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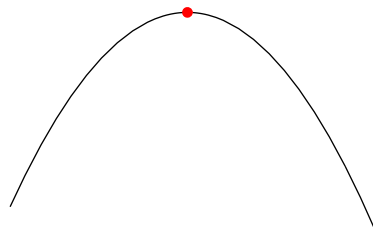
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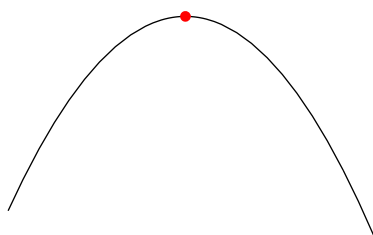
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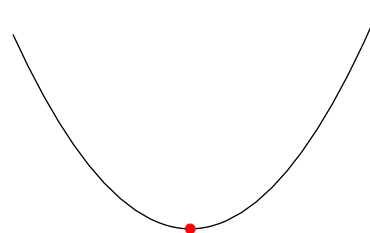
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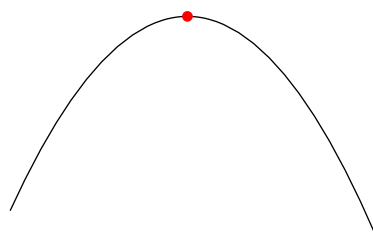
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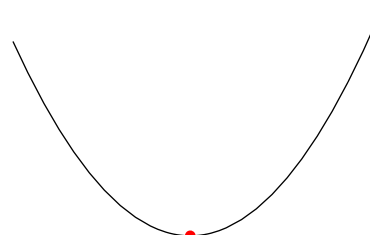
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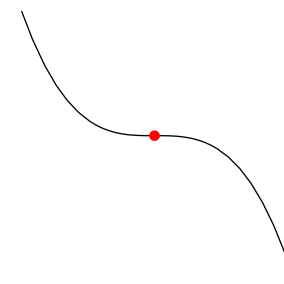
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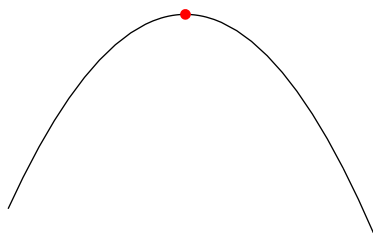
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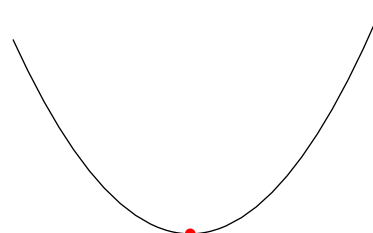
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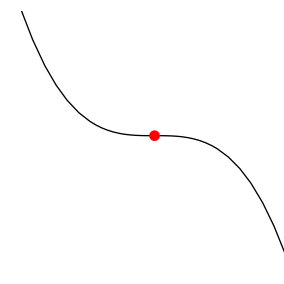
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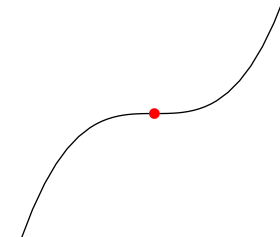
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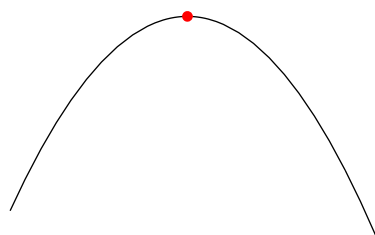
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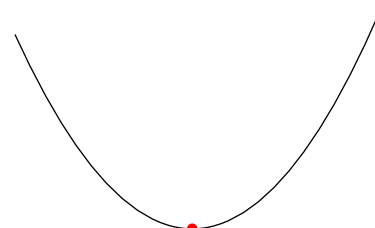
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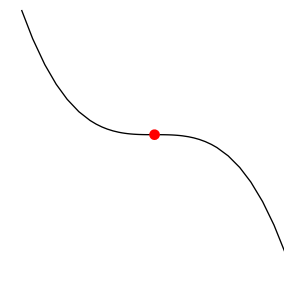
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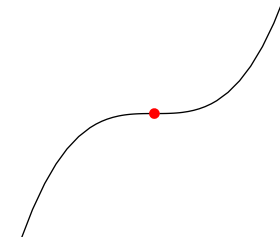
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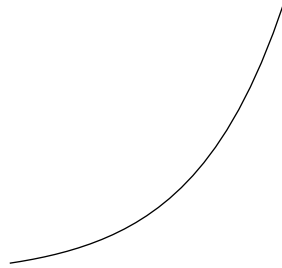
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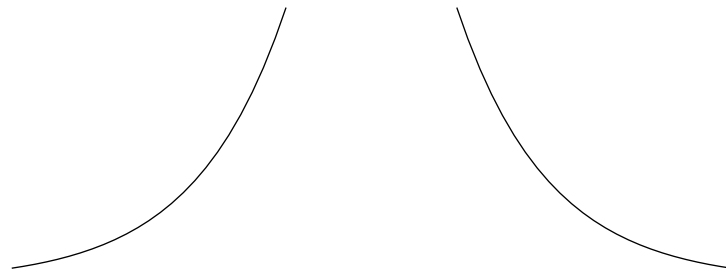
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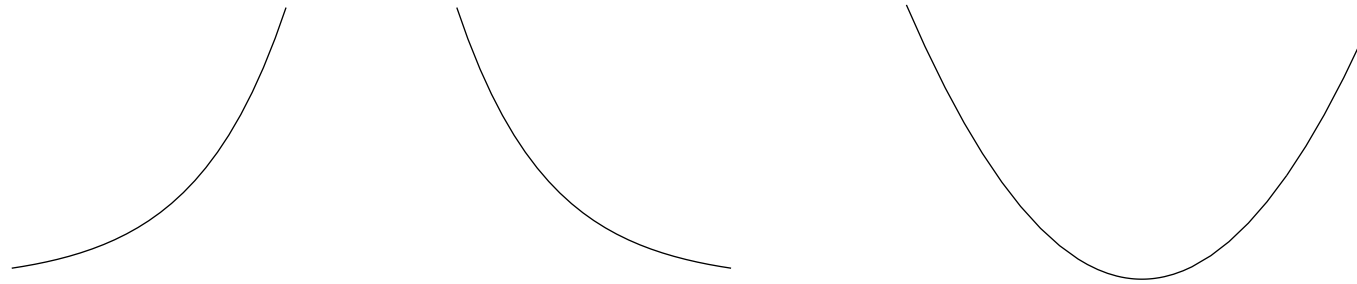
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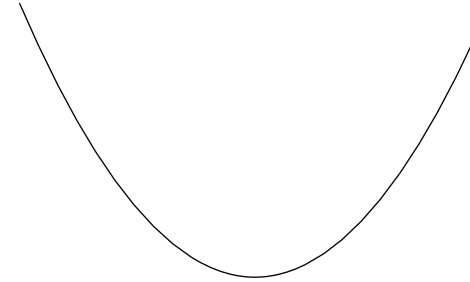
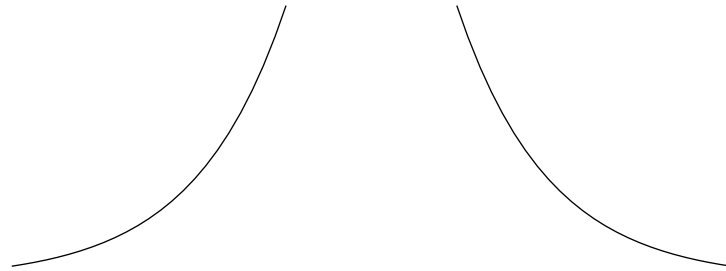
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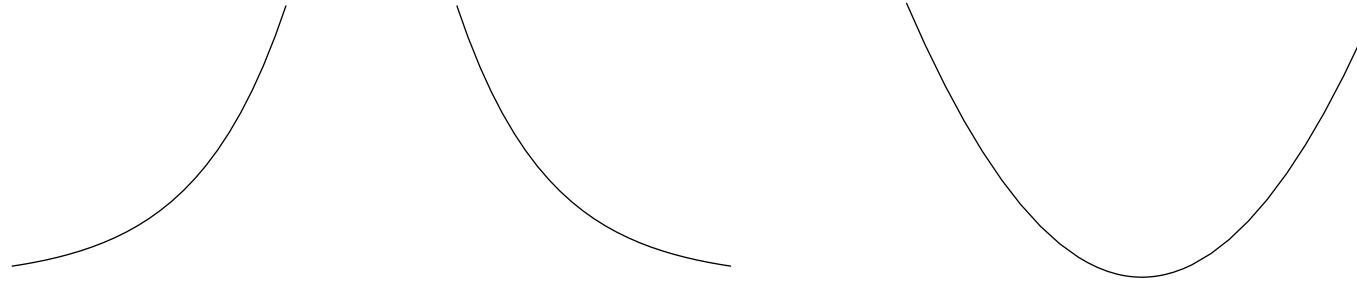
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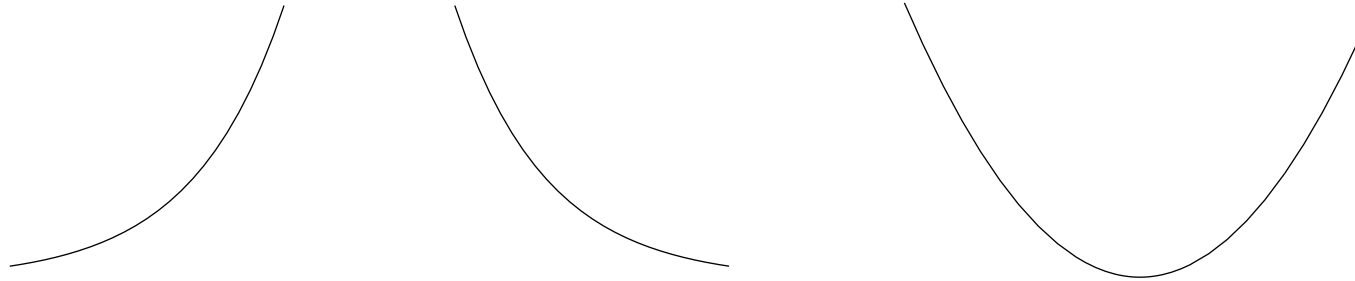
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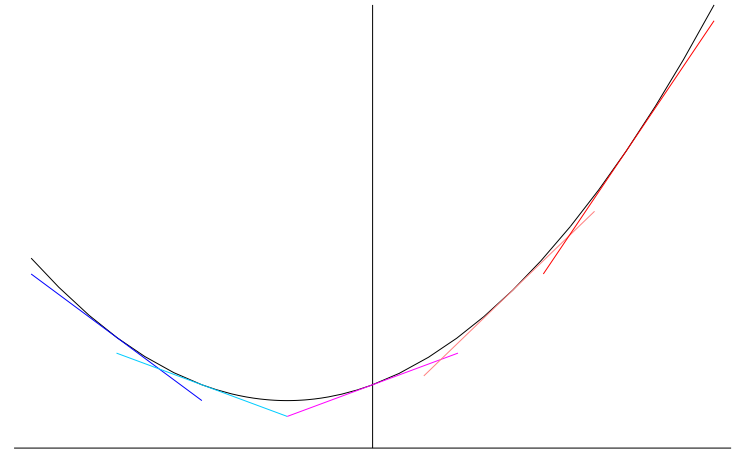
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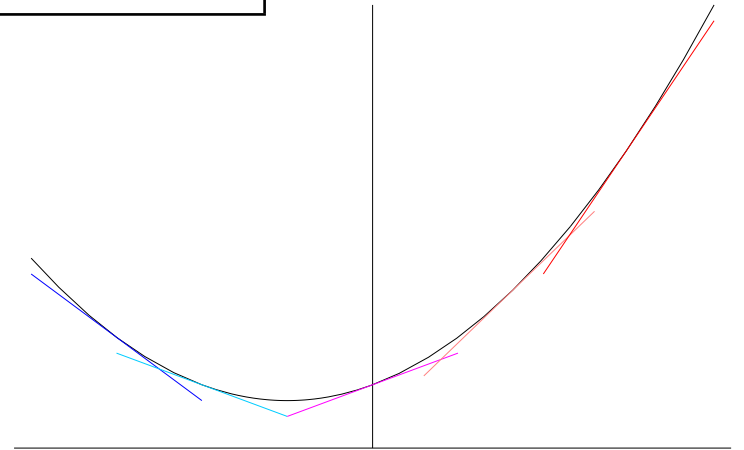


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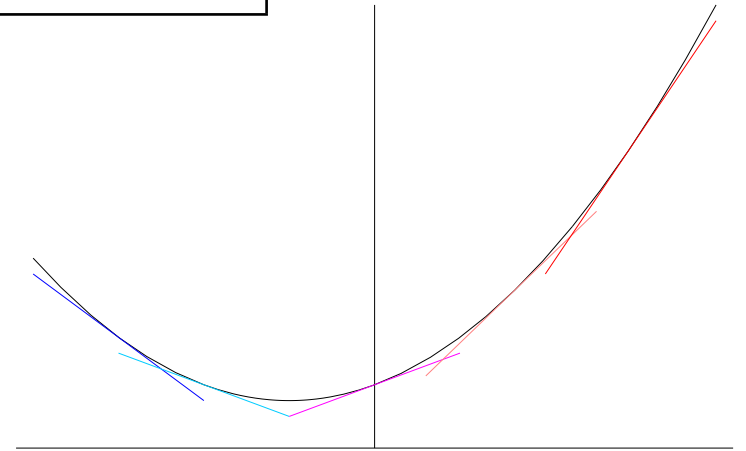
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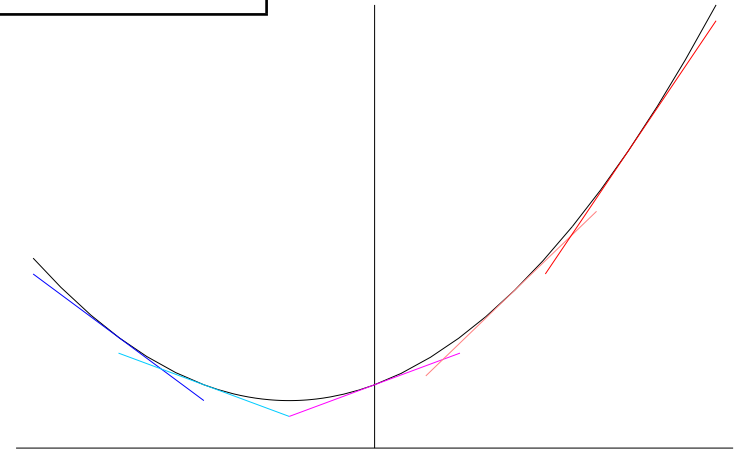
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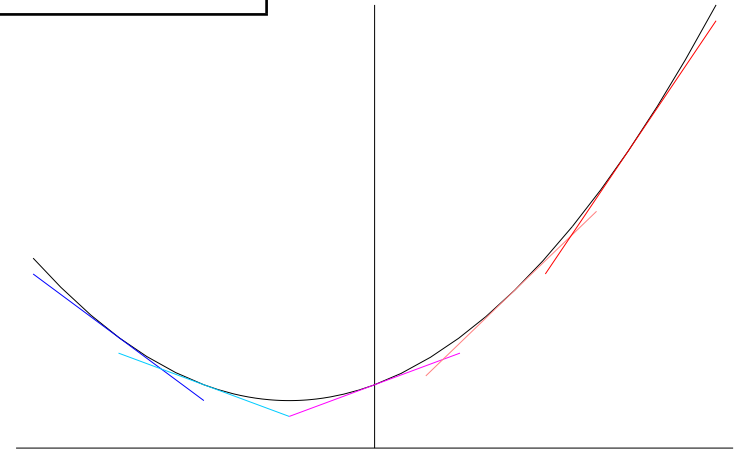
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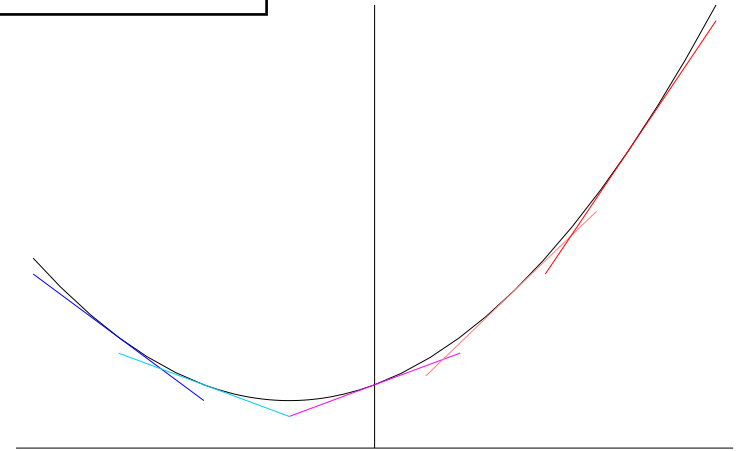
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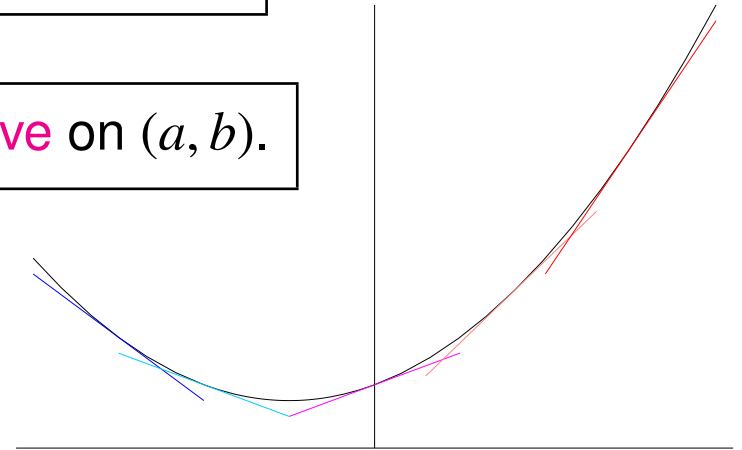
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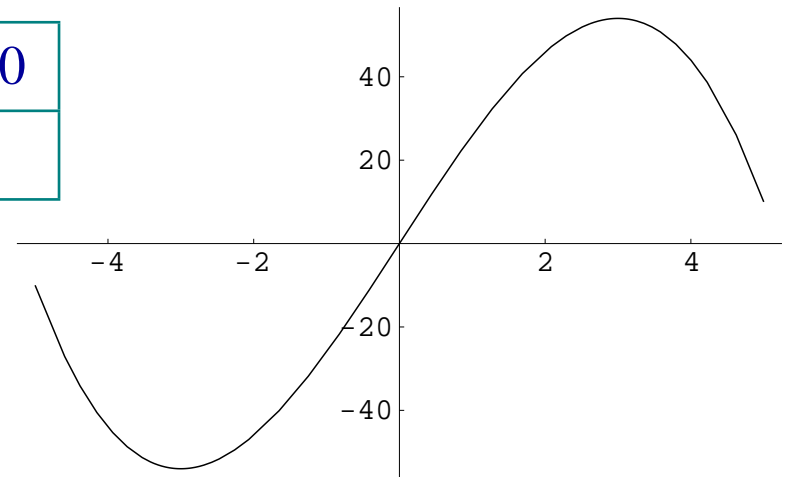
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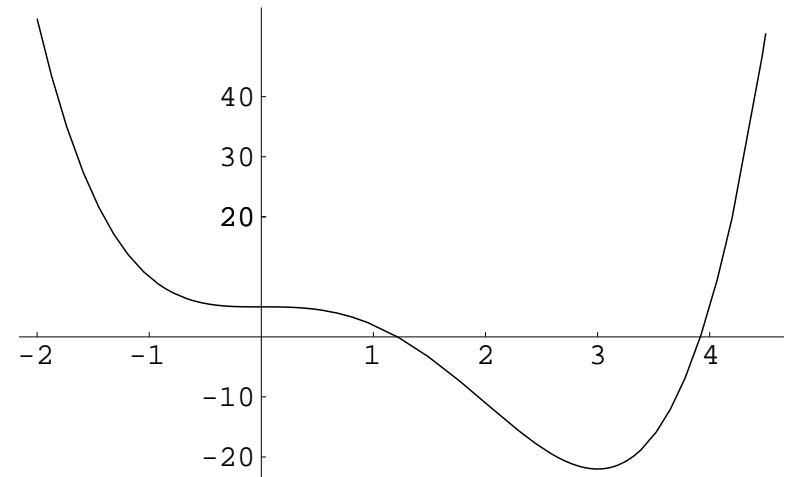
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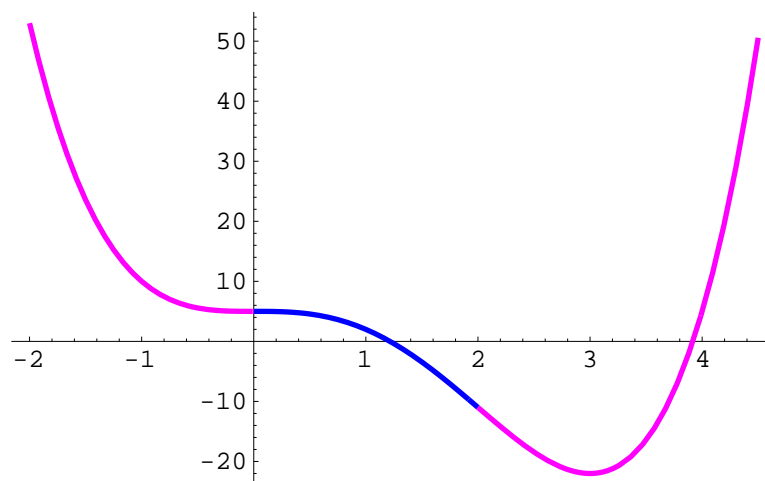
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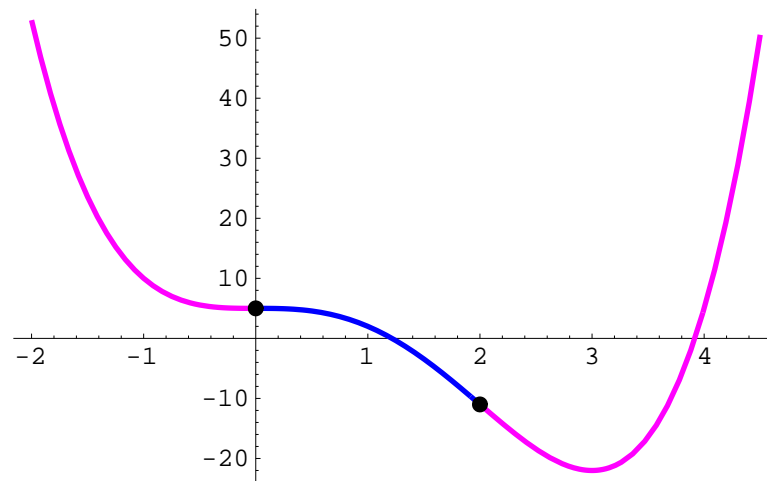
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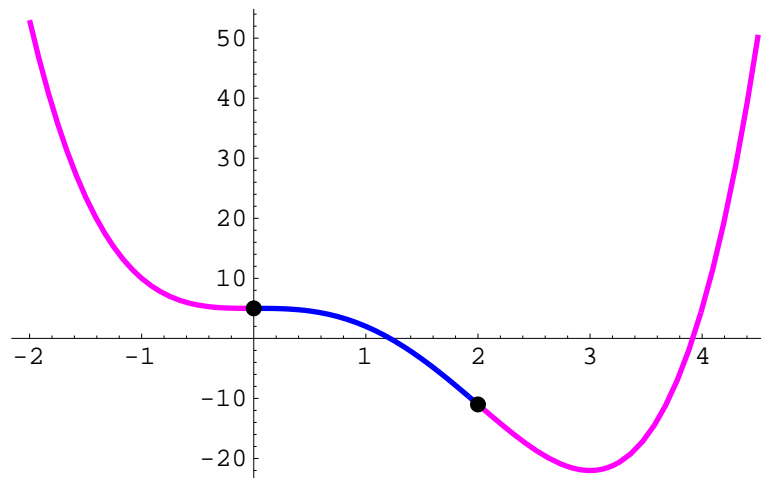
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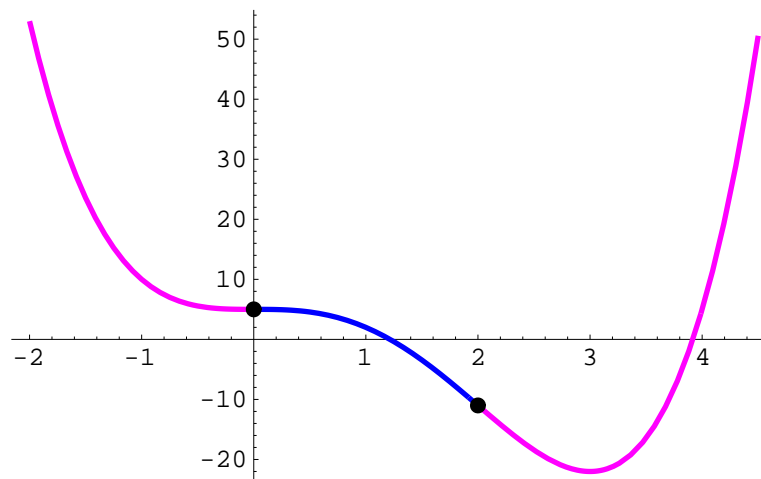
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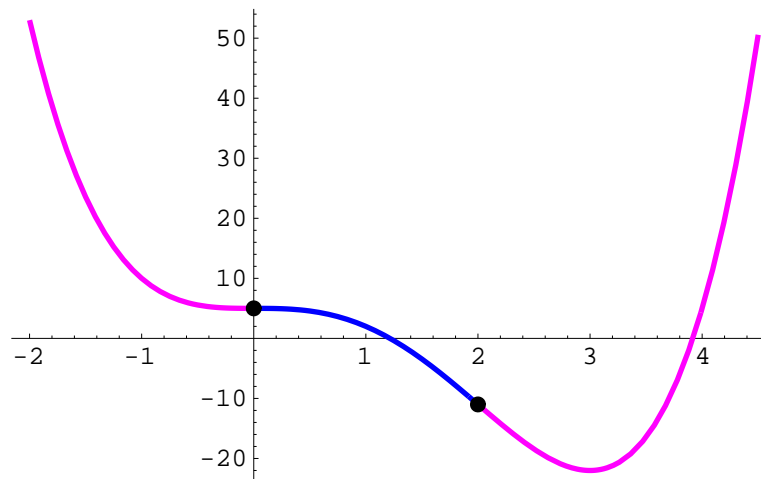


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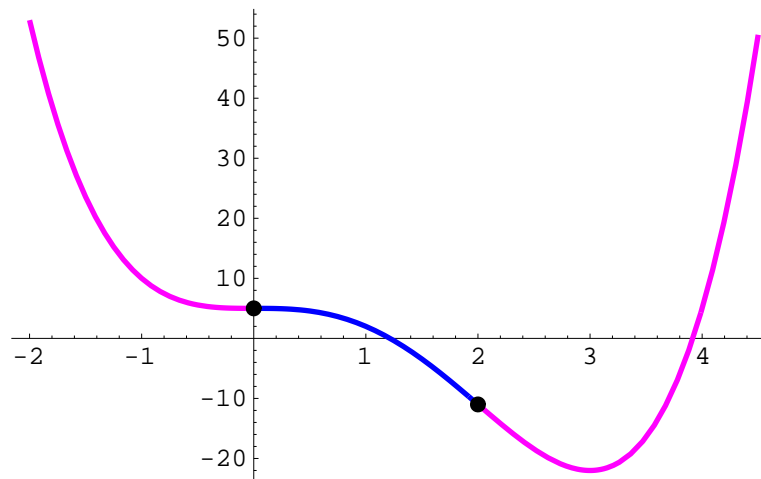


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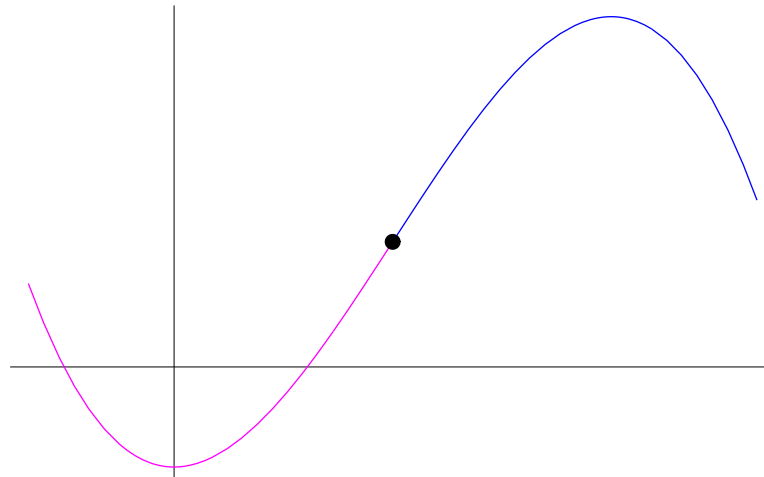
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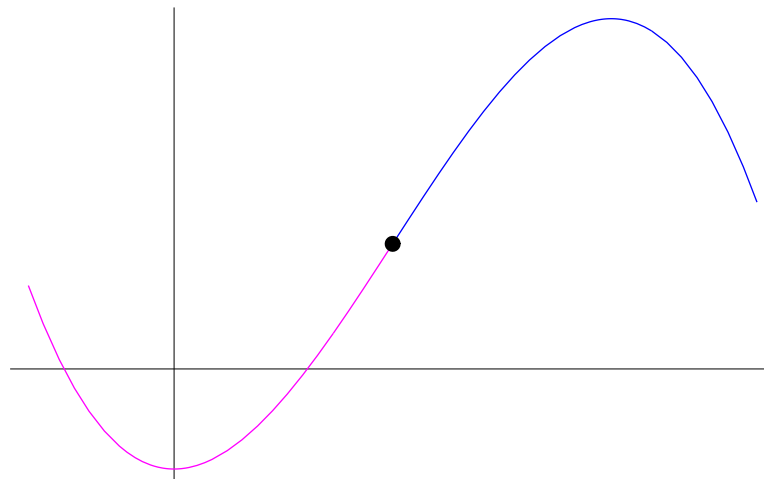


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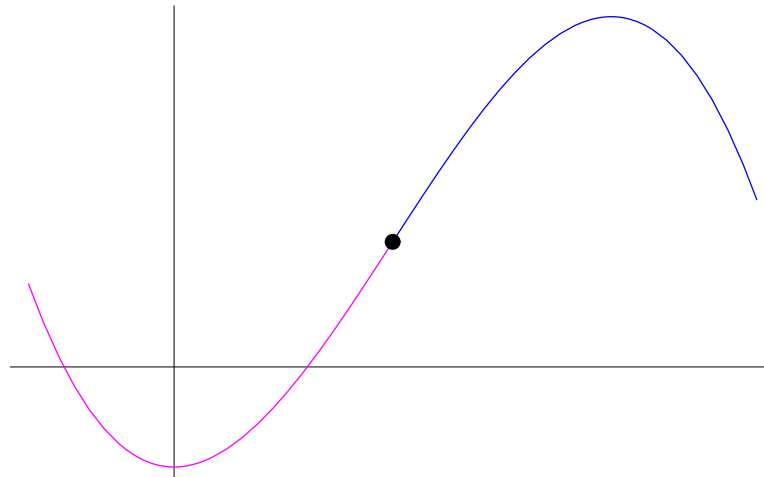


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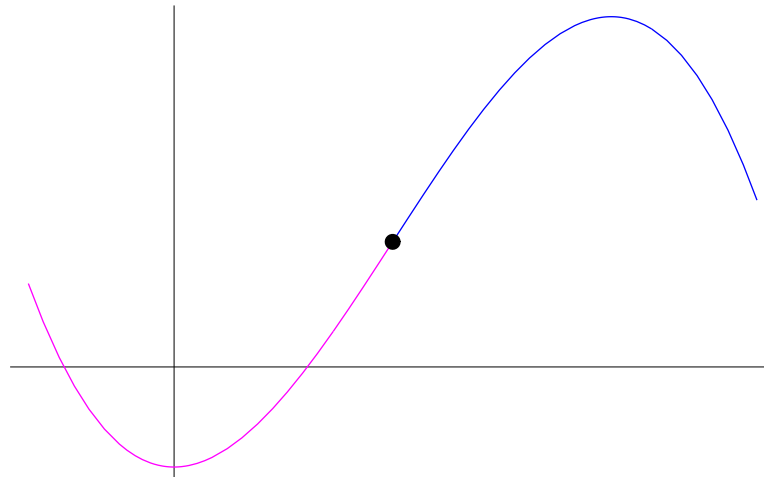
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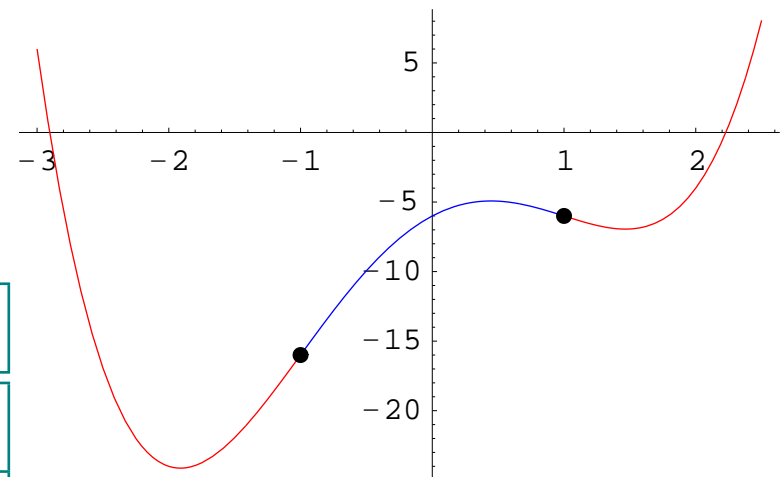
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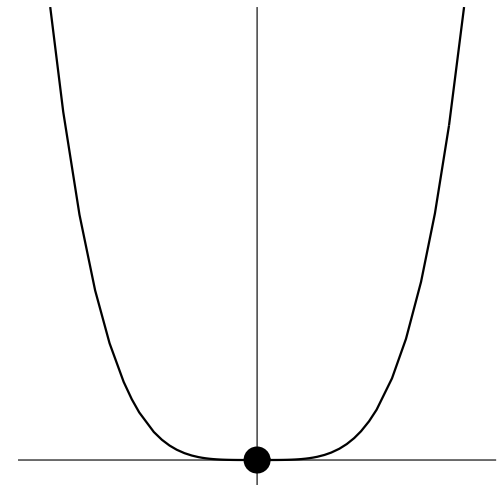
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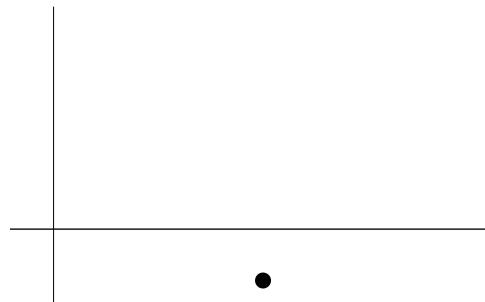
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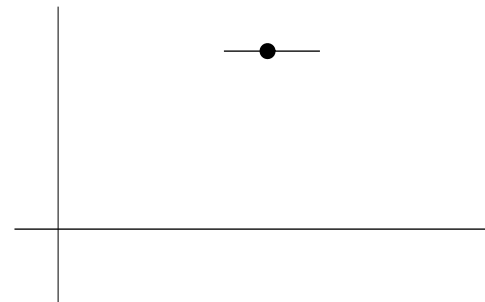
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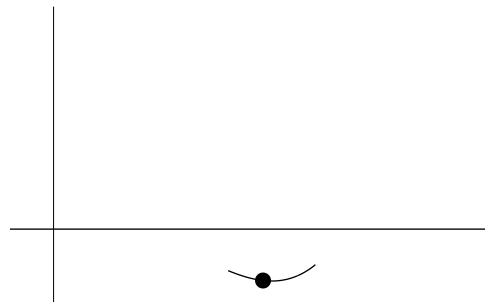
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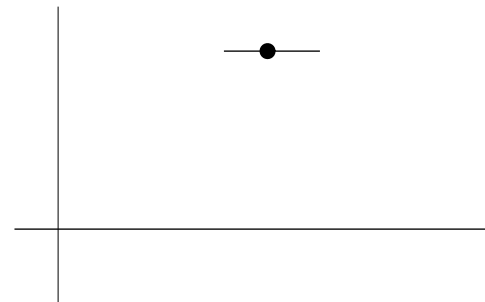
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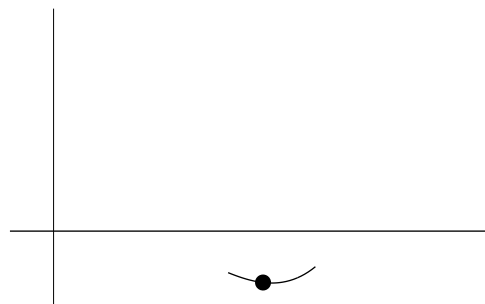
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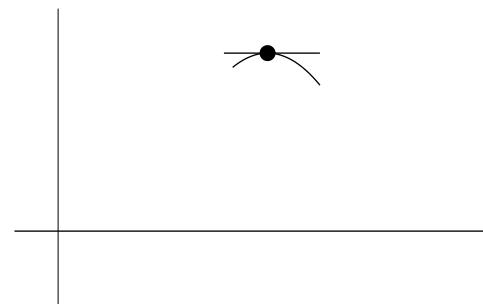
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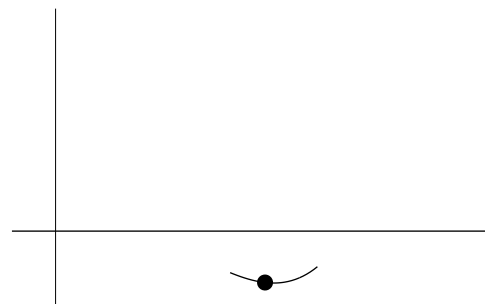
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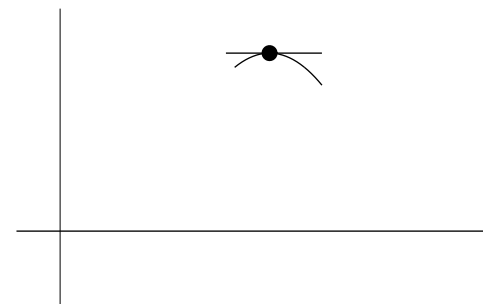
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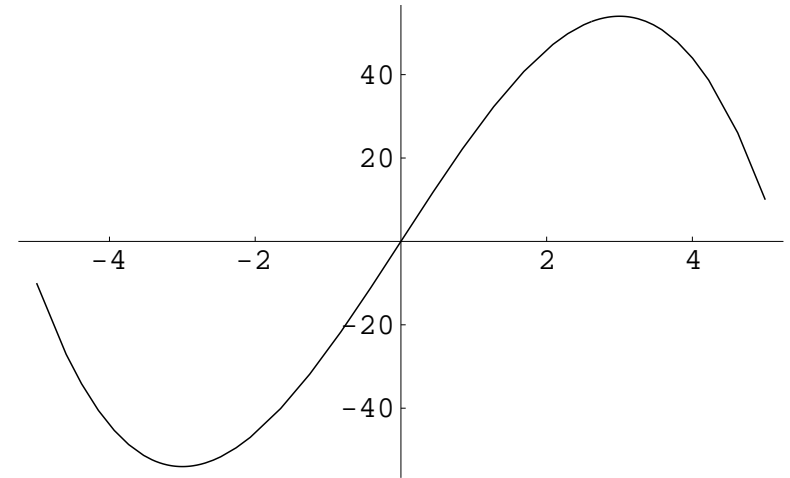


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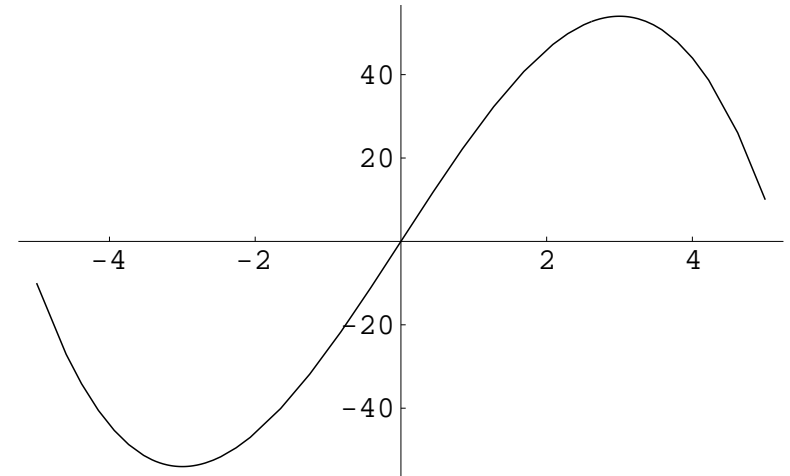
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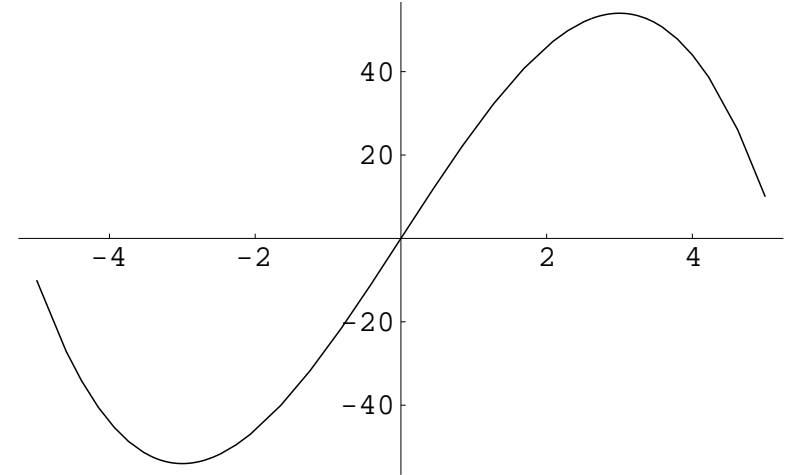
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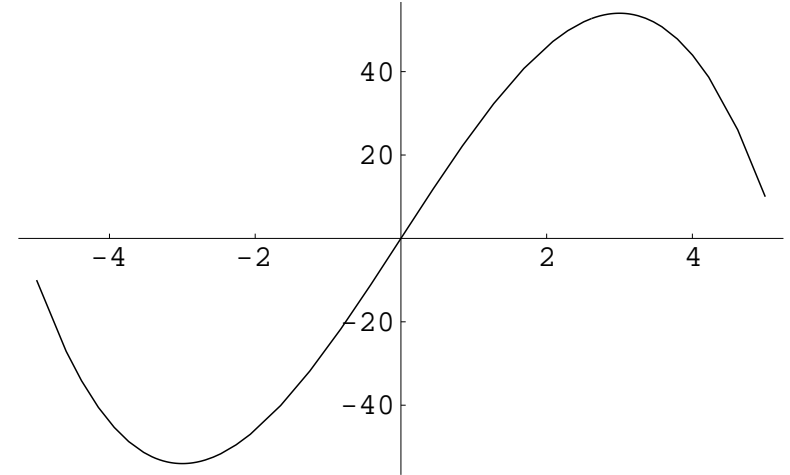
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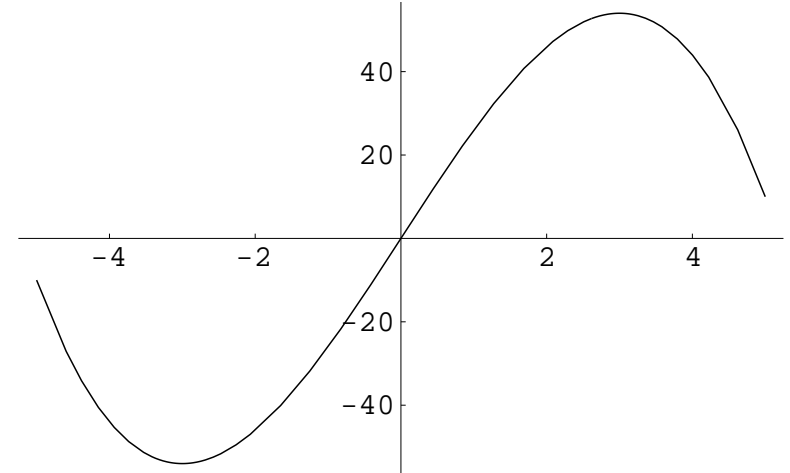
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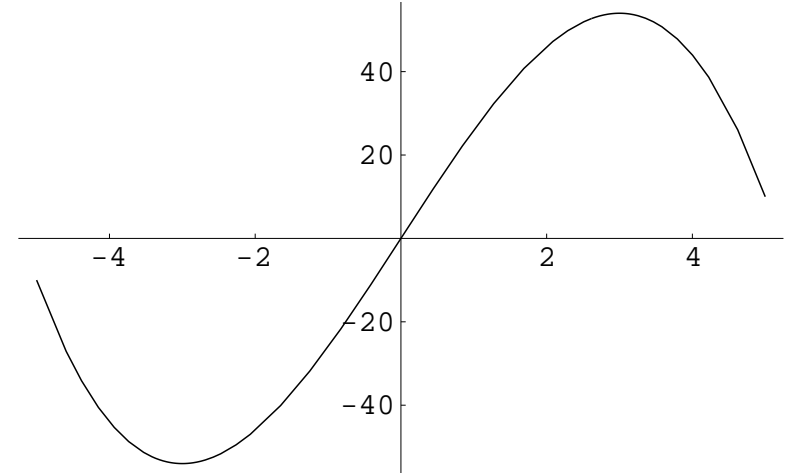
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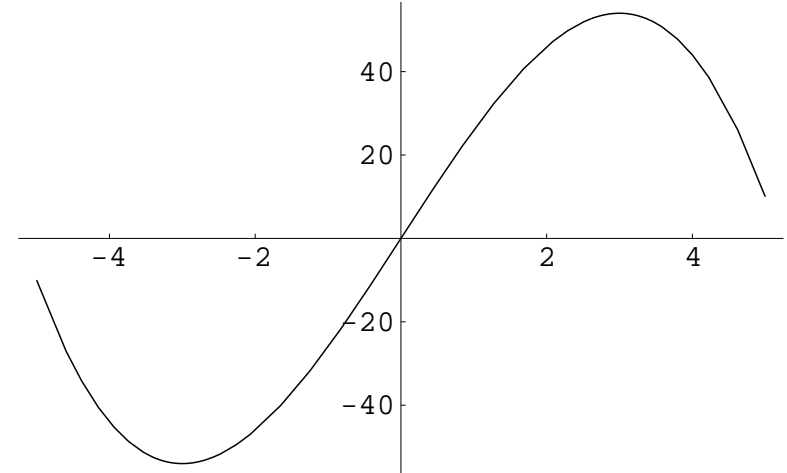
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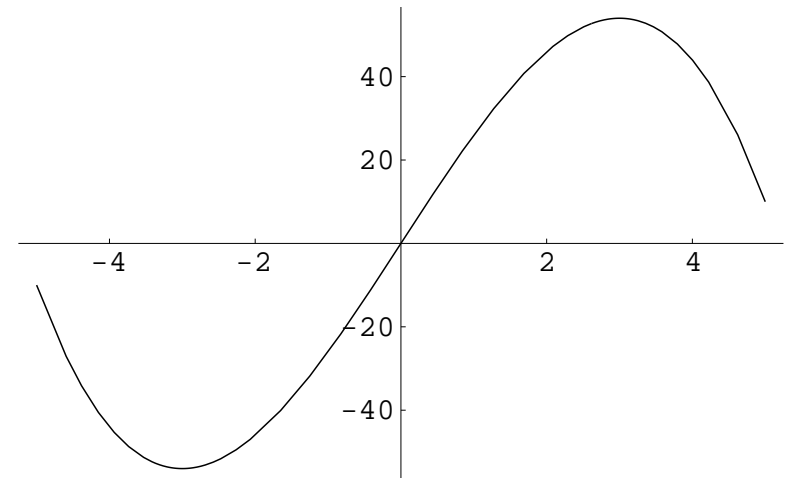
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**Remark** *No conclusion* from the 2nd-derivative test *if*  $f''(x_0) = 0$ . May have

- local maximum,
- local minimum,
- neither.