

# Outline

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- Phase line - how to extract information from an equation without solving it:
  - steady states,
  - stability,
  - general “shape” of solutions.
- Equations for motion at low Reynolds number.

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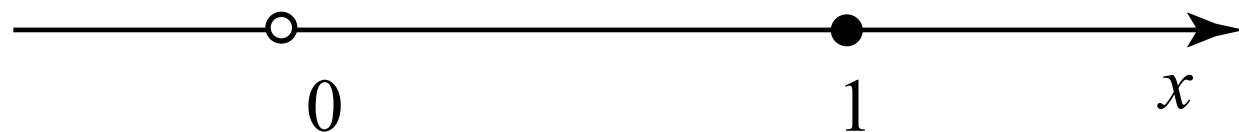
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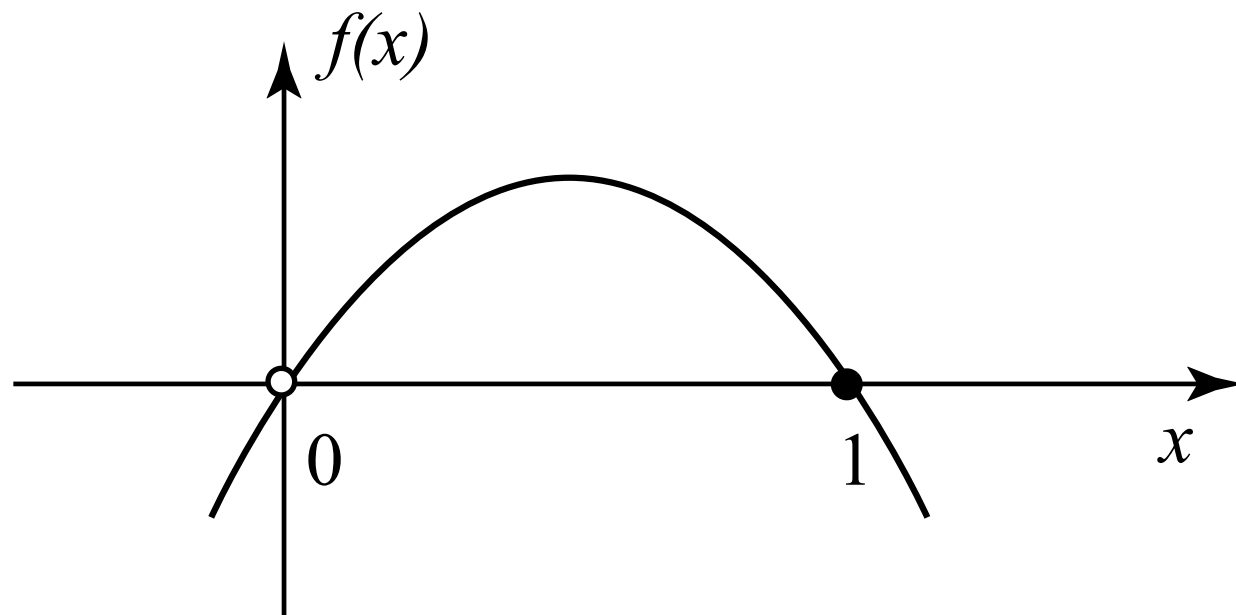
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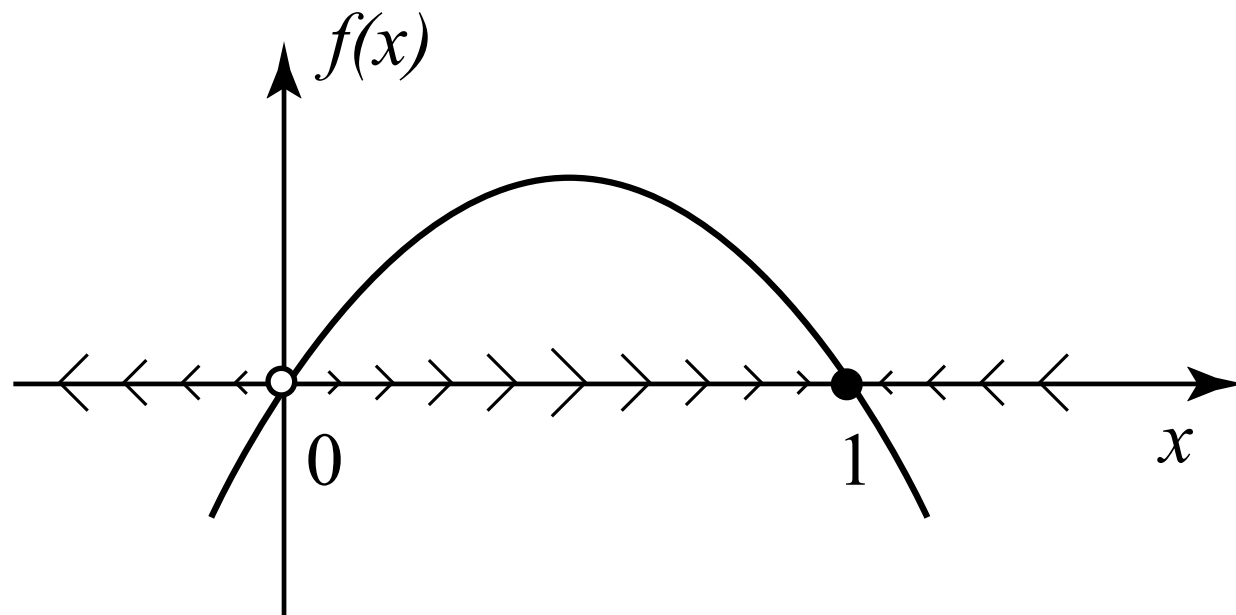
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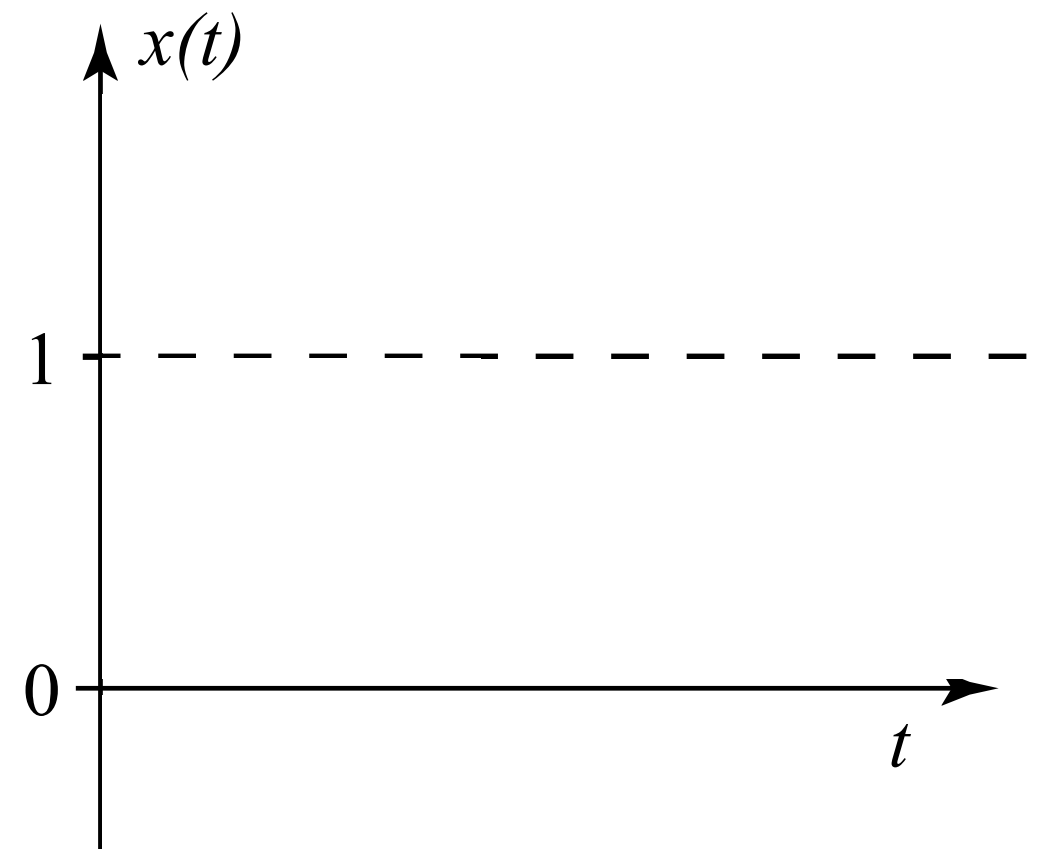
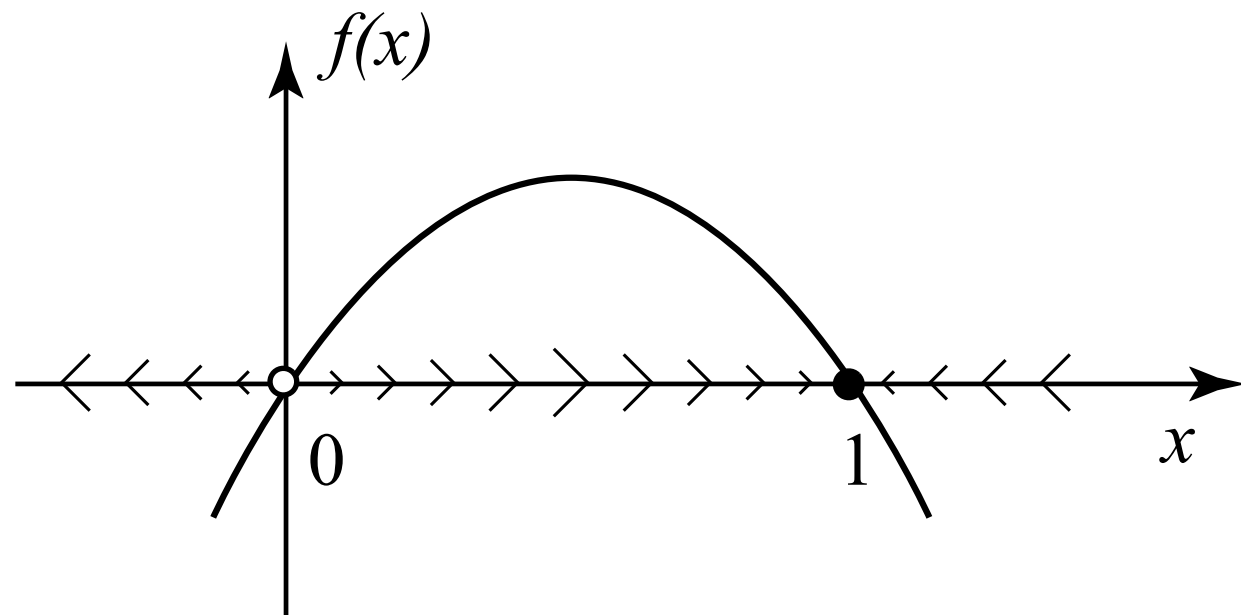
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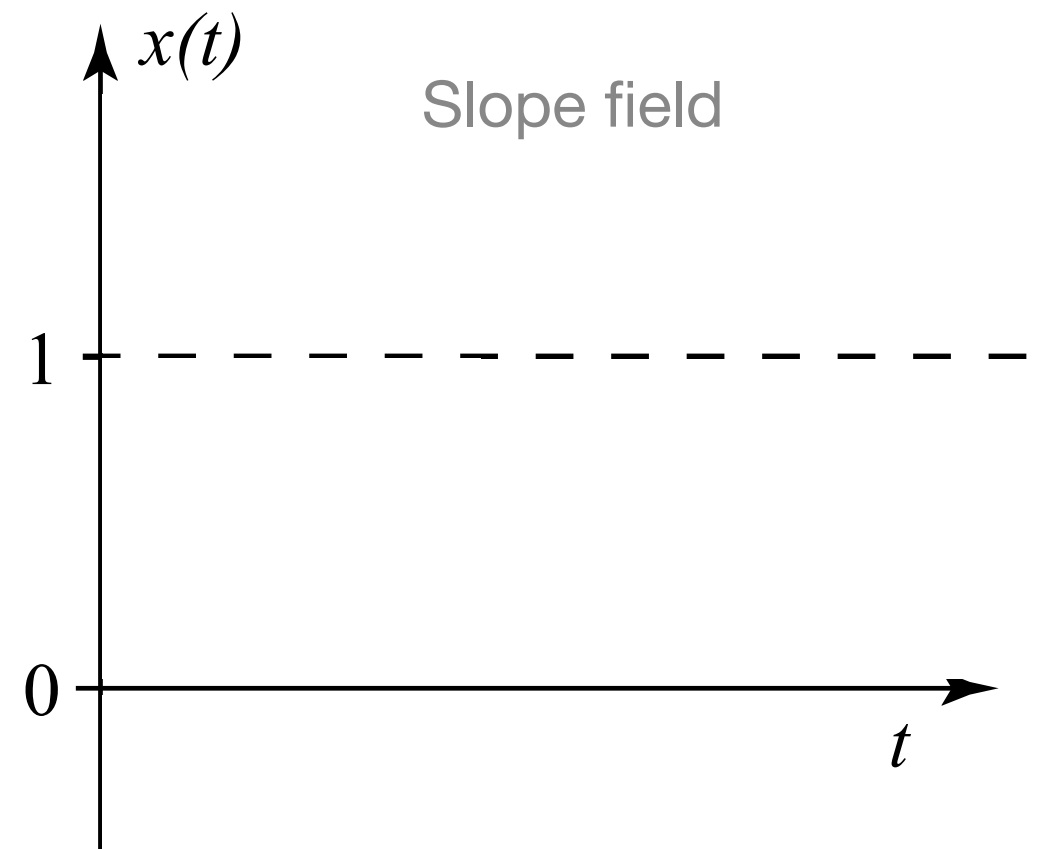
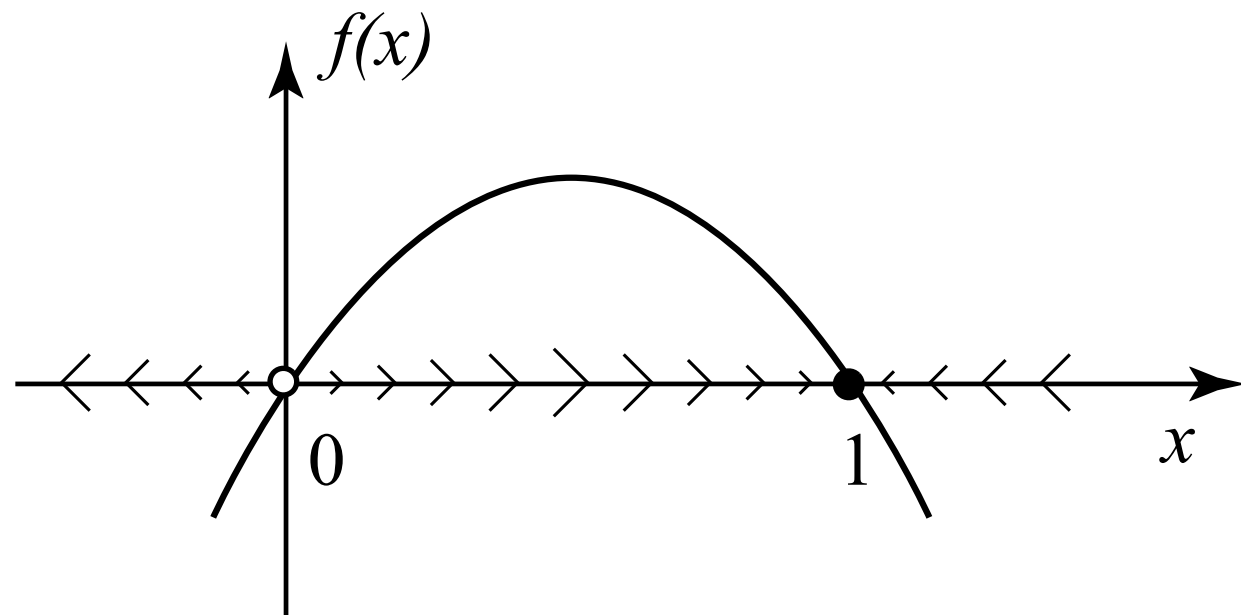
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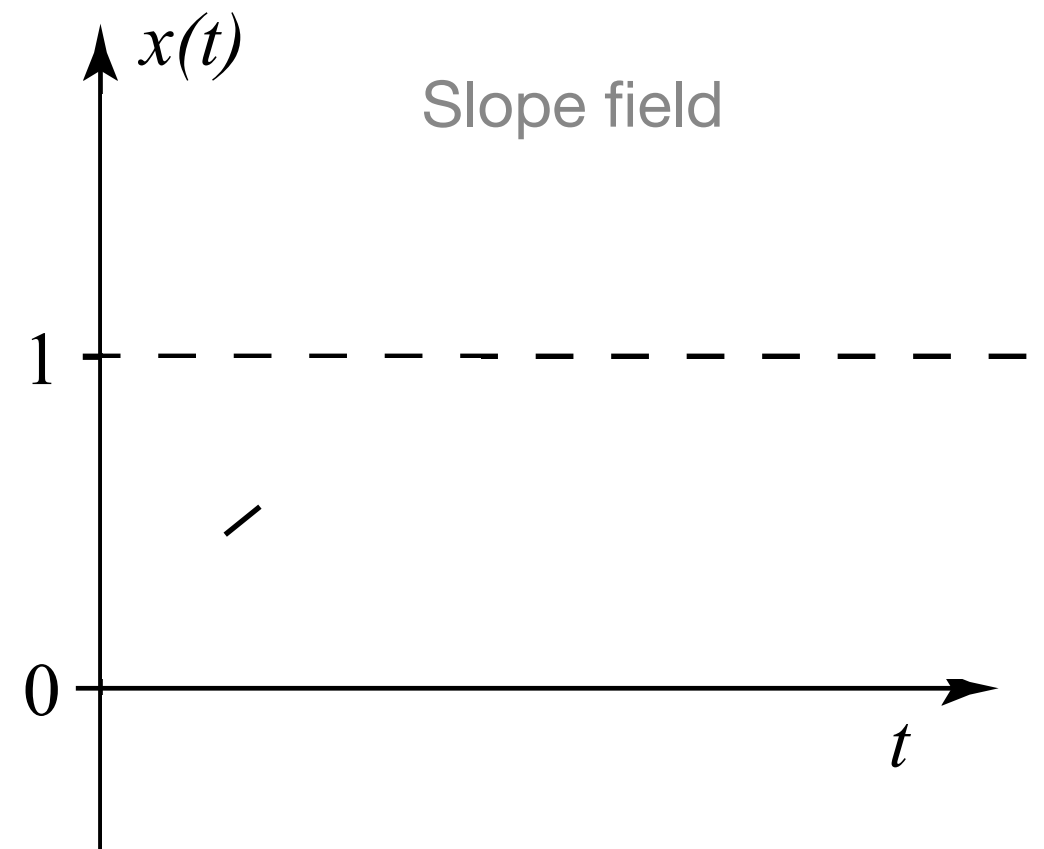
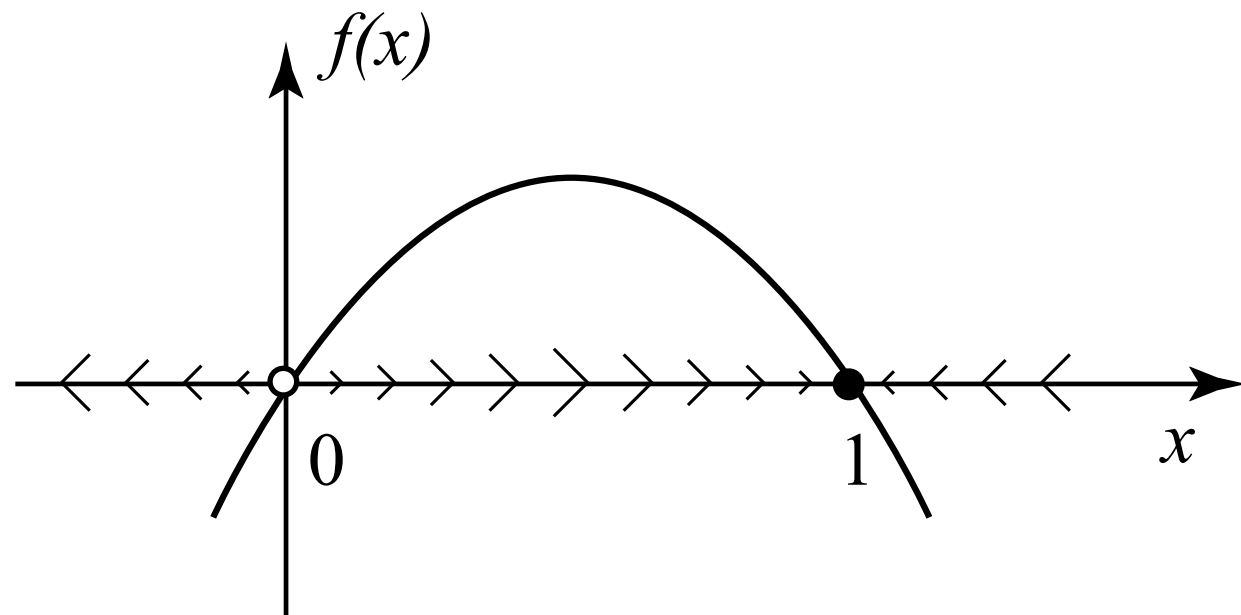
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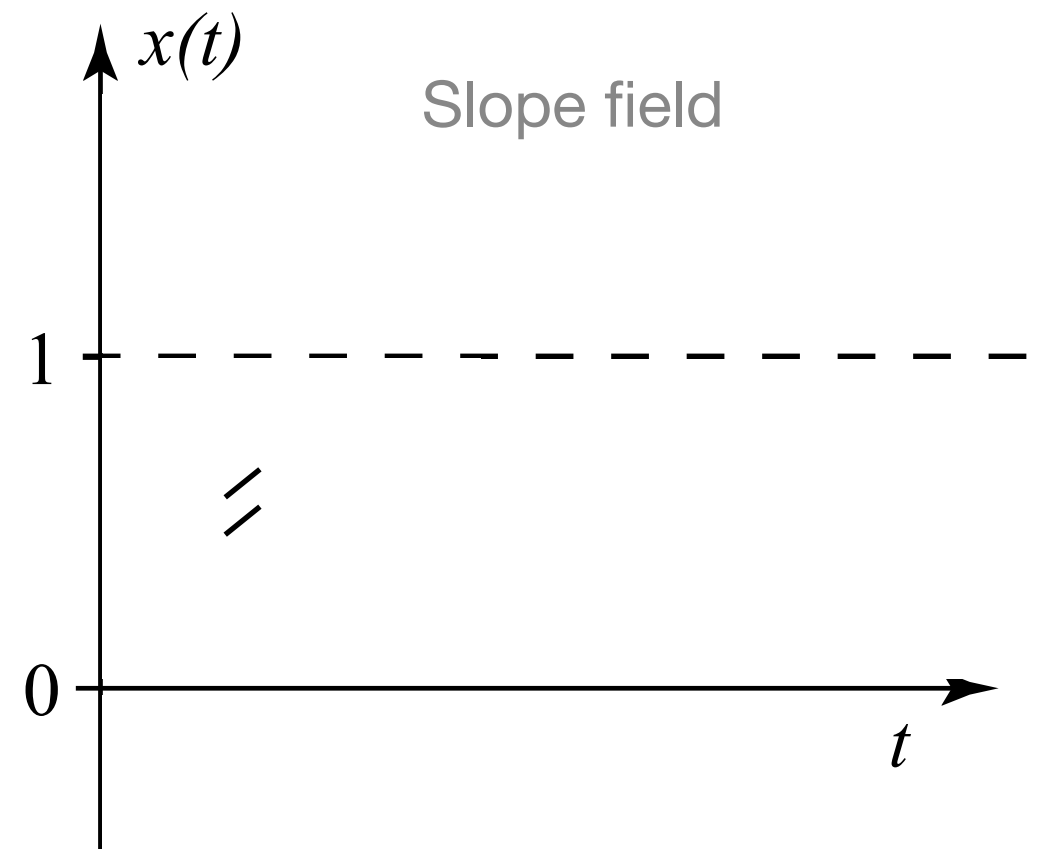
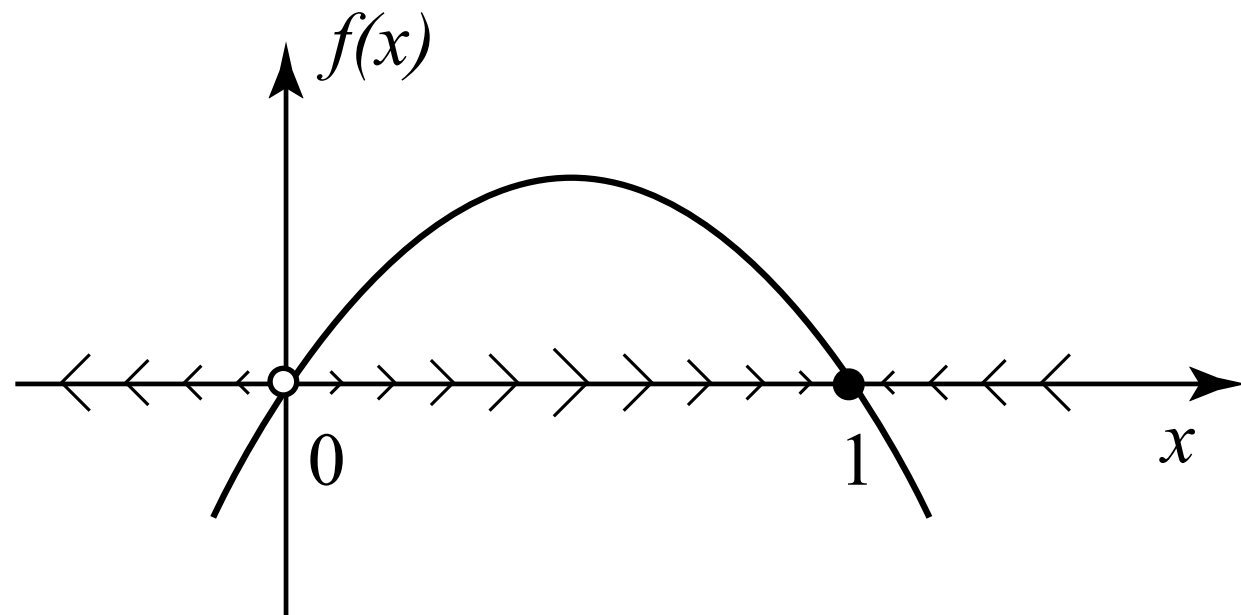
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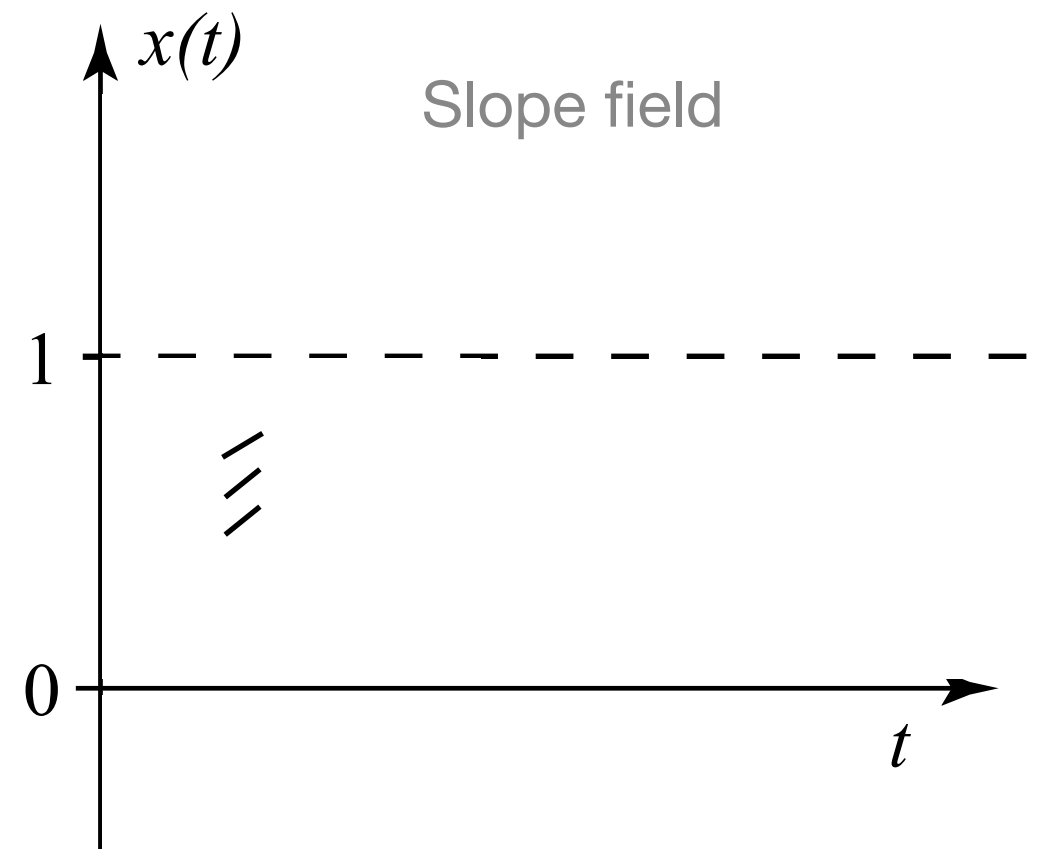
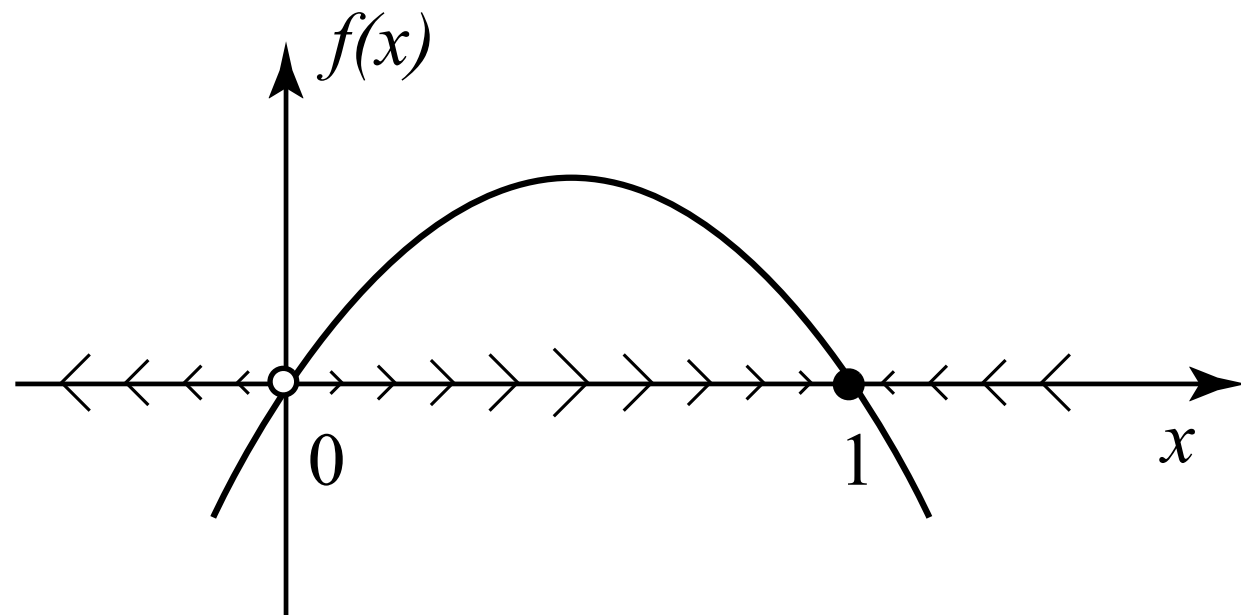
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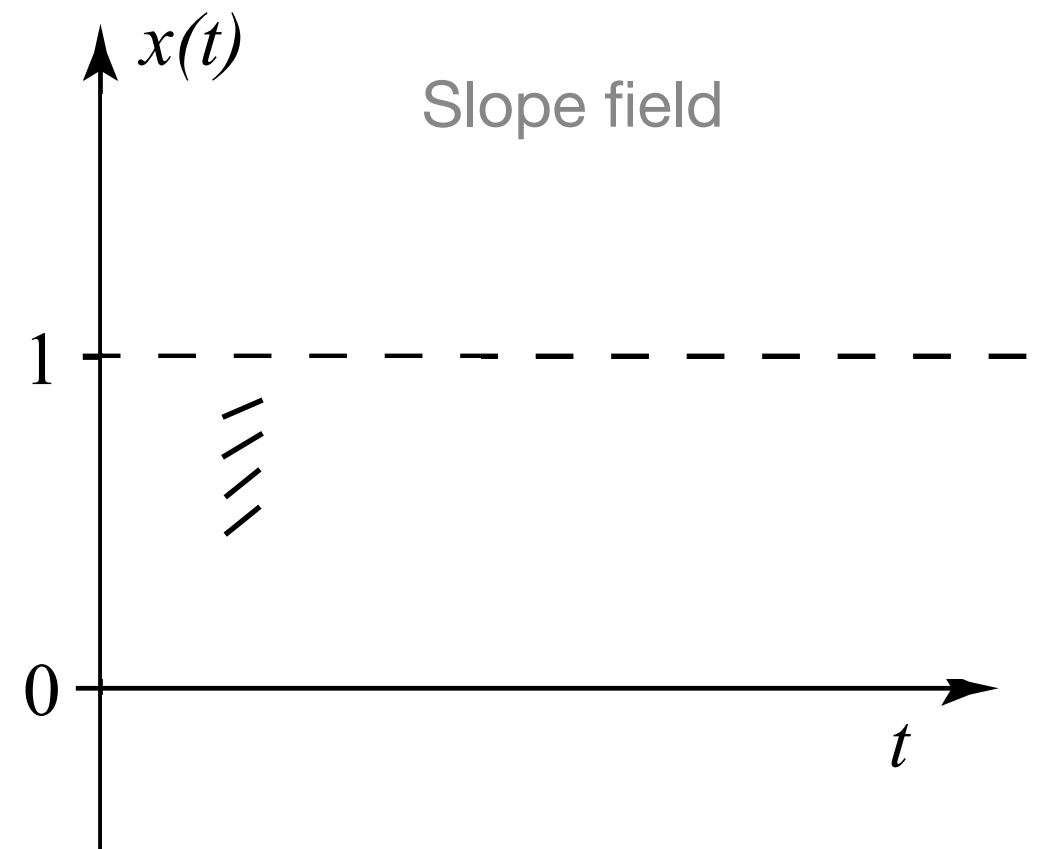
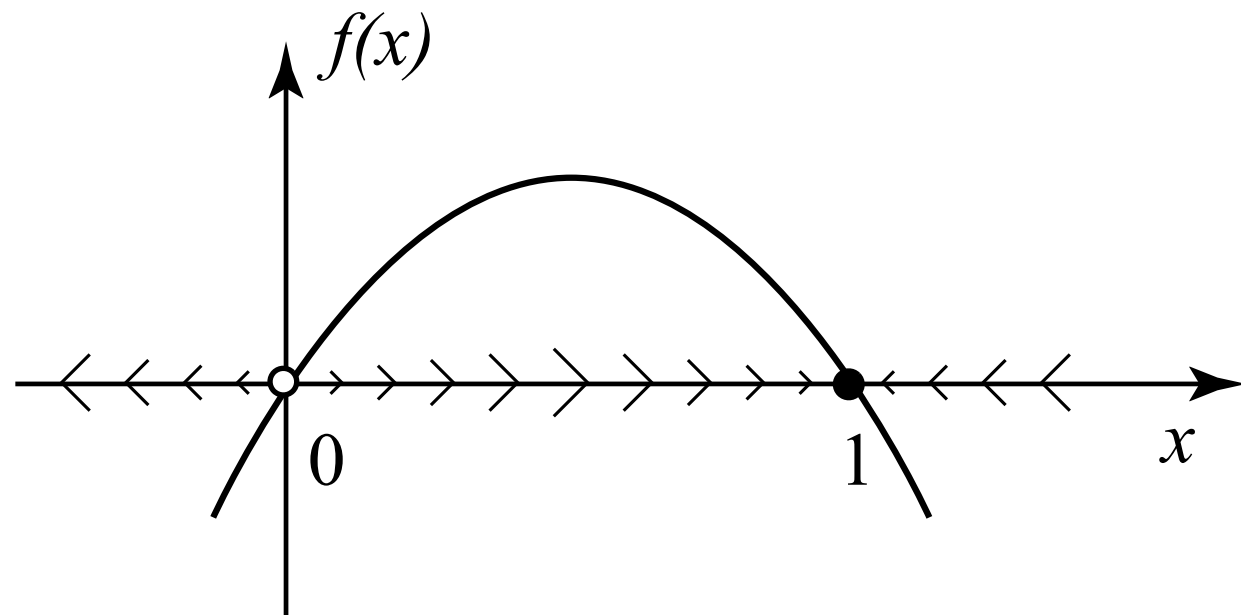
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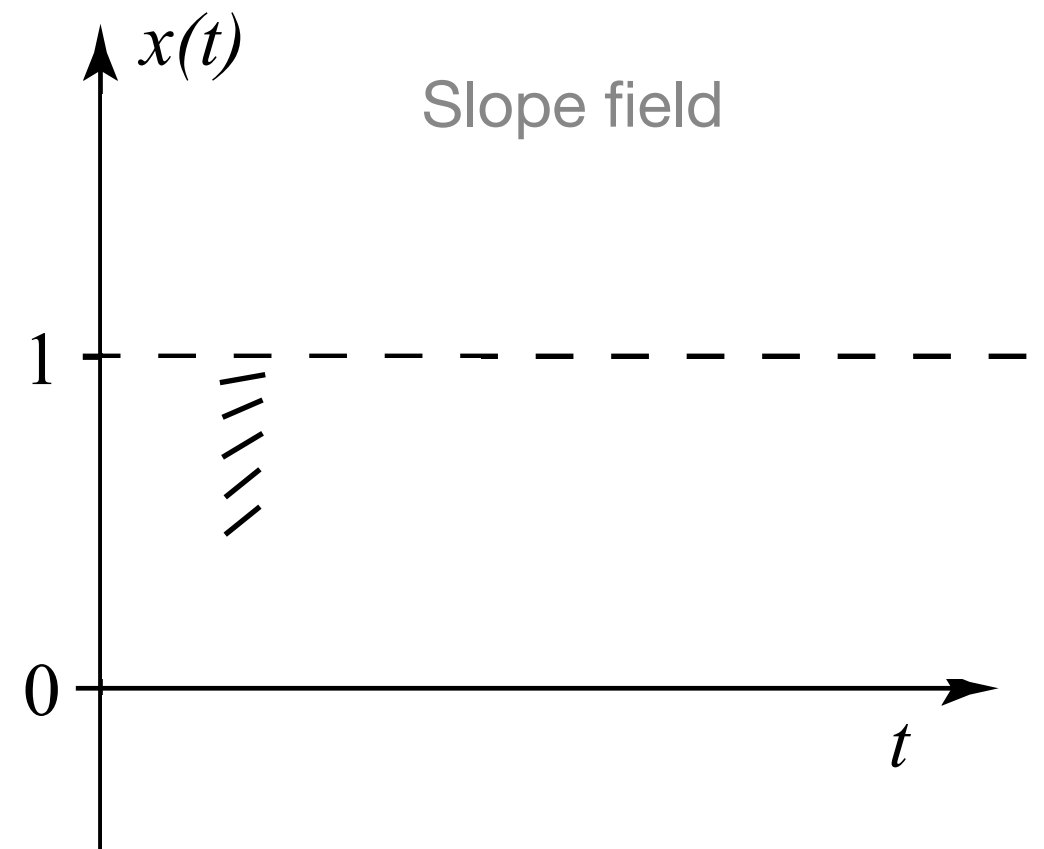
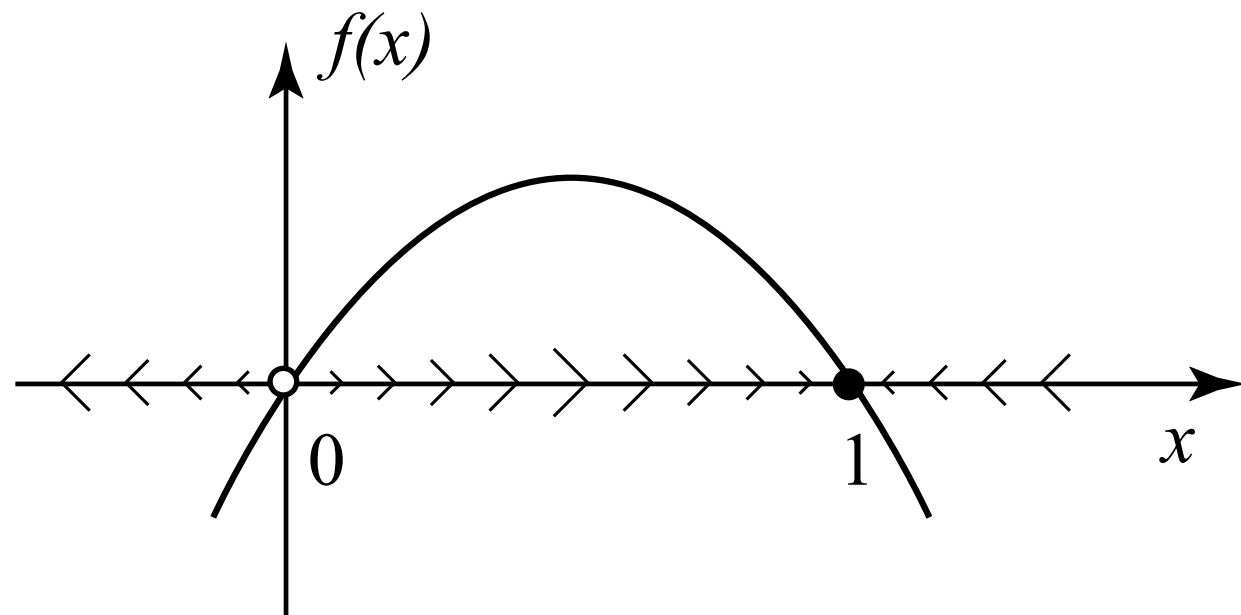
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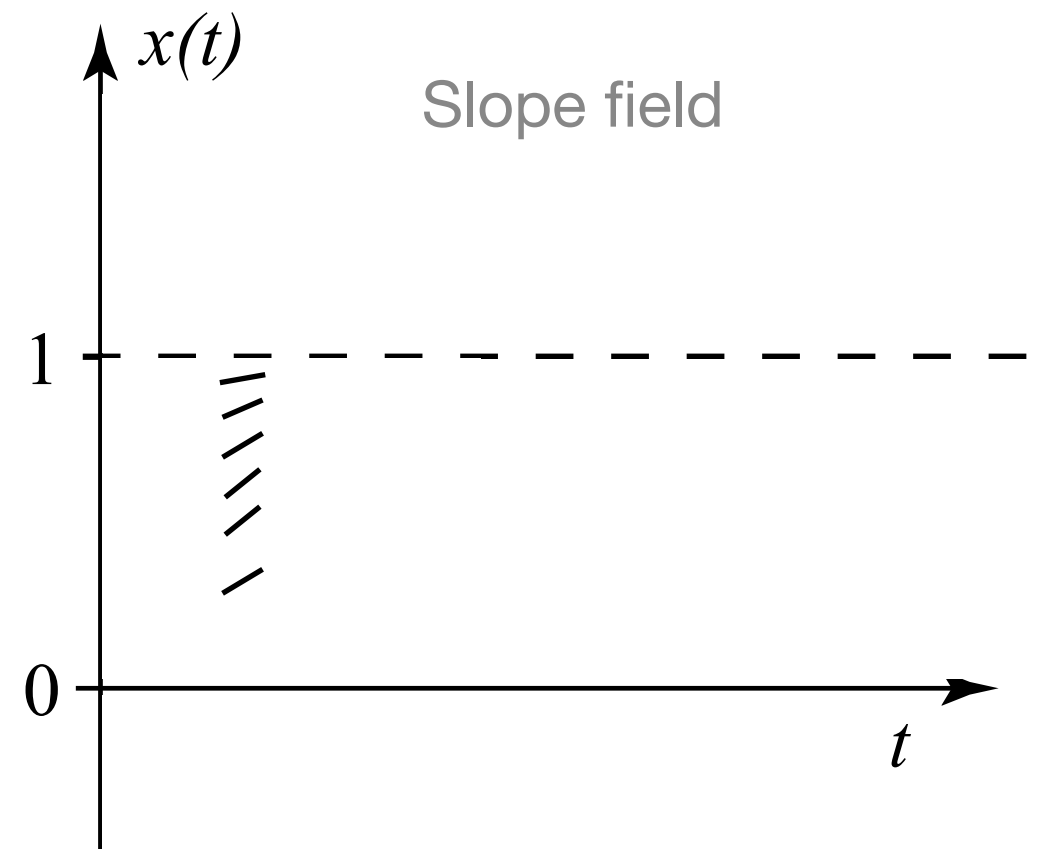
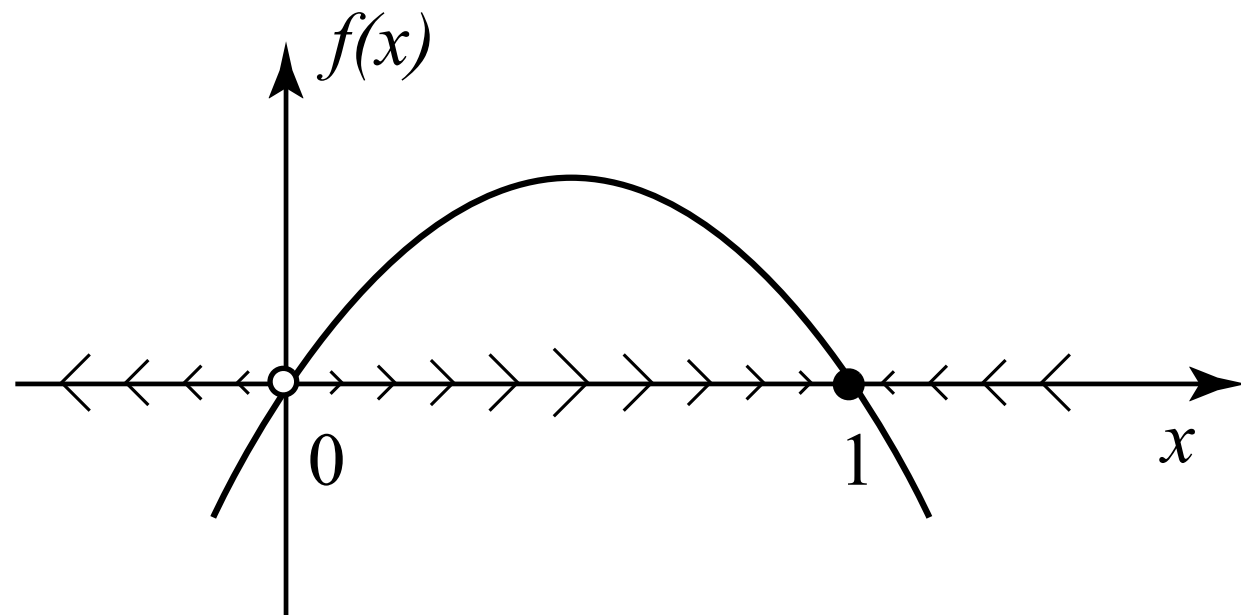
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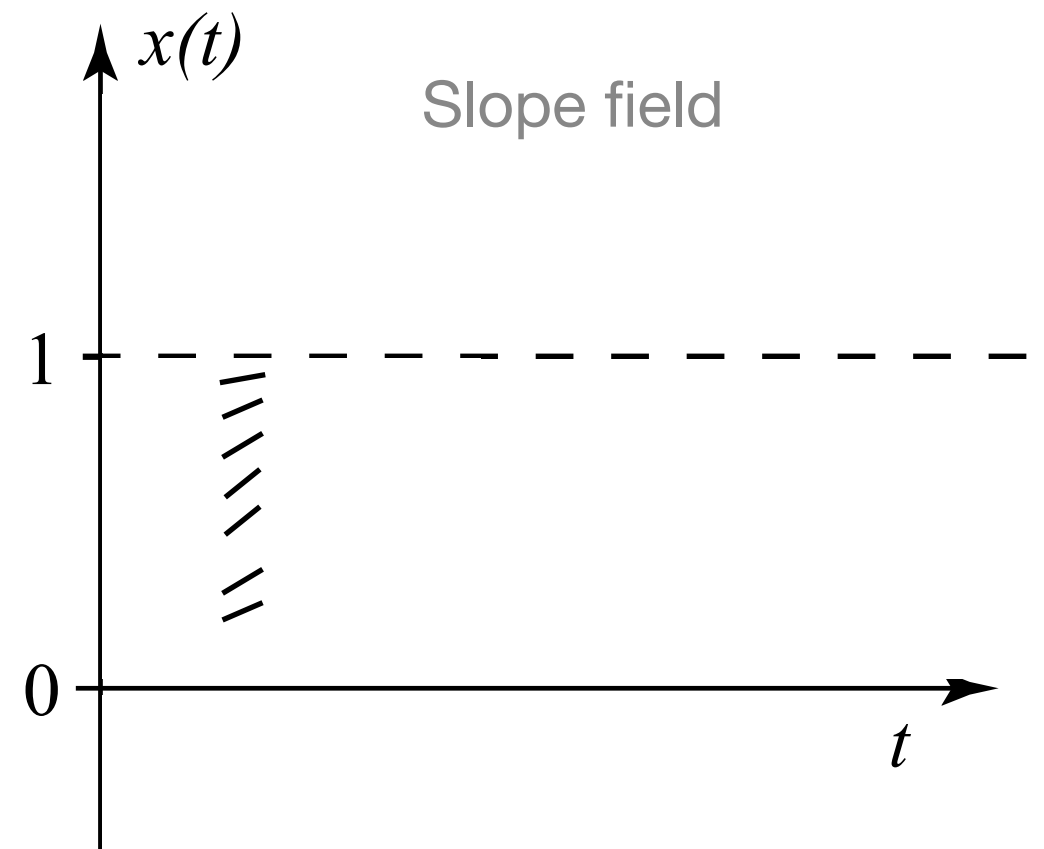
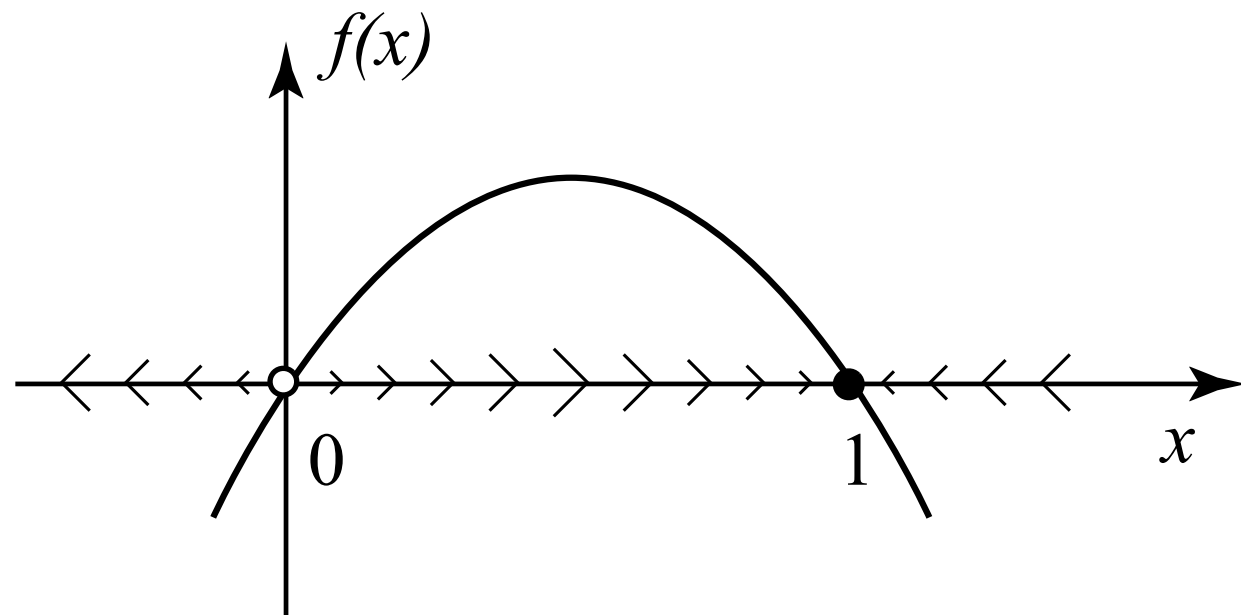
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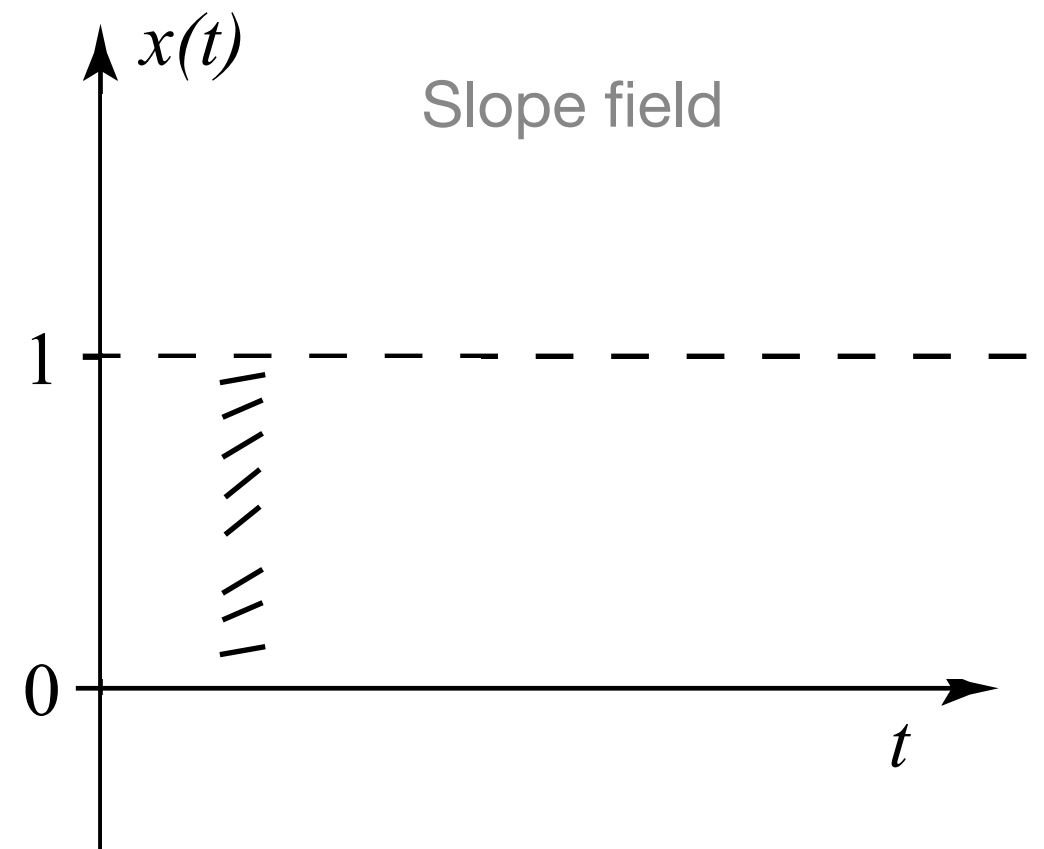
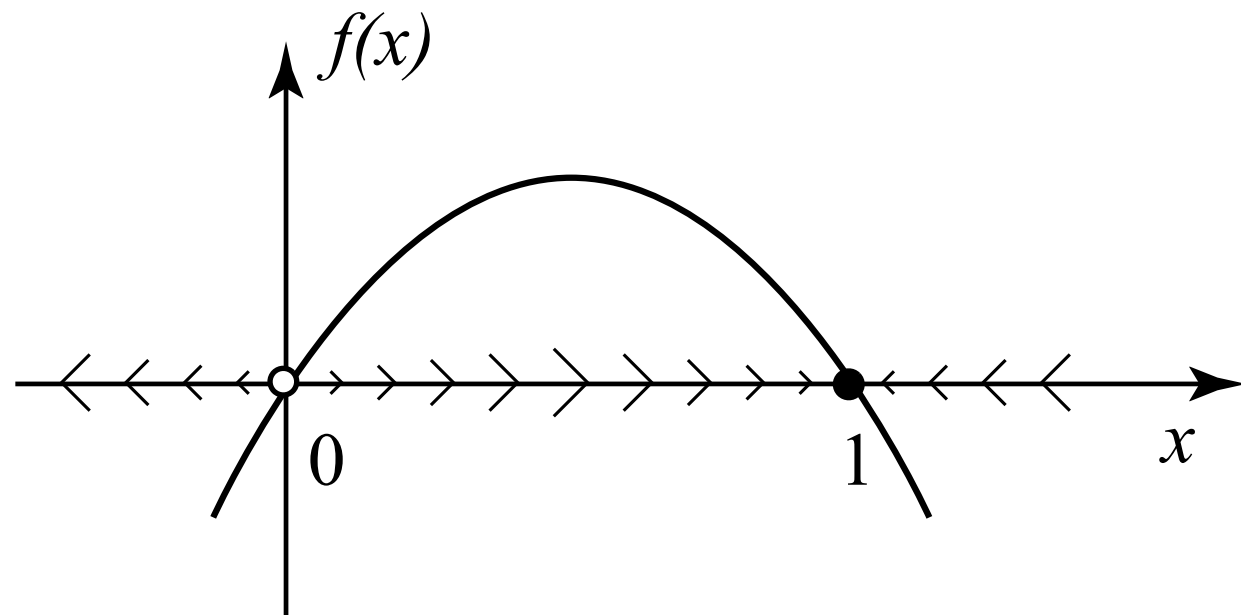
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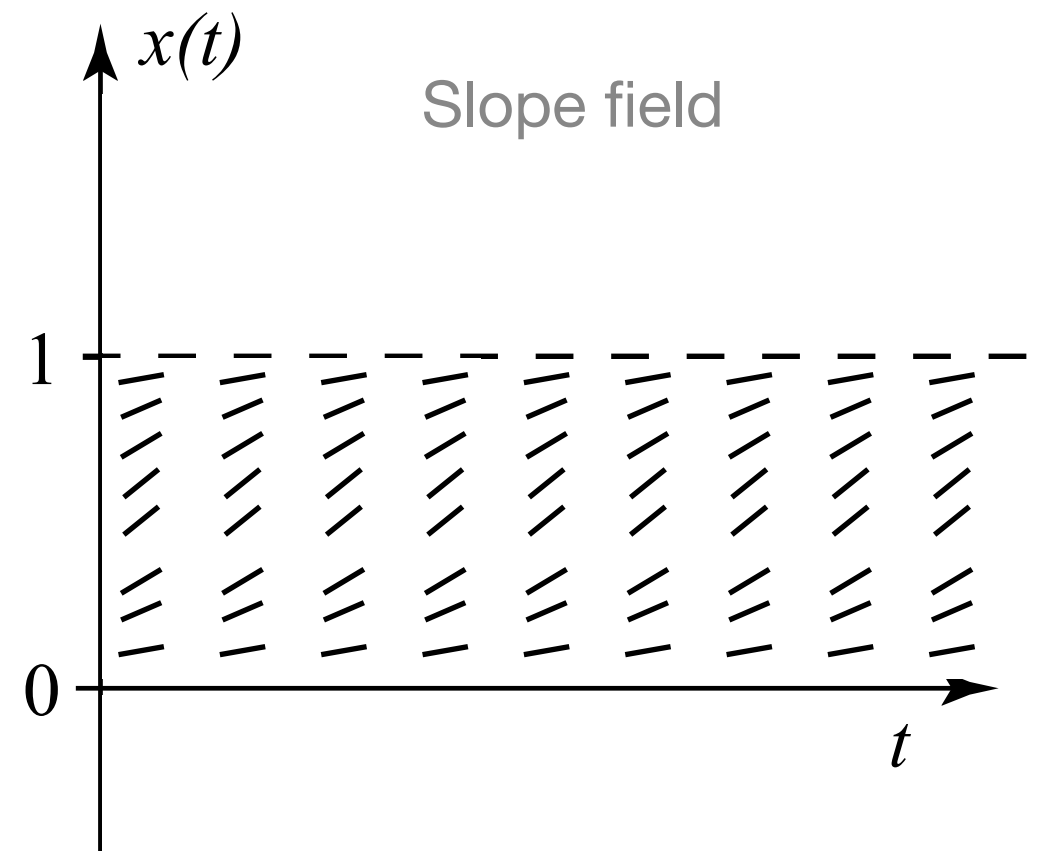
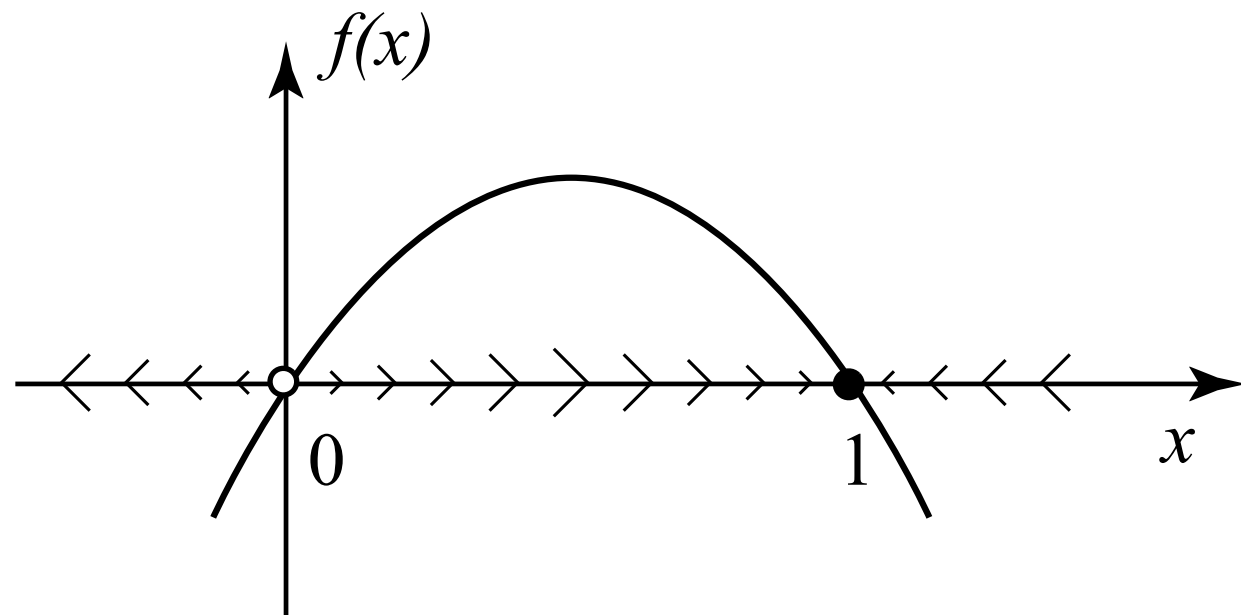
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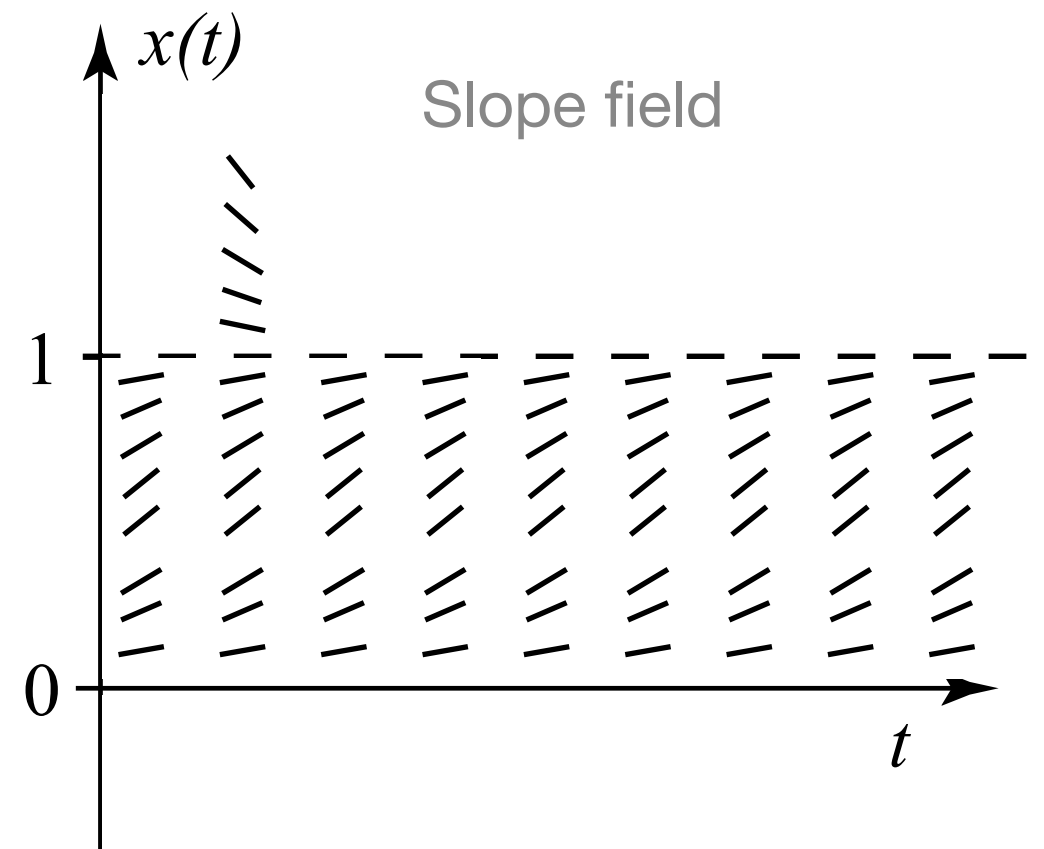
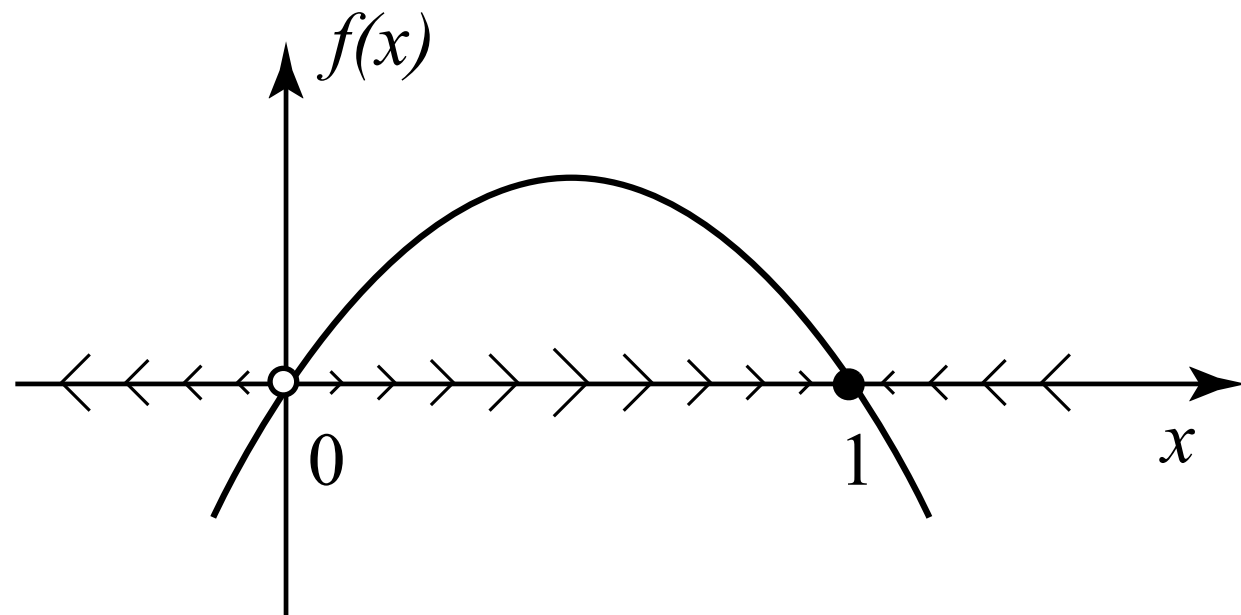
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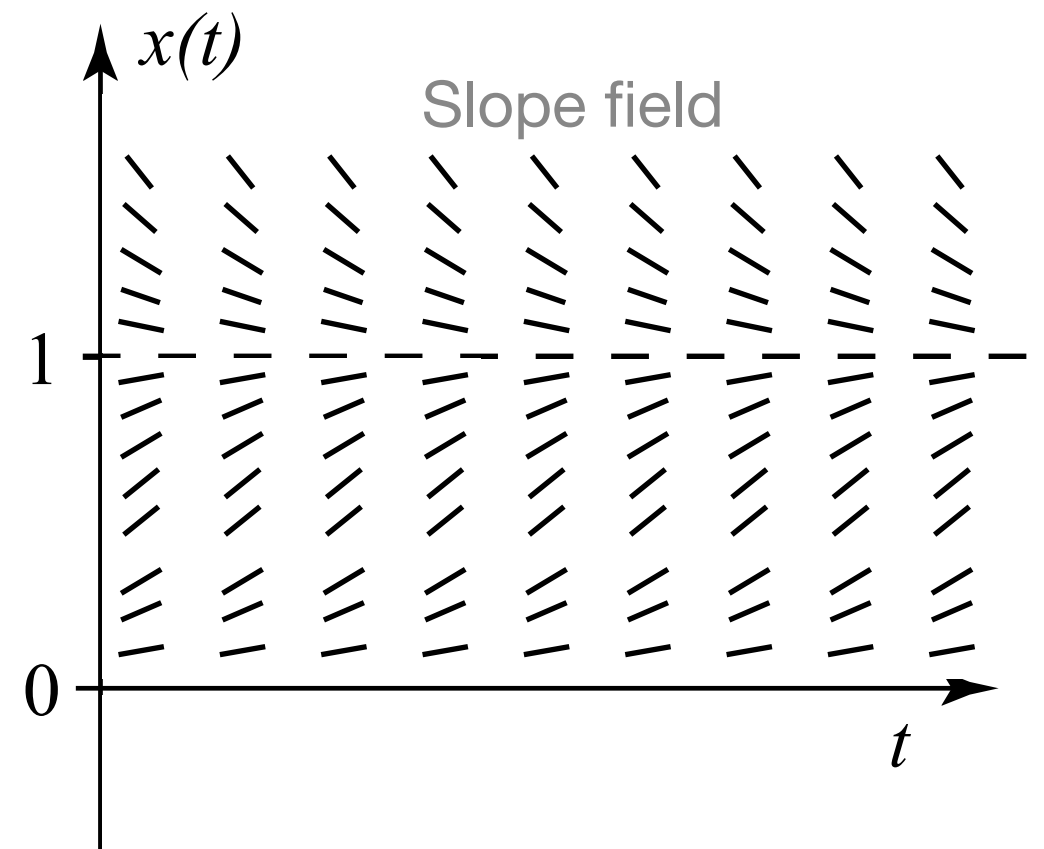
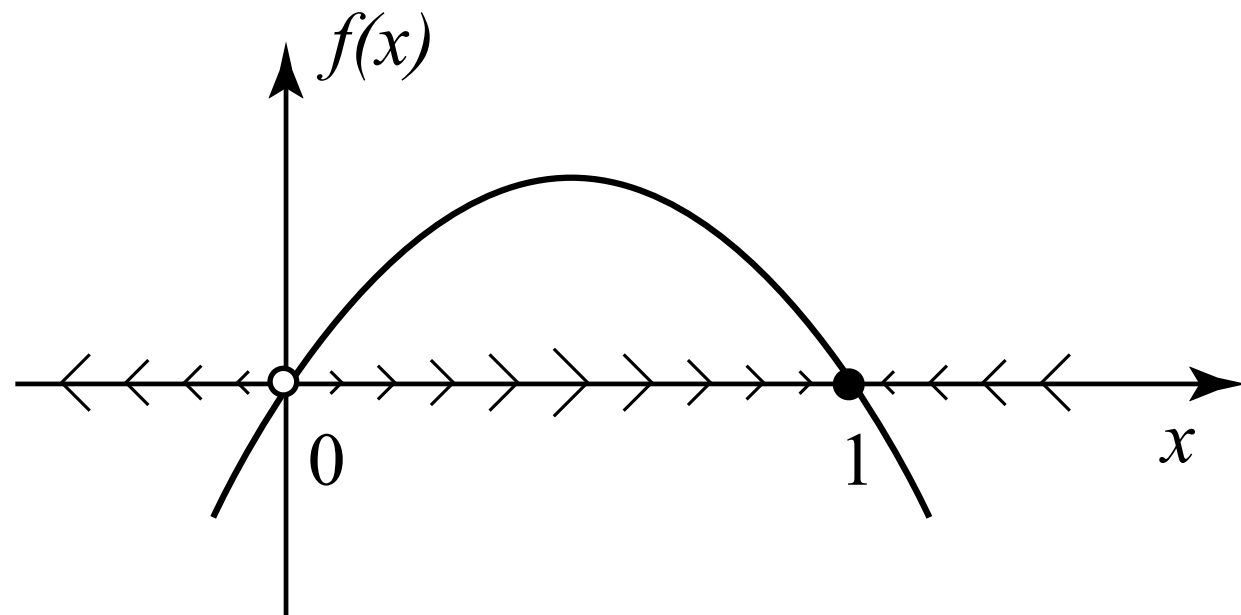
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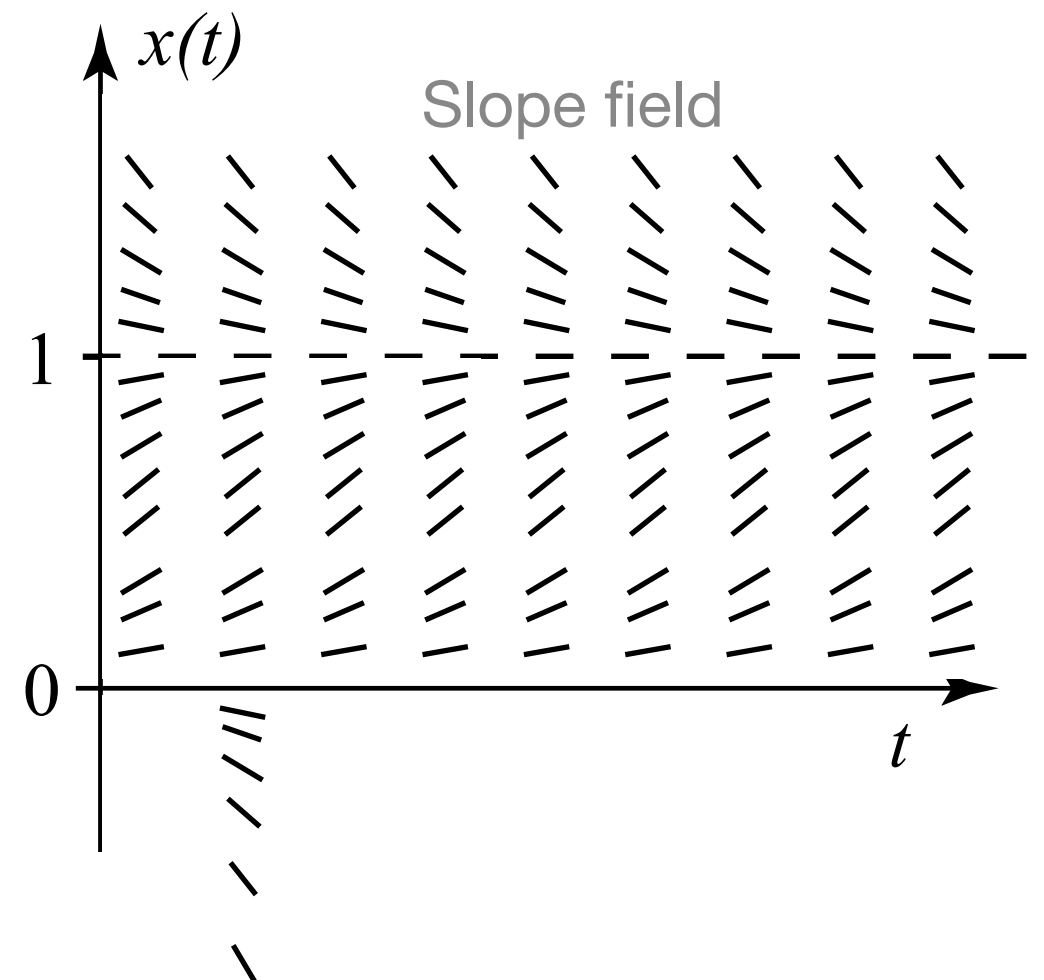
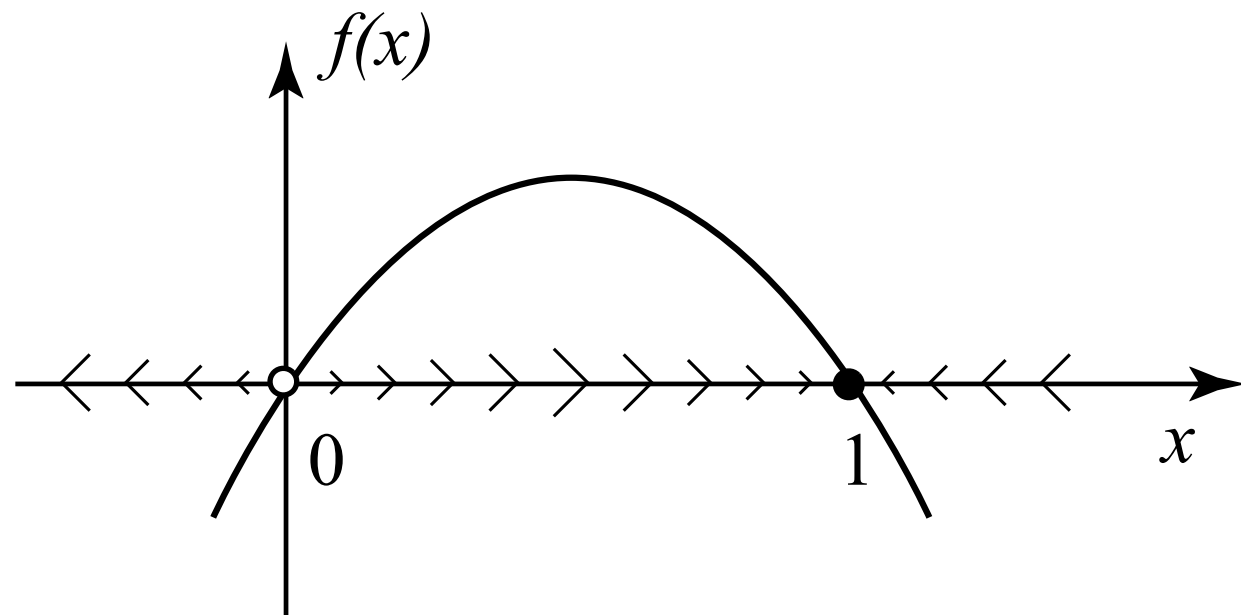
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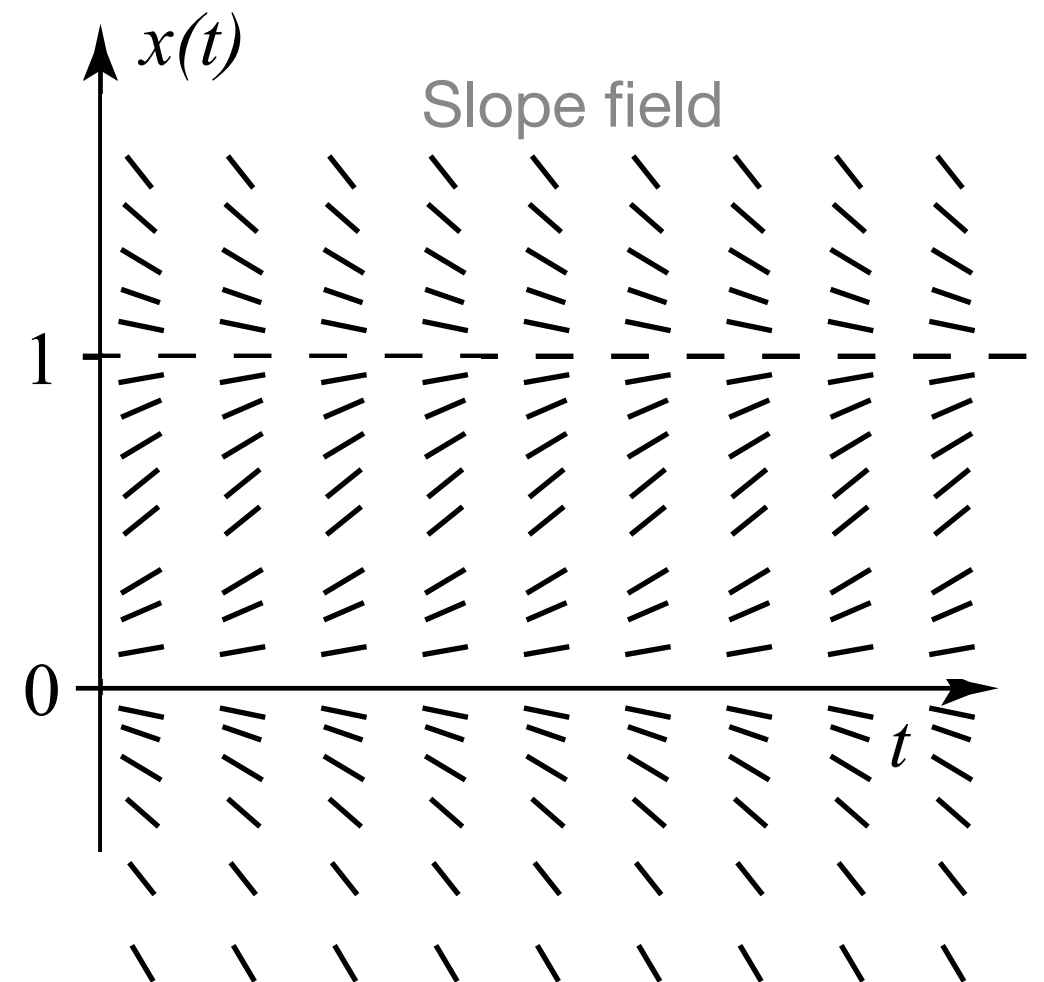
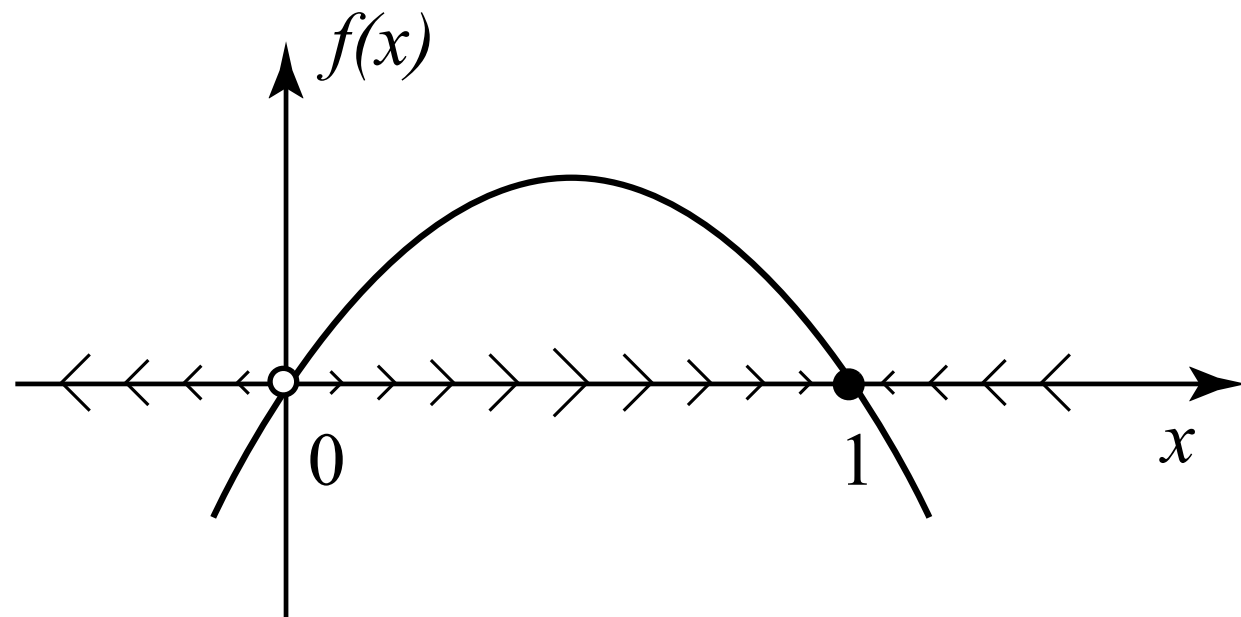
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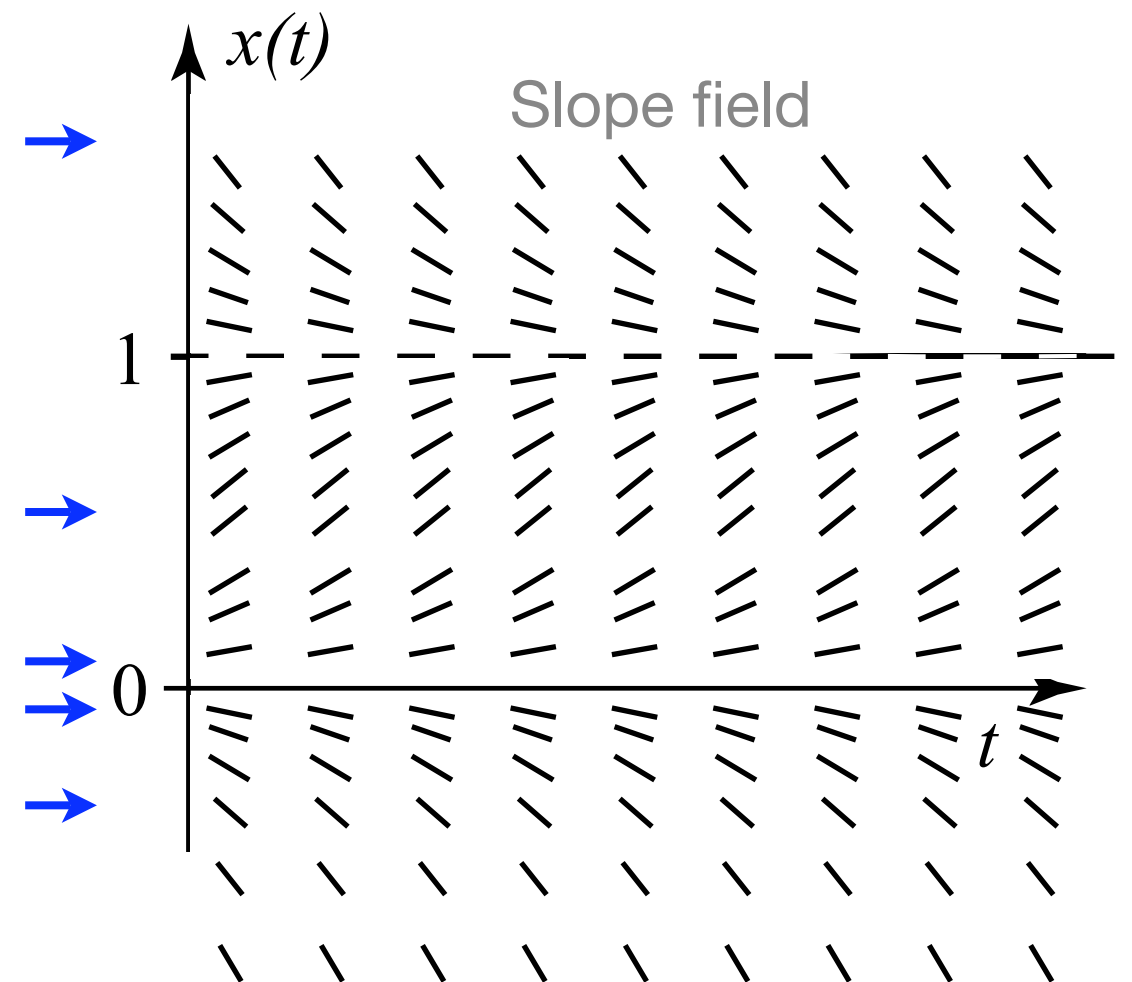
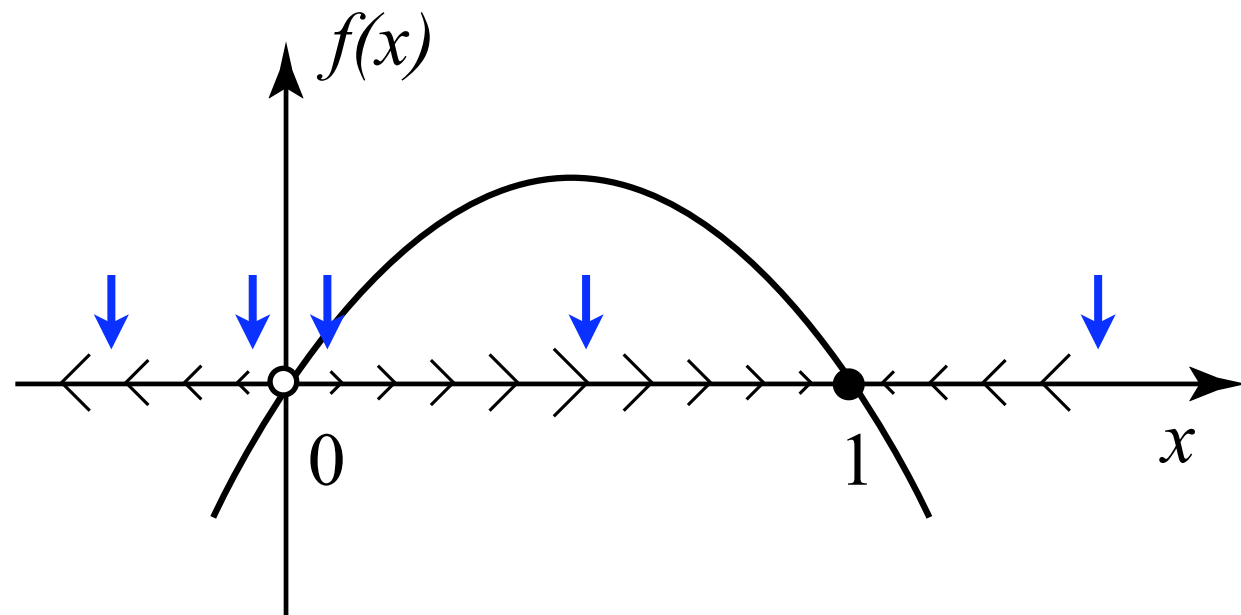
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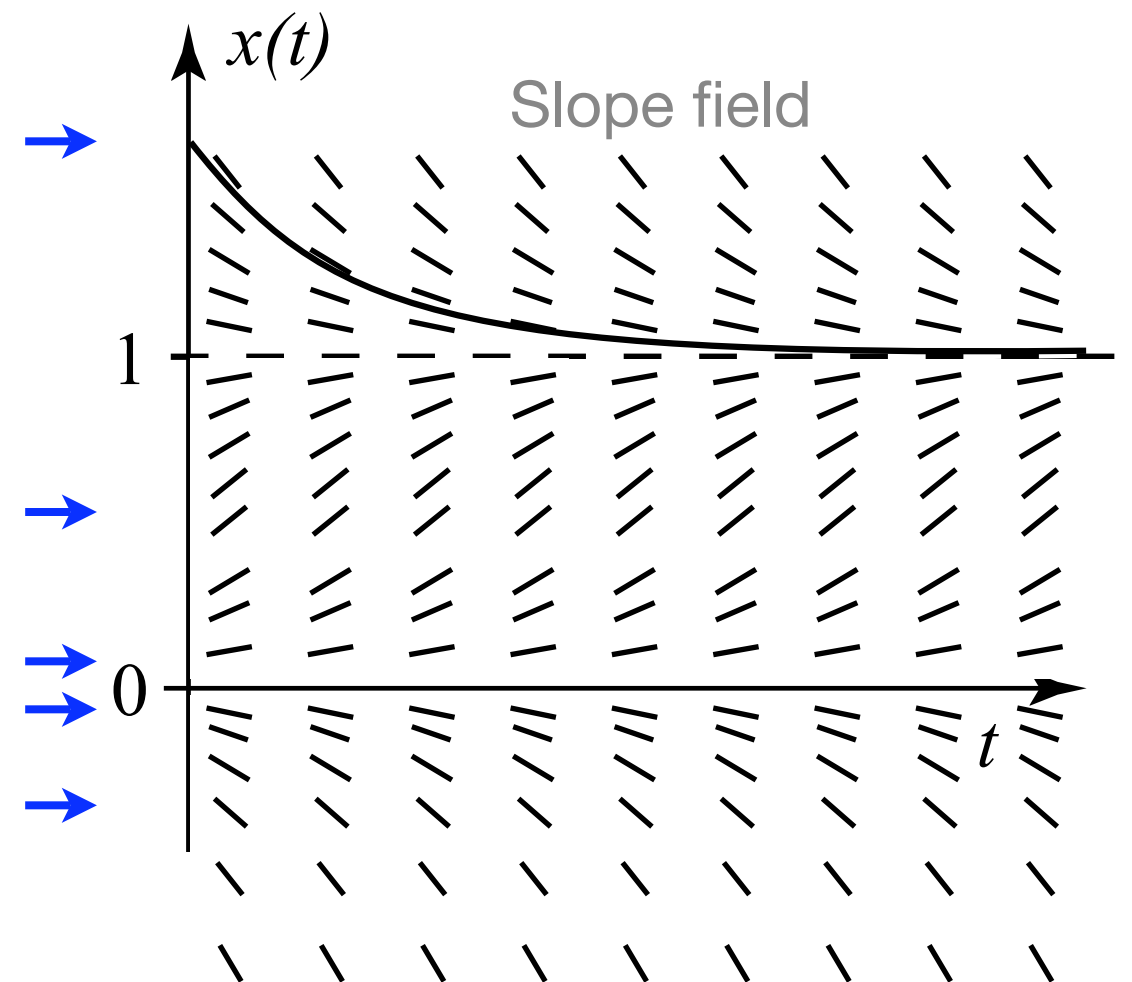
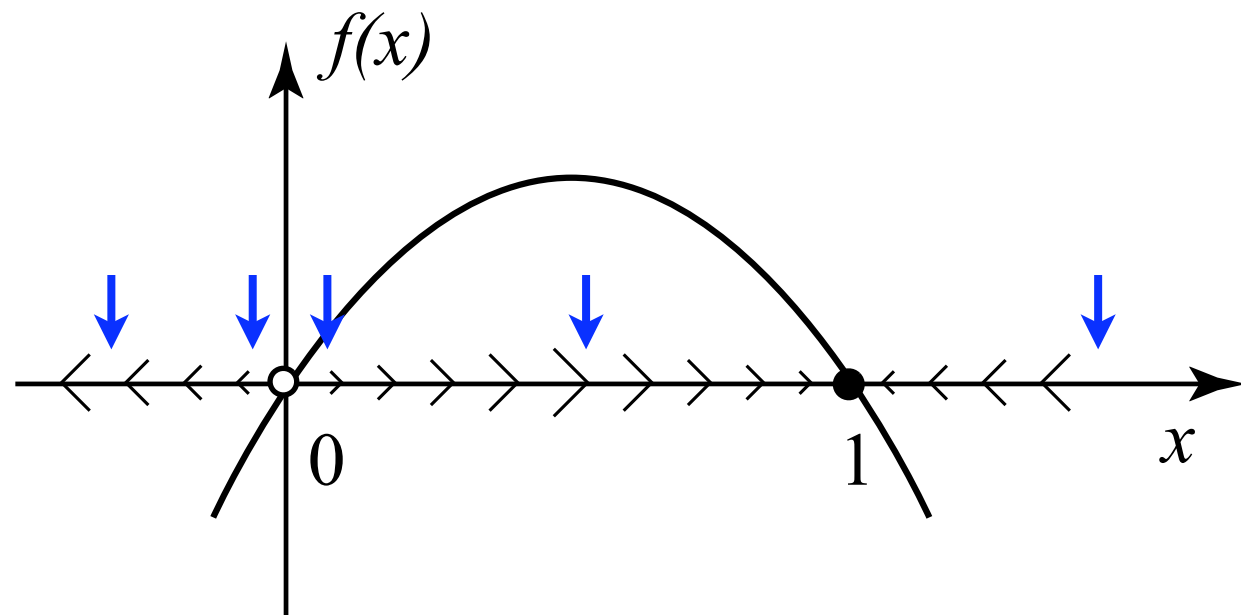
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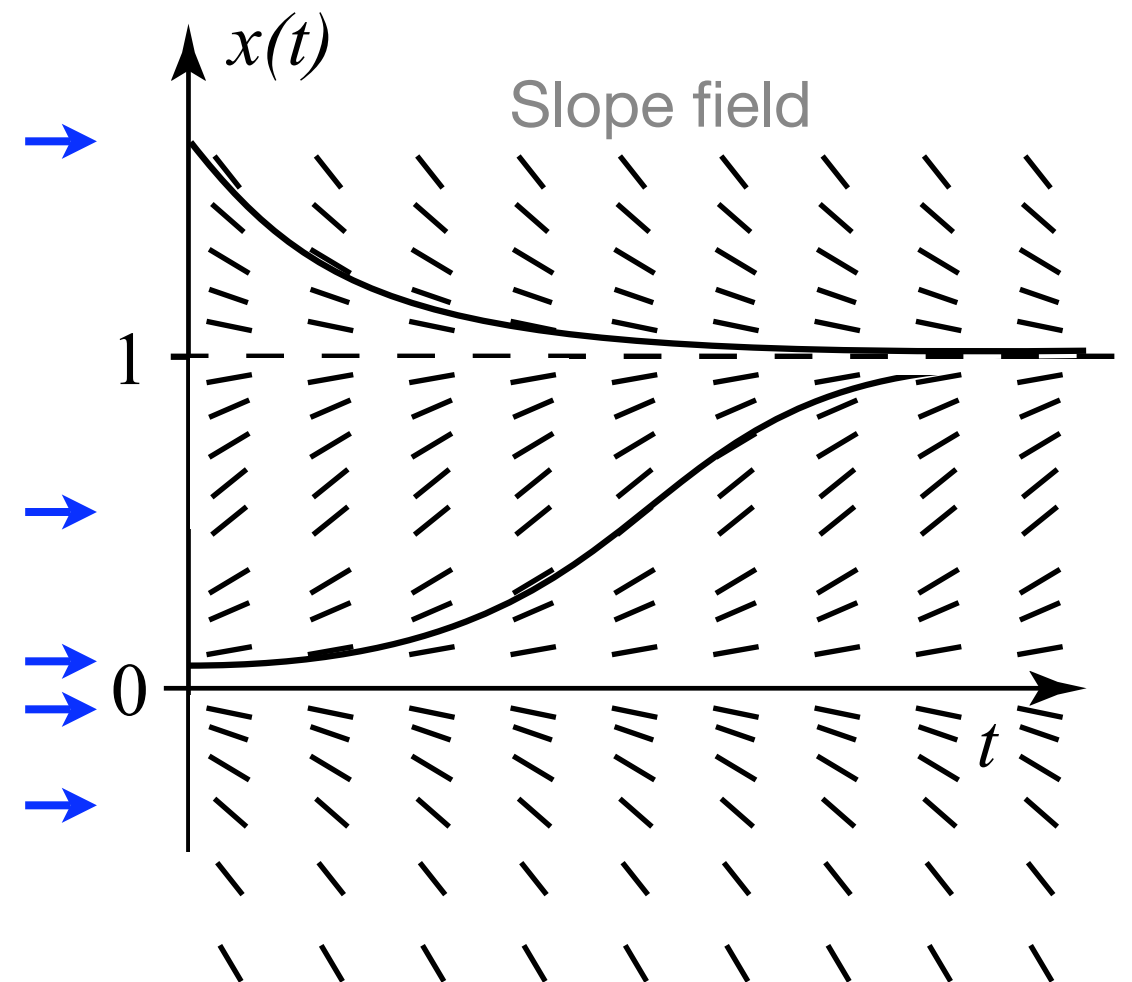
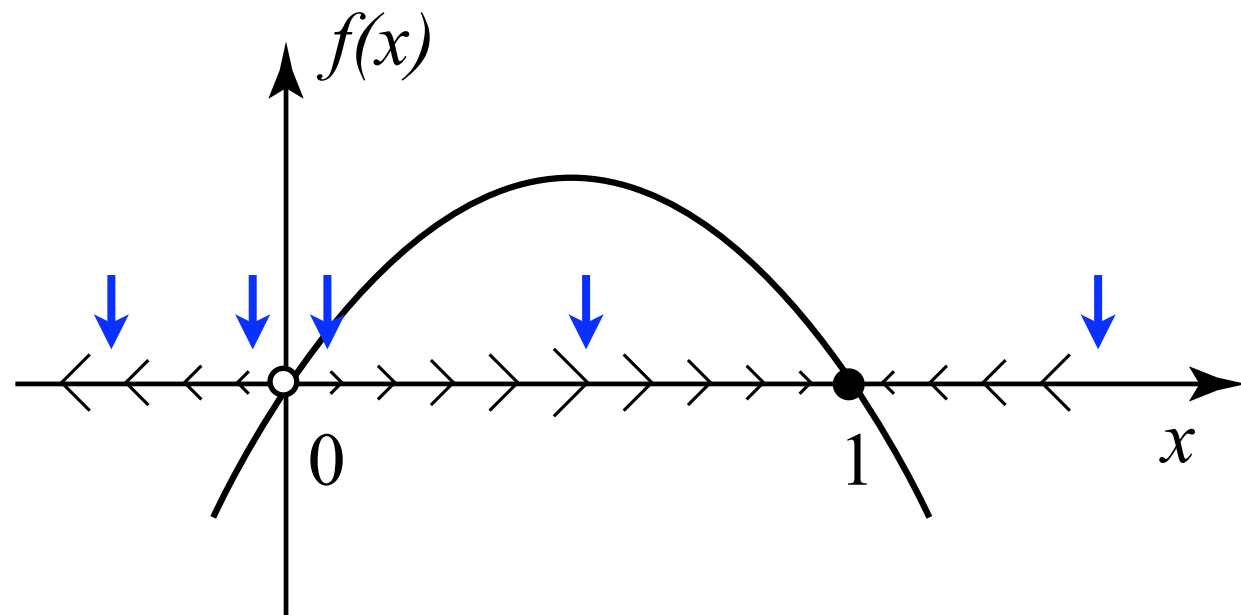
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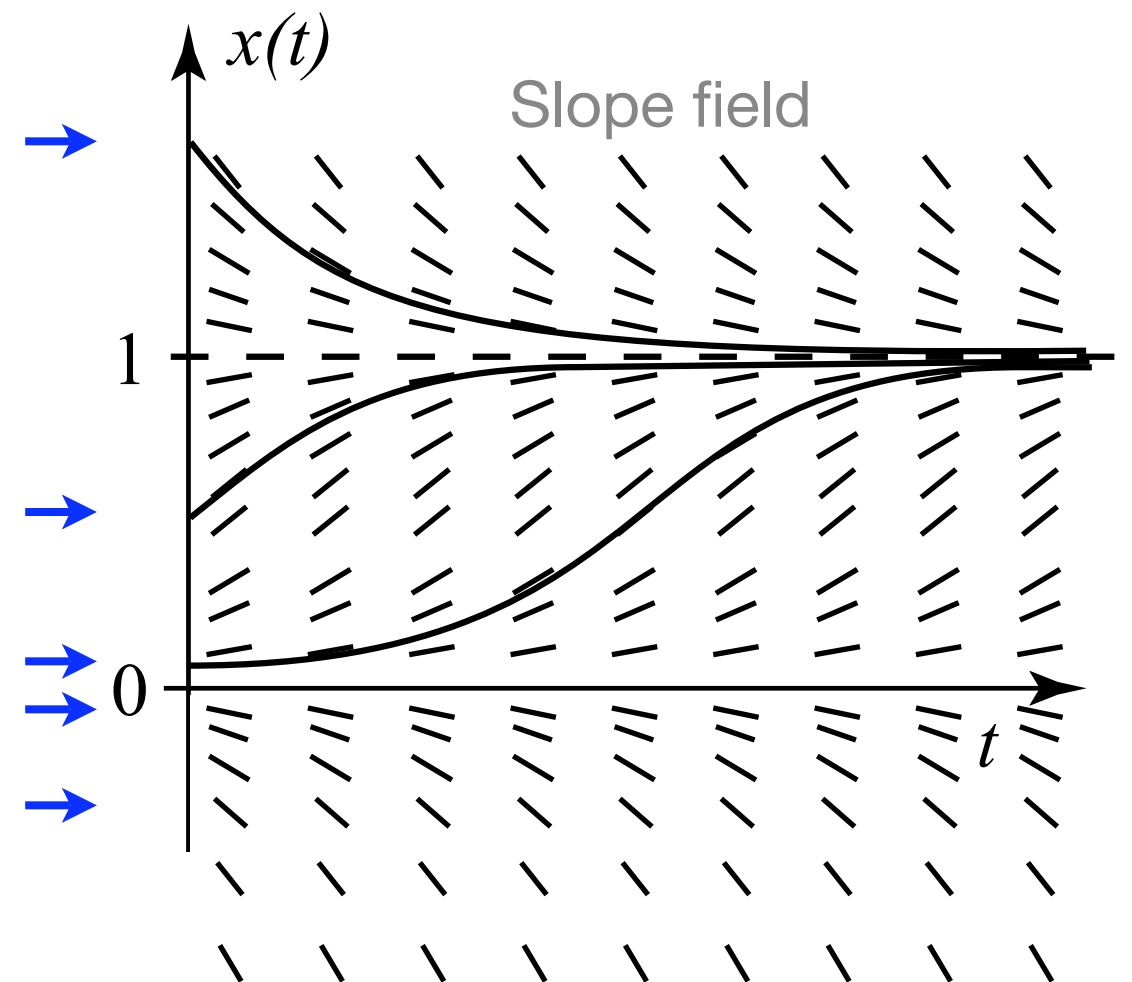
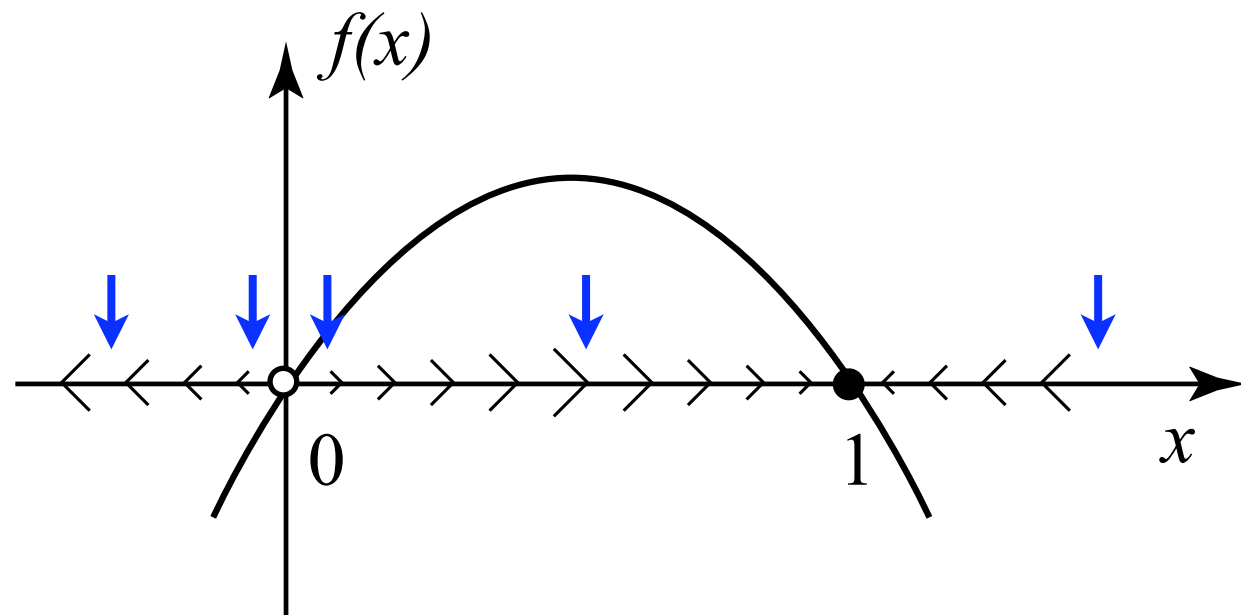
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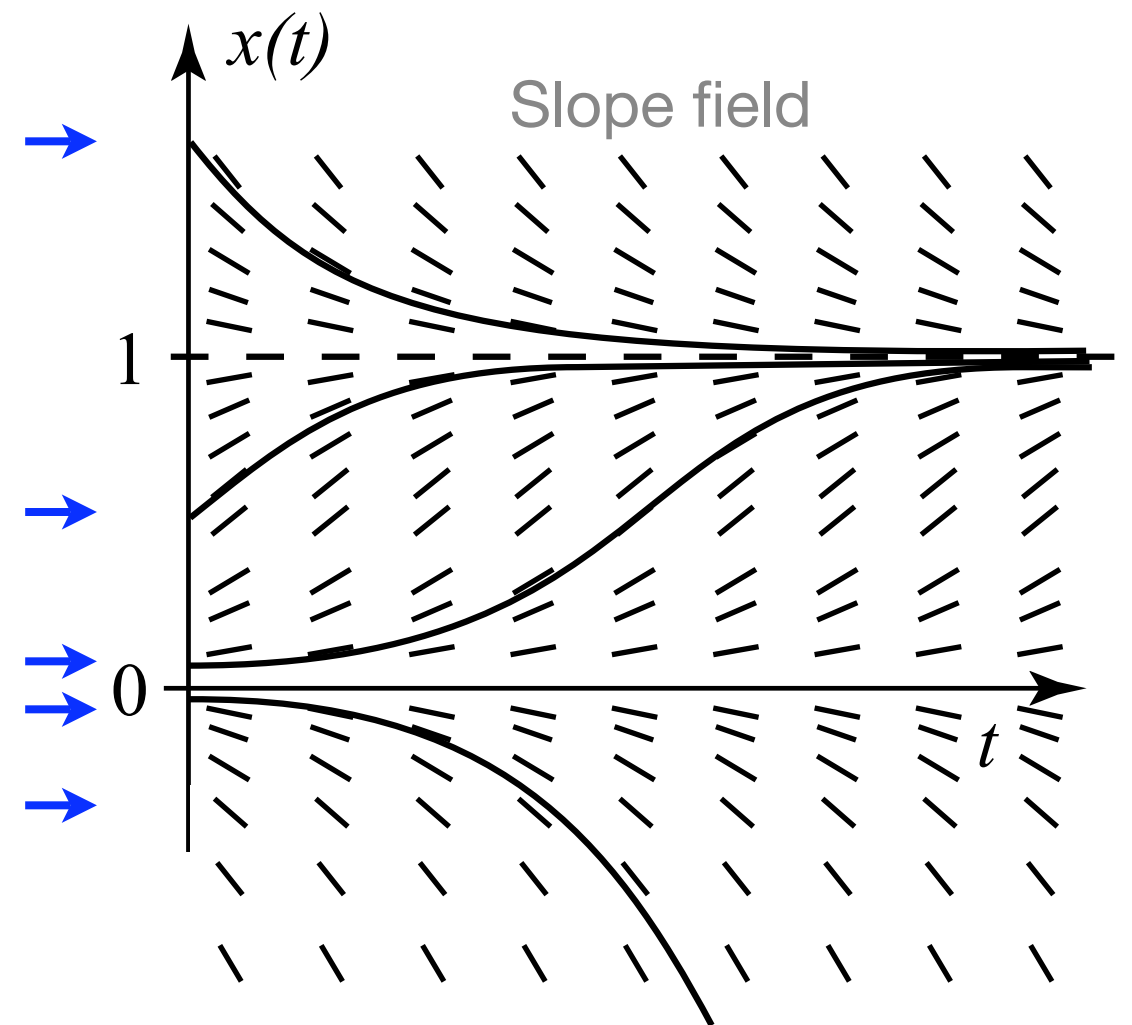
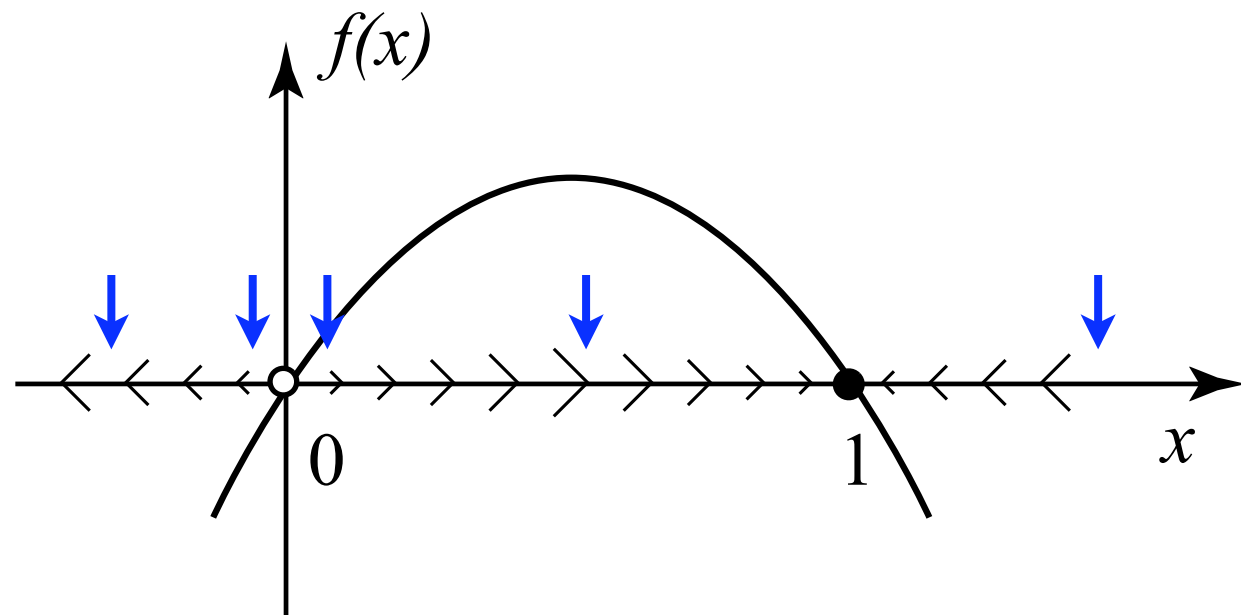
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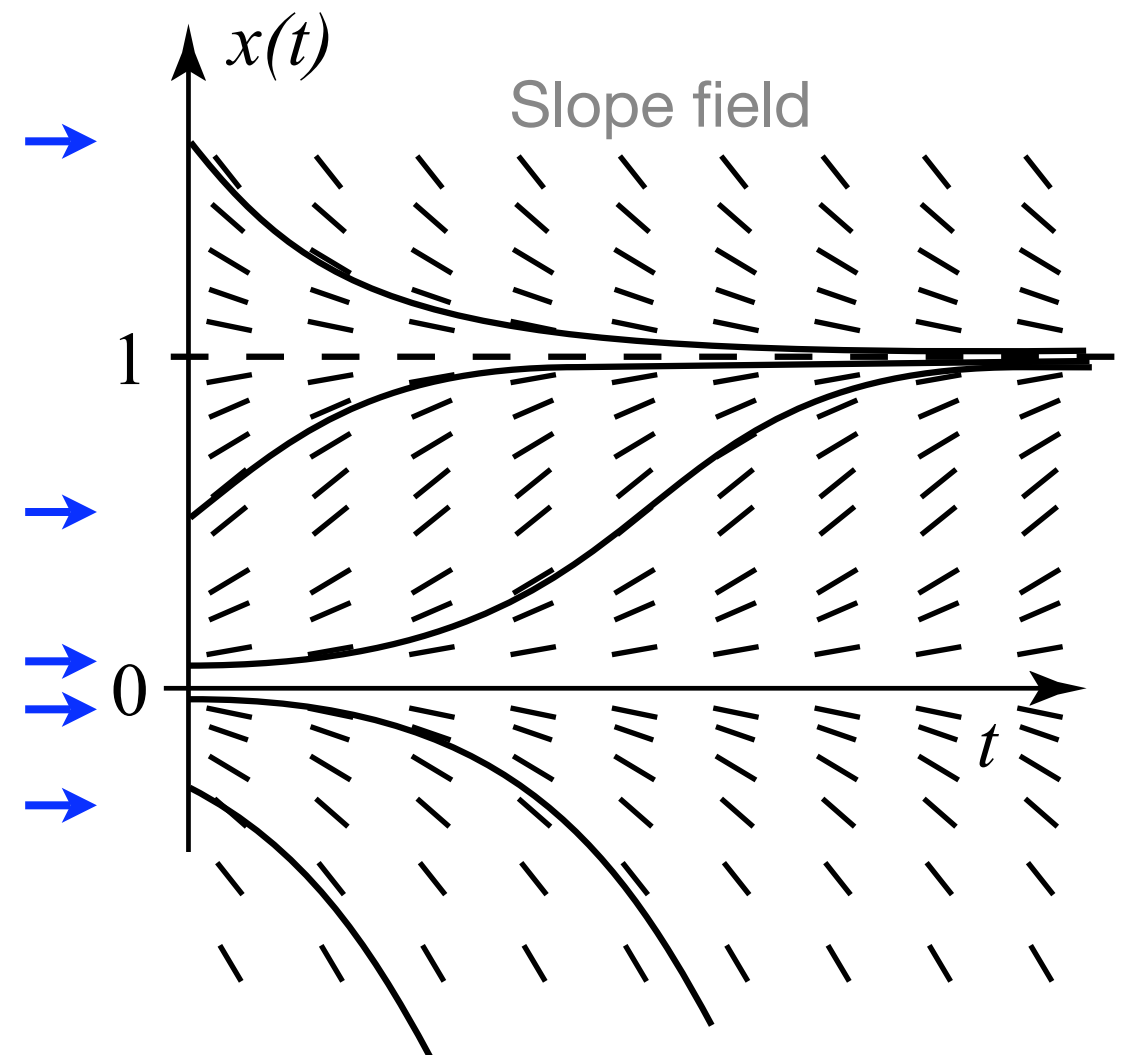
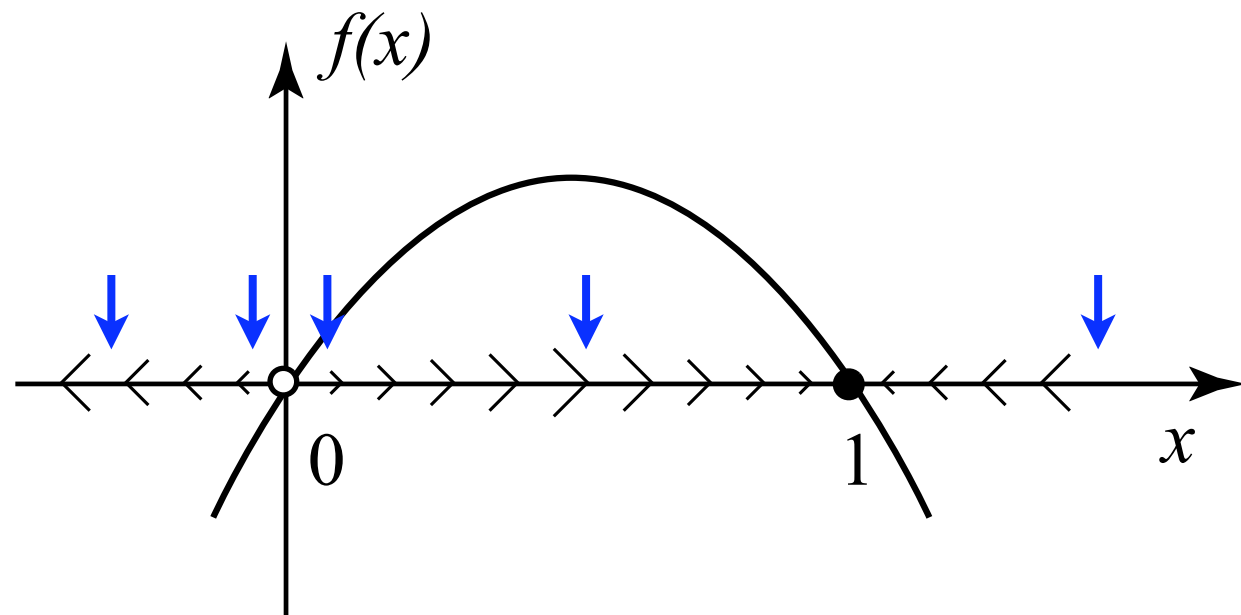
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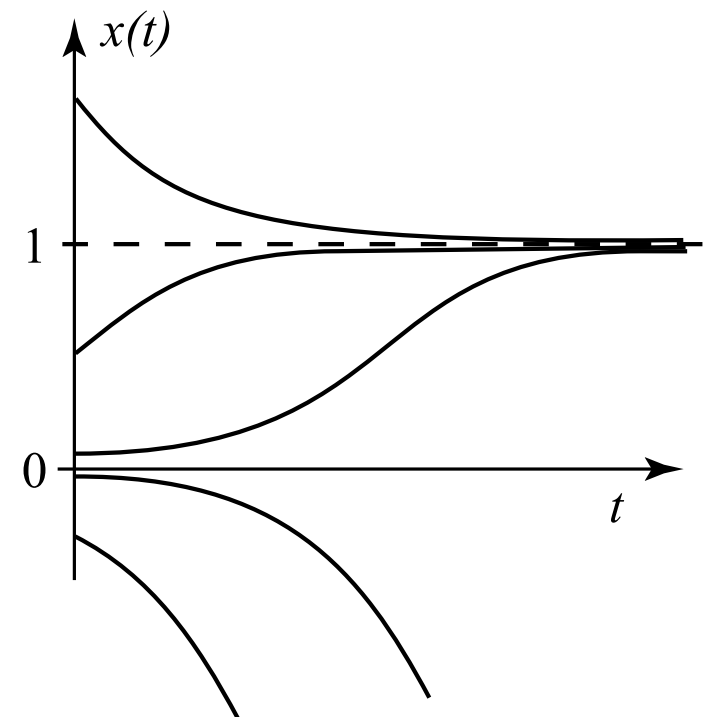
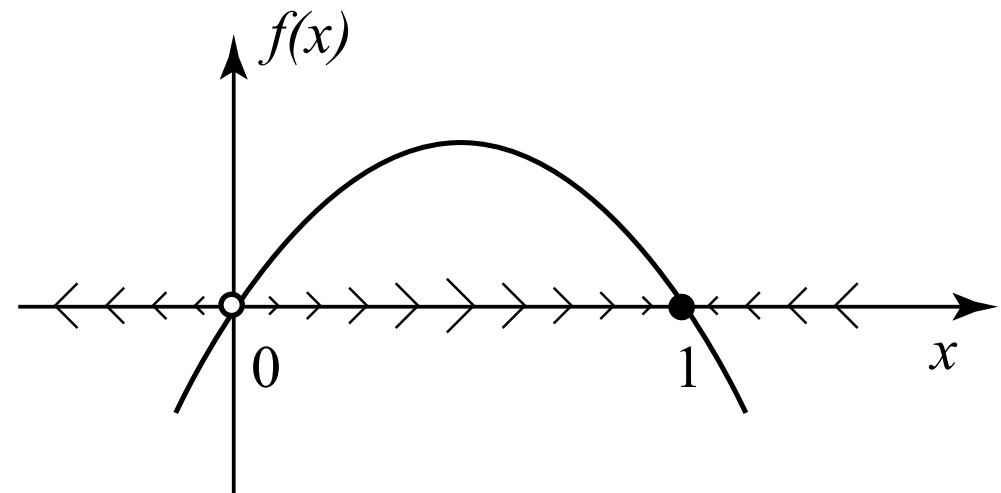
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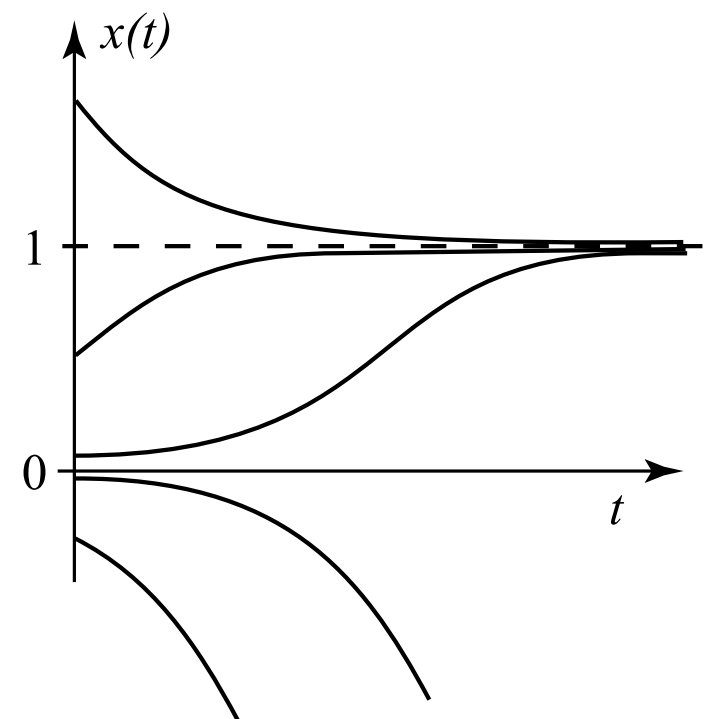
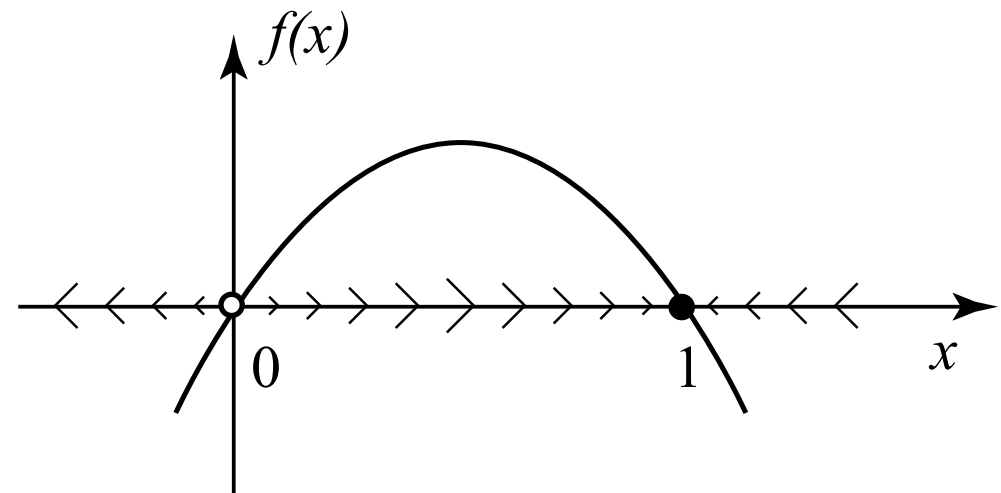


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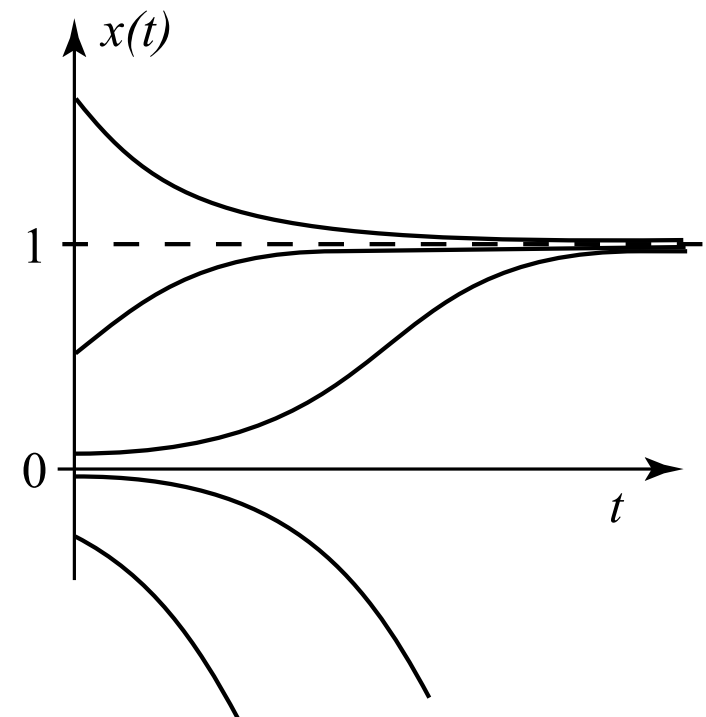
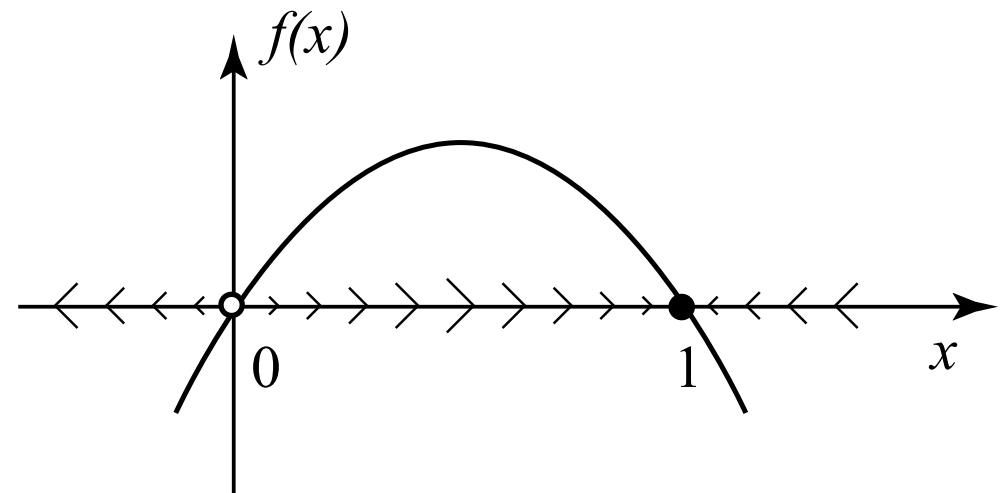
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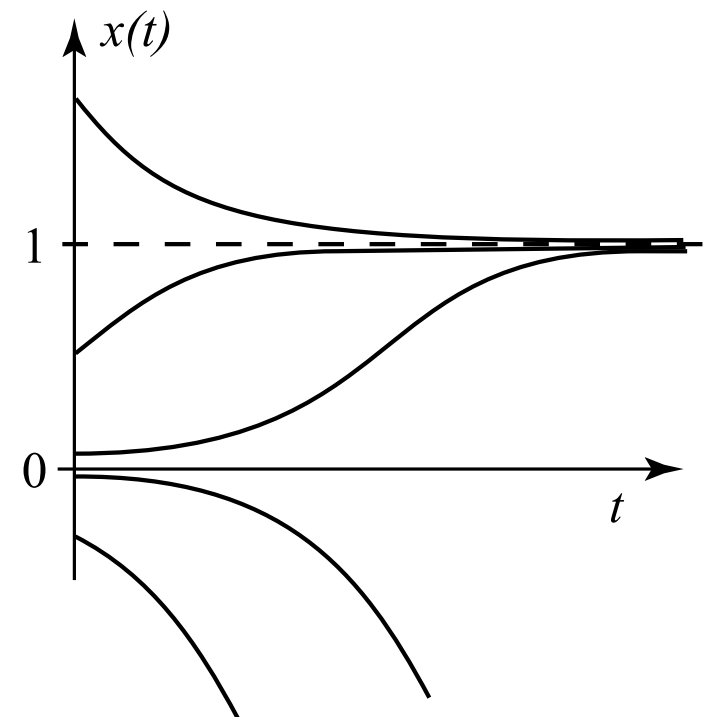
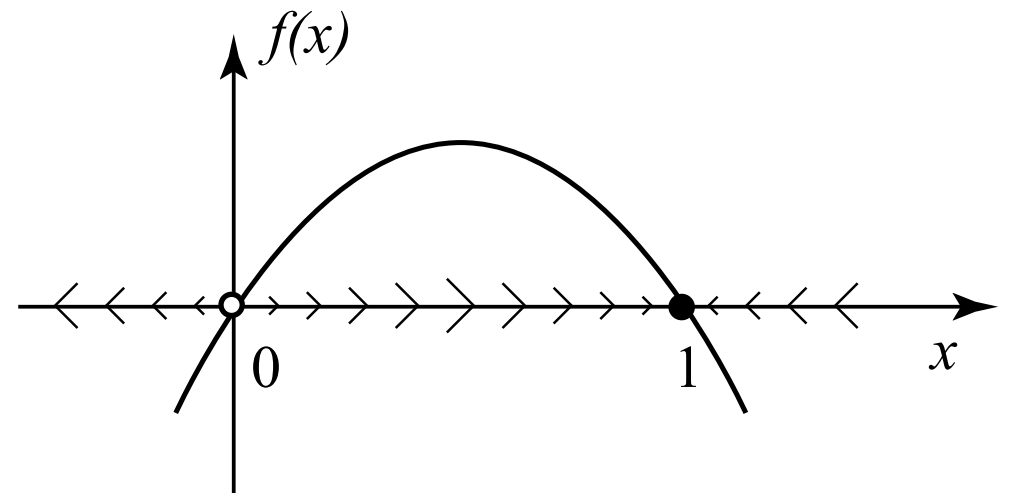
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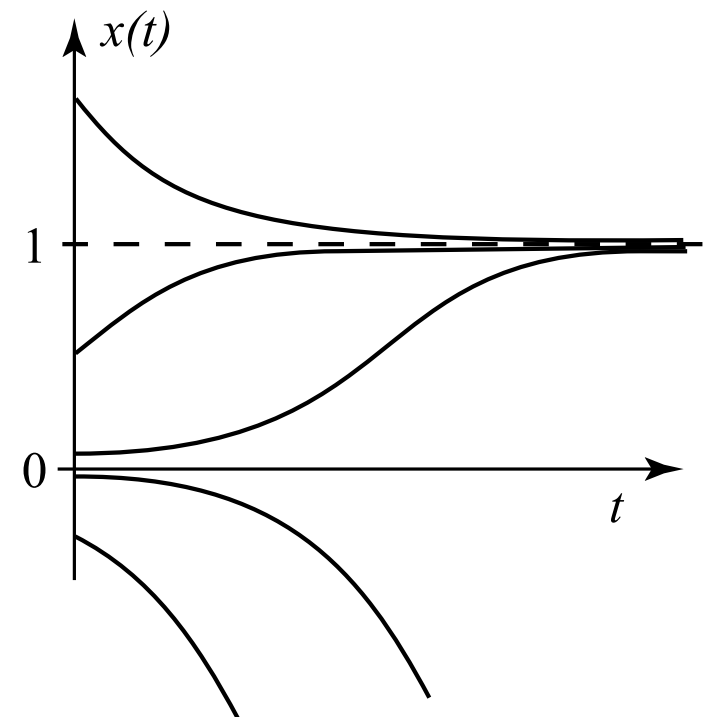
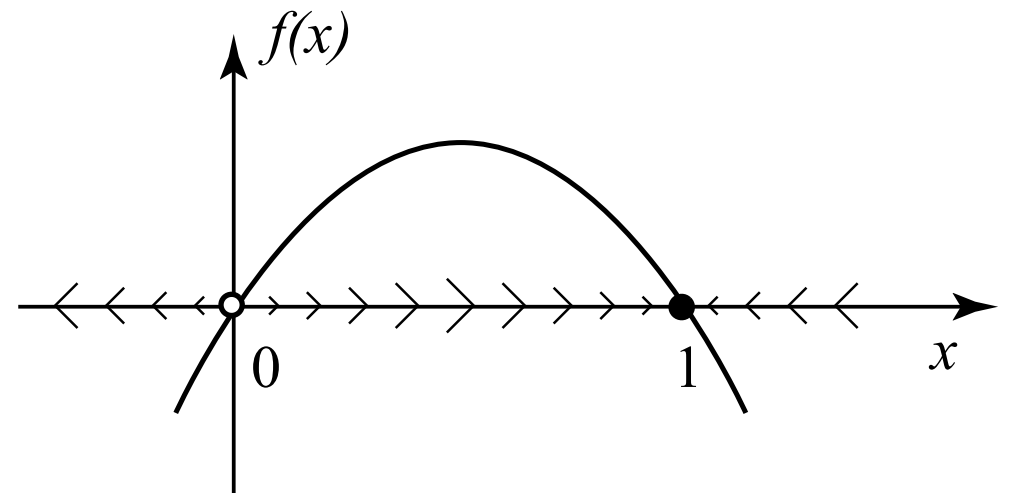
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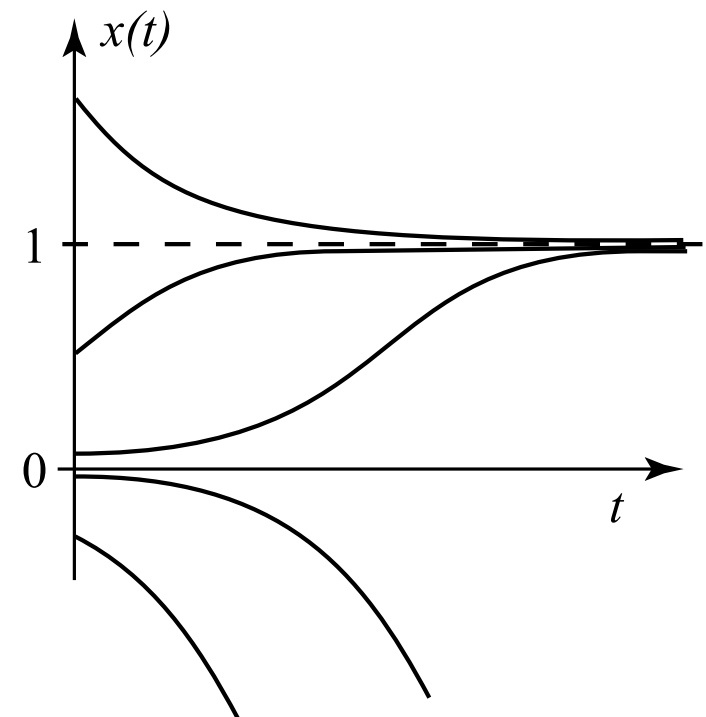
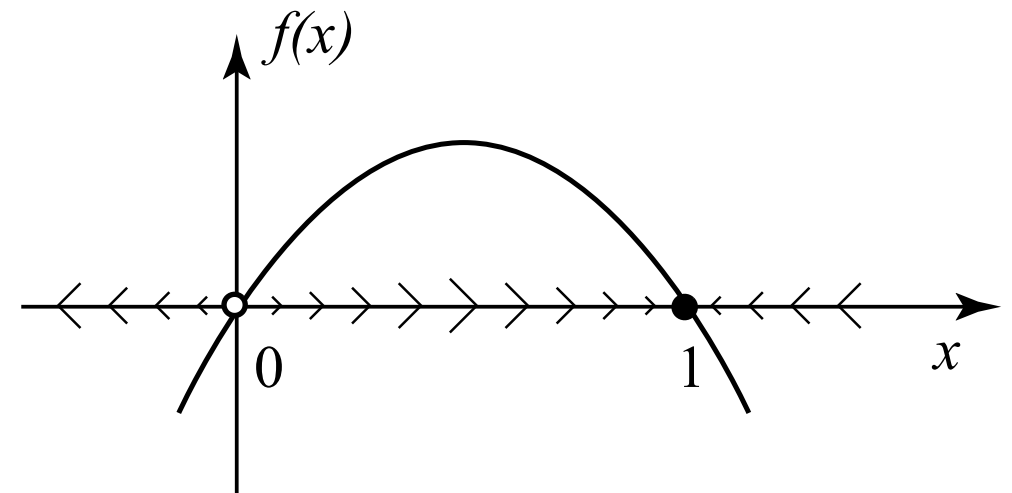
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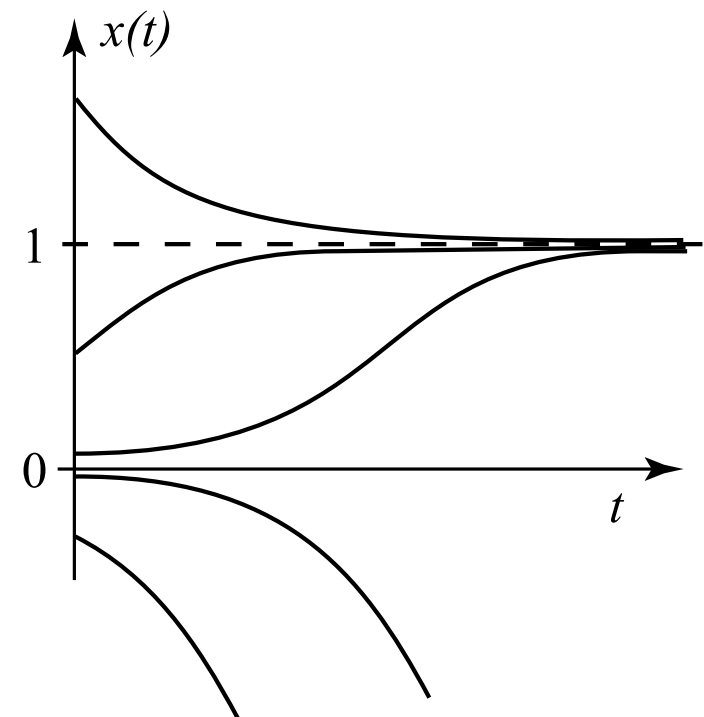
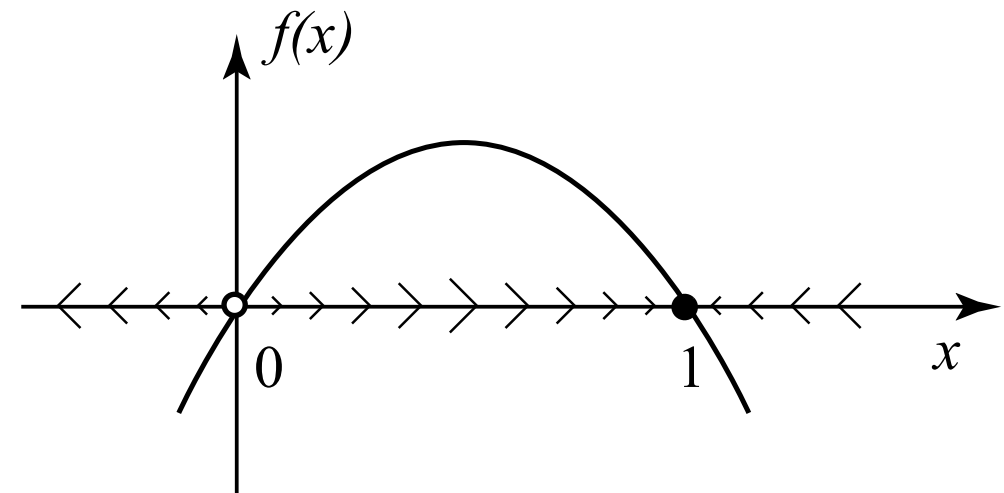
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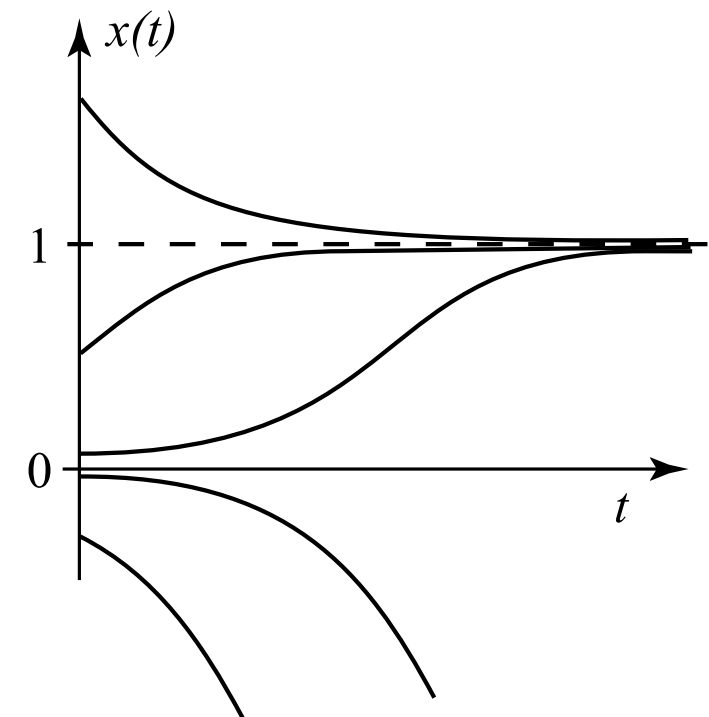
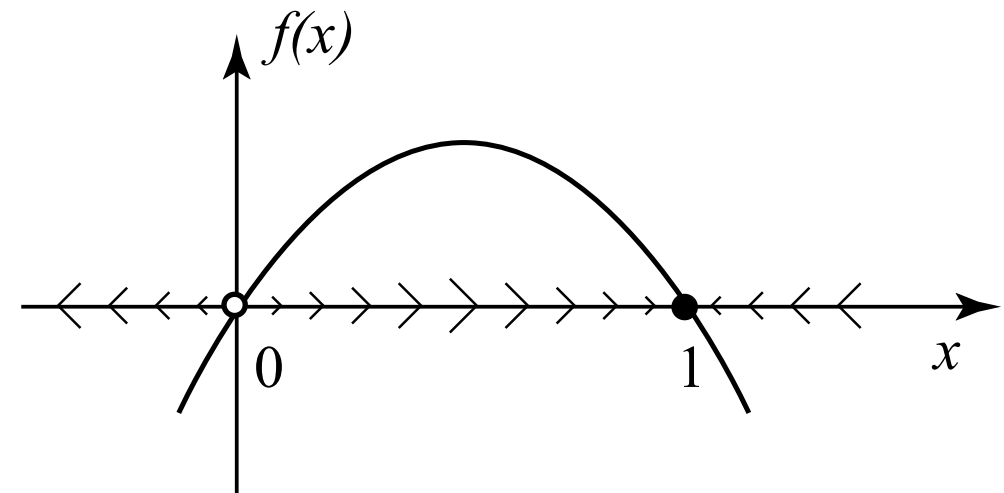
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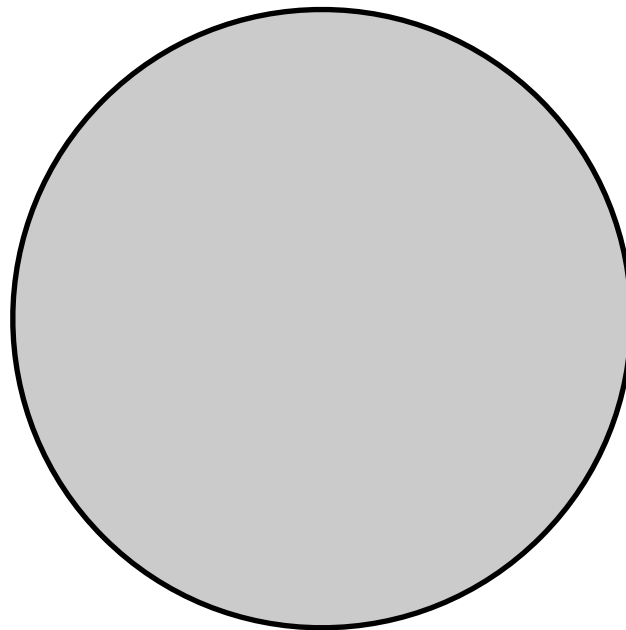
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# Toward a drag equation

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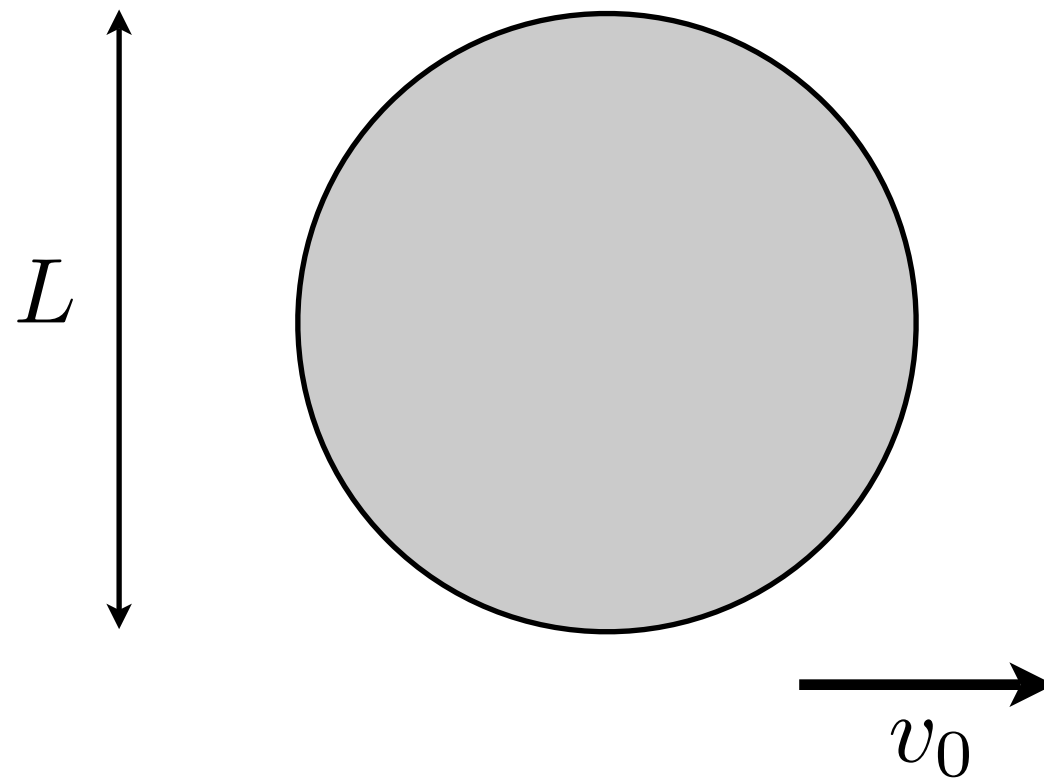


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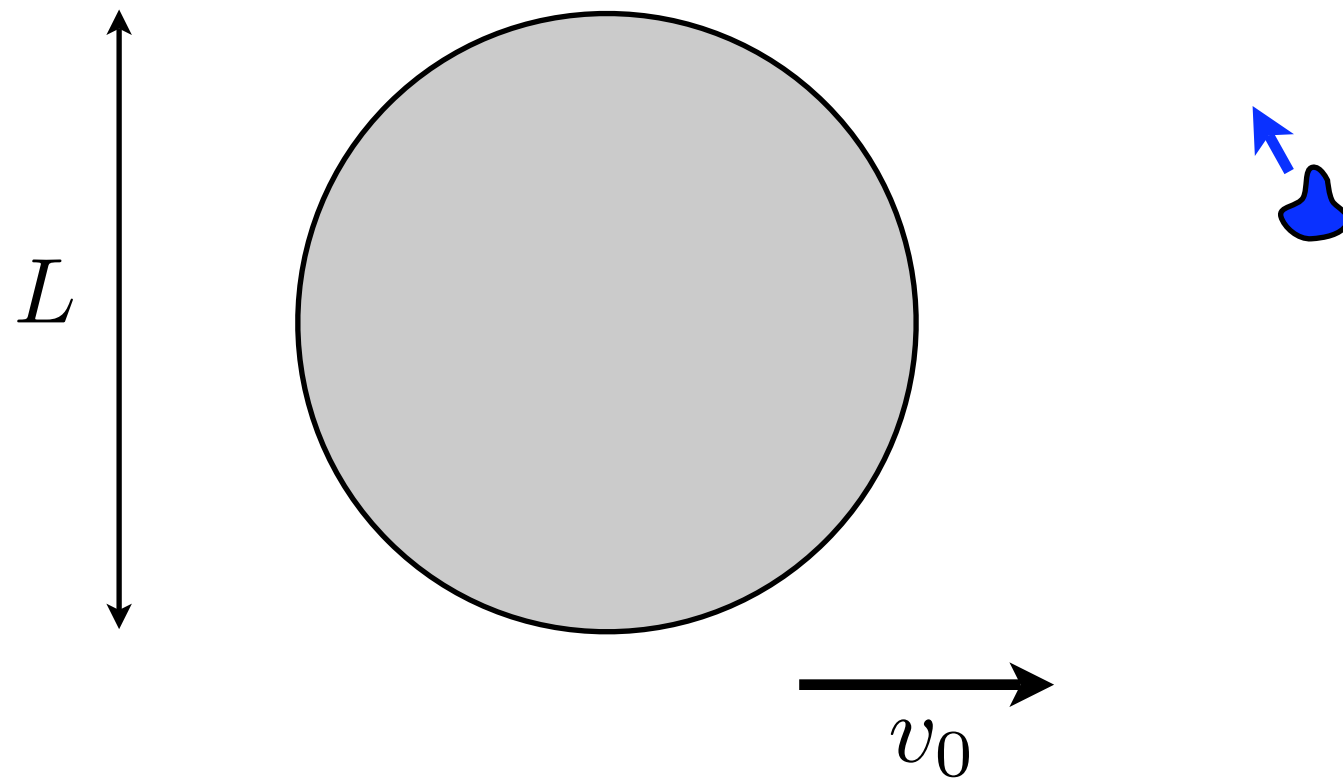


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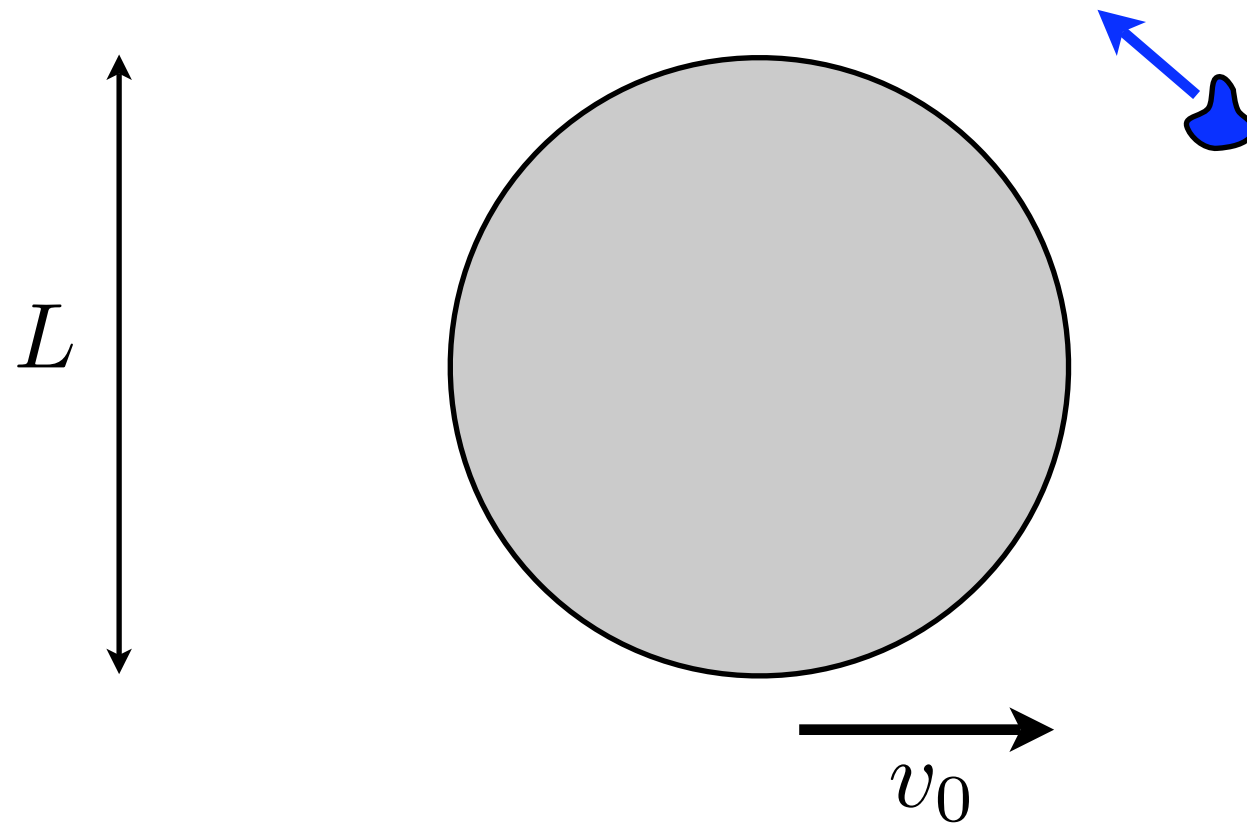


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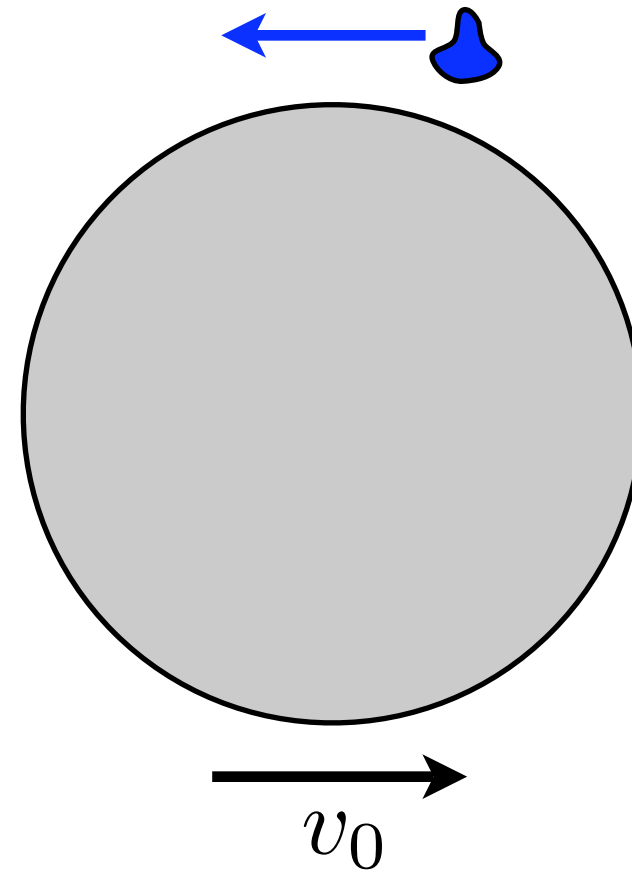
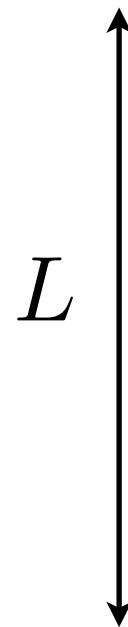


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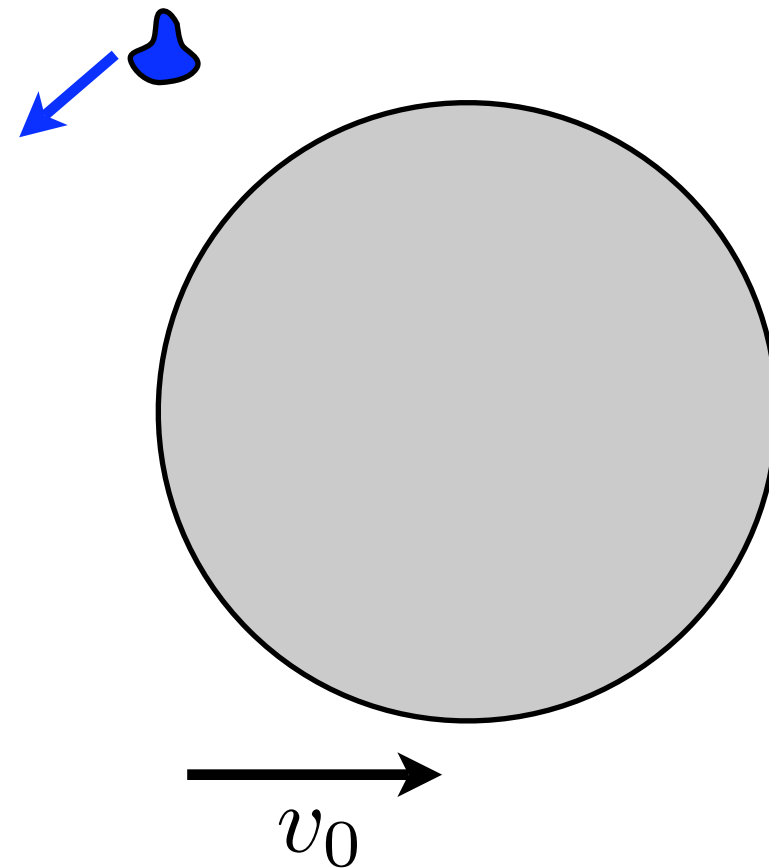
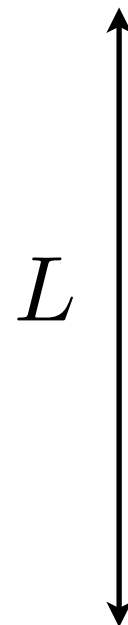


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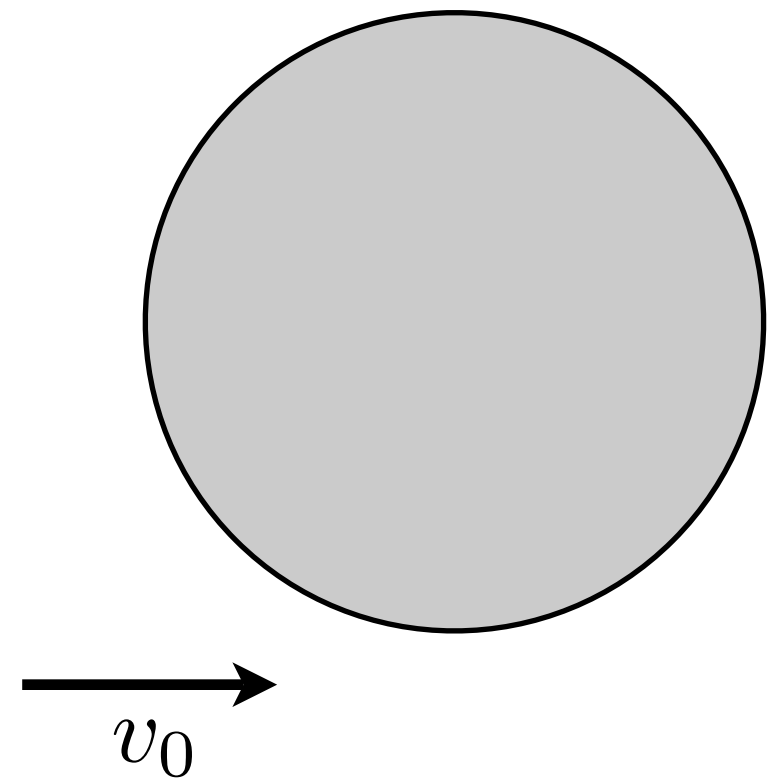
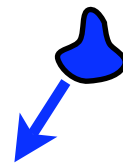
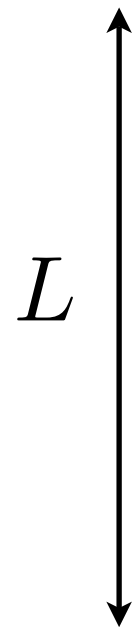


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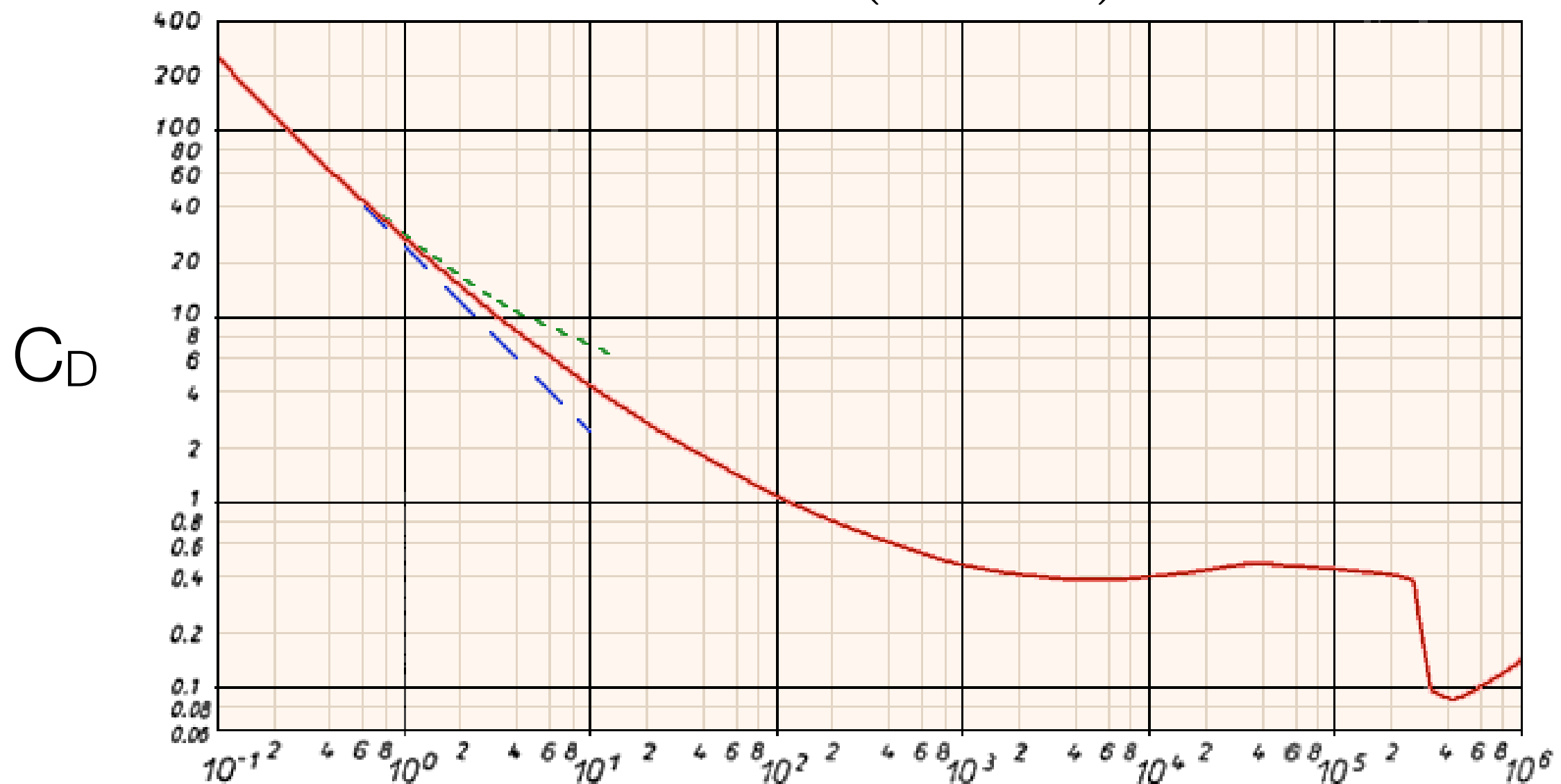
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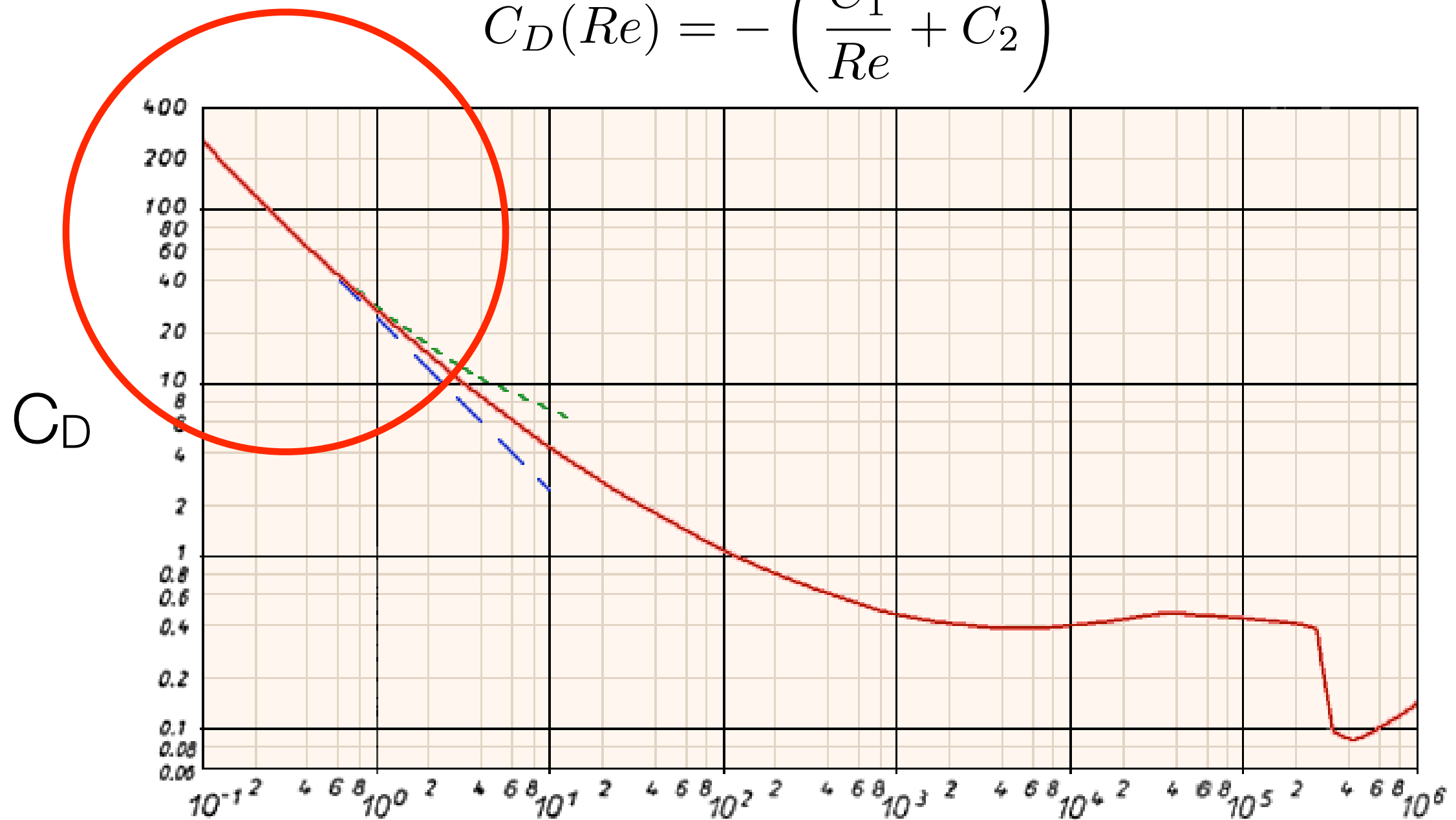
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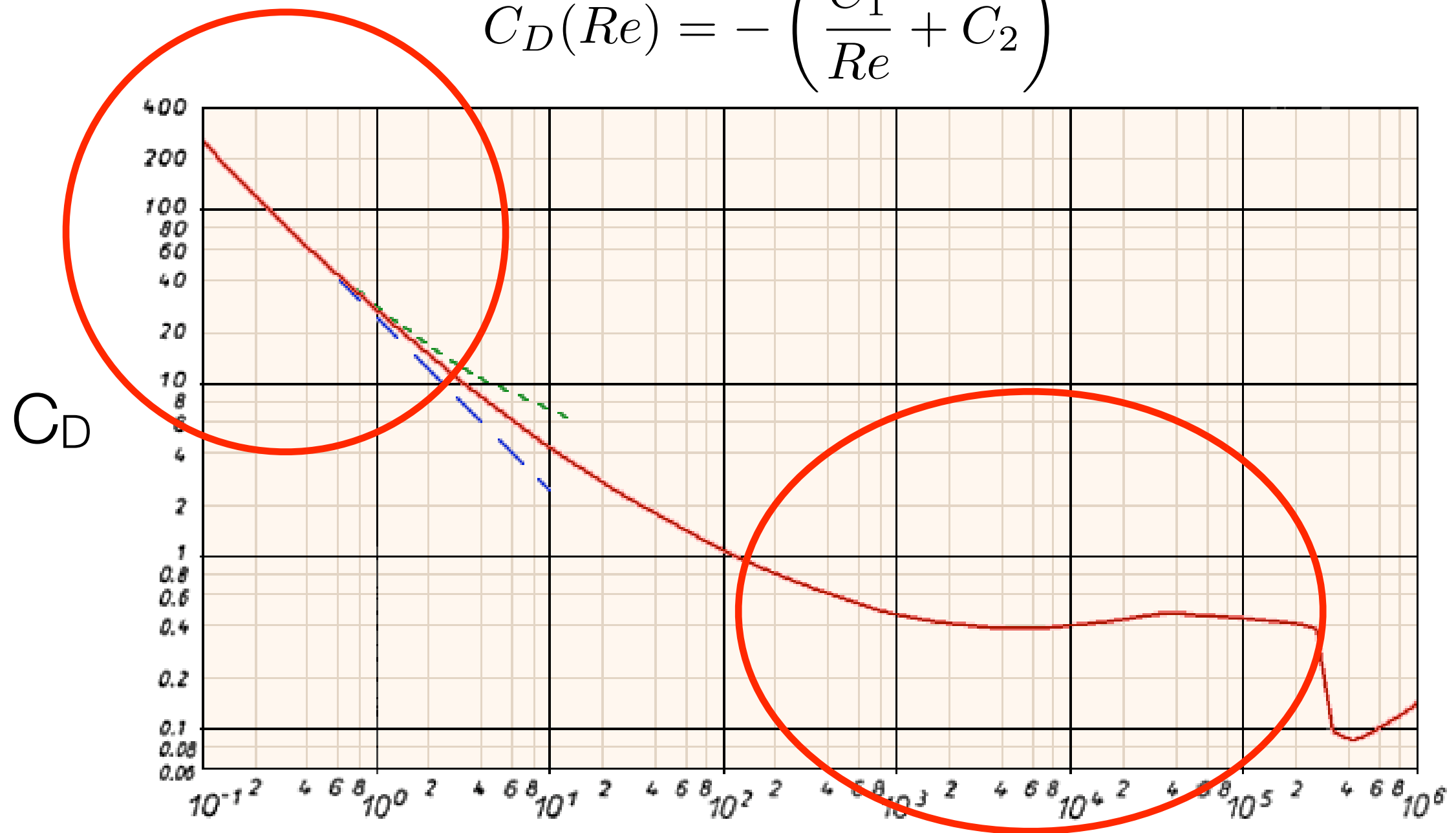
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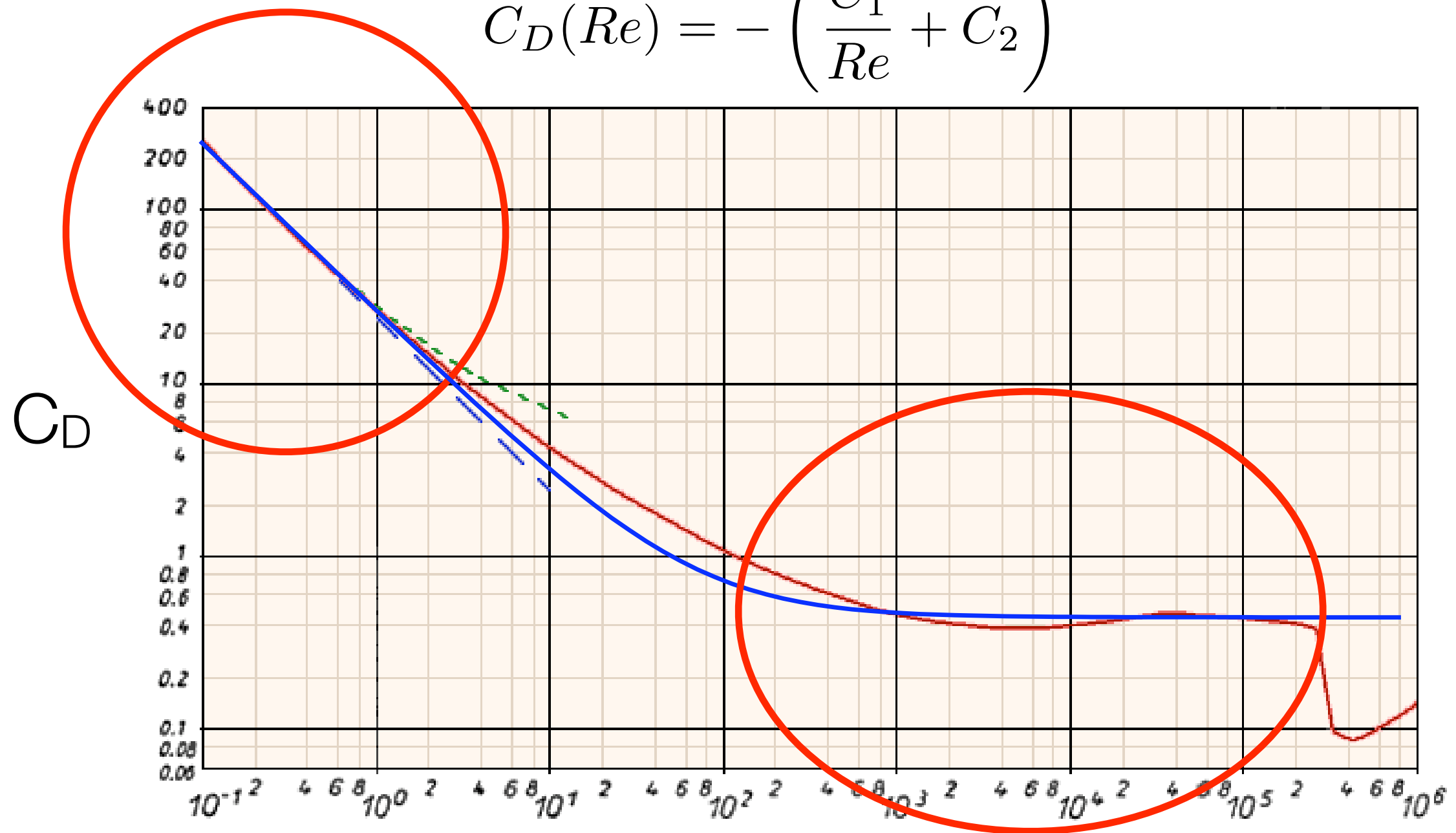
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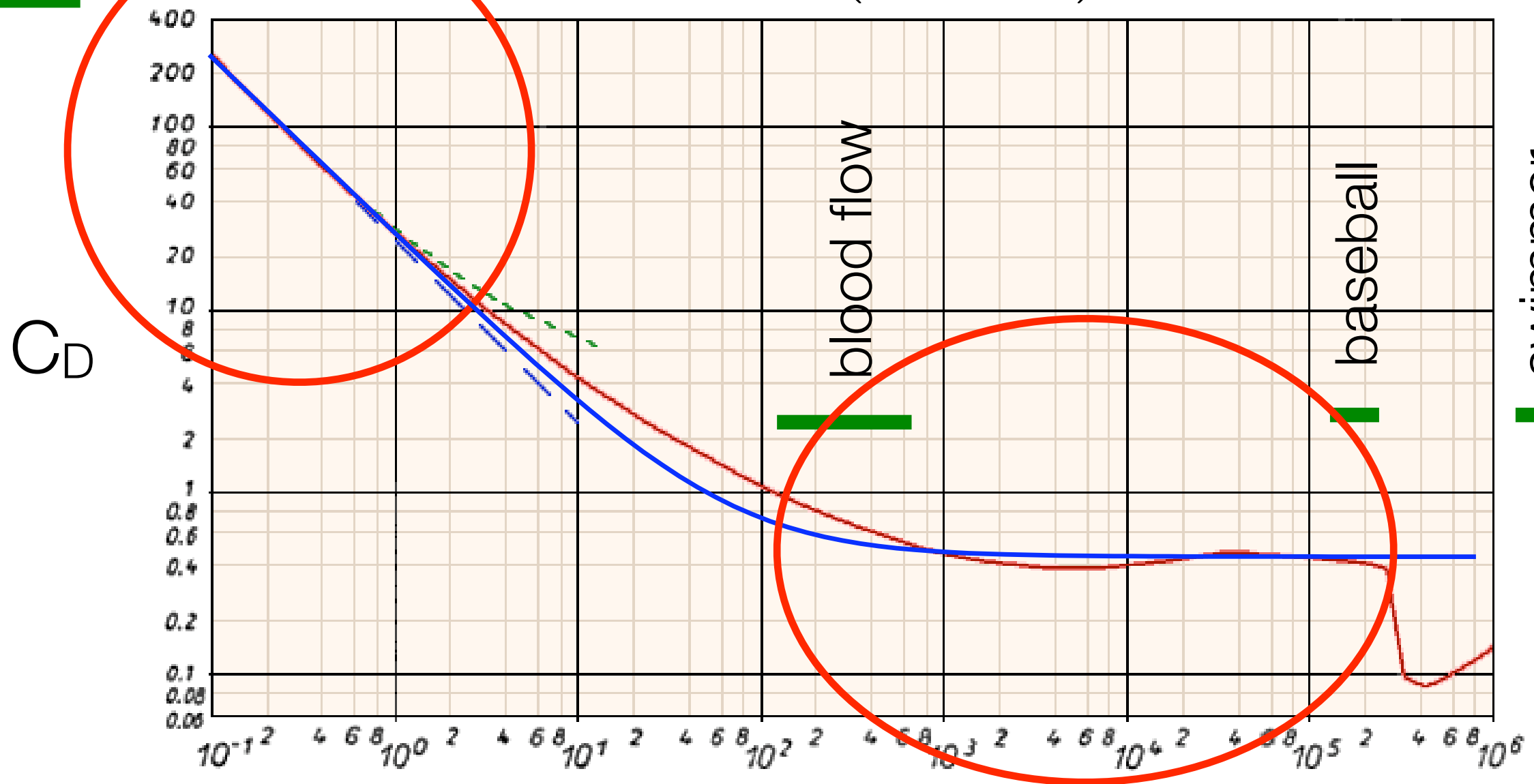
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which is essentially what Aristotle said.

# Freshman physics at low Reynolds Number

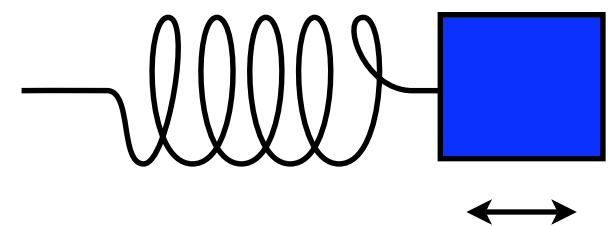
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$$\mu \frac{dx}{dt} = F_{net}(x).$$

- When the net force is a function of position, we end up with a “first order differential equation”.

- Examples:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\frac{1}{\mu} k_{spring} x$$



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