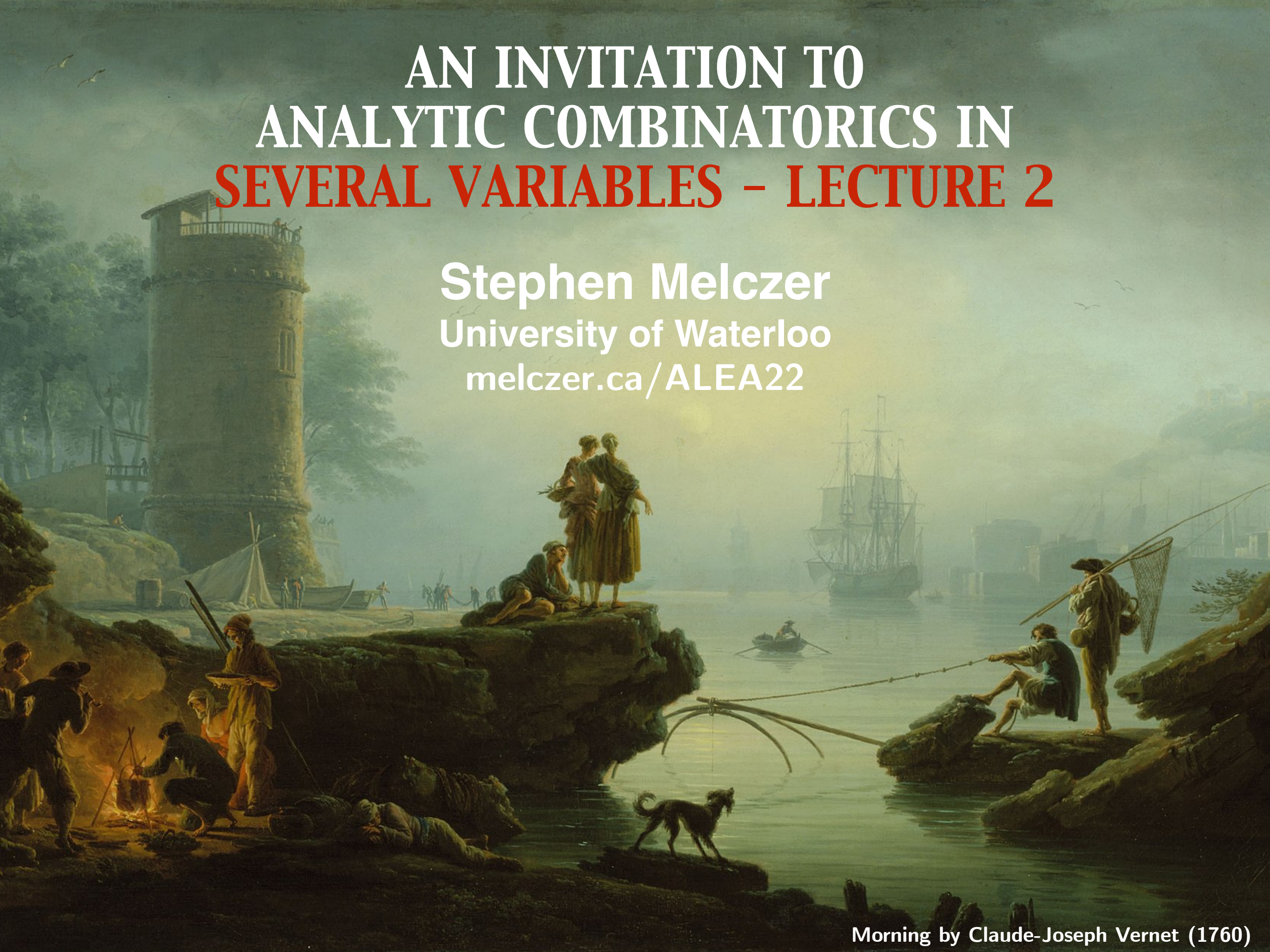


# AN INVITATION TO ANALYTIC COMBINATORICS IN SEVERAL VARIABLES – LECTURE 2

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If there are a finite number of **critical points** with the same coordinate-wise modulus as  $\mathbf{w}$ , all satisfying these conditions, then we can add their asymptotic contributions.



# Topic 3

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with each  $C_j$  **explicitly computable** from the derivatives of  $G$  and  $H$  up to order  $2(j+2)$  evaluated at  $\mathbf{w}$

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and

$$P(\theta) = \frac{-G(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}e^{i\theta}, g(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}e^{i\theta}))}{g(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}e^{i\theta}) H_{z_d}(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}e^{i\theta}, g(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}e^{i\theta}))}$$

$$\psi(\theta) = \log \left( \frac{g(\widehat{\mathbf{w}}e^{i\theta})}{g(\widehat{\mathbf{w}})} \right) + i(\widehat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \theta)/r_d - (1/2)\theta \cdot \mathcal{M} \cdot \theta^T$$



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def smoothContrib(G,H,r,vars,CP,M,g):
    # Preliminary definitions
    dd = len(vars)
    field = SR
    tvars = list(var('t%d'%i) for i in range(dd-1))
    dvars = list(var('dt%d'%i) for i in range(dd-1))

    # Define differential Weyl algebra and set variable names
    W = DifferentialWeylAlgebra(PolynomialRing(field,tvars))
    WR = W.base_ring()
    T = PolynomialRing(field,tvars).gens()
    D = list(W.differentials())

    # Compute Hessian matrix and differential operator Epsilon
    HES = getHes(H,r,vars,CP)
    HESinv = HES.inverse()
    v = matrix(W,[D[k] for k in range(dd-1)])
    Epsilon = -(v * HESinv.change_ring(W) * v.transpose())[0,0]

    # Define quantities for calculating asymptotics
    tsubs = [v == v.subs(CP)*exp(I*t) for [v,t] in zip(vars,tvars)]
    tsubs += [vars[-1]==g.subs(tsubs)]
    P = (-G/g/diff(H,vars[-1])).subs(tsubs)
    psi = log(g.subs(tsubs)/g.subs(CP)) + I * add([r[k]*tvars[k] for k in range(dd-1)])/r[-1]
    v = matrix(SR,[tvars[k] for k in range(dd-1)])
    psiTilde = psi - (v * HES * v.transpose())[0,0]/2

    # Recursive function to convert symbolic expression to polynomial in t variables
    def to_poly(p,k):
        if k == 0:
            return add([a*T[k]^int(b) for [a,b] in p.coefficients(tvars[k])])
        return add([to_poly(a,k-1)*T[k]^int(b) for [a,b] in p.coefficients(tvars[k])])

    # Compute Taylor expansions to sufficient orders
    N = 2*M
    PsiSeries = to_poly(taylor(psiTilde,*((v,0) for v in tvars), N),dd-2)
    PSeries = to_poly(taylor(P,*((v,0) for v in tvars), N),dd-2)

    # Precompute products used for asymptotics
    EE = [Epsilon^k for k in range(3*M-2)]
    PP = [PSeries] + [0 for k in range(2*M-2)]
    for k in range(1,2*M-1):
        PP[k] = PP[k-1]*PsiSeries

    # Function to compute constants appearing in asymptotic expansion
    def Clj(l,j):
        return (-1)^j*SR(eval_op(EE[l+j],PP[l]))/(2^(l+j)*factorial(l)*factorial(l+j))

    # Compute different parts of asymptotic expansion
    var('n')
    ex = (prod([1/v^k for (v,k) in zip(vars,r)]).subs(CP).canonicalize_radical())^n
    pw = (r[-1]*n)^((1-dd)/2)
    se = sqrt((2*pi)^(1-dd)/HES.det()) * add([add([Clj(l,j) for l in range(2*j+1)])/r[-1]^n)^j for j in range(M)]

    return ex, pw, se.canonicalize_radical()

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Sage code available on  
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**Note:** Requires  $g$  explicitly

# Vanishing Terms

If  $G(\mathbf{w}) \neq 0$  then higher order terms give more accuracy

$$[x^n y^n] \frac{1}{1-x-y} = 4^n \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi} n^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{8\sqrt{\pi} n^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{128\sqrt{\pi} n^{5/2}} + O\left(n^{-7/2}\right) \right)$$

If  $G(\mathbf{w}) = 0$  then higher order terms may give dominant asymptotics

$$[x^n y^n] \frac{x - 2y^2}{1-x-y} = 4^n \left( \frac{1}{4\sqrt{\pi} n^{3/2}} + \frac{3}{32\sqrt{\pi} n^{5/2}} + O\left(n^{-7/2}\right) \right)$$

In the (rare) **worse case**, all terms may be zero!

$$[x^n y^n] \frac{x-y}{1-x-y} = O\left(\frac{4^n}{n^M}\right) \quad \text{for all } M > 0$$

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# Topic 4

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If  $\mathbf{r}$  varies in some compact set where the above conditions are still satisfied then the **error term** in this asymptotic estimate can be **uniformly bounded**.

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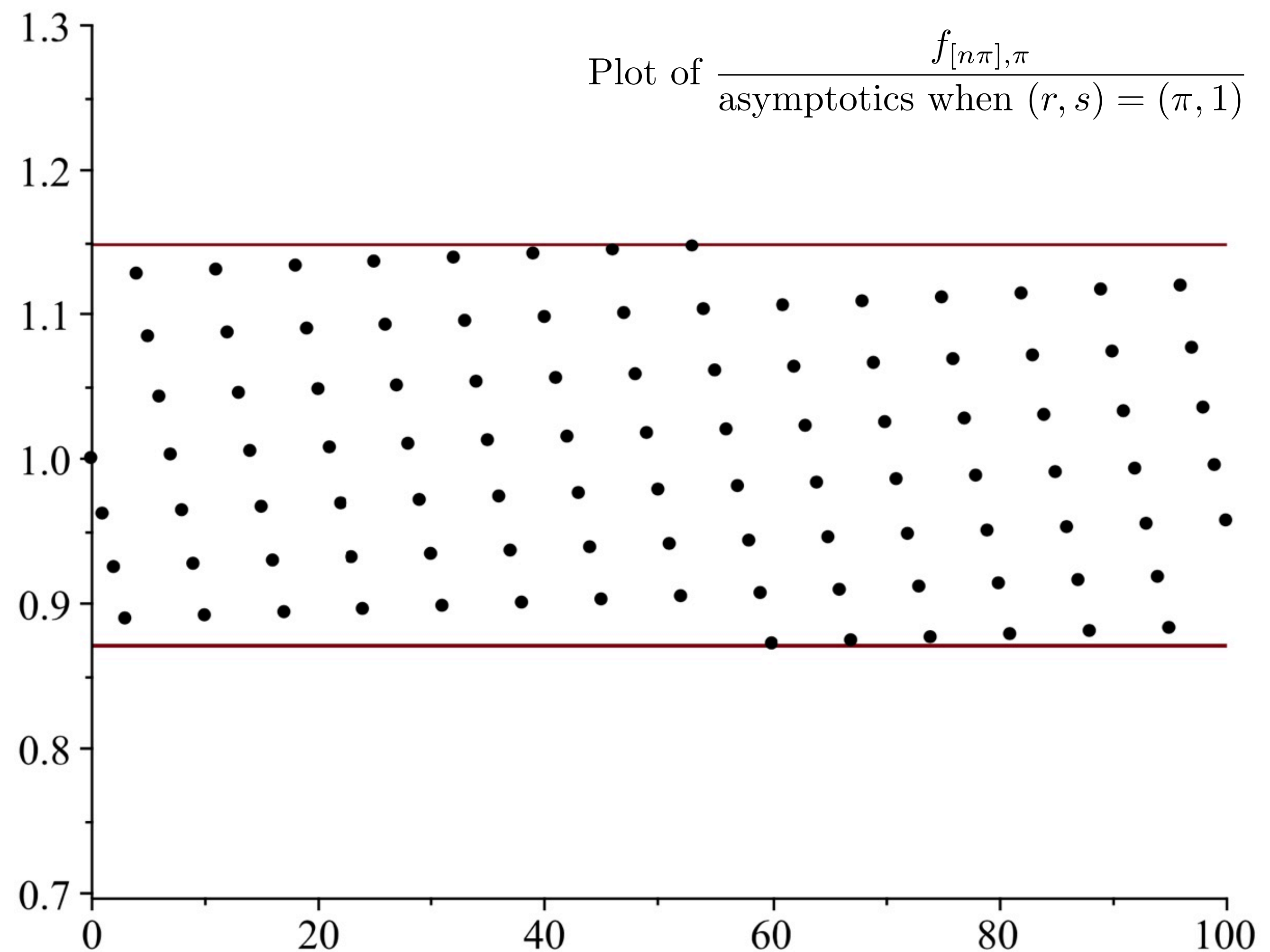
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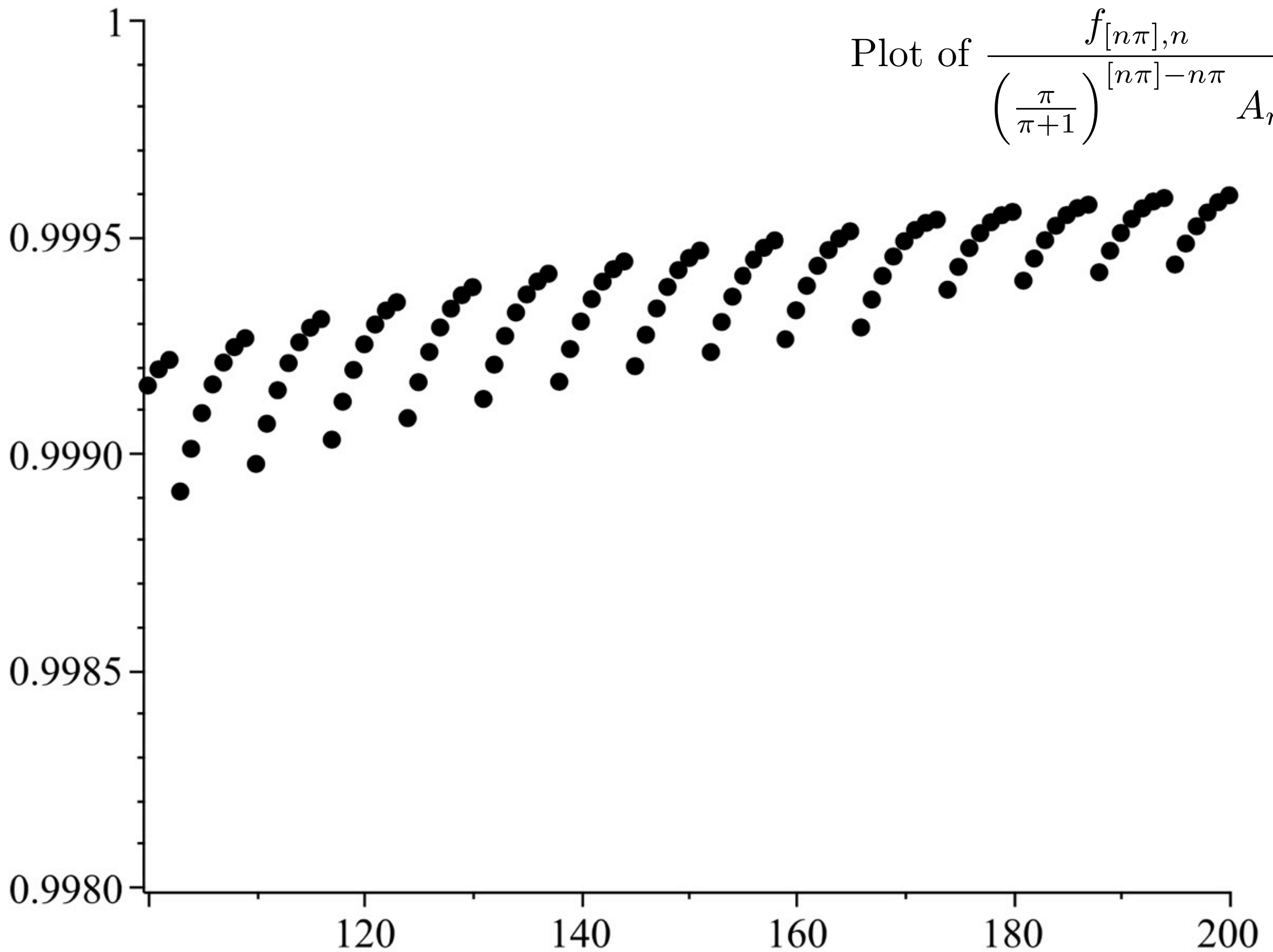
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If  $A_n$  is this approximation with  $(r, s) = (\pi, 1)$  then

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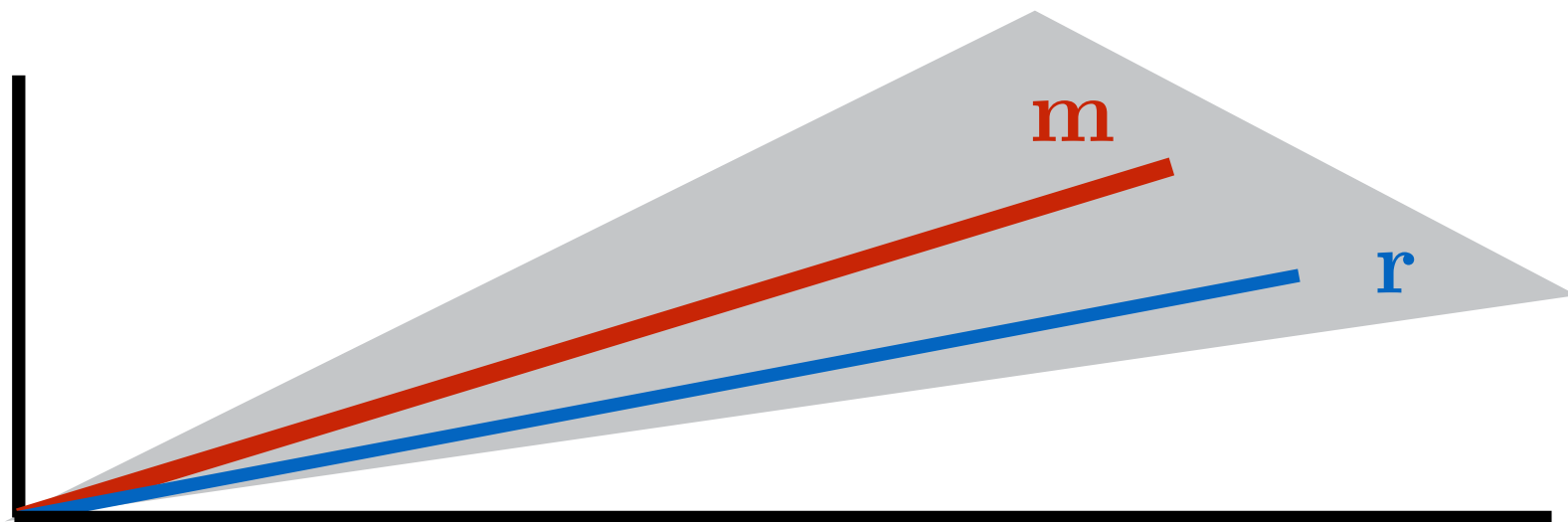
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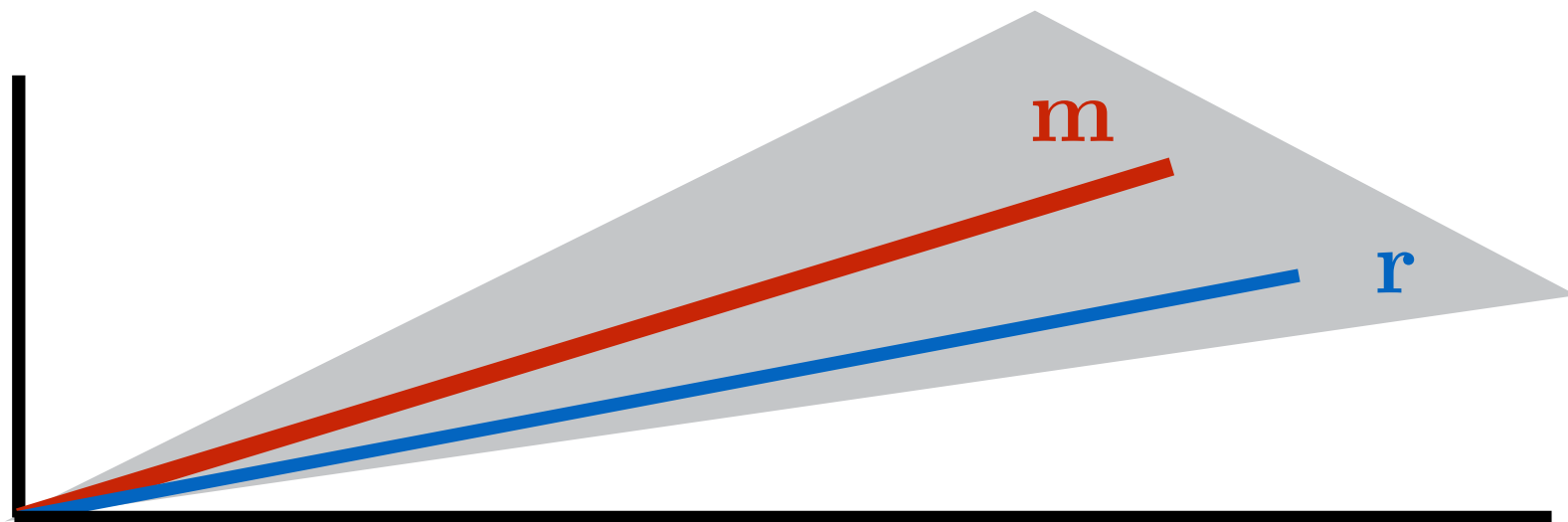
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Then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  the coefficients of  $[z_d^n]F(\mathbf{z})$  approach a multivariate normal distribution with density

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$$F(x, y, z) = \square + \cdots + (\square + \square x + \square y + \square xy + \cdots) z^n + \cdots$$

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Then

$$\sup_{\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{Z}^{d-1}} n^{(d-1)/2} \left| t^n f_{\mathbf{s},n} - \nu_n(\mathbf{s}) \right| \rightarrow 0$$

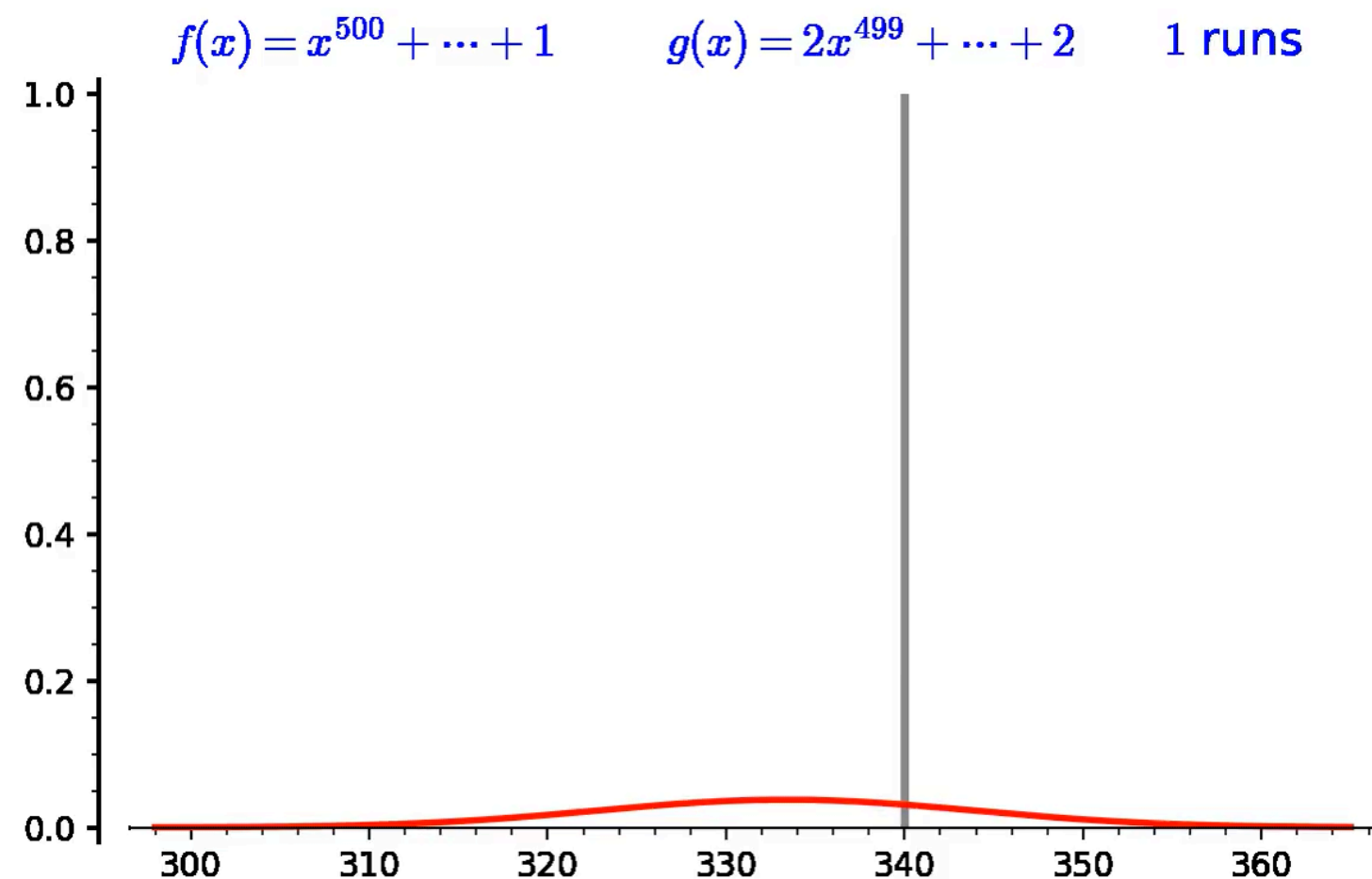
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# CLT for the Euclidean Algorithm

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$$F(u, z) = \sum_{n,k \geq 0} e_{k,n} u^k z^n = \frac{1}{1 - pz - p(p-1)uz}$$



A running count of the number of divisions performed when running the Euclidean algorithm on pairs of polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$  with the higher degree polynomial monic of degree 500, compared to the expected distribution from the limit curve.



# Cycles Lengths in Permutations w/ Restricted Positions

**P. Diaconis:** “My latest paper has an explicit multivariate rational generating function. I’m pretty sure a CLT holds...”

Permanental generating functions and sequential importance sampling

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## ABSTRACT

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We introduce techniques for deriving closed form generating functions for enumerating permutations with restricted positions keeping track of various statistics. The method involves evaluating permanents with variables as entries. These are applied to determine the sample size required for a novel sequential importance sampling algorithm for generating random perfect matchings in classes of bipartite graphs.

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Fix  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}_t(n)$  be the set of permutations  $\sigma \in S_n$  with  $i - t \leq \sigma(i) \leq i + 1$

**Theorem 1.** If  $a_i(\sigma)$  denotes the number of  $i$  cycles in  $\sigma$ ,

$$F(\mathbf{x}, z) = \sum_{\substack{n \geq 0 \\ \sigma \in \mathcal{F}_t(n)}} \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{a}(\sigma)} z^n = \frac{1}{1 - x_1 z - x_2 z^2 - \cdots - x_{t+1} z^{t+1}}$$

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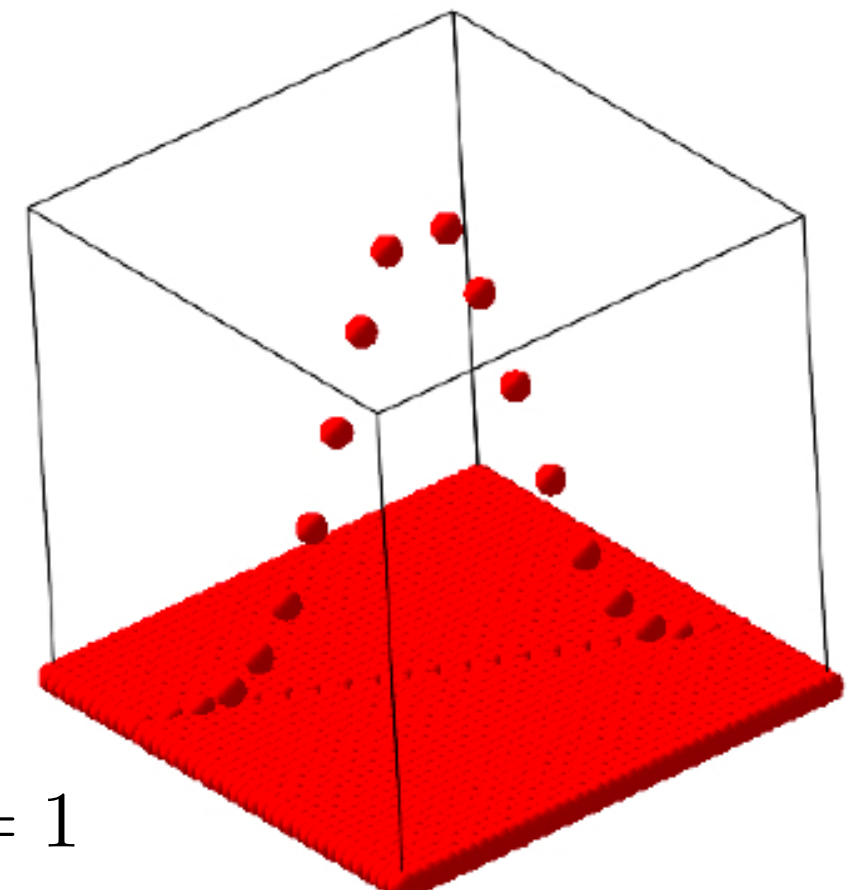


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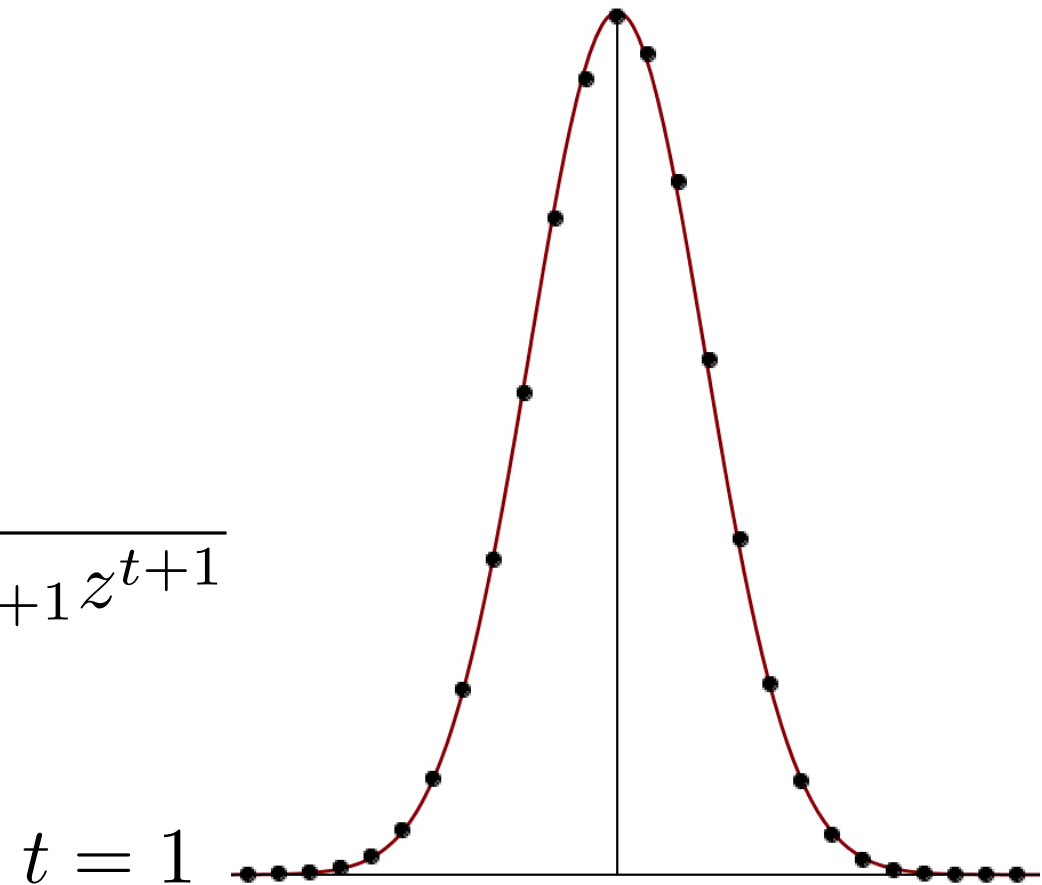
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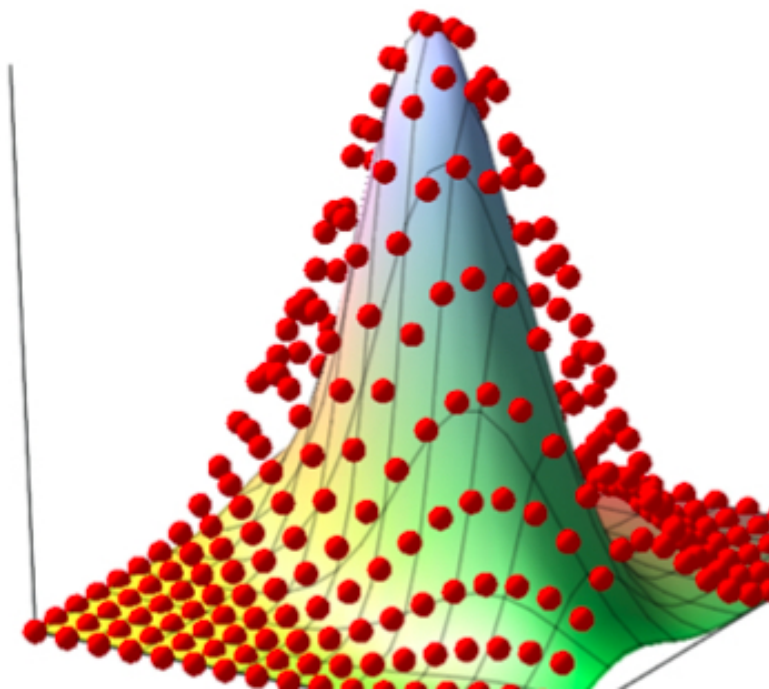
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## Theorem (Hosten, Sullivant 2010)

If  $\text{ML}(n, k)$  denotes the ML-degree for multinomial random variables  $X_1 \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  and  $X_2 \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  then

$$\sum_{n, k \geq 0} \text{ML}(n, k) \frac{x^n y^k}{n! k!} = \frac{e^{-x-y}}{e^{-x} + e^{-y} - 1}$$

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**Theorem (Khera, Lundberg, M. 2021)**

For all fixed  $K > 0$ ,

$$\sup_{|k-n/2| \leq K\sqrt{n}} \left| \frac{(2\log 2)^n}{n!} \text{ML}(n-k, k) - \frac{2^{-\frac{2(k-n/2)^2}{n(1-\log 2)}}}{(4\log 2)\sqrt{1-\log 2}} \right| \rightarrow 0$$

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## Beyond Smoothness

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Then  $\mathcal{V} = \{\mathbf{z} : H(\mathbf{z}) = 0\} = \{\mathbf{z} : P(\mathbf{z}) = 0\}$  is still a manifold

Minimal points unchanged, and critical points defined by  $P$

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If the usual assumptions hold with the smooth critical point equations for  $P$  then

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**Simplest Non-Smooth Case:**

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where  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  are linear.

# Hyperplane Example

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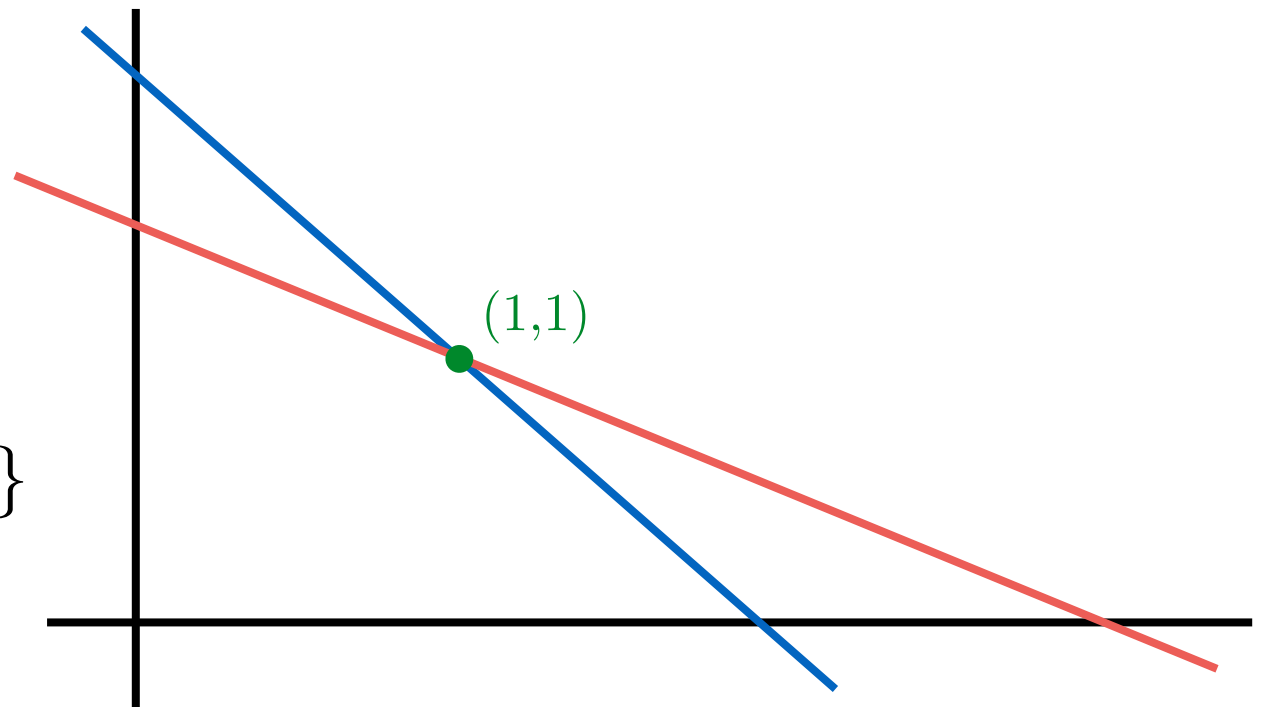
$$\text{for } \ell_1(x, y) = 1 - \frac{2x + y}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad \ell_2(x, y) = 1 - \frac{3x + y}{4}$$

Then  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{S}_1 \cup \mathcal{S}_2 \cup \mathcal{S}_{1,2}$  for smooth sets

$$\mathcal{S}_1 = \{\ell_1(x, y) = 0\} \setminus \mathcal{S}_{1,2}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_2 = \{\ell_2(x, y) = 0\} \setminus \mathcal{S}_{1,2}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{1,2} = \{\ell_1(x, y) = \ell_2(x, y) = 0\} = \{(1, 1)\}$$



# Hyperplane Example

We compute **critical points** on each *stratum*

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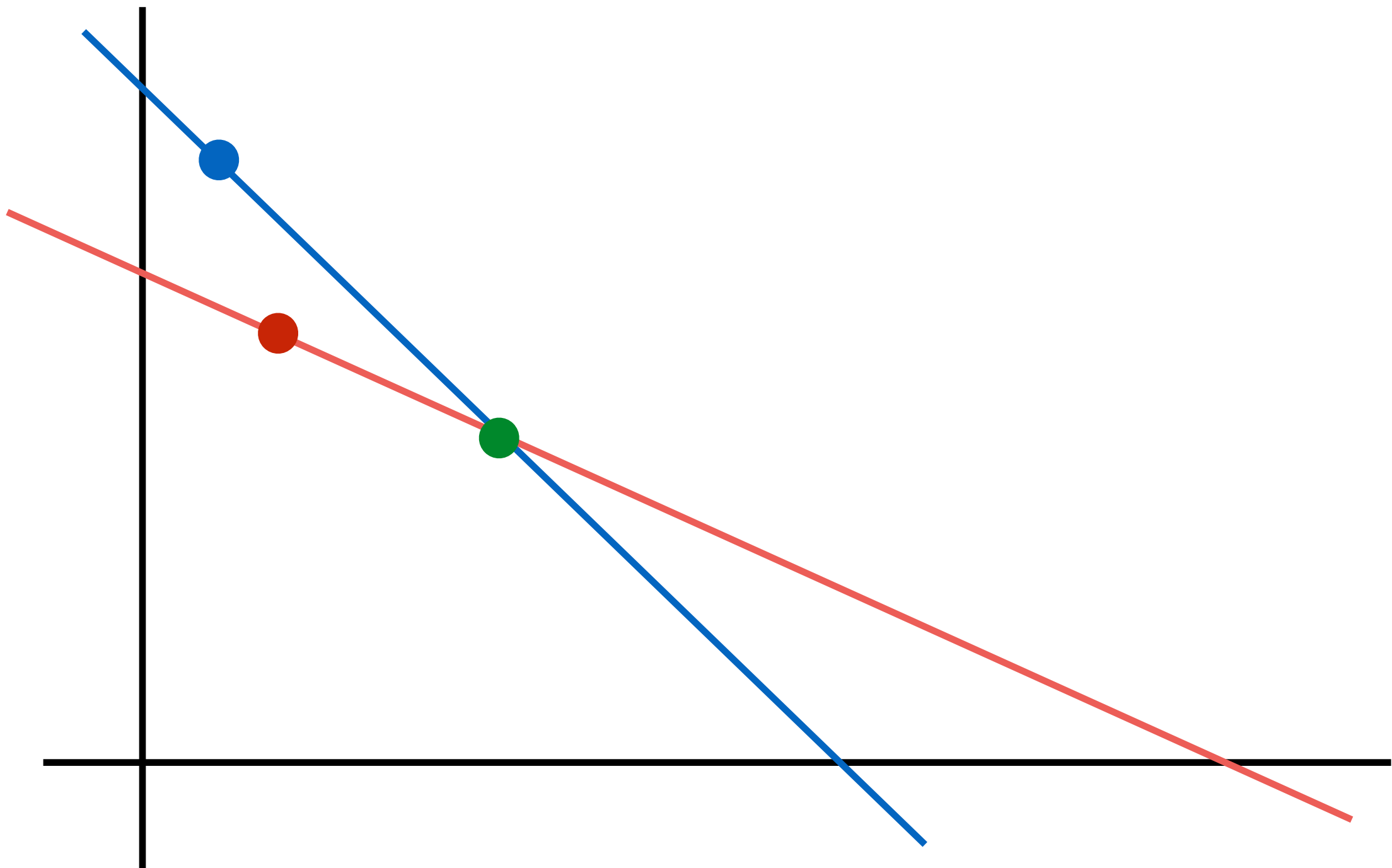
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**On  $\mathcal{S}_{1,2}$**  the only point  $\boldsymbol{\sigma}_{1,2} = (1, 1)$  is trivially critical

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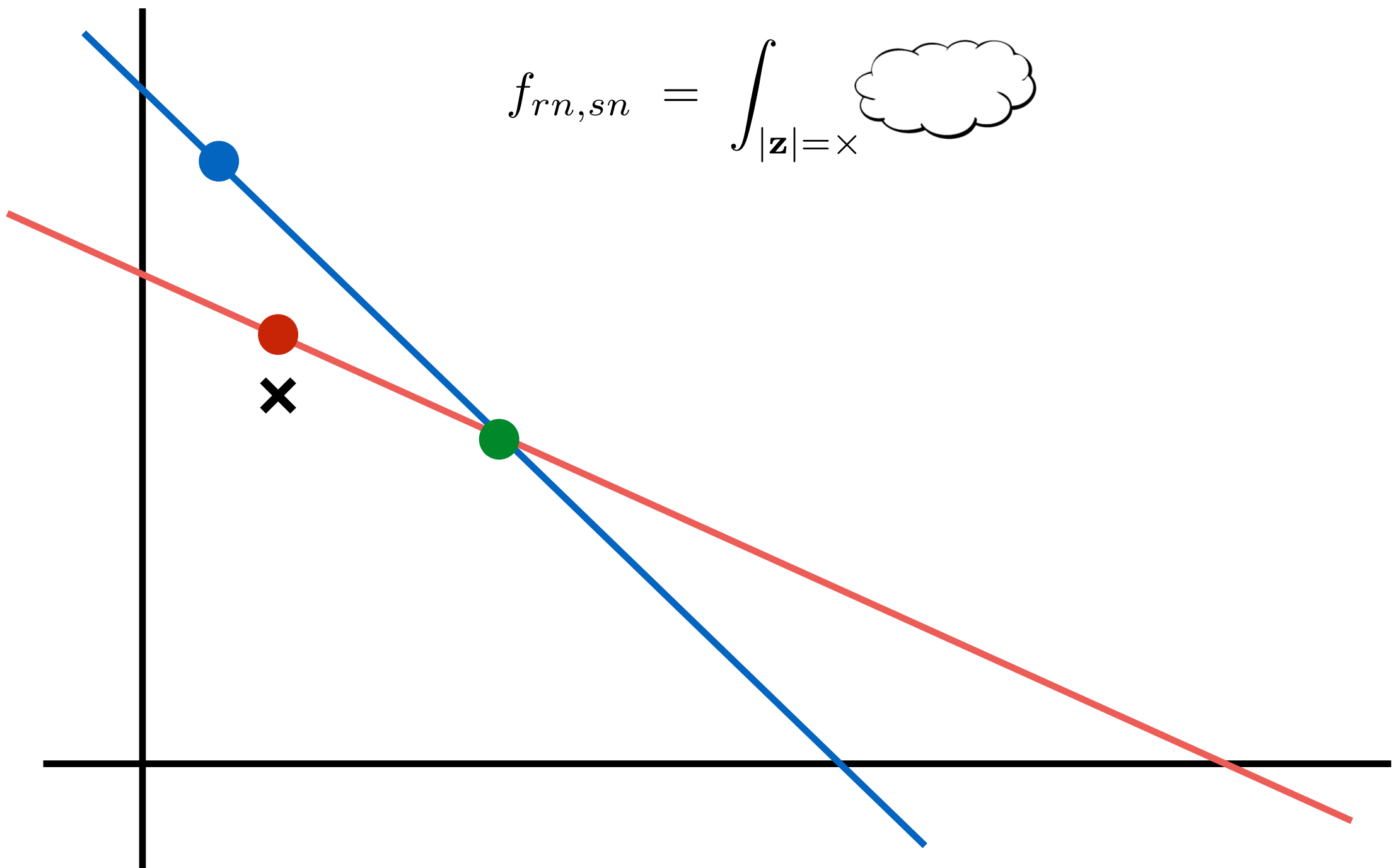
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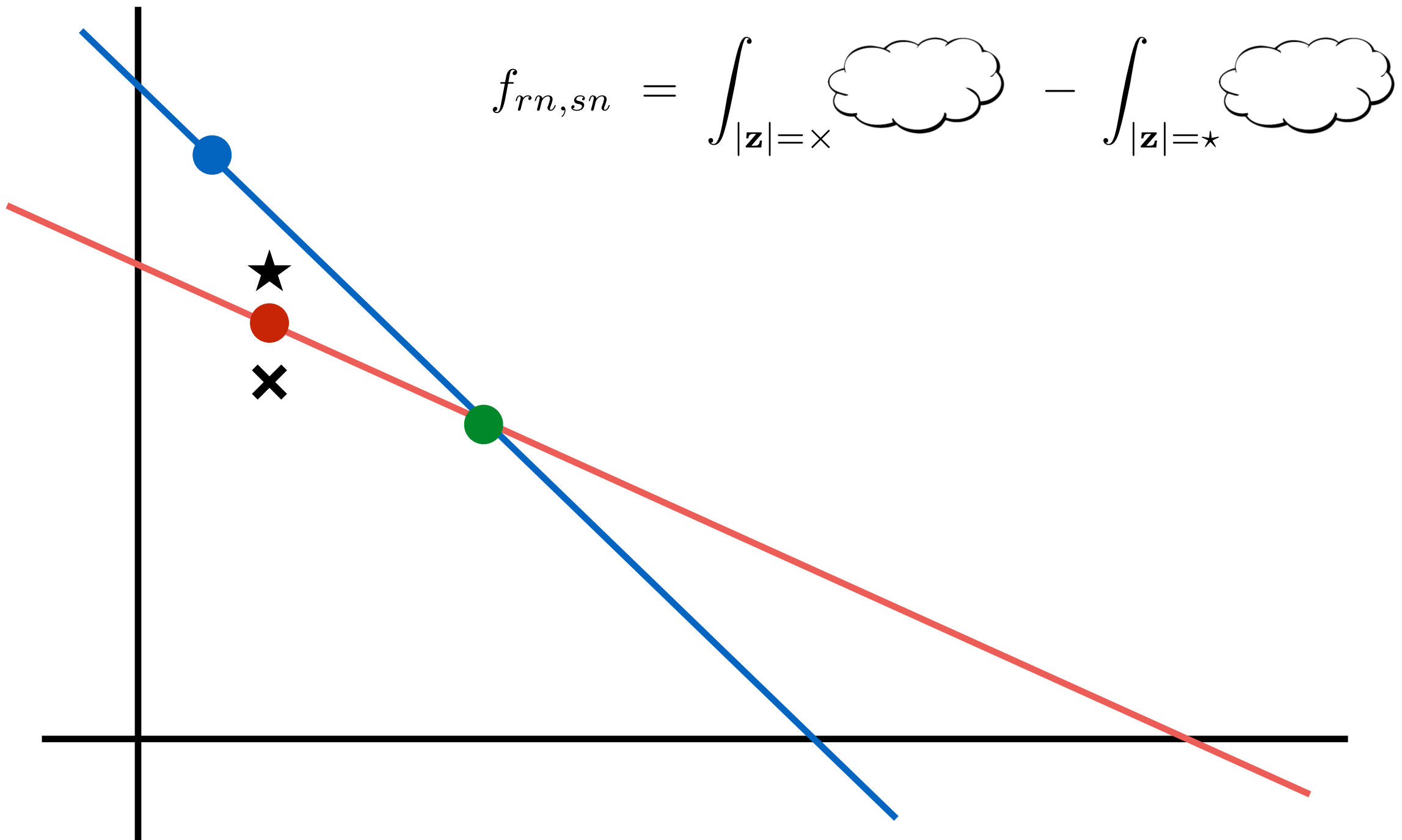




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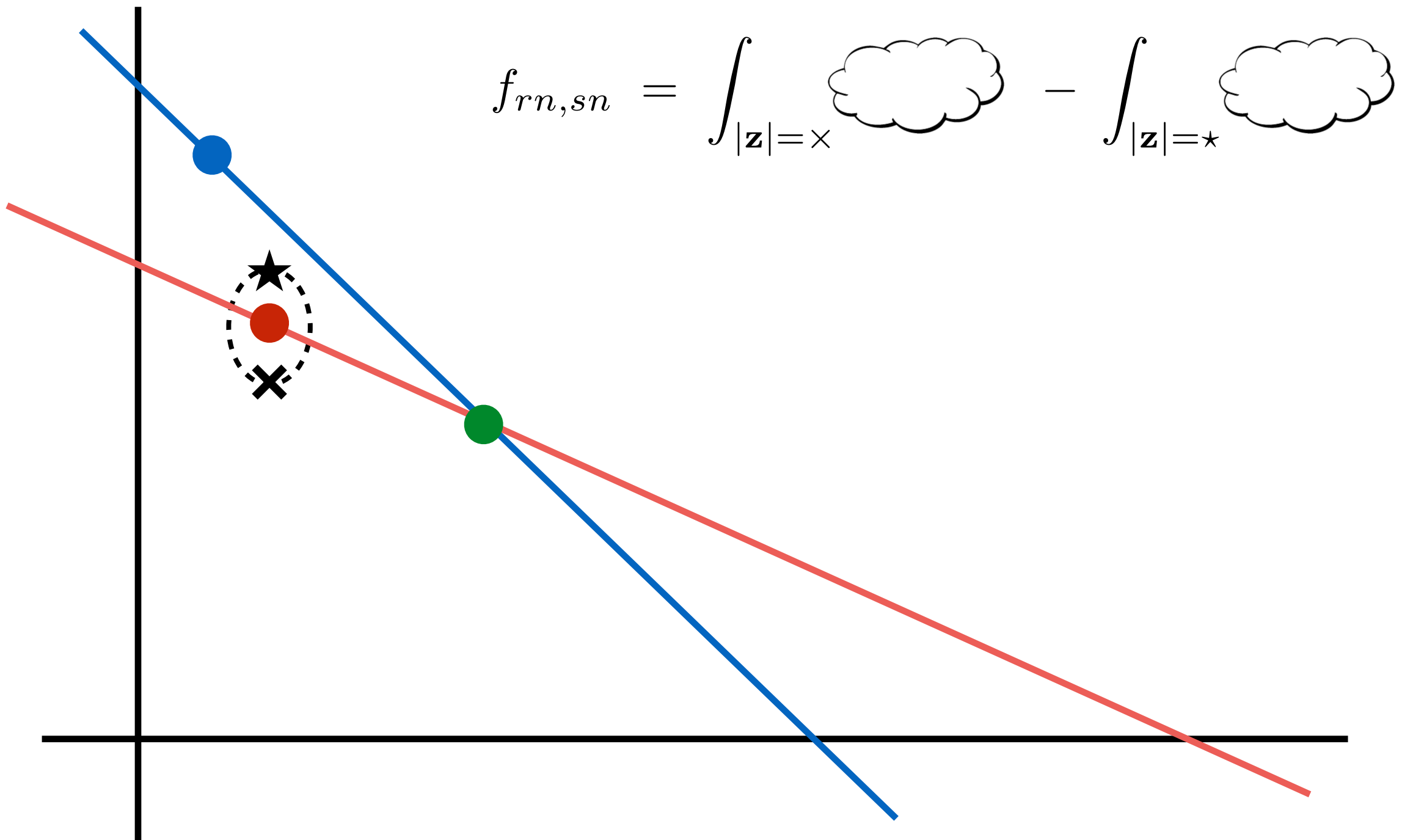
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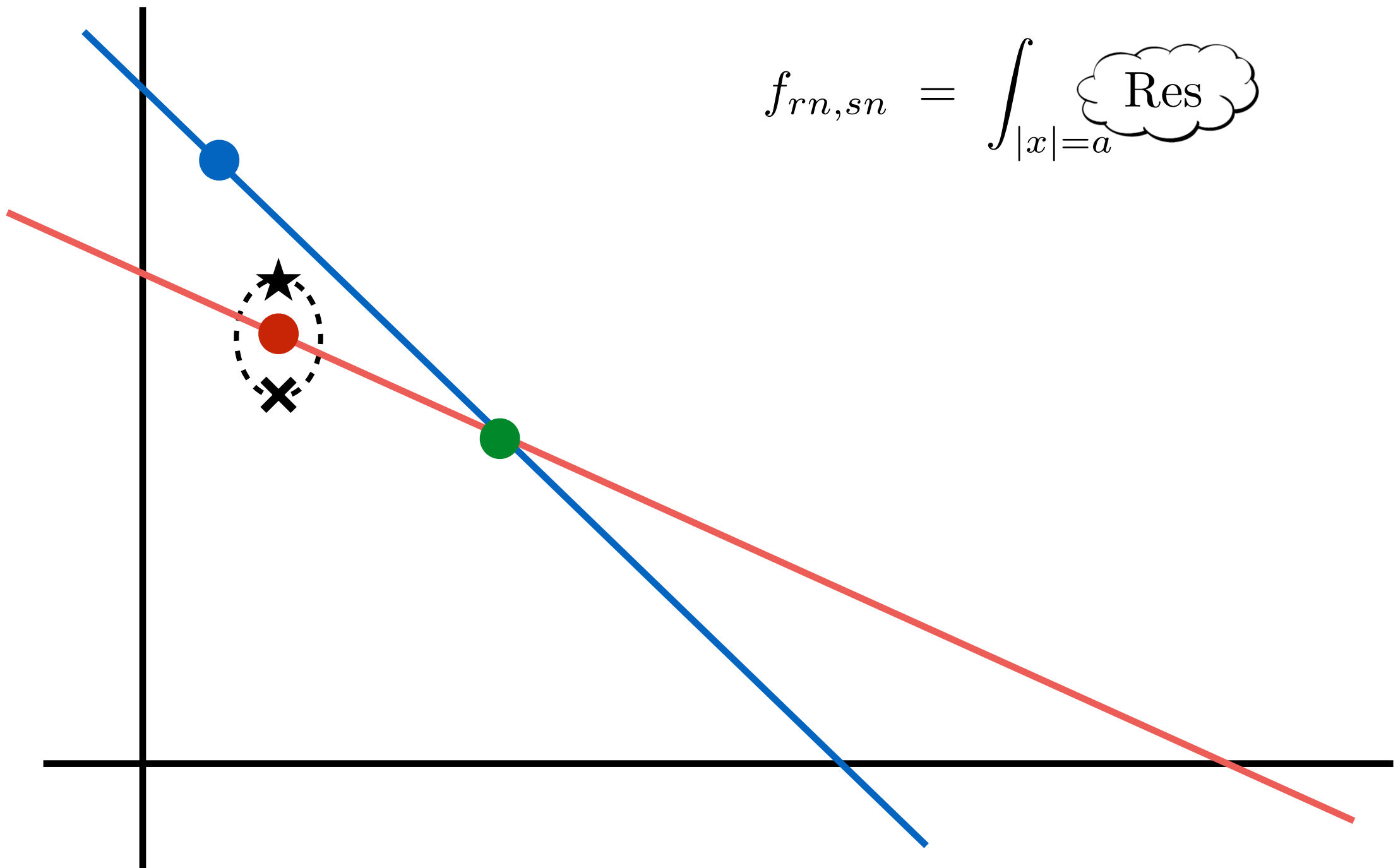
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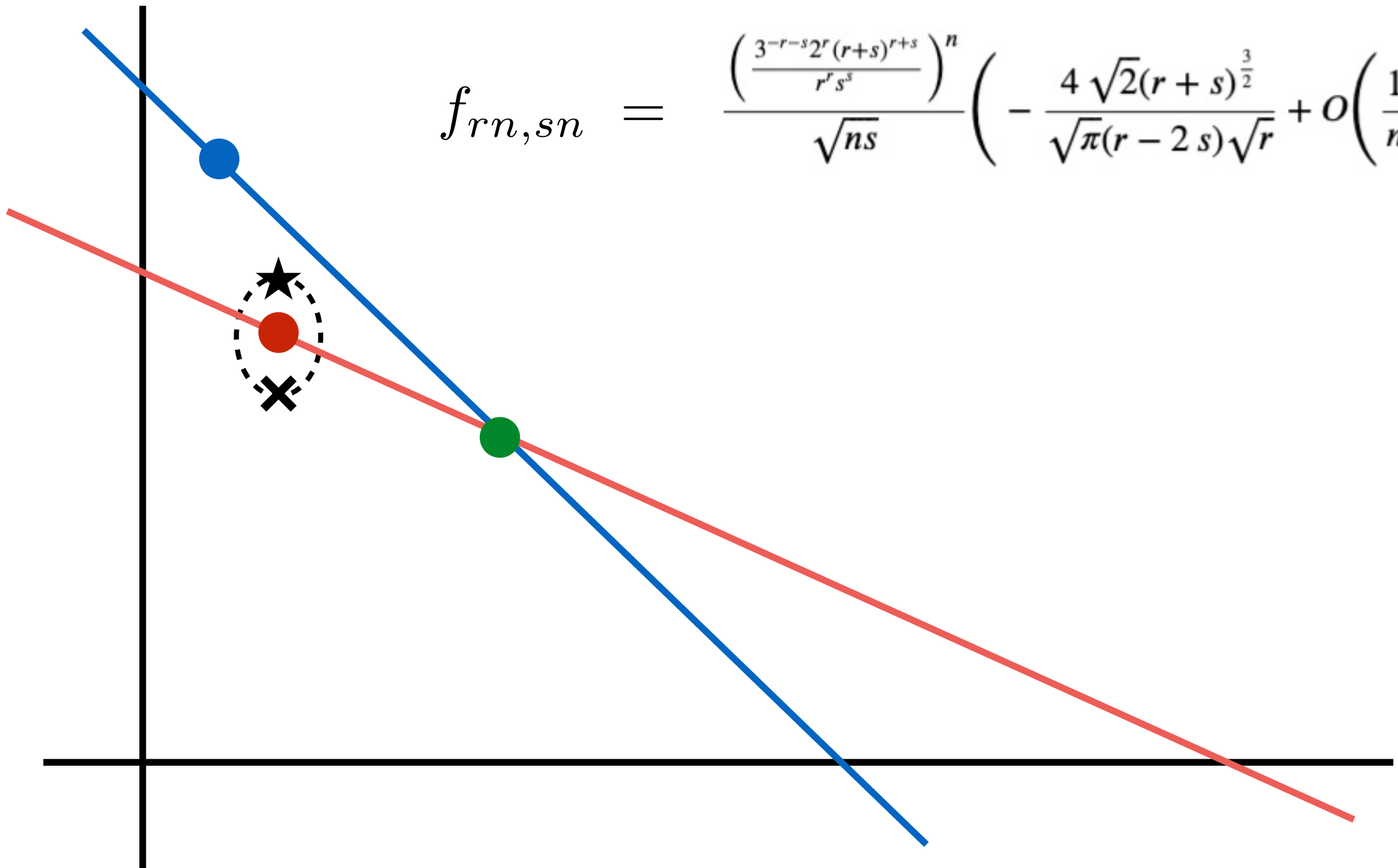
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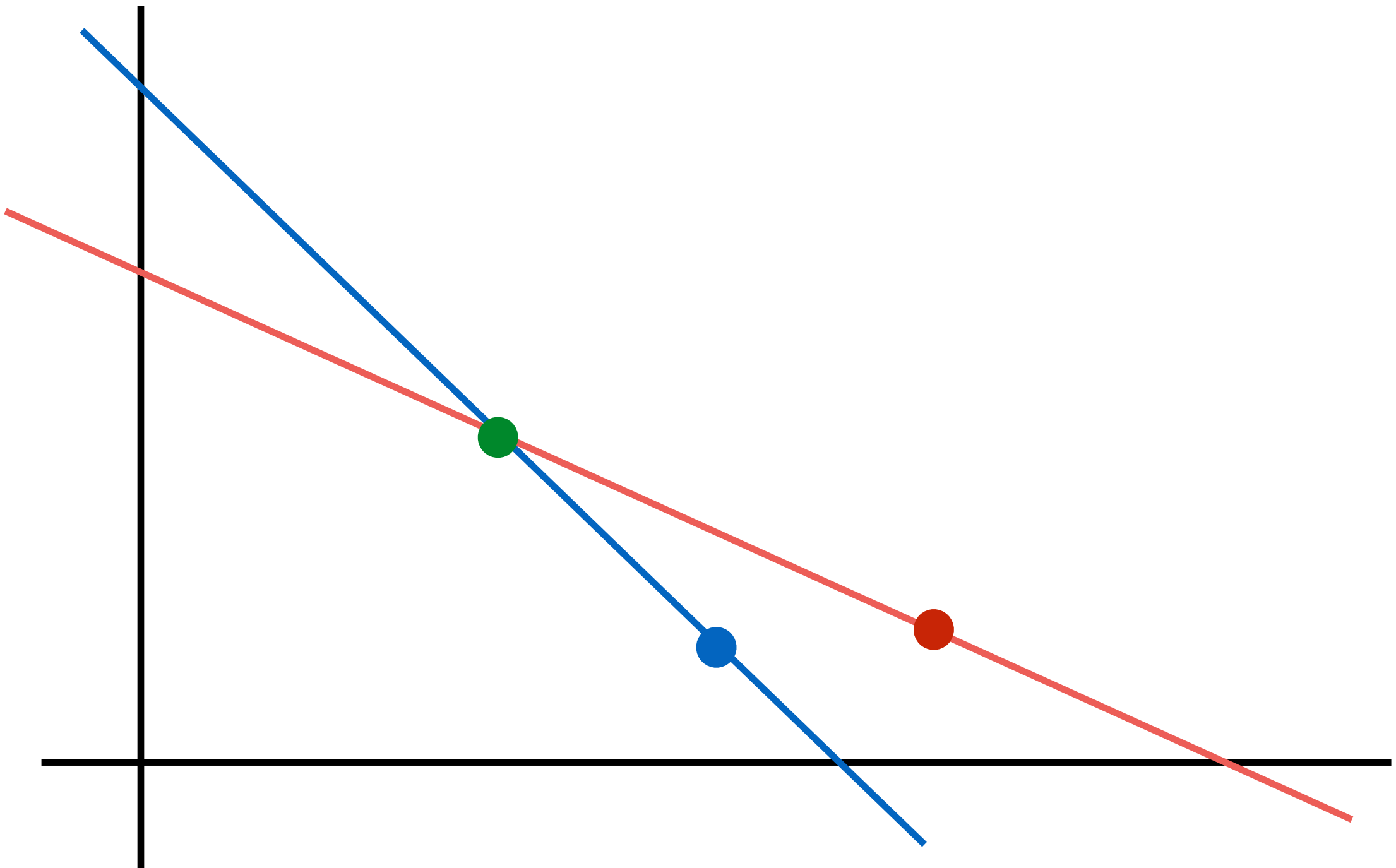
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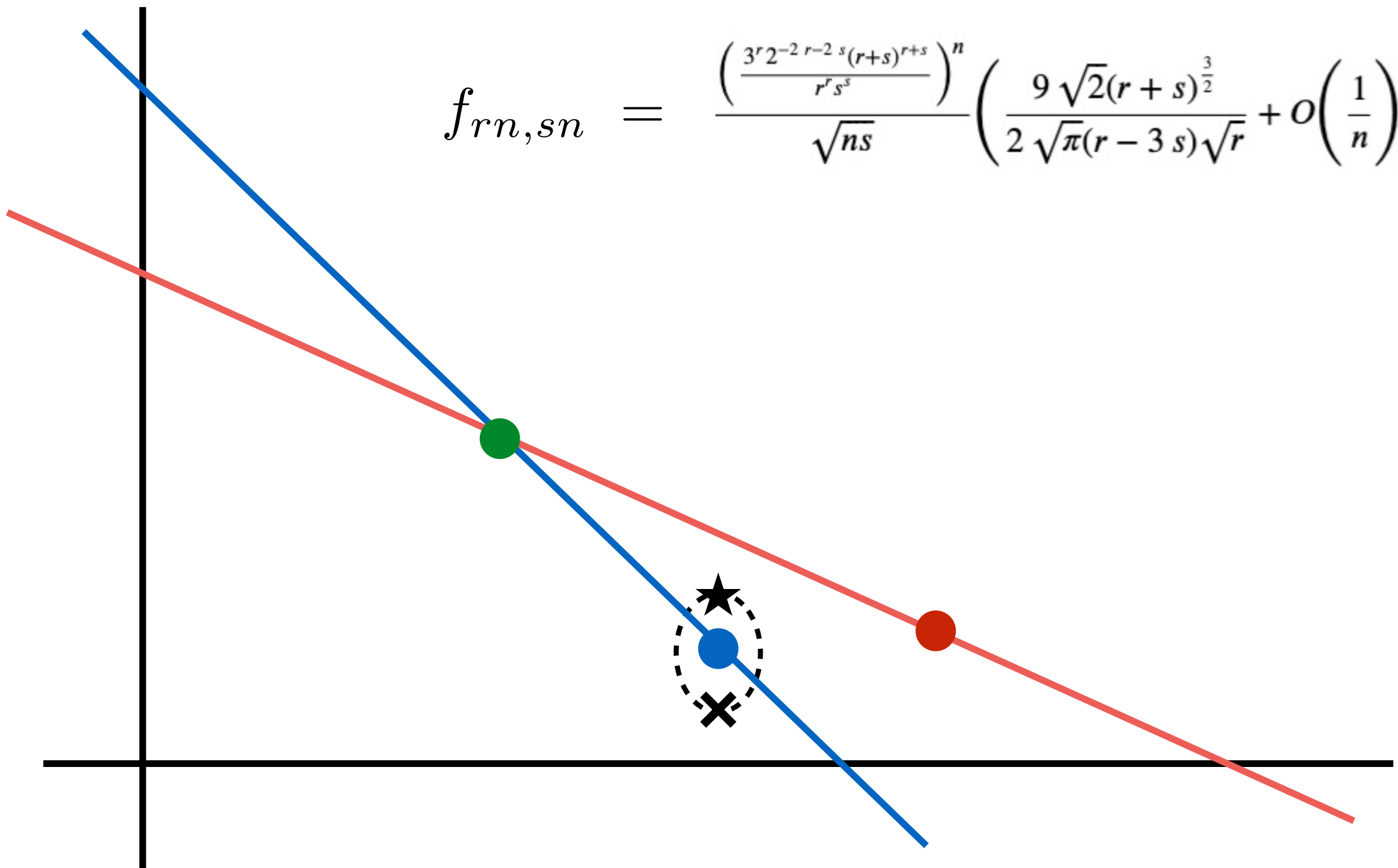


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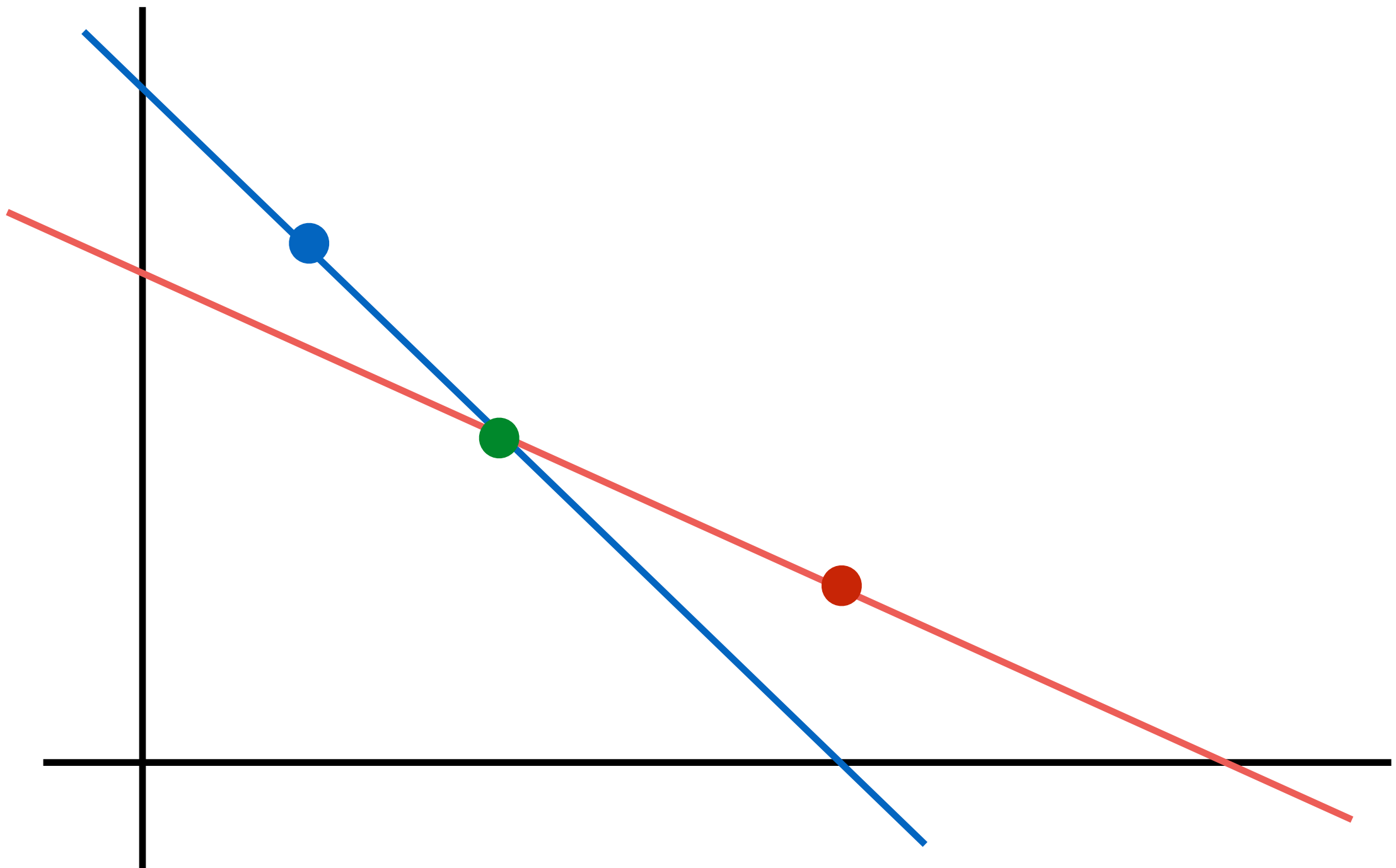
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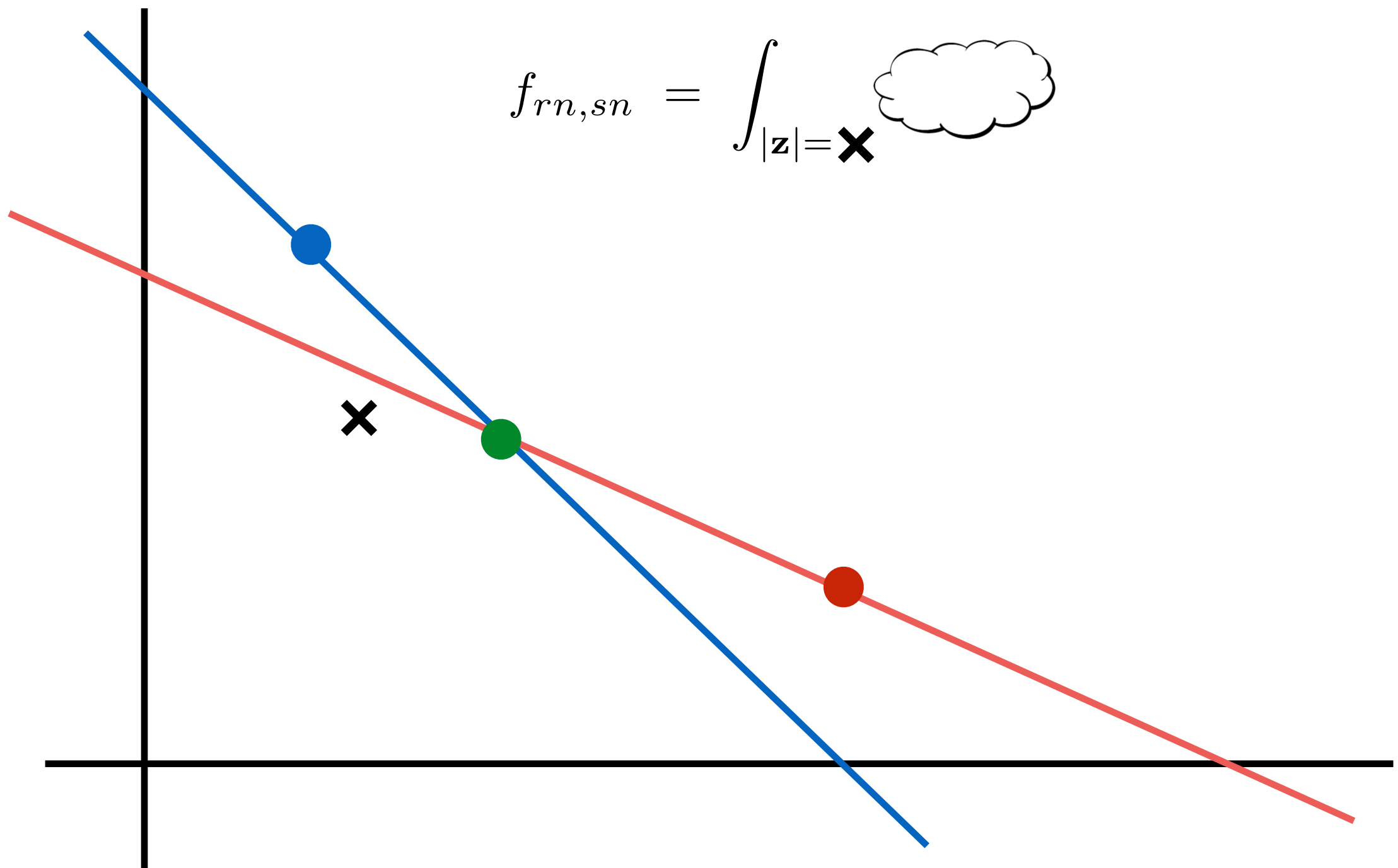
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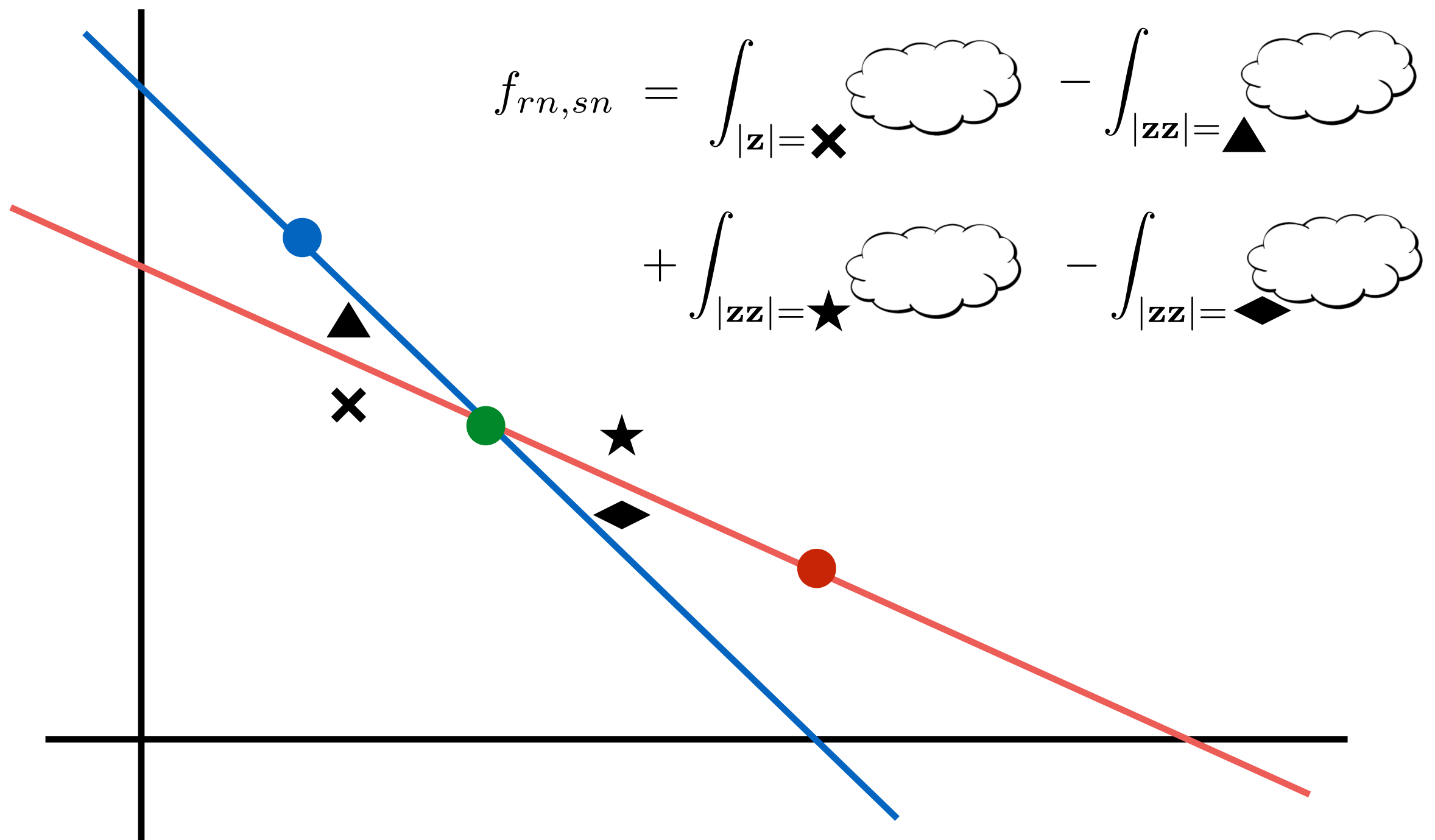
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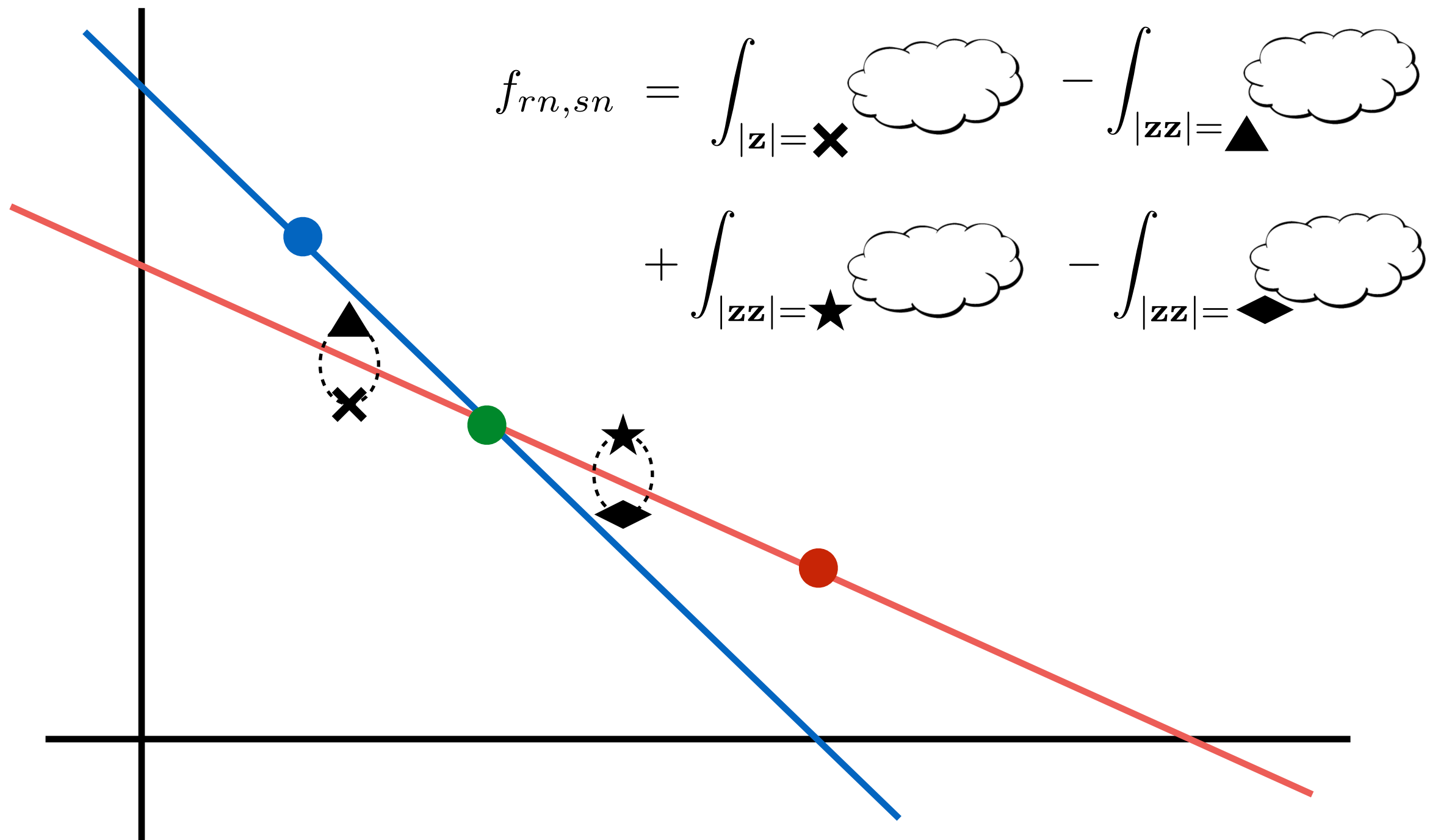
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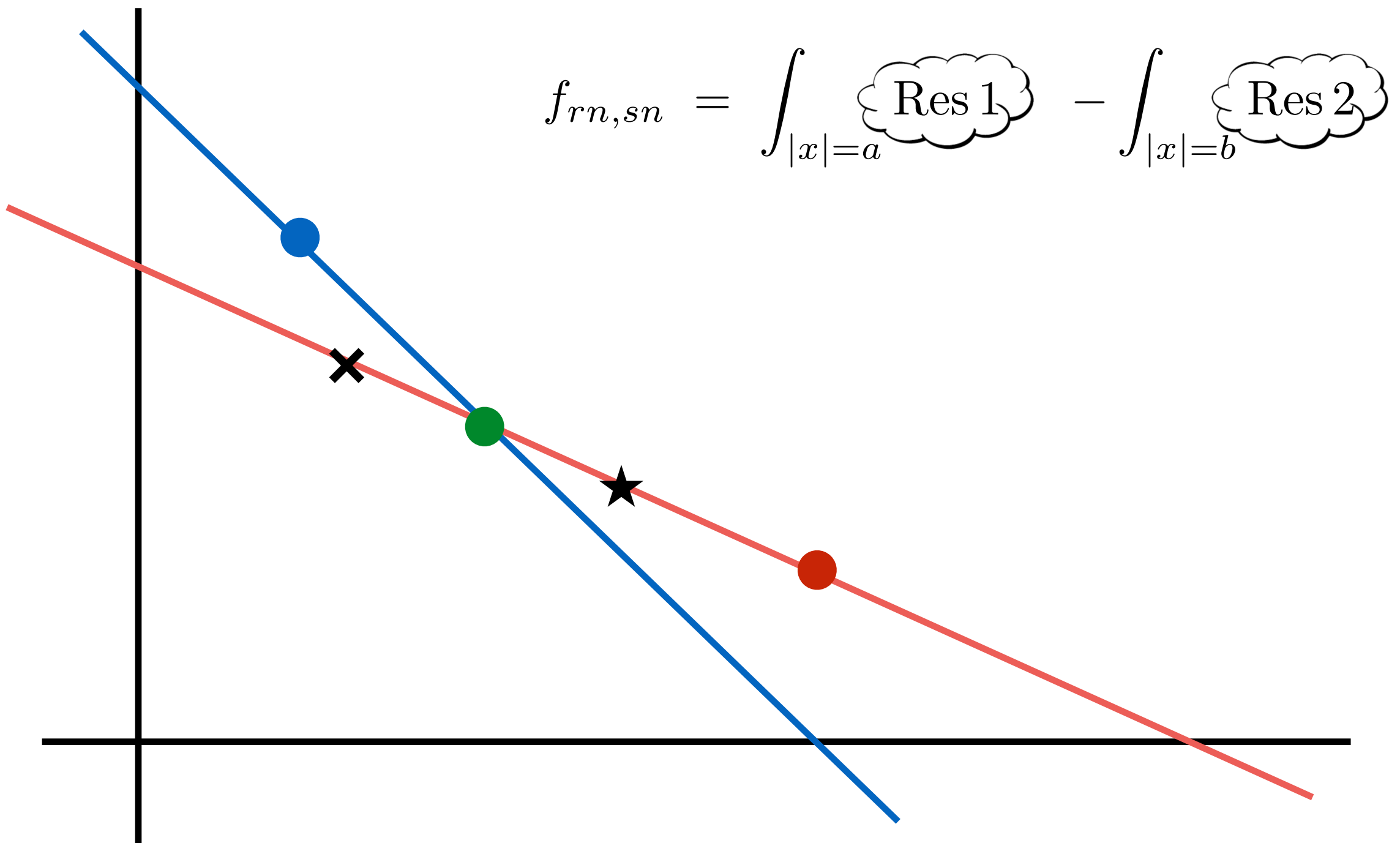
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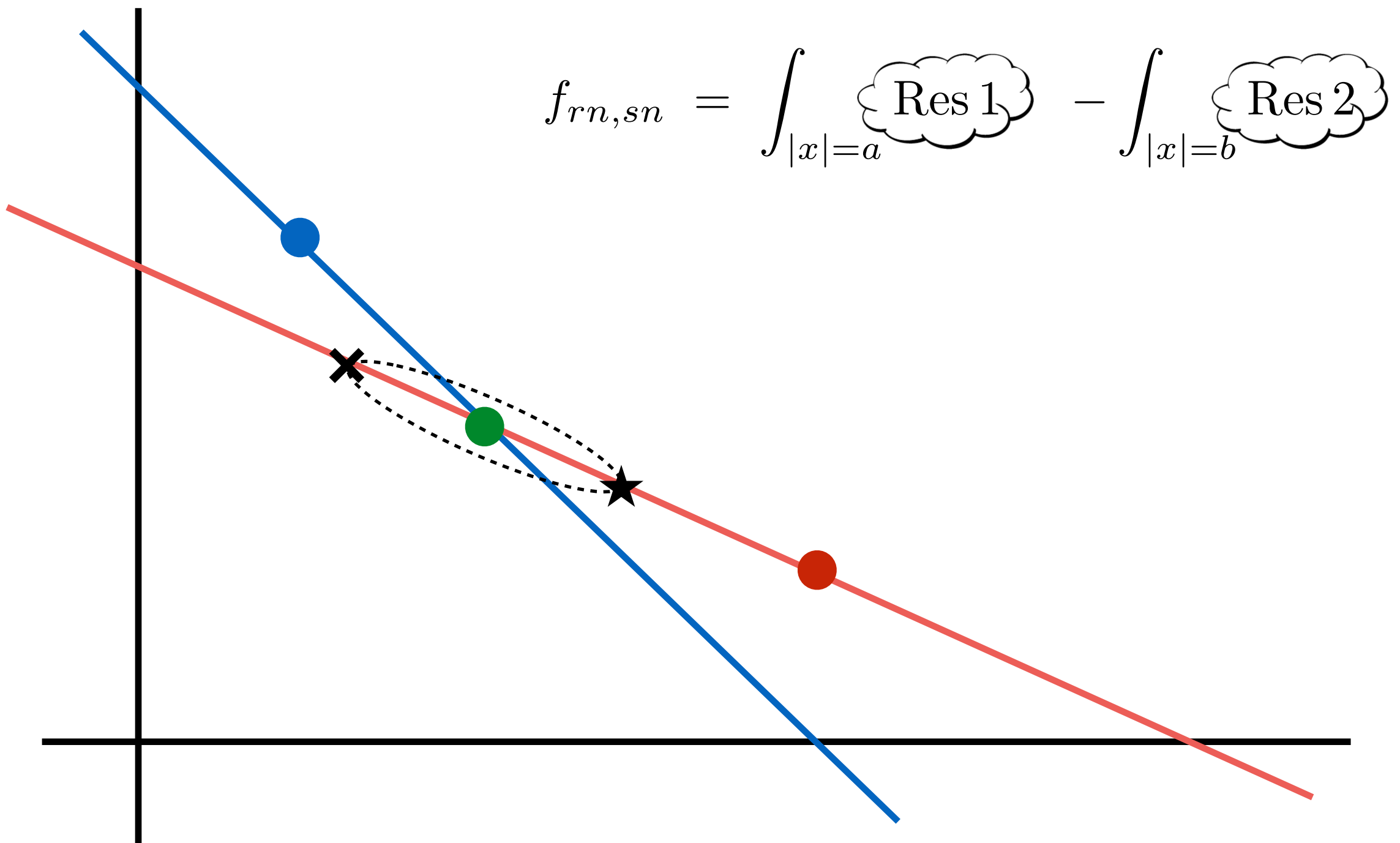
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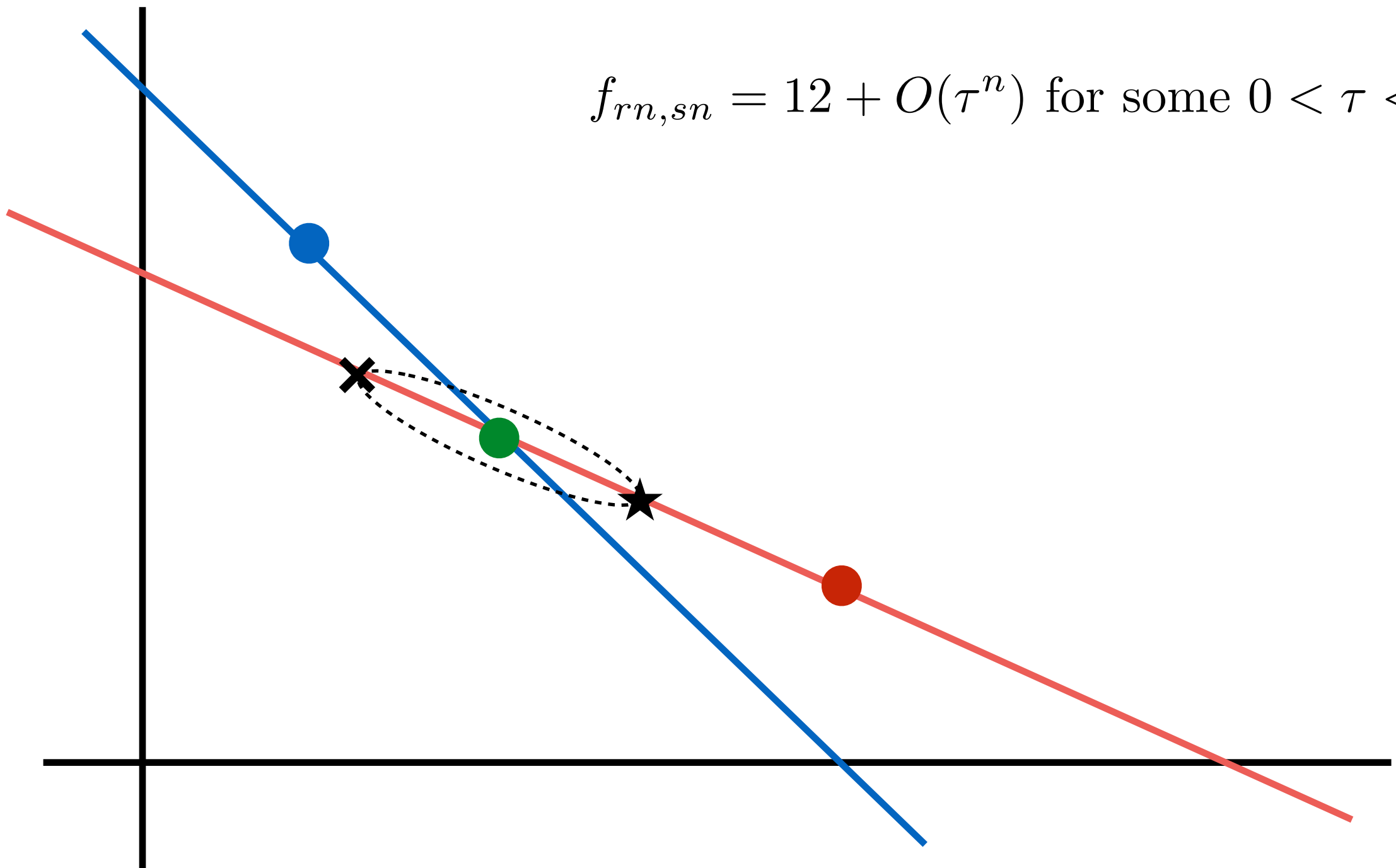
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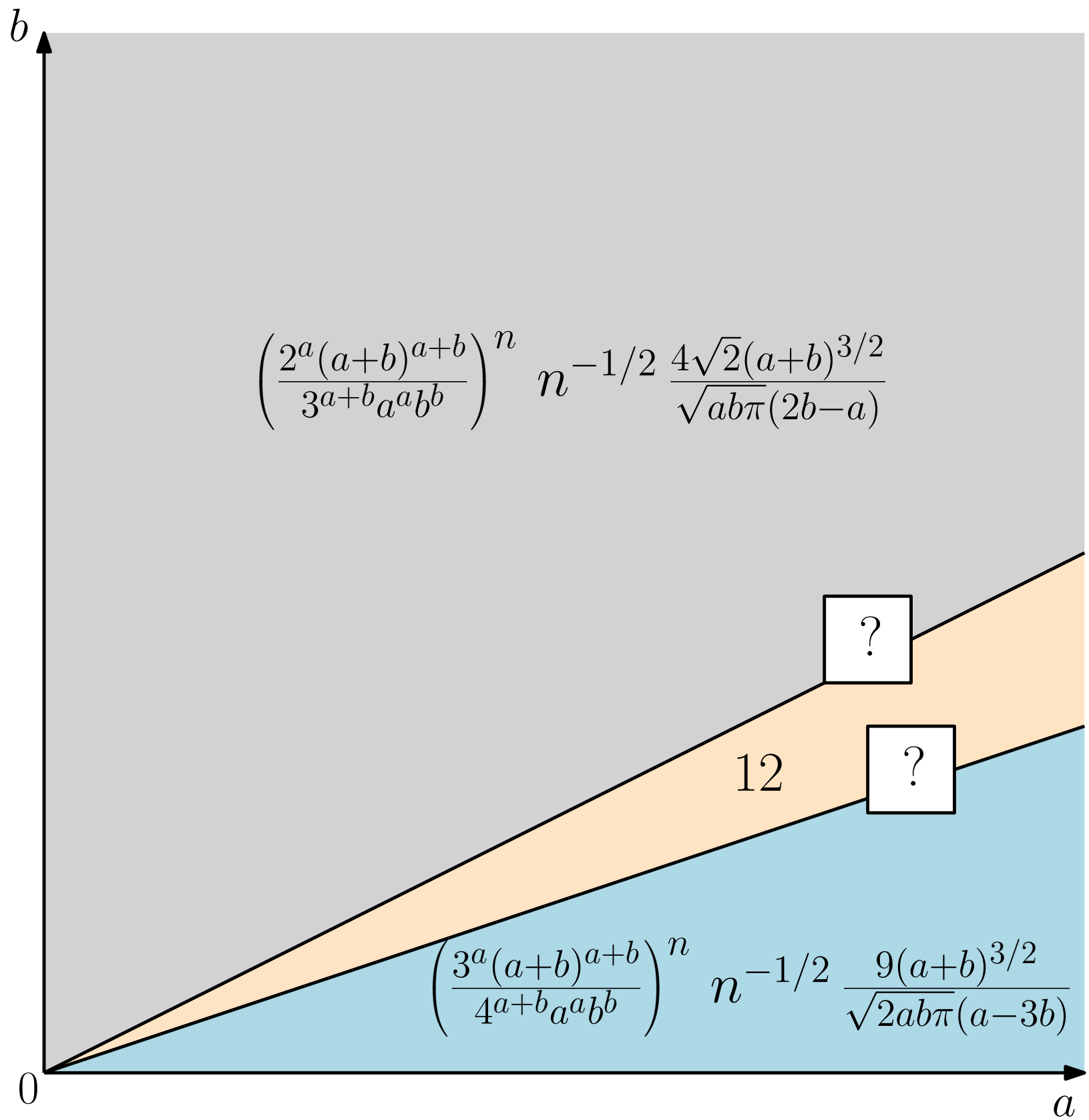


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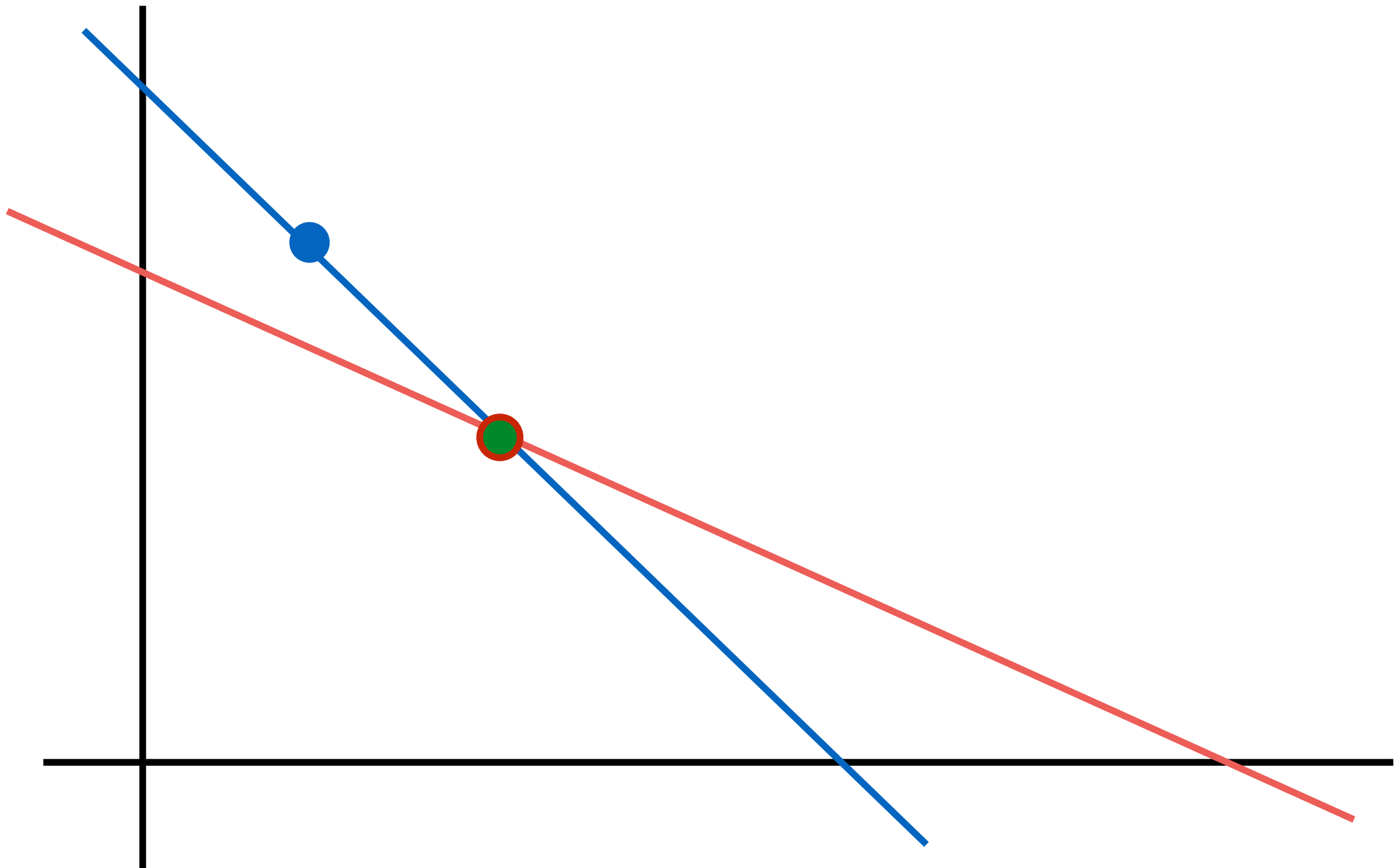


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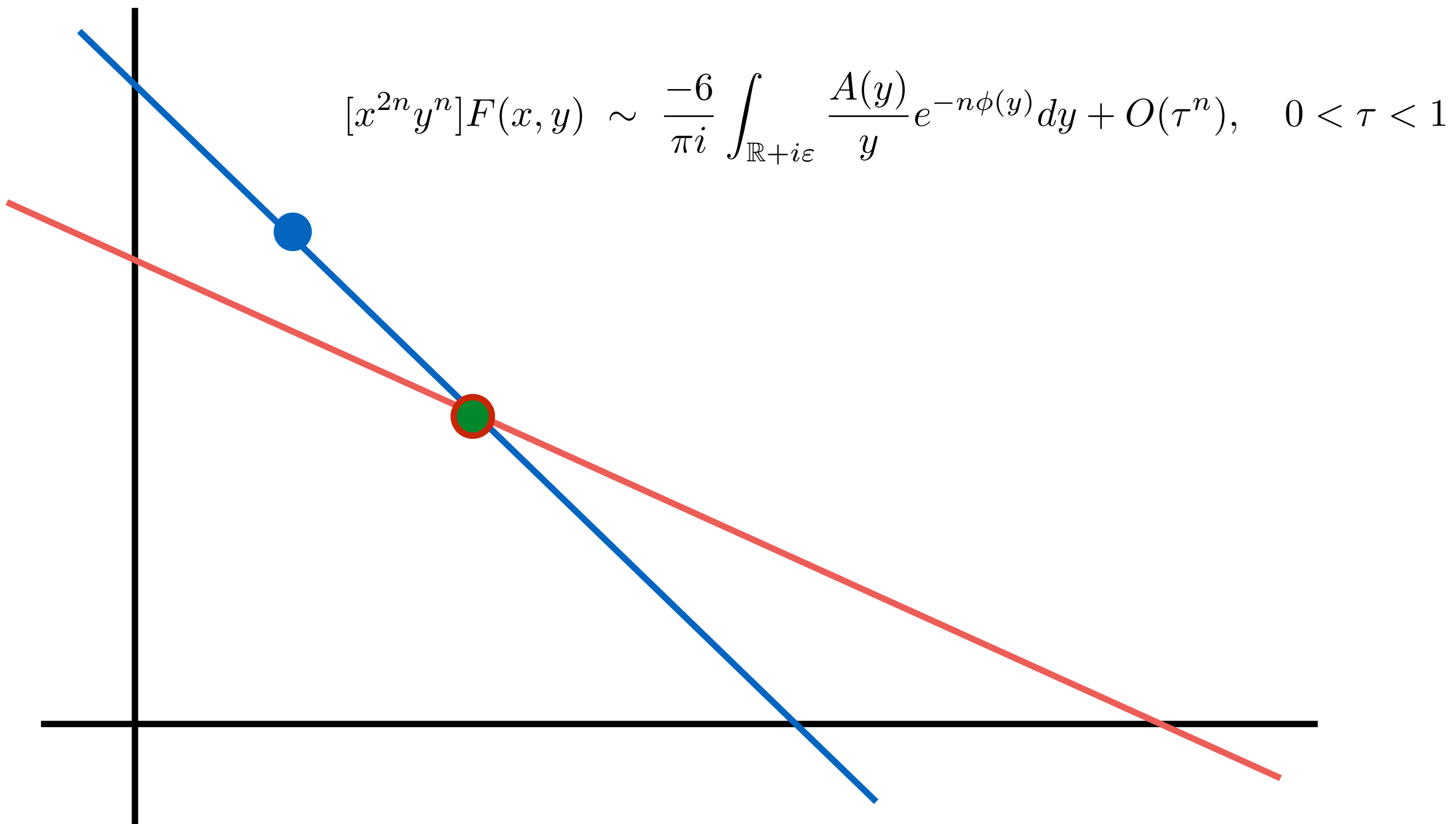
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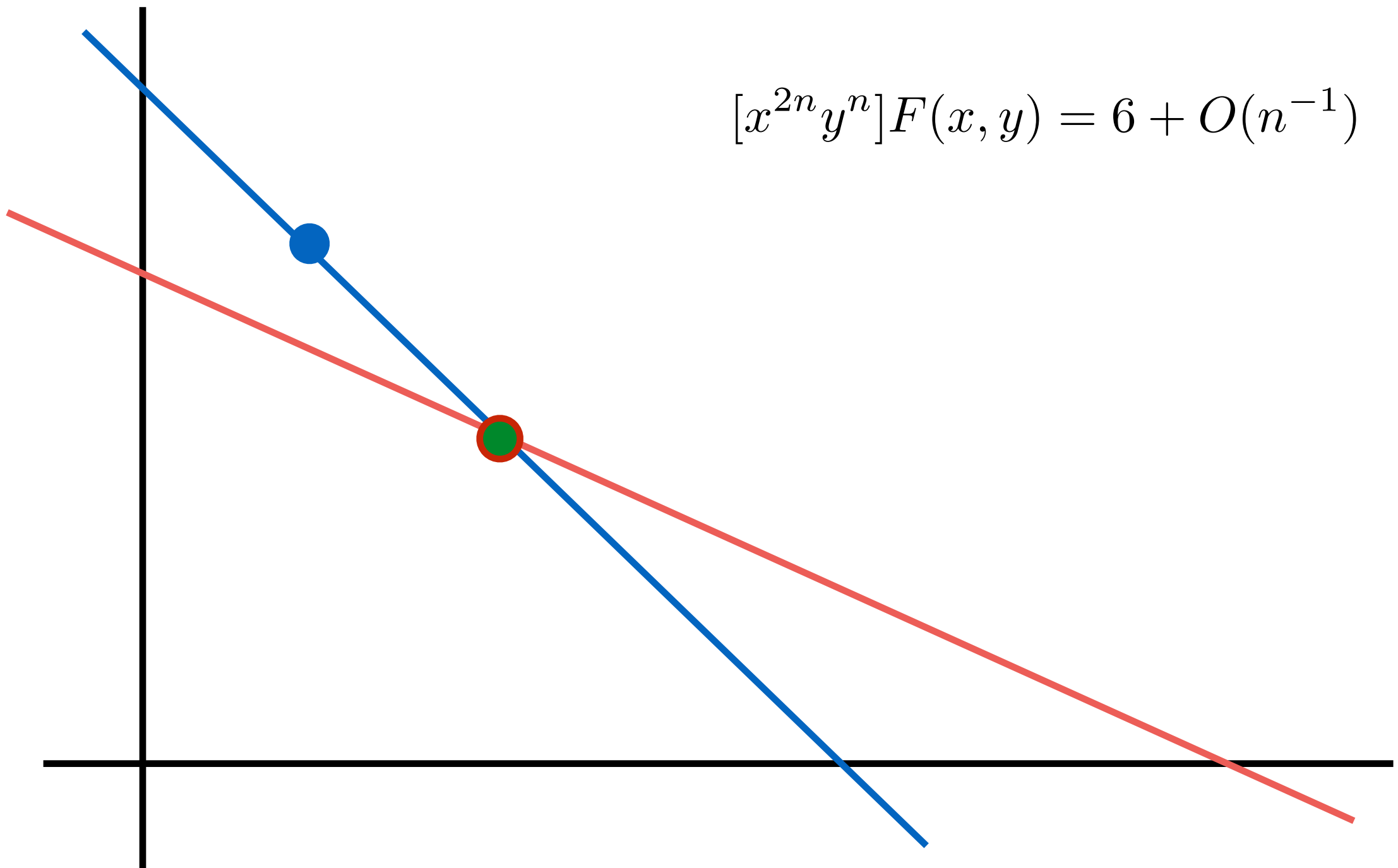




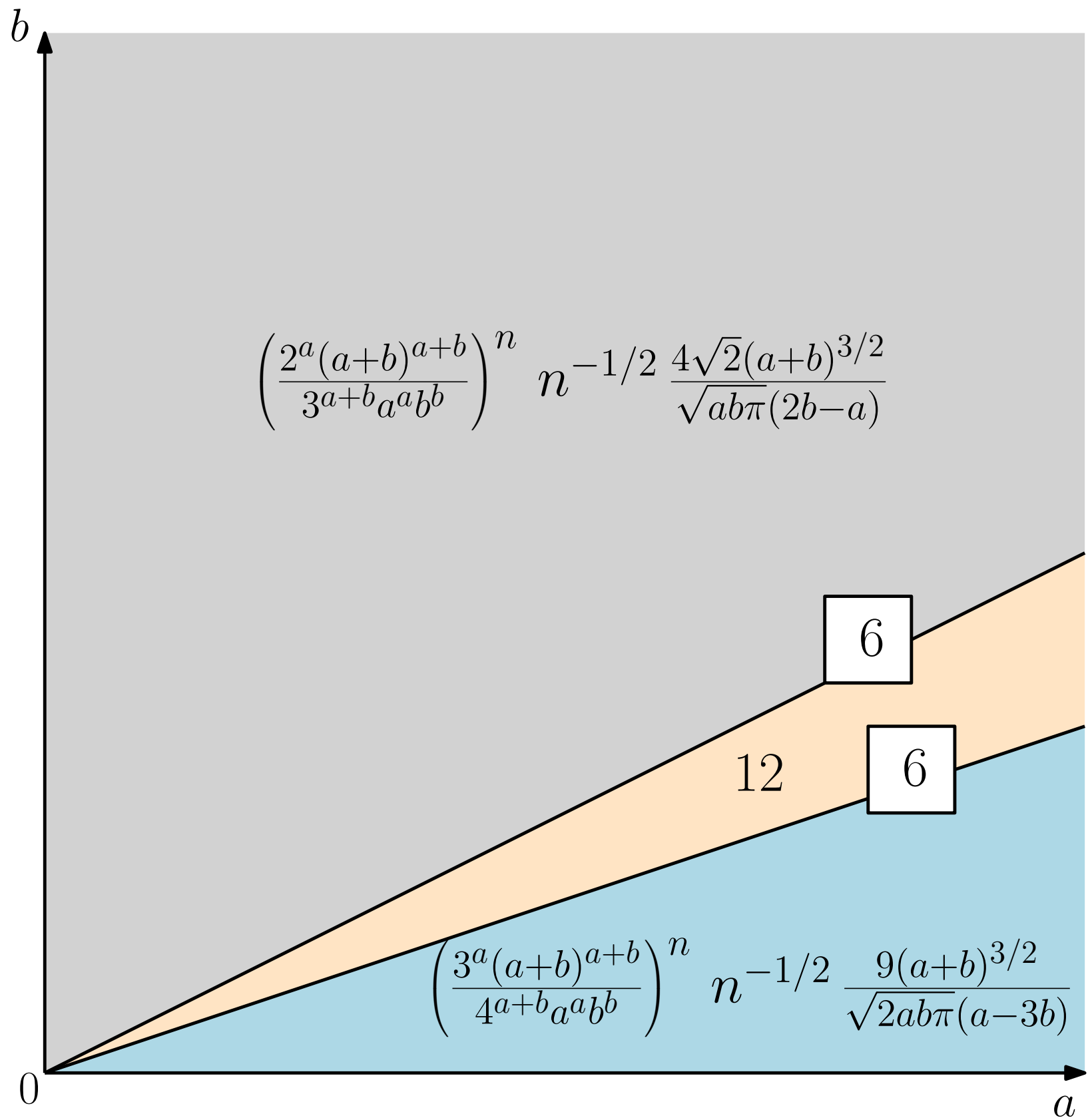
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# Beyond Smoothness

How do we generalize?

Need to properly **define critical points**

Their smooth definition is constructed to give saddle-point integrals

## Alternative definitions

Assume  $H(\mathbf{w}) = 0$  but  $(\nabla H)(\mathbf{w}) \neq \mathbf{0}$ . The following are equivalent

- $\mathbf{w}$  is critical in the direction  $\mathbf{r}$
- $(\nabla \phi)(\mathbf{w}) = \lambda(\nabla H)(\mathbf{w})$  where  $\phi(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z}^{\mathbf{r}}$
- $\mathbf{r} = \lambda(\nabla_{\log} H)(\mathbf{w})$  where  $(\nabla_{\log} H)(\mathbf{w}) = \left( w_1 H_{z_1}(\mathbf{w}), \dots, w_d H_{z_d}(\mathbf{w}) \right)$
- the differential of  $\phi$  restricted to the manifold  $\mathcal{V}$  vanishes at  $\mathbf{w}$

# Multiple Points

In general, **partition**  $\mathcal{V}$  into a finite collection of **smooth strata**

Need the strata to *fit together nicely*

## Simplest Case

$$F(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{G(\mathbf{z})}{H_1(\mathbf{z}) \cdots H_m(\mathbf{z})}$$

where

- $(\nabla H_k)(\mathbf{w}) \neq \mathbf{0}$  if  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\mathcal{V}_k = \{\mathbf{z} : H_k(\mathbf{z}) = 0\}$
- $\nabla H_{k_1}(\mathbf{w}), \dots, \nabla H_{k_s}(\mathbf{w})$  linearly independent if  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{V}_{k_1} \cap \cdots \cap \mathcal{V}_{k_s}$

This is an example of the **transverse multiple point** case

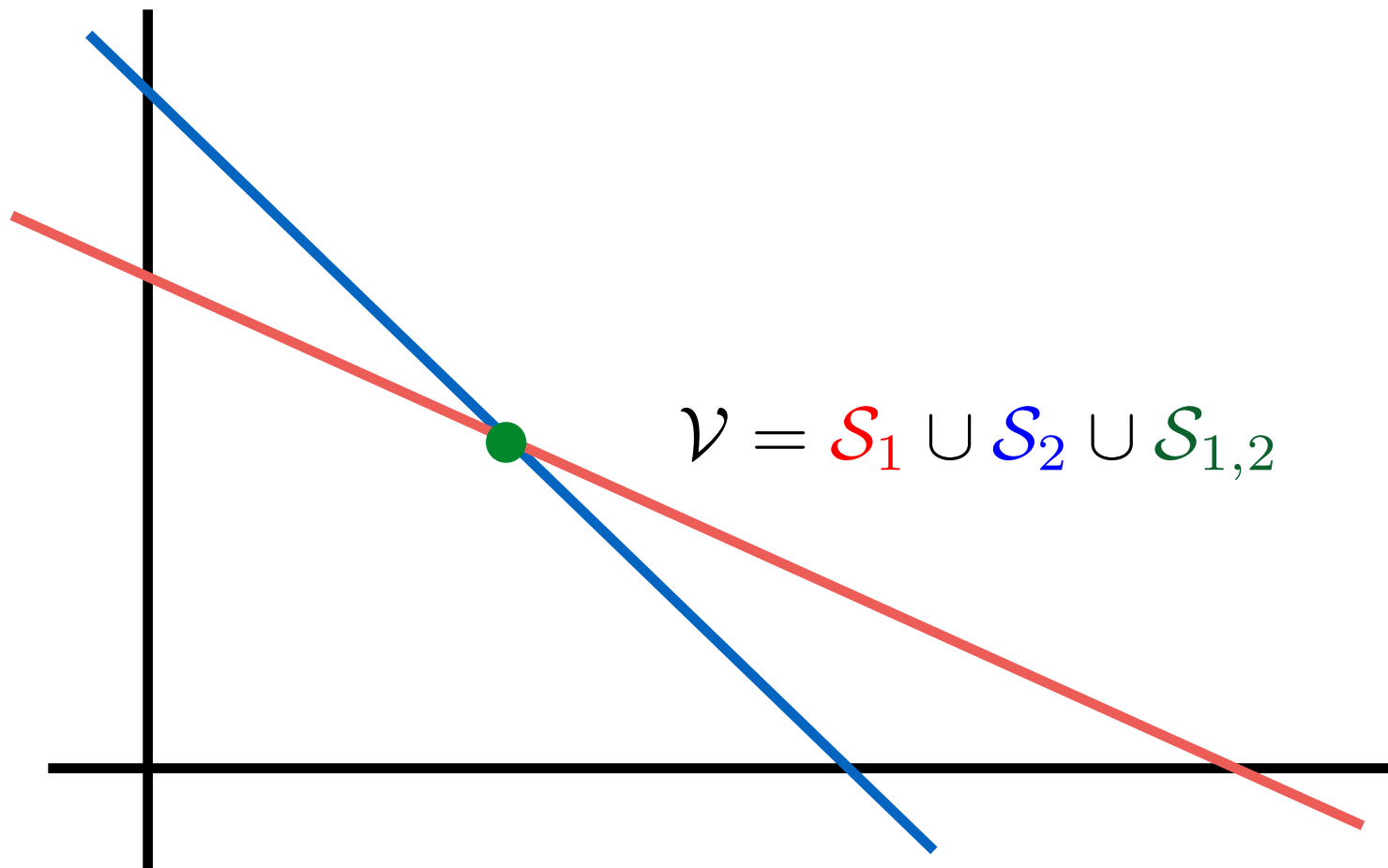
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$\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{S}_S$  is a **critical point** in the direction  $\mathbf{r}$  if

$$\mathbf{r} = \lambda_1 (\nabla_{\log} H_1)(\mathbf{w}) + \dots + \lambda_s (\nabla_{\log} H_s)(\mathbf{w})$$

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The critical points on  $\mathcal{S}_S$  are defined by the vanishing of  $H_{k_1}, \dots, H_{k_s}$  and the  $(s+1) \times (s+1)$  minors of

$$\begin{pmatrix} (\nabla_{\log H_{k_1}})(\mathbf{w}) \\ \vdots \\ (\nabla_{\log H_{k_s}})(\mathbf{w}) \\ \mathbf{r} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Contributing Points

Suppose  $\mathbf{w}$  is a minimal critical point on the stratum  $\mathcal{S}_{1,\dots,s}$

If  $(\partial H_j / \partial z_{k_j})(\mathbf{w}) \neq 0$  then define

$$\mathbf{v}_j = \frac{(\nabla_{\log H_j})(\mathbf{w})}{w_{k_j}(\partial H_j / \partial z_{k_j})(\mathbf{w})} = \left( \frac{w_1(\partial H_j / \partial z_1)(\mathbf{w})}{w_{k_j}(\partial H_j / \partial z_{k_j})(\mathbf{w})}, \dots, \frac{w_d(\partial H_j / \partial z_d)(\mathbf{w})}{w_{k_j}(\partial H_j / \partial z_{k_j})(\mathbf{w})} \right)$$

It turns out  $\mathbf{v}_j \in \mathbb{R}^d$

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If  $\mathbf{r} = \lambda_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \dots + \lambda_s \mathbf{v}_s$  where each  $\lambda_k > 0$  then  $\mathbf{w}$  is called a **contributing point**.

**Note:** Smooth minimal critical points are always contributing!



# Multiple Point Asymptotics

Suppose  $\mathbf{w}$  is a minimal contributing singularity of

$$F(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{G(\mathbf{z})}{H_1(\mathbf{z}) \cdots H_m(\mathbf{z})}$$

with no other singularity with the same coordinate-wise modulus.

If  $w$  lies on a stratum of codimension  $s$  then there exist explicit matrices  $\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{w}}$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathbf{w}}$  such that

$$f_{n\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{w}^{-n\mathbf{r}} n^{(s-d)/2} (2\pi r_d)^{(s-d)/2} \det(\mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{w}})^{-1/2} \left( \frac{G(\mathbf{w})}{\det \Gamma_{\mathbf{w}}} + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \right)$$

when  $\det \mathcal{M}_{\mathbf{w}} \neq 0$

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- 2) Take residues in  $s$  dimensions
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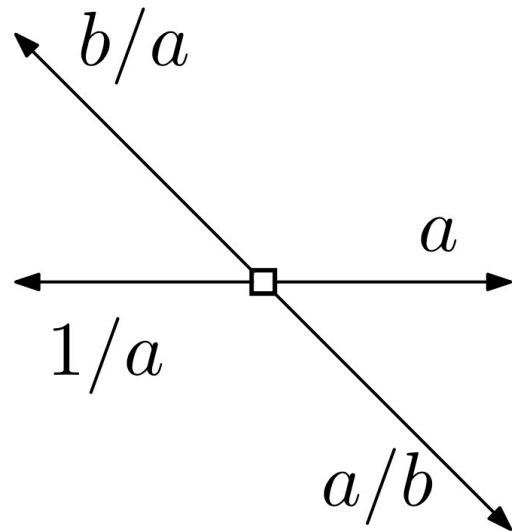
- 1) Introduce asymptotically negligible integrals
- 2) Take residues in  $s$  dimensions
- 3) Approximate a  $(d - s)$ -dimensional saddle-point integral

If  $s = d$  then

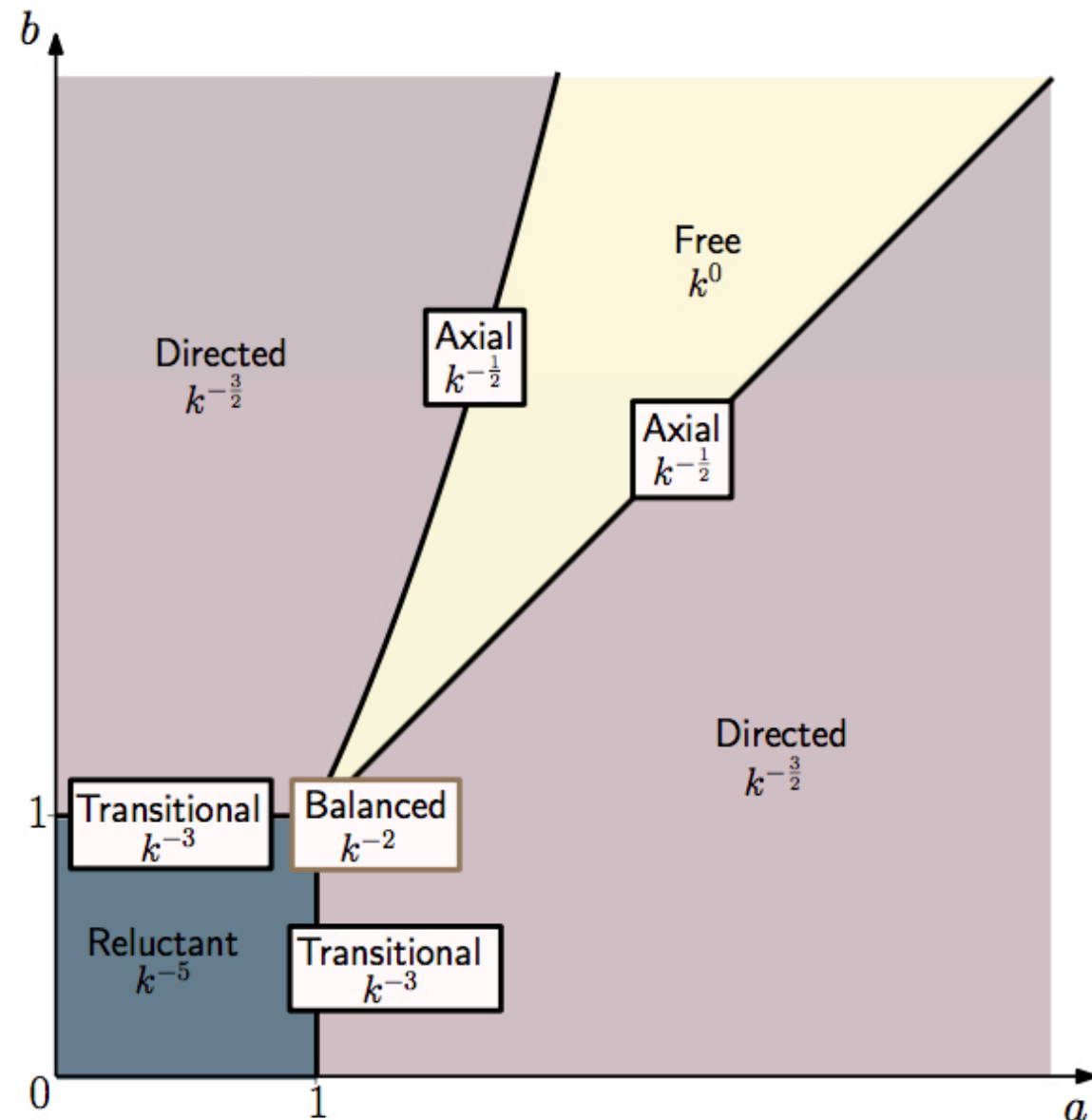
$$f_{n\mathbf{r}} = \mathbf{w}^{-n\mathbf{r}} \cdot \frac{G(\mathbf{w})}{|\det \Gamma_{\mathbf{w}}|} + O(\tau^n)$$

where  $0 < \tau < |\mathbf{w}^{-\mathbf{r}}|$  and  $\Gamma_{\mathbf{w}} = \begin{pmatrix} (\nabla_{\log H_1})(\mathbf{w}) \\ \vdots \\ (\nabla_{\log H_s})(\mathbf{w}) \end{pmatrix}$

# Quadrant Walks on Weighed Stepsets



$$\frac{yt^2(y-b)(a-x)(a+x)(a^2y-bx^2)(ay-bx)(ay+bx)}{a^4b^3\left(1-txy\left(\frac{1}{ax}+ax+\frac{ax}{by}+\frac{by}{ax}\right)\right)(1-x)(1-y)}$$



# Topic 6

## Geometric Approach to ACSV

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# Whitney Stratifications

In general, we partition  $\mathcal{V}$  into a finite collection of **strata** that are manifolds satisfying the *Whitney conditions*

The **critical points** of  $F$  in direction  $\mathbf{r}$  are the critical points of  $\phi(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{z}^{\mathbf{r}}$  restricted to each of these manifolds

**Fact:** There exist effectively computable algebraic sets

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{F}_0 \supset \mathcal{F}_1 \supset \cdots \supset \mathcal{F}_m = \emptyset$$

such that the connected components of  $\mathcal{F}_k \setminus \mathcal{F}_{k+1}$  form a Whitney stratification.

**Corollary:** All critical points defined by algebraic (in)equations

# Height Functions

For large  $n$  the modulus of

$$f_{n\mathbf{r}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^d} \int_{\mathcal{C}} F(\mathbf{z}) \frac{d\mathbf{z}}{\mathbf{z}^{n\mathbf{r}+\mathbf{1}}}$$

is captured by

$$h(\mathbf{z}) = -r_1 \log |z_1| - \cdots - r_d \log |z_d|$$

**Idea 1:** We start with points of  $C$  with high height

Try to push them down as far as possible while avoiding  $\mathcal{V}$

**Idea 2:** Use *Leray residues* to reduce to integral ‘on’  $\mathcal{V}$

Try to push down resulting *intersection cycles*

# Pushing Down Cycle

Start with the expression

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \int_{|x|=\varepsilon, |y|=\varepsilon} \frac{1}{1-x-y} \frac{dx dy}{x^{n+1} y^{n+1}}$$

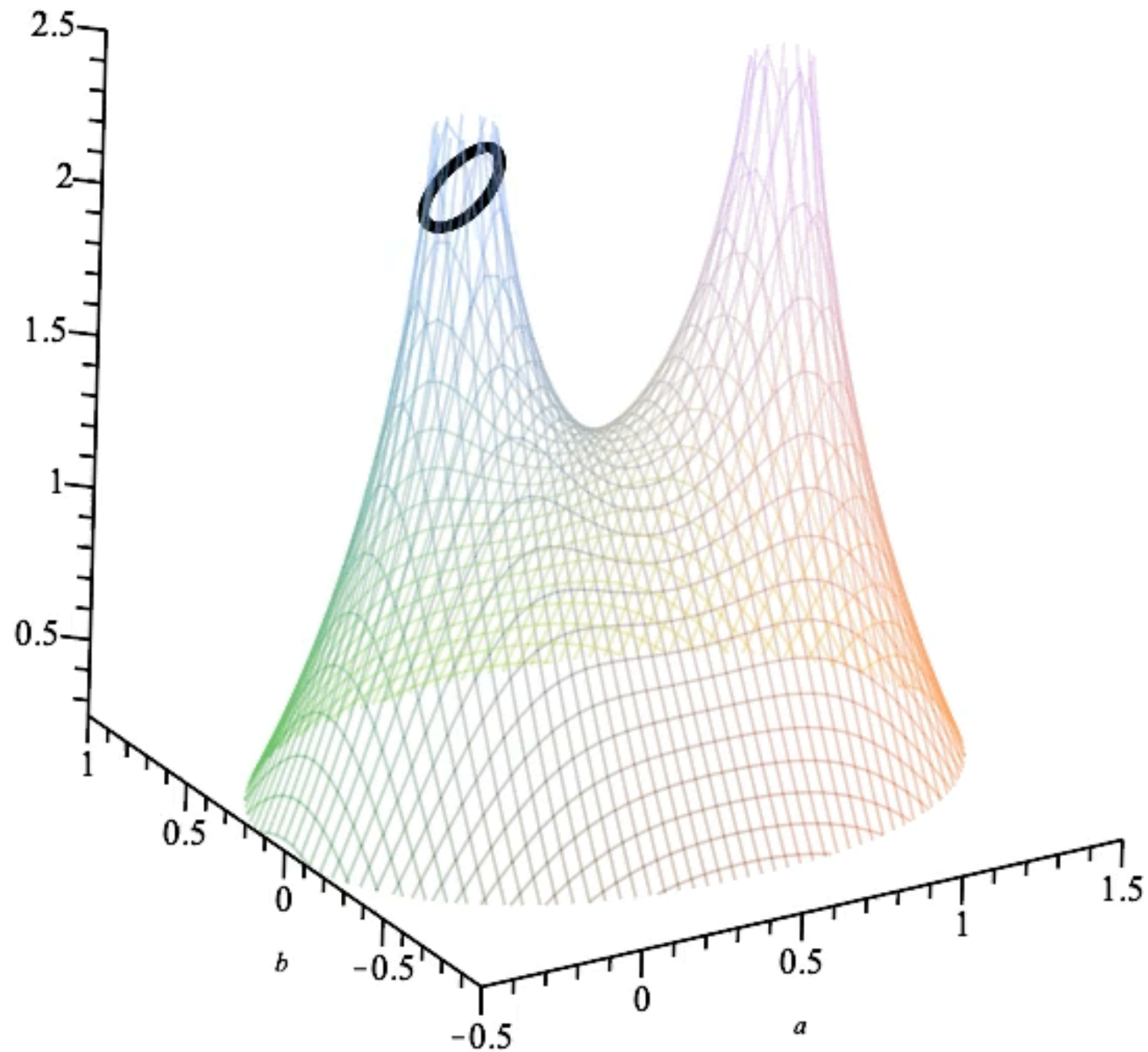
Expand  $|y|$  until you hit  $\mathcal{V}$  and take a residue

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{-1}{2\pi i} \int_{|x|=\varepsilon} \frac{dx}{x^{n+1} (1-x)^{n+1}}$$

Then flow the cycle  $|x| = \varepsilon$  to points of lower height



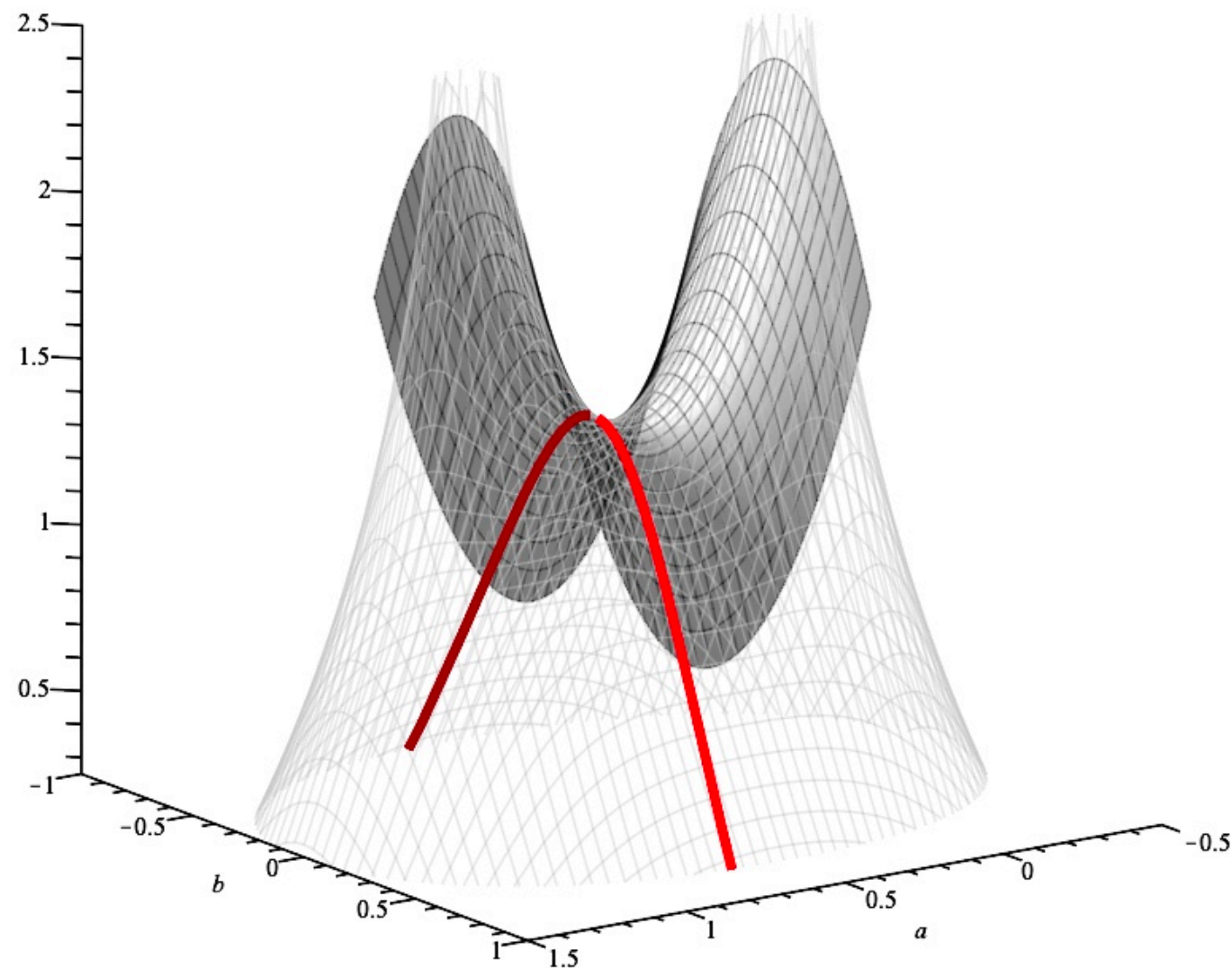
**Maximum height = 2.408**



Flow of  $x = a + ib$  starting with  $|x| = 1/10$

with  $h(a, b) = -\log |x| - \log |1 - x| = -\frac{1}{2} \log(a^2 + b^2) - \frac{1}{2} \log((1 - a)^2 + b^2)$

# We get stuck at saddle-point



$$\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{-1}{2\pi i} \int_{\mathcal{C}'} \frac{dx}{x^{n+1}(1-x)^{n+1}} = \frac{4^n}{\sqrt{\pi n}} (1 + O(n^{-1}))$$

# Morse theory

Actually performing these flows is inefficient!

But we can **predict** where they get stuck — at **critical points**!

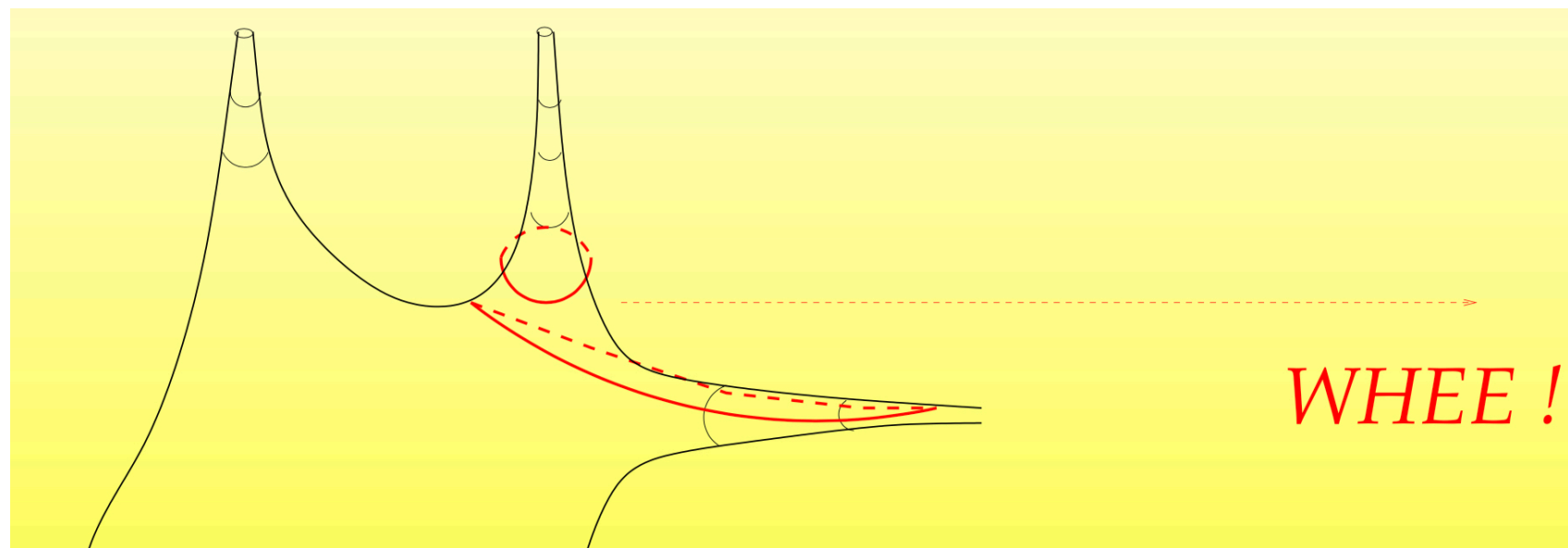
And we will get **saddle-point integrals**!

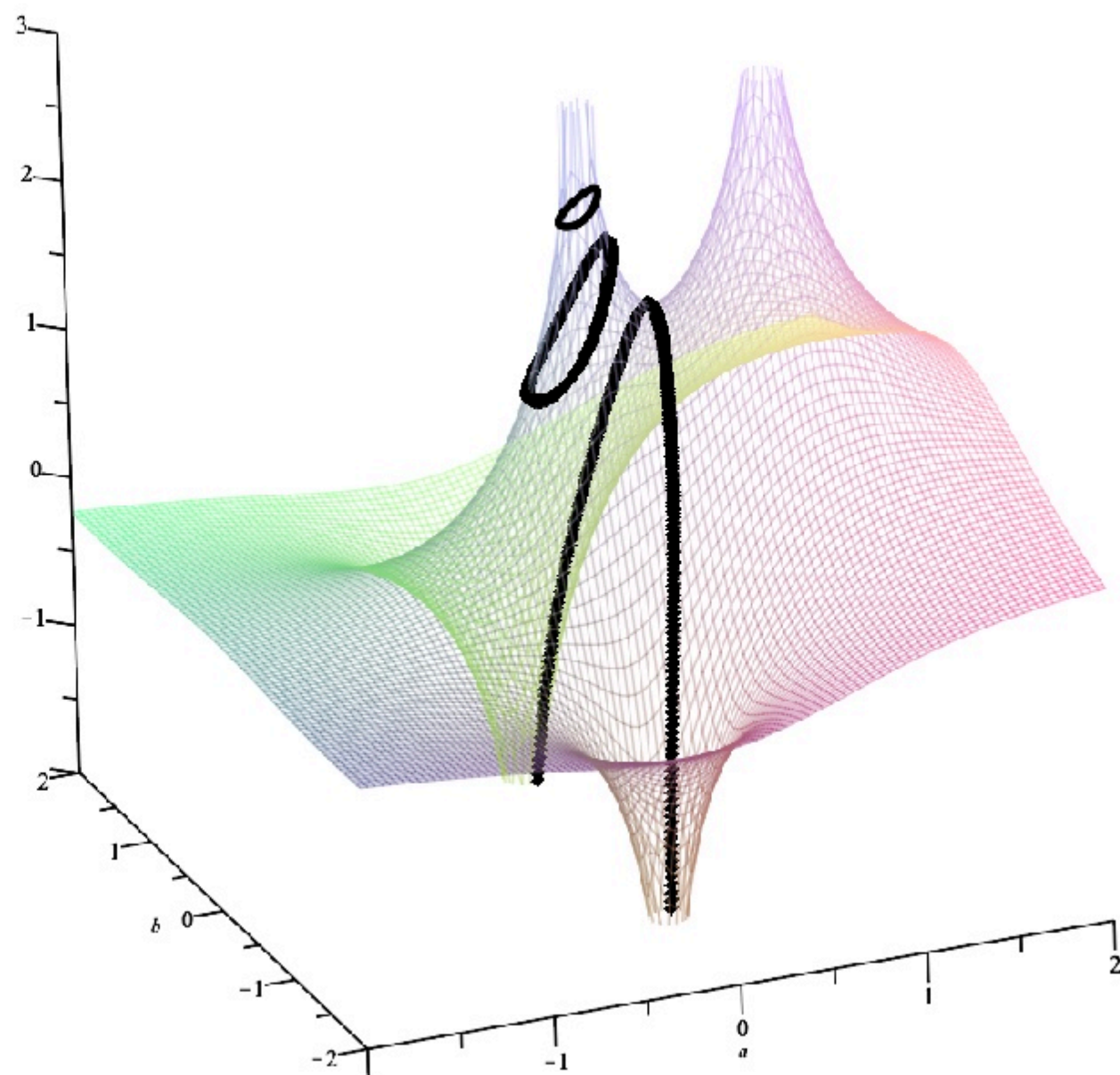
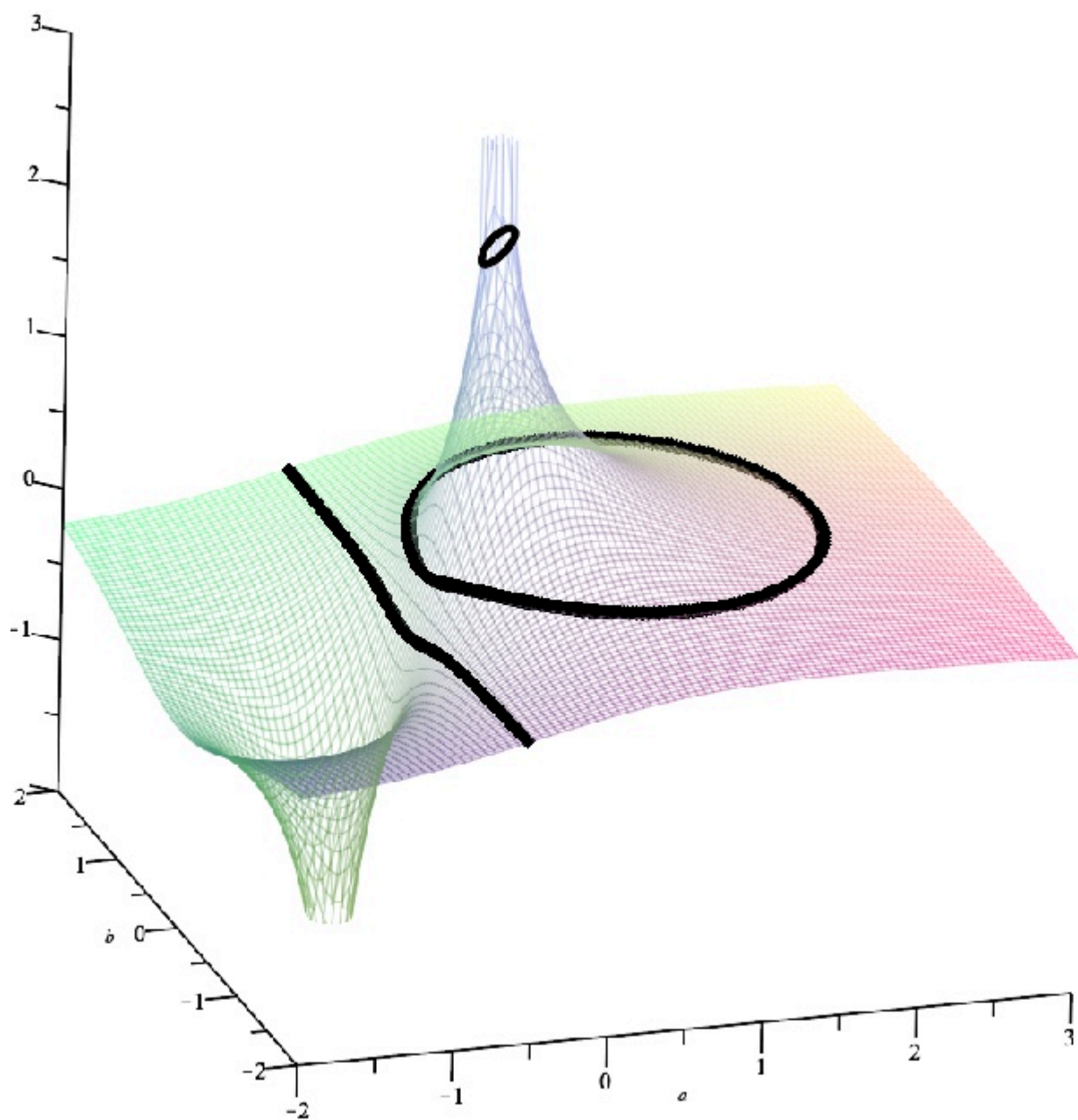
**Morse theory:** Topological study of manifolds via height functions

**Stratified Morse theory:** Study of varieties (and more)

**Problem:** Our height functions are not *proper*

**Solution:** Ignore parts not contributing to dominant asymptotics





Flows of  $|x| = 1/10$  on  $\mathcal{V}(1 - x - xy)$  and  $\mathcal{V}(1 - x - y - x^2y)$



# Morse Theory For Asymptotics

(Baryshnikov, M. and Pemantle 2021)

There exist checkable algebraic conditions, under which the results of Morse theory hold and we can write

$$f_{n\mathbf{r}} = \sum_{\mathbf{w} \in \text{crit}} \kappa_{\mathbf{w}} \Psi_{\mathbf{w}}(n) + \text{asymptotically negligible terms}$$

where  $\kappa_{\mathbf{w}} \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Psi_{\mathbf{w}}(n)$  is a local integral

Cannot always determine  $\kappa_{\mathbf{w}}$  directly, but knowing they are integers we can sometimes use **rigorous numerical analytic continuation**

# Two Complementary Approaches: Approach #1

Consider  $F(w, x, y, z) = \frac{1}{1 - (w + x + y + z) + 27wxyz}$

There are **three critical points**, with asymptotic contributions

$$\Phi_1(n) = 81^n \cdot \Theta(n) \quad (w = x = y = z = 1/3)$$

$$\Phi_2(n) = \left( \frac{11621 - i\sqrt{30803599}}{20420} \right) \frac{(-7 - 4i\sqrt{2})^n}{n^{3/2}\pi^{3/2}} \quad (w = x = y = z = -1/3 + i\sqrt{2}/3)$$

$$\Phi_3(n) = \left( \frac{11621 + i\sqrt{30803599}}{20420} \right) \frac{(-7 + 4i\sqrt{2})^n}{n^{3/2}\pi^{3/2}} \quad (w = x = y = z = -1/3 - i\sqrt{2}/3)$$

Our Morse result immediately implies

$$f_{n,n,n,n} = \kappa_1 \Phi_1(n) + \kappa_2 \Phi_2(n) + \kappa_3 \Phi_3(n)$$

## Two Complementary Approaches: Approach #2

Consider  $F(w, x, y, z) = \frac{1}{1 - (w + x + y + z) + 27wxyz}$

The diagonal coefficients satisfy a **linear recurrence**

$$(n^3 + 6n^2 + 12n + 8)c_{n+2} + (14n^3 + 63n^2 + 97n + 51)c_{n+1} + (81n^3 + 243n^2 + 243n + 81)c_n = 0$$

whose solutions form a **complex vector-space** with basis

$$\Psi_1(n) = \frac{(94i\sqrt{2} - 7)^n}{n^{3/2}} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \quad \Psi_2(n) = \frac{(-94i\sqrt{2} - 7)^n}{n^{3/2}} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)$$

so

$$f_{n,n,n,n} = \sigma_1 \Psi_1(n) + \sigma_2 \Psi_2(n)$$

Now the  $\sigma_j \in \mathbb{C}$  but **we can rigorously approximate them to any desired accuracy using *numeric analytic continuation***

# Two Complementary Approaches: Combined

The sequence in question is

$$f_{n,n,n,n} = \kappa_1 \Phi_1(n) + \kappa_2 \Phi_2(n) + \kappa_3 \Phi_3(n)$$

**Unknown  
integers**



and

$$f_{n,n,n,n} = \sigma_1 \Psi_1(n) + \sigma_2 \Psi_2(n)$$

**Approximated  
Complex Numbers**



By combining methods we can exactly determine asymptotics.

Arbitrary approximation cannot prove equalities without bounds!



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**Approximated  
Complex Numbers**



This process shows

$$\kappa_1 = 0.000 \dots$$

$$\kappa_2 = 2.999 \dots$$

$$\kappa_3 = 2.999 \dots$$

to hundreds of decimal places in seconds (on my laptop)

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**Theorem 2.5.** *The diagonal coefficients  $a_{n,n,n,n}$  of the function in Example 2.4 have an asymptotic expansion in decreasing powers of  $n$ , beginning as follows.*

$$a_{n,n,n,n} = 3 \cdot \left( \frac{(4i\sqrt{2} - 7)^n}{n^{3/2}} \frac{(5i - \sqrt{2}) \sqrt{-2i\sqrt{2} - 8}}{24\pi^{3/2}} + \frac{(-4i\sqrt{2} - 7)^n}{n^{3/2}} \frac{(-5i - \sqrt{2}) \sqrt{2i\sqrt{2} - 8}}{24\pi^{3/2}} \right) \quad (2.5)$$

$$+ O\left(9^n n^{-5/2}\right)$$

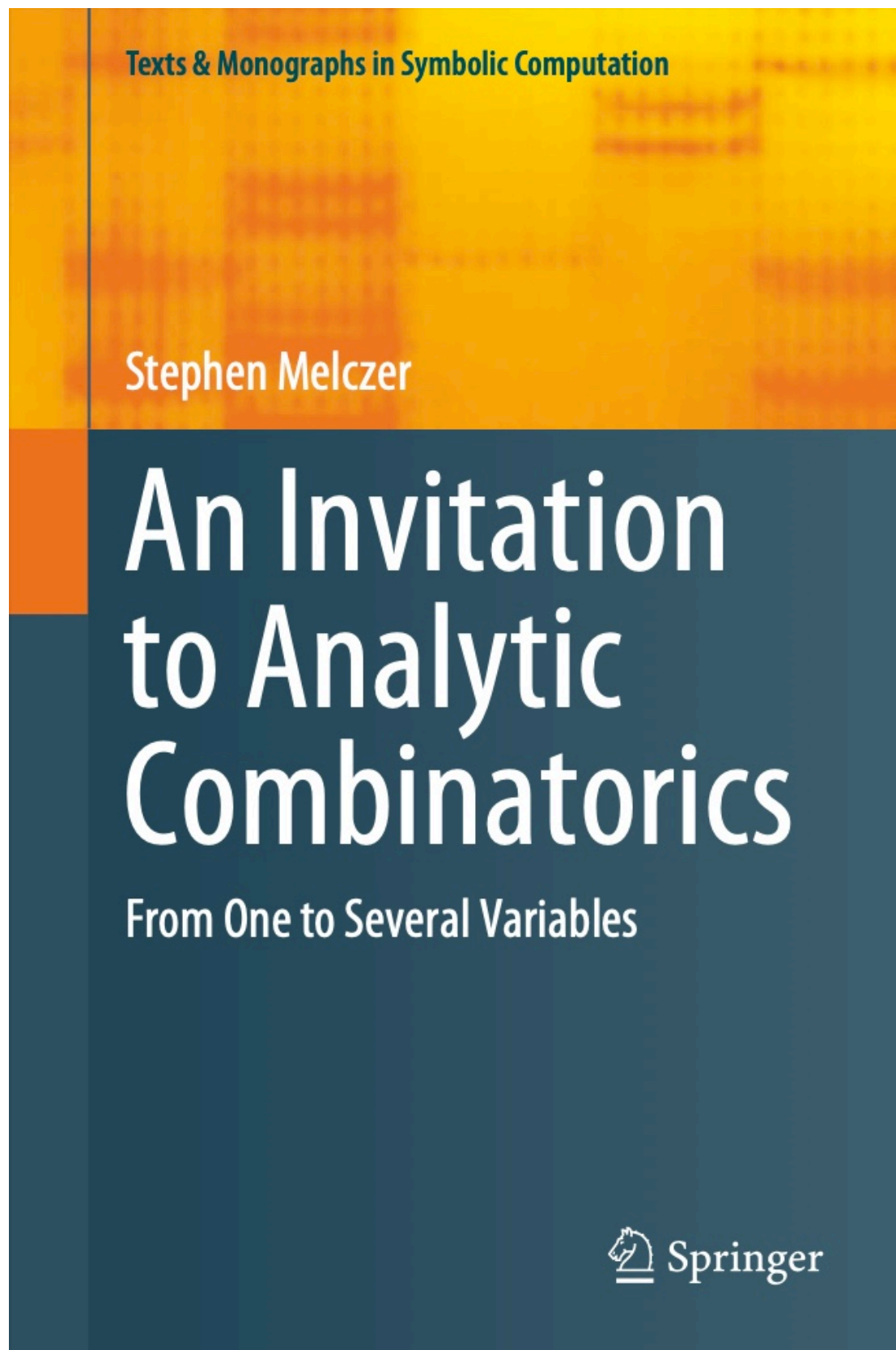
(Baryshnikov, M. and Pemantle 2021)

# General Picture

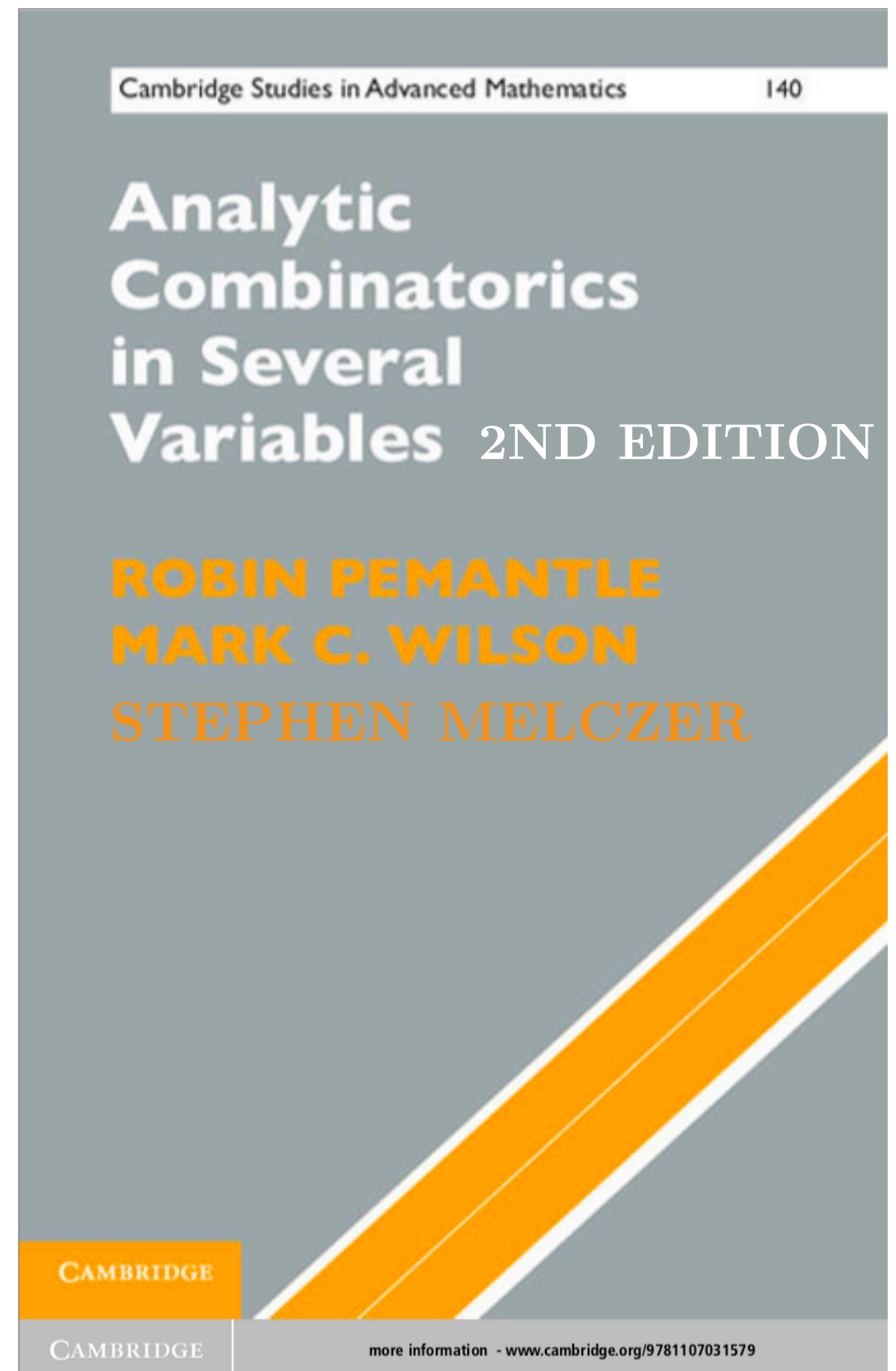
- Compute critical points and sort by height
- Verify *critical points at infinity* don't interfere
- Determine the integer coefficients  $\kappa_{\mathbf{w}}$  of highest crit pts
- Keep going until you get non-zero coefficients
- Try to approximate local integrals  $\Psi_{\mathbf{w}}(n)$

**Hardest part:** Finding integer coefficients (and checking non-zero)

Currently we can only find the coefficients for **minimal critical points**, or in **dimension two**, or when  $H$  has only **linear factors**



For new researchers — focus more on explicit results and computation



Most general theory, covering topological approaches

THANK YOU!

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