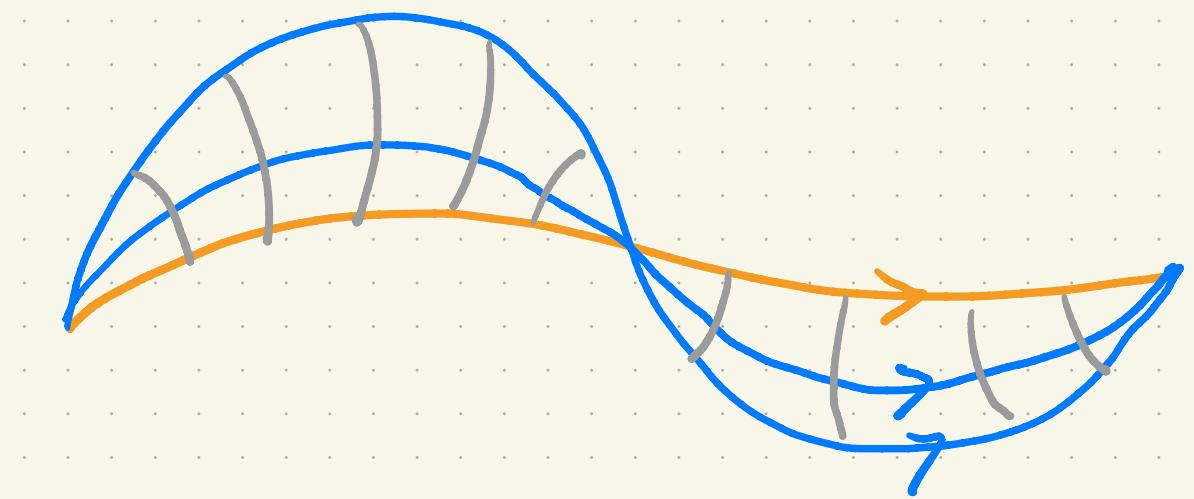
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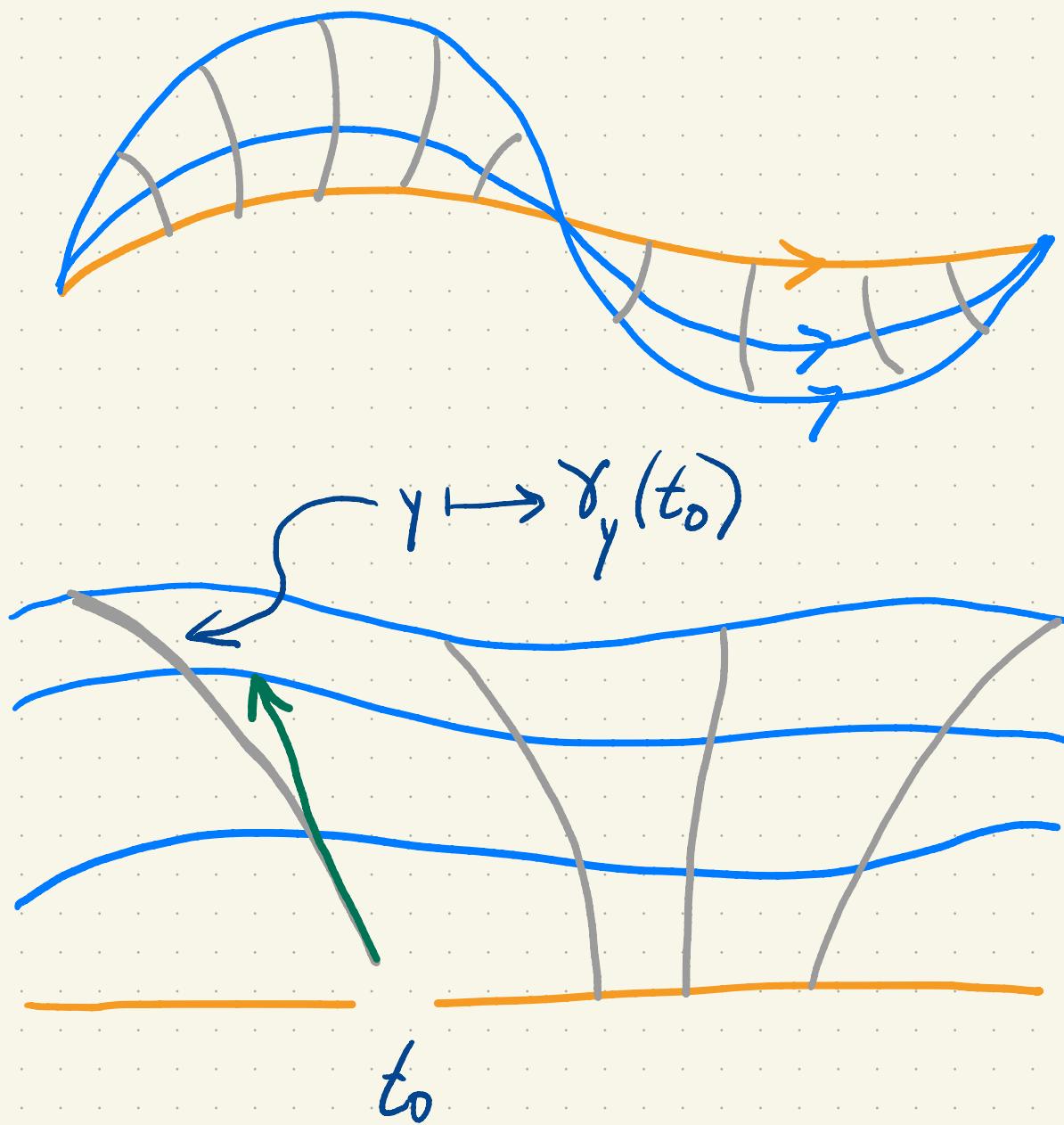
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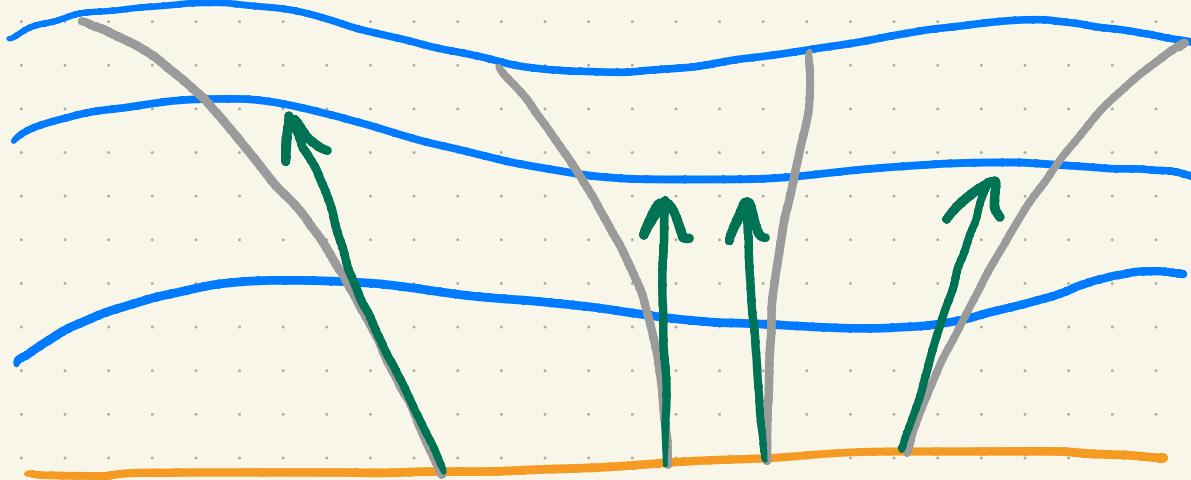
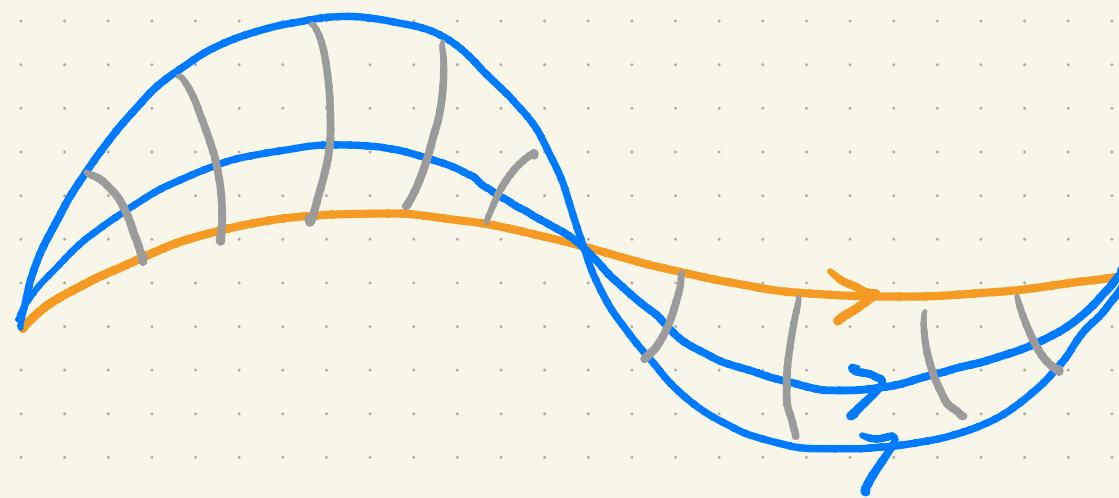
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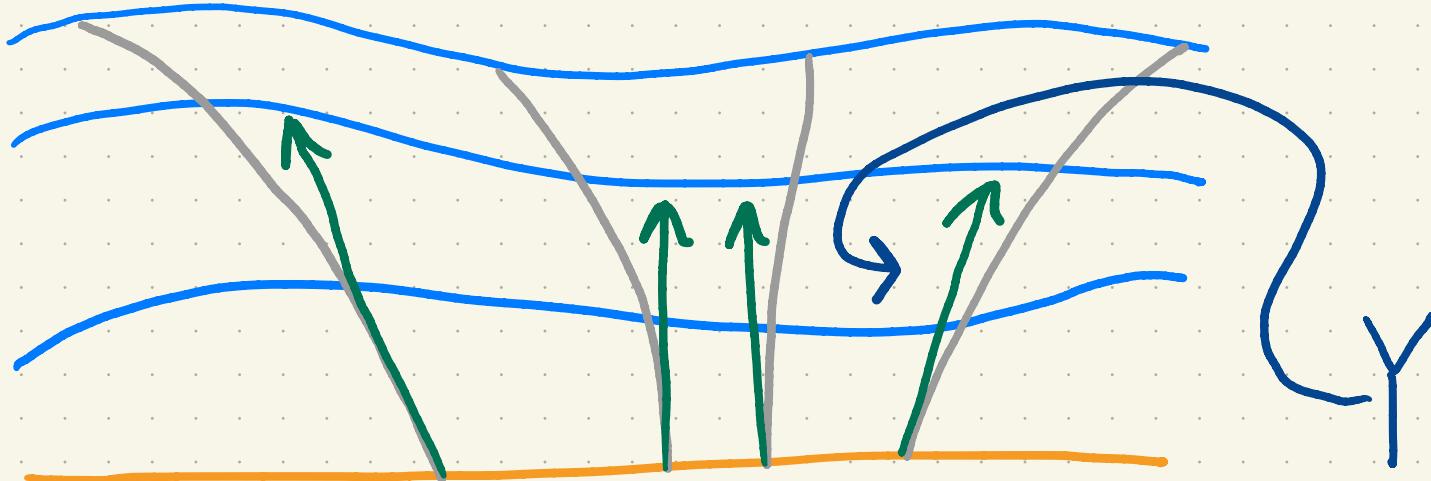
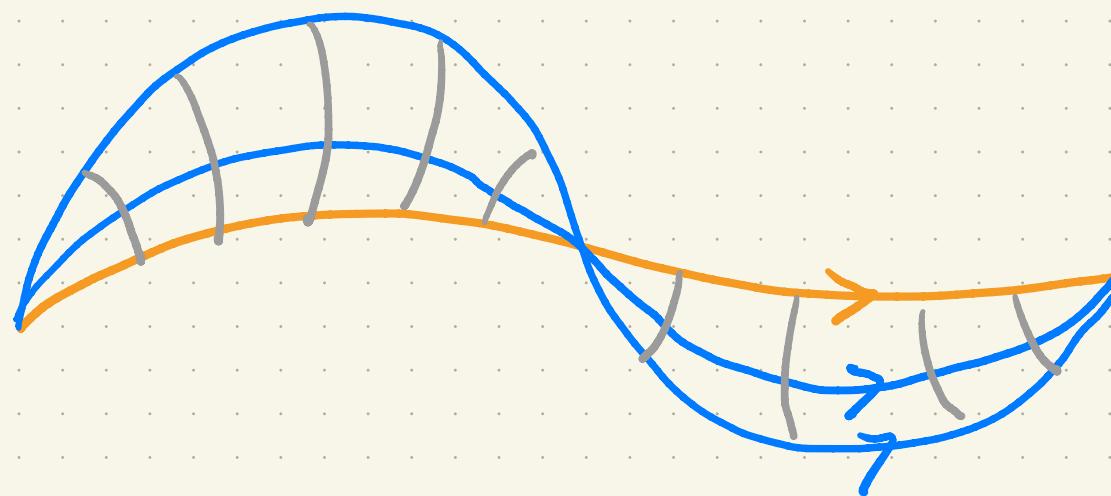
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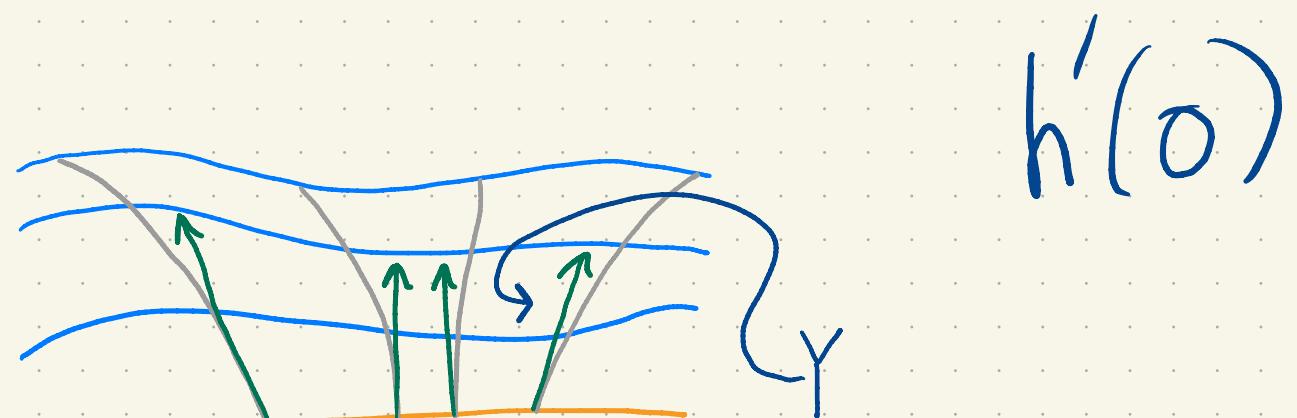
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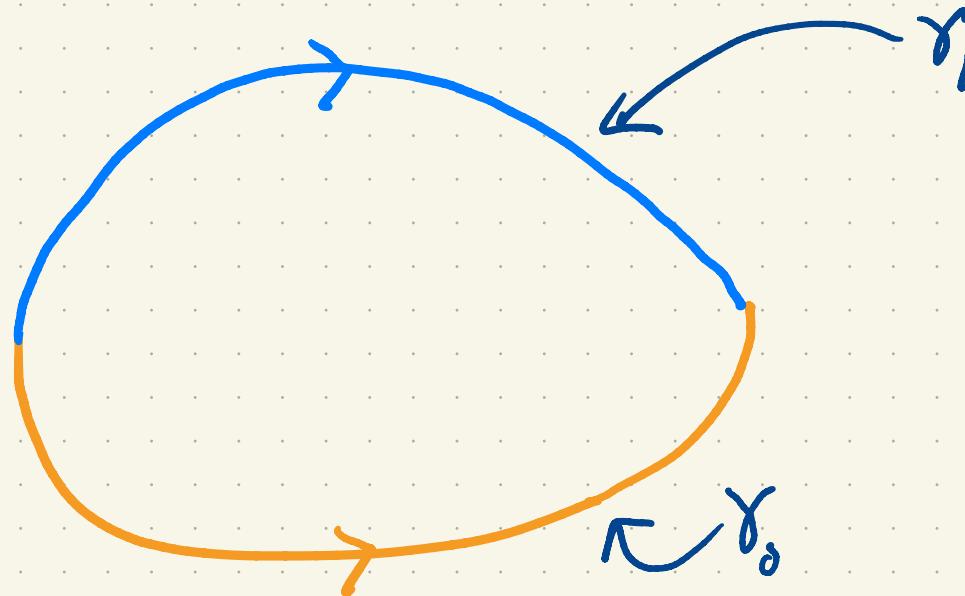
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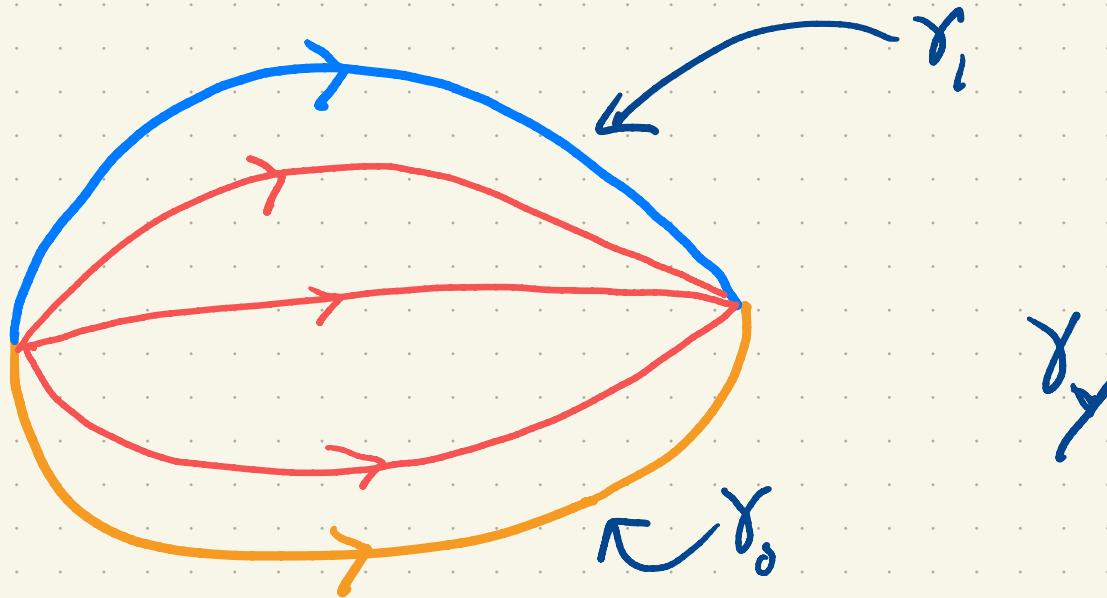


Stokes' Theorem (Preview)



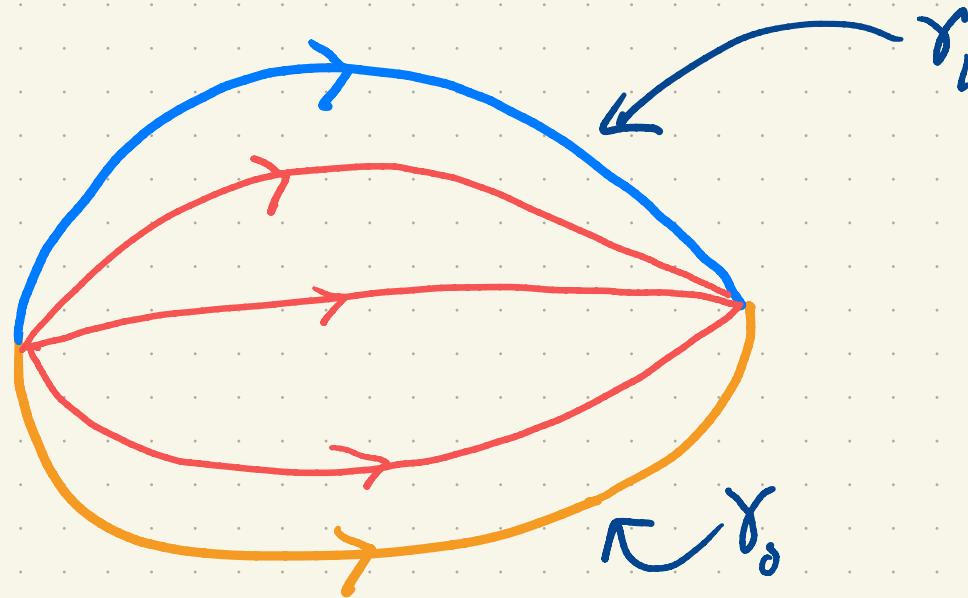
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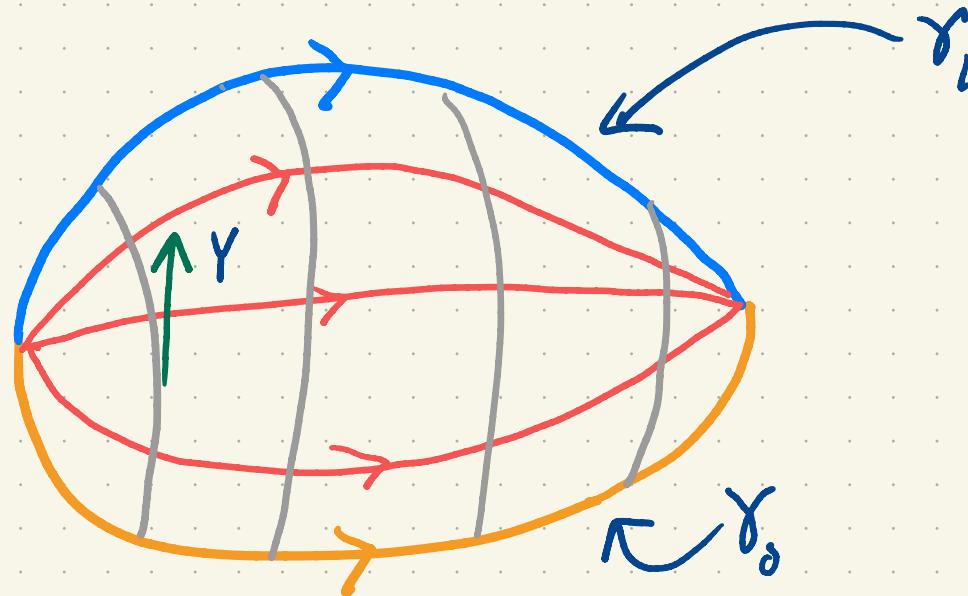
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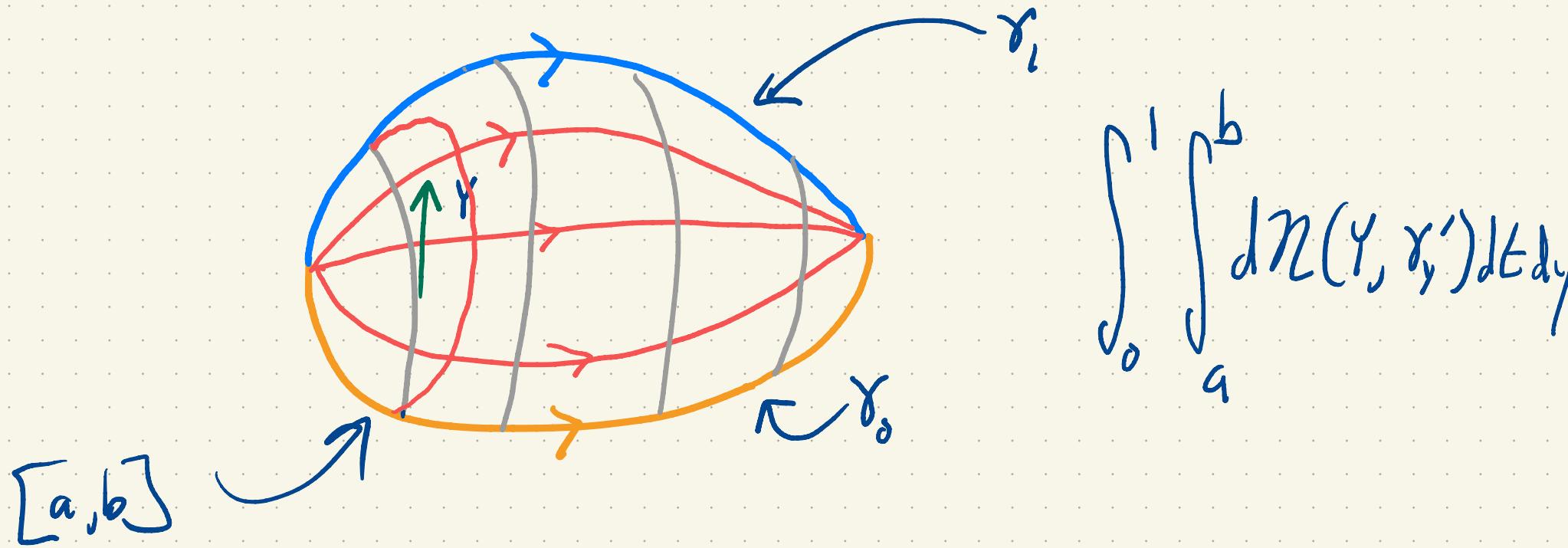
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