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A DoC APPROACH FOR CHANCE-CONSTRAINED PROBLEMS

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The diagram shows a mathematical optimization problem with several components highlighted and annotated:

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- Random variable:** An arrow points from the text "Random variable $\xi : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ " to the variable ξ in the constraint function $g(x, \xi)$.
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- Safety probability level:** An arrow points from the text "Safety probability level $p \in [0, 1)$ " to the parameter p in the constraint.

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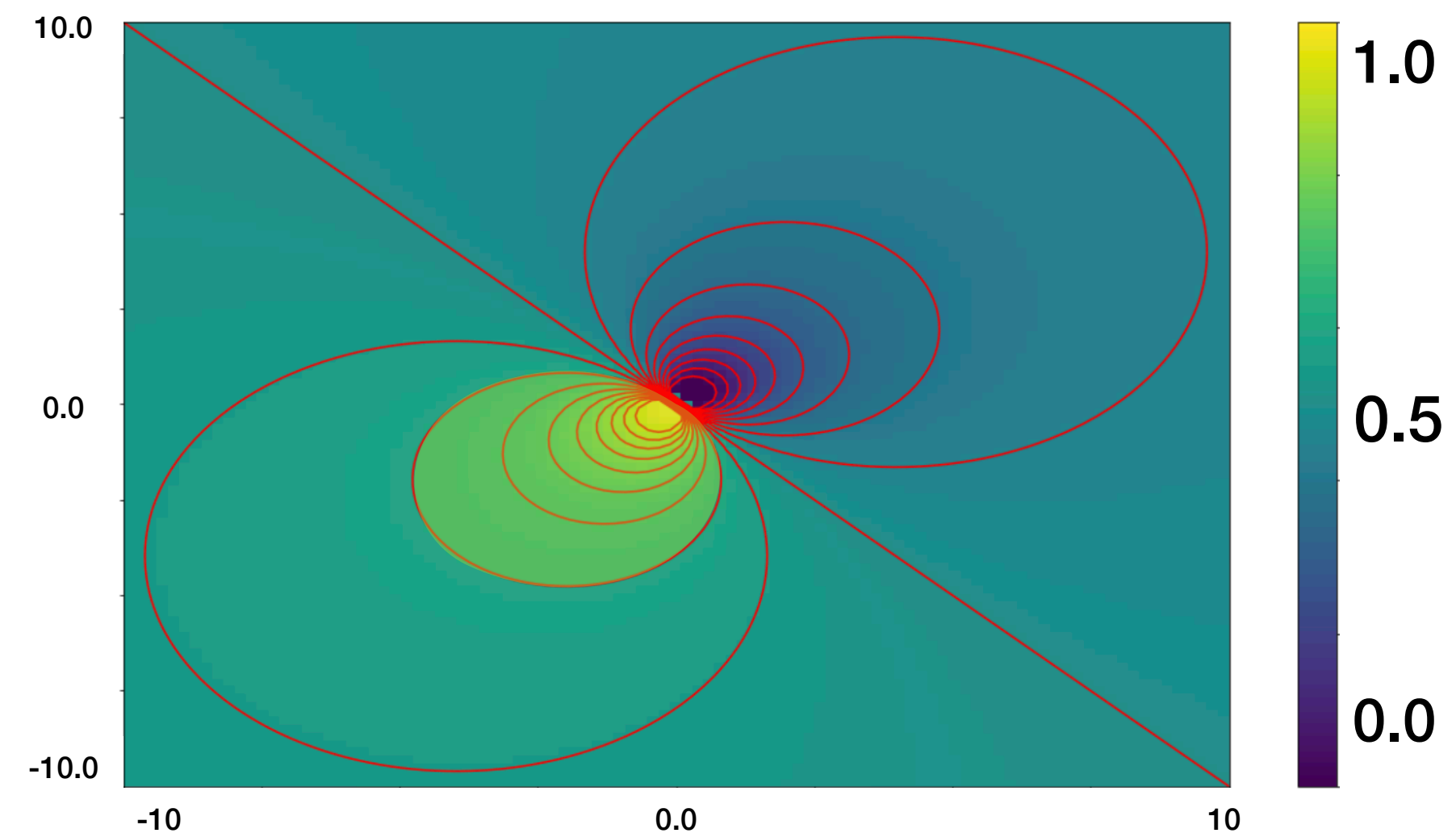
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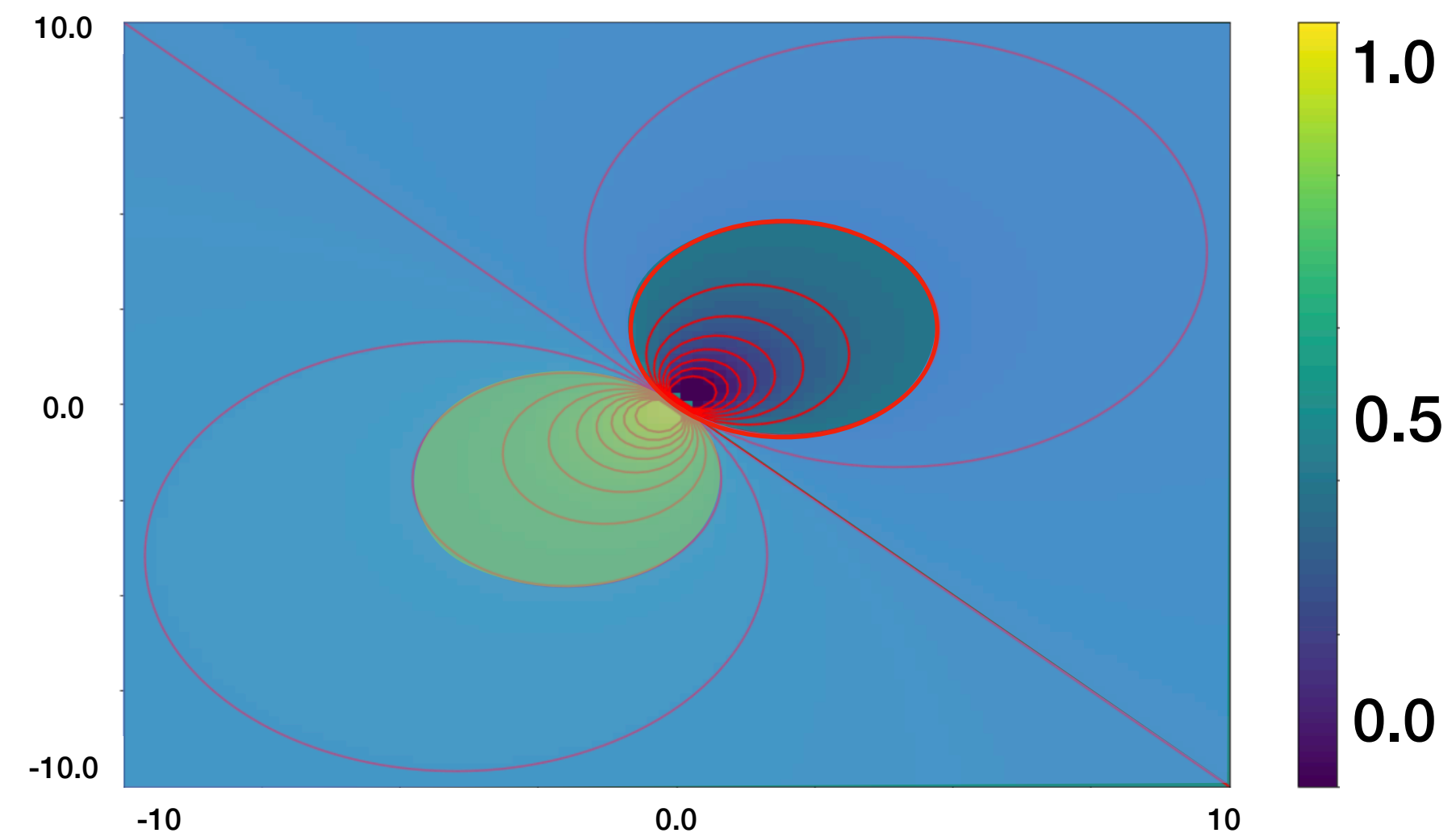
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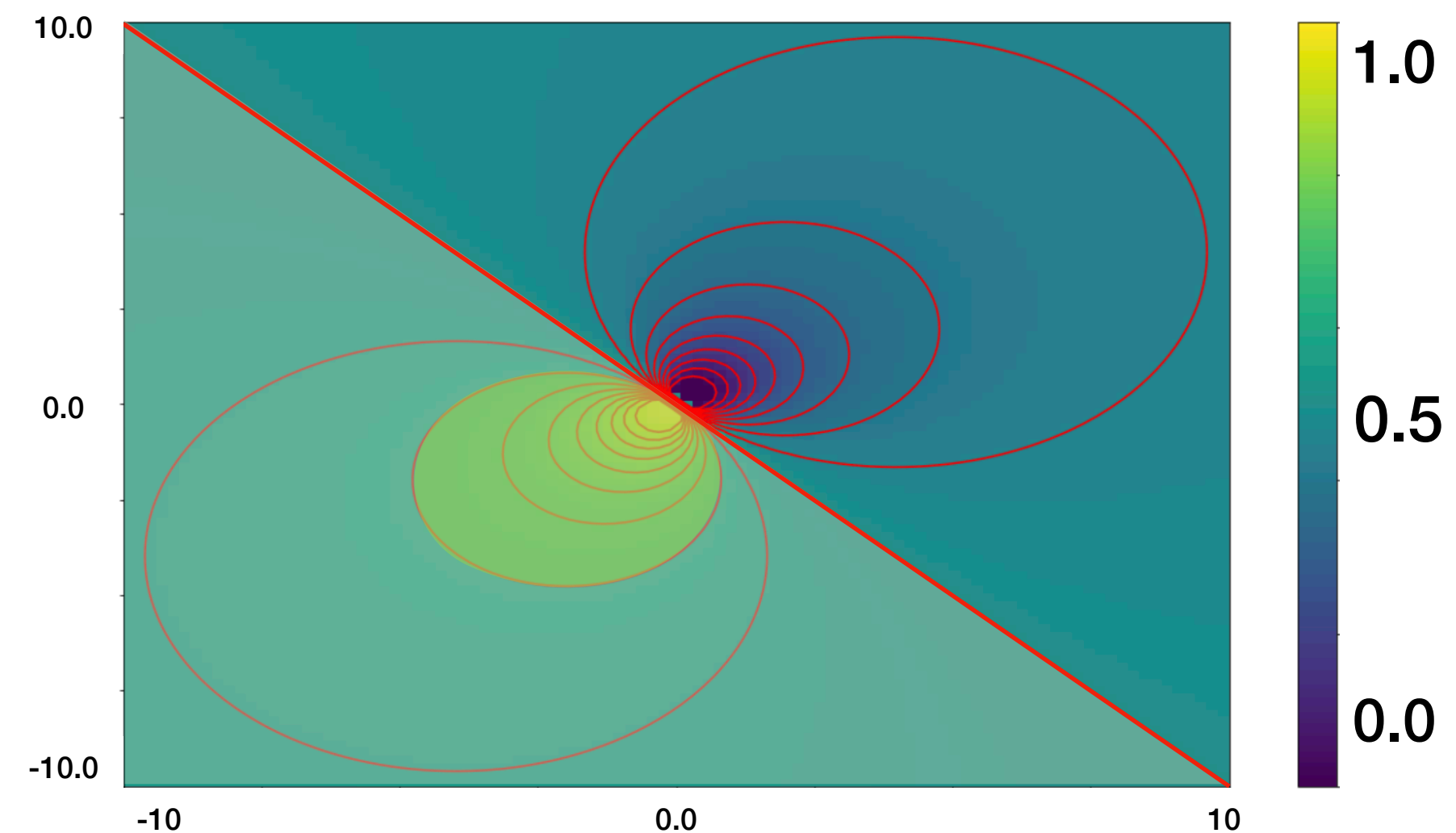
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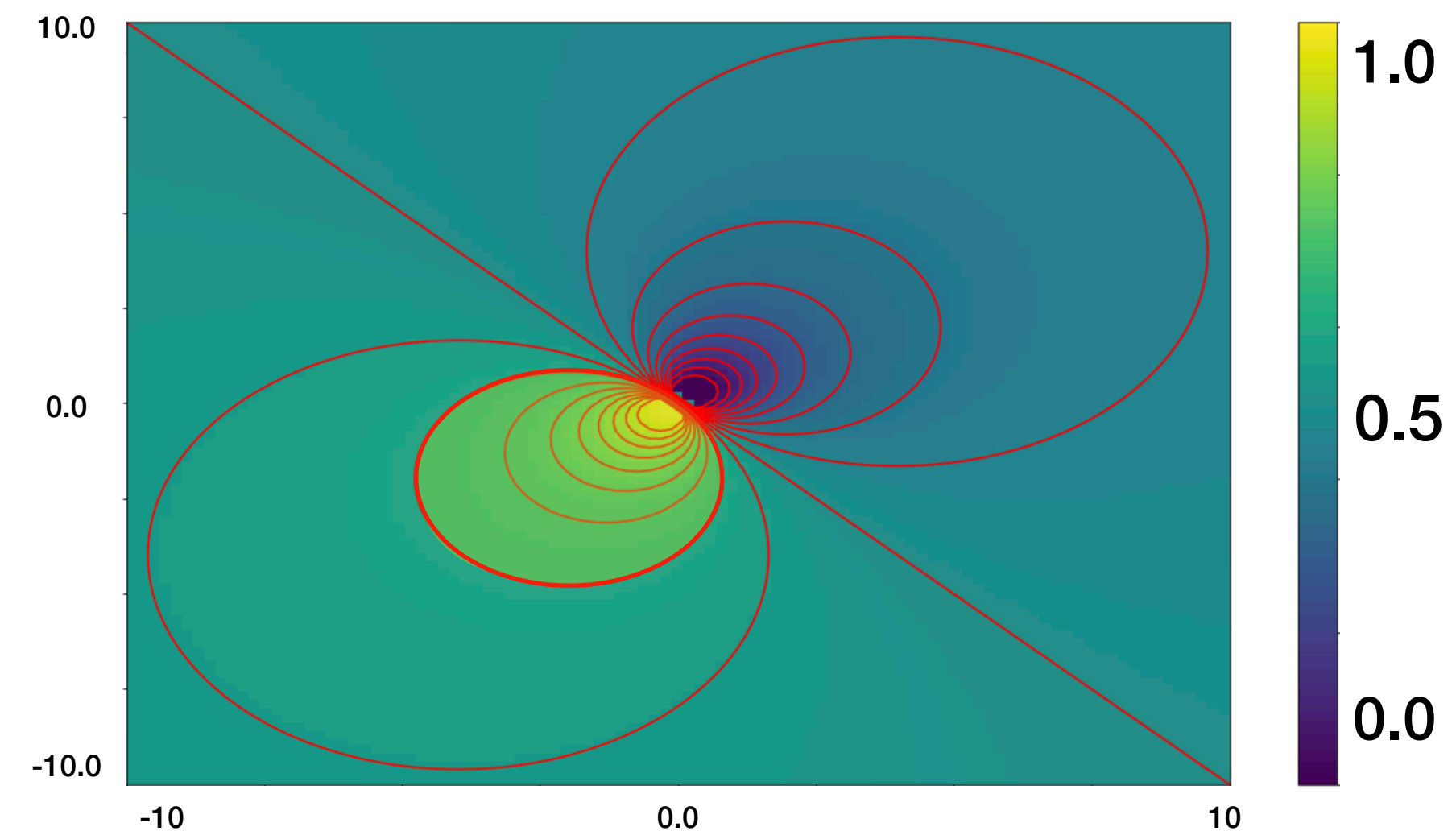
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Non-smoothness of Chance Constraints

- Consider the discrete case : $\xi \in \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n\}$

$$\mathbb{P}[g(x, \xi) \leq 0] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\mathbb{1}_{g(x, \xi_i) \leq 0}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Not even continuous!}}}$$

- Recent works study the generalized differentiability properties of chance constraints

Van Ackooij, Henrion, '17

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A data-driven setting

- Many existing approaches

- MINLP approaches Pagnoncelli, Ahmed, Shapiro(2009)

- Boolean Methods Kogan, Lejeune (2014)

- DoC approaches Hong, Yang, Zhang (2009)

└ Paul Javal's talk yesterday

- In this talk,

- f is convex.

- $g(\cdot, z)$ is convex for all $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$

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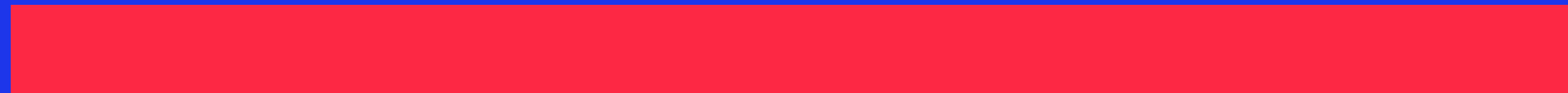
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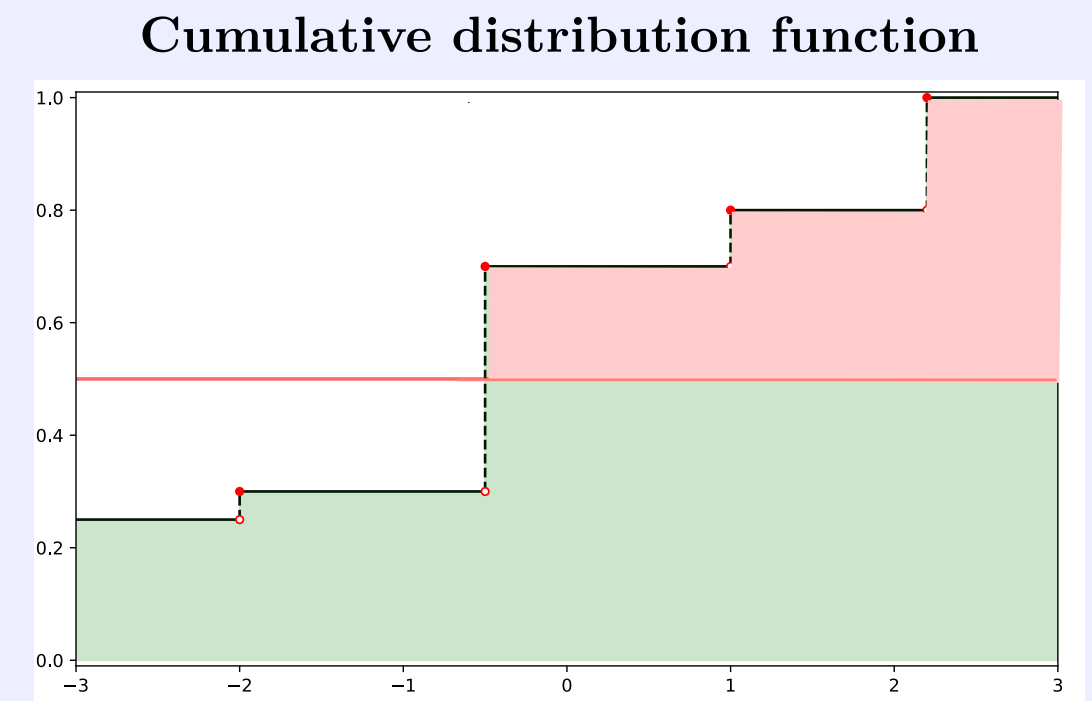
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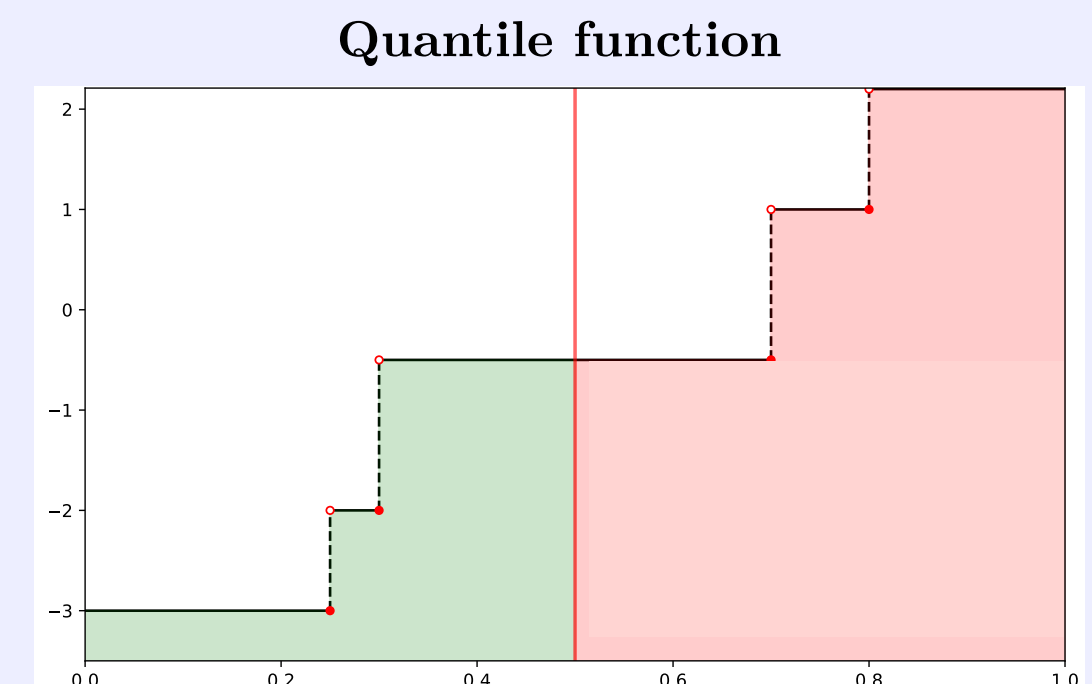
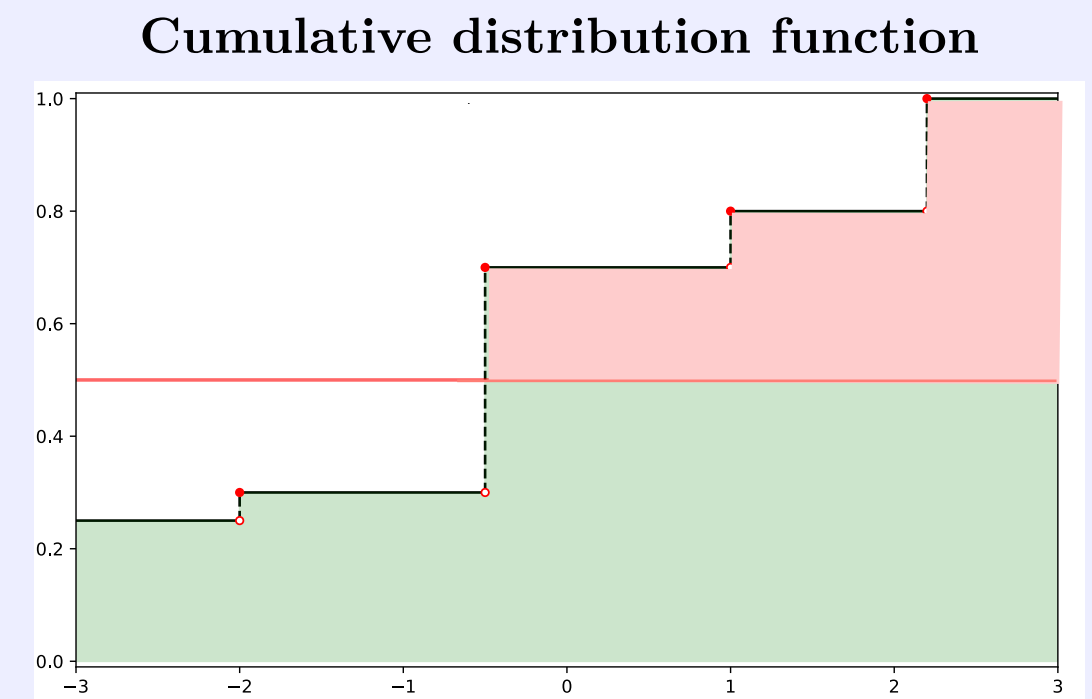
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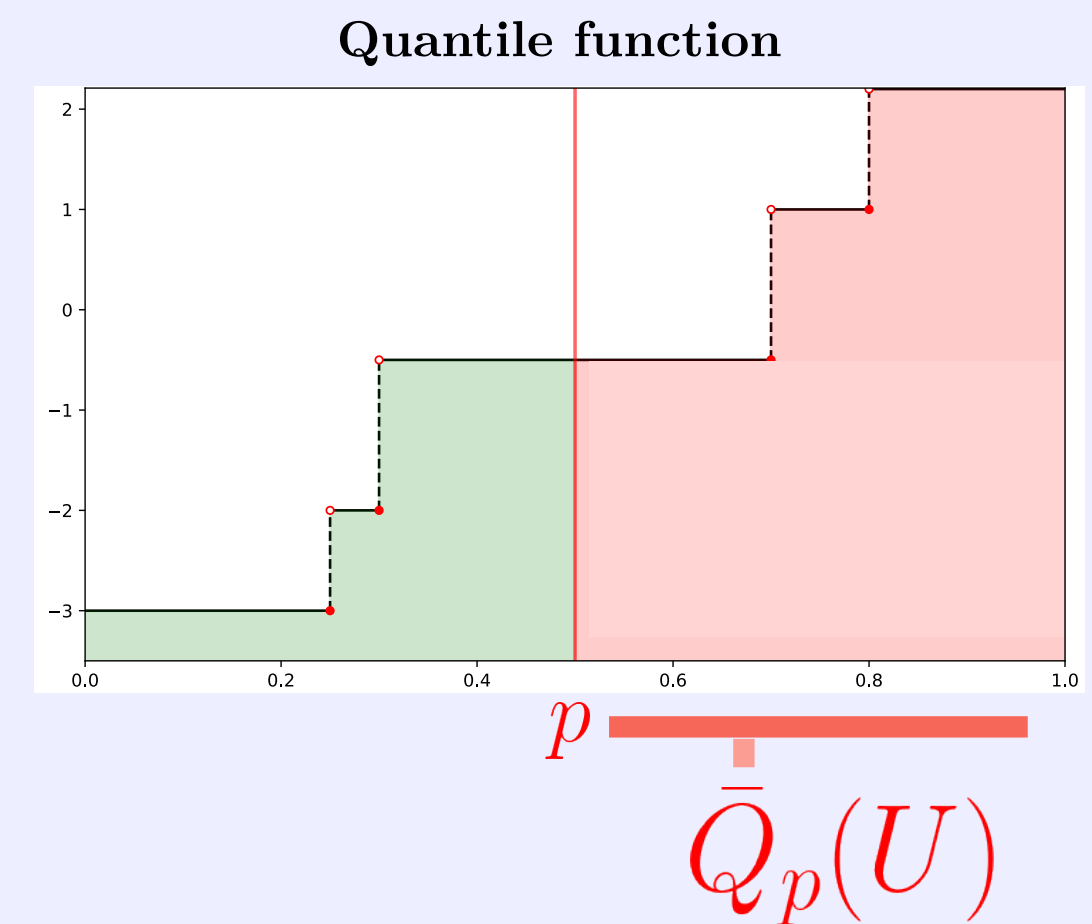
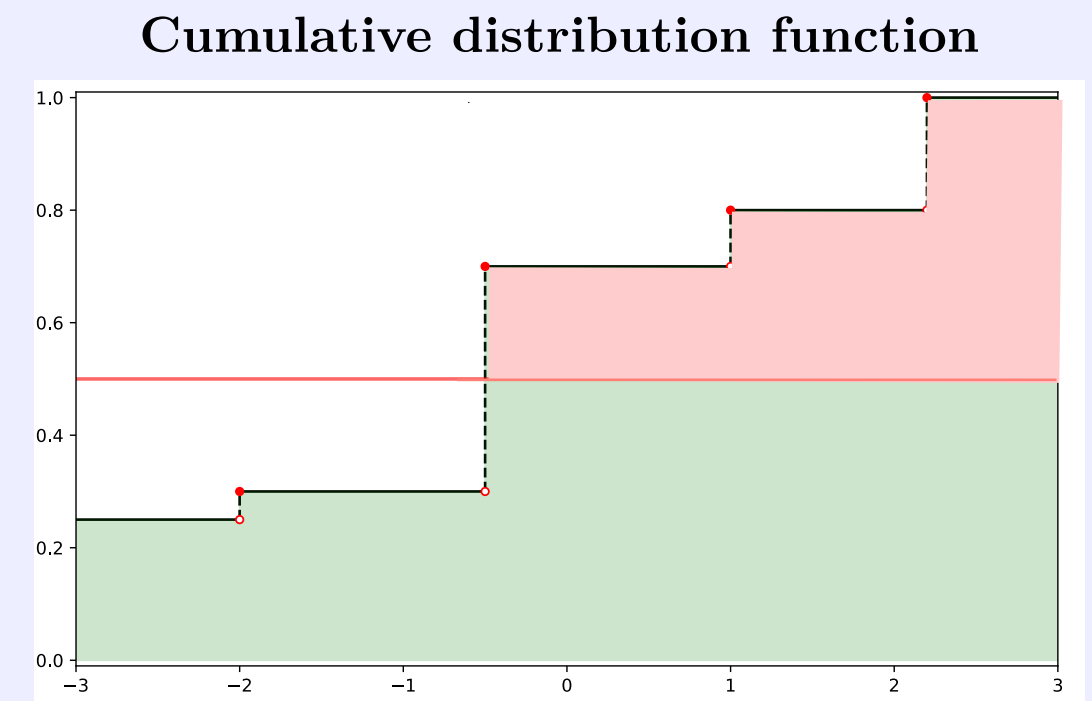
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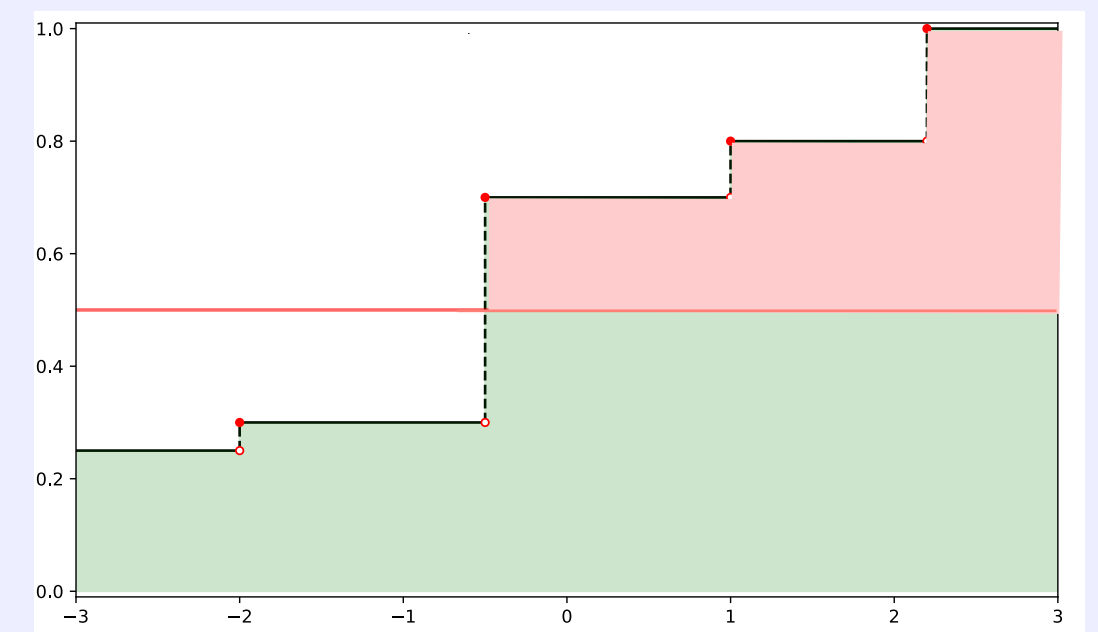
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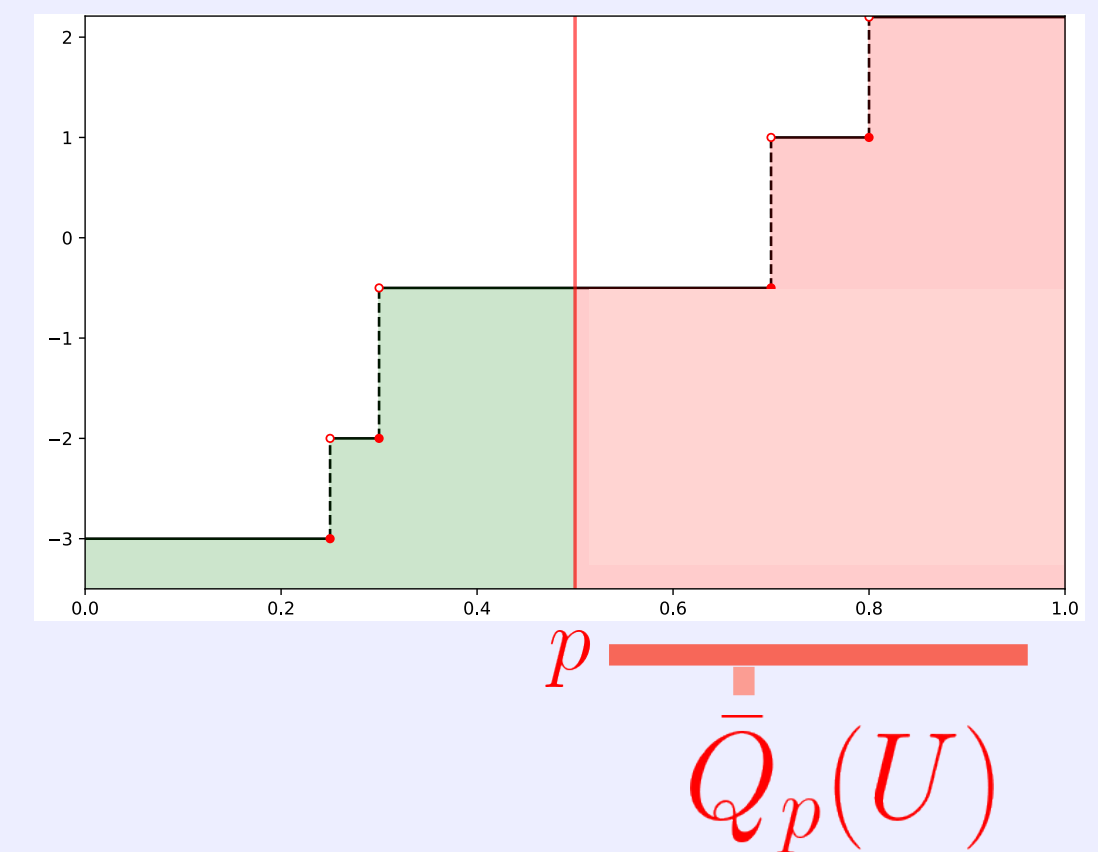
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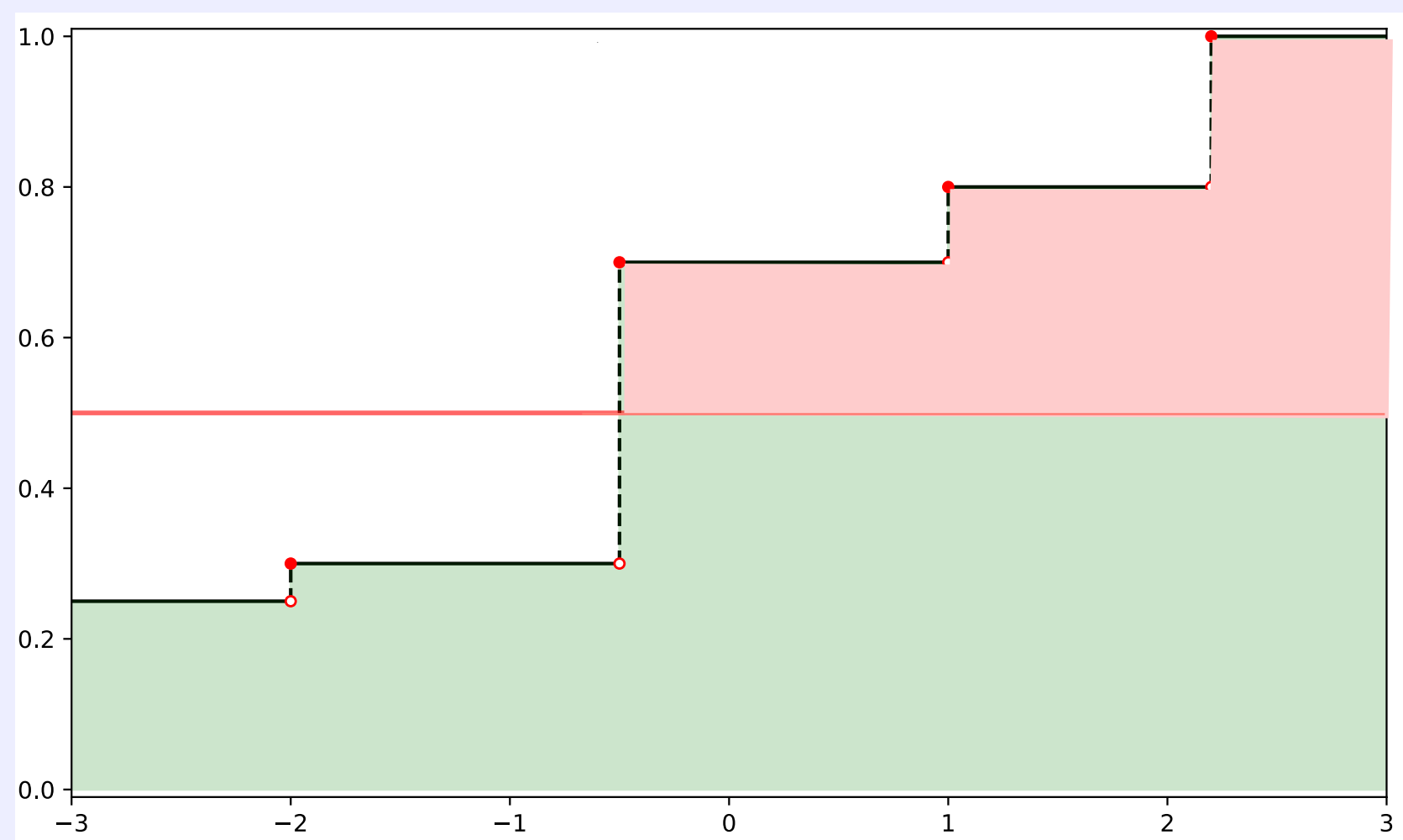
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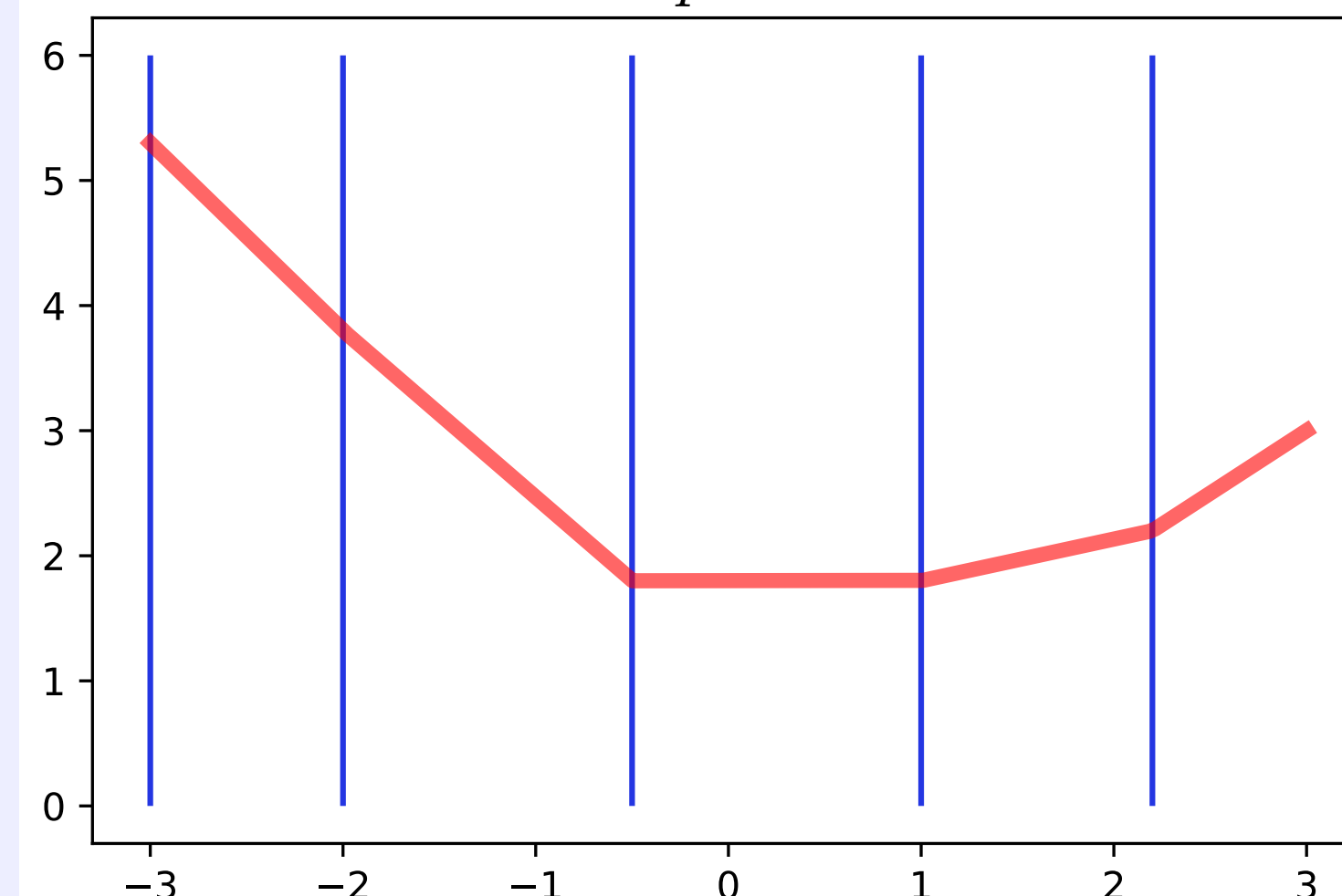
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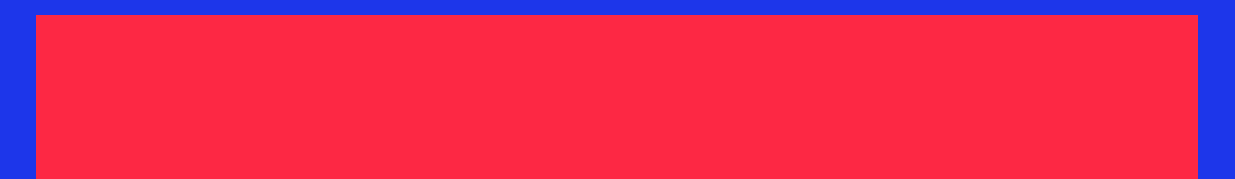
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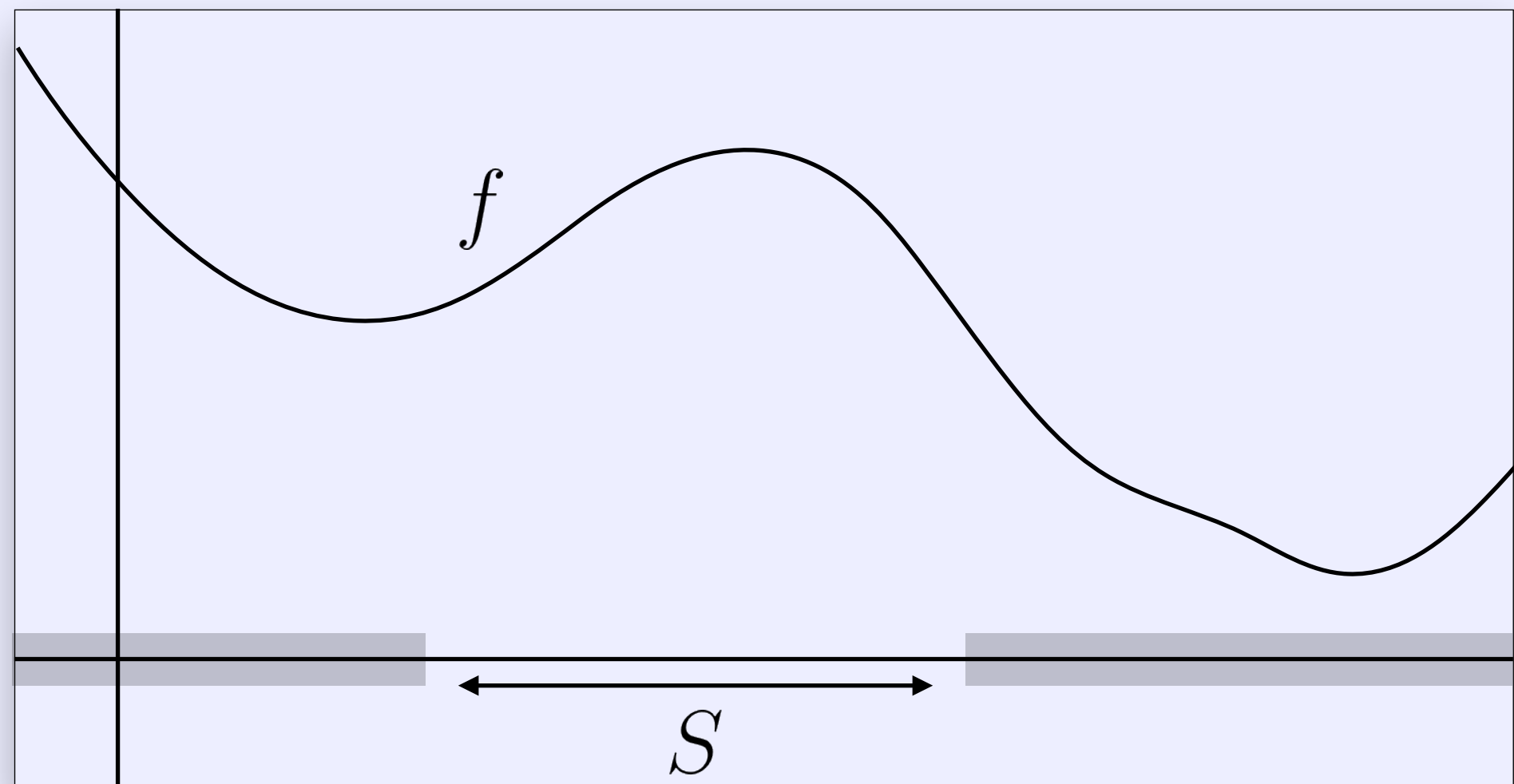
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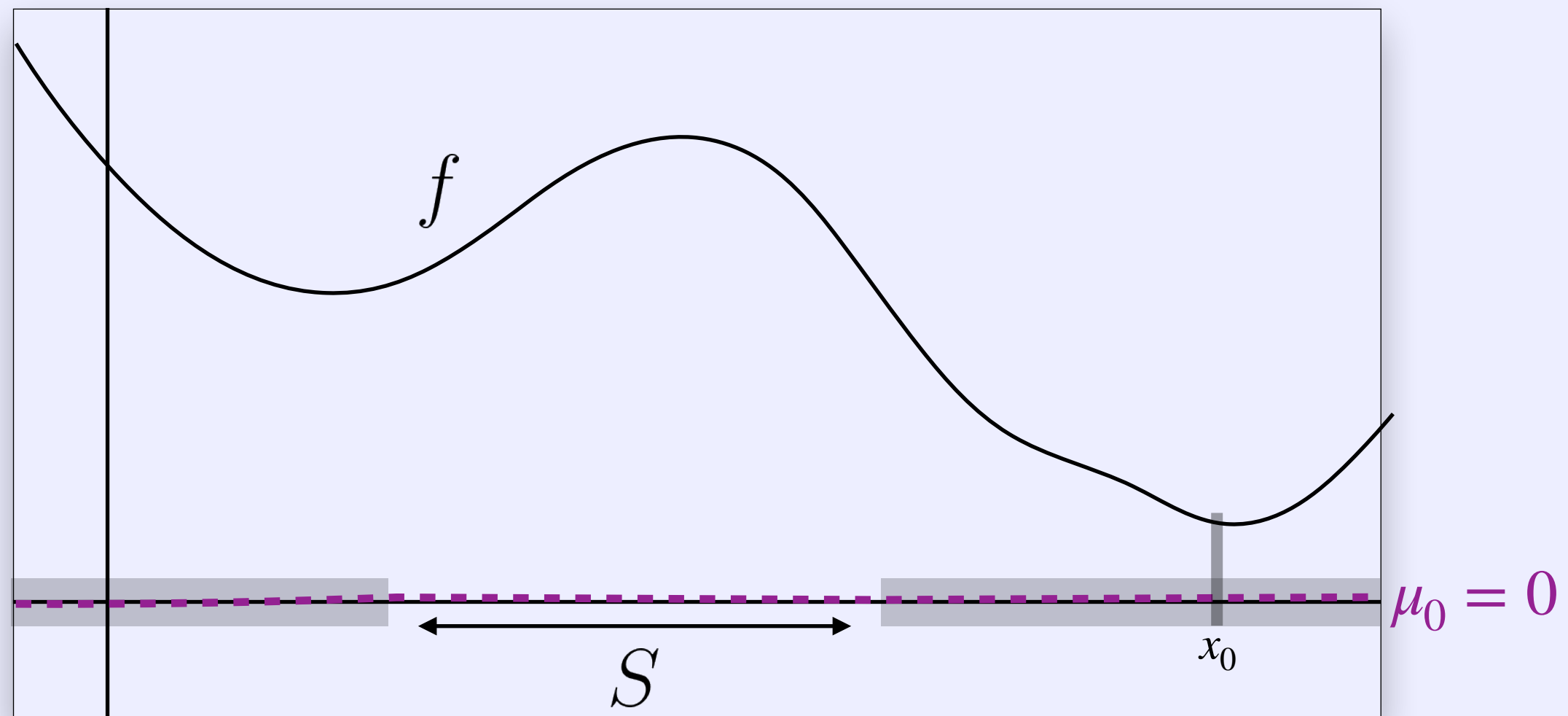
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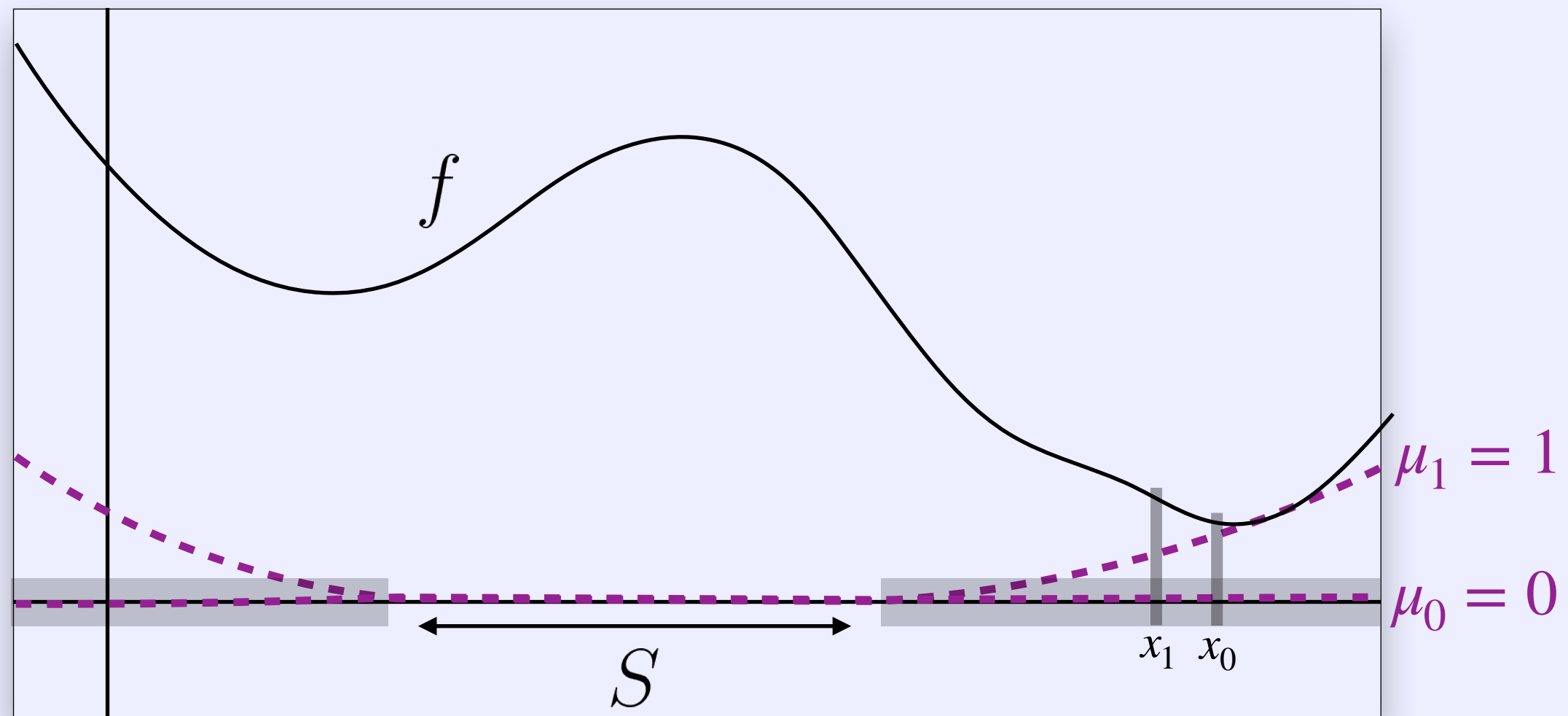
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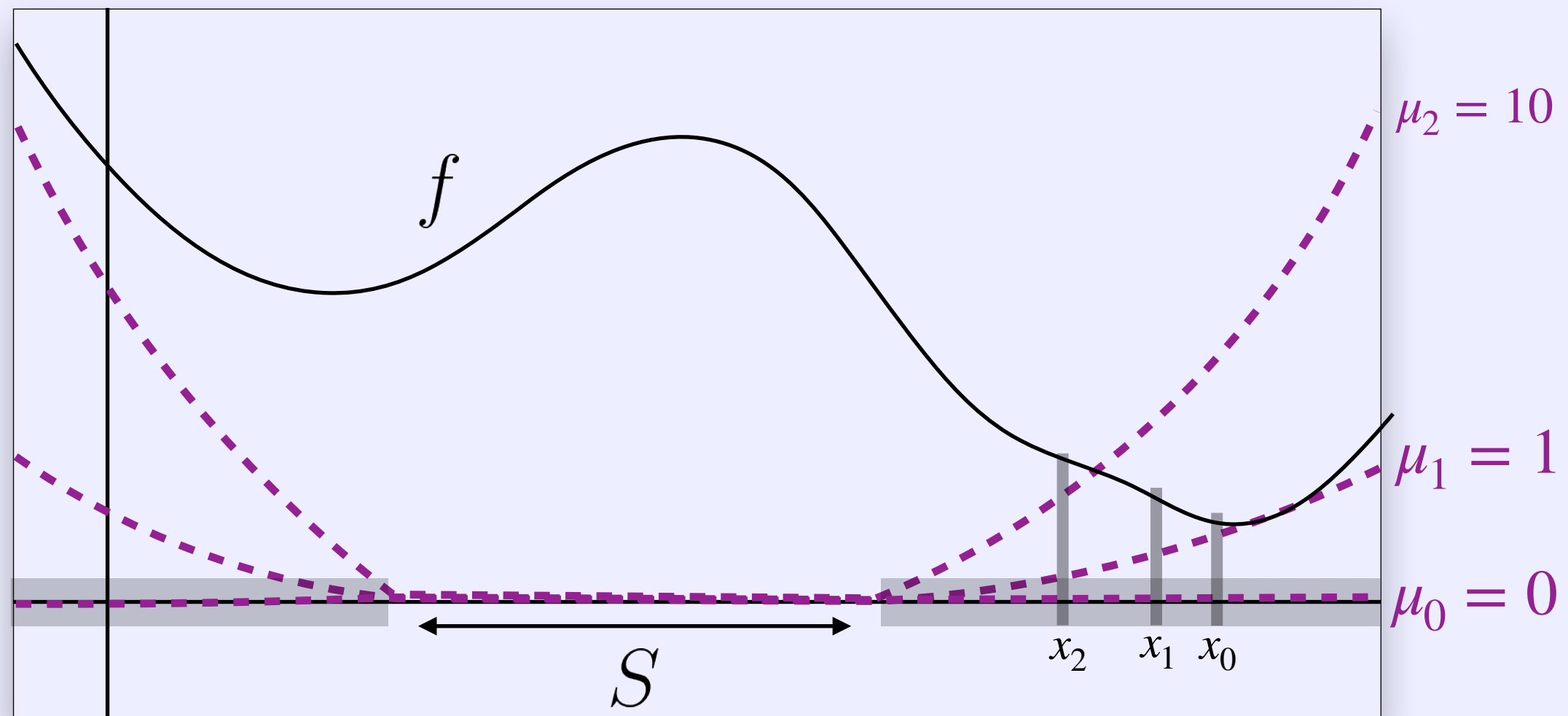
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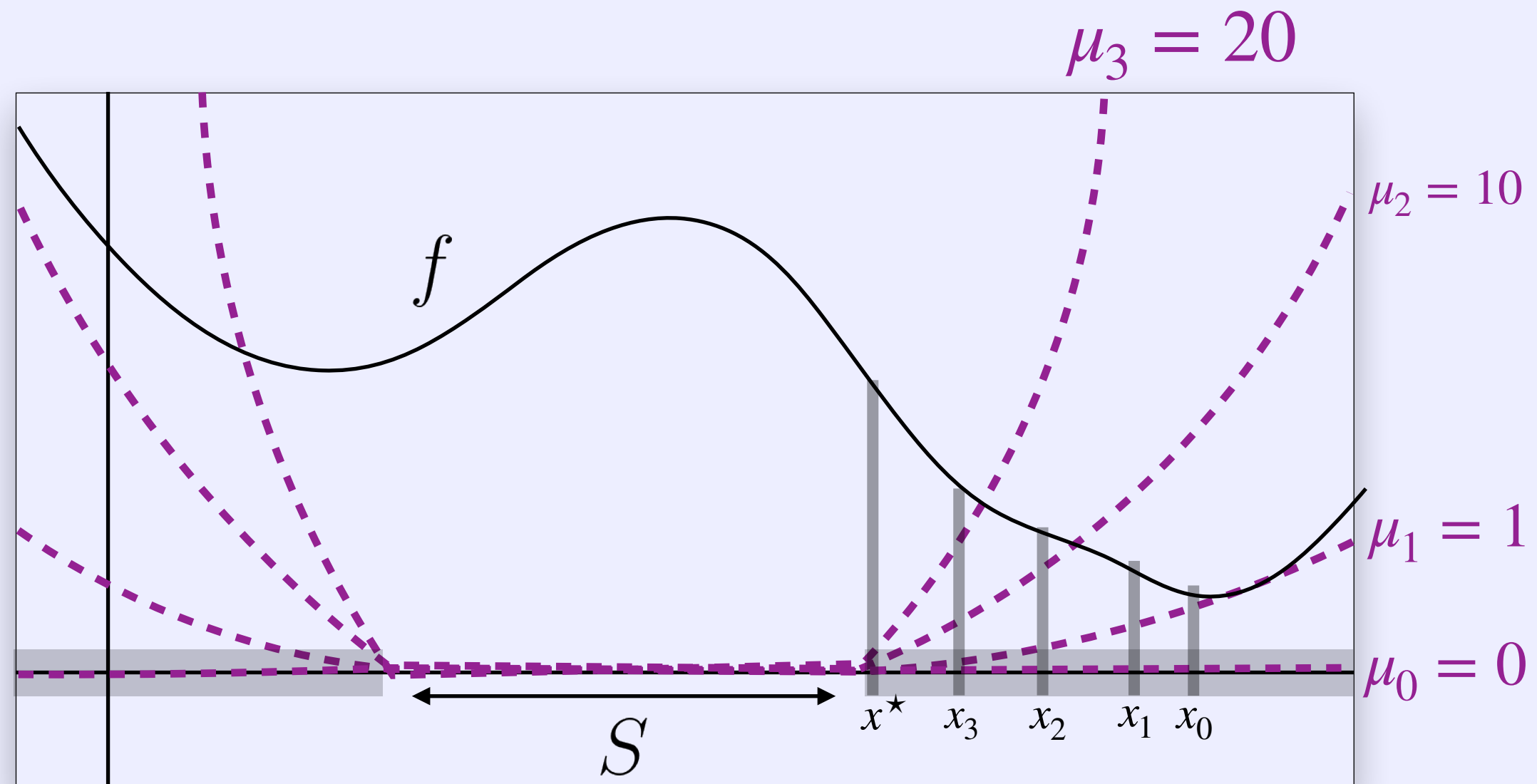


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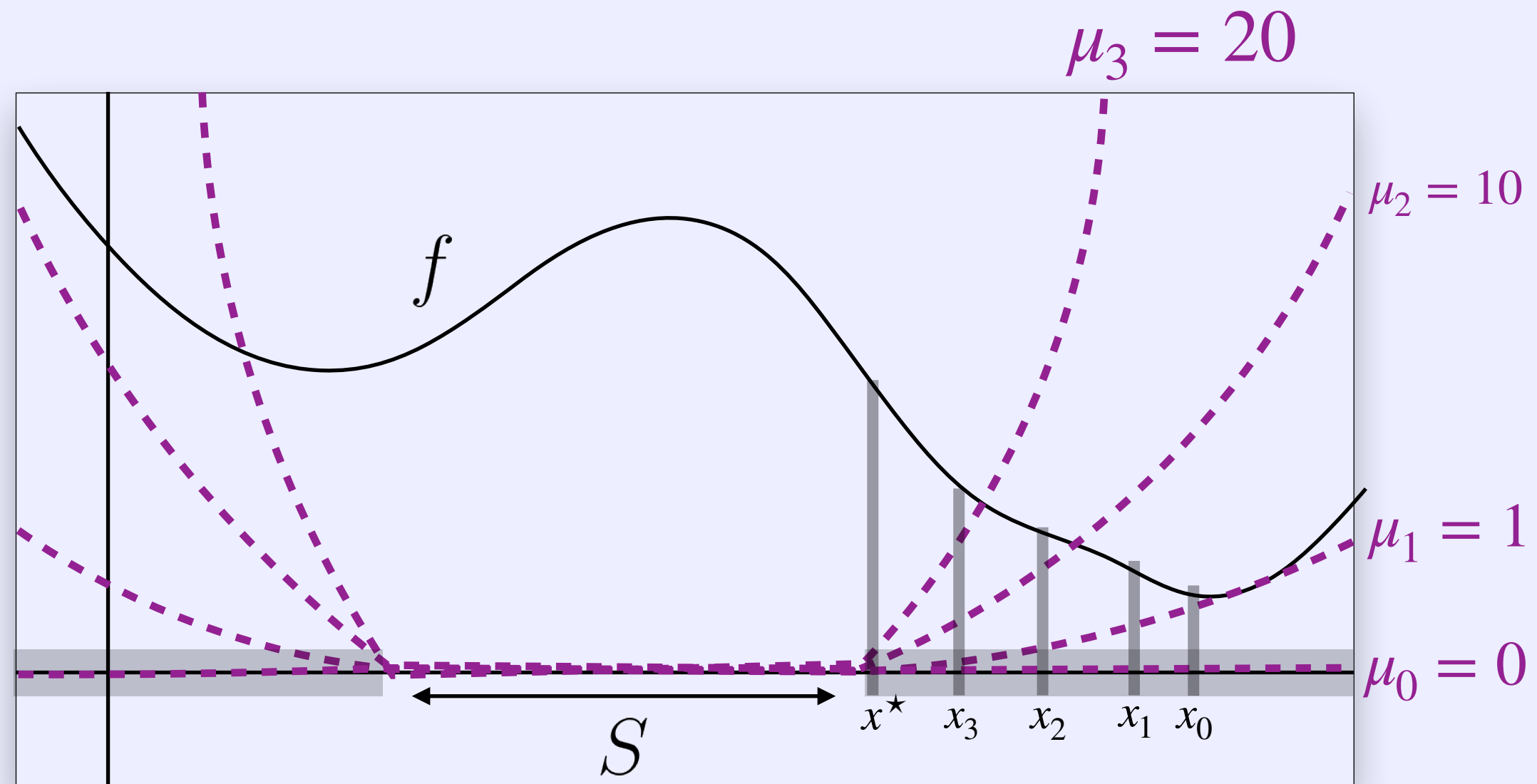
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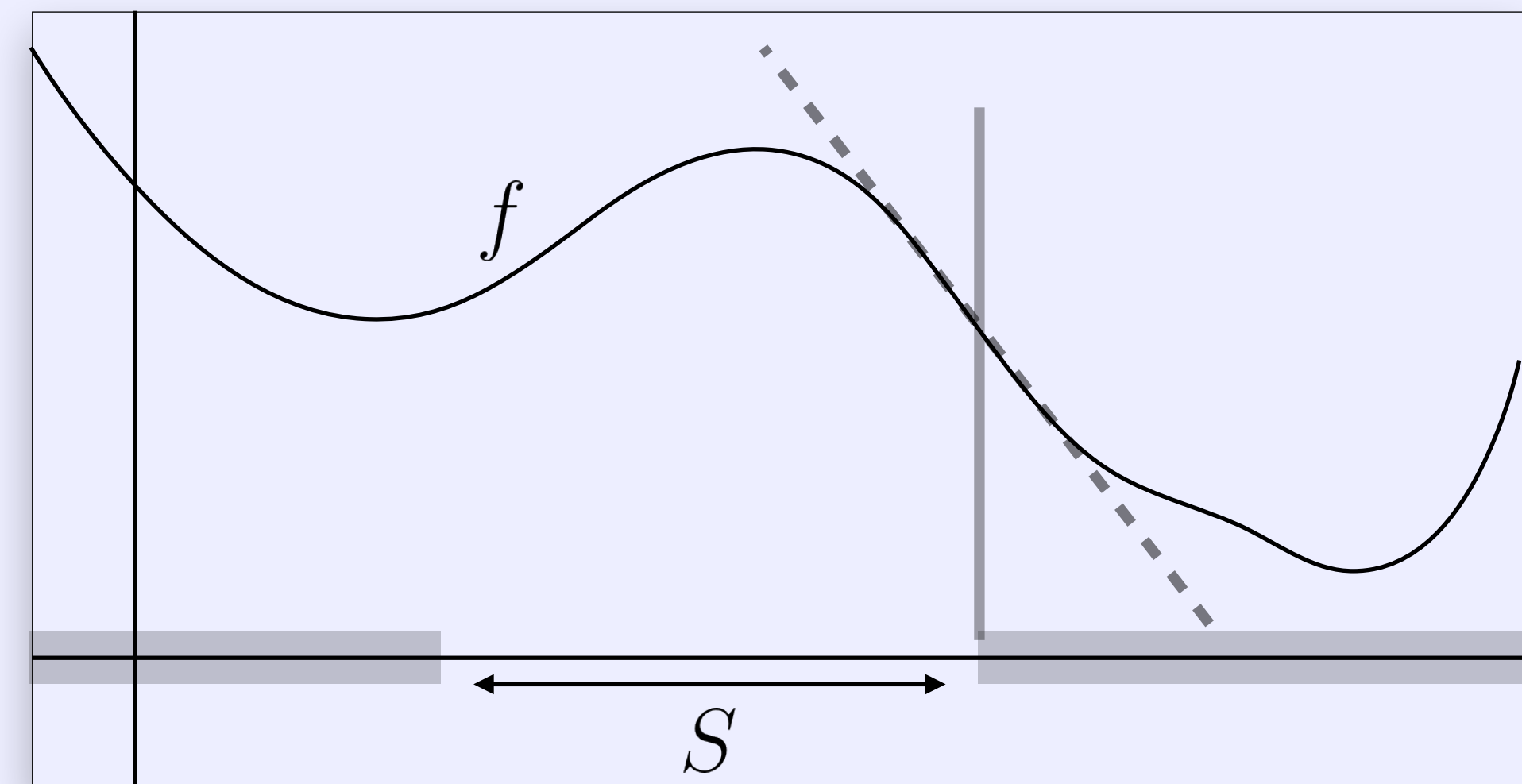
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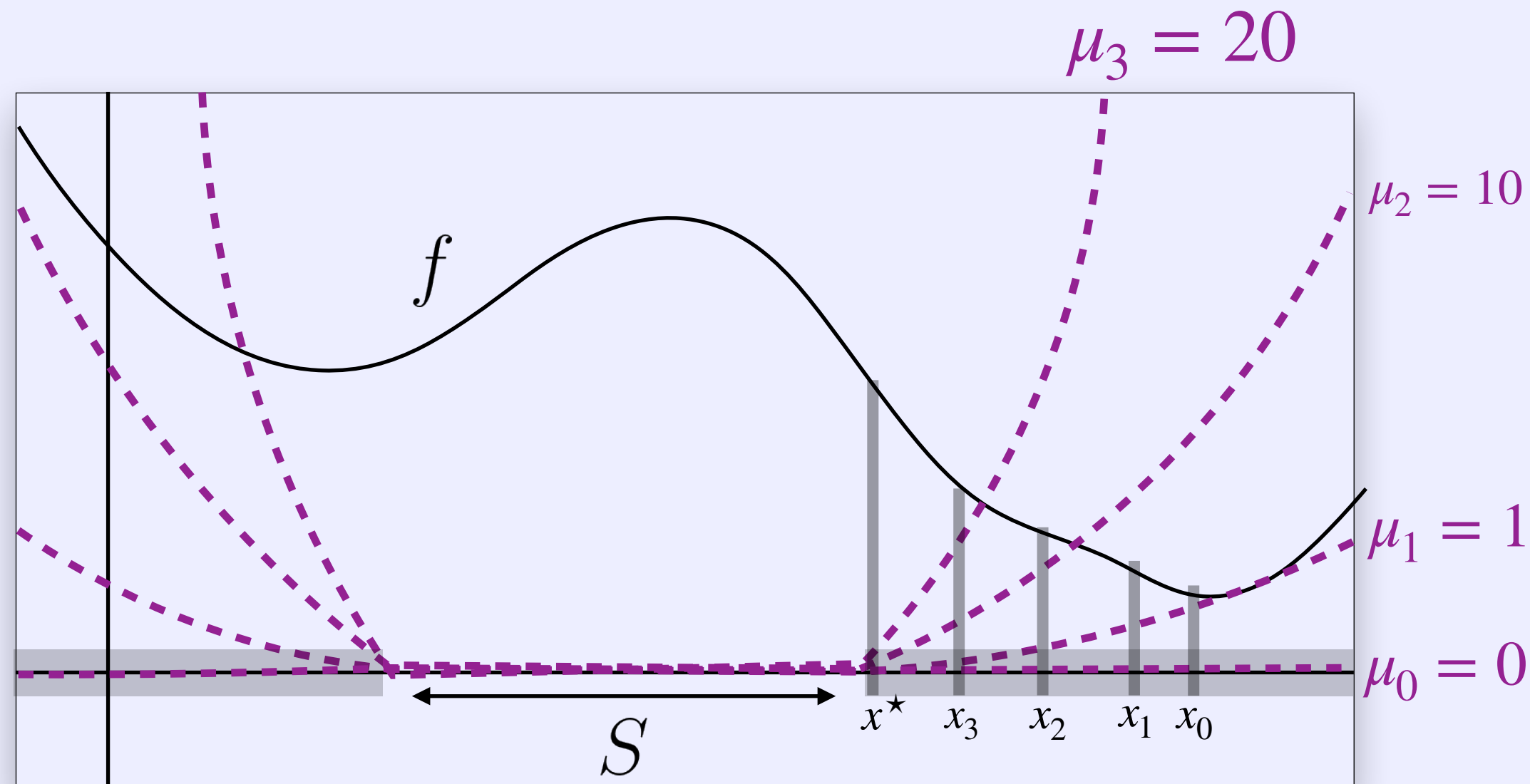
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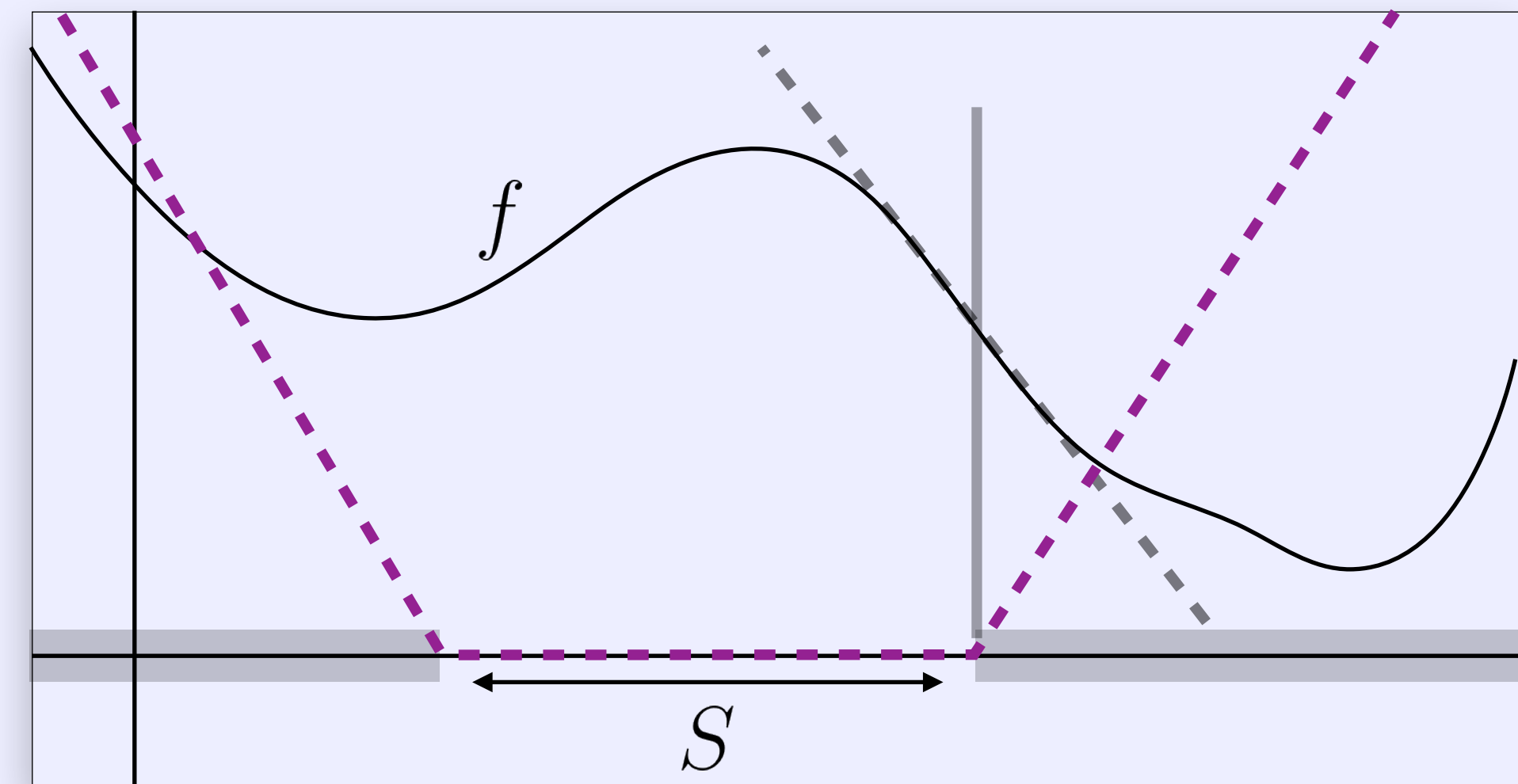
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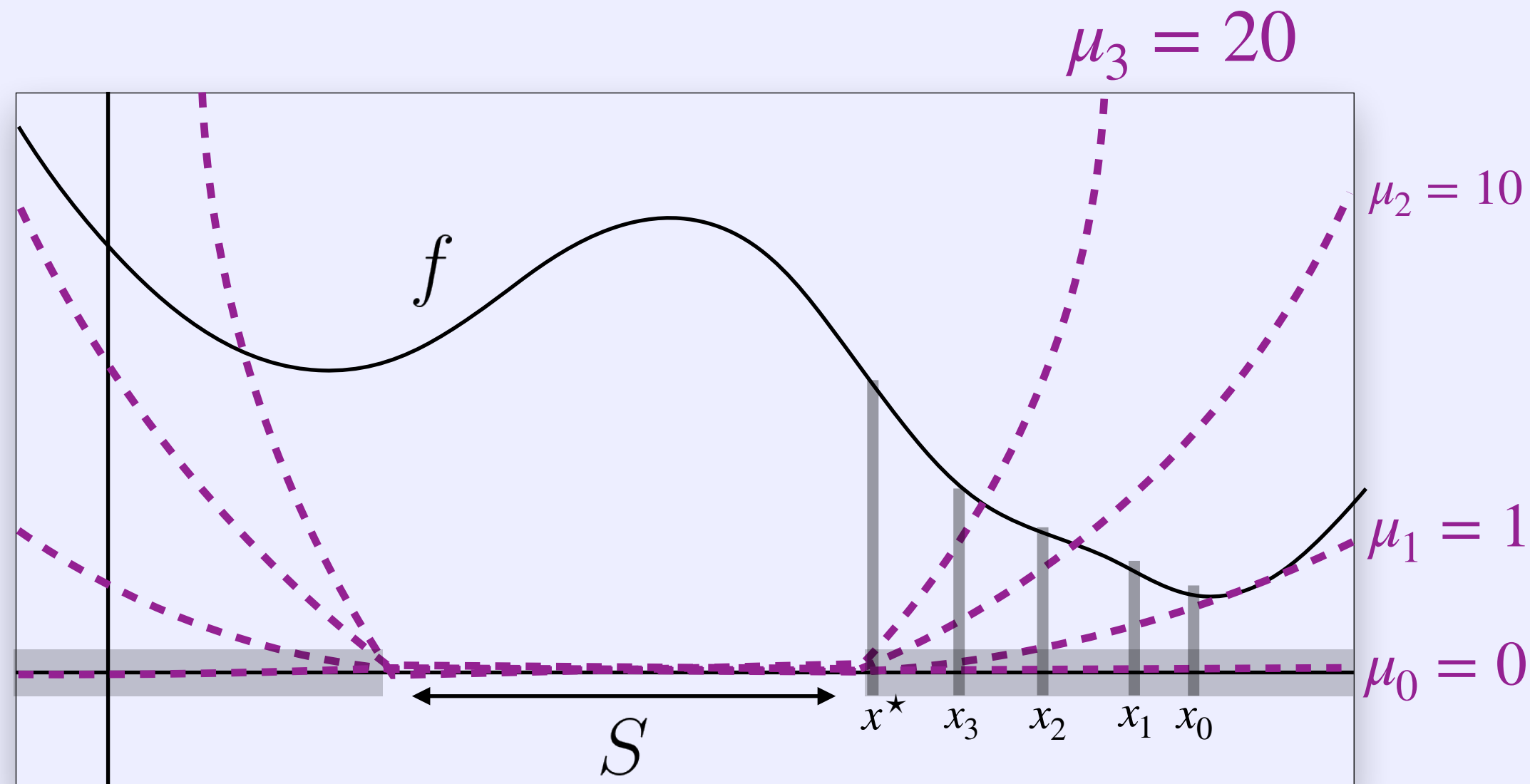


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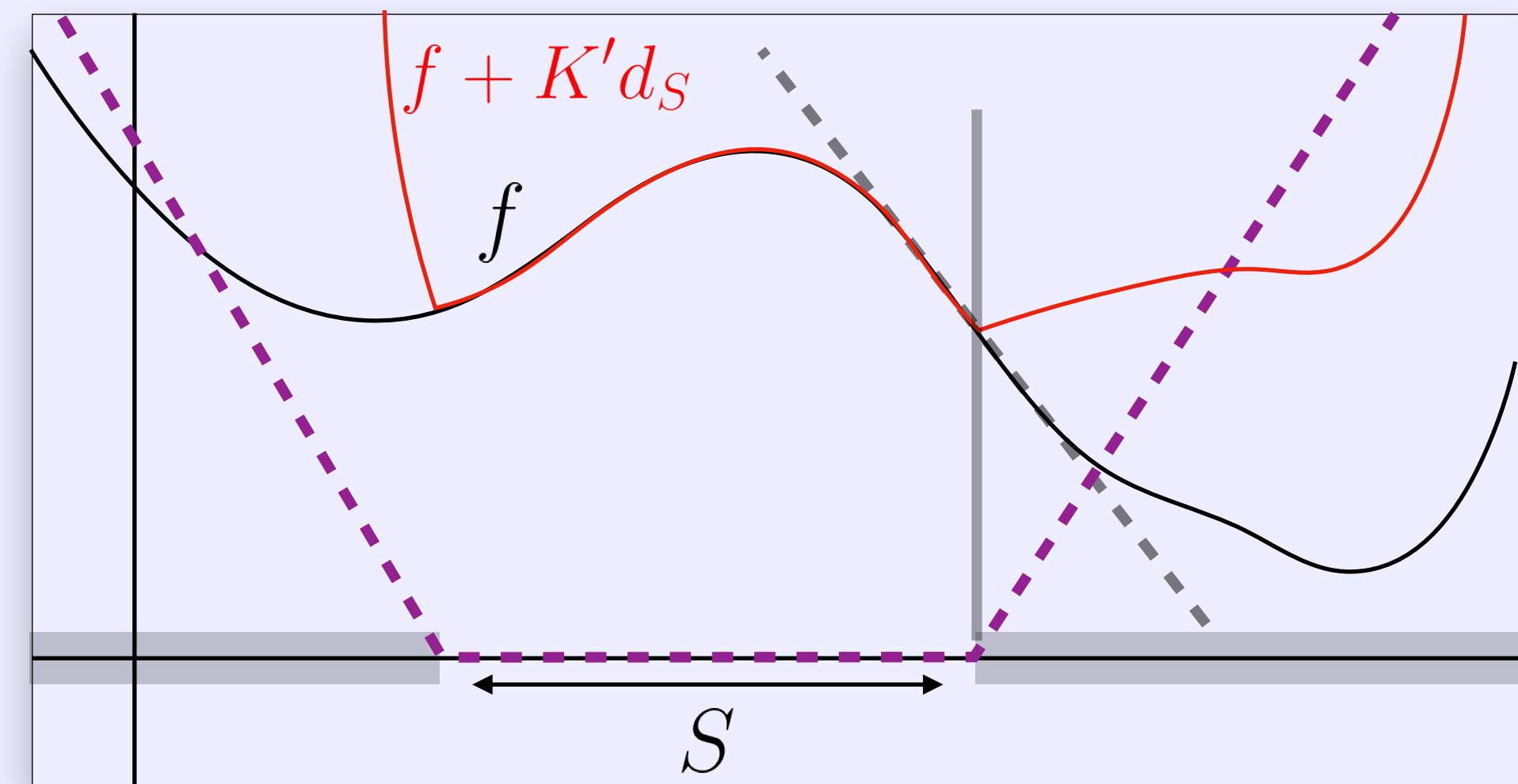
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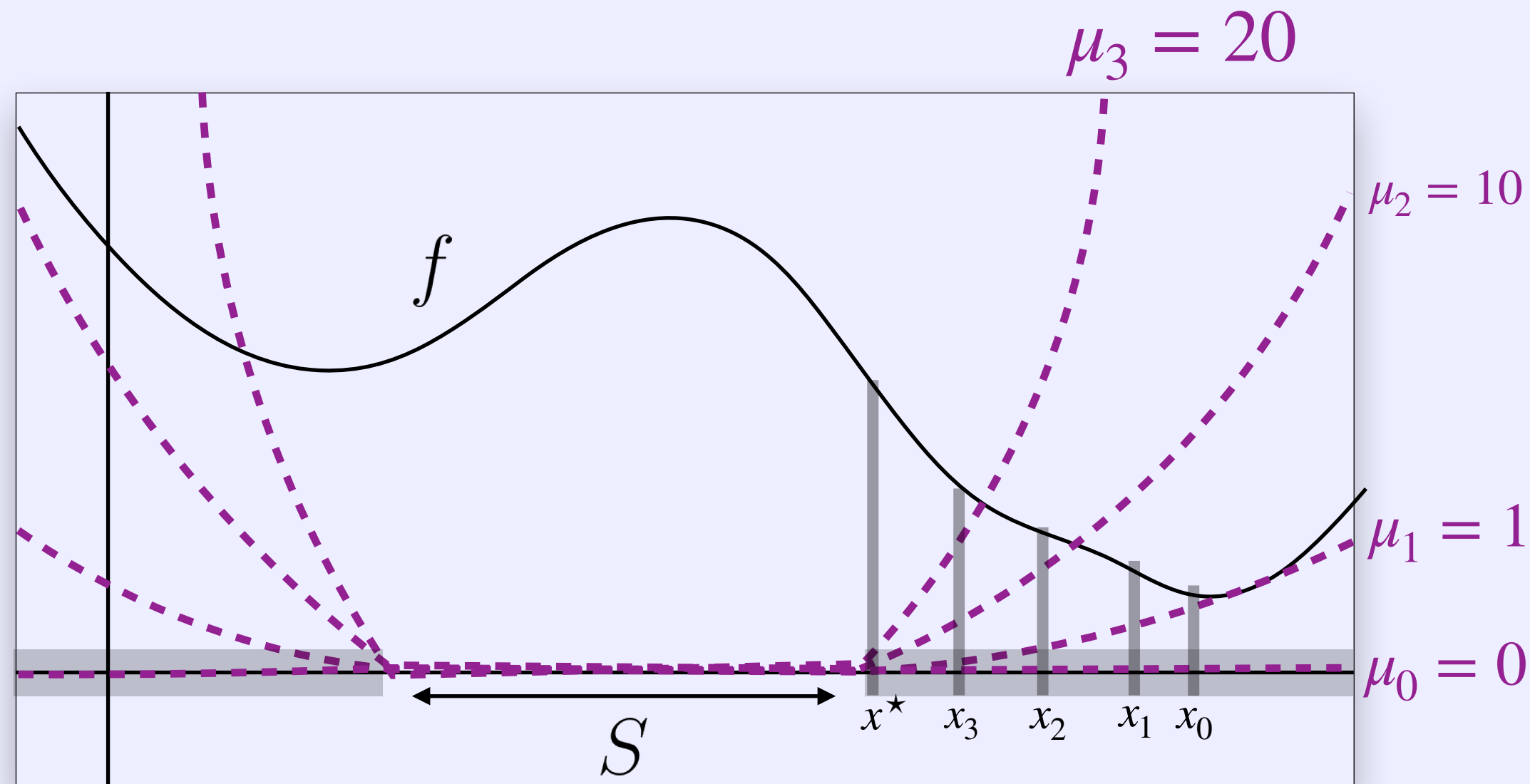


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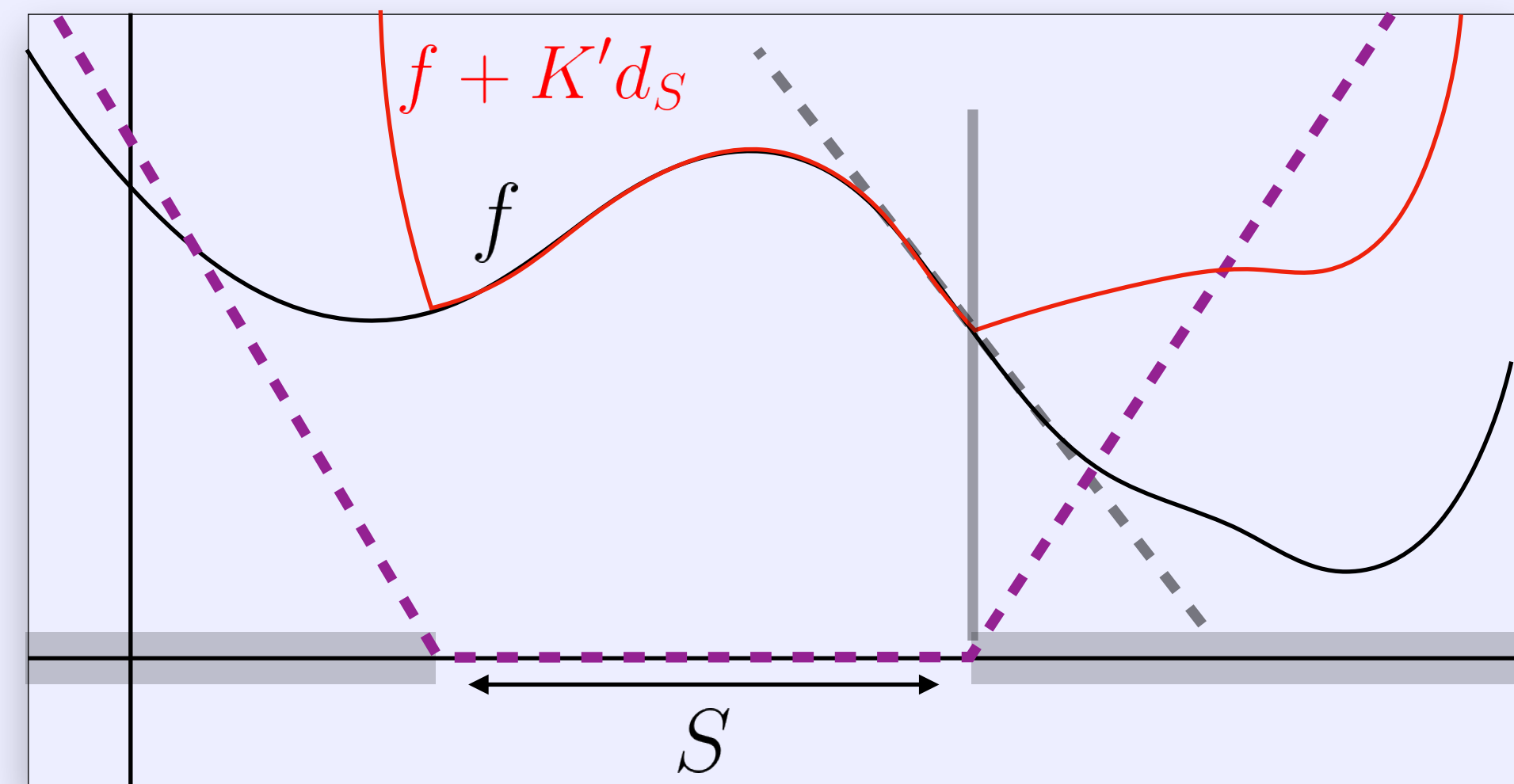


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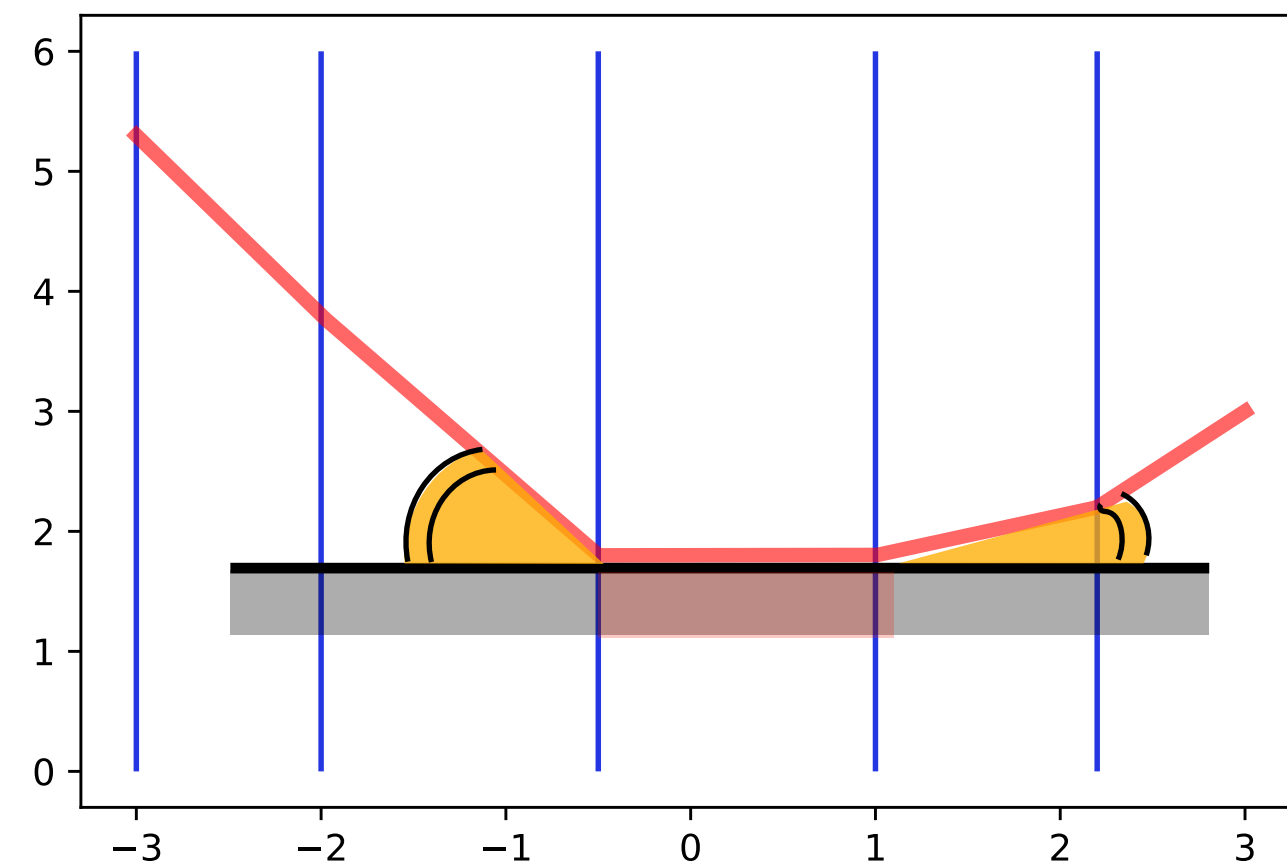
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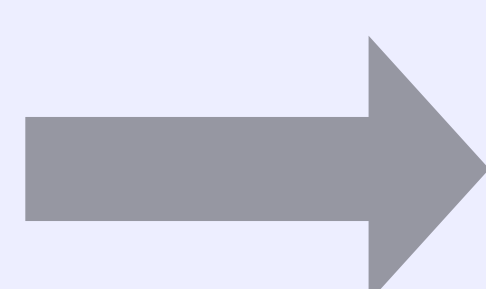
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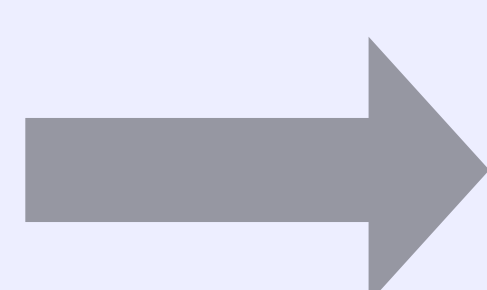
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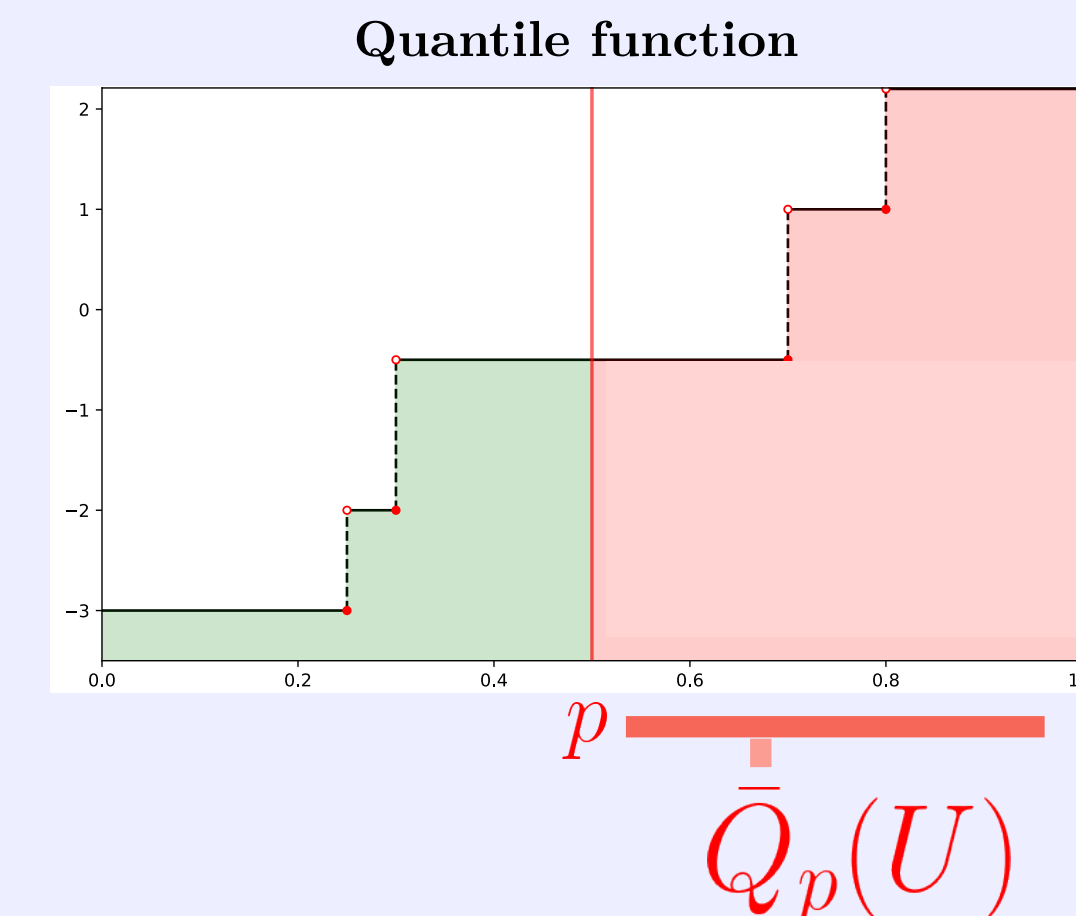
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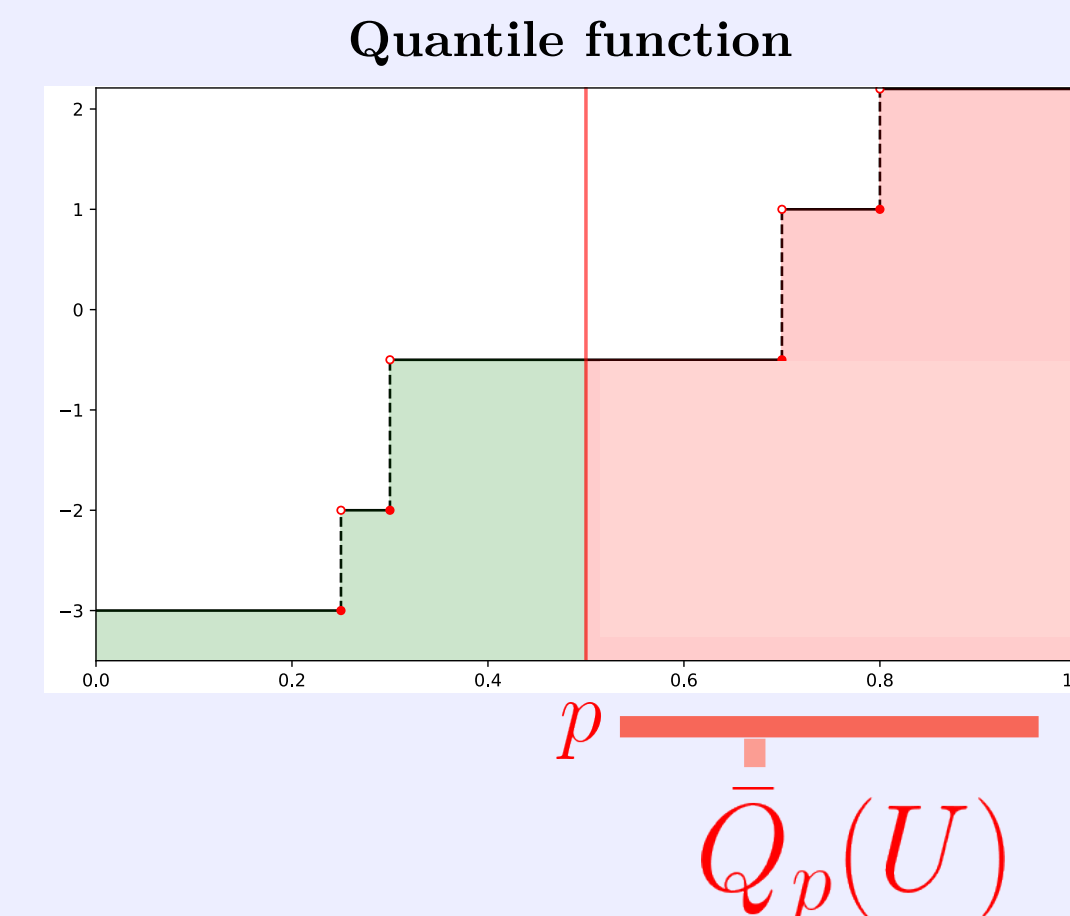
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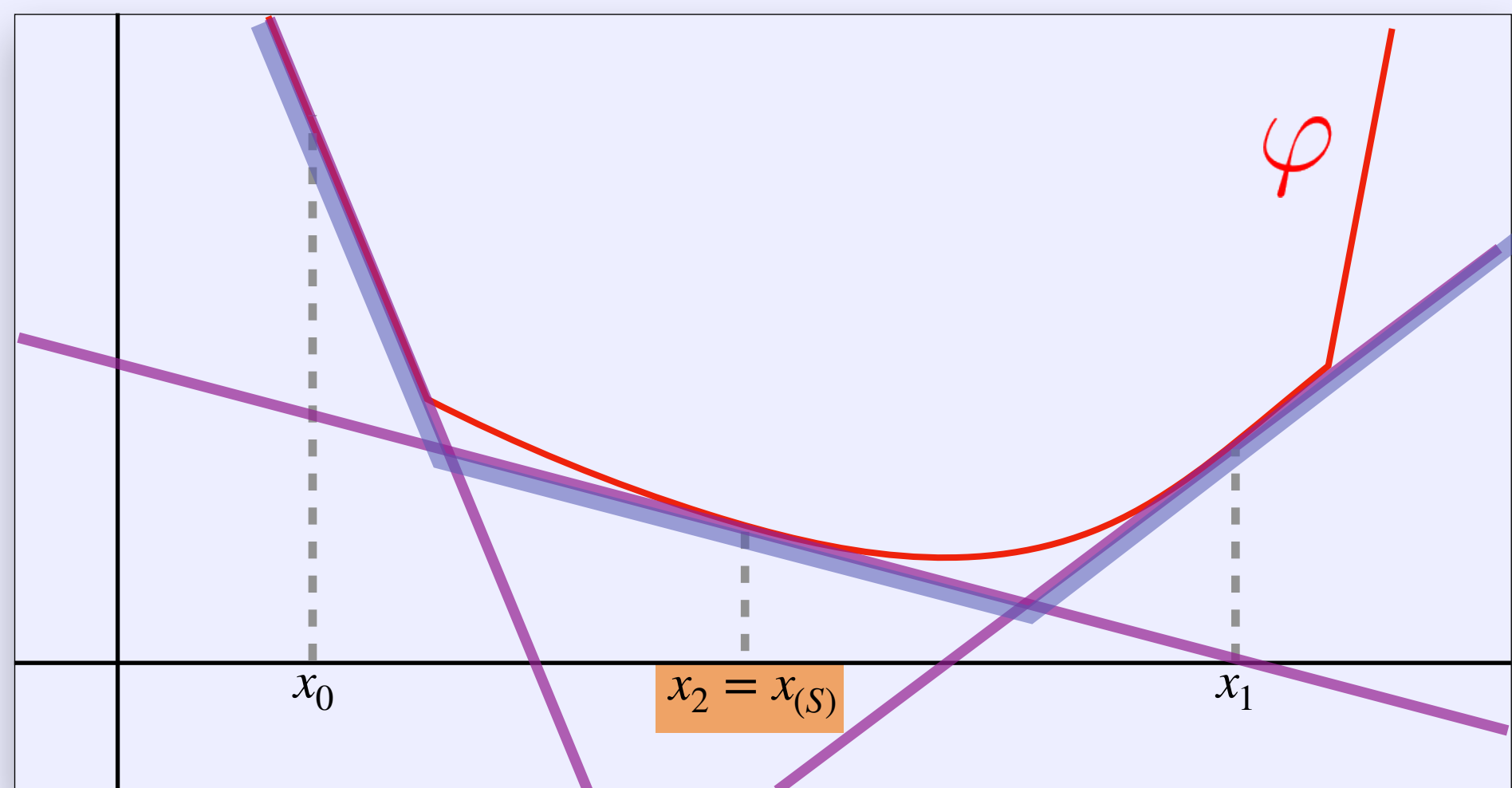
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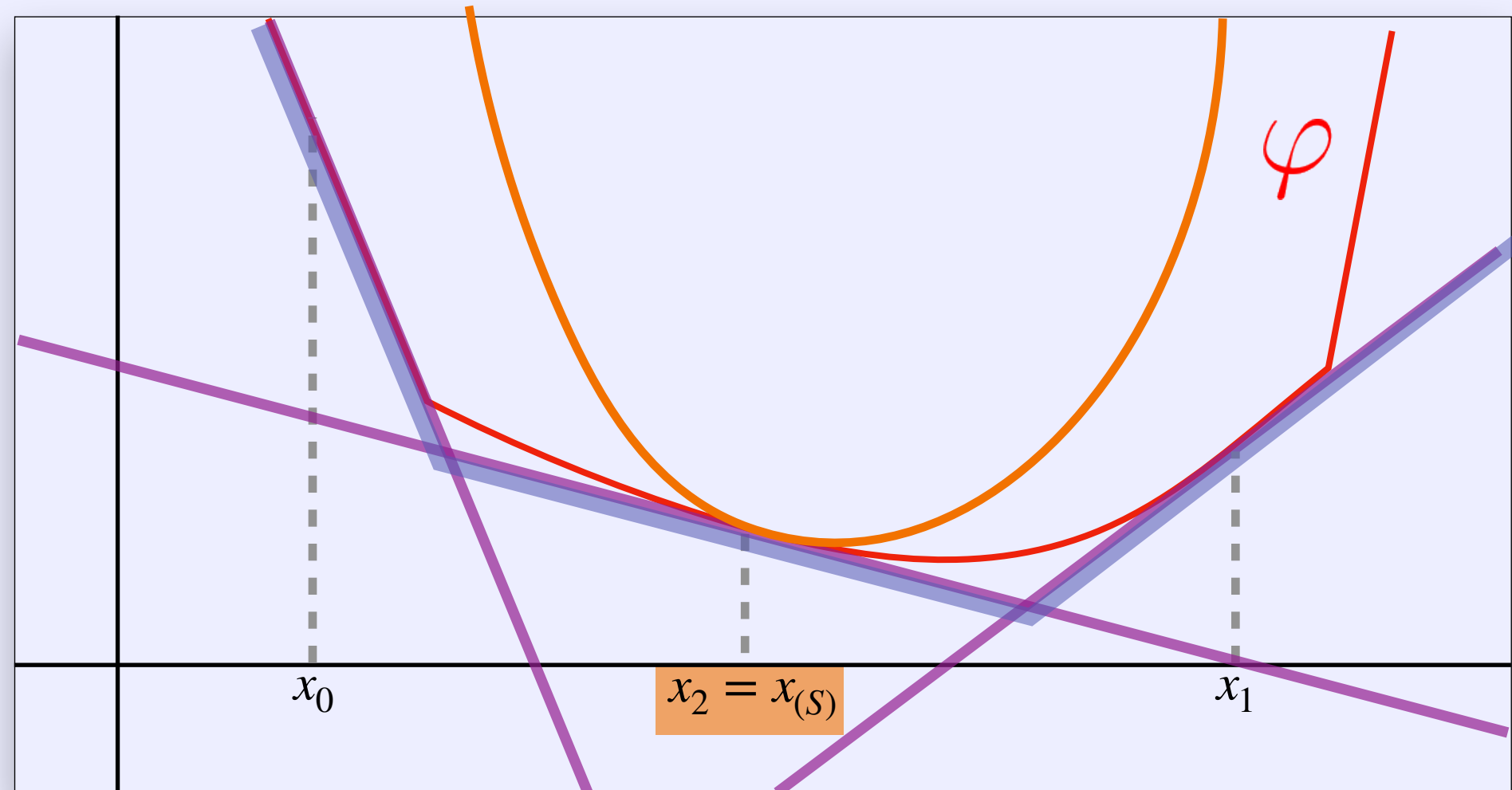
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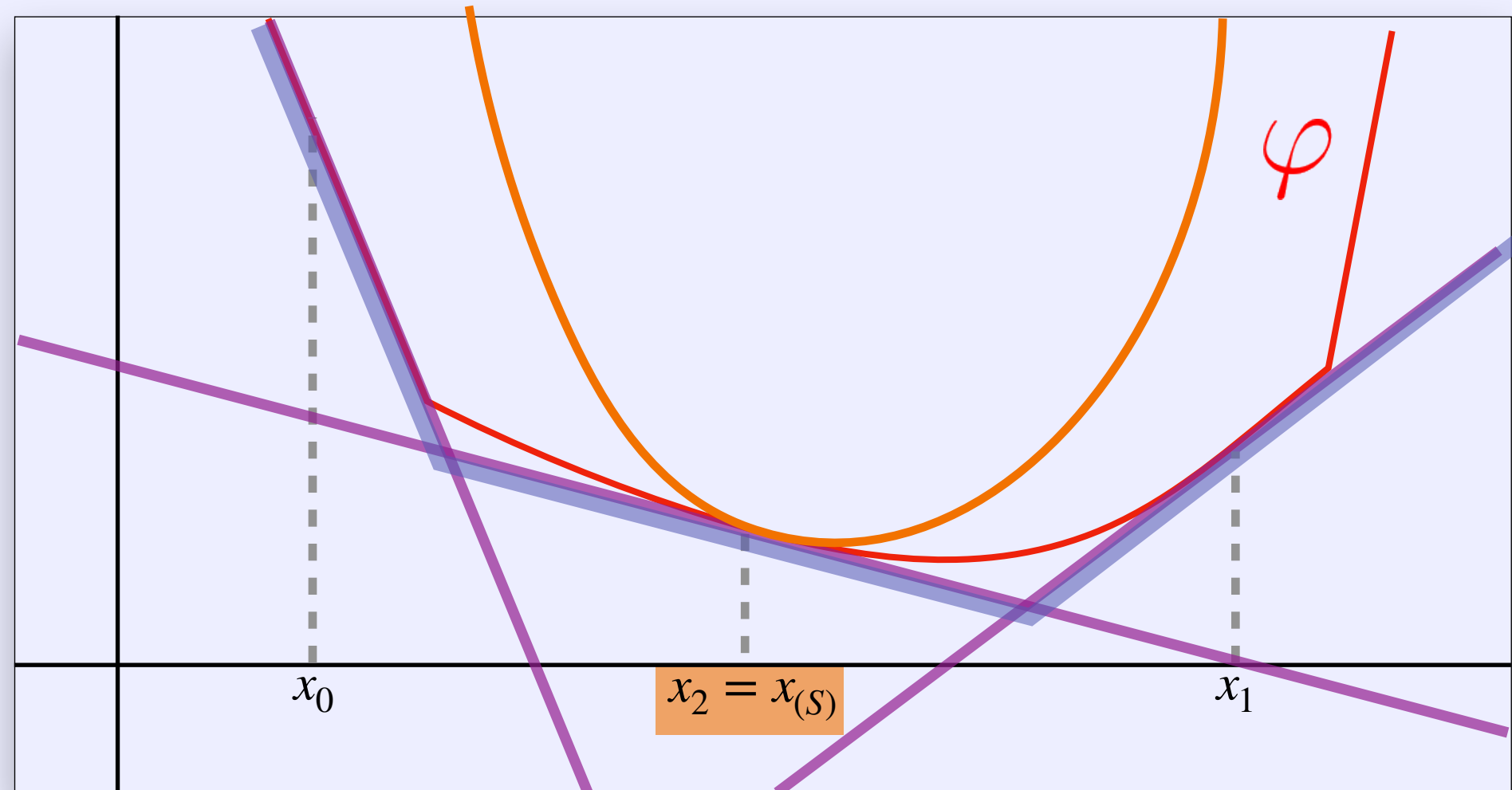
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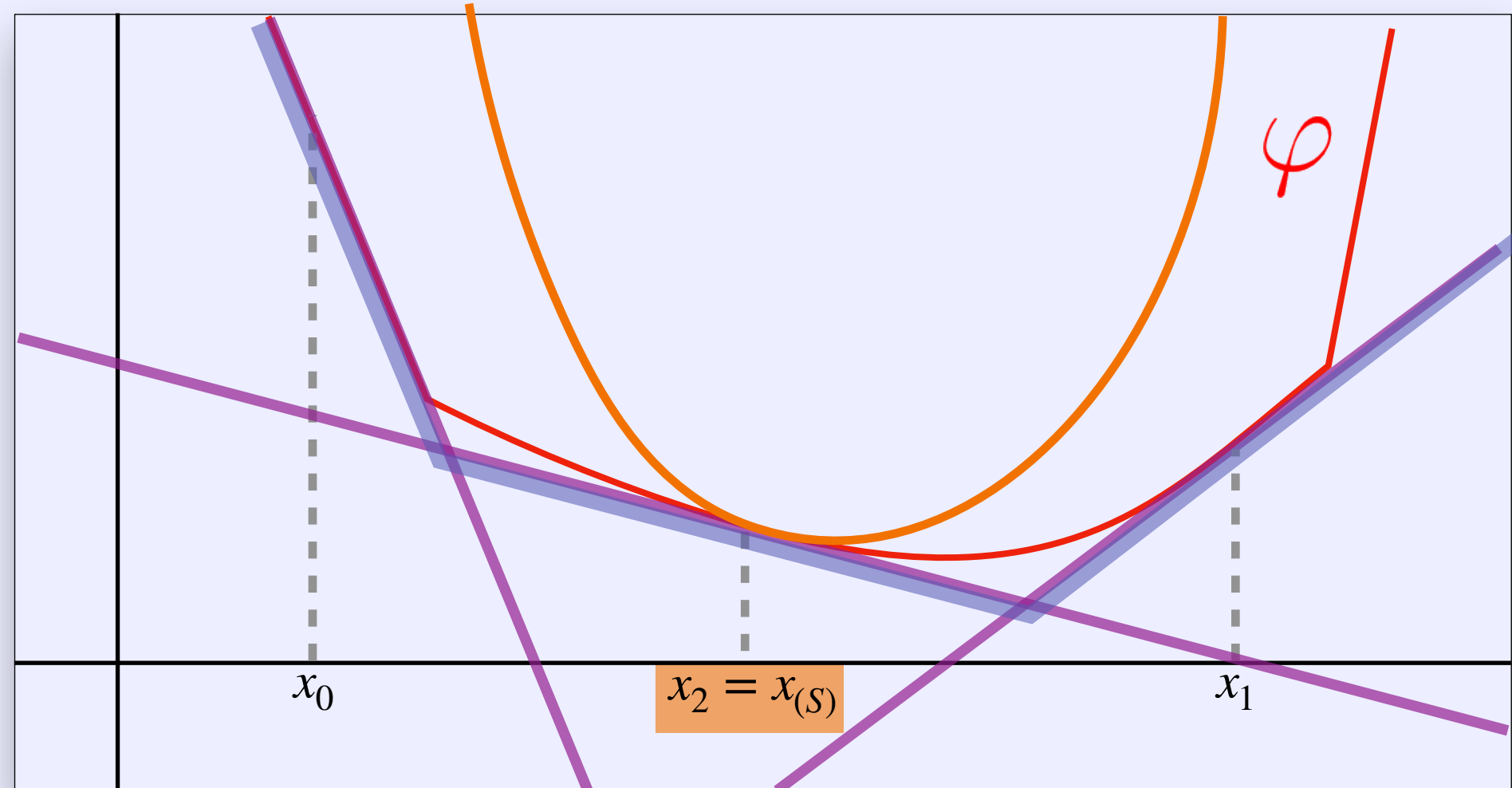
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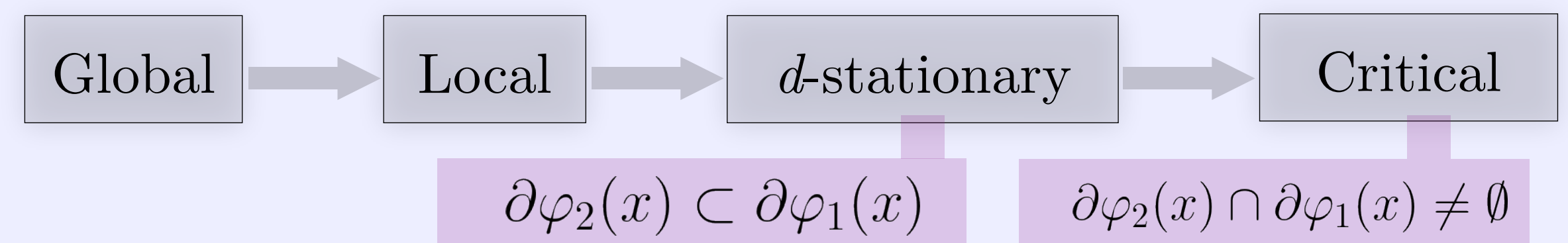
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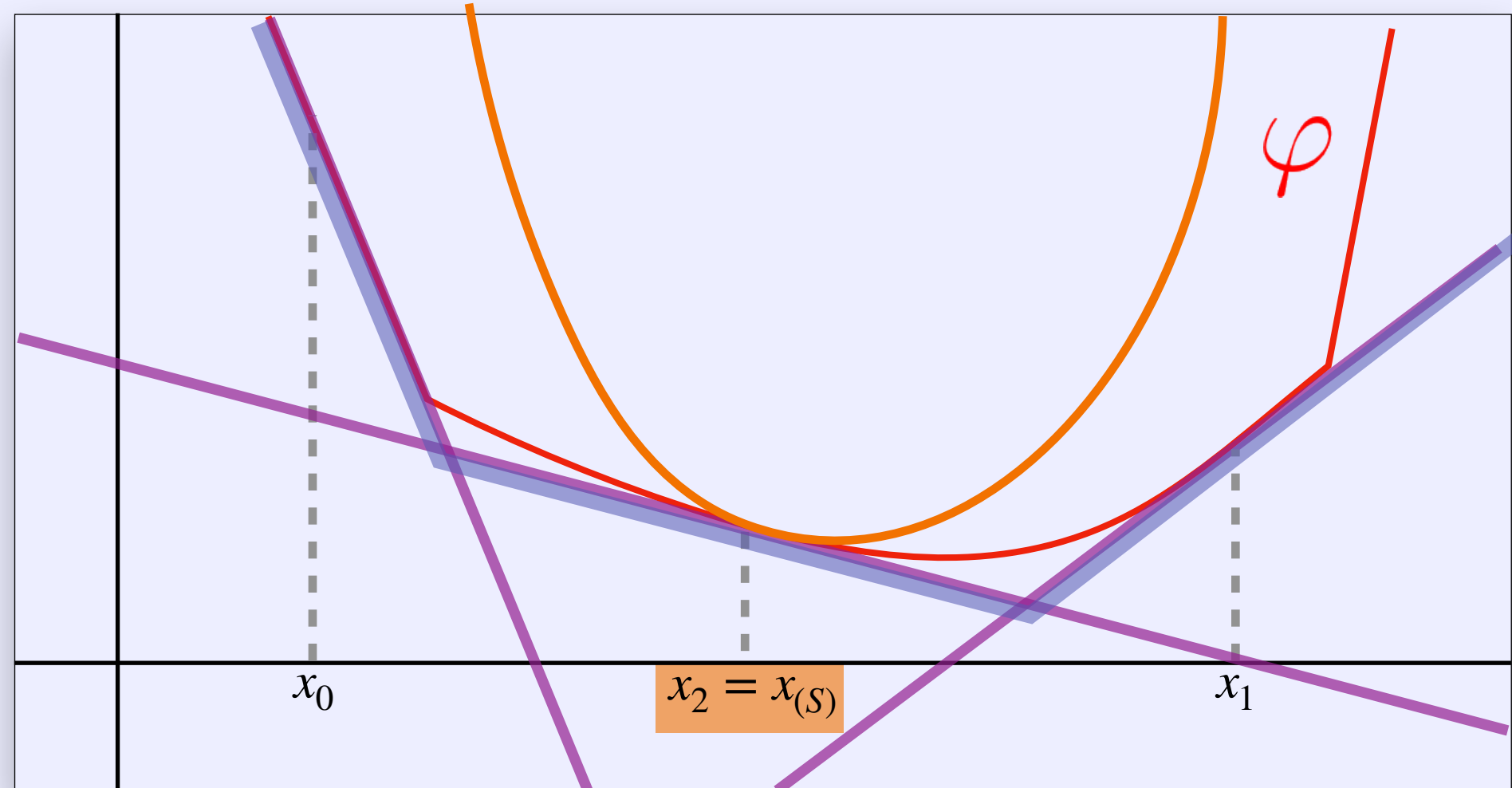
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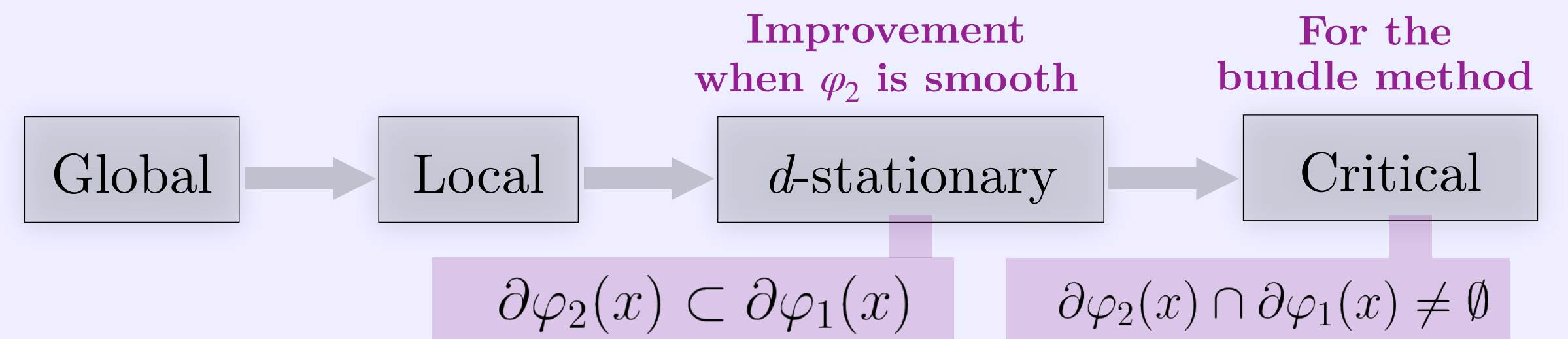
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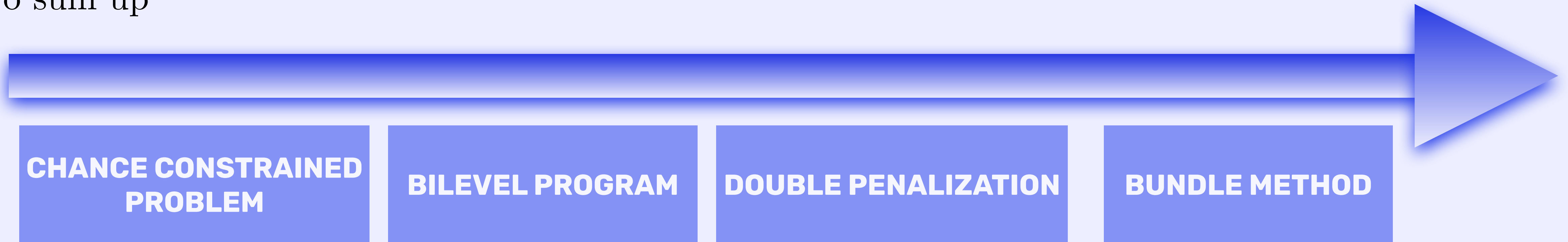
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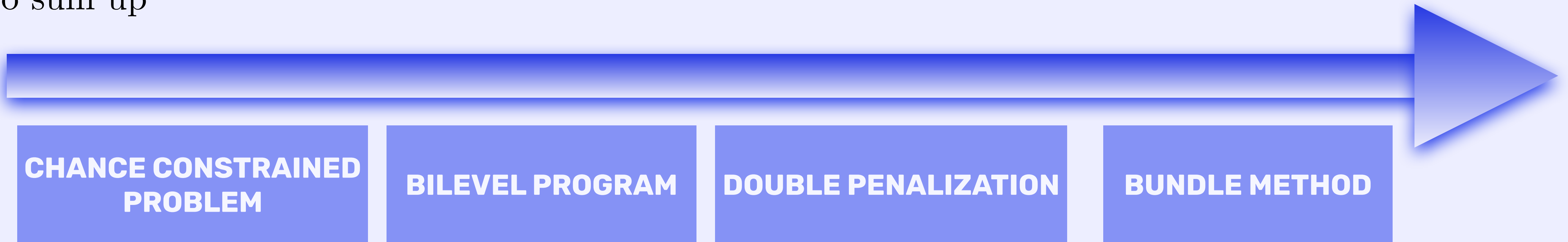
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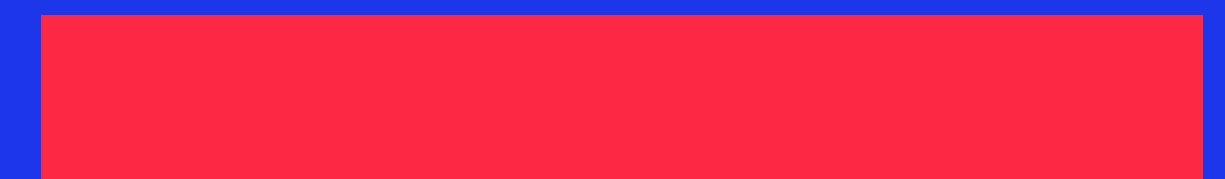
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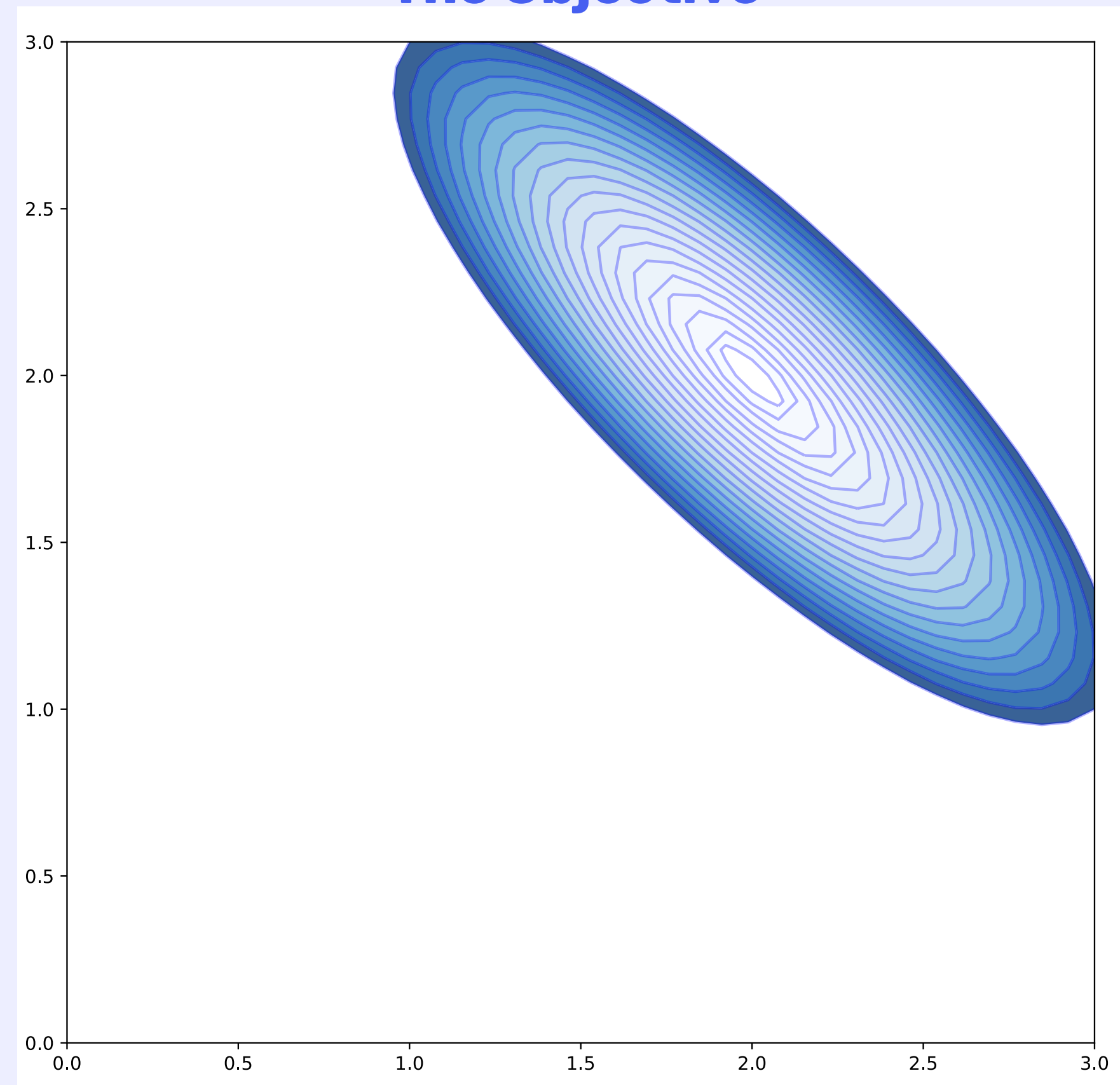
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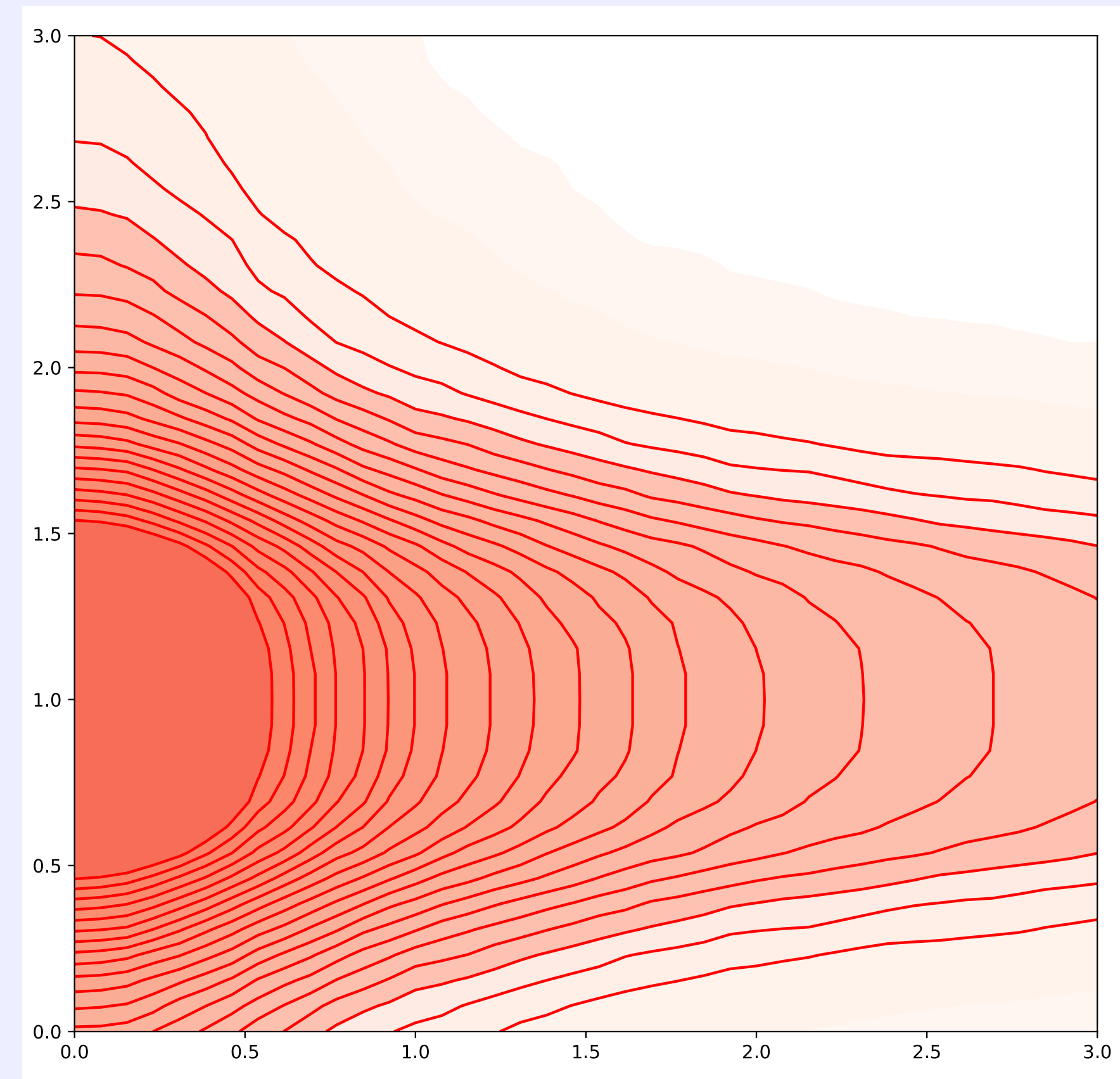
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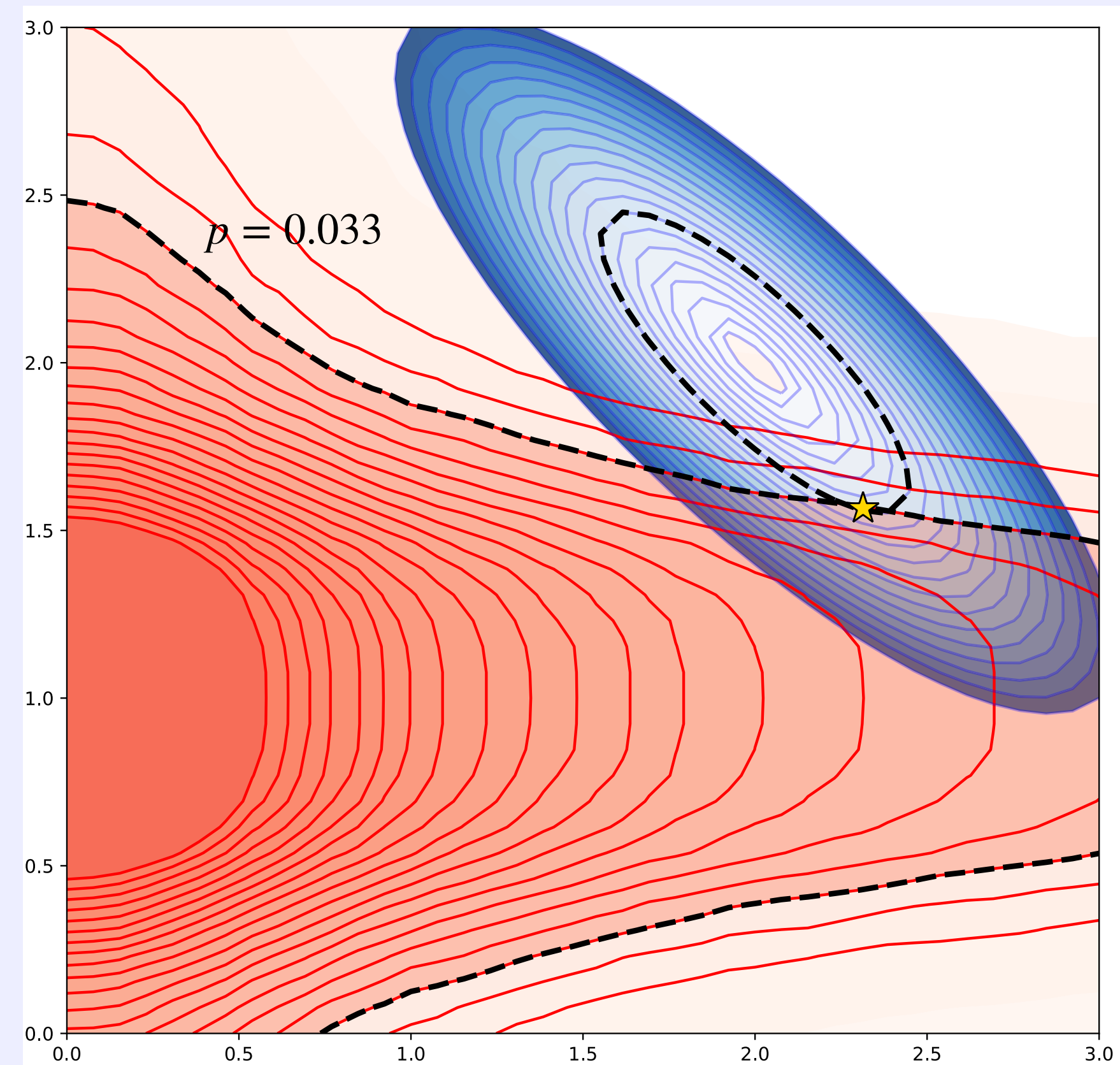
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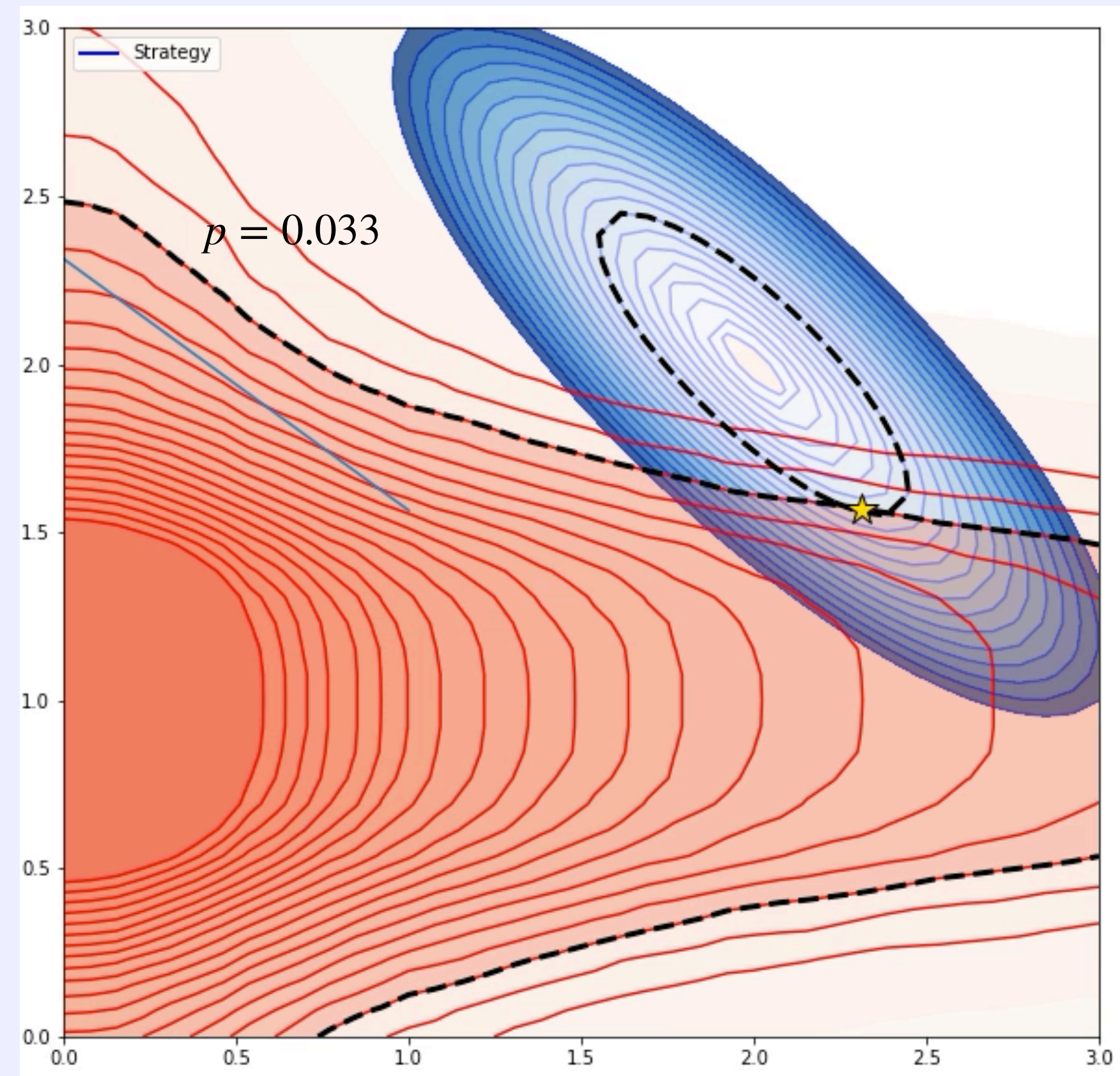
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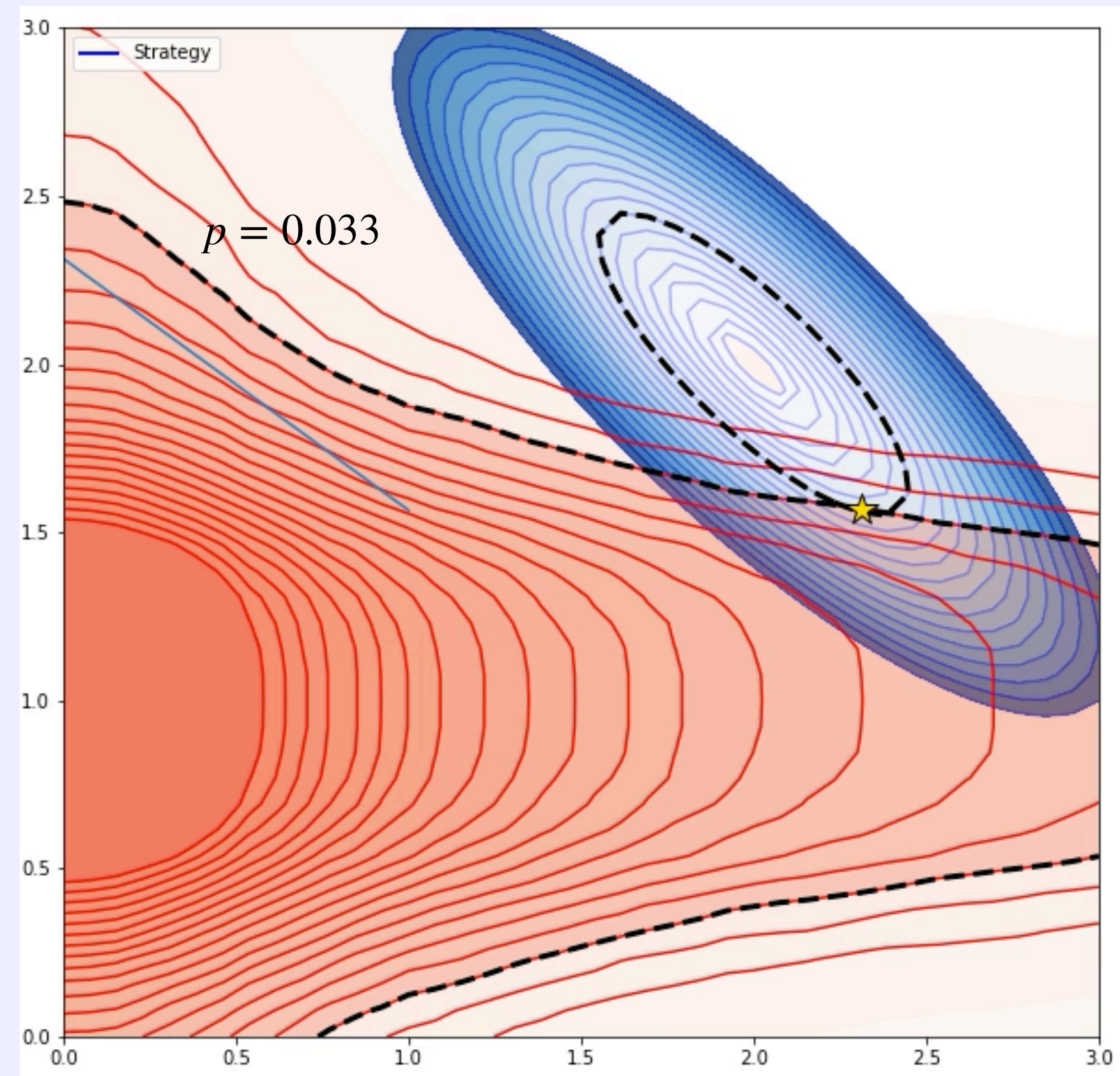
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$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} & f(x) \\ \text{s.t.} & \mathbb{P}[g(x, \xi) \leq 0] \geq p \end{aligned}$$

$f(x) = -\|x\|_1$

$g : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{M}_{n,d} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$x, Z \mapsto \max_{i \in [n]} \sum_{j=1}^d Z_{i,j}^2 x_j^2$$
$$\xi_{i,j} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$
$$p = 0.8$$

■ Optimal value and solution

$$f^* = \frac{10d}{\sqrt{\underbrace{F_{\chi_d^2}^{-1}(p^{\frac{1}{10}})}_{\chi_d^2}}} \quad x_i^* = \frac{10}{\sqrt{F_{\chi_d^2}^{-1}(p^{\frac{1}{10}})}}, i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$$

Quantile function of a χ^2 distribution with d degrees of freedom

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- A family of norm optimization problems
Hong, Yang, Zhang (2009)

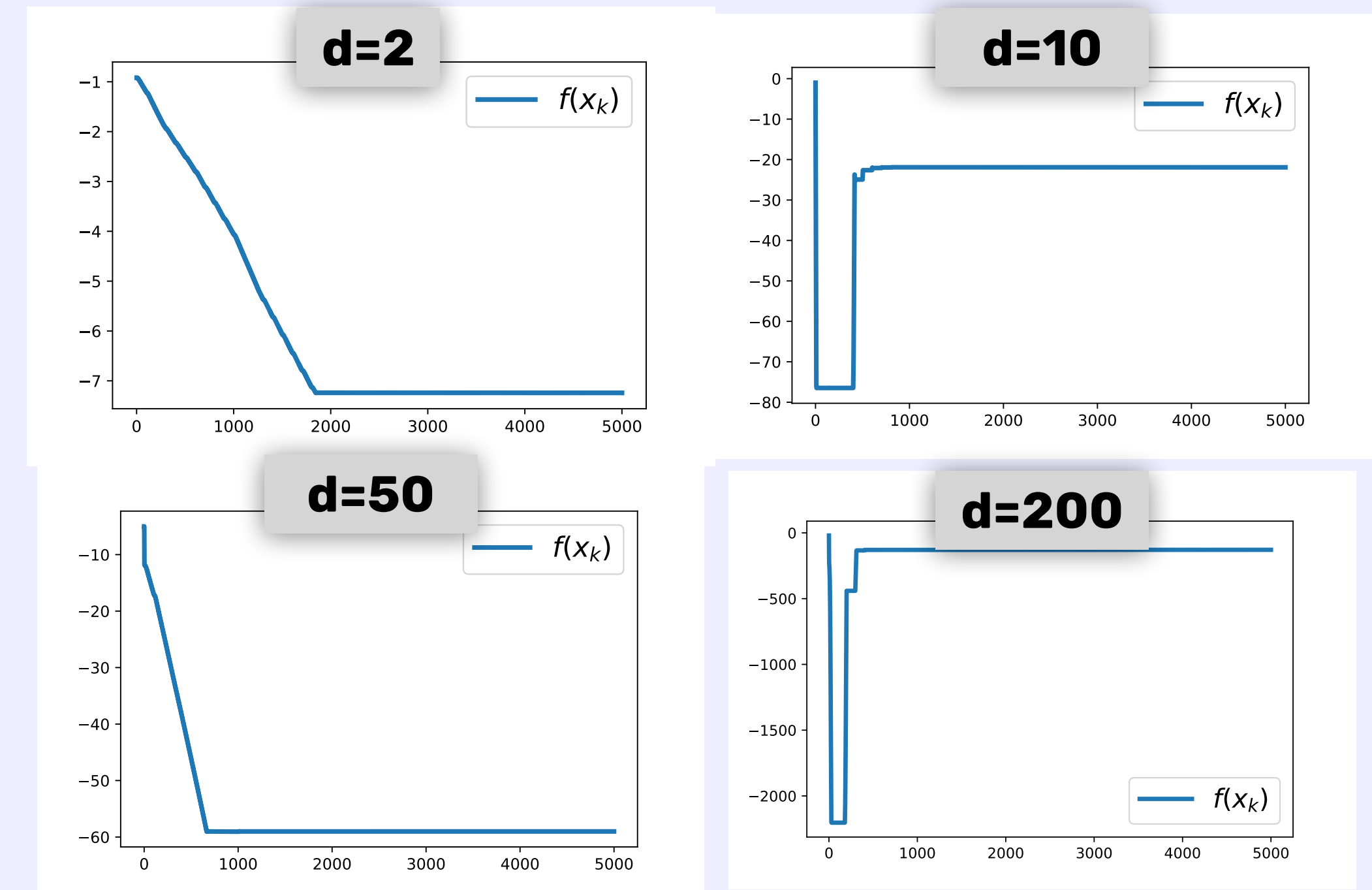
$$\begin{aligned} \min_{x \in \mathbb{R}^d} f(x) & \quad f(x) = -\|x\|_1 \\ \text{s.t. } \mathbb{P}[g(x, \xi) \leq 0] & \geq p \\ g : \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathcal{M}_{n,d} & \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x, Z & \mapsto \max_{i \in [n]} \sum_{j=1}^d Z_{i,j}^2 x_j^2 \\ \xi_{i,j} & \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \\ p & = 0.8 \end{aligned}$$

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- Numerical Results



Dimension	Final Sub-optimality	$\mathbb{P}[g(x, \xi) \leq 0]$	μ	λ
$d = 2$	5.1×10^{-4}	0.7992	0.01	10.0
$d = 10$	2.4×10^{-2}	0.8	1.0	0.01
$d = 50$	1.2×10^{-1}	0.7999	1.0	10.0
$d = 200$	2.8×10^{-1}	0.7997	1.0	0.01

Conclusion

- We propose a new approach to chance constraints via Bilevel Programming.
- We derive a double penalization method for this approach, with an exact penalty for the hard constraint.
- We propose a python toolbox to test out your problems.
- Derive more methods from the bilevel approach

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