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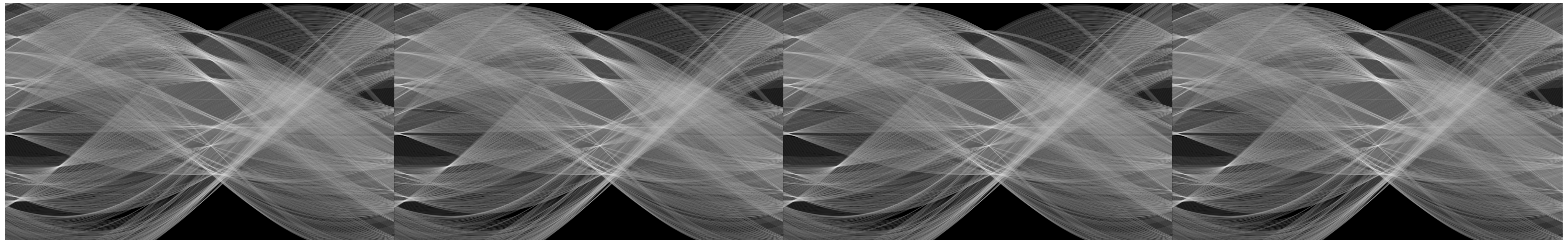

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Lecture 21: Hough

Menu for Today (**October 30, 2020**)

Topics:

— Hough Transform

— Hough Transform for Object Detection

Readings:

— **Today's** & **Next** Lecture: Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 7.1.1, 7.2.1, 7.4, 7.6

Reminders:

— **Midterms** are graded (grades will be released immediately after lecture)

— **Assignment 4**: please start working on it!

— **Final Exam** date is set to December 16th @ noon.

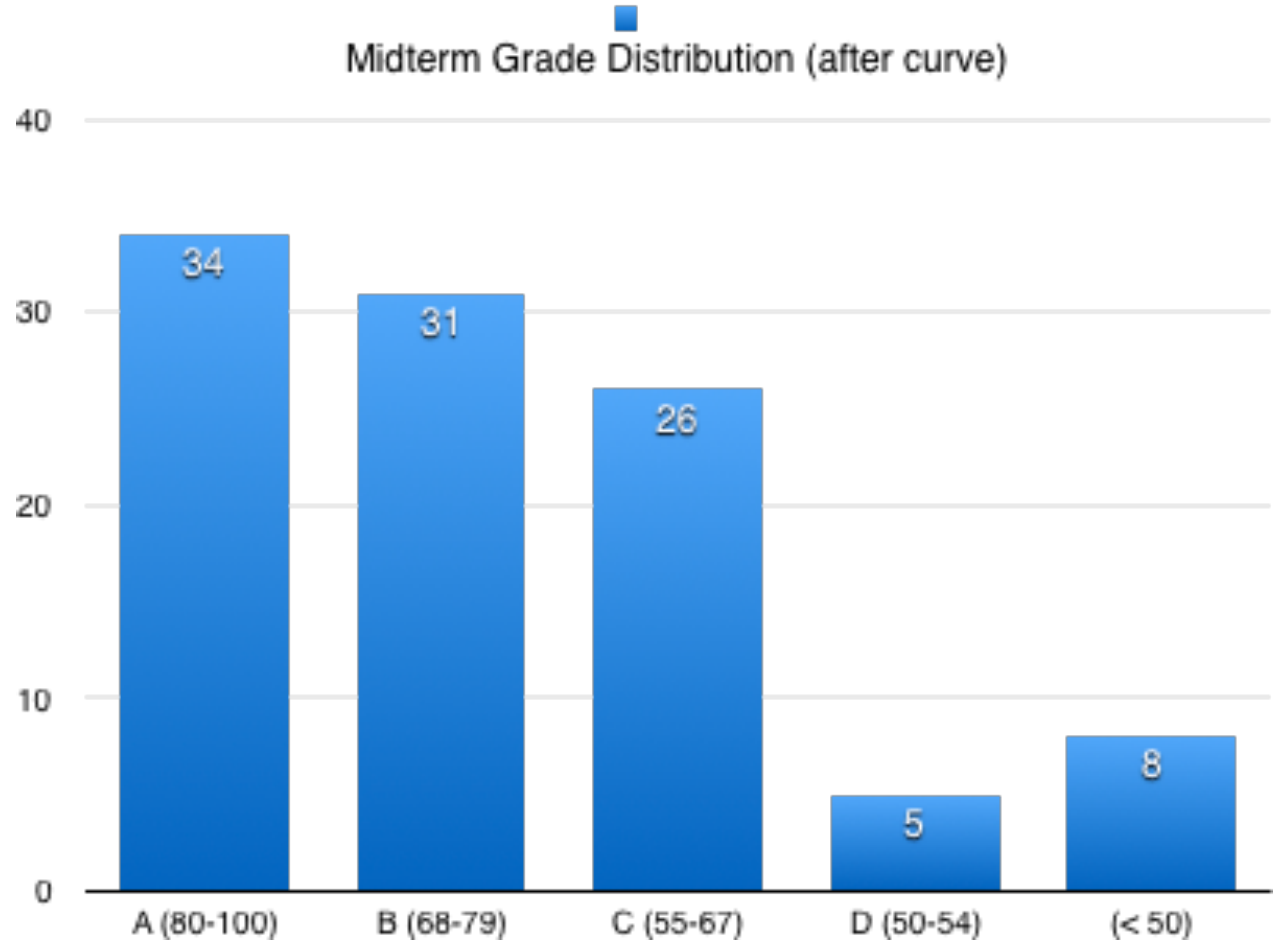
Midterm Grades

Curve: 5 points (~8.3%) added to everyone's score

Average (after curve): 71
Median (after curve): 73

Any **regrade** requests will be handled via private posts on Piazza

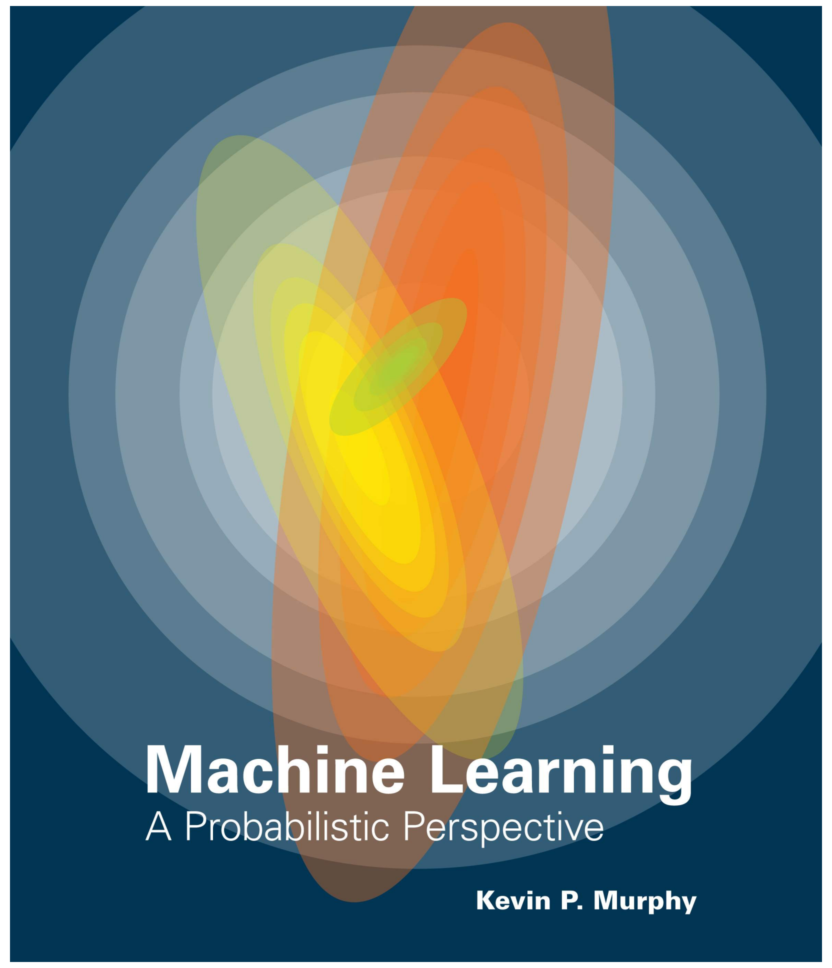
Any regrade request must specifically mention specific question and potential issue.



Today's "**fun**" Example: Im2Calories

ICCV 2015 paper by **Kevin Murphy**

(UBC's former faculty)



Coincidently Kevin is also author of one of the most prominent ML books

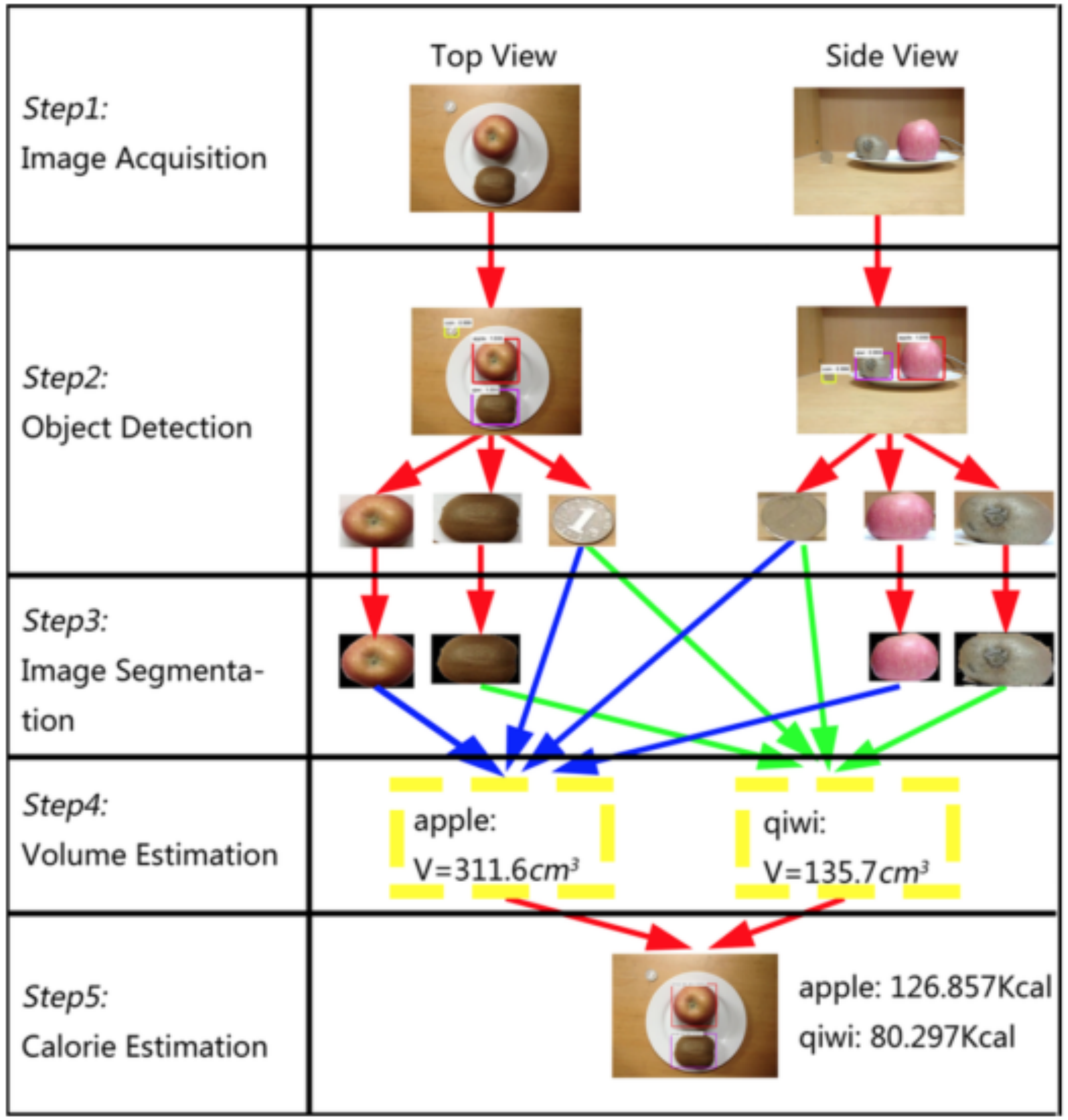


Figure 1: Calorie Estimation Flowchart

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Im2Calories: towards an automated mobile vision food diary

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Today's "**fun**" Example: Im2Calories

Fun **on-line demo**: http://www.caloriemama.ai/api

Lecture 20: Re-cap RANSAC

RANSAC is a technique to fit data to a model
— divide data into inliers and outliers
— estimate model from minimal set of inliers
— improve model estimate using all inliers
— alternate fitting with re-classification as inlier/outlier

RANSAC is a general method suited for a wide range of model fitting problems
— easy to implement
— easy to estimate/control failure rate

RANSAC only handles a moderate percentage of outliers without cost blowing up

RANSAC: *k* Samples Chosen (p = 0.99)

Sample size	Proportion of outliers						
n	**5%**	**10%**	**20%**	**25%**	**30%**	**40%**	**50%**
2	2	3	5	6	7	11	17
3	3	4	7	9	11	19	35
4	3	5	9	13	17	34	72
5	4	6	12	17	26	57	146
6	4	7	16	24	37	97	293
7	4	8	20	33	54	163	588
8	5	9	26	44	78	272	1177

Figure Credit: Hartley & Zisserman

Discussion of RANSAC

Advantages:

— General method suited for a wide range of model fitting problems

— Easy to implement and easy to calculate its failure rate

Disadvantages:

— Only handles a moderate percentage of outliers without cost blowing up

— Many real problems have high rate of outliers (but sometimes selective choice of random subsets can help)

— Only finds one “**best**” solution

The **Hough transform** can handle high percentage of outliers and simultaneously find multiple solutions

Fitting a Model

Suppose we want to fit a **model** to a set of **tokens**

— e.g. A line fits well to a set of points. This is unlikely to be due to chance, so we represent the points as a line.

— e.g. A 3D model can be scaled, rotated and translated to closely fit a set of points or line segments. If it fits well, the object is recognized.

Fitting a Model is Difficult

Difficulties arise owing to:

Extraneous data: clutter or multiple models

— We do not know what is part of the model

— Can we fit models with a few parts when there is significant background clutter?

Missing data: only some parts of model are present Noise

Computational cost:

— Not feasible to check all combinations of features by fitting a model to each possible subset

Hough Transform

Idea of **Hough transform**:

— For each token vote for all models to which the token could belong to

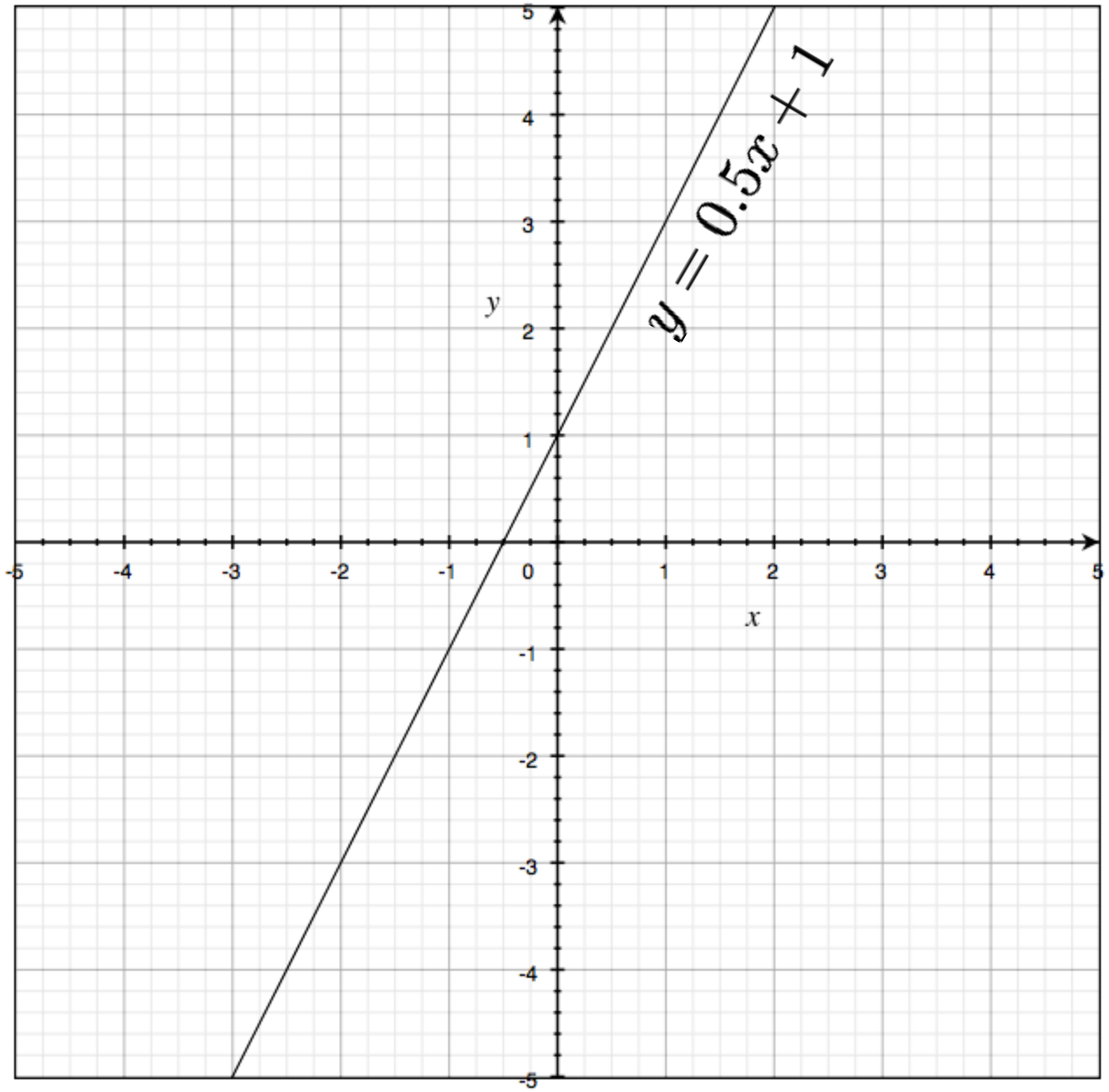
— Return models that get many votes

Example: For each point, vote for all lines that could pass through it; the true lines will pass through many points and so receive many votes

Lines: Slope intercept form

$$y = mx + b$$

slope y-intercept



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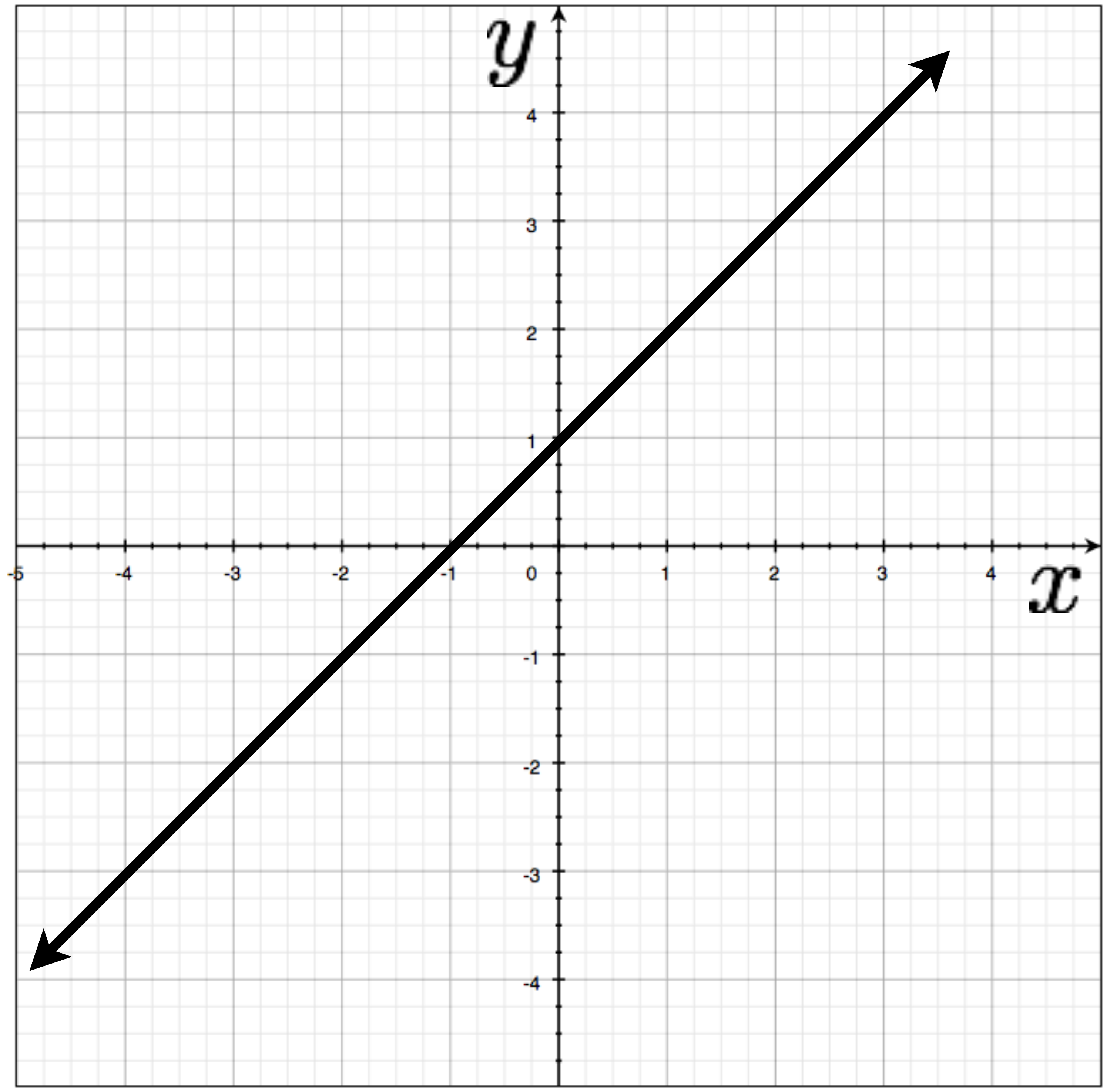
Hough Transform: Image and Parameter Space

variables

$$y = mx + b$$

parameters



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Hough Transform: Image and Parameter Space

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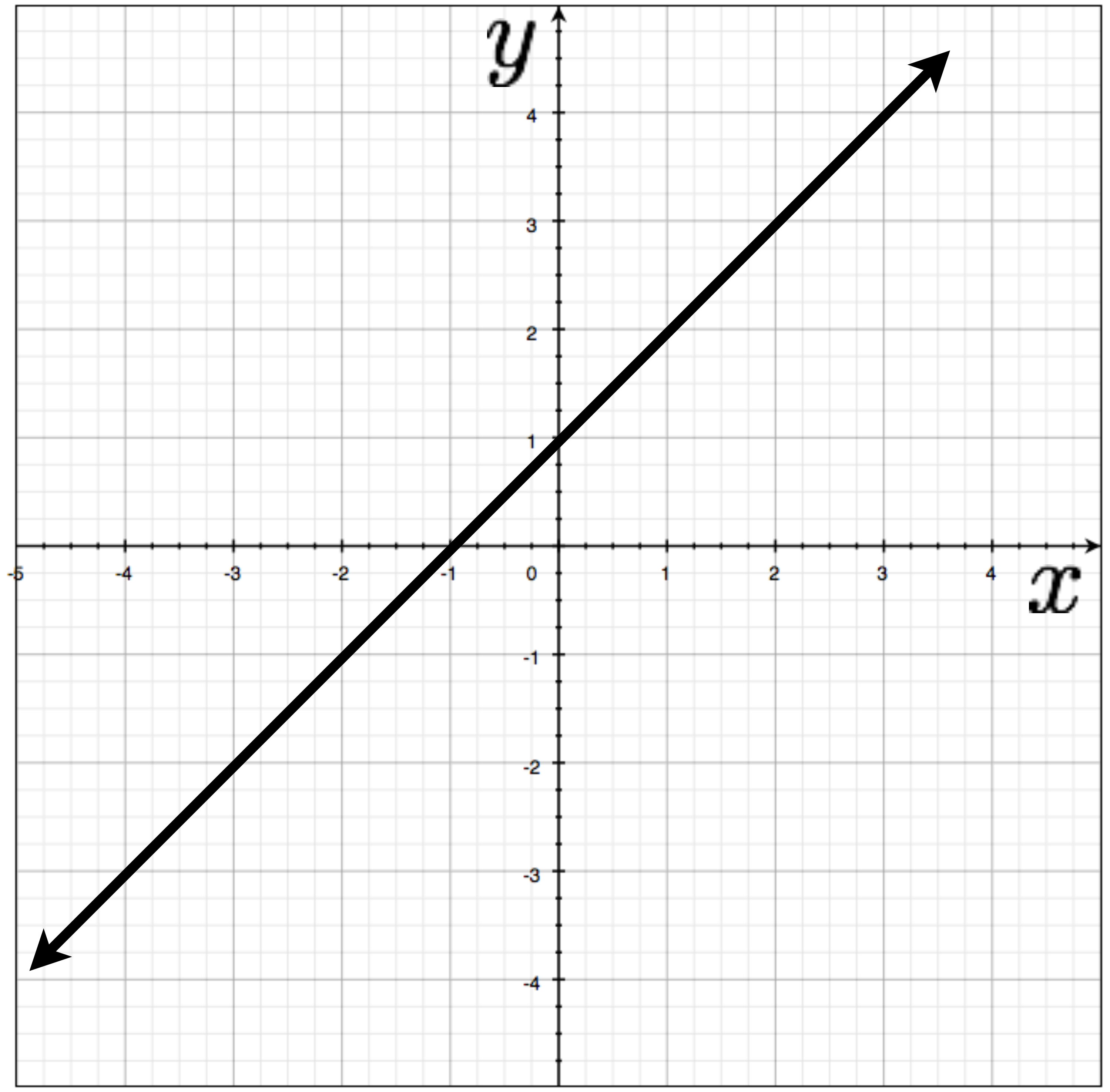
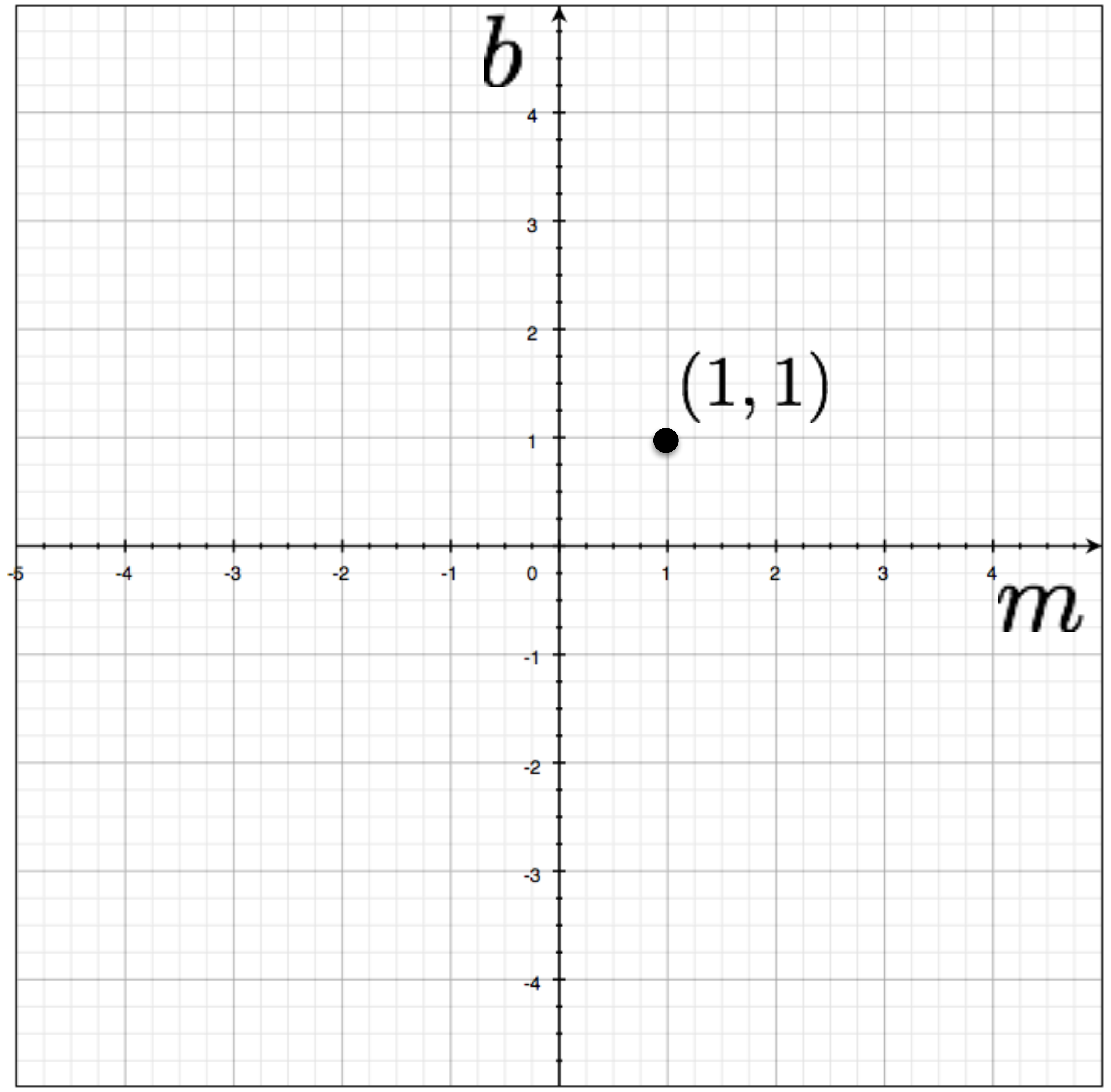
variables

$$y - mx = b$$

parameters



a line becomes a point



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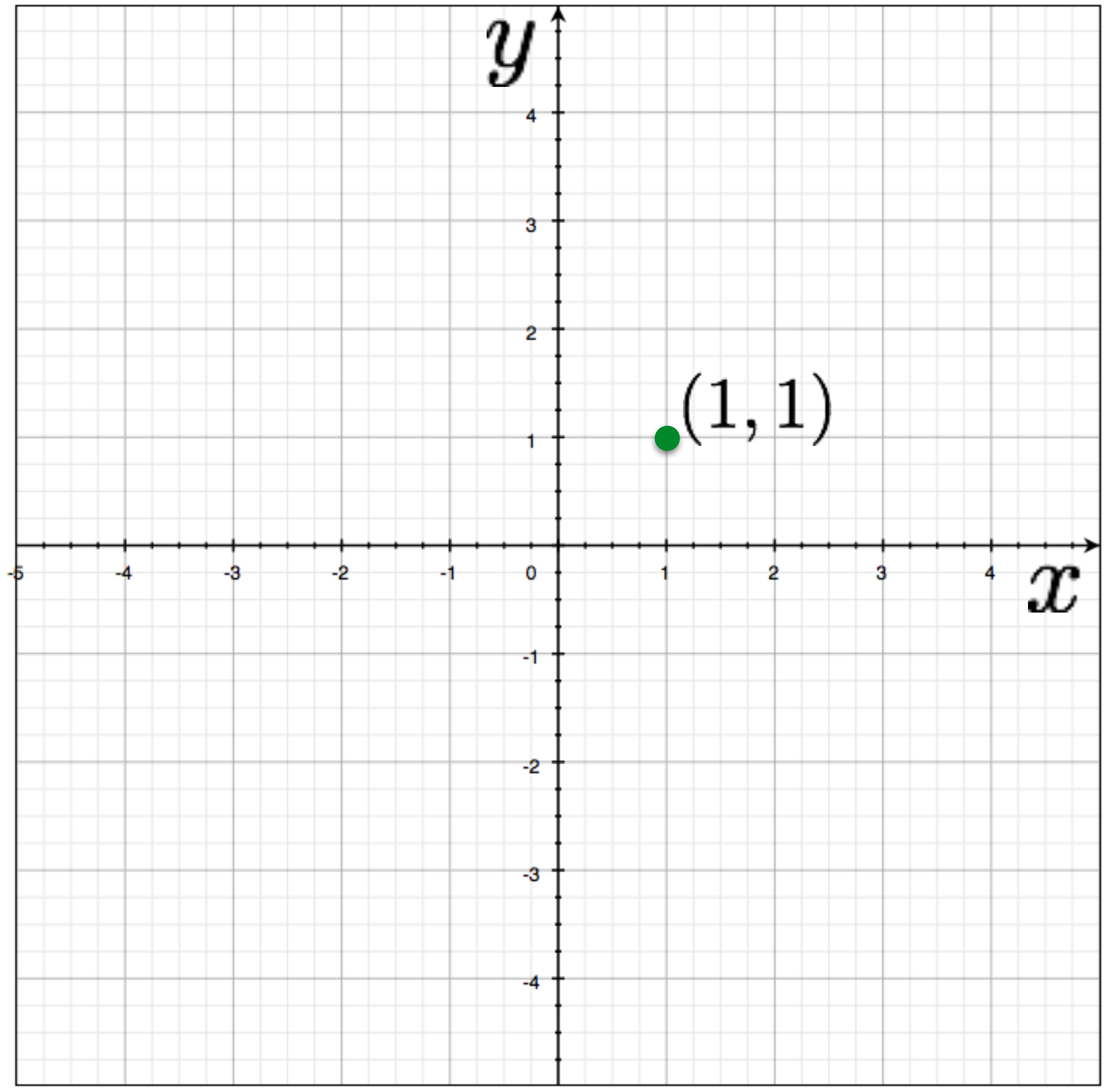

Image space

What would a **point** in image space become in **parameter space**?

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Hough Transform: Lines

variables

$$y = mx + b$$

parameters

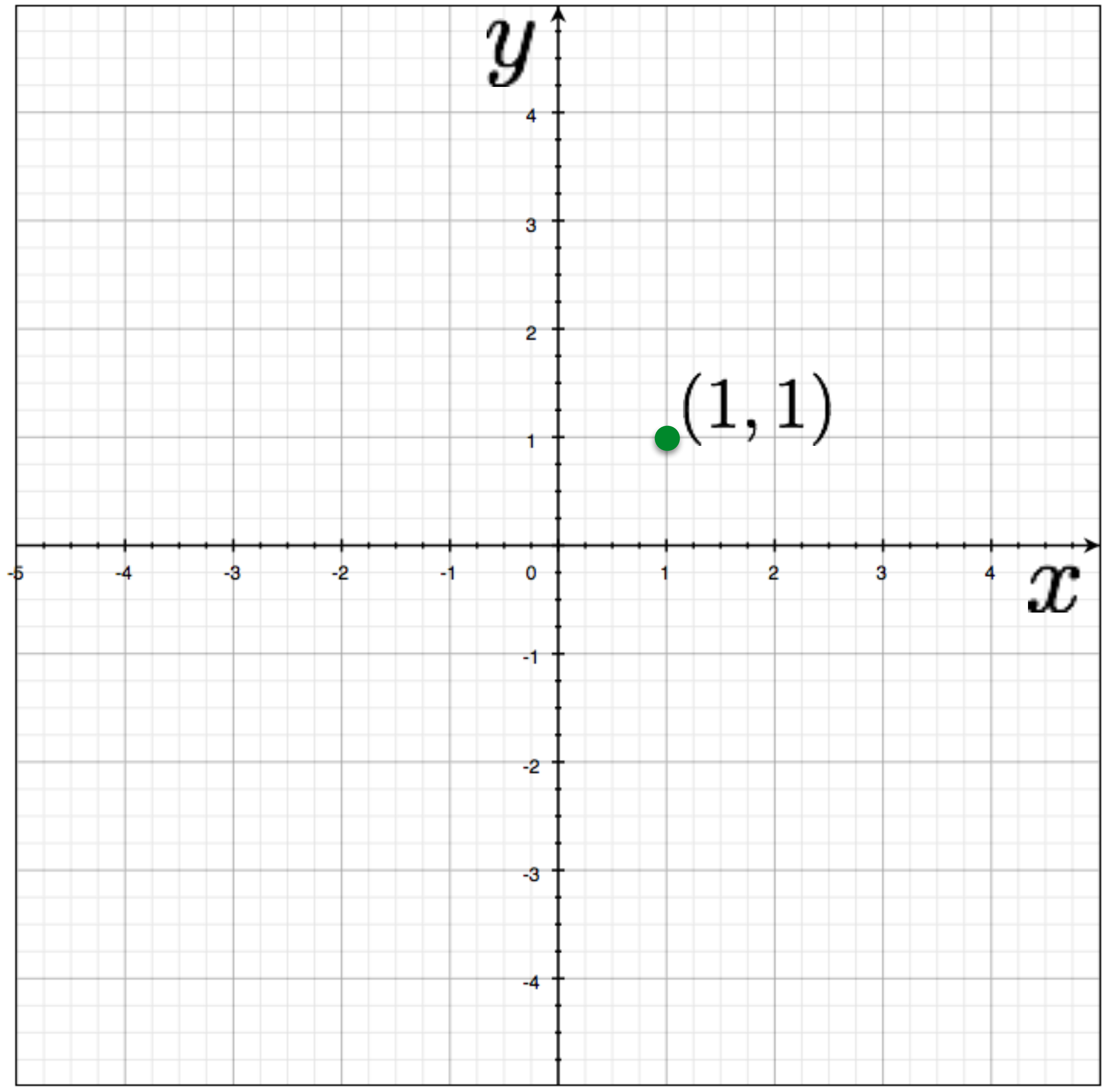


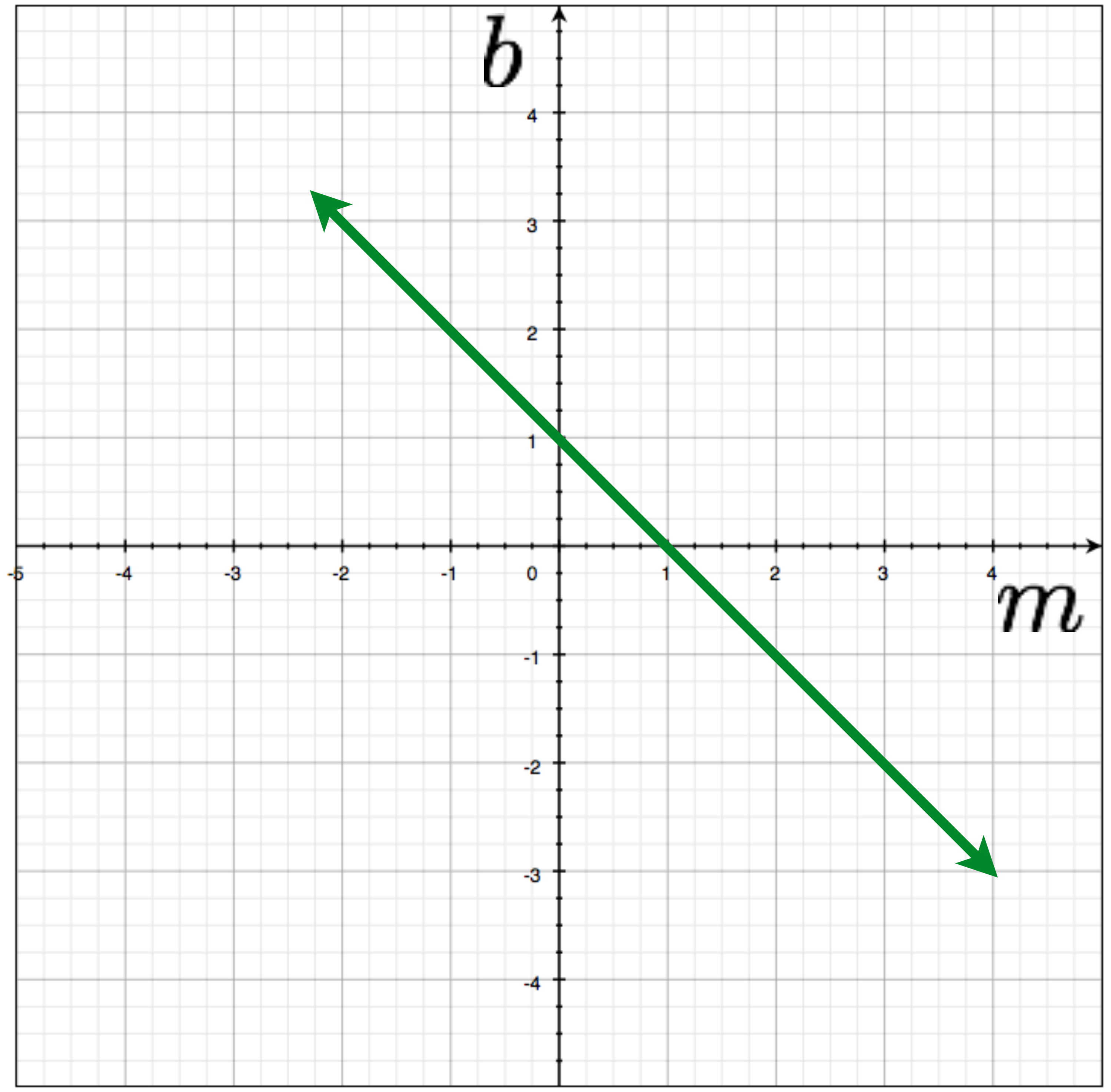
Image space

a point becomes a line

variables

$$y - mx = b$$

parameters



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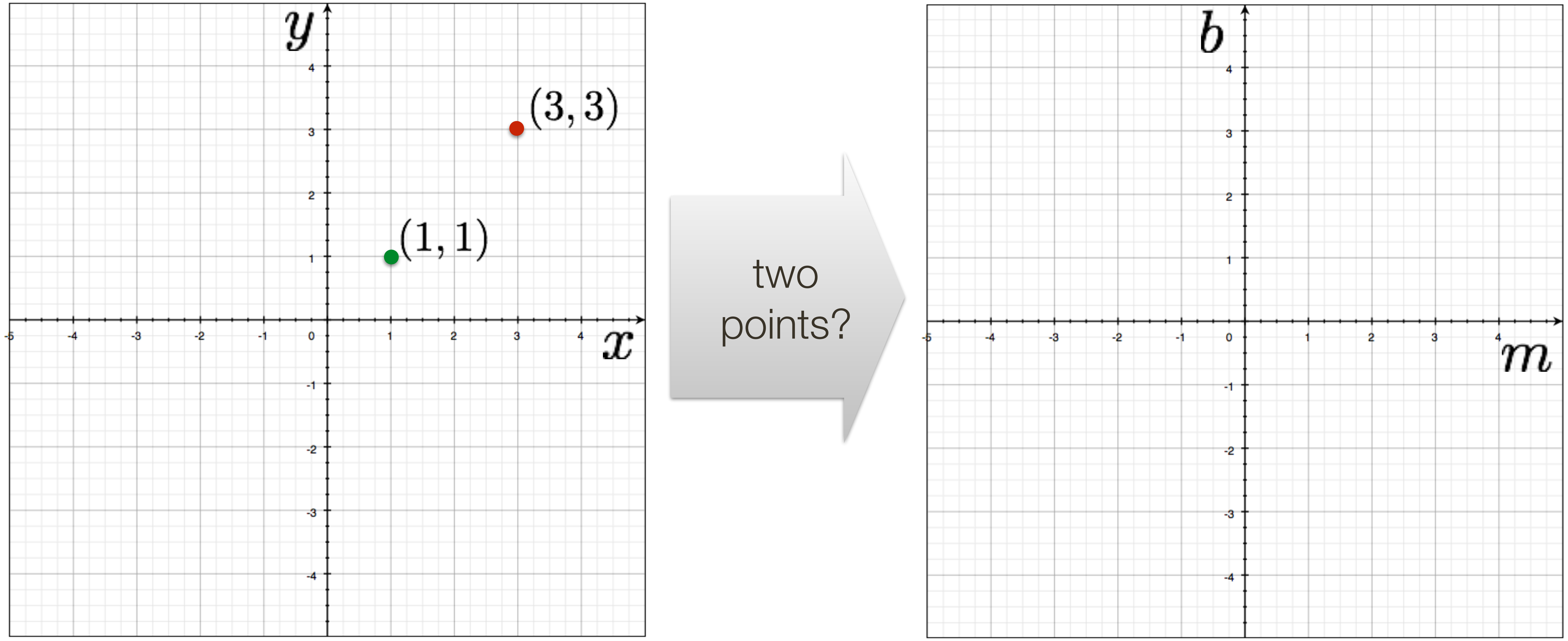

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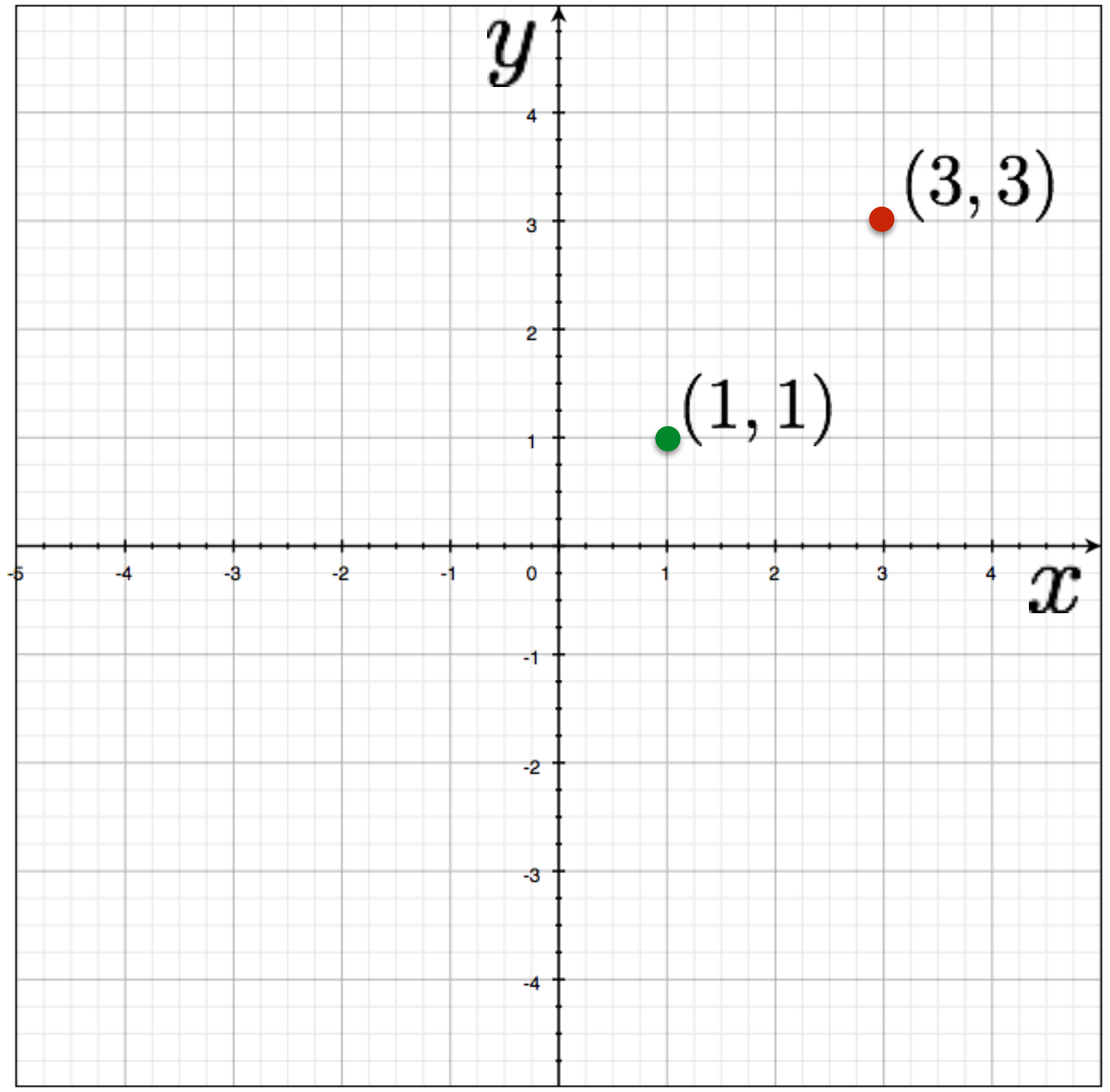

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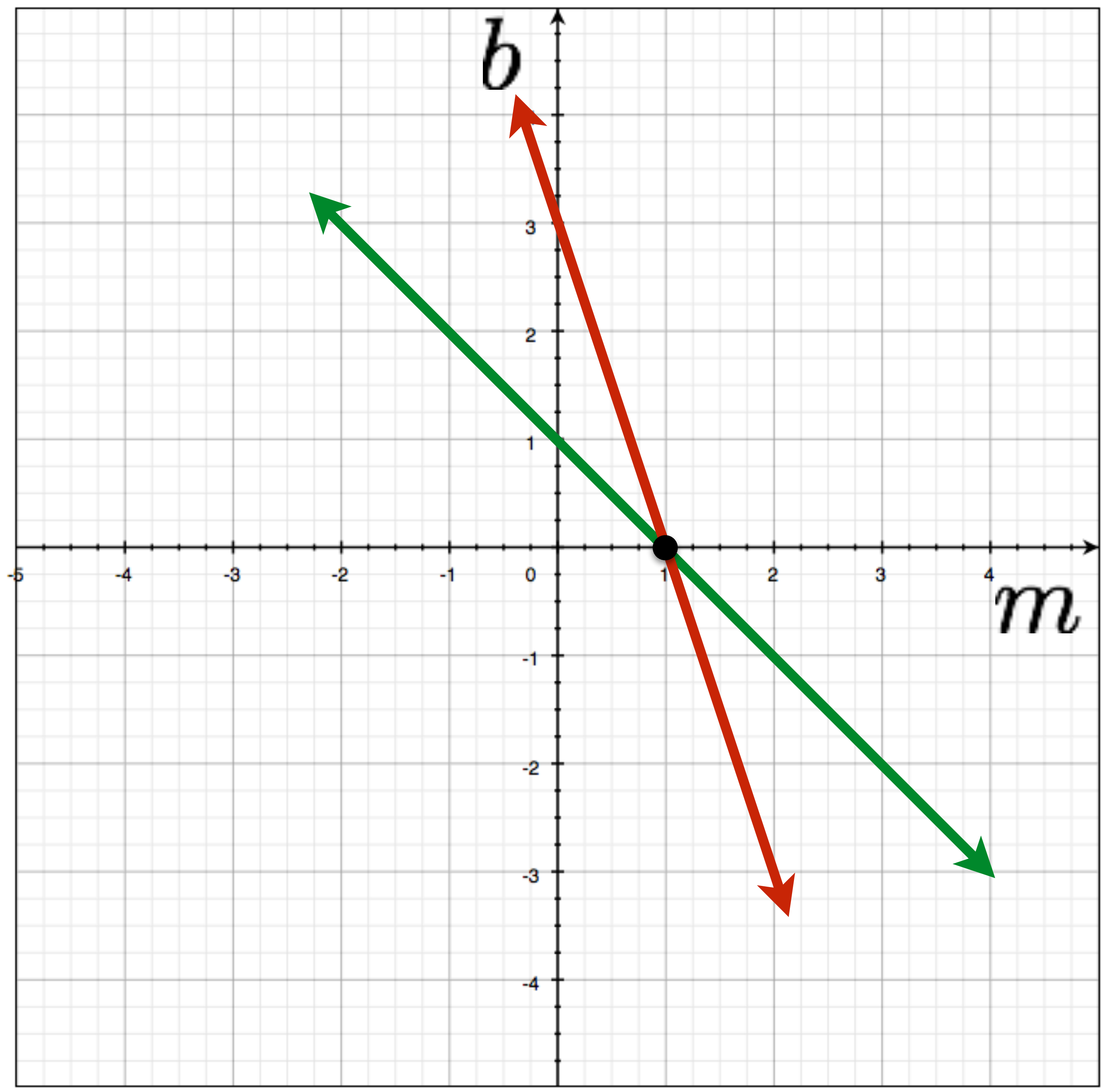

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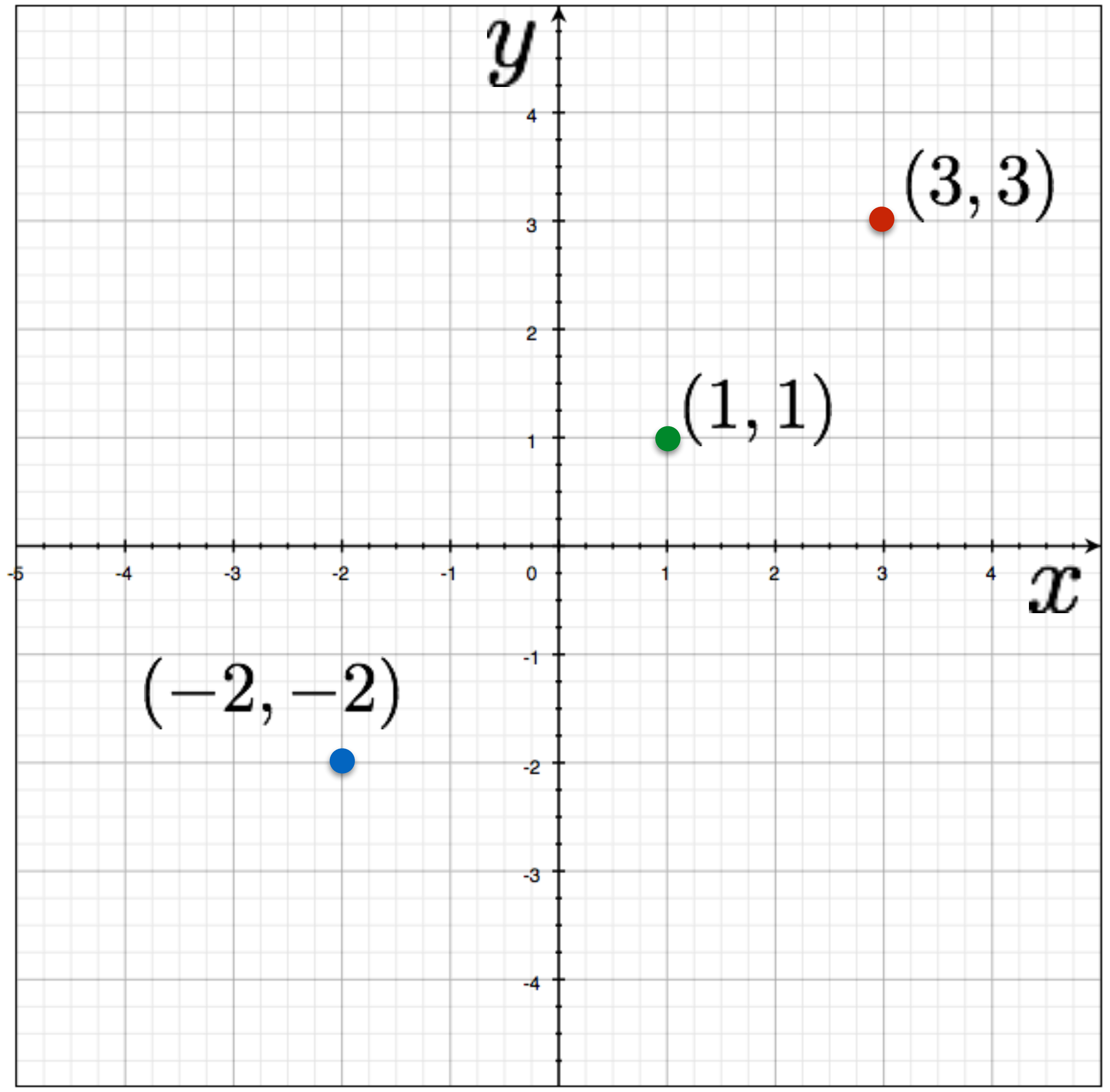

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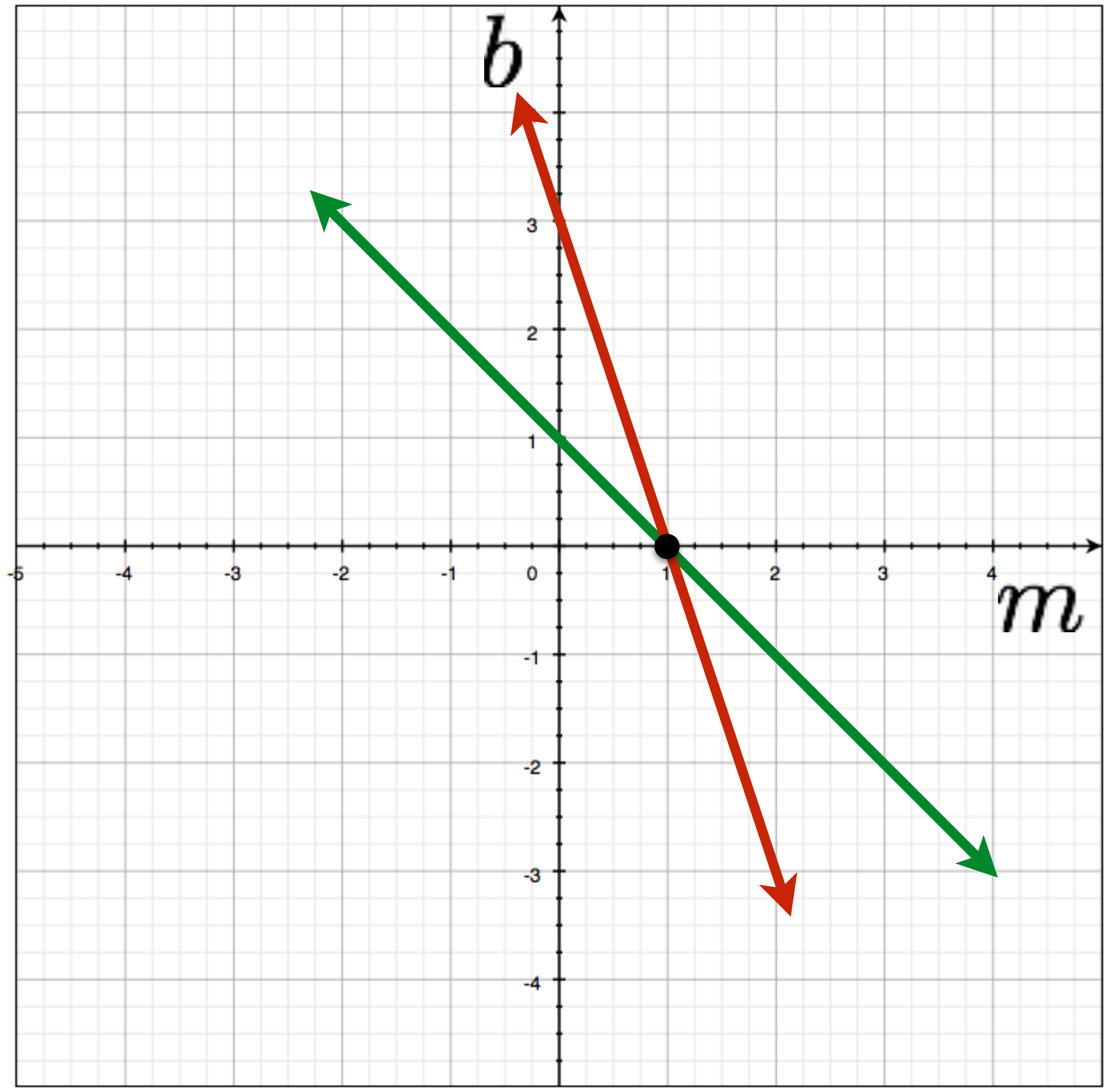
three points?



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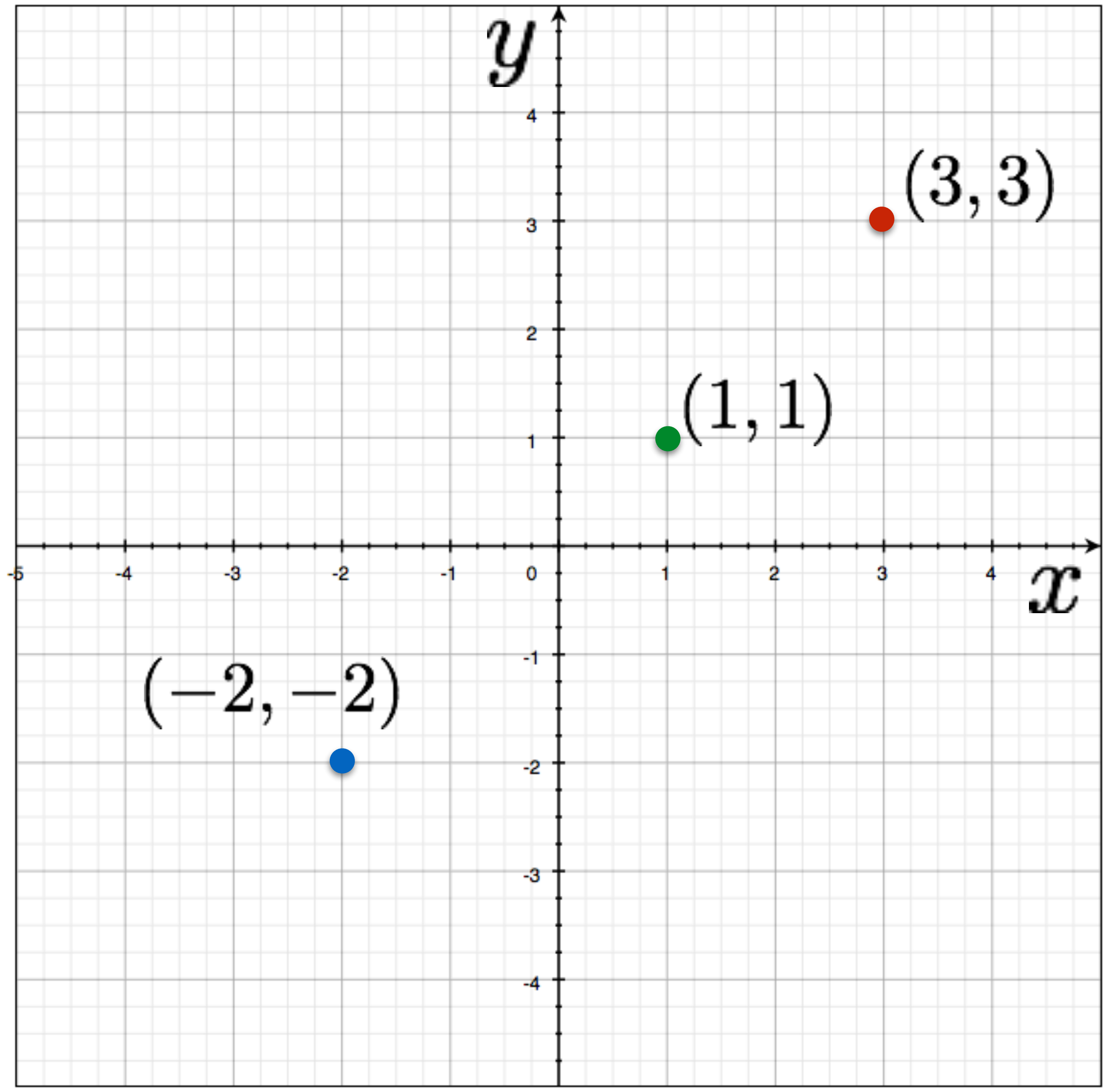

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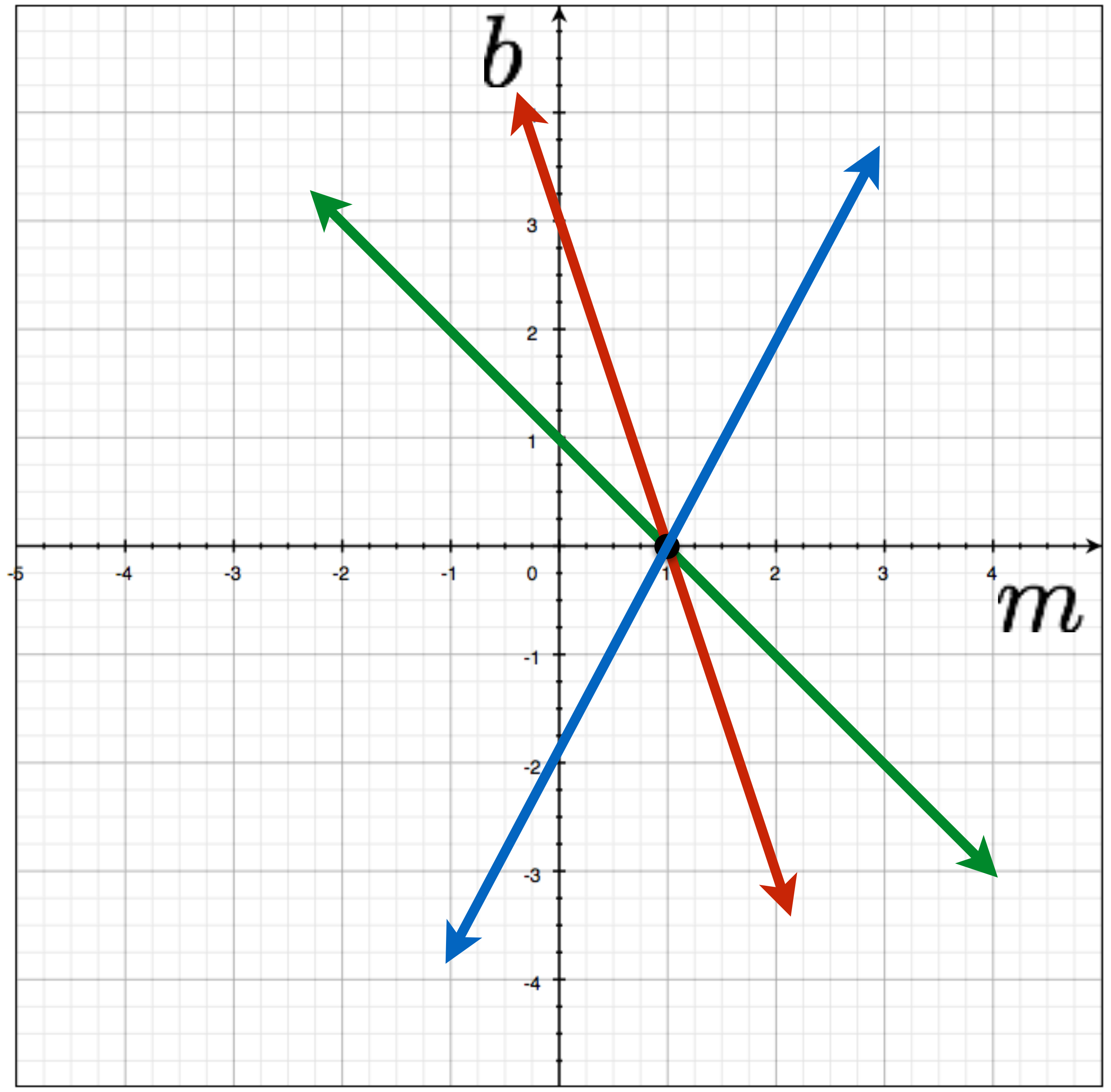

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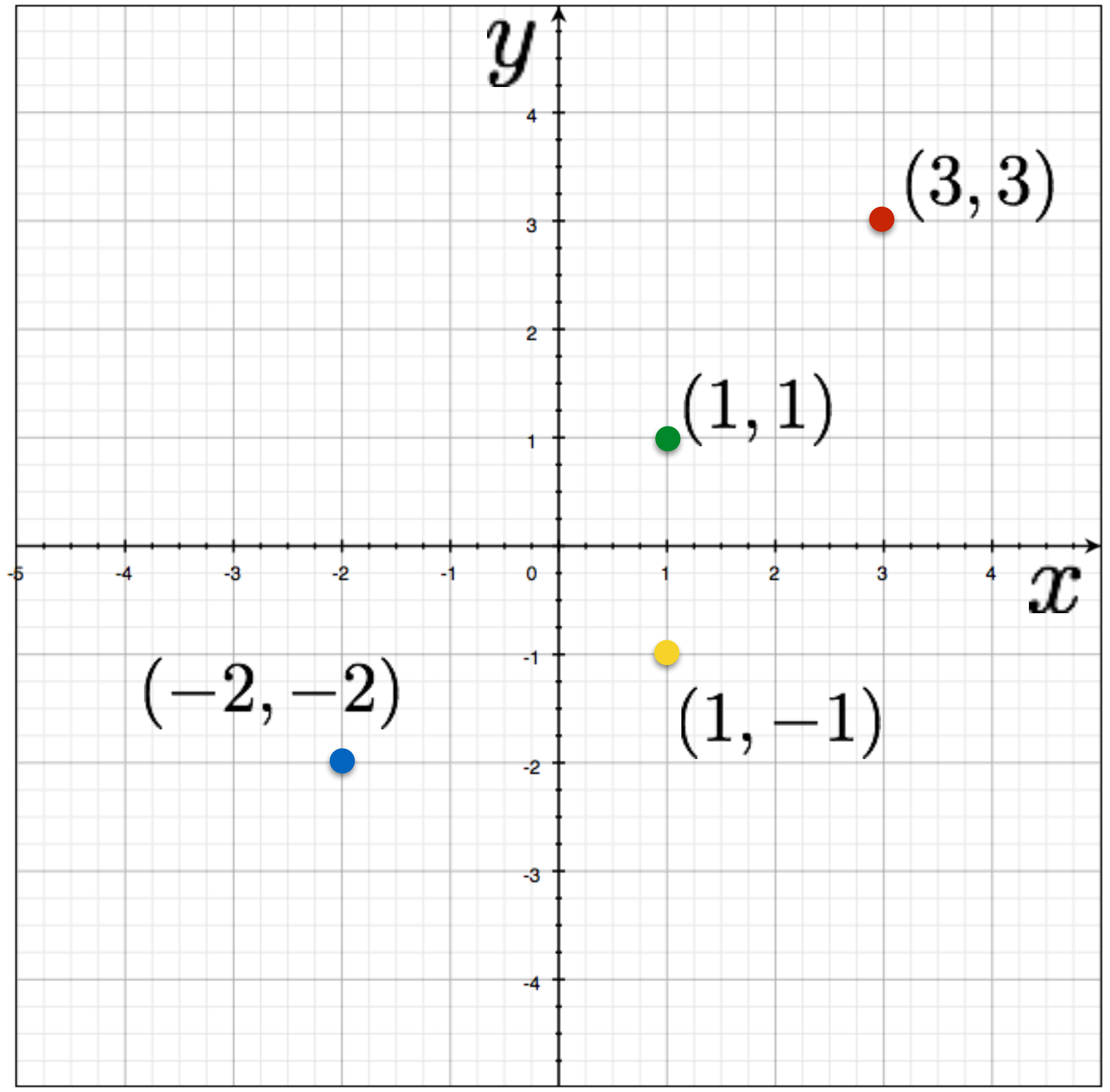


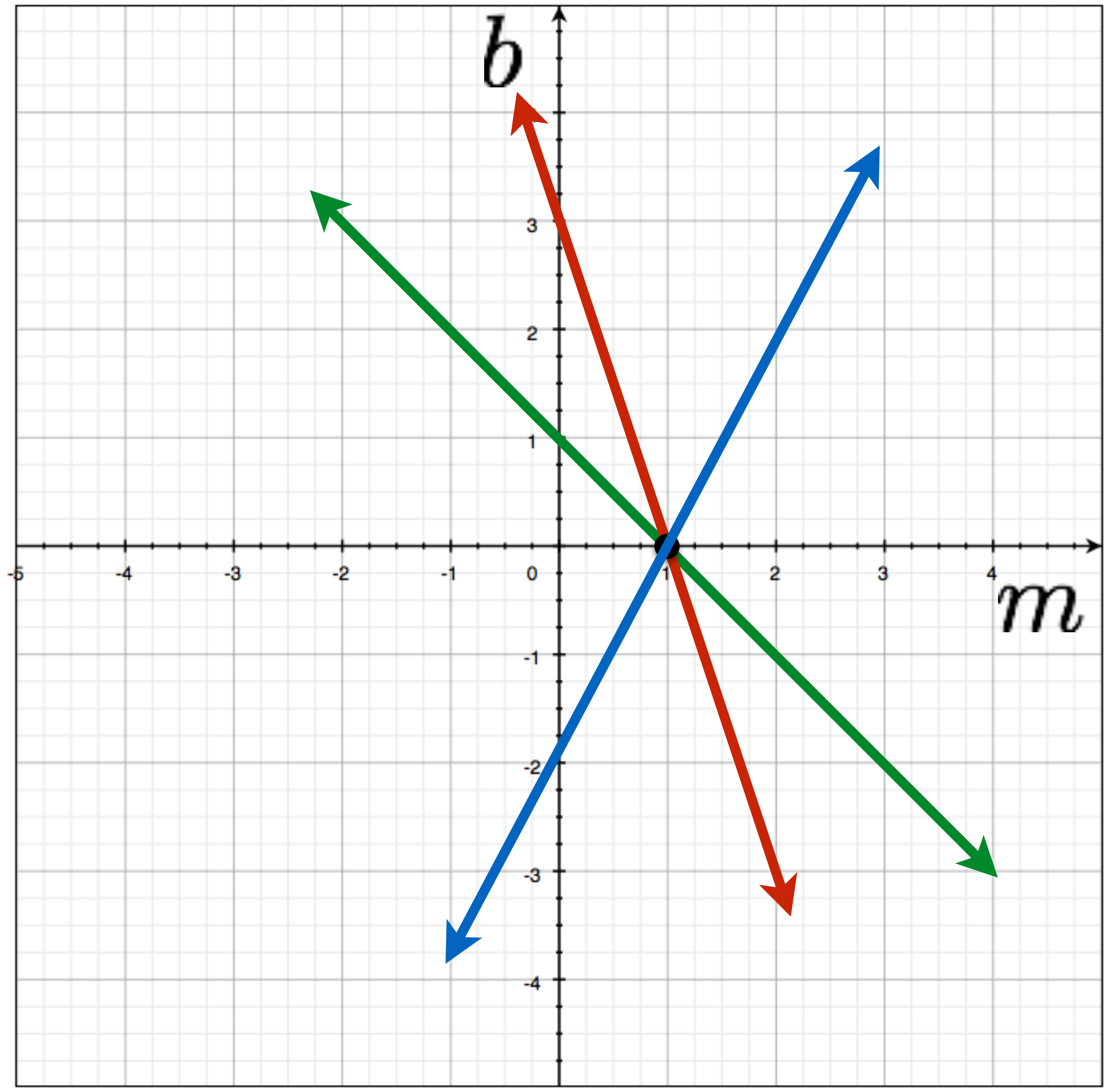
Image space

four
points?

variables

$$y - mx = b$$

parameters



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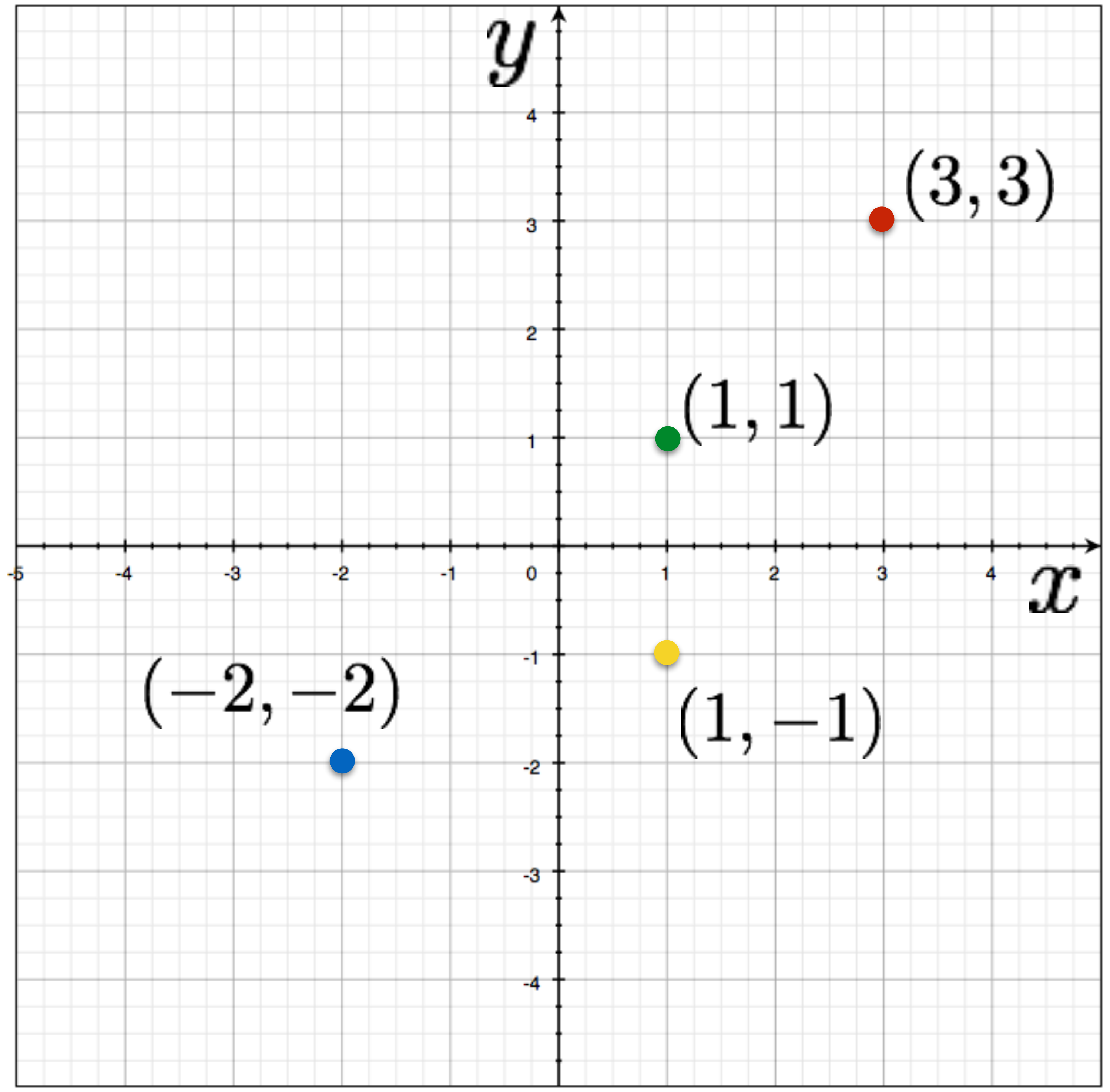

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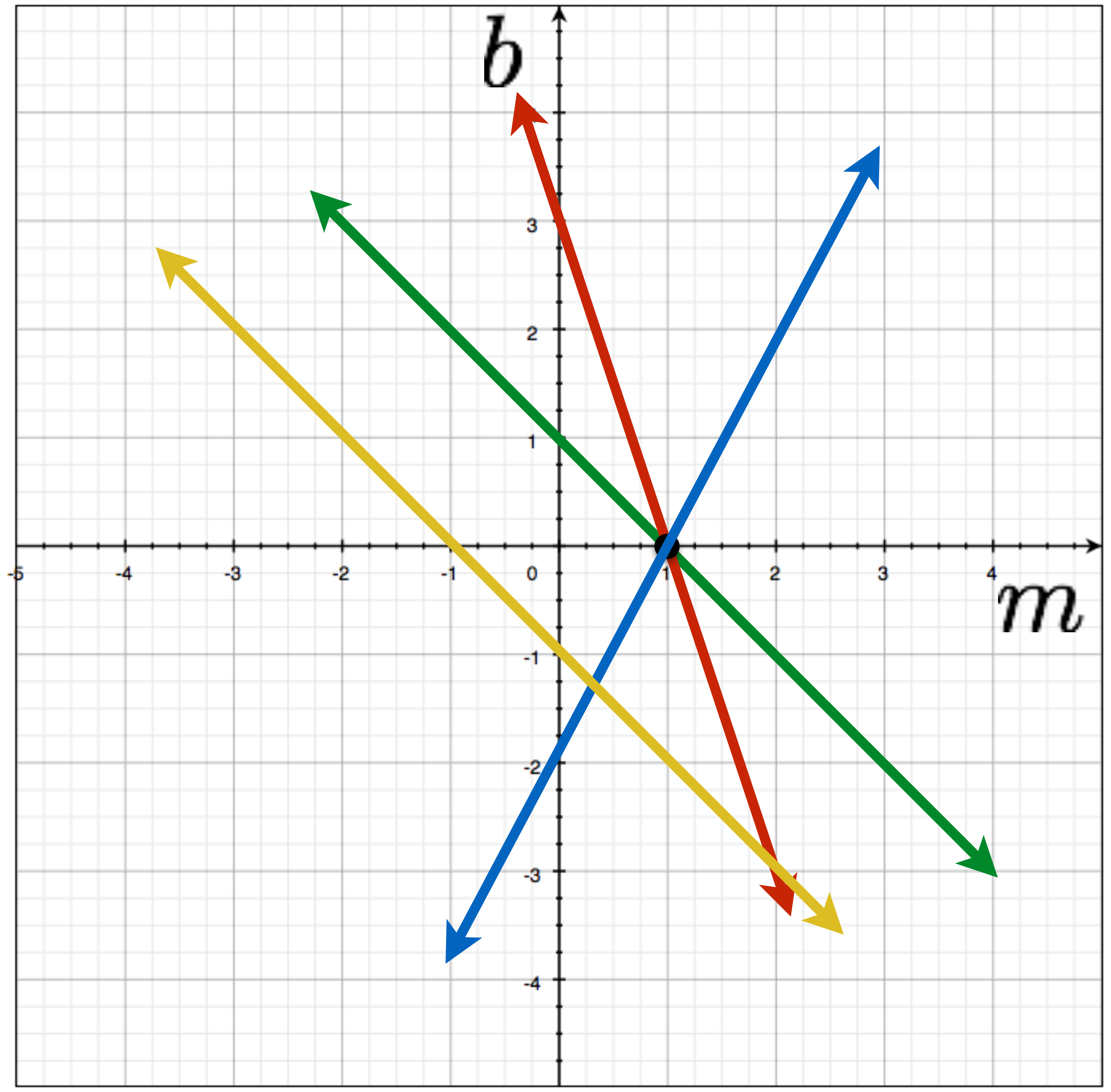

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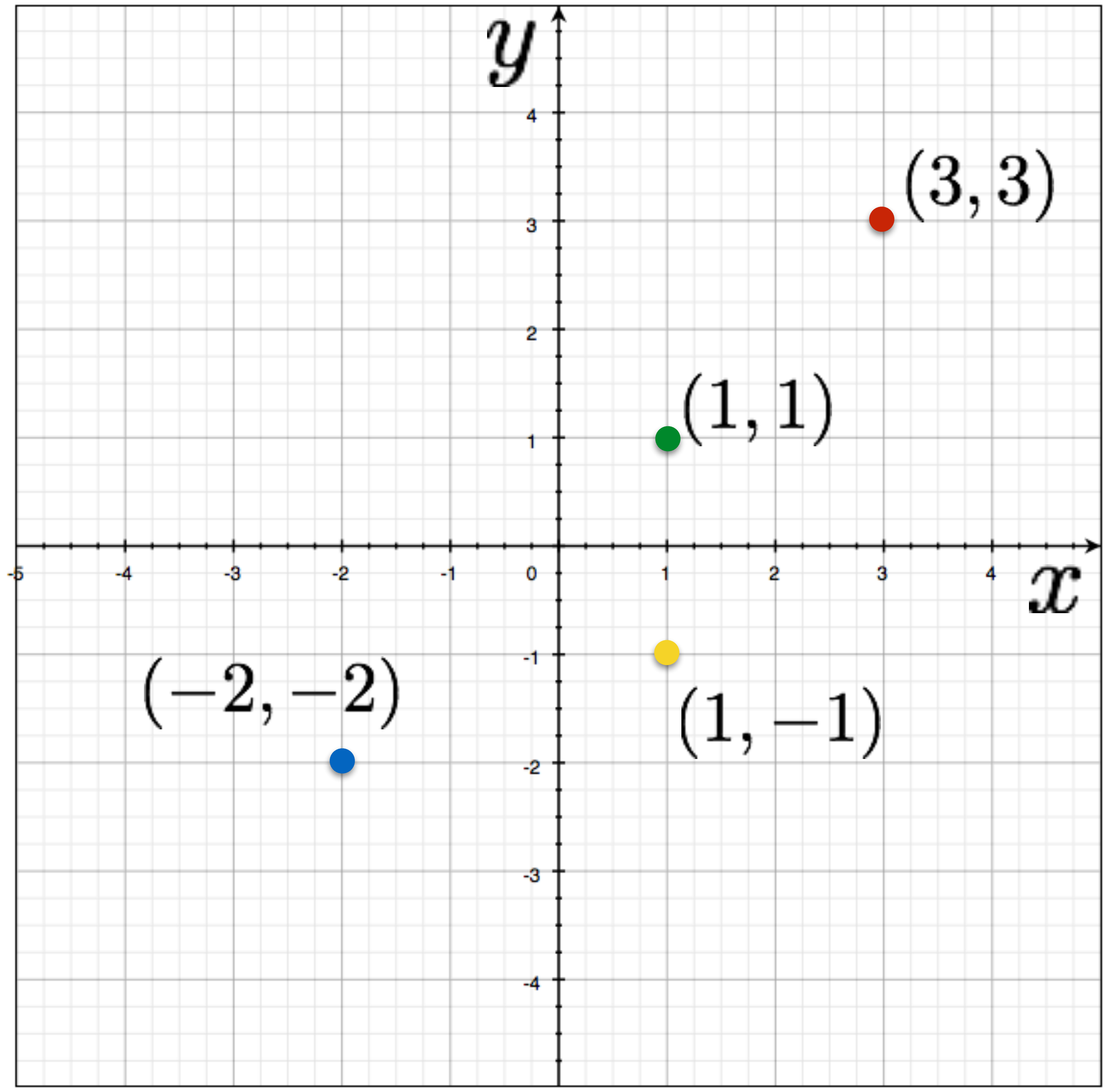
Hough Transform: Lines

How would you find the best fitting line?



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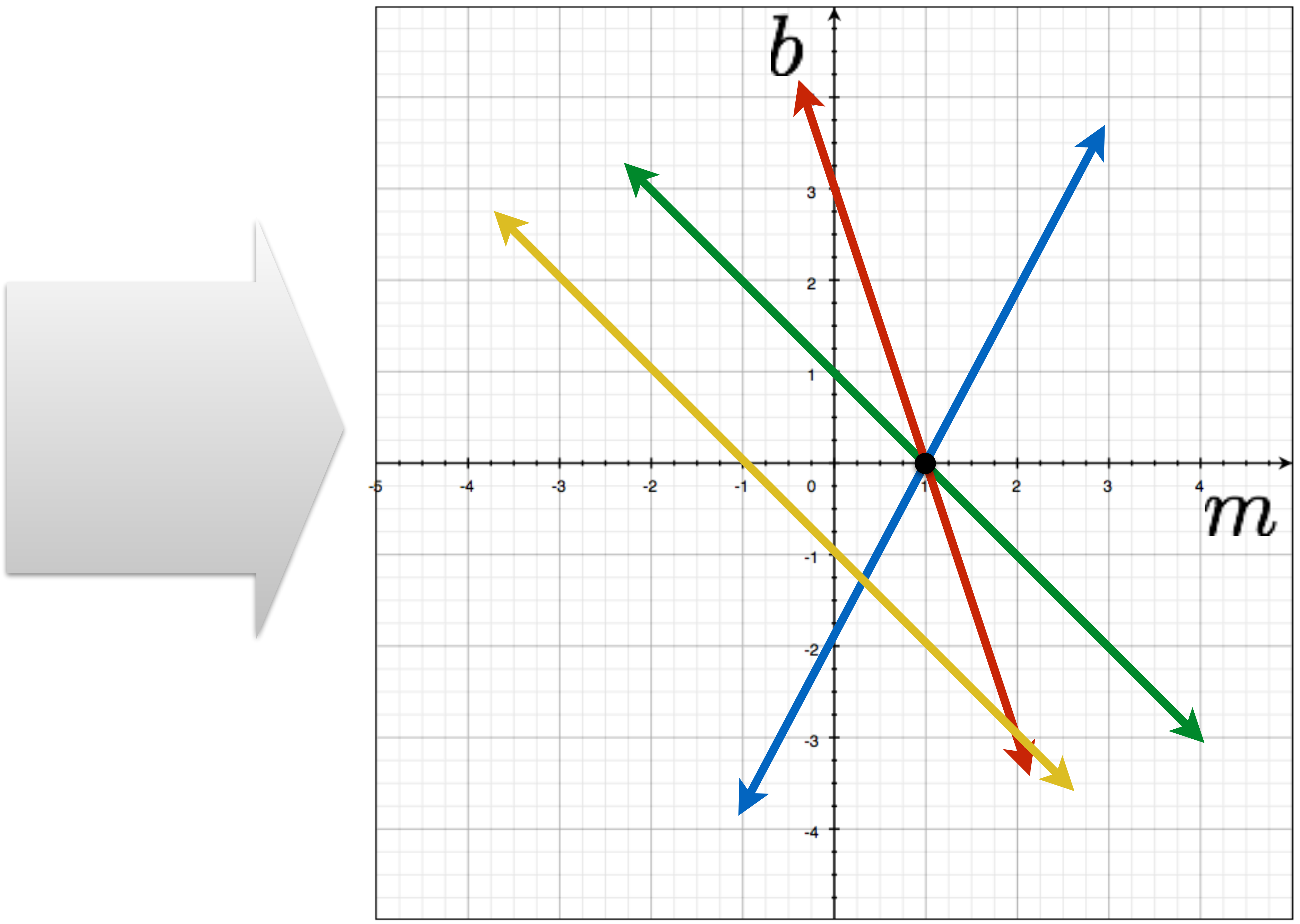

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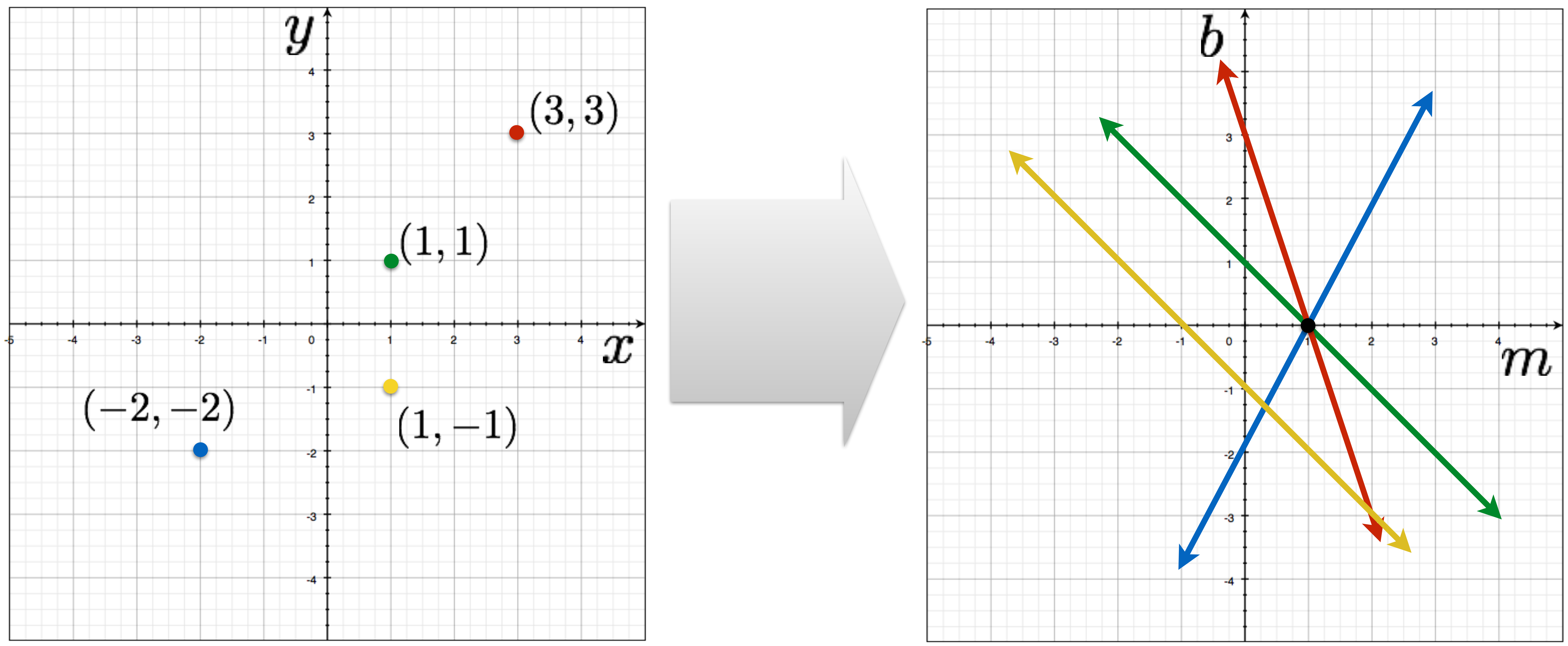
Hough Transform: Lines

Is this method robust to measurement noise? clutter?



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Line Detection by Hough Transform

Algorithm:

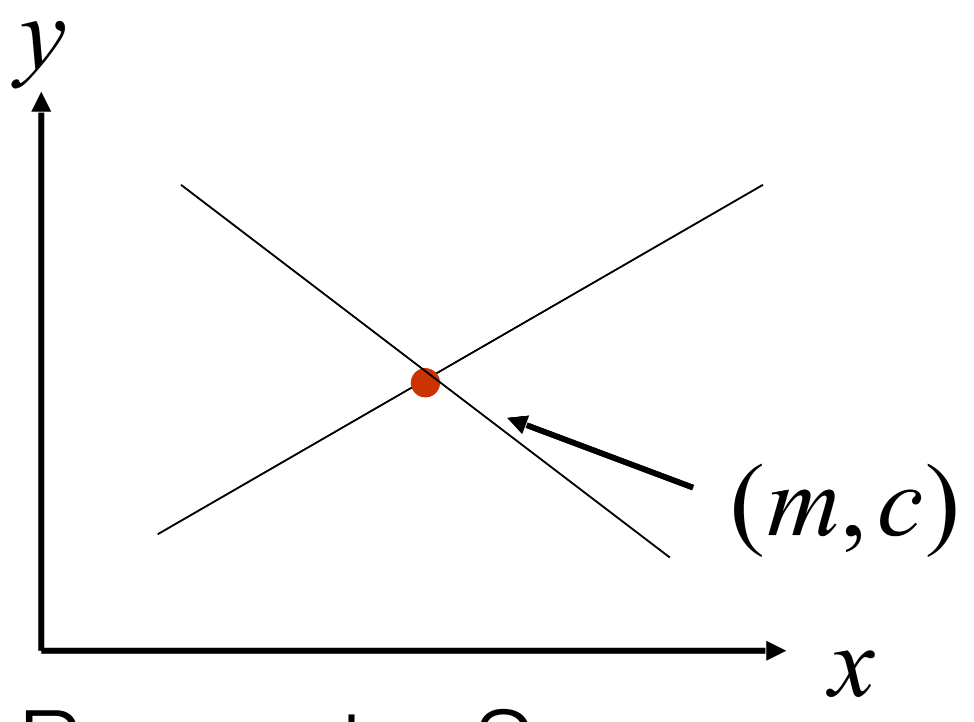
1. Quantize Parameter Space (m,c)

2. Create Accumulator Array $A(m,c)$

3. Set $A(m,c)=0 \quad \forall m,c$

4. For each image edge (x_i, y_i)
   - For each element in $A(m,c)$
     - If (m,c) lies on the line: $c=-x_i m+y_i$
       - Increment $A(m,c)=A(m,c)+1$

5. Find local maxima in $A(m,c)$



Parameter Space

$A(m,c)$

	1						1		
		1				1			
			1		1				
				2					
			1		1				
		1				1			
	1						1		

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Problems with **Parametrization**

How big does the accumulator need to be for the parameterization (m, c)?

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The space of m is huge!

$$-\infty \leq m \leq \infty$$

The space of c is huge!

$$-\infty \leq c \leq \infty$$

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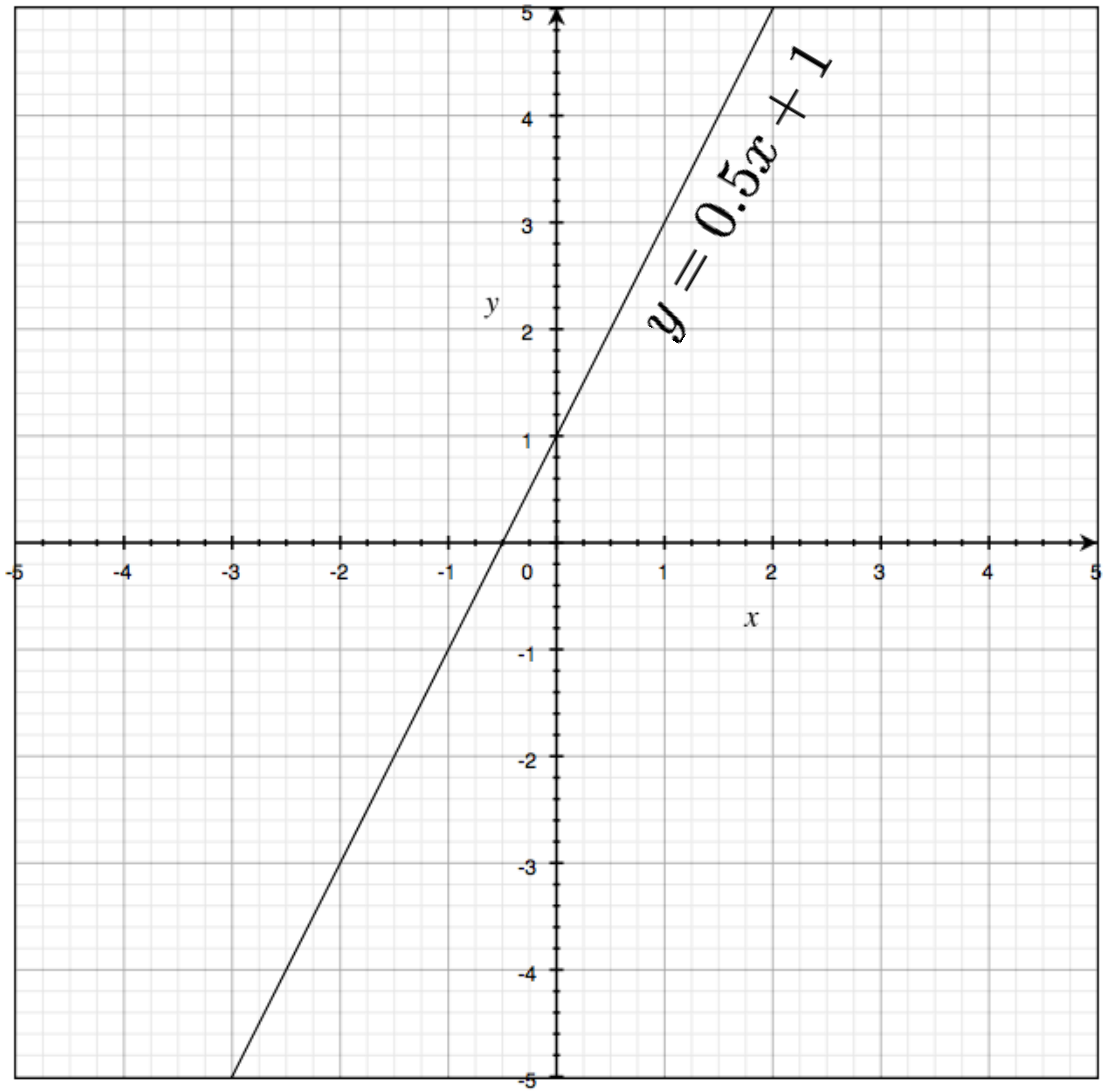

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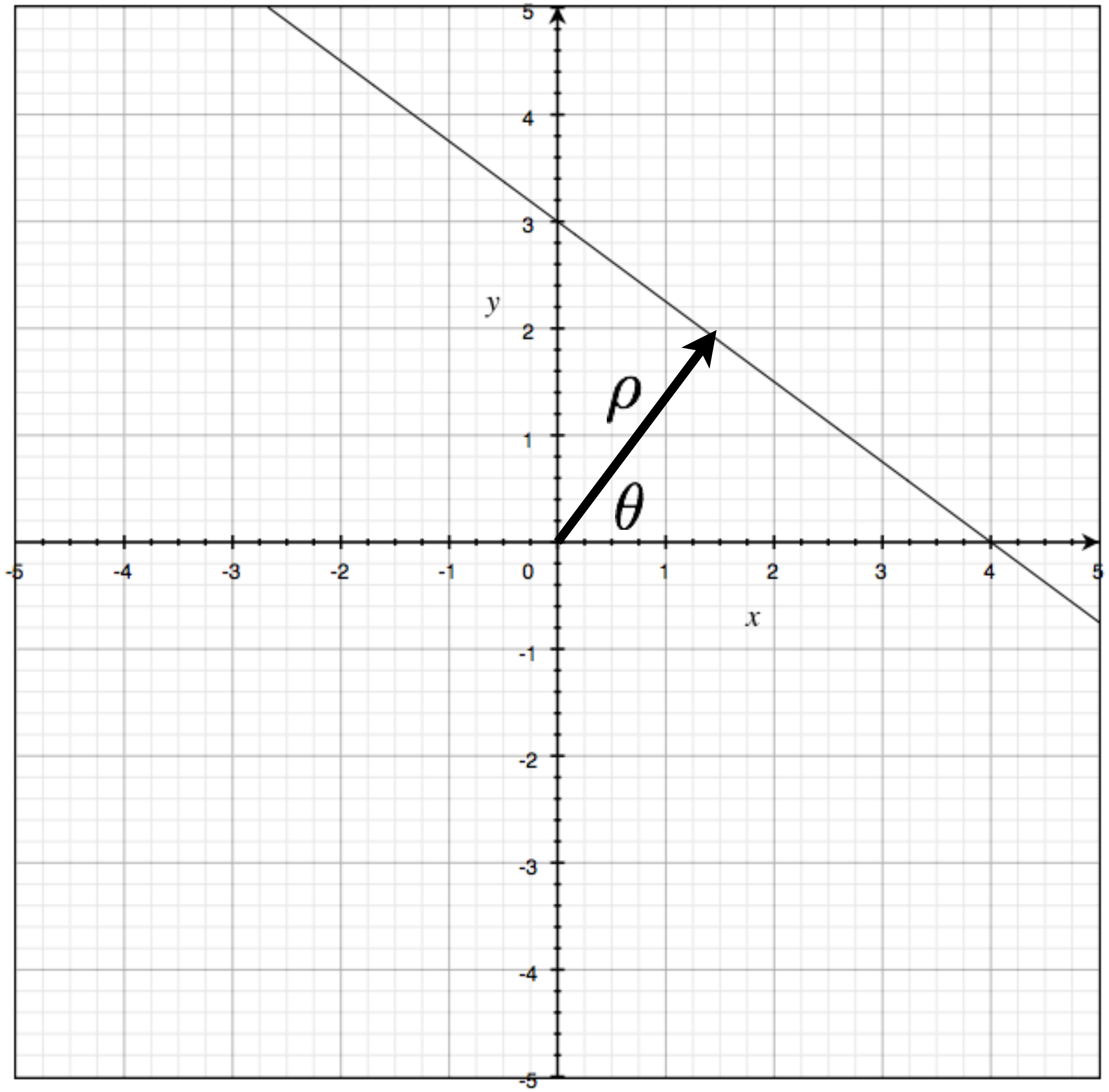
Lines: Normal form

$$x \sin\theta + y \cos\theta = \rho$$



Book's convention

$$x \sin\theta + y \cos\theta + r = 0$$

$$r \geq 0$$

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$$

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Hough Transform: Lines

variables

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parameters

parameters

$$x \sin\theta + y \cos\theta = \rho$$

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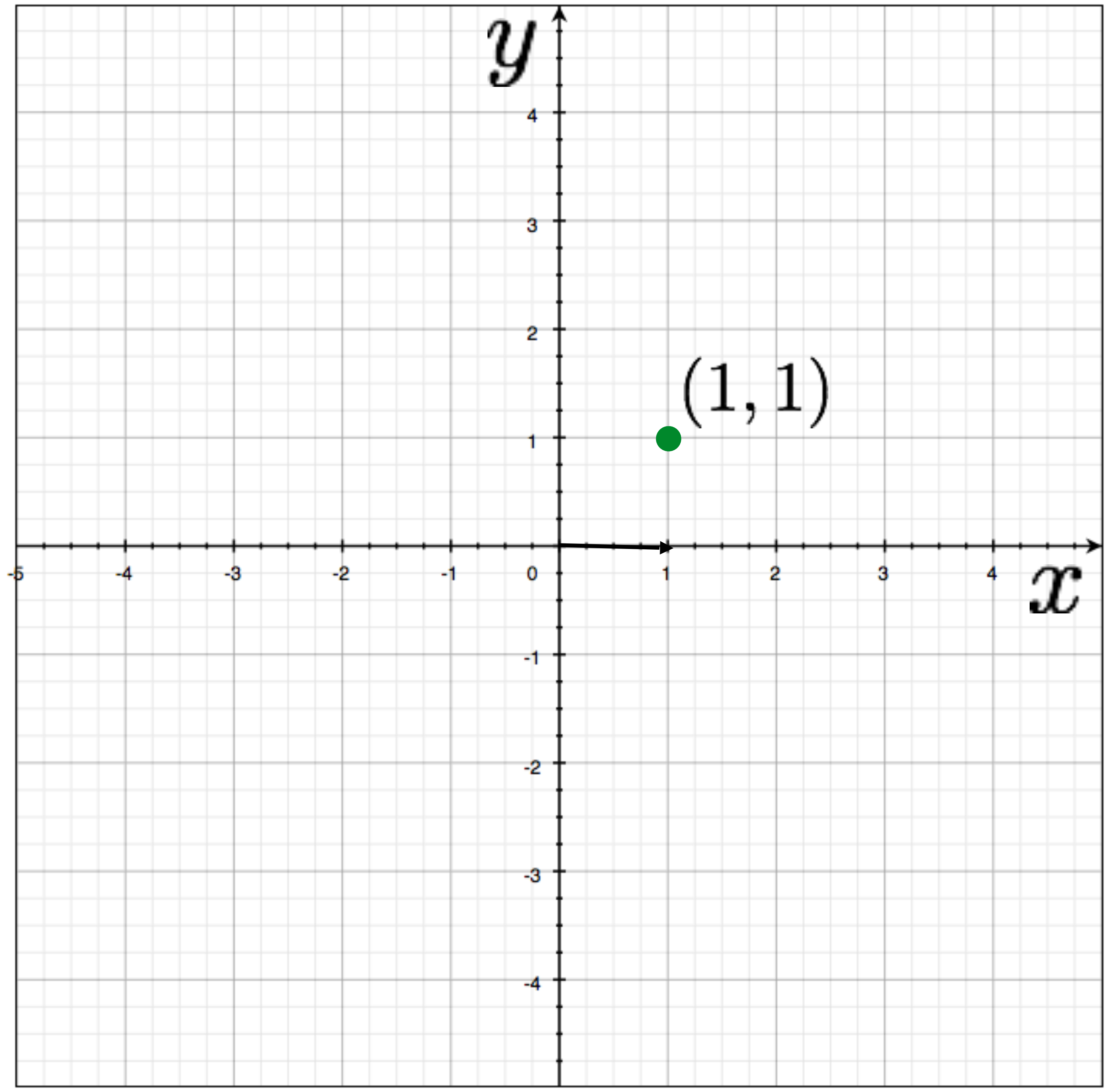
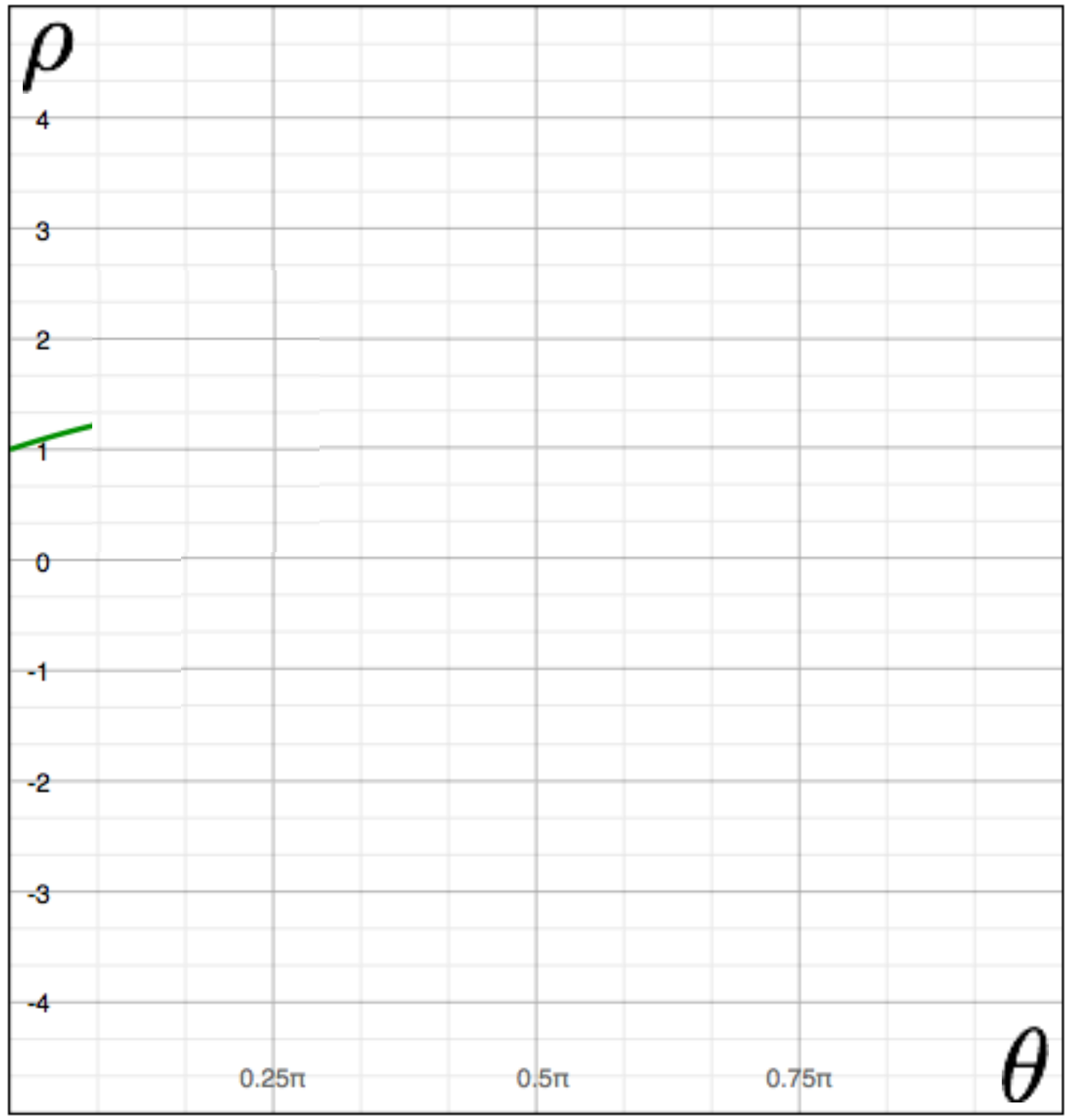


a point becomes?



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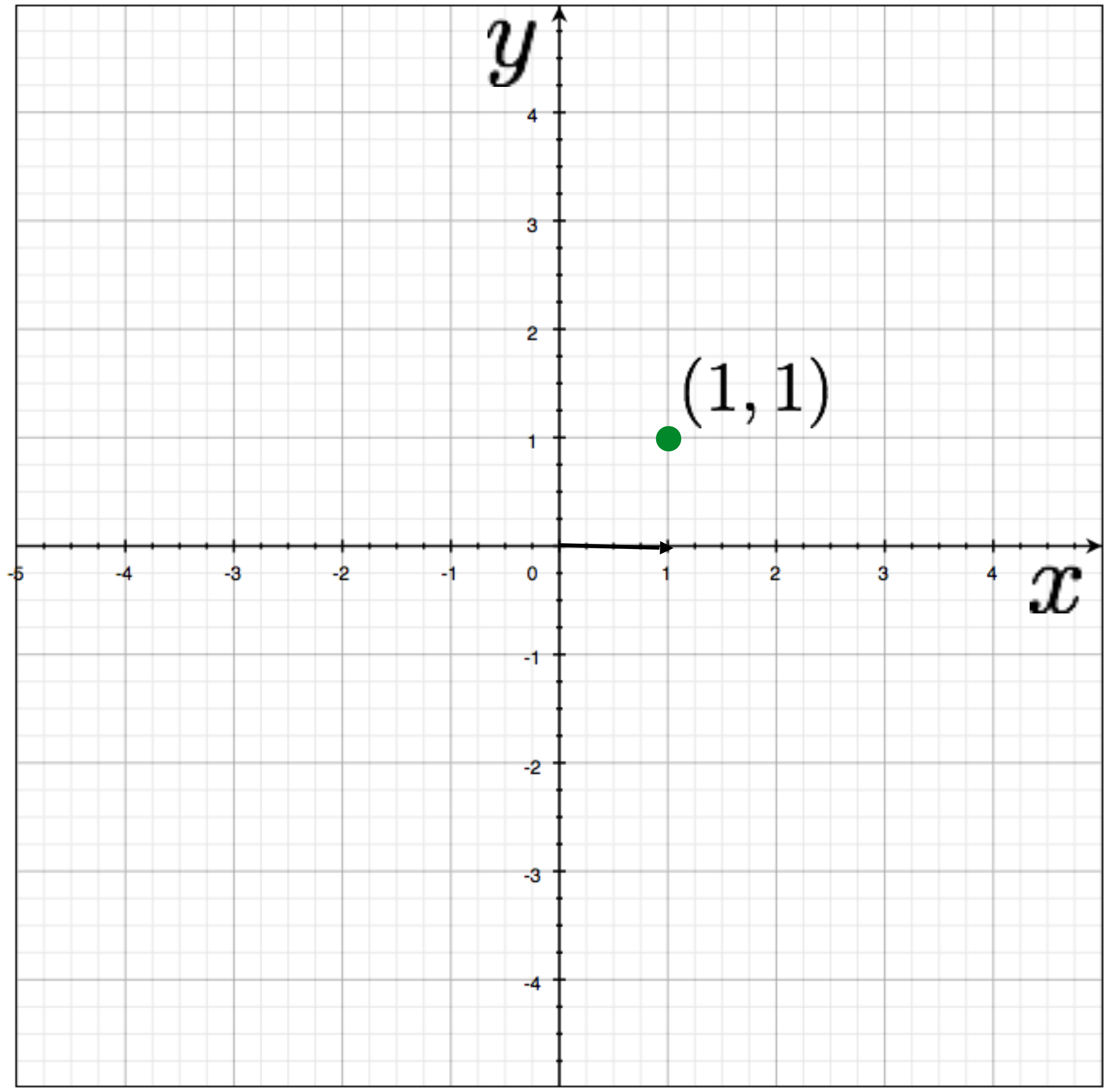

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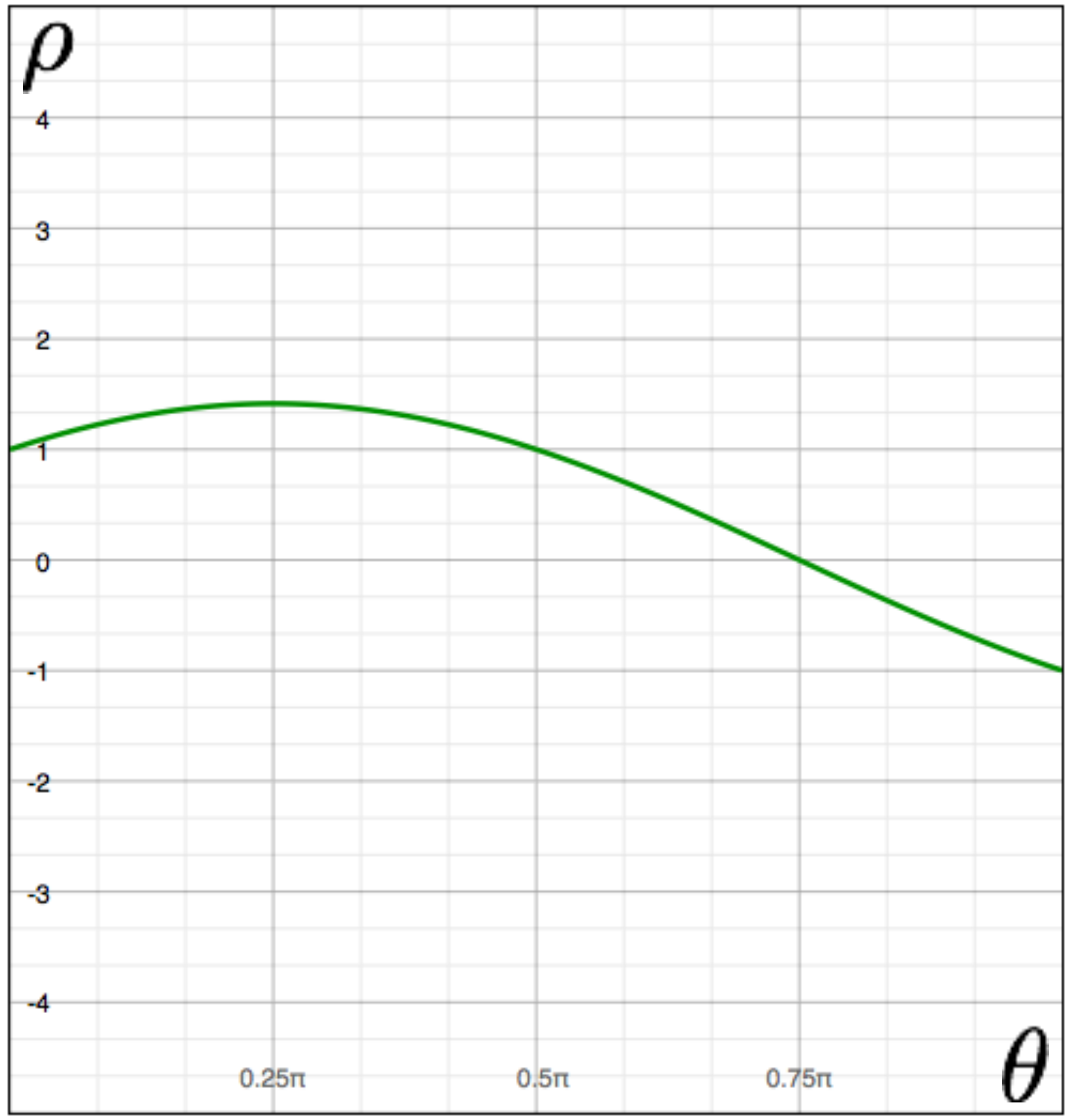
a point becomes a wave



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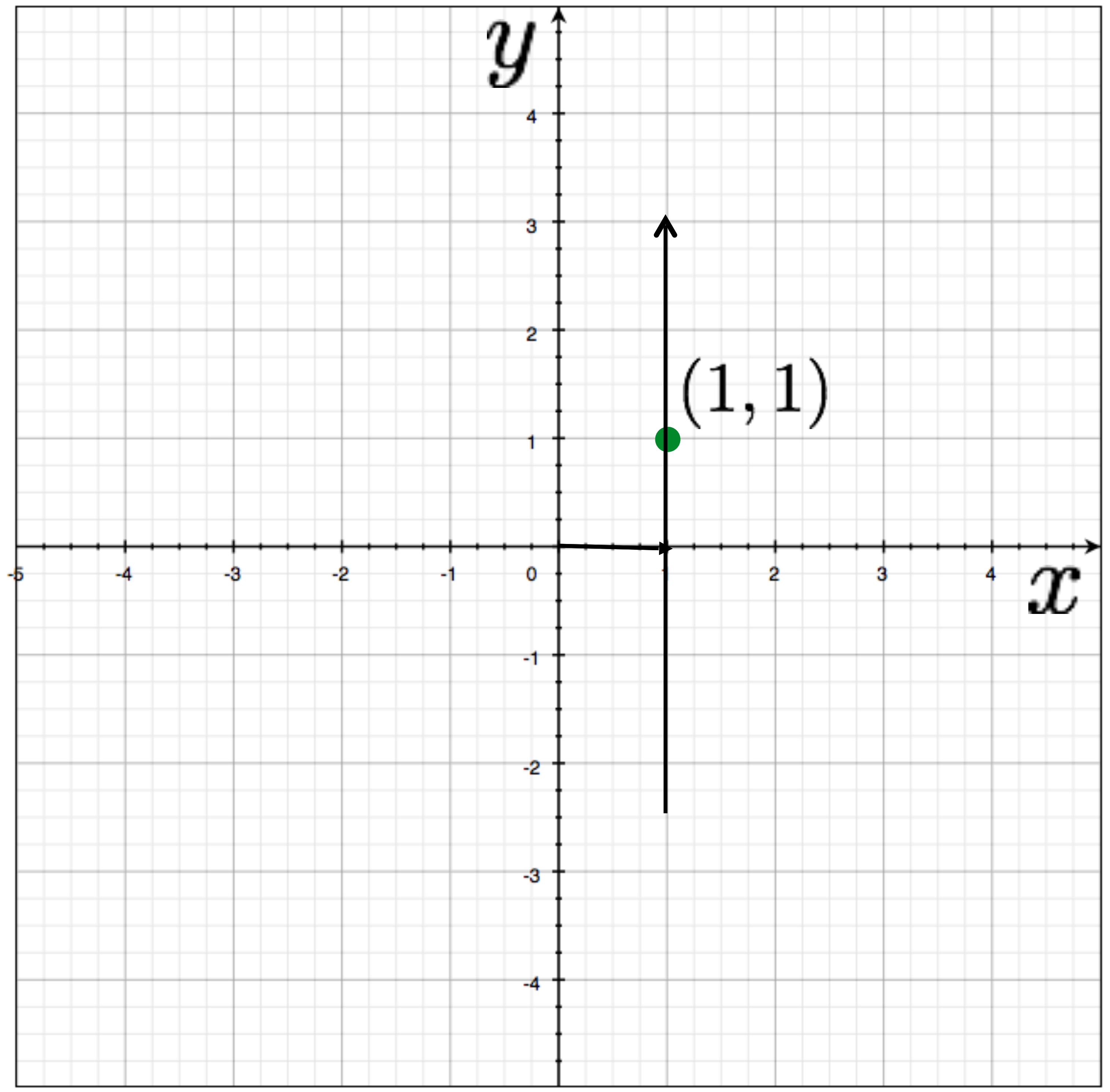

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a line
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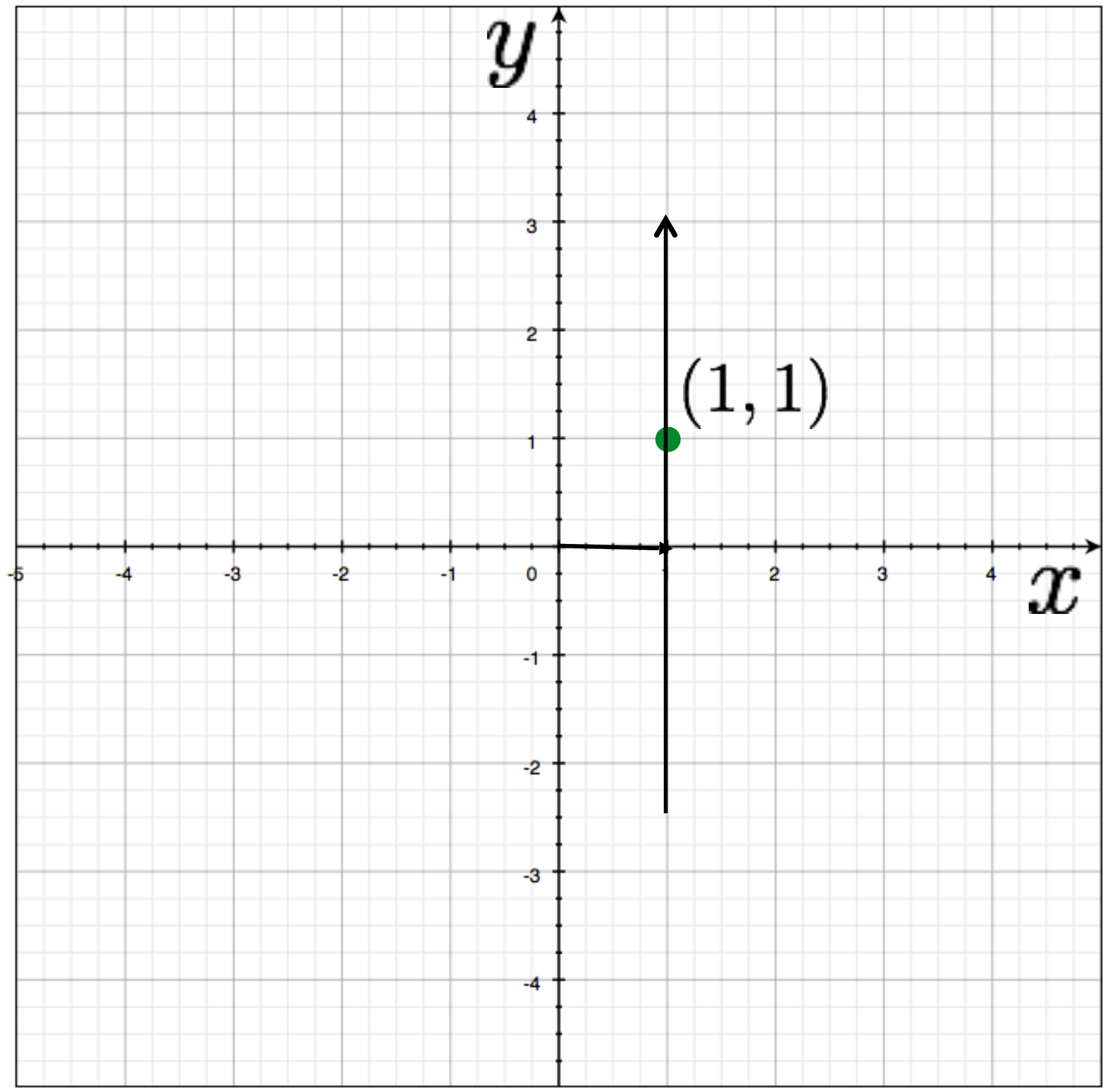

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a line becomes a point

parameters

$$x \sin\theta + y \cos\theta = \rho$$

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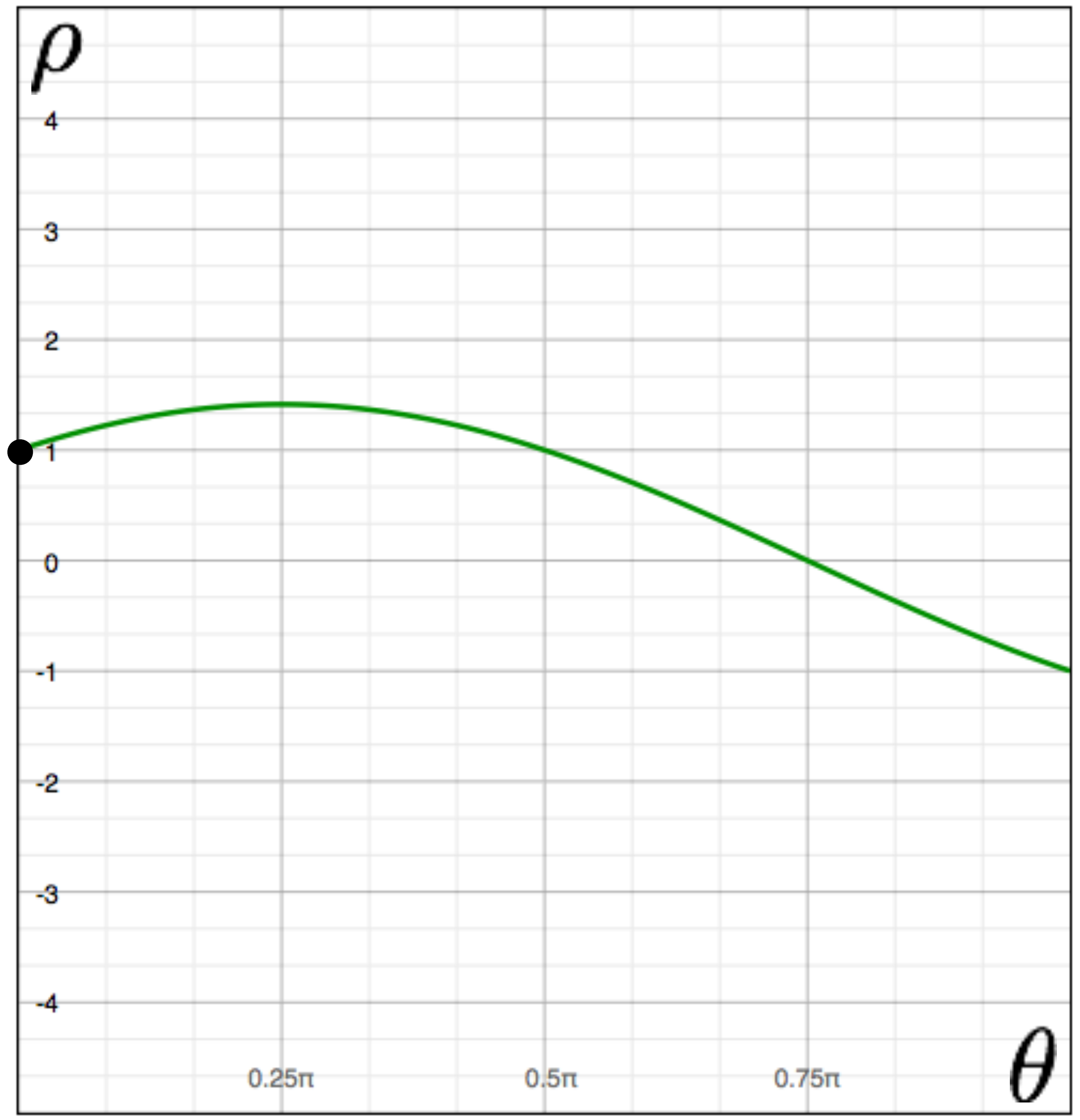

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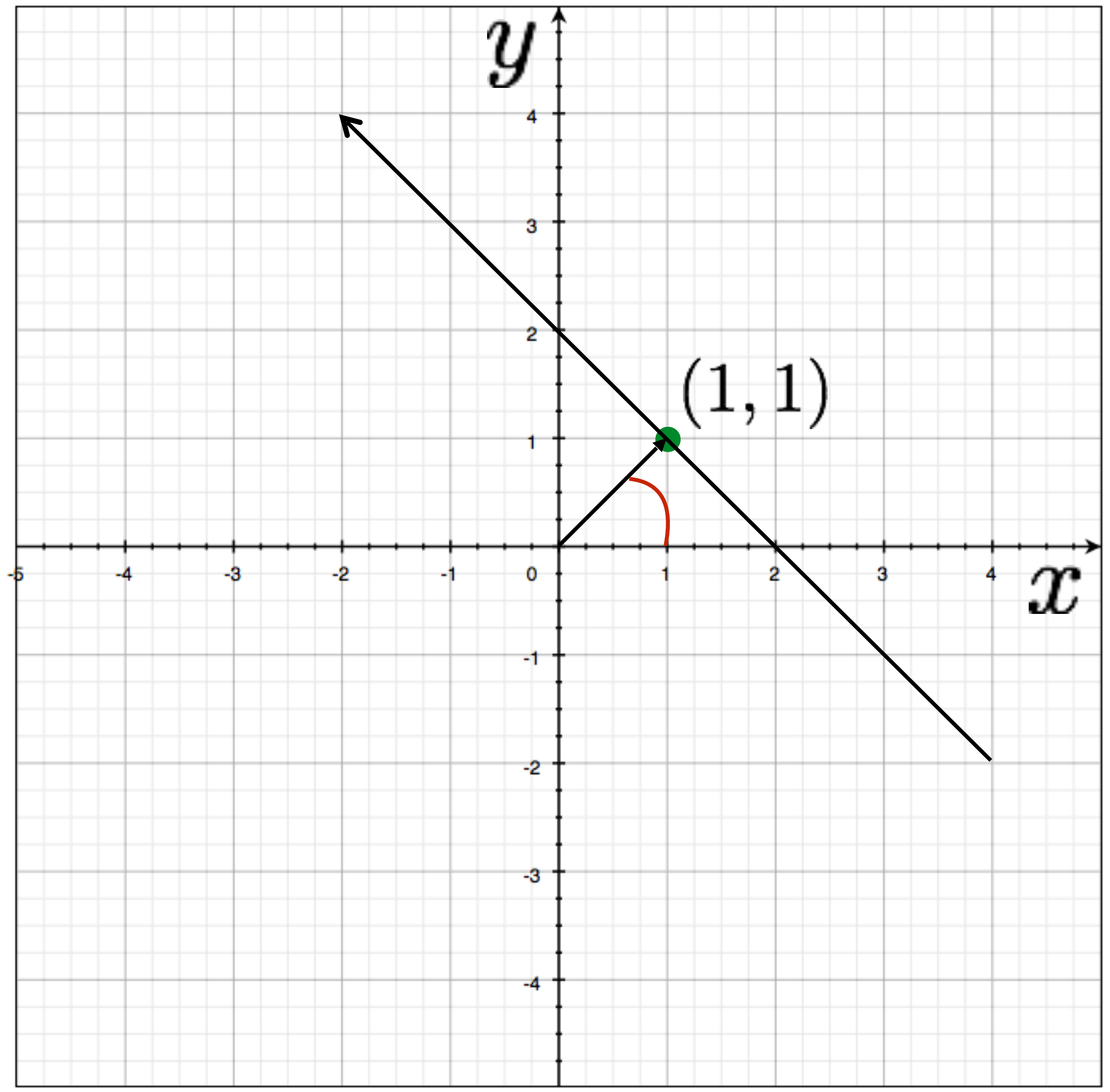

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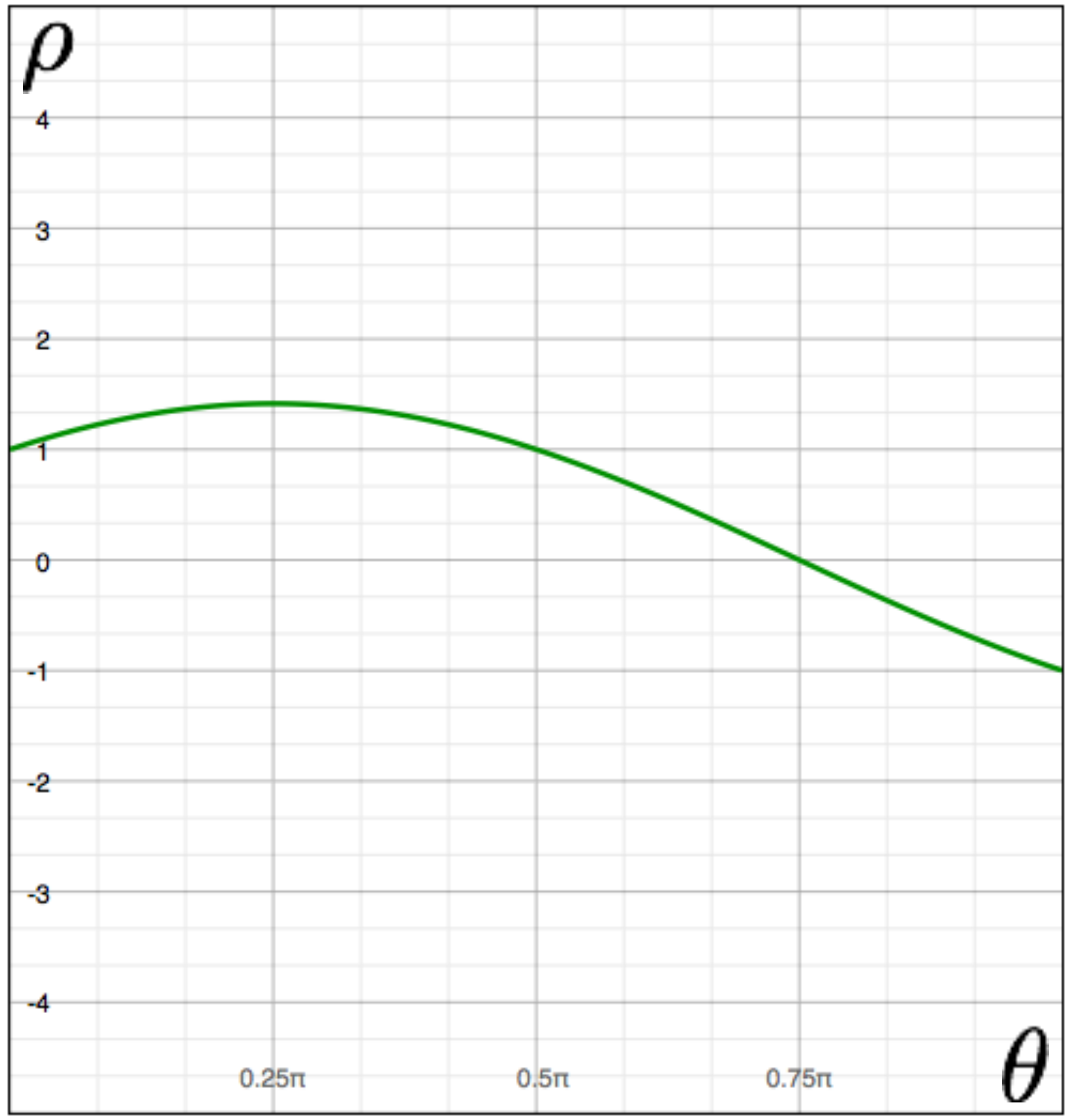

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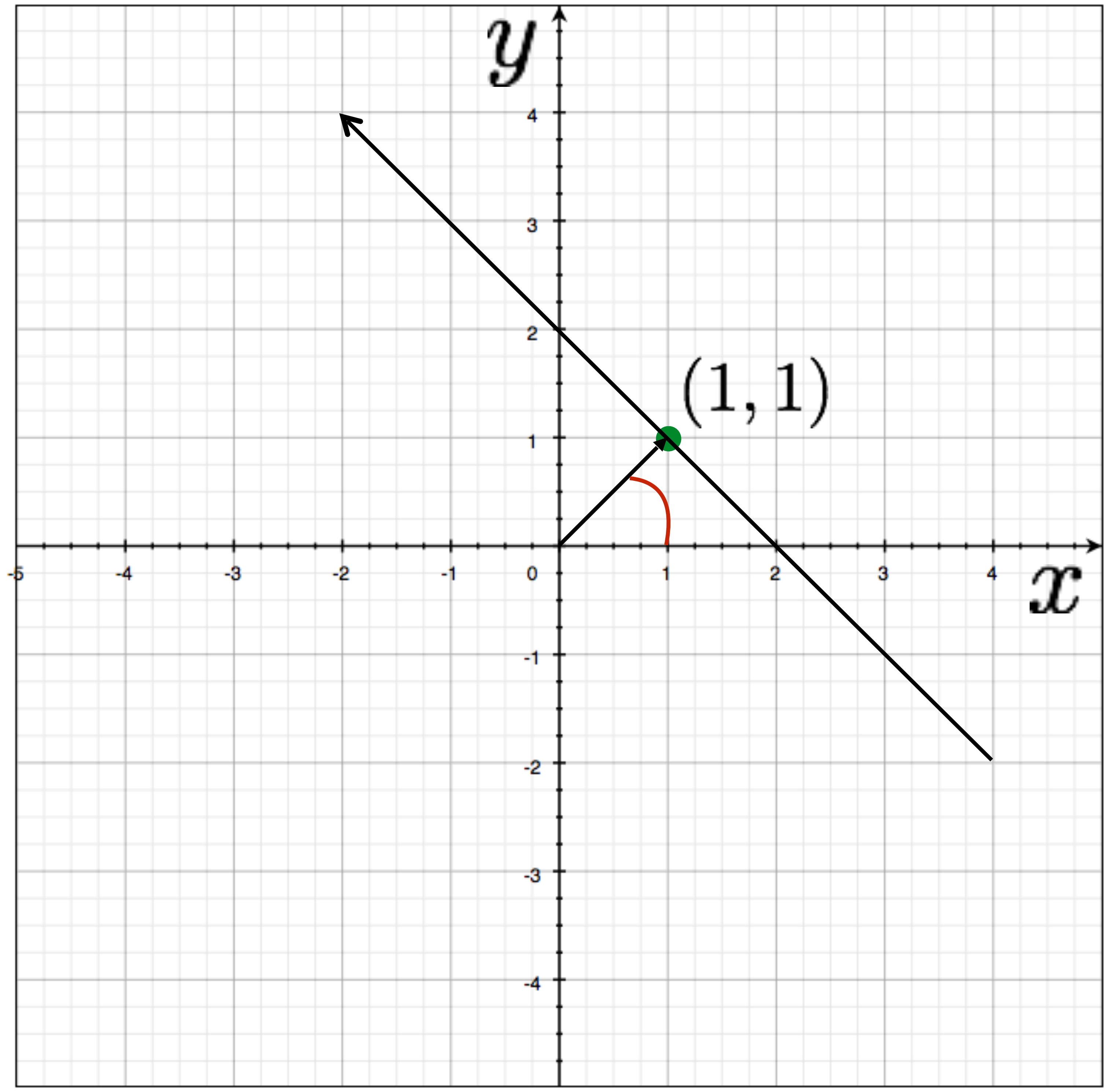

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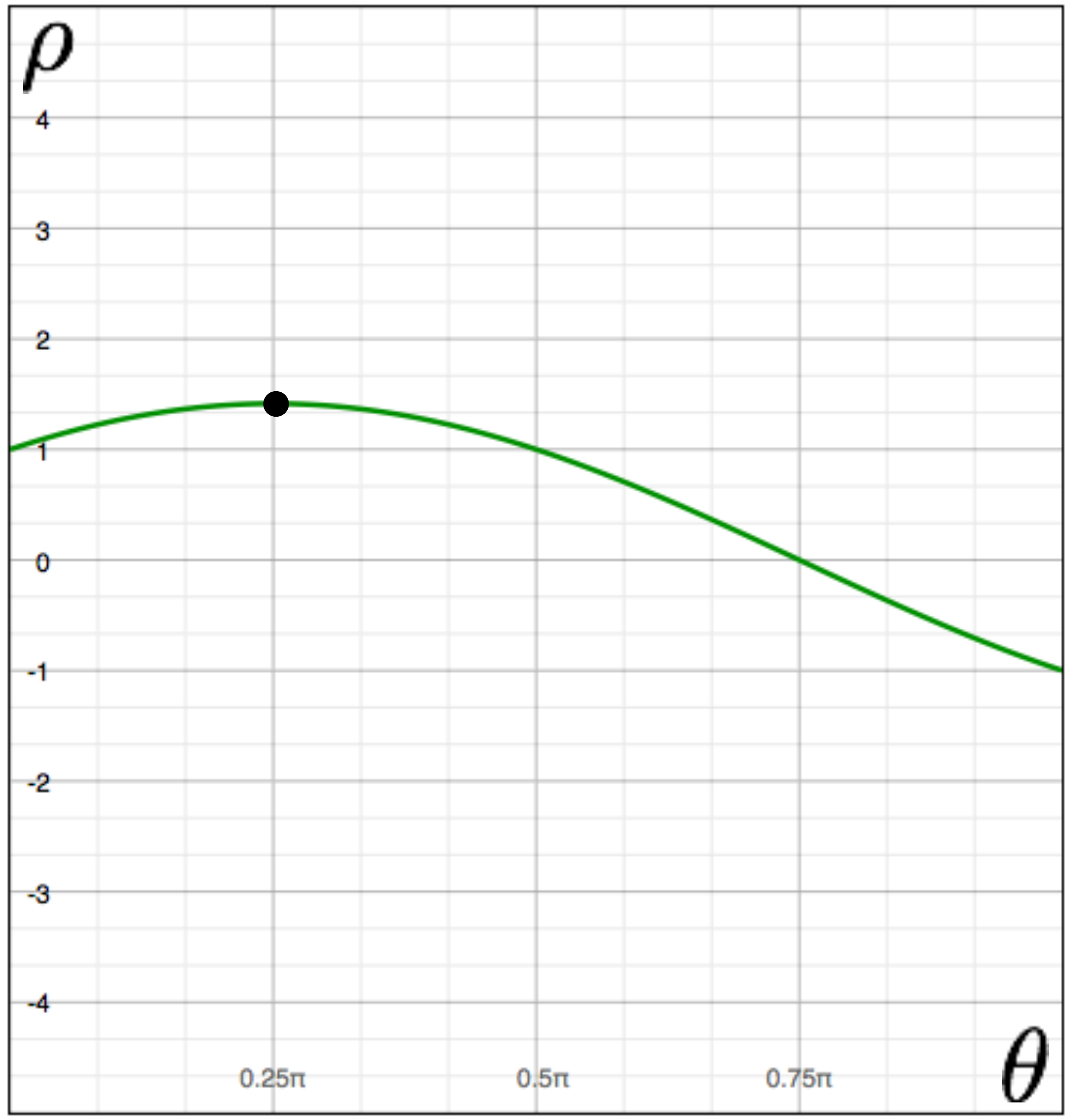

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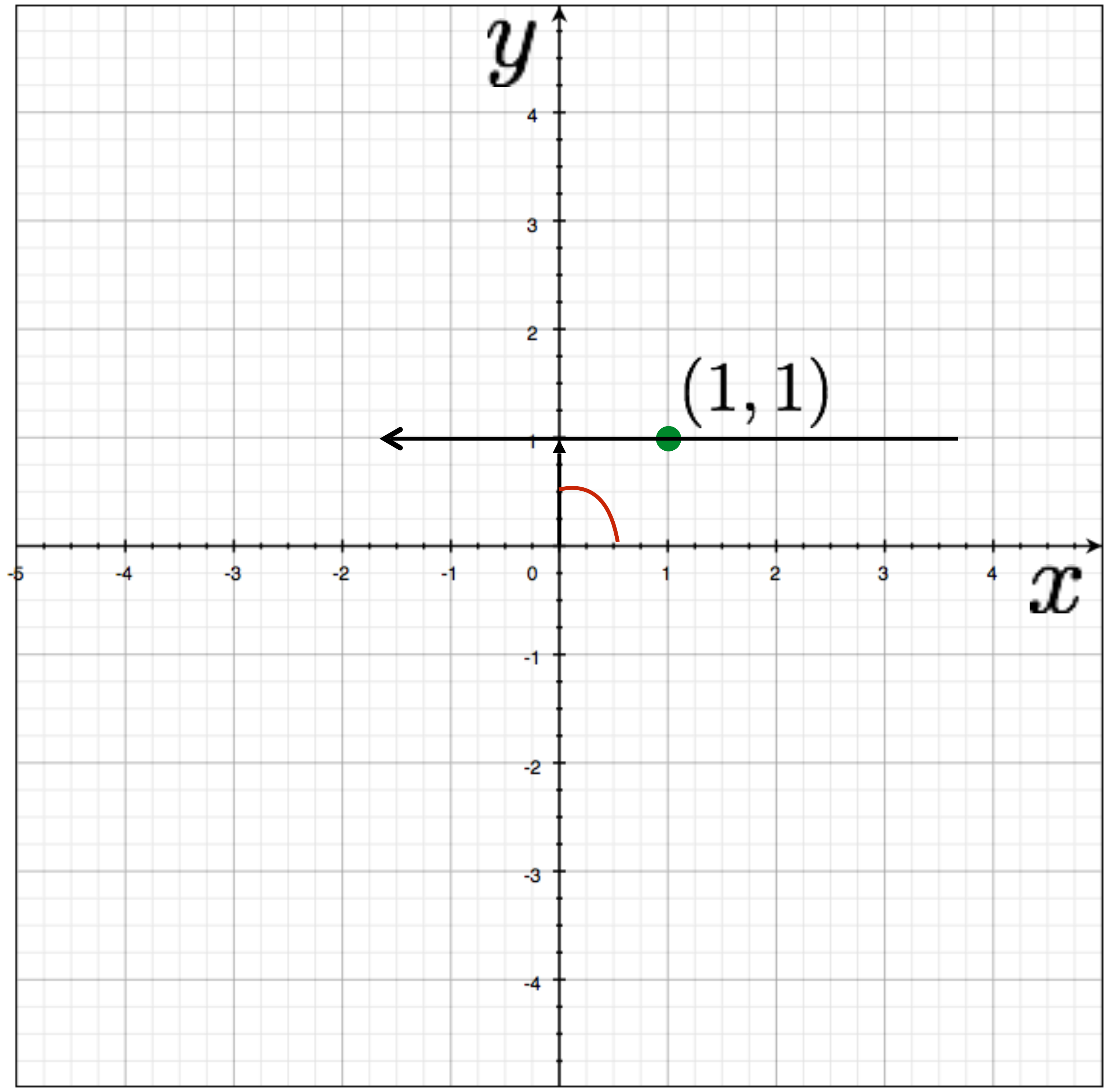

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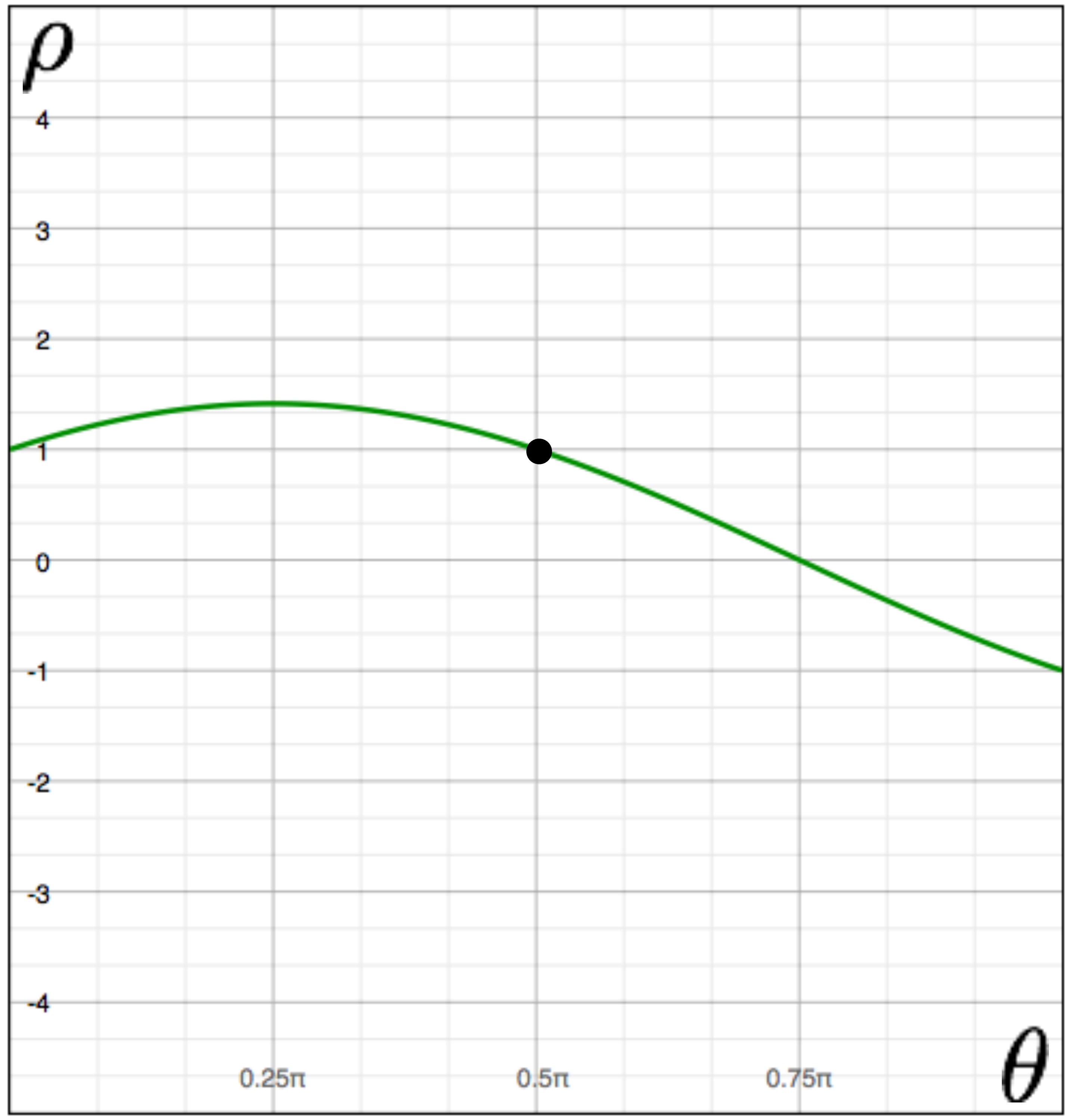

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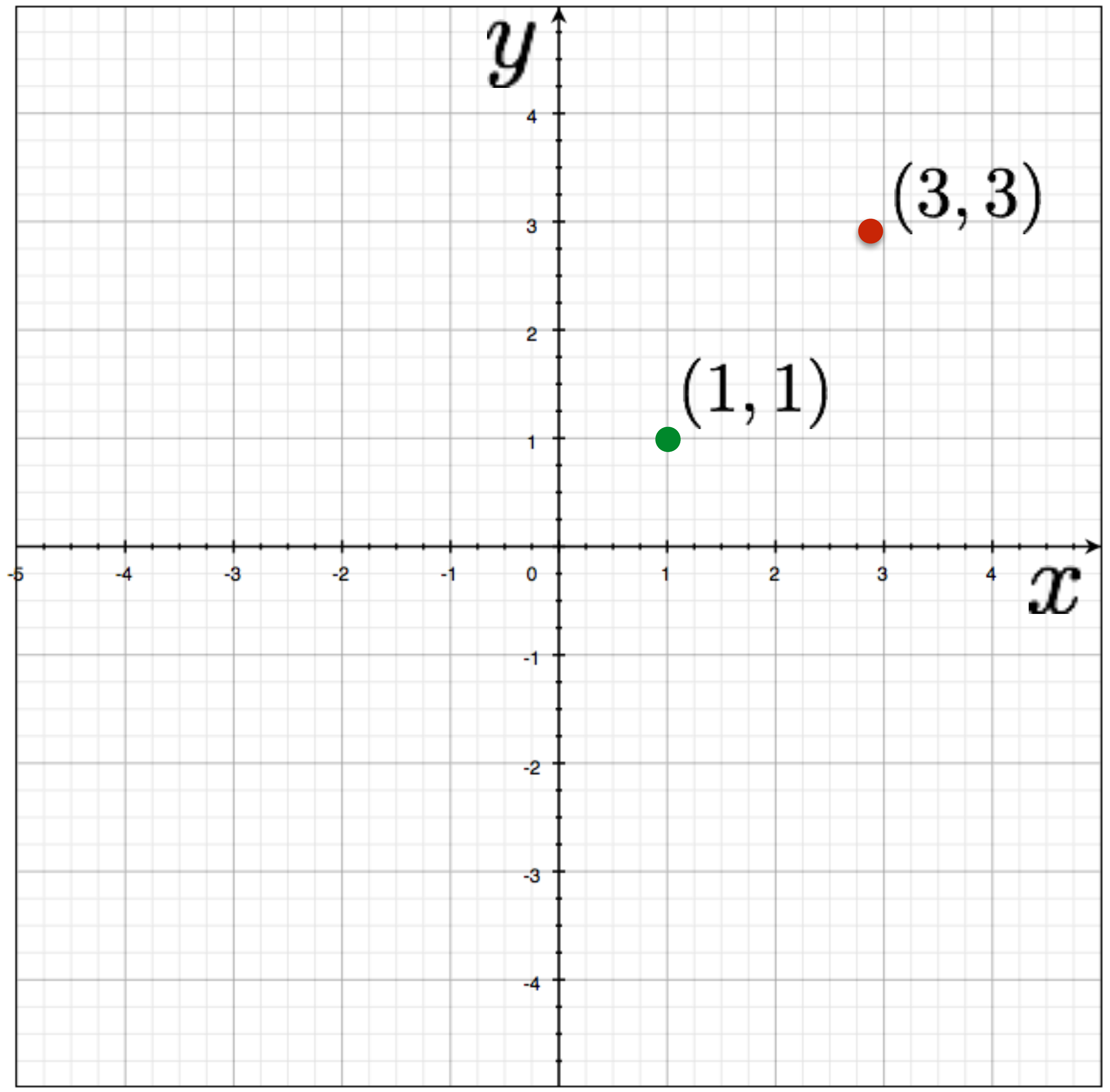

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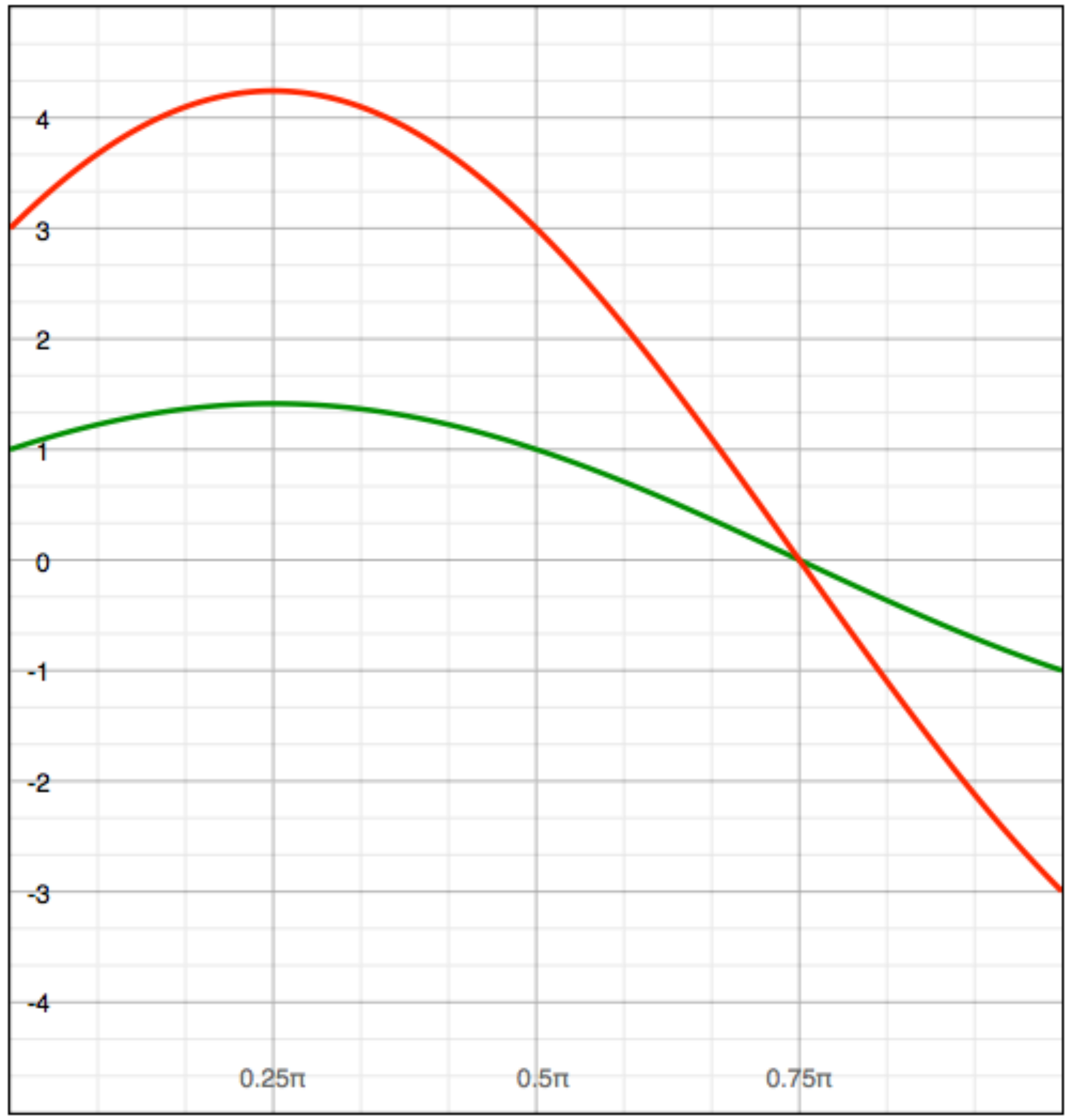
two points become?



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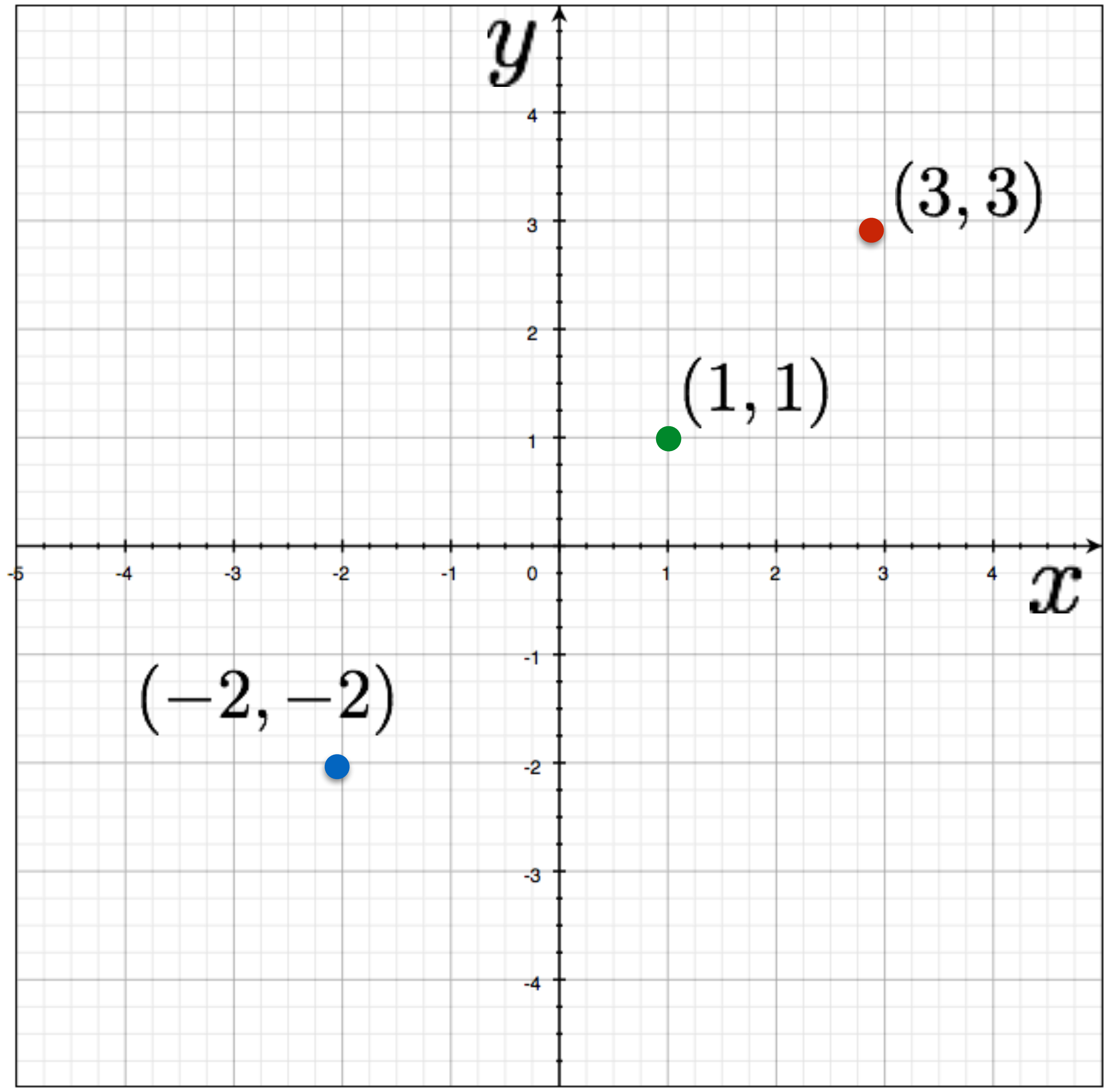

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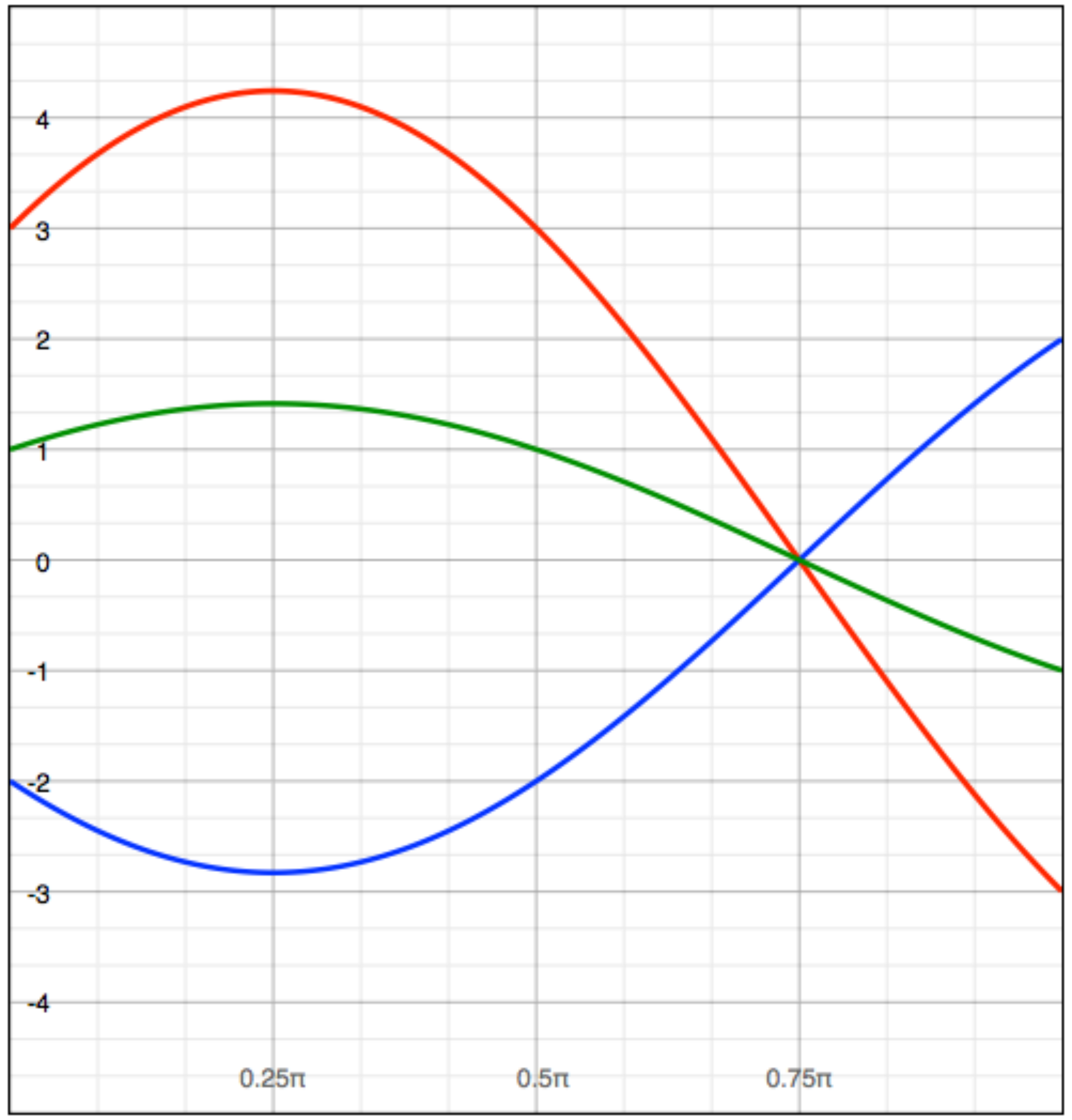

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Parameter space

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Hough Transform: Lines

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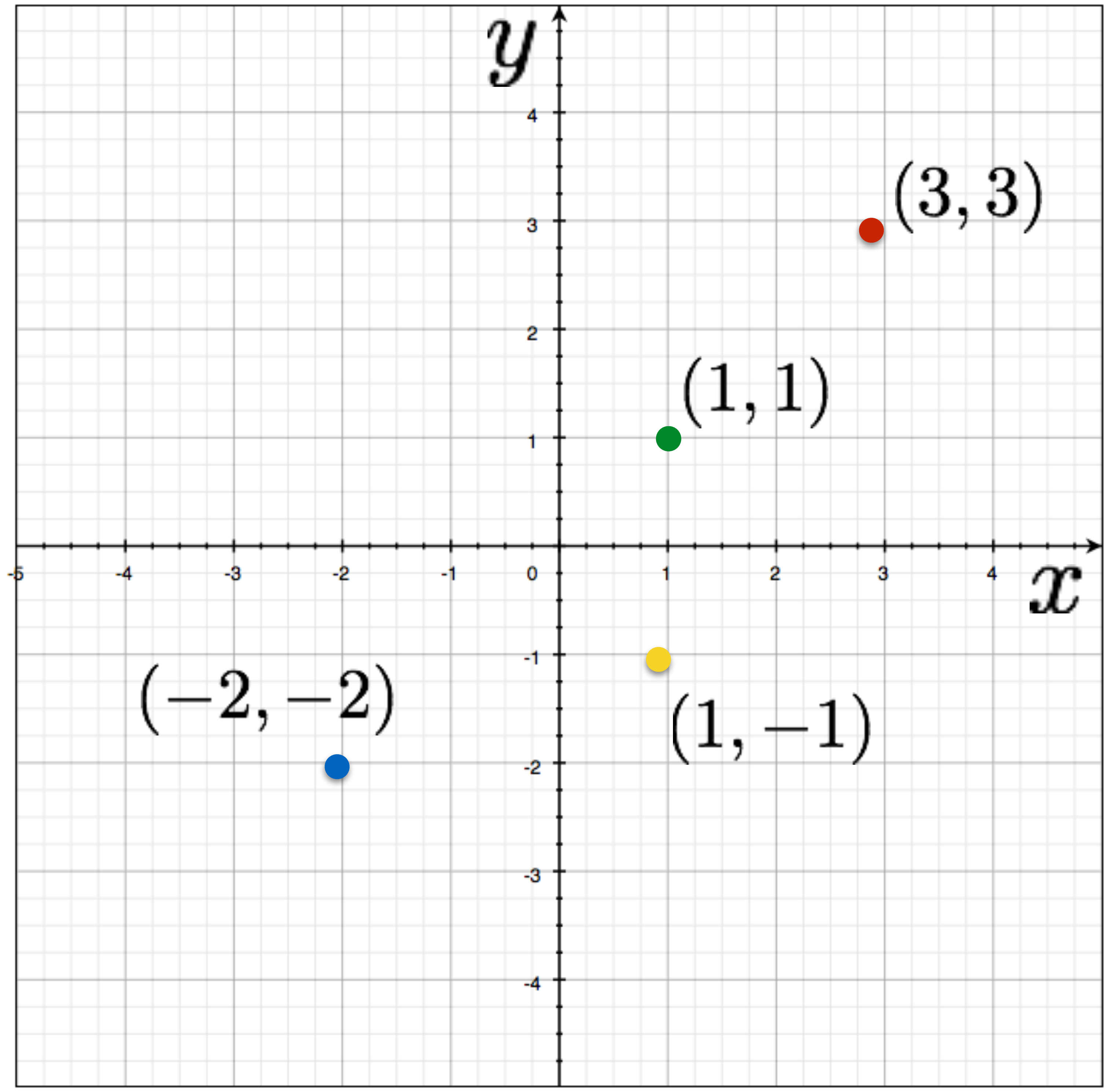

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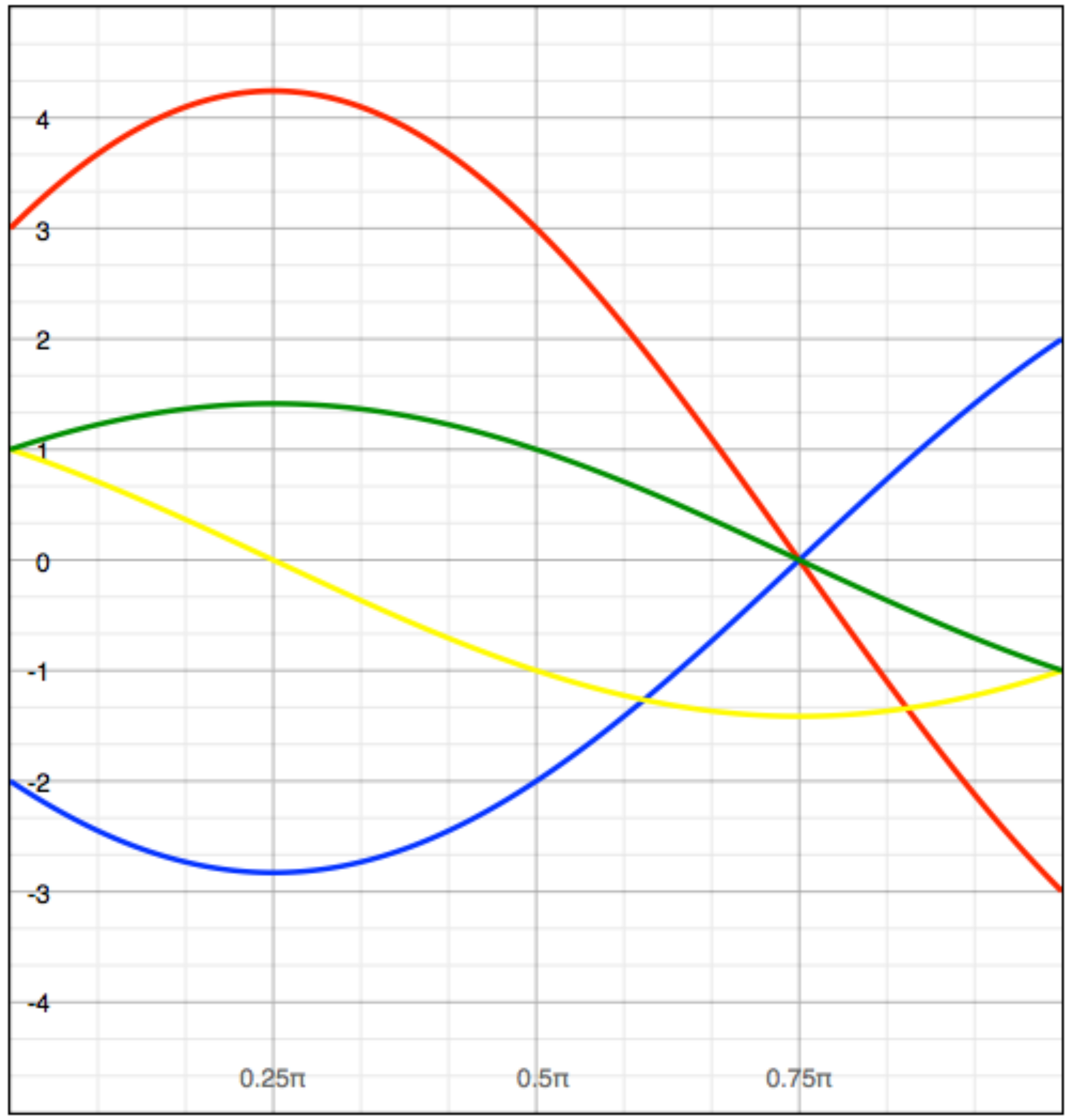

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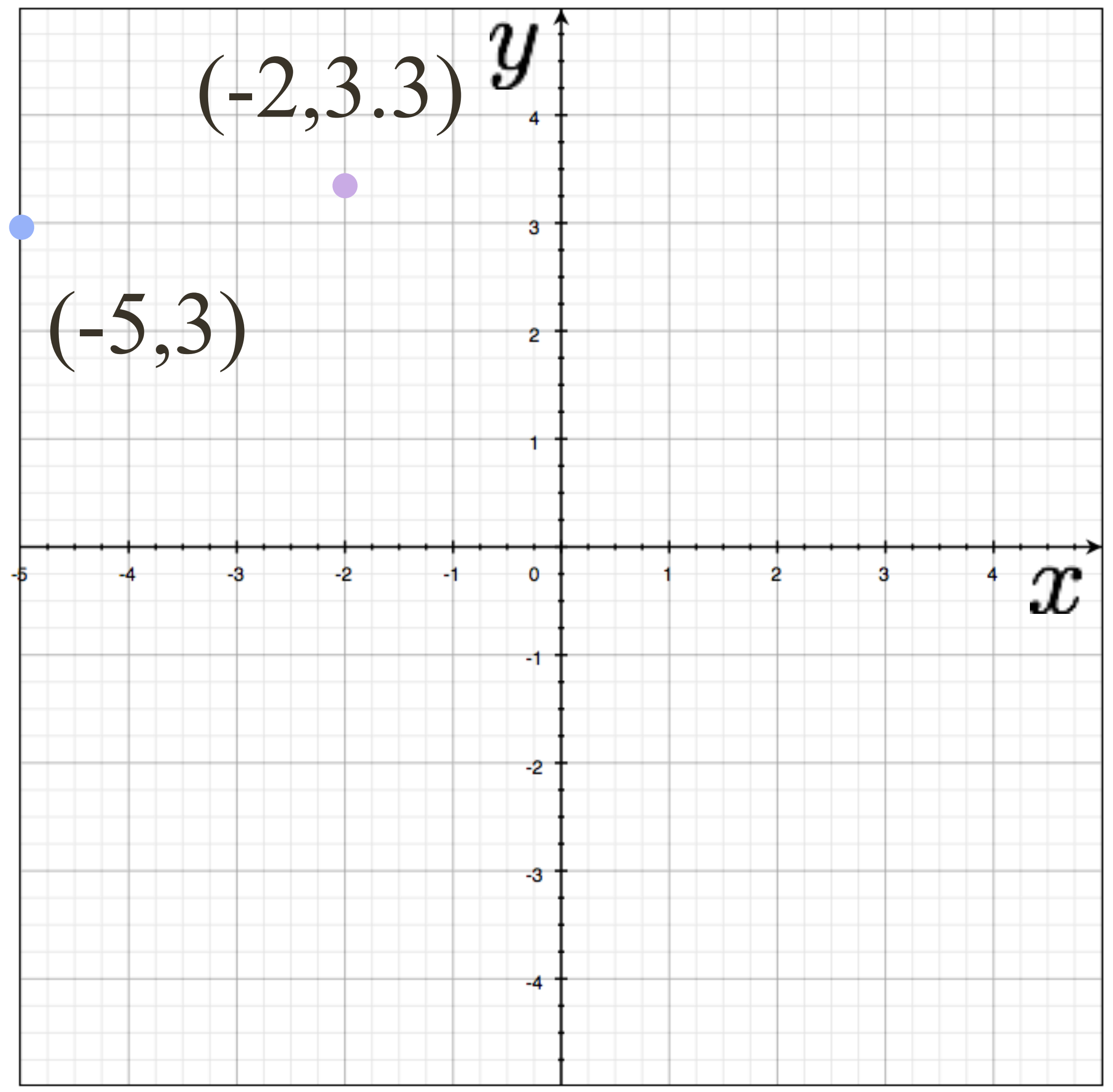
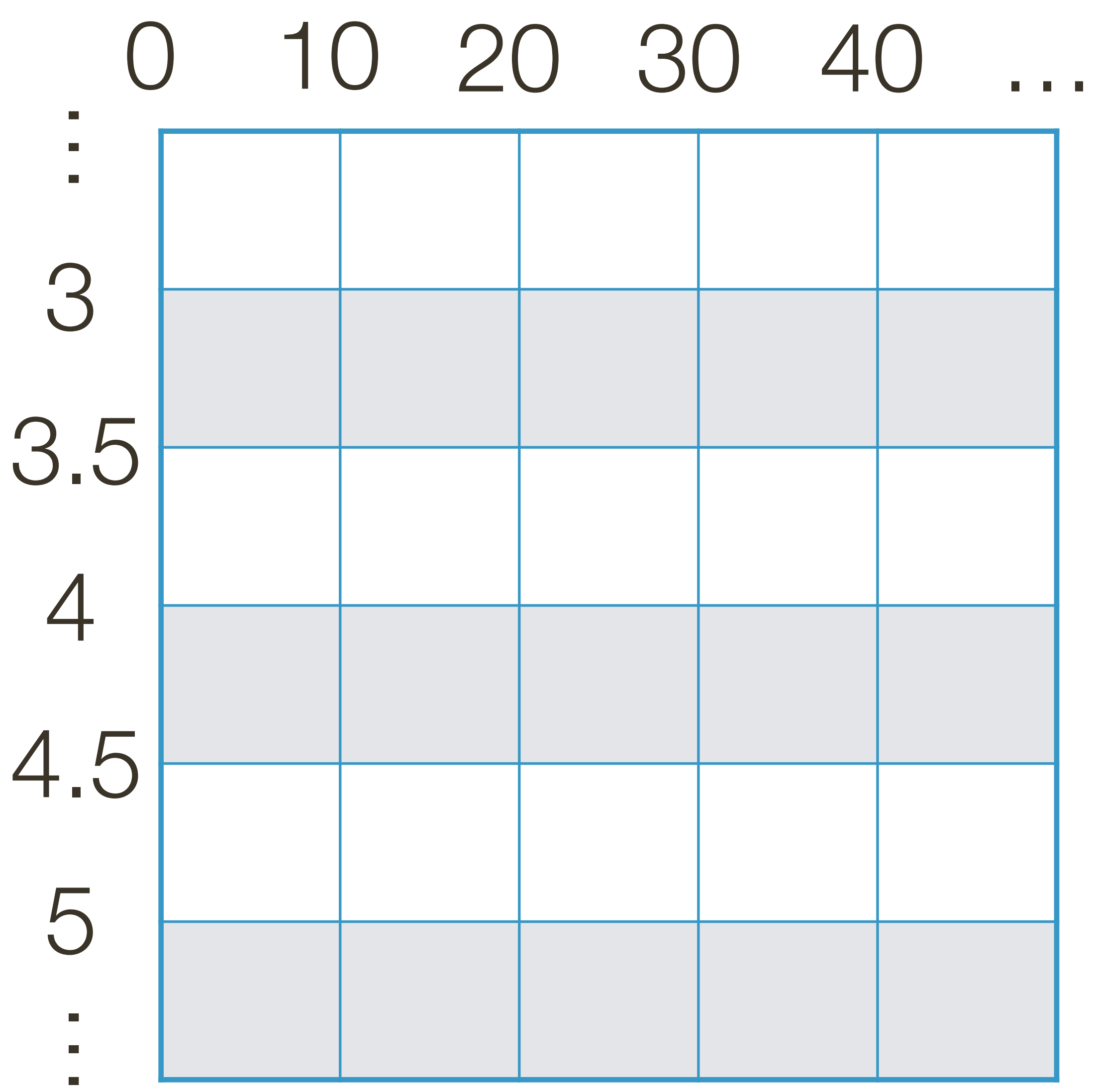
— For any (x, y) there is a one parameter family of lines through this point. Just let (x, y) be constants and for each value of θ the value of r will be determined

— Each point enters votes for each line in the family

— If there is a line that has lots of votes, that will be the line passing near the points that voted for it

Example: Hough Transform for Lines





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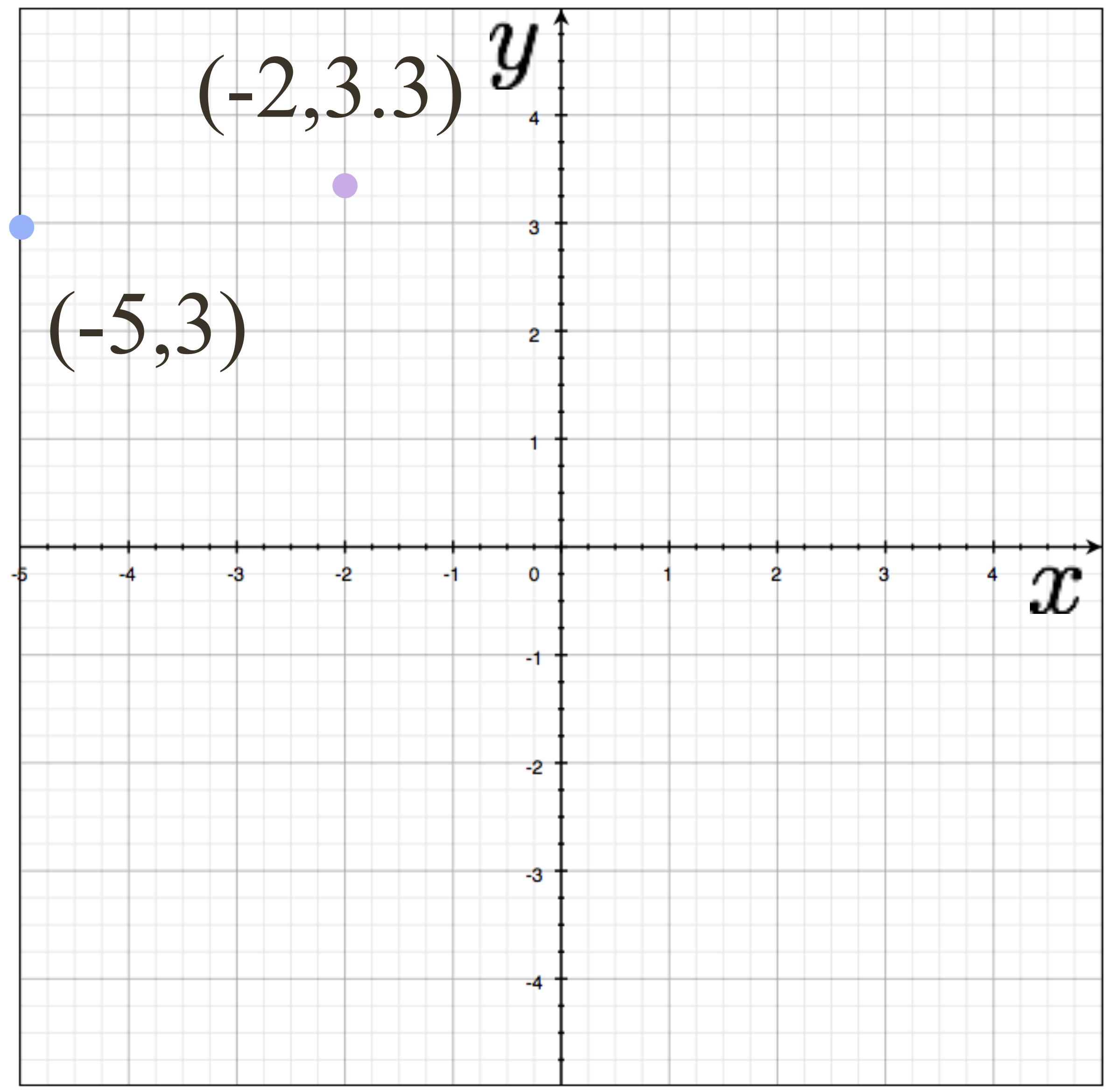

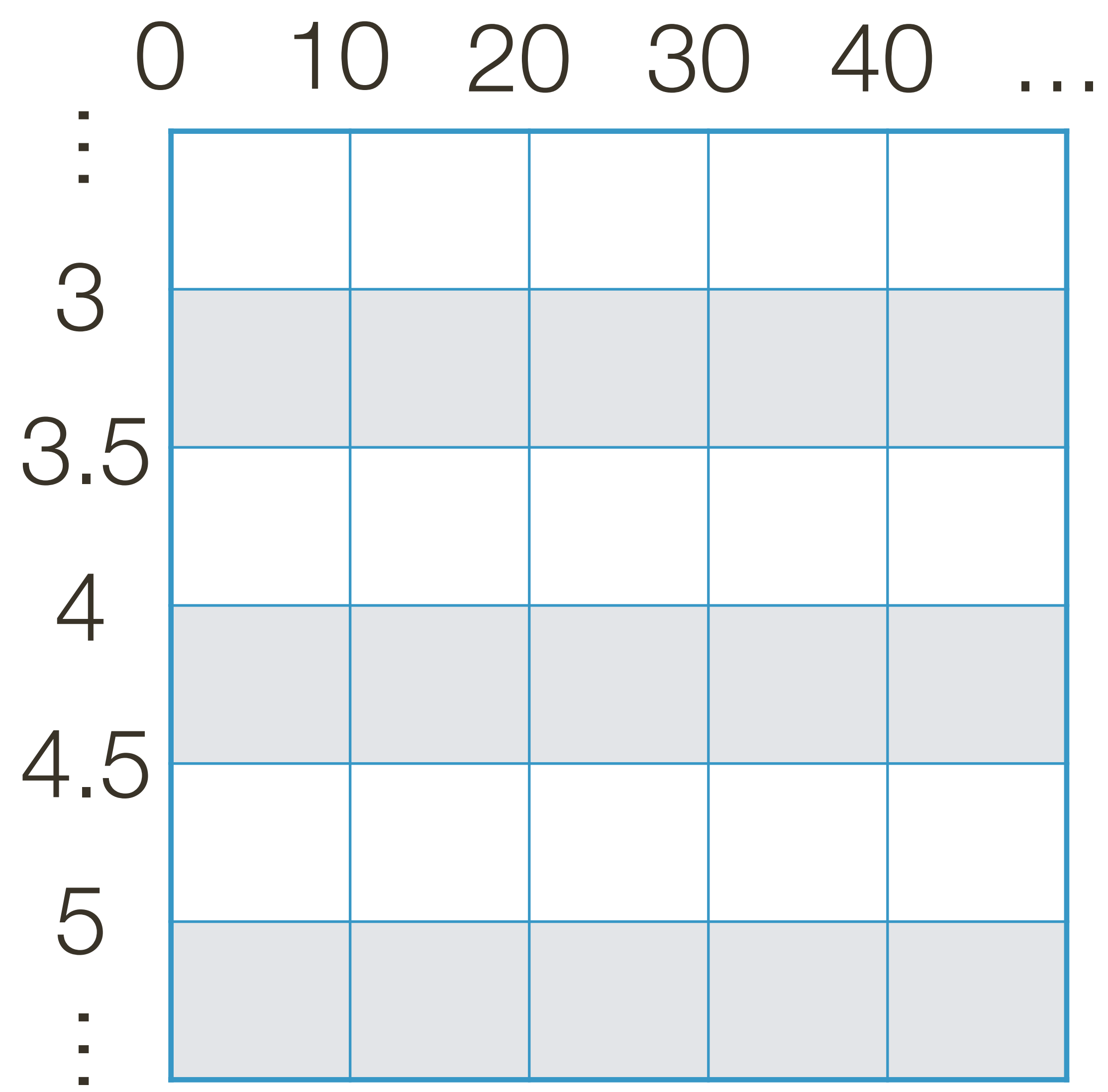

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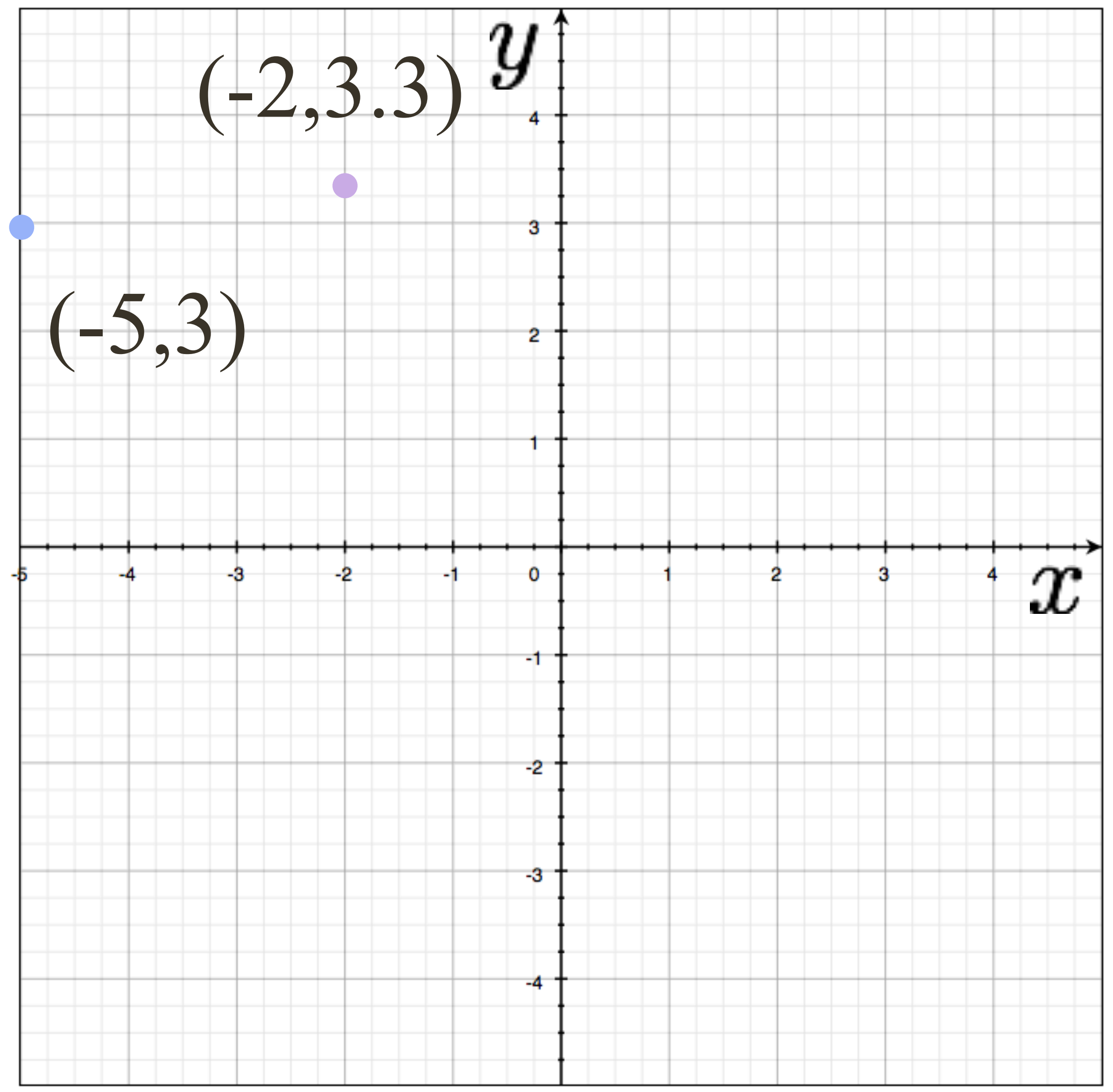

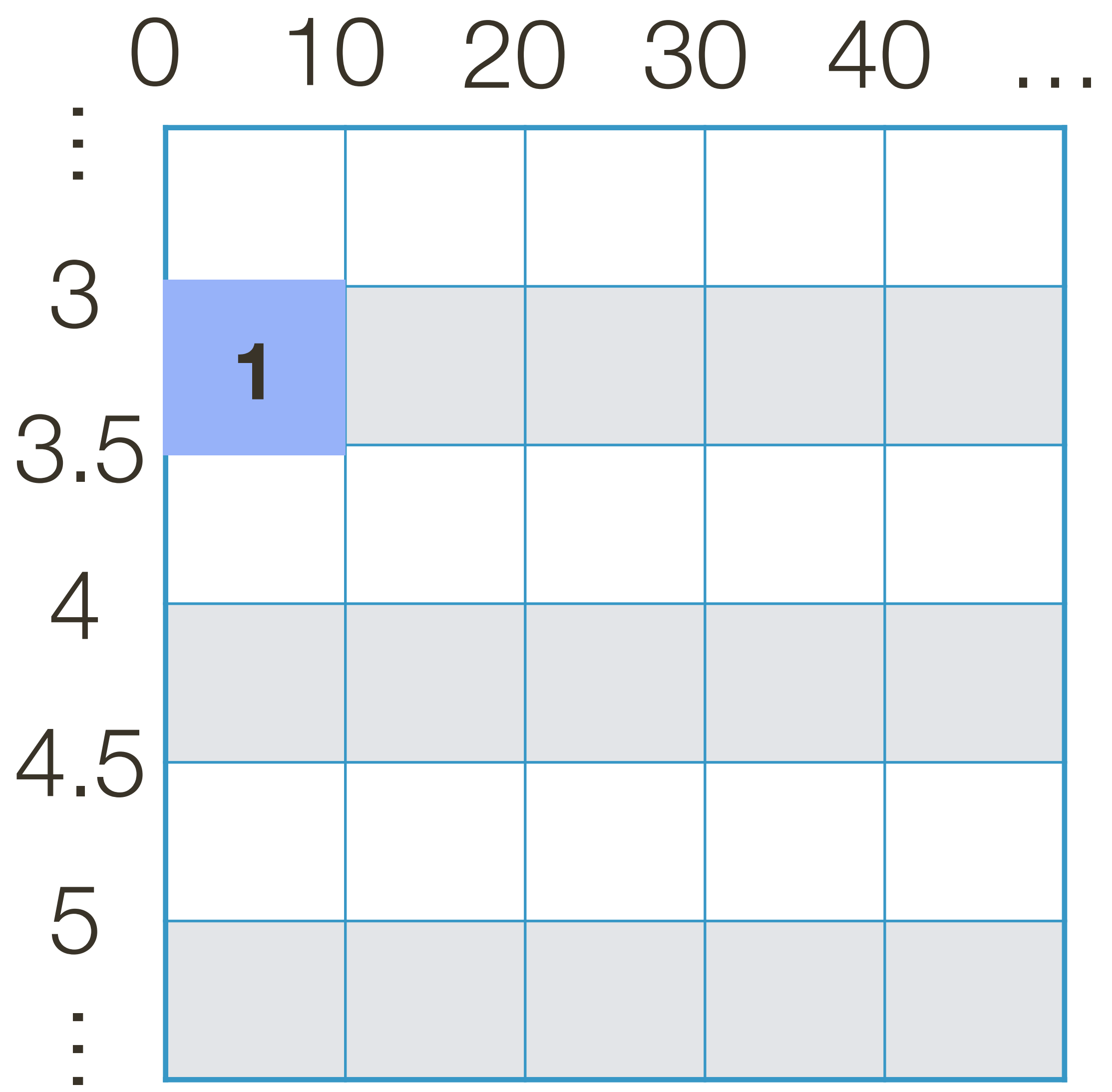

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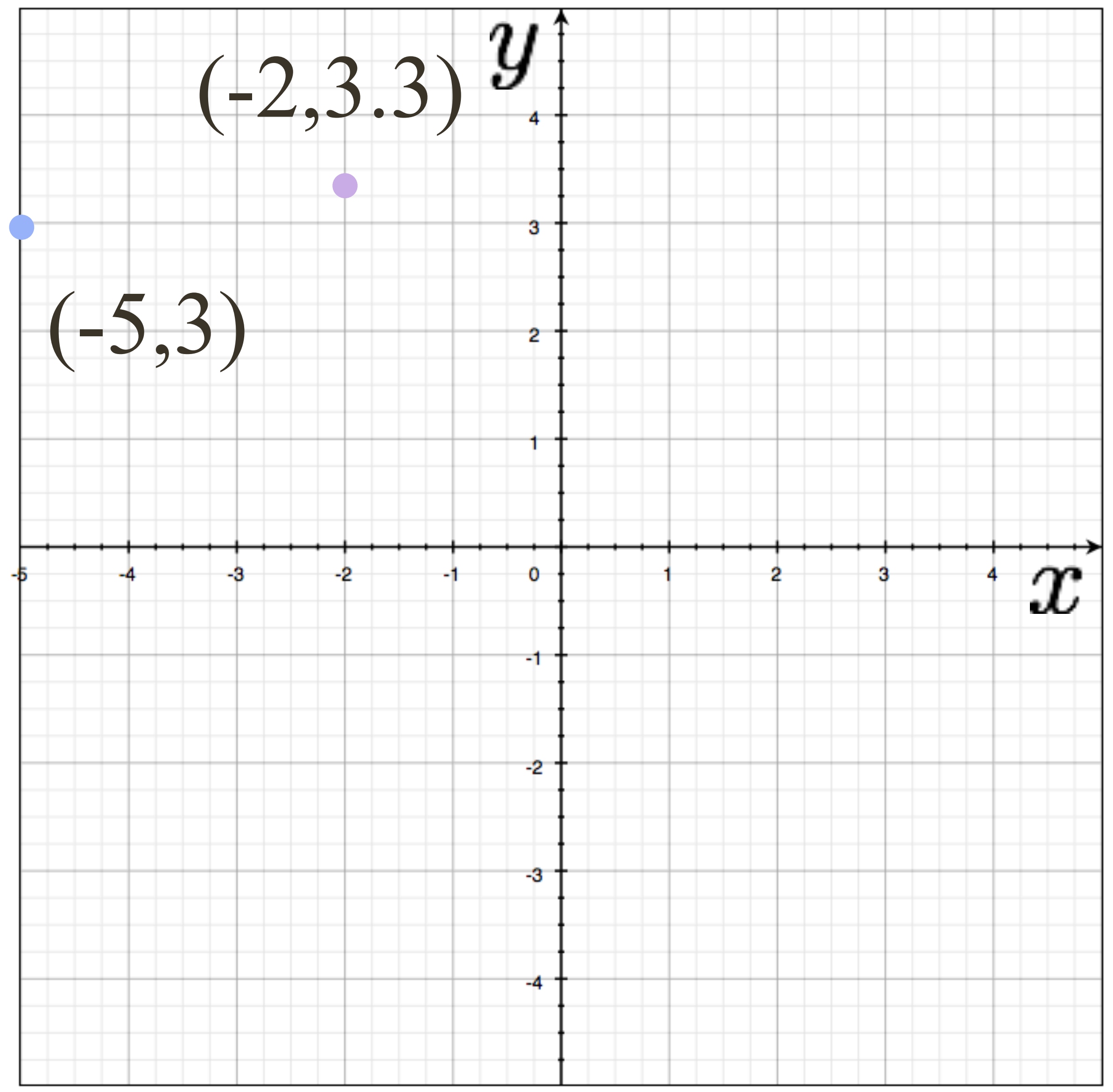

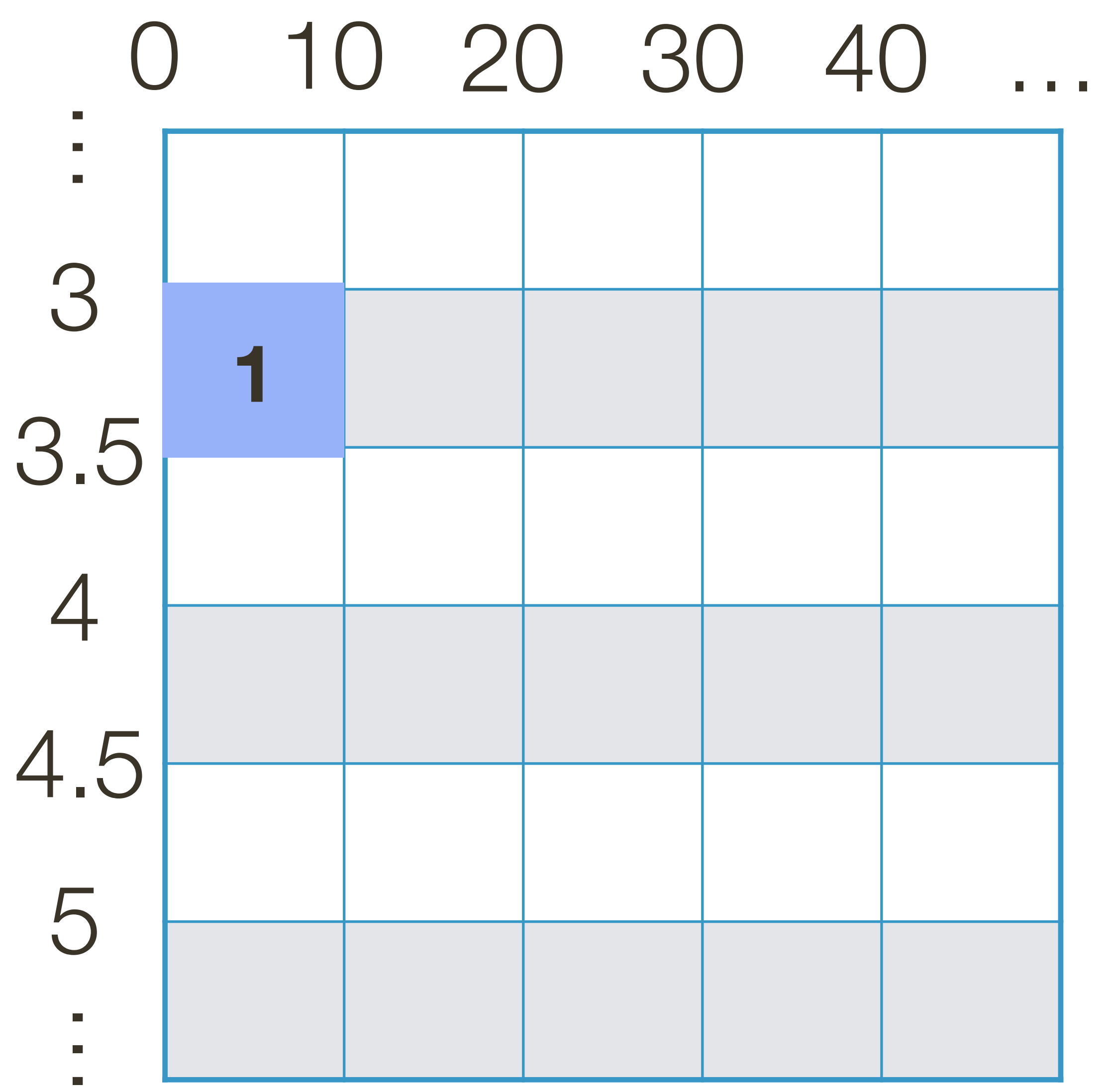

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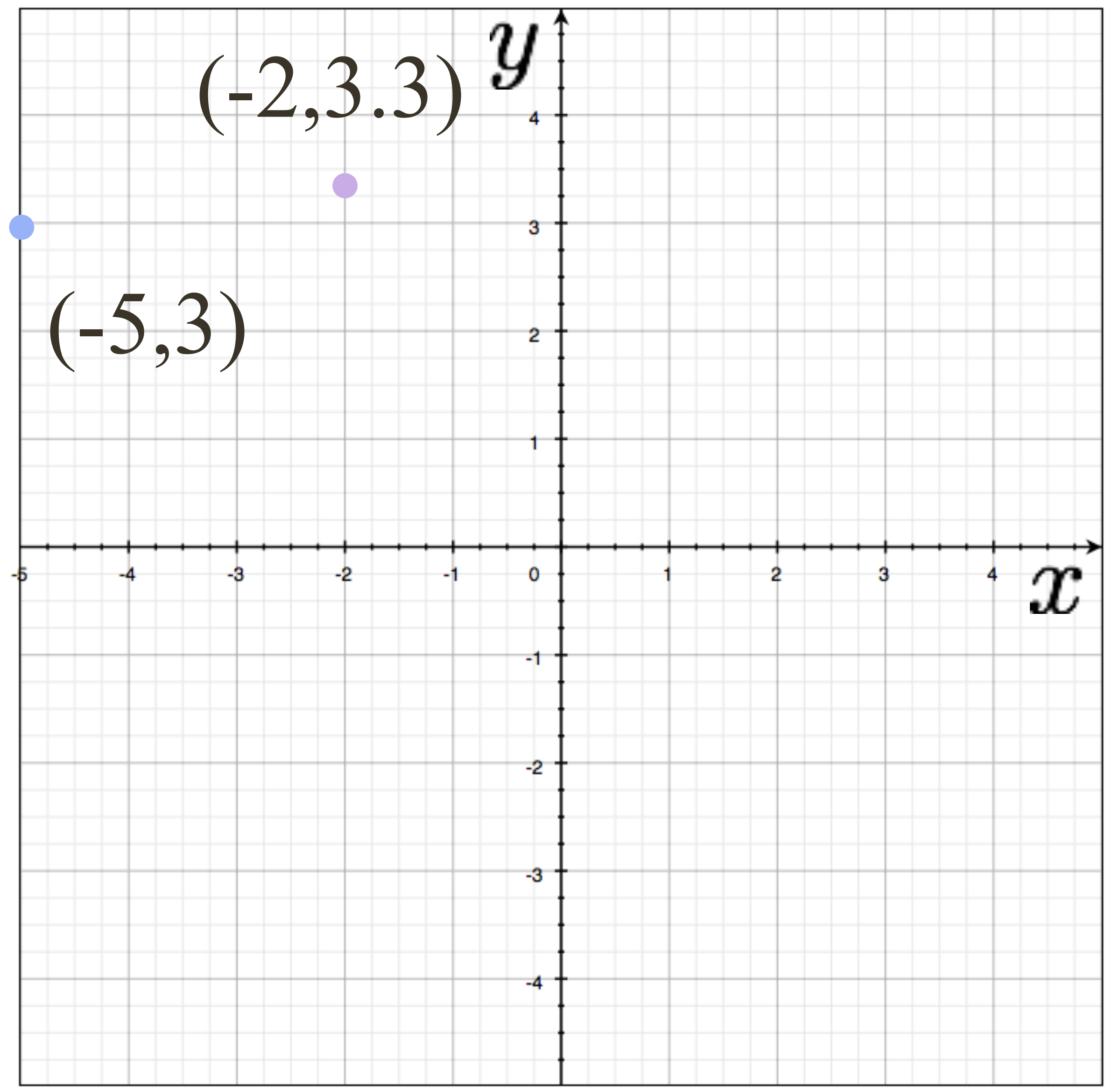

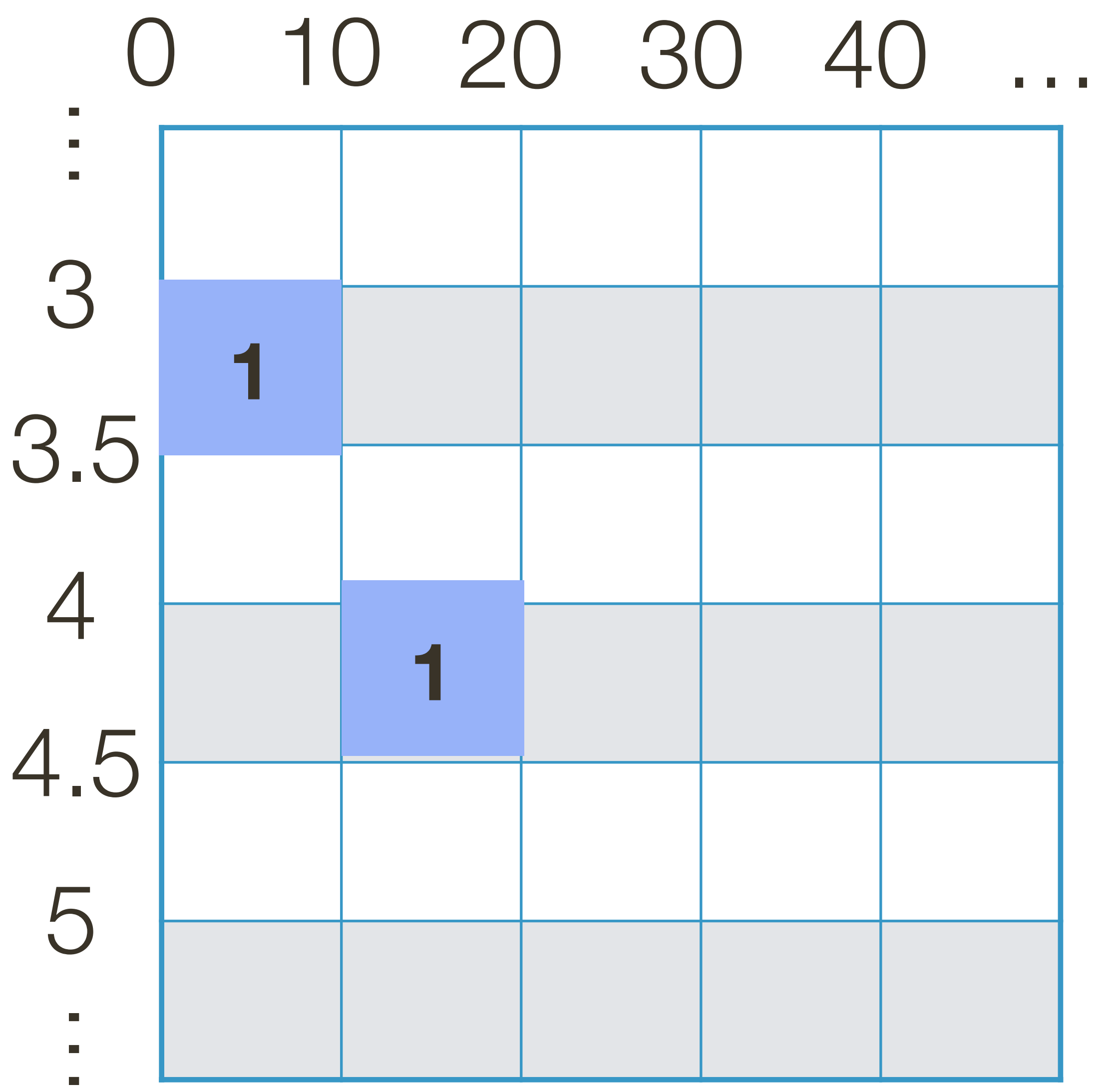

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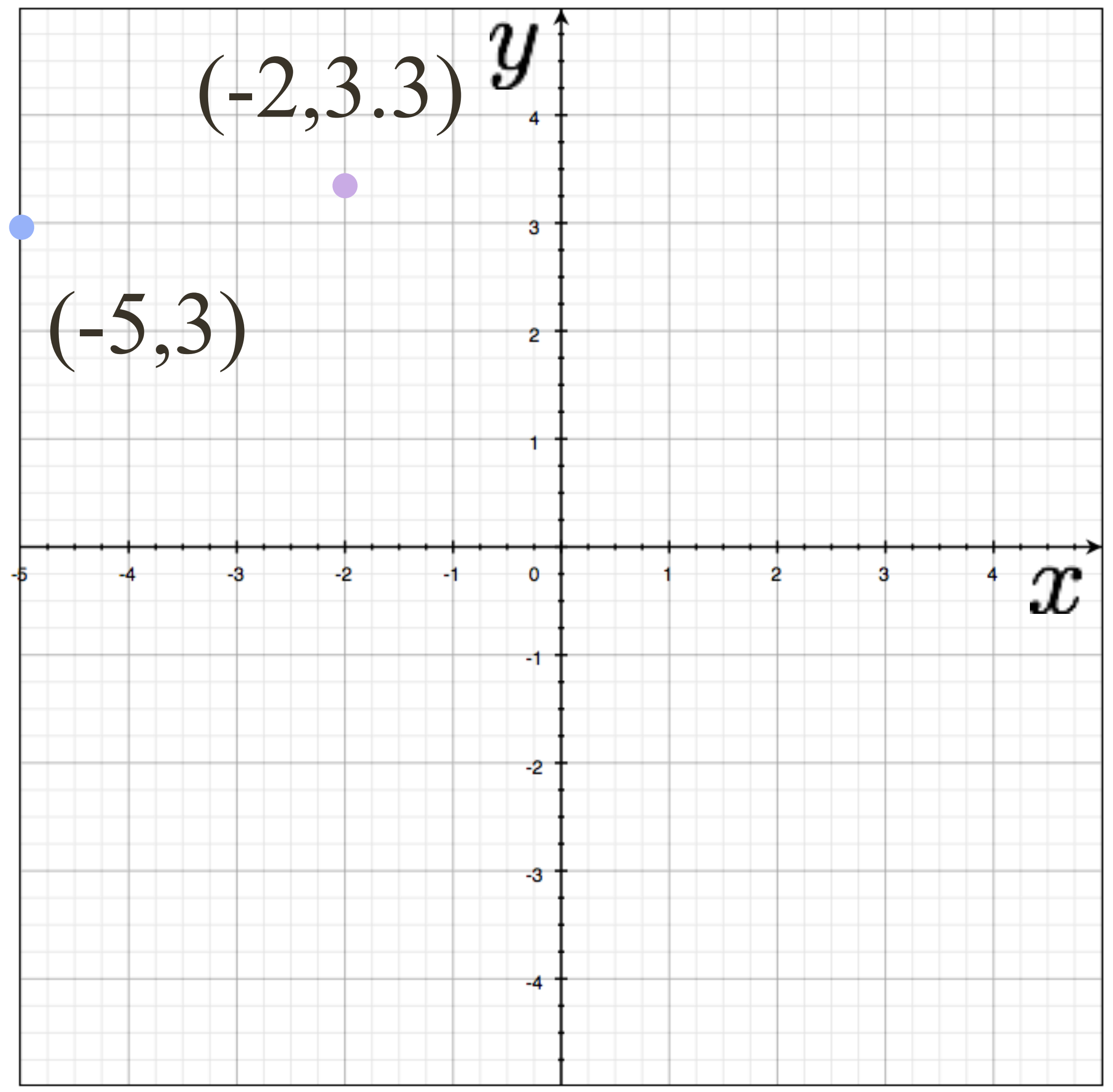

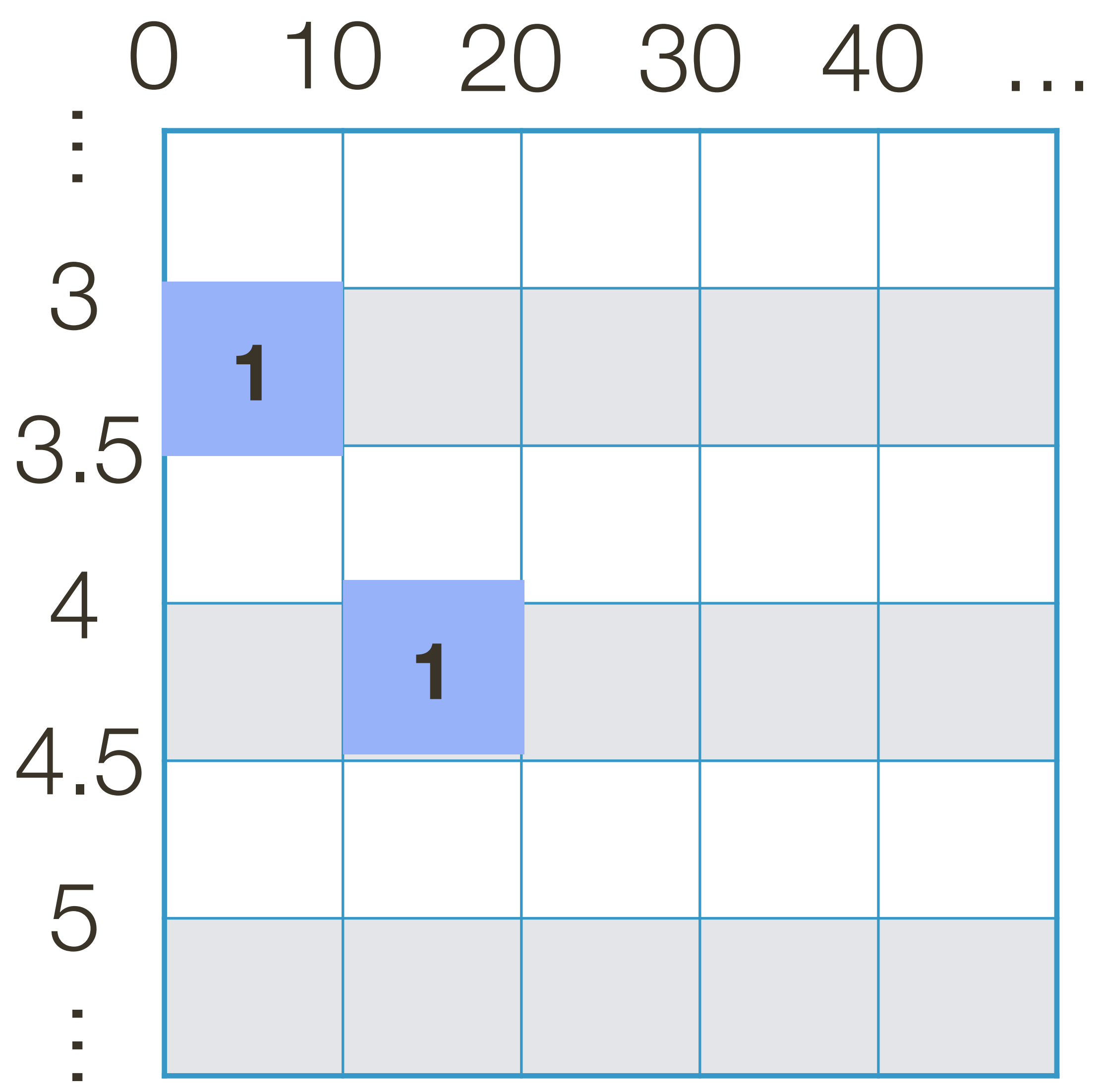

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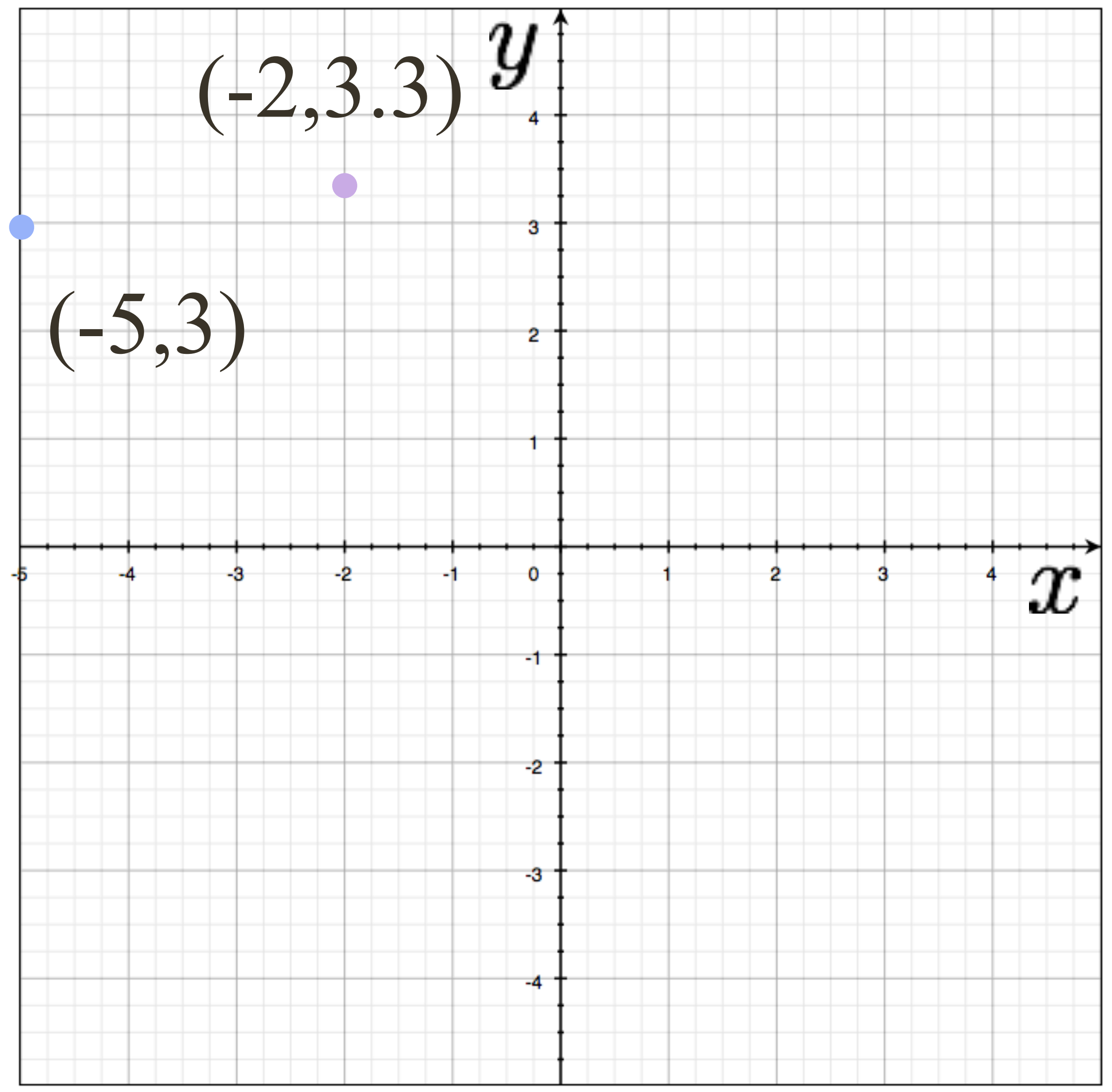

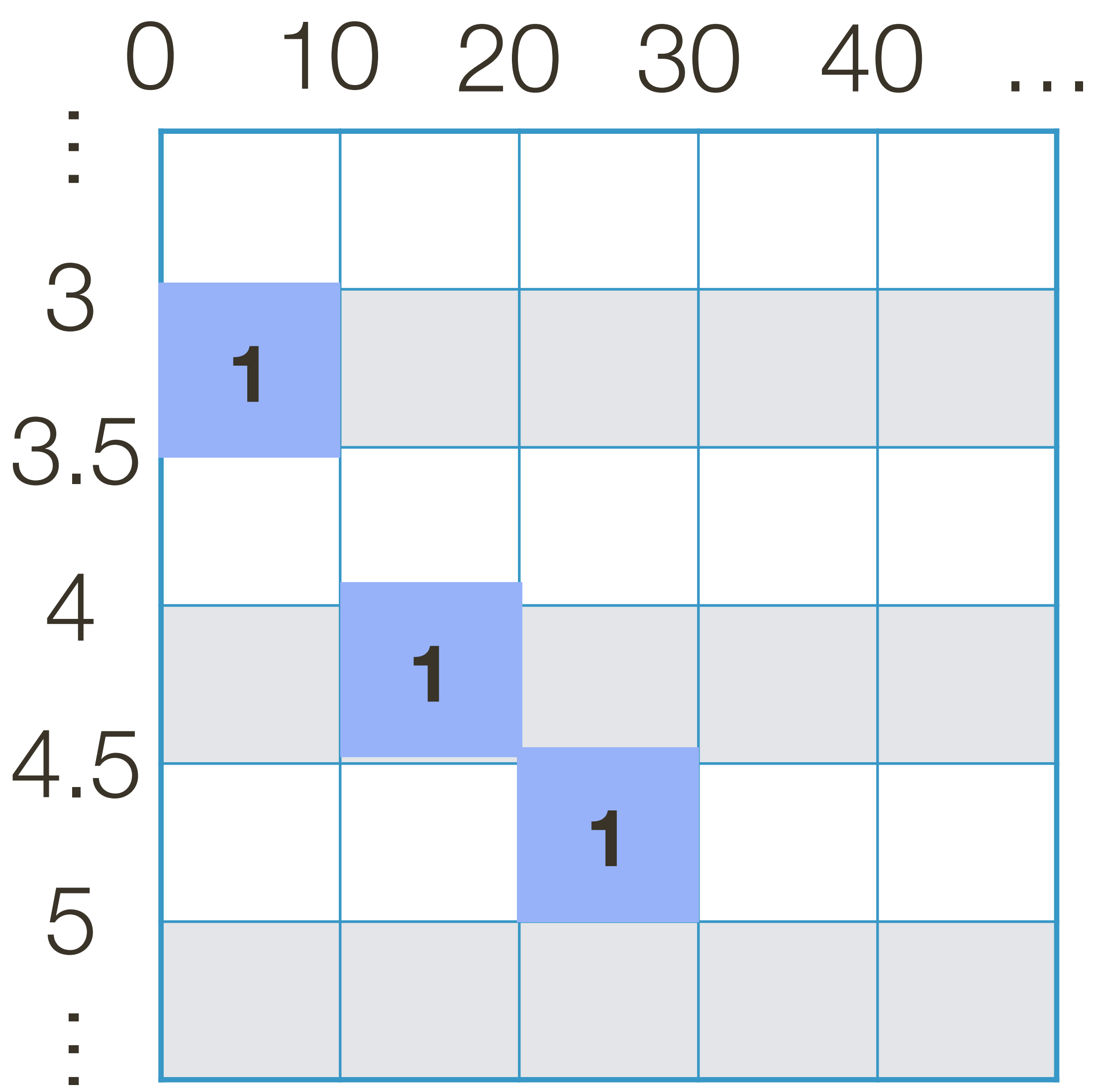

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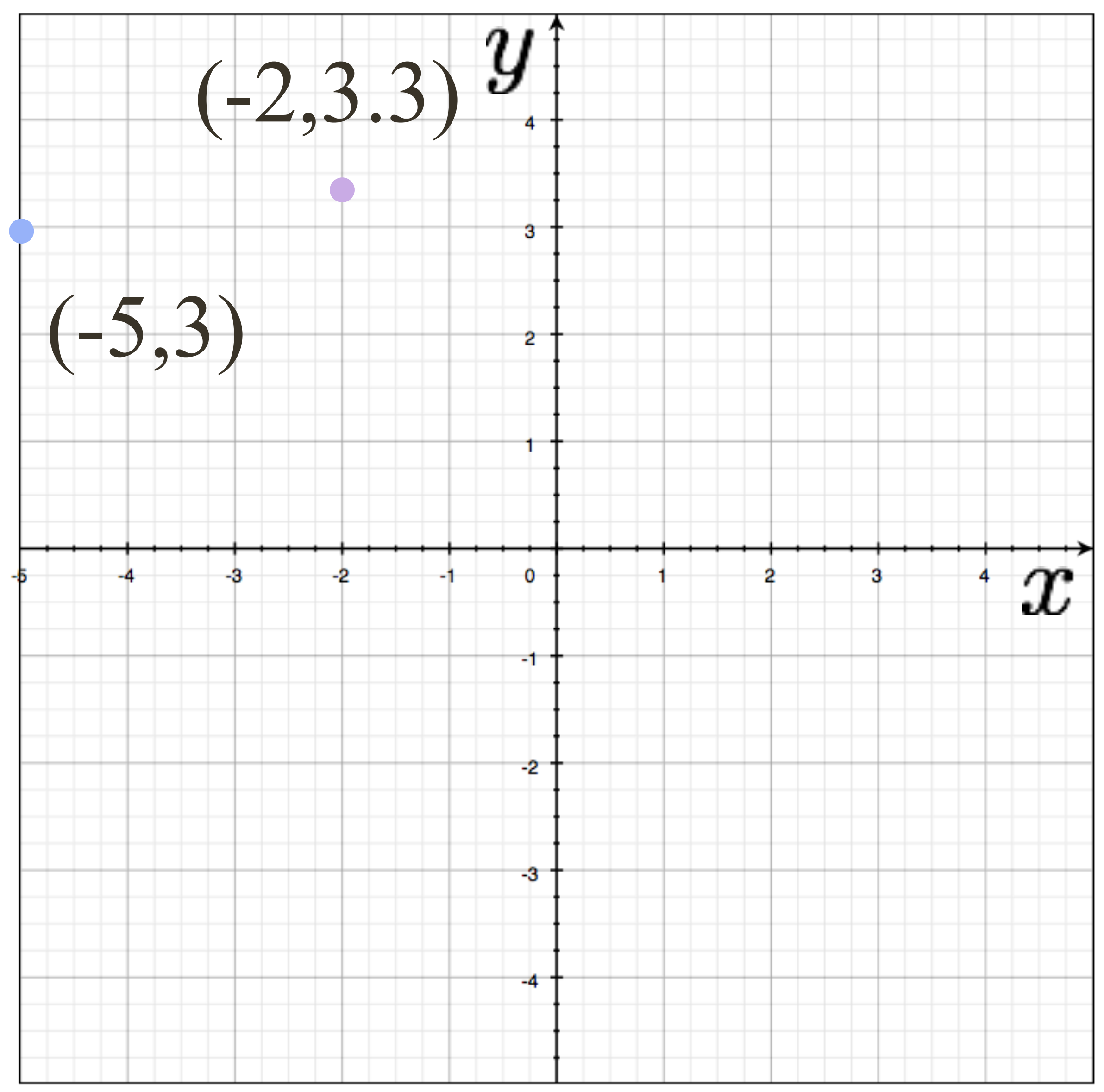

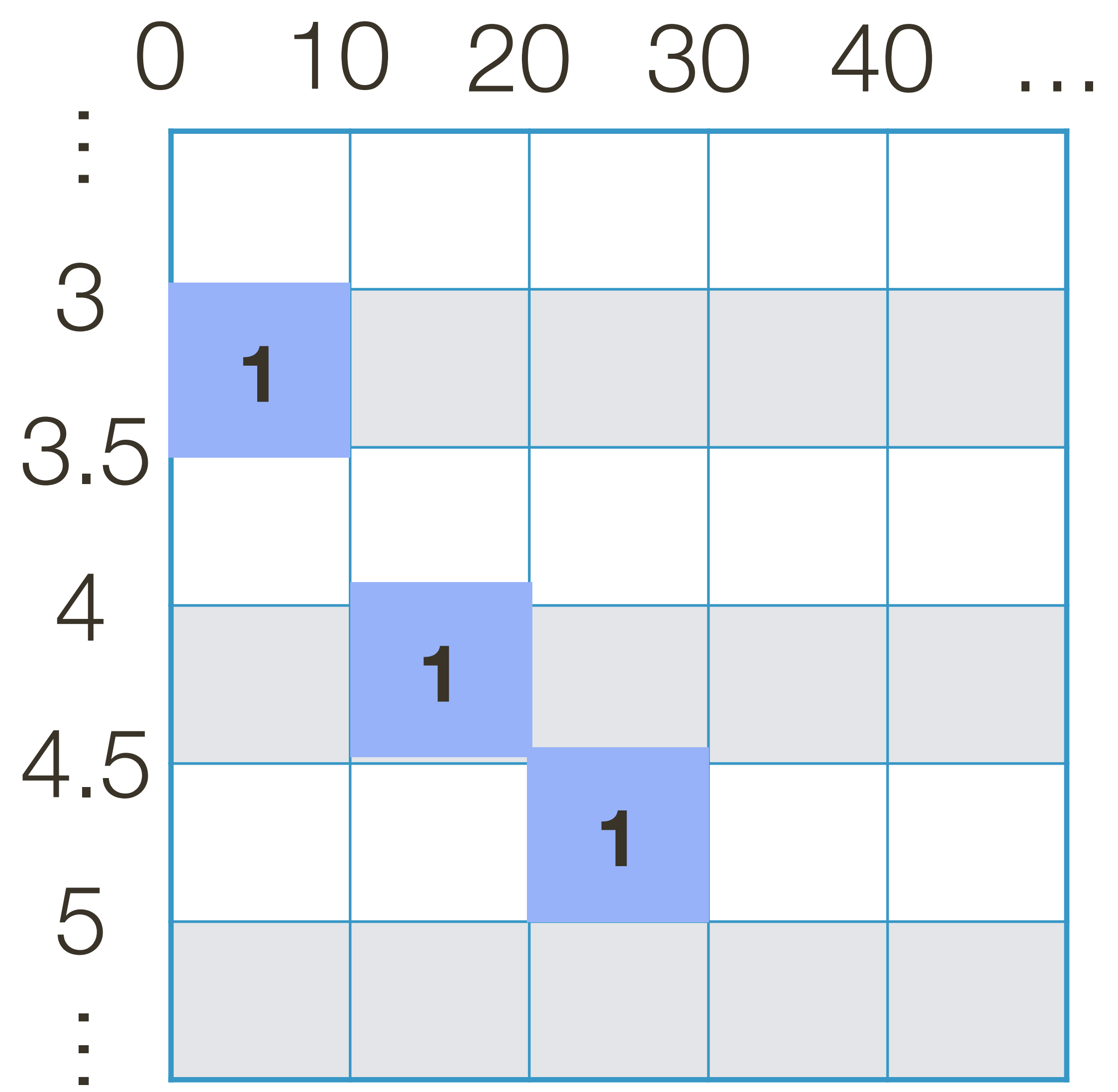

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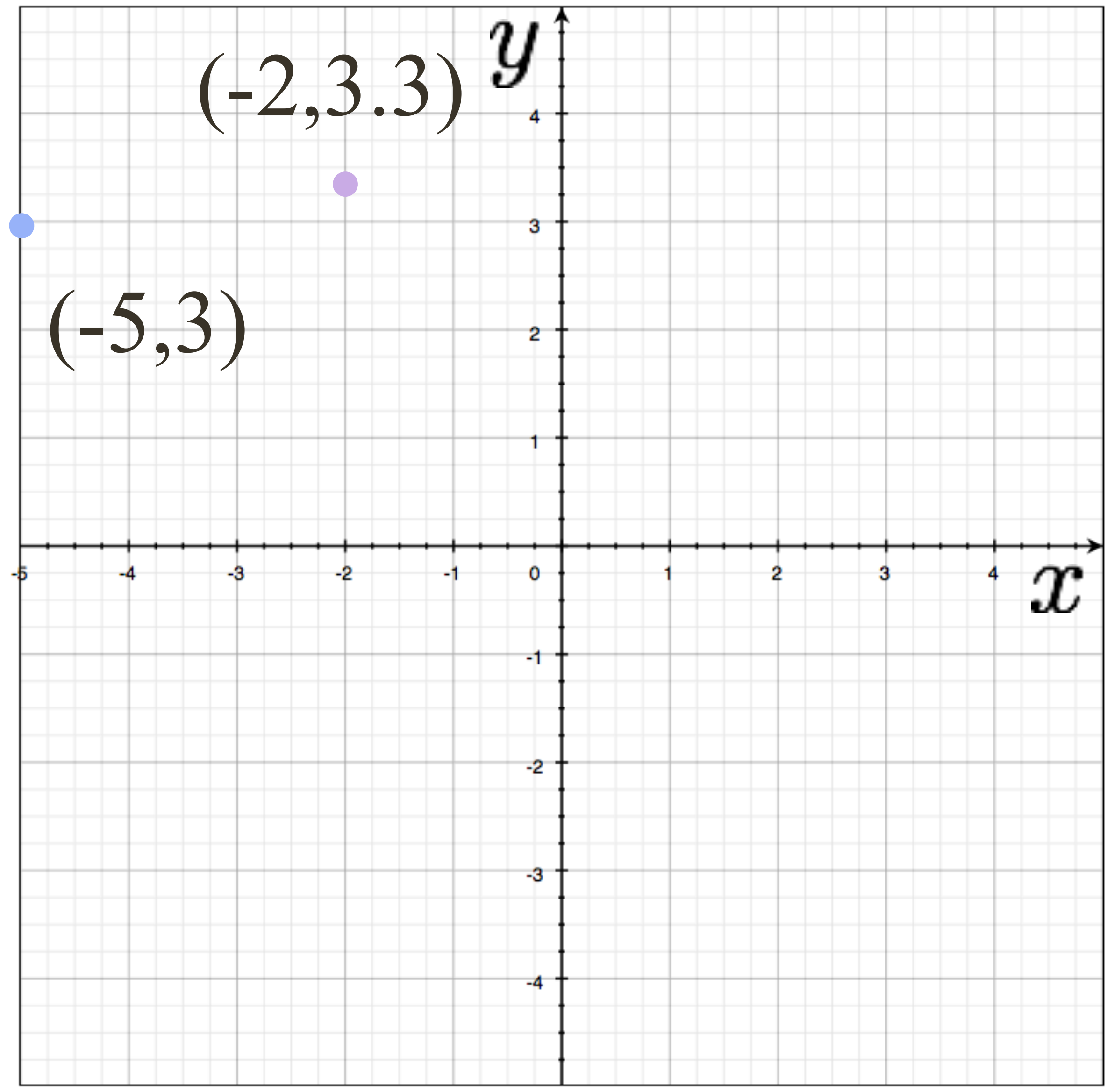

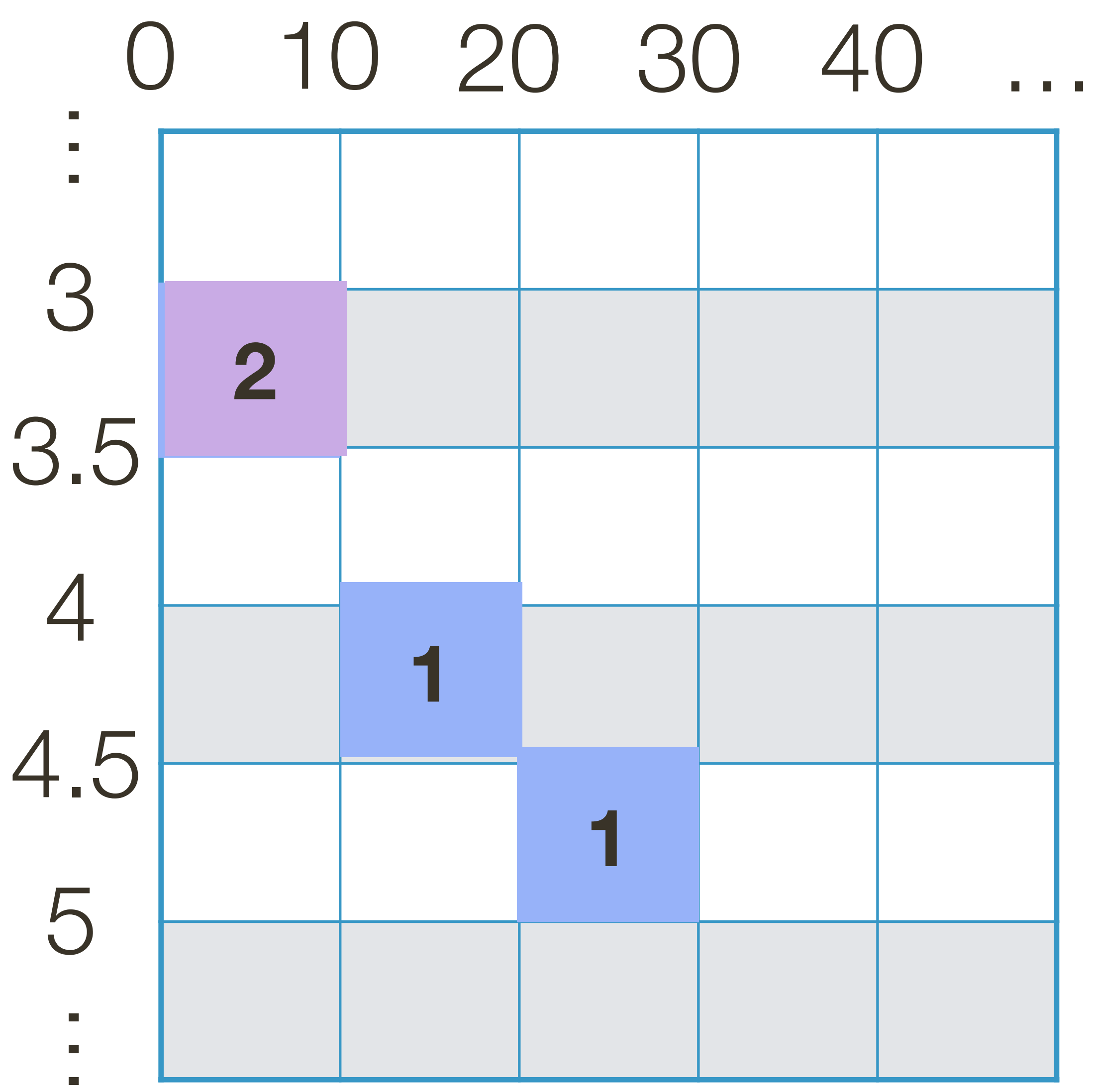

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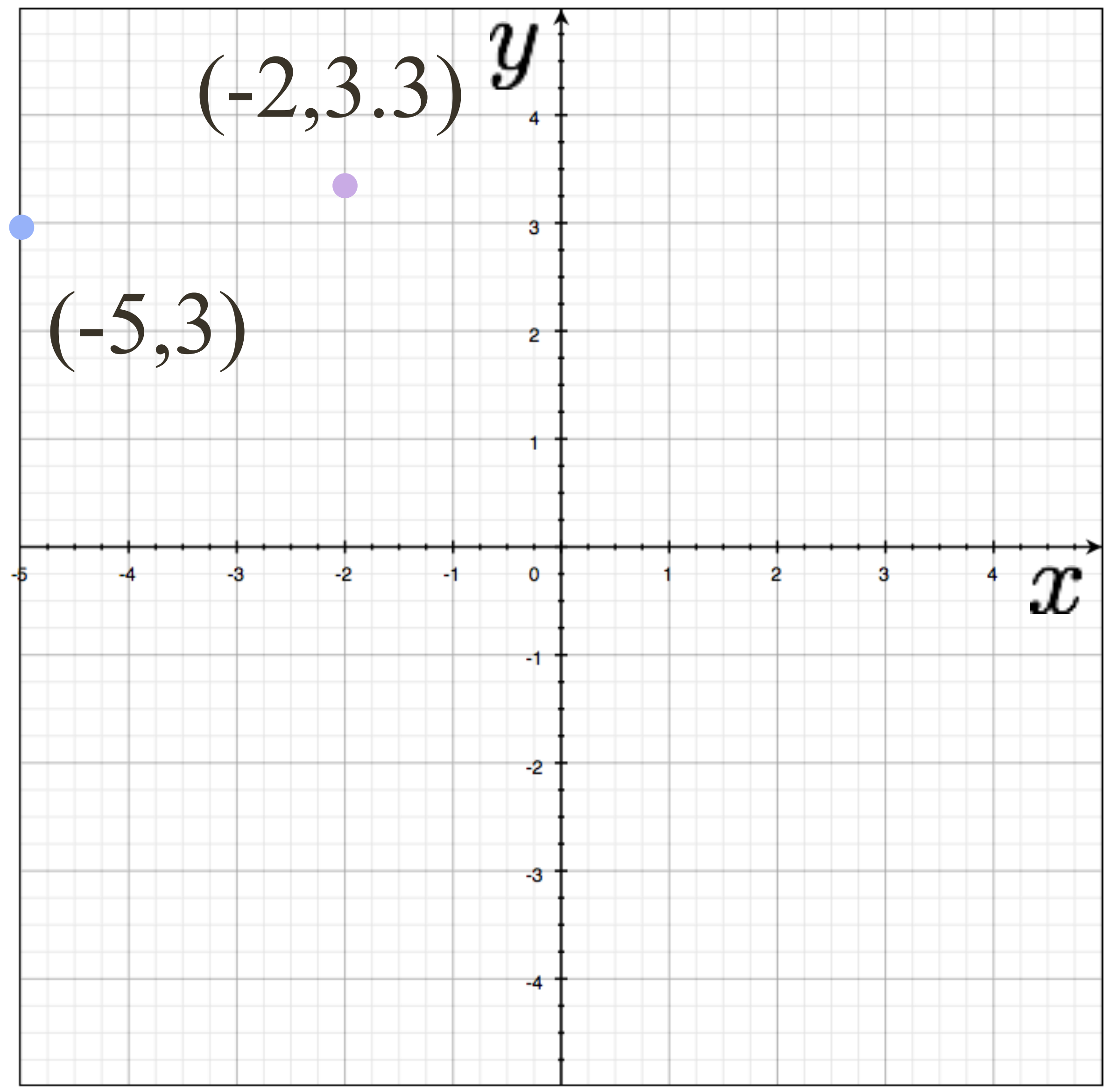

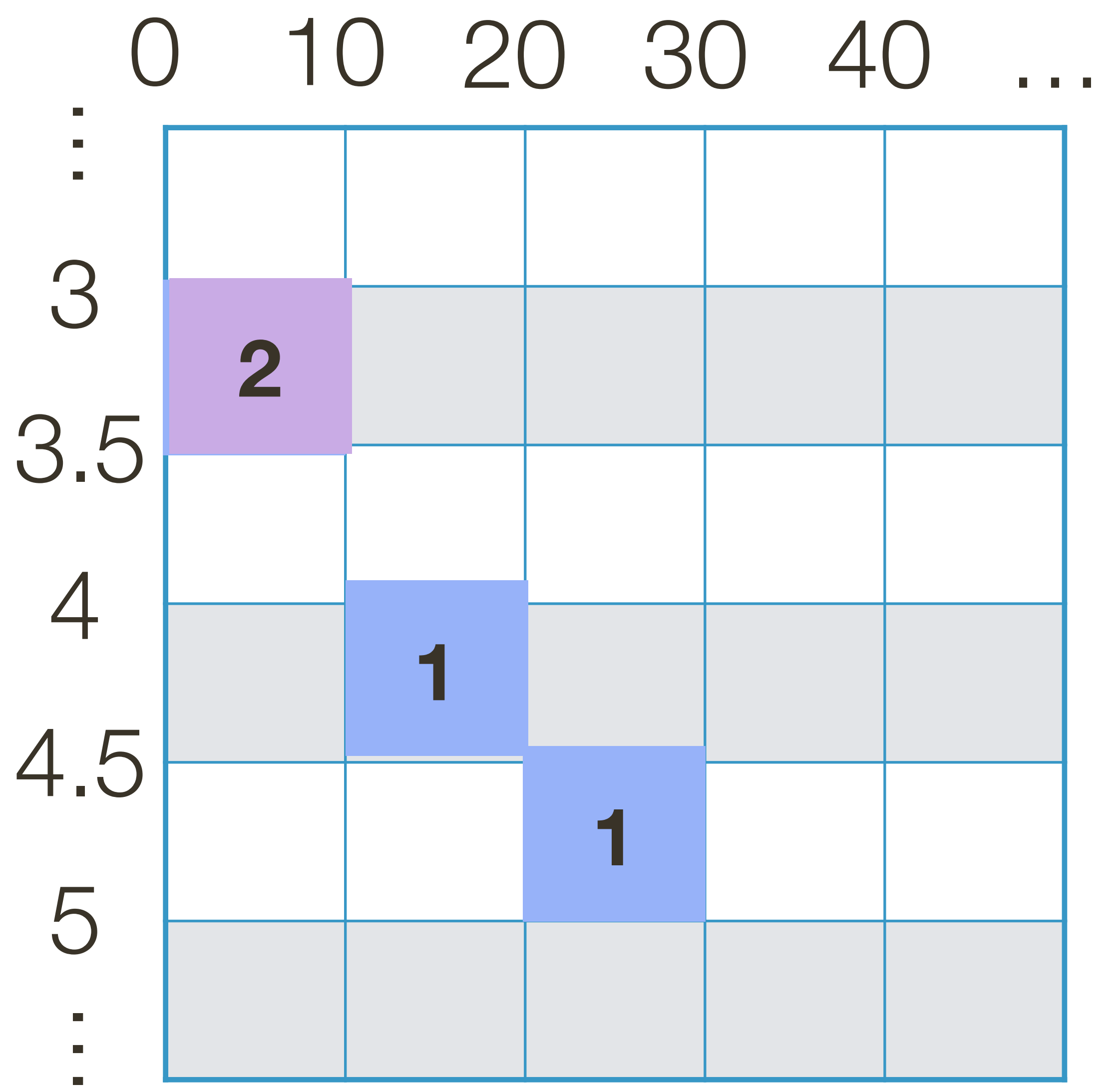

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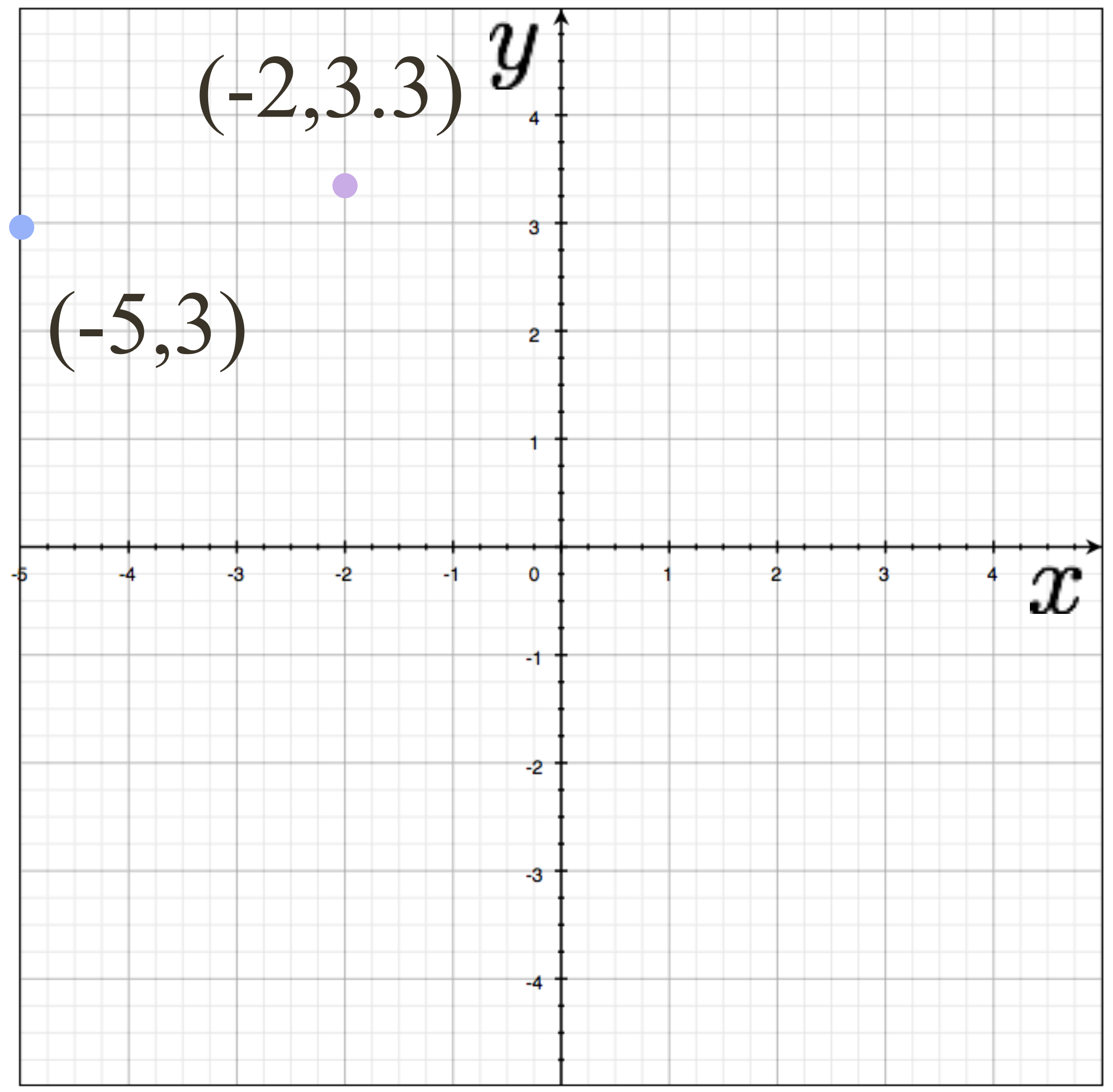

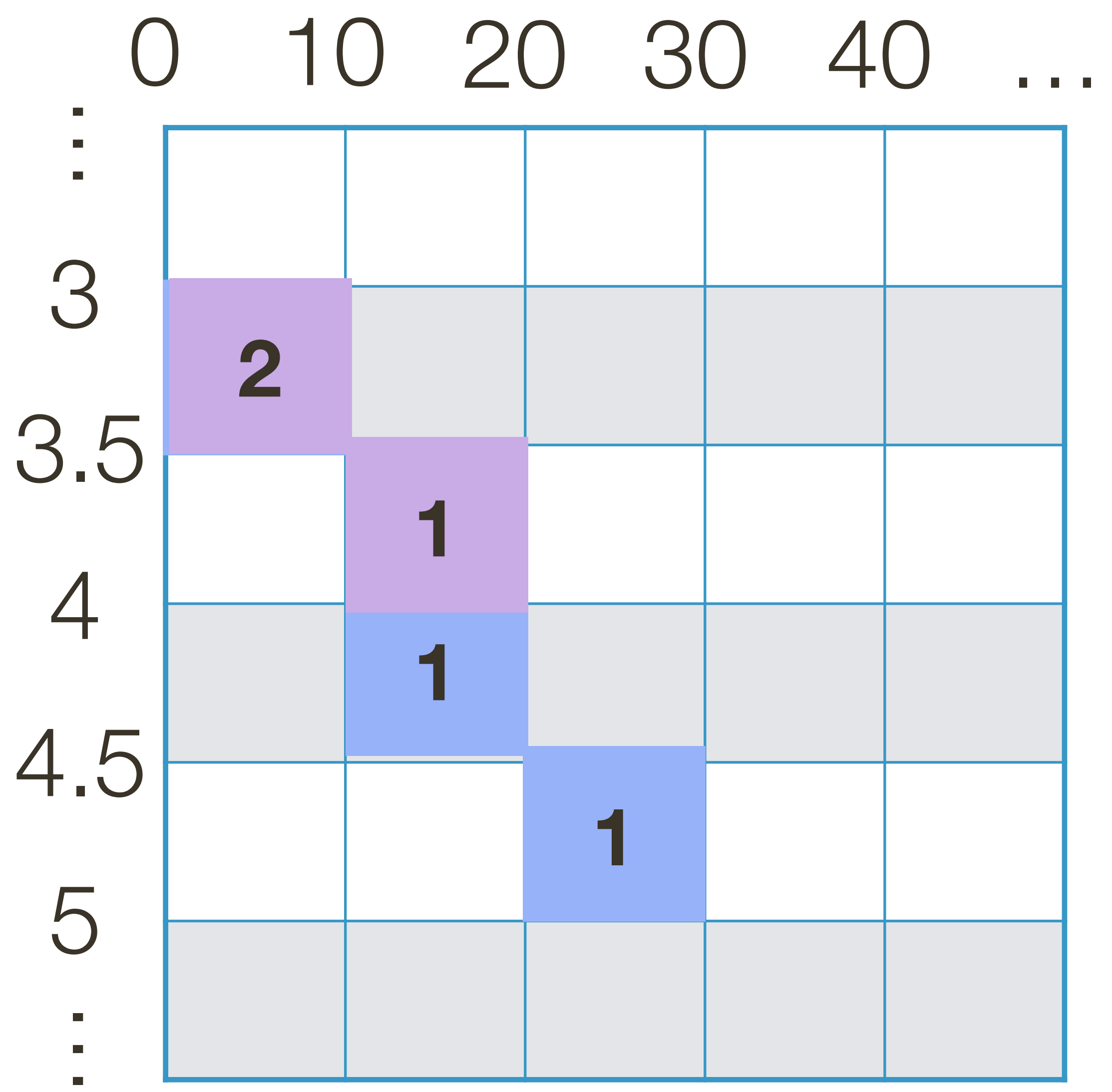

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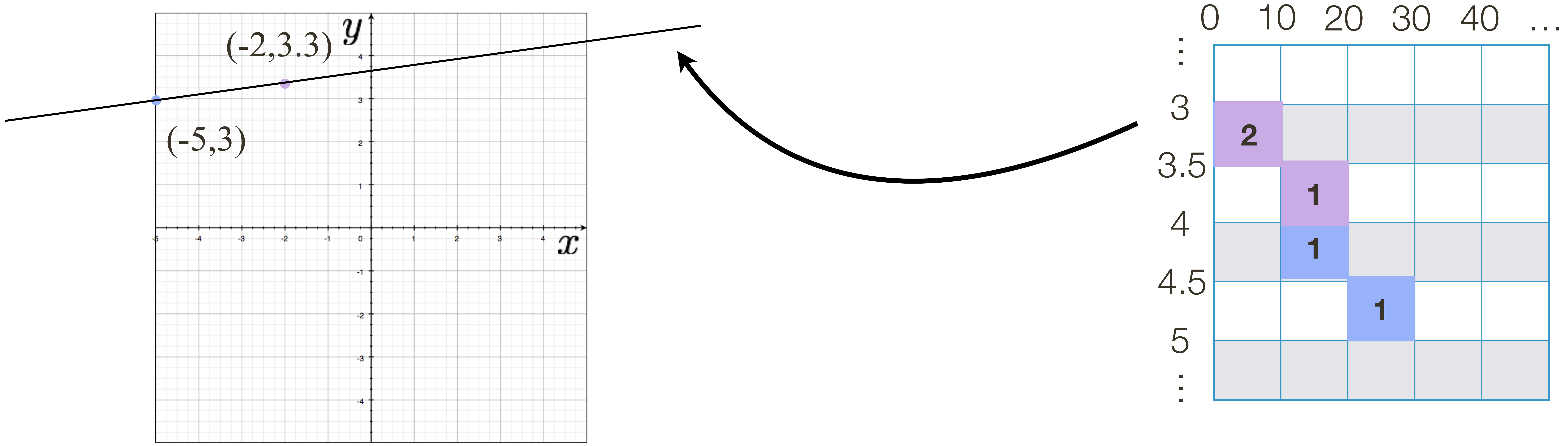

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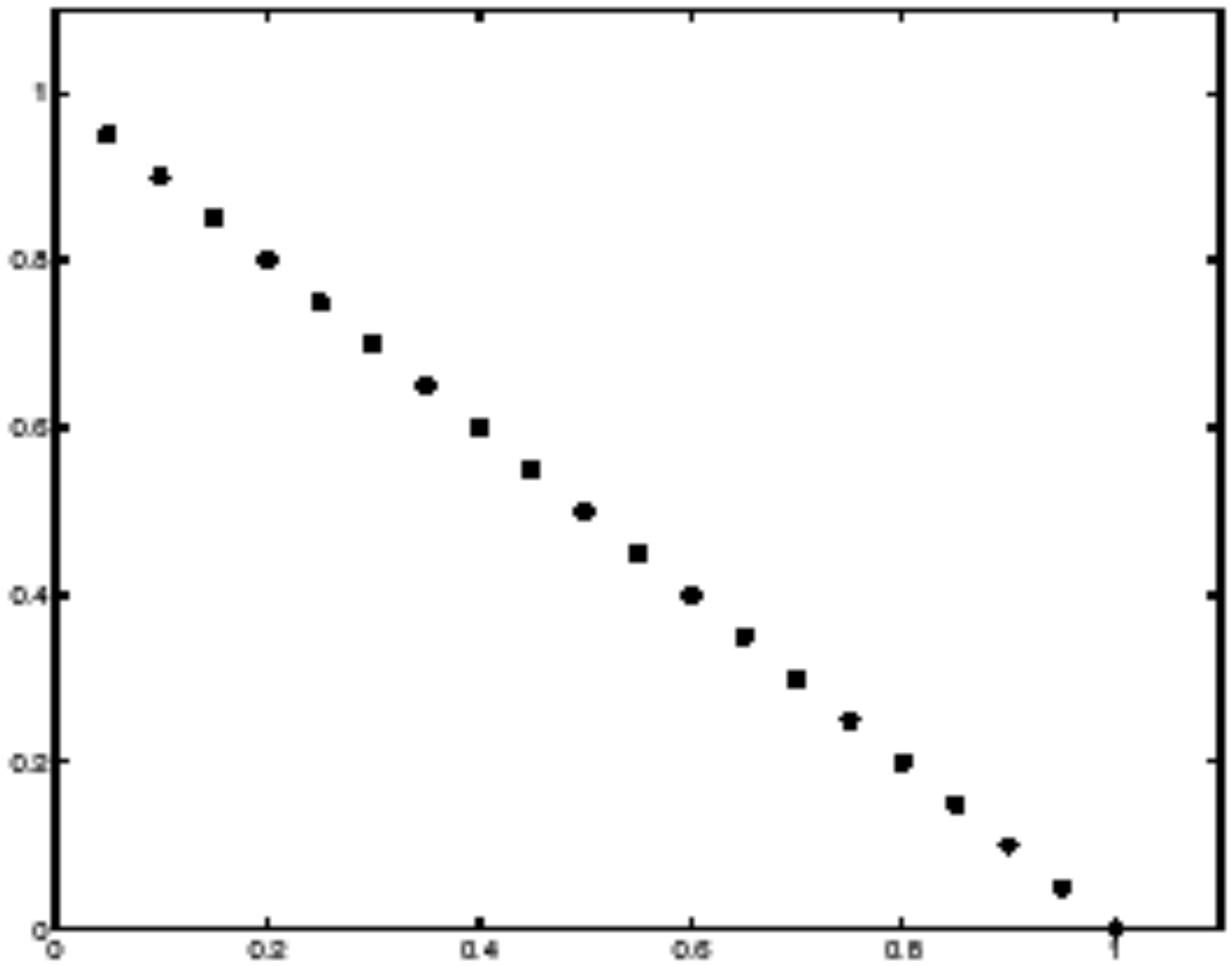

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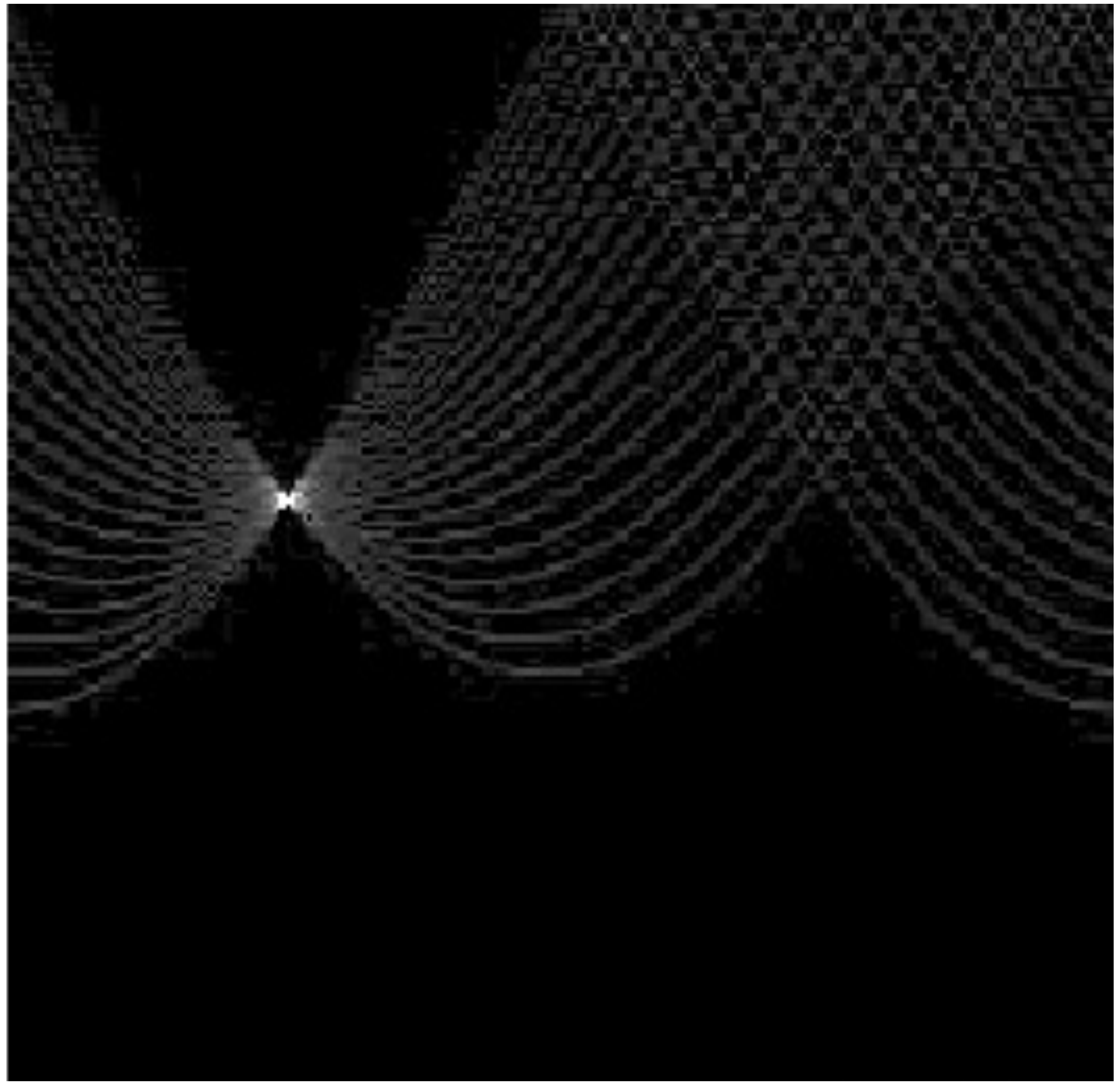
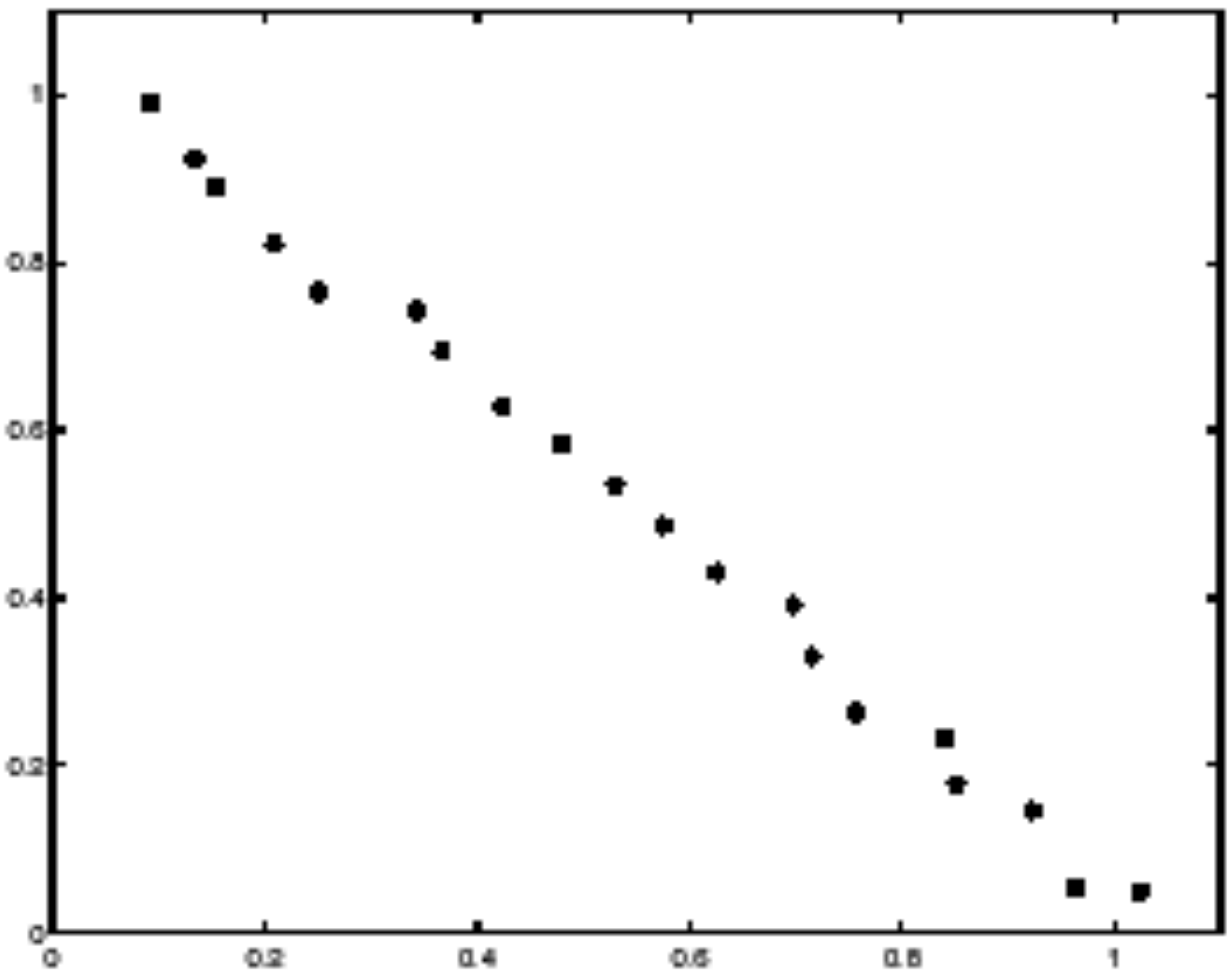


Votes
Horizontal axis is θ
Vertical Axis is r

Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 10.1 (Top)

Example: Some Noise



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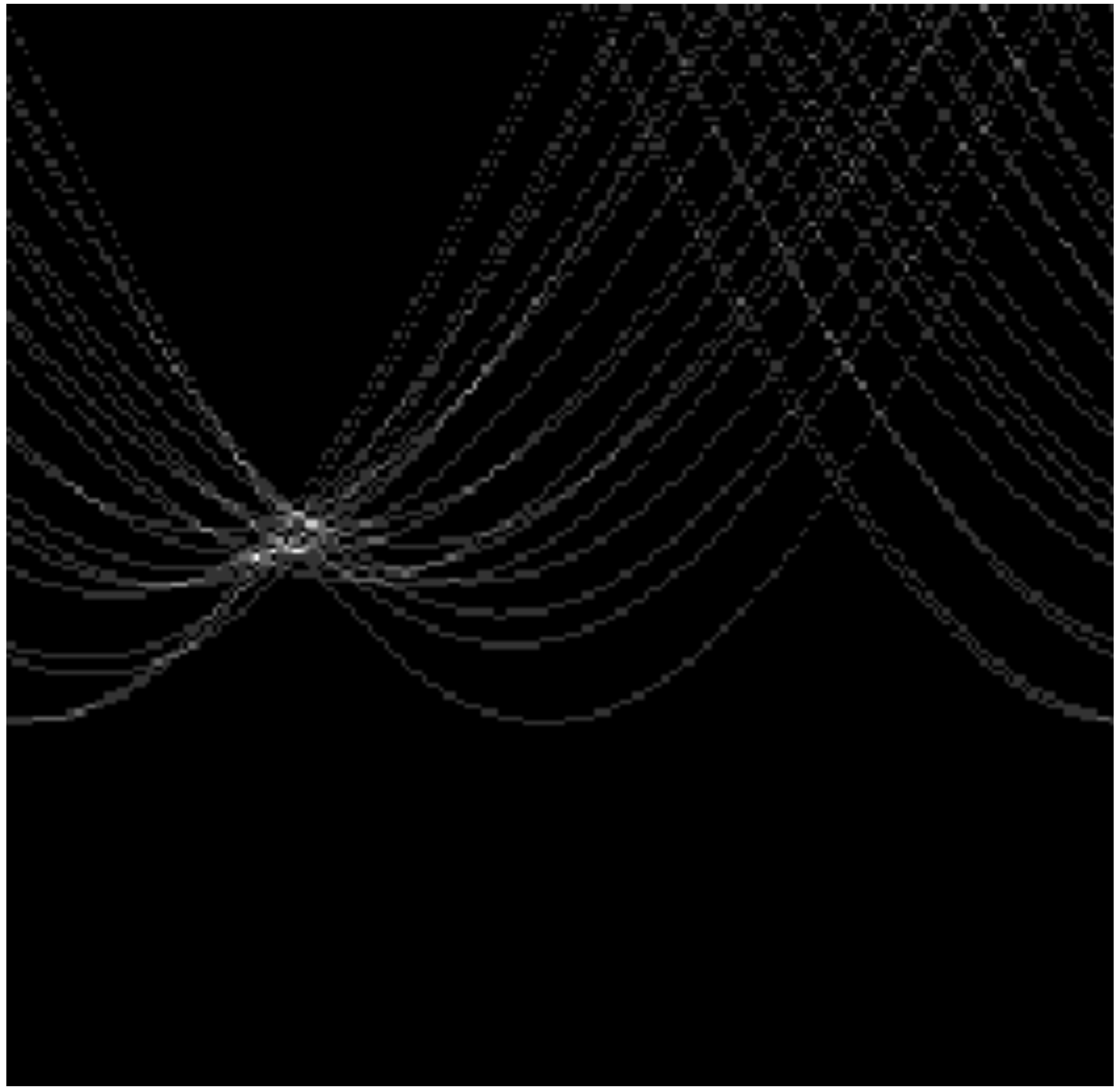

Votes

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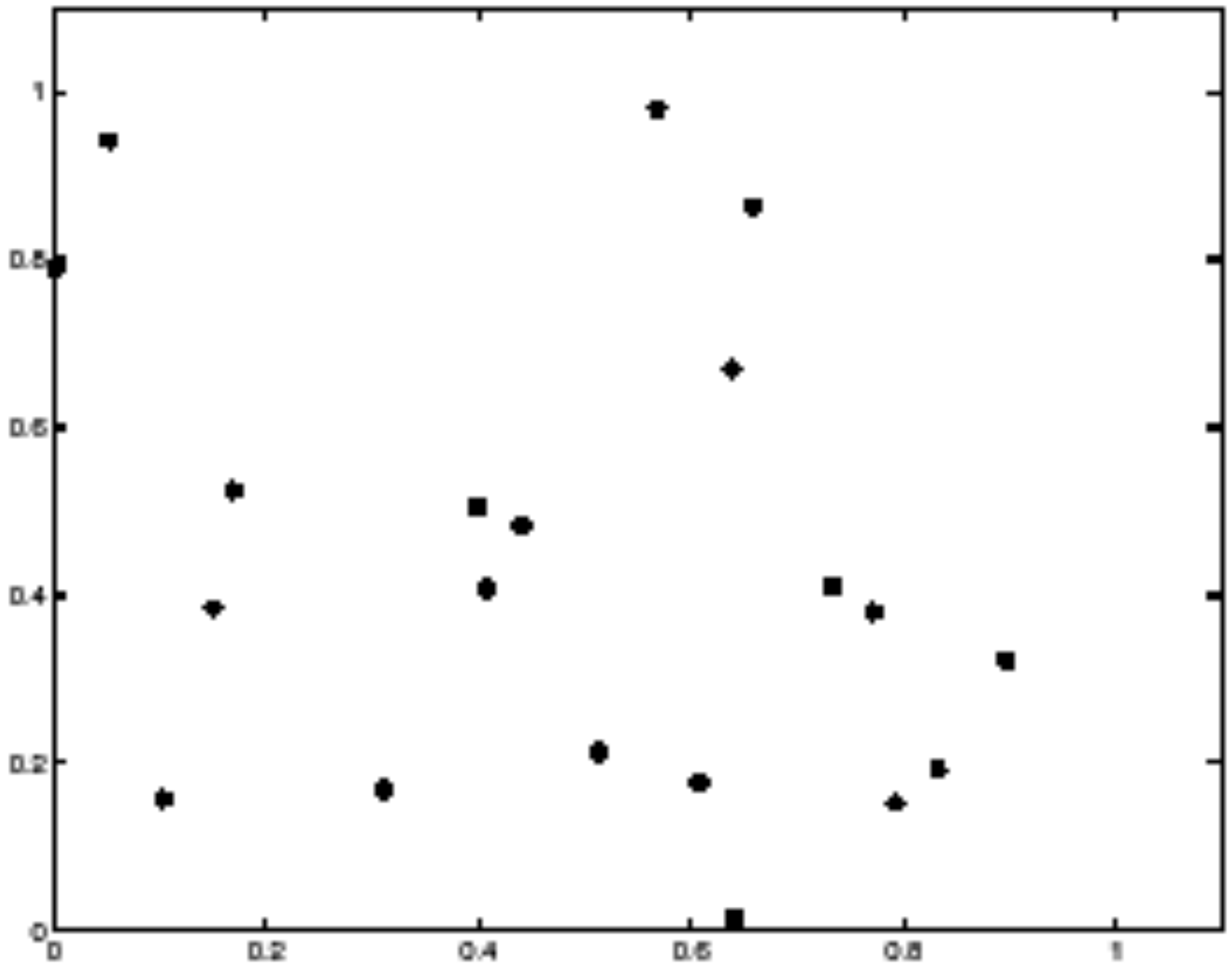
Example: Too Much Noise



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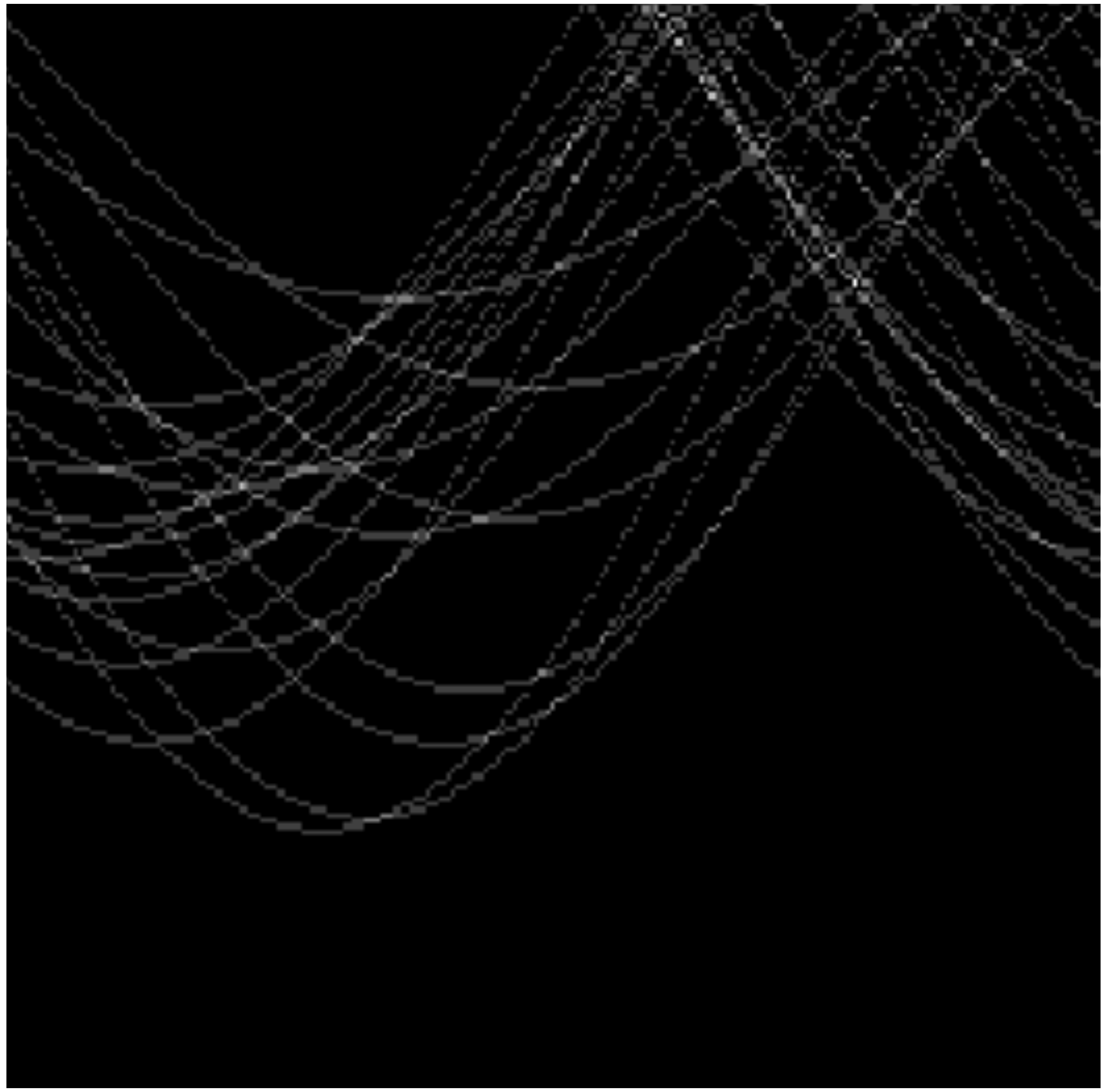

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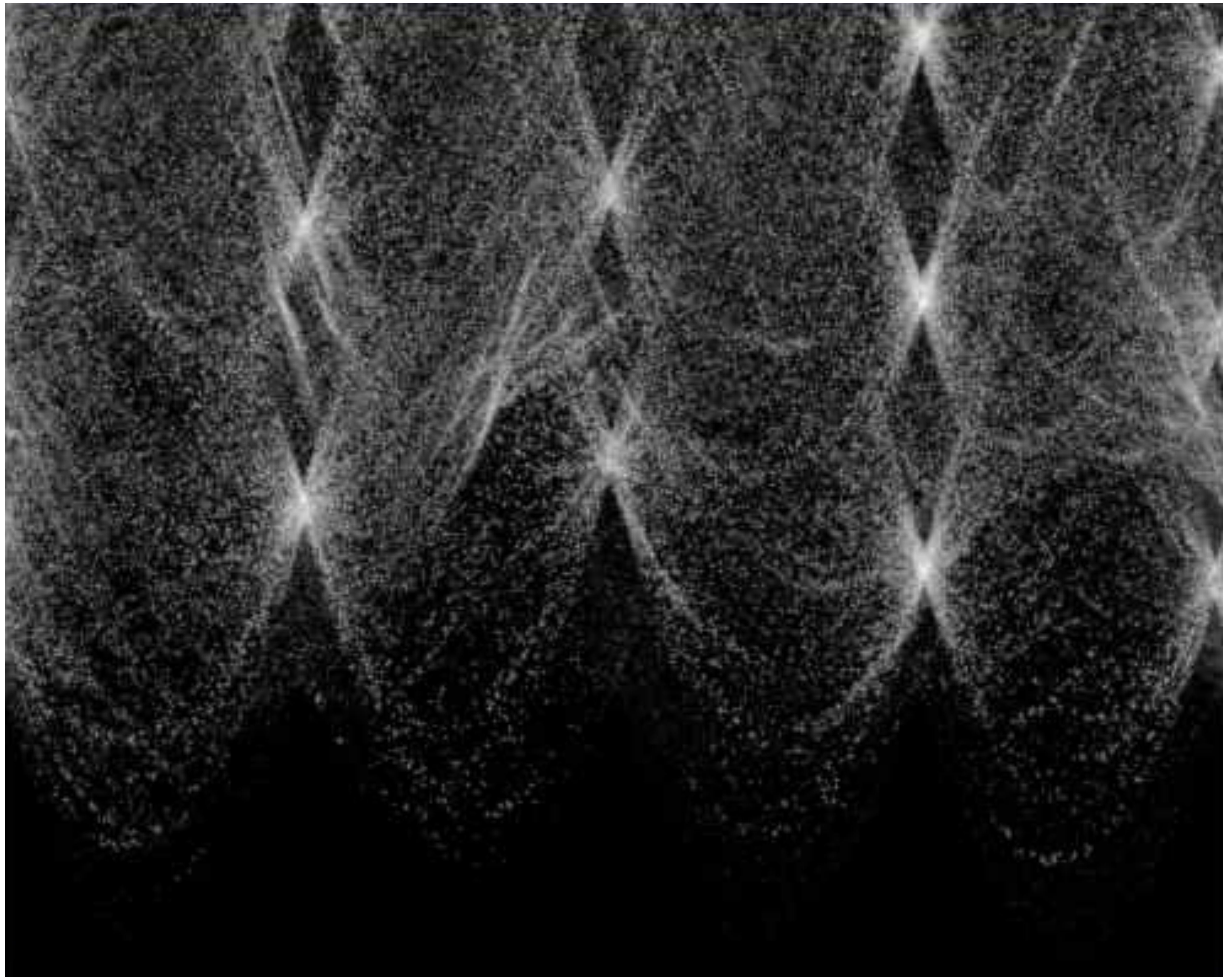
Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) Figure 10.2

Real World **Example**



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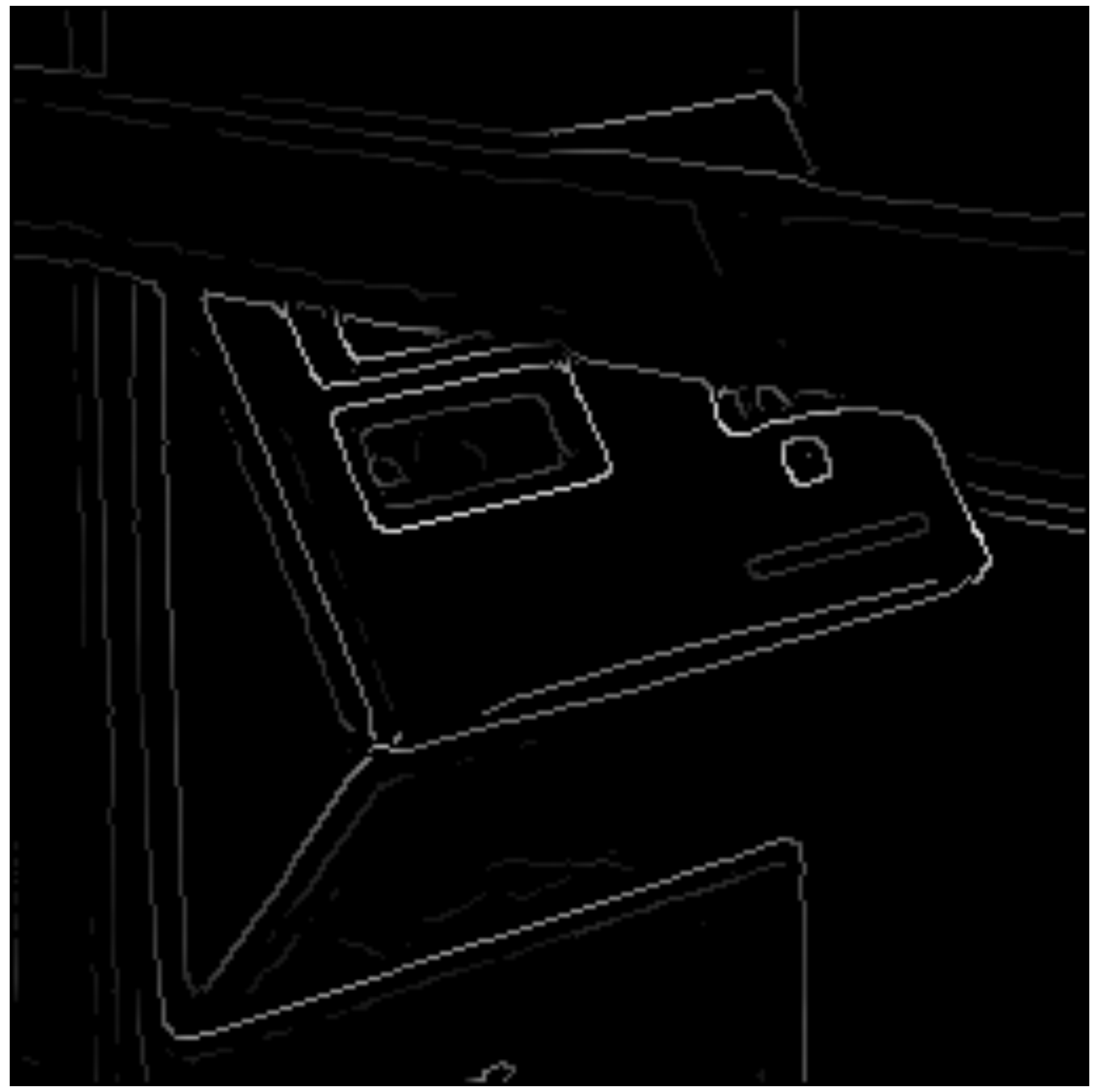

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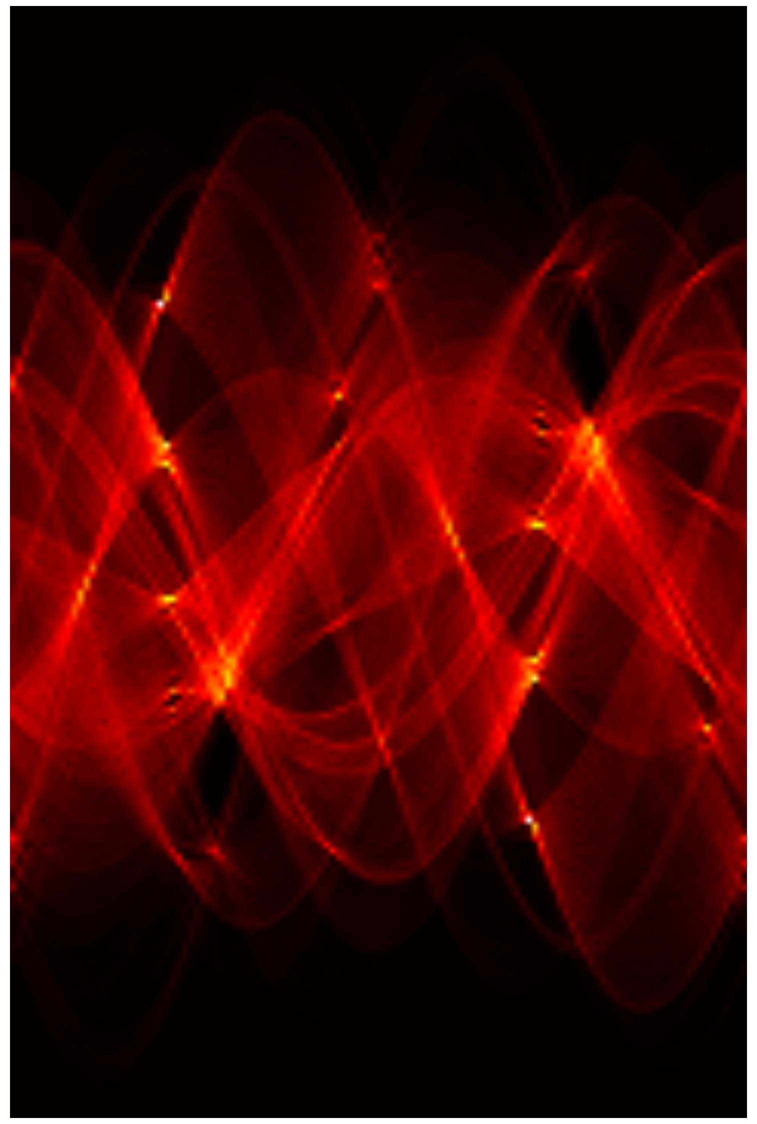

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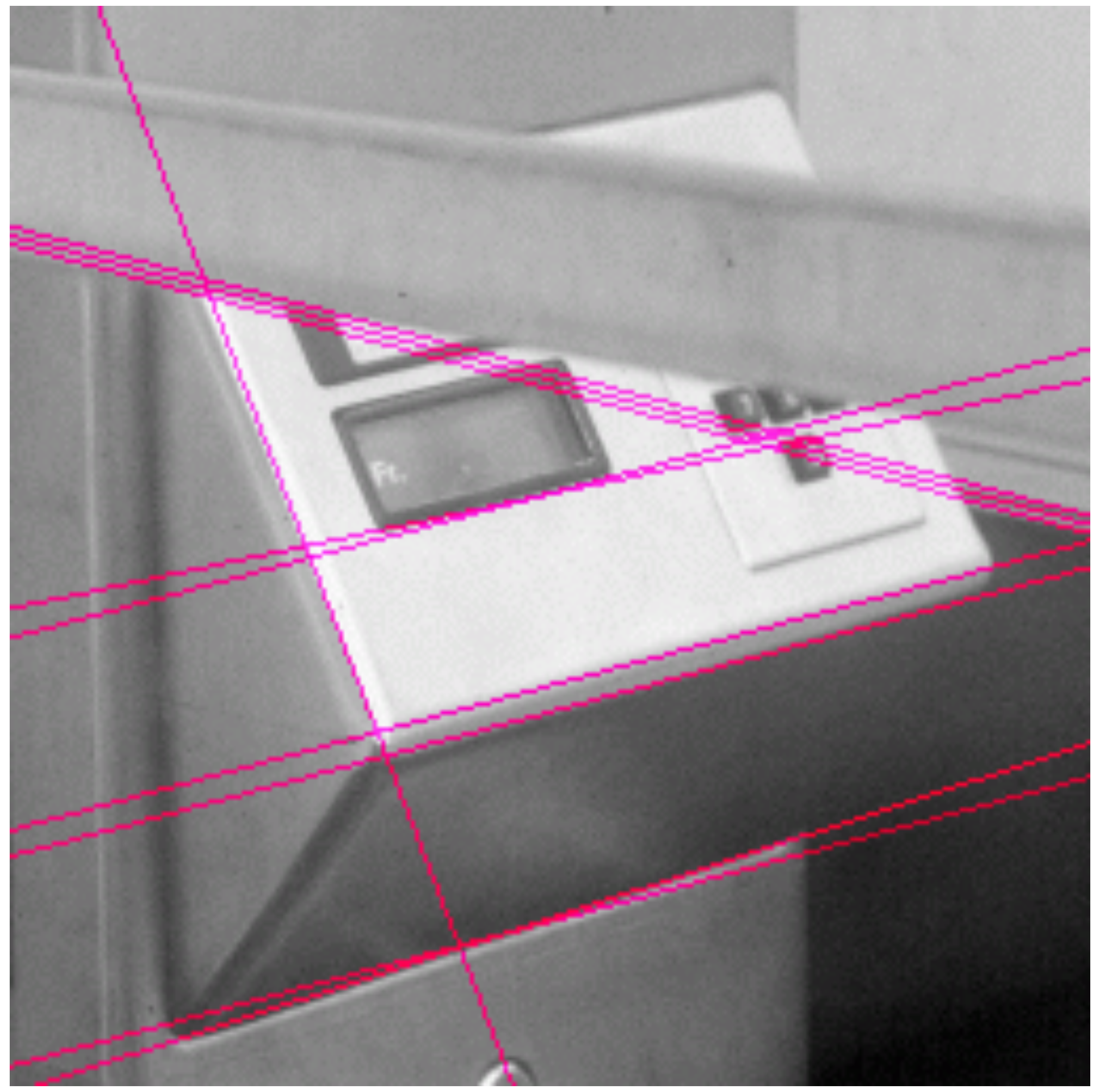

Hough Lines

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Mechanics of Hough Transform

1. Construct a quantized array to represent θ and r

2. For each point, render curve (θ, r) into this array adding one vote at each cell

Difficulties:
— How big should the cells be? (too big, and we merge quite different lines; too small, and noise causes lines to be missed)

How many lines?

— Count the peaks in the Hough array

— Treat adjacent peaks as a single peak

Some **Practical Details** of Hough Transform

It is best to **vote** for the two closest bins in each dimension, as the locations of the bin boundaries are arbitrary

— This means that peaks are “blurred” and noise will not cause similar votes to fall into separate bins

Can use a **hash table** rather than an array to store the votes

— This means that no effort is wasted on initializing and checking empty bins

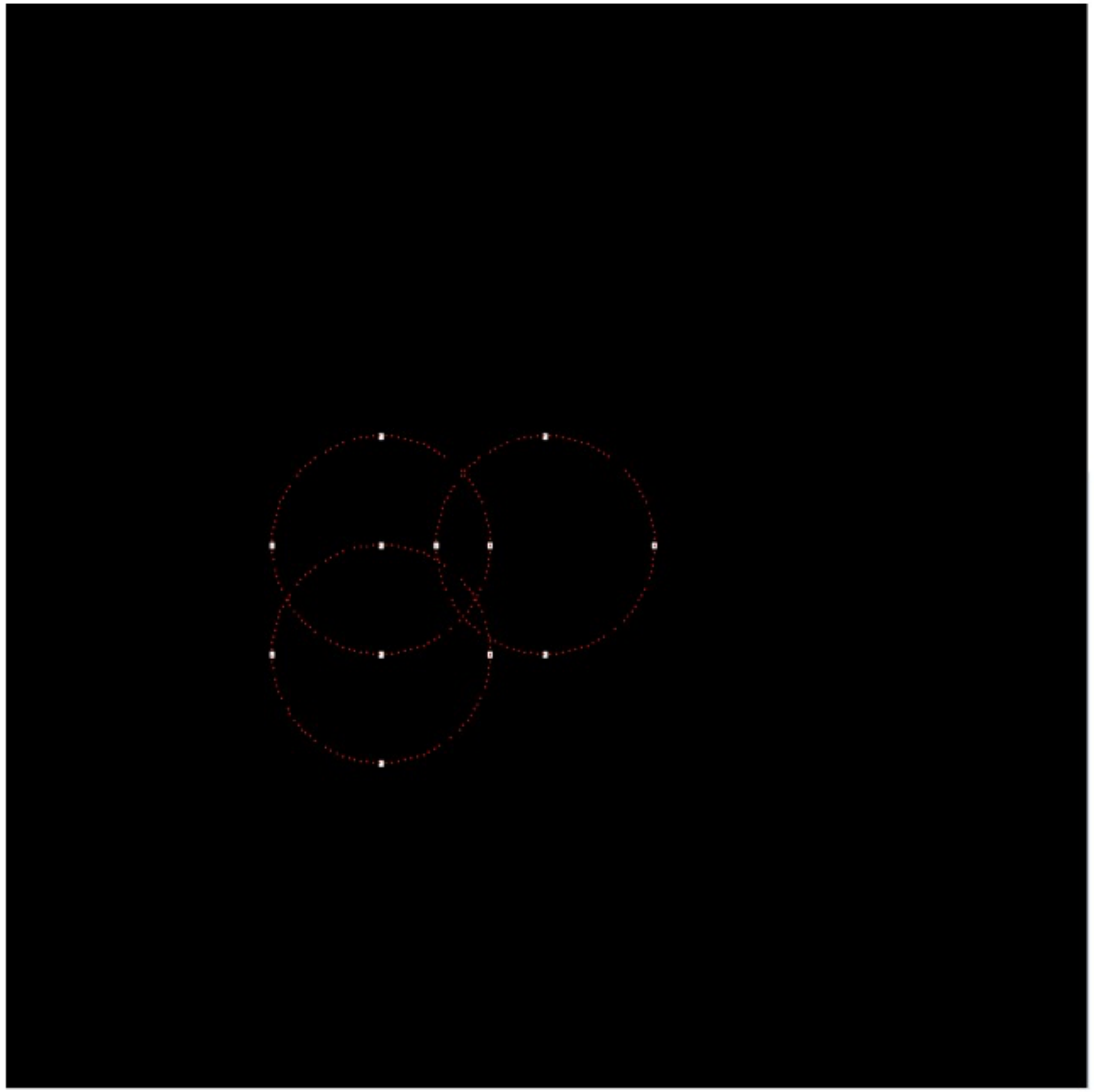
— It avoids the need to predict the maximum size of the array, which can be non-rectangular

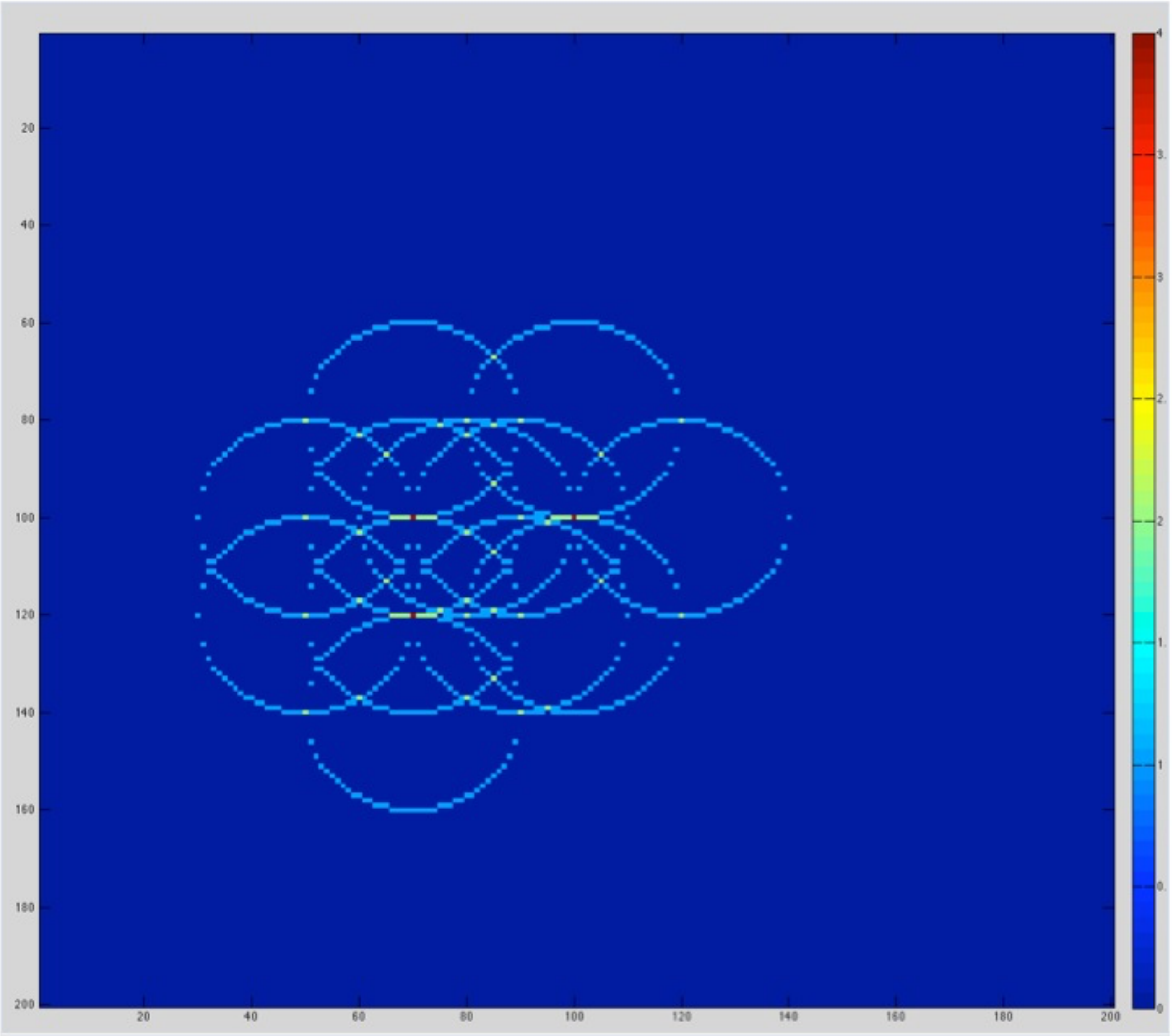
Some **Practical Details** of Hough Transform

A key is to have each feature (token) determine as many parameters as possible
— Lines are detected more effectively from edge elements with
both position and orientation
— For object recognition, each token should predict **position, orientation, and scale**

The Hough transform can extract feature groupings from clutter in linear time

Hough Transform for Circles (of known size)





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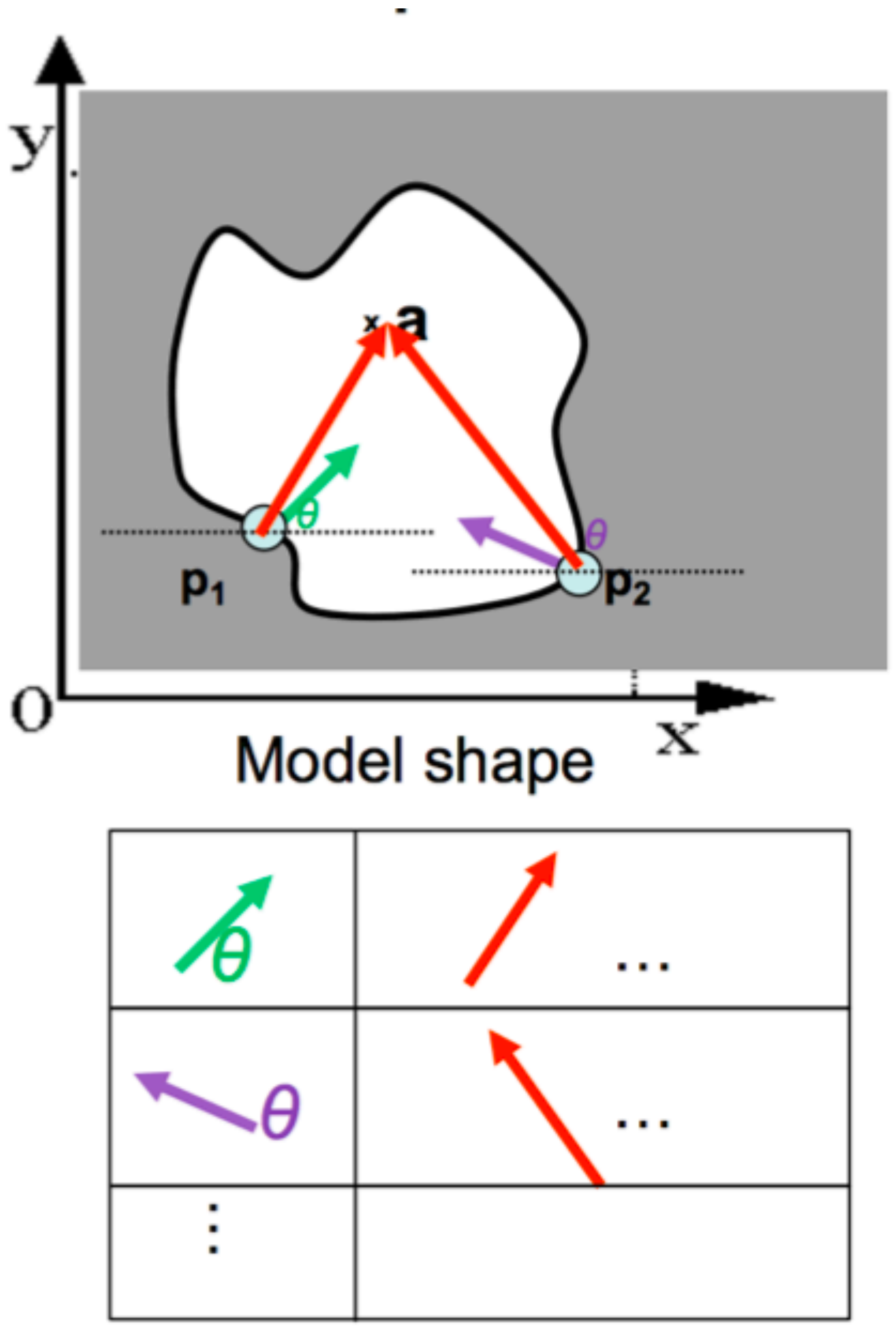


Offline procedure:

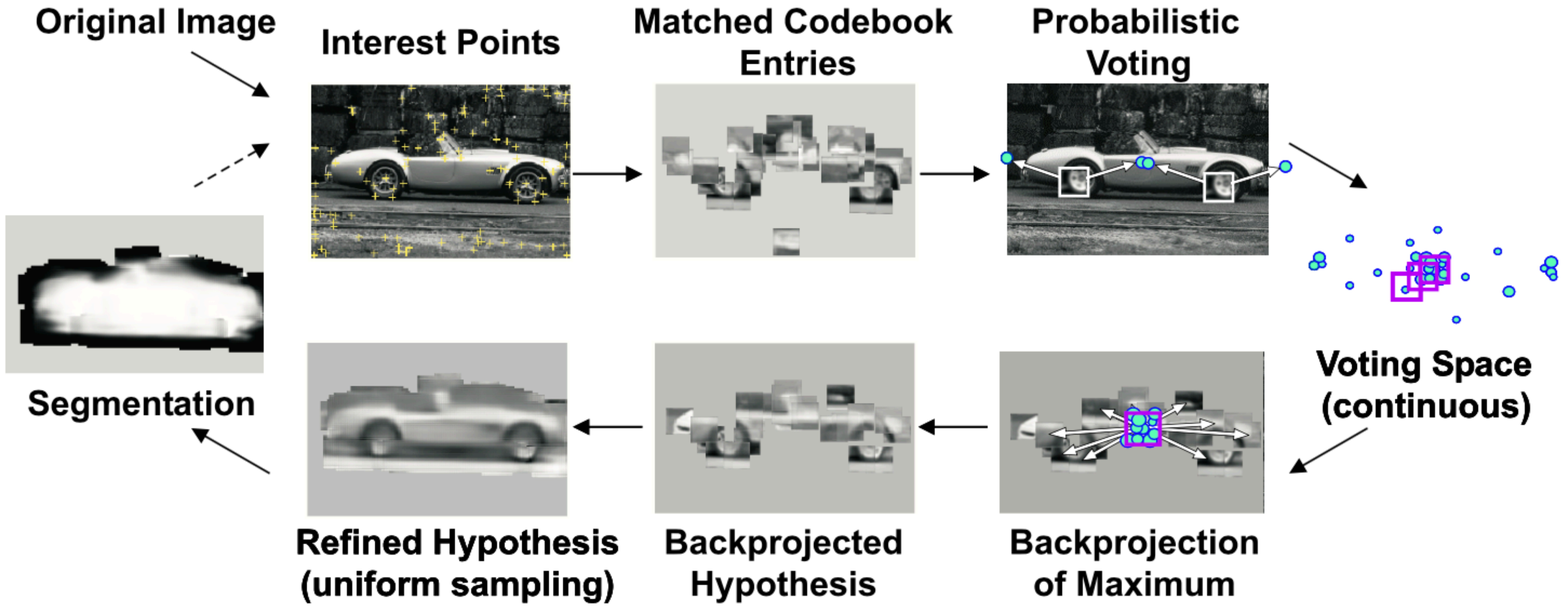
At each boundary point, compute displacement vector: $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} - \mathbf{p}_i$.

Store these vectors in a table indexed by gradient orientation θ.

Dana H. Ballard, Generalizing the Hough Transform to Detect Arbitrary Shapes, 1980

Example 1: Object Recognition — Implicit Shape Model

Combined object detection and segmentation using an implicit shape model.
Image patches cast weighted votes for the object centroid.



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Example 1: Object Recognition — Implicit Shape Model

Basic Idea:

— Find **interest points/keypoints** in an image (e.g., SIFT Keypoint detector or Corners)

— **Match patch** around each interest point to a training patch (e.g., SIFT Descriptor)

— **Vote** for object center given that training instances

— Find the patches that voted for the peaks (**back-project**)

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“**Training**” images of cows



“**Testing**” image

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Vote for center of object

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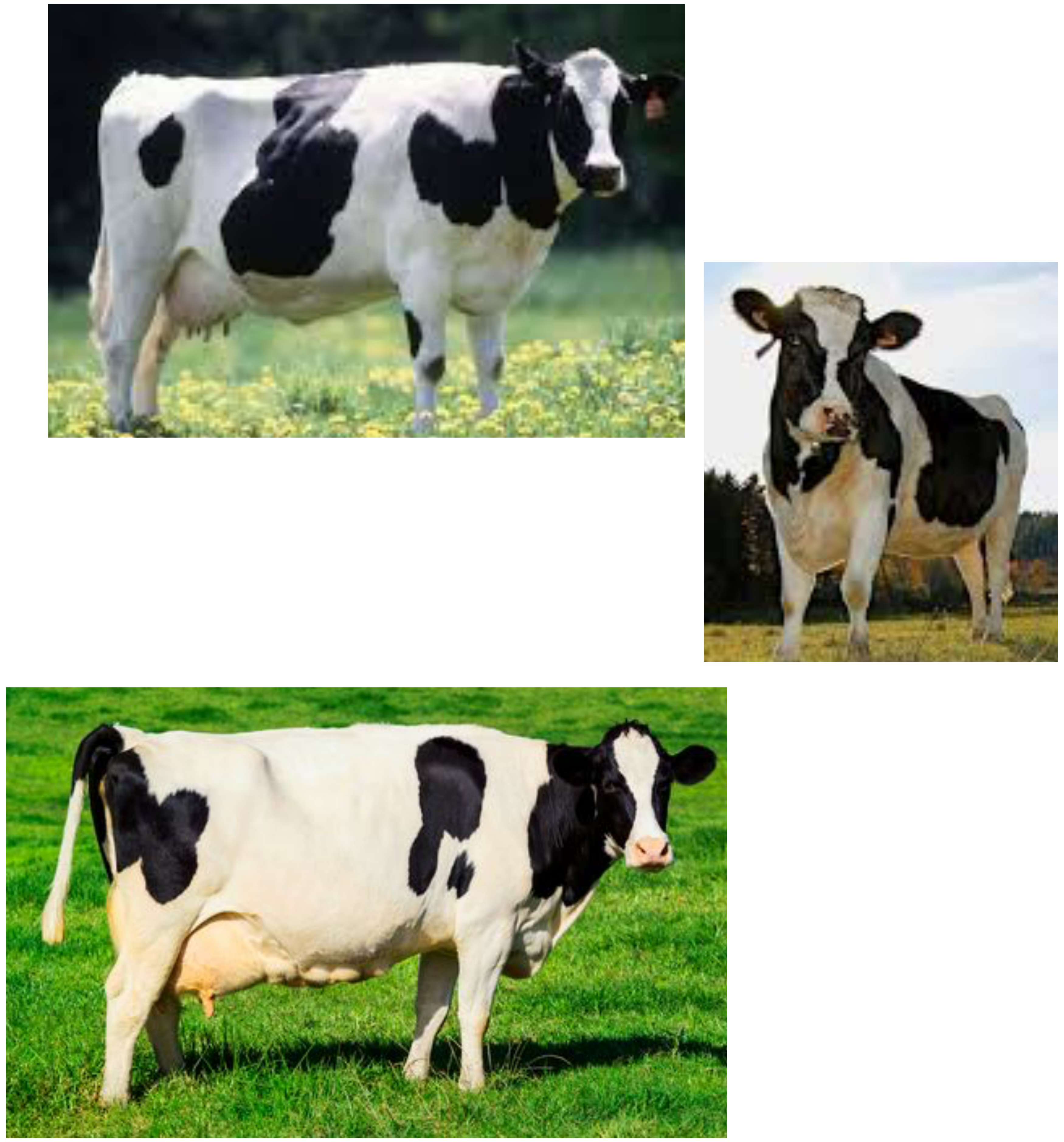

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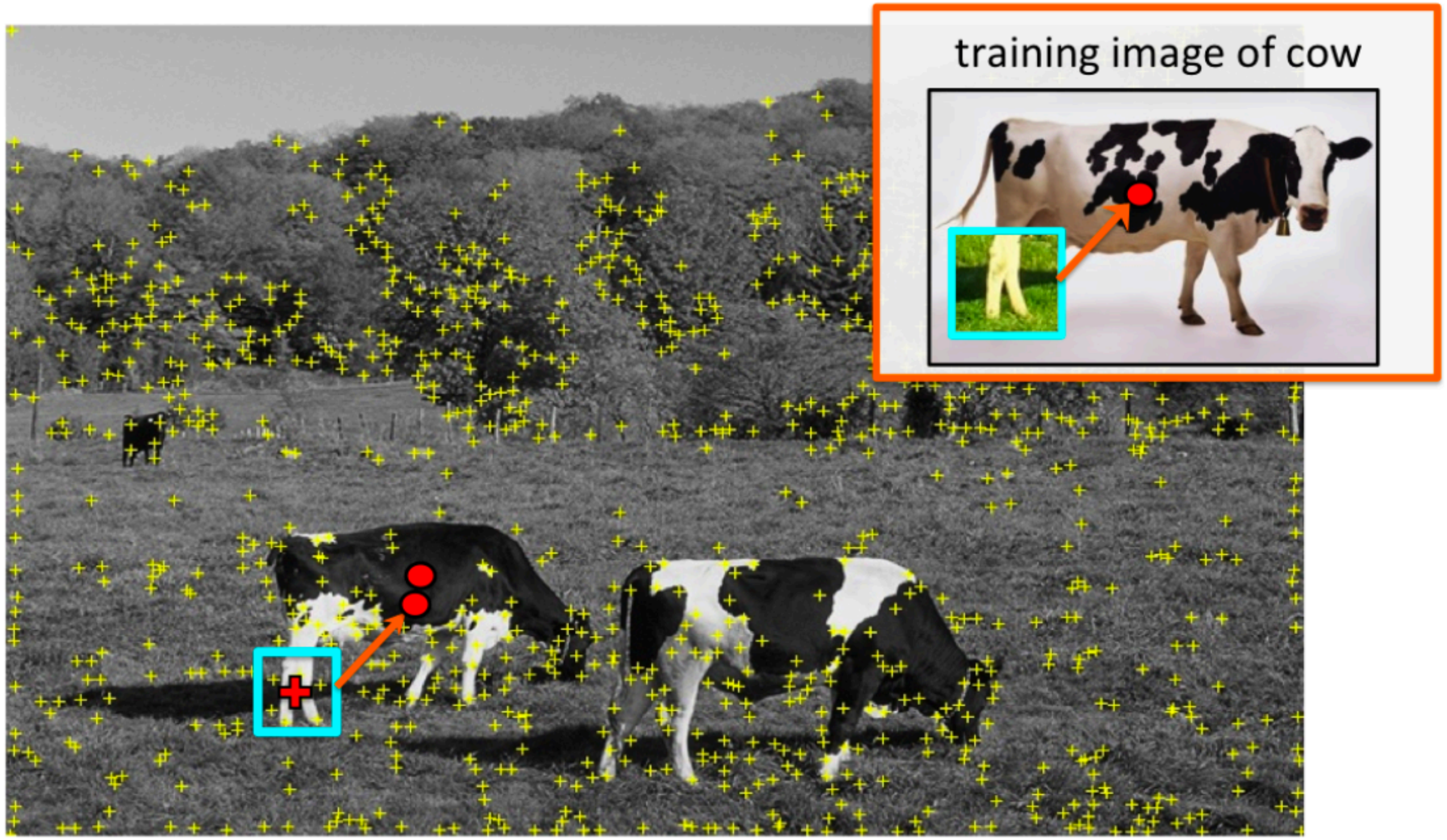

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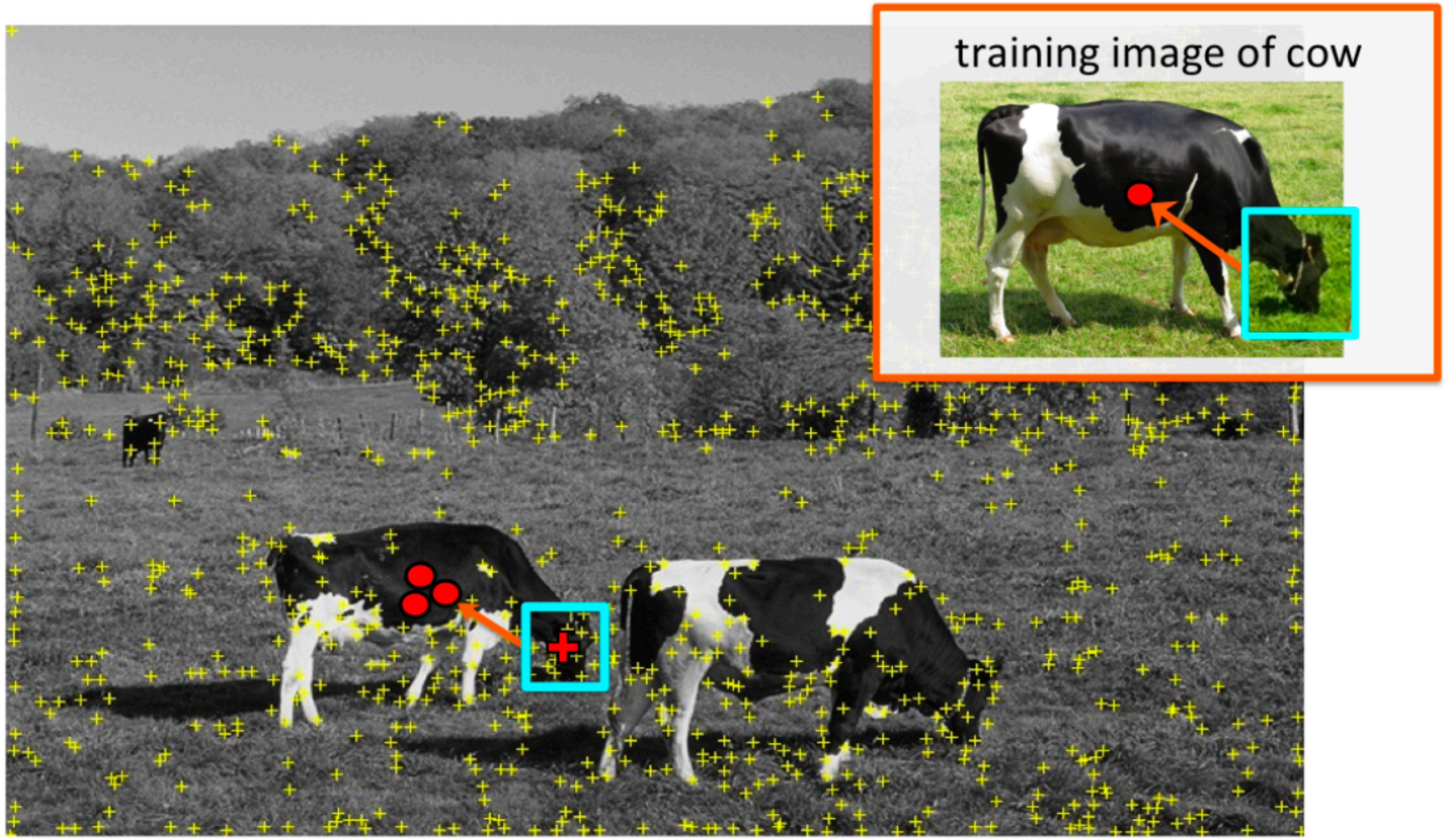

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of course sometimes wrong votes are bound to happen

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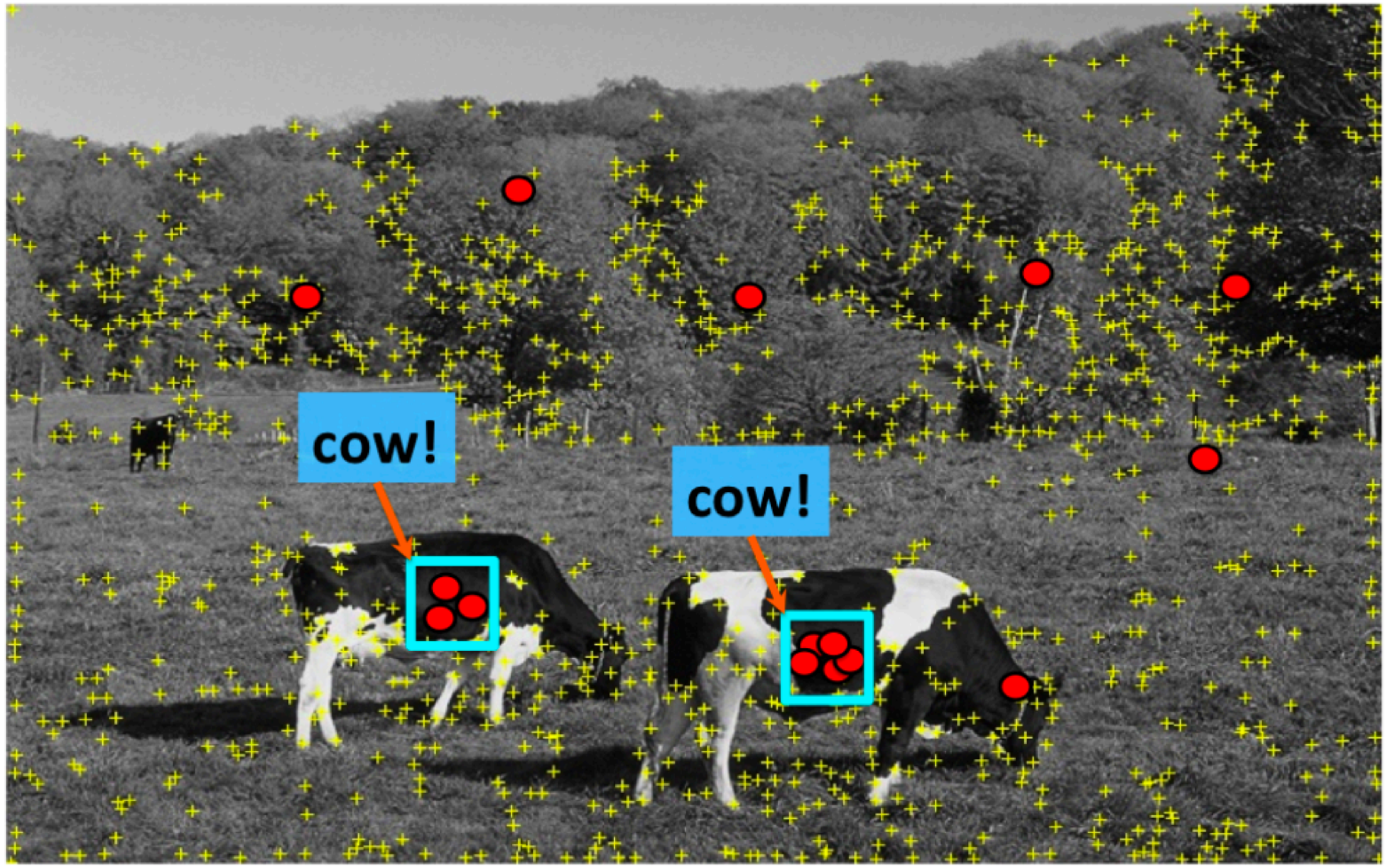

That’s ok. We want only **peaks** in voting space.

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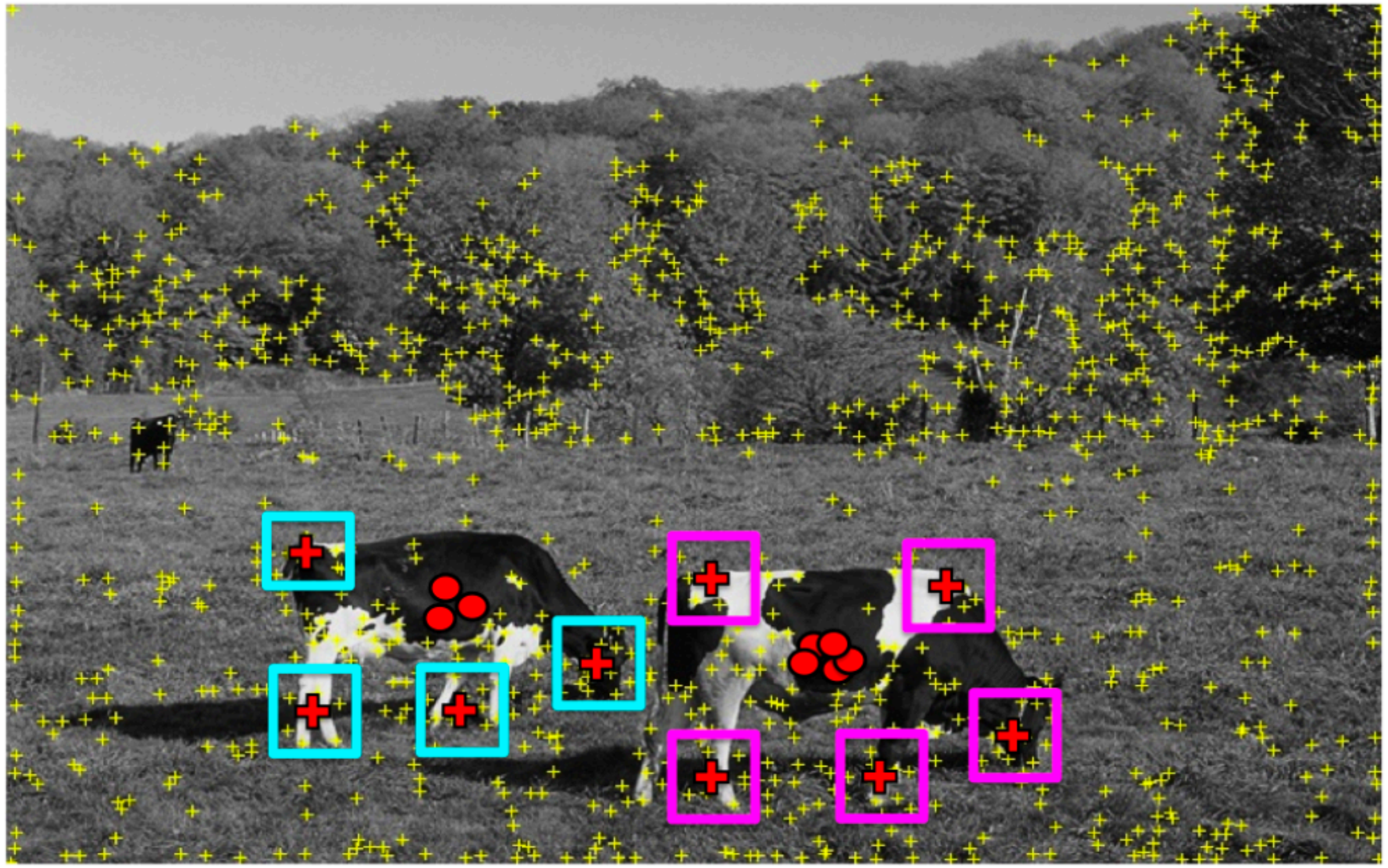

Find patches that voted for the peaks (back-project)

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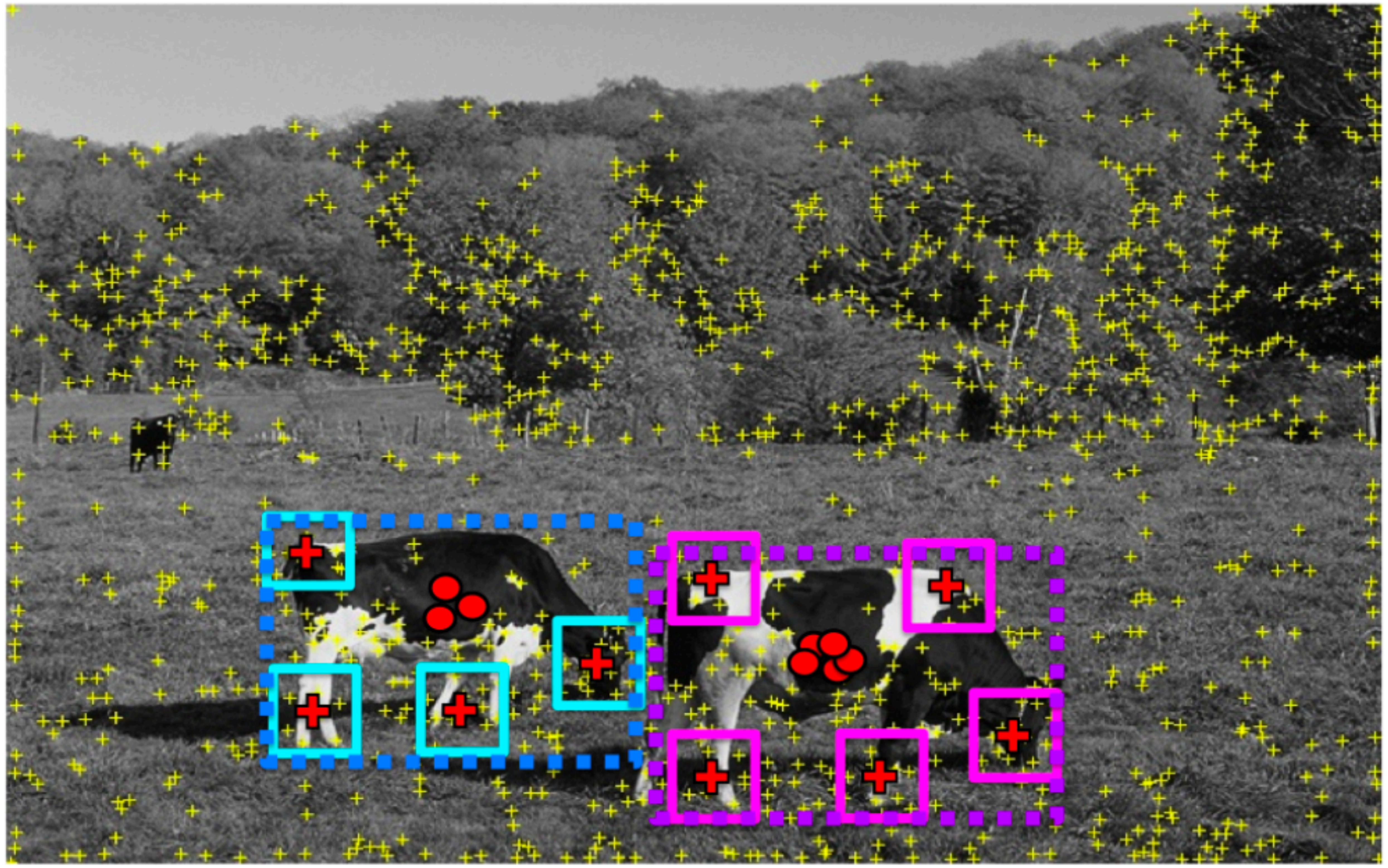
box around patches = object



Find objects based on the back projected patches

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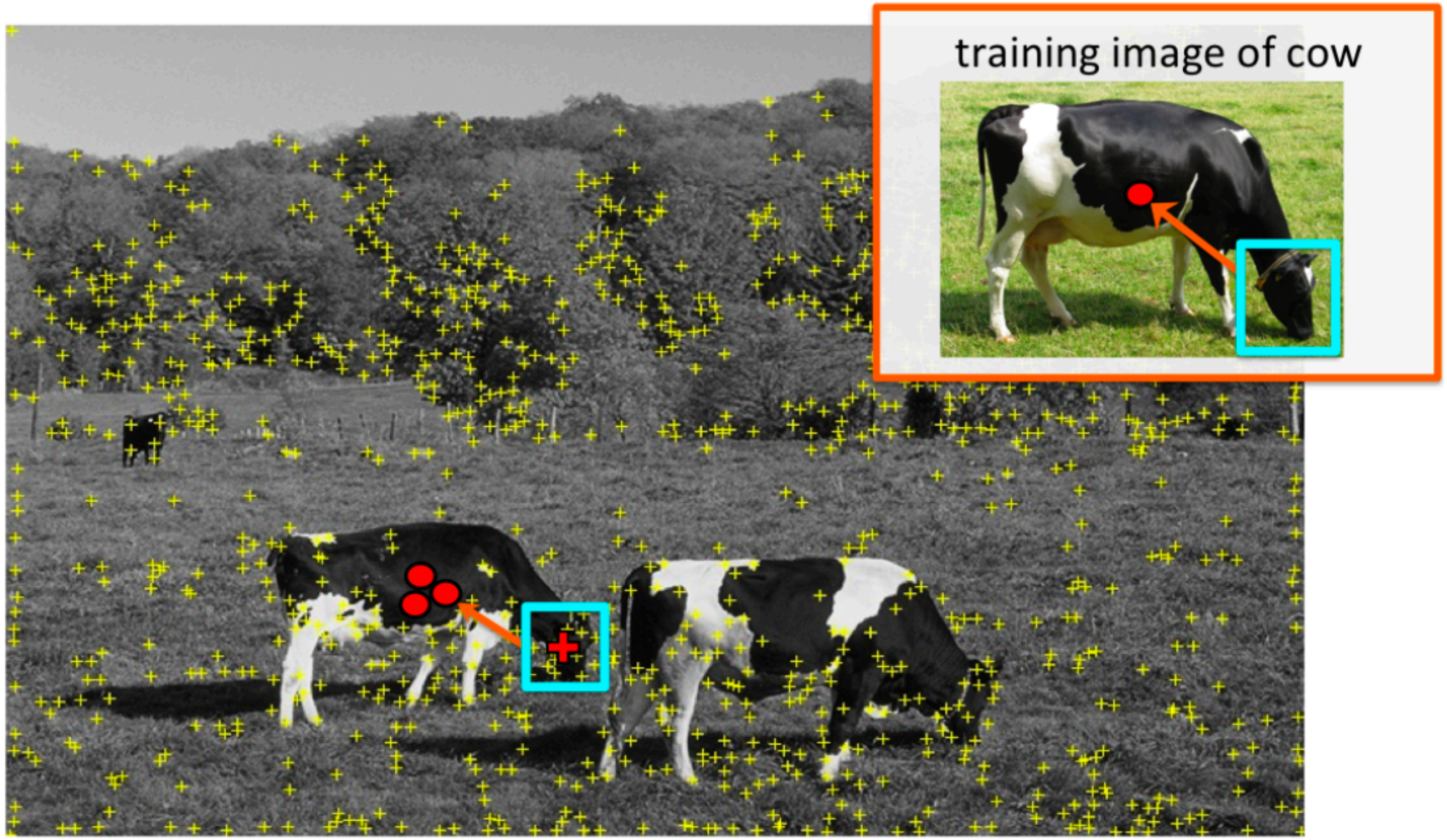
Really easy … but slow … how do we make it fast?



We need to match a patch around each yellow keypoint to all patches in all training images (**slow**)

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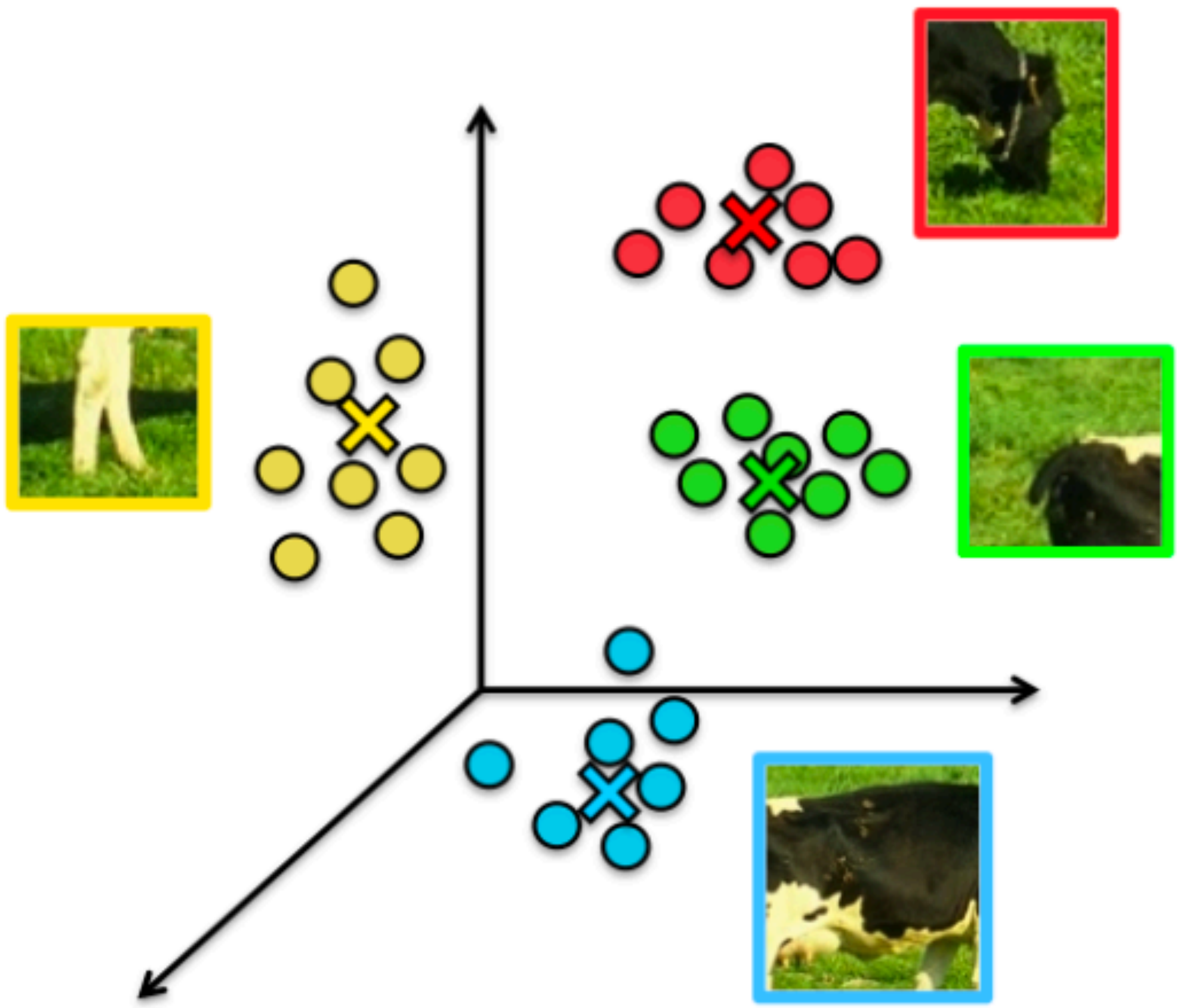
Visual Words

- **Visual vocabulary** (we saw this for retrieval)
- Compare each patch to a small set of visual words (clusters)



Visual words (visual codebook)!

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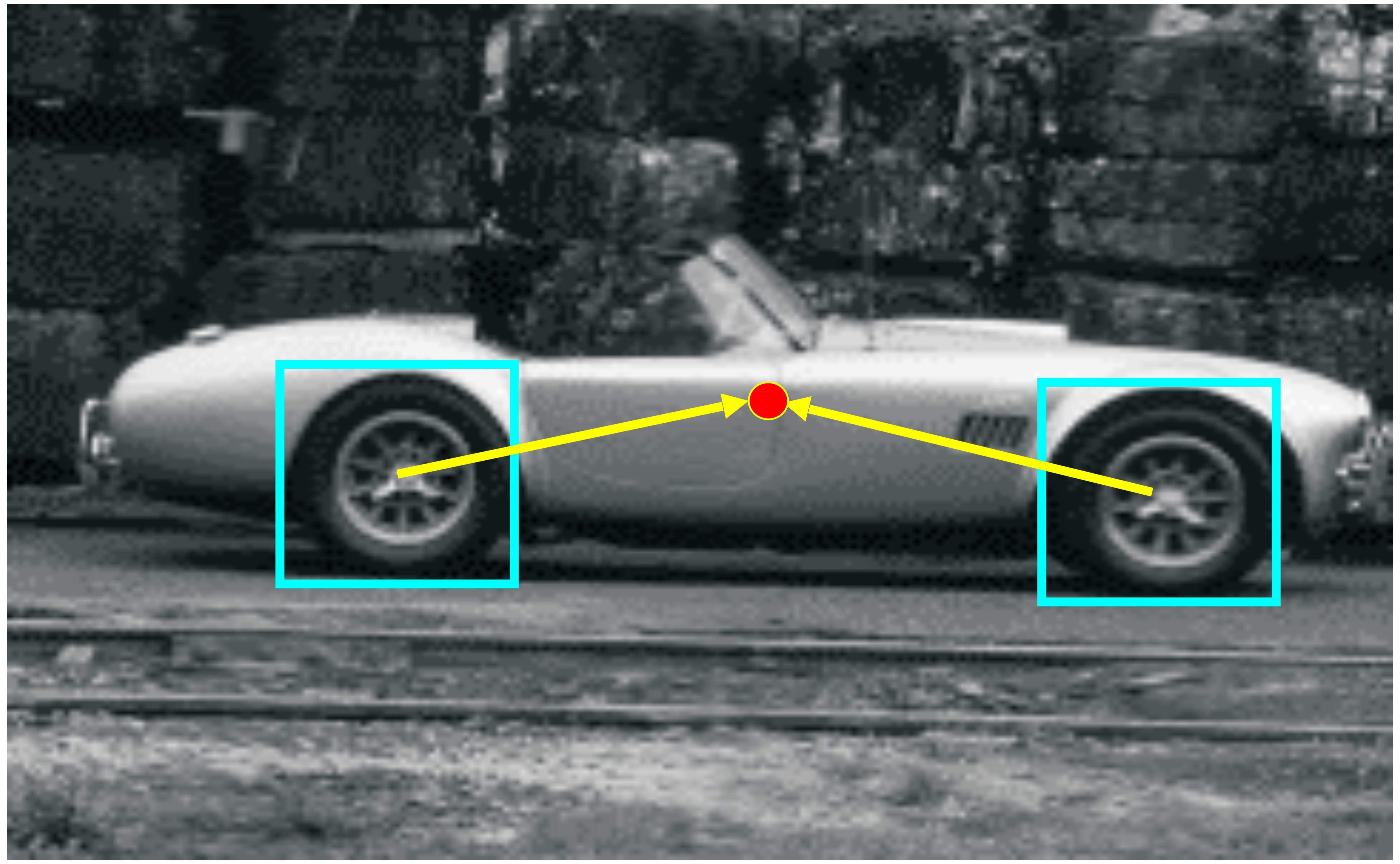
Index displacements by "visual codeword"



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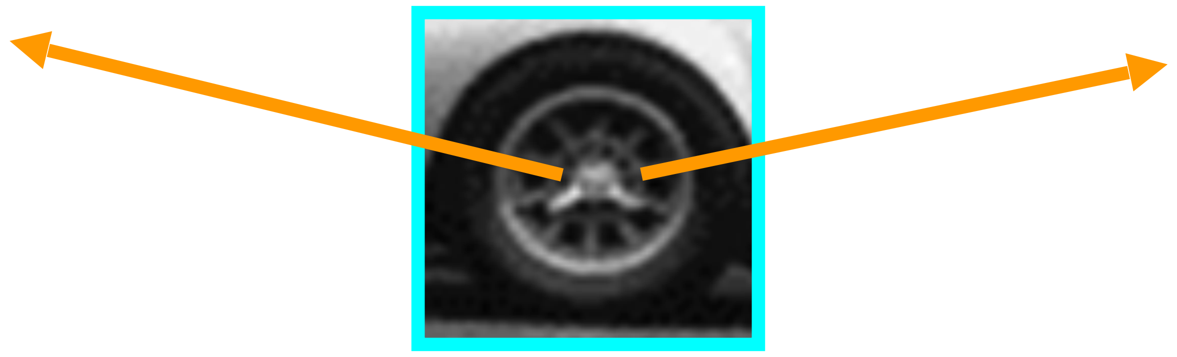

visual codeword with
displacement vectors

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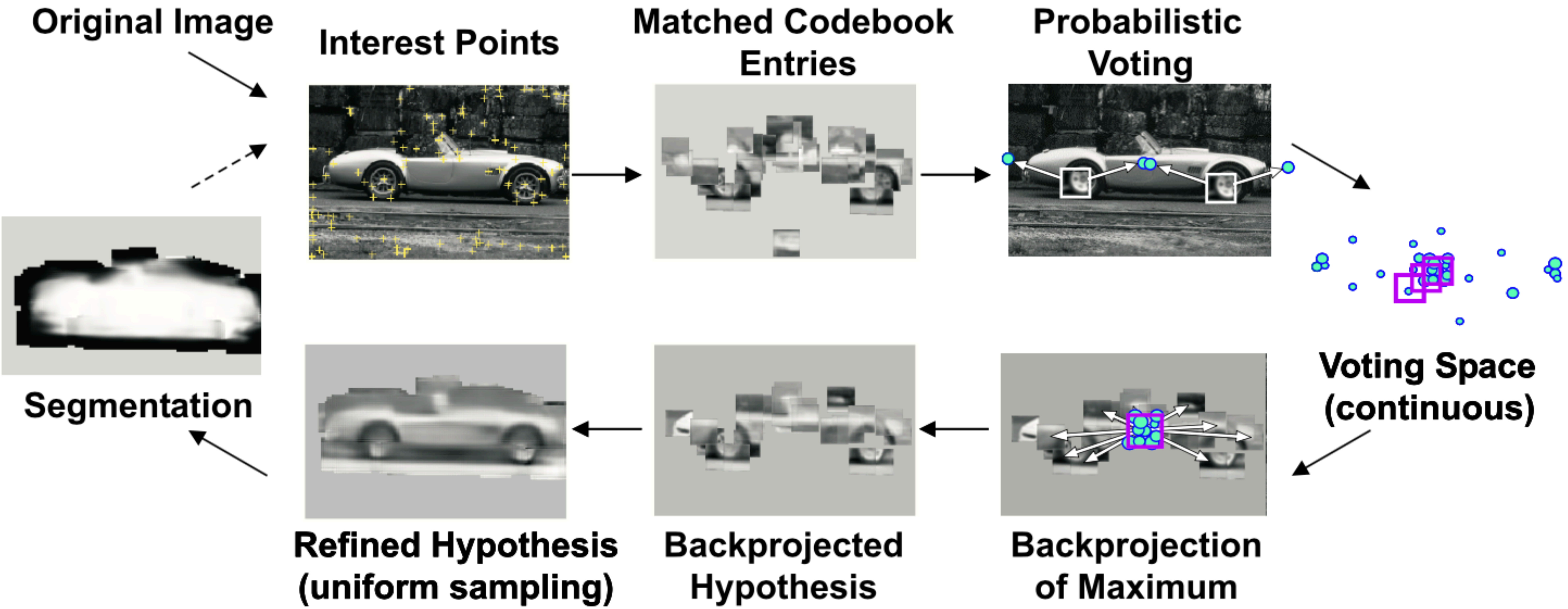
Inferring Other Information: **Segmentation**

Combined object detection and segmentation using an implicit shape model. Image patches cast weighted votes for the object centroid.



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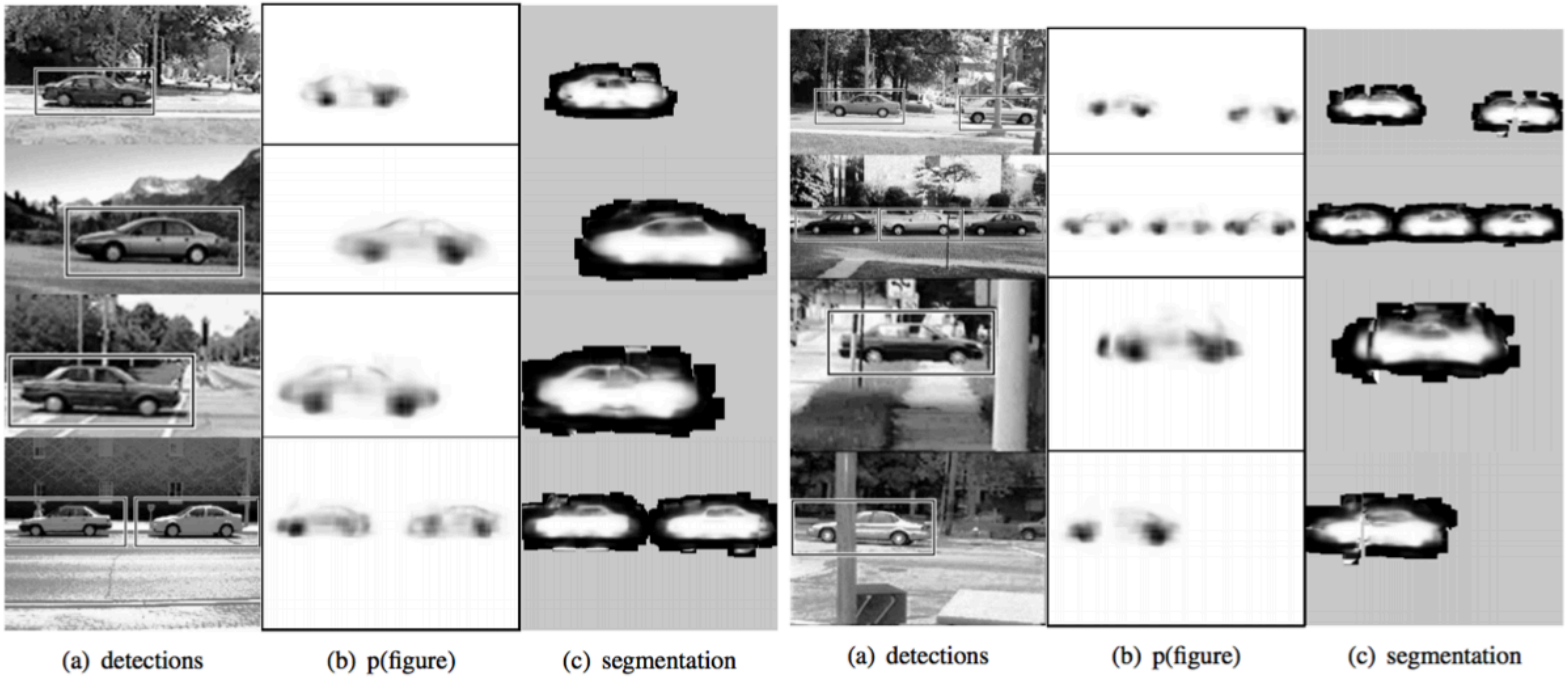

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Inferring Other Information: **Segmentation**

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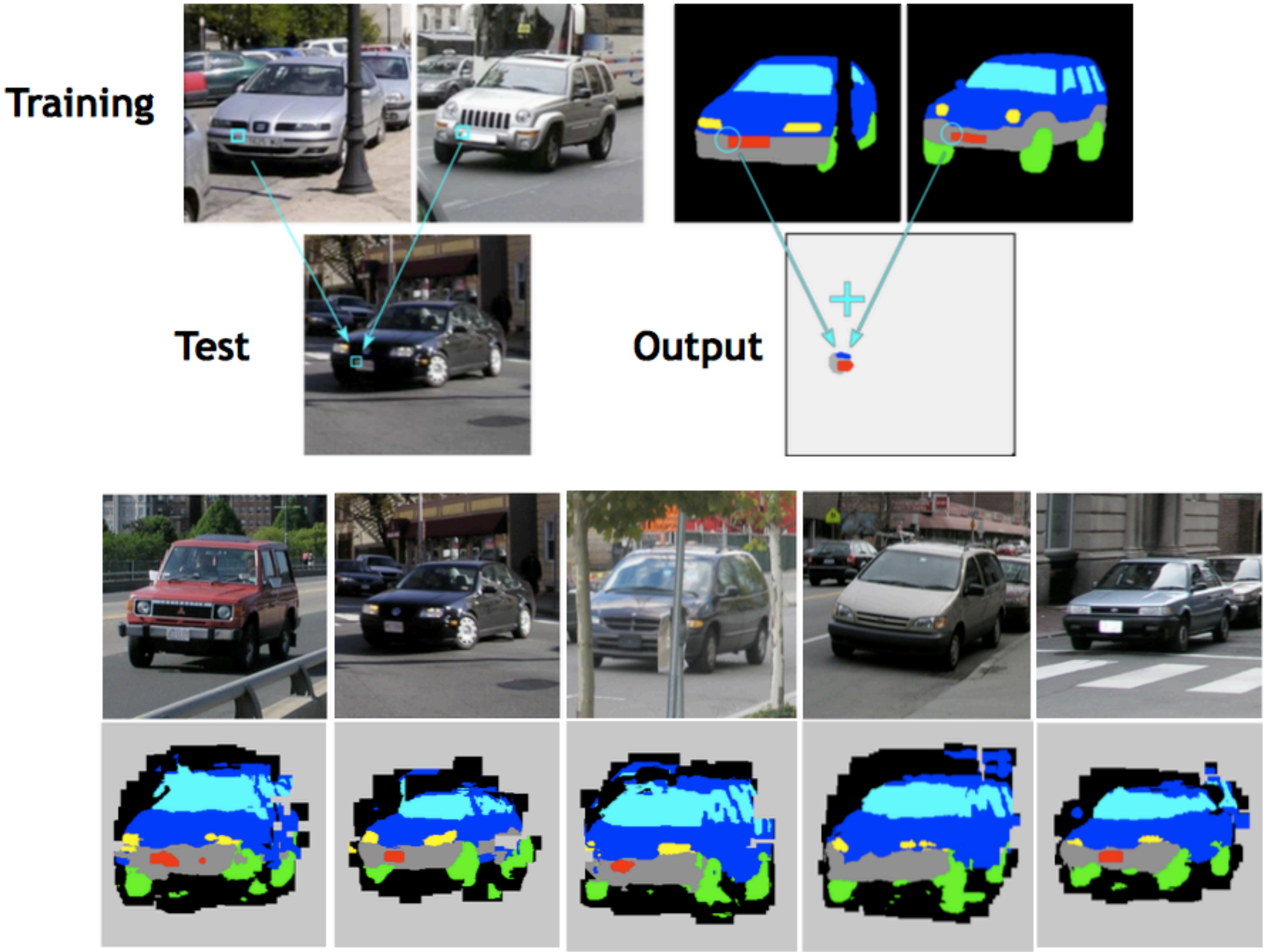
Inferring Other Information: **Part Labels**



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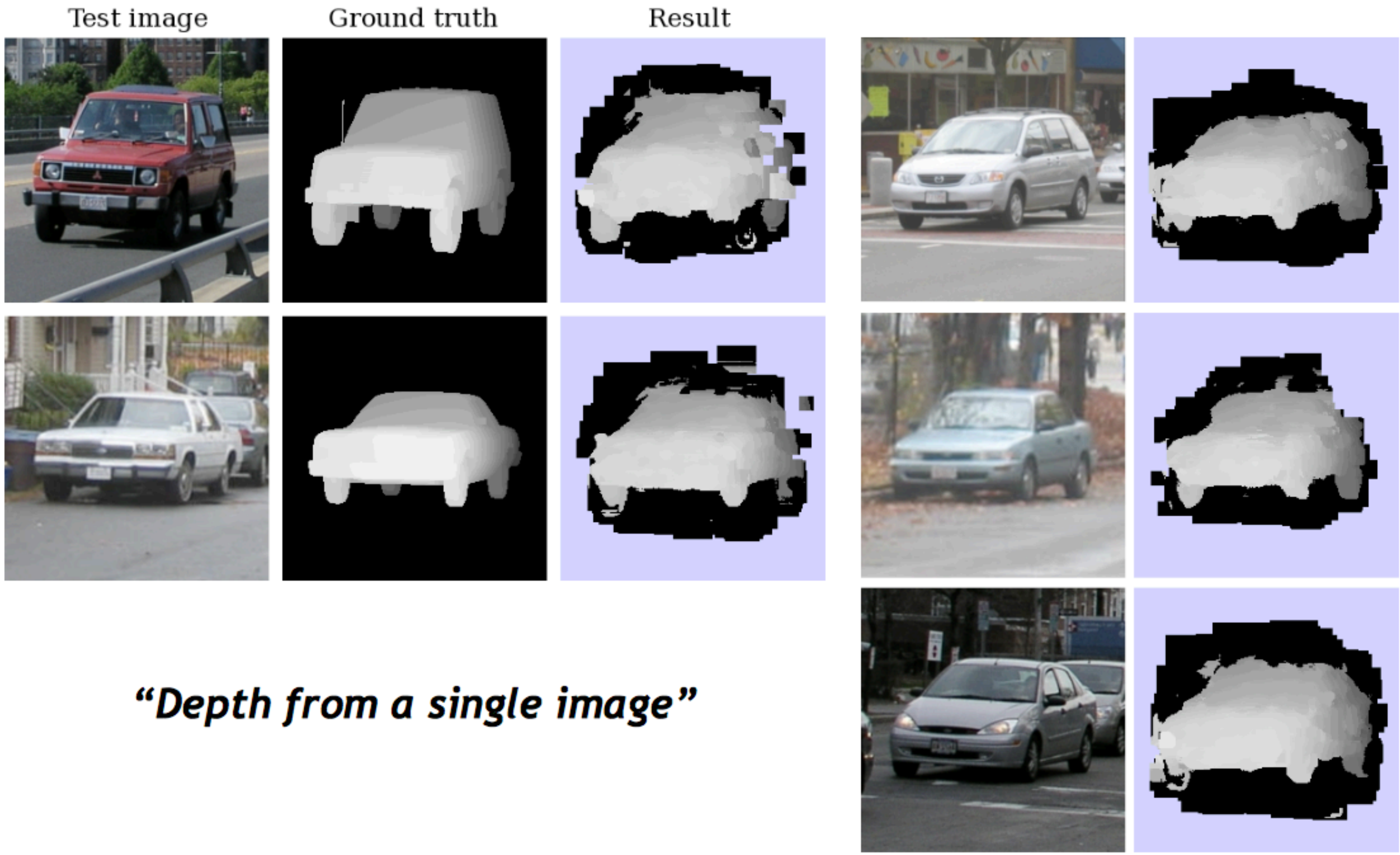
Inferring Other Information: **Depth**



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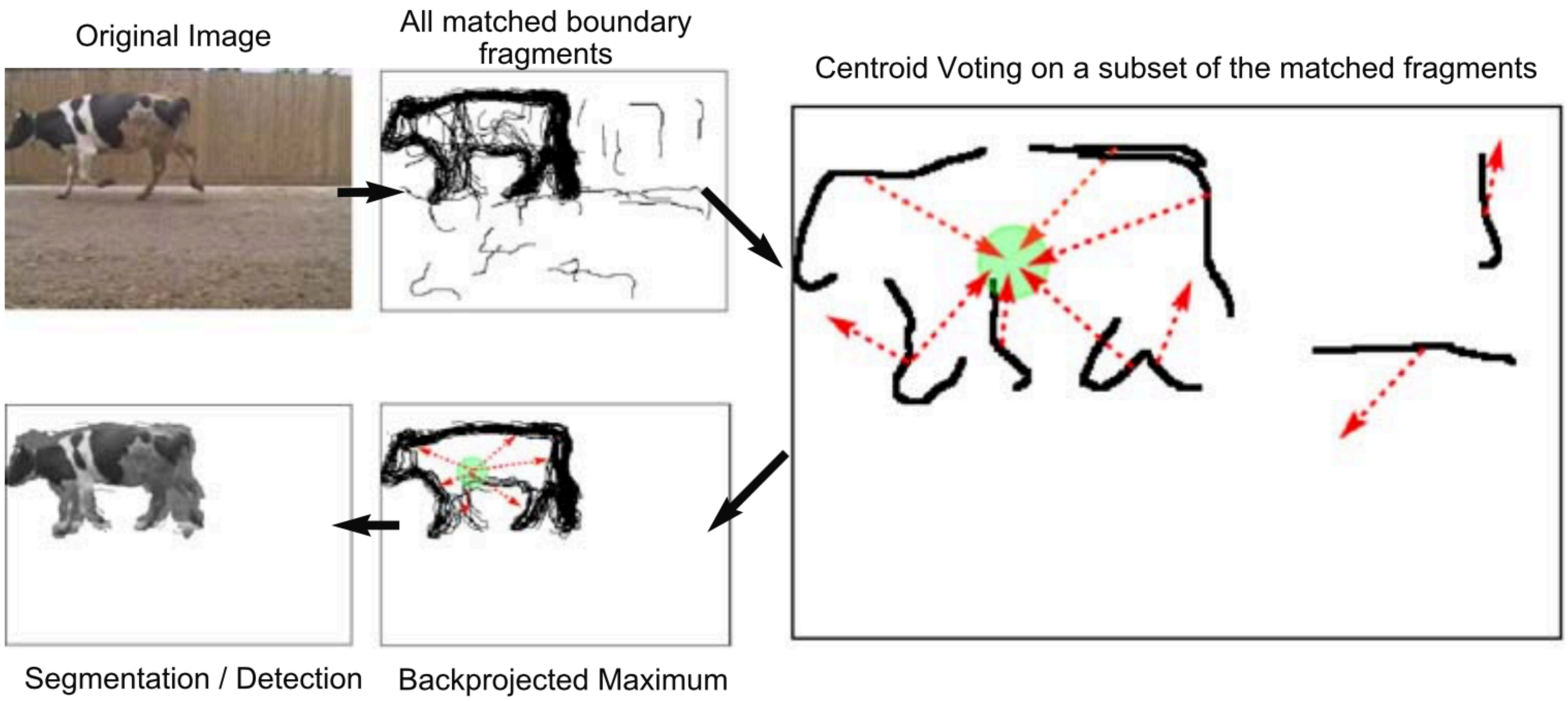

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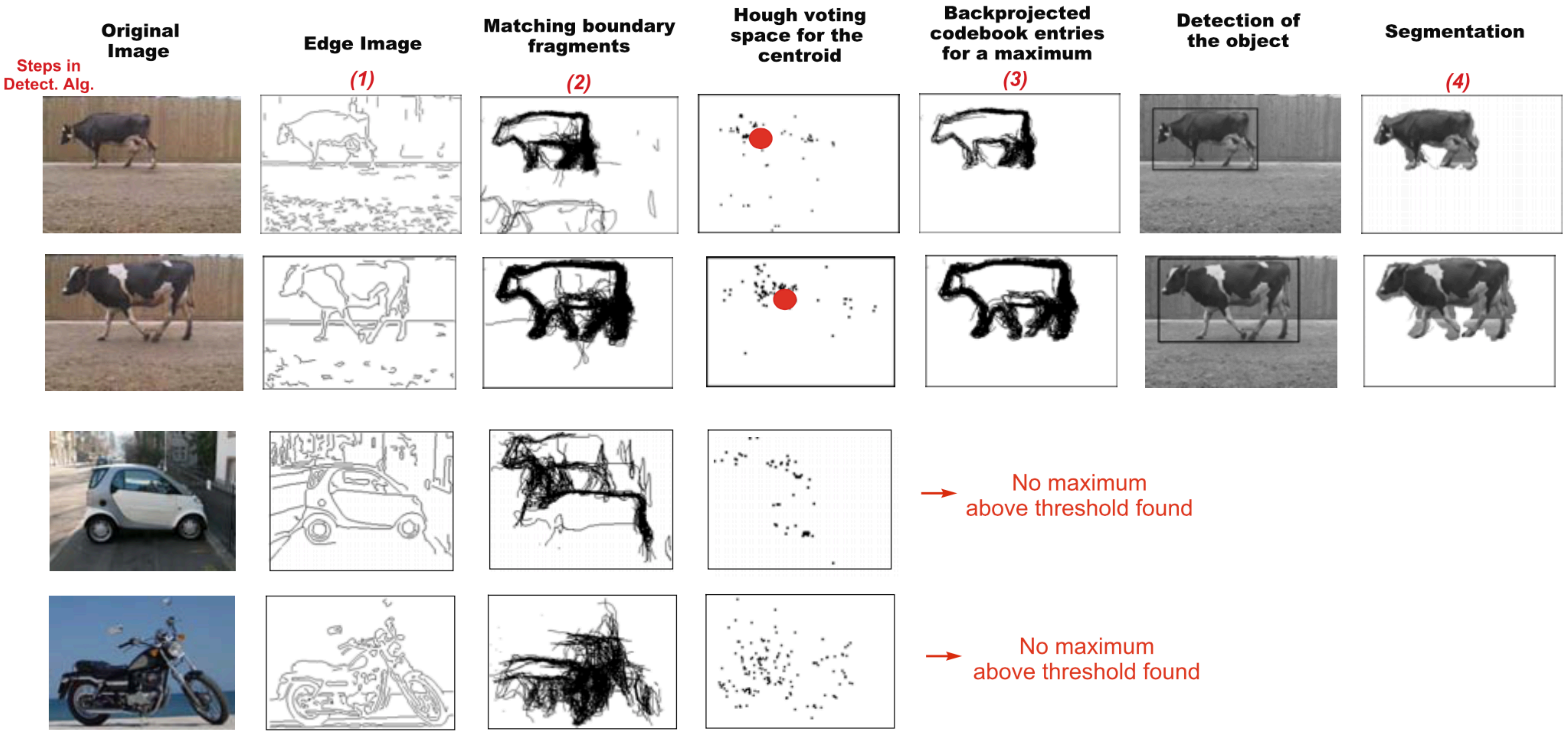

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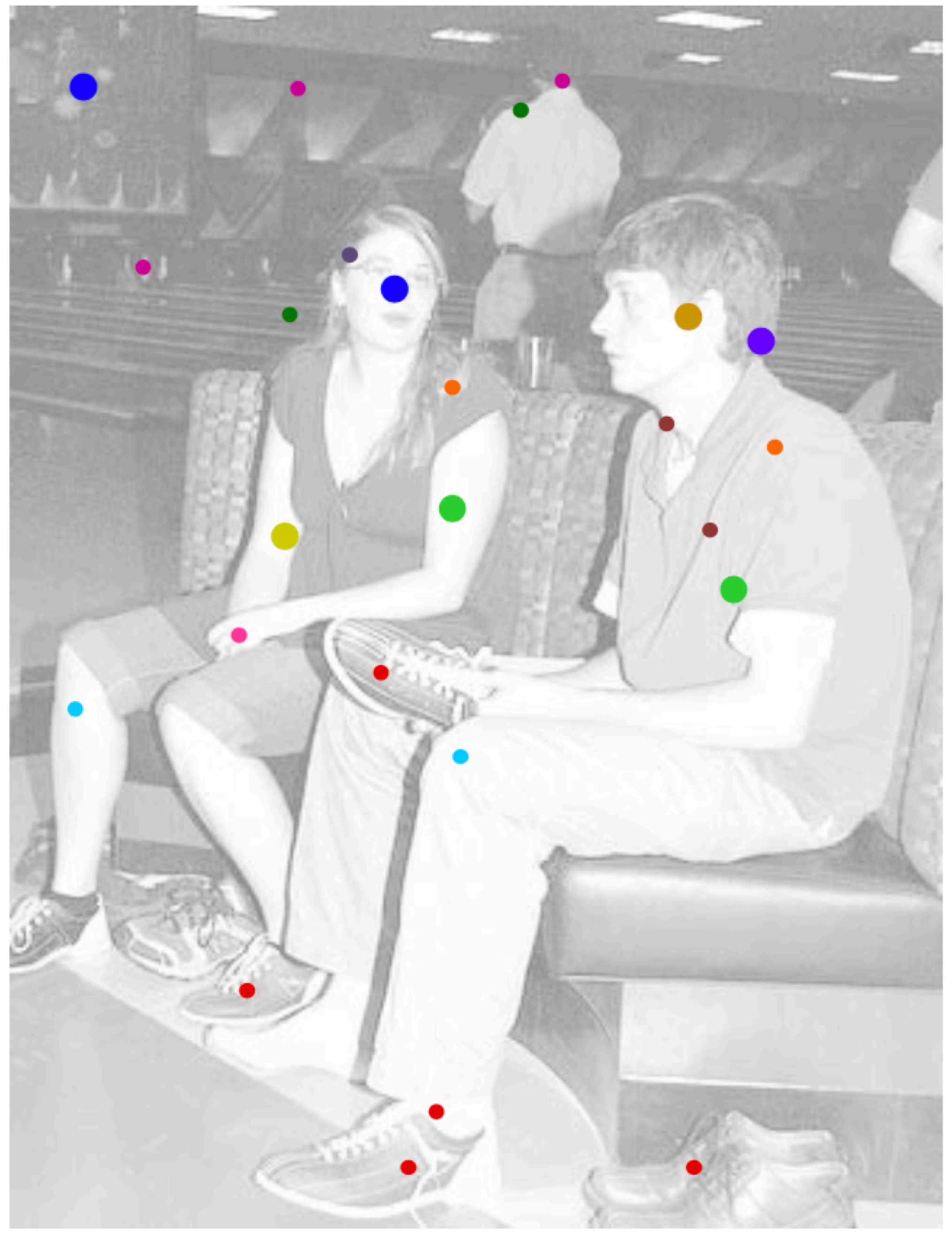
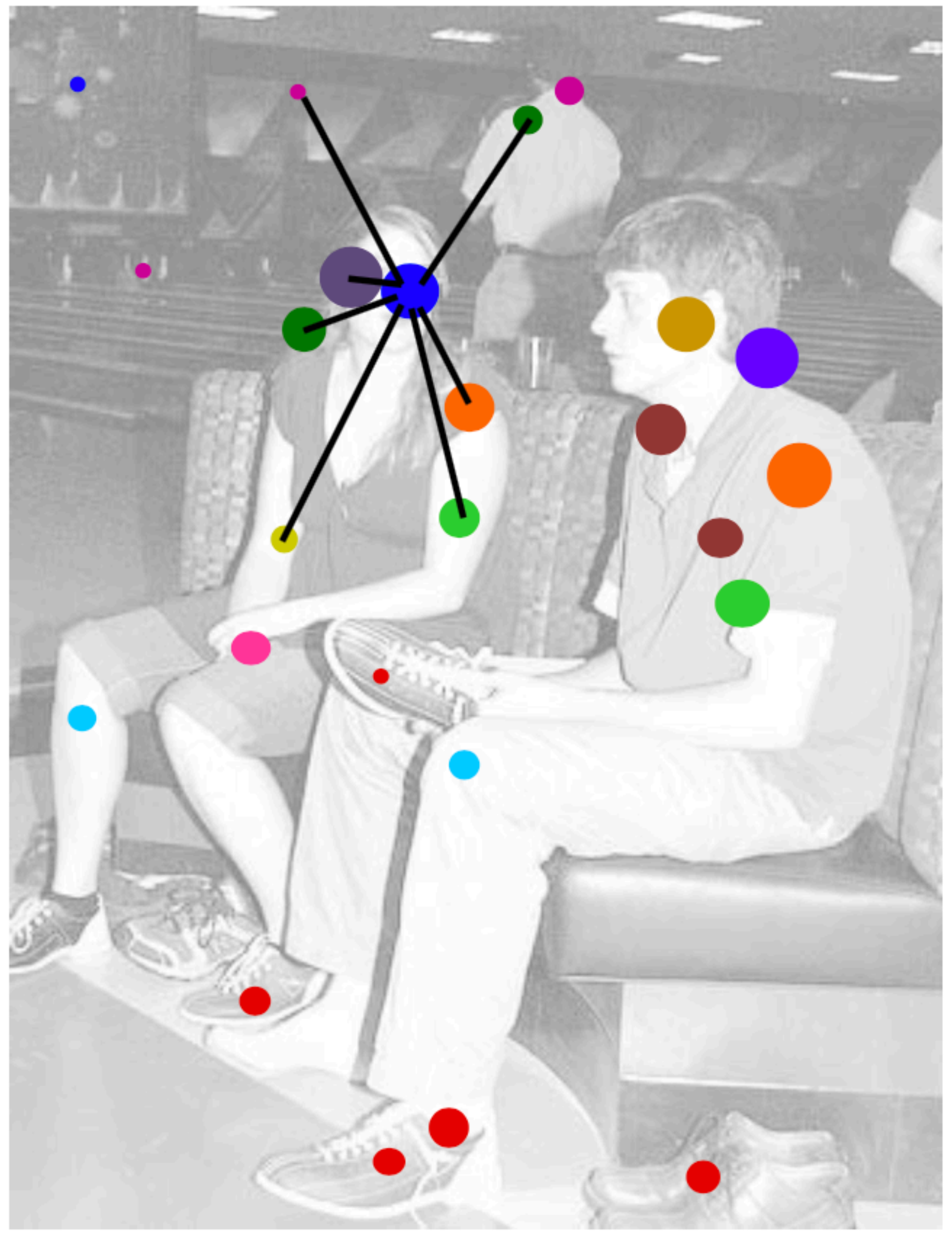
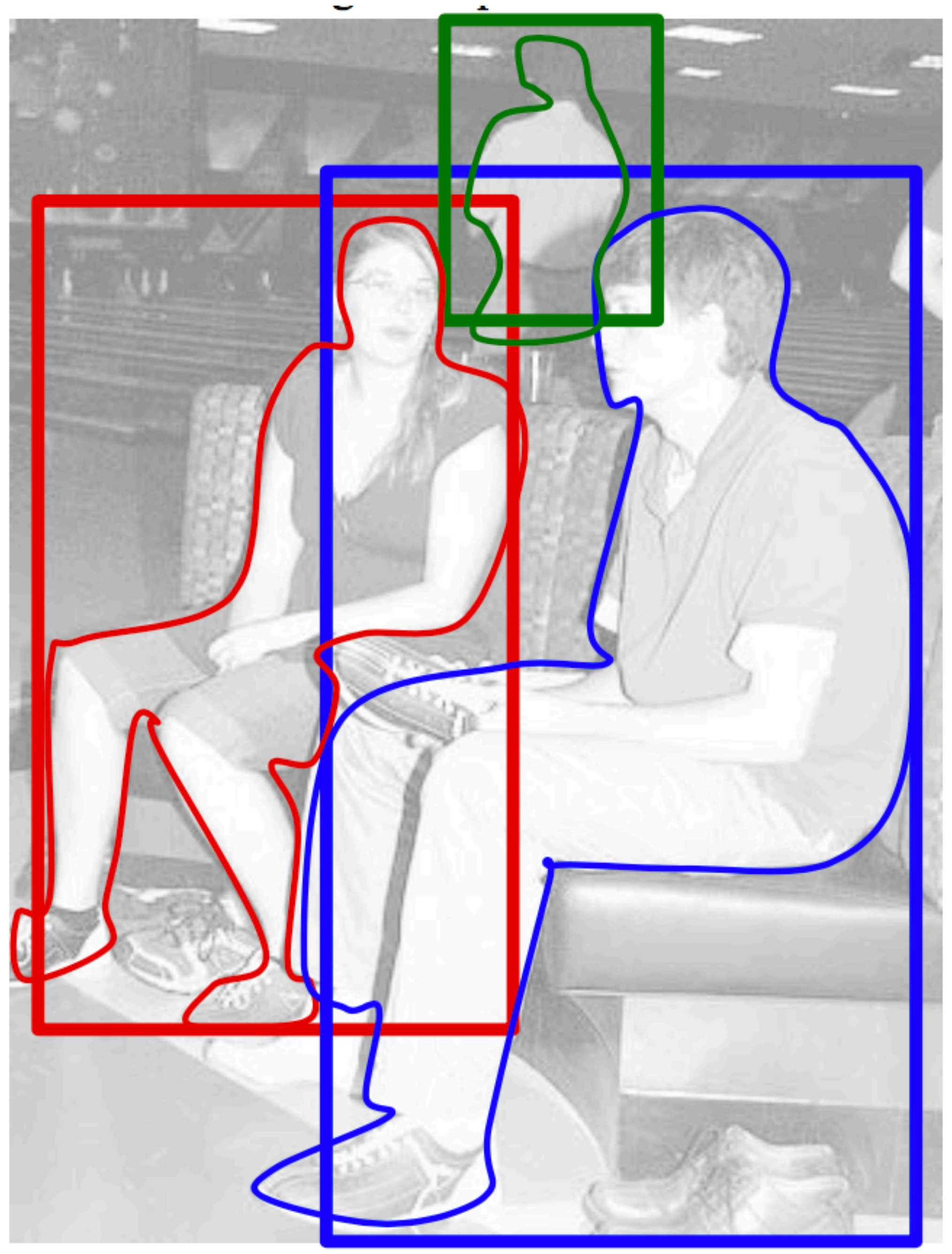


1. q-scores. Different colors illustrate different poselet detectors firing in the image. The blob size illustrates the score of the independent poselet classifier.



2. Q-scores (Section 4). Evidence from consistent poselet activations leads to a reranking based on mutual activation (Q-scores). Weaker activations consistent with others gain importance, whereas inconsistent ones get damped.

3. Clustering (Section 5). Activations are merged in a greedy manner starting with the strongest activation. Merging is based on pairwise consistency.



4. Bounding boxes (Section 6) and segmentations (Section 7). We predict the visible bounds and the contour of the person using the poselets within the cluster.

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Discussion of Hough Transform

Advantages:

— Can handle high percentage of outliers: each point votes separately

— Can detect multiple instances of a model in a single pass

Disadvantages:

— Complexity of search time increases exponentially with the number of model parameters

— Can be tricky to pick a good bin size

Summary of Hough Transform

The **Hough transform** is another technique for fitting data to a model

— a voting procedure

— possible model parameters define a quantized accumulator array

— data points “vote" for compatible entries in the accumulator array

A key is to have each data point (token) constrain model parameters as tightly as possible