

# An Unhelpful Introduction

## to Electricity & Magnetism

### Part II: Symmetry Dragging

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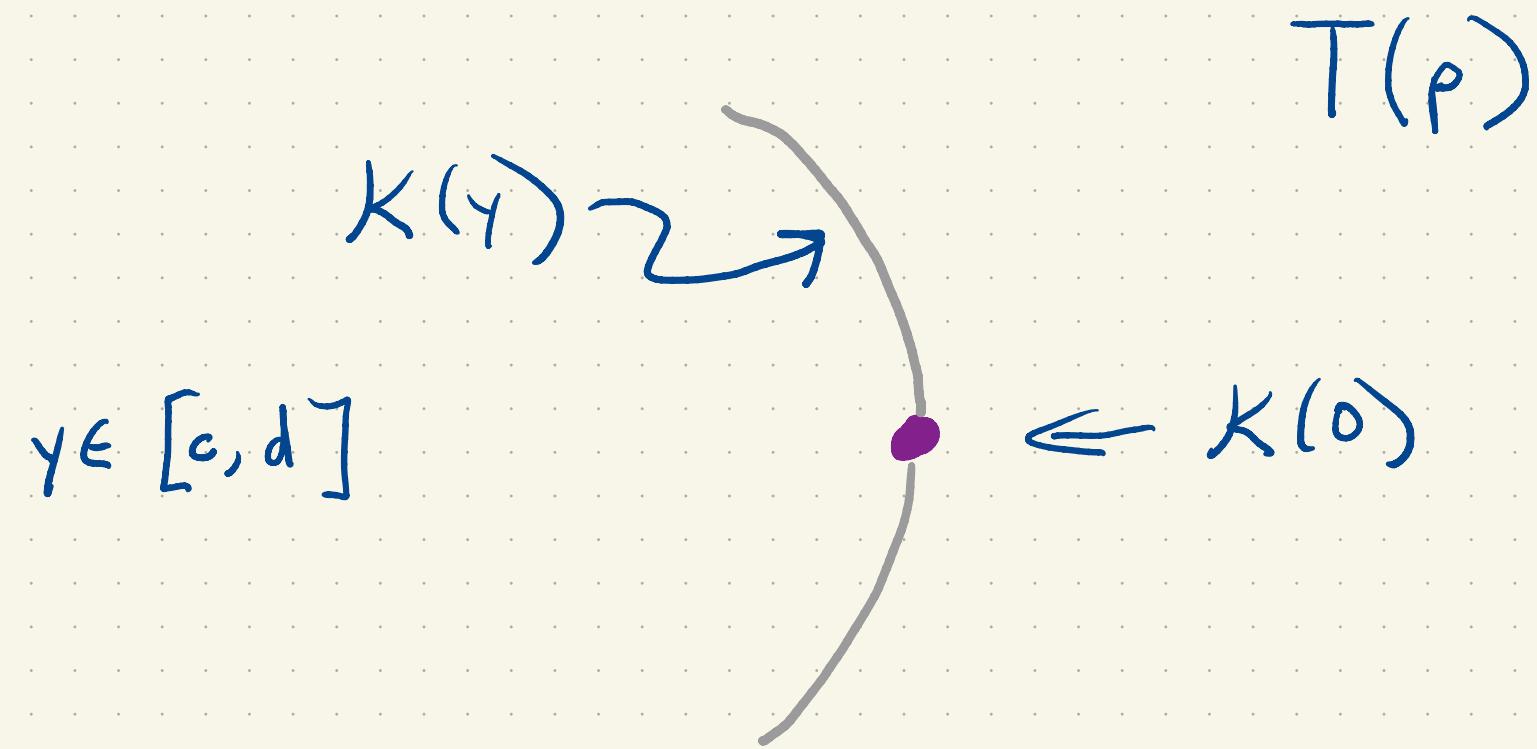
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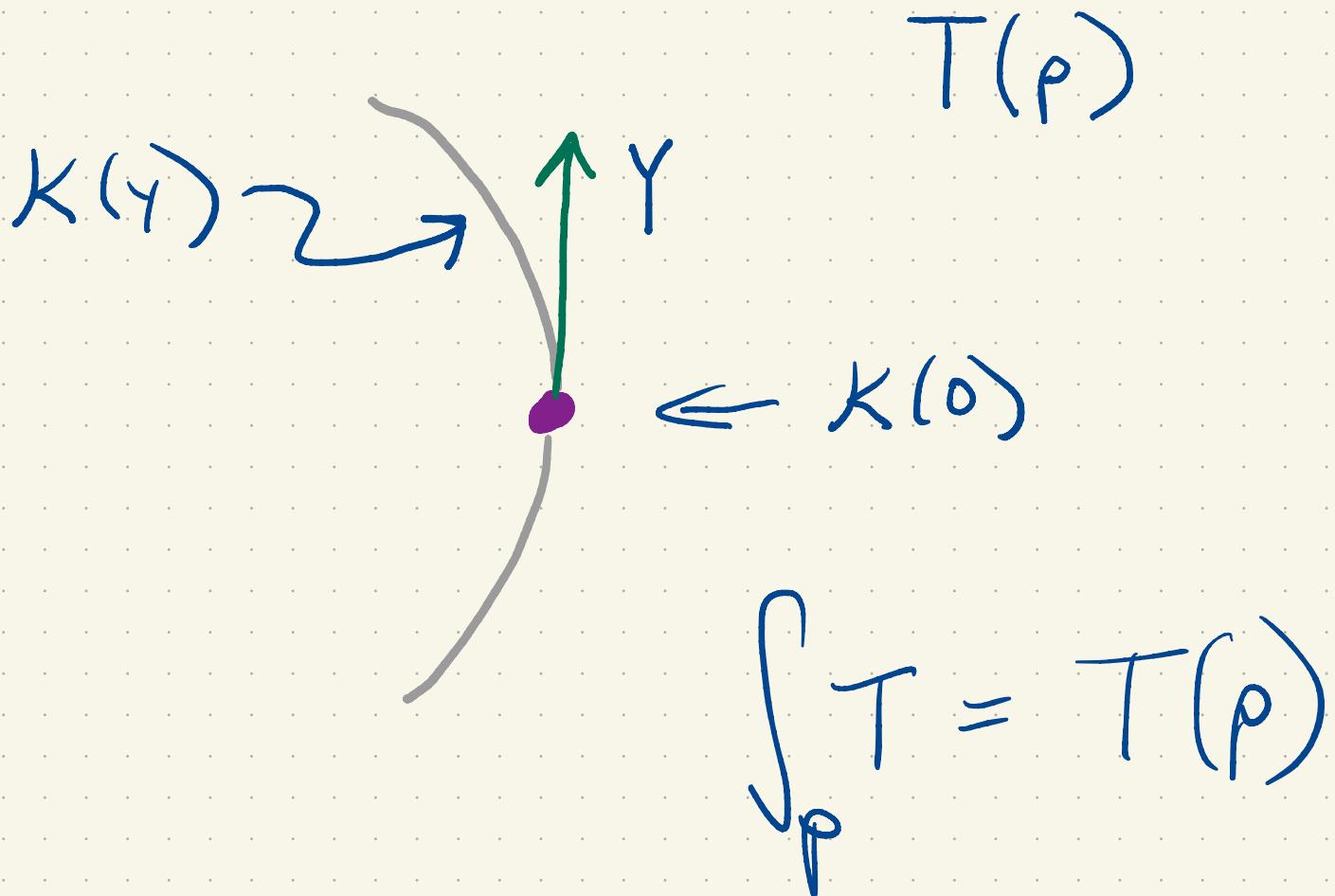
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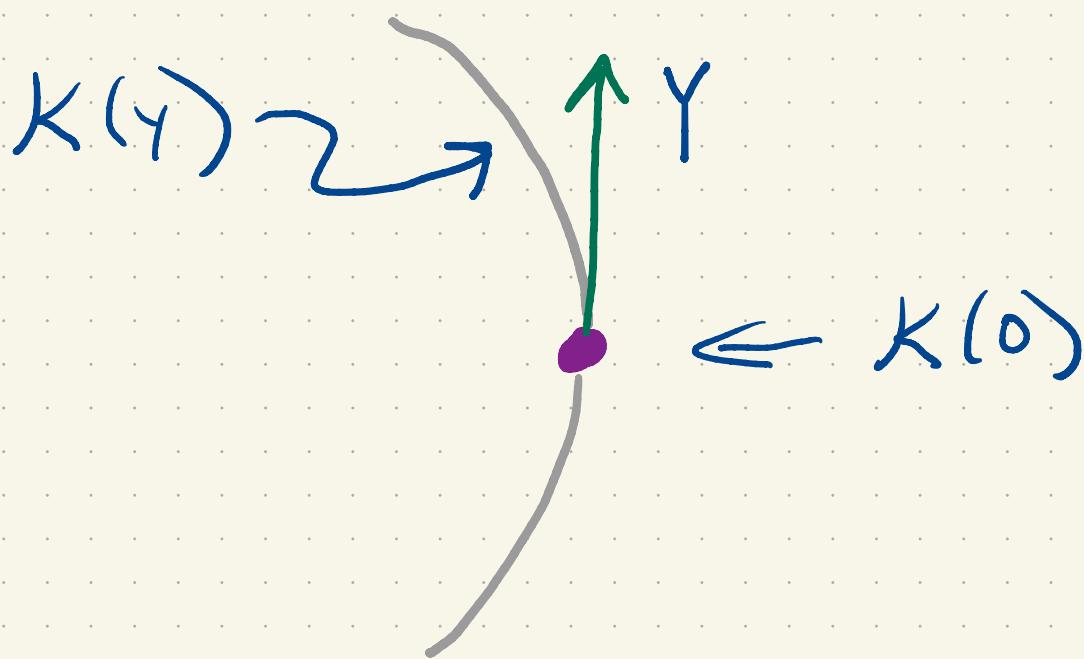
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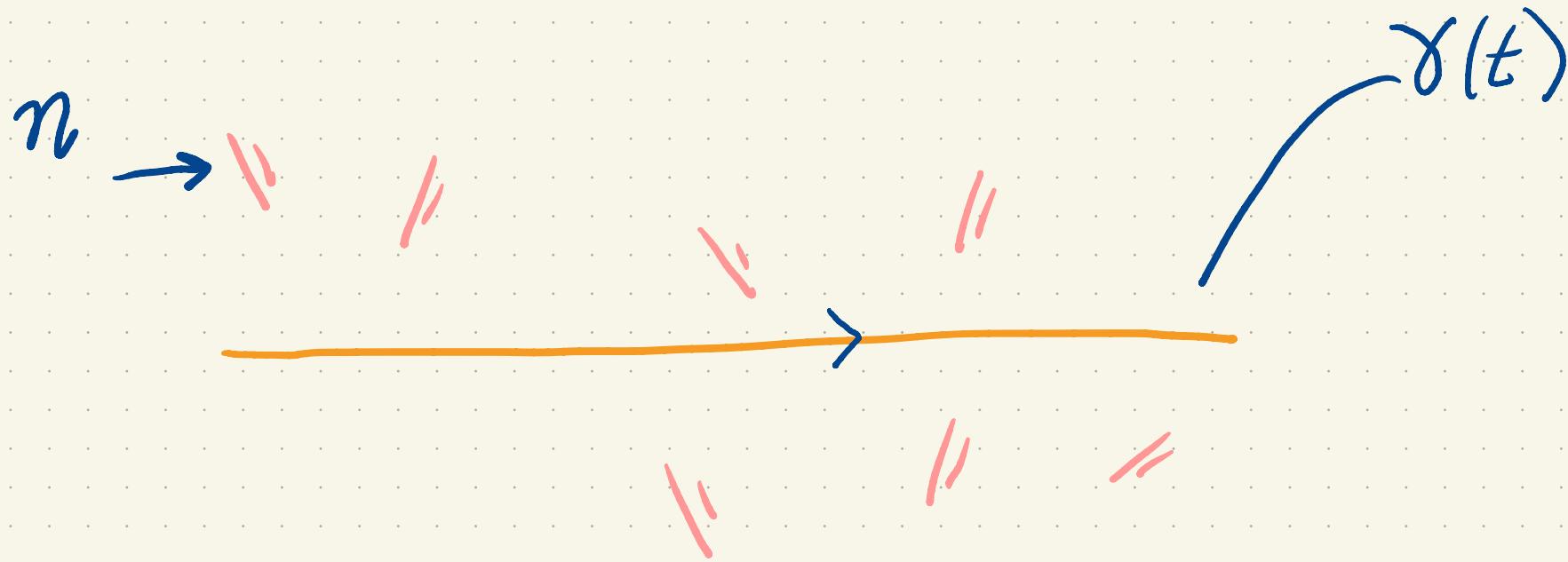


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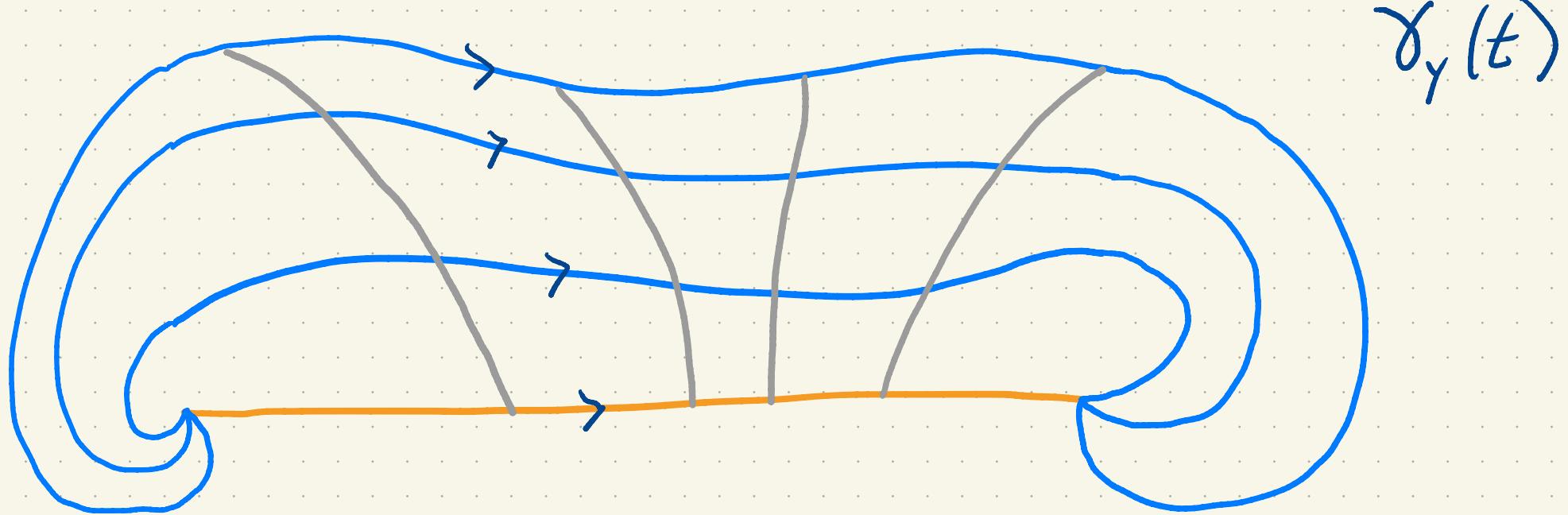


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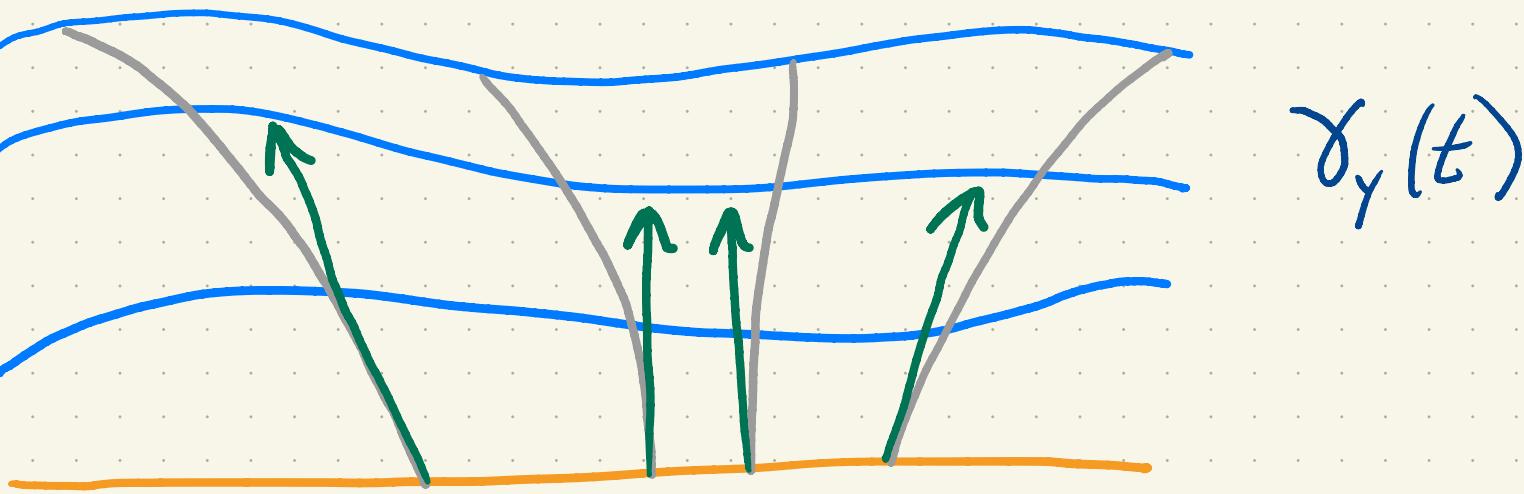


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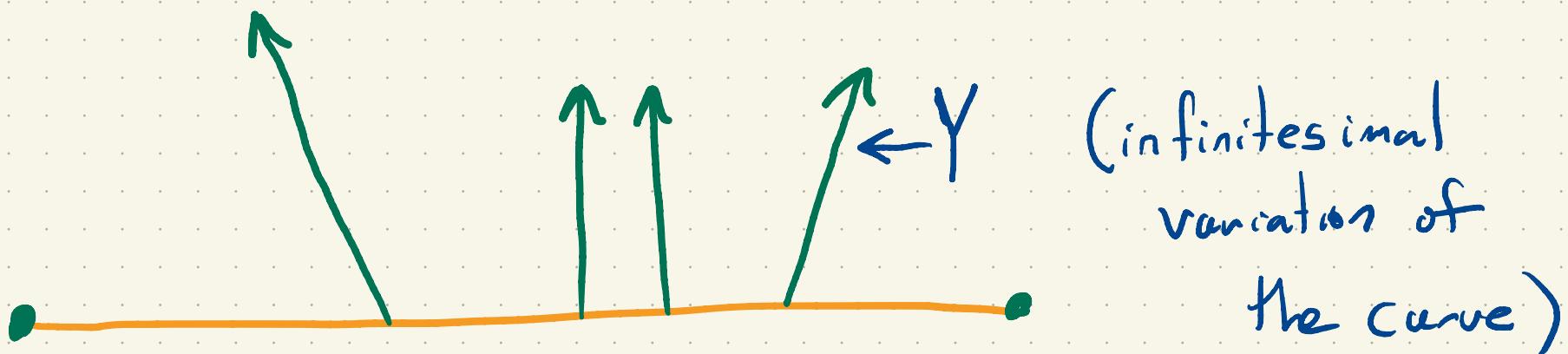


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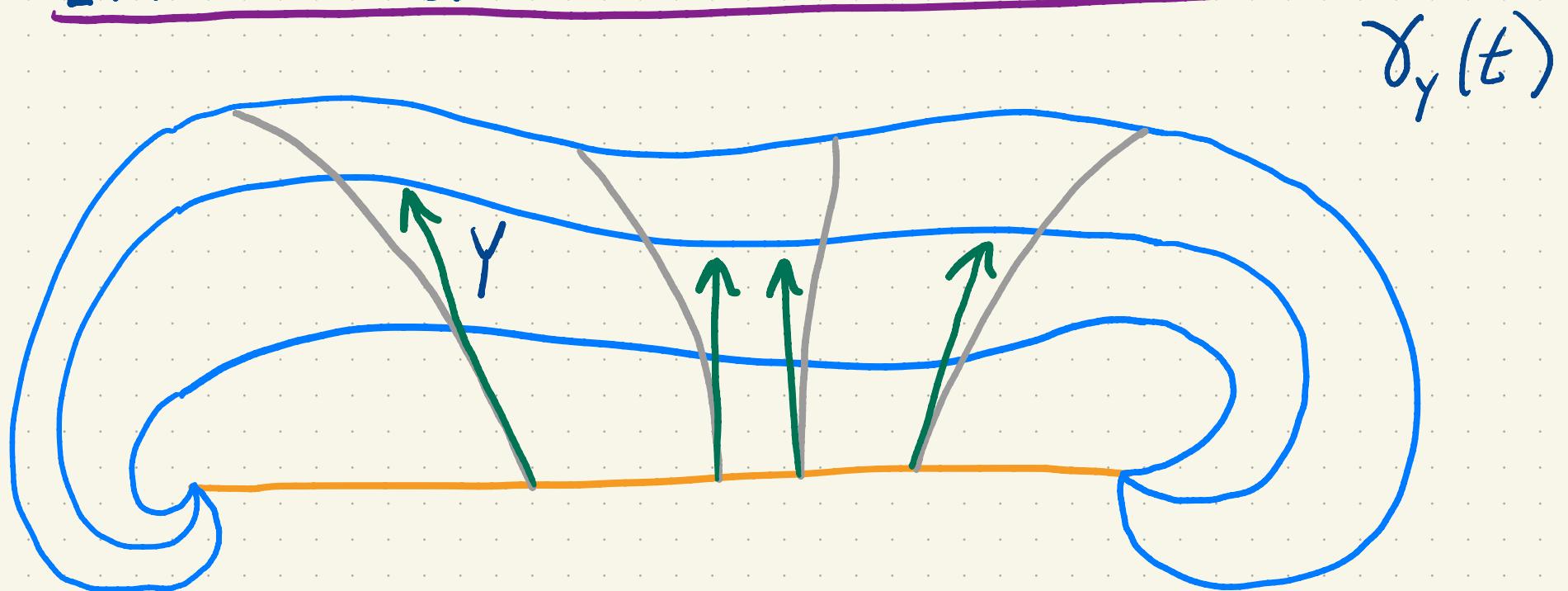
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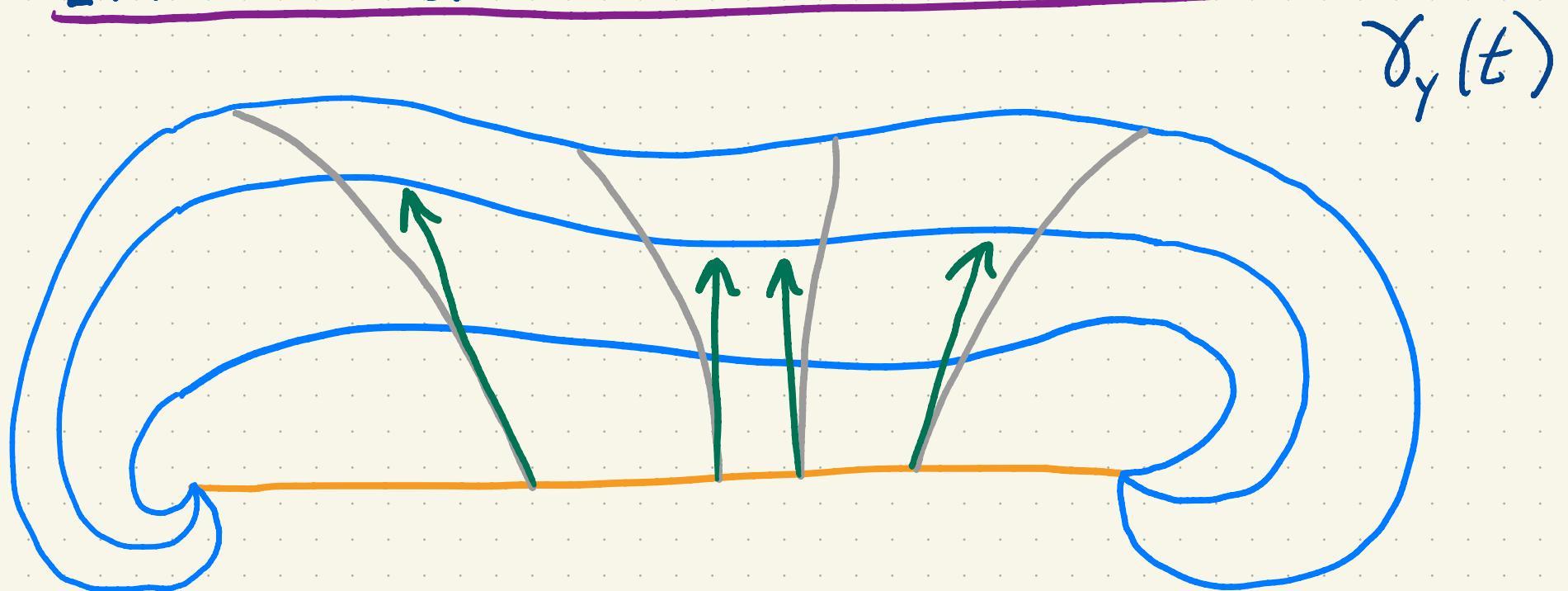
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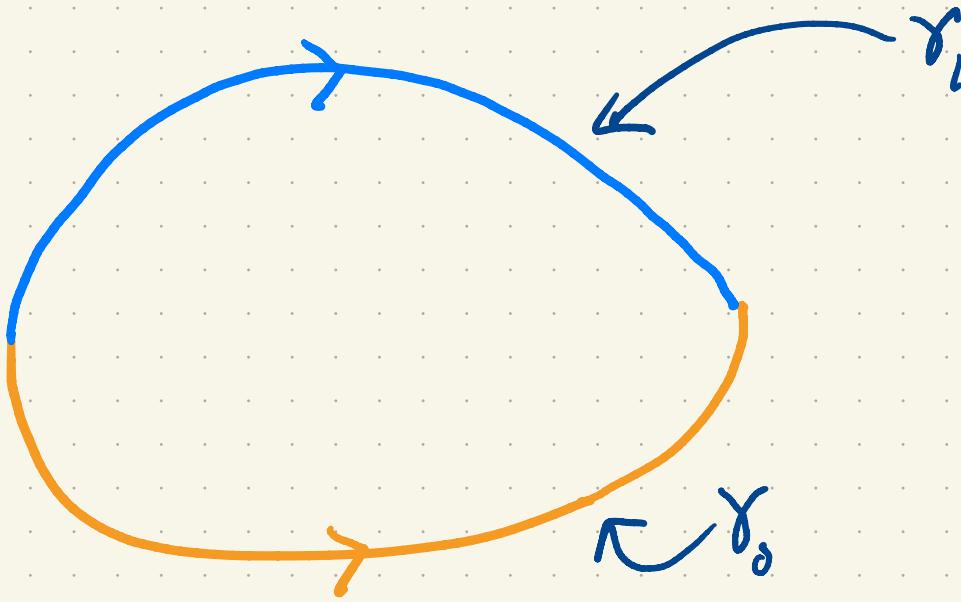
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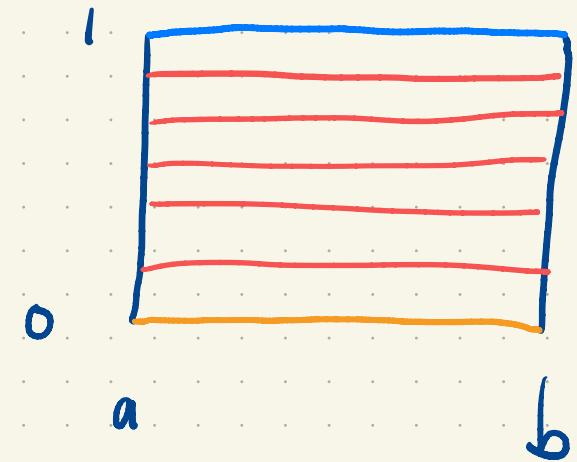
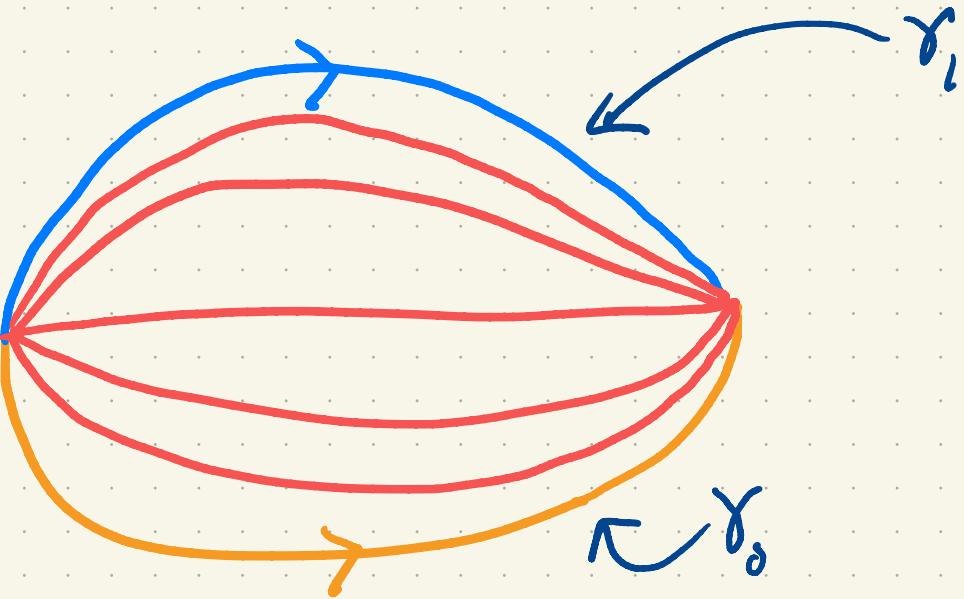
- If you make the infinitesimal variation  $Y$  of  $\gamma$ , how does  $\int_{\gamma} n$  change?

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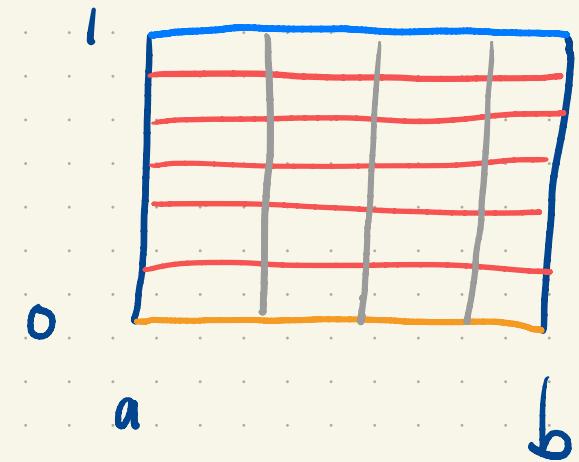
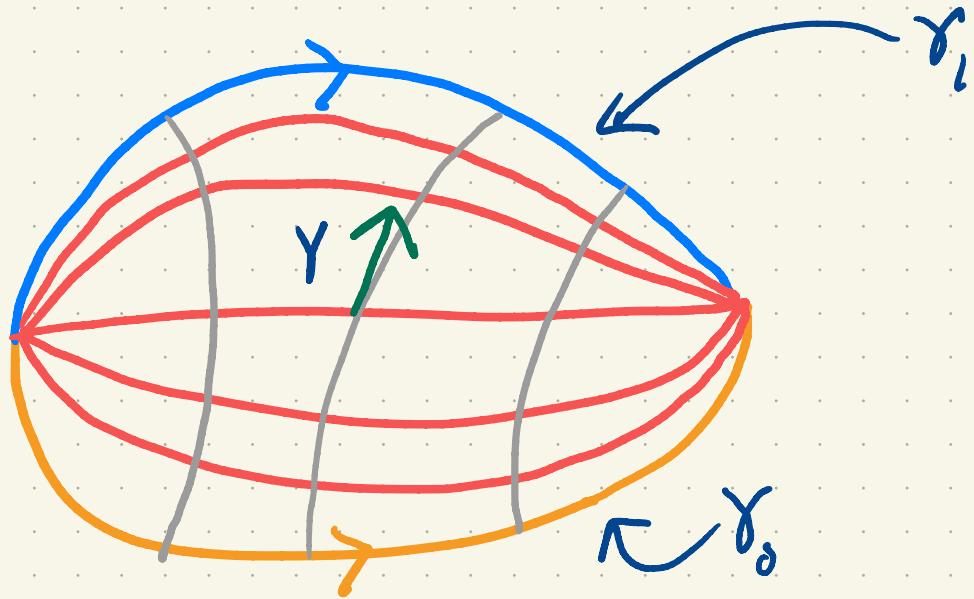
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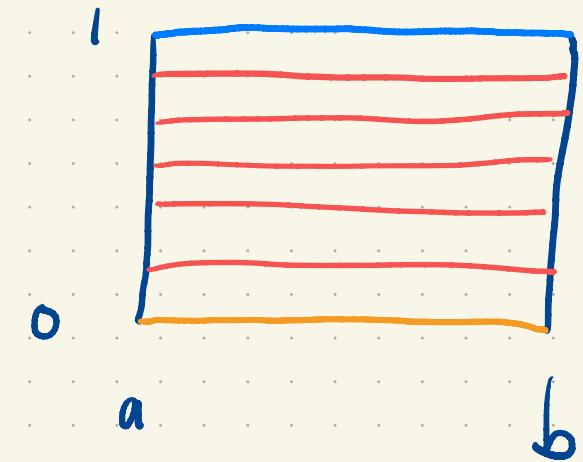
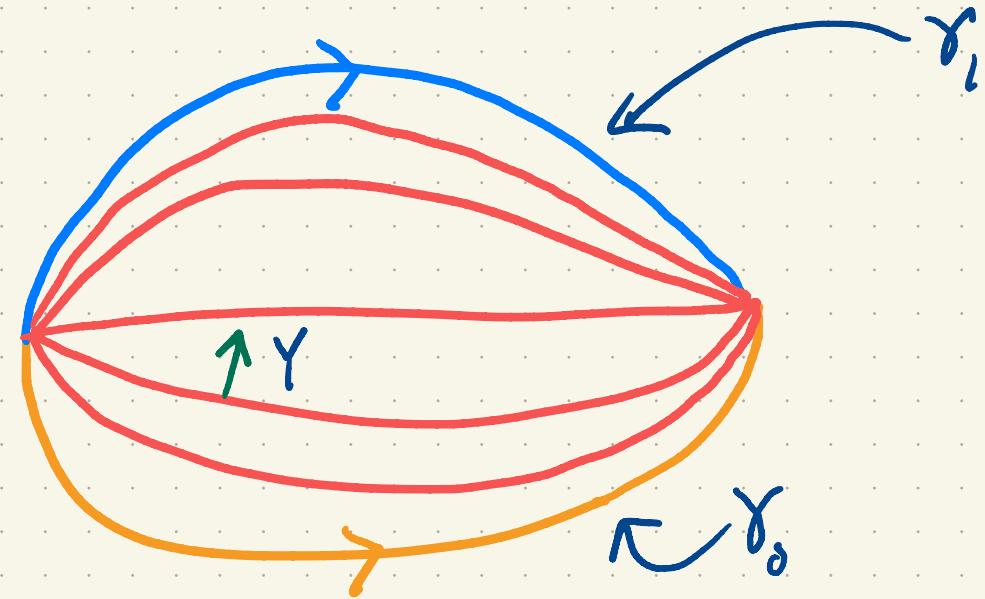
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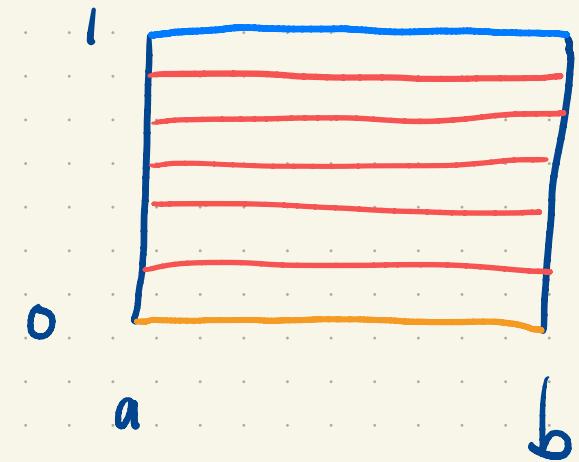
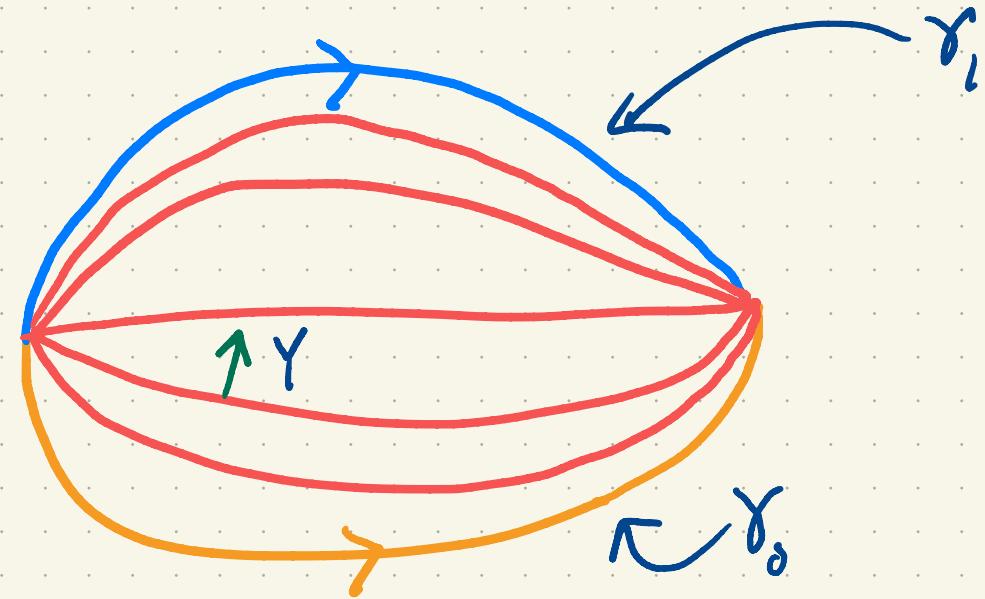
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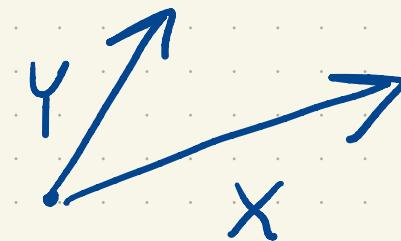
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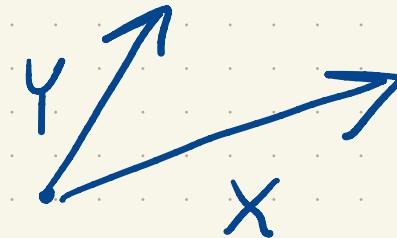
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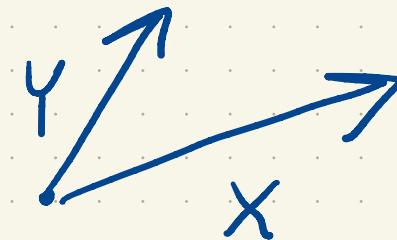
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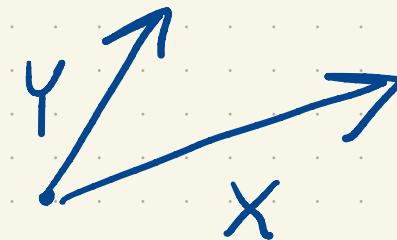
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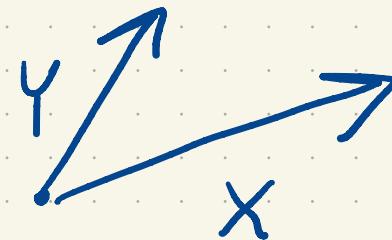


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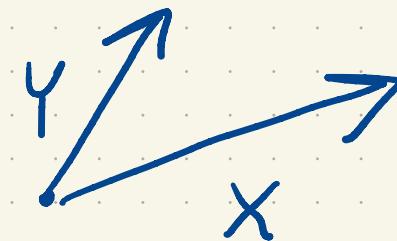


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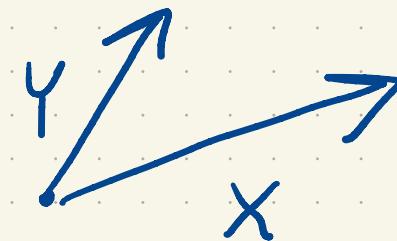
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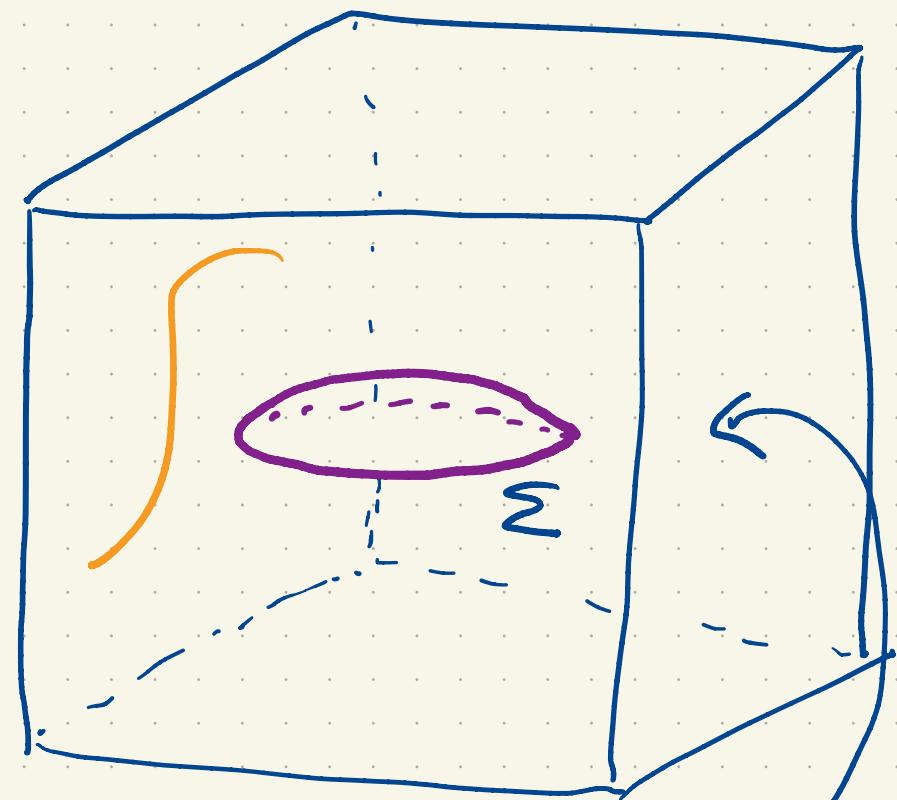
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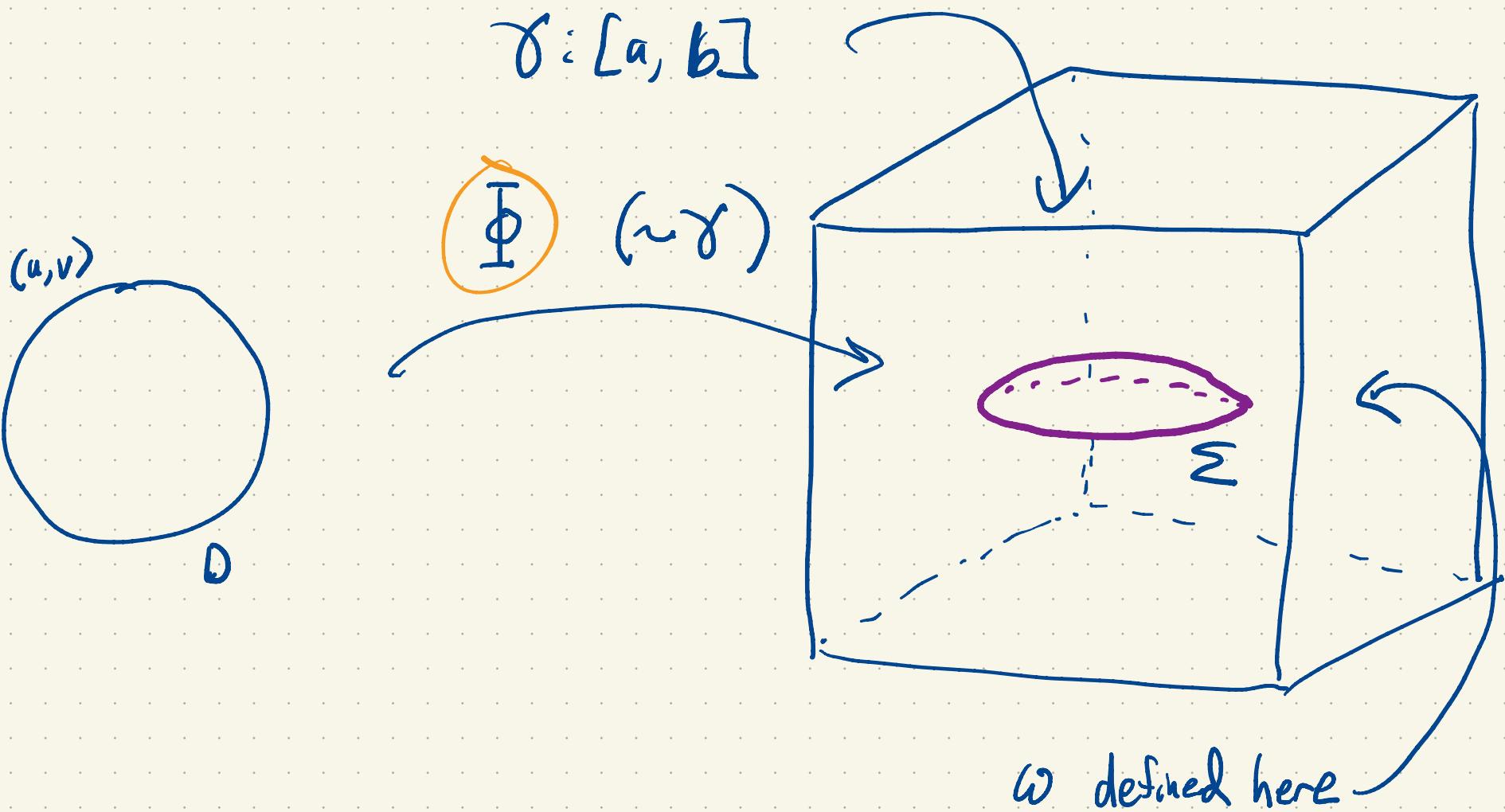
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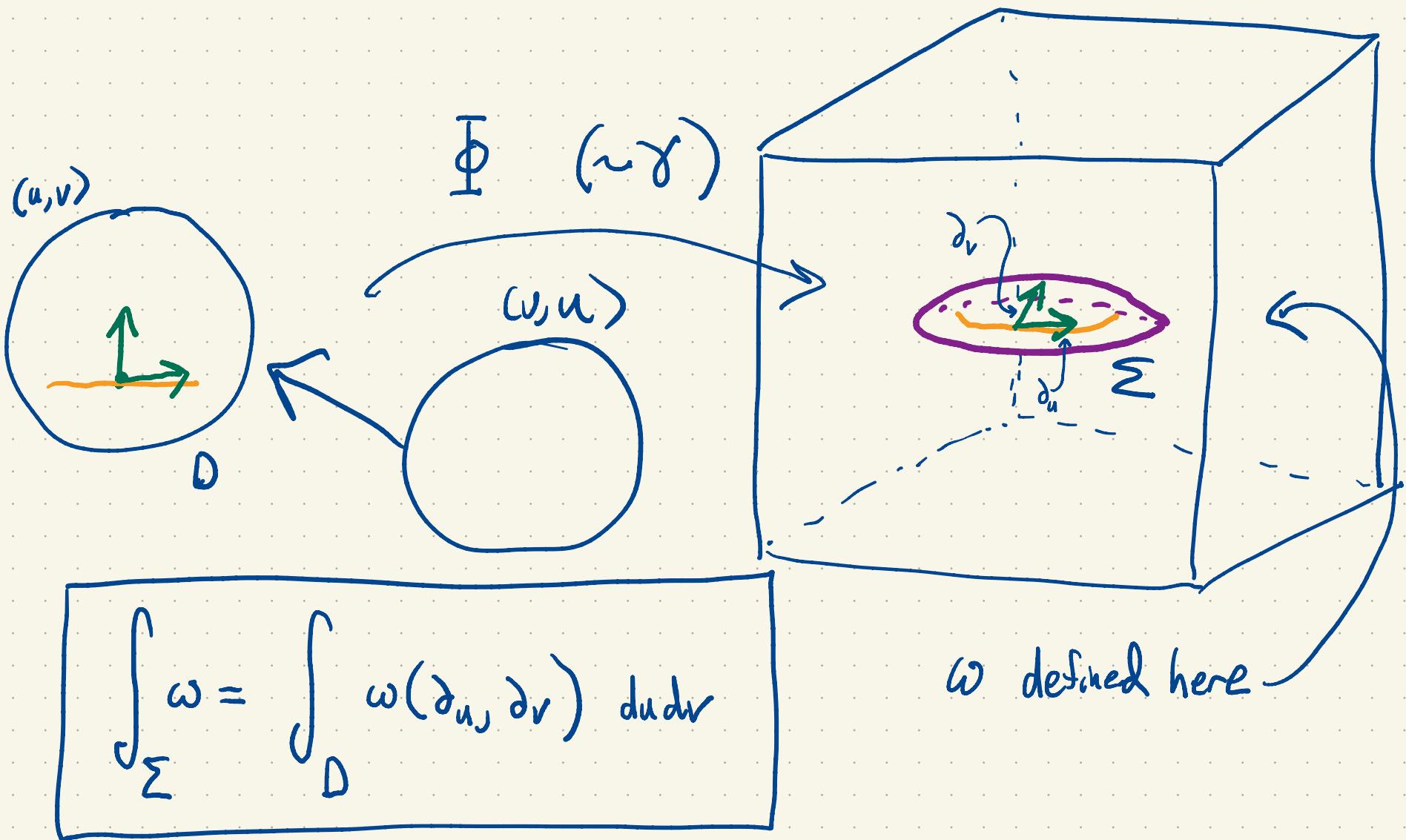


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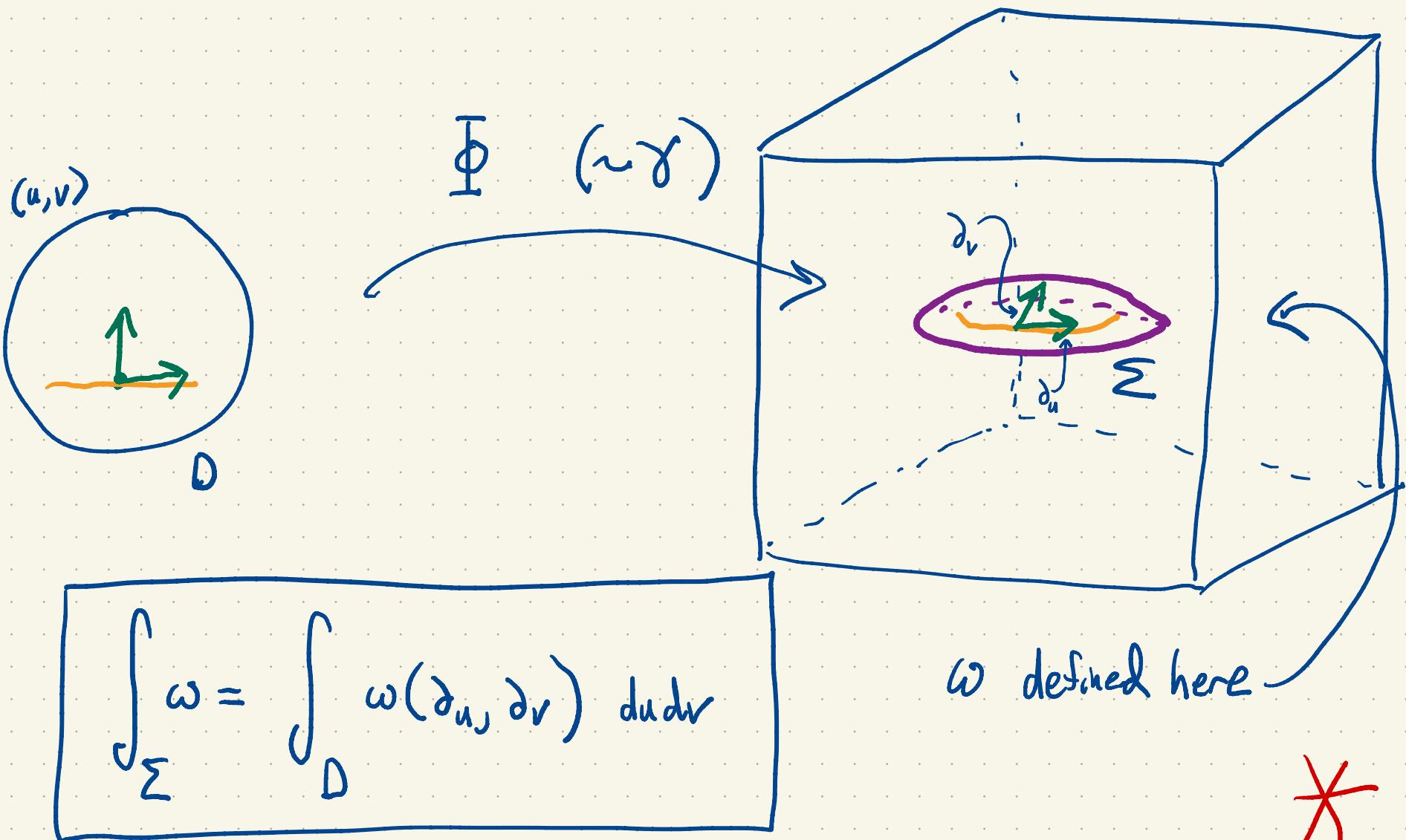
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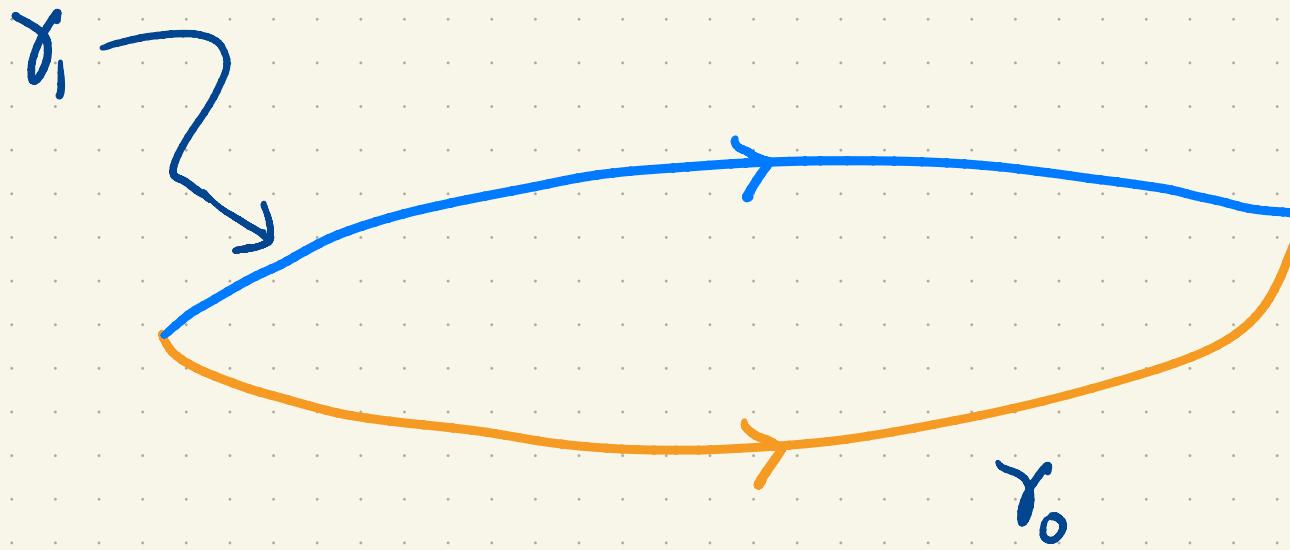
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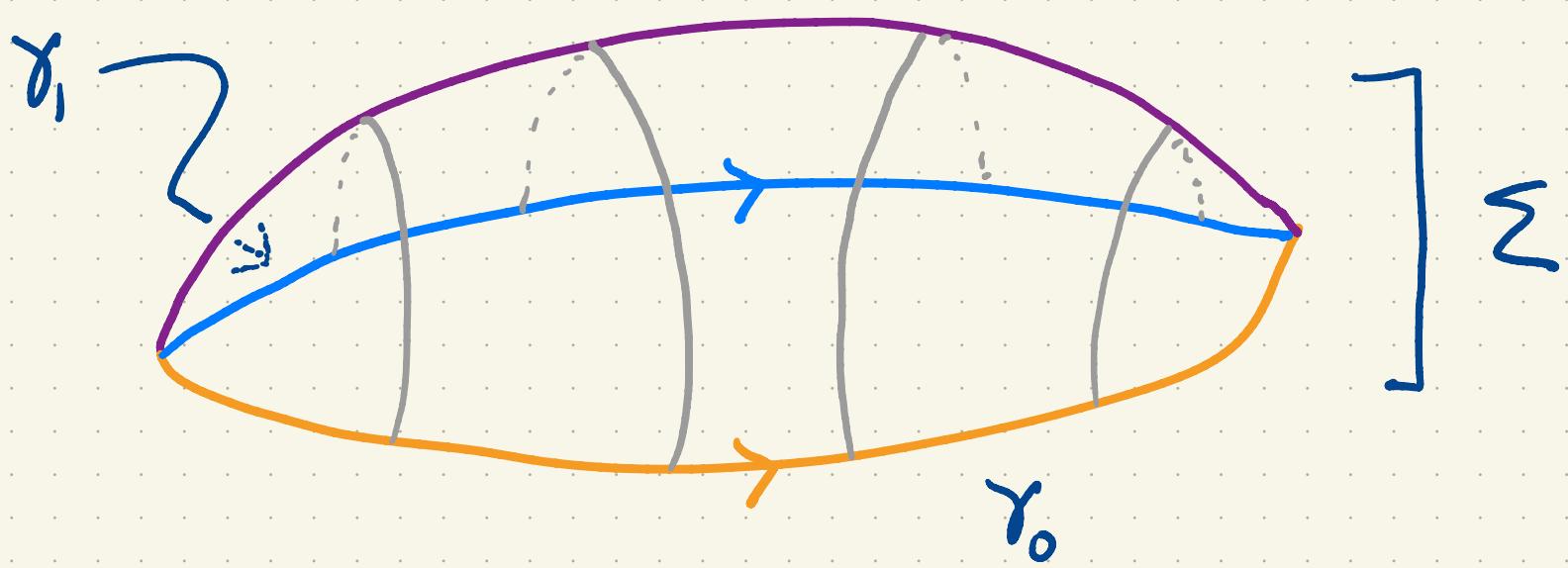


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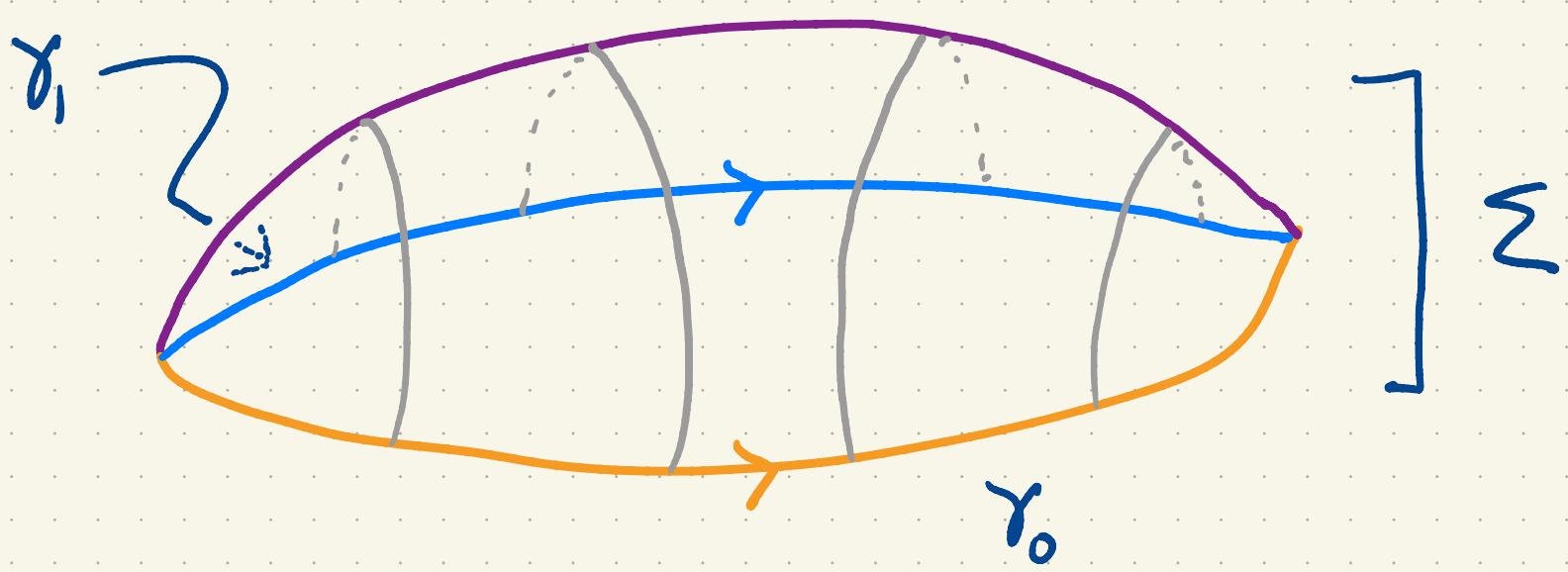


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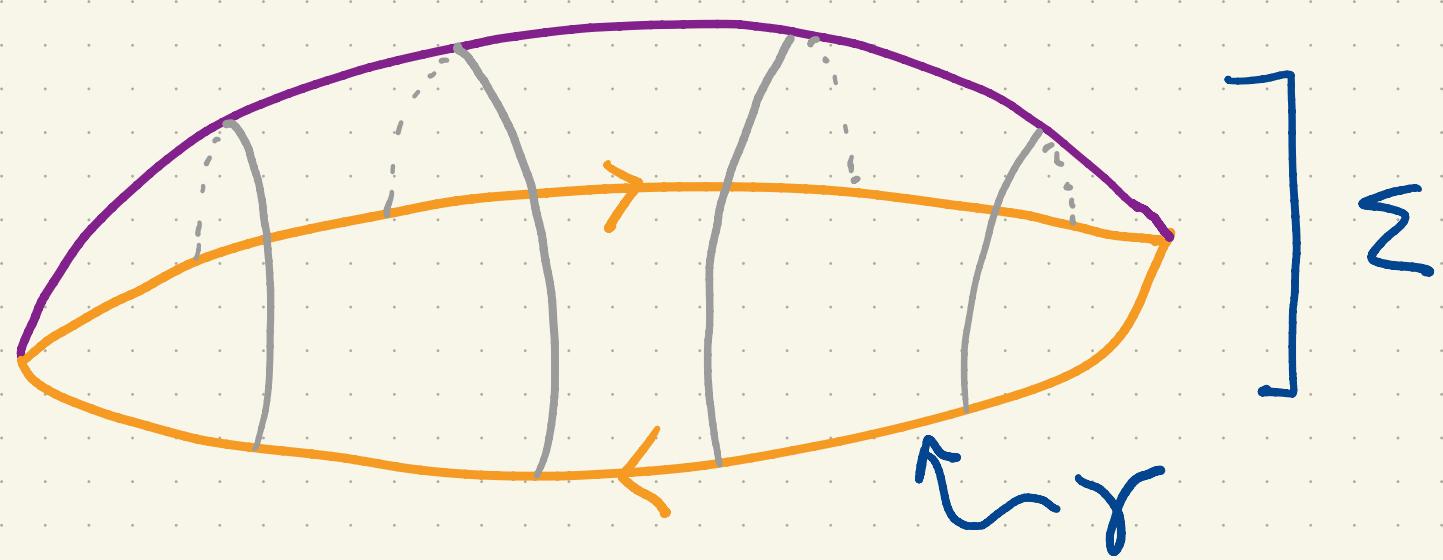


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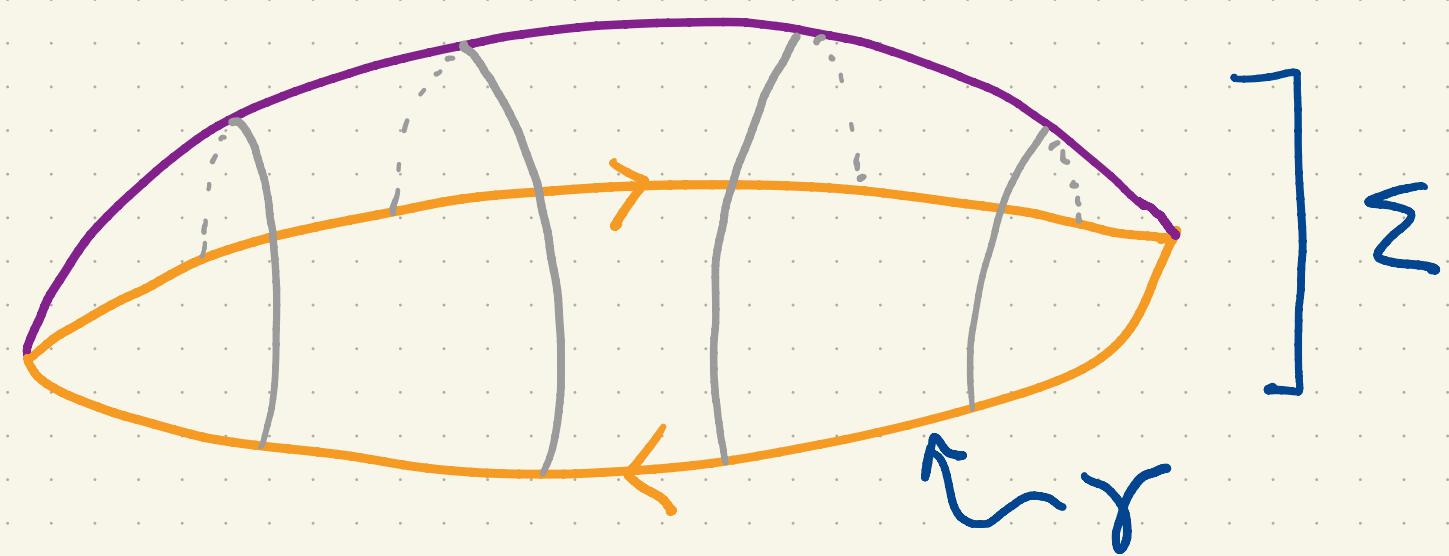
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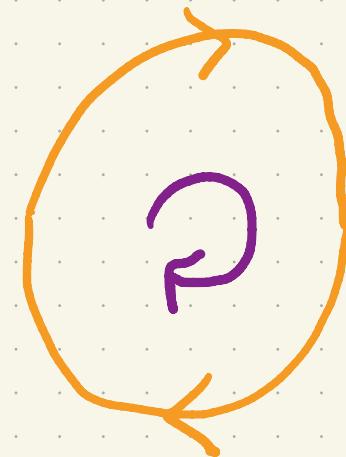


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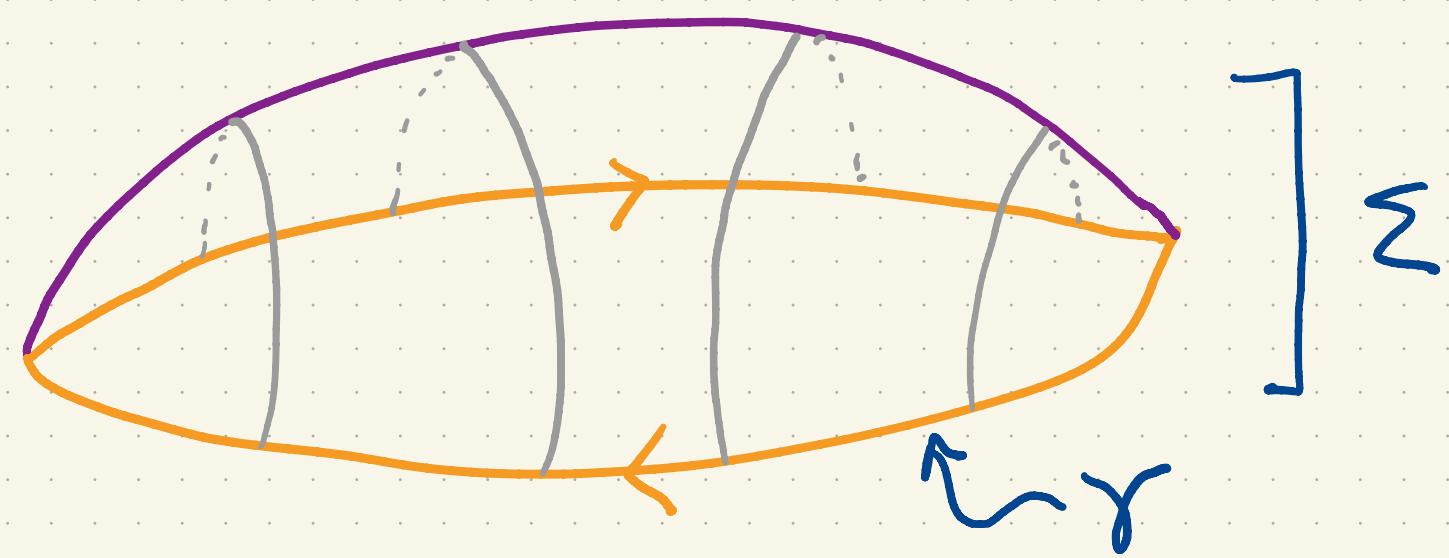
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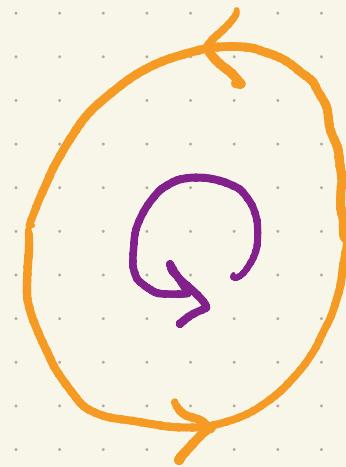
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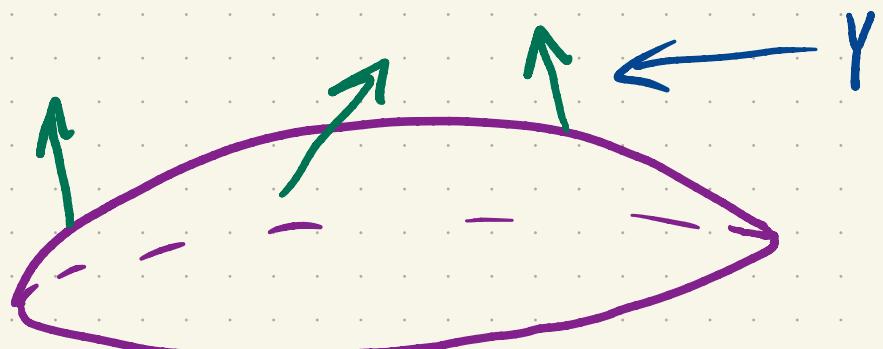
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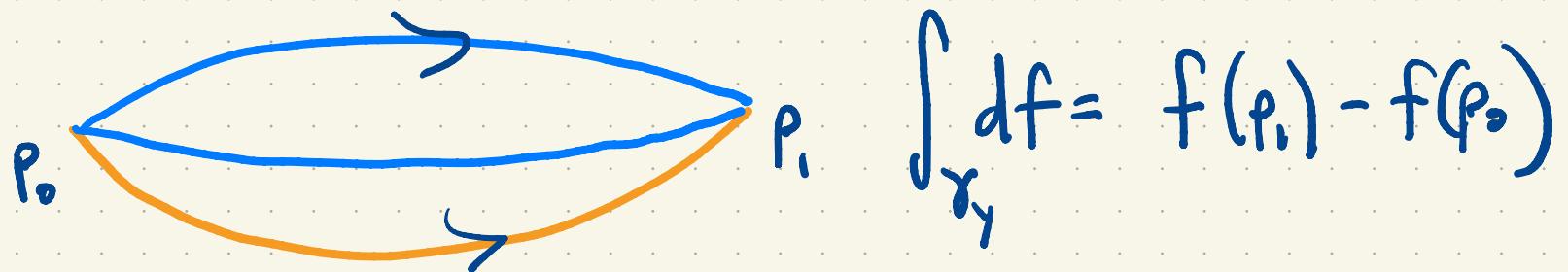
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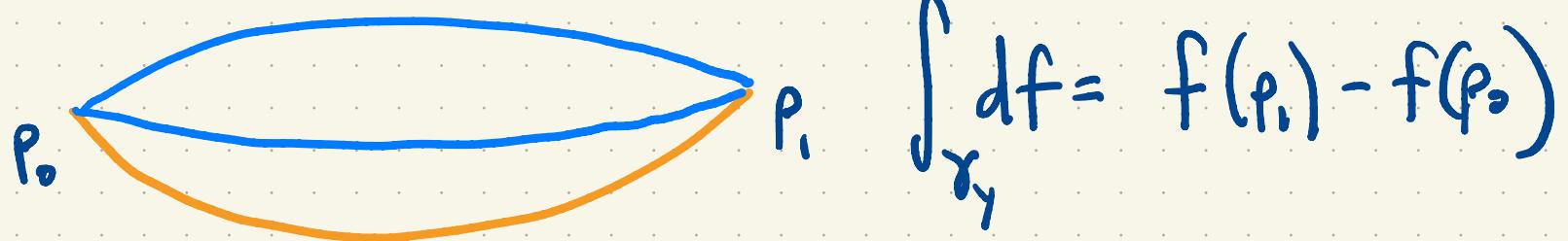
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- $d(\phi dt - A_x dx - A_y dy - A_z dz)$

$$\left[ \phi = \phi(t, x, y, z), \text{ etc} \right]$$

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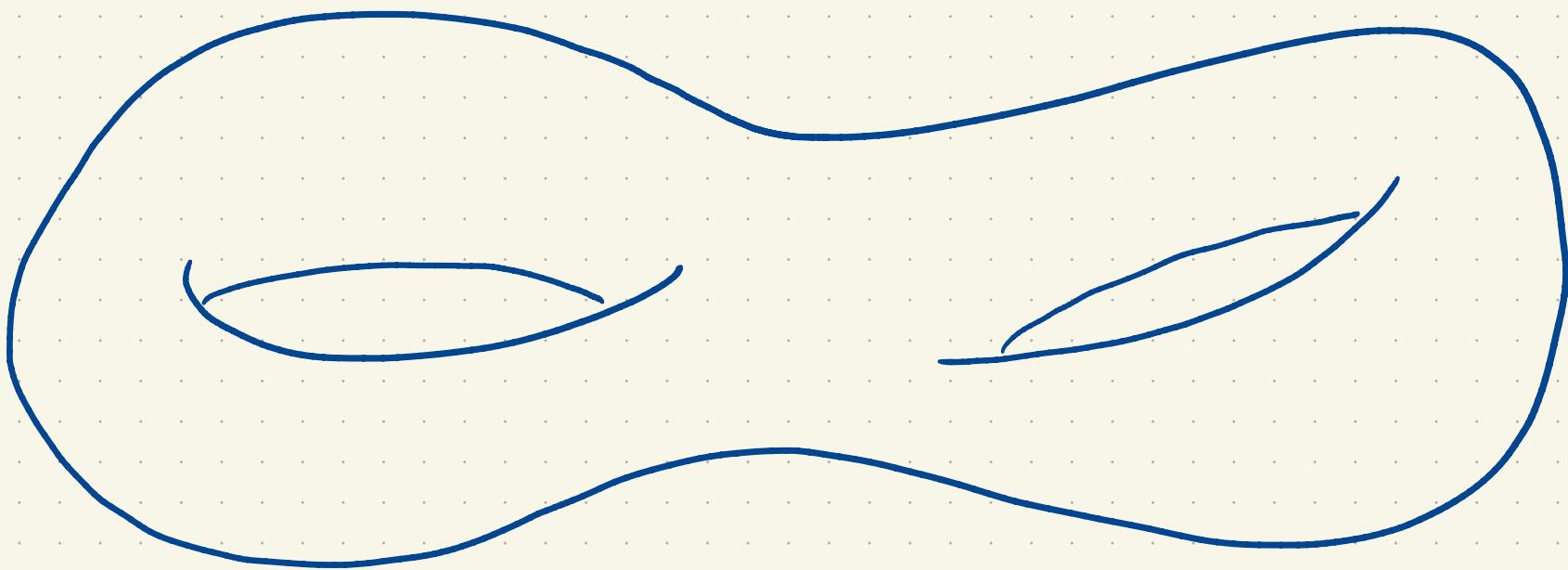
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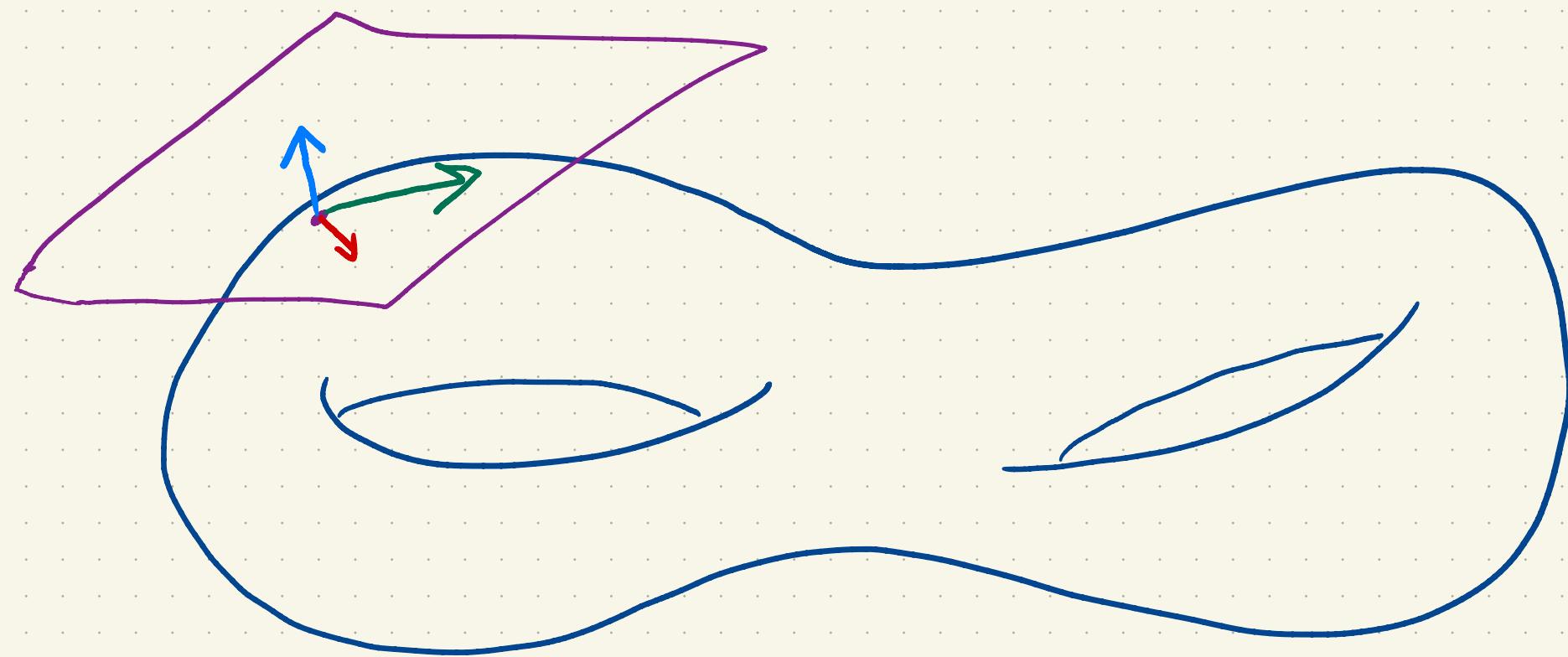
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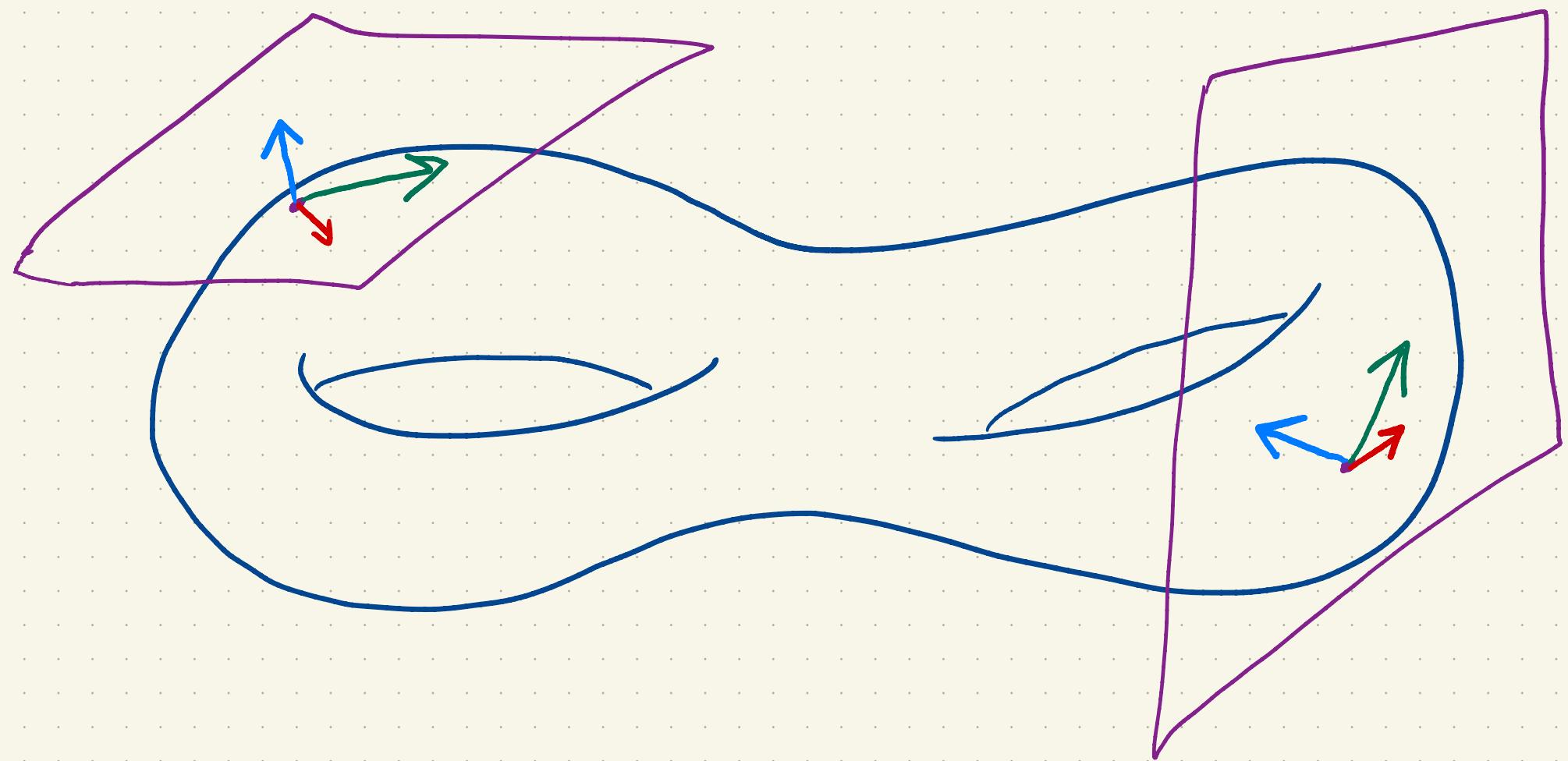
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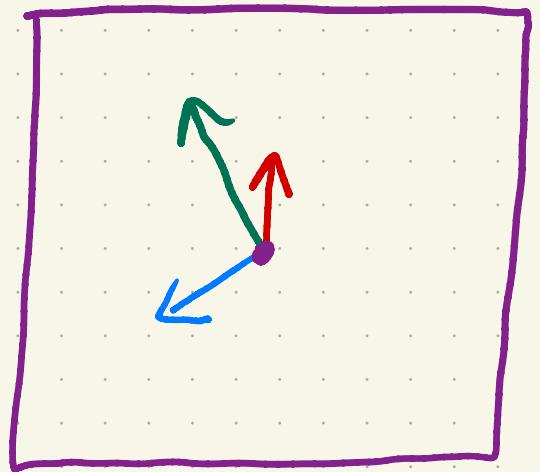
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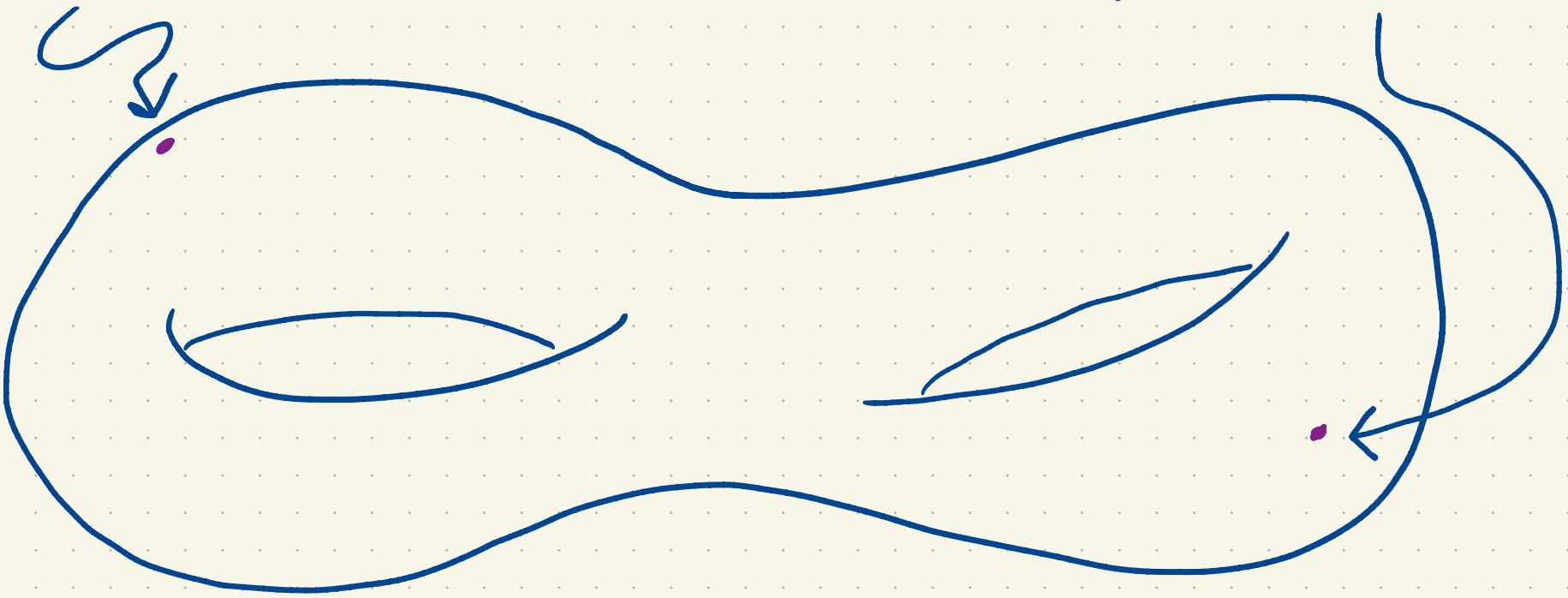
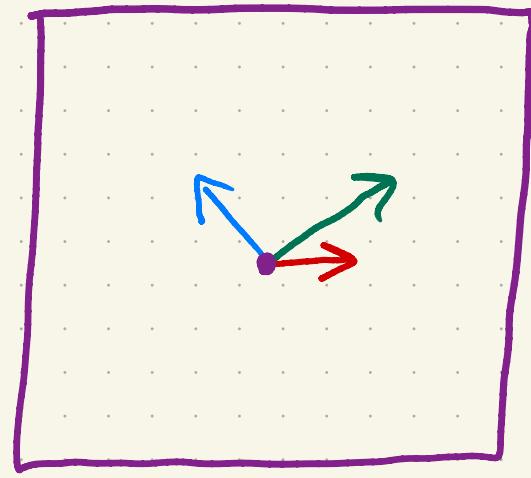
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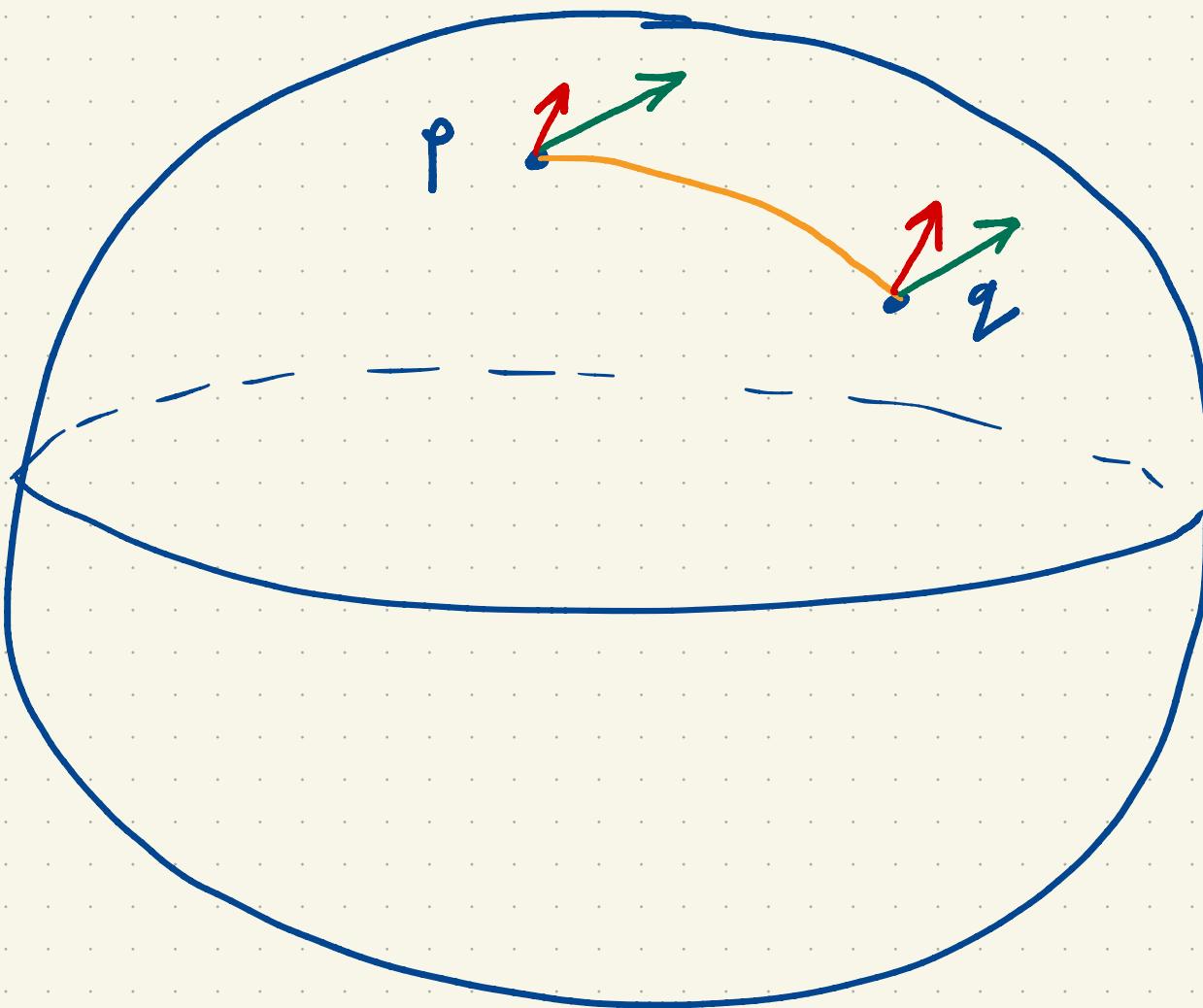
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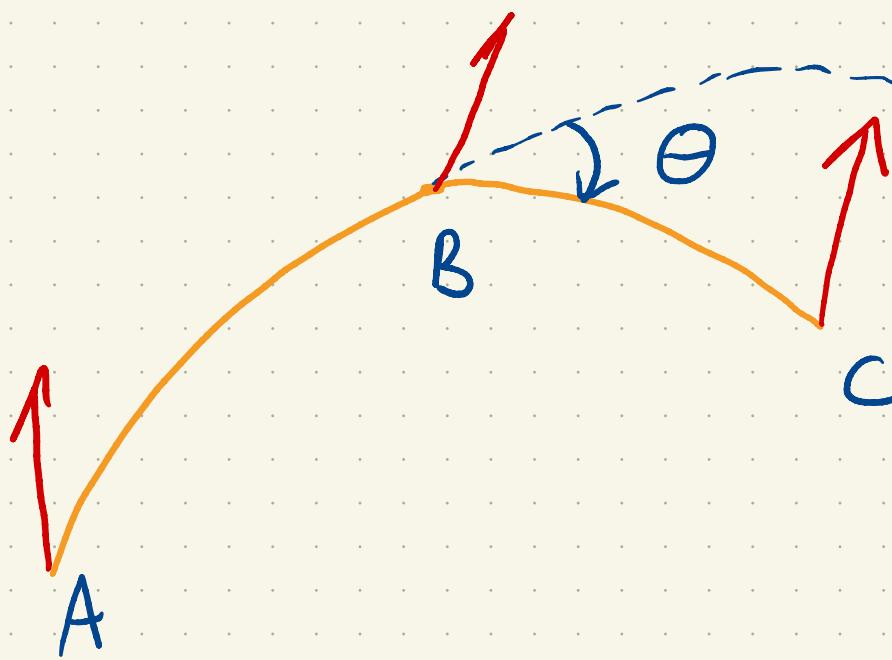
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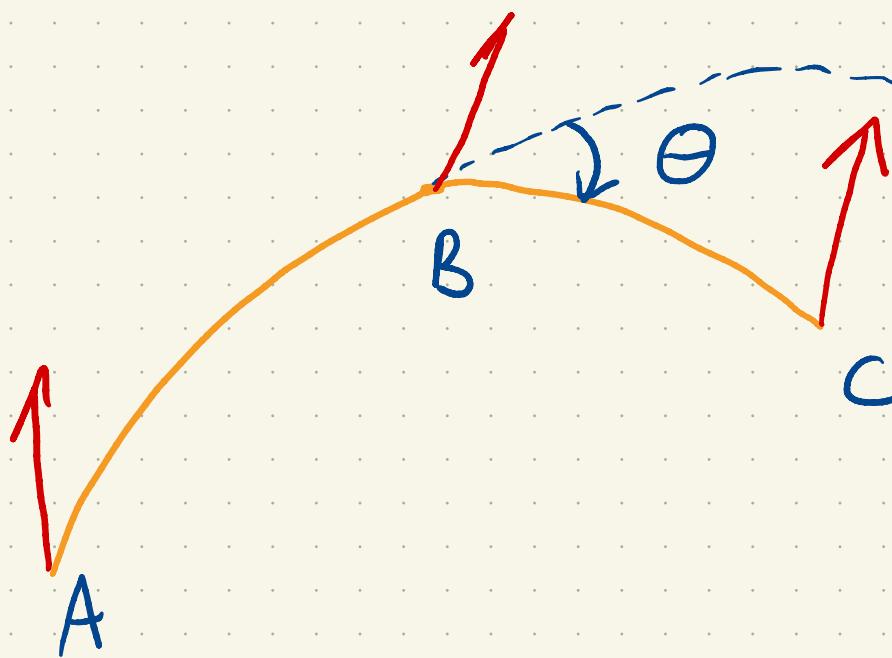
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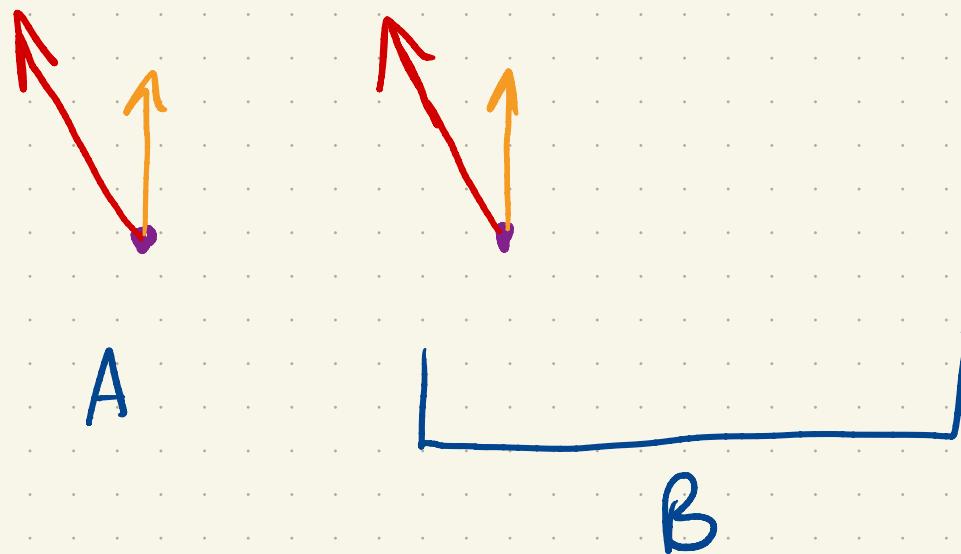
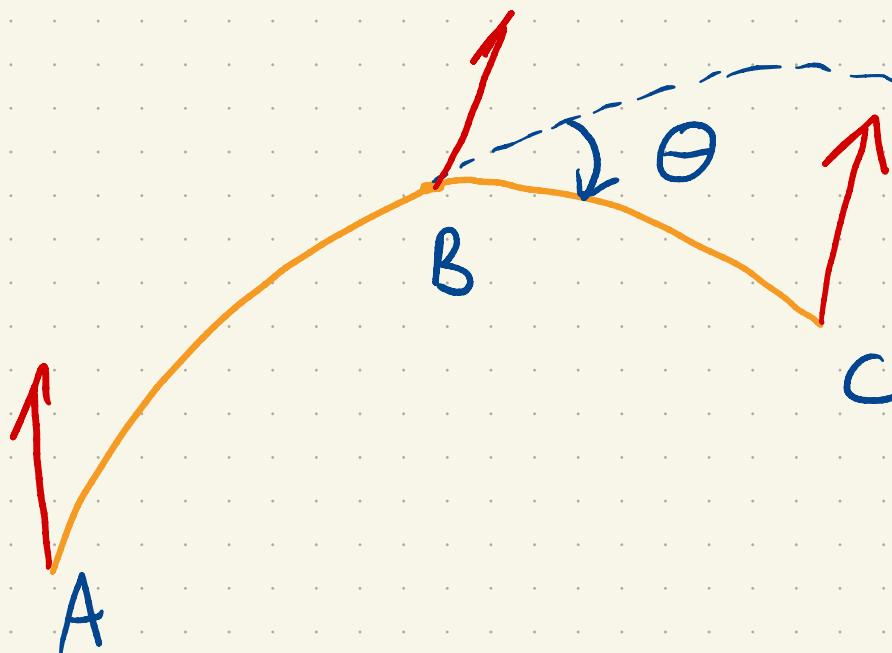


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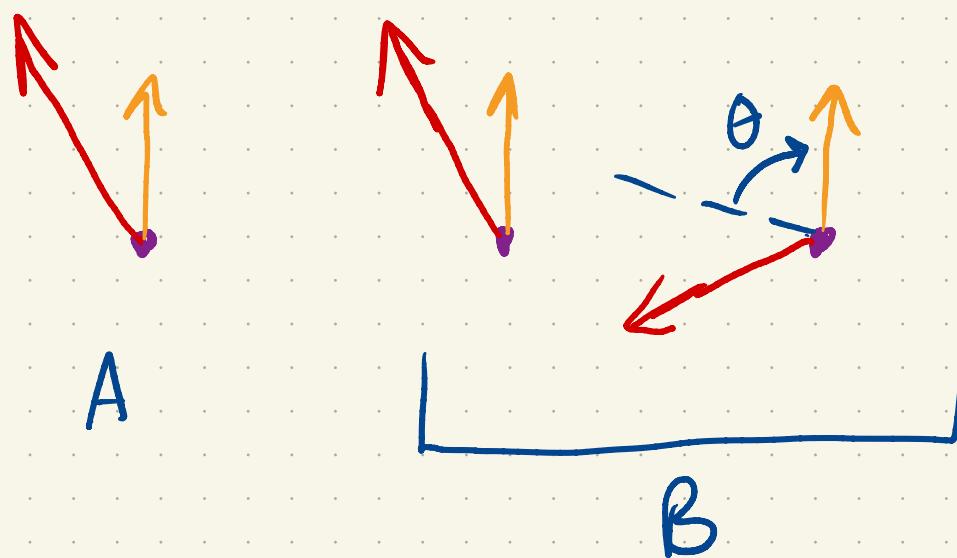
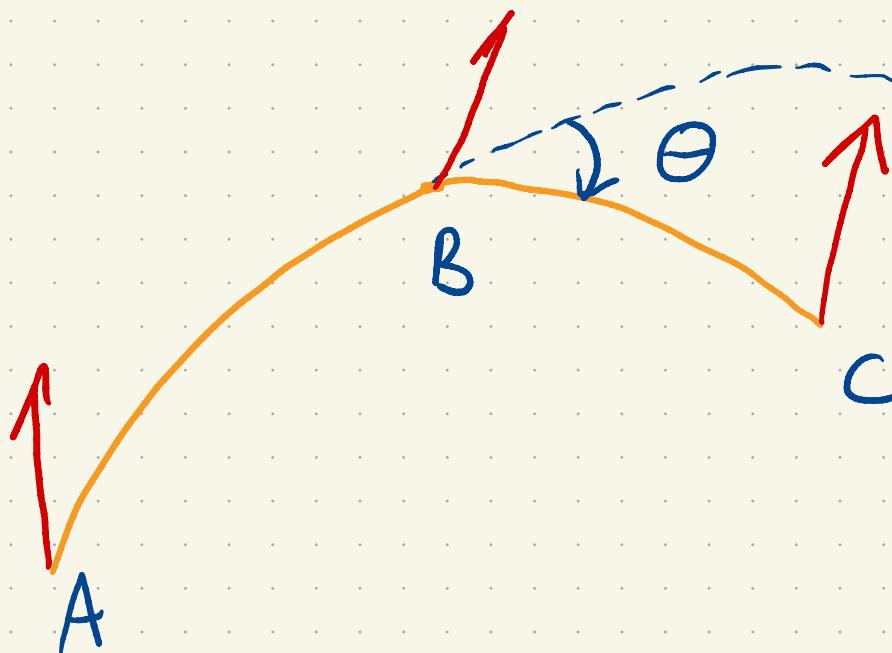


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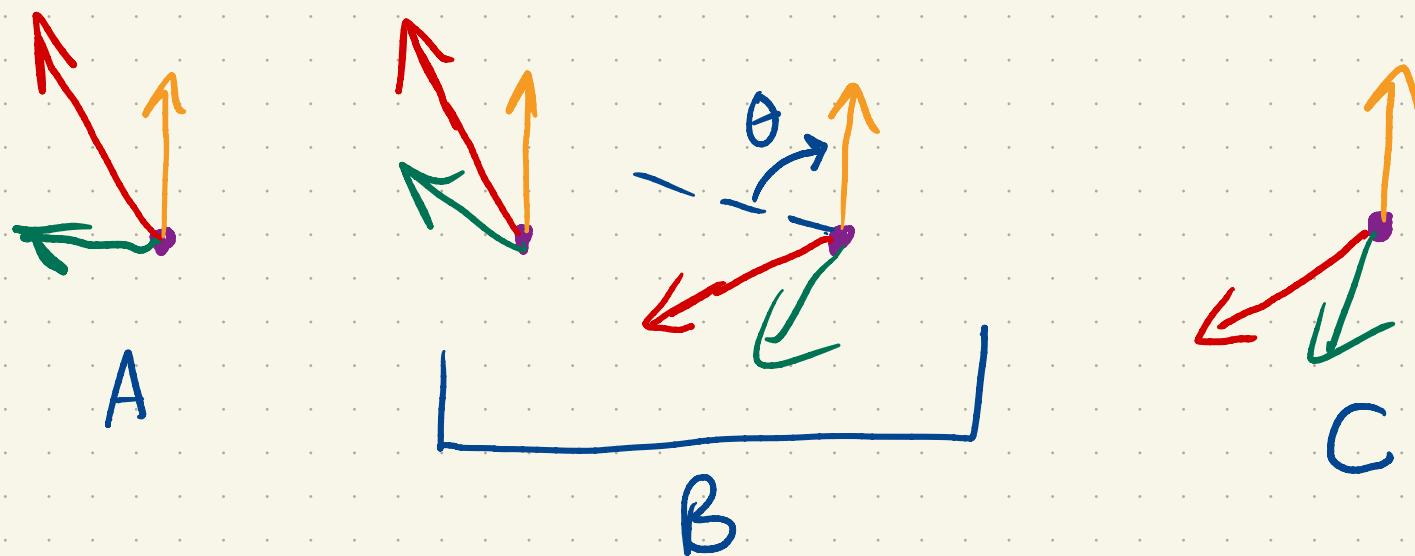
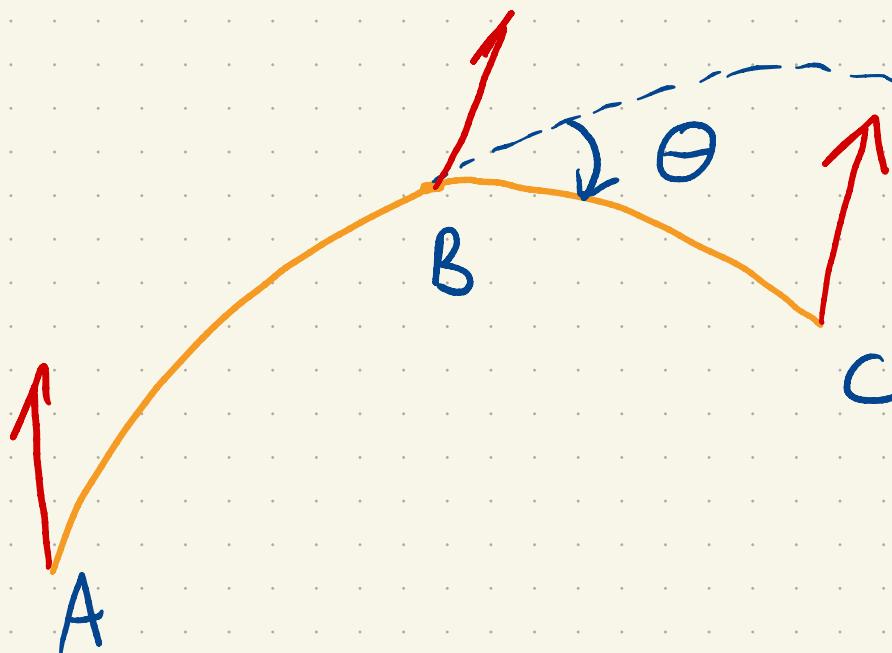
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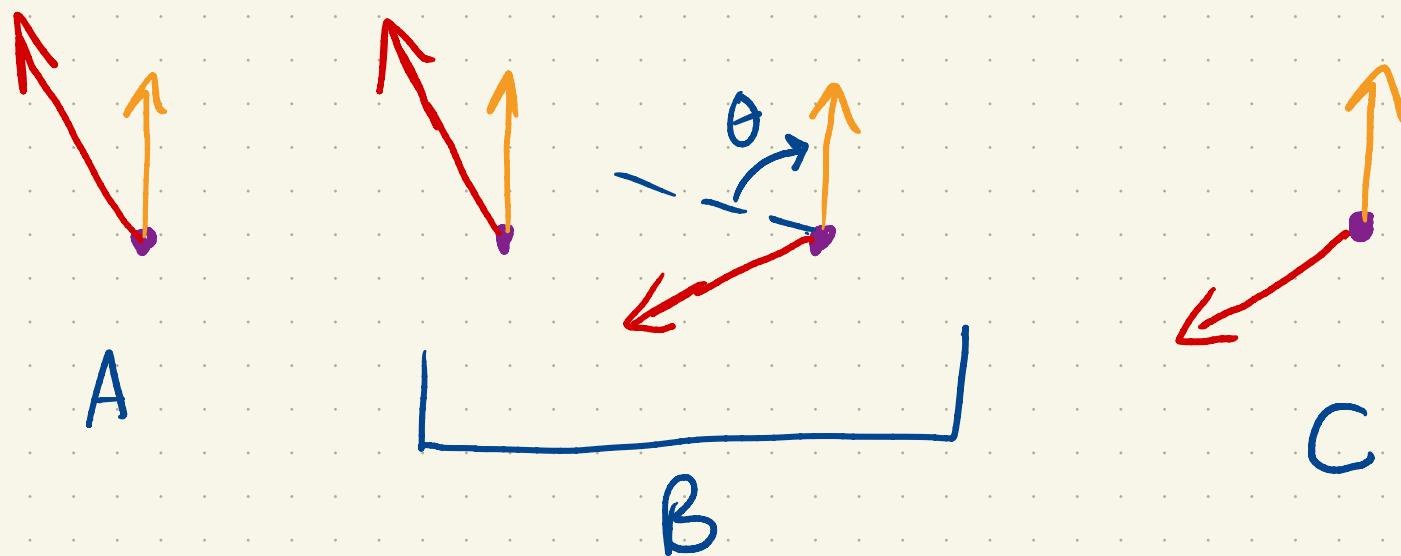
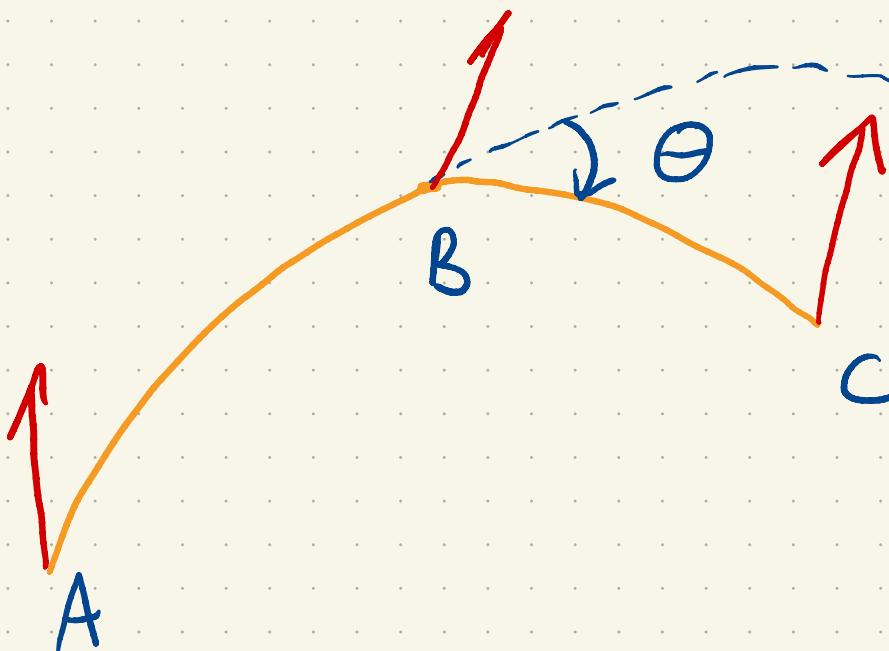
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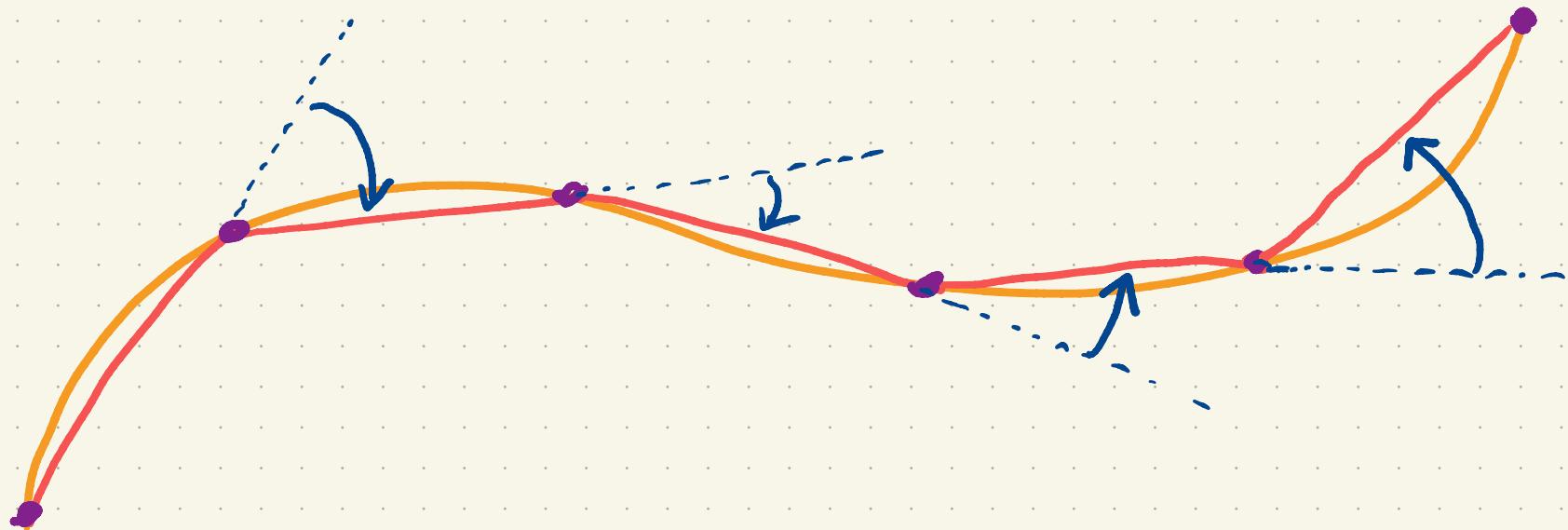
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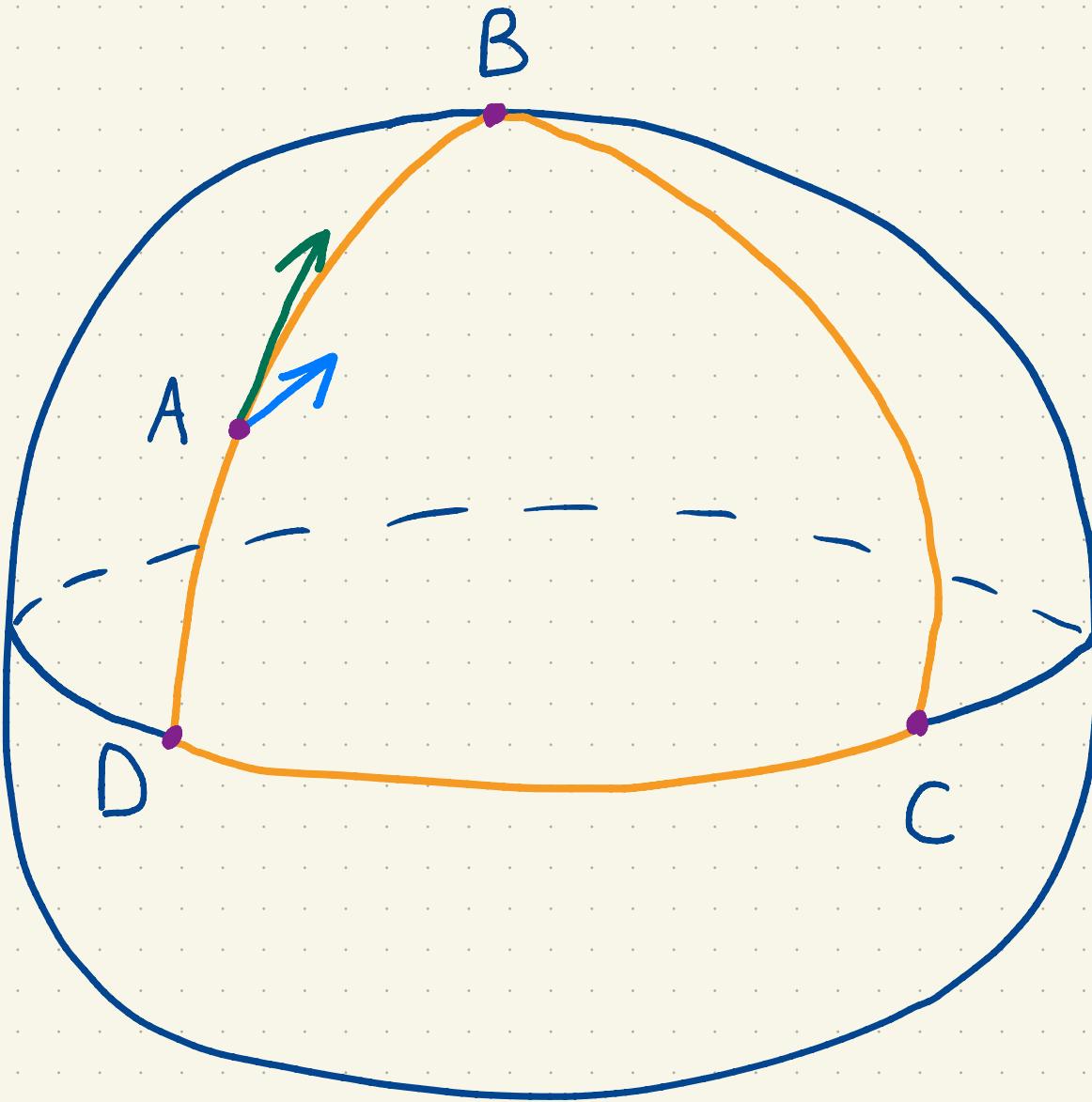


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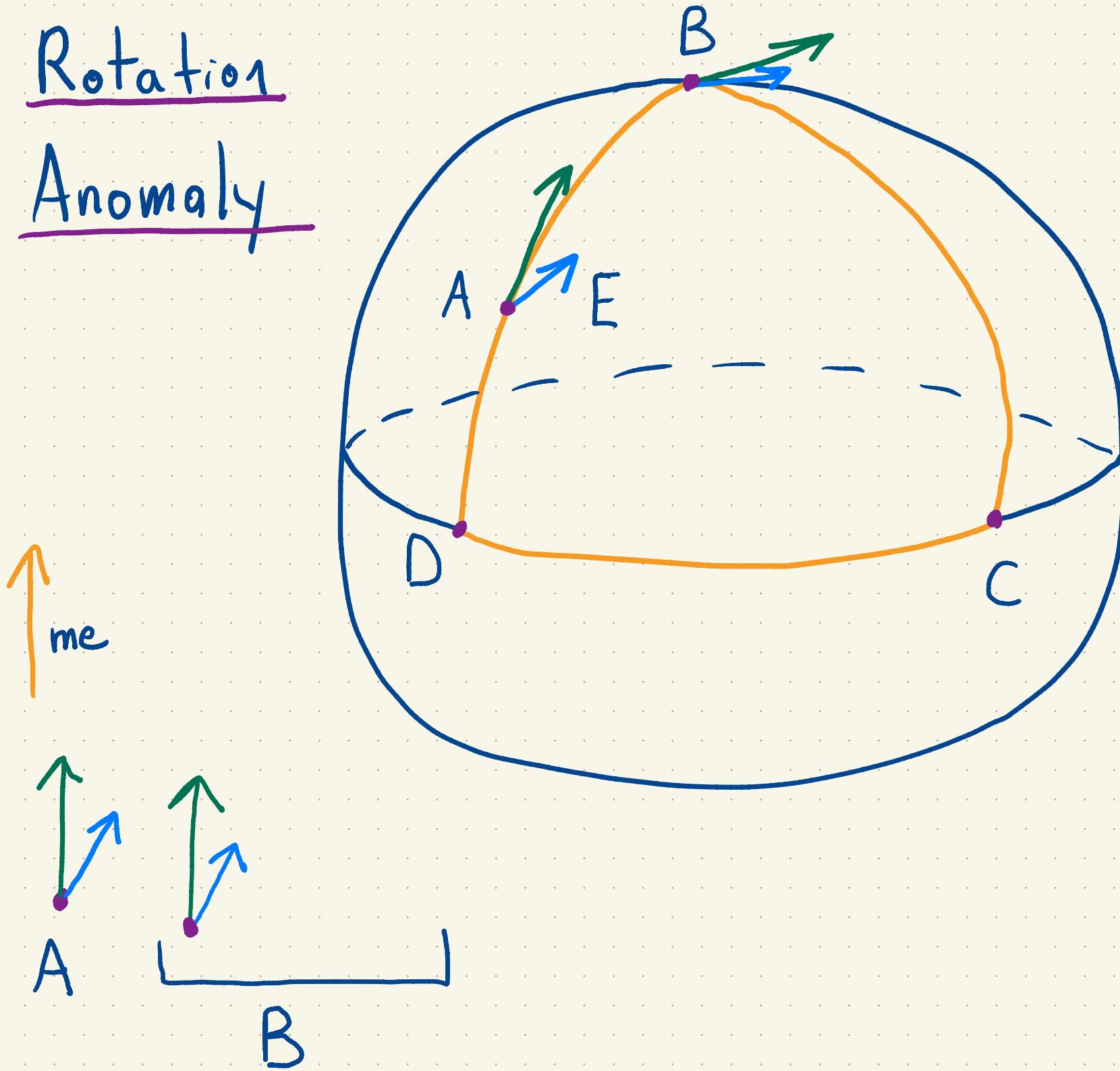
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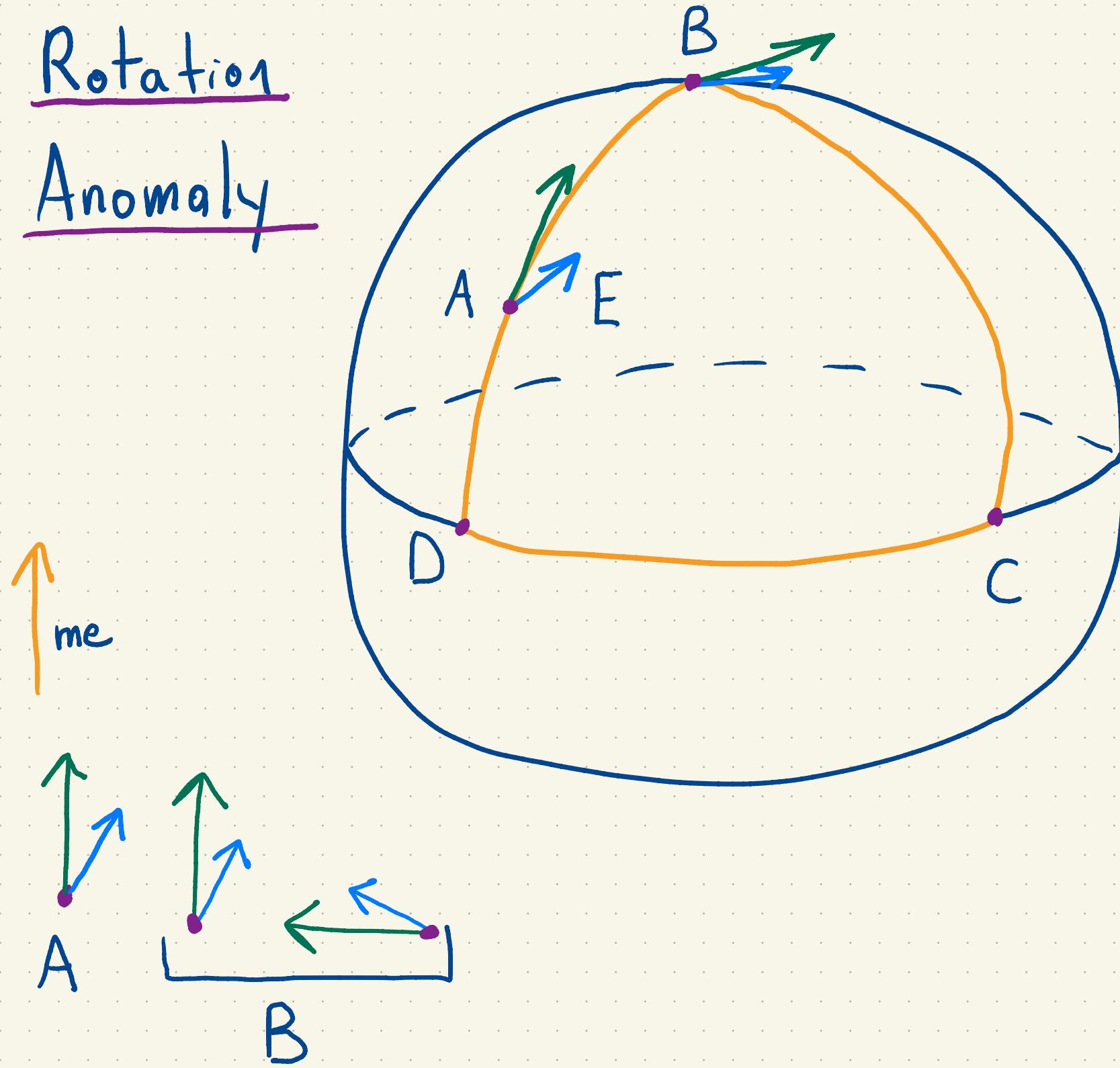
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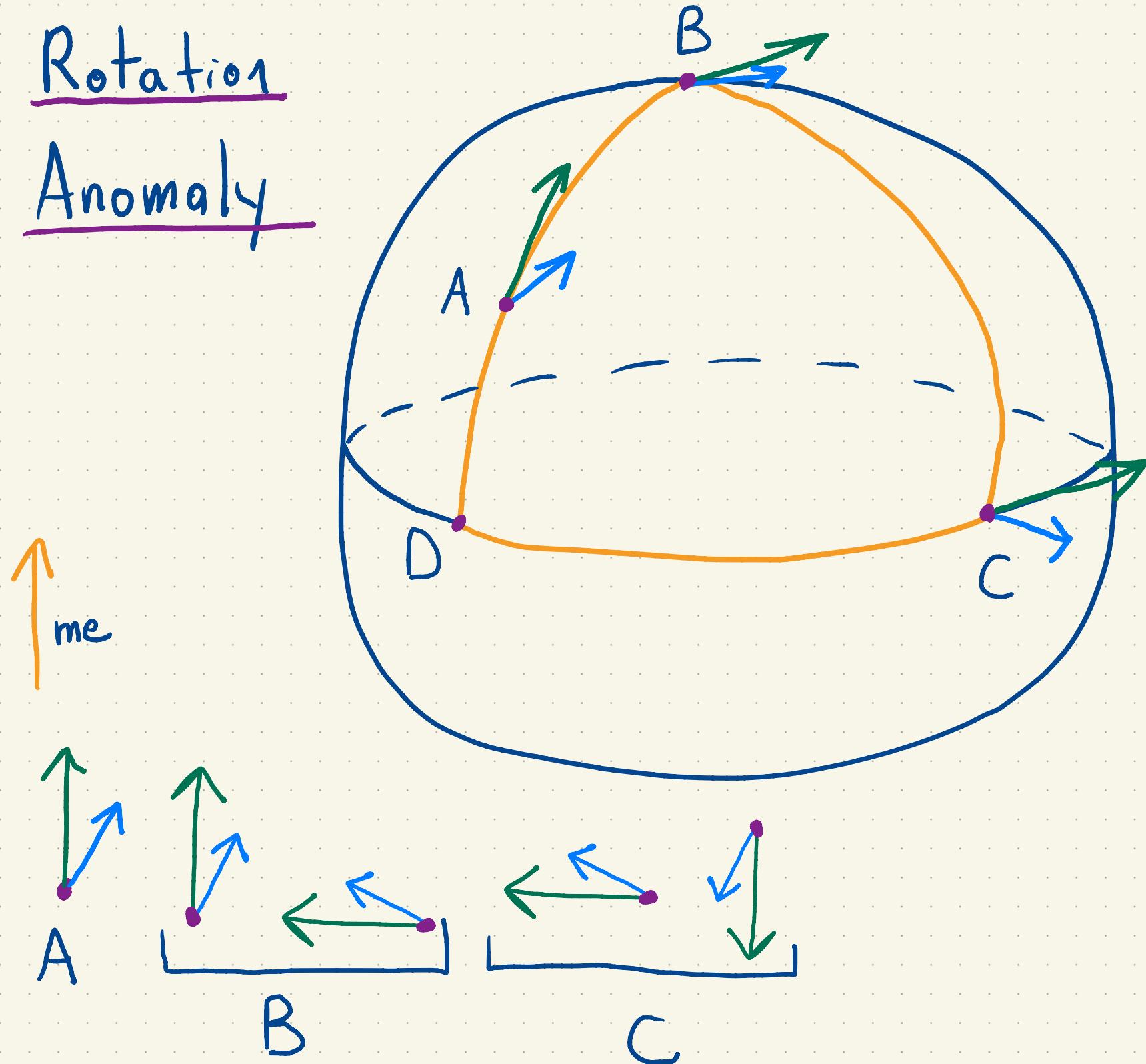
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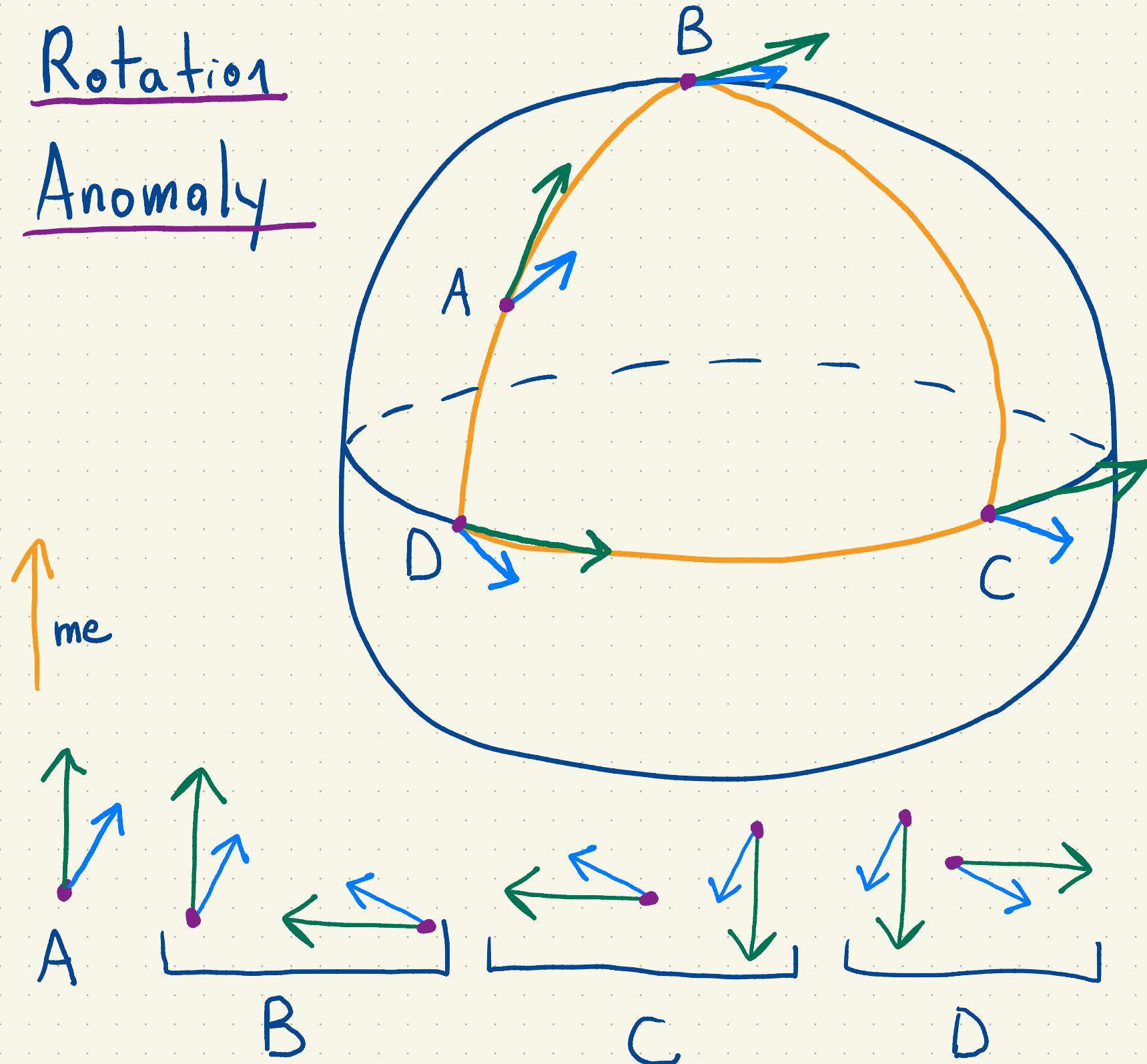
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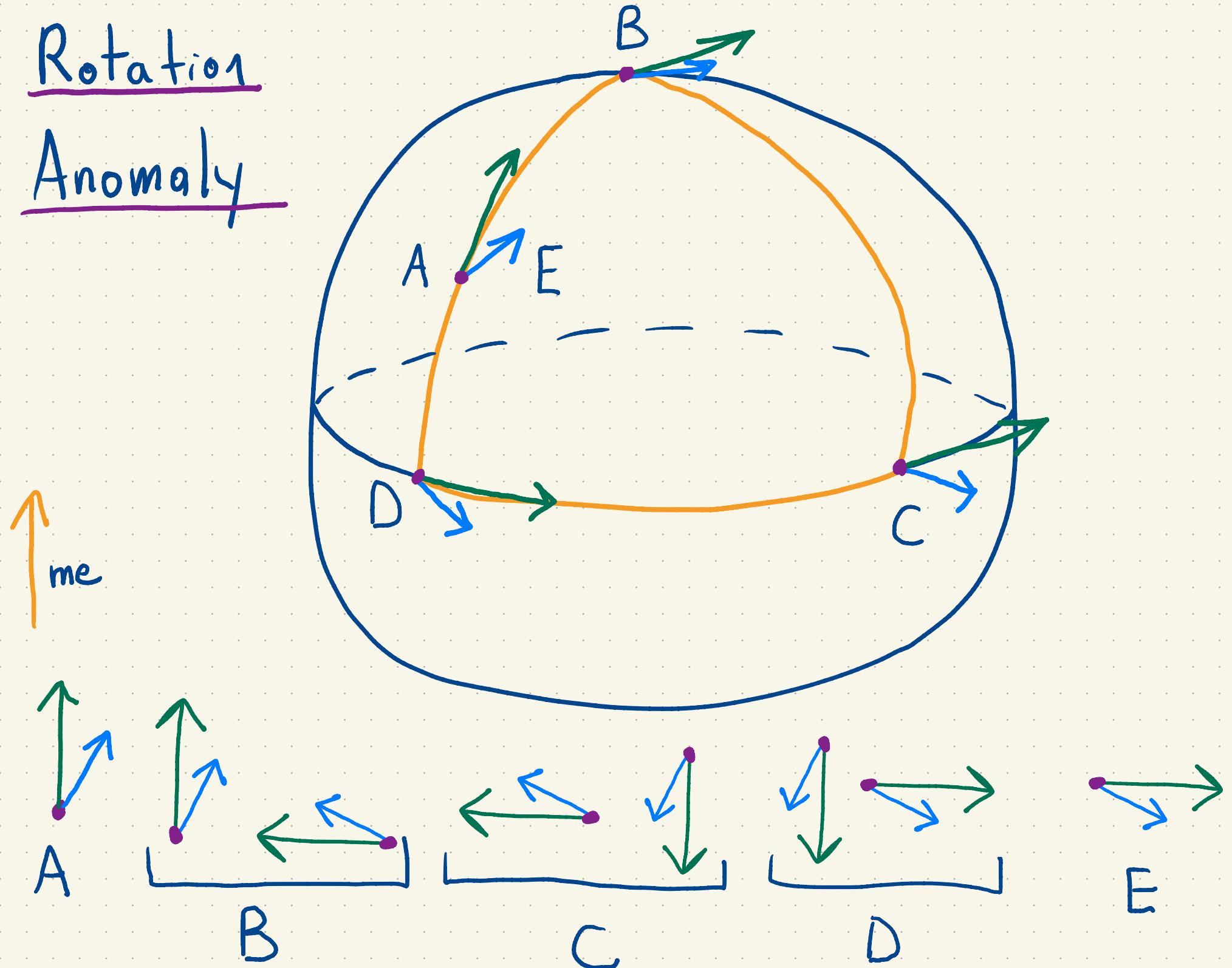
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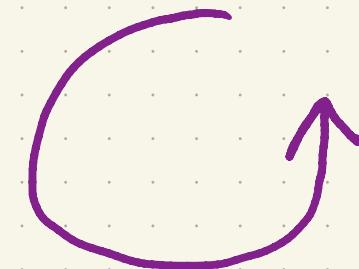
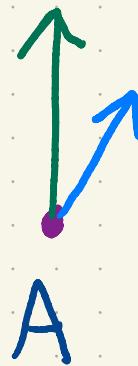
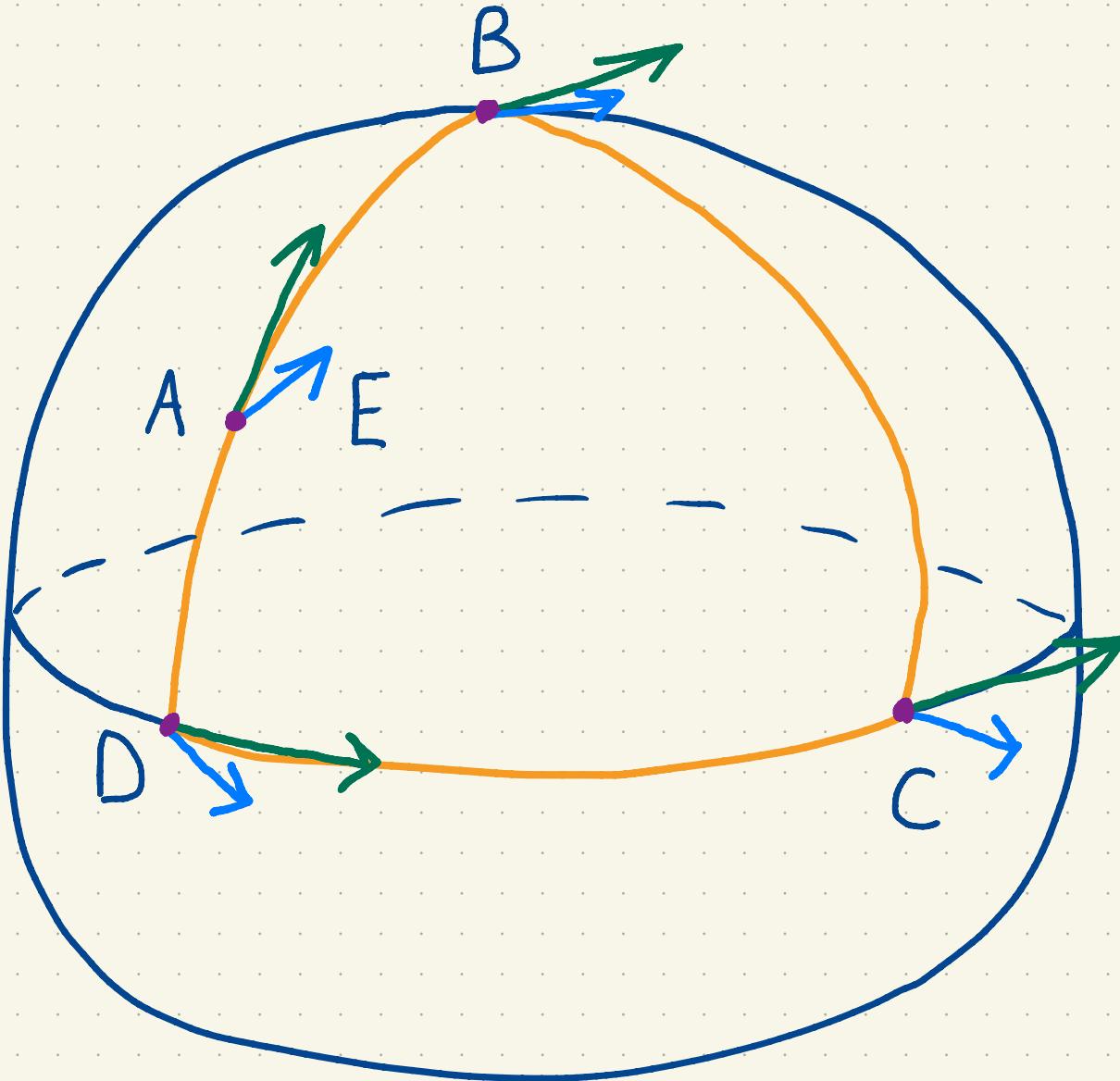
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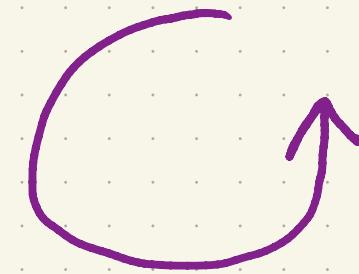
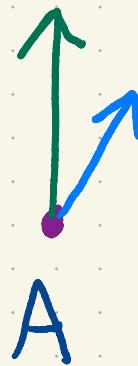
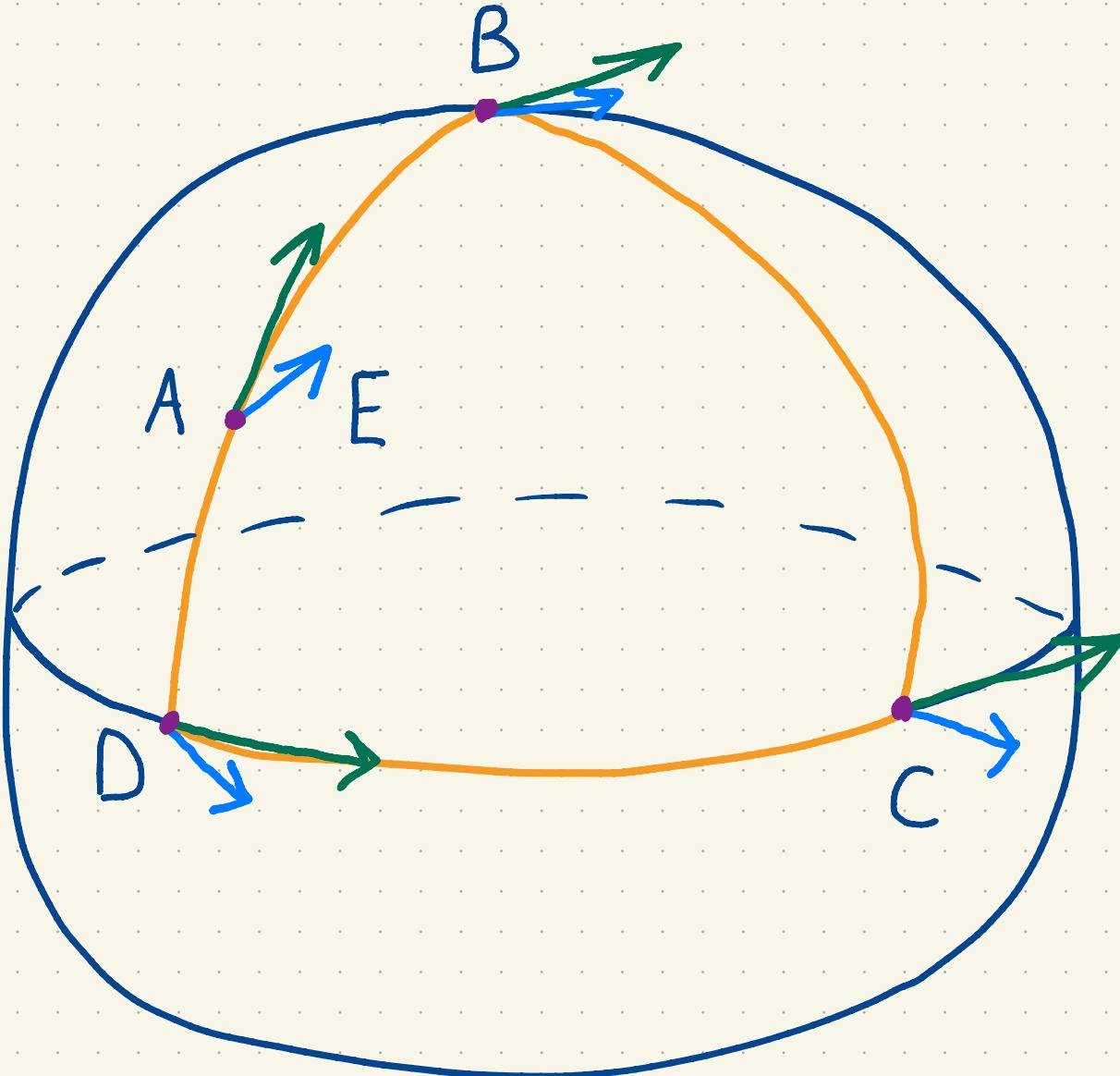
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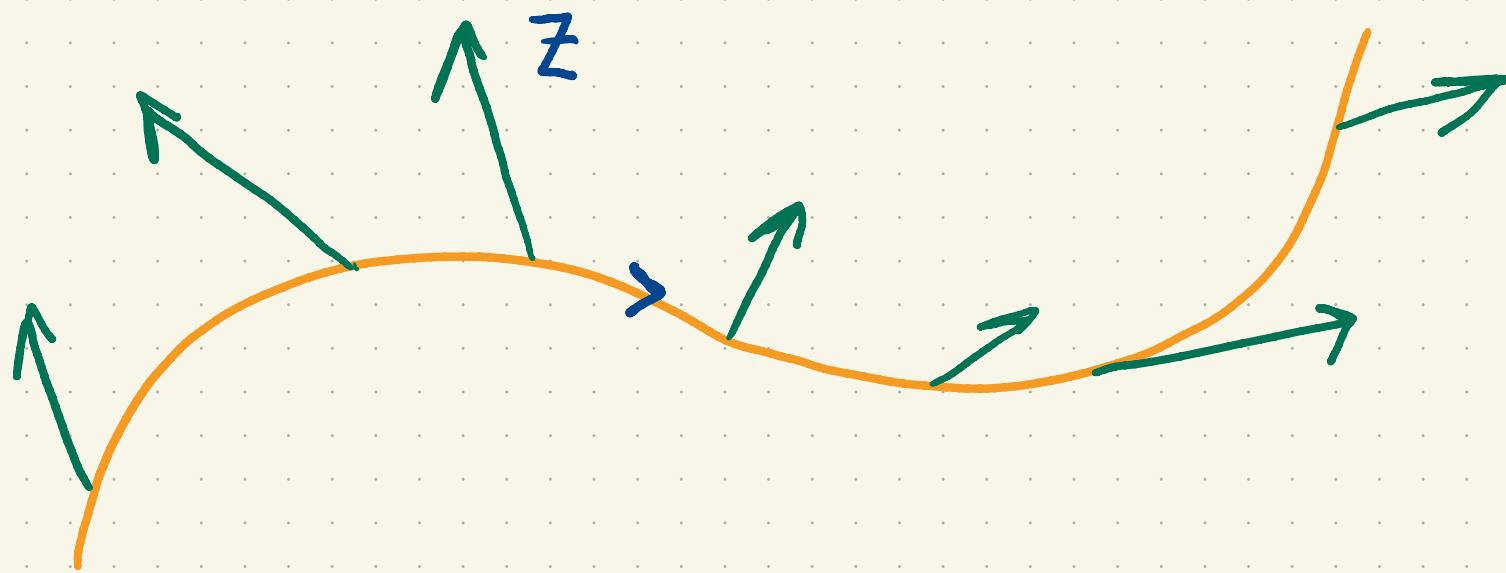
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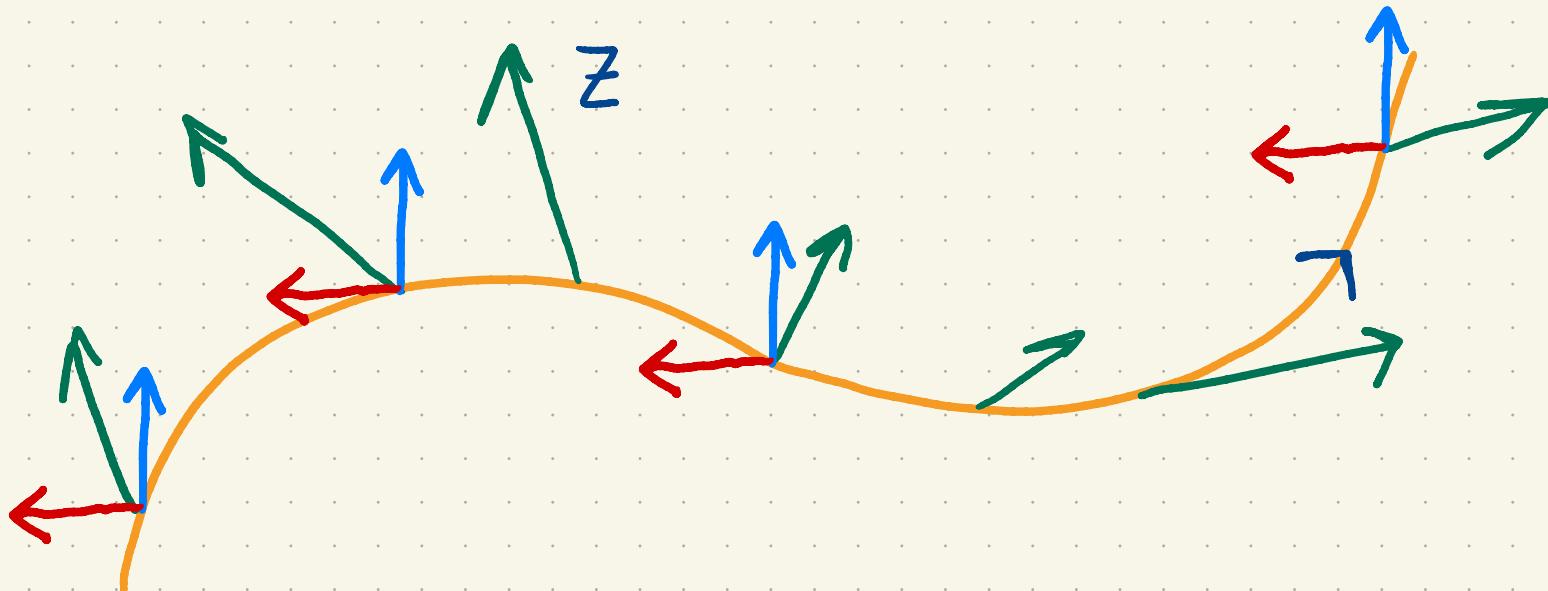


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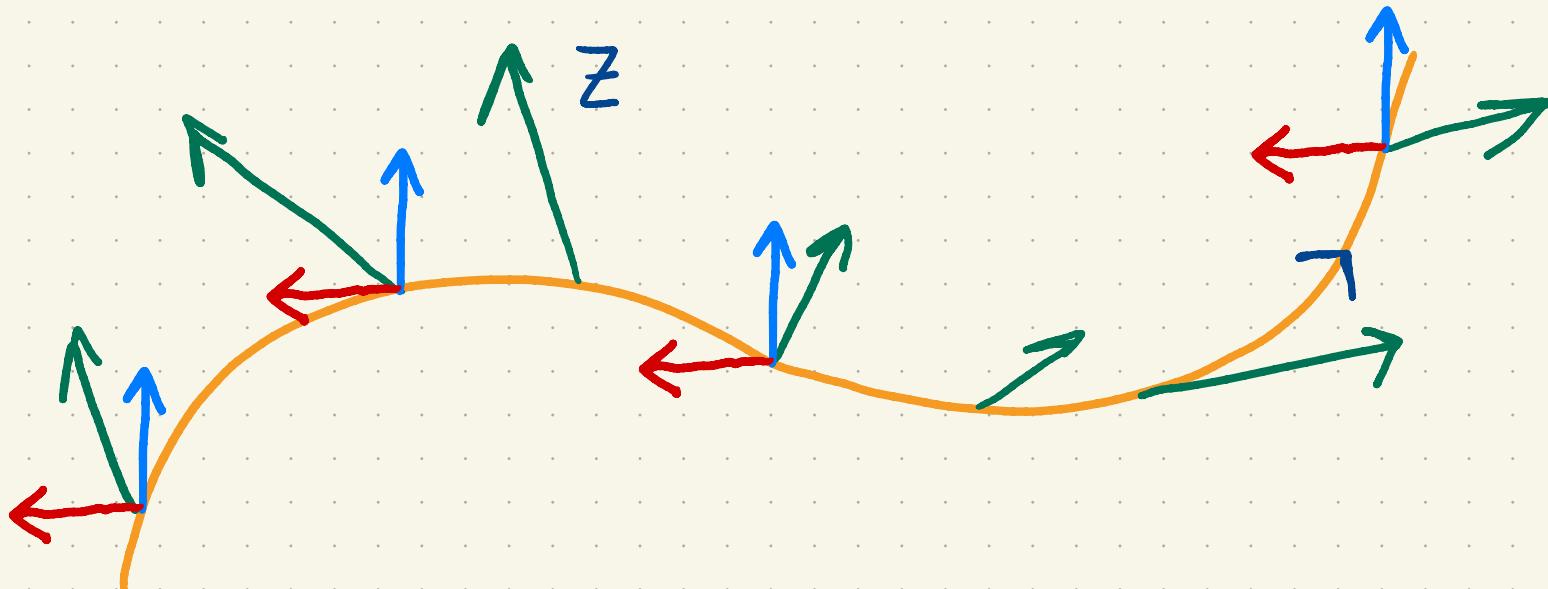
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$E_1:$

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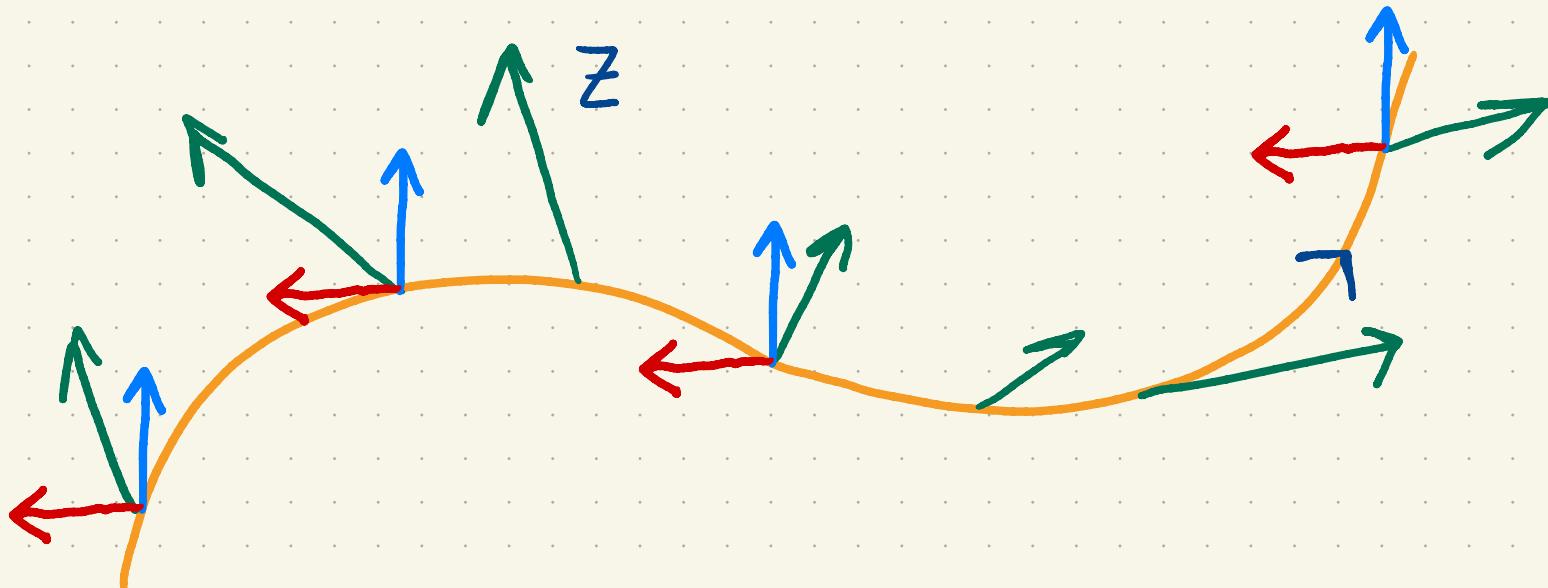


$$Z = Z^1 E_1 + Z^2 E_2$$

$E_1:$

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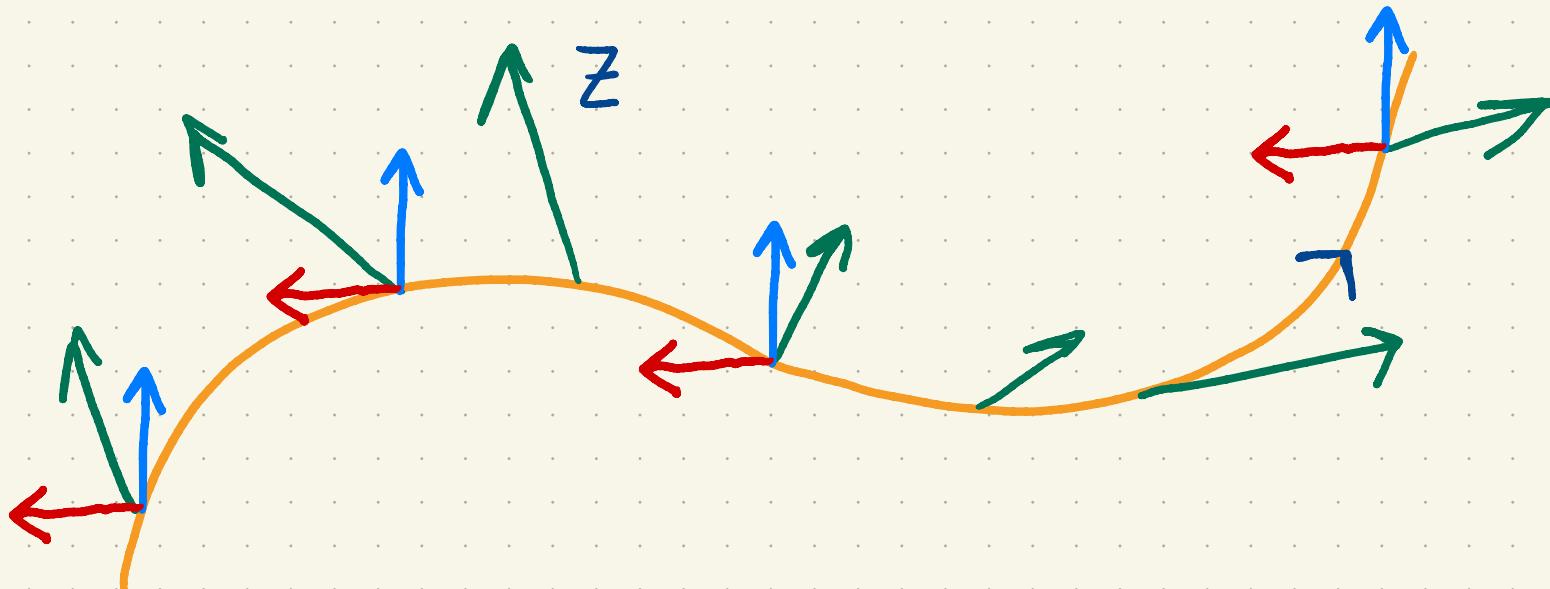
$$E_1: \uparrow$$

$$E_2: \leftarrow$$

$$Z = Z^1 E_1 + Z^2 E_2$$

$$\nabla_Z Z = \dot{Z}^1 E_1 + \dot{Z}^2 E_2$$

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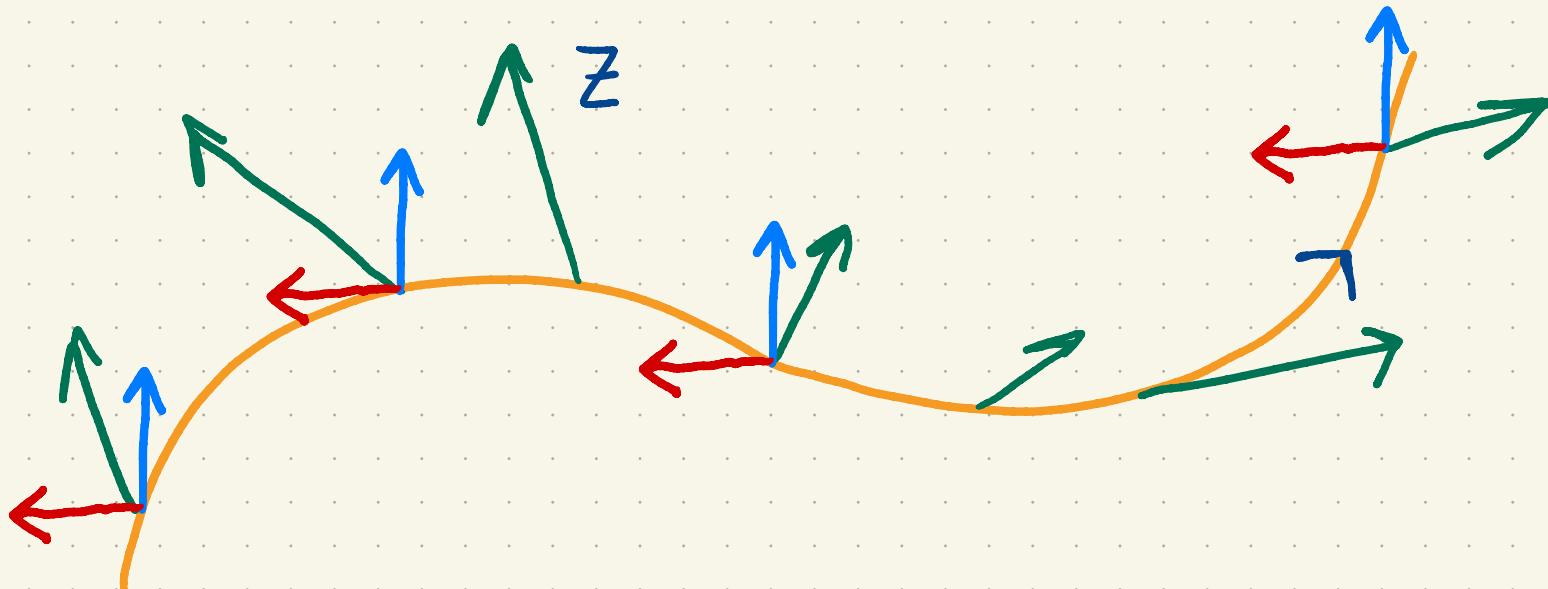
$$E_2: \leftarrow$$

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$$\nabla_{\dot{y}} Z = \dot{Z}^1 E_1 + \dot{Z}^2 E_2$$

$$\nabla_x Z = \nabla_{\dot{y}} Z$$

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