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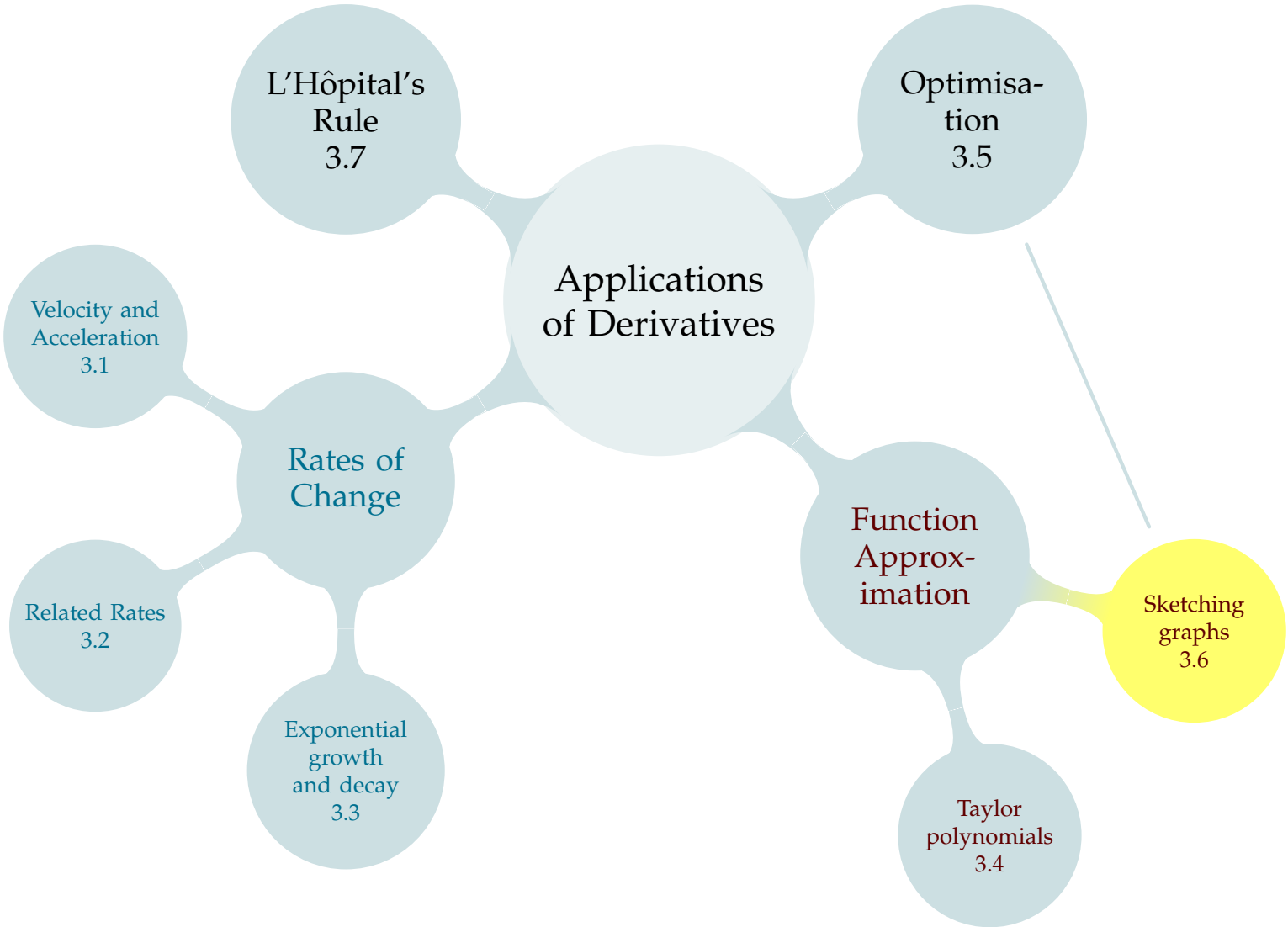

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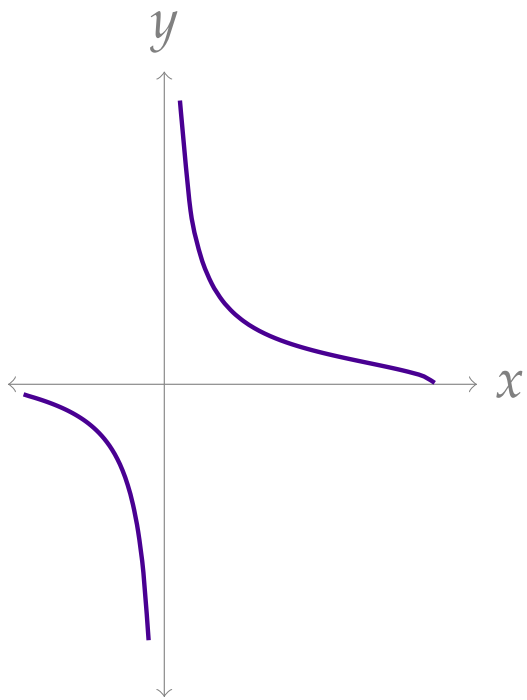
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Good things to check:

- Domain
- Vertical asymptotes: $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = \pm\infty$
- Intercepts: $x = 0, f(x) = 0$
- Horizontal asymptotes and end behavior: $\lim_{x \to \pm\infty} f(x)$

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- Vertical asymptote: $x = -3$
- Intercepts: $(2, 0)$, $(0, -\frac{2}{9})$
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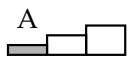
Intercepts	Factor $f(x) = x^2\left(\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{4}{3}x - 15\right)$. Intercept at the origin; use the quadratic formula to find x-intercepts at $x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{286}}{3}$, so $x \approx 7$ and $x \approx -4.3$.
End behaviour	$\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = \infty$ and $\lim_{x\to-\infty} f(x) = \infty$

This is the information we've already talked about gathering. Now let's add the first derivative.



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$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 2x^3 - 4x^2 - 30x \\ &= 2x(x^2 - 2x - 15) \\ &= 2x(x-5)(x+3) \end{aligned}$$

So, critical points are $x = 0$, $x = -3$, and $x = 5$. No singular points. At the critical points $f(0) = 0, f(-3) = -58.5, f(5) = -229.1\overline{6}$.

$x \approx -4.3$	$x < -3$	x=-3	$-3 < x < 0$	x=0	$0 < x < 5$	x=5	$x > 5$	$x \approx 7$
$f(x) = 0$	$f' < 0$	CP	$f' > 0$	CP	$f' < 0$	CP	$f' > 0$	f(x)=0
intercept	decr	loc min	incr	loc max	decr	loc min	incr	intercept

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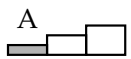

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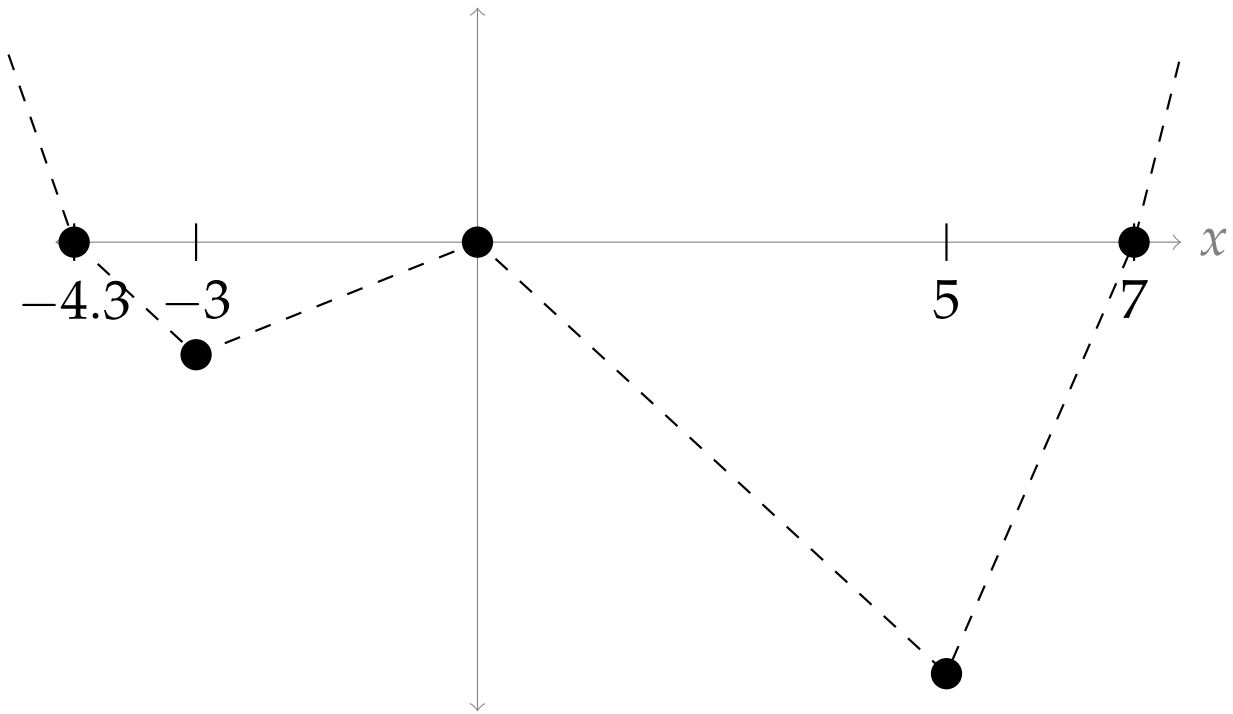

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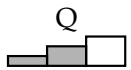

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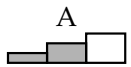
Intercepts

$$f(0) = 24$$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^2(x+6) + 4(x+6)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}x^2 + 4\right)(x+6)$$

Only two intercepts: $(0, 24)$ and $(-6, 0)$.



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Critical points $f'(x) = x^2 + 4x + 4 = (x+2)^2$ so $x = -2$ is the location of the only critical point.
$f(-2) = 24 - \frac{8}{3} = 21 + \frac{1}{3}$.

Increasing, decreasing $f'(x) > 0$ except at $x = -2$, so apart from the critical point, $f(x)$ is increasing

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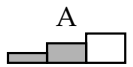

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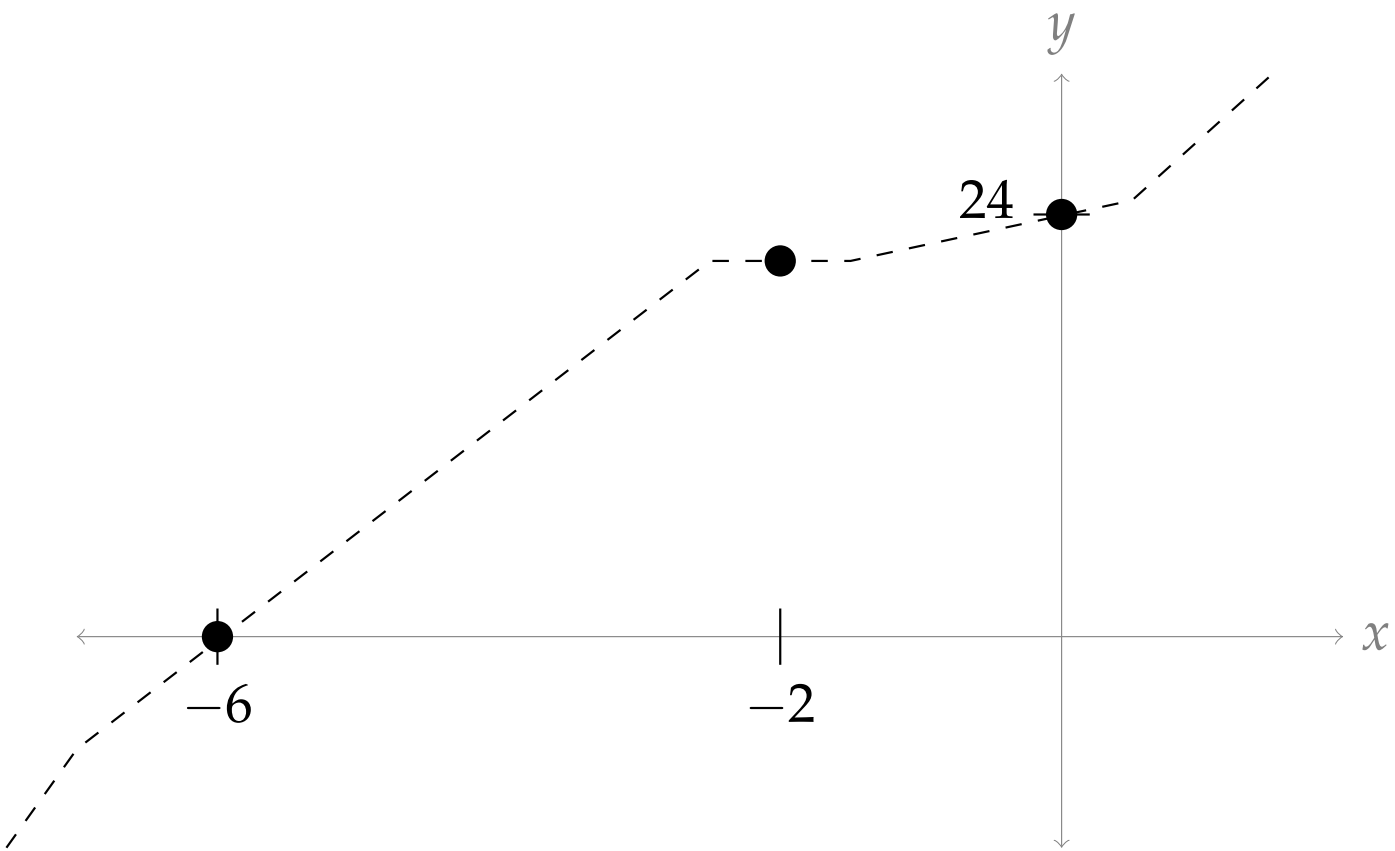

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Domain $x \neq 1$

We need to consider what happens as x approaches 1 from the left and the right.

Vertical asymptotes

$$\lim_{x\to 1^-} \frac{x+1}{x-1} = -\infty \implies \lim_{x\to 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{A\to -\infty} e^A = 0$$

$$\lim_{x\to 1^+} \frac{x+1}{x-1} = \infty \implies \lim_{x\to 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{A\to +\infty} e^A = \infty$$

End behaviour $\lim_{x\to\pm\infty} \frac{x+1}{x-1} = 1$, so $\lim_{x\to\pm\infty} f(x) = e$

Intercepts $f(0) = \frac{1}{e}$; there are no roots

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Critical points	$f'(x) = e^{\frac{x+1}{x-1}} \left(\frac{-2}{(x-1)^2} \right)$	no critical points
Increasing, decreasing	$f(x)$ is decreasing everywhere it is defined	

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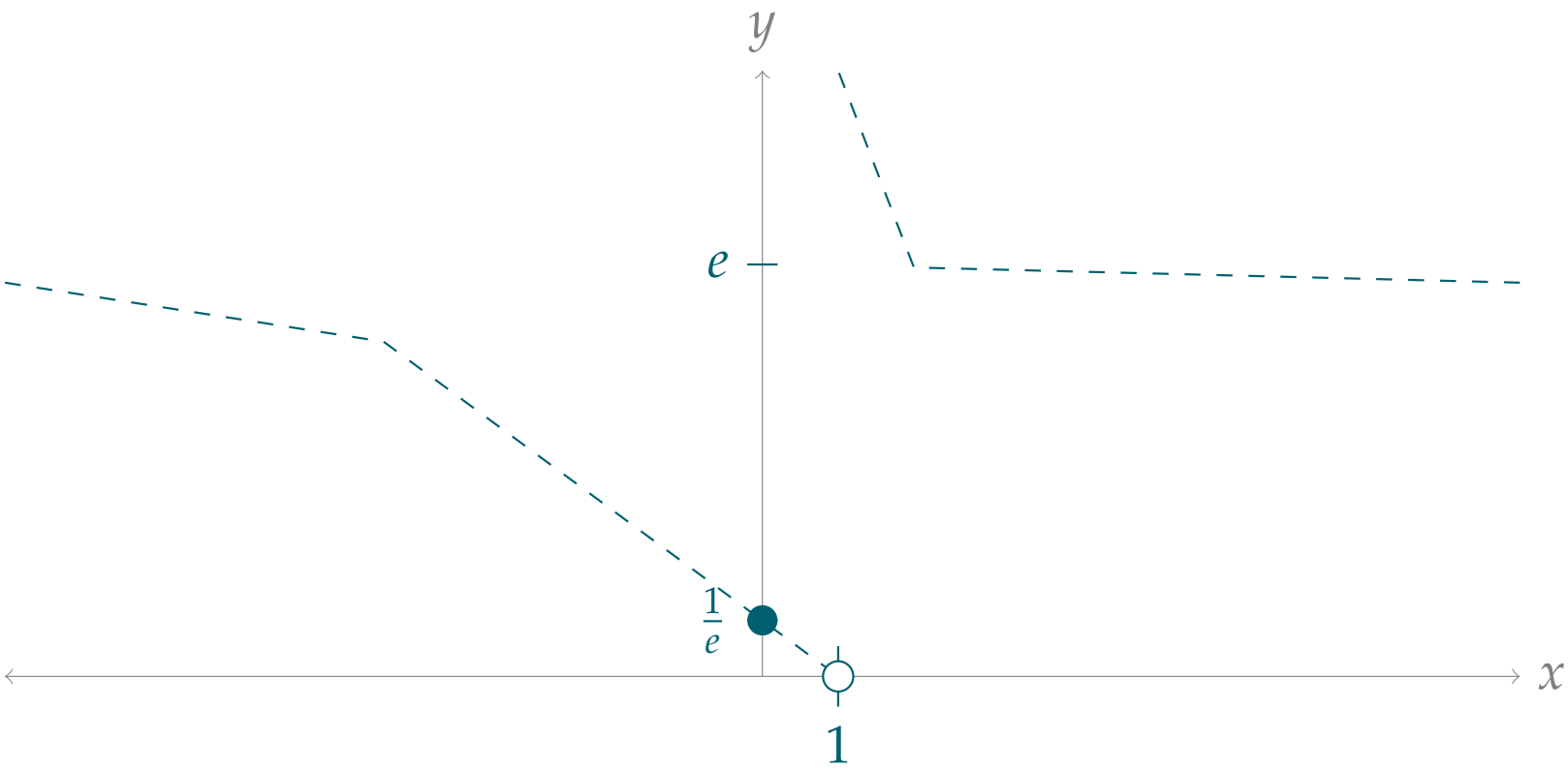

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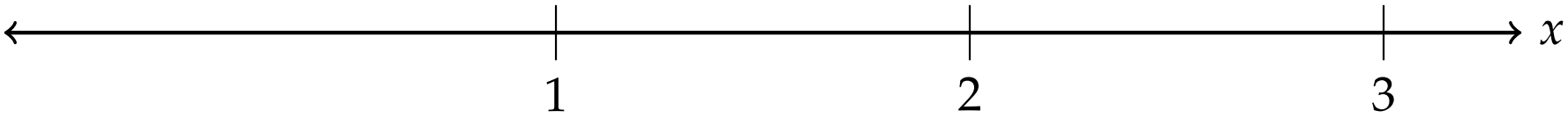

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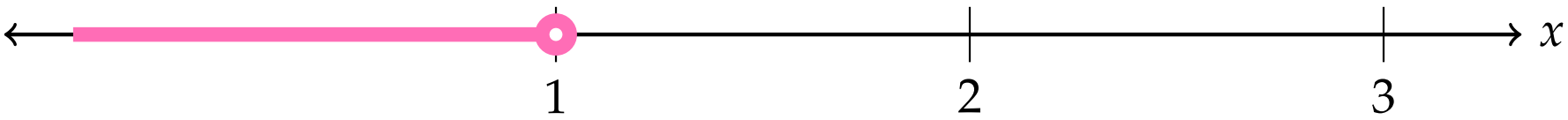

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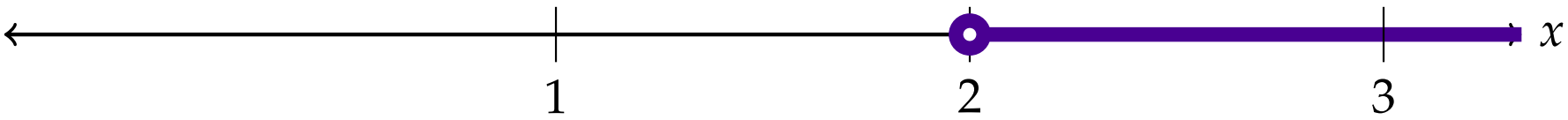

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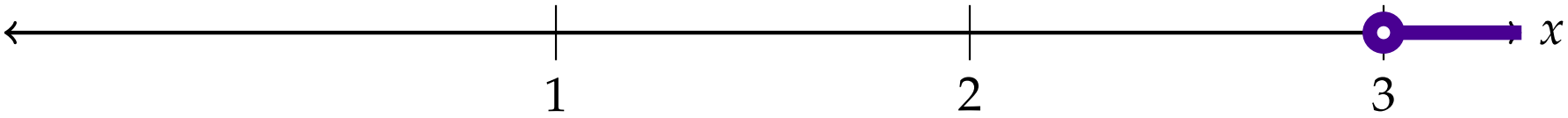

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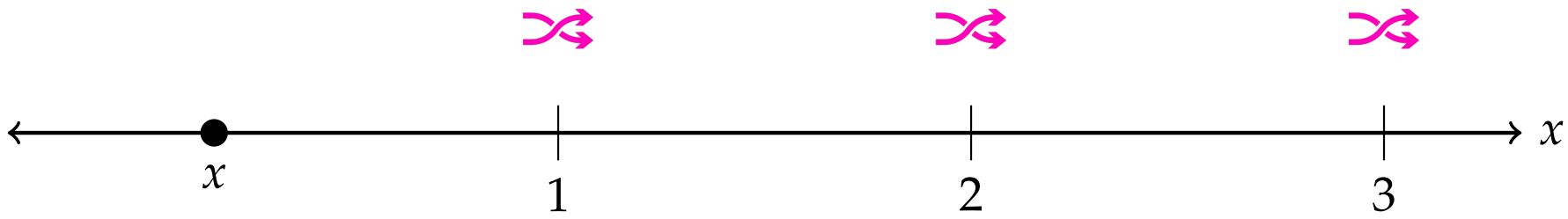

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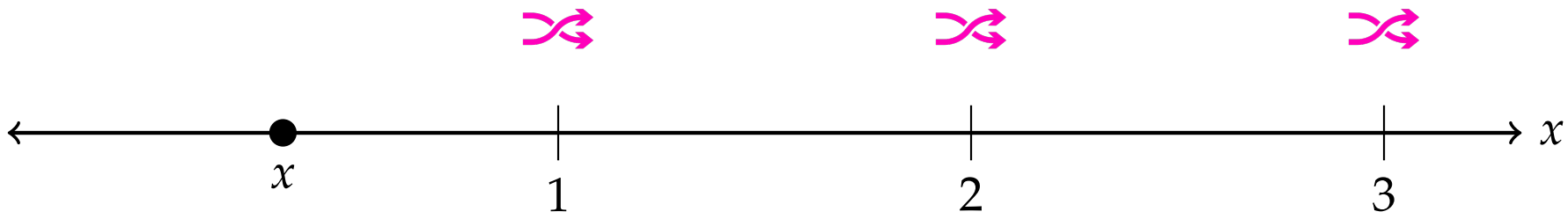

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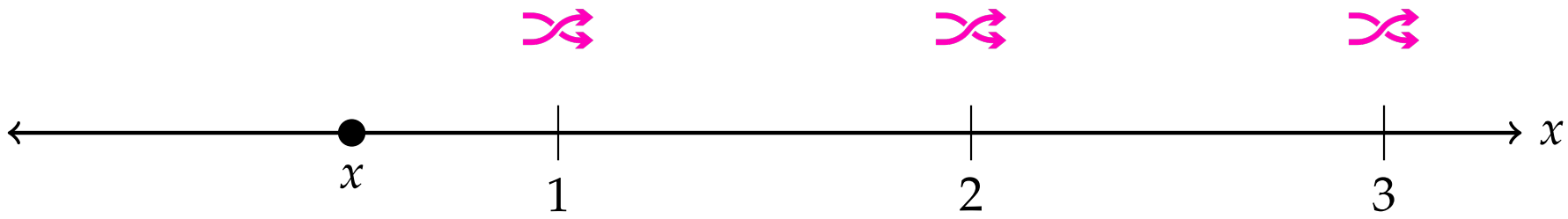

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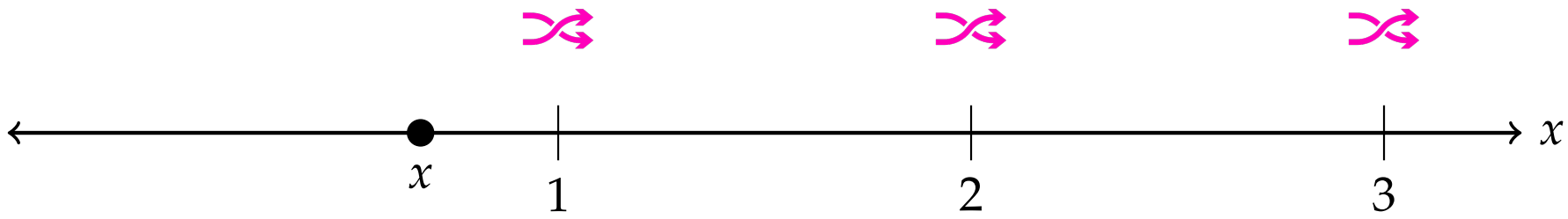

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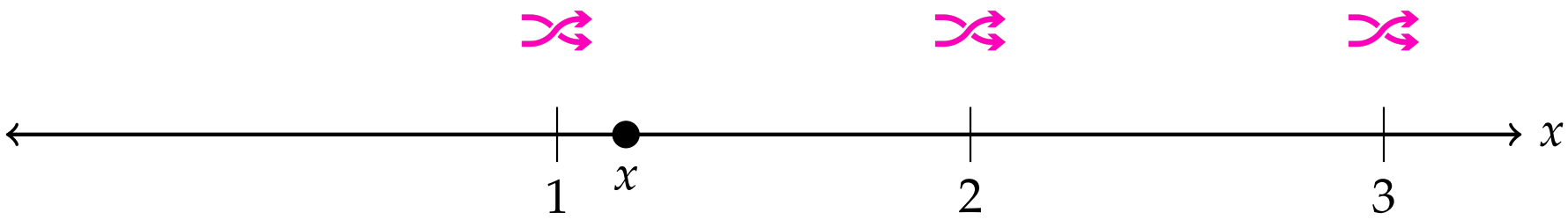

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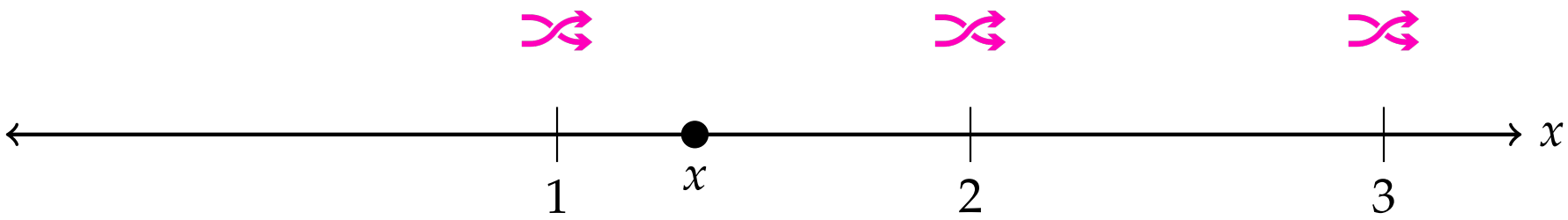

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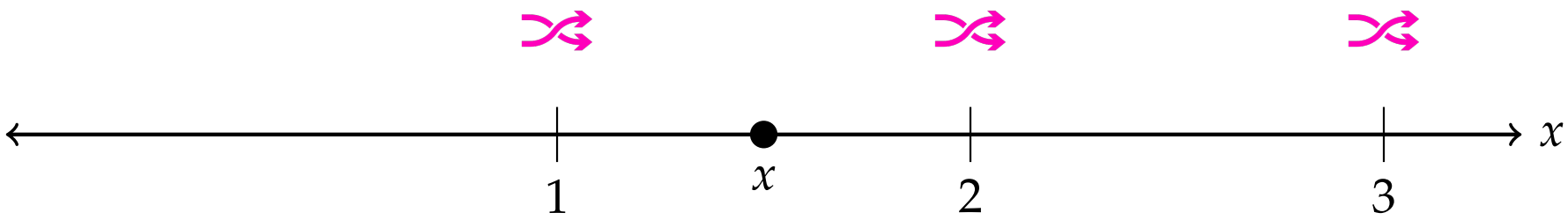

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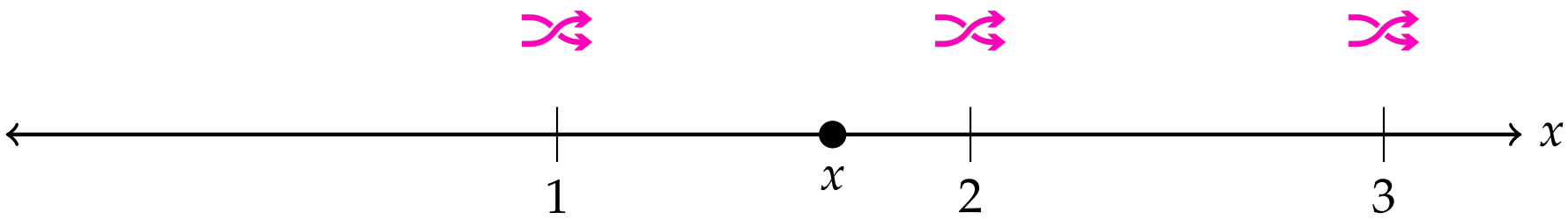

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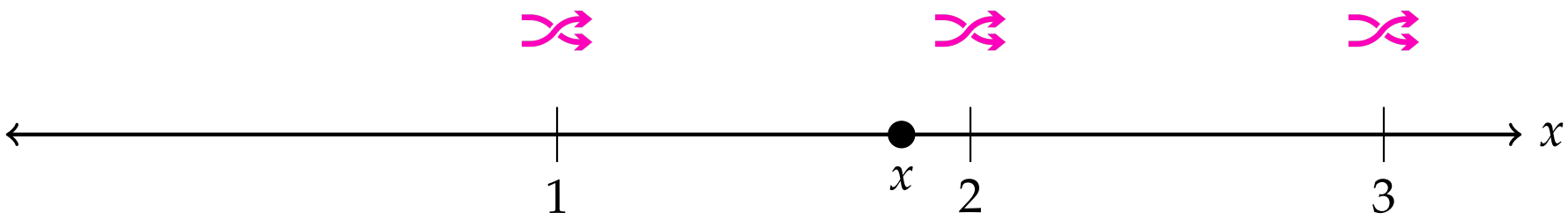

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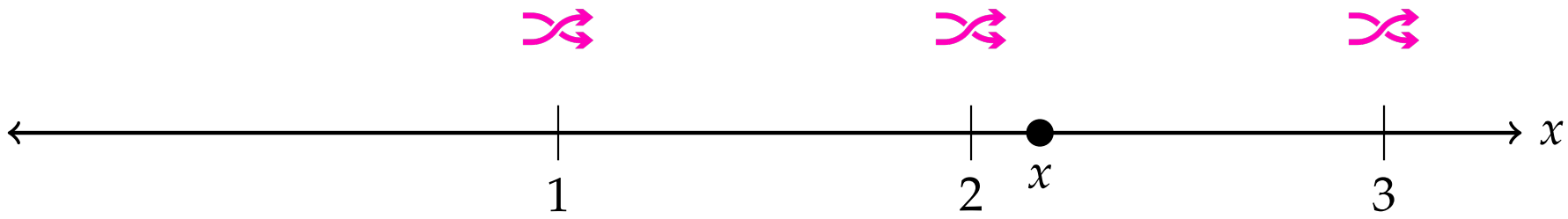

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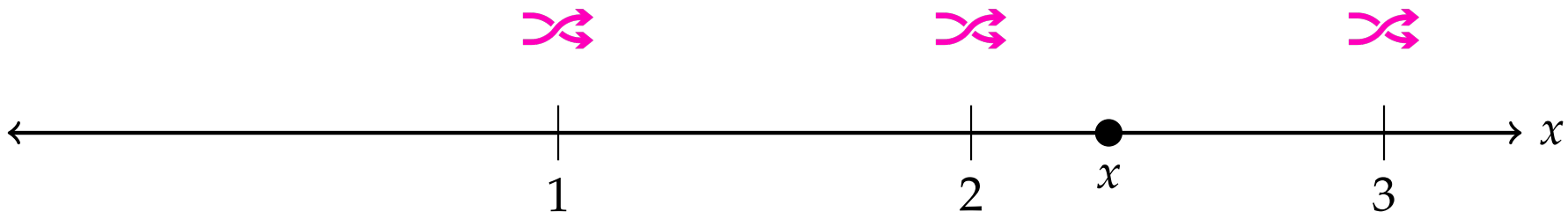

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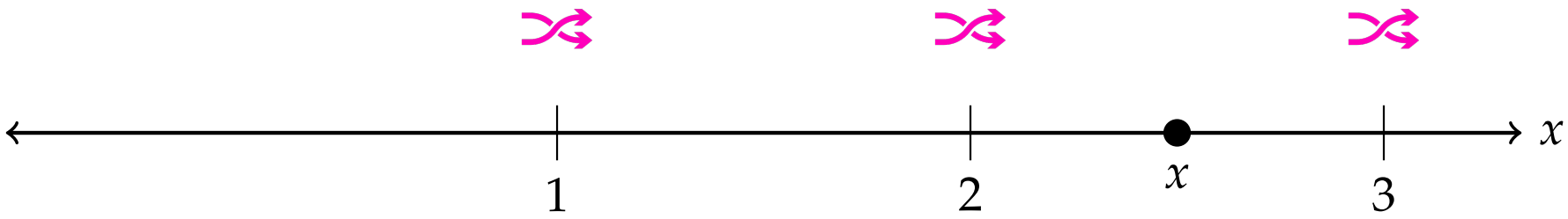

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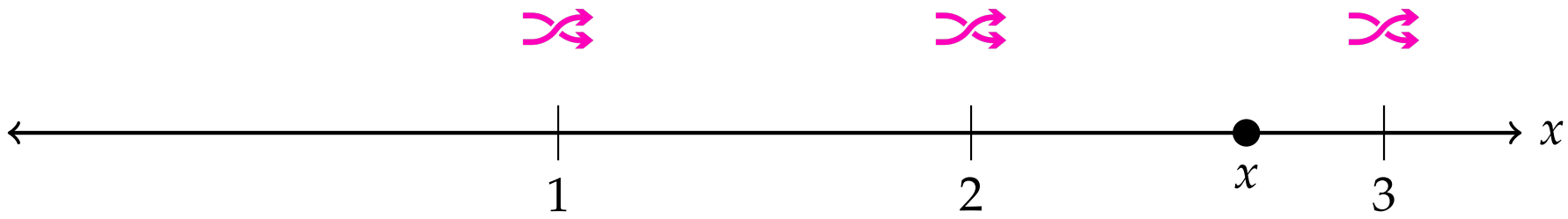

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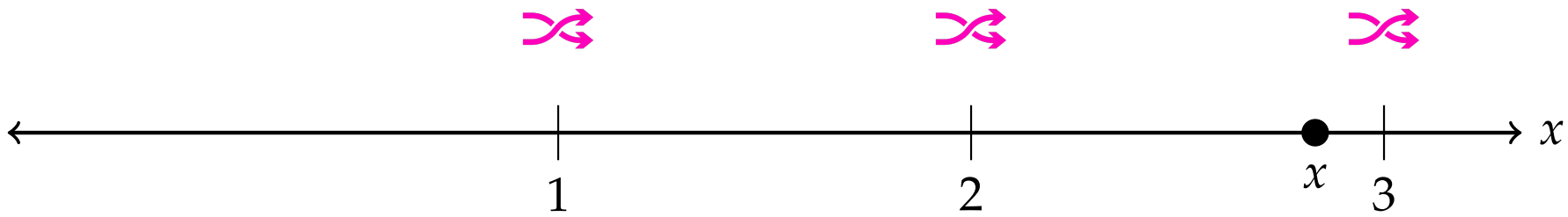

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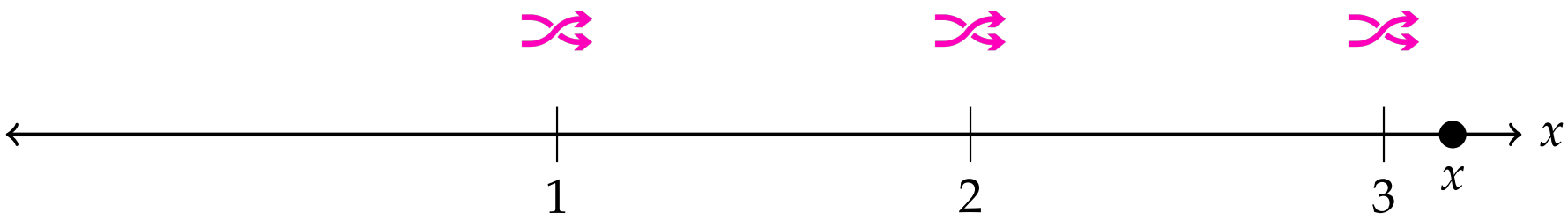

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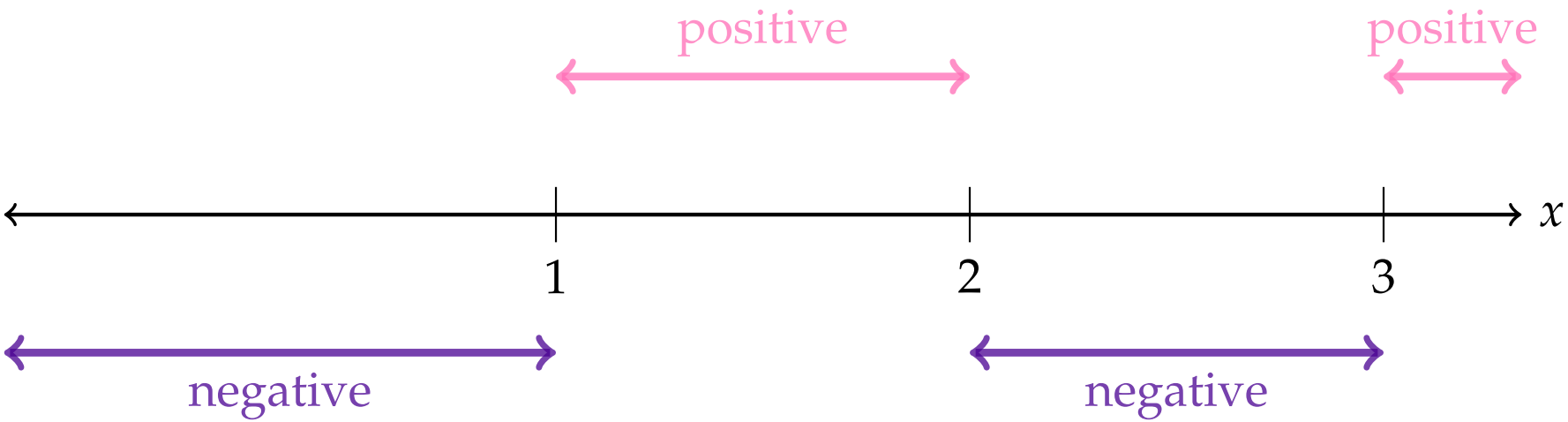

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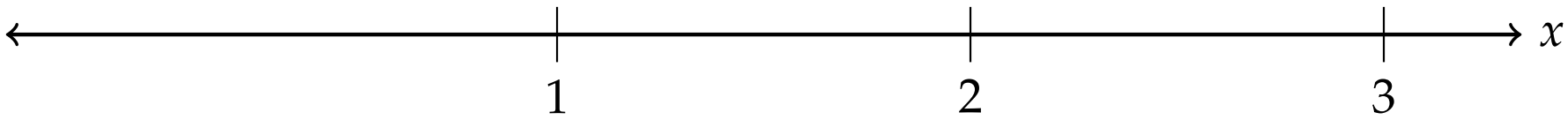

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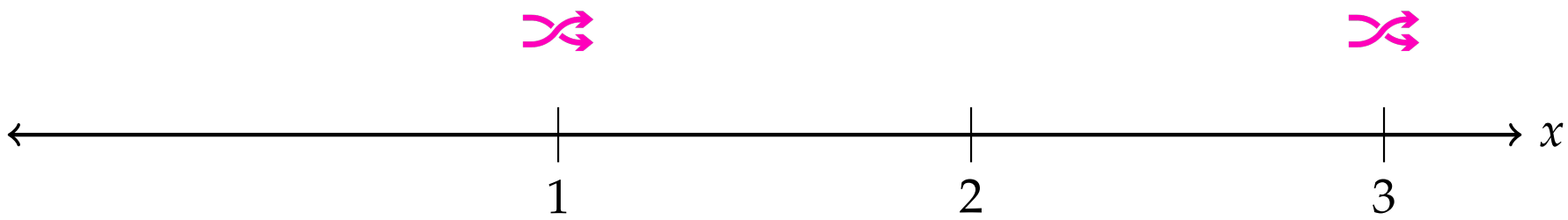

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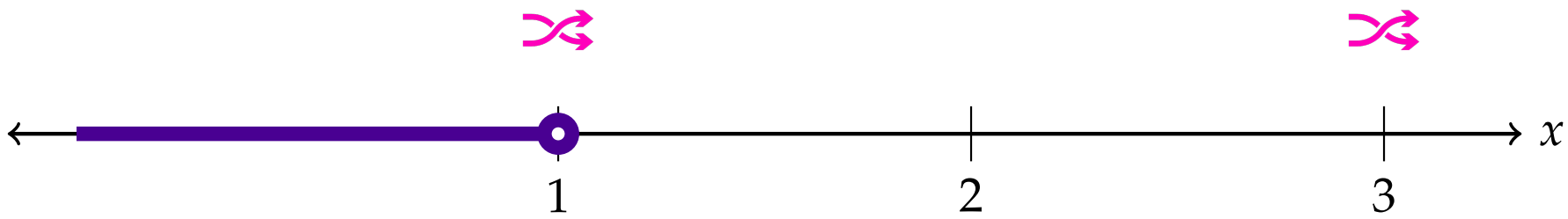

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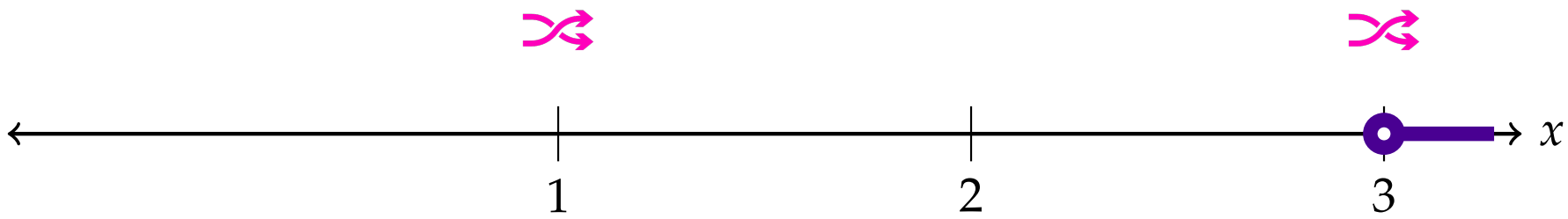

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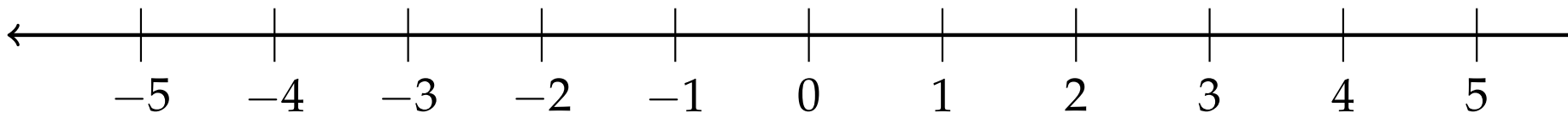

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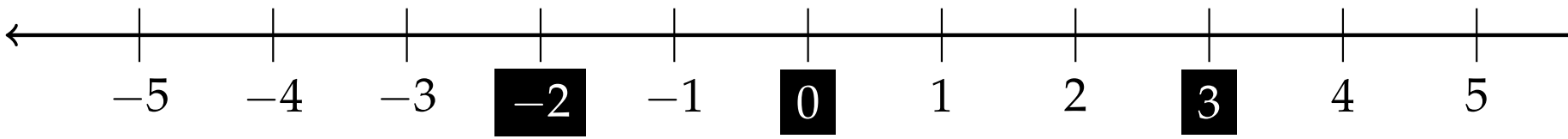

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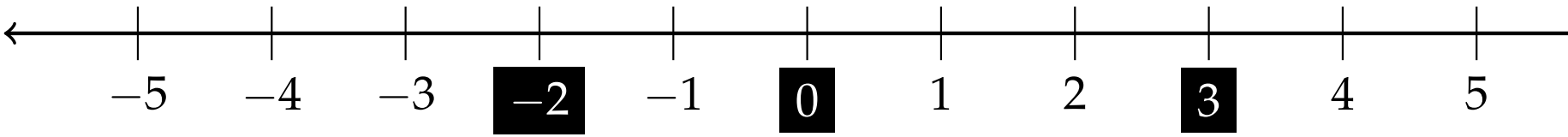

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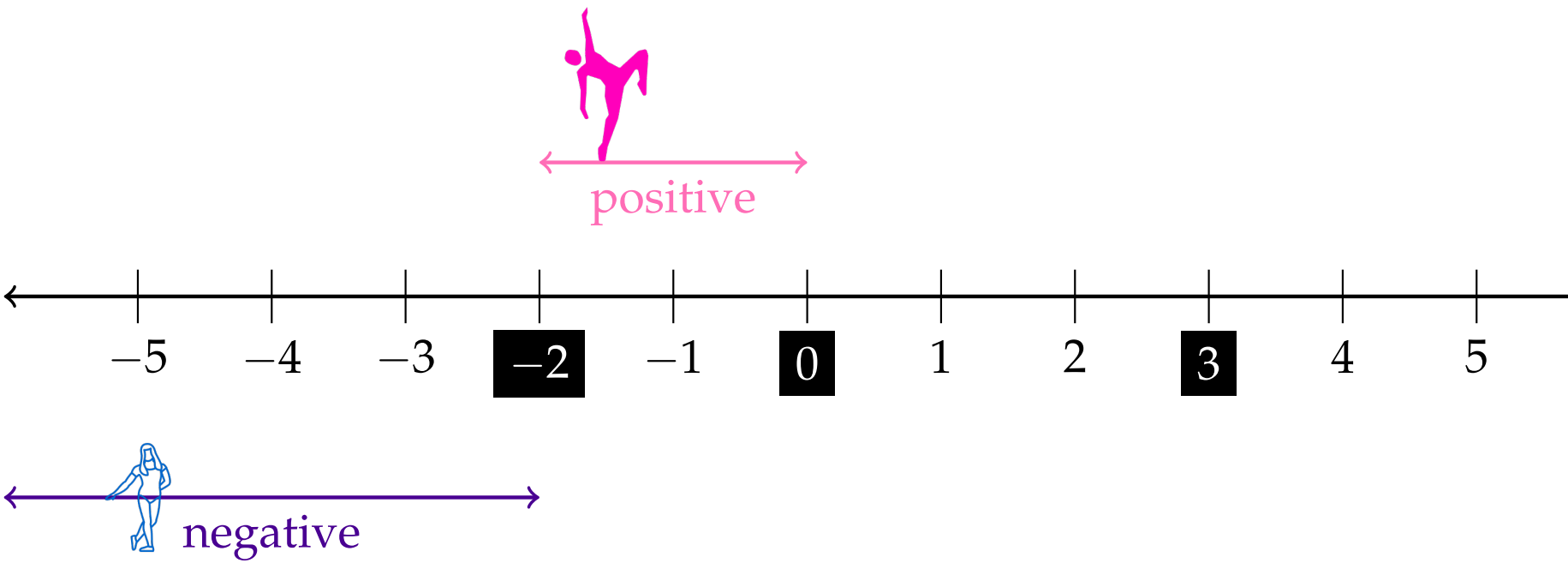

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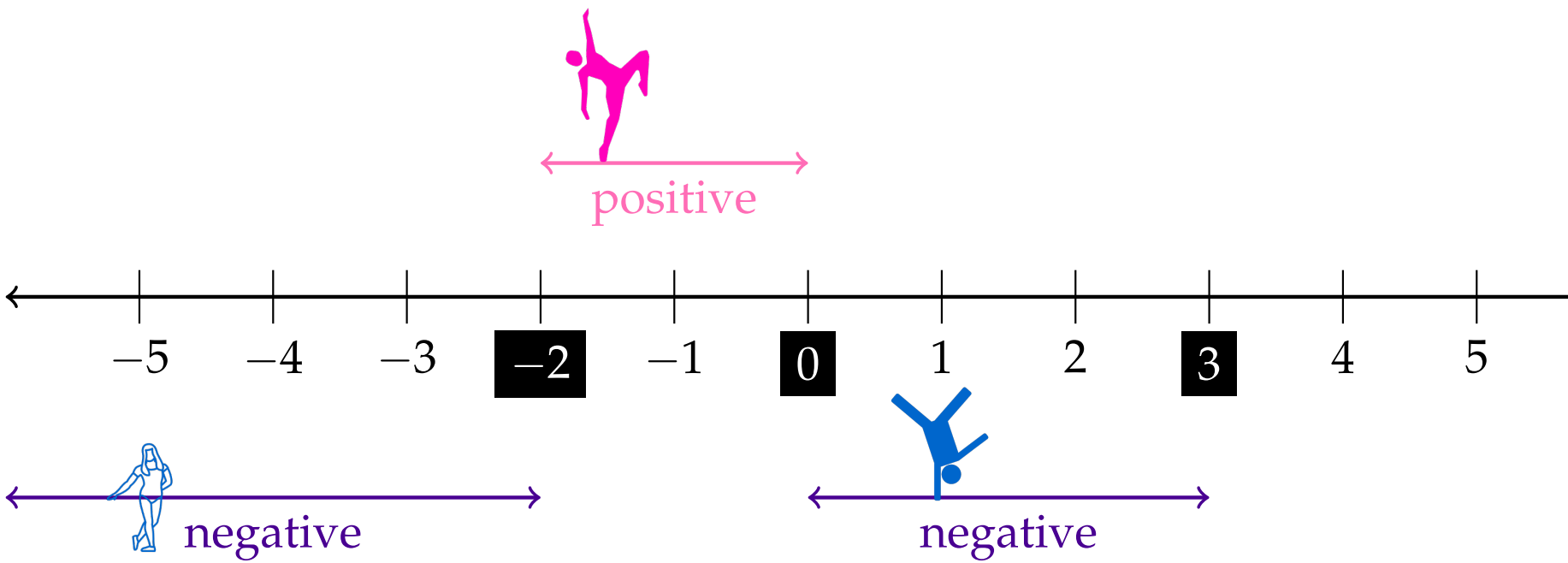

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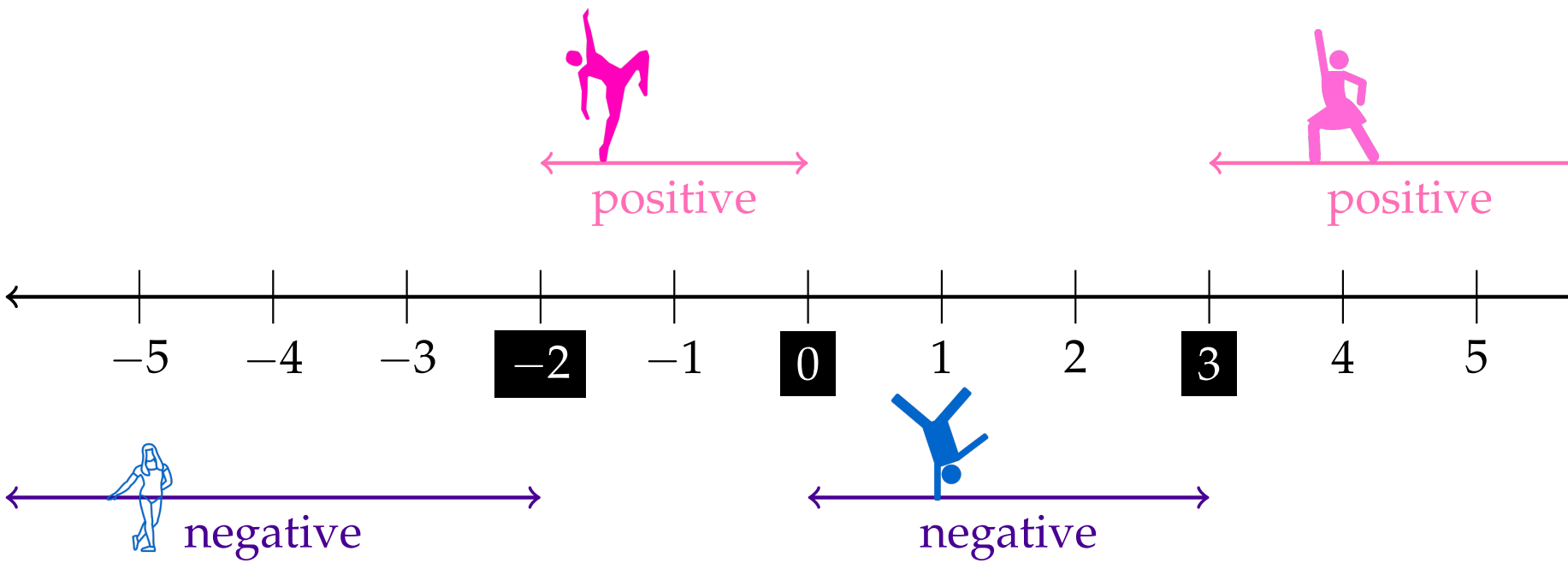

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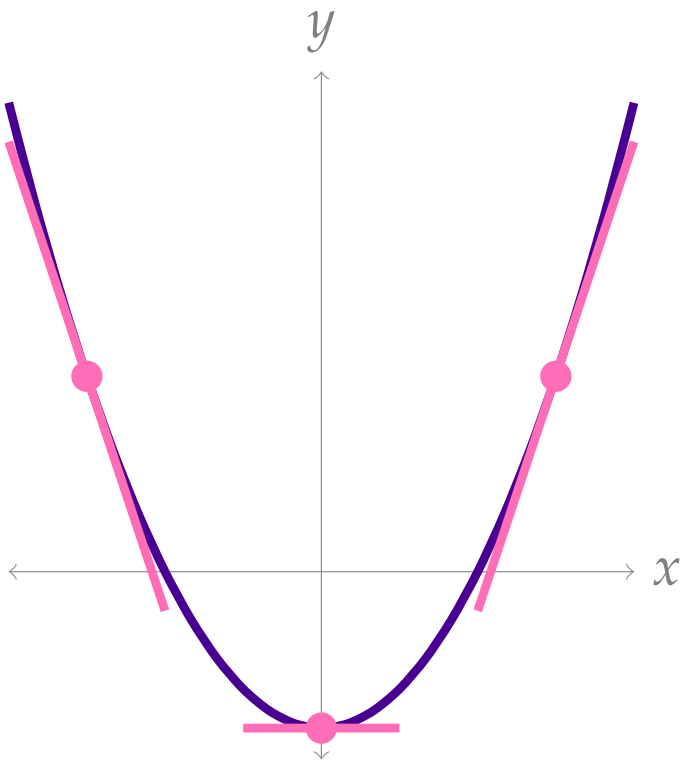

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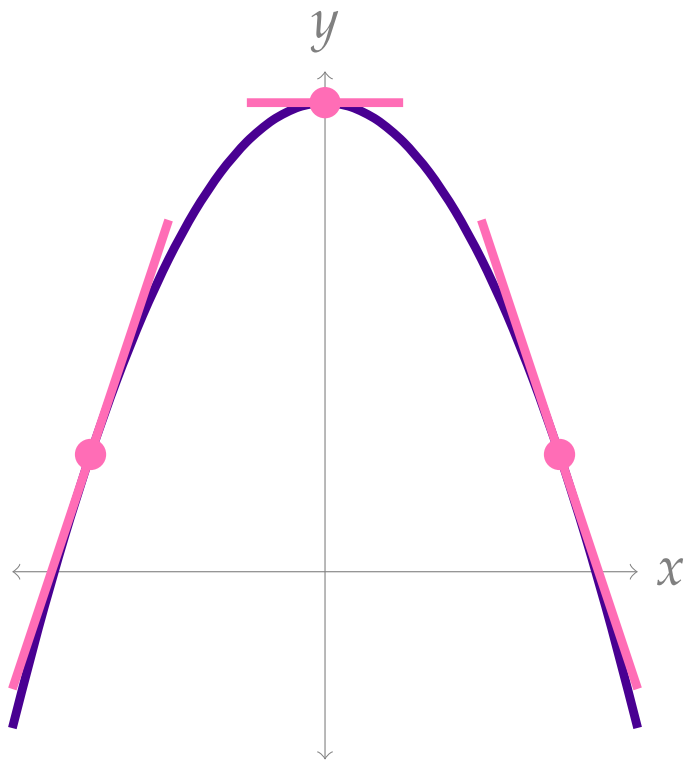

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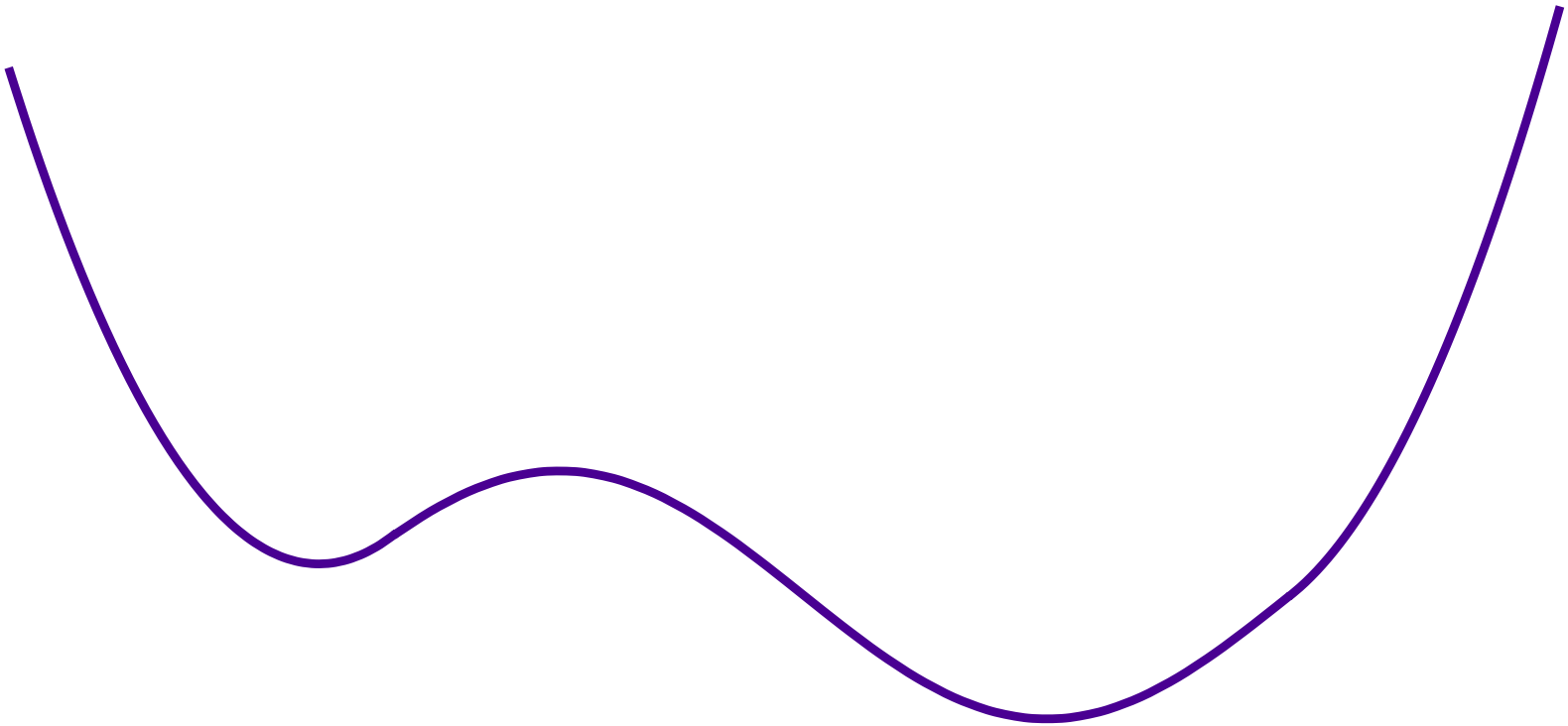
Mnemonic

Concavity



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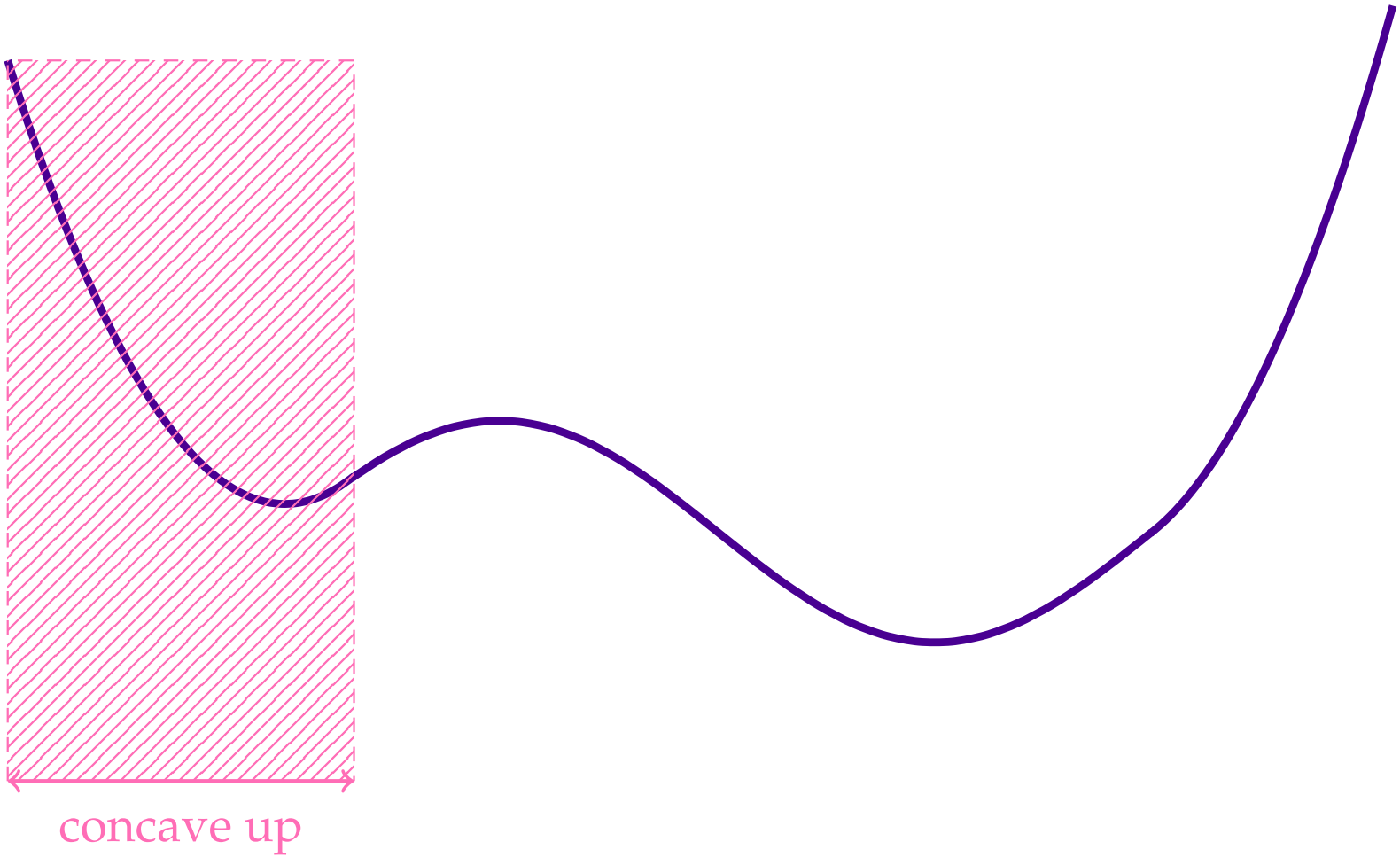

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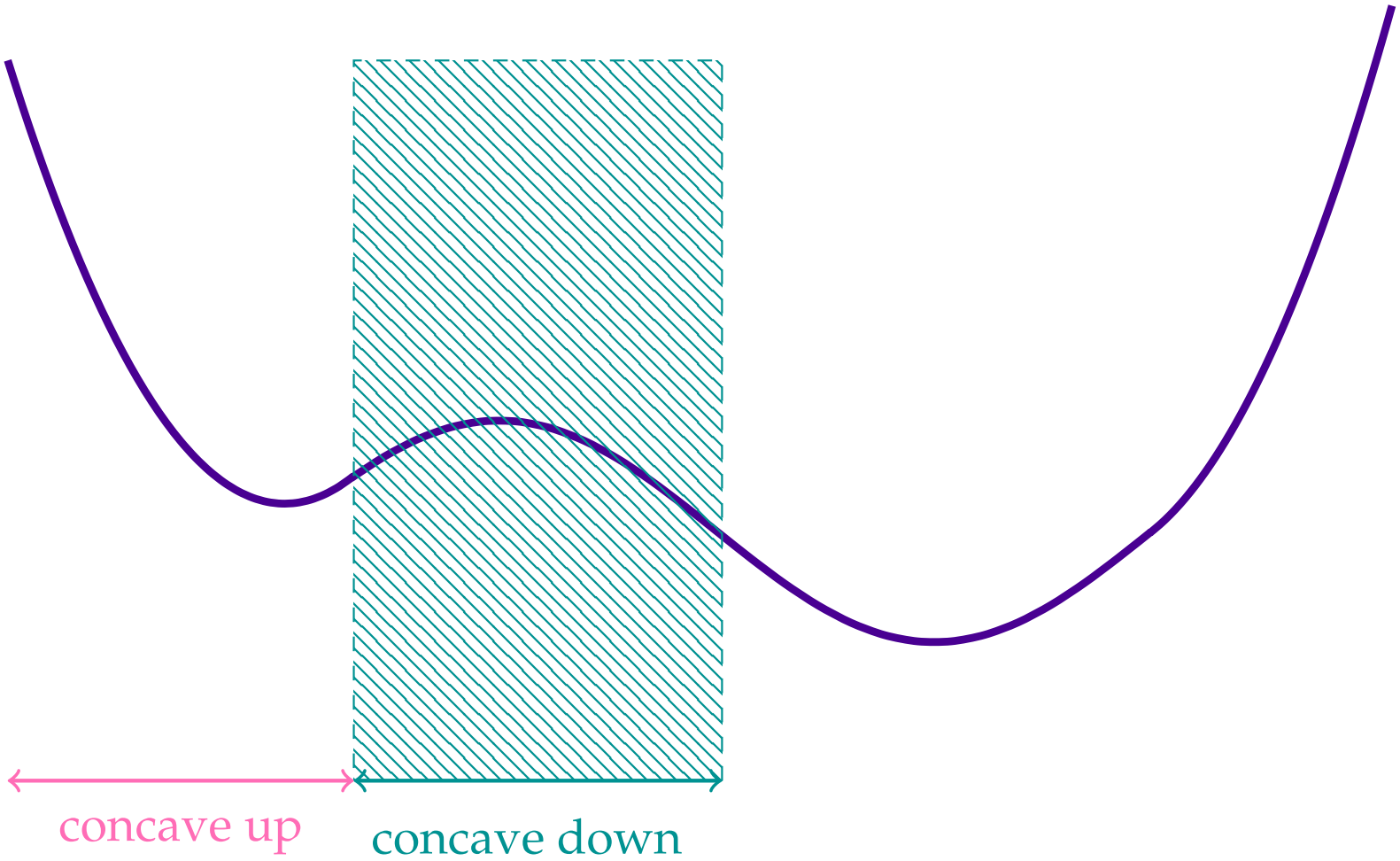

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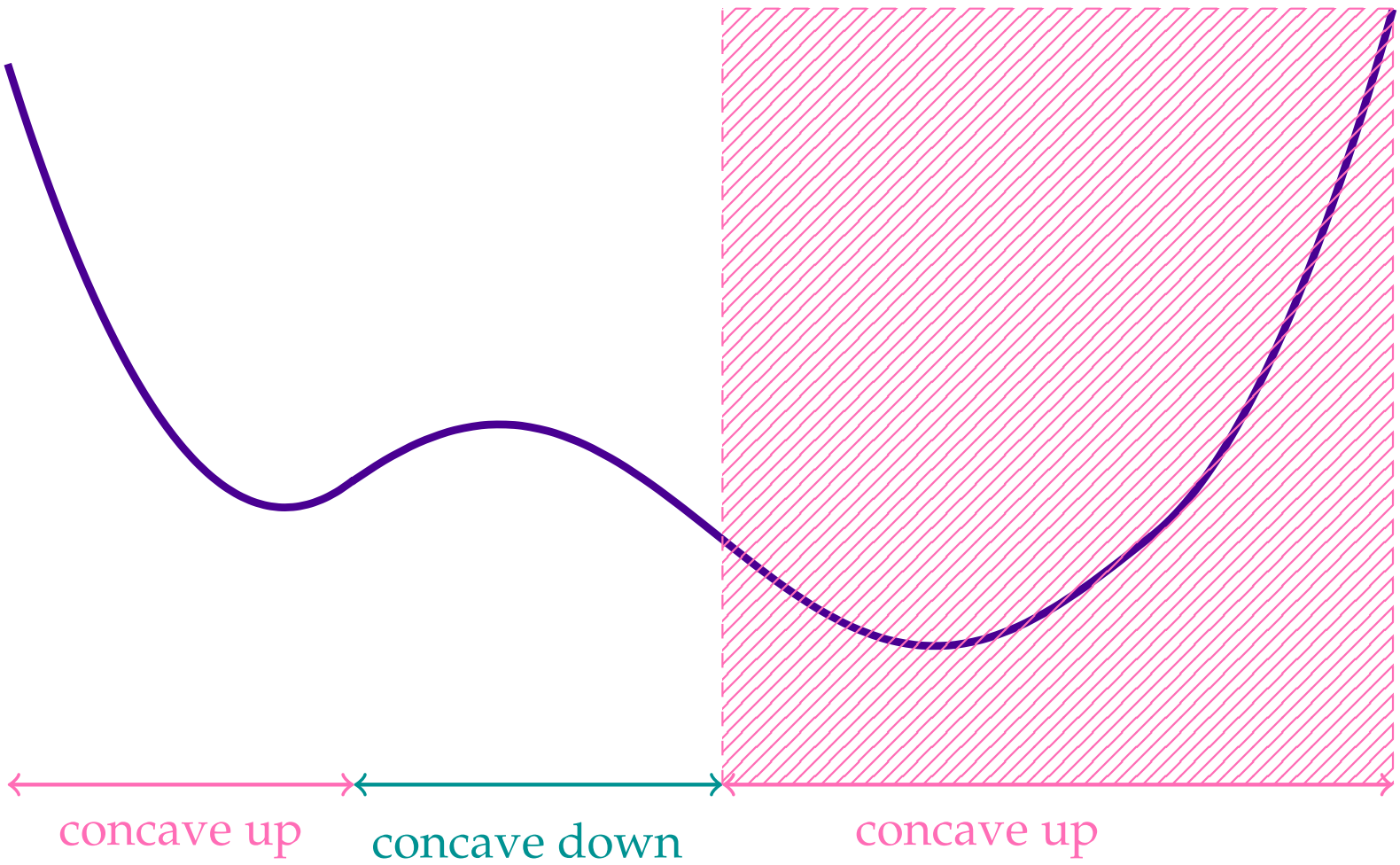

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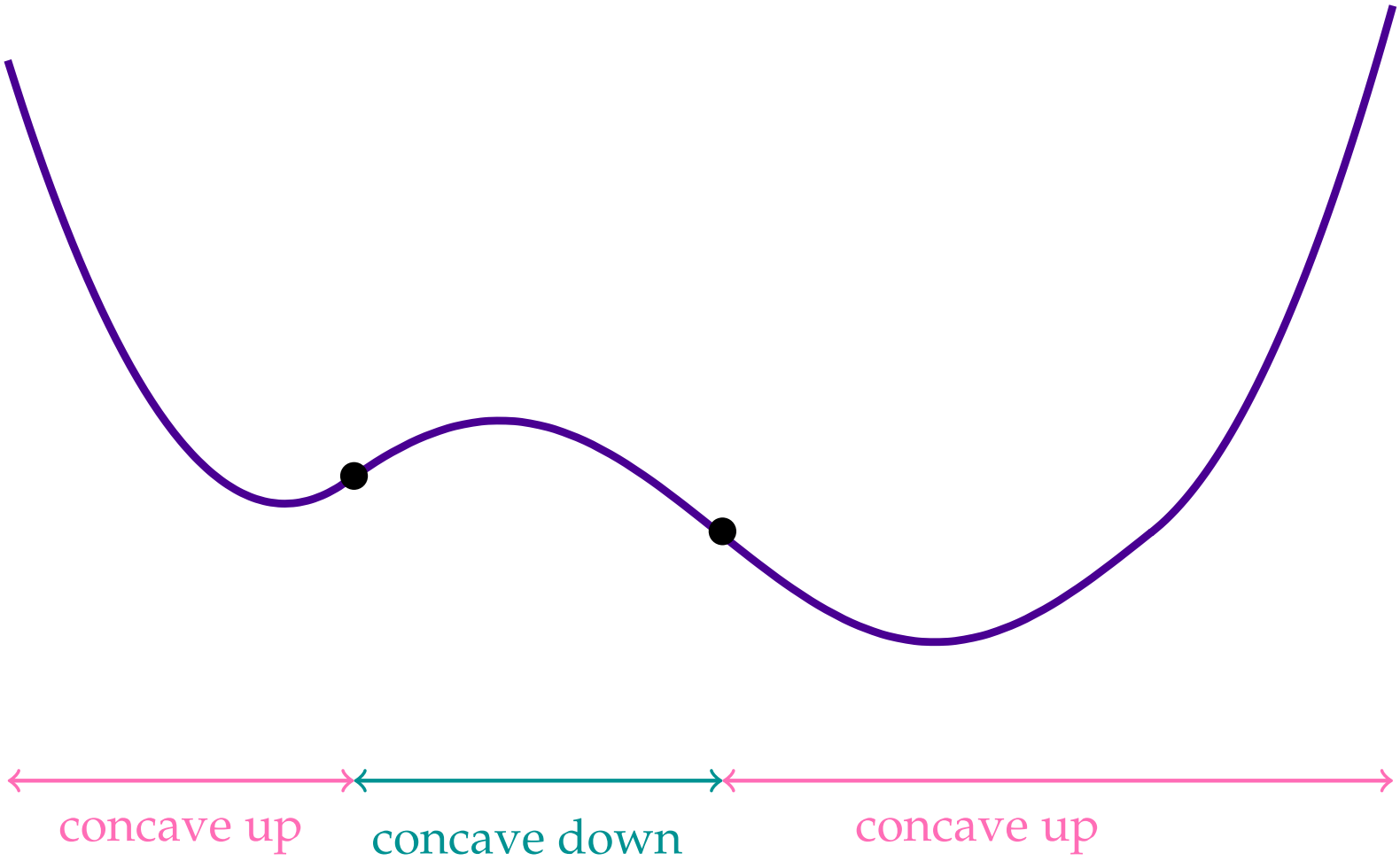

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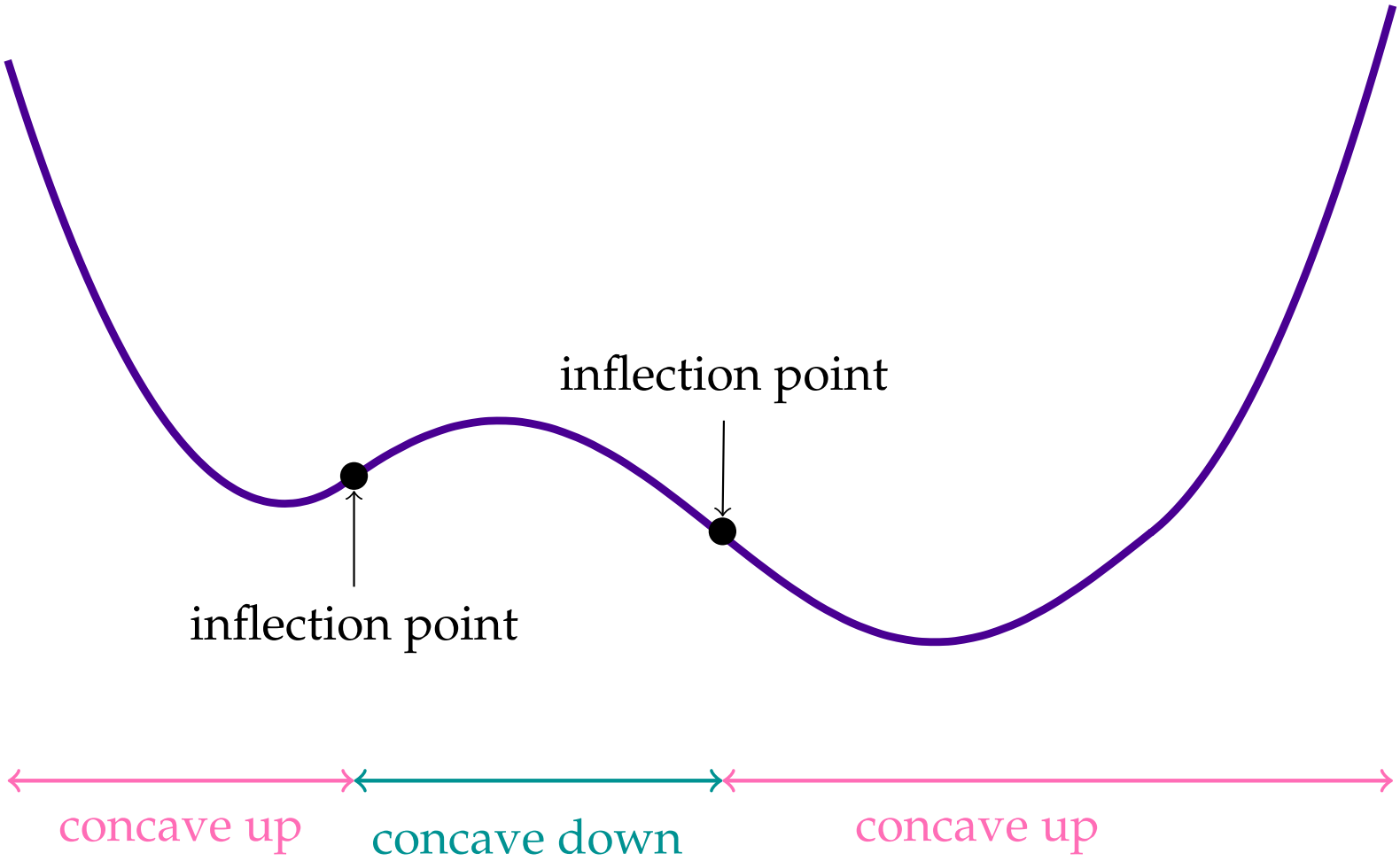
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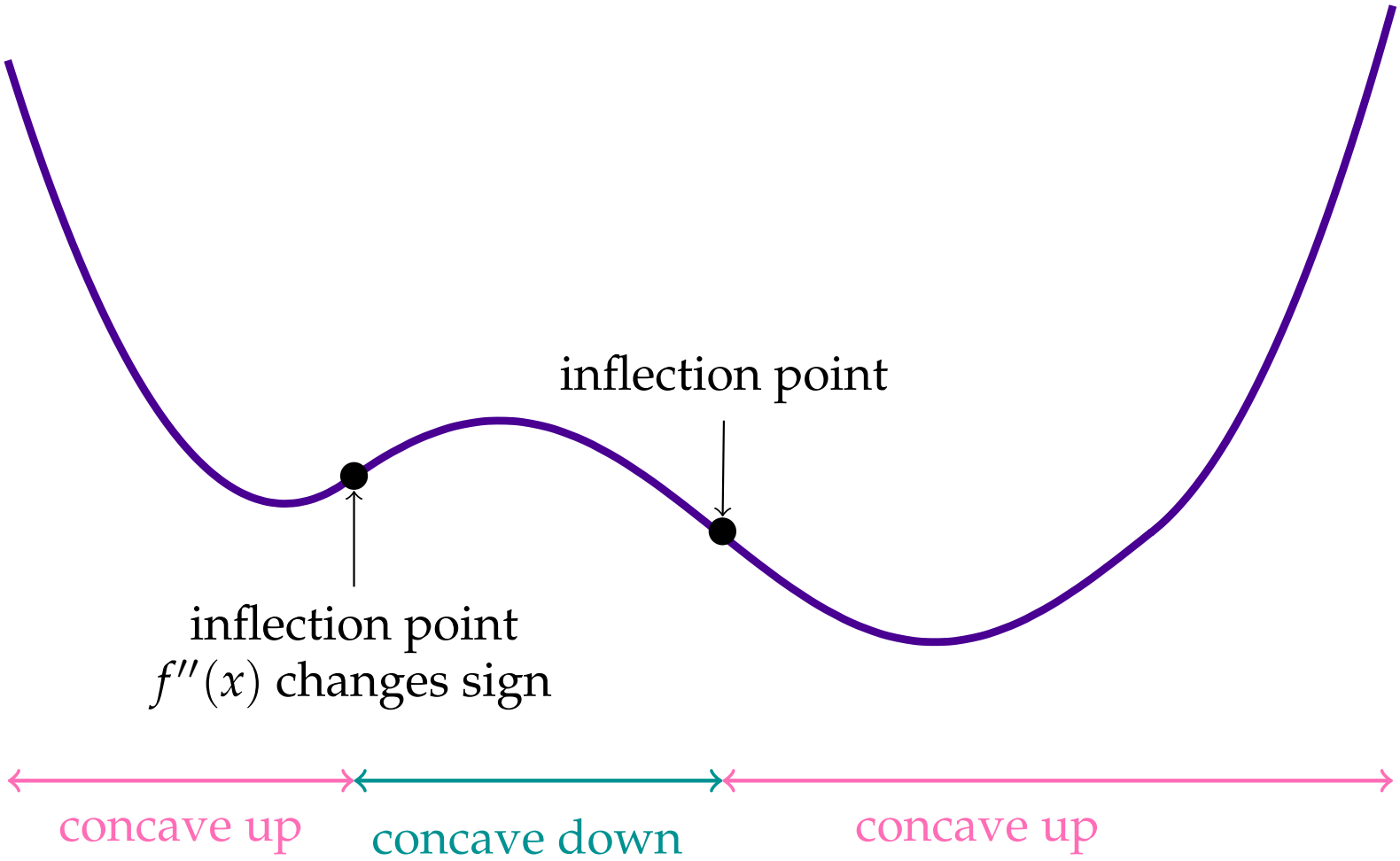
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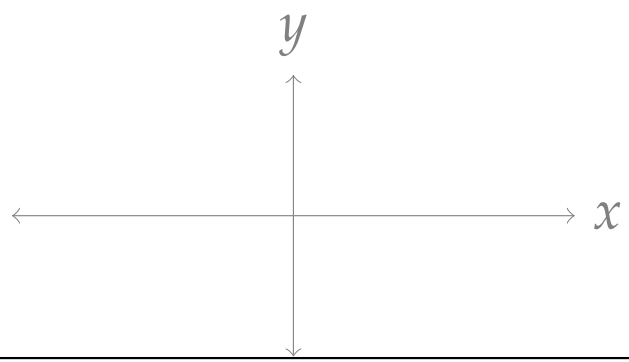
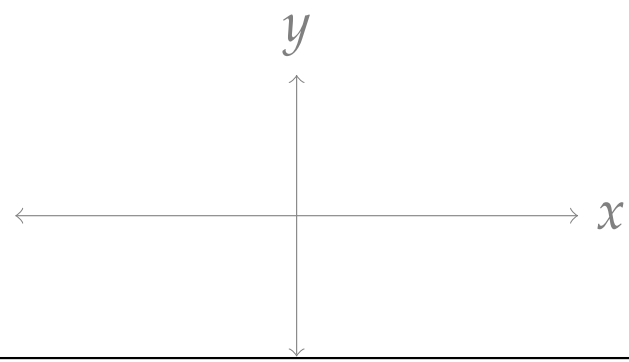
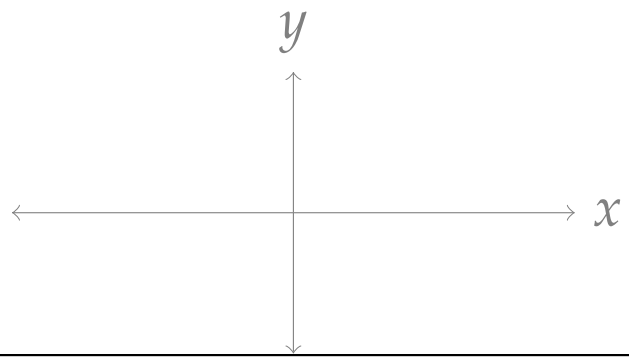
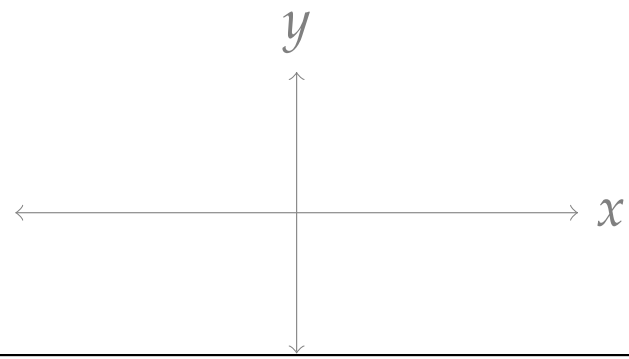
increasing		
decreasing		

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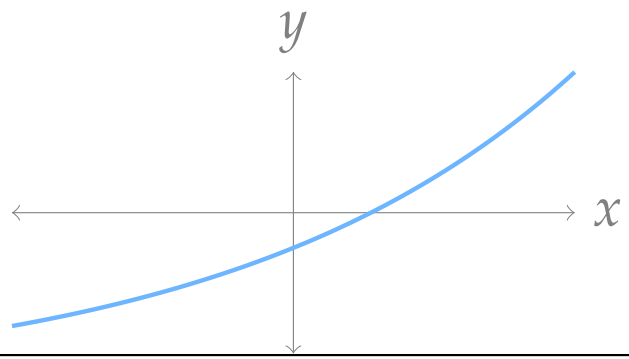
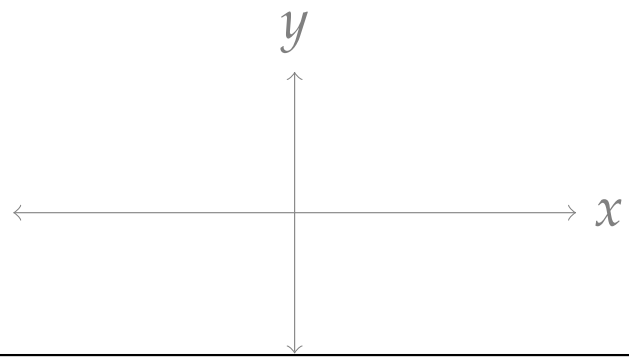
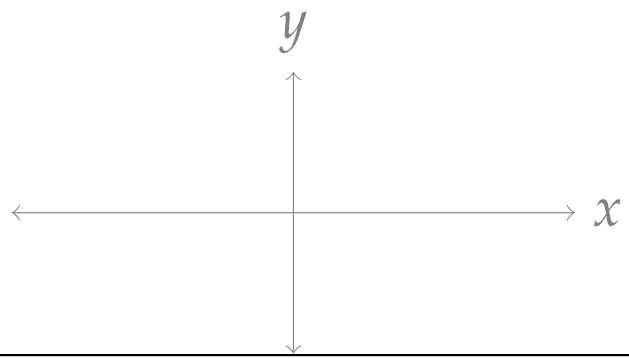
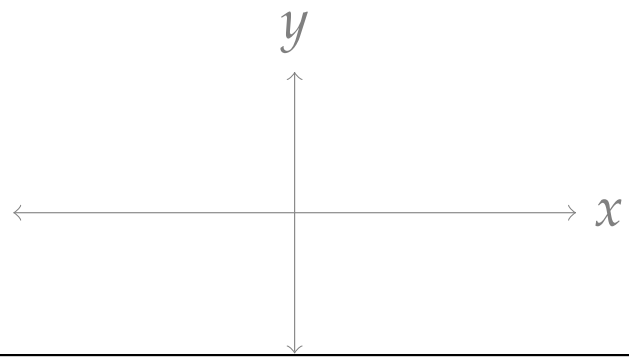
increasing		
decreasing		

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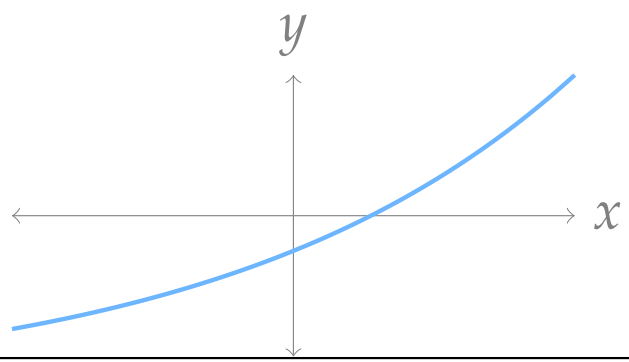
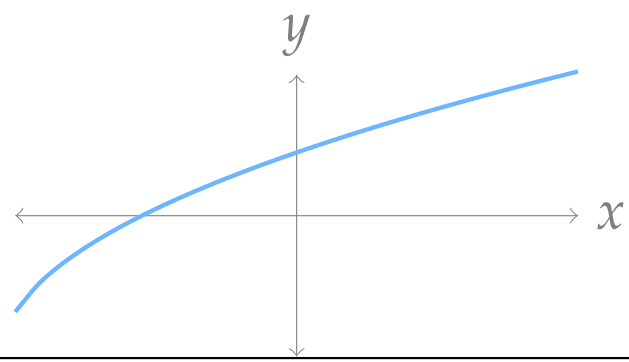
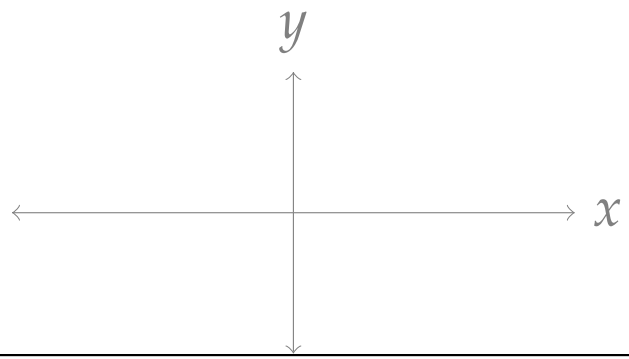
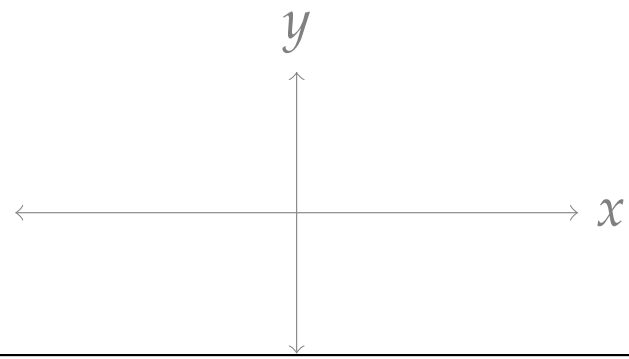
increasing		
decreasing		

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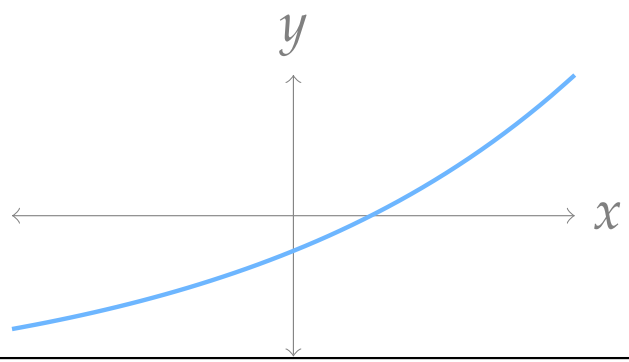
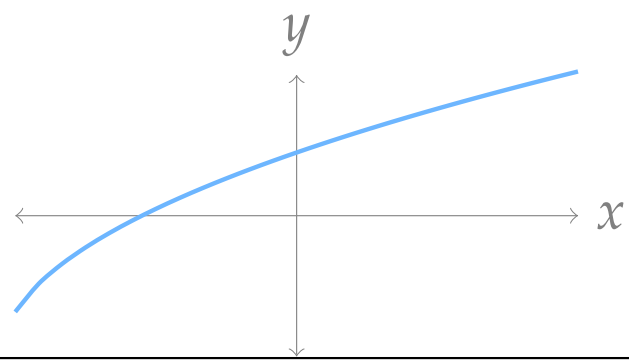
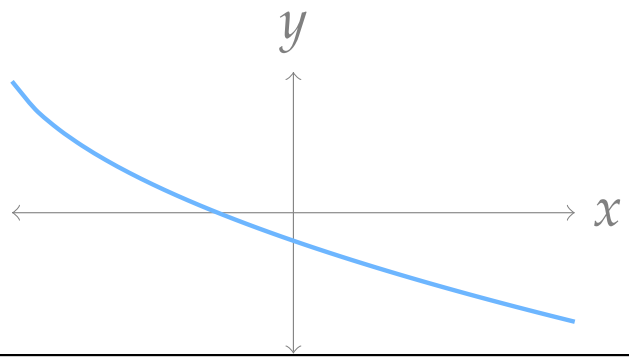
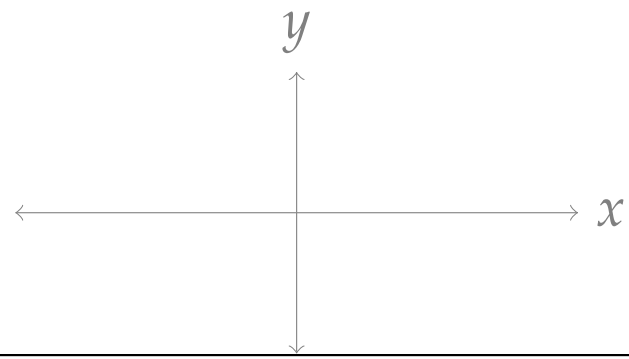
increasing		
decreasing		

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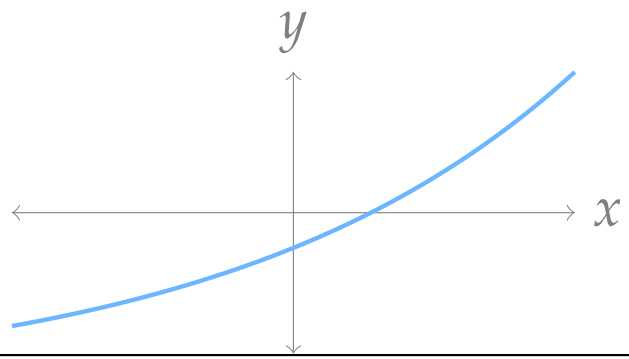
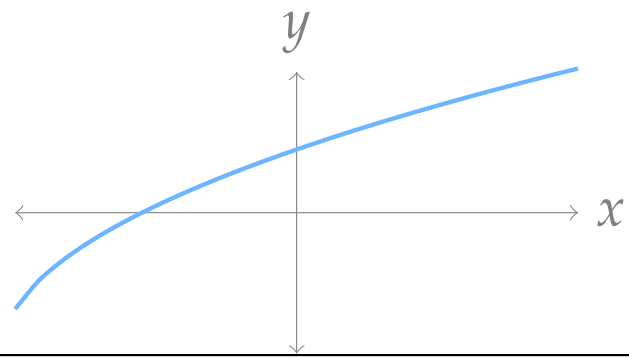
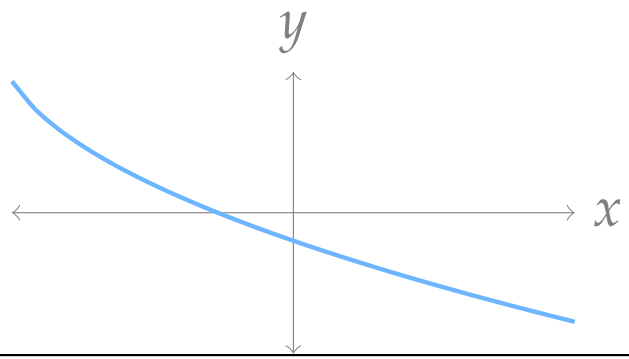
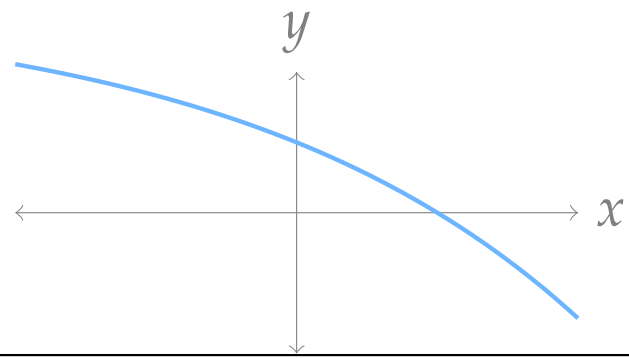
increasing		
decreasing		

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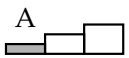

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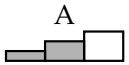

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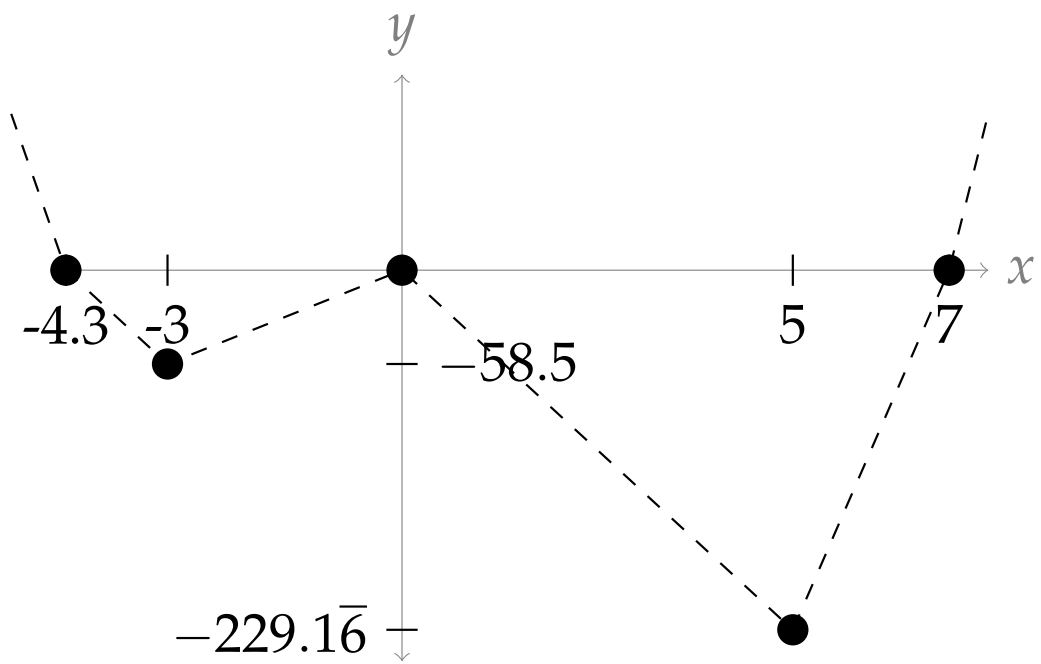

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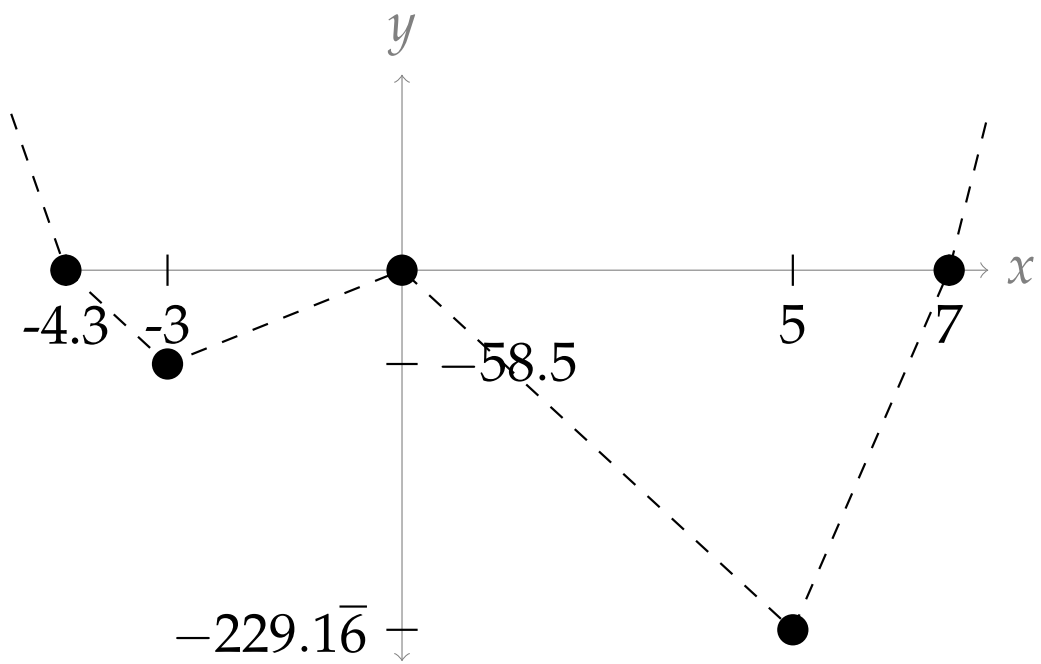

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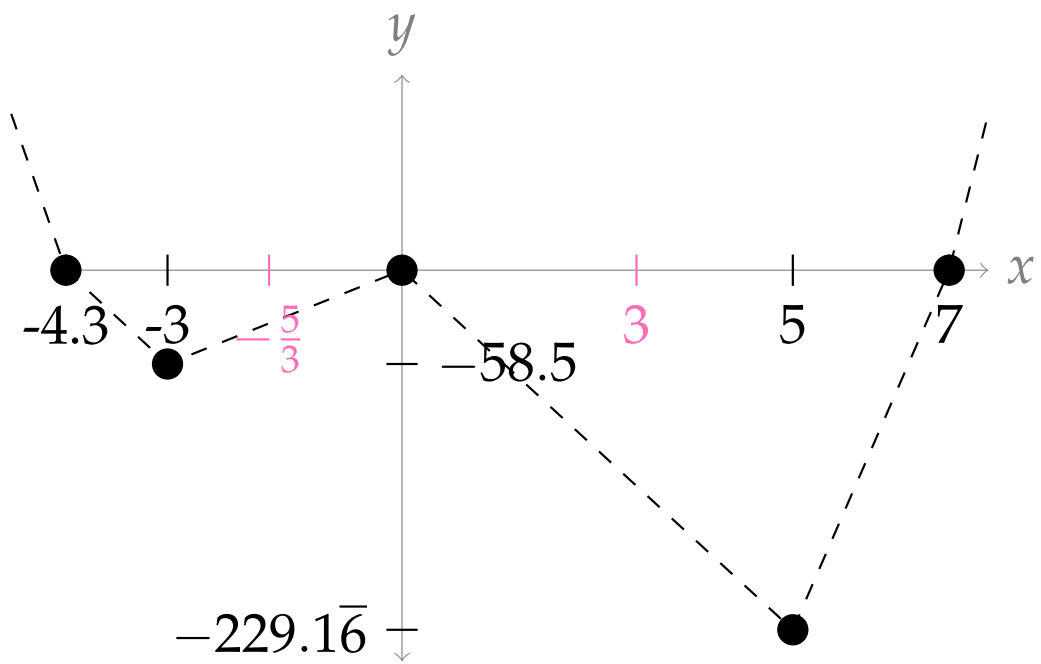

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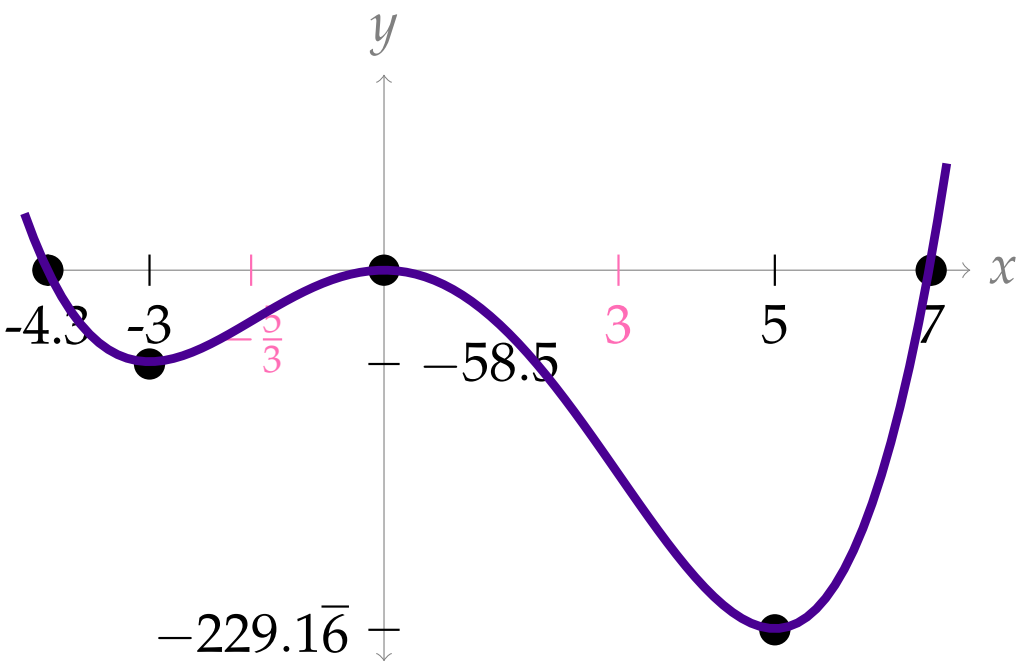

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Domain	Defined and differentiable for all real numbers.
Intercepts	$f(x) = x^3(x^2 - 15)$: Roots are at $x = 0$ and $x = \pm\sqrt{15} \approx \pm 4$
End behaviour	$\lim_{x \to -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$ and $\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = \infty$
Critical points	$f'(x) = 5x^4 - 45x^2 = 5x^2(x^2 - 9)$. So the critical points are $x = 0$, $x = \pm 3$.
Increasing, decreasing	Increasing on $(-\infty, -3)$, decreasing on $(-3, 0)$ and $(0, 3)$, increasing on $(3, \infty)$
Local extrema	From intervals of increase and decrease: local max at $x = -3$ and local min at $x = 3$

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Concavity $f''(x) = 20x^3 - 90x = 10x(2x^2 - 9) = 0$ for $x = 0$ and $x = \pm\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \approx \pm 2$. All of these are inflection points; concave down $(-\infty, -\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}})$, concave up $(-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, 0)$, concave down $(0, \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}})$, and concave up $(\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}, \infty)$.

***y*-values of notable points** $f(3) = -162, f(-3) = 162, f(-3/\sqrt{2}) \approx 100, f(3/\sqrt{2}) \approx -100$

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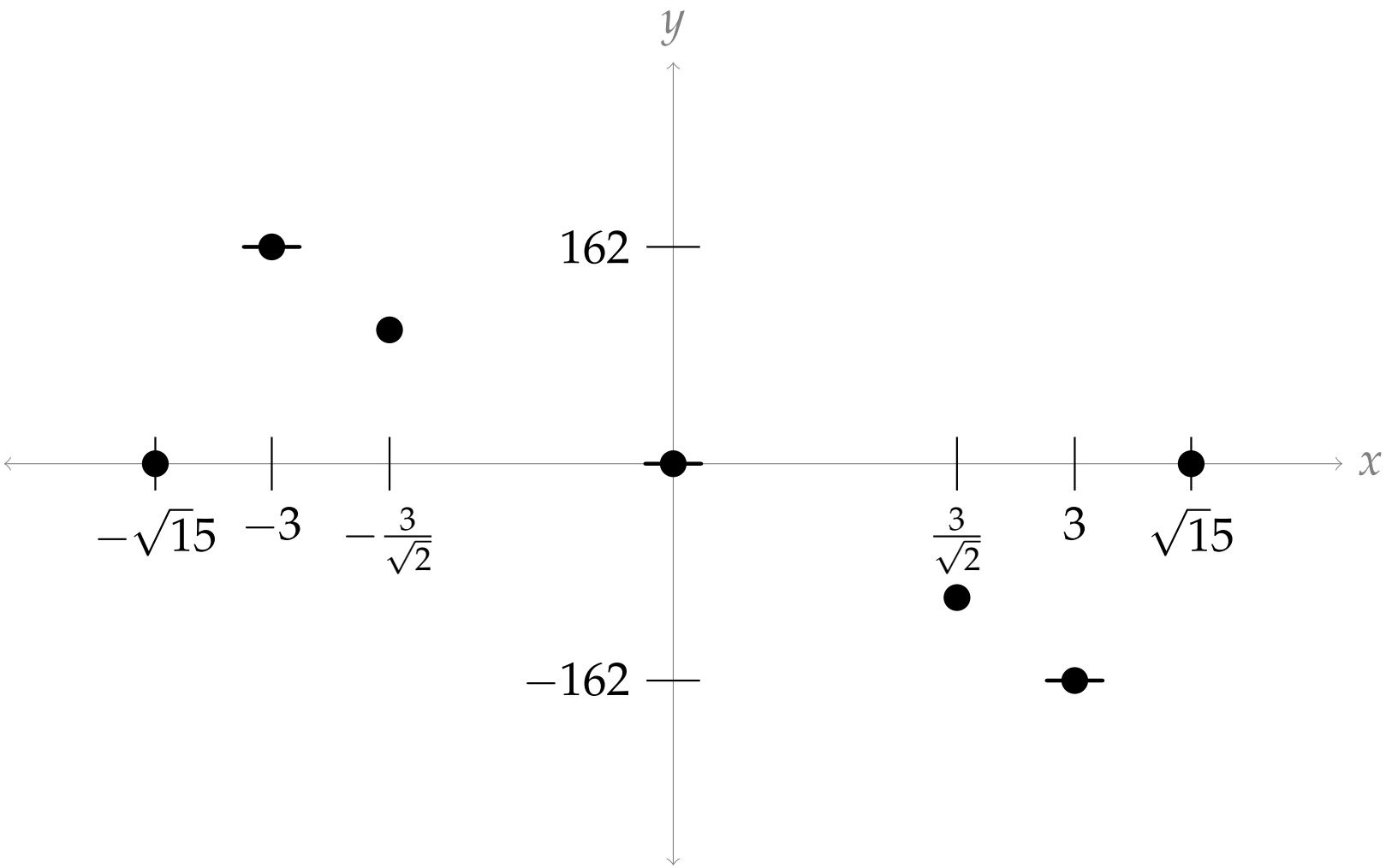

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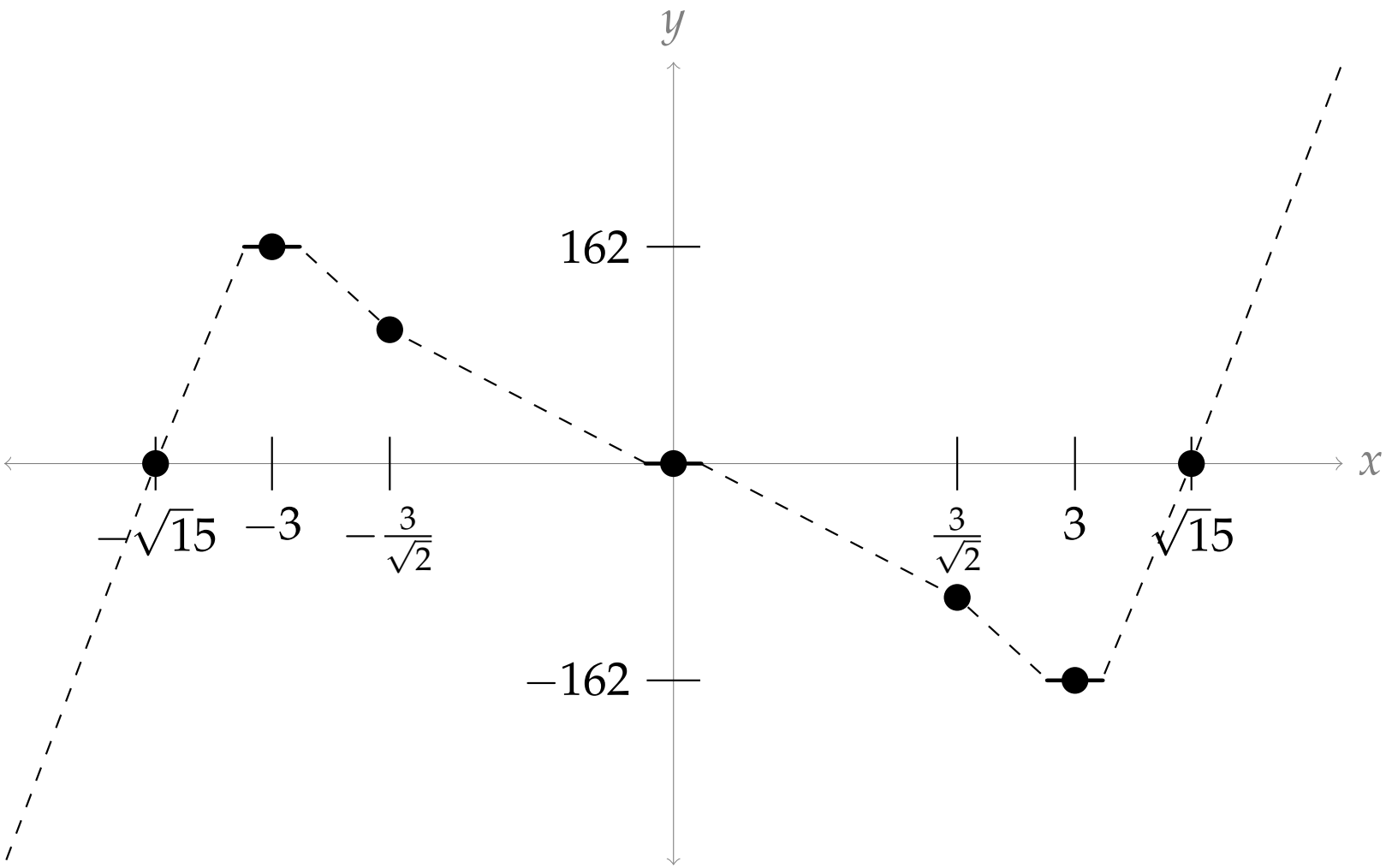

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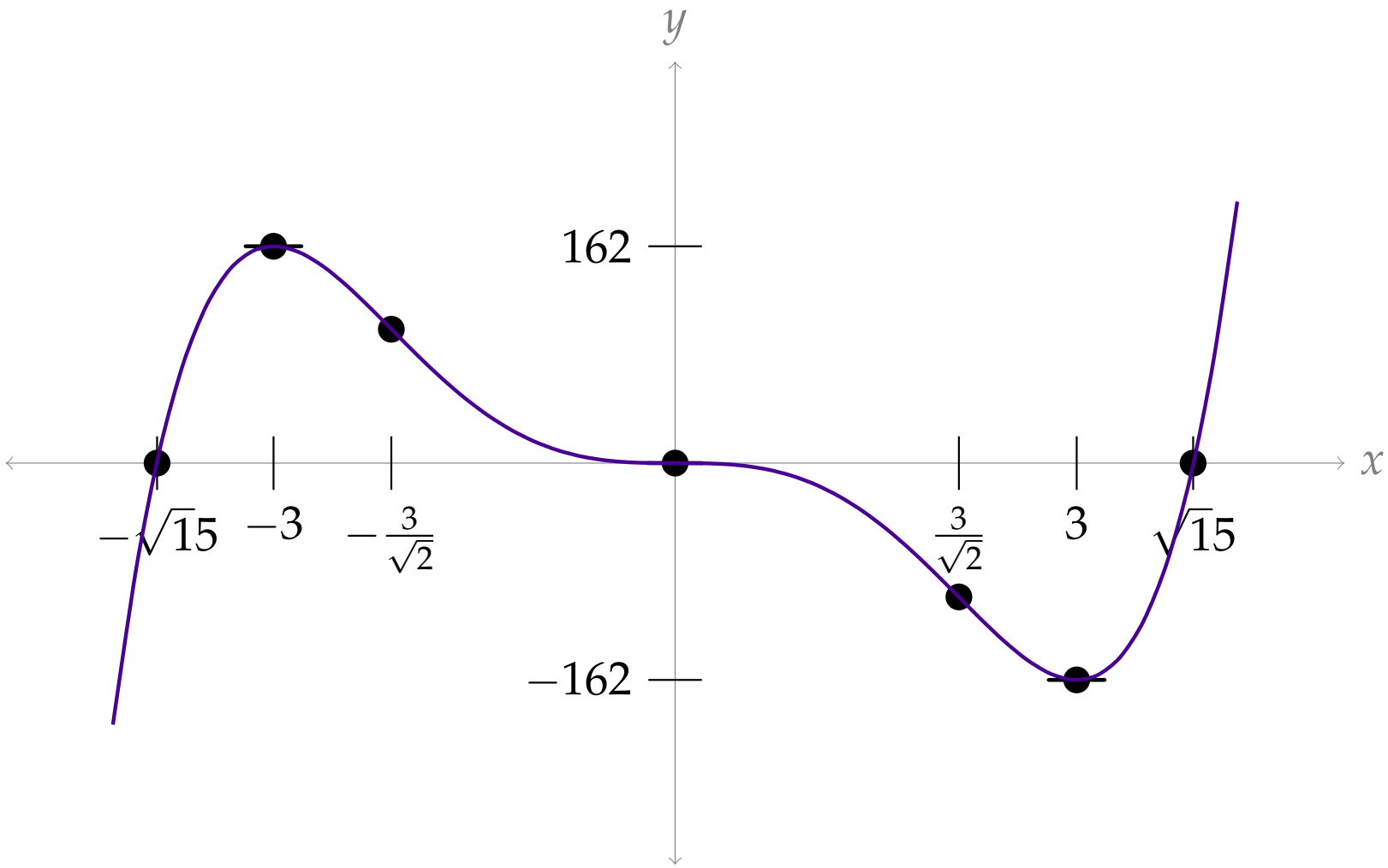

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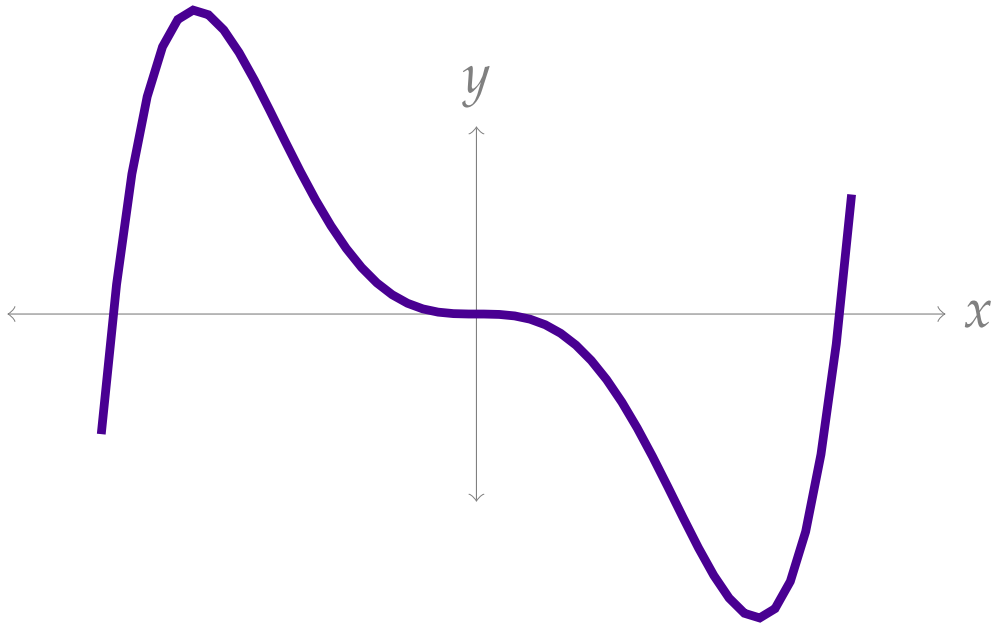

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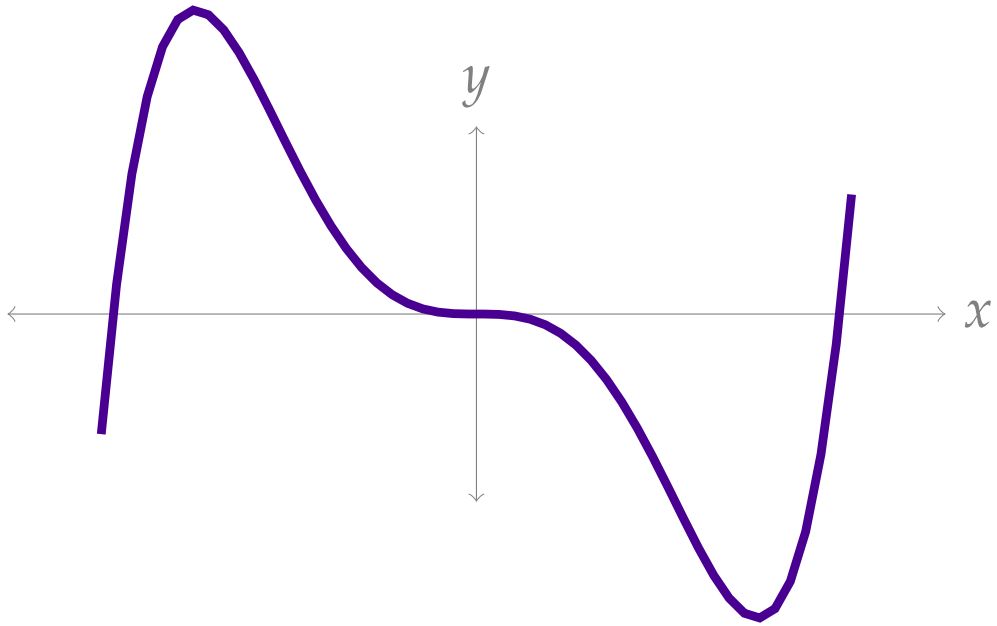

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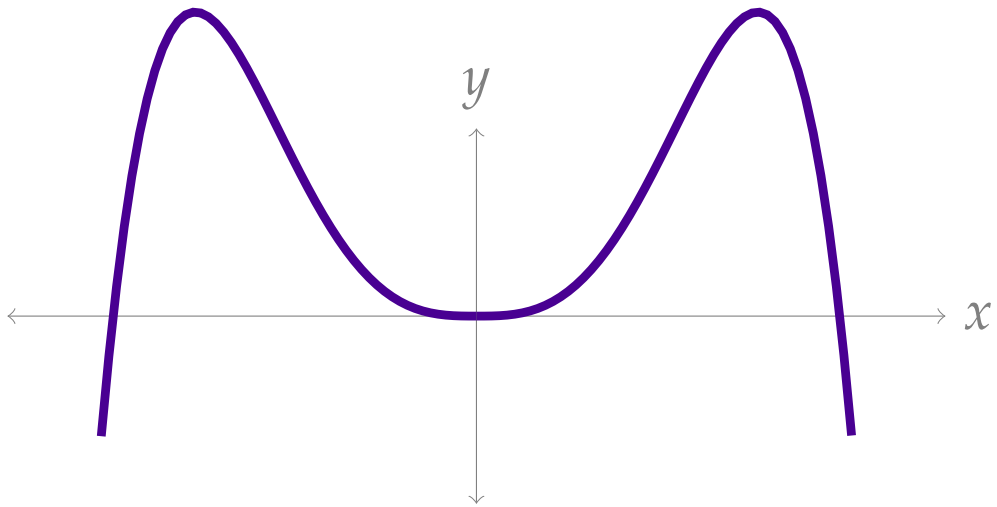

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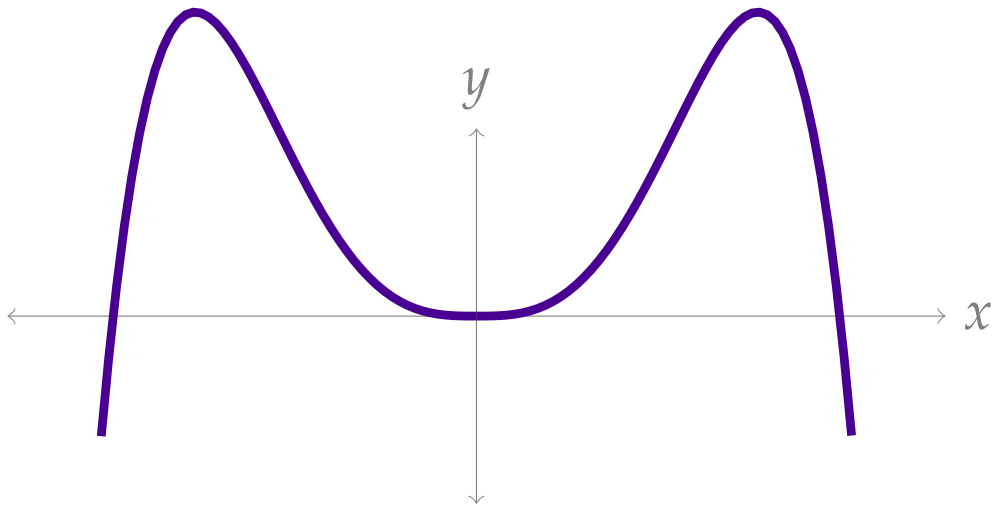

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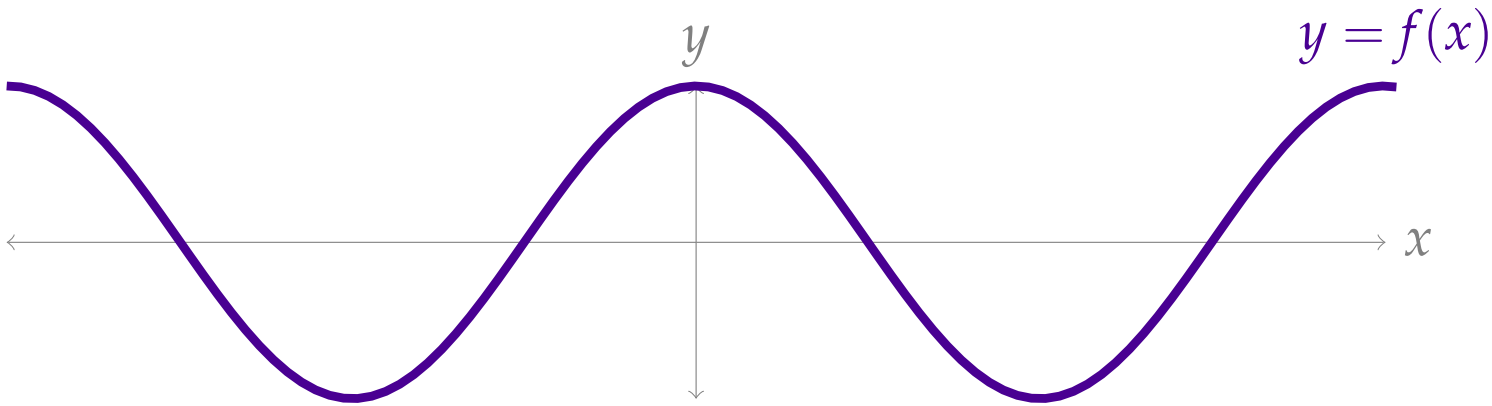

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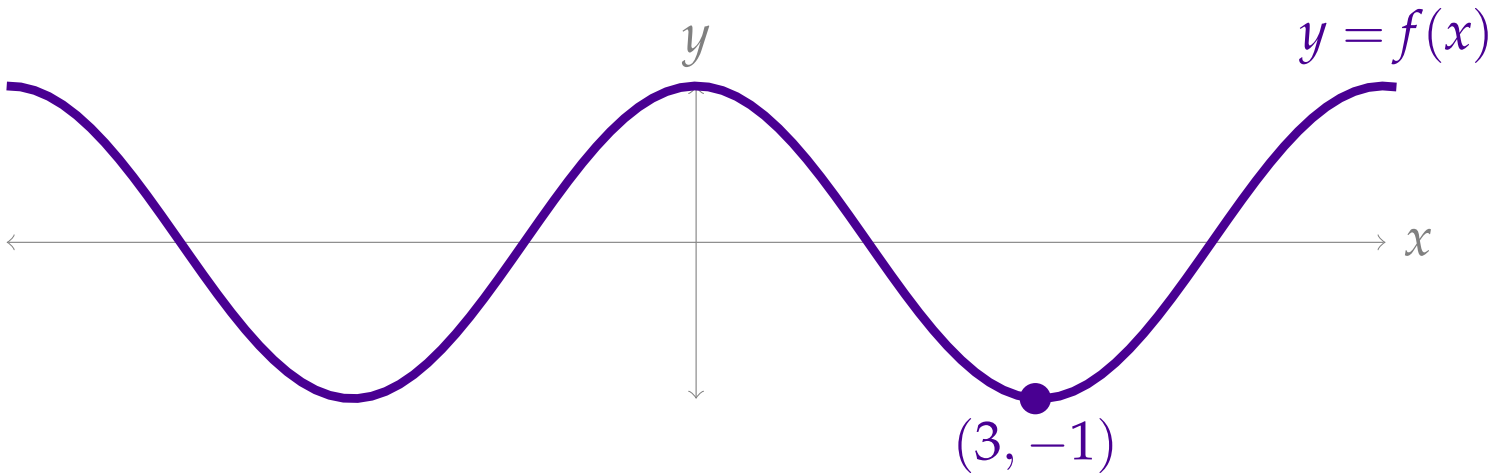

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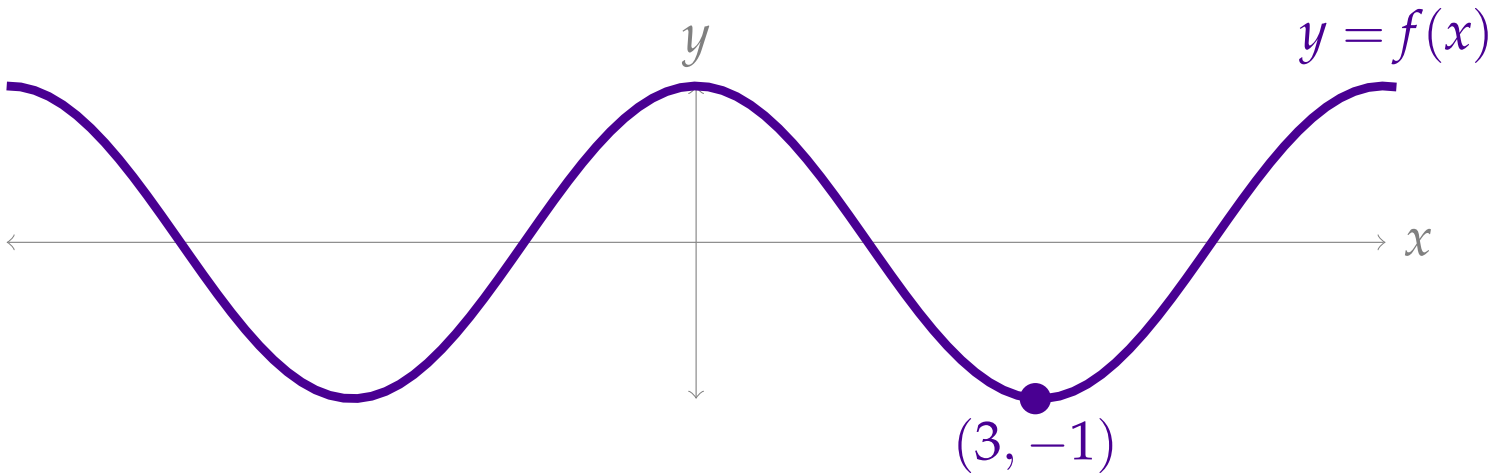

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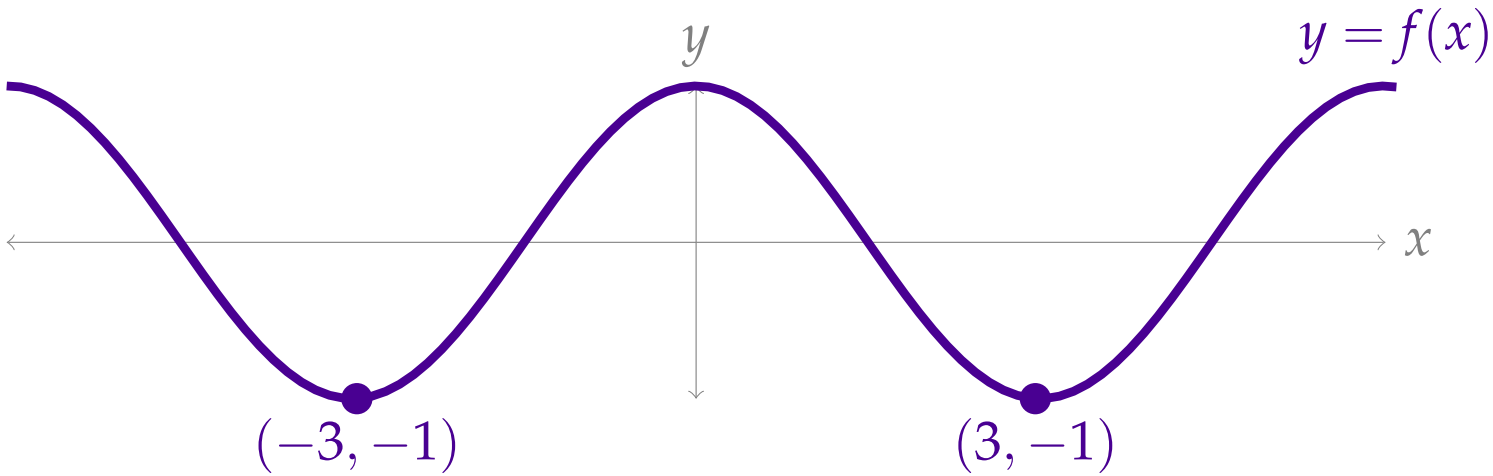

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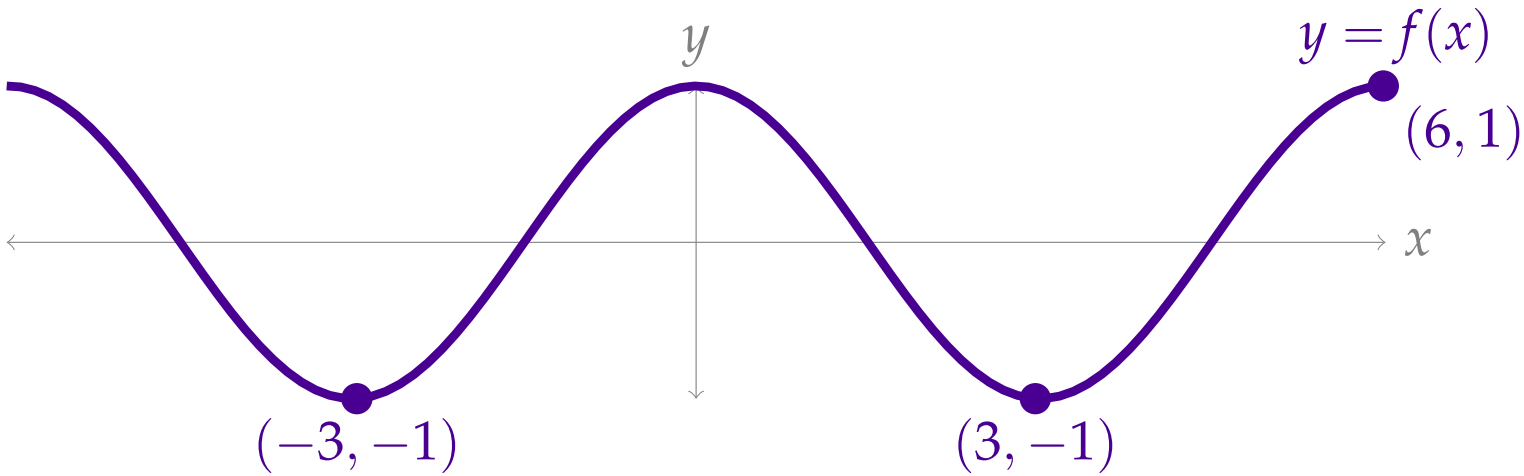

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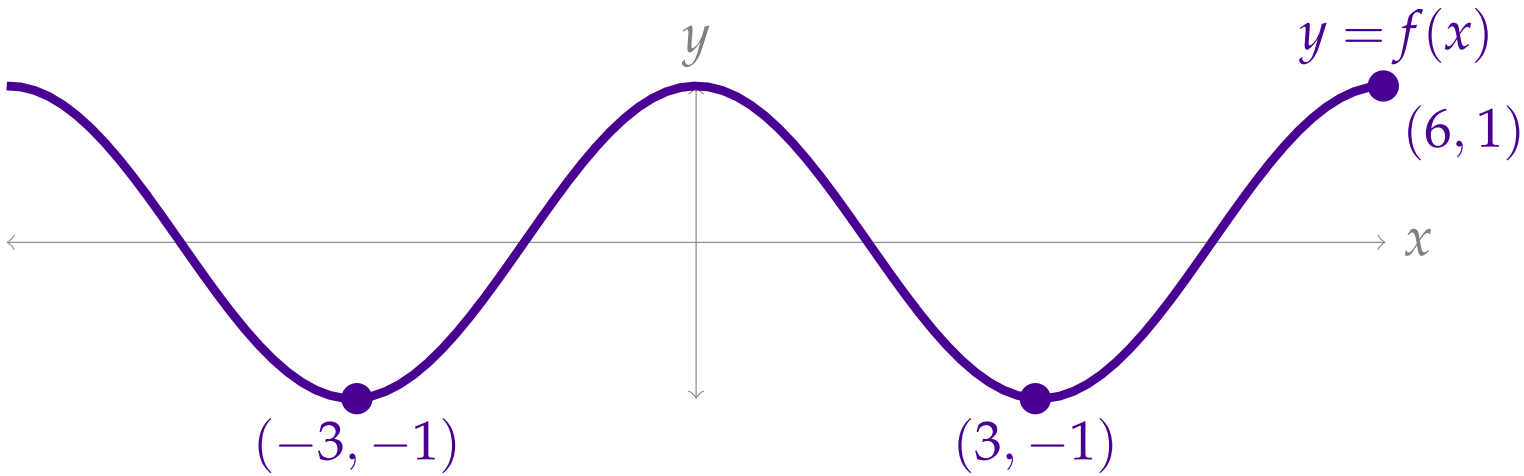

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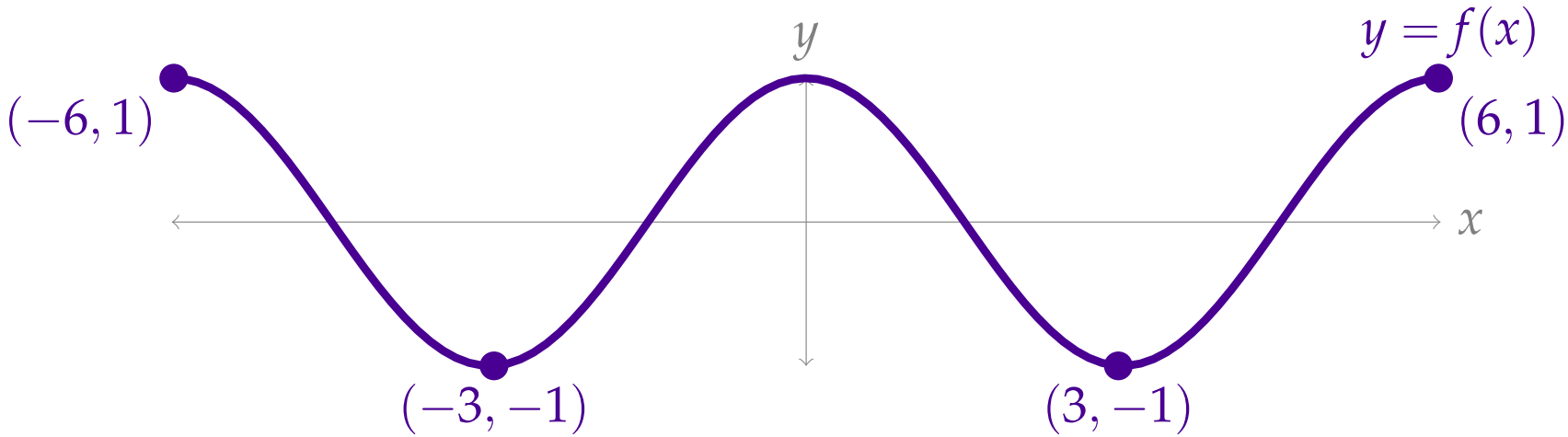

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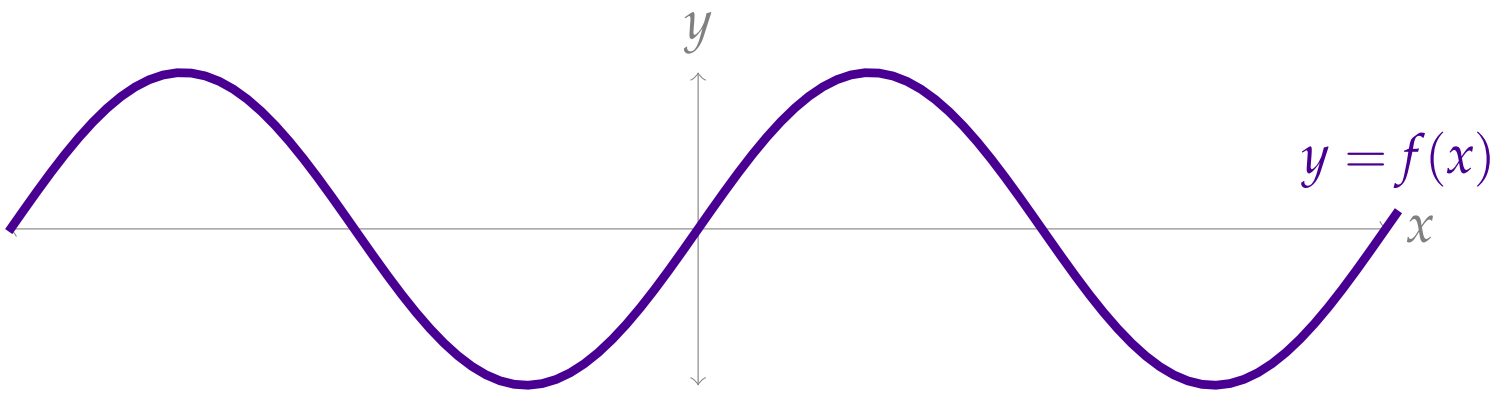

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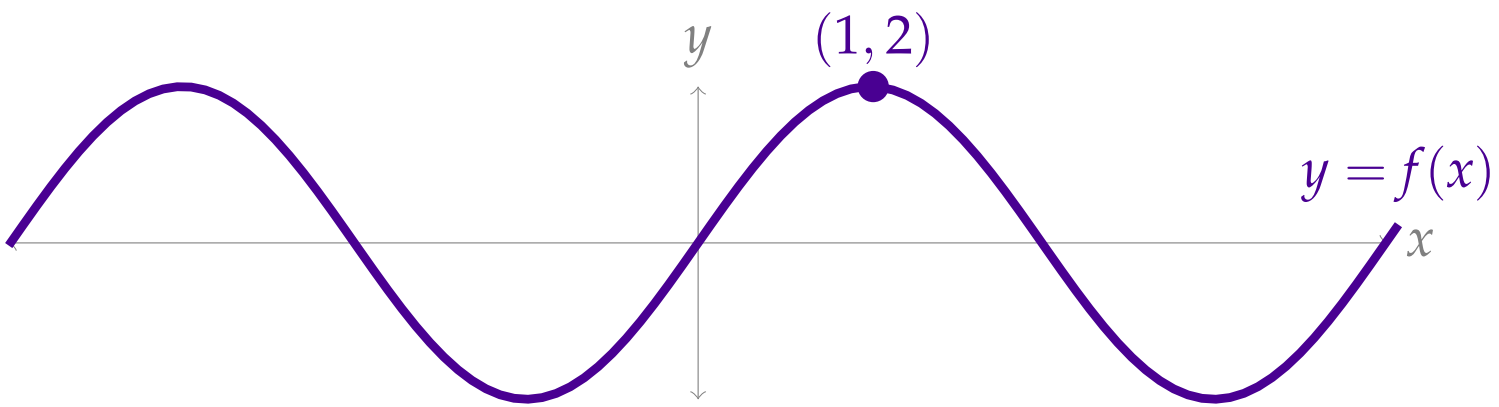

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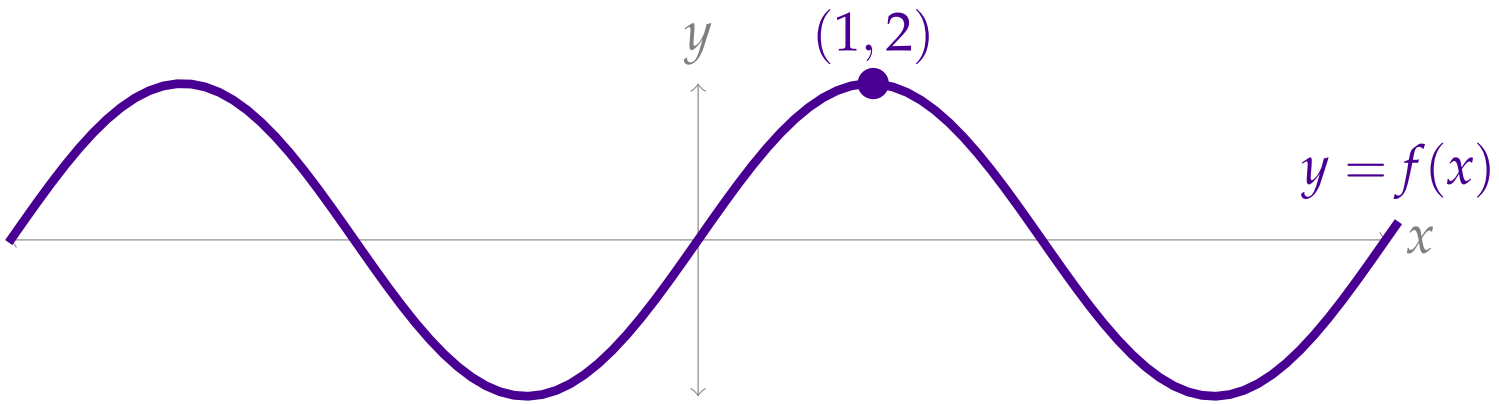

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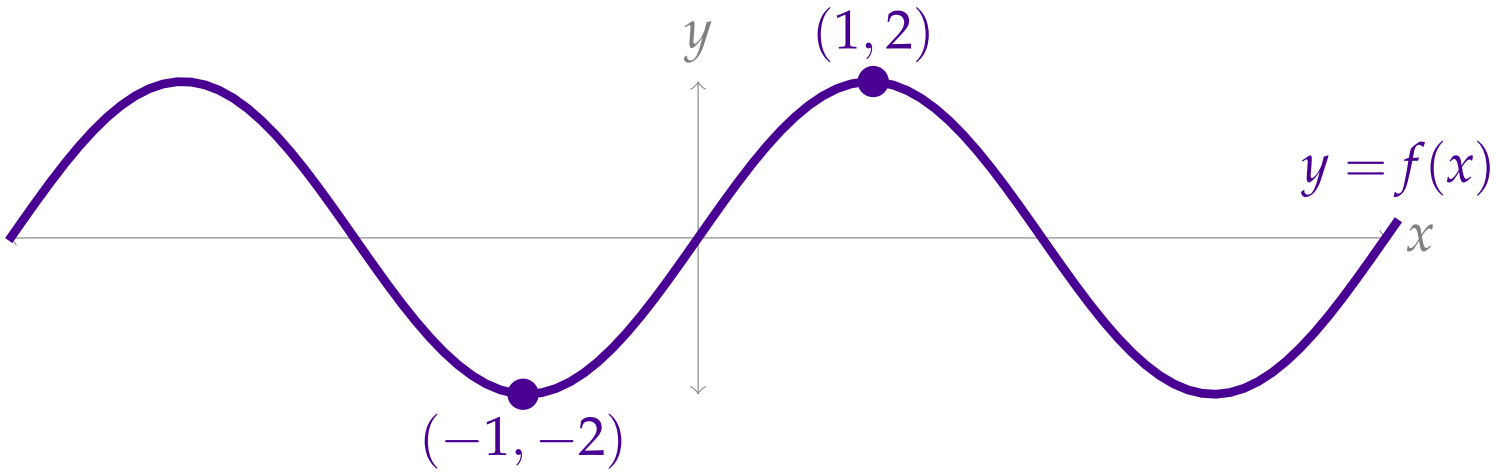

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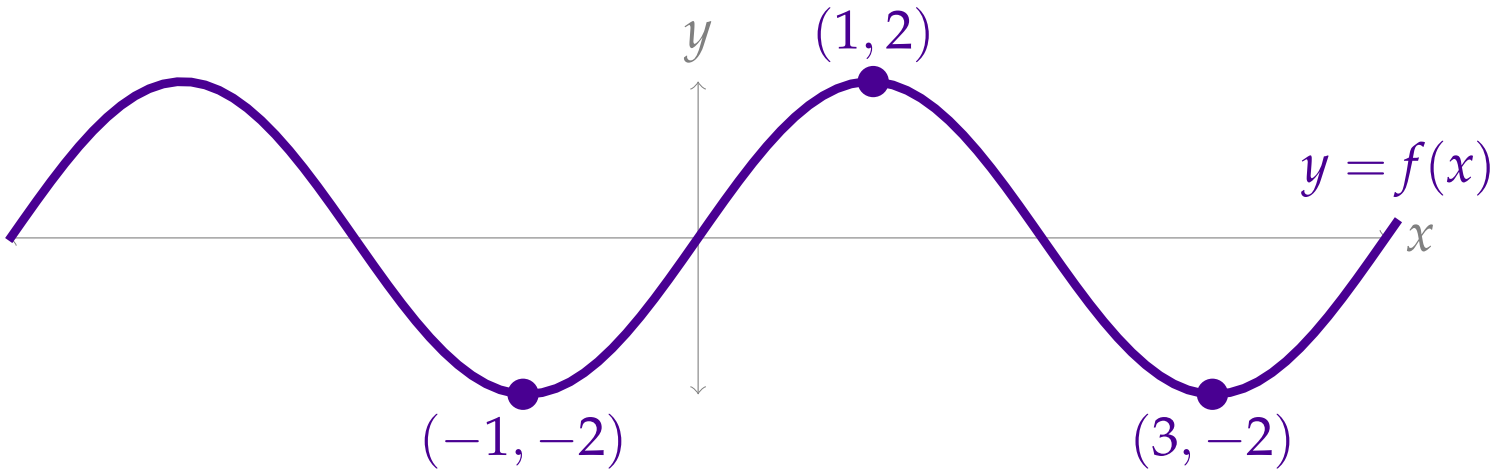

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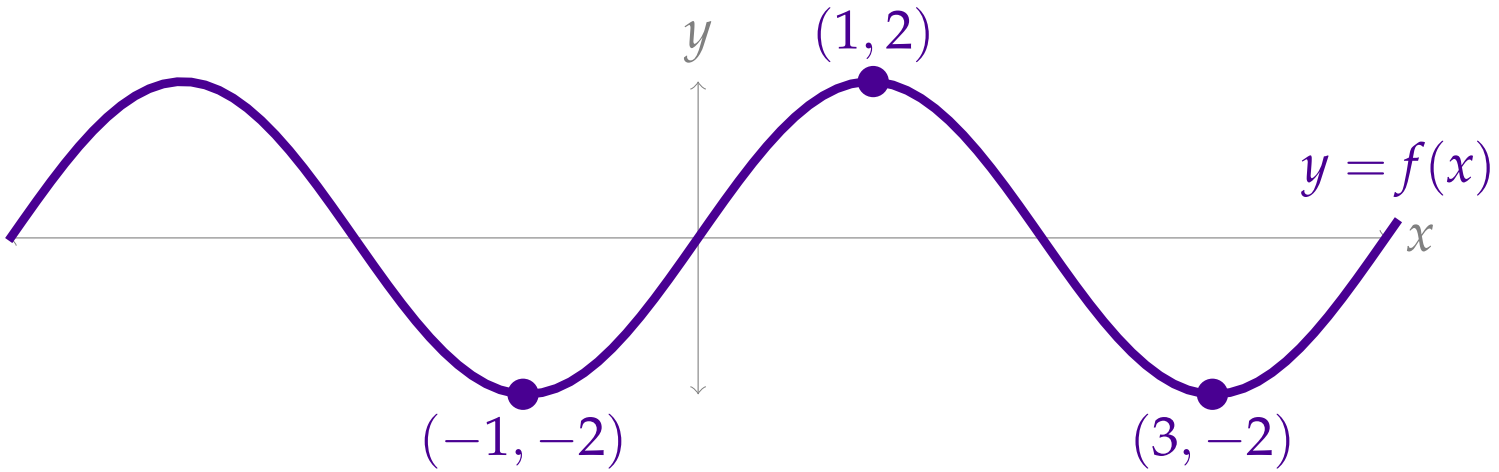

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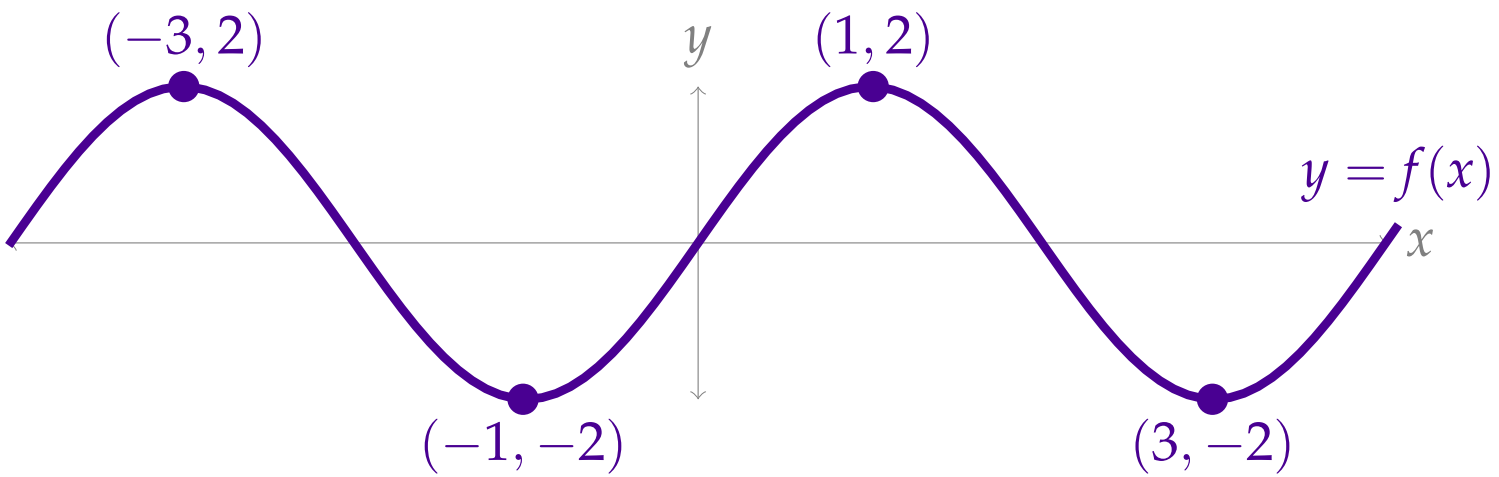

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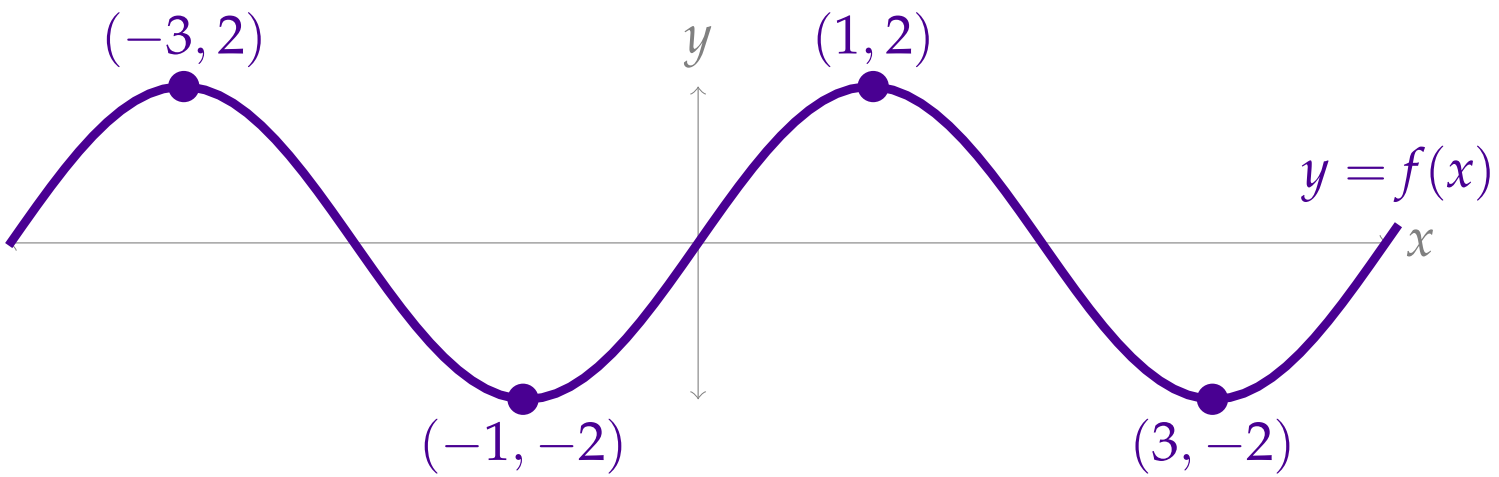

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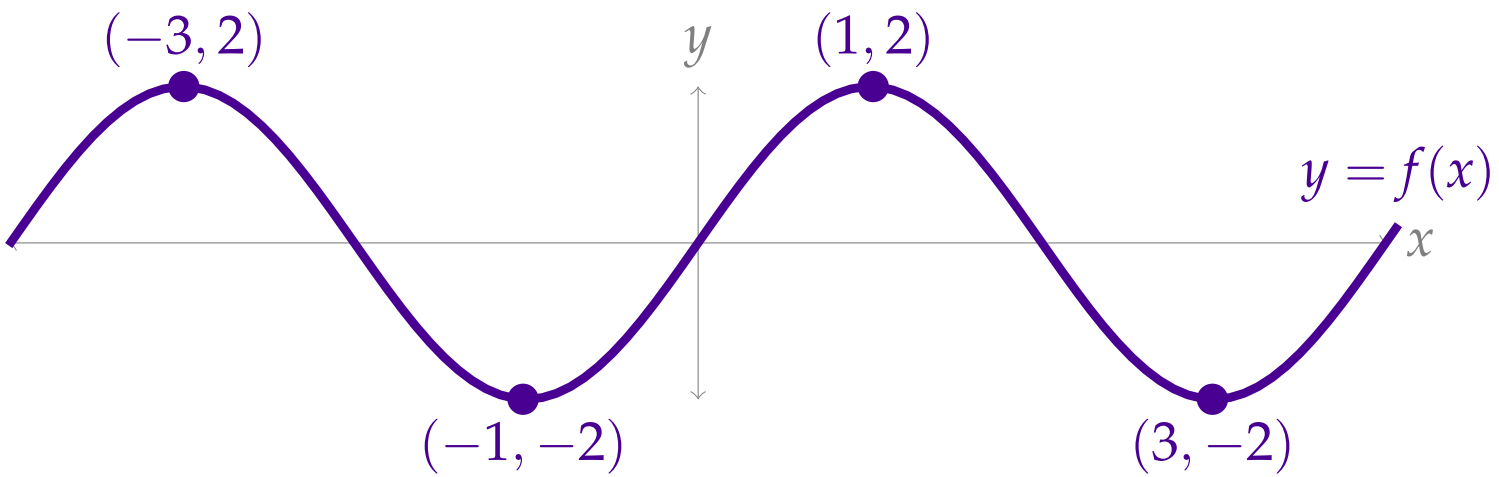

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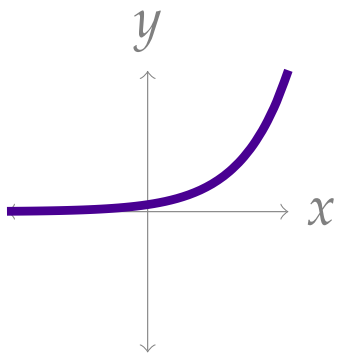

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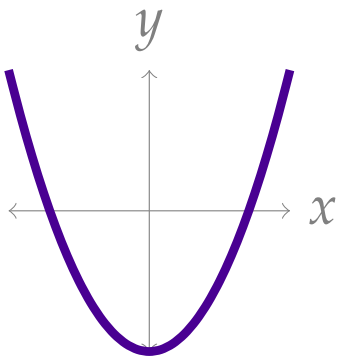

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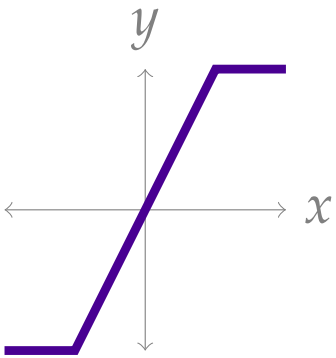

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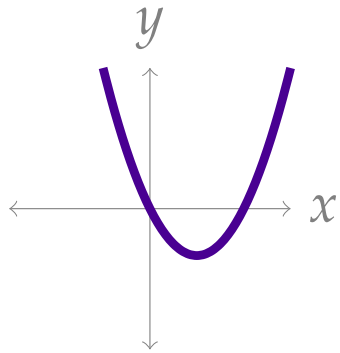

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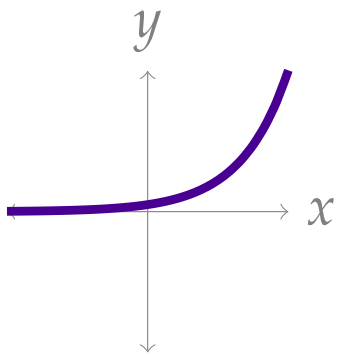

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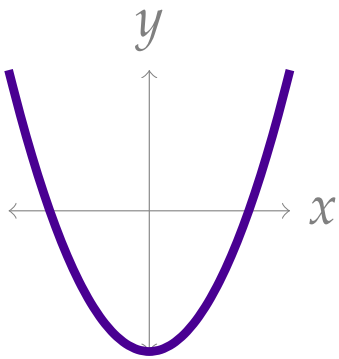

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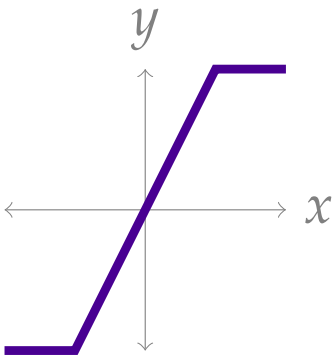

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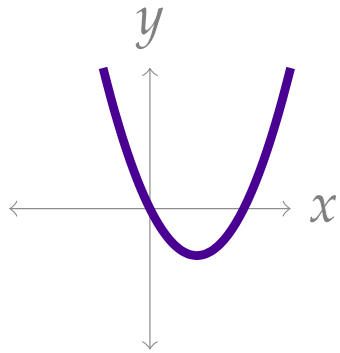

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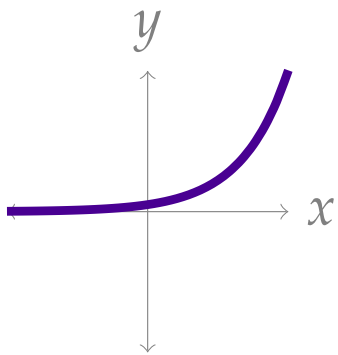

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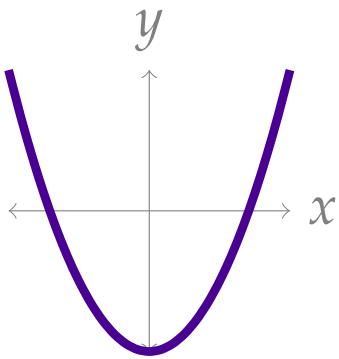

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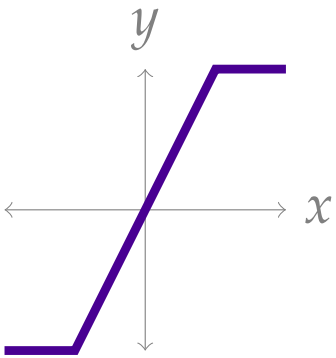

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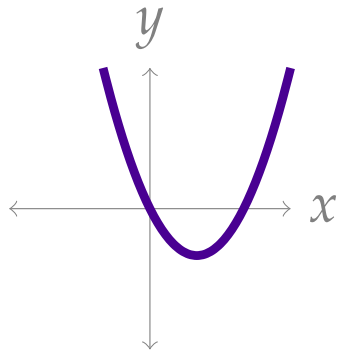

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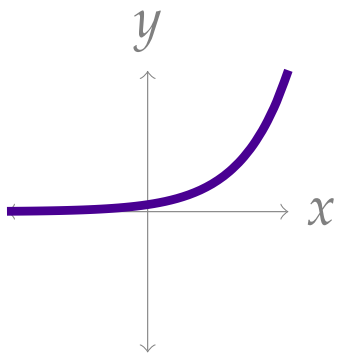

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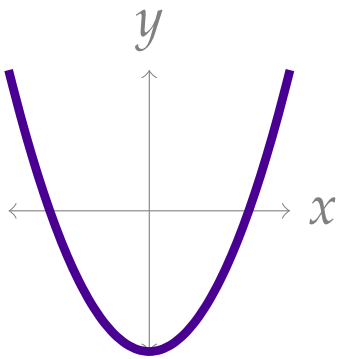

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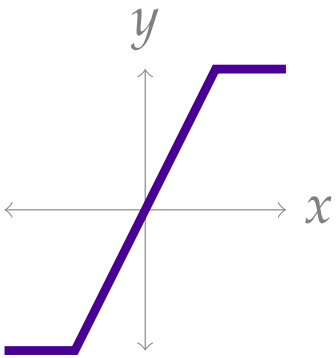

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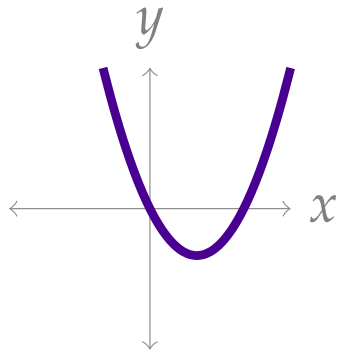

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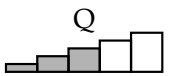

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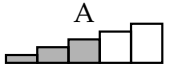

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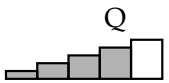

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Periodicity

Periodic – Definition 3.6.9

A function is periodic with period $P > 0$ if

$$f(x) = f(x + P)$$

whenever x and $x + P$ are in the domain of f, and P is the smallest such (positive) number

Examples: $\sin(x)$, $\cos(x)$ both have period 2π; $\tan(x)$ has period π.

Ignoring concavity, sketch $f(x) = \sin(\sin x)$.

Challenge: ignoring exact locations of extrema, sketch $g(x) = \sin(2\pi \sin x)$.

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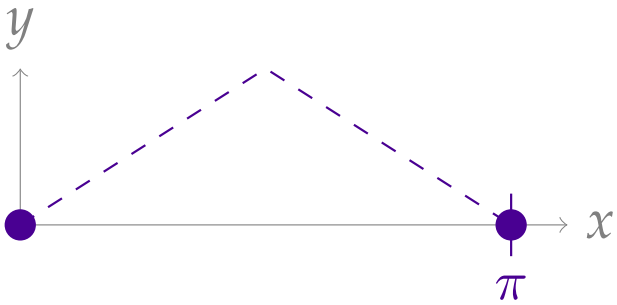
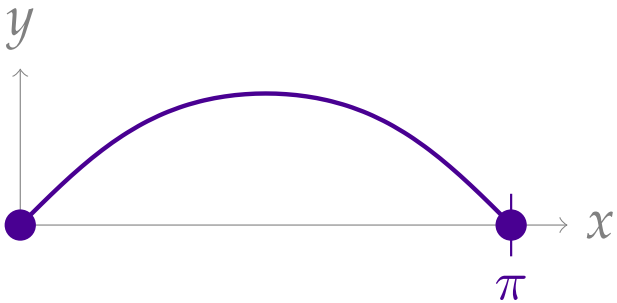
Sin is periodic; since $\sin x = \sin(2\pi + x)$, then $\sin(\sin x) = \sin(\sin(2\pi + x))$, so $f(x)$ is also periodic. It suffices to sketch $f(x)$ for an interval of length 2π, because any such segment will repeat.
Since the function is also odd, if we sketch it on the interval $[0, \pi]$, then we can extrapolate to the interval $[-\pi, 0]$. So we consider the interval $[0, \pi]$.

- Intercepts: $(0, 0)$, $(0, \pi)$
- First derivative: $f'(x) = \cos(\sin x) \cdot \cos(x)$
  - For $0 \leq x \leq \pi$, we have $0 \leq \sin x \leq 1 < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and hence $0 < \cos(\sin x) \leq 1$.
  - CP: $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$
  - increasing: $(0, \pi/2)$
  - decreasing: $(\pi/2, 0)$

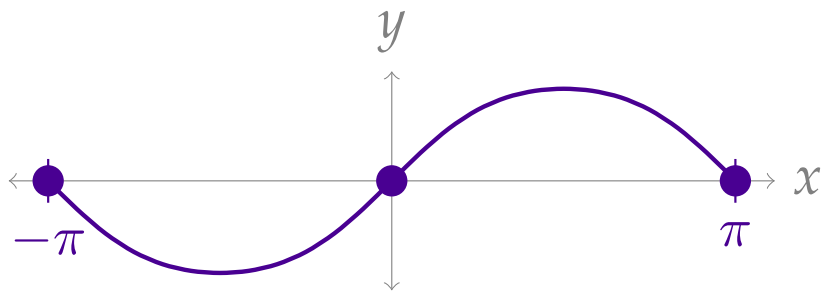
1. Interval $(0, \pi)$ skeleton, based on above work:



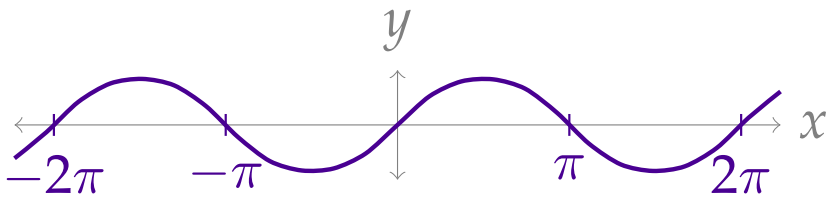
2. Make into a smooth curve:



3. Use odd symmetry to get interval $[-\pi, \pi]$



4. Use periodicity



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Note

$$\begin{aligned} g(-x) &= \sin\big(2\pi \sin(-x)\big) = \sin\big((2\pi)(-\sin x)\big) \\ &= \sin(-2\pi \sin x) = -\sin(2\pi \sin x) = -g(x) \end{aligned}$$

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Intercepts in $[0, \pi]$:

$$
\begin{aligned}
g(0) &= 0 \\
0 = g(0) &= \sin(2\pi \sin x) \\
\implies 2\pi \sin x &\in \{0, \pm\pi, \pm 2\pi, \pm 3\pi, \ldots\} \\
\implies \sin x &\in \left\{0, \pm\frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm\frac{3}{2}, \ldots\right\} \\
\implies x &\in \left\{0, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{6}, \pi\right\}
\end{aligned}
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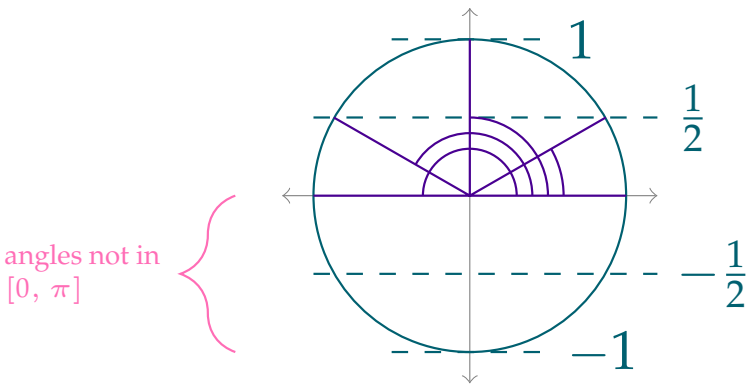

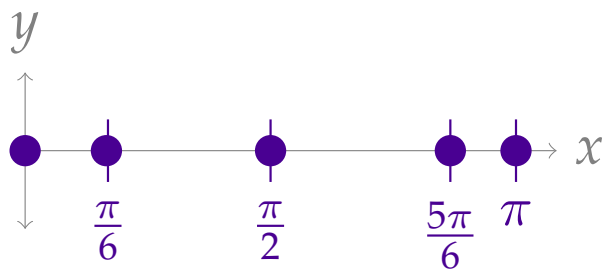

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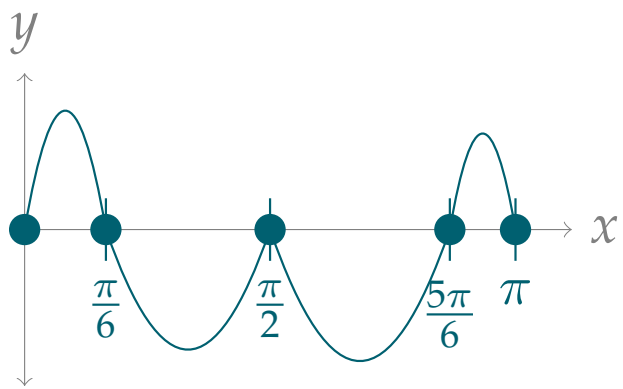
skip $g(x)$

Now let's consider the sign of $g(x)$ between the intercepts. Since $g(x)$ isn't given as a factored product, our old shortcut isn't so useful.

interval	$\left(0, \frac{\pi}{6}\right)$	$\left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$	$\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$	$\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, \pi\right)$
range of $\sin x$	$\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$	$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$	$\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$
range of $2\pi \sin x$	$(0, \pi)$	$(\pi, 2\pi)$	$(\pi, 2\pi)$	$(0, \pi)$
sign of $\sin(2\pi \sin x)$	$+$	$-$	$-$	$+$

So, a rough sketch on the interval $[0, \pi]$ is:



Yes, this is a rough sketch. The curve should be smooth at $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

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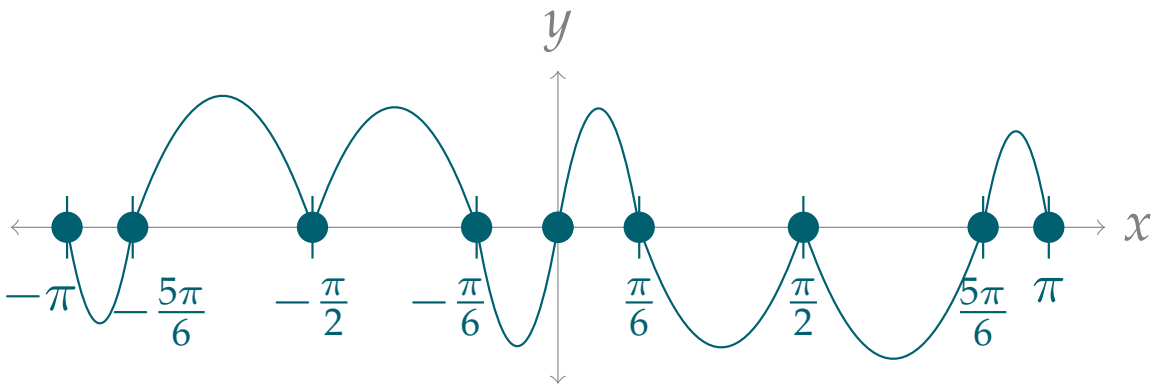
Use odd symmetry, we sketch the interval $[-\pi, \pi]$:



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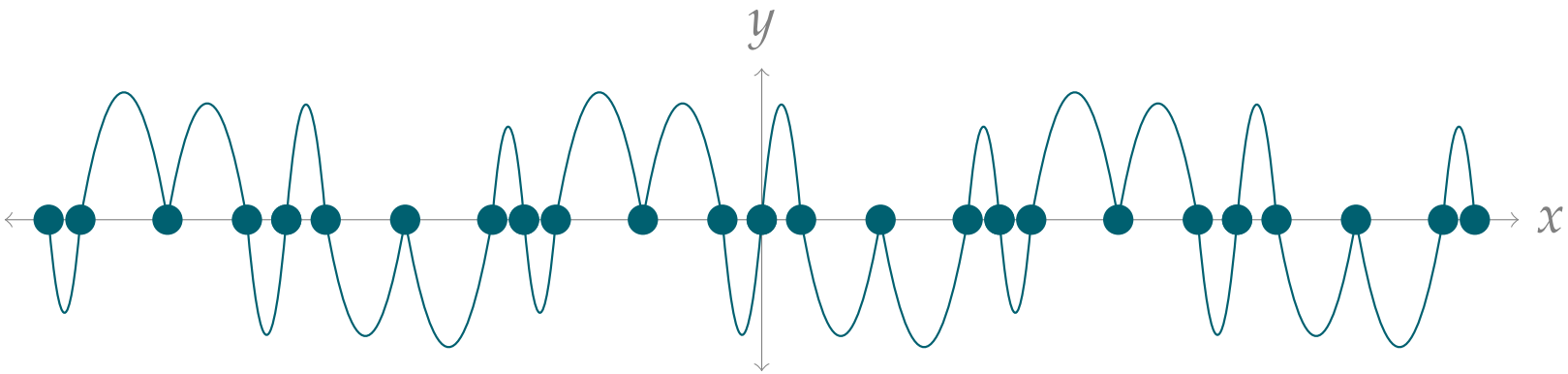

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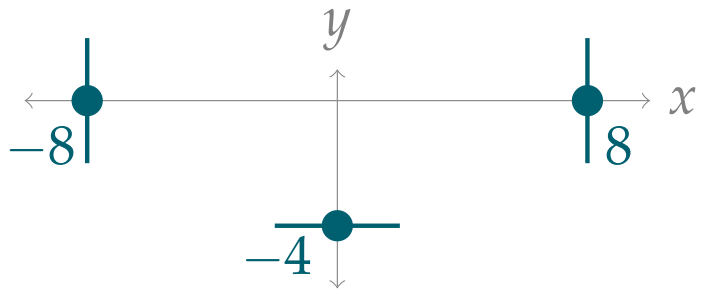
$$f'(x) = \frac{2x}{3(x^2 - 64)^{2/3}};$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-2(\frac{1}{3}x^2 + 64)}{3(x^2 - 64)^{5/3}}$$

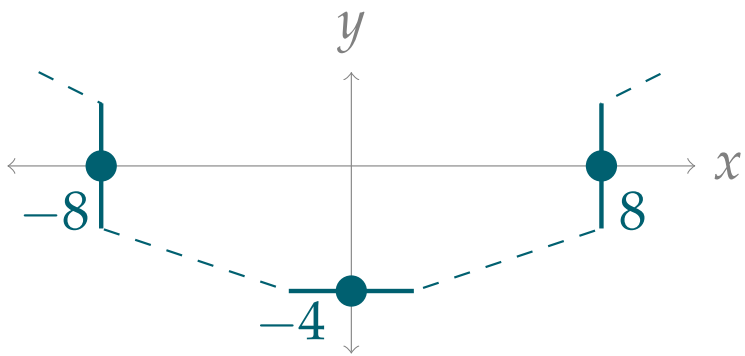
Domain	all real numbers
End behaviour	$\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = \infty$ and $\lim_{x\to-\infty} f(x) = \infty$
Intercepts	$(0,-4)$, $(\pm 8, 0)$
Critical point	$(0,-4)$
Singular points	$(-8,0)$, $(8,0)$ Near the singular points, $f'(x)$ gets very large, so $f(x)$ looks vertical.



Increasing, decreasing

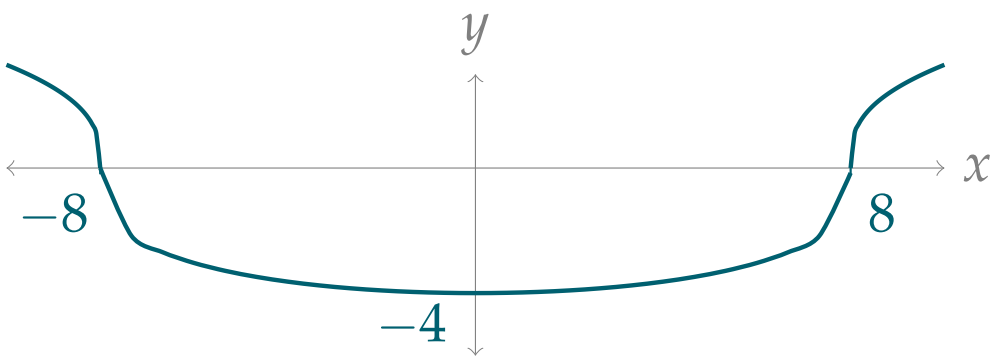
Numerator of $f'(x)$ is positive on $(0, \infty)$ and negative on $(-\infty, 0)$. Denominator is positive where it exists. So $f(x)$ is decreasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ (where it is differentiable) and increasing on $(0, \infty)$ (where it is differentiable).

Skeleton



Concavity

Numerator of second derivative is negative everywhere. Denominator is positive (so $f''(x)$ is negative) on $(-\infty, -8) \cup (8, \infty)$ and denominator is negative (so $f''(x)$ is positive) on $(-8, 8)$.
So our function is concave up on $(-8, 8)$ and concave down on $(-\infty, -8) \cup (8, \infty)$.



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$$g''(x) = \frac{12x(x^2-1)}{(x^2+1)^4}$$

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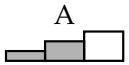
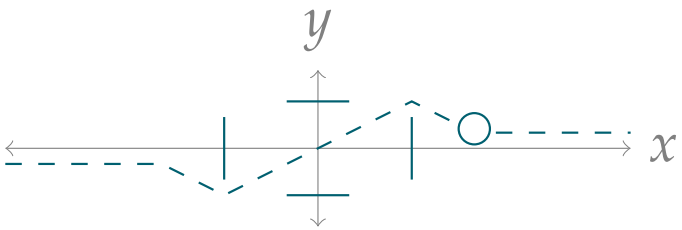
When $x \neq 1, f(x) = g(x)$. So, $f(x)$ looks like $g(x)$ except it has a removable discontinuity (hole) at $x = 1$. Let's graph

$$g(x) = \frac{x}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

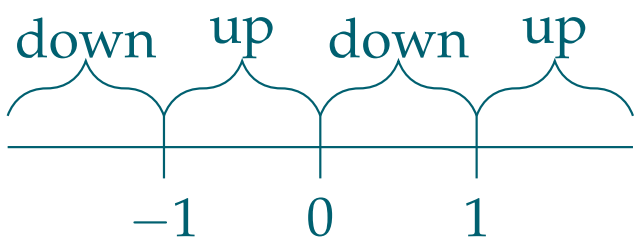
- Domain: all real numbers
- HA: $y = 0$ on both sides
- VA: none
- Intercepts: $(0, 0)$
- Odd symmetry
- CP: $x = \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$; associated points: $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{16}\right)$

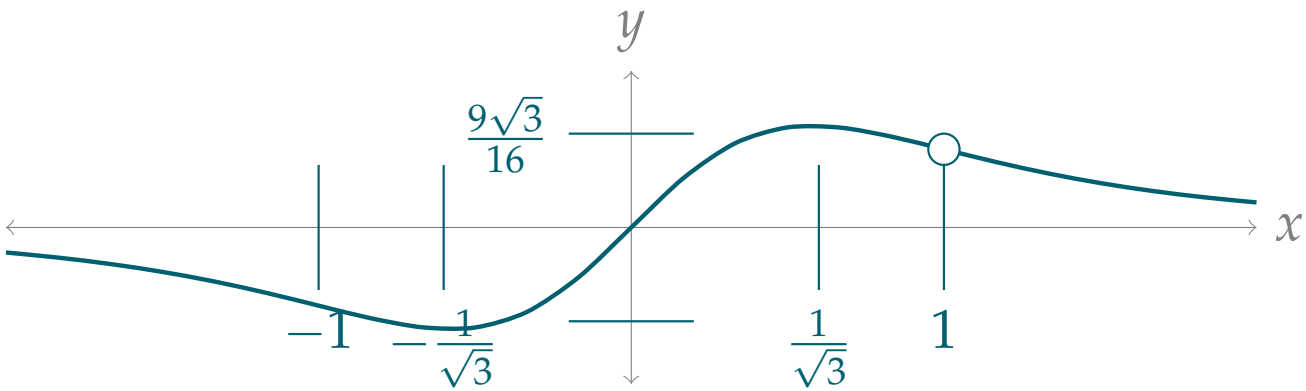


- Increasing on $\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$ and decreasing on $\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \cup \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \infty\right)$



- g'' is given (nearly) factored, so we can see its sign changes at $x = -1, 0, 1$. Concavity:





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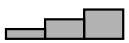
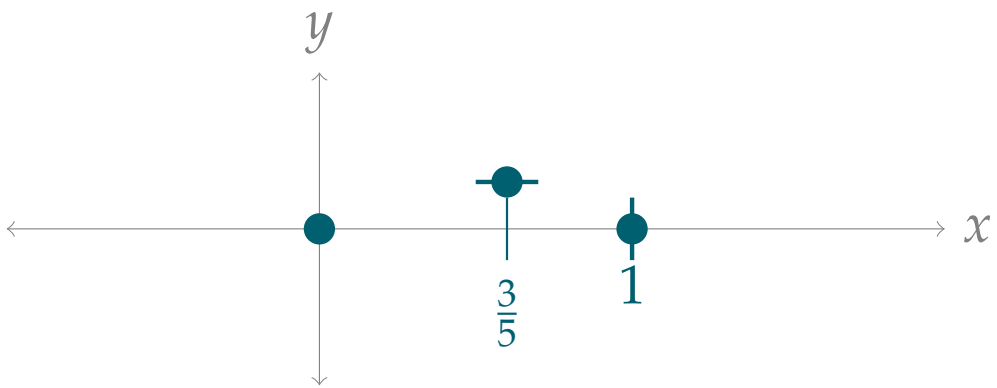
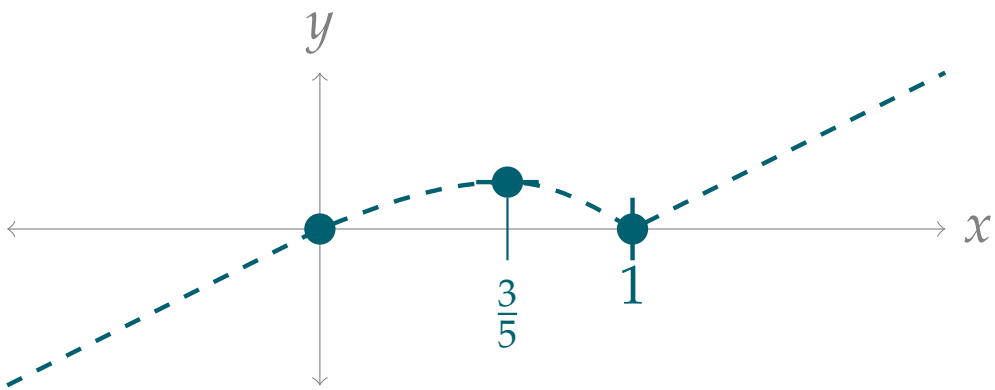
- $f(3/5) \approx 0.3$
- $f(6/5) \approx 0.4$



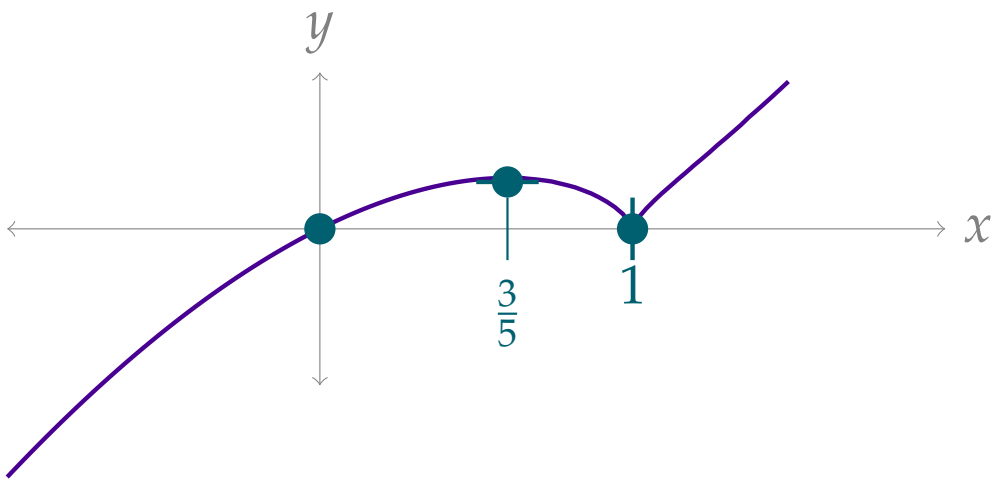
- Domain: all reals
- VA: none
- HA: none
- Intercepts: $(0,0)$, $(1,0)$
- Symmetry: not even, not odd, not periodic
- CP: $x = \frac{3}{5}$ ($y \approx 0.3$); SP $x = 1$ ($y = 0$).
  Near the SP, first deriv is very large, so function looks vertical.



- First derivative changes sign at $x = \frac{3}{5}$ and $x = 1$. Function is increasing on $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{5}\right) \cup (1, \infty)$ and decreasing on $\left(\frac{3}{5}, 1\right)$.



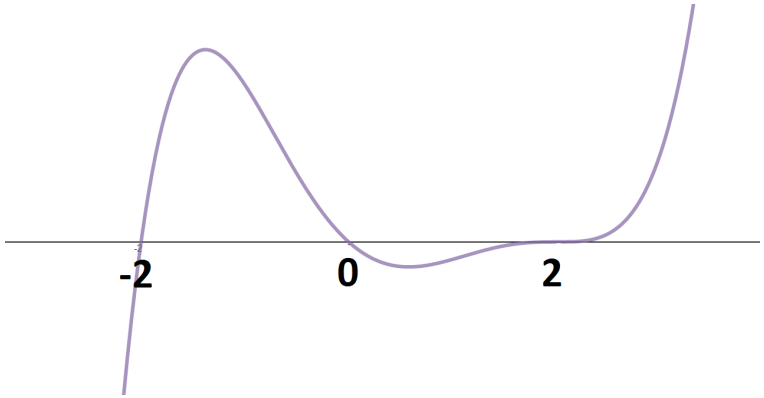
- Second derivative changes sign at $x = \frac{5}{6}$. (Note the denominator has an even power). Function is concave down on $\left(-\infty, \frac{5}{6}\right)$ and concave up on $\left(\frac{5}{6}, \infty\right)$.



Ch 3.6 Review: matching

Match the Function to its Graph

A. $f(x) = x^3(x+2)(x-2) = x^5 - 4x^3$
B. $f(x) = x(x+2)^3(x-2) = x^5 + 4x^4 - 16x^2 - 16x$
C. $f(x) = x(x+2)(x-2)^3 = x^5 - 4x^4 + 16x^2 - 16x$



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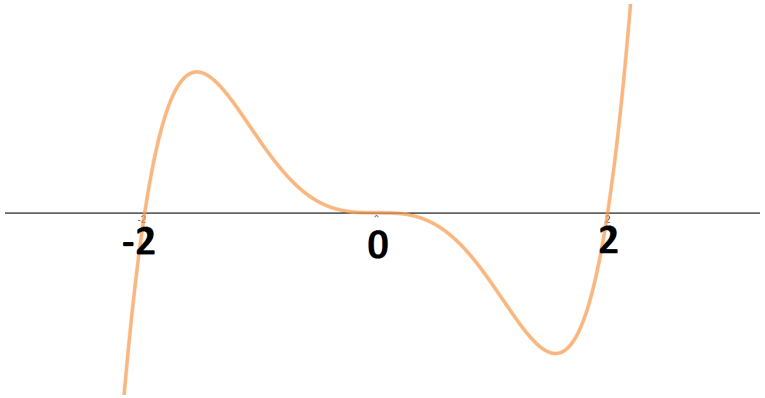

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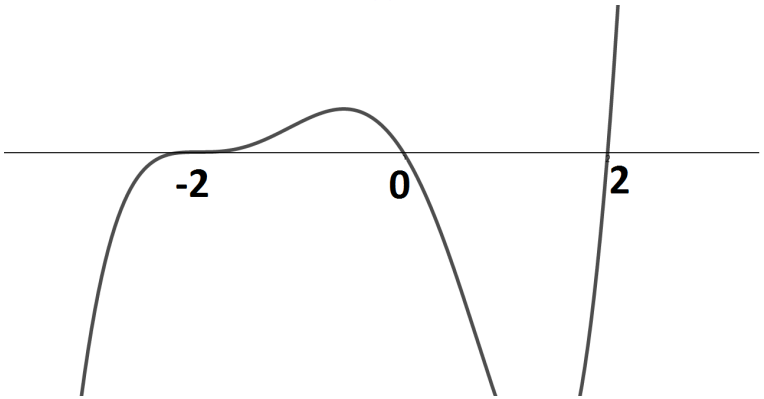

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ans

A. $f(x) = \dfrac{x-1}{(x+1)(x+2)}$

B. $f(x) = \dfrac{(x-1)^2}{(x+1)(x+2)}$

C. $f(x) = \dfrac{x-1}{(x+1)^2(x+2)}$

D. $f(x) = \dfrac{(x-1)^2}{(x+1)^2(x+2)}$

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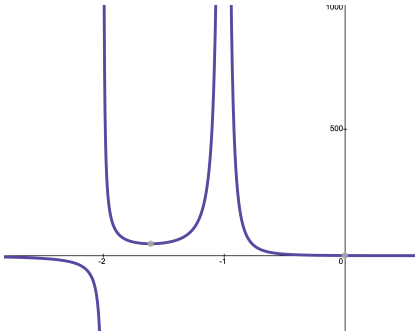

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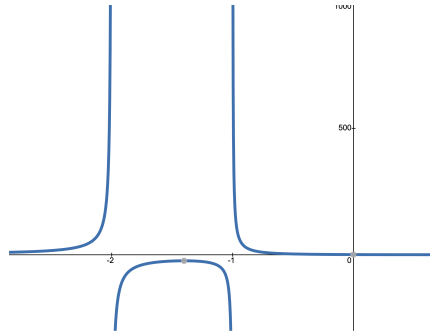

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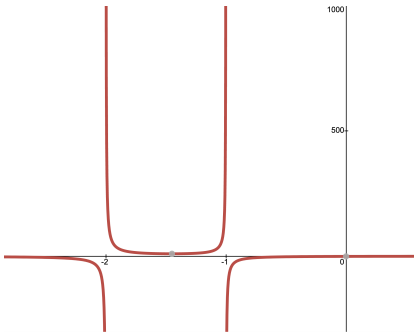

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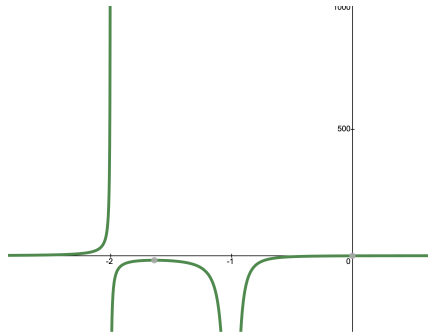

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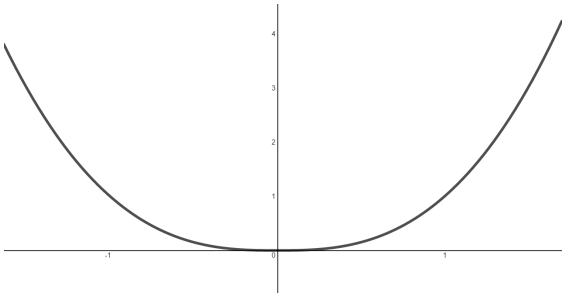
Match the Function to its Graph

A. $f(x) = |x|^e$ B. $f(x) = e^{|x|}$ C. $f(x) = e^{x^2}$ D. $f(x) = e^{x^4 - x}$



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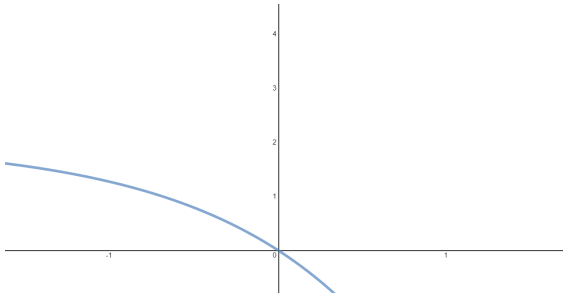

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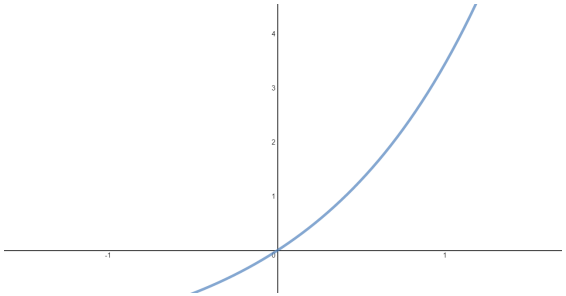

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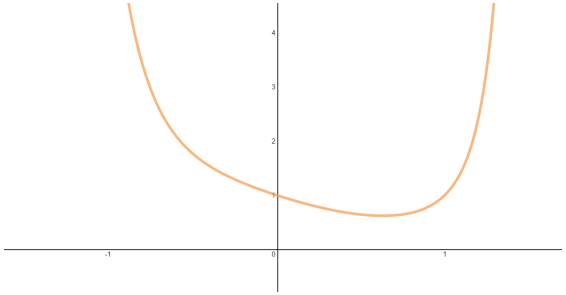

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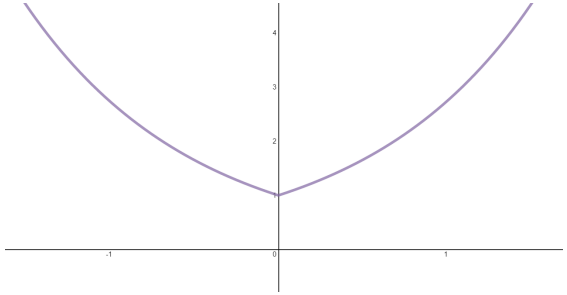

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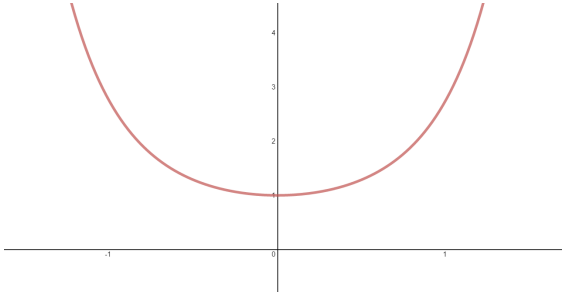

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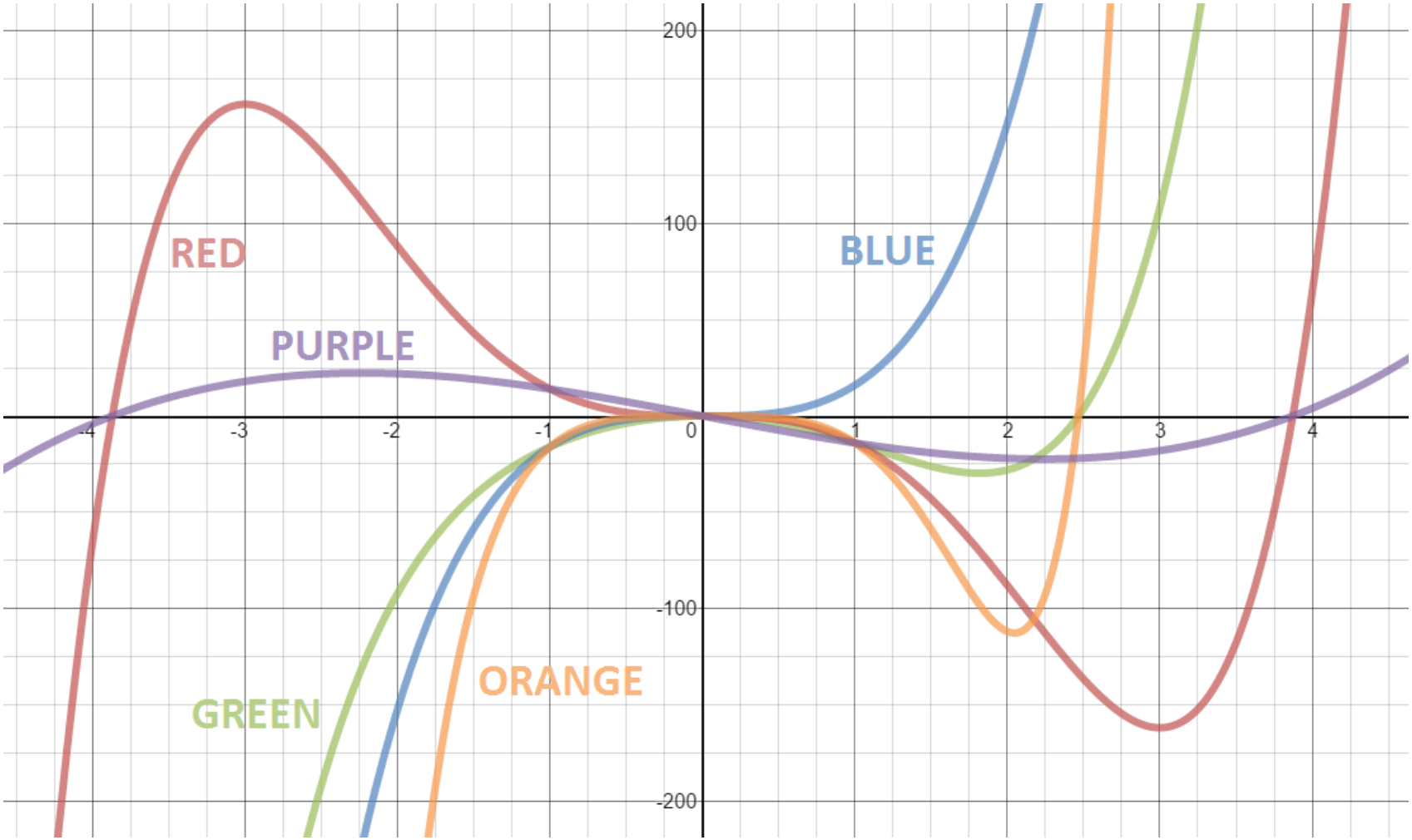
ans

A. $f(x) = x^5 + 15x^3$ B. $f(x) = x^5 - 15x^3$ C. $f(x) = x^5 - 15x^2$

D. $f(x) = x^3 - 15x$ E. $f(x) = x^7 - 15x^4$



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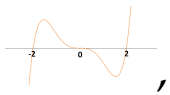
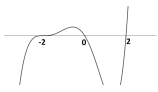
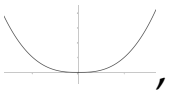
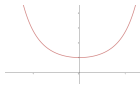
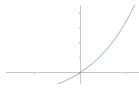
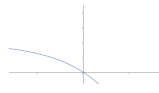
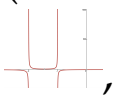
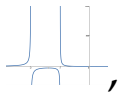
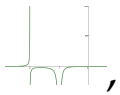
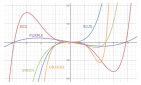
,  ,  screenshots of graphs generated using Desmos Graphing Calculator https://www.desmos.com/calculator (accessed 13 November 2015), 163

 , , ,  ,  ,  screenshots of graphs generated using Desmos Graphing Calculator https://www.desmos.com/calculator, (accessed 13 November 2015), 165

 ,  ,  , screenshots from graphs generated using Desmos Graphing Calculator https://www.desmos.com/calculator (accessed 16 July 2021), 164

 screenshot from graphs generated using Desmos Graphing Calculator https://www.desmos.com/calculator, with text added (accessed 13 November 2015), 166

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