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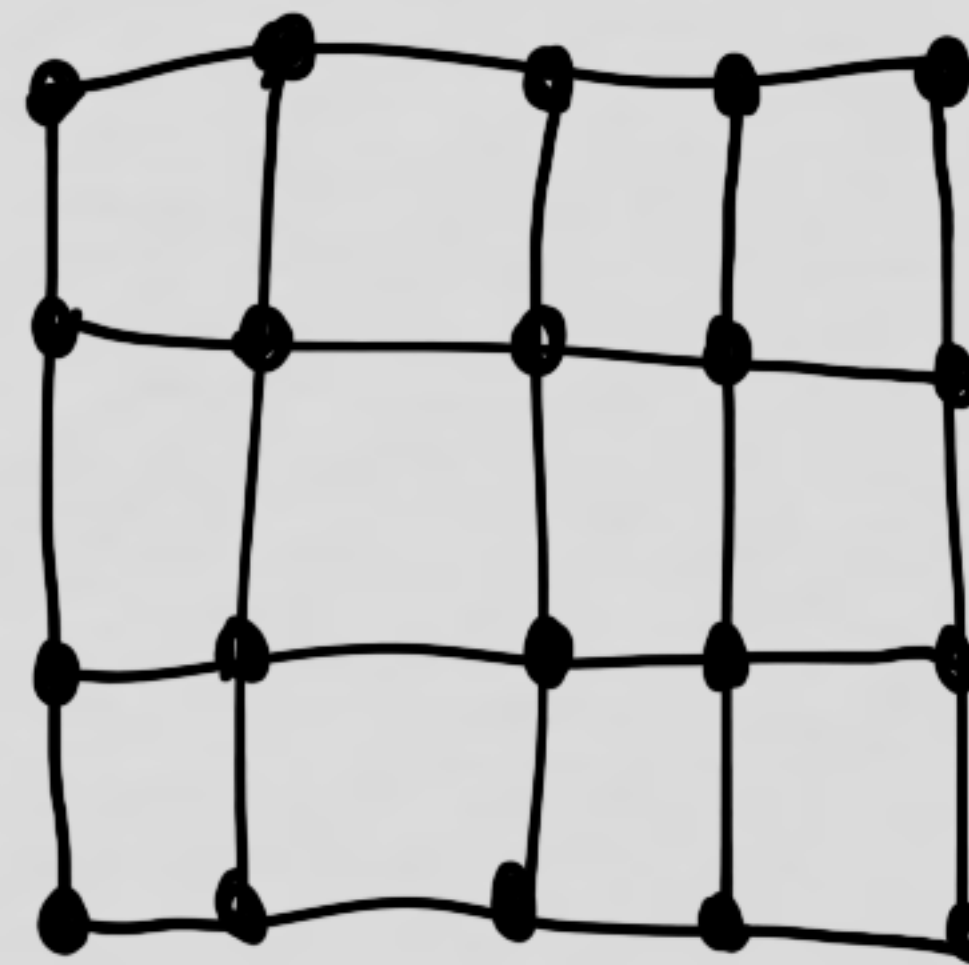
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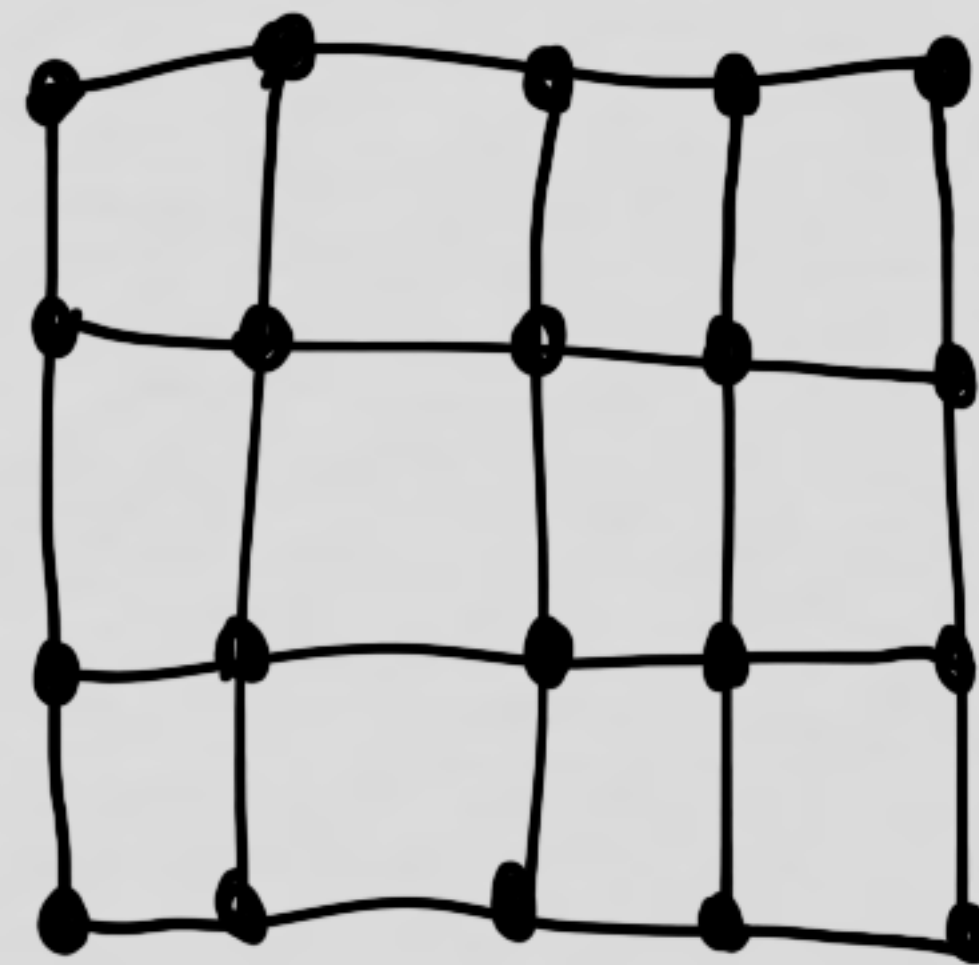
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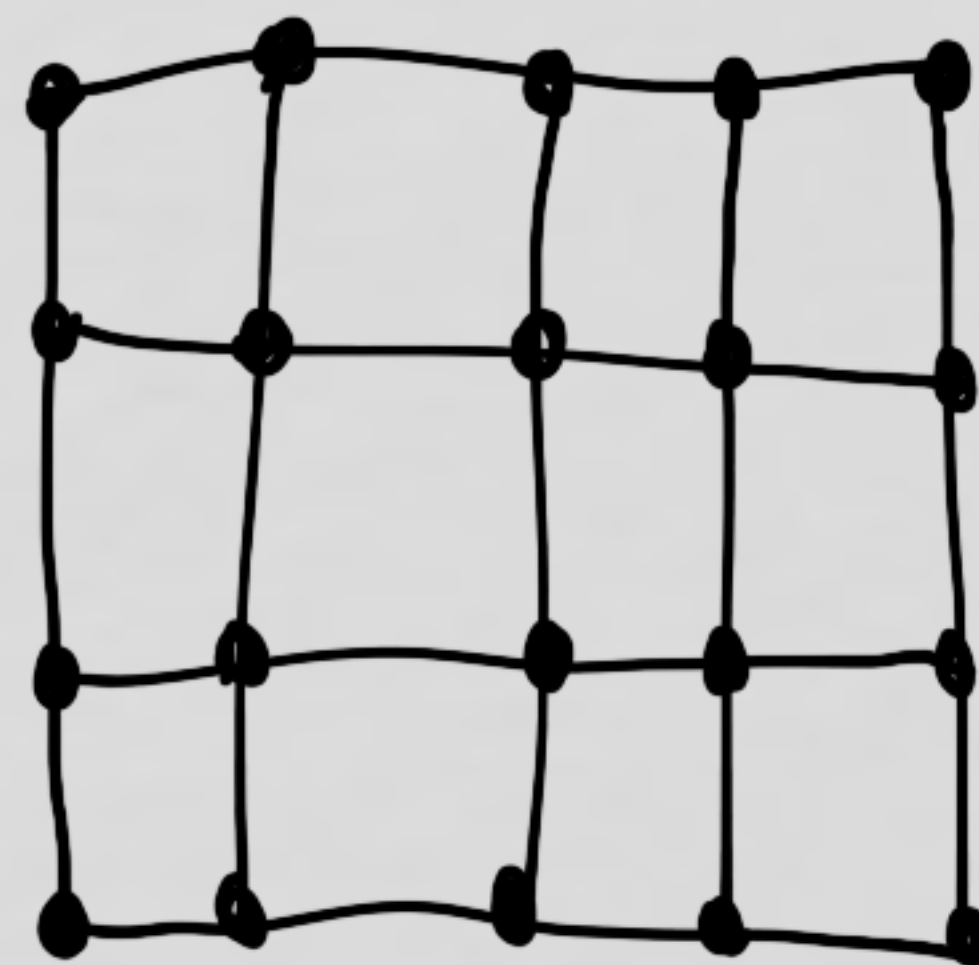
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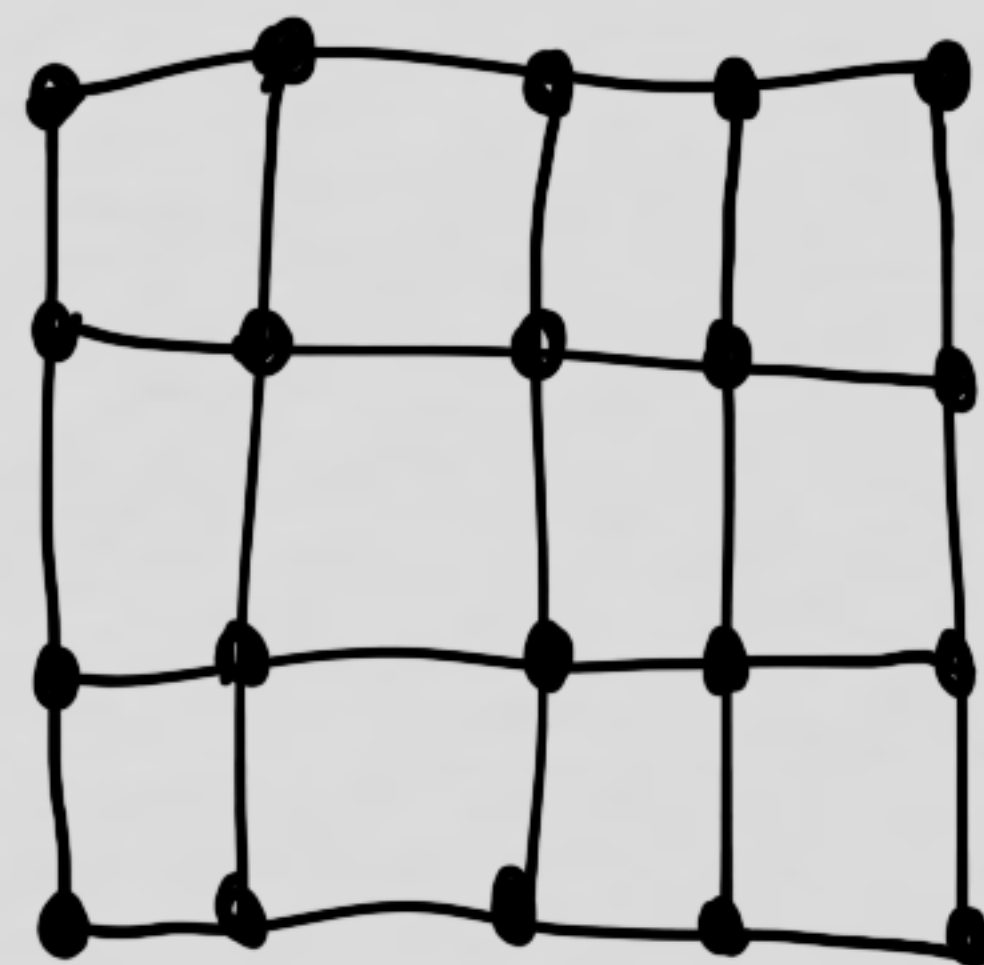
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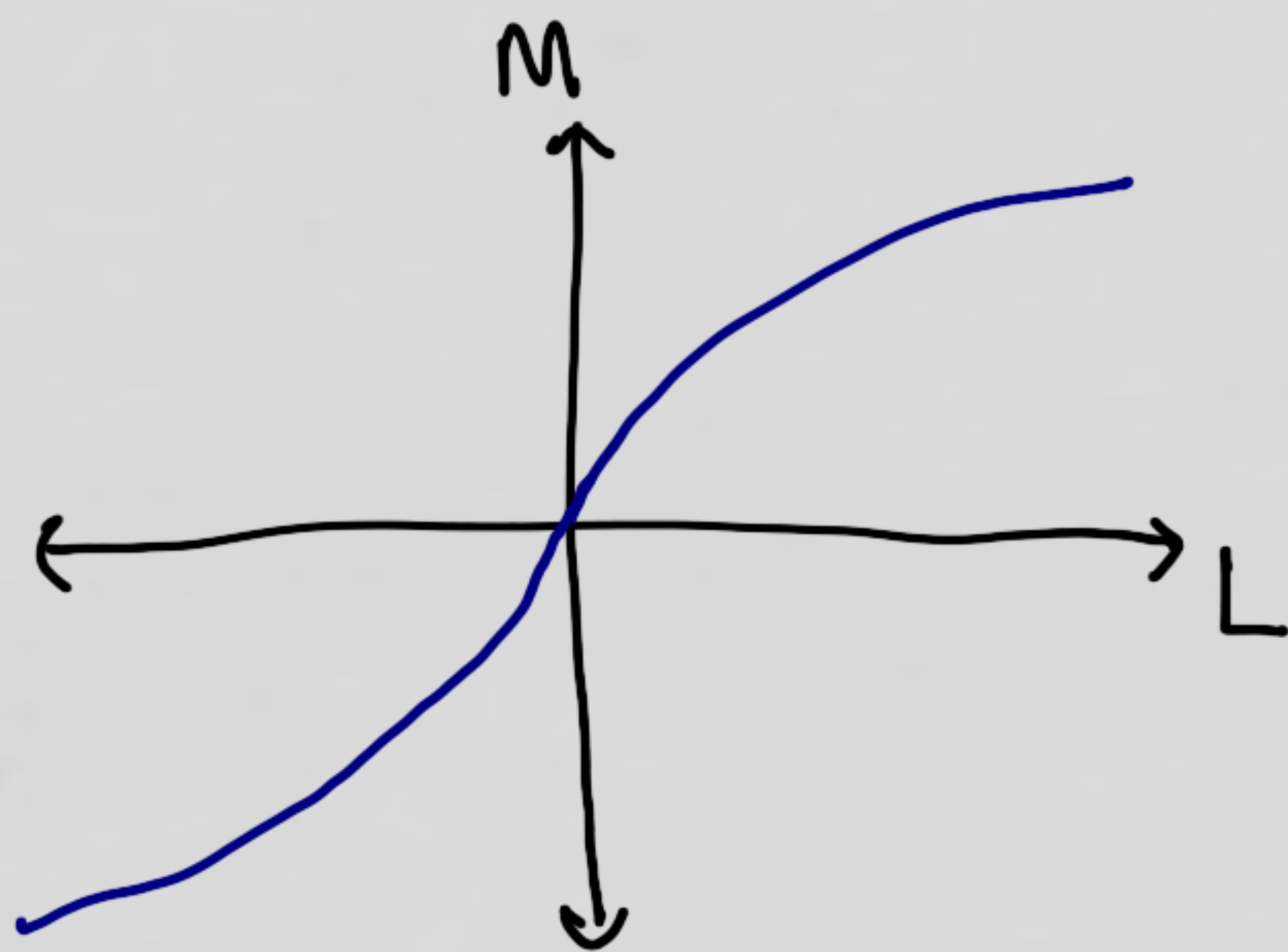
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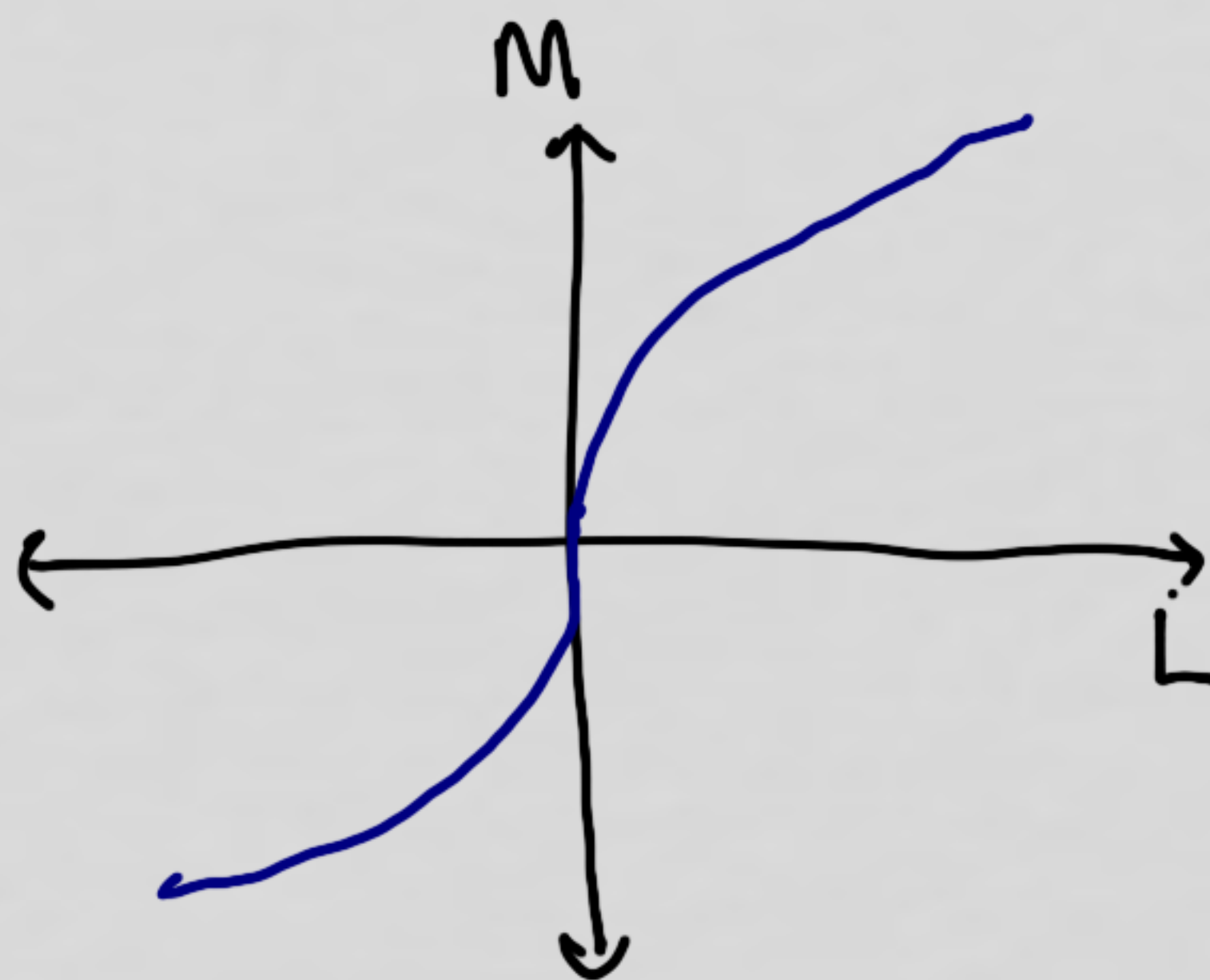
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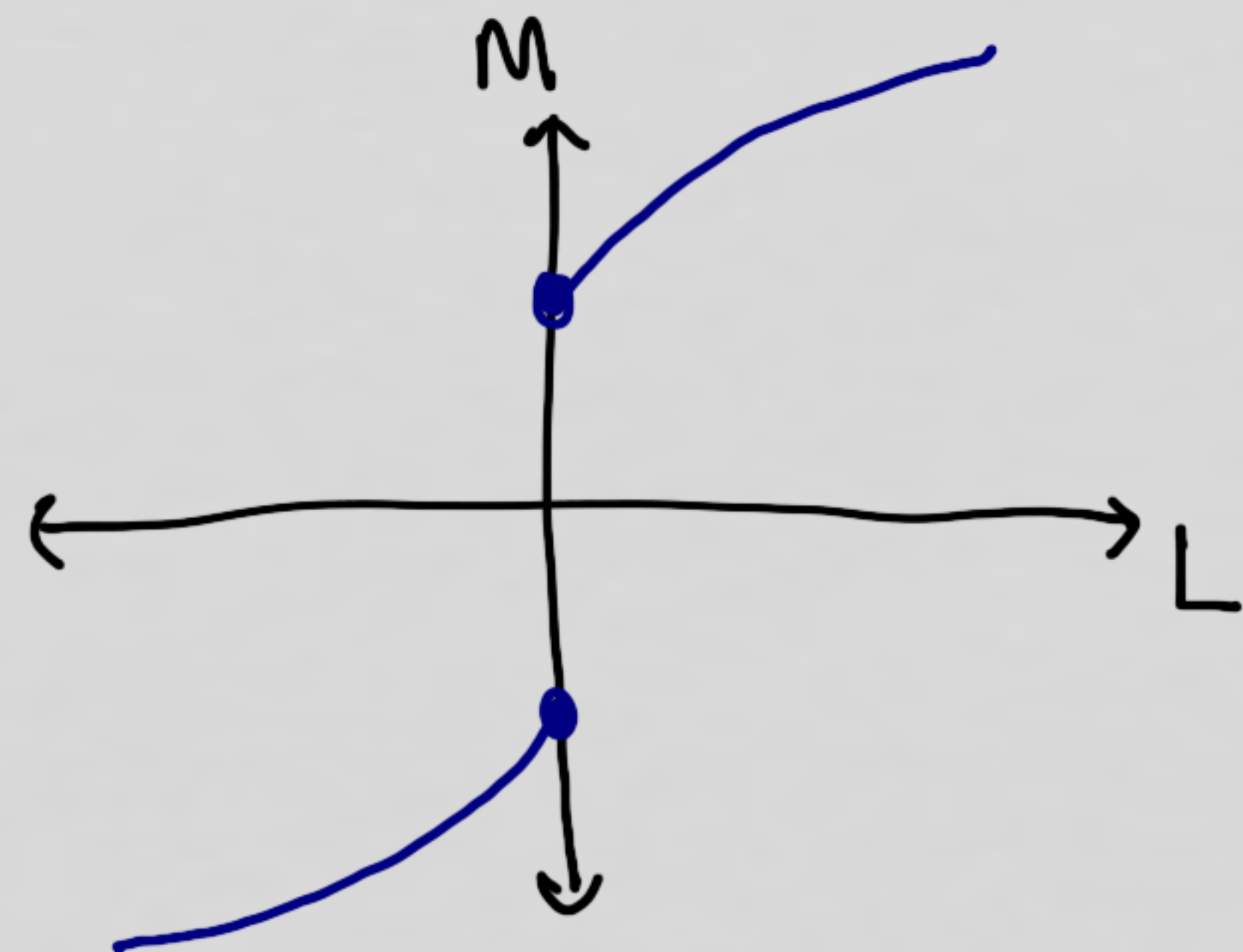
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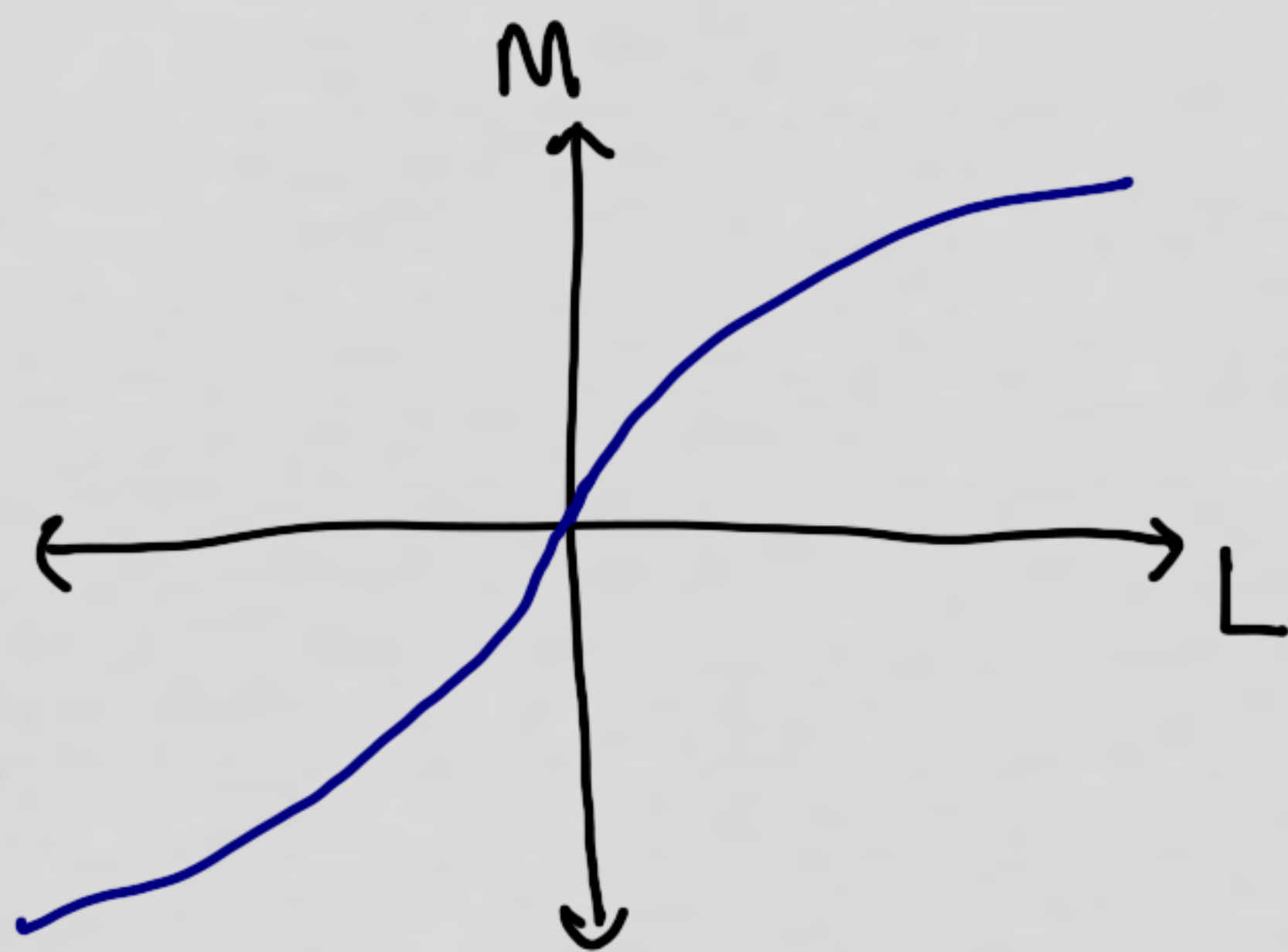
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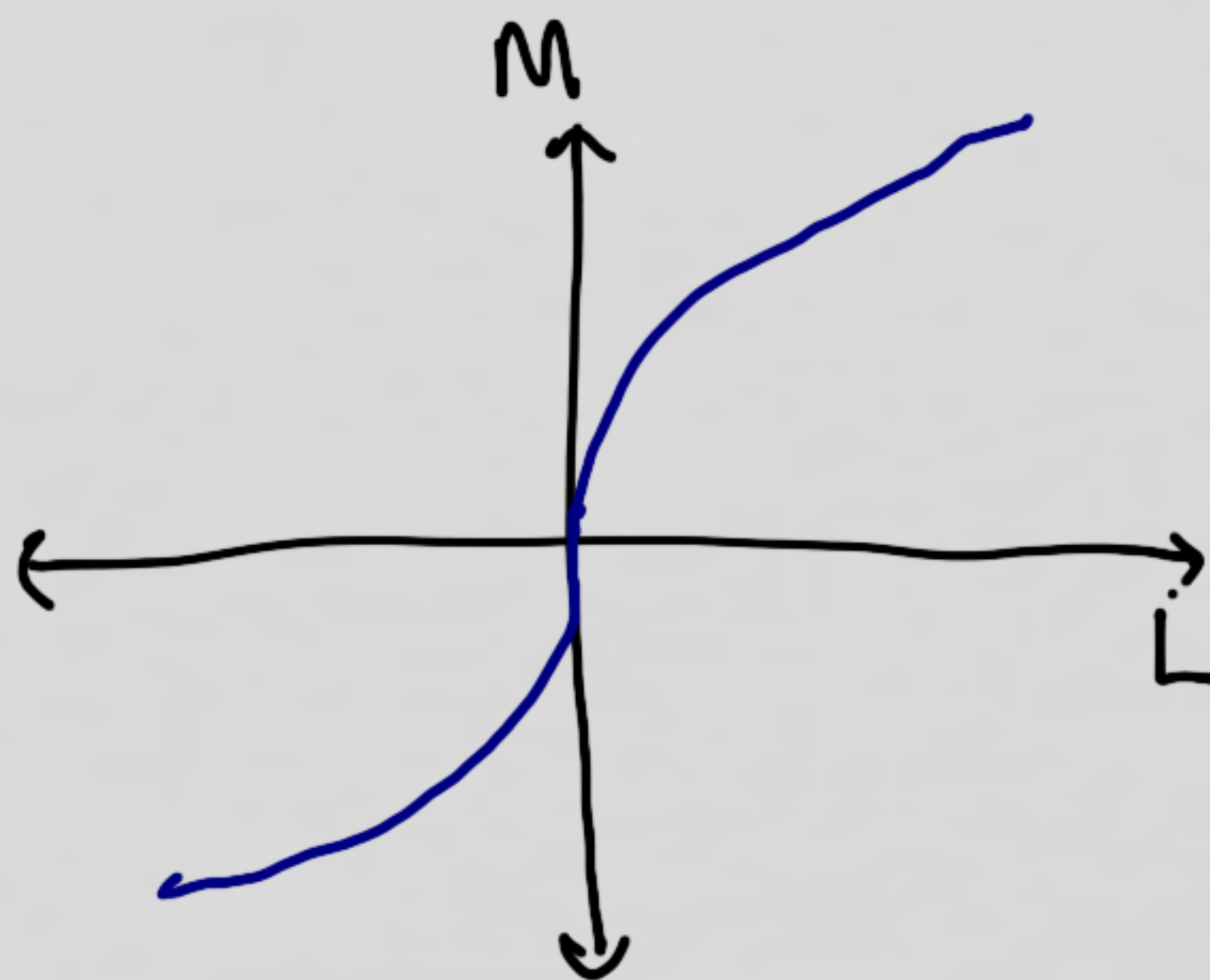
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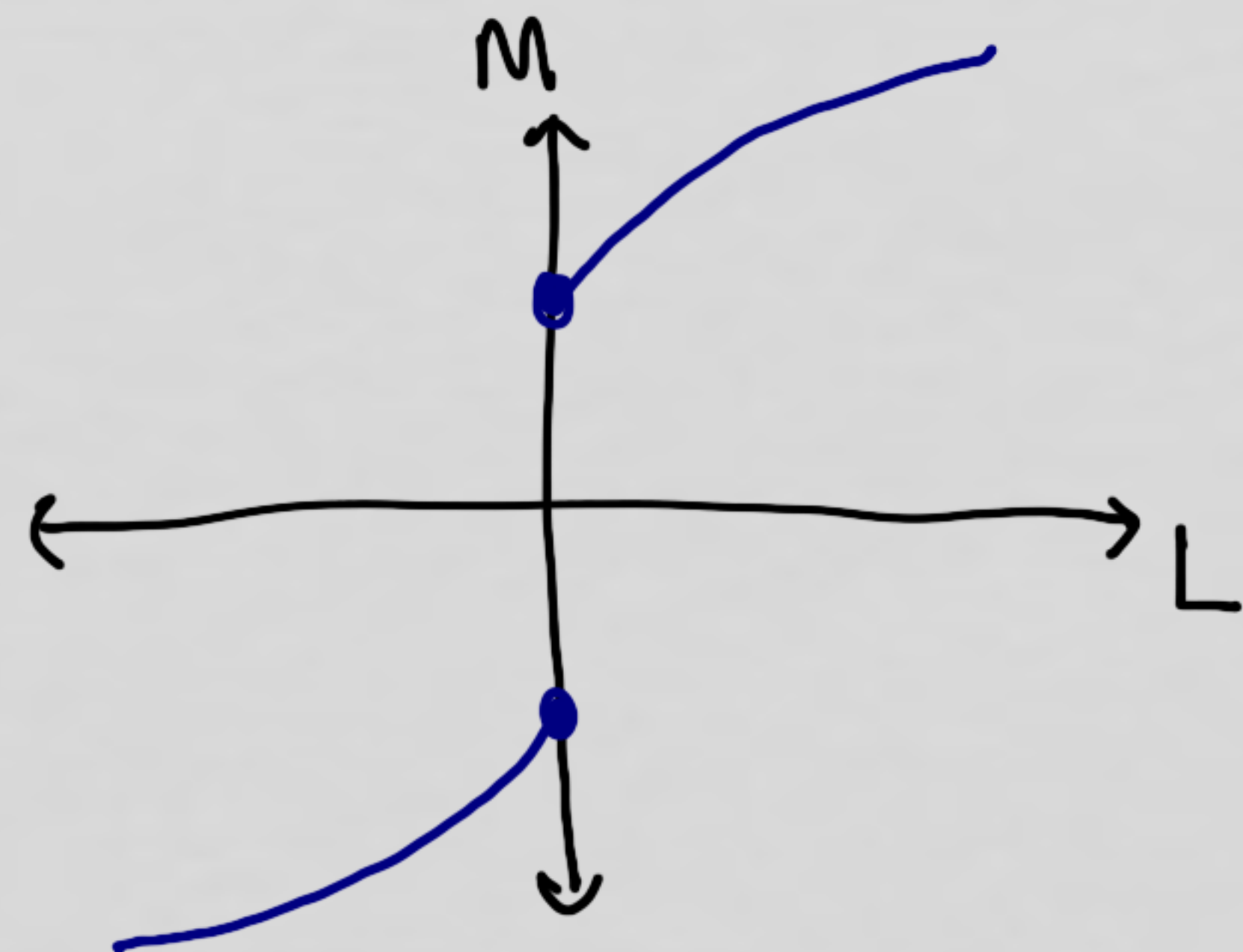
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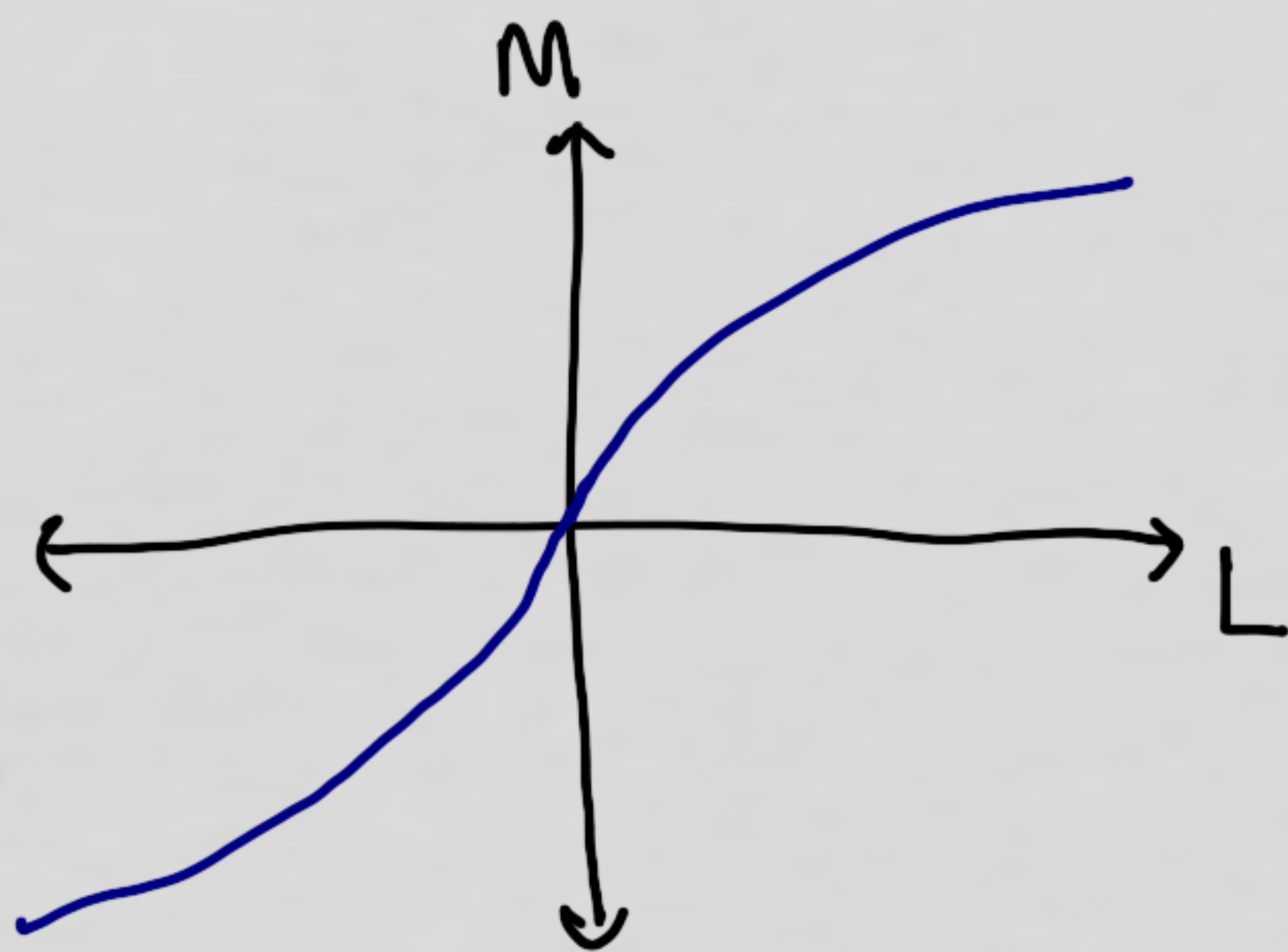
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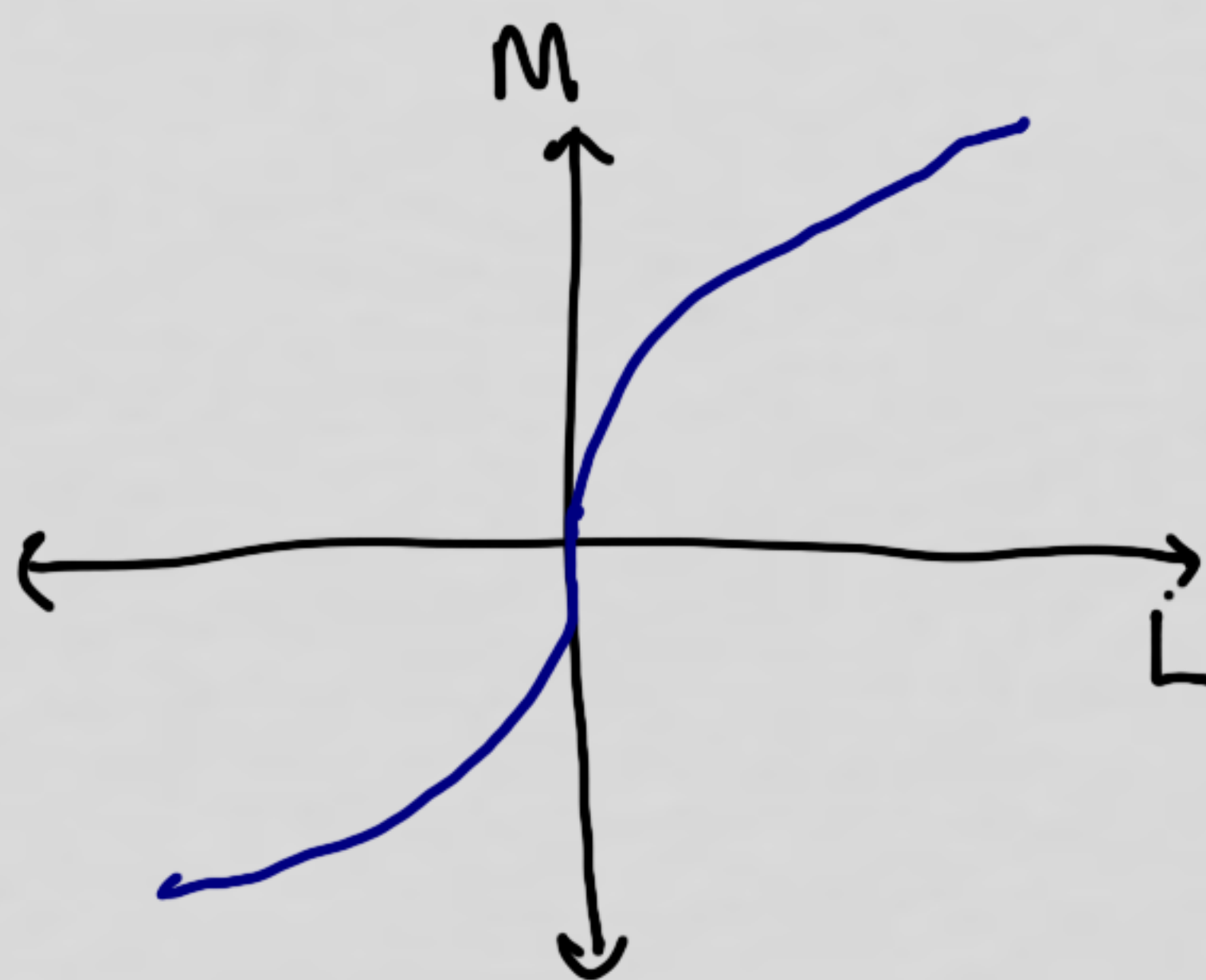
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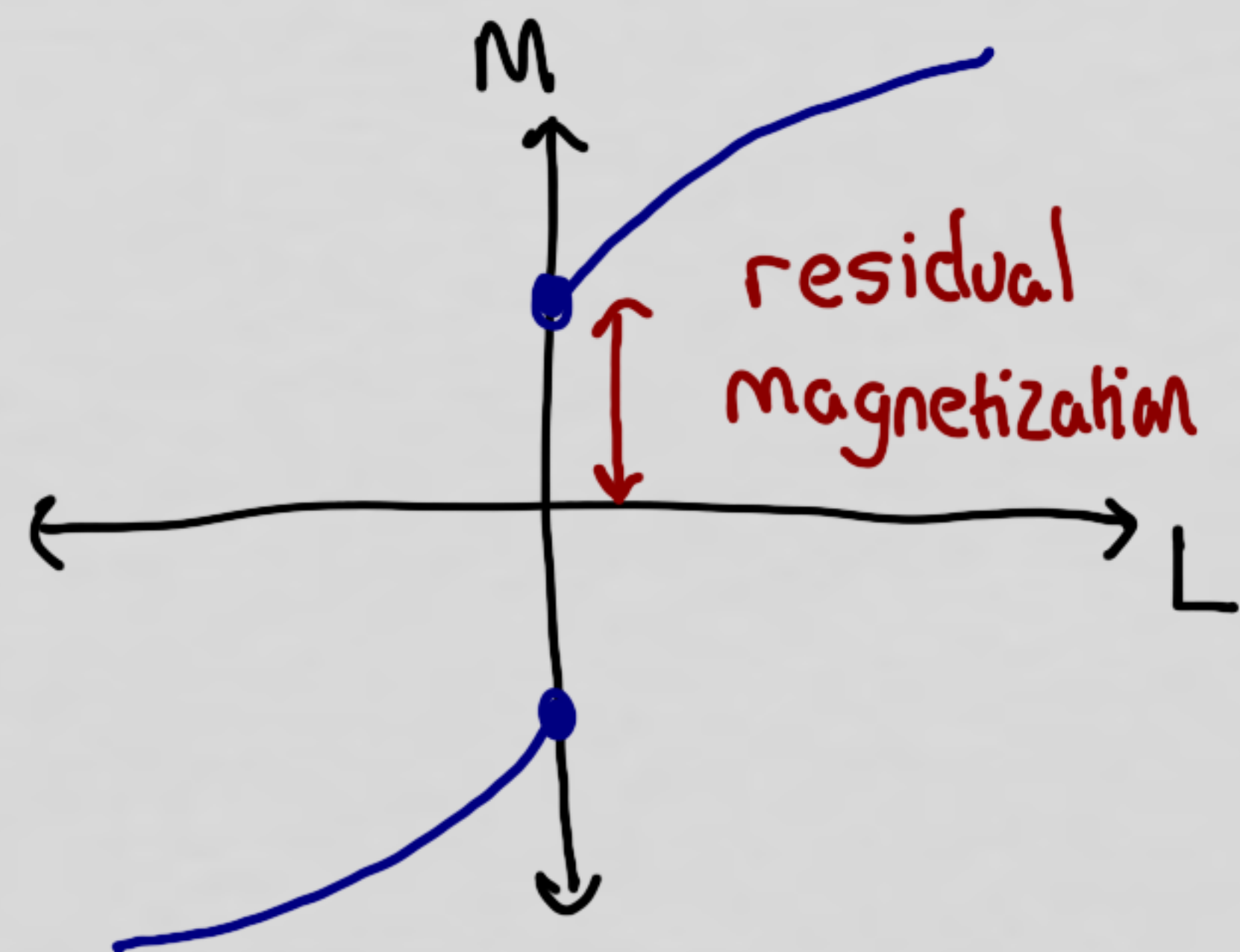
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$$\therefore Z = c 2^N \sum_{\substack{\text{even subgraphs} \\ H \subseteq G}} \prod_{e \in E(H)} x_e$$

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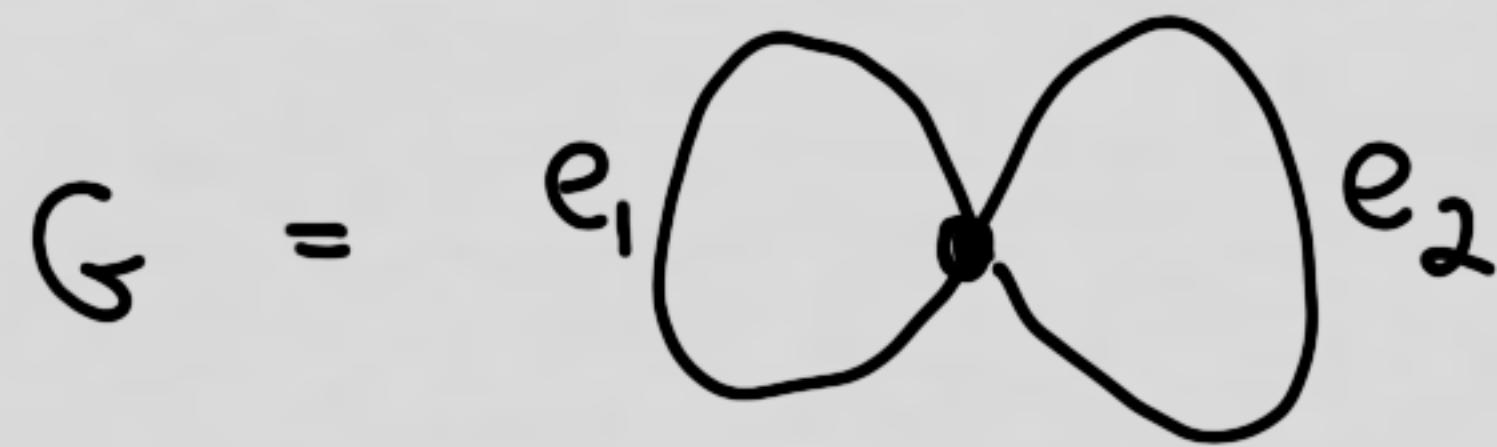
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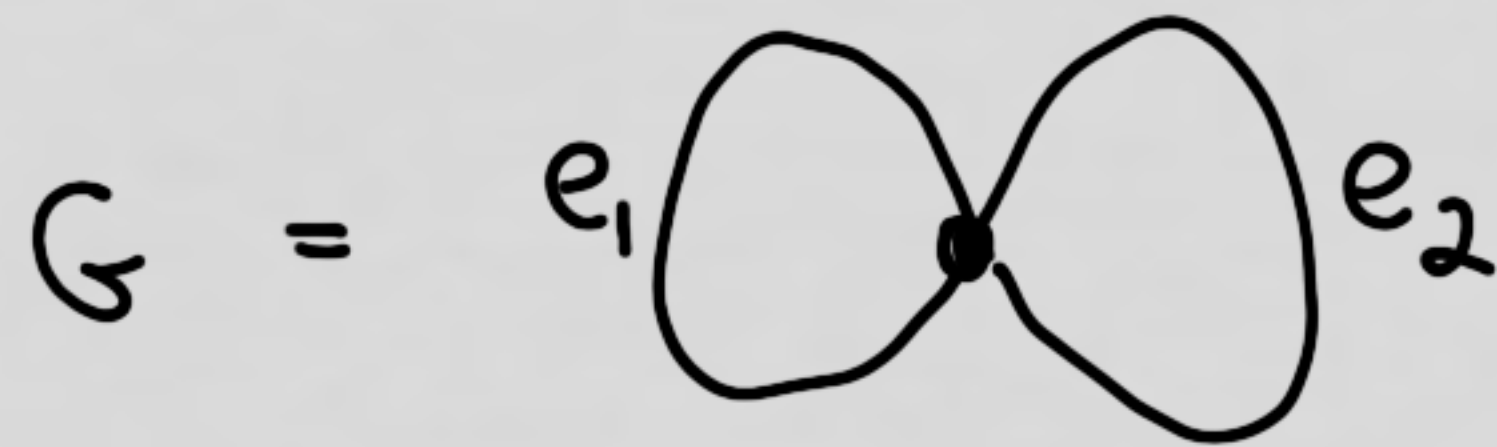





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The text lists four even subgraphs: the empty set, the left loop, the right loop, and the union of both loops.

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product of  $x_e$  along  $\gamma$



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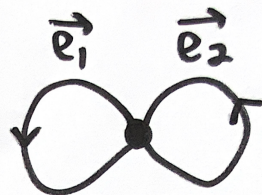
an oriented edge

$\vec{e} :=$  an unoriented edge  $e$  equipped with an orientation

An oriented closed path  $\vec{\gamma}$  is a word

$\vec{e}_1 \vec{e}_2 \dots \vec{e}_n$

of composable oriented edges.



$G$

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## Cimasoni's generalization

For any finite graph  $G$ ,

$$\sum_{\substack{\text{even subgraphs} \\ H \subseteq G}} x(H) = \frac{1}{2^g} \sum_{\lambda \in \text{Spin}(\Sigma)} (-1)^{\text{Arf}(\lambda)} \dots$$

$$\prod_{\{\gamma\} \in \mathcal{P}(G)} (1 - (-1)^{w_\lambda[\gamma]} x(\gamma)).$$

where  $\Sigma$  is any surface in which  $G$  embeds.



# Kelvin-Stokes Theorem