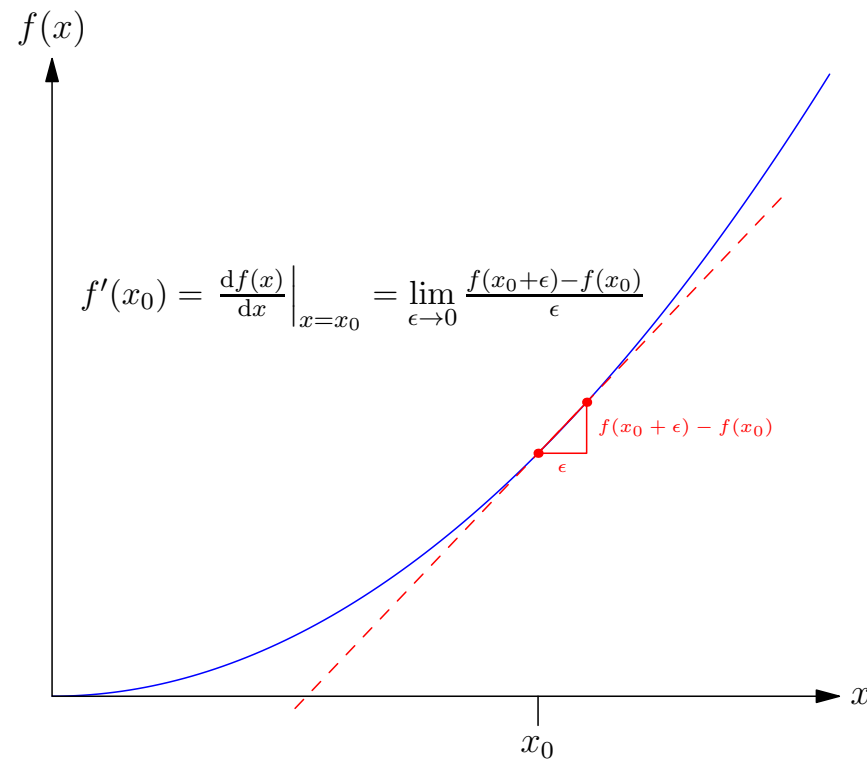


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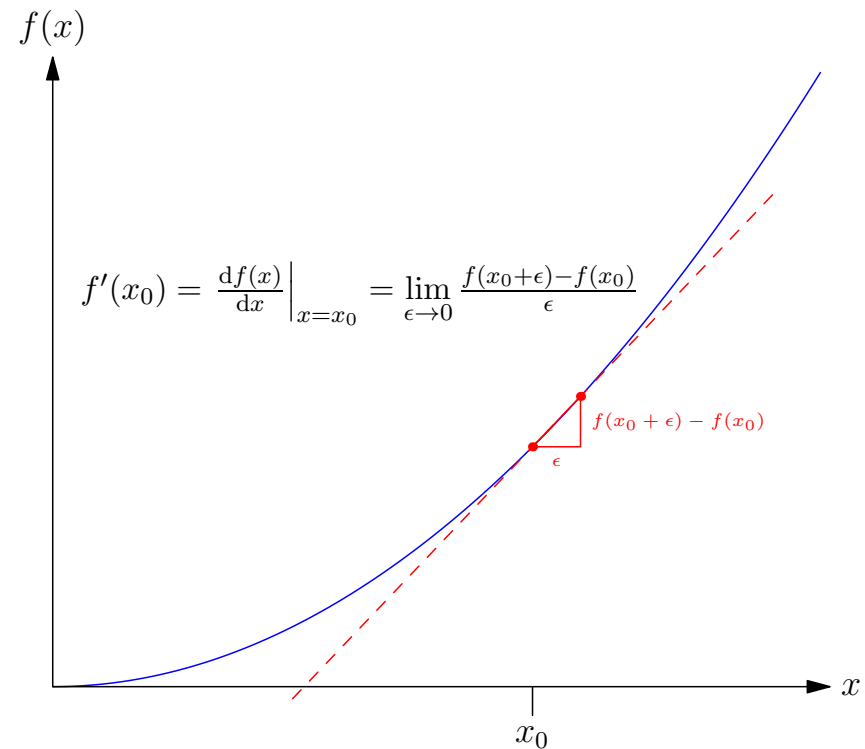
Differential Calculus



Differentiation, product and chain rules, vectors and matrices

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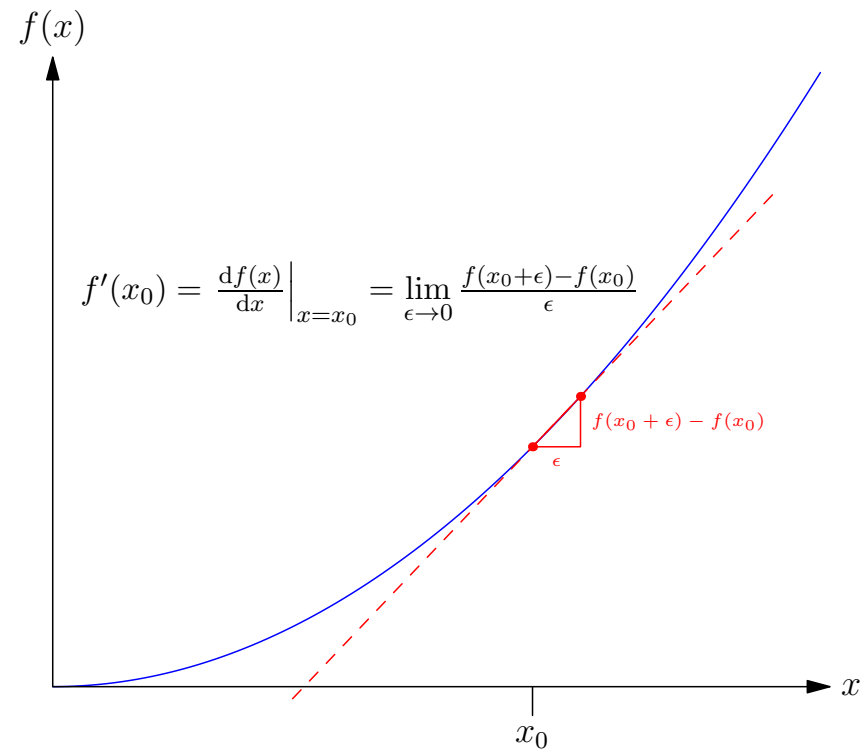
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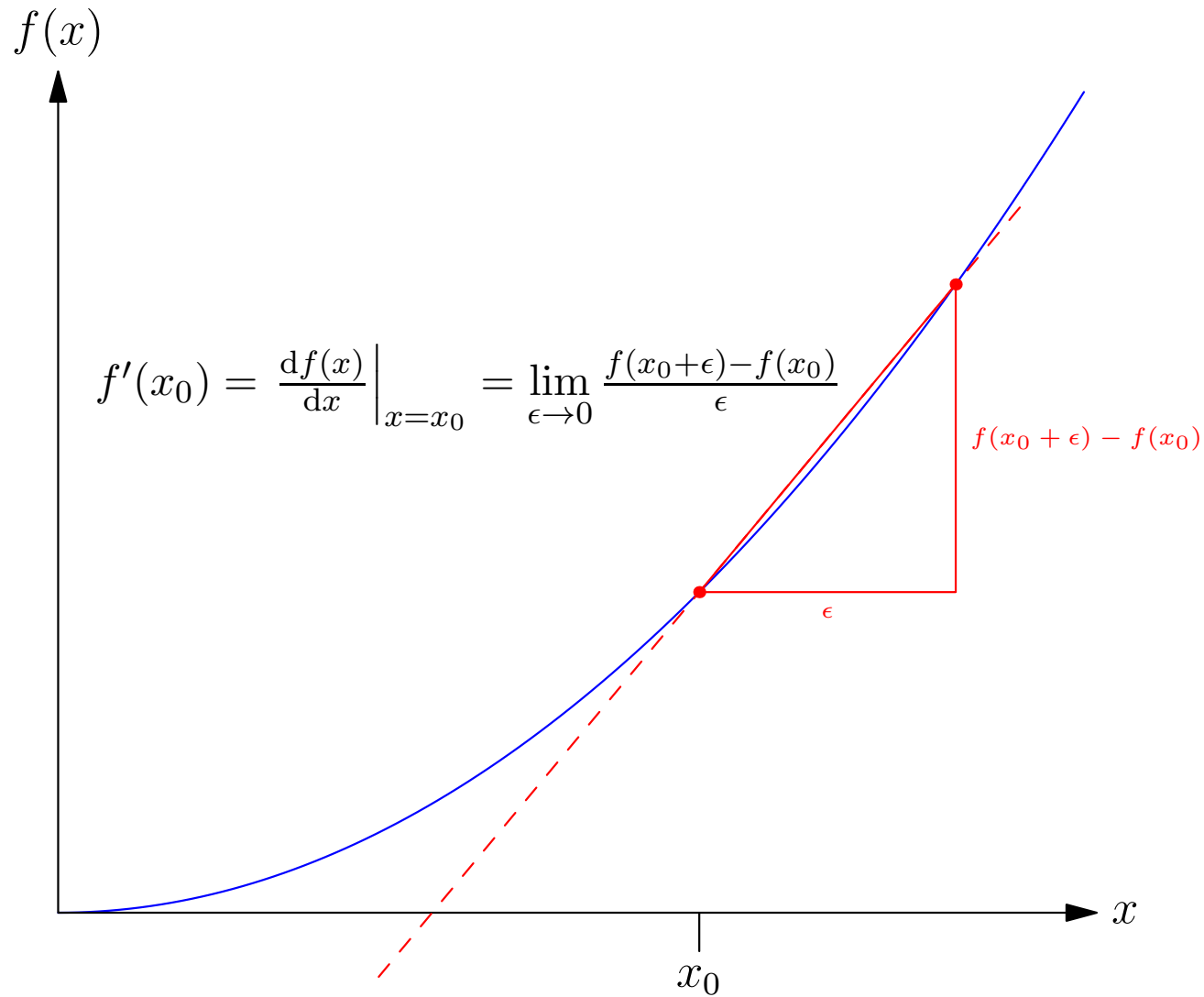
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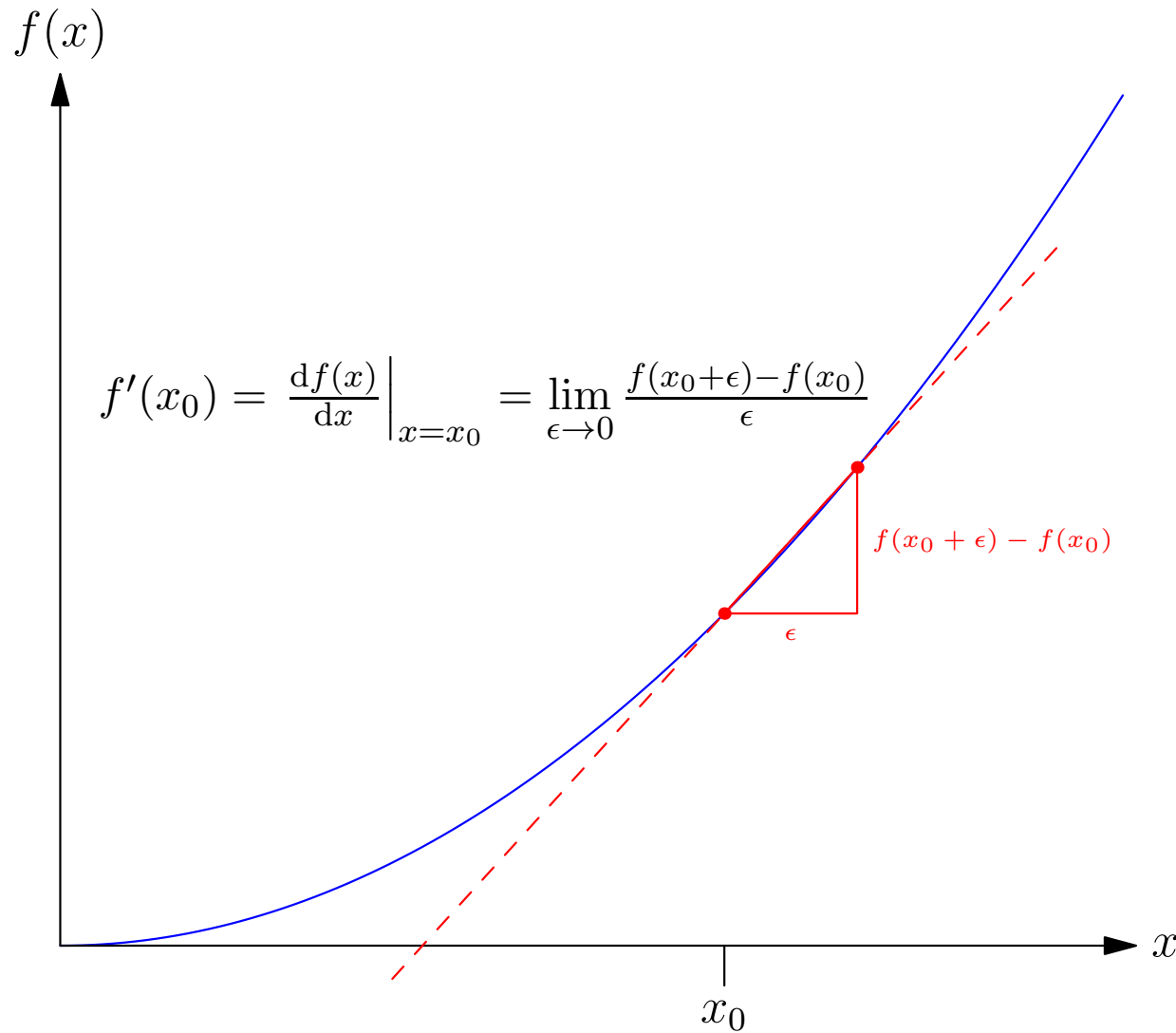
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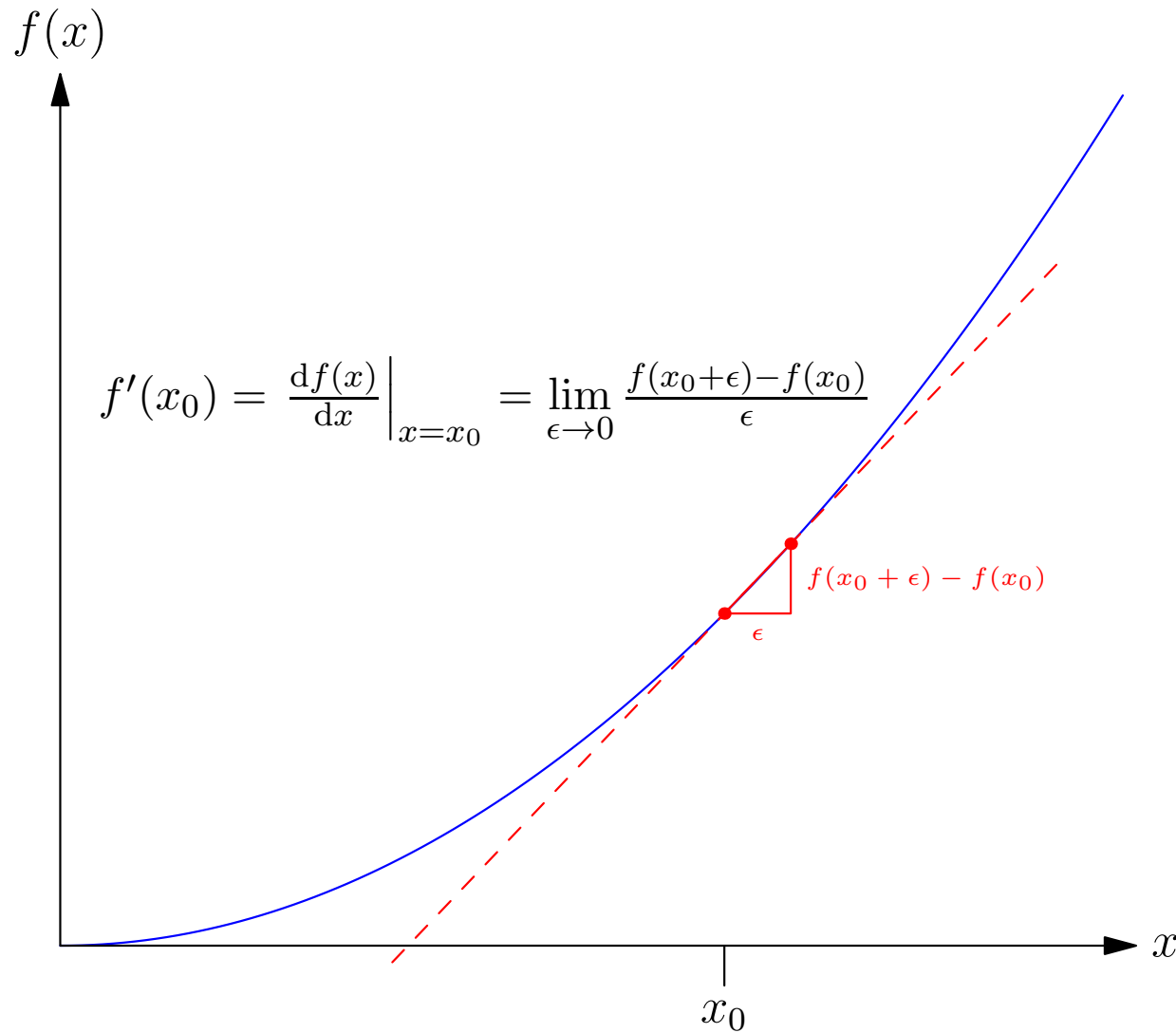
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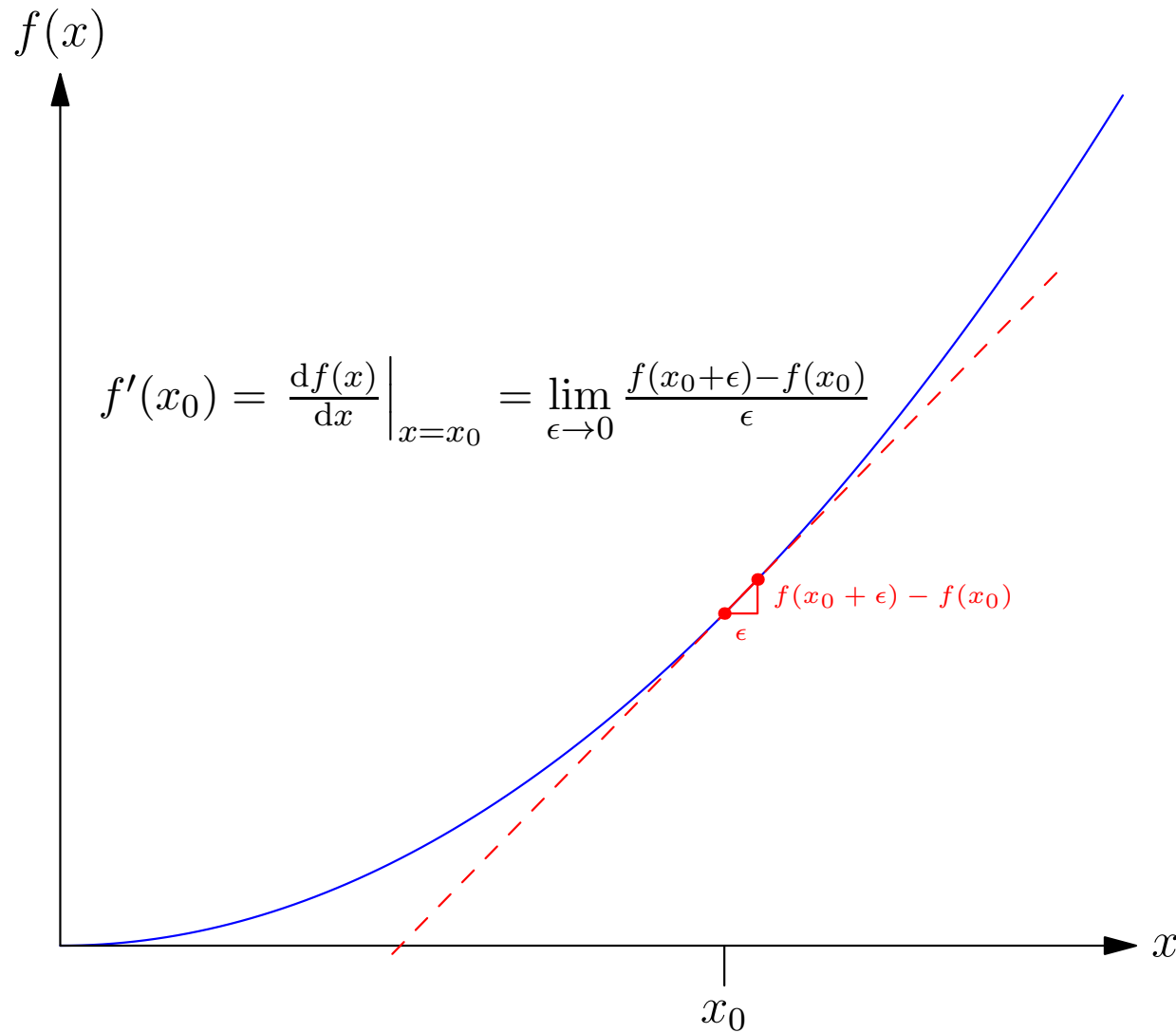
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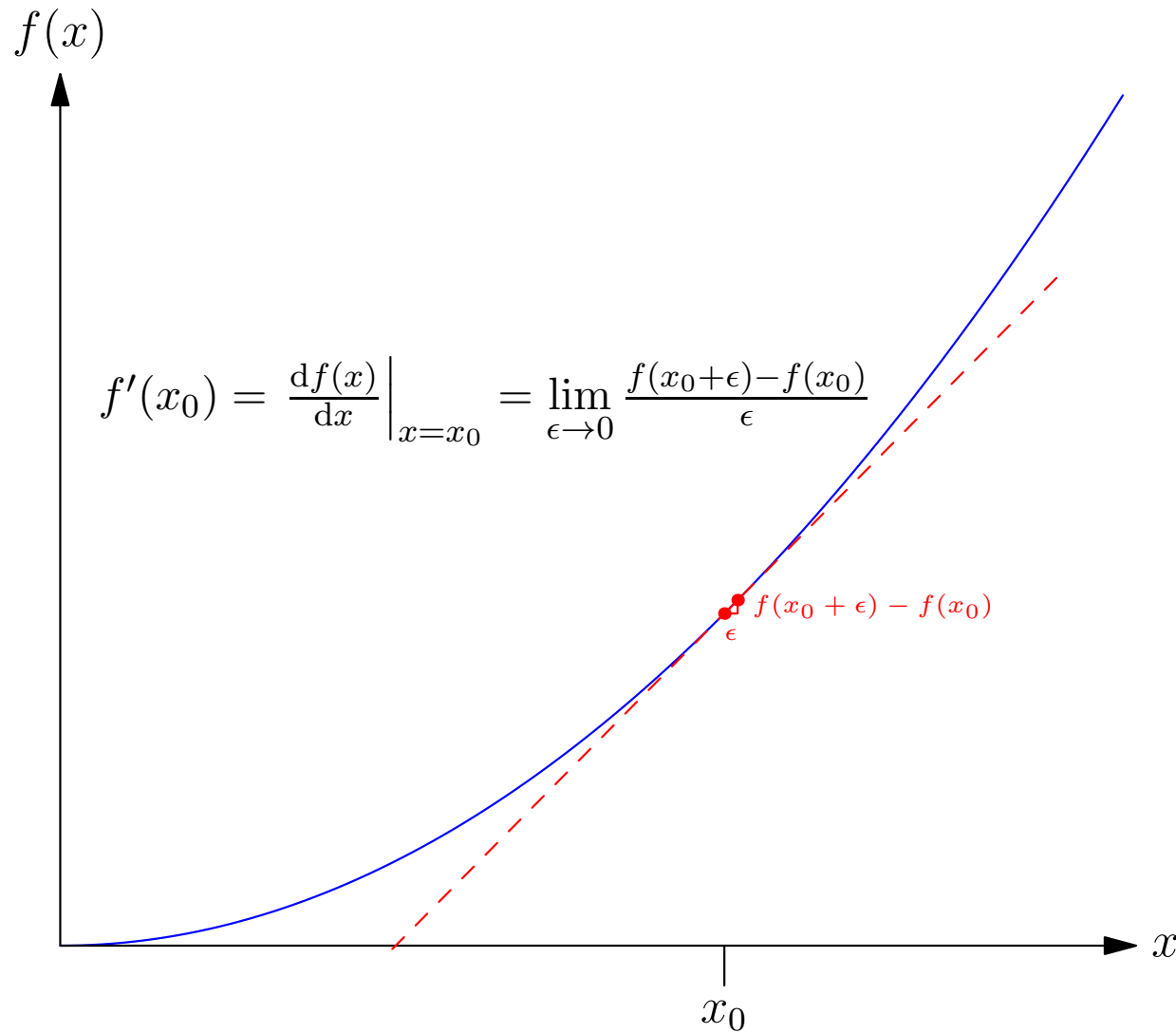
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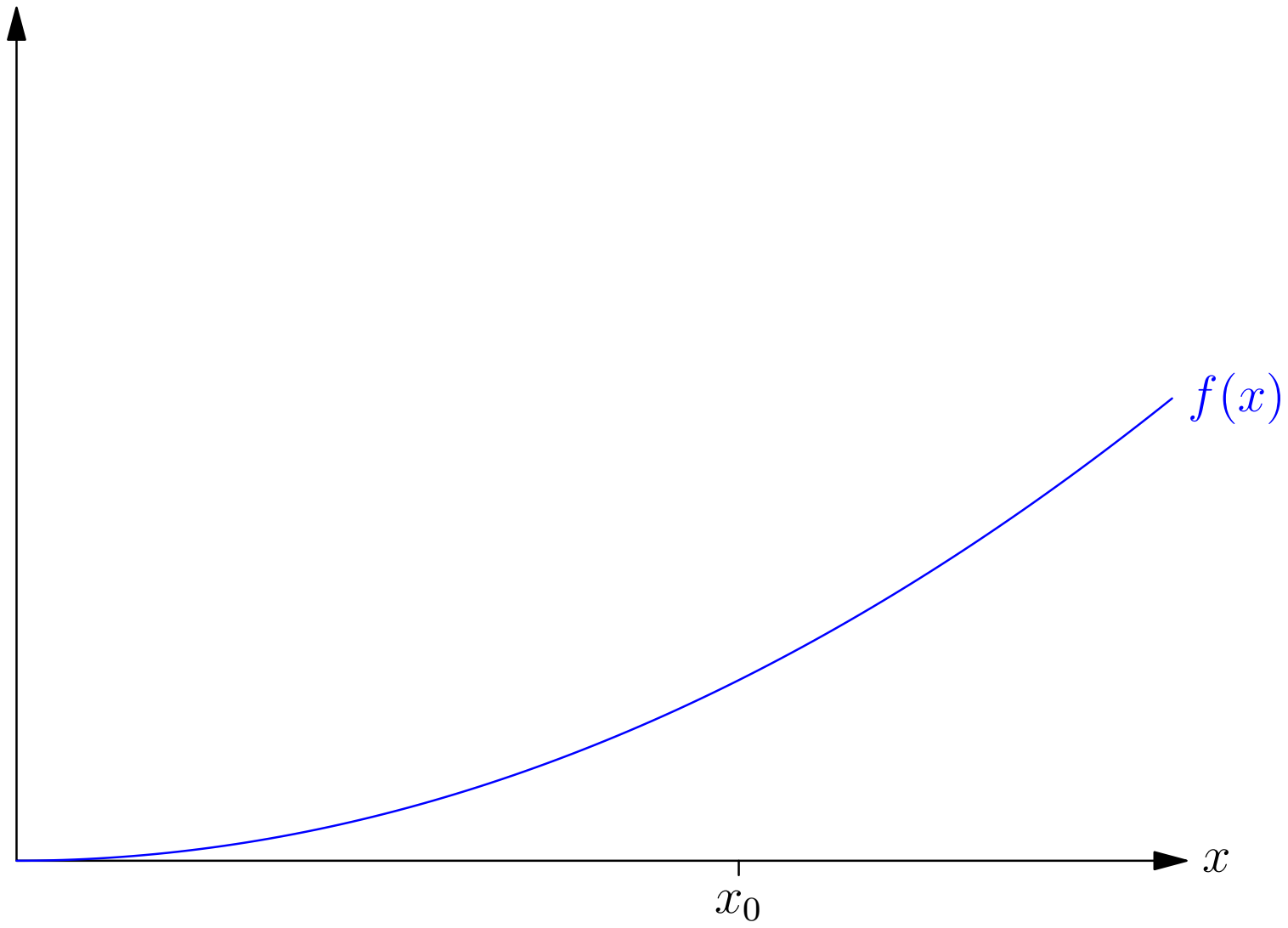
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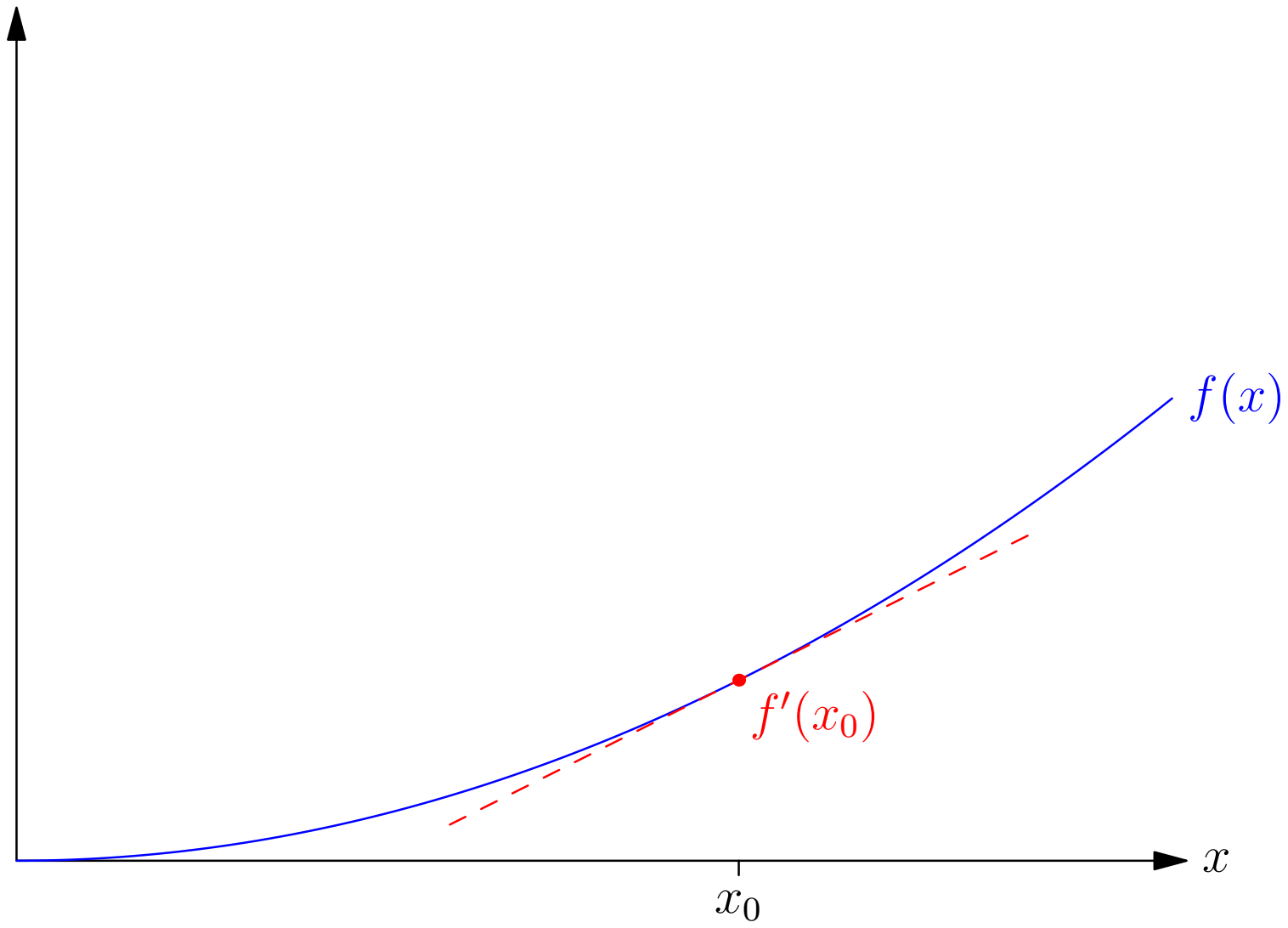
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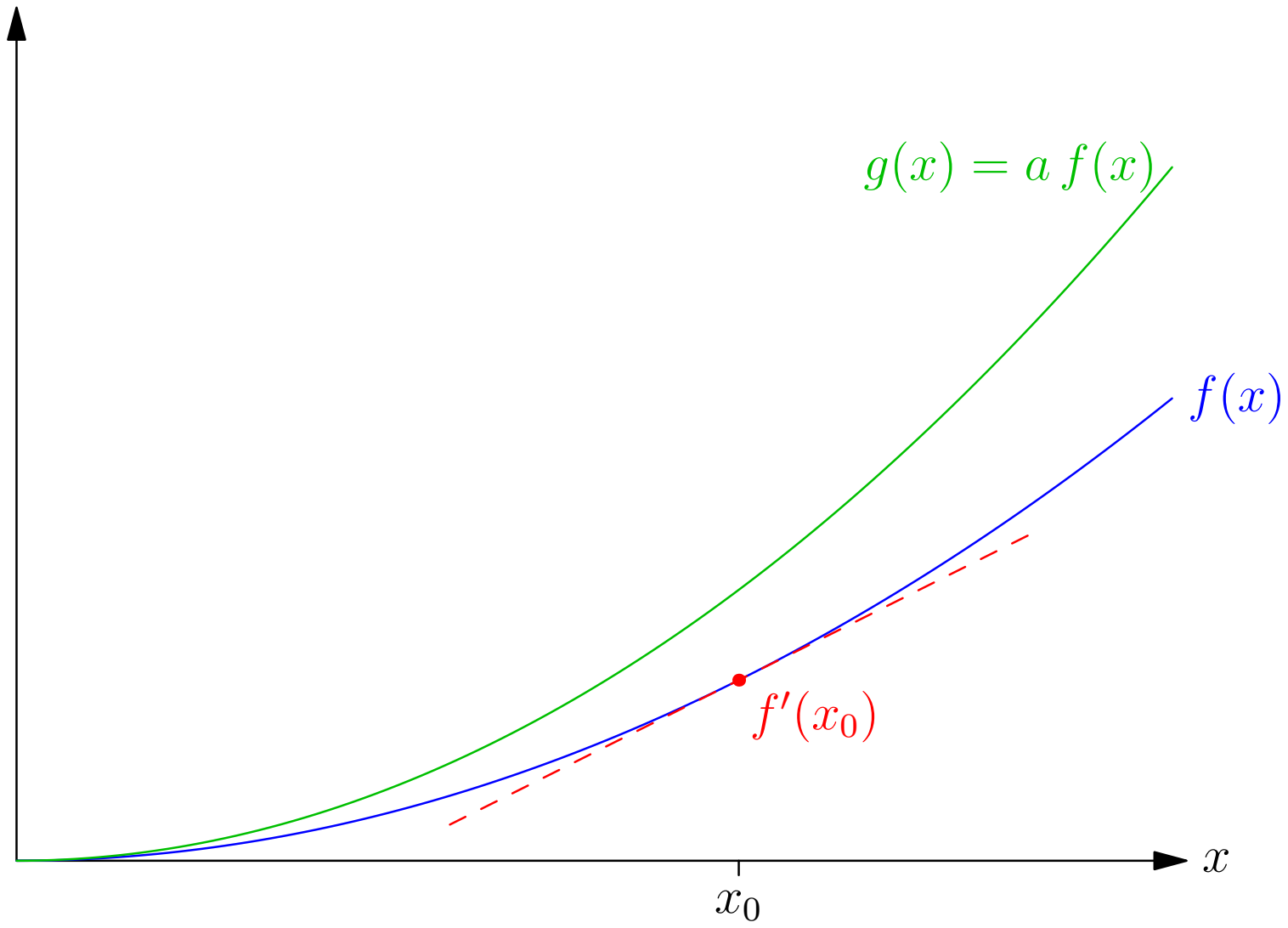
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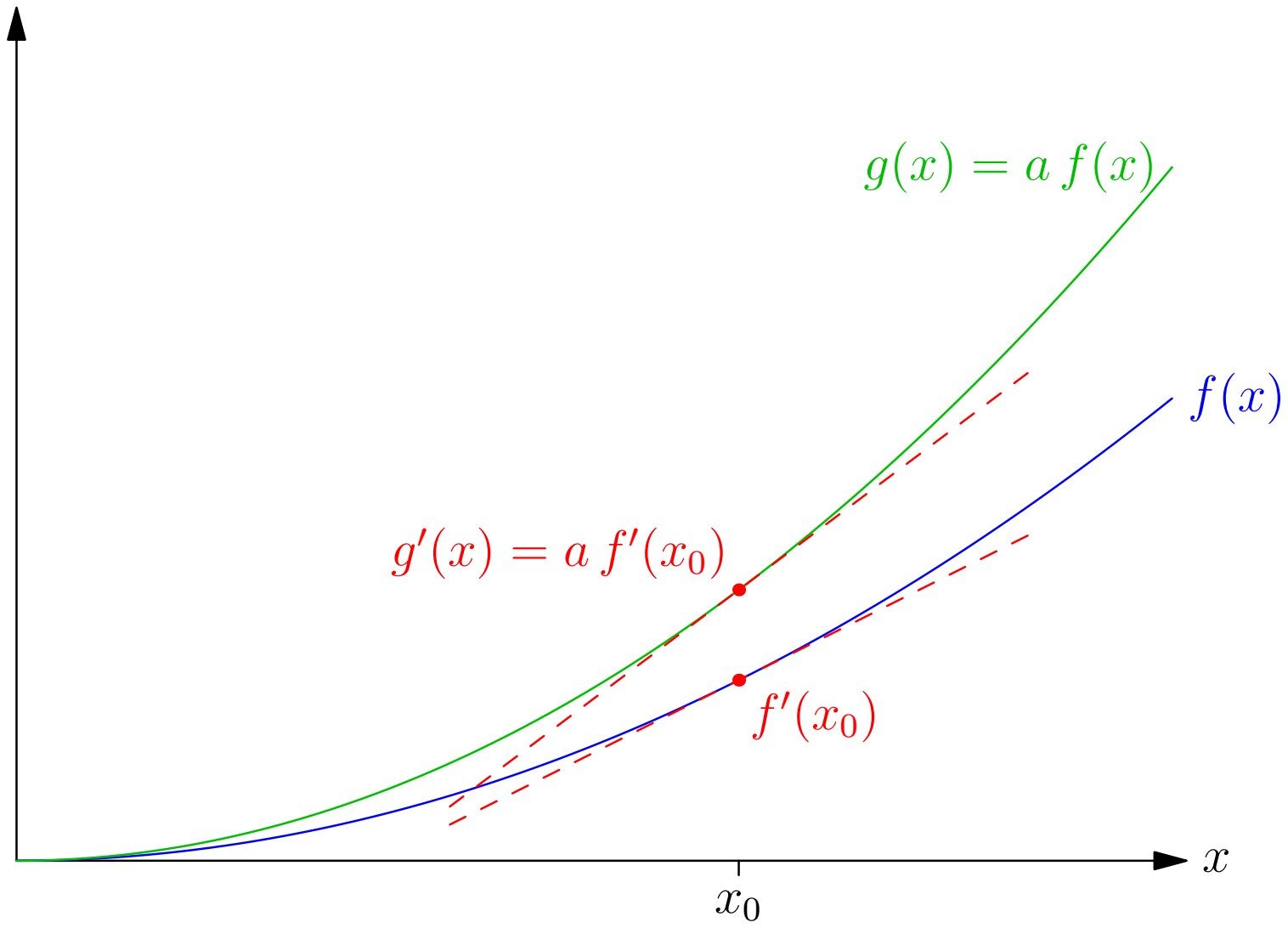
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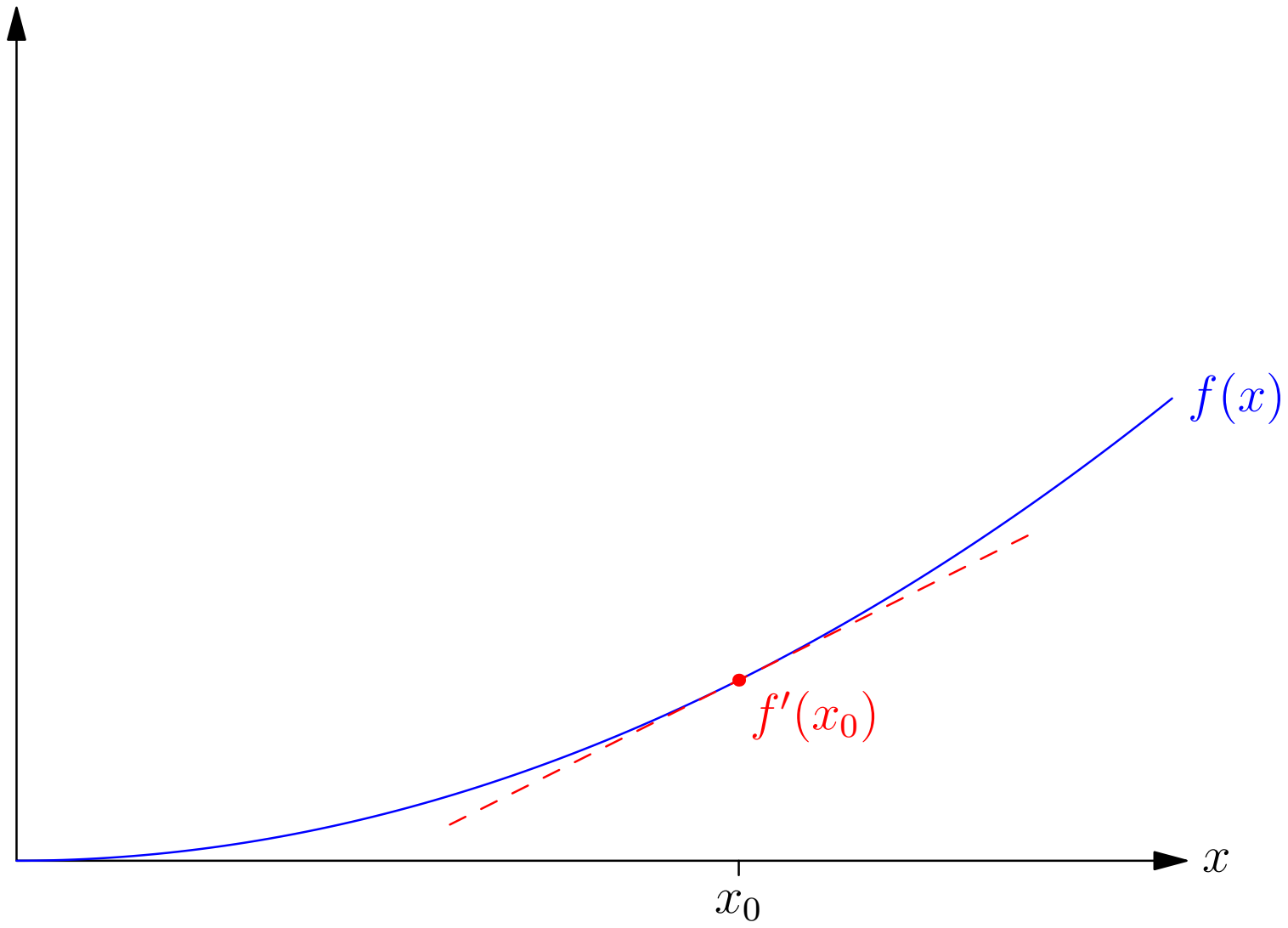
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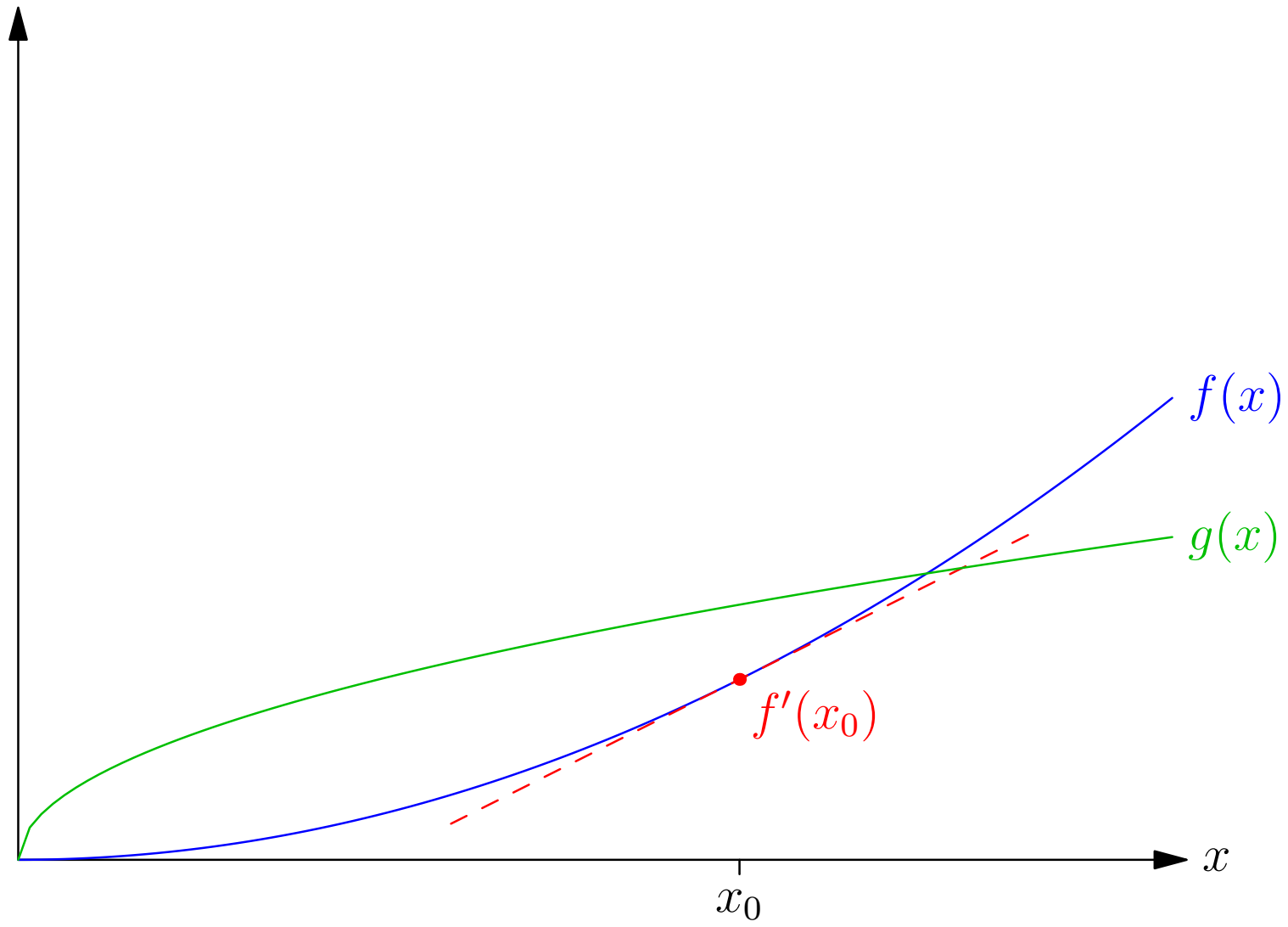
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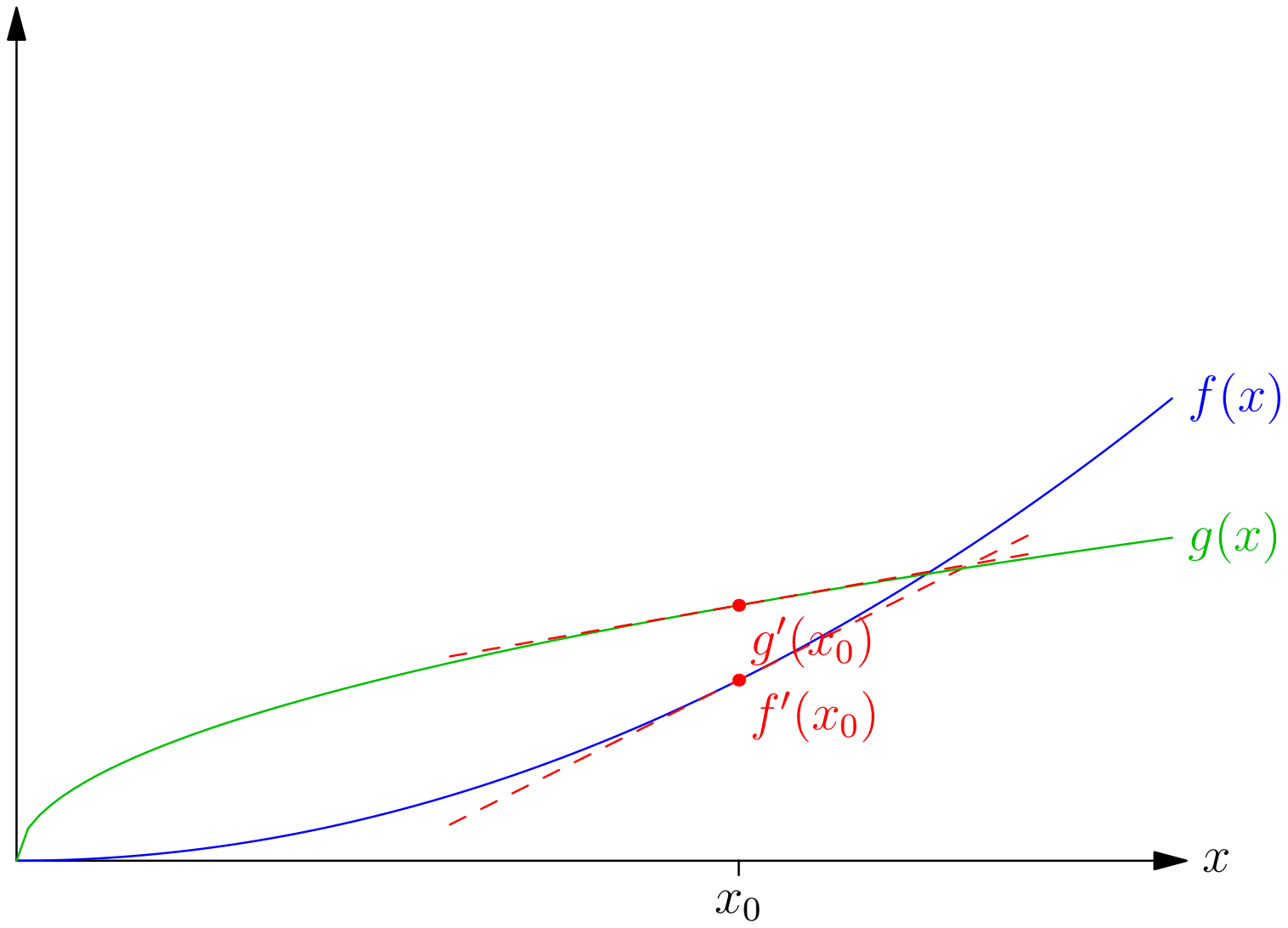
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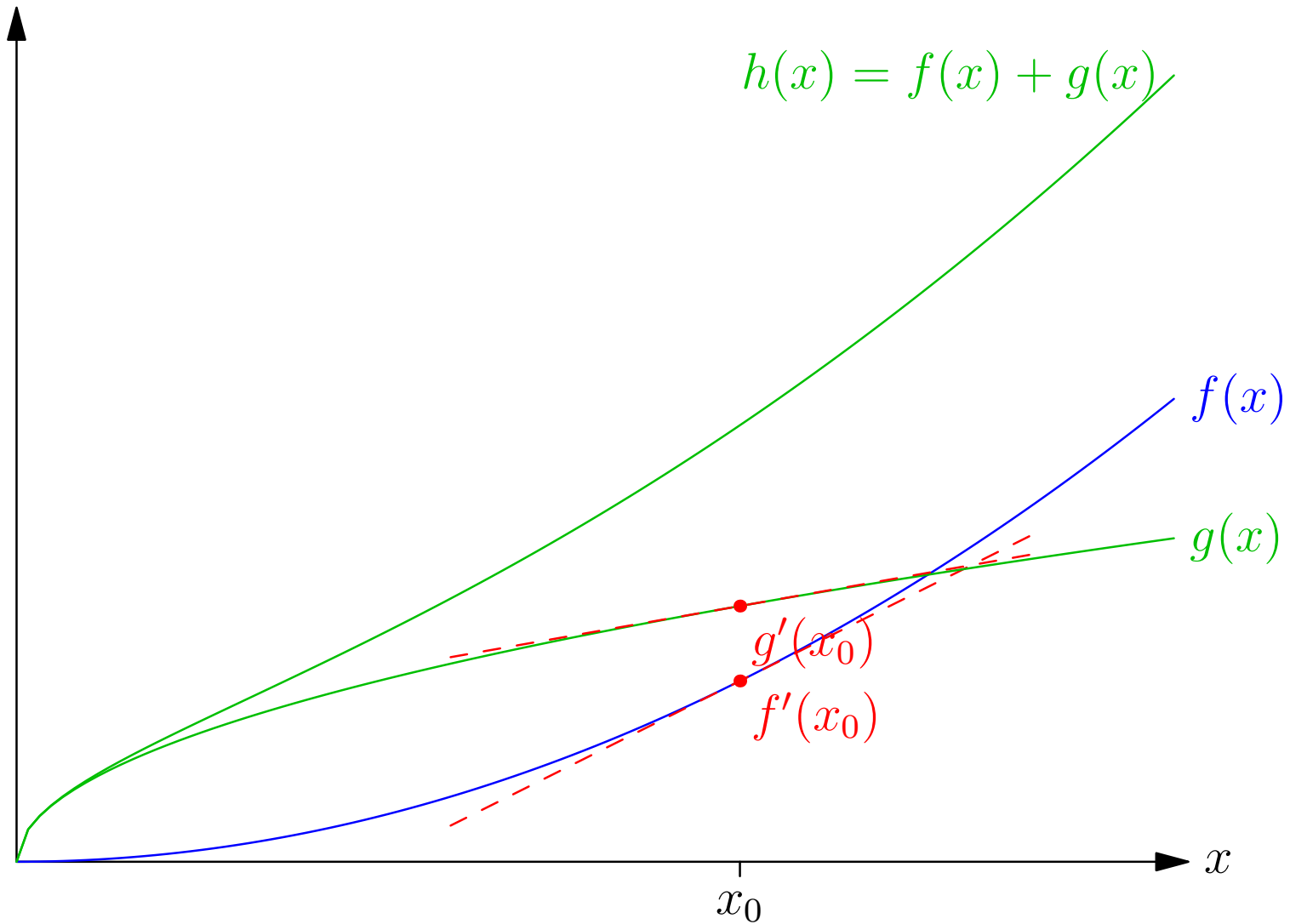
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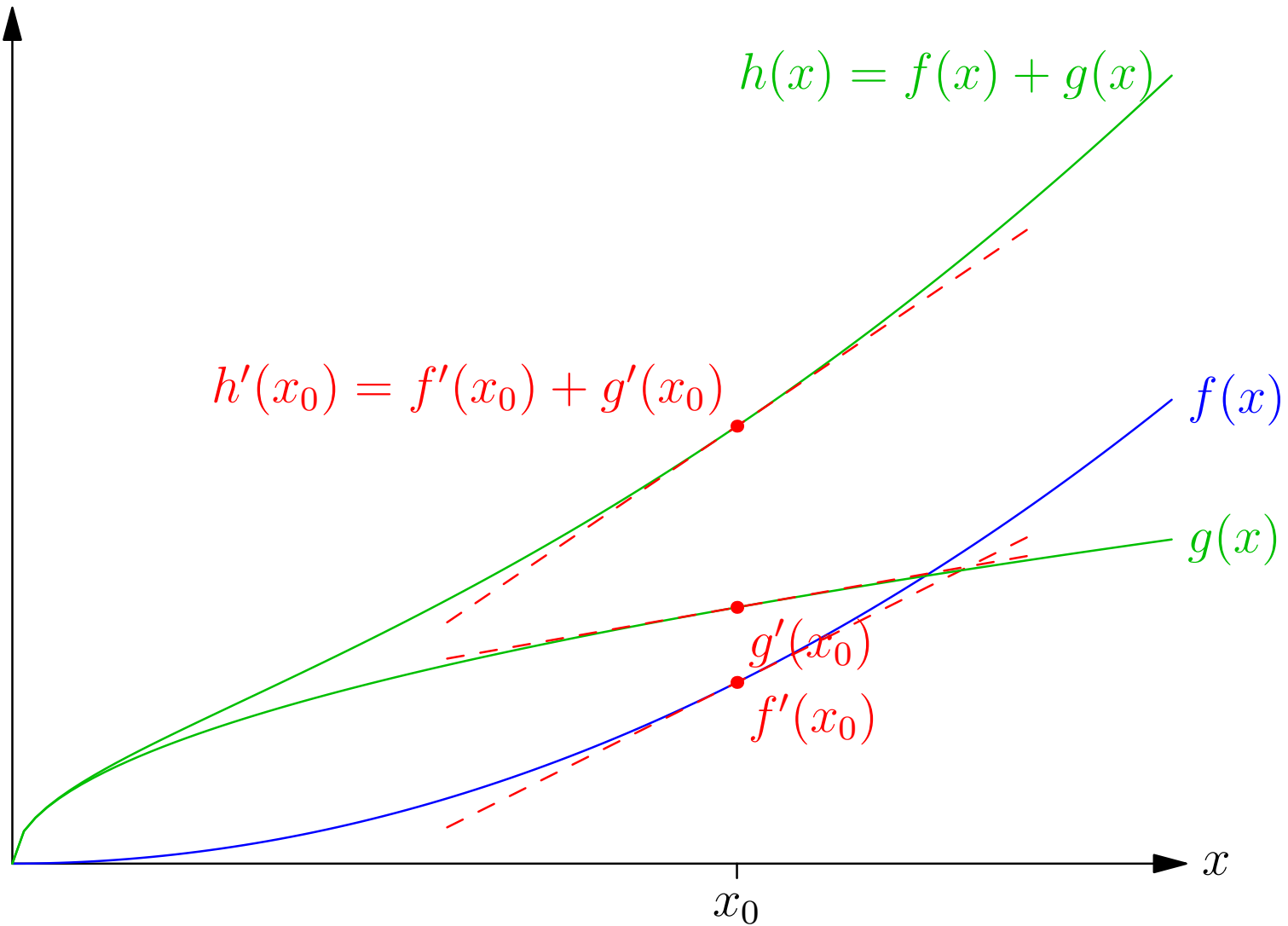
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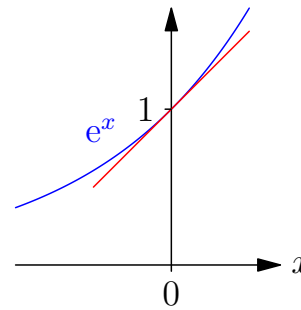
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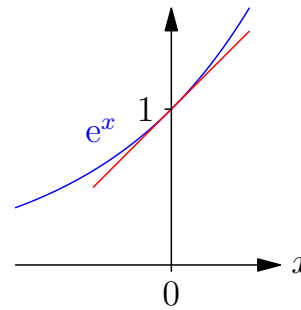
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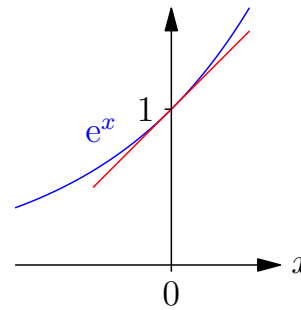


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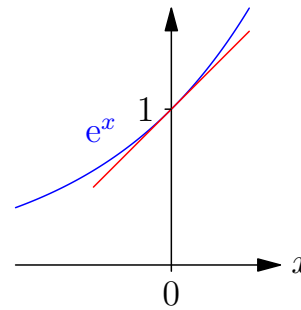


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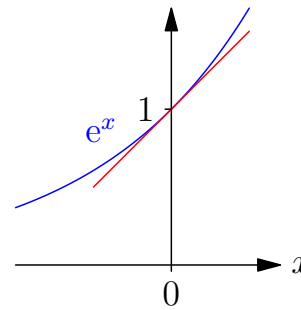
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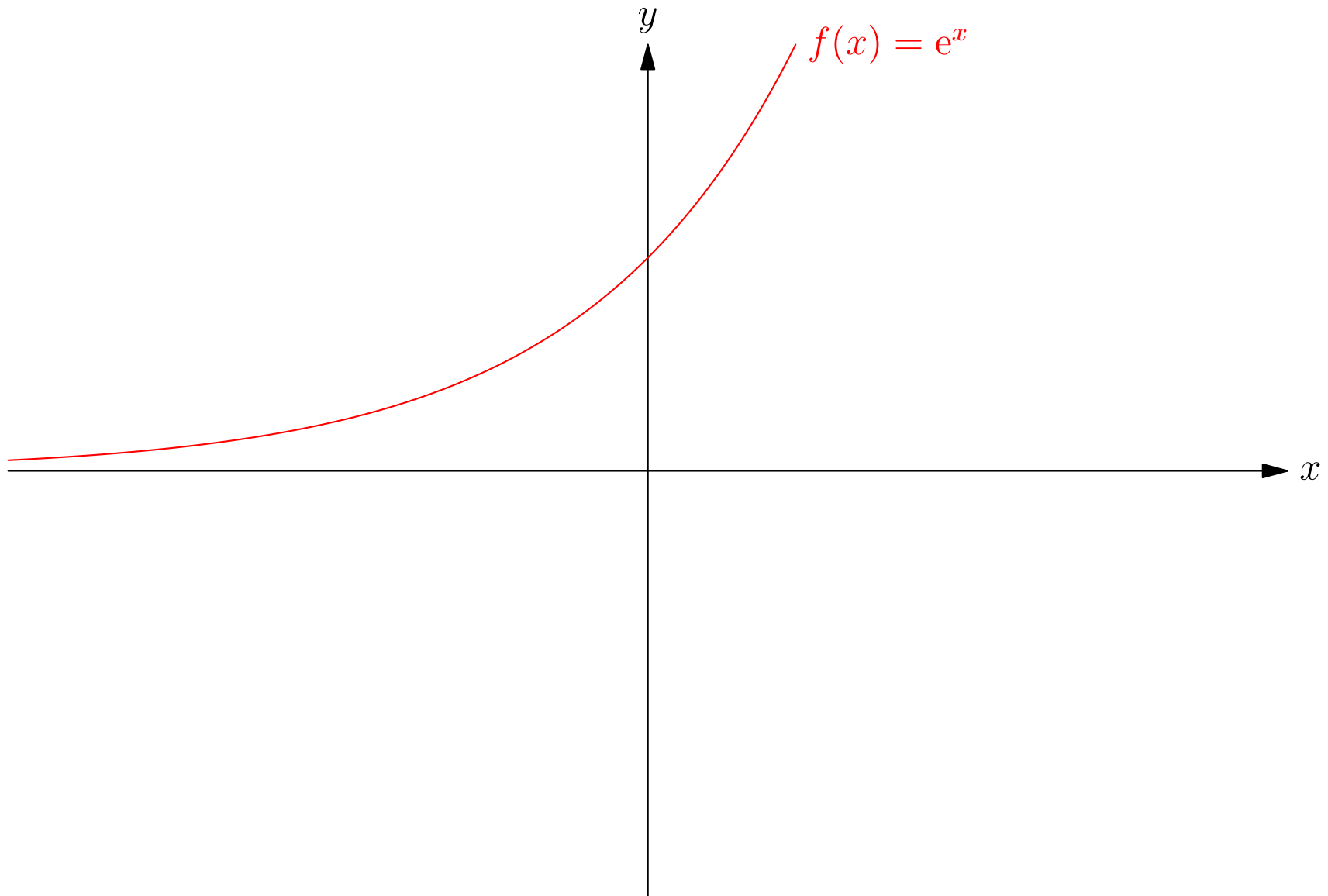
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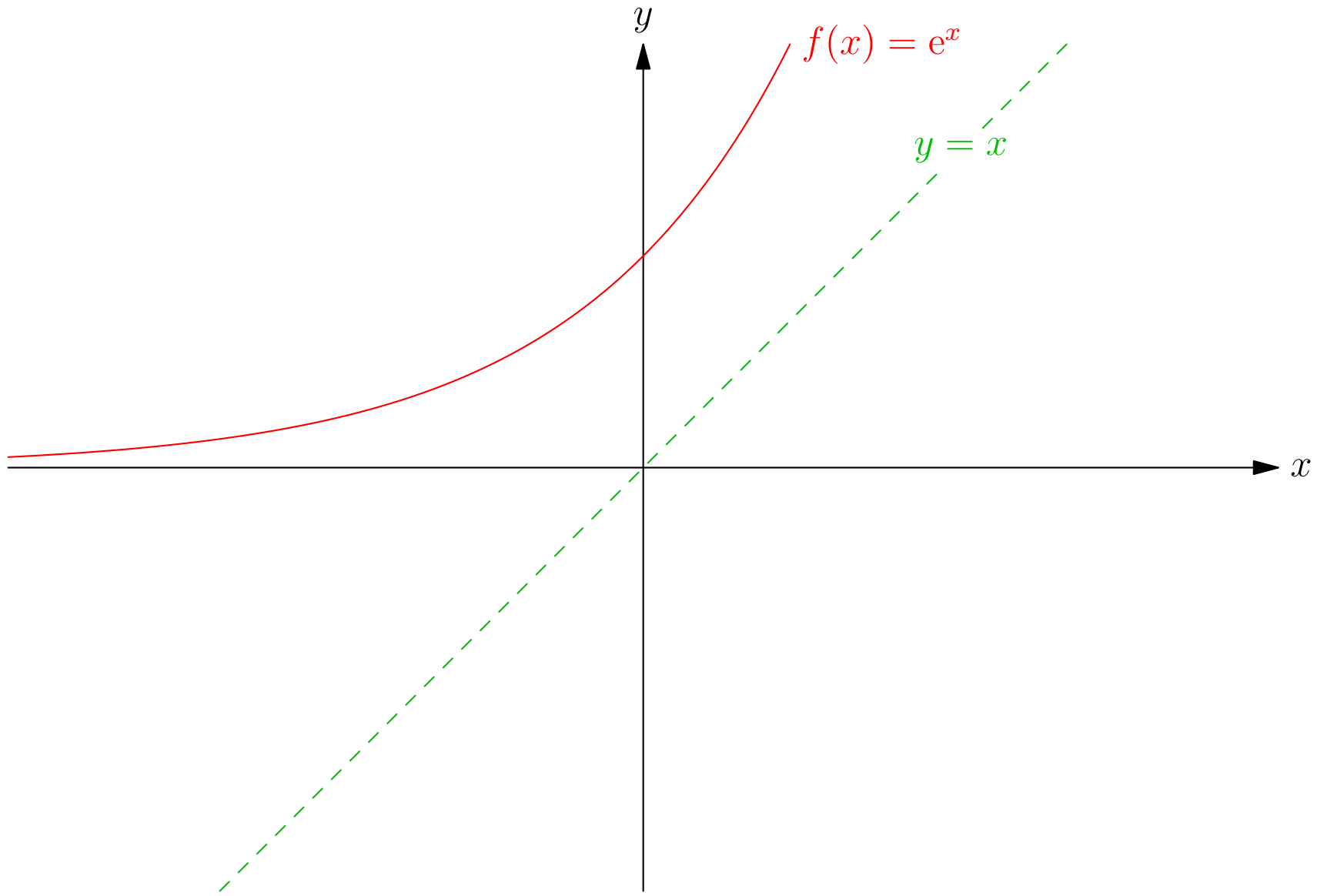
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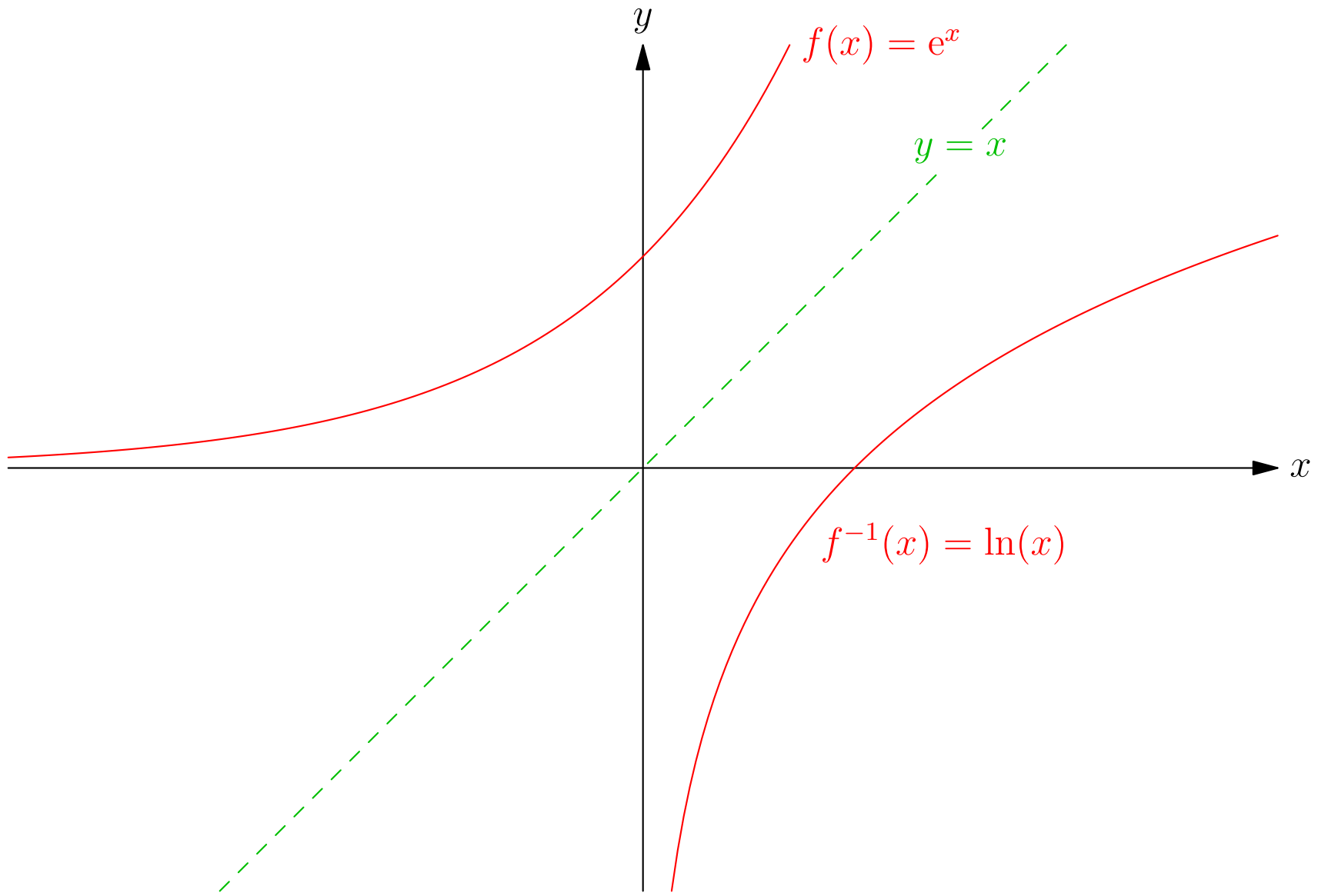
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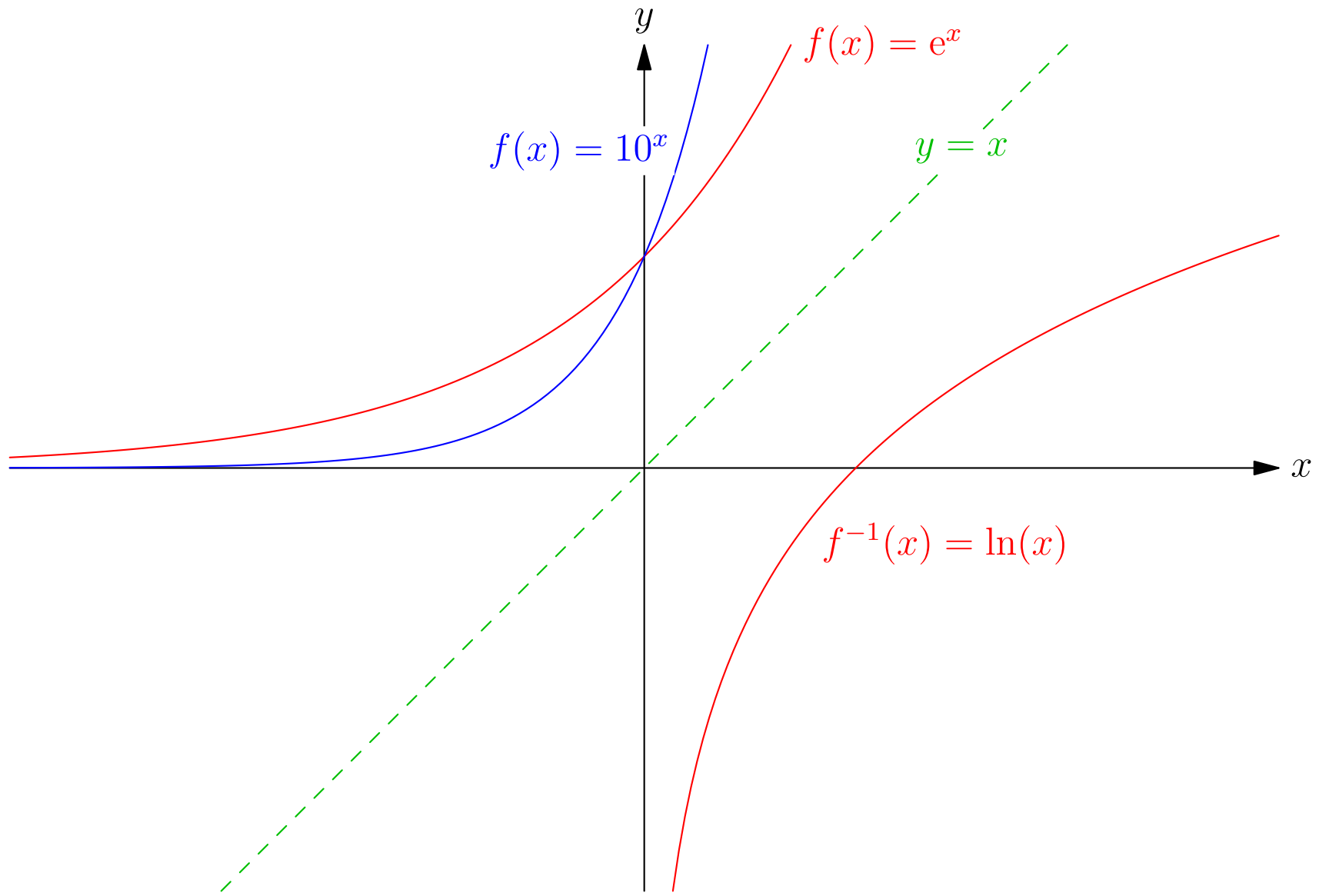
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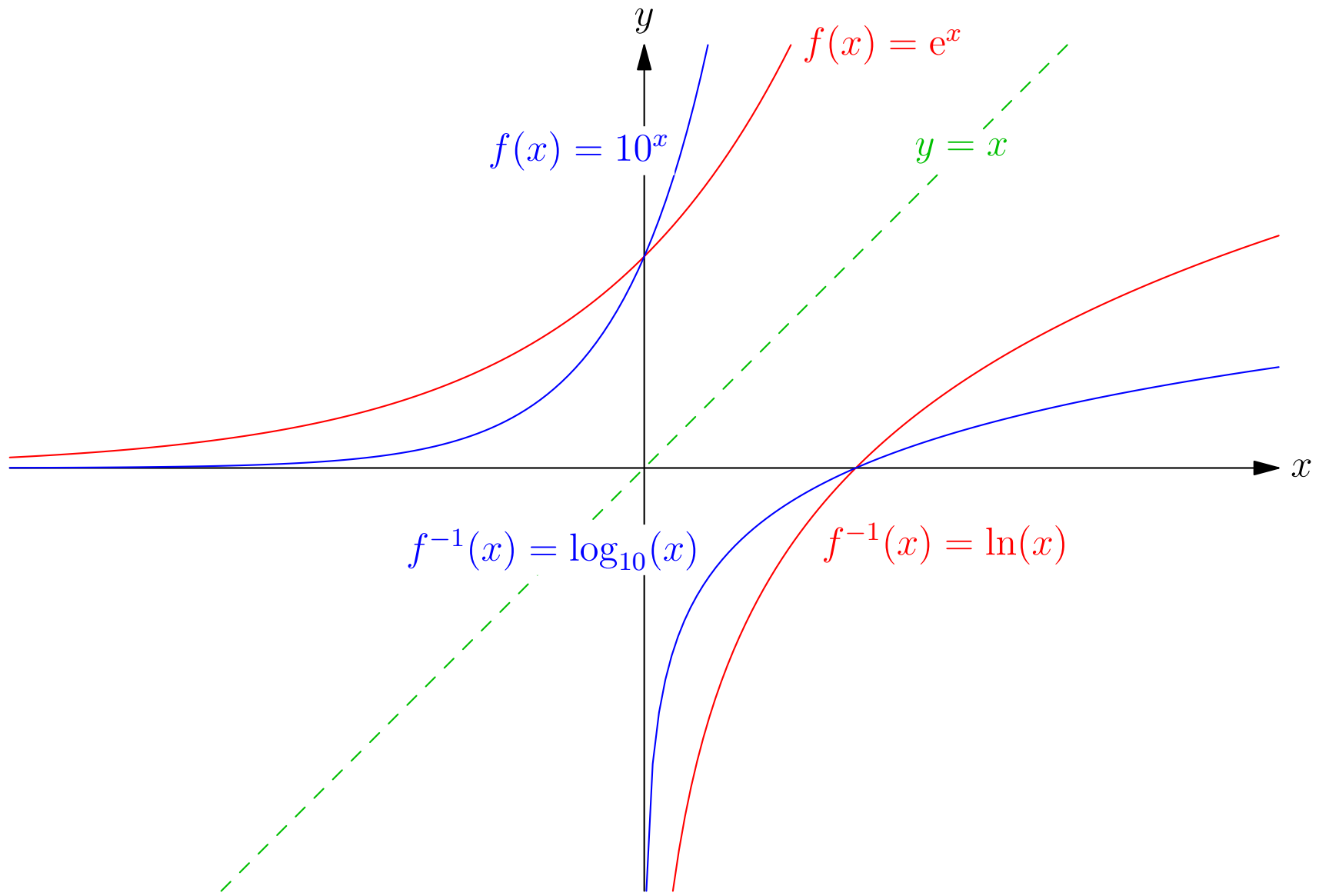
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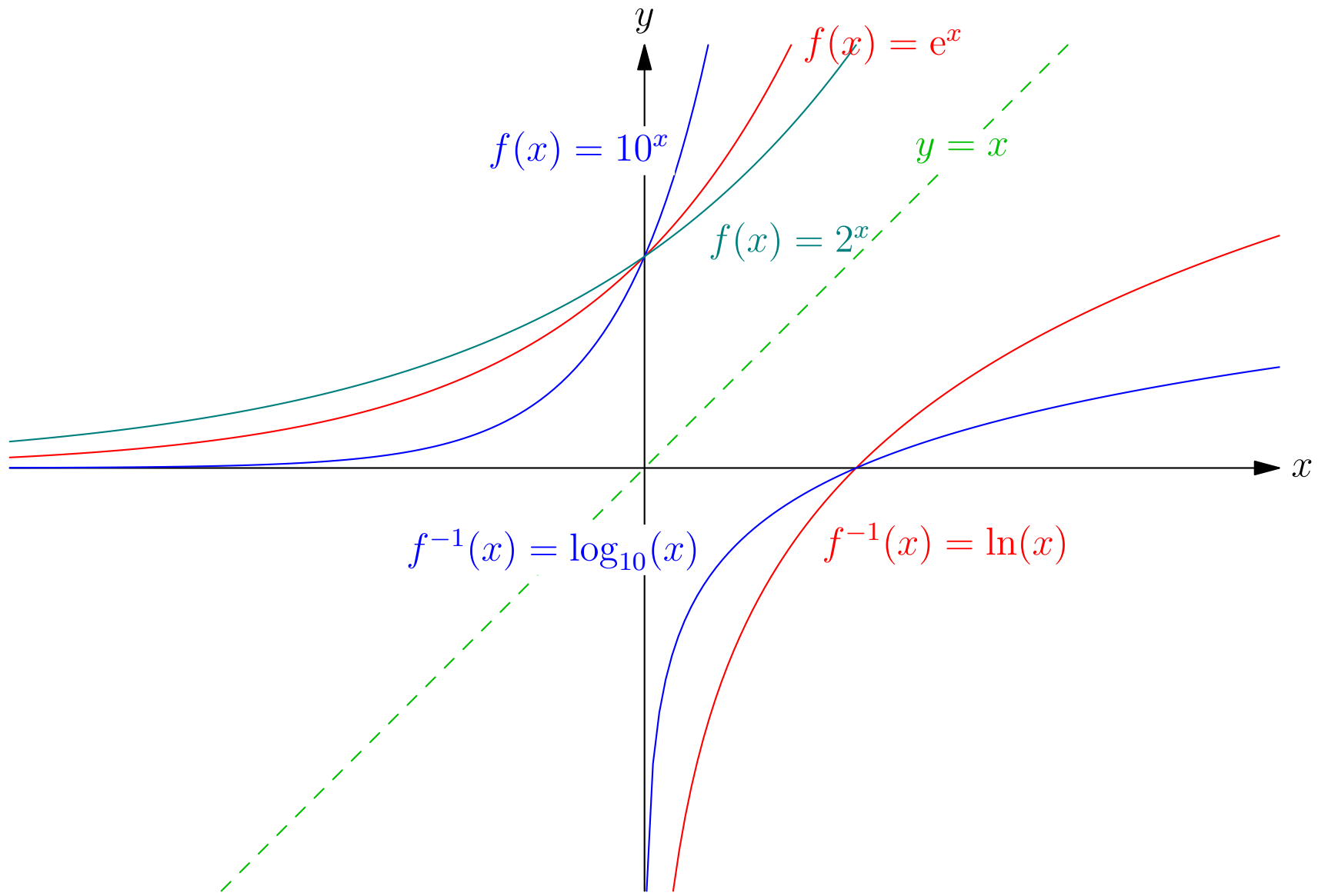
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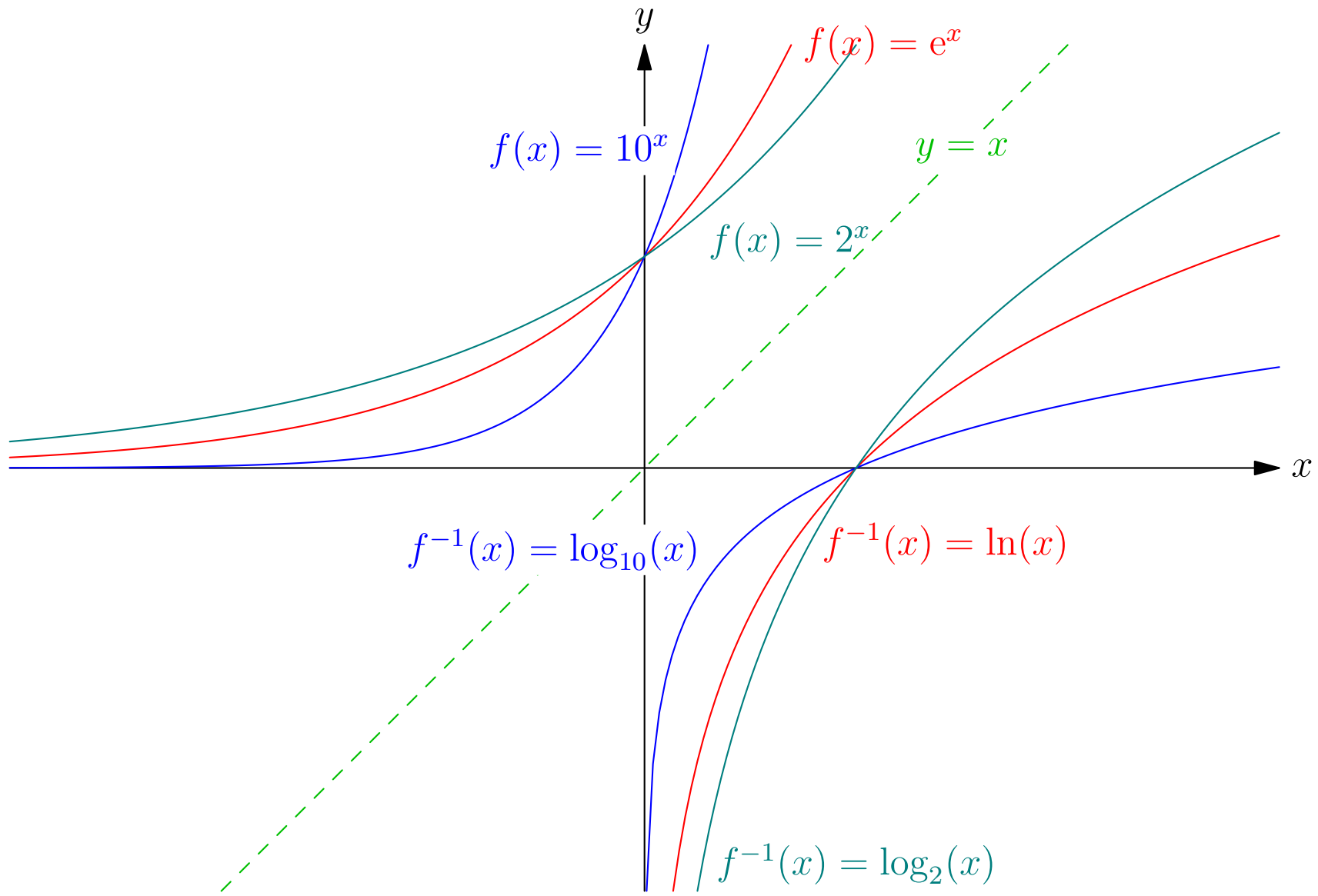
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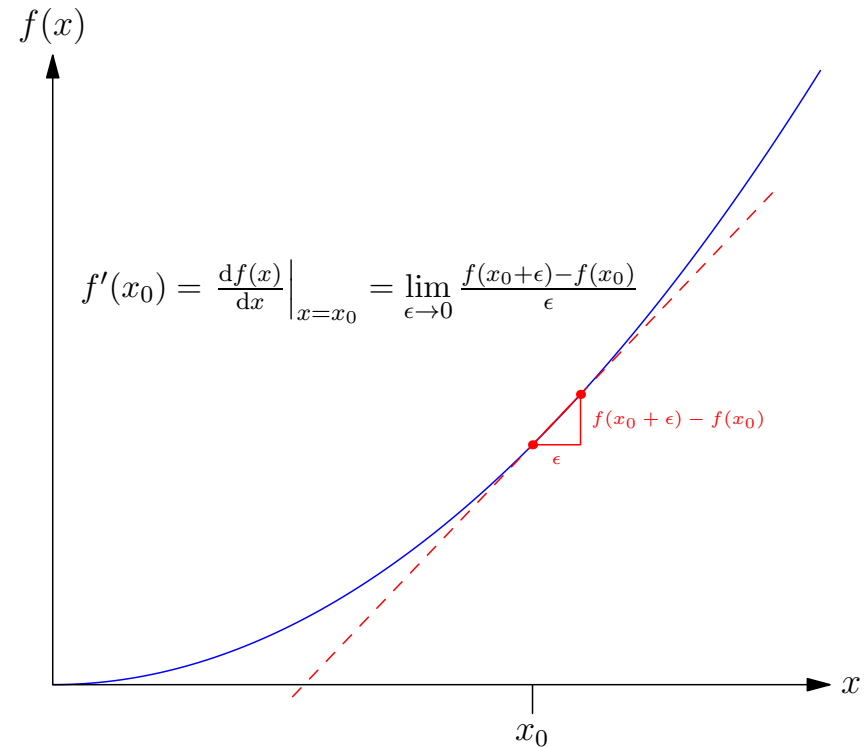


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- From an identical argument we used for vectors

$$L(\mathbf{W} + \epsilon \mathbf{U}) = L(\mathbf{W}) + \epsilon \text{tr} \mathbf{U}^\top \frac{\partial L(\mathbf{W})}{\partial \mathbf{W}} + O(\epsilon^2)$$

where

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