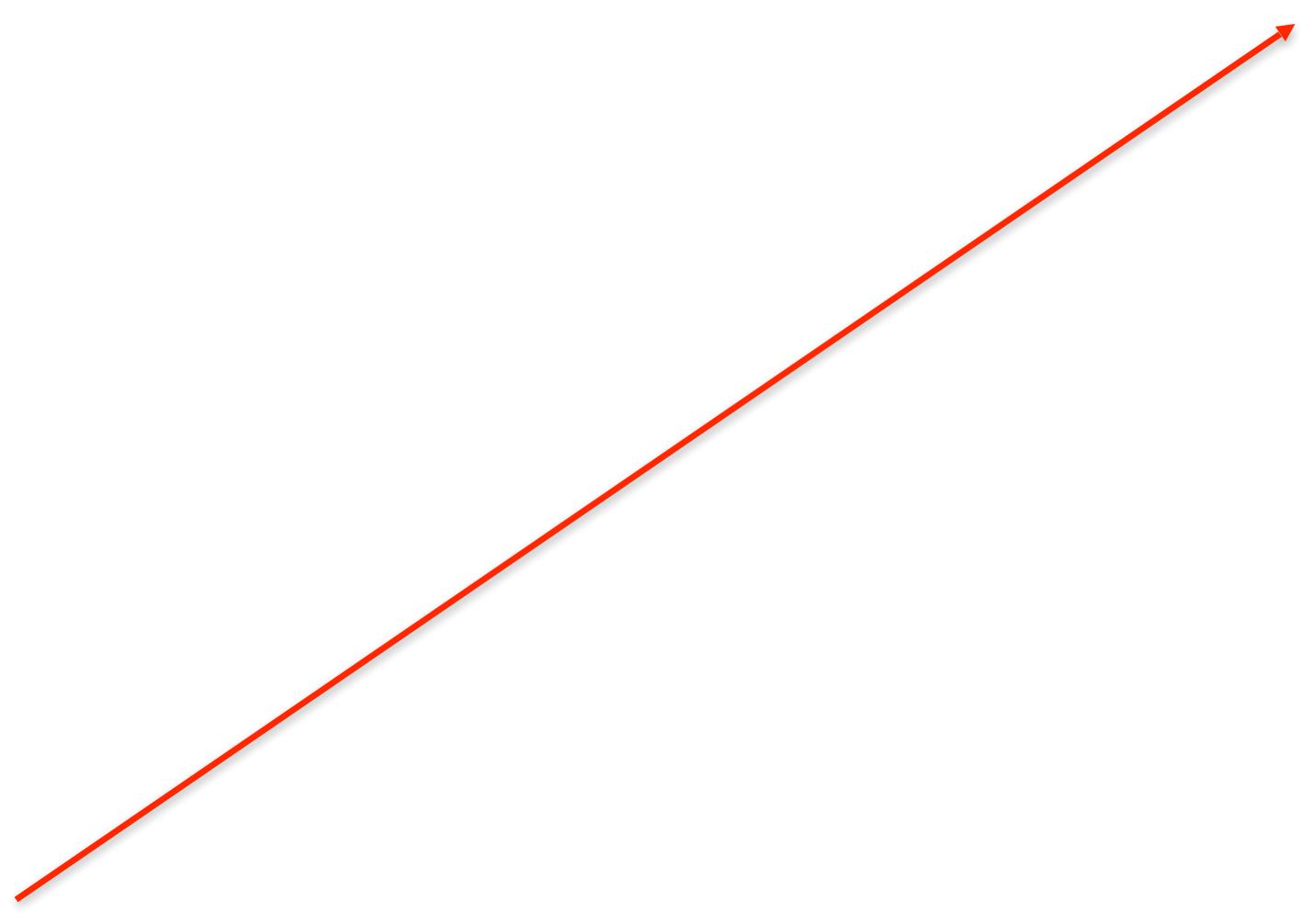


Some years we produce below our potential



Some years, we produce at potential

Potential GDP

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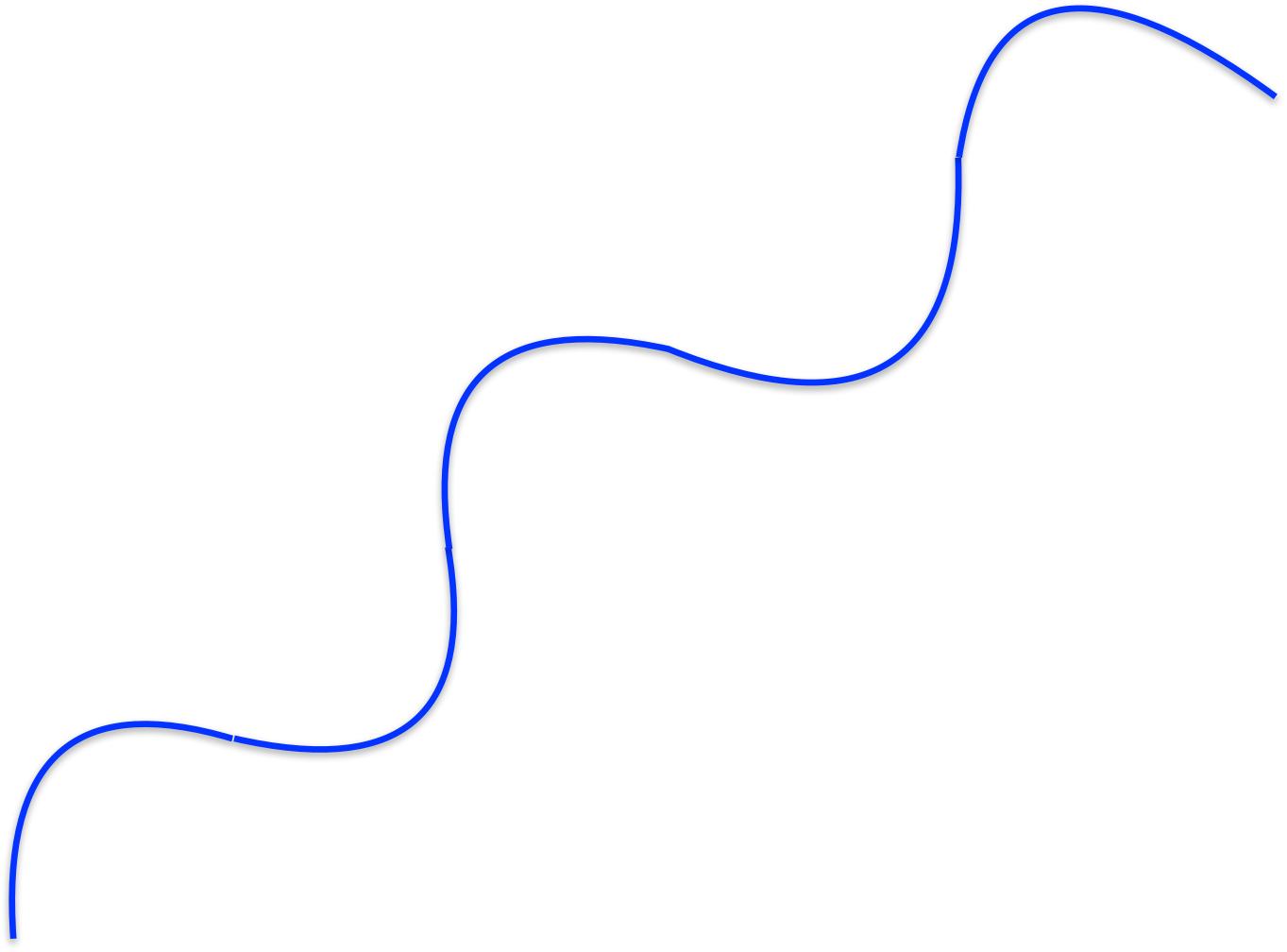
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Each year, with more workers and larger stock of capital we can (potentially) produce more

This line represents how much could be produced with zero unemployment and zero excess capacity

Some years we produce above our potential

This line represents how much is actually produced during a given year







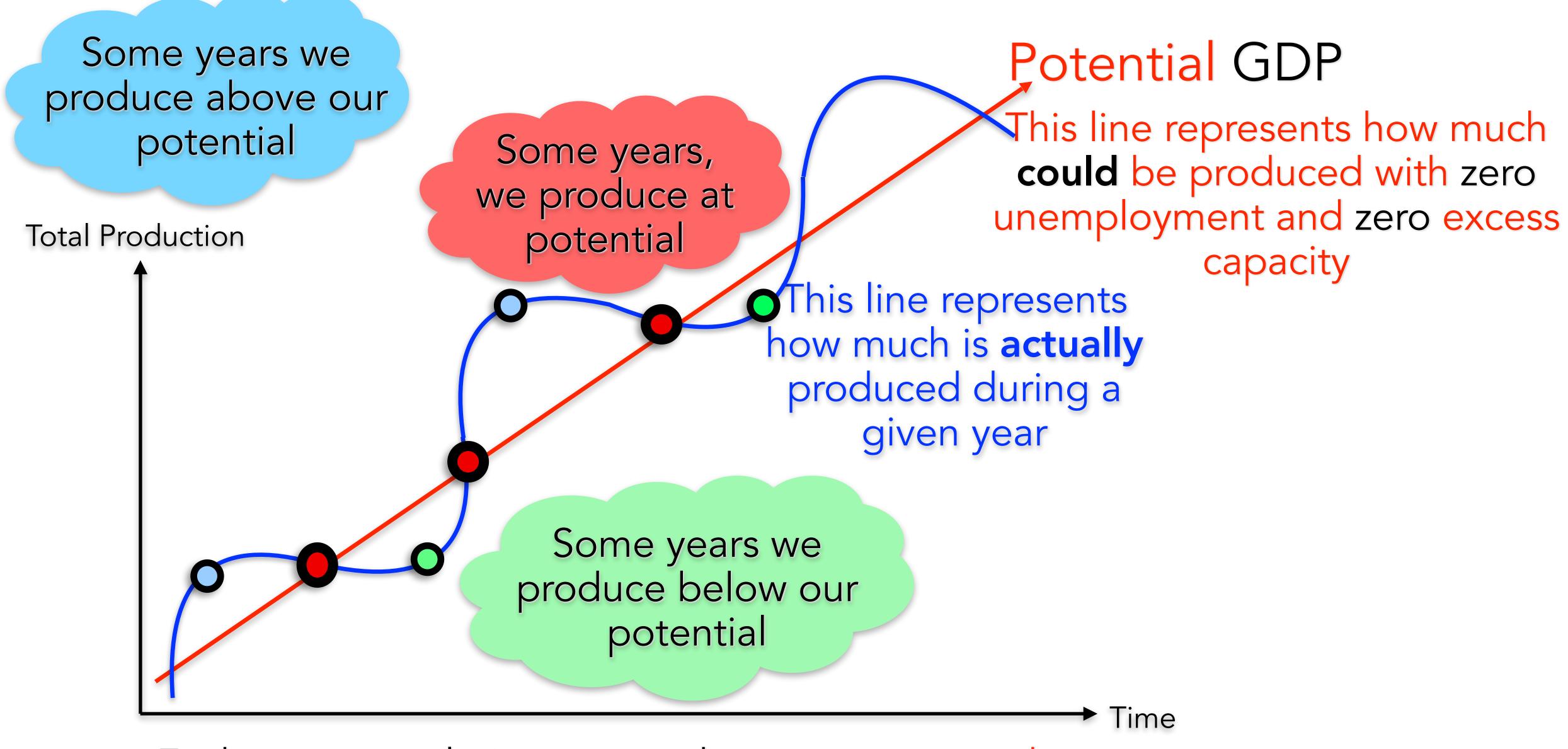












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Potential GDP = Hours worked x Labor Productivity x Labor Force