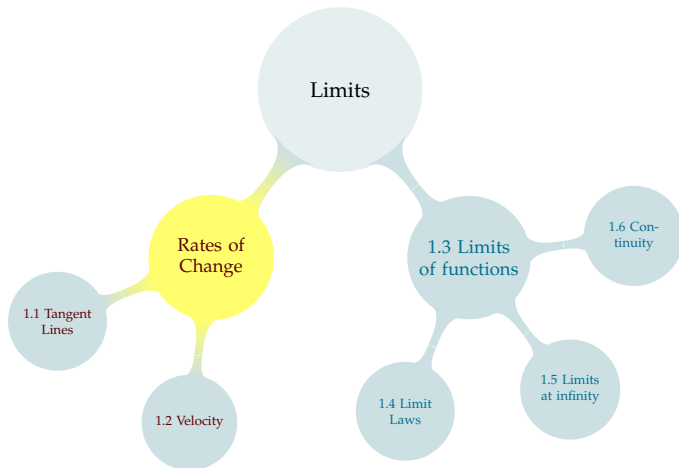


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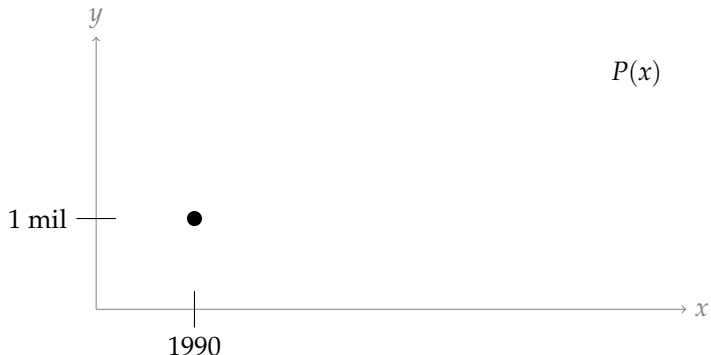


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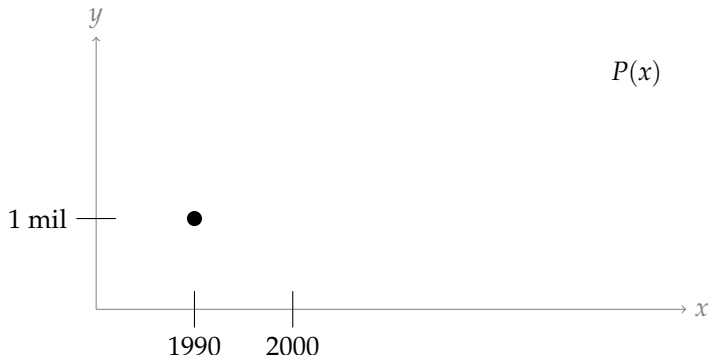
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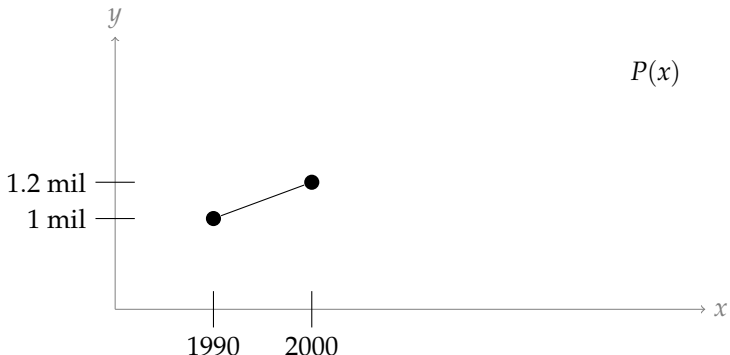
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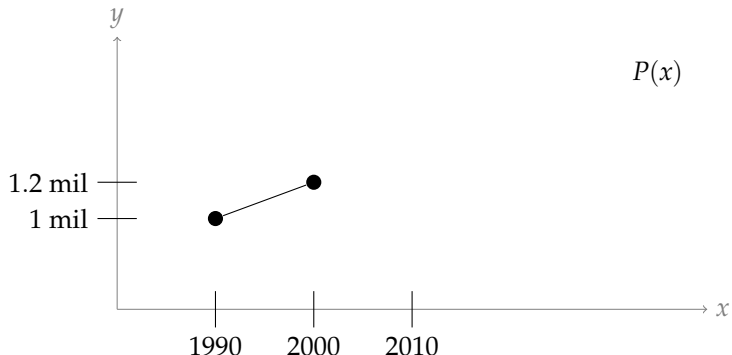
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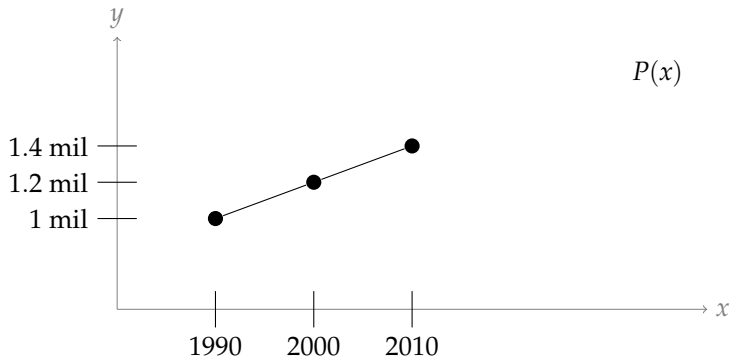
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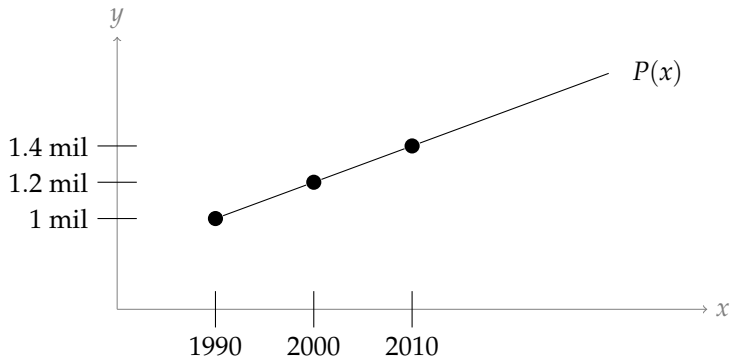
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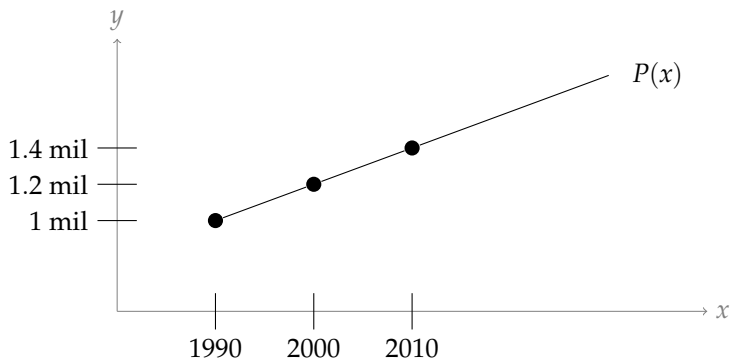
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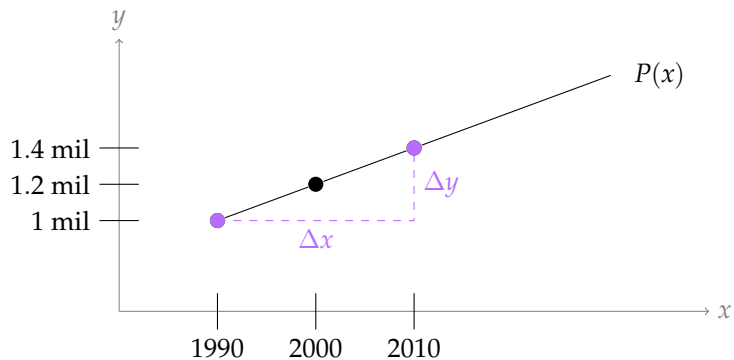
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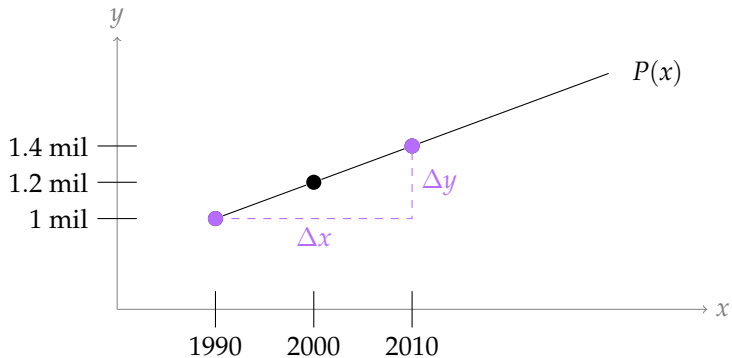
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This is also called the **rate of change** of the function.

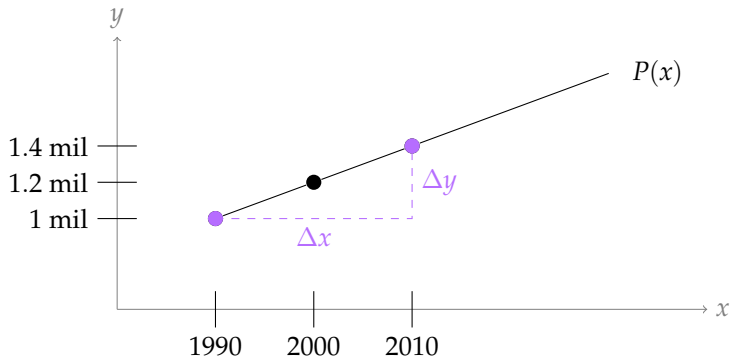
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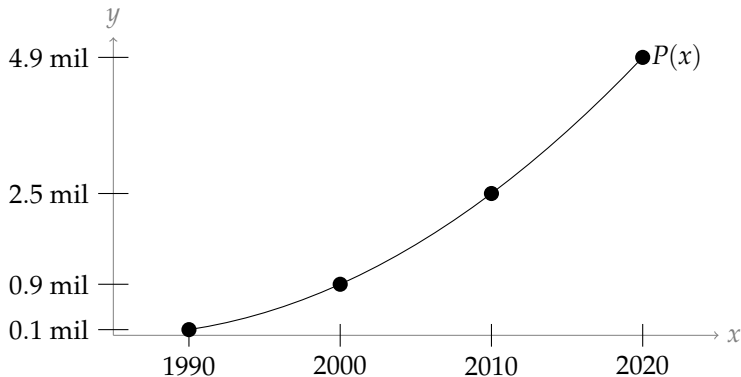
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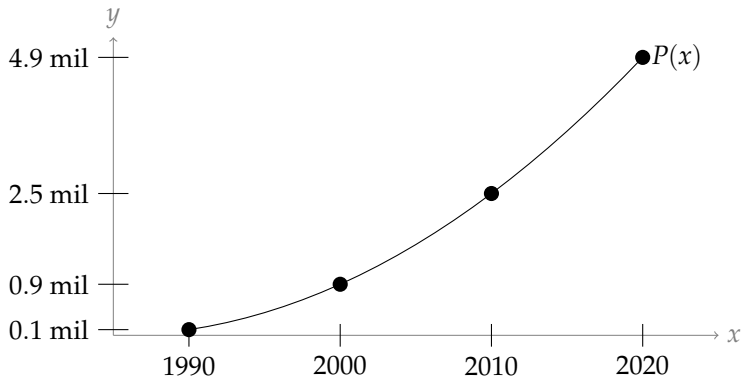
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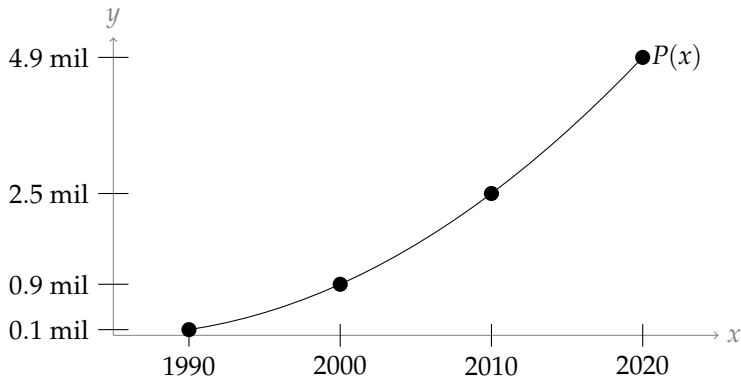


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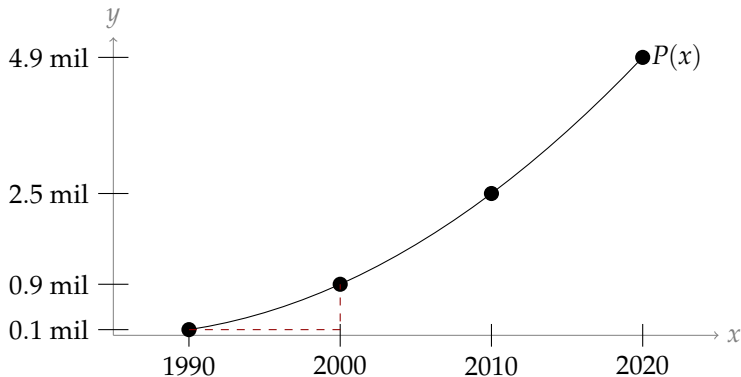
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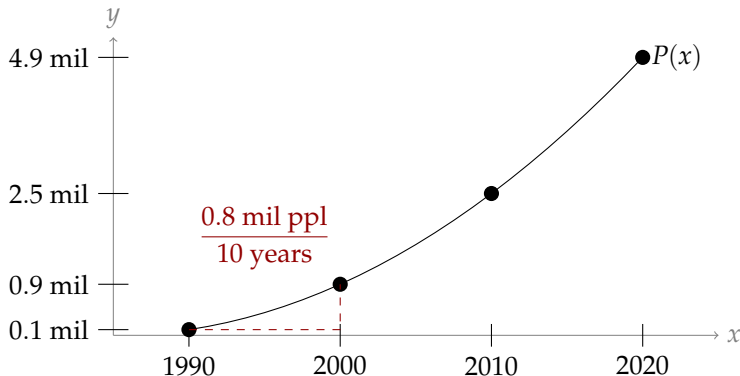
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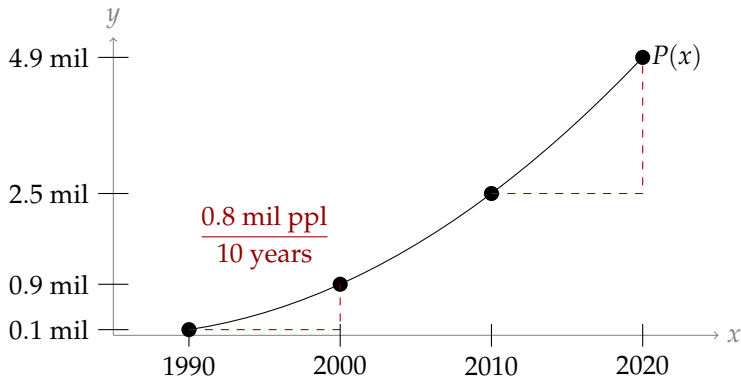
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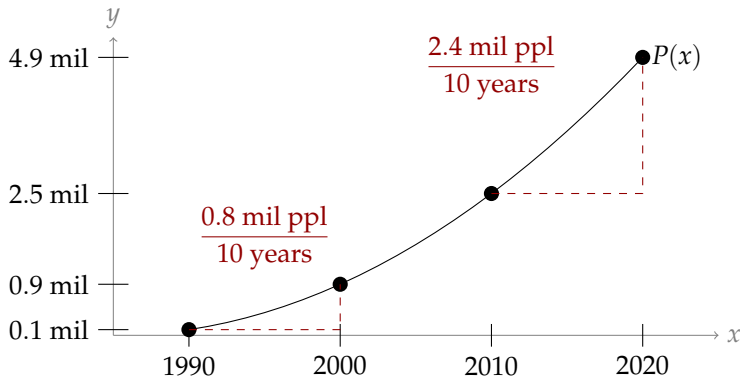
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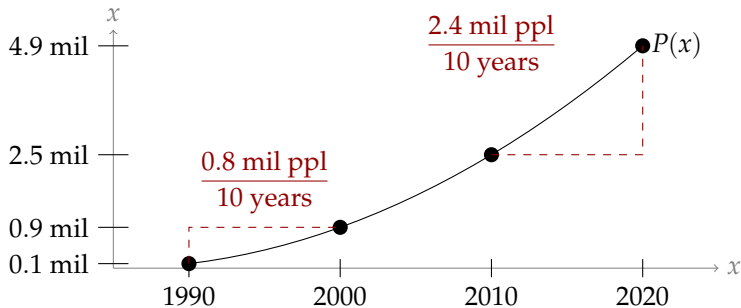


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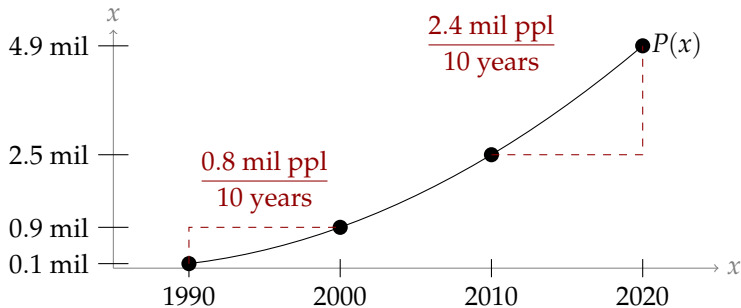
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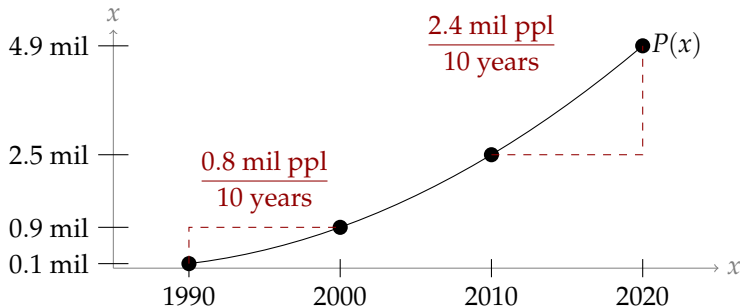


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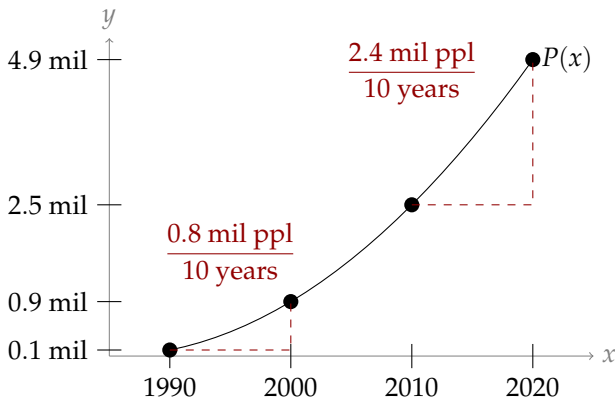
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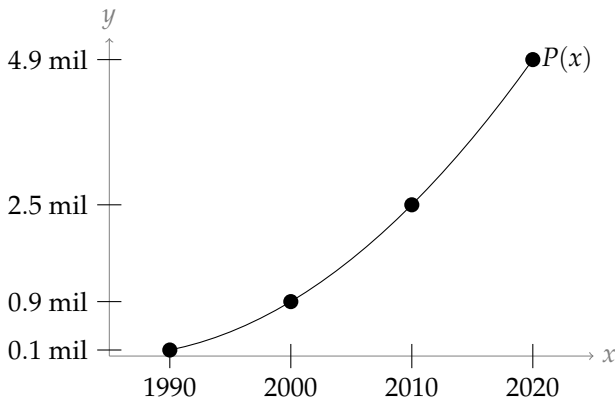
If a function is a line, its slope is the same as its average rate of change, which is the same for every interval.

If a function is not a line, its average rate of change might be different for different intervals, and we don't have a definition (yet) for its "slope."

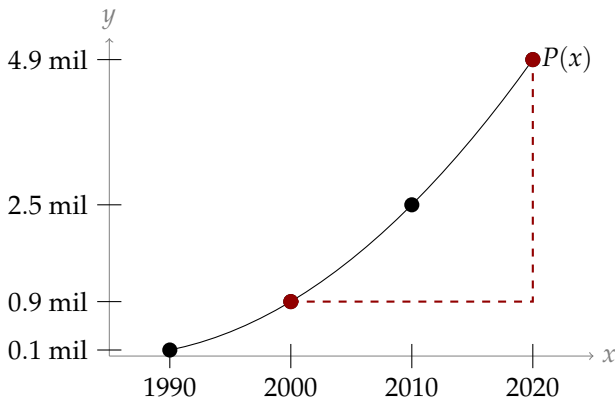
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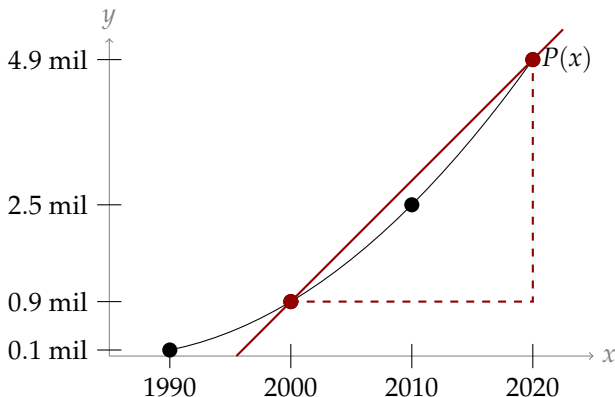
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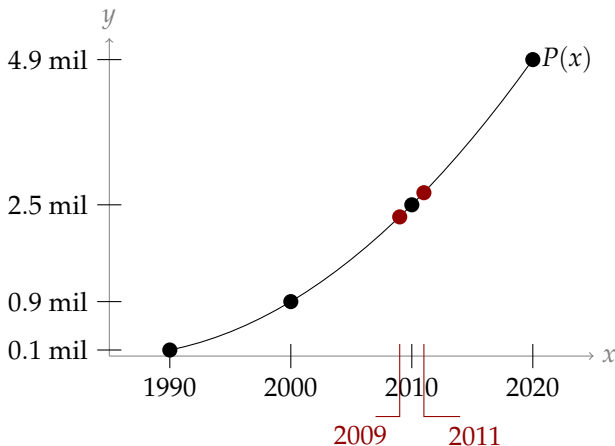
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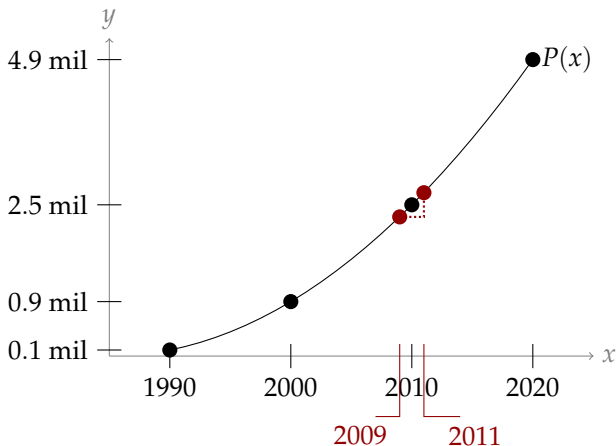
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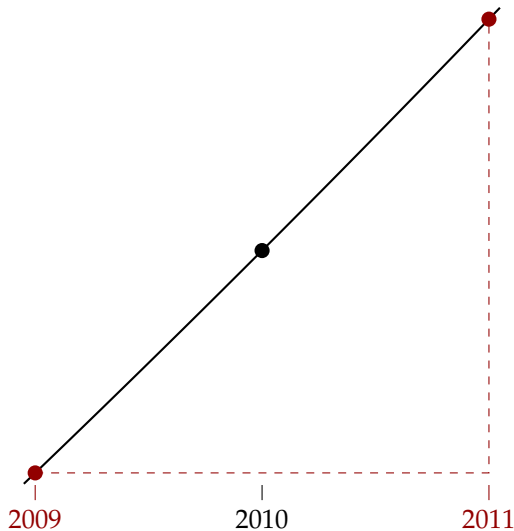
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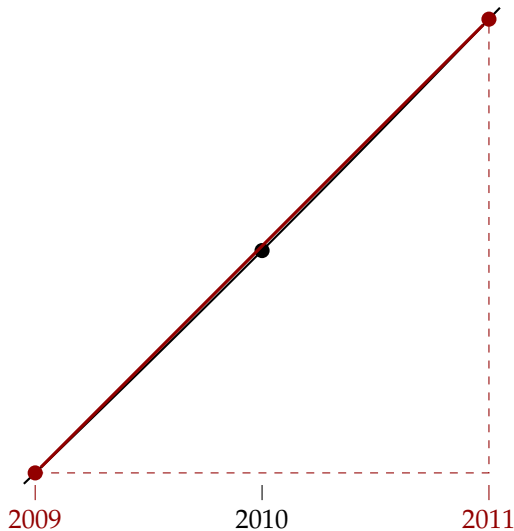
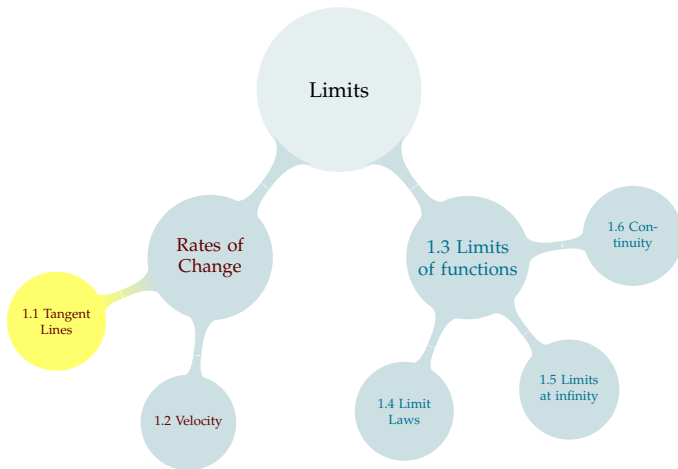
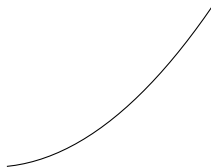


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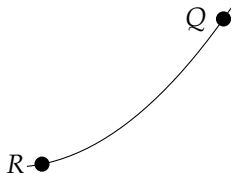
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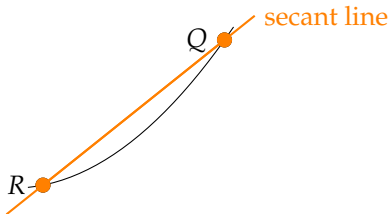
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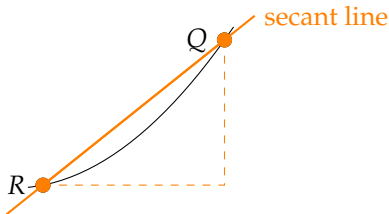
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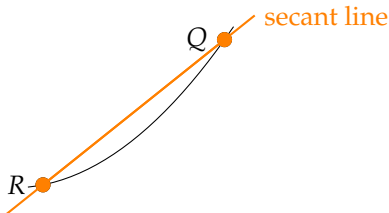
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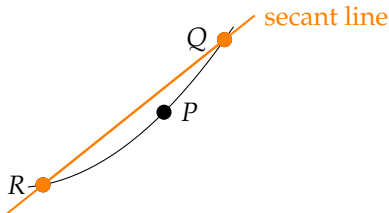
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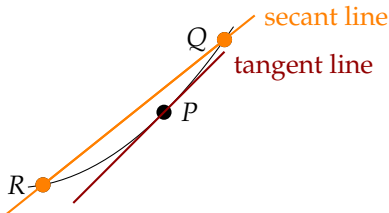
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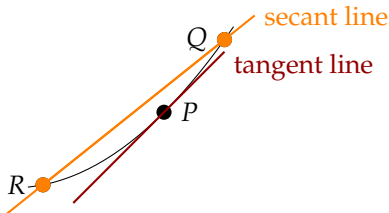


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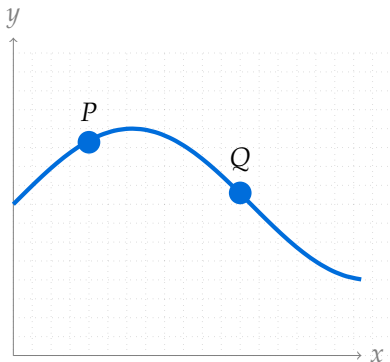
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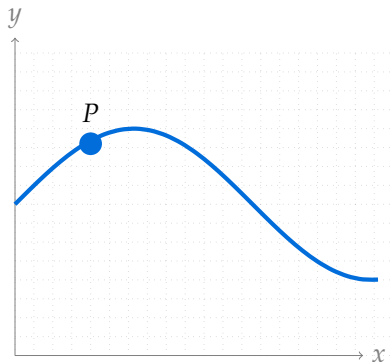
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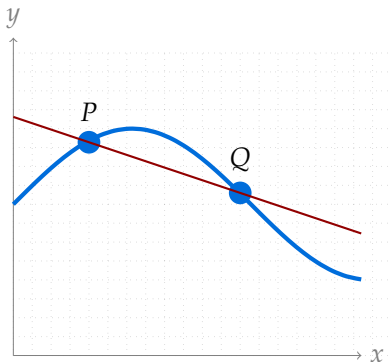
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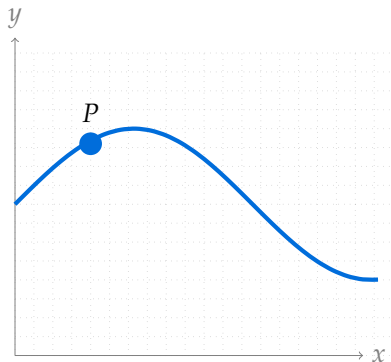
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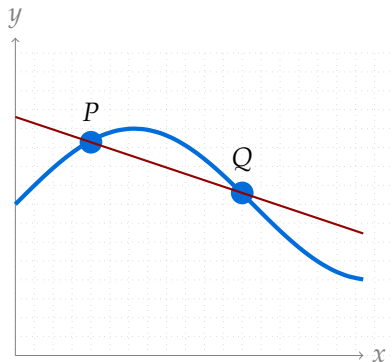
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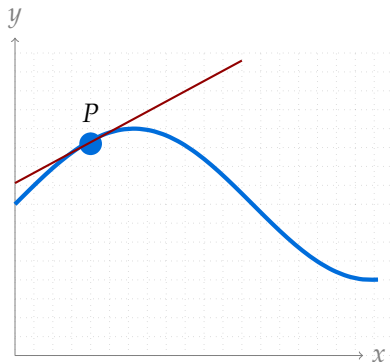
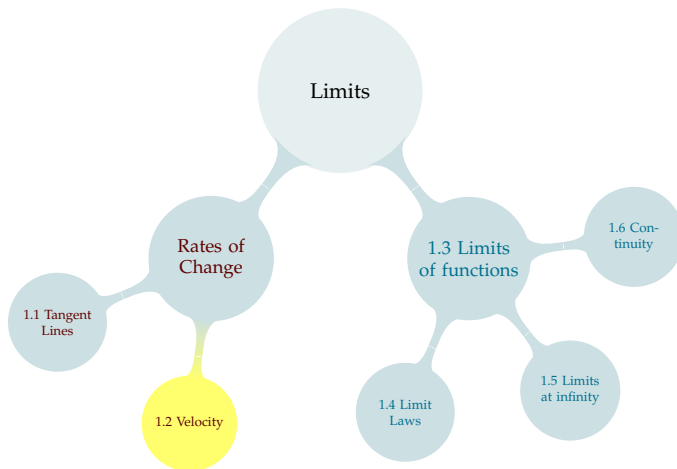
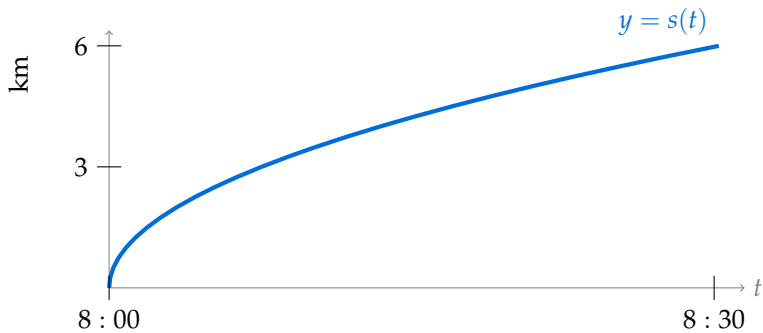
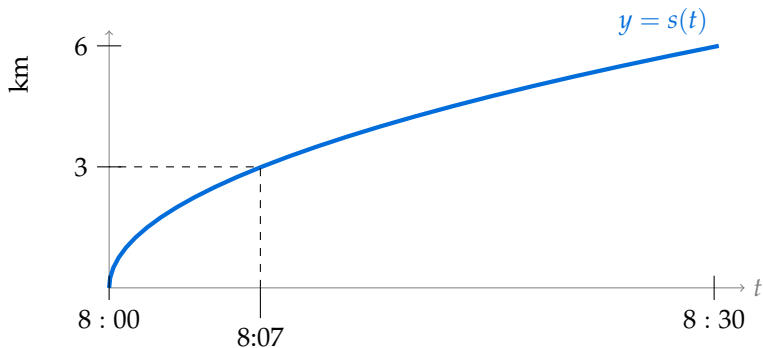
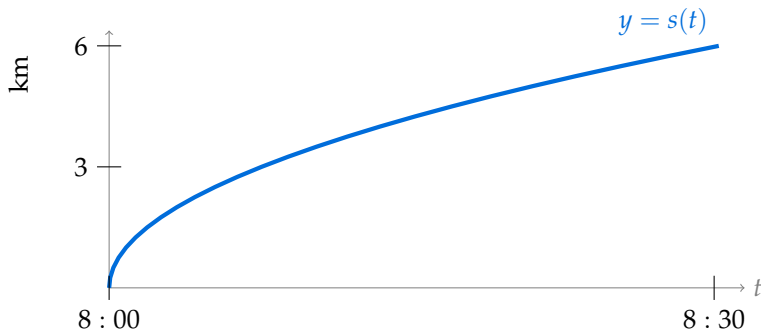


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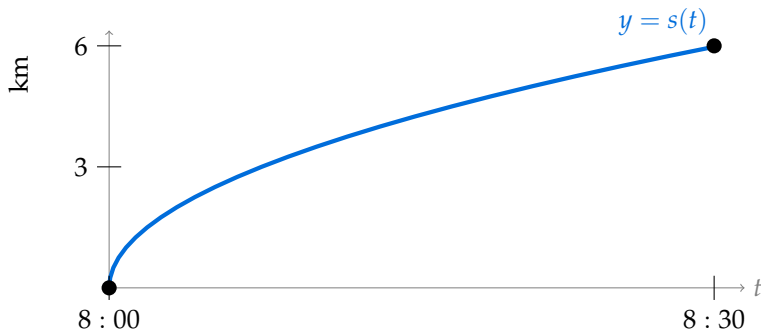






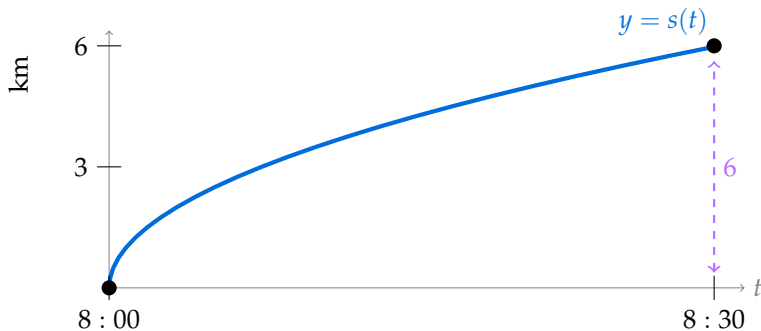
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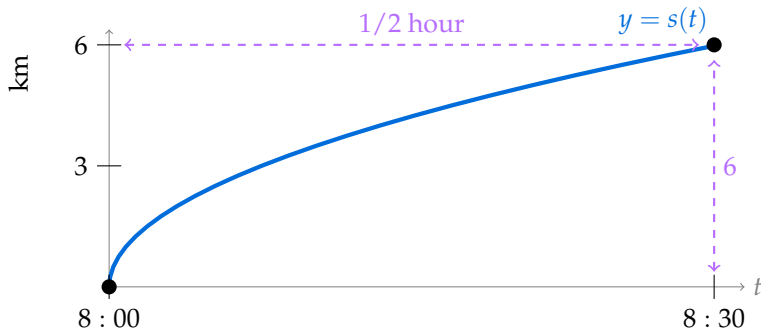
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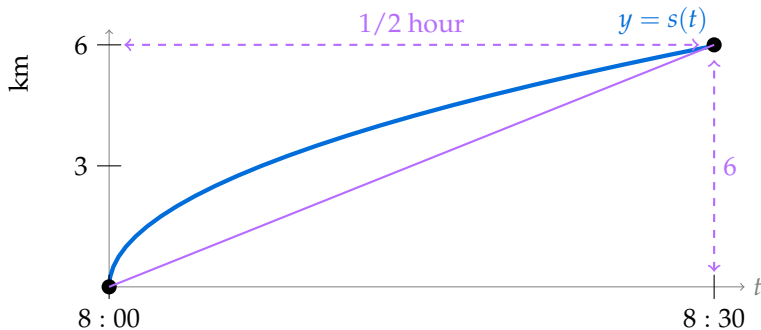
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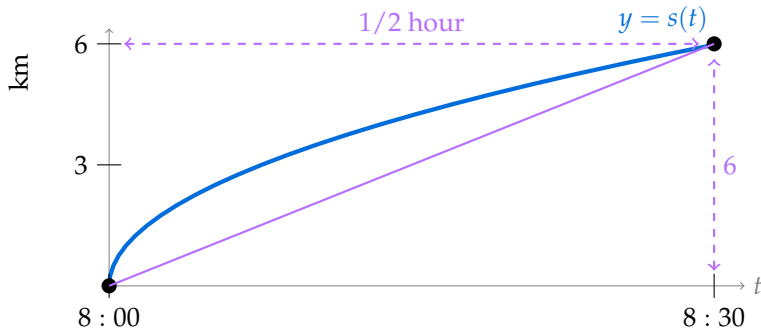
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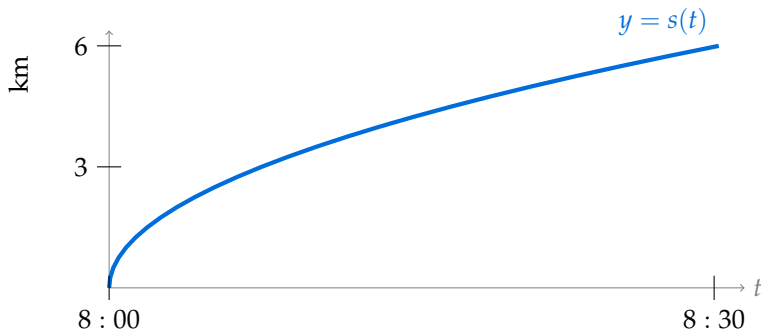
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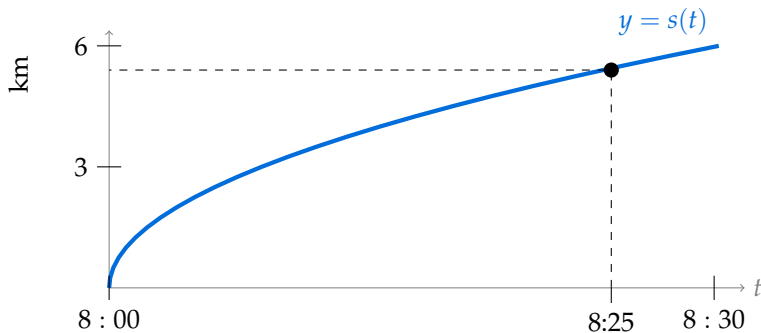
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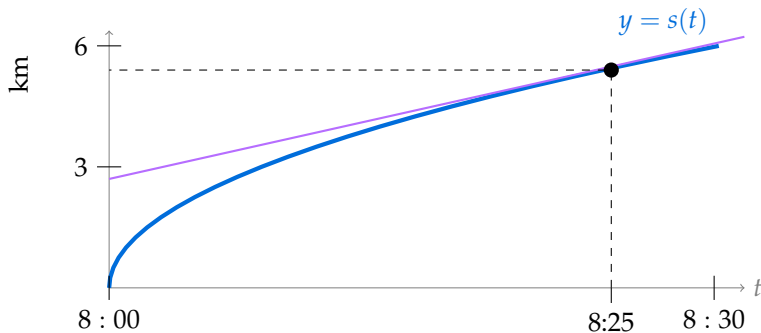
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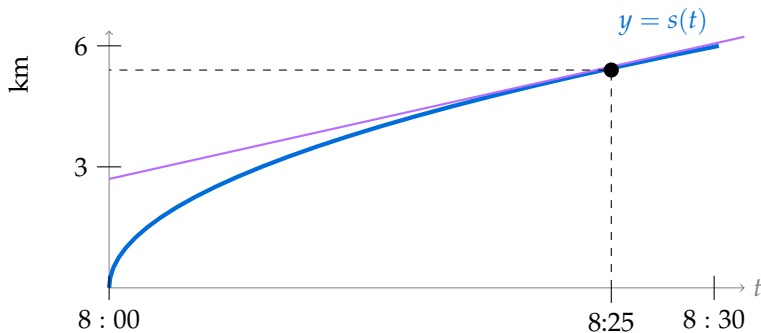
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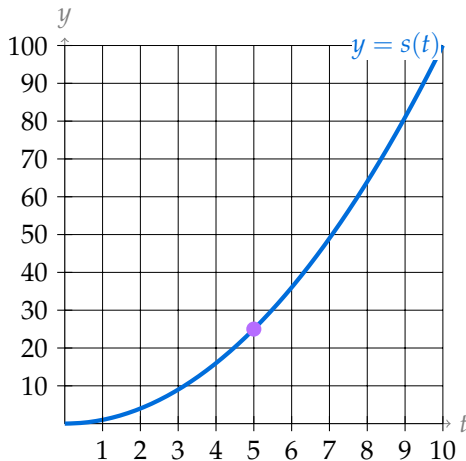


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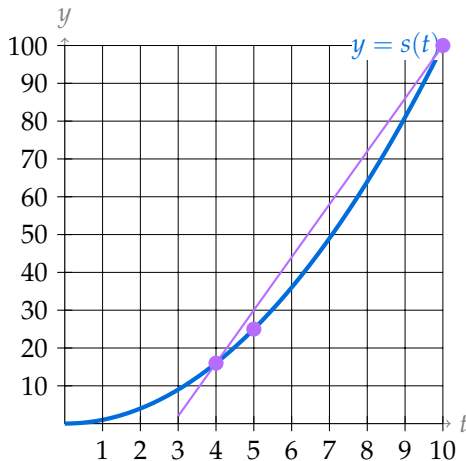
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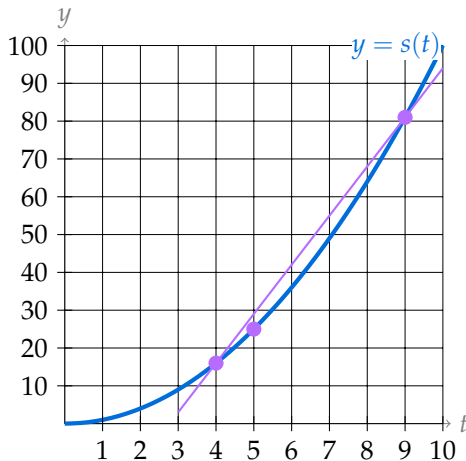
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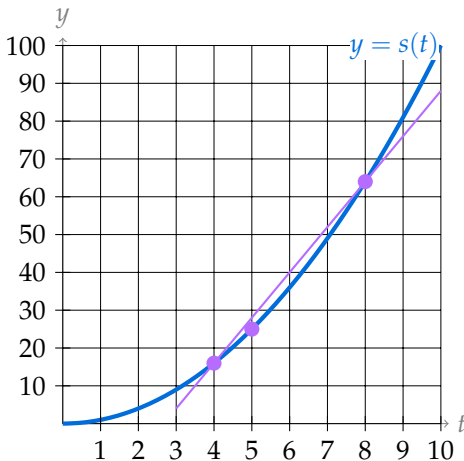
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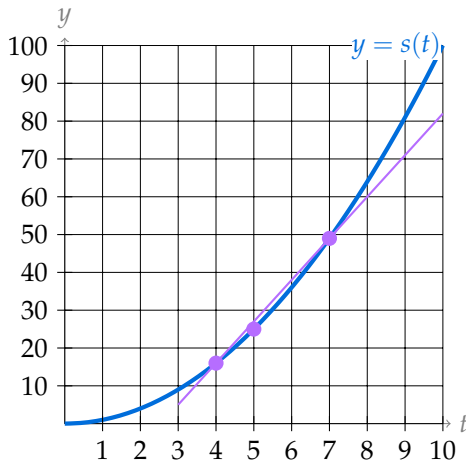
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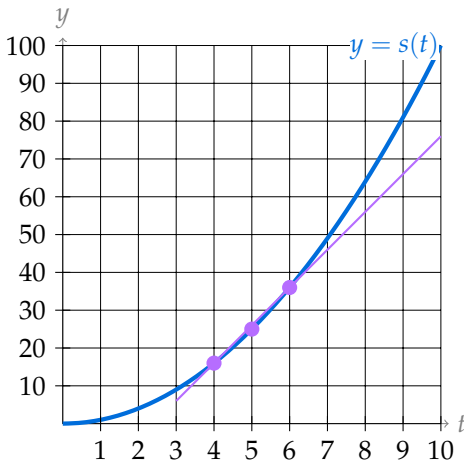
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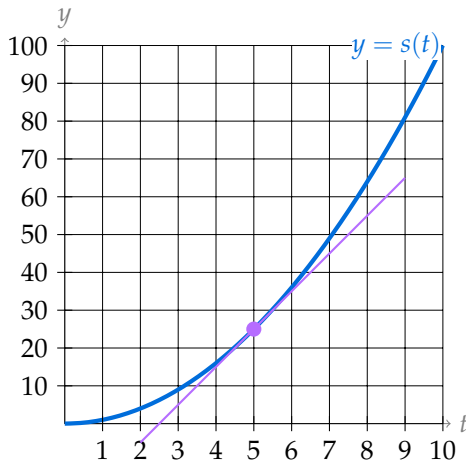
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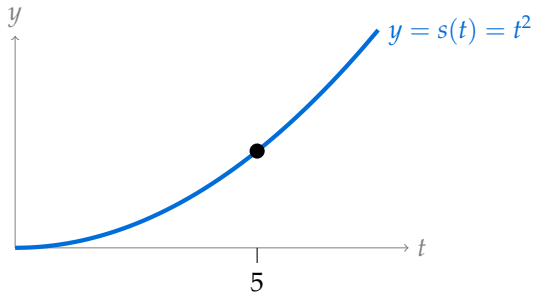
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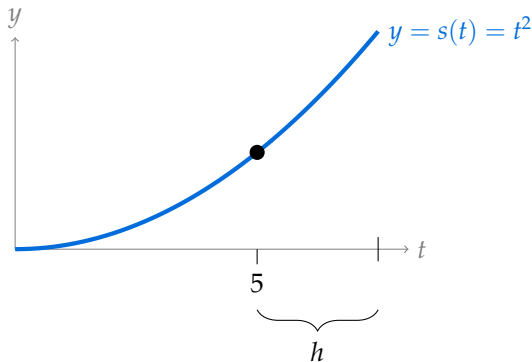


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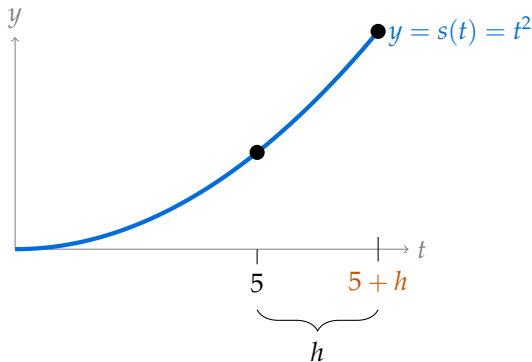
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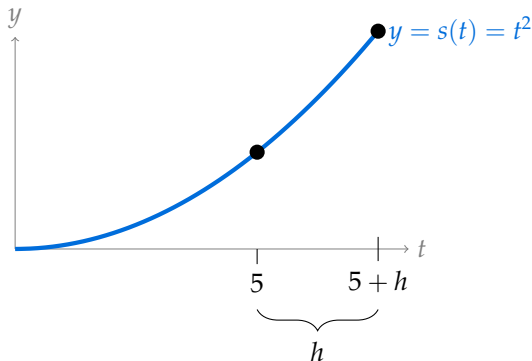
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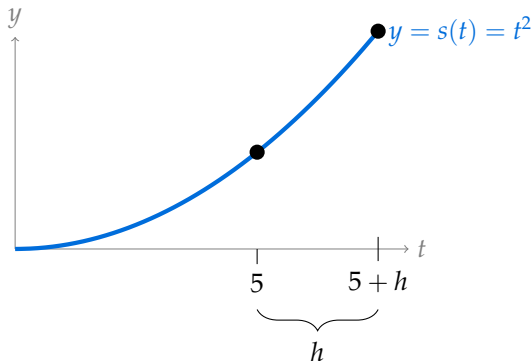
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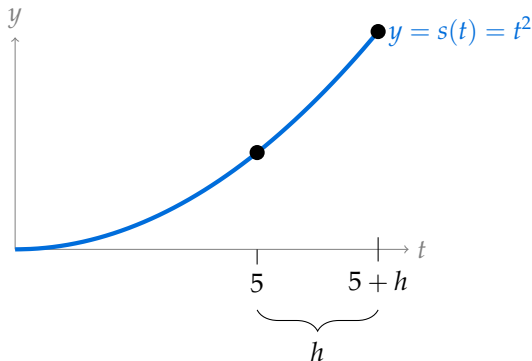


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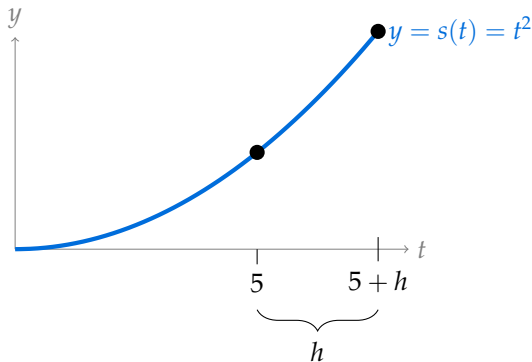
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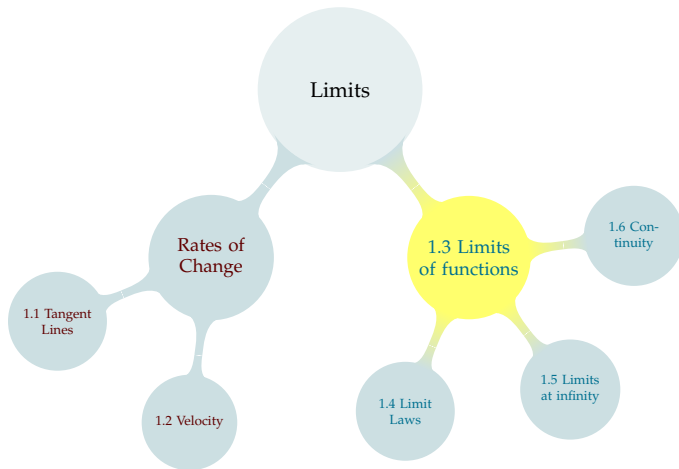
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where a and L are real numbers

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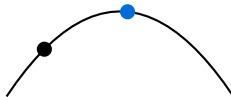
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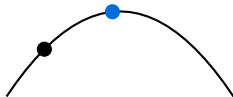
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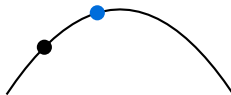
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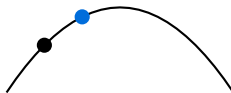
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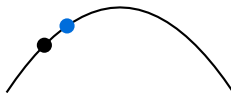
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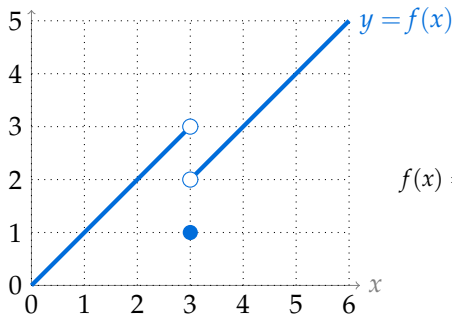
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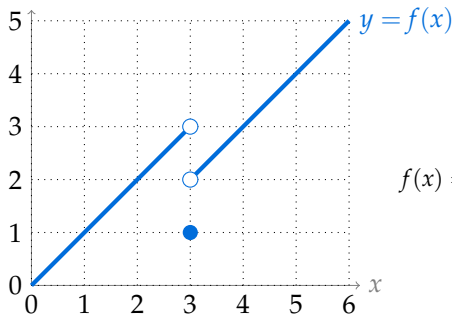


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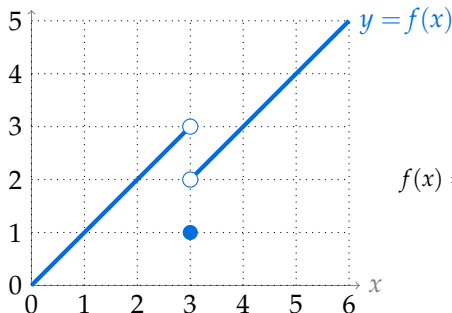


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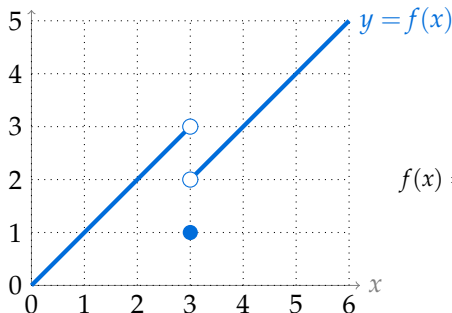
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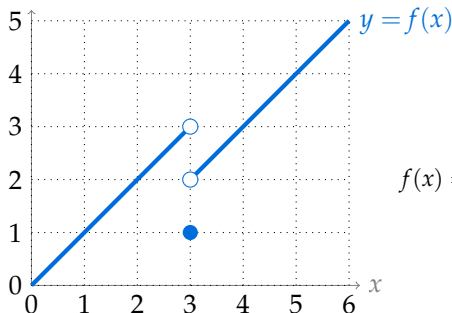
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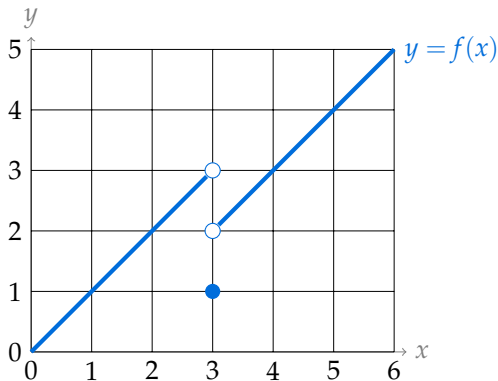
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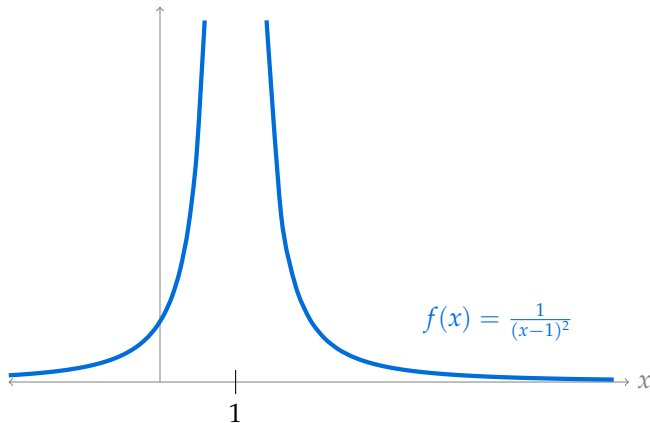
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Theorem 1.3.8

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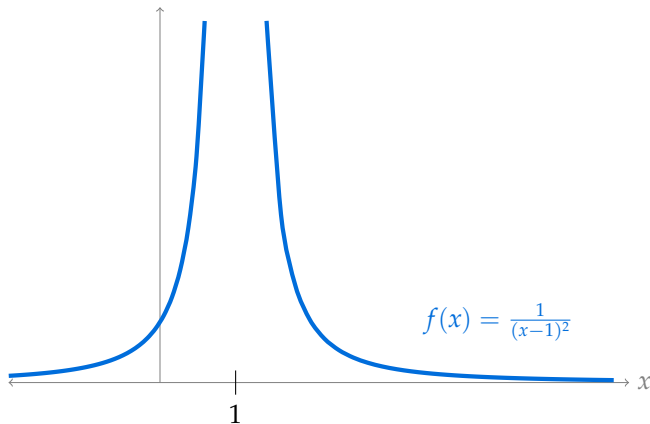


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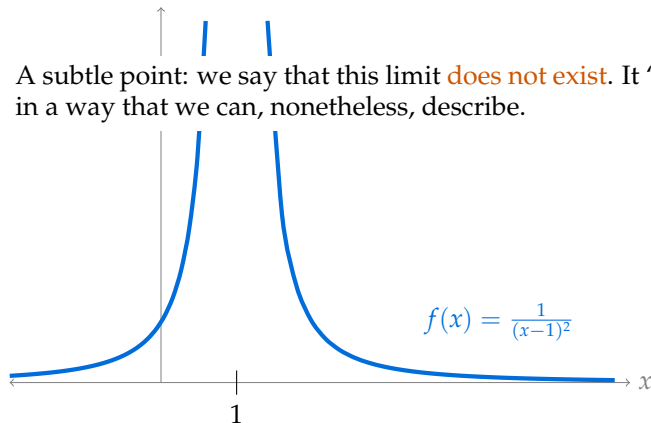
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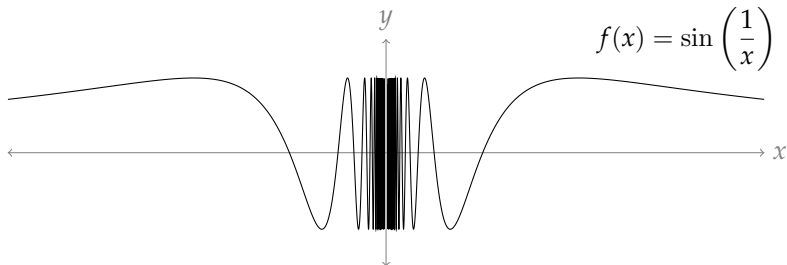


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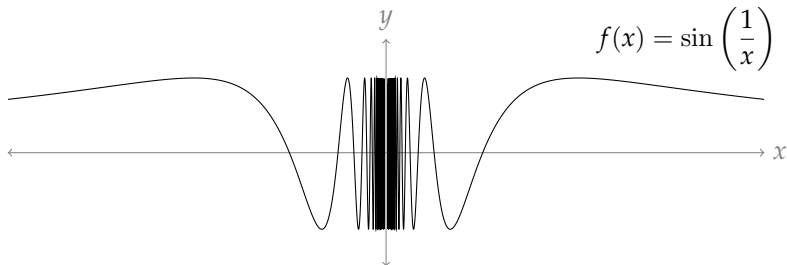


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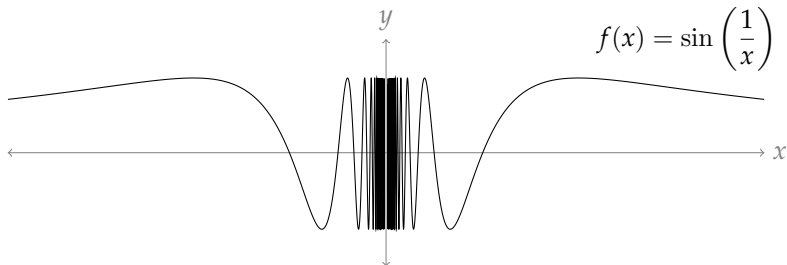
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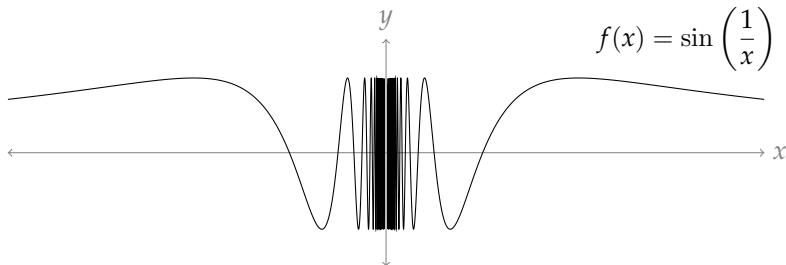
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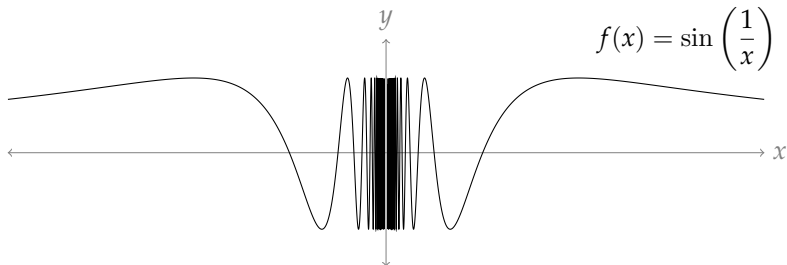


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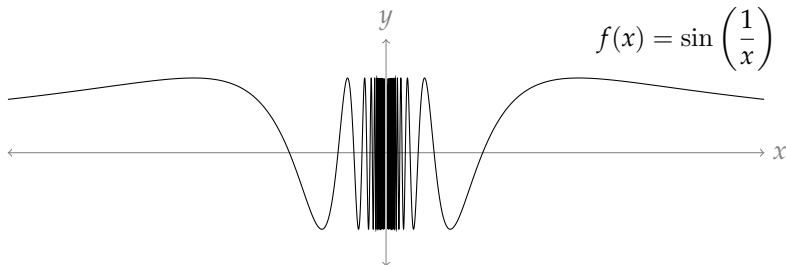
We can call this behaviour “infinite wiggling.”

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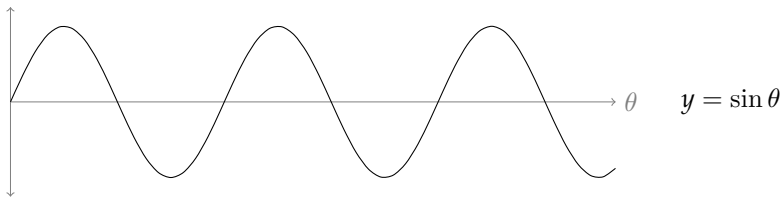


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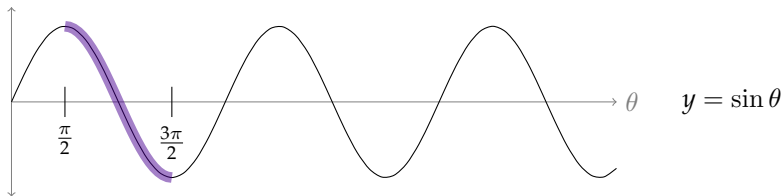
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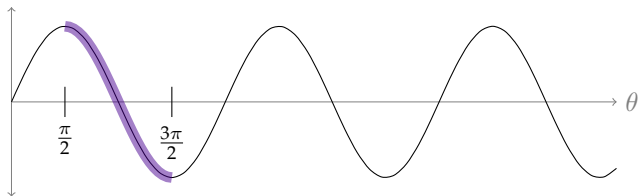
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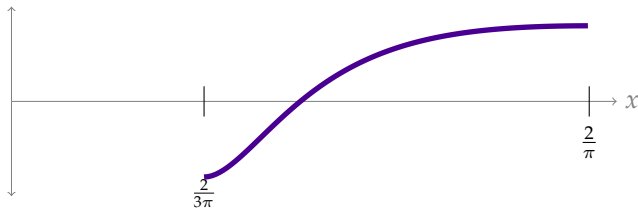
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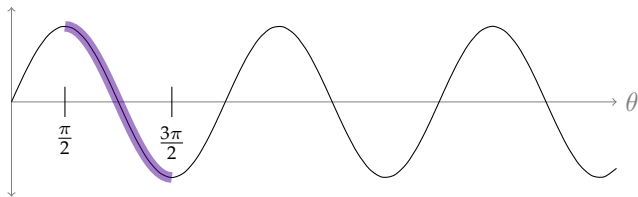
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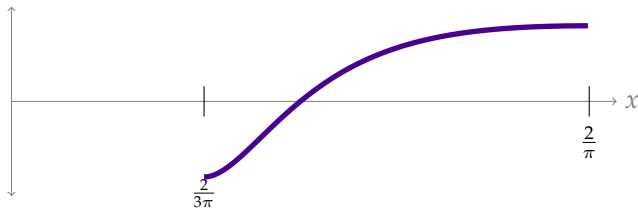
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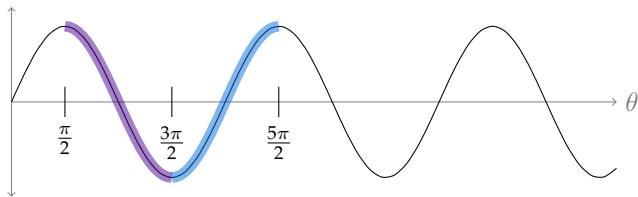
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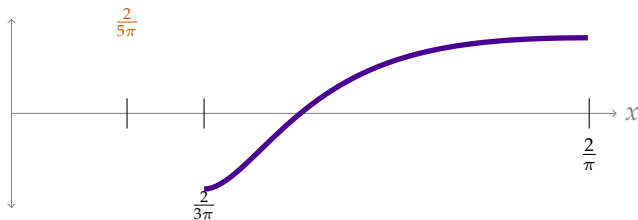
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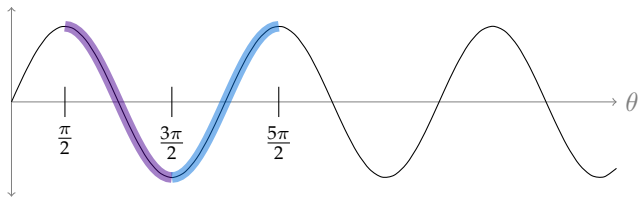
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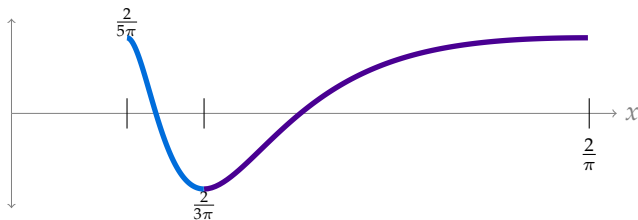
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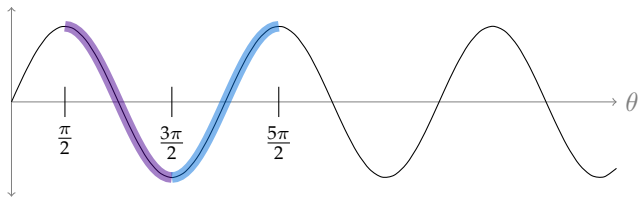
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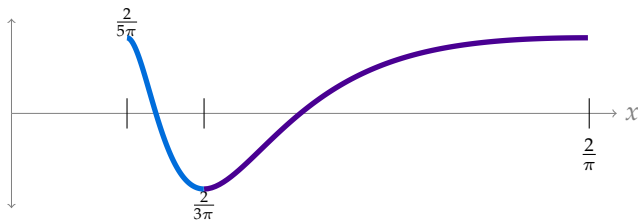
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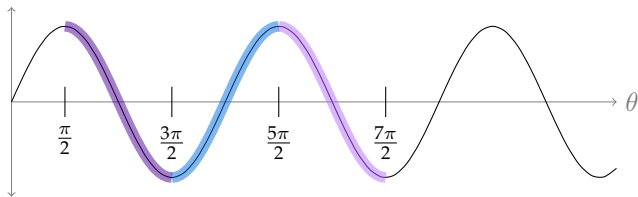
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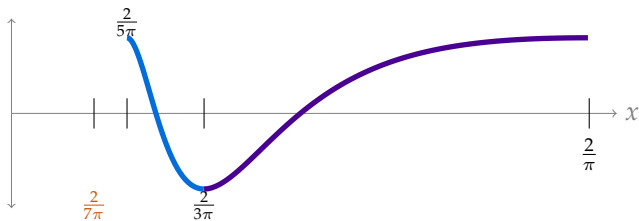
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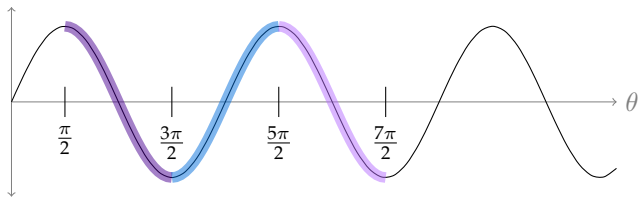
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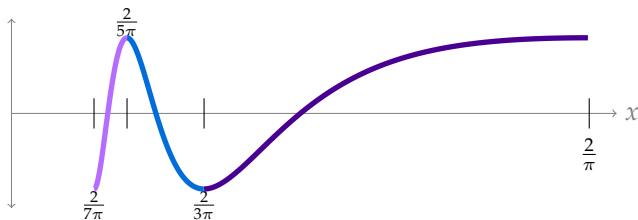
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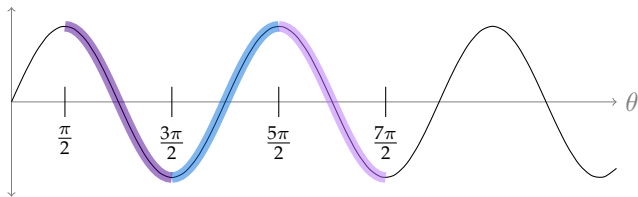
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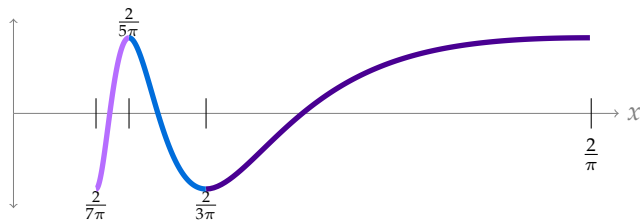
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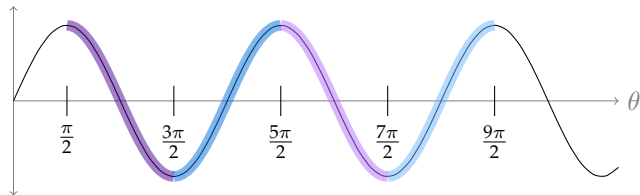
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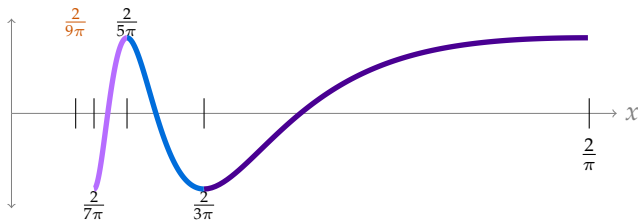
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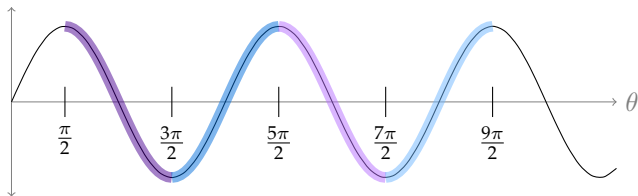
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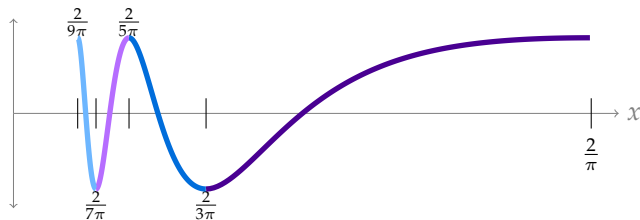


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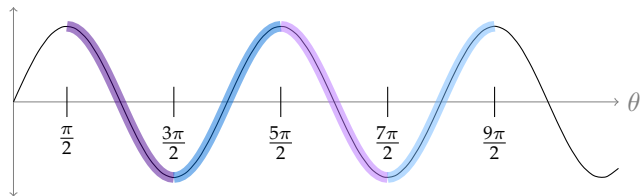


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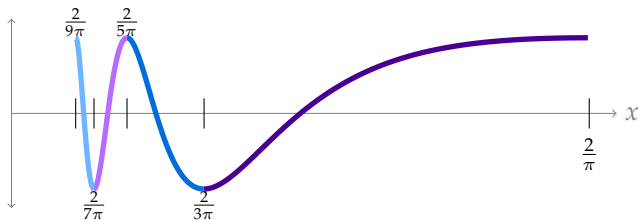
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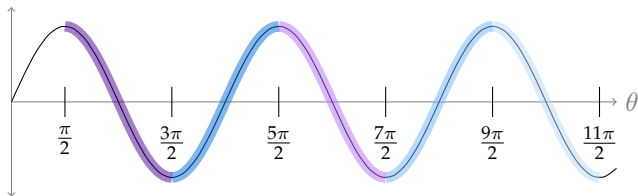
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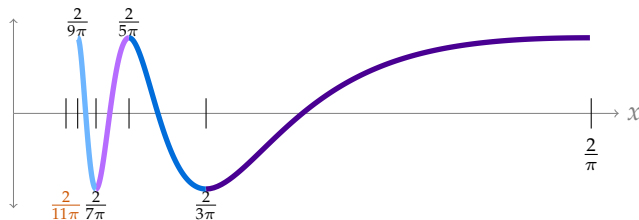
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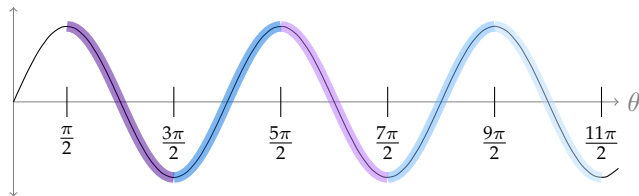
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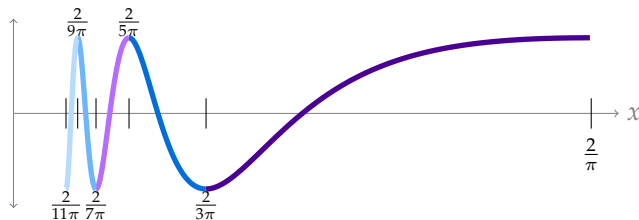
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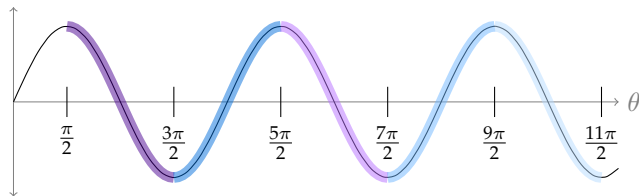
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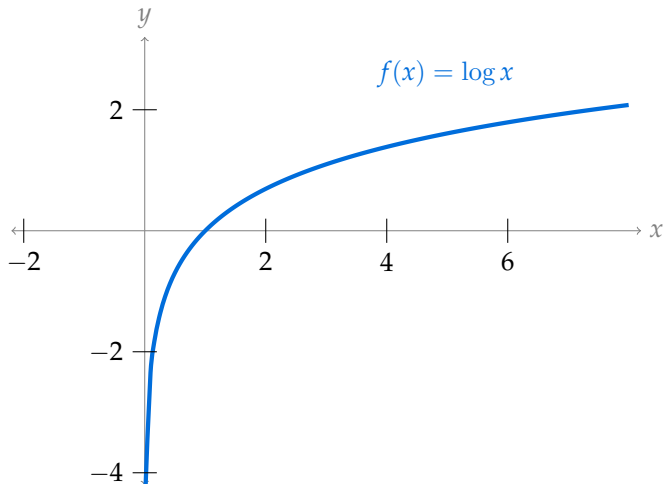
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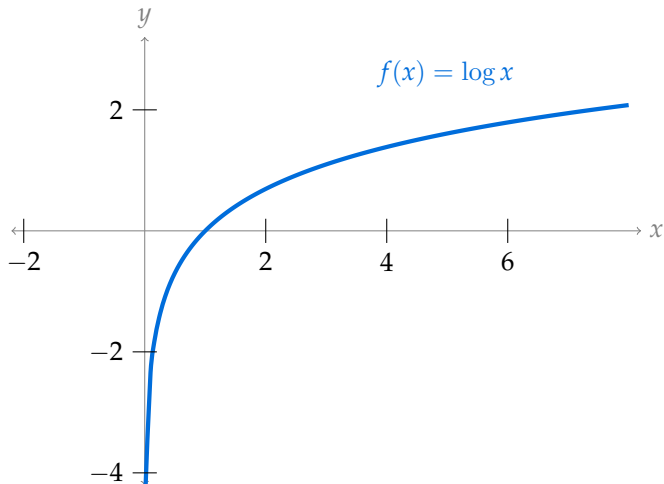
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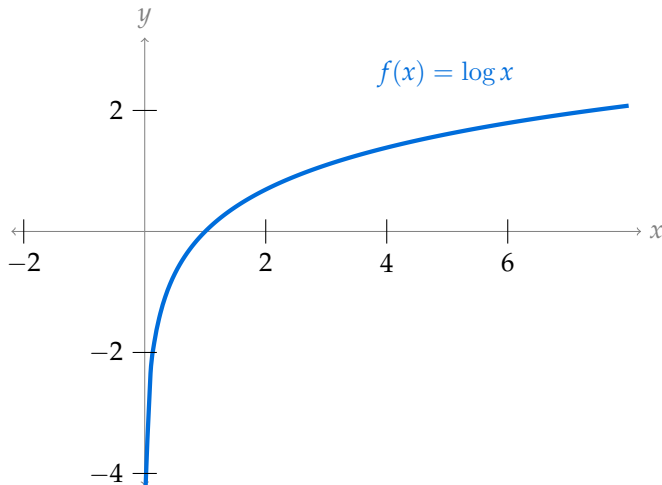
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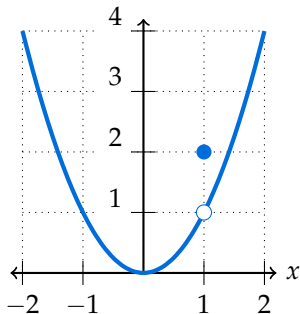
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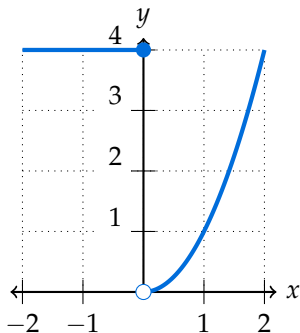
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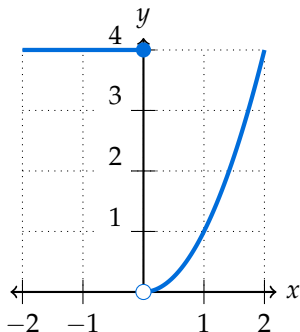
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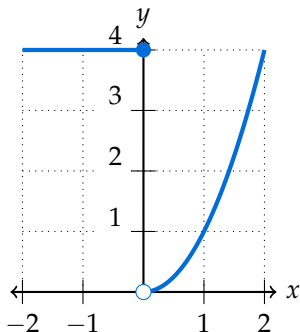
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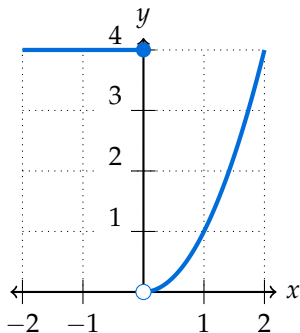
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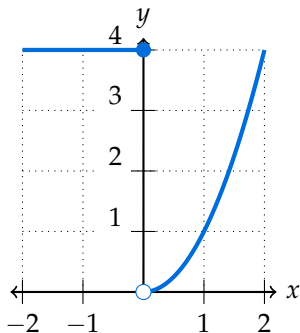
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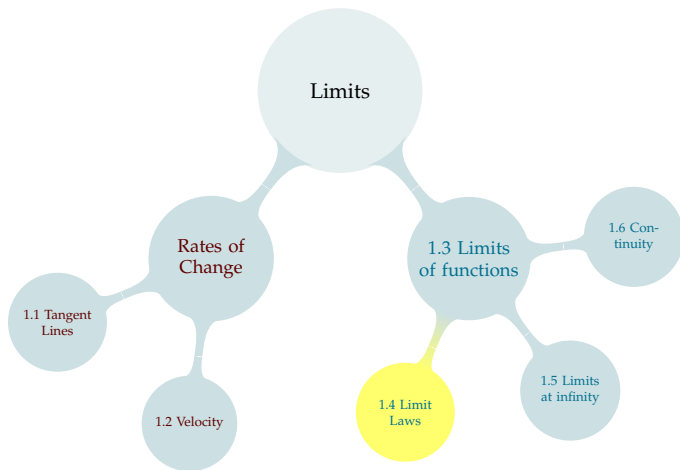
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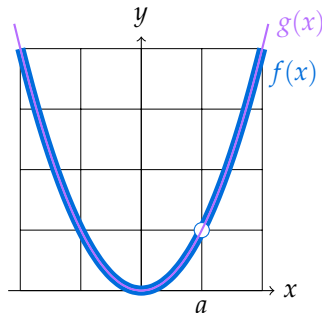
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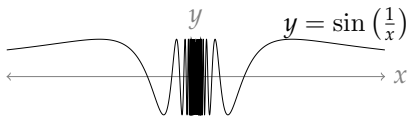
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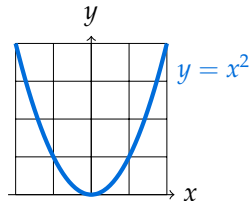
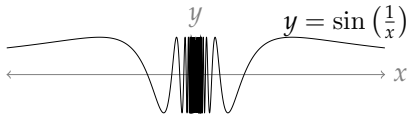
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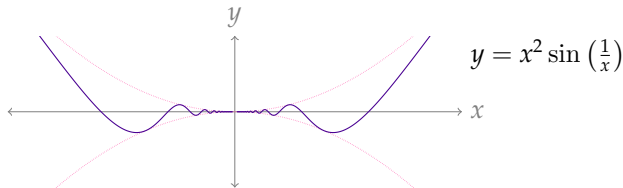
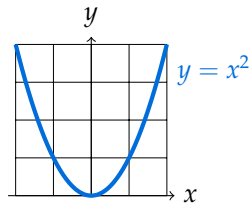
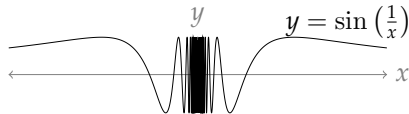
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Therefore, by the Squeeze Theorem, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$.

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