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COMP 5212  
Machine Learning  
Lecture 3

# Logistic Regression, Exponential Family

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# Classification



CAT

Labels are discrete

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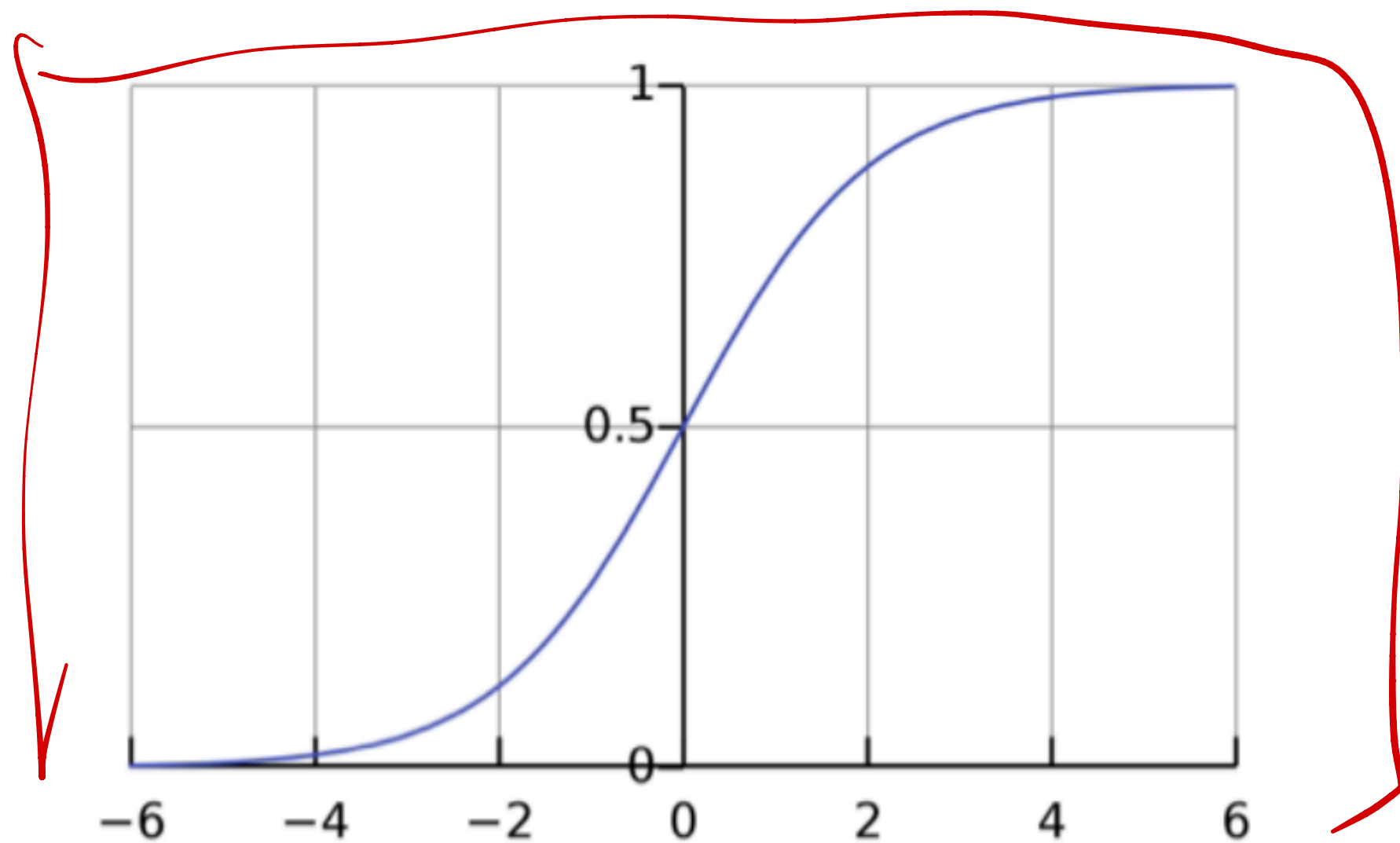
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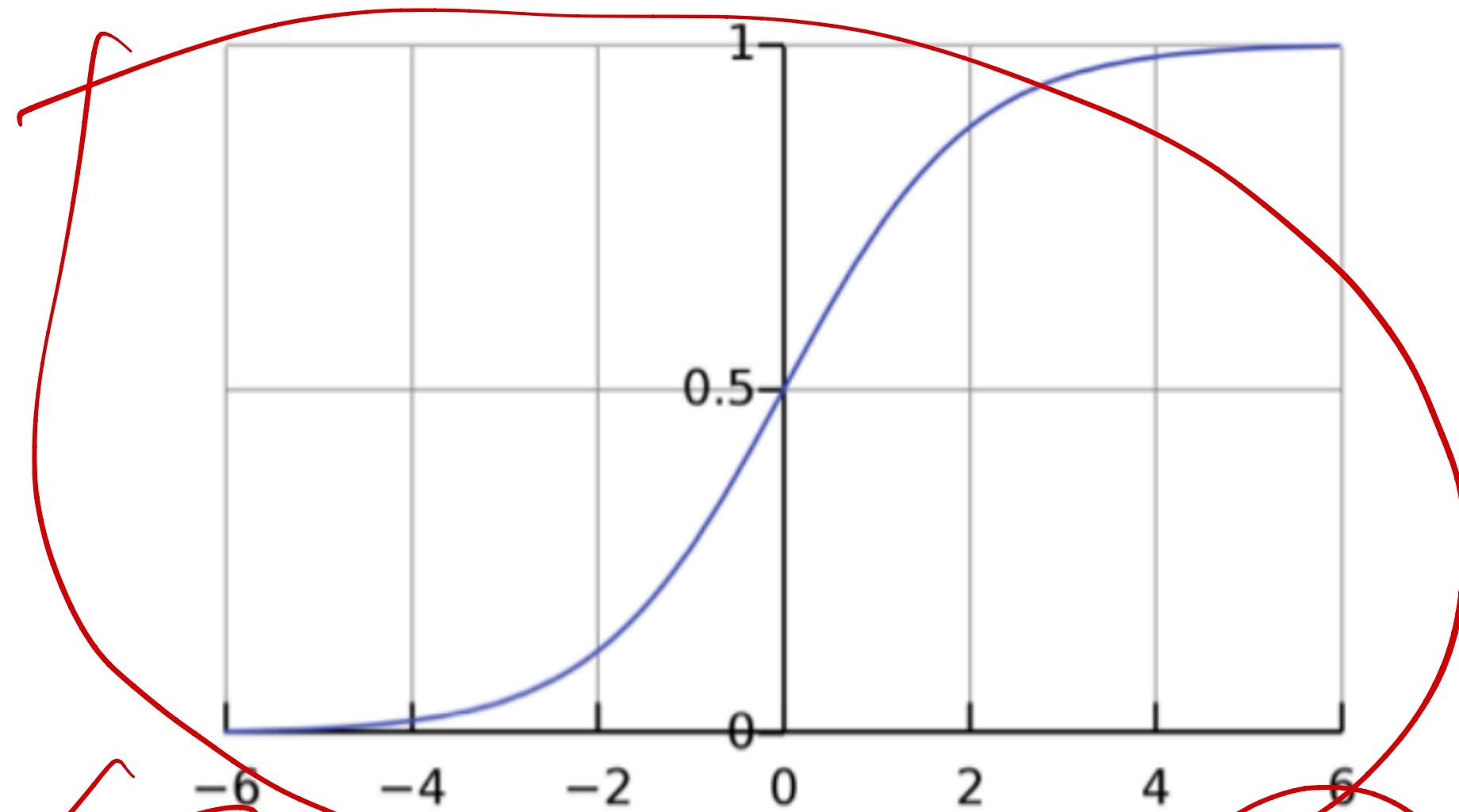


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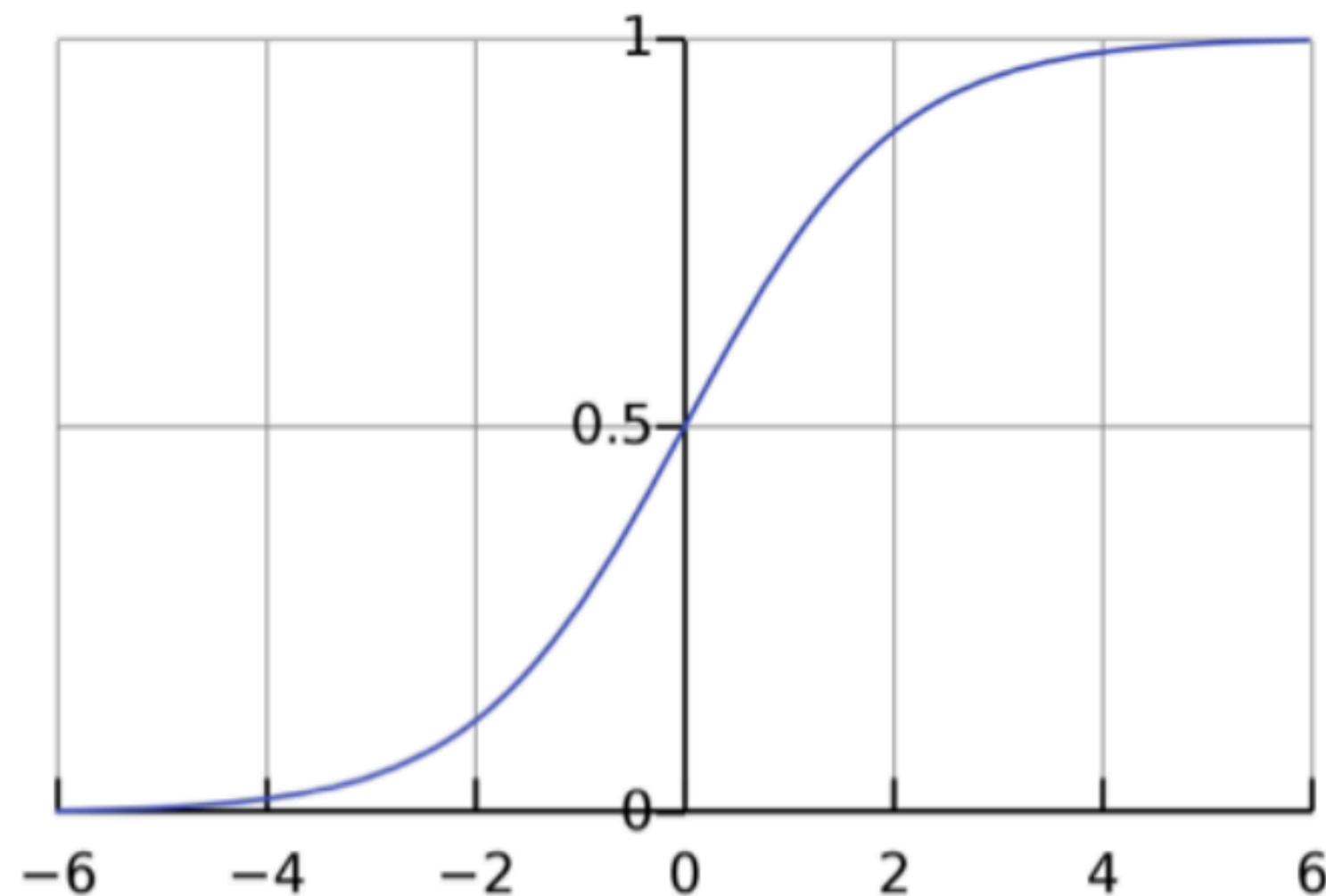
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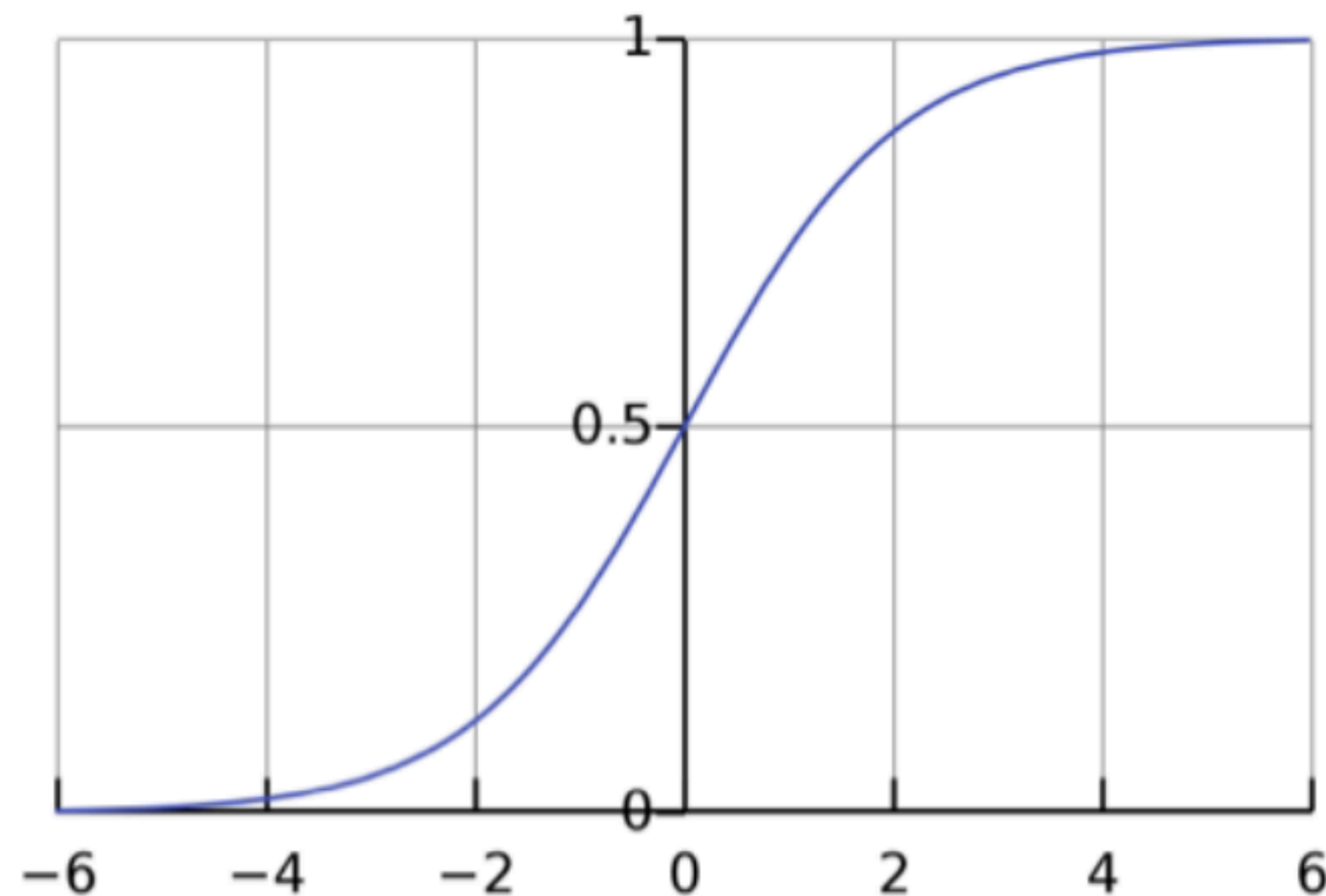
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Least Mean Square

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Handwritten notes in red ink:

$$P(y \mid x) = \begin{cases} h_{\theta}(x) & y=1 \\ 1 - h_{\theta}(x) & y=0 \end{cases}$$

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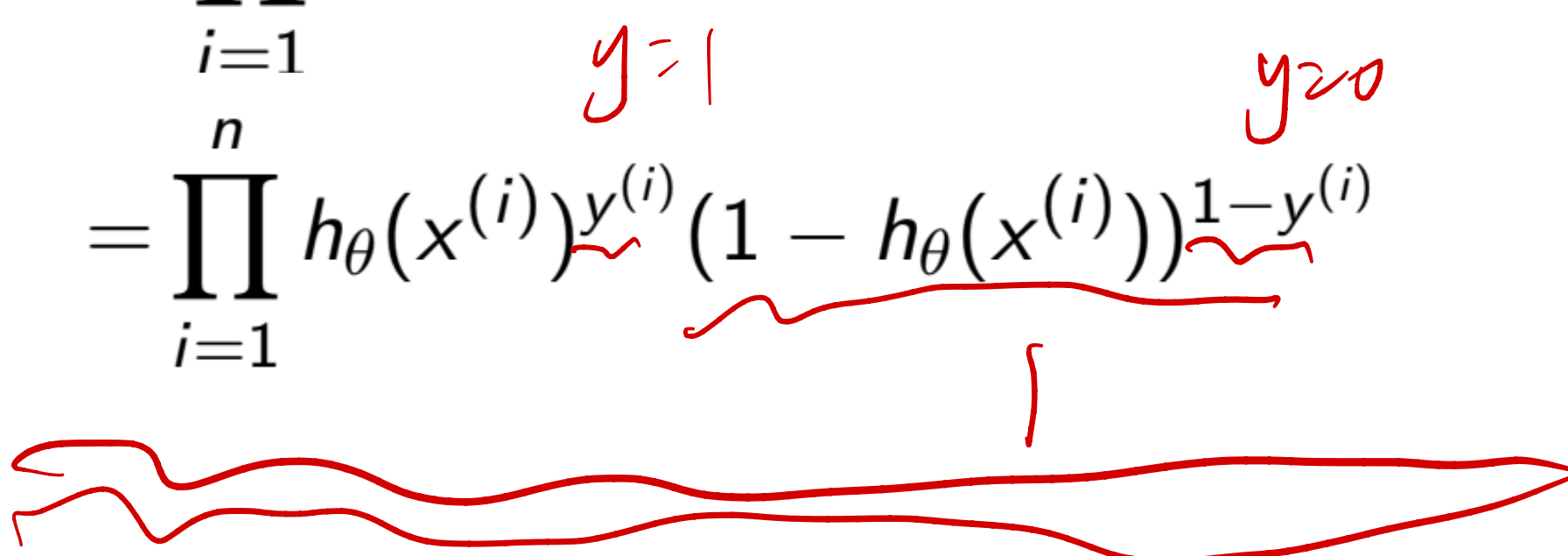
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Taking logs to compute the log likelihood  $\ell(\theta)$  we have:

$$\ell(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n y^{(i)} \log h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}) + (1 - y^{(i)}) \log(1 - h_{\theta}(x^{(i)}))$$

$$\theta = \underset{\theta}{\text{argmax}} \log L(\theta)$$

Maximum likelihood estimation



# Derivative of Logistic Function

$$g(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

$$g'(z) = \frac{d}{dz} \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})^2} (e^{-z})$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})} \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{(1 + e^{-z})} \right)$$

$$= g(z)(1 - g(z)).$$

$g(z)(1 - g(z)) \cdot \frac{1}{g(z)}$

$$l(\theta) = y \log h_{\theta}(x) + (1-y) \log [1 - h_{\theta}(x)]$$

$h_{\theta}(x)$  logistic function  
 $= g(\theta^T x)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} l(\theta) = y \cdot \frac{1}{g(\theta^T x)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} g(\theta^T x)$$

$$+ (1-y) \frac{1}{1-g(\theta^T x)} \left( - \frac{\partial g(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} \right)$$

$$g'(z) = g(z)(1-g(z))$$

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$$\frac{\partial g(\theta^T x)}{\partial \theta_j} = x_j$$

$$= \left[ y \cdot \frac{1}{g(\theta^T x)} - (1-y) \frac{1}{1-g(\theta^T x)} \right] g(\theta^T x) (1-g(\theta^T x)) x_j$$

$$= [y(1-g(\theta^T x)) - (1-y)g(\theta^T x)] x_j = [y - g(\theta^T x)] x_j$$


# Gradient Descent

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Is this coincidence?

# Multi-Label Classification



{Cat, dog, dragon, fish, pig}

*Language Models*

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$k^*$  = arg max  $\{ t_1, t_2, \dots, t_k \}$   
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logit  $\downarrow$

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$\sum \phi_i = 1$

$\exp(x)$  is monotonic  
 $t_i > t_j, \phi_i > \phi_j$

The denominator is a normalization constant

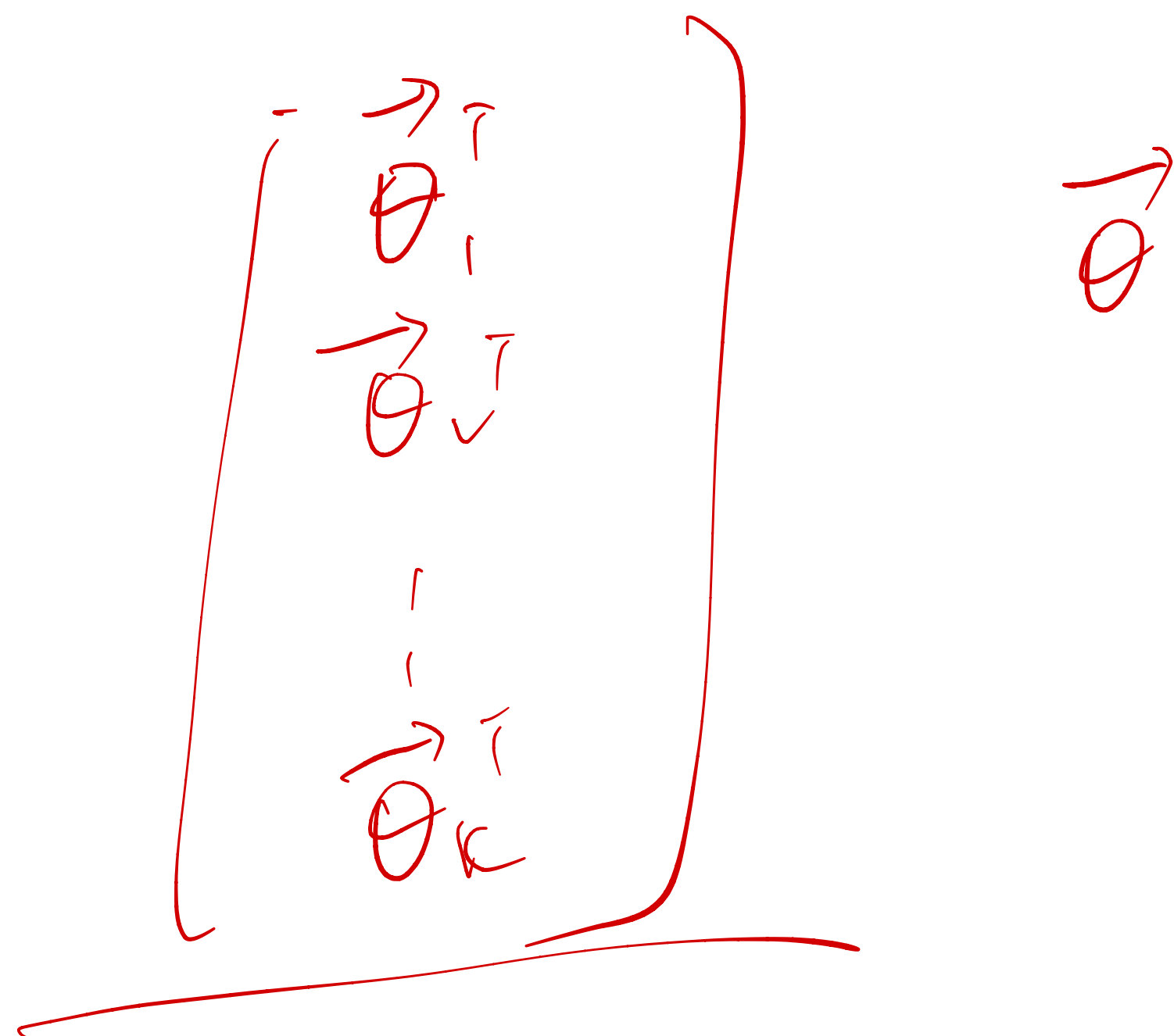
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$$\text{NNCF} = (t_1 \dots t_k)$$



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*CNN LSTM  
transformer*



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*n # data samples*

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$g(z)$

$$\mathbb{1}(e) = \begin{cases} 1 & e \text{ is true} \\ 0 & e \text{ is false} \end{cases}$$

$$l_{ce}(t_1, \dots, t_k, y) = -\log$$

$$\frac{\partial l_{ce}}{\partial t_i} = \frac{1}{-\phi_y} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} \frac{\exp(t_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^k \exp(t_j)}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\exp(t_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^k \exp(t_j)} \right]$$

$$\phi_i = \frac{\exp(t_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^k \exp(t_j)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{-\phi_y} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} (\exp(t_i)) \cdot \frac{1}{\sum_{j=1}^k \exp(t_j)} + \exp(t_i) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} \left[ \frac{\exp(t_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^k \exp(t_j)} \right] \right]$$

if-then  $y=i$

$$= -\frac{1}{\phi_y} \left[ \exp(t_i) \cdot \frac{-\exp(t_i)}{\left( \sum_{j=1}^k \exp(t_j) \right)^2} + \right]$$

$$\frac{\exp(t_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^k \exp(t_j)} \stackrel{i=y}{=} \phi_i$$

0 if  $y \neq i$

$$= \begin{cases} \phi_i - 1 & i=y \\ \phi_i & i \neq y \end{cases}$$

$$+ \begin{cases} \phi_i & i=y \\ 0 & i \neq y \end{cases}$$

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$$t_i = \theta_i^\top x$$

back propagation

$\theta_i$  is only related to  $t_i$

$$t_i = \frac{\theta_i^\top x}{\sum \theta_i^\top x}$$

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$t_i = f(\theta_i)$

For every  $j$ ,  $t_j = g_j(\theta_i)$

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*o LM*

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n (\phi_i^{(j)} - 1\{y^{(j)} = i\}) \cdot x^{(j)}$$

$$\theta_i \leftarrow \theta_i + \eta \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \mathbb{1}\{y^{(j)} = i\} - \phi_i^{(j)} \right) \cdot x^{(j)}$$

$$\theta_i \leftarrow \theta_i + \eta \sum_{j=1}^n \left( y^{(j)} - \text{logit}(x^{(j)}) \right) x_i$$

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$\left. \begin{array}{l} > 0 \\ < 0 \end{array} \right\}$   
 $\theta^{new} = \theta^{old} - \eta \cdot \text{coefficient} \cdot \vec{x}$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n (\phi_i^{(j)} - 1\{y^{(j)} = i\}) \cdot x^{(j)}$$

Intuitive explanation of the rule?

$\rightarrow$   
 $\theta_i$

to label  $i$

$y^{(j)} = i$   
 $y^{(j)} \neq i$   
 $\underbrace{(\phi_i^{(j)} - 1\{y^{(j)} = i\})}_{\text{coeff} - \dots} < 0$   
 $\dots > 0$



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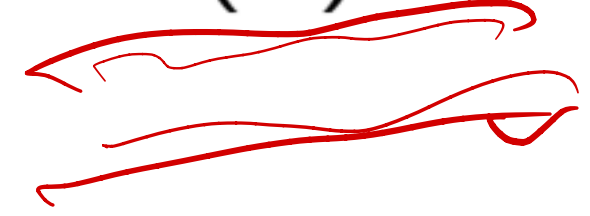
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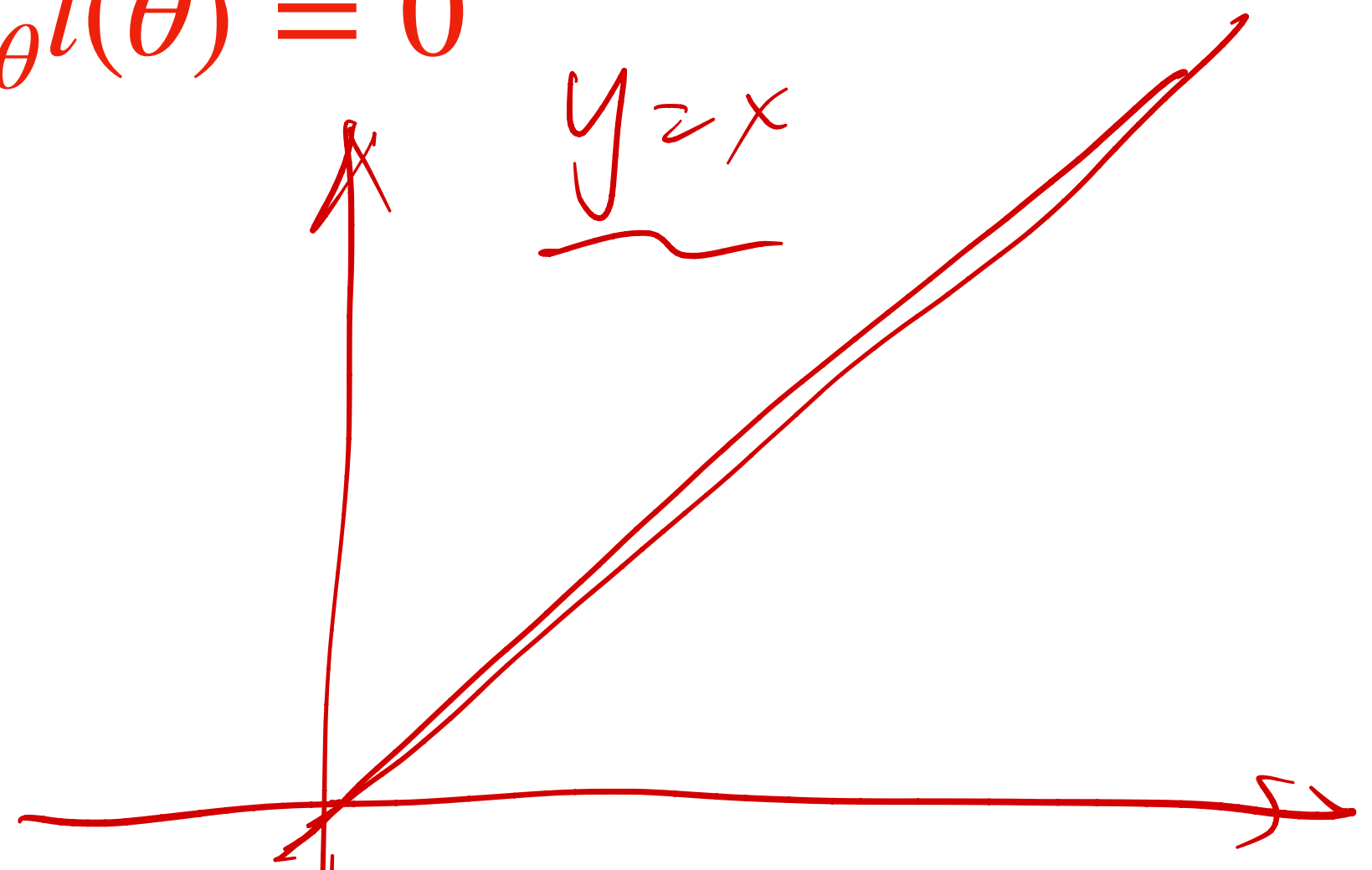
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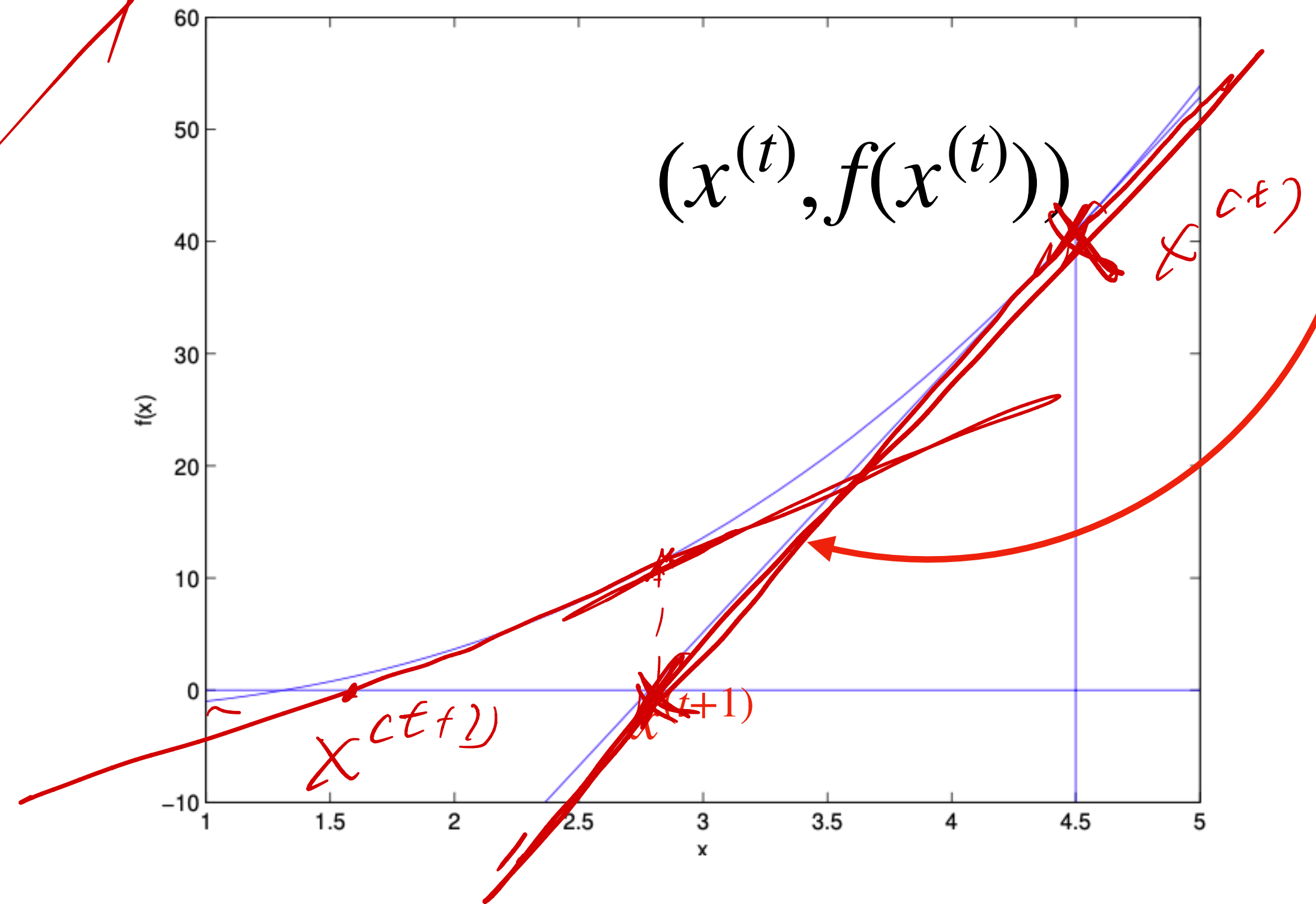
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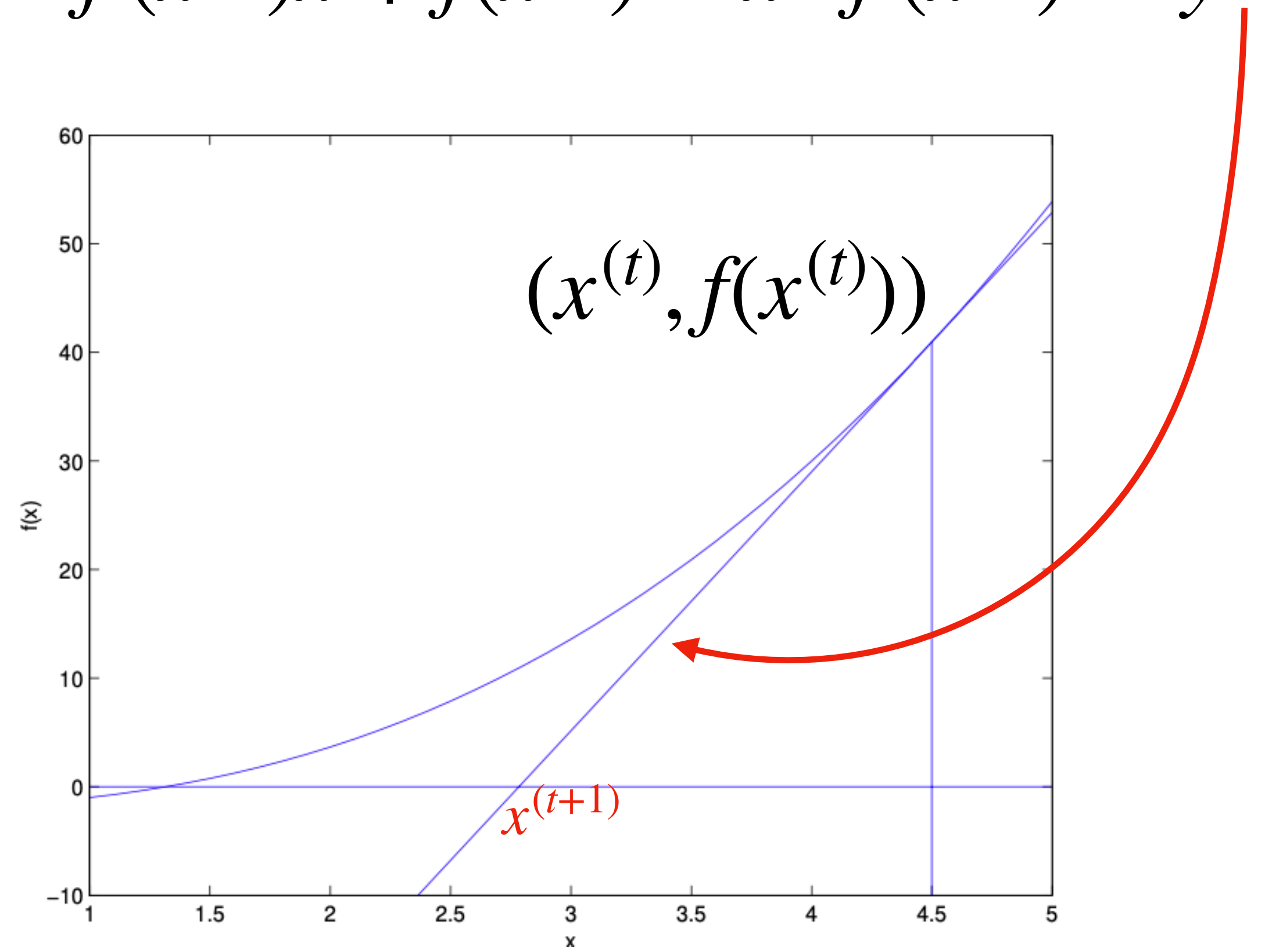
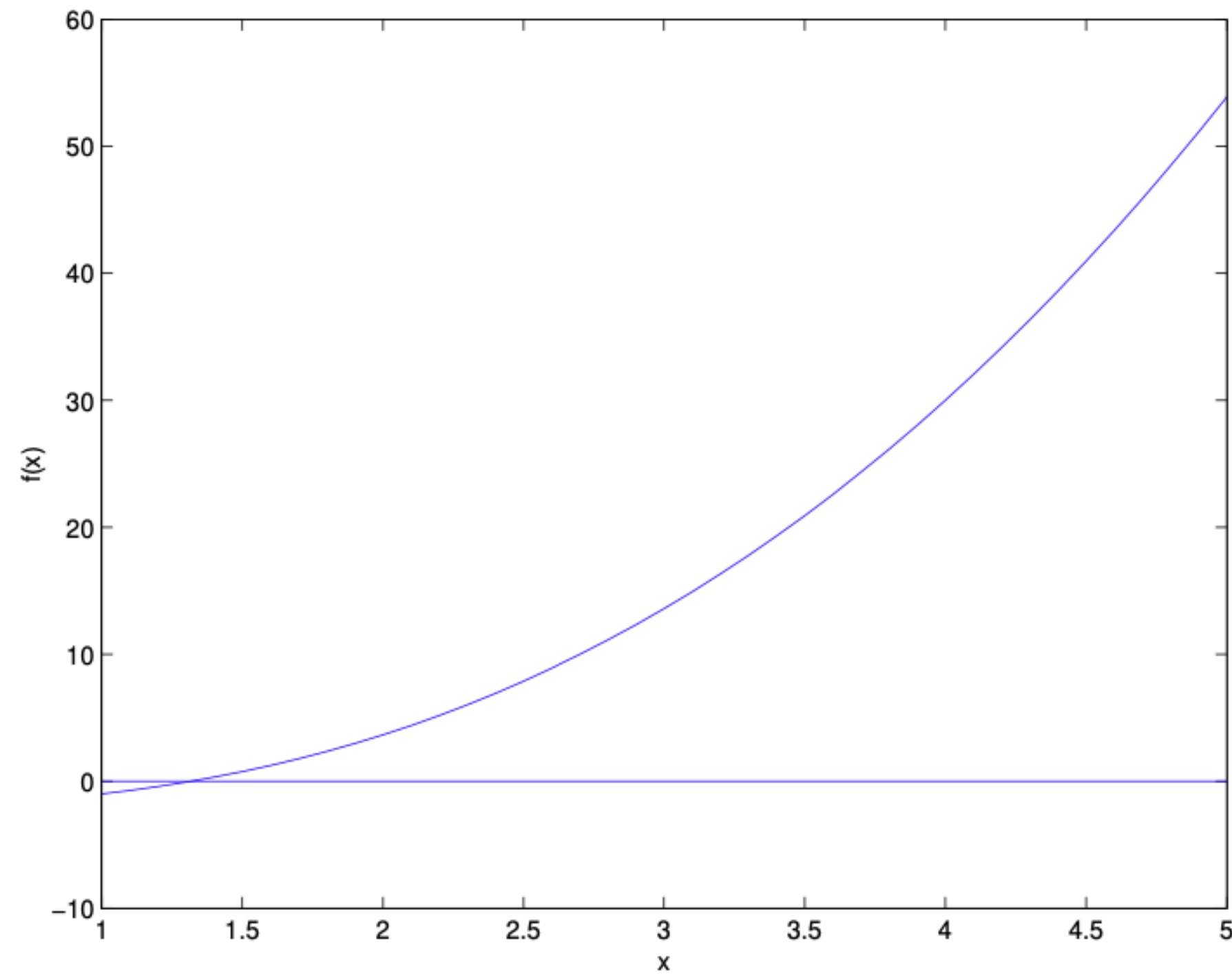
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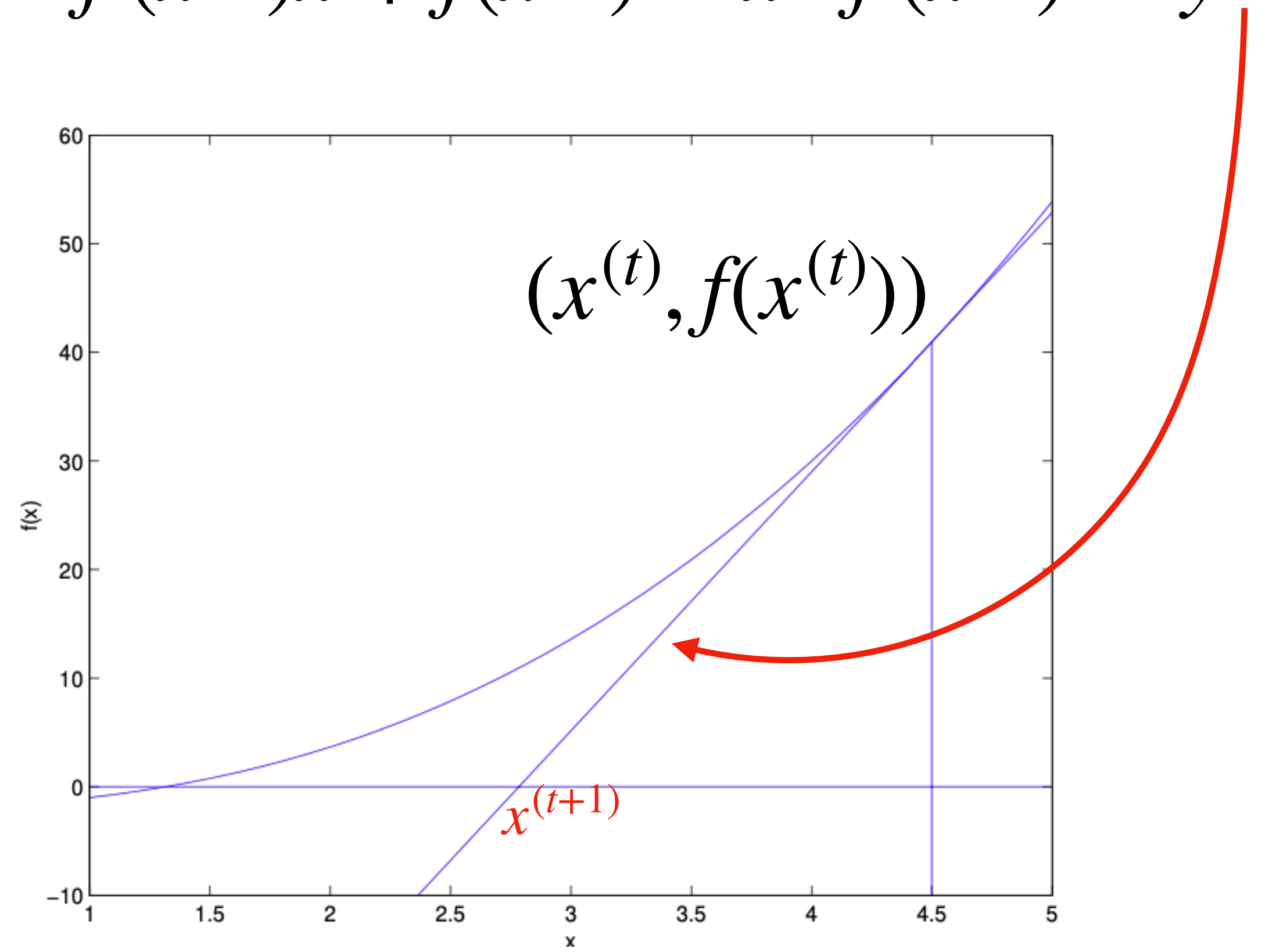
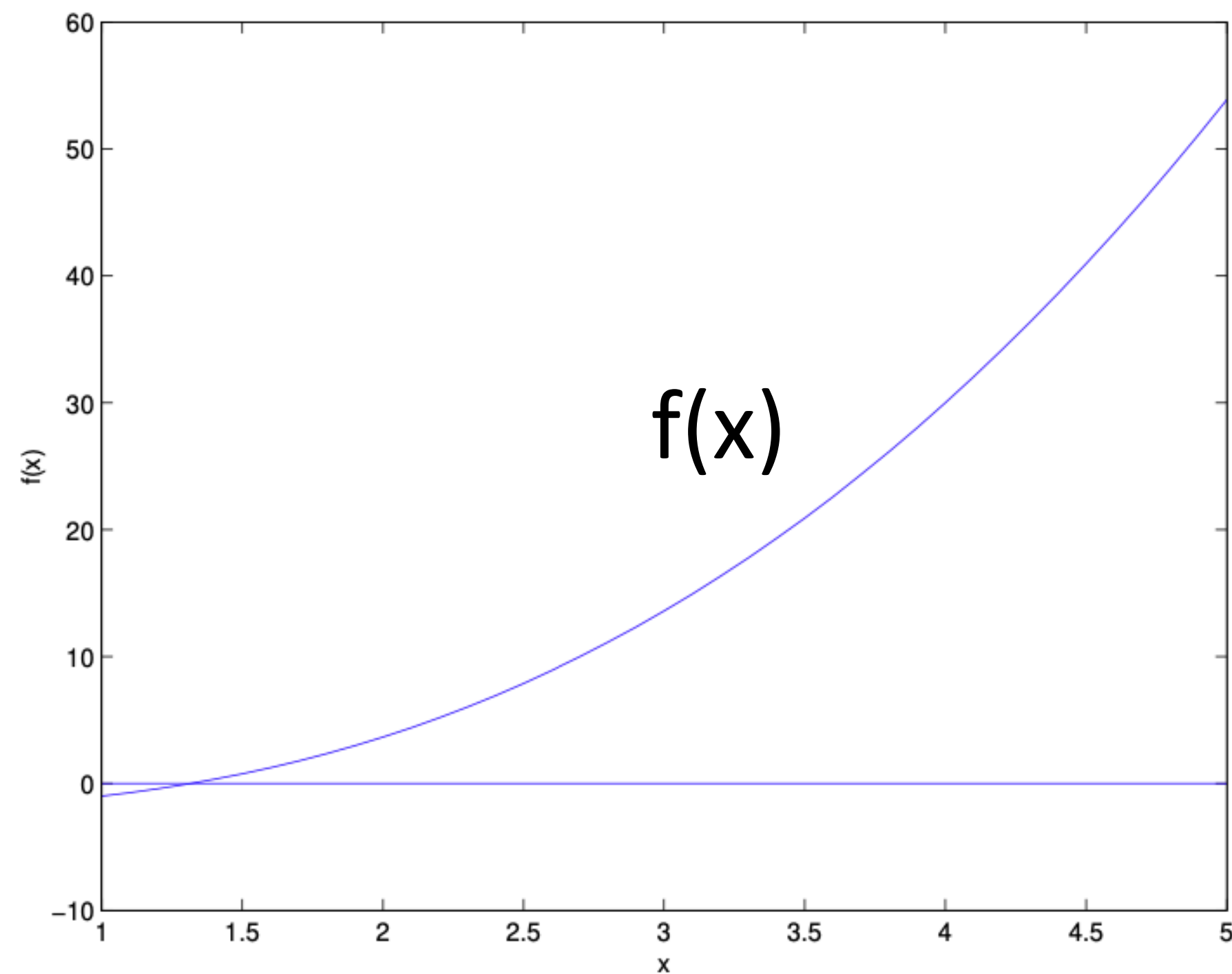
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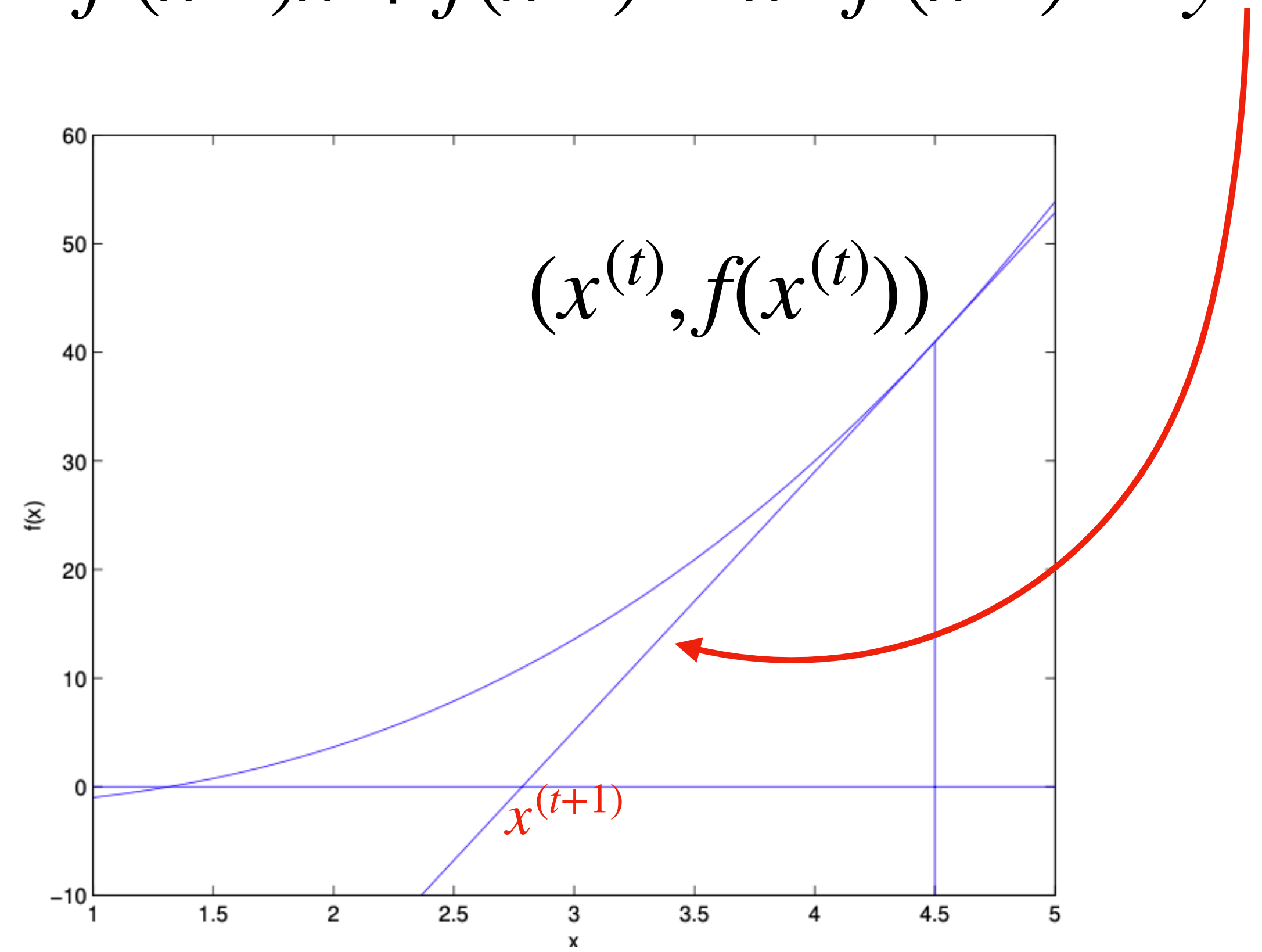
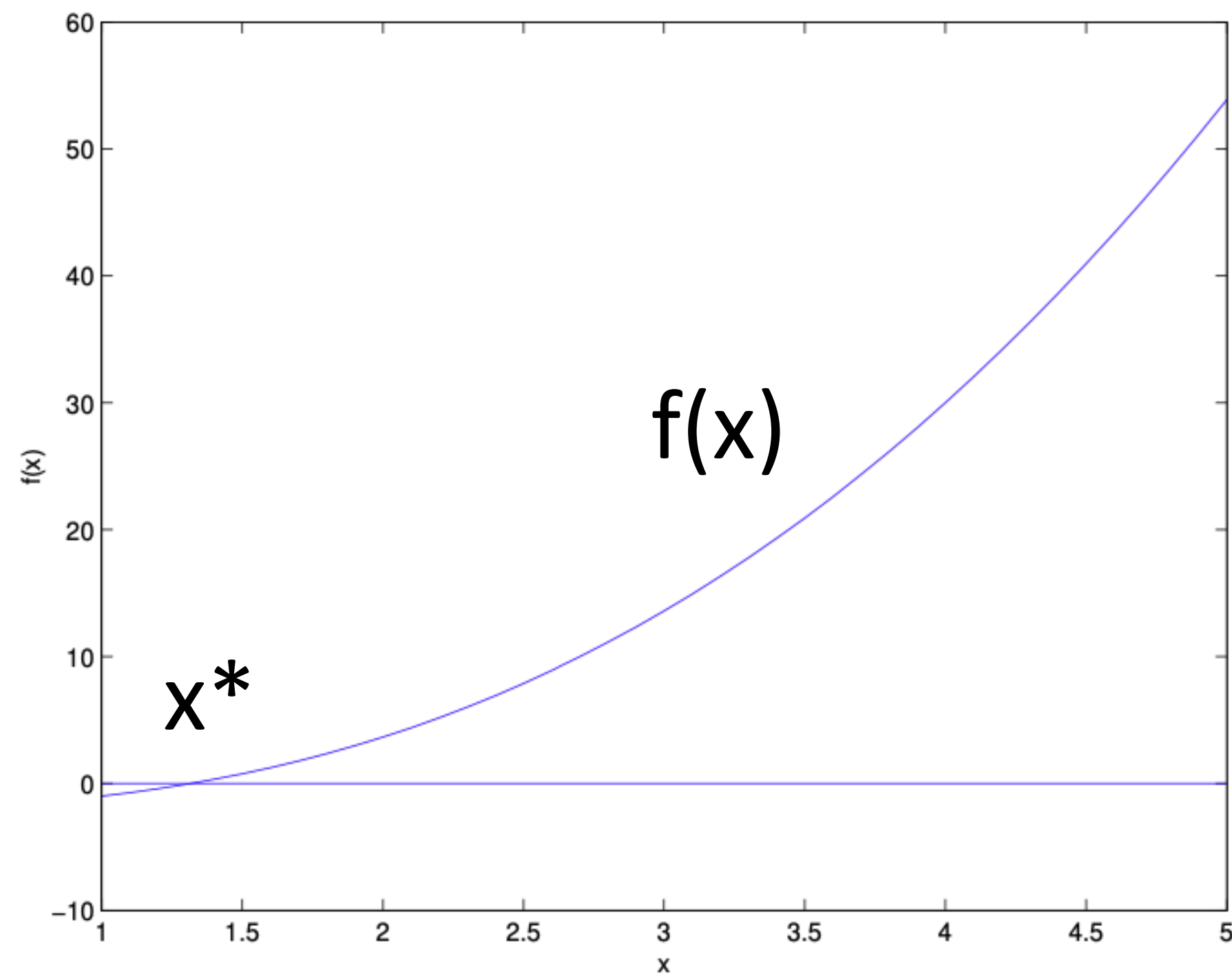
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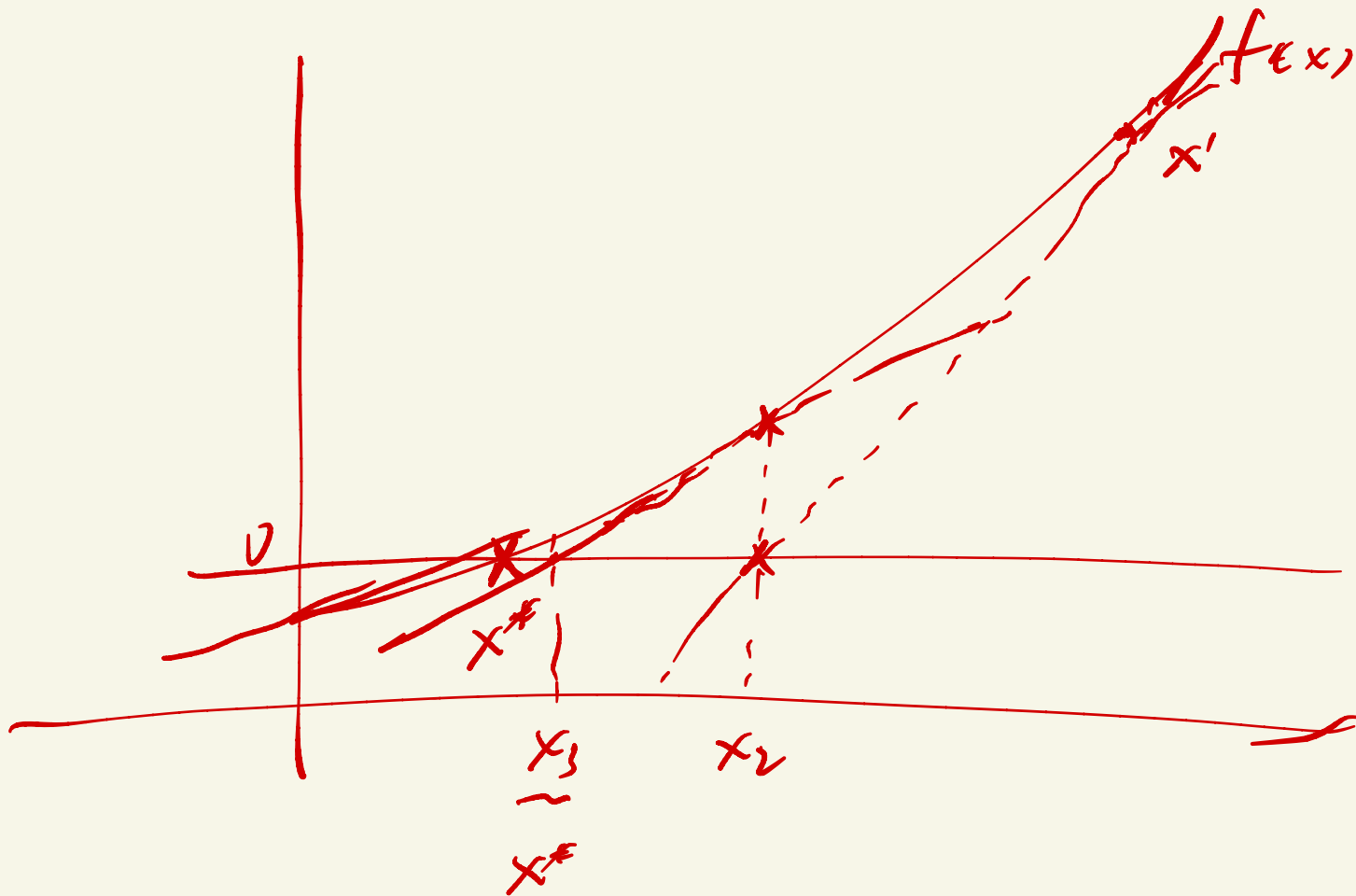
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**Q & A**