

MATH 110 Review 0.C

Review of Graphs of Second Degree Equations

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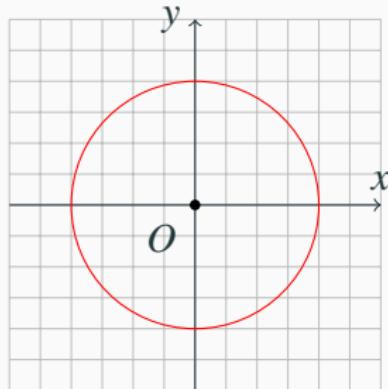
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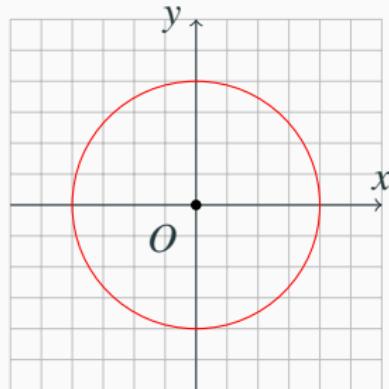
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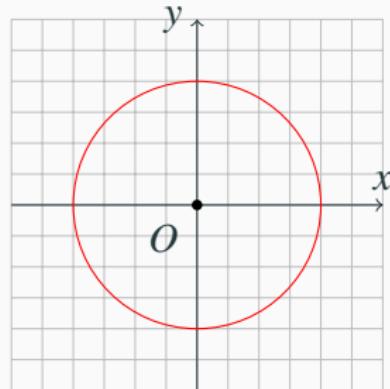
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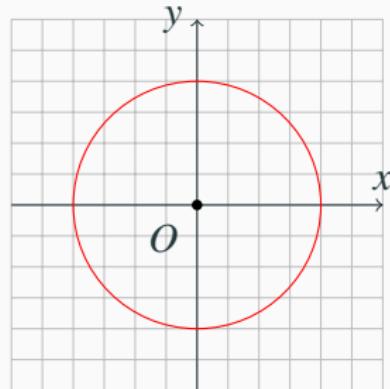
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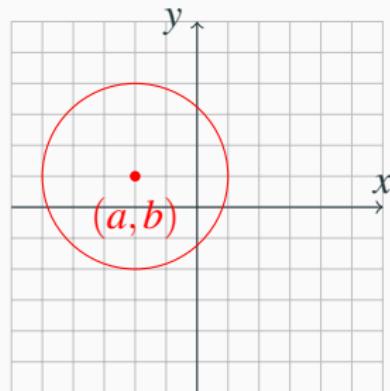
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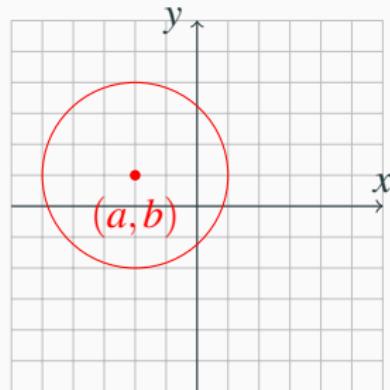
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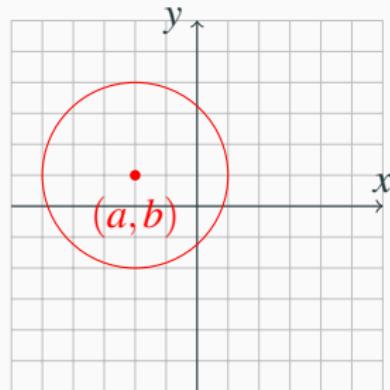
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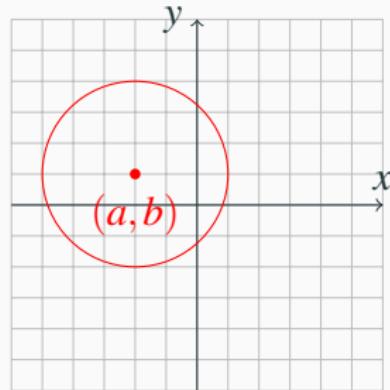
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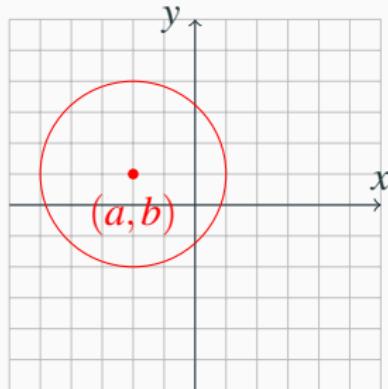
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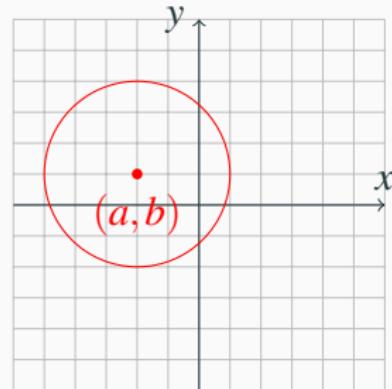
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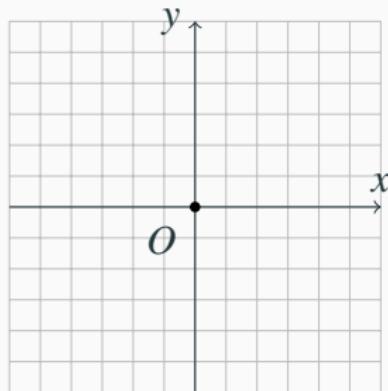
- Moving constants, another way to write the equation of that circle is

$$x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 2y = 4$$



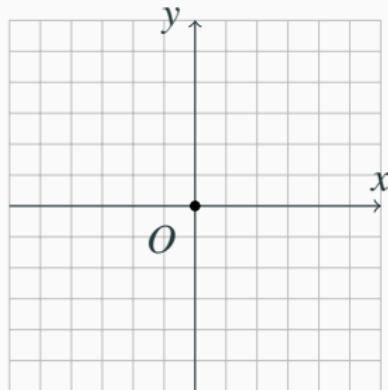
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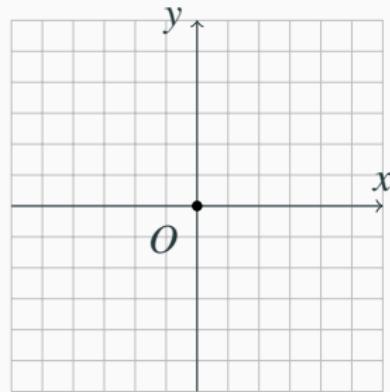
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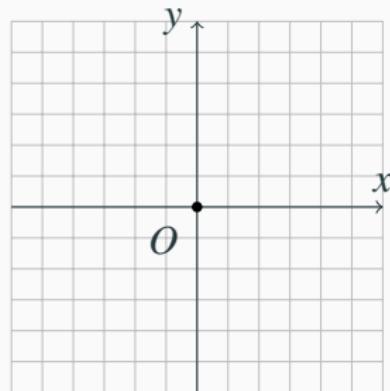


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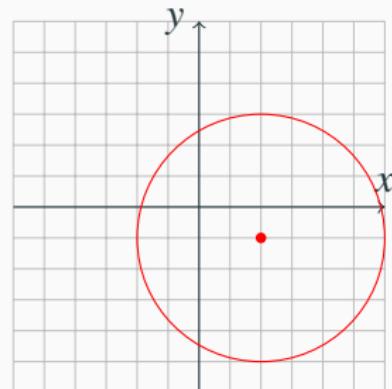
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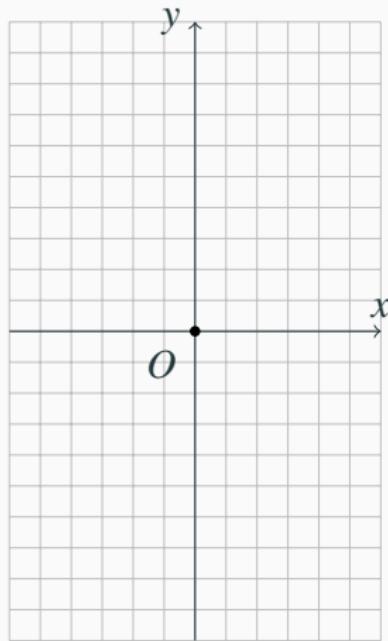
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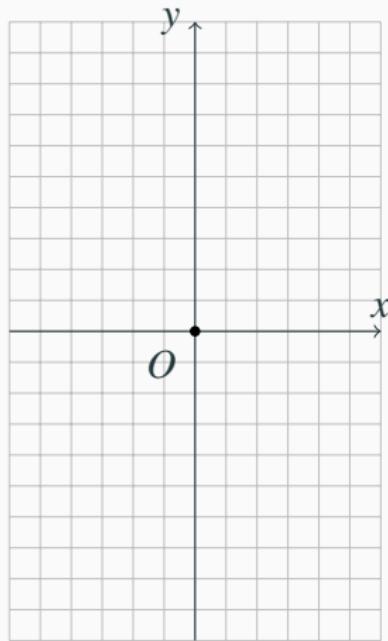
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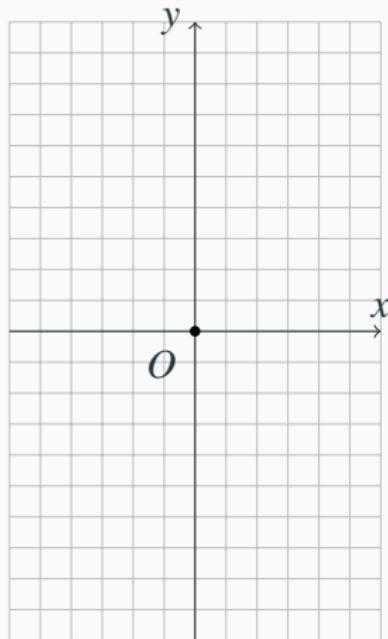


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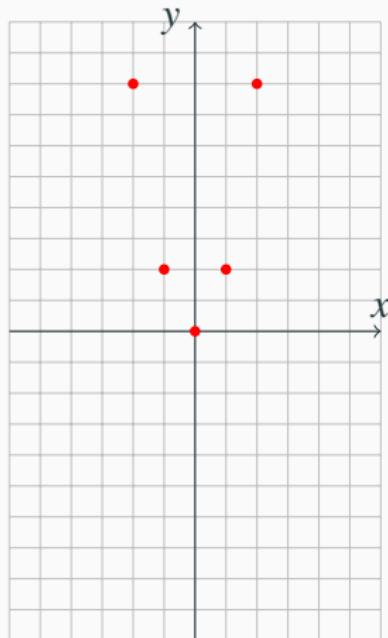


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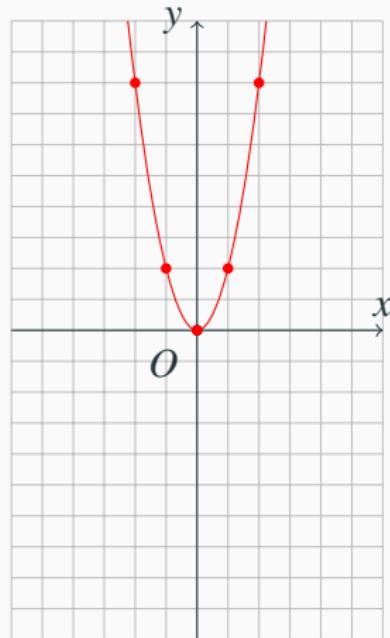


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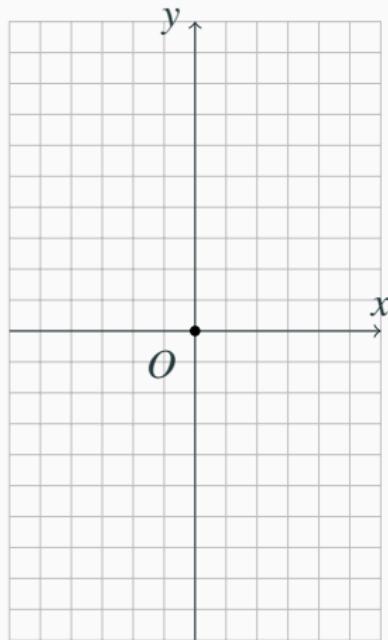
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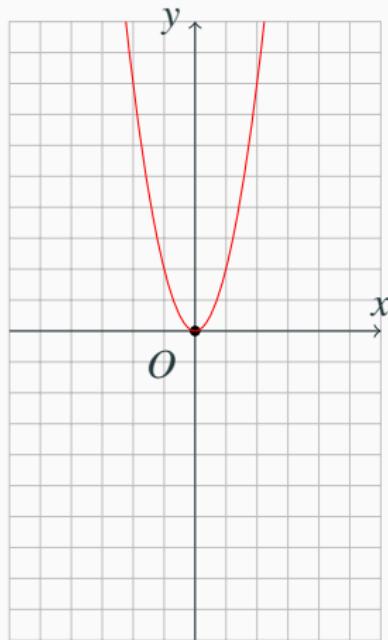
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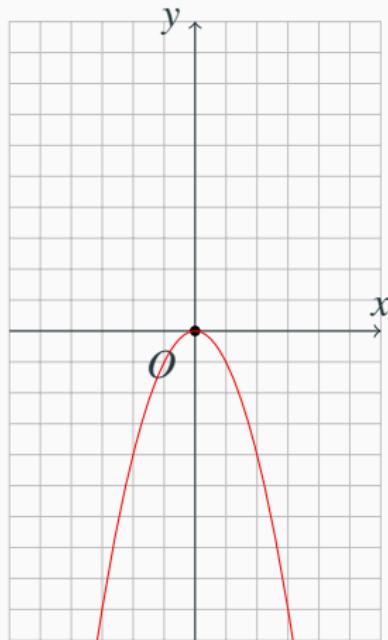
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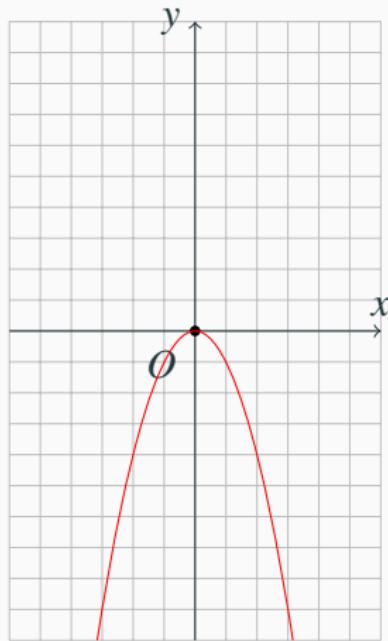
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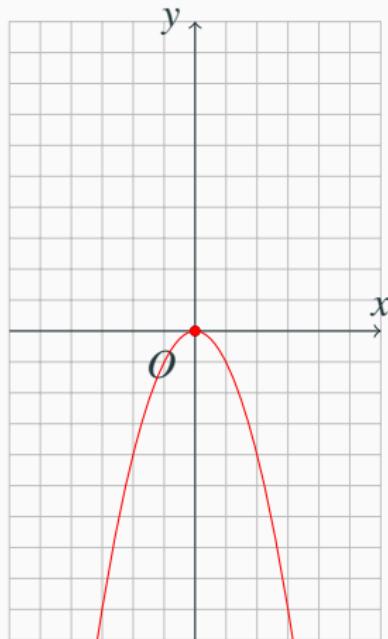
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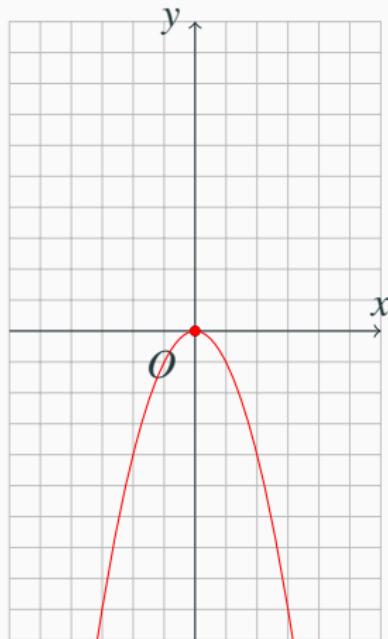
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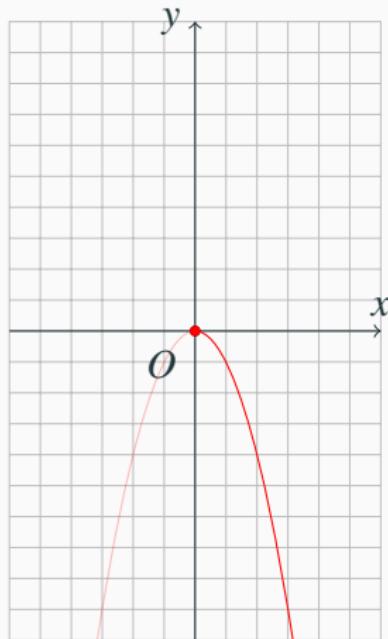
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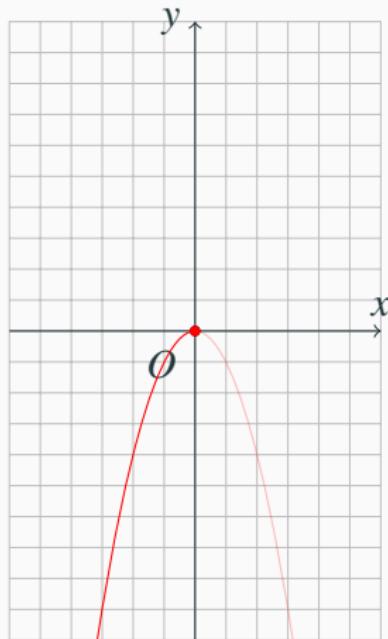
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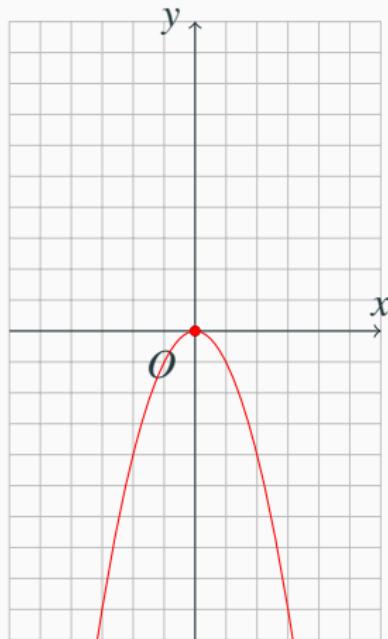
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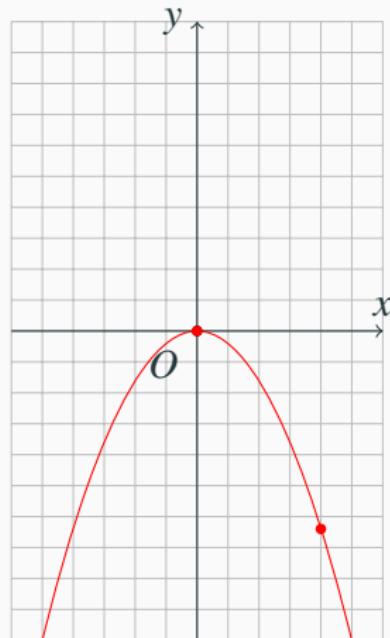
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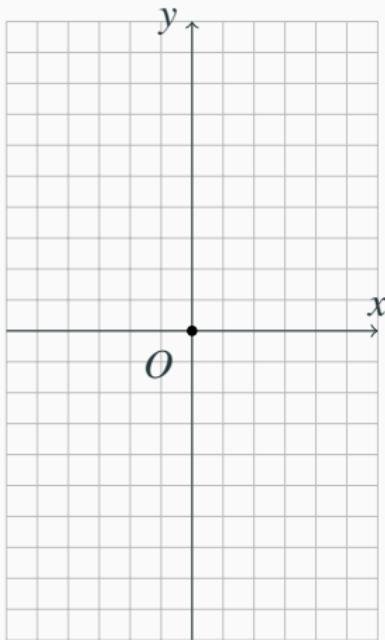
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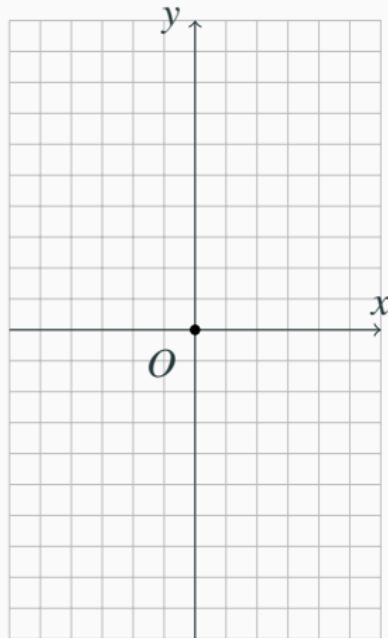
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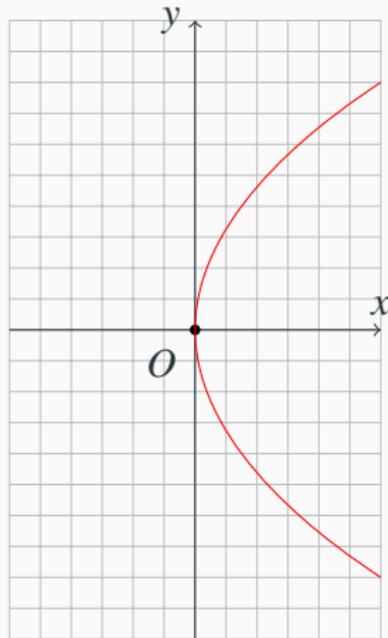
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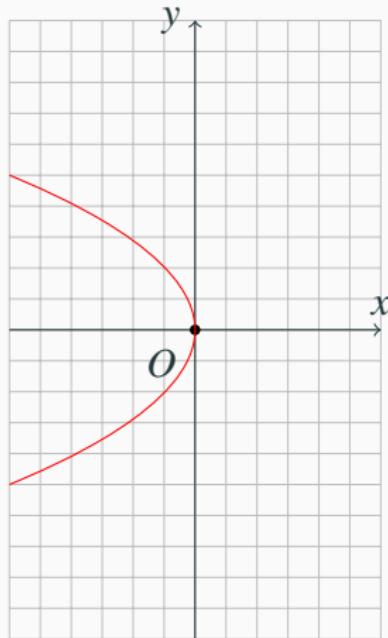
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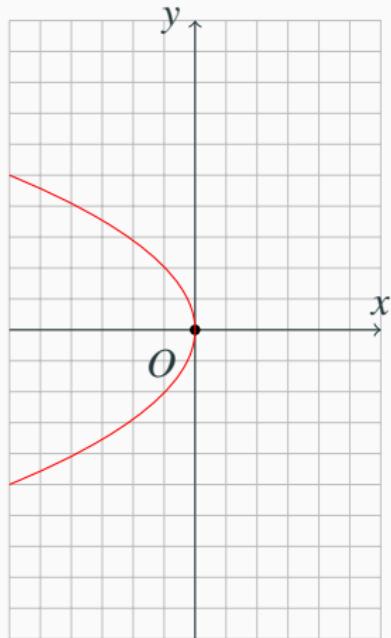
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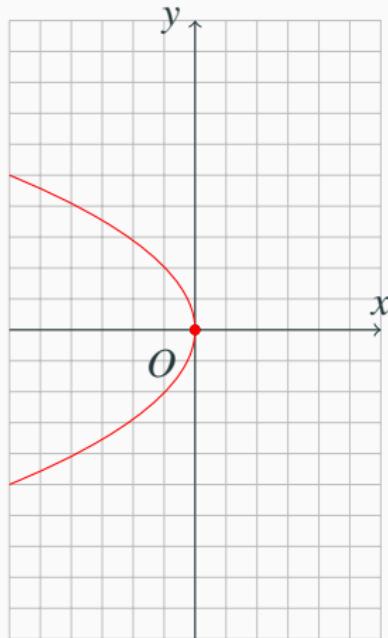
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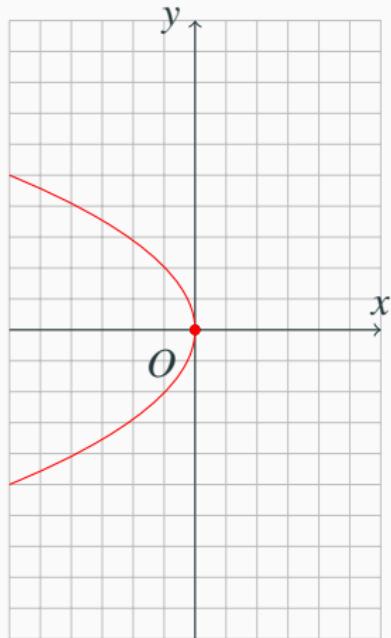
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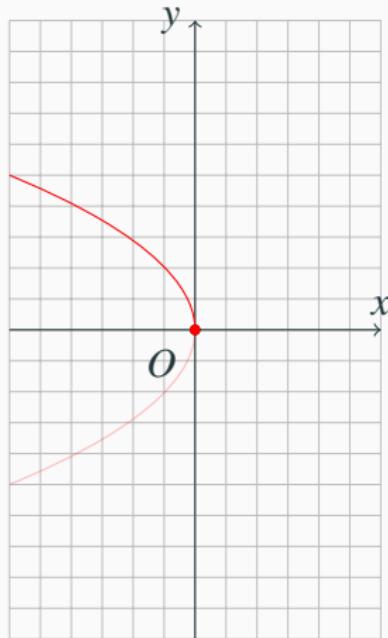
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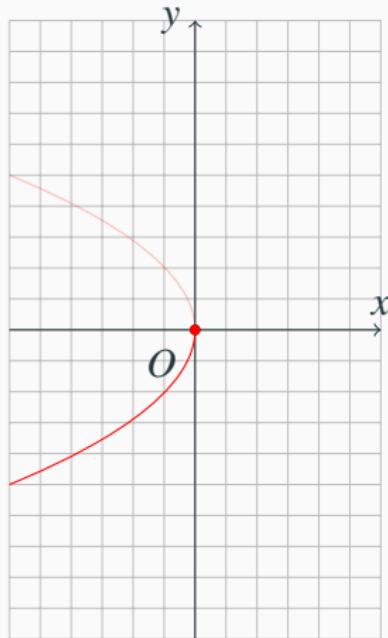
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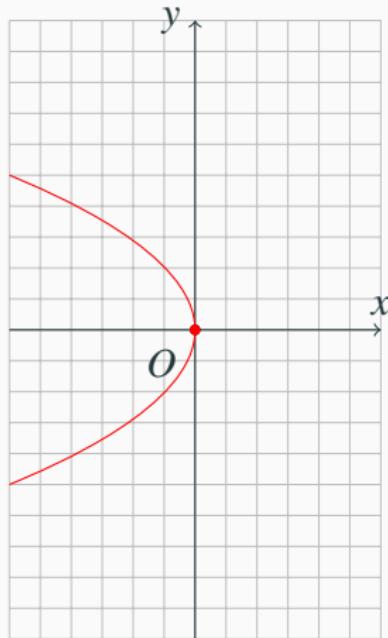
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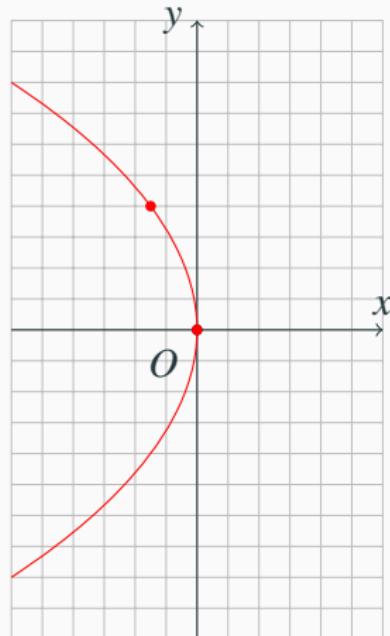
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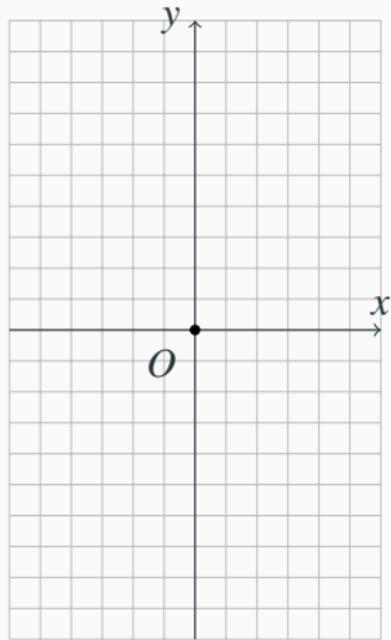
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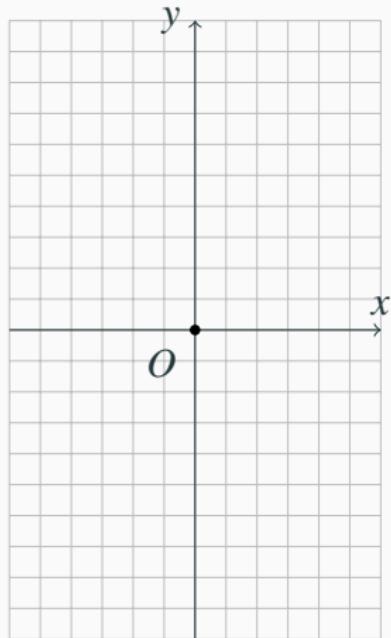
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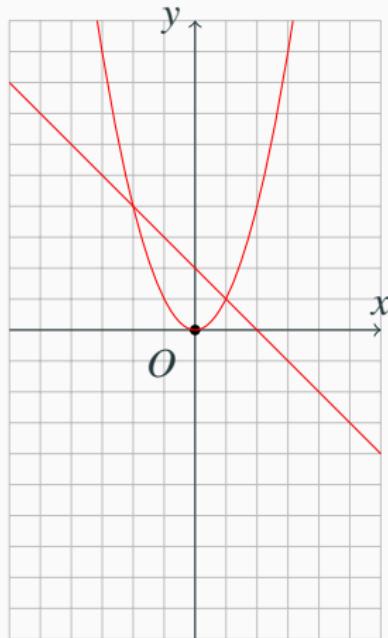
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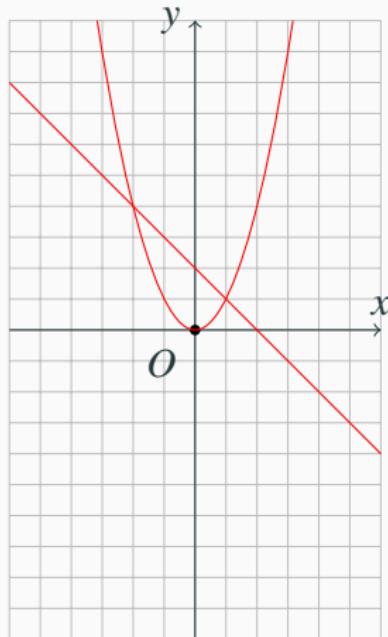
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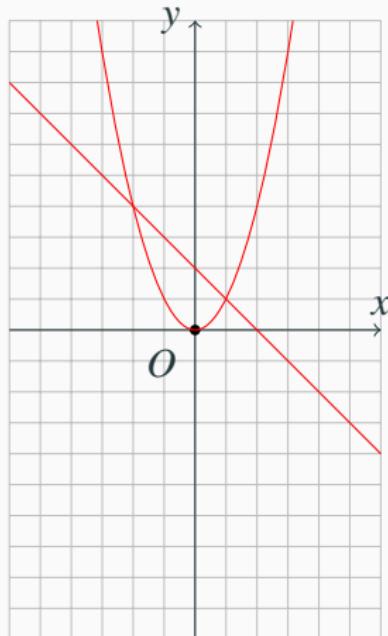
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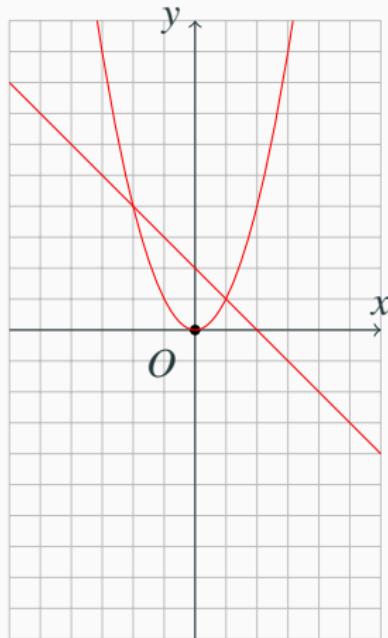
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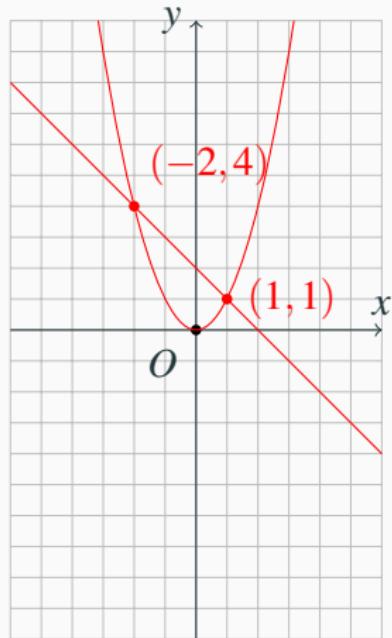
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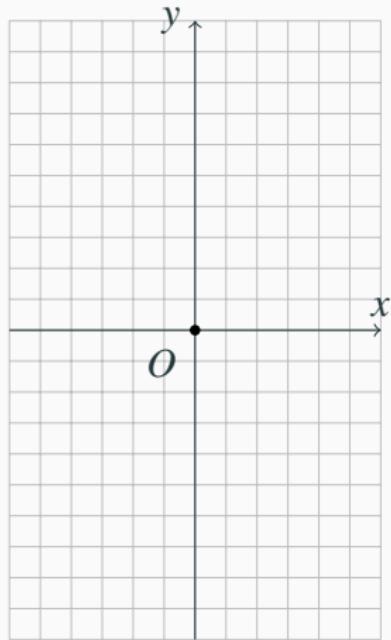
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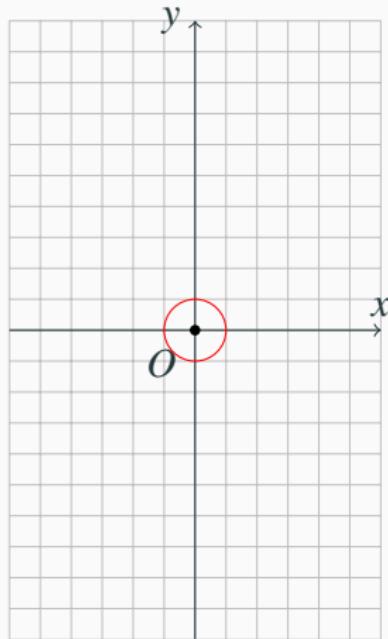
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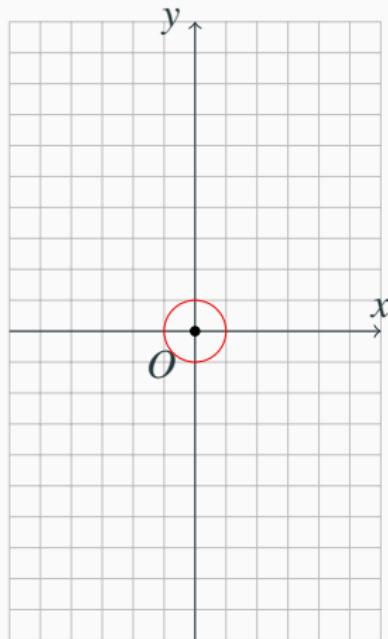
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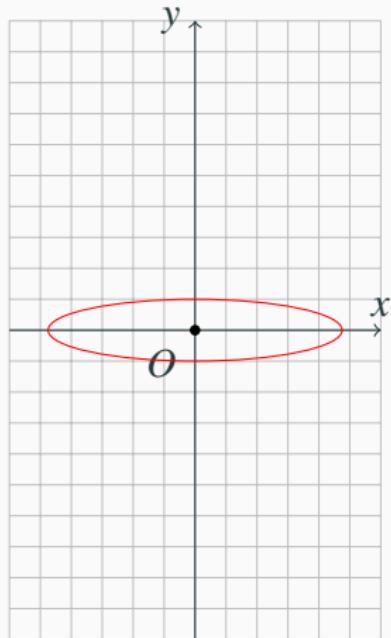
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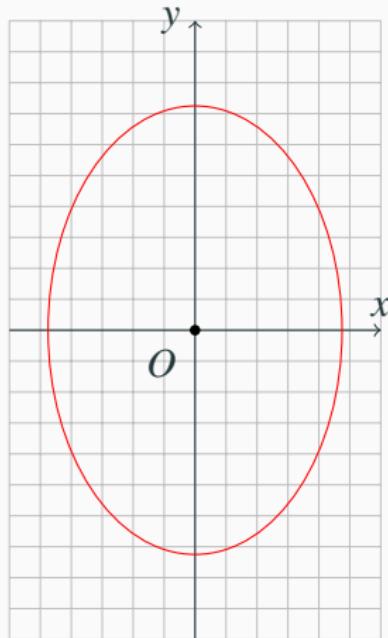
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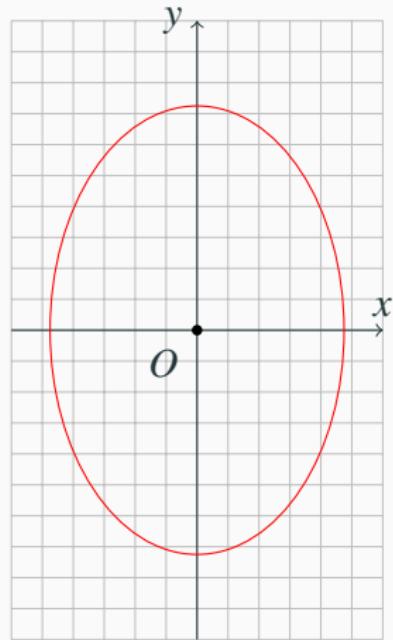
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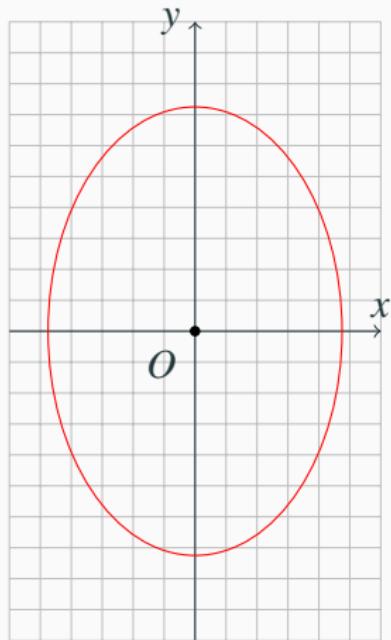
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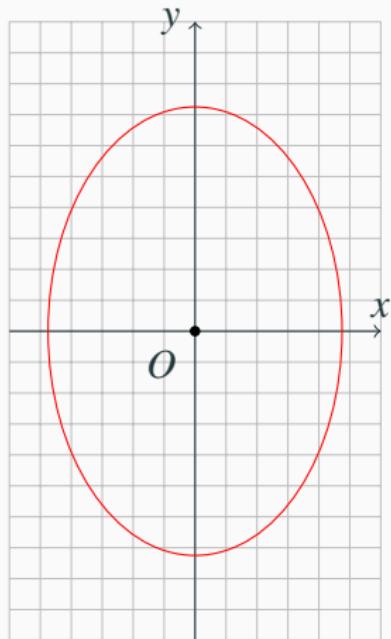


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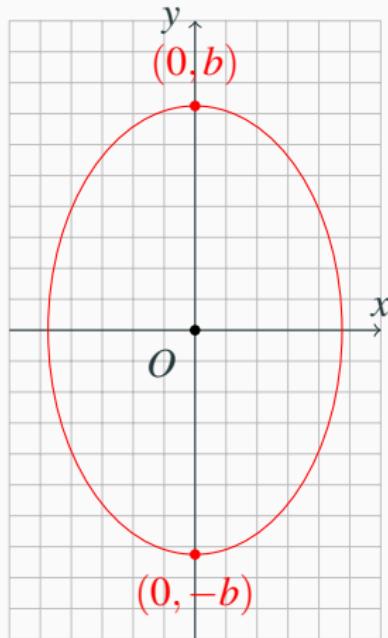


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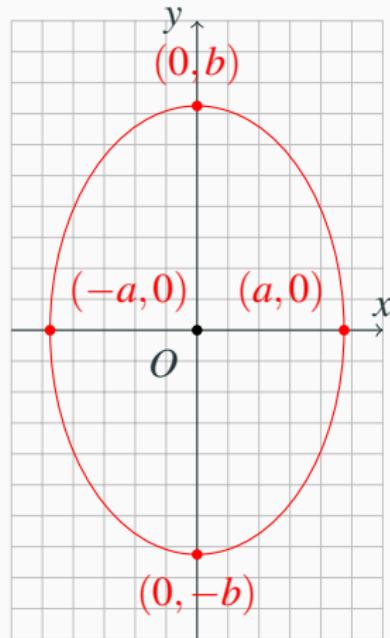


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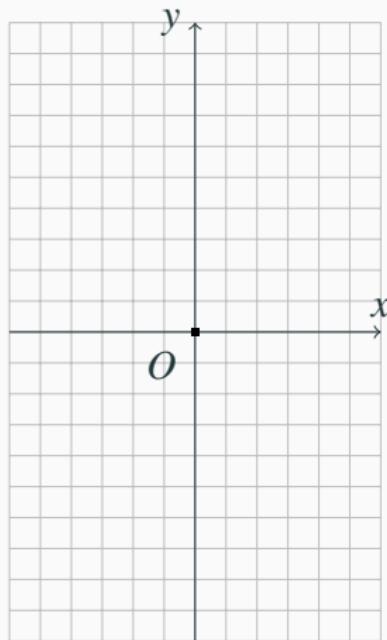
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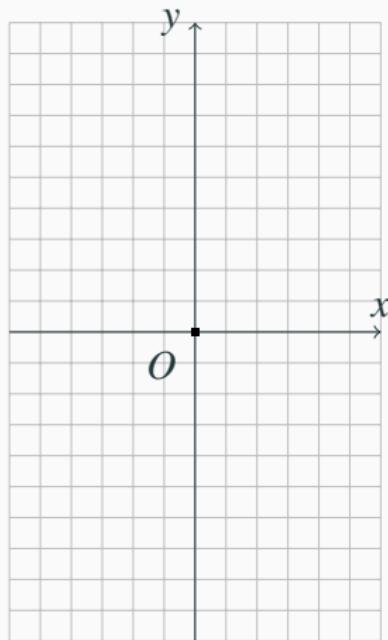
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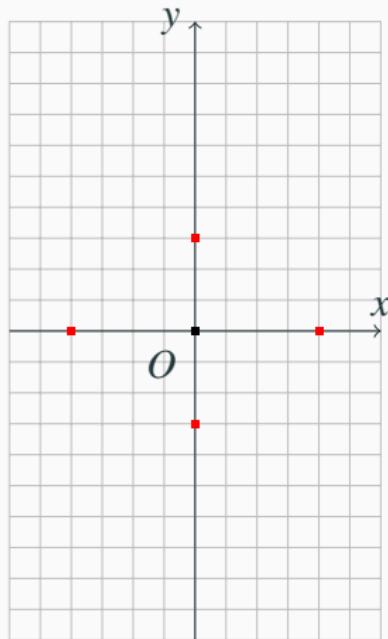
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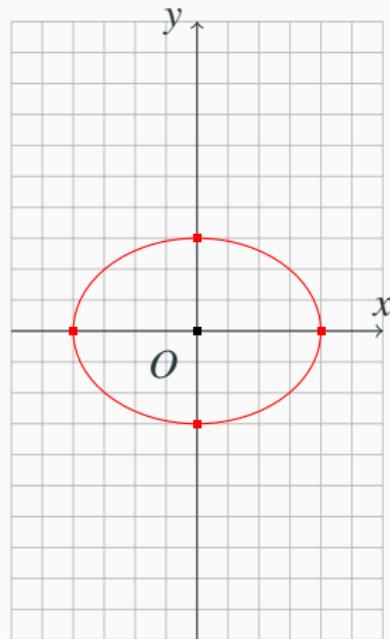
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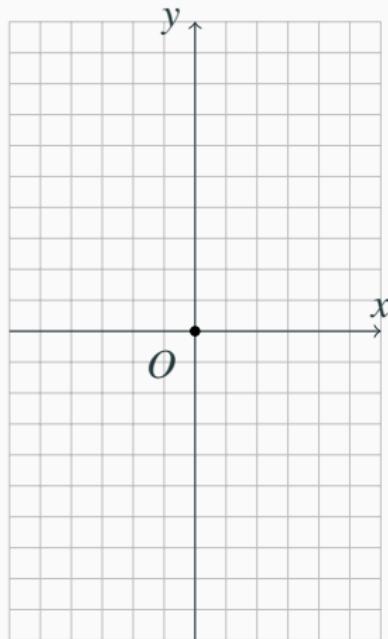
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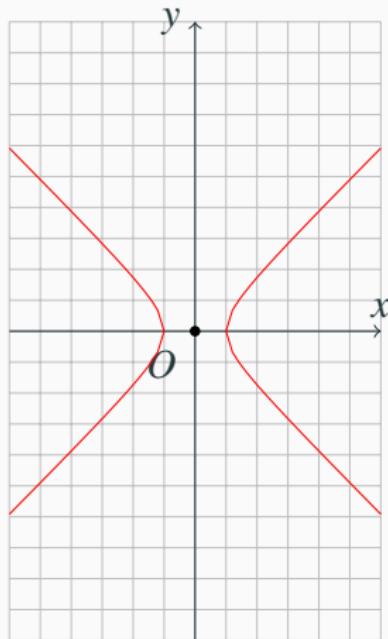


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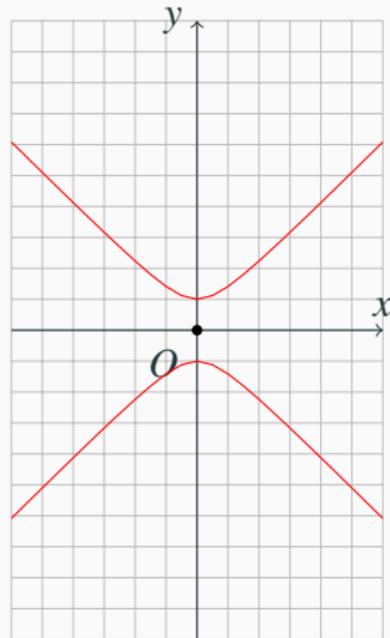
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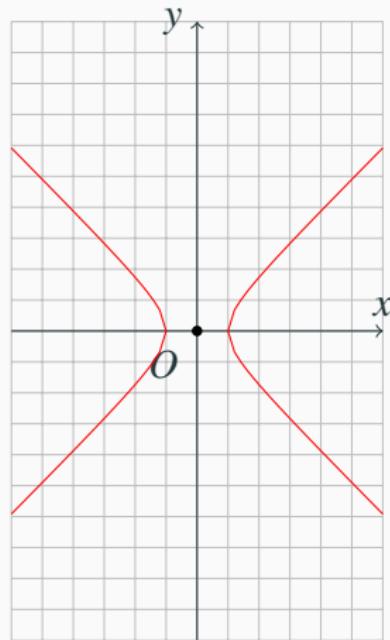
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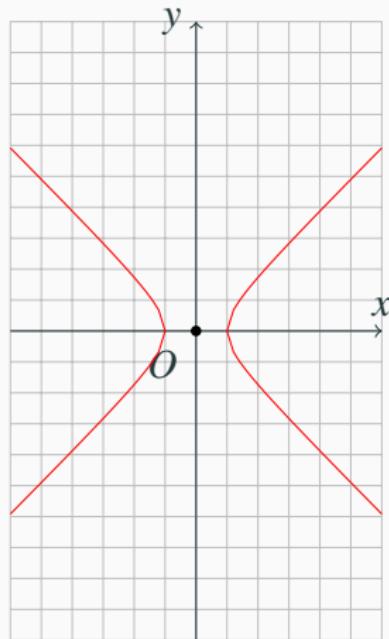
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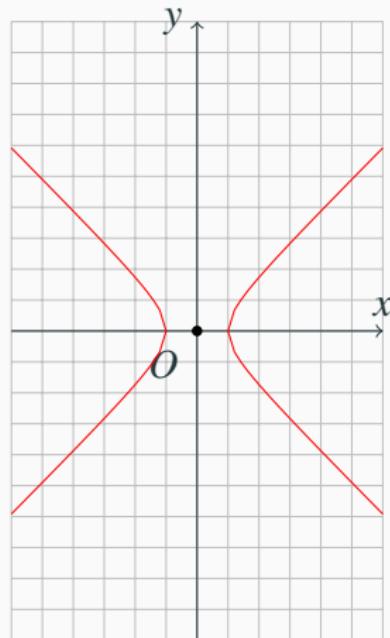
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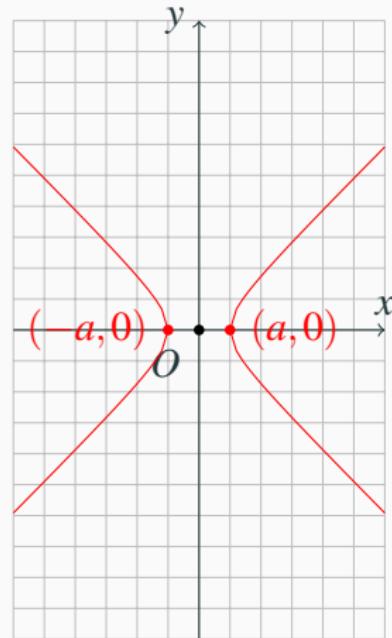
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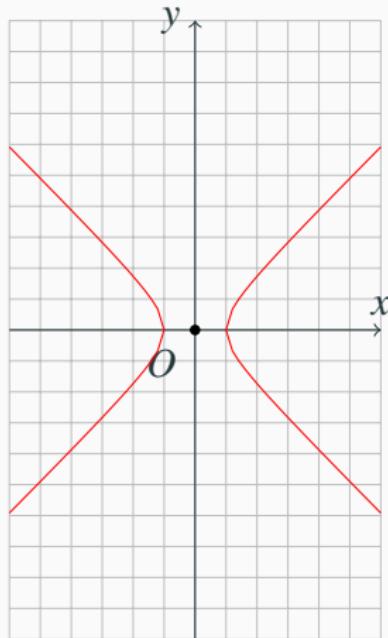
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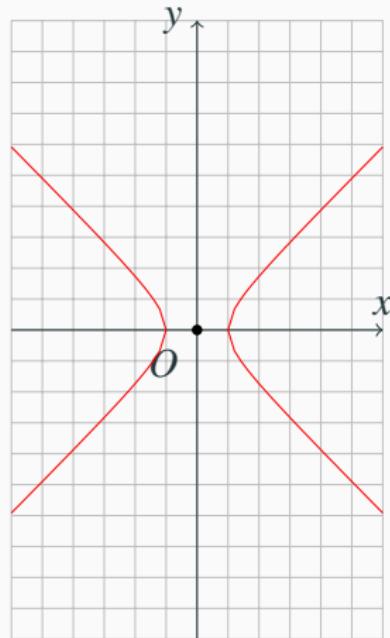
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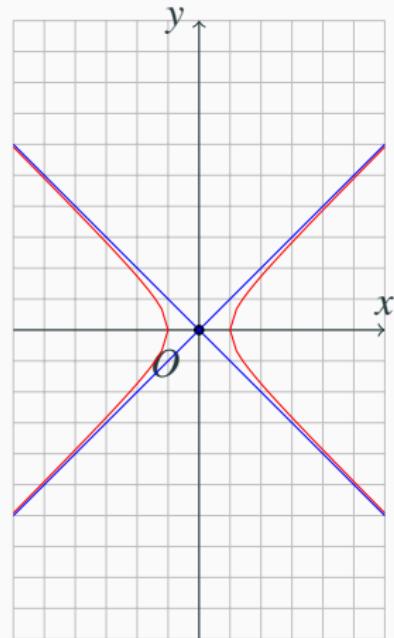


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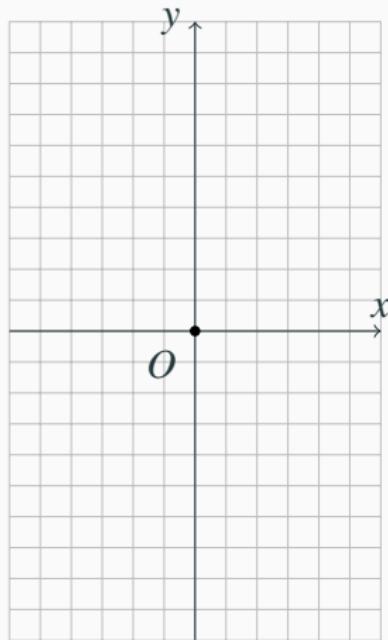
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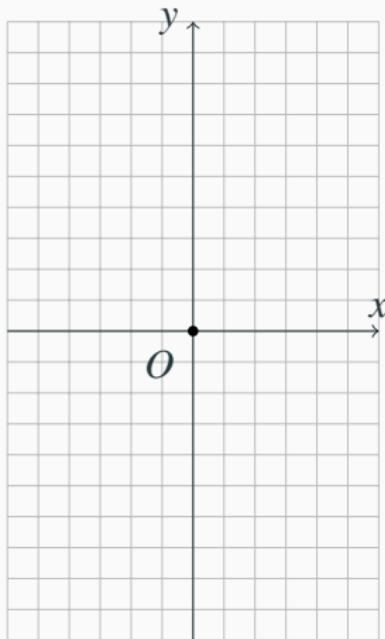
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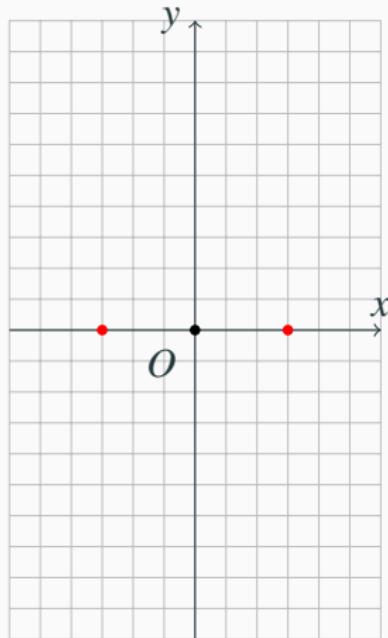


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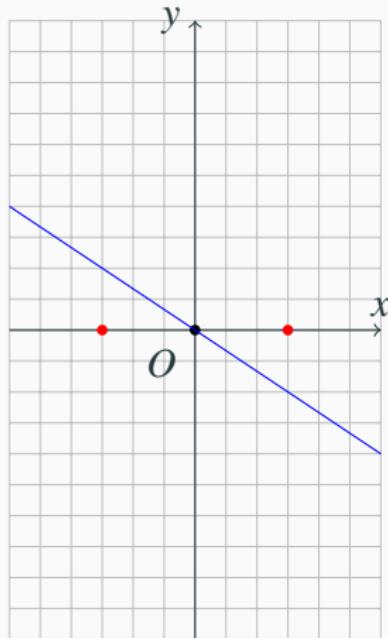


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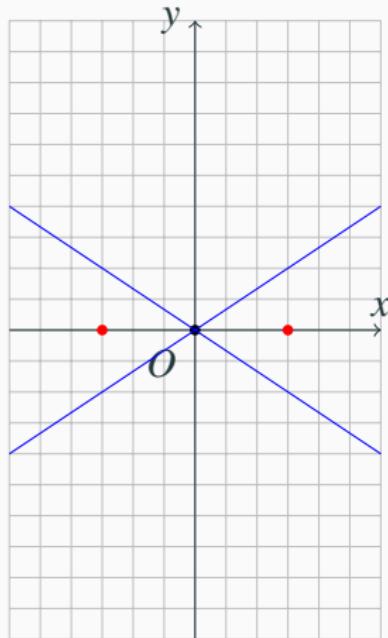


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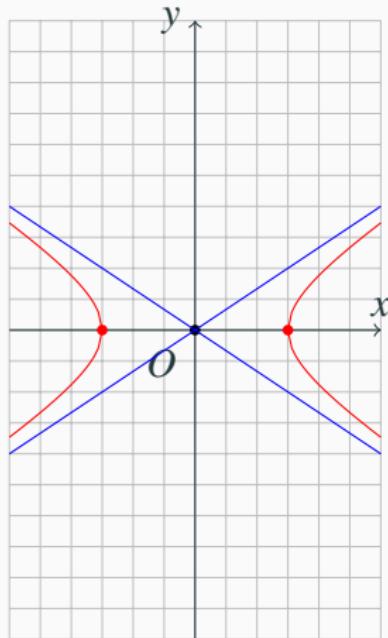


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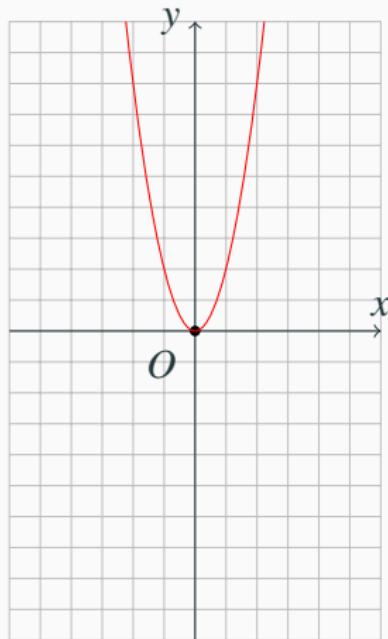
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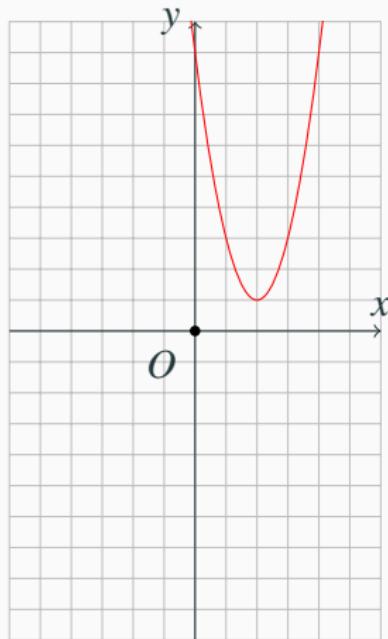
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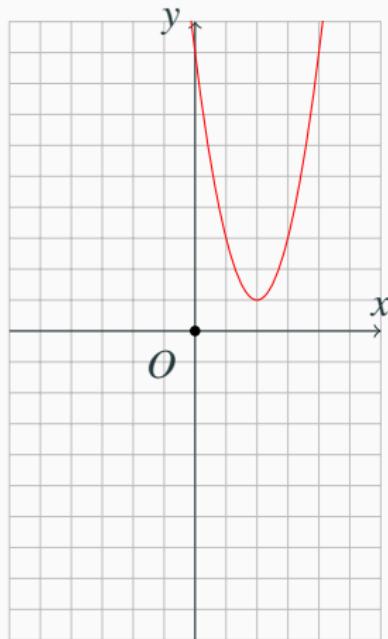
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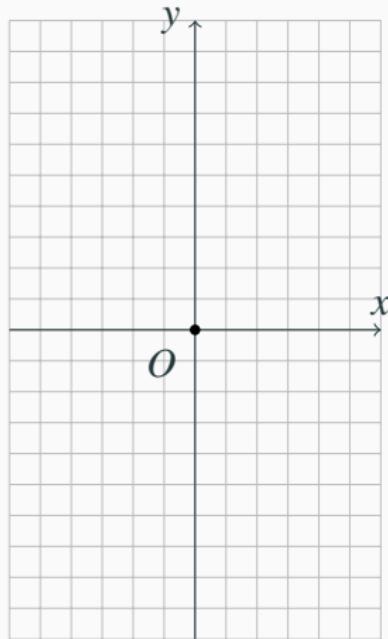
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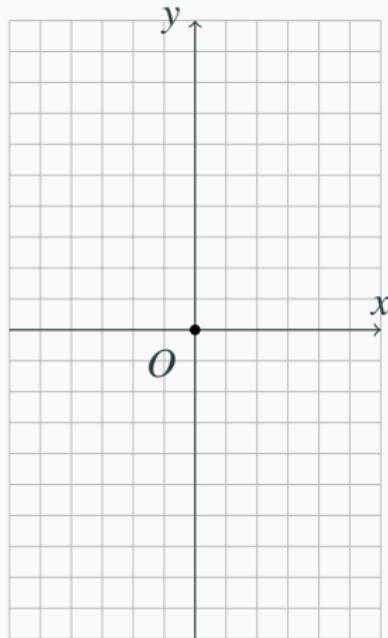


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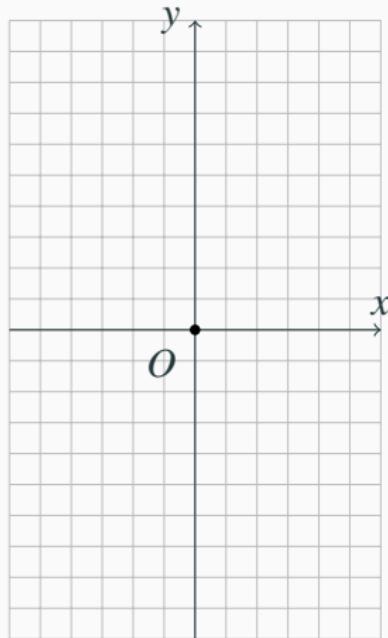
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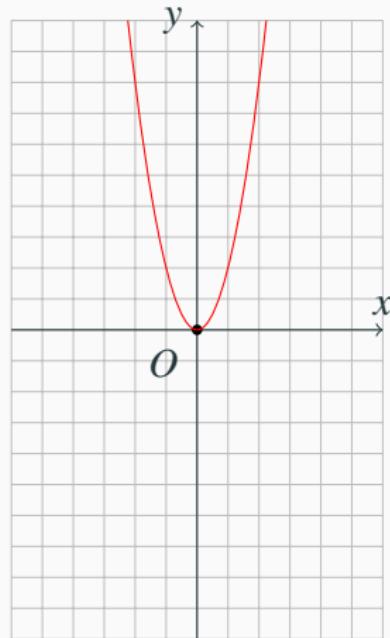


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