

Logistic Regression

Fundamentals

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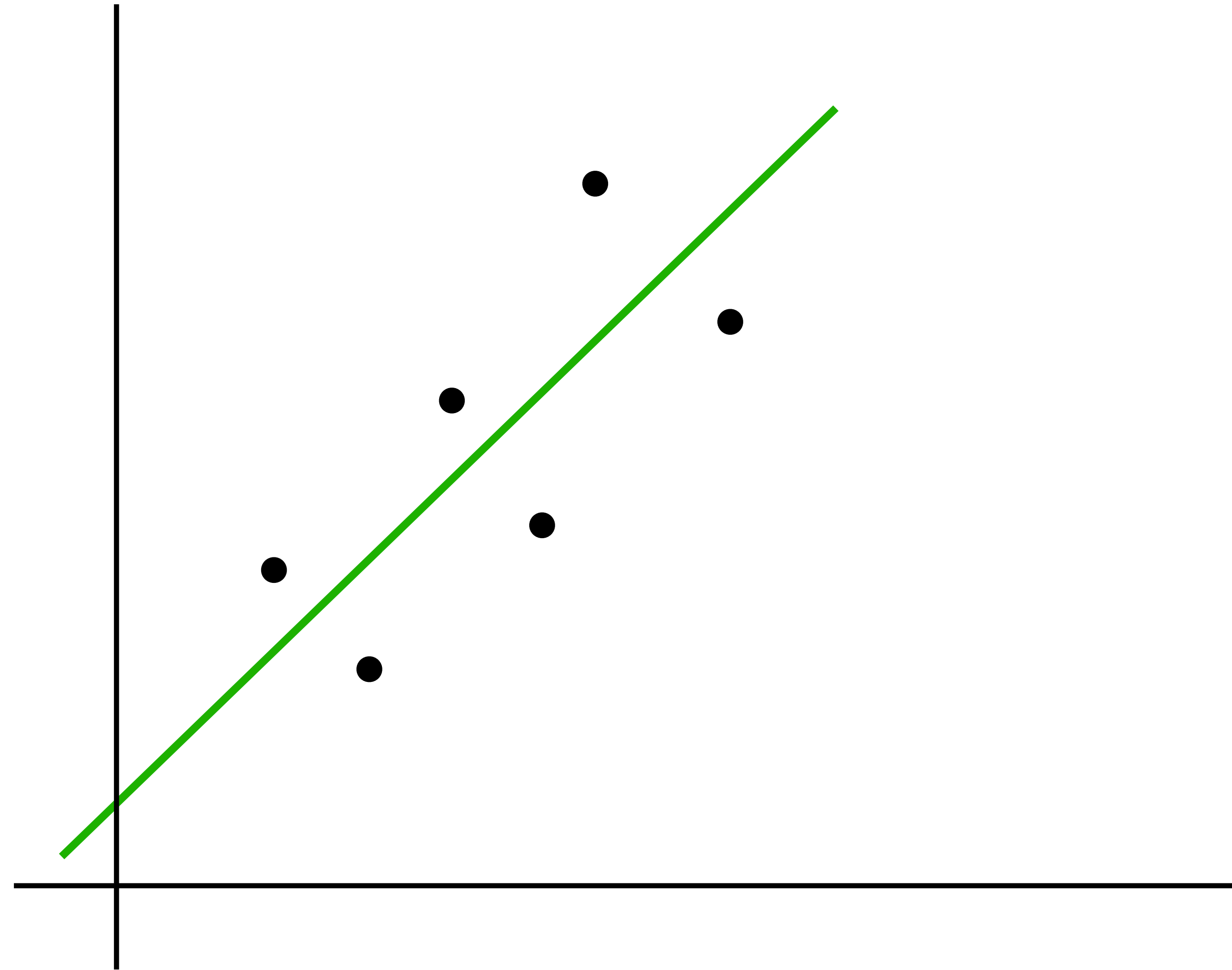
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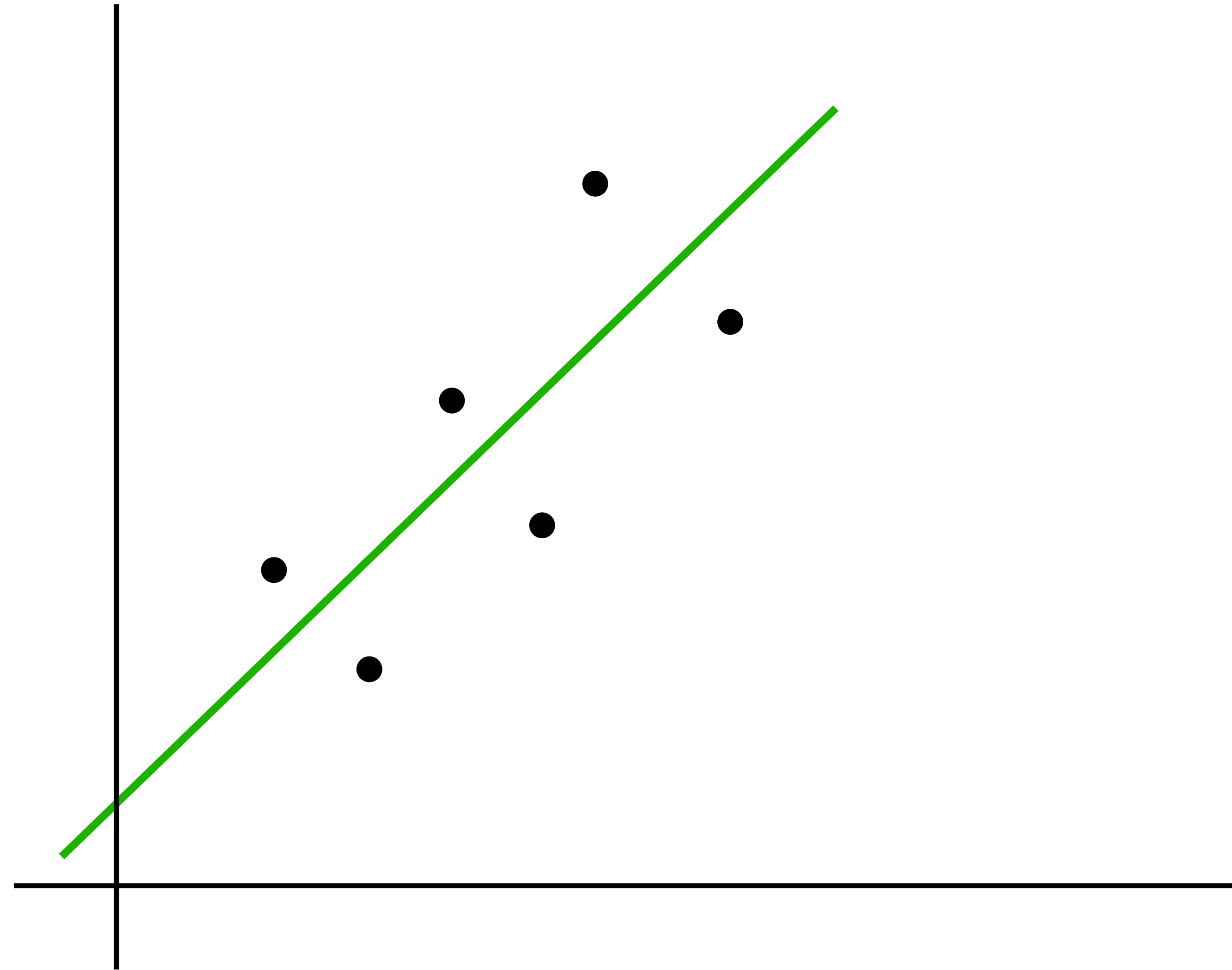
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Real world applications...

Is this email Spam or not?

Is this transaction Fraud or not?

Will I have heart disease or not?

Logistic Regression

Lets take a simple example...

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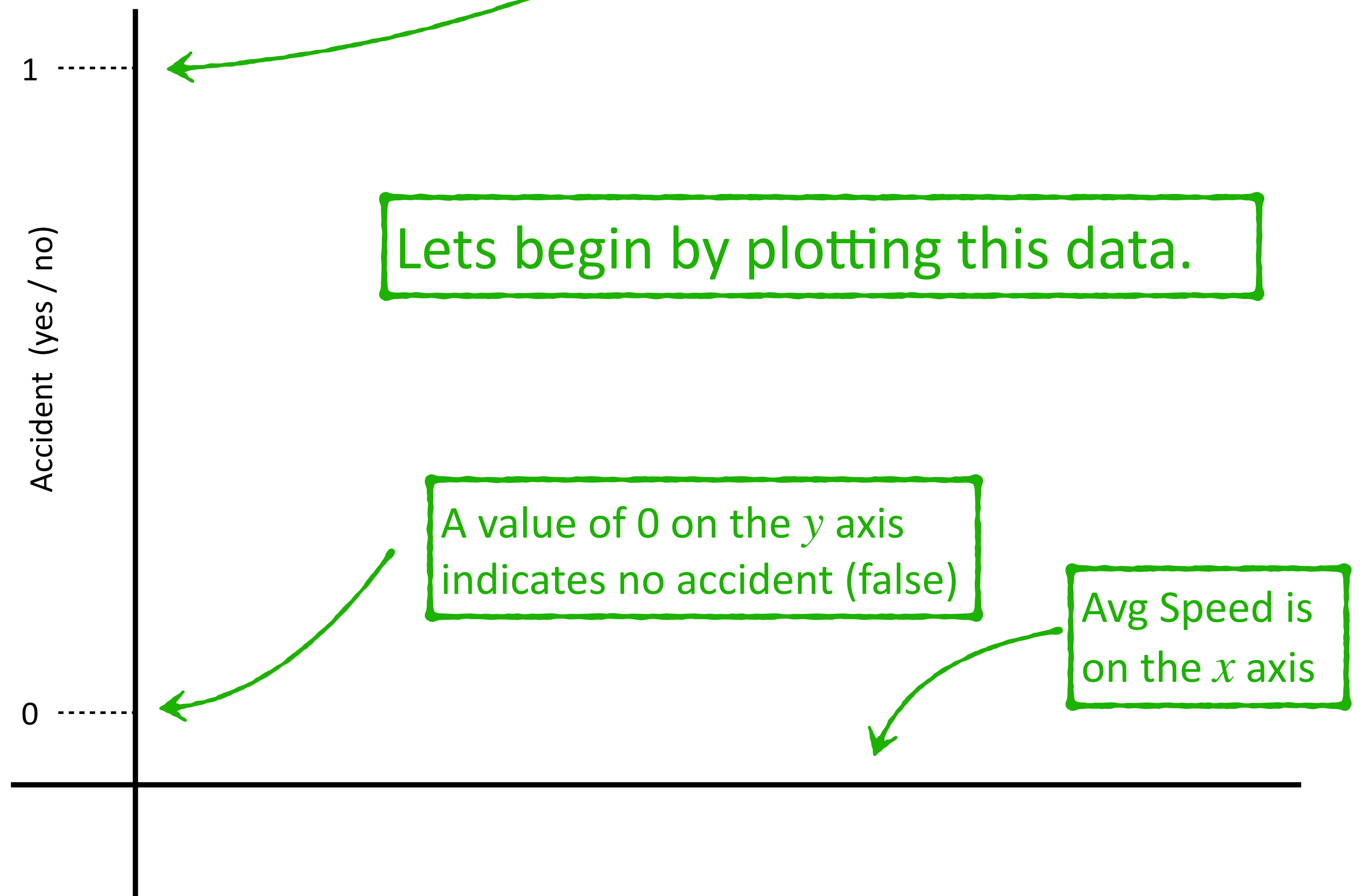
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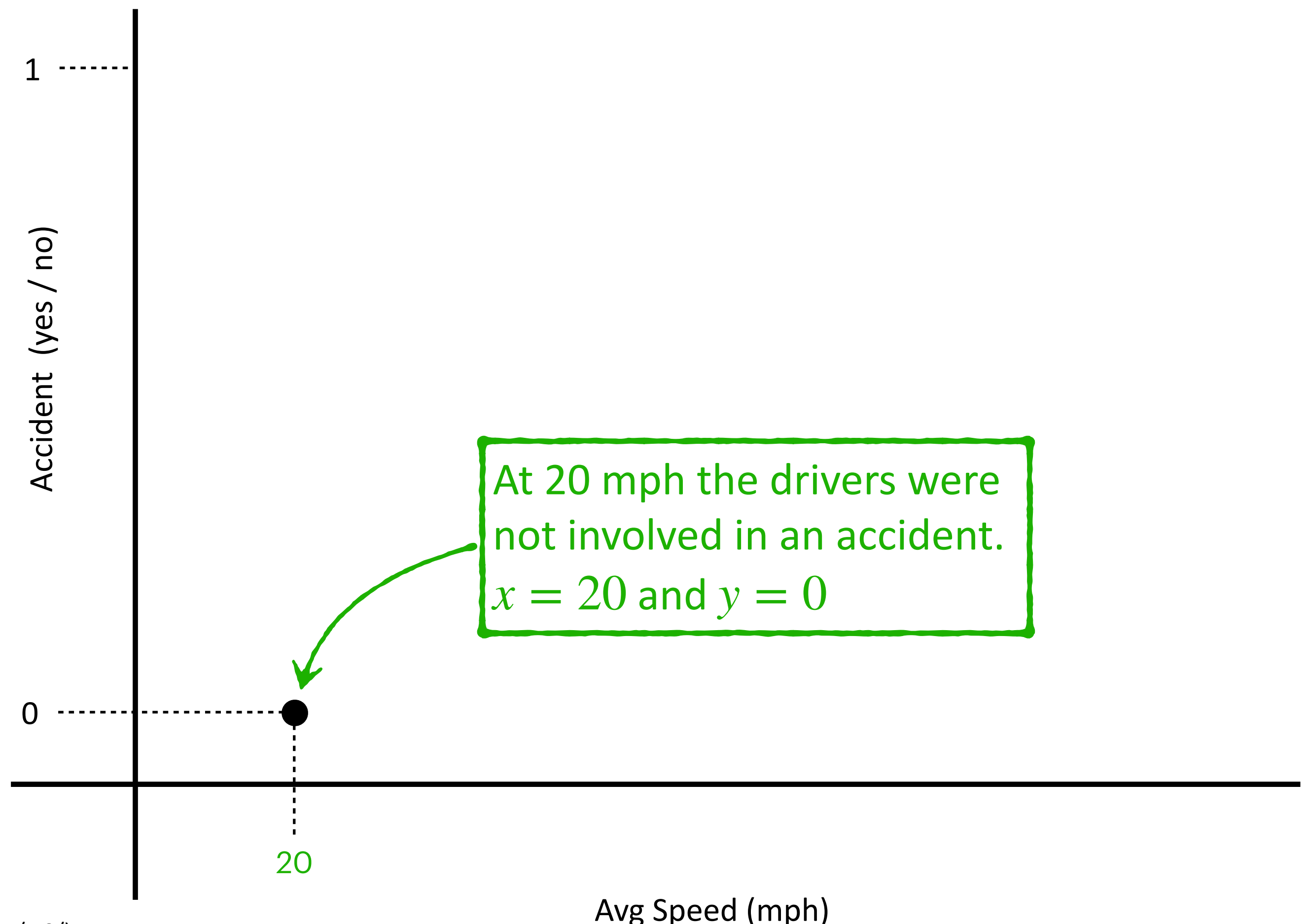


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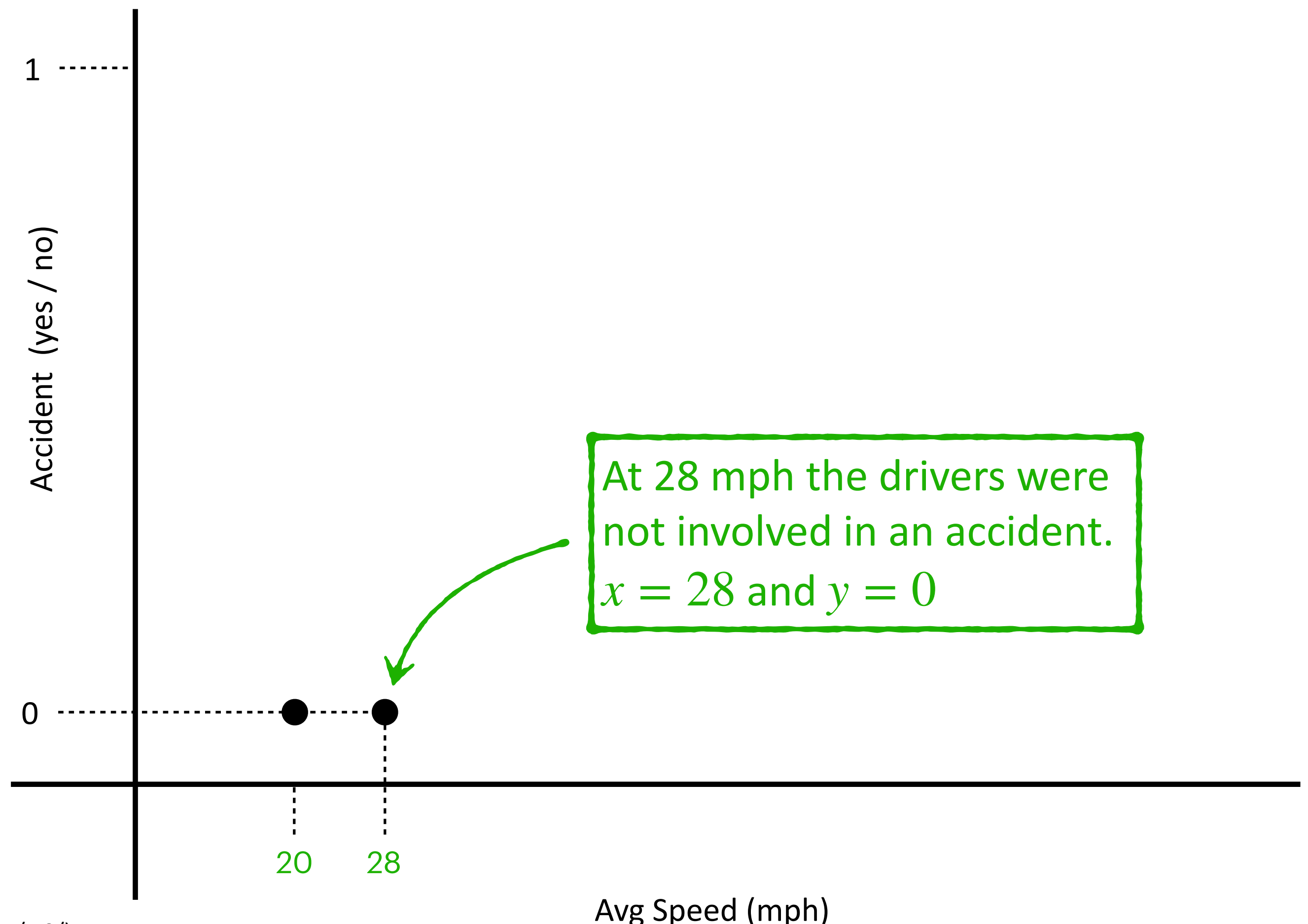


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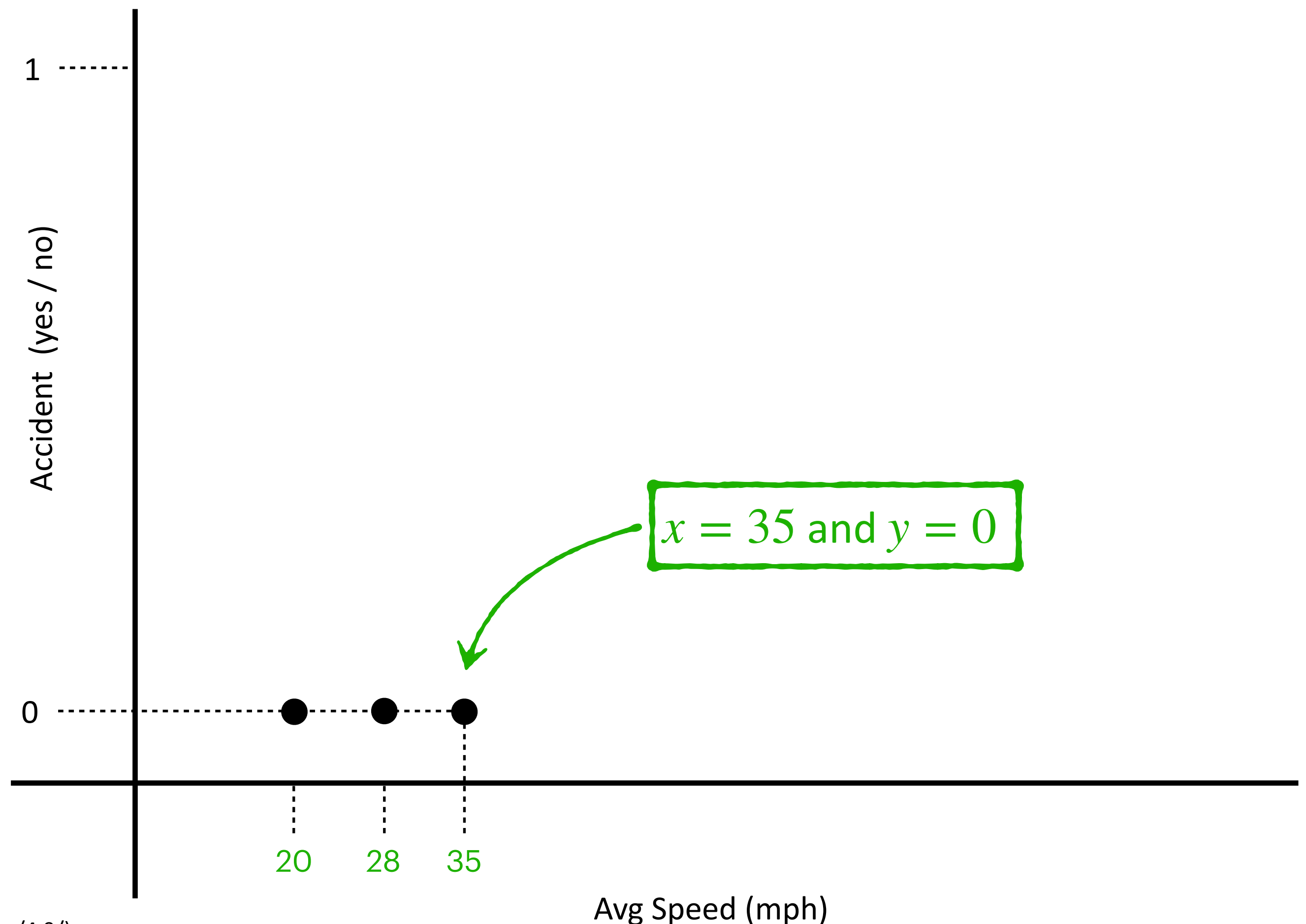


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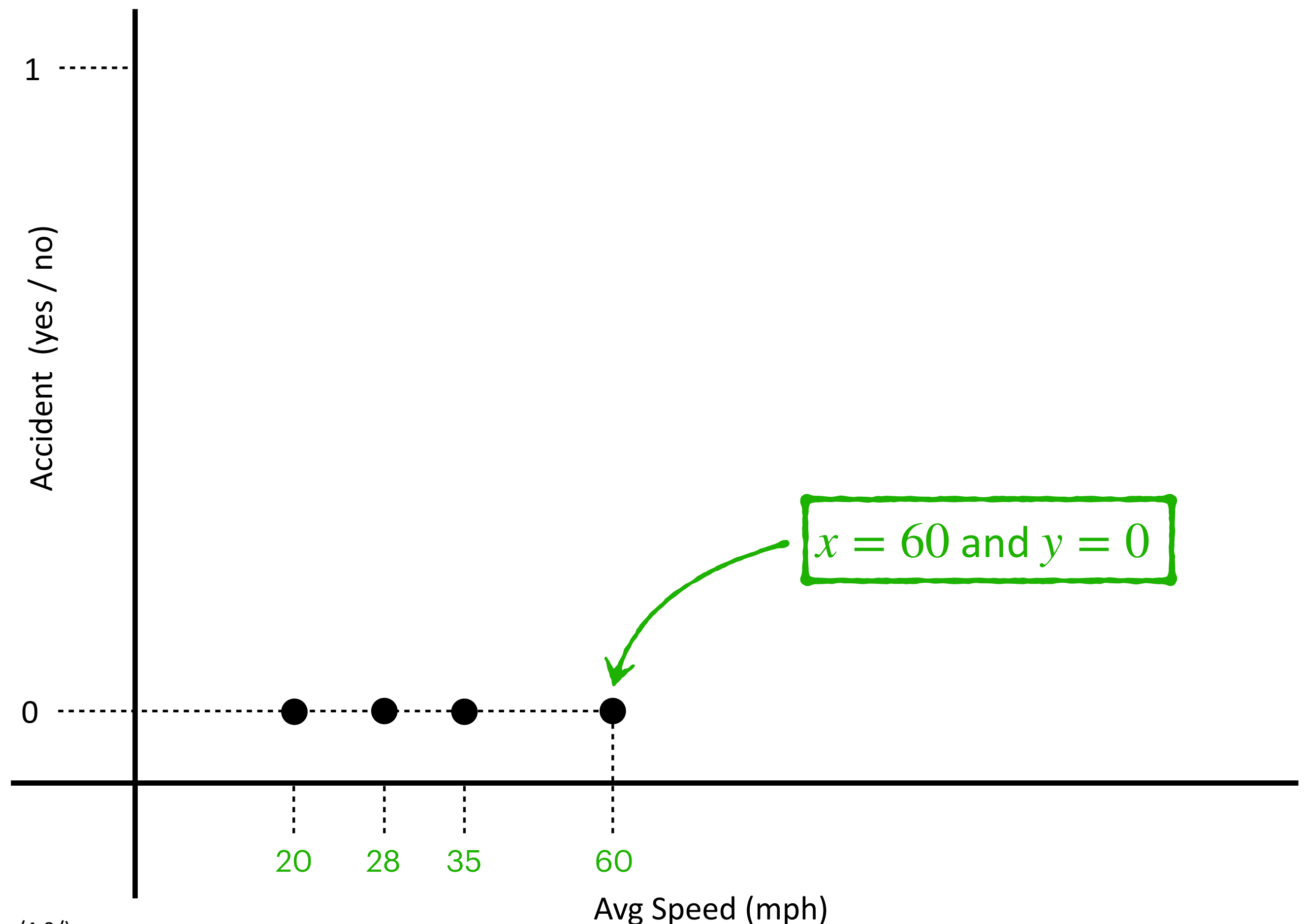


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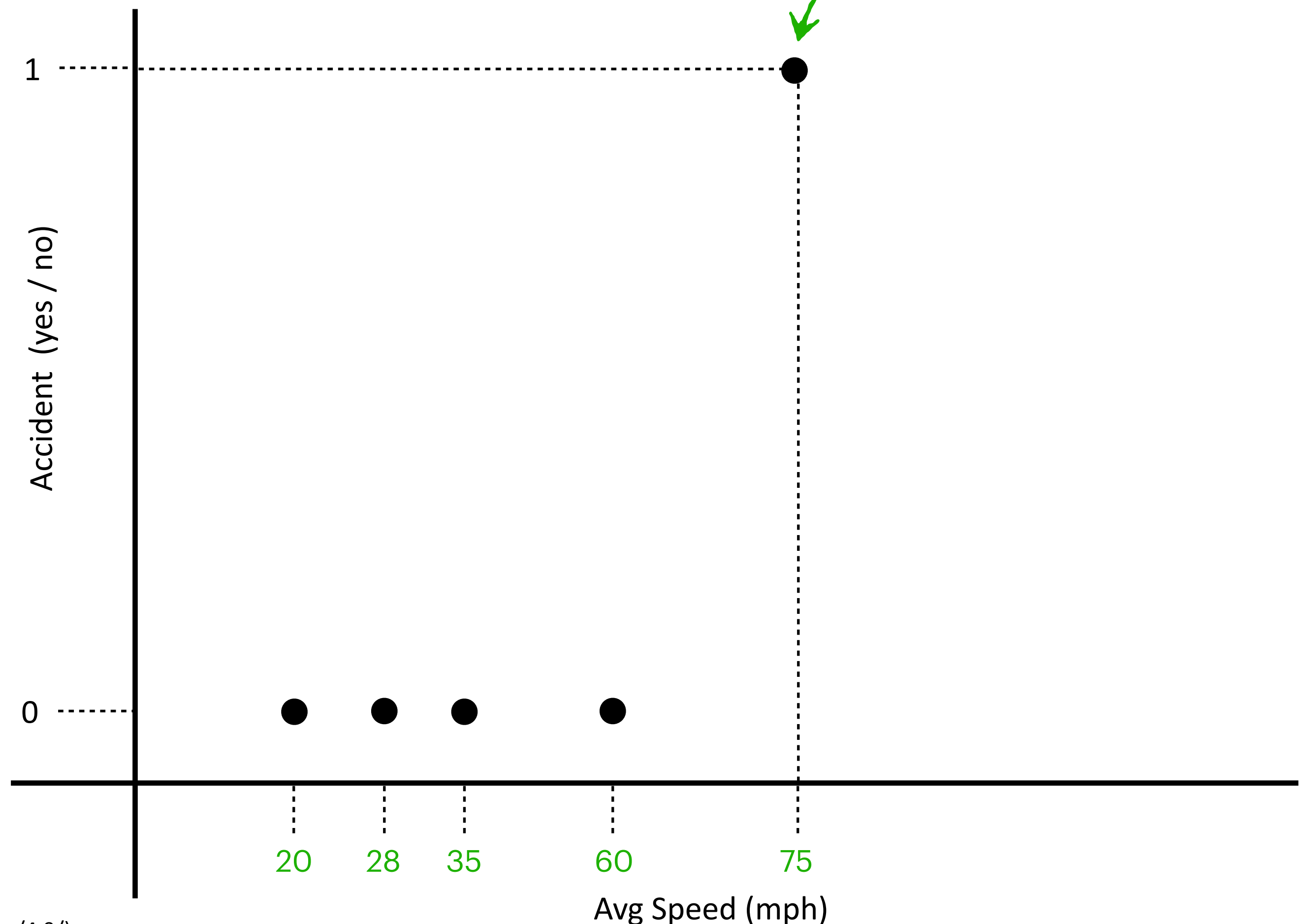
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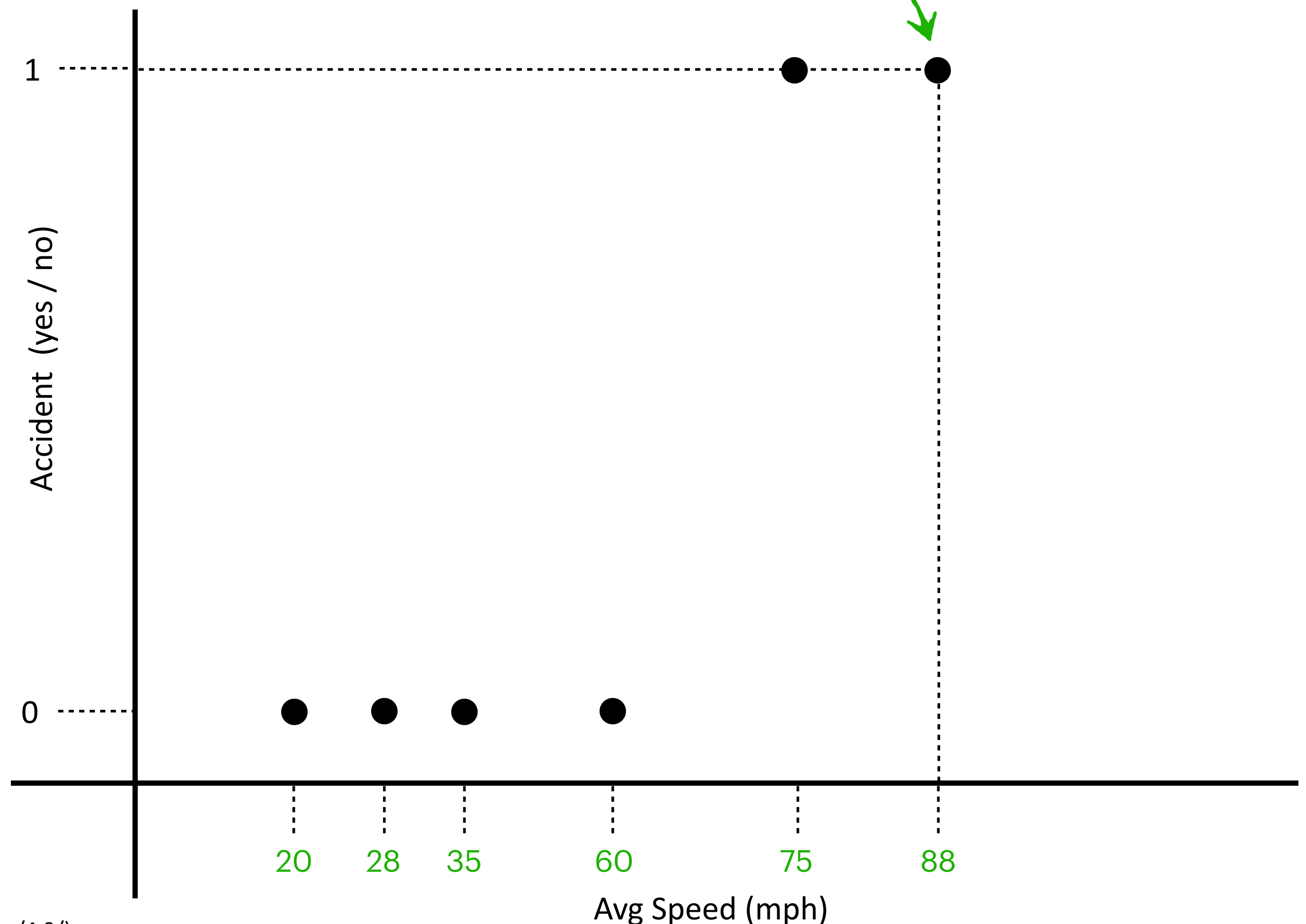
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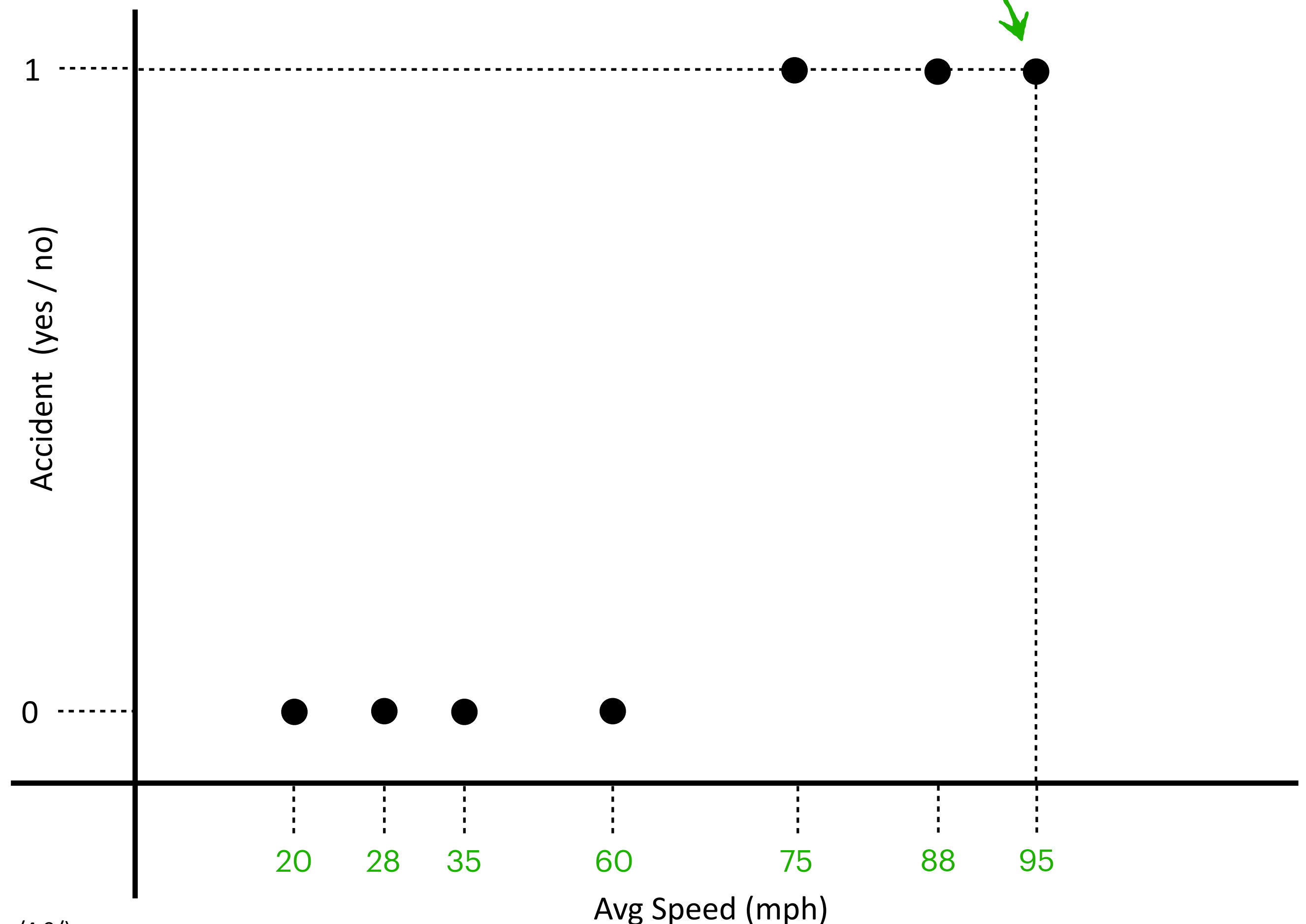
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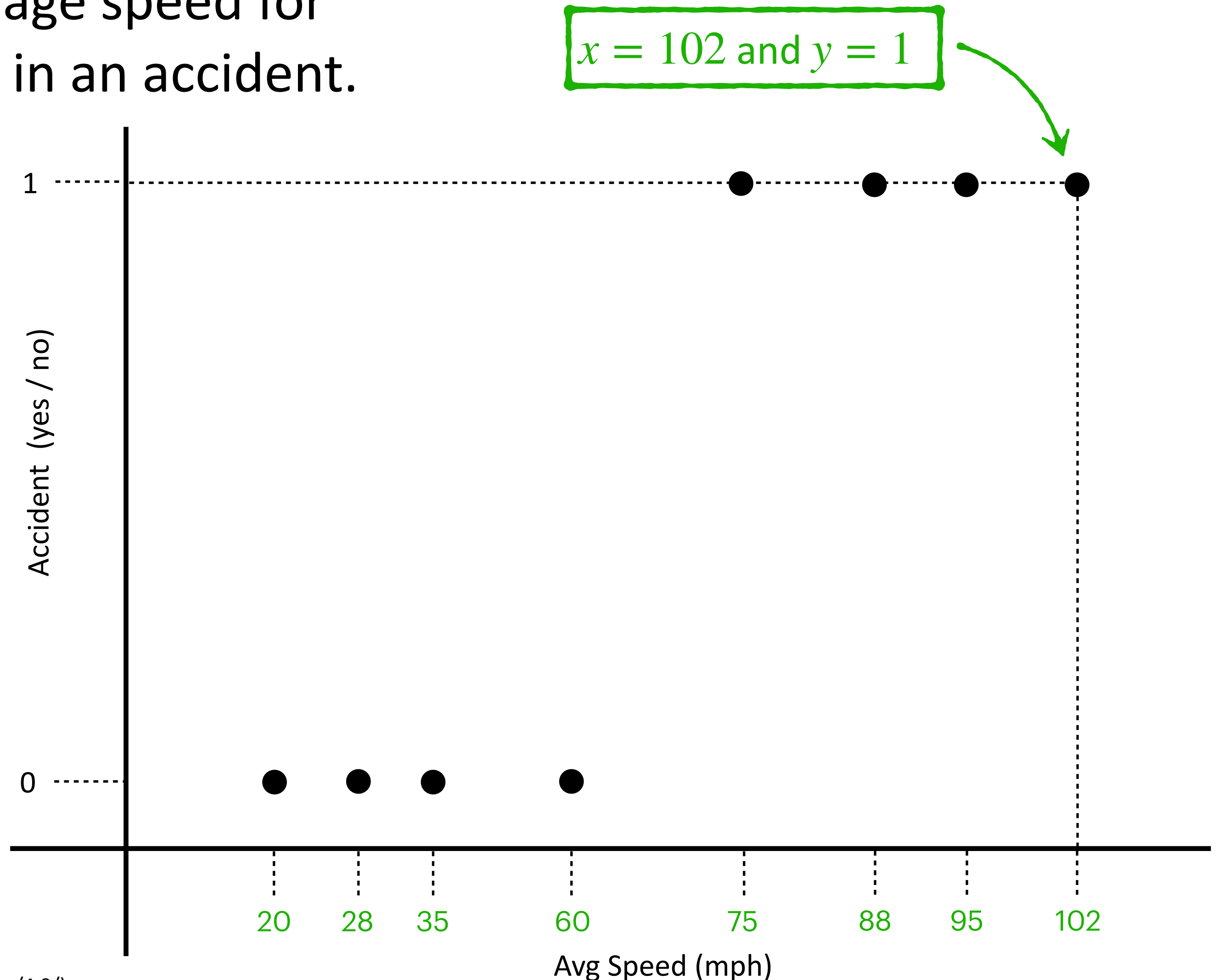
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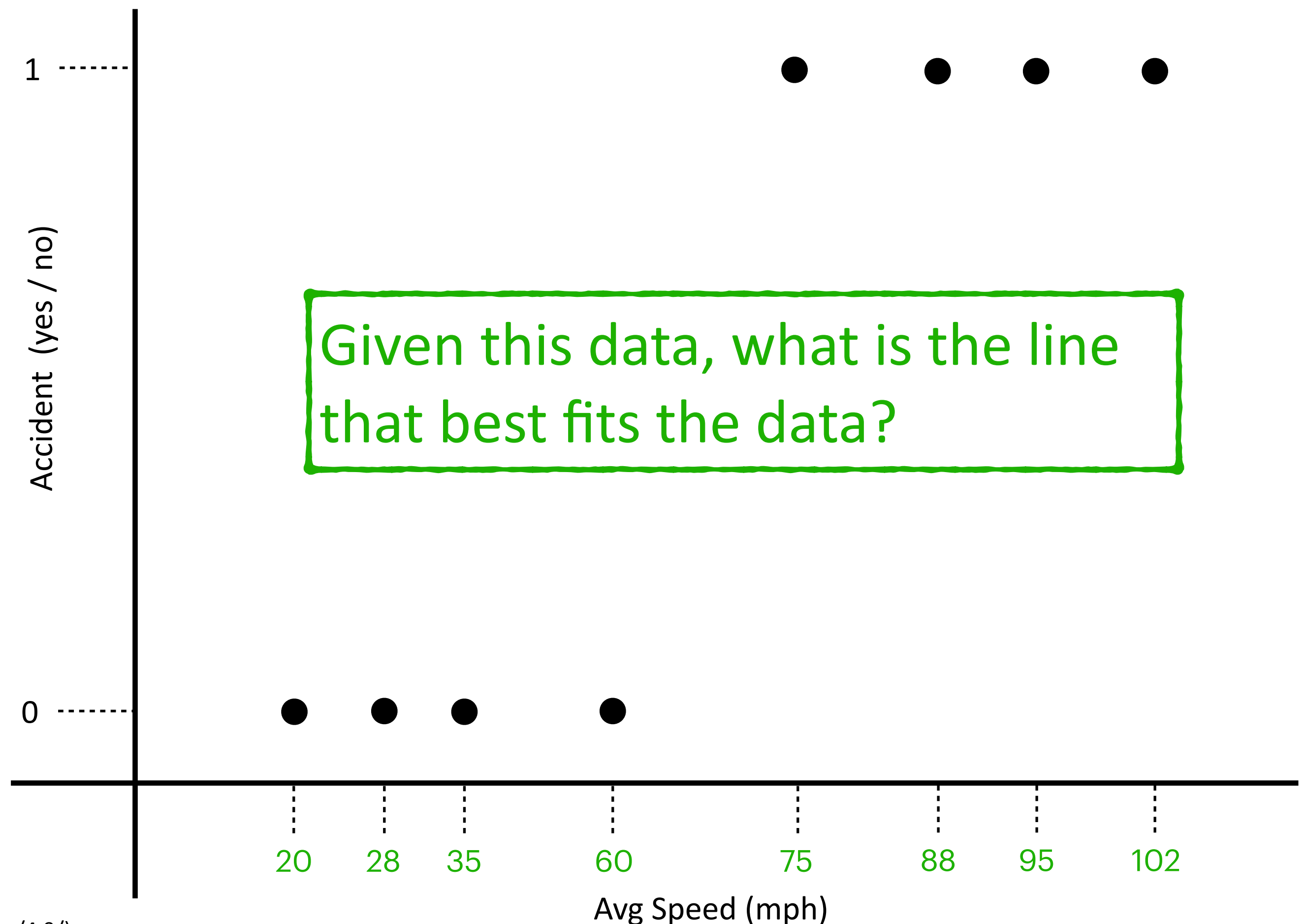


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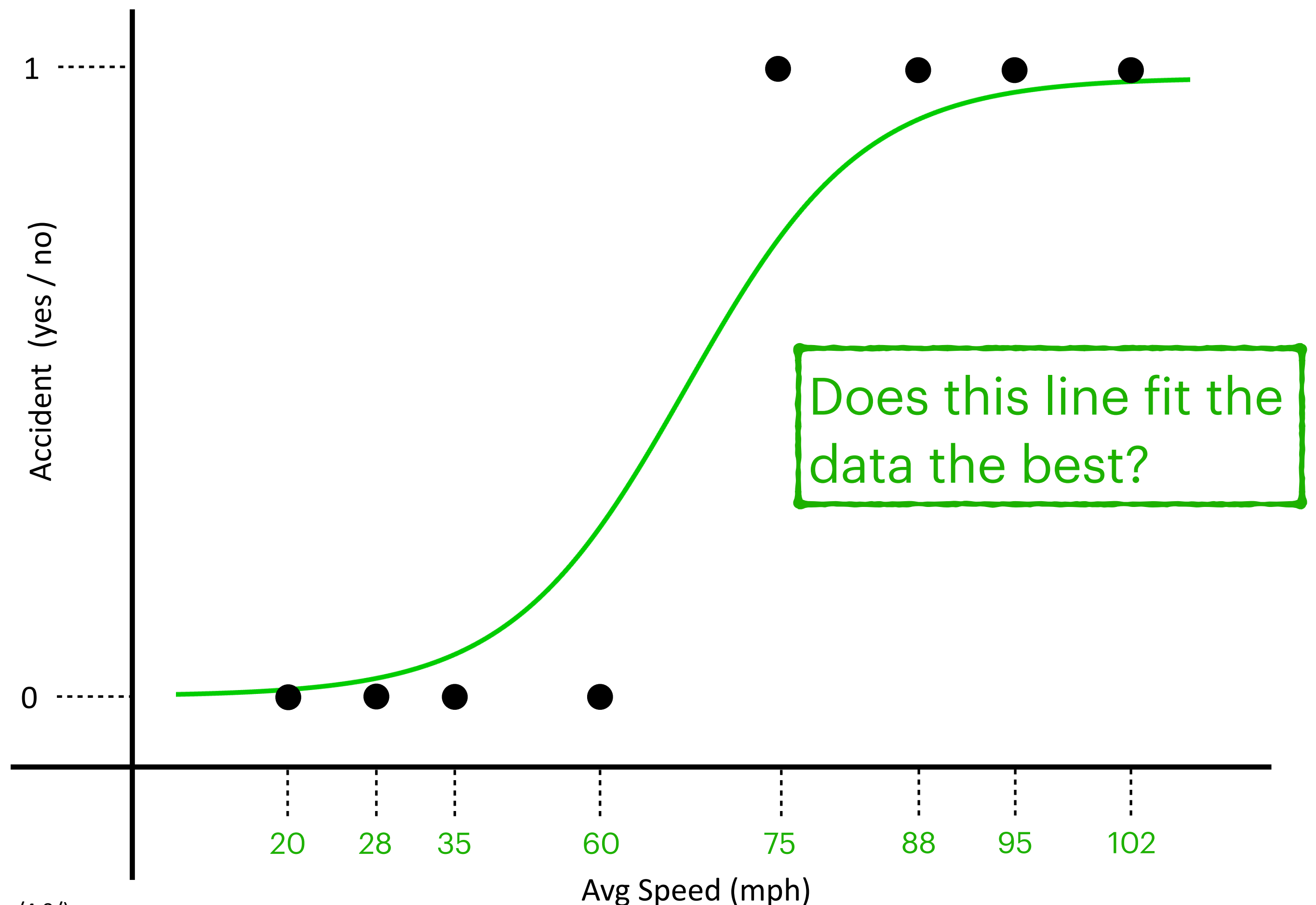
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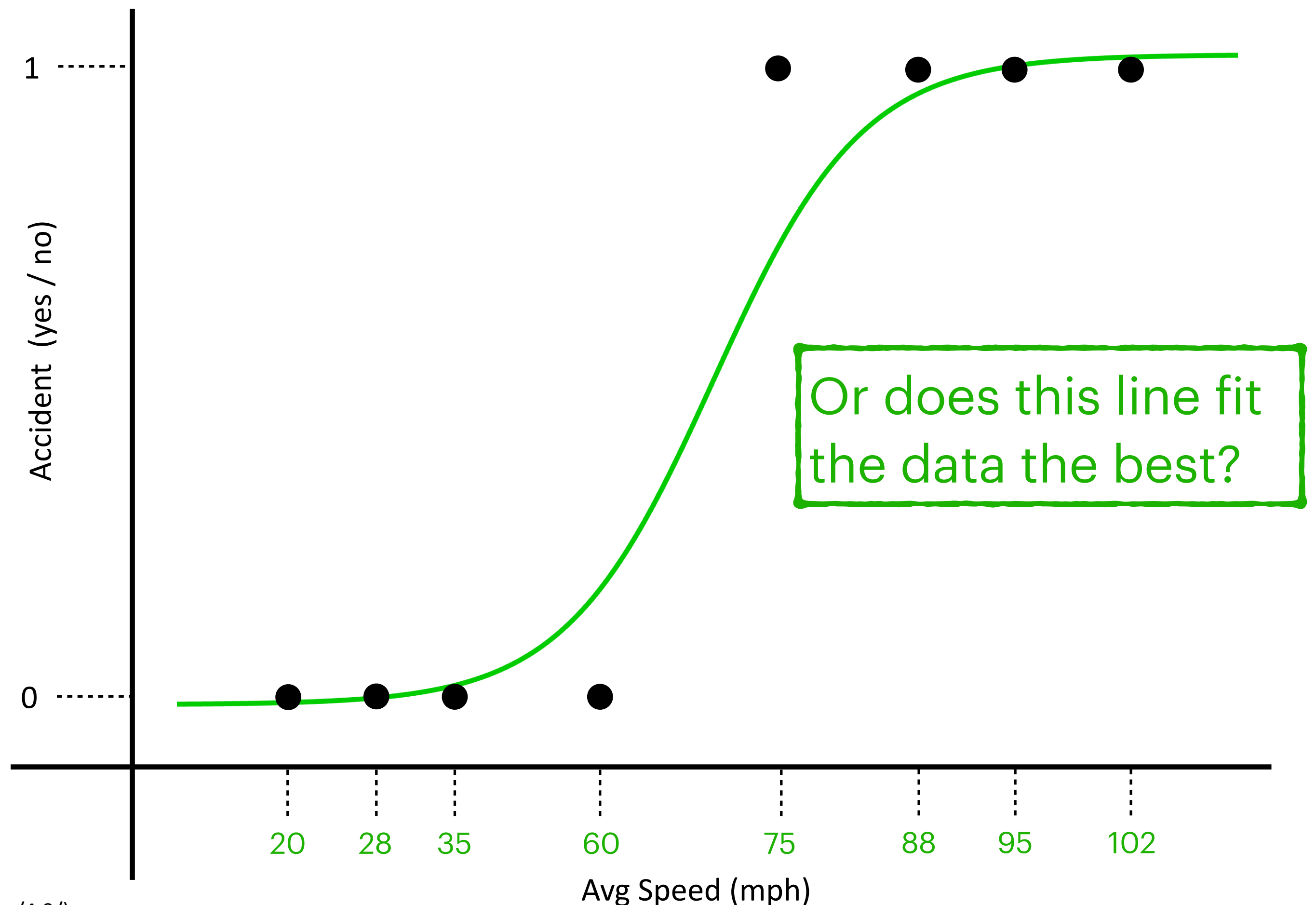


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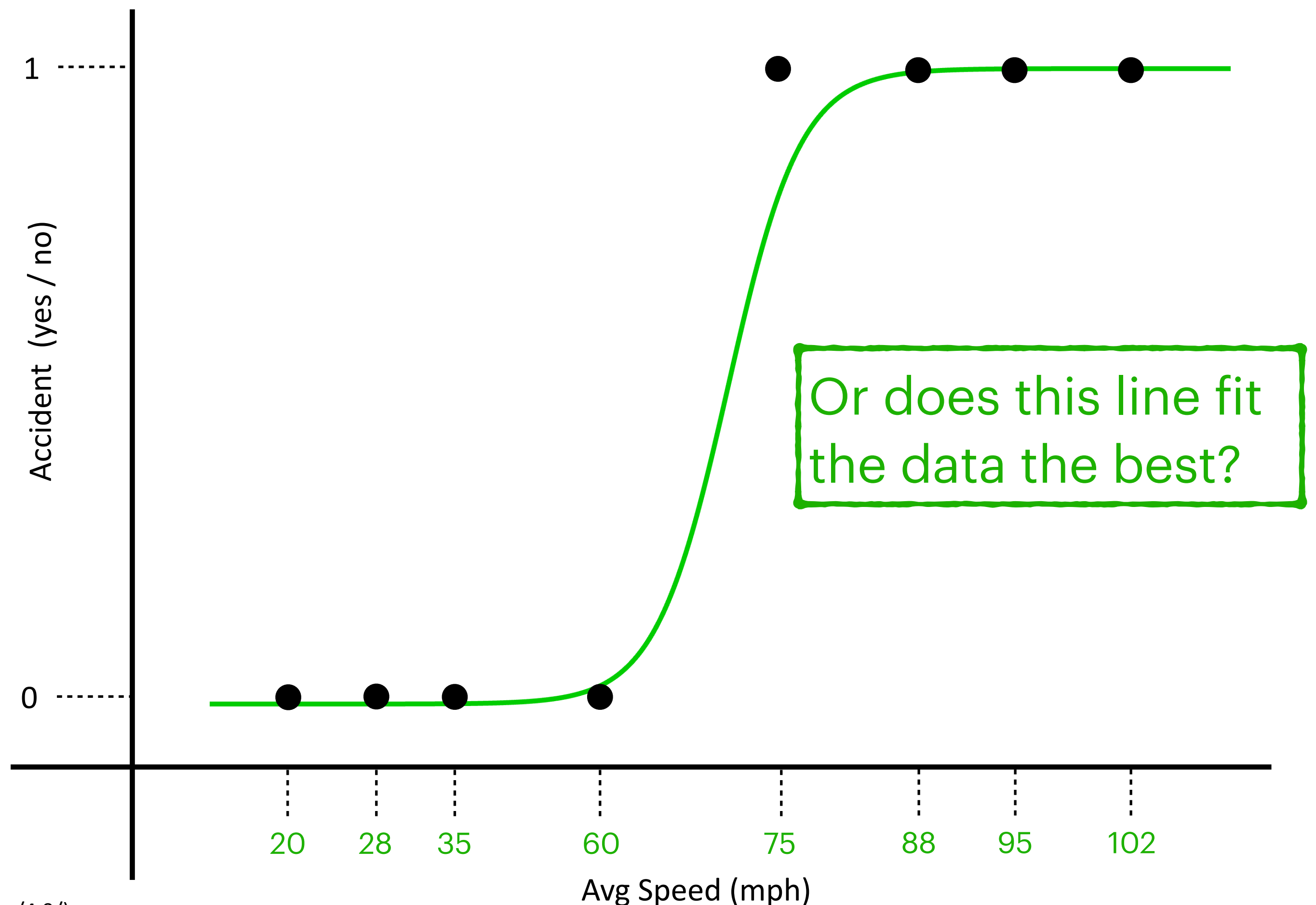


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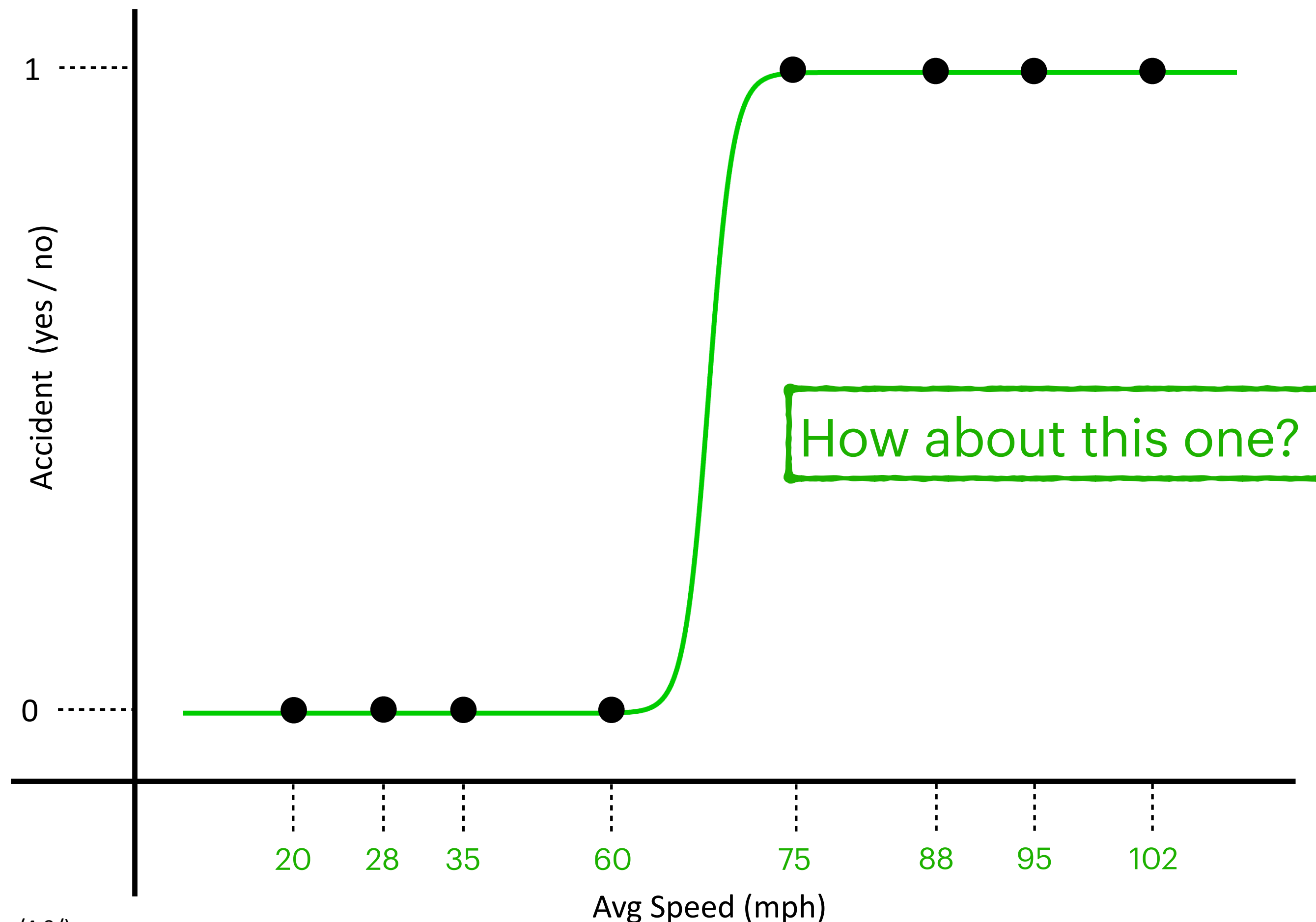
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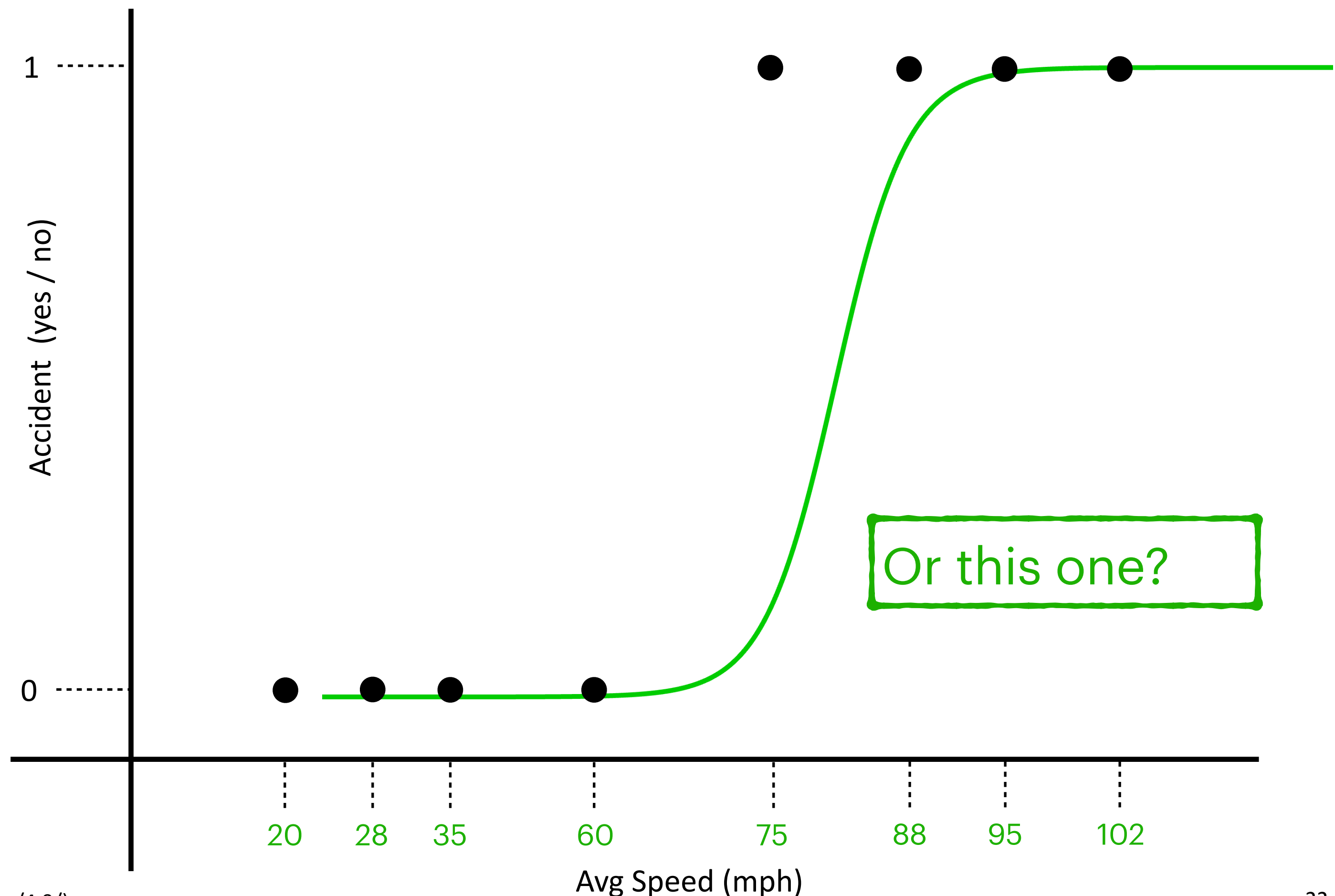
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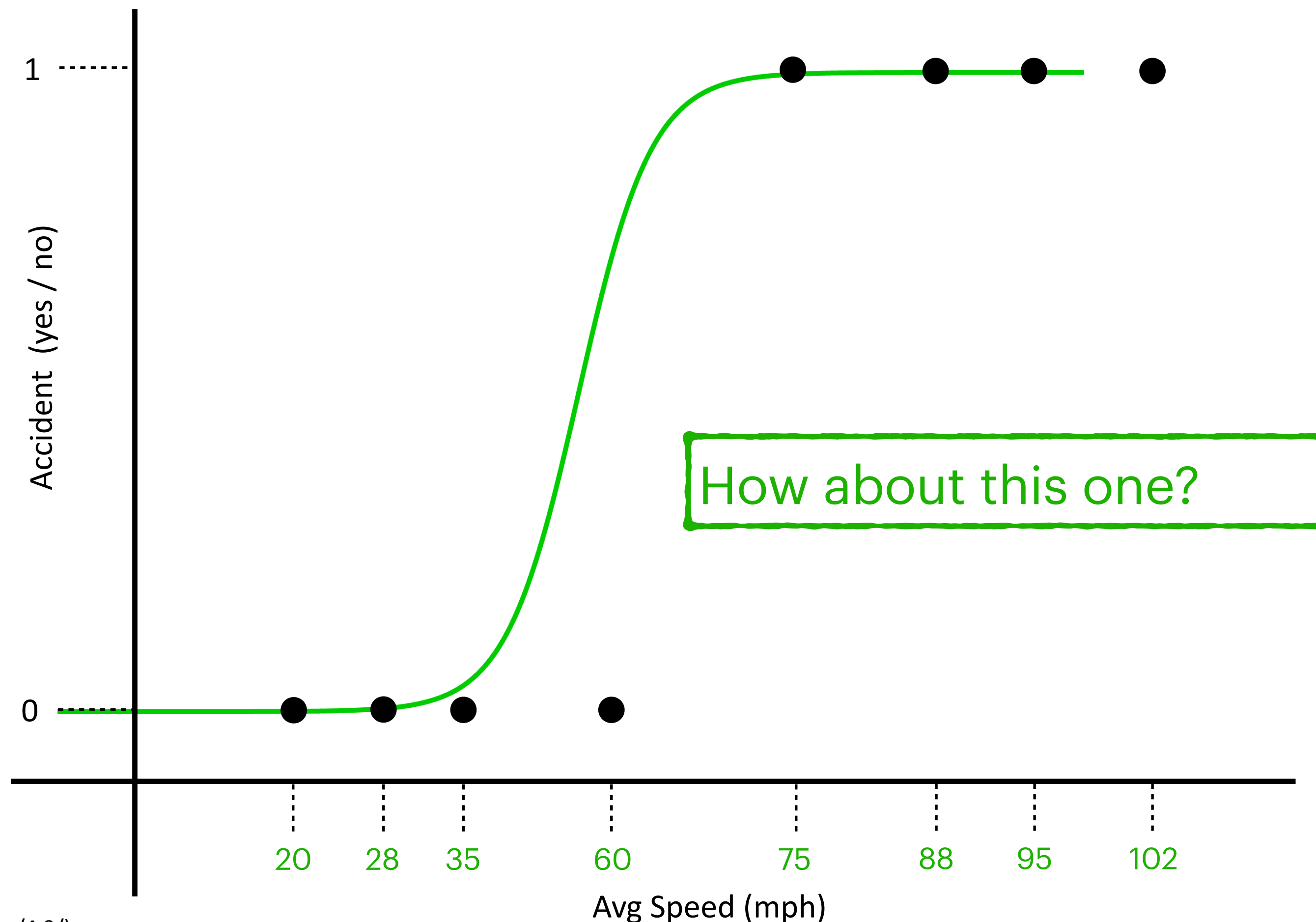


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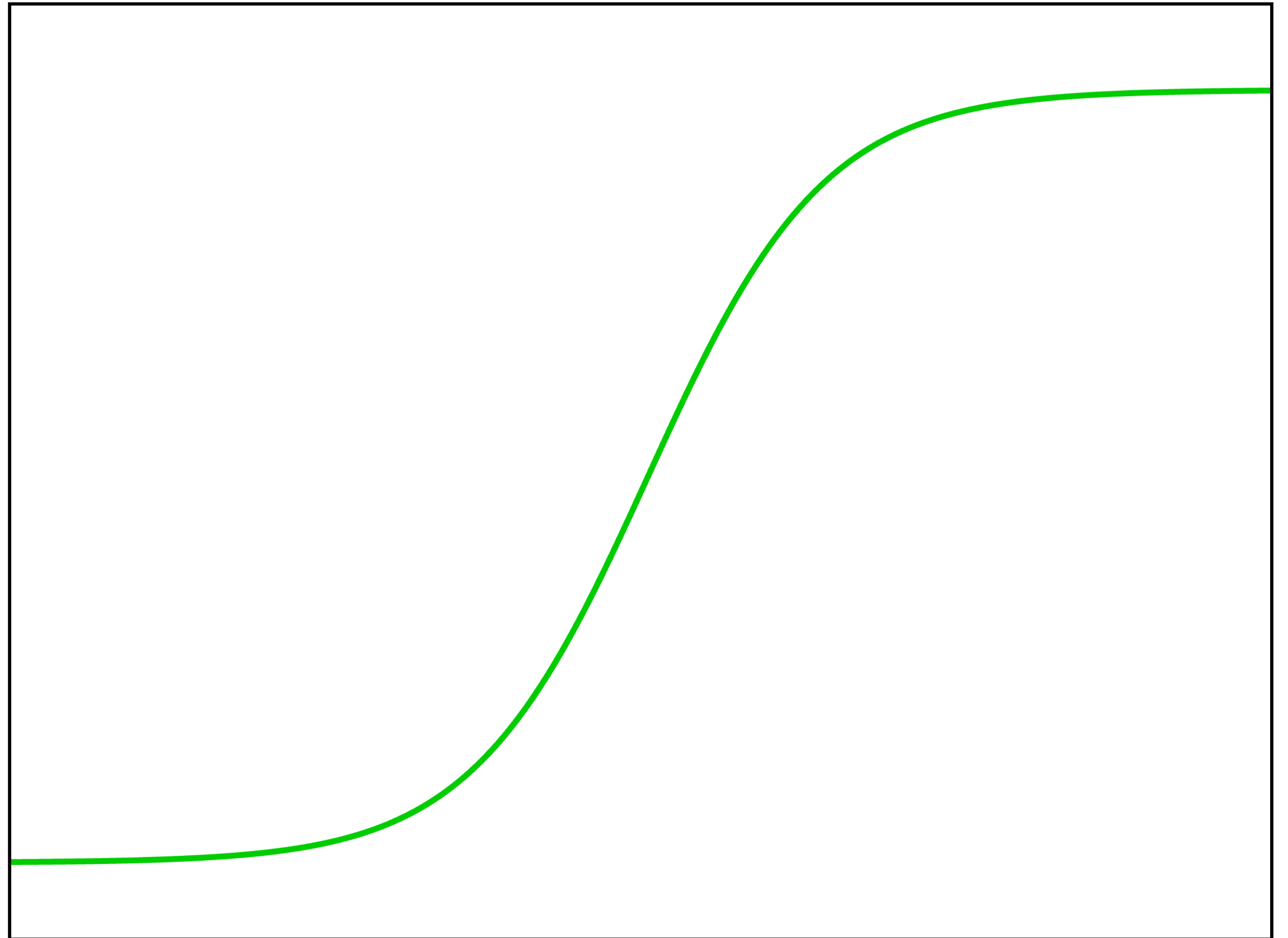
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**Lets dive deep
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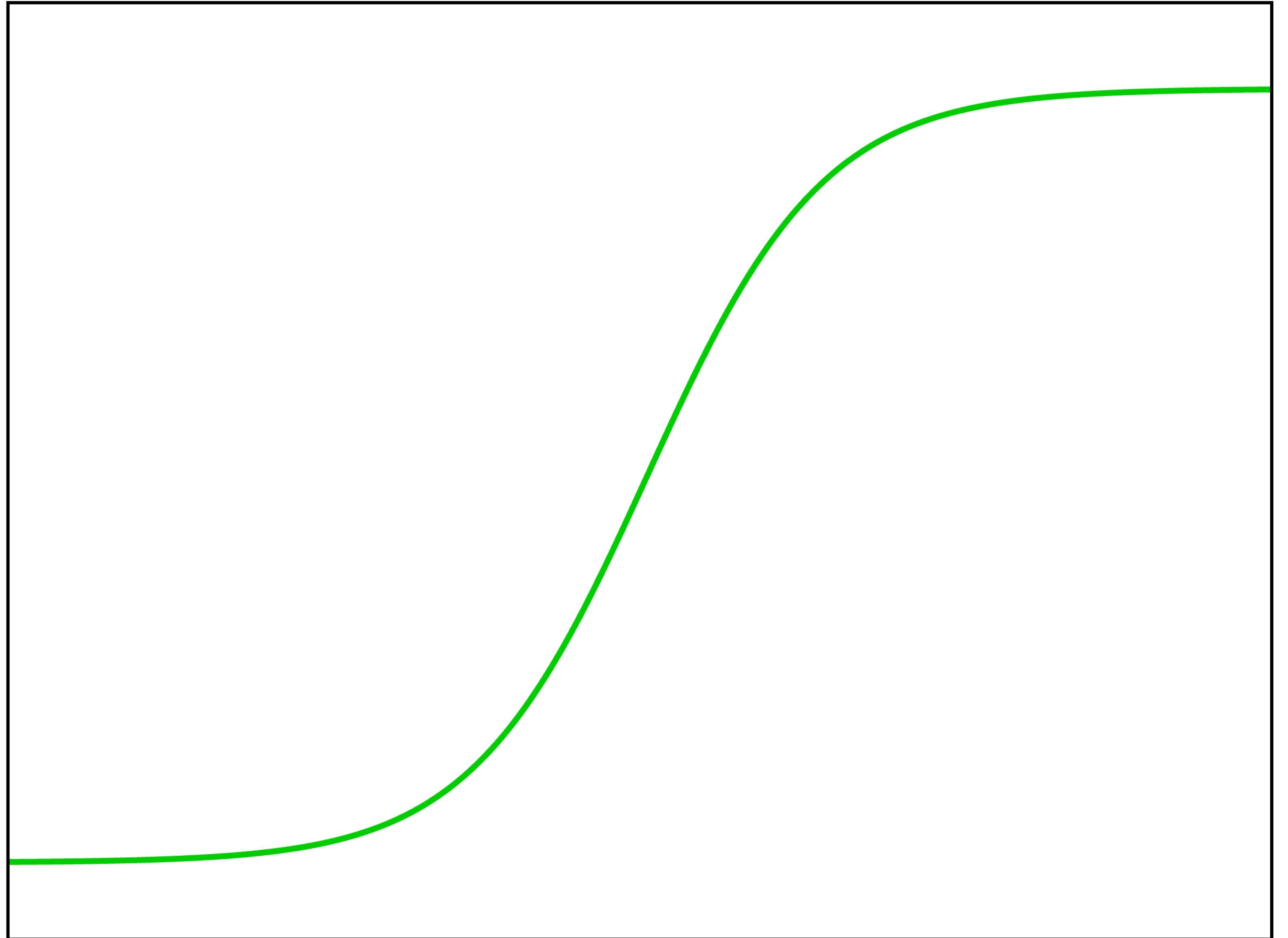


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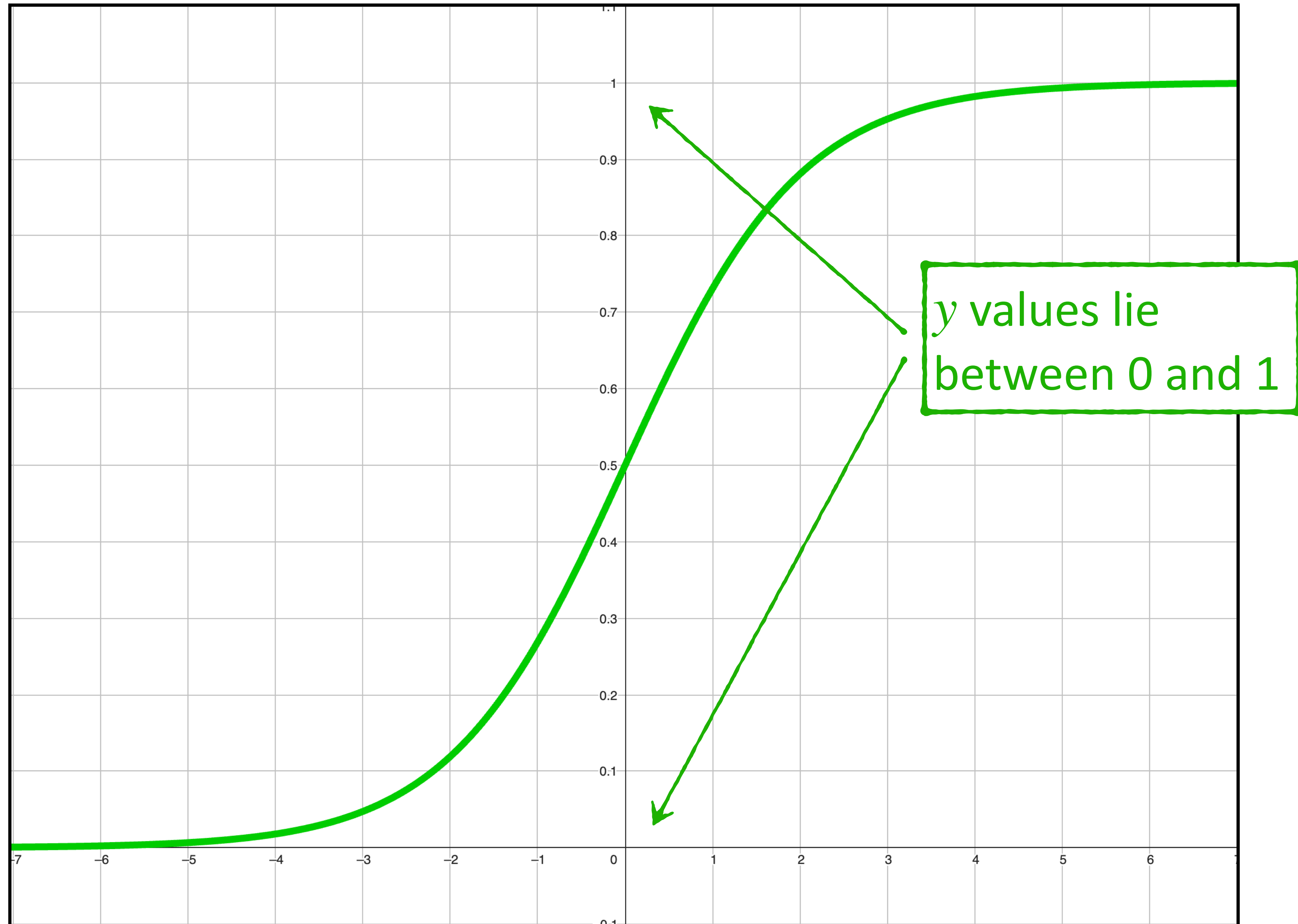
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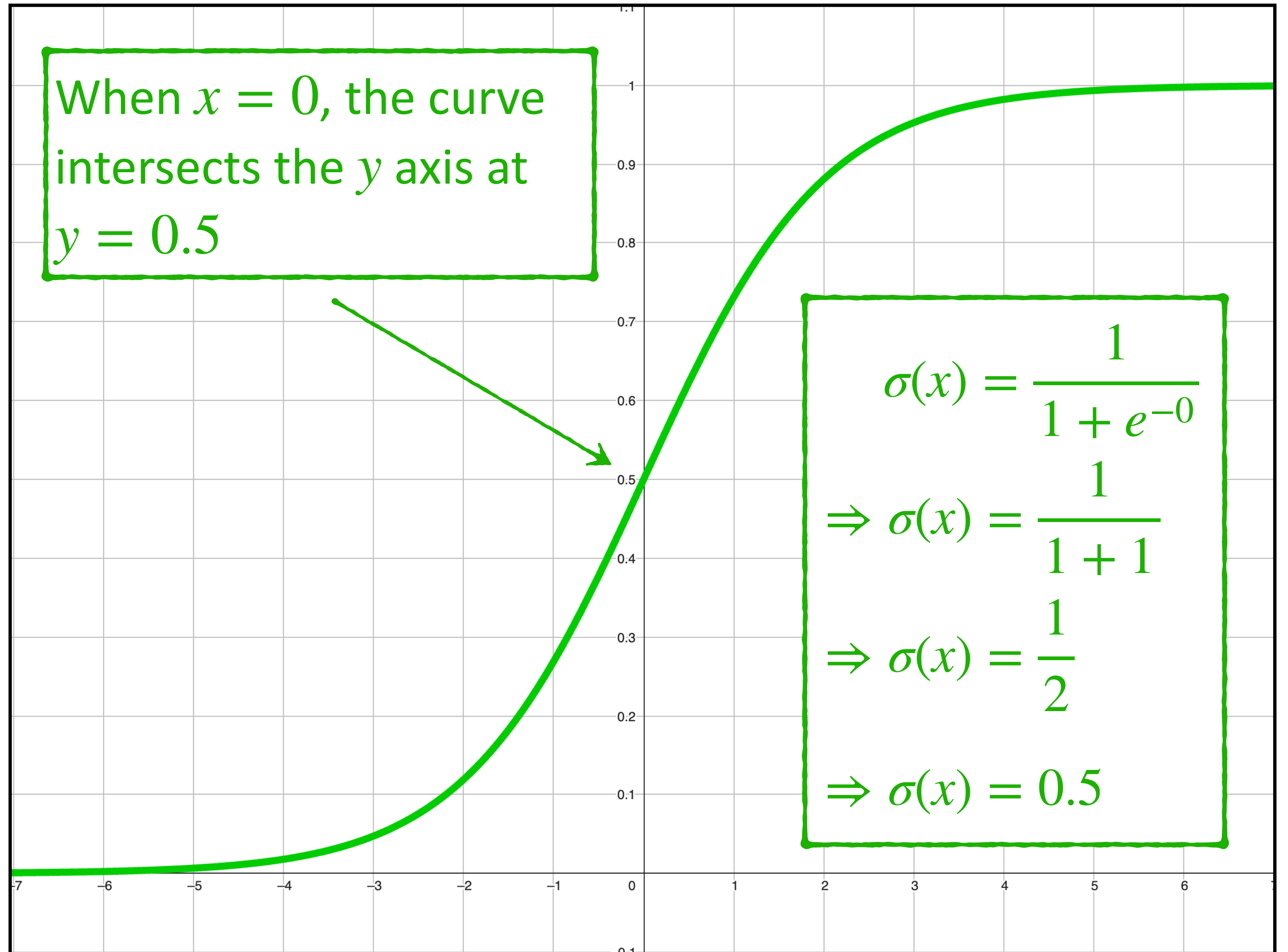
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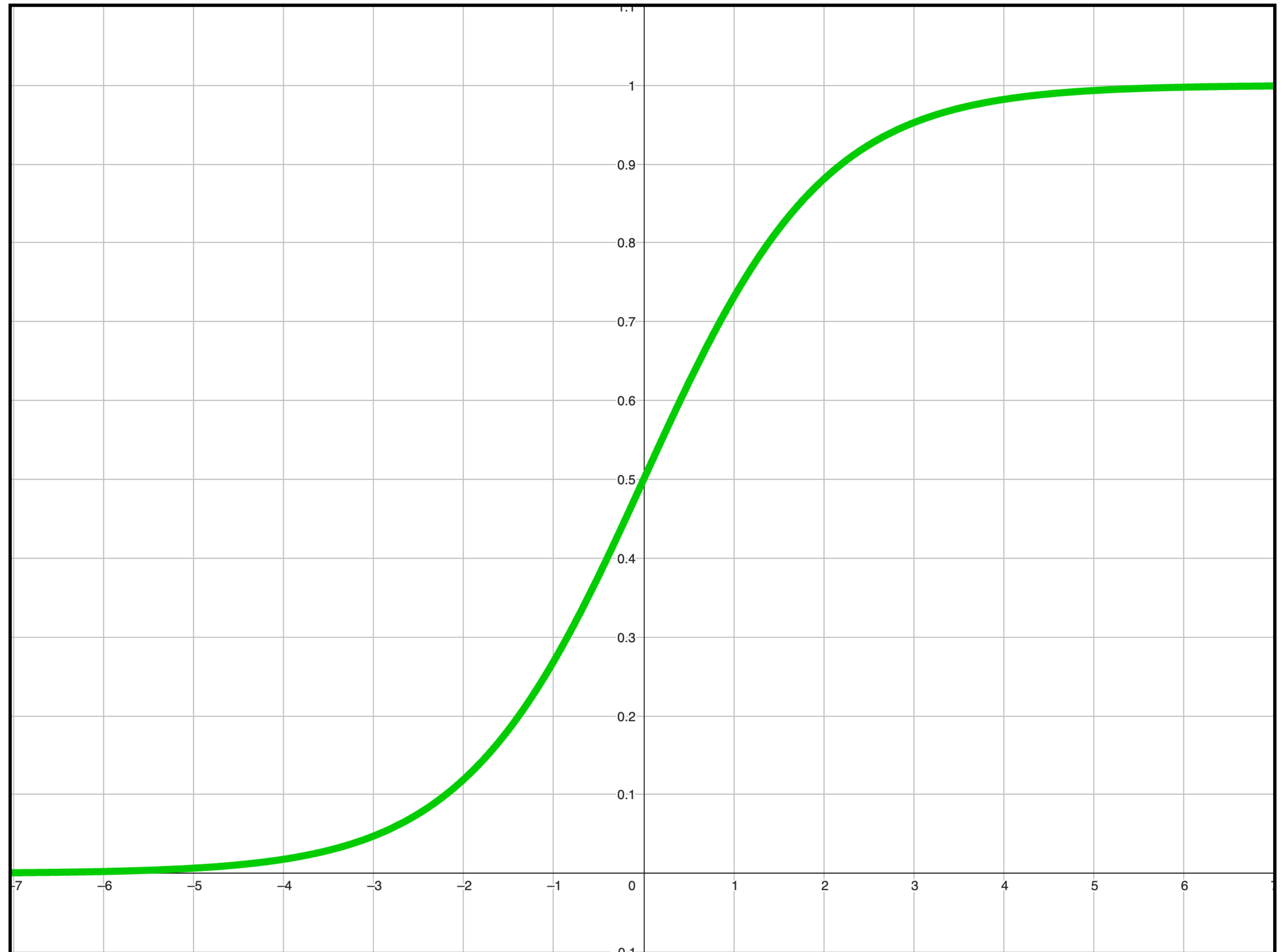
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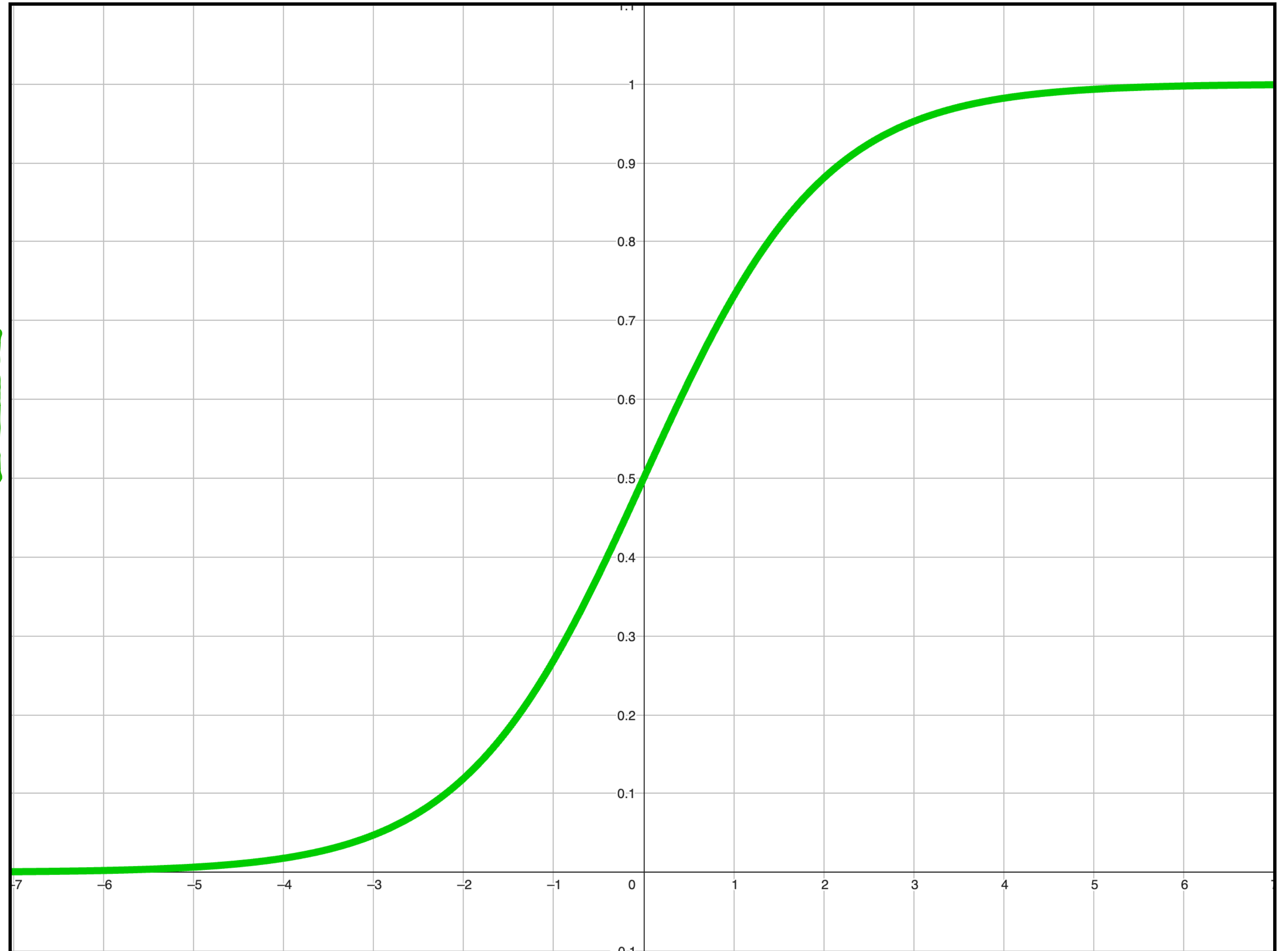
The Logistic Function, converts inputs into a range between 0 and 1.



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The shape of the curve changes for different values of x



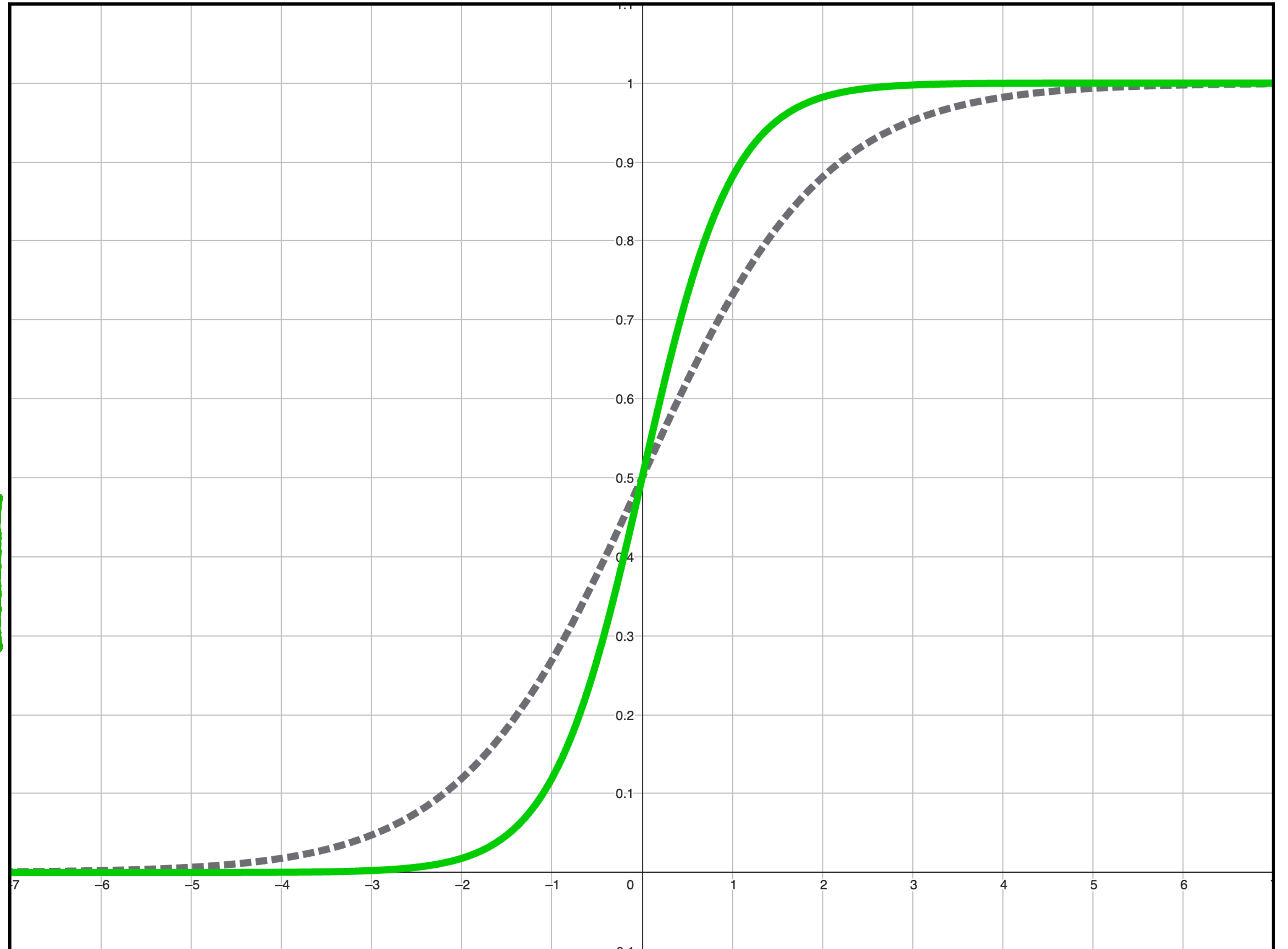
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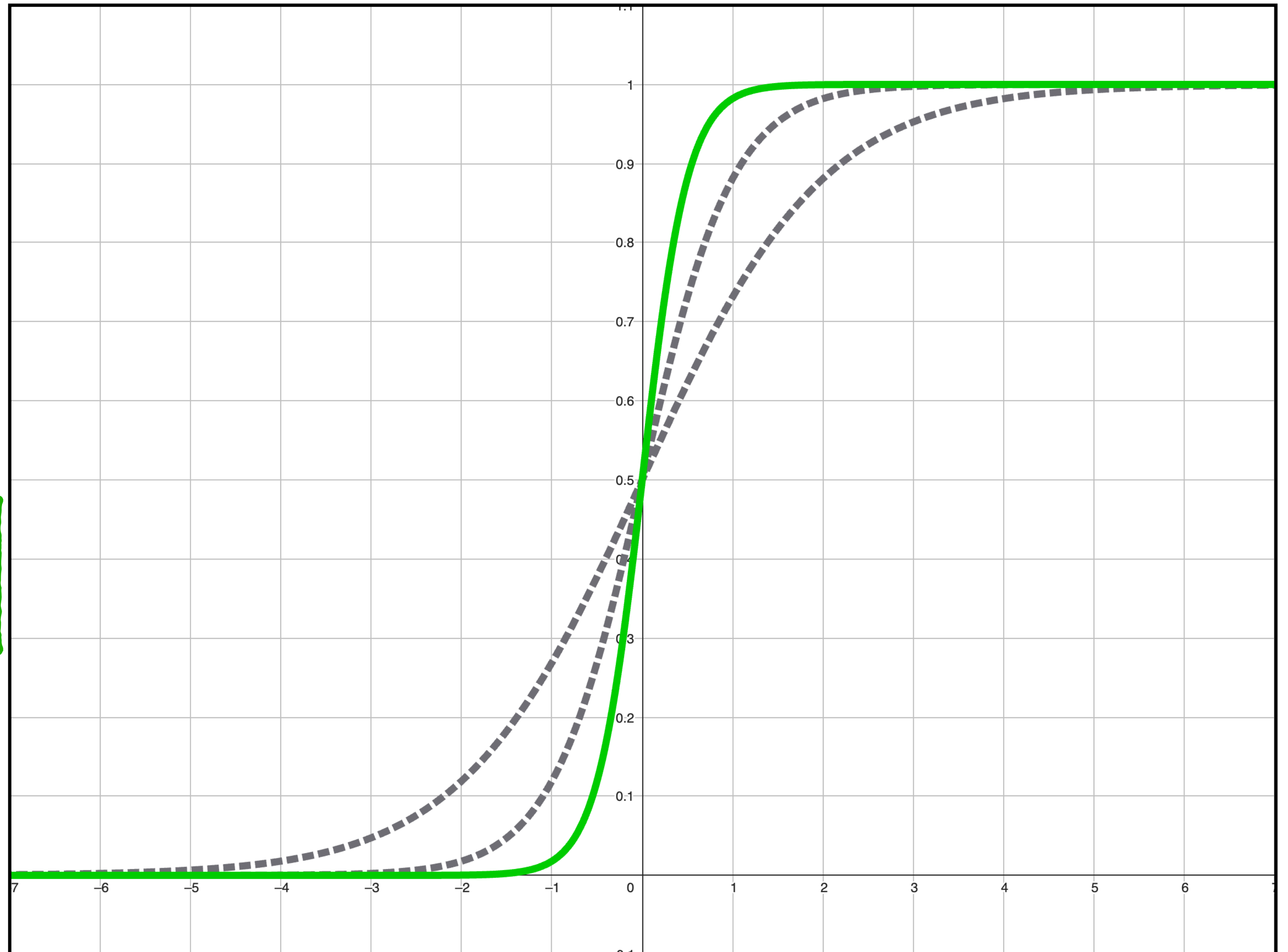
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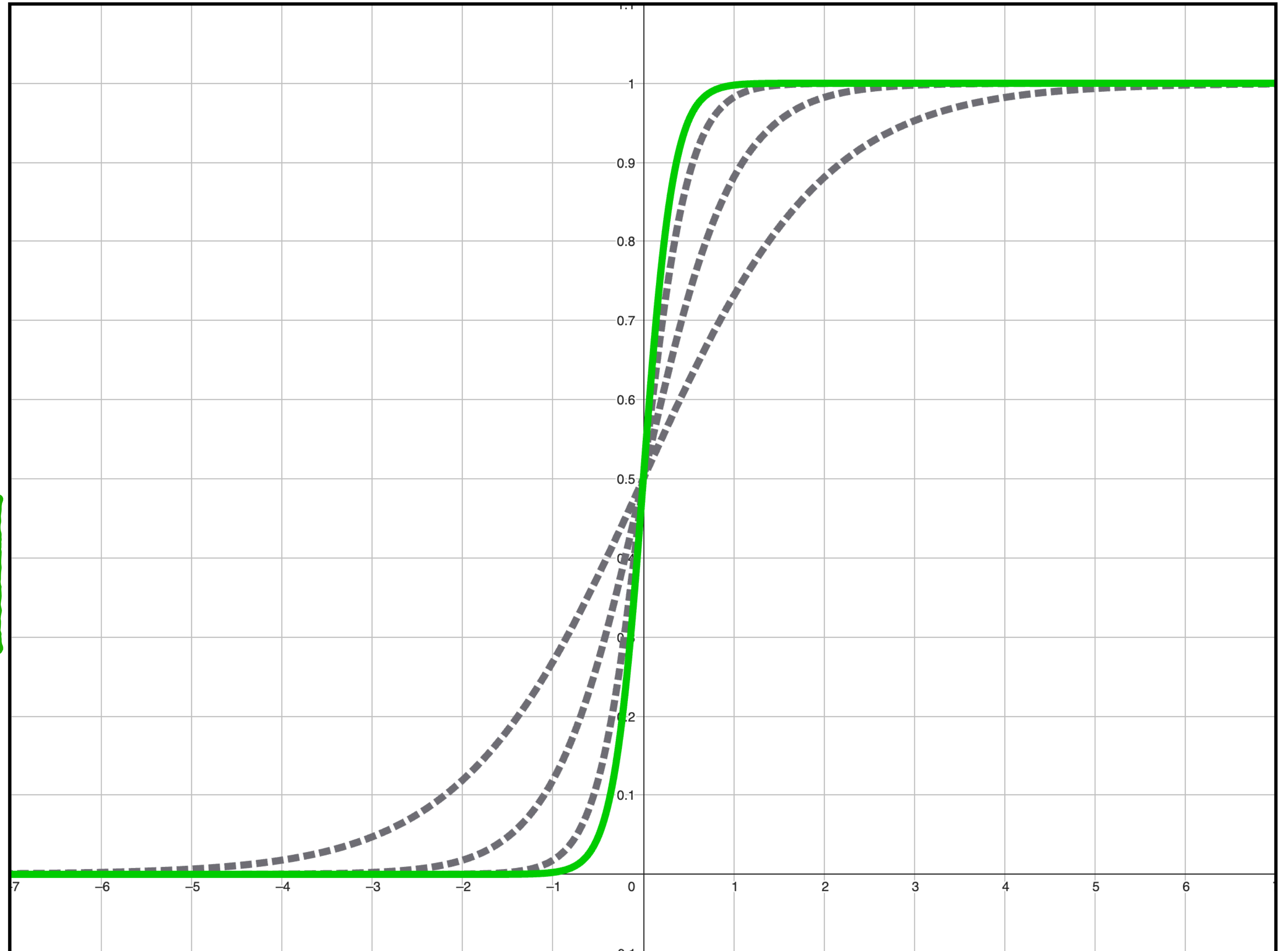
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$$\sigma(6x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-6x}}$$

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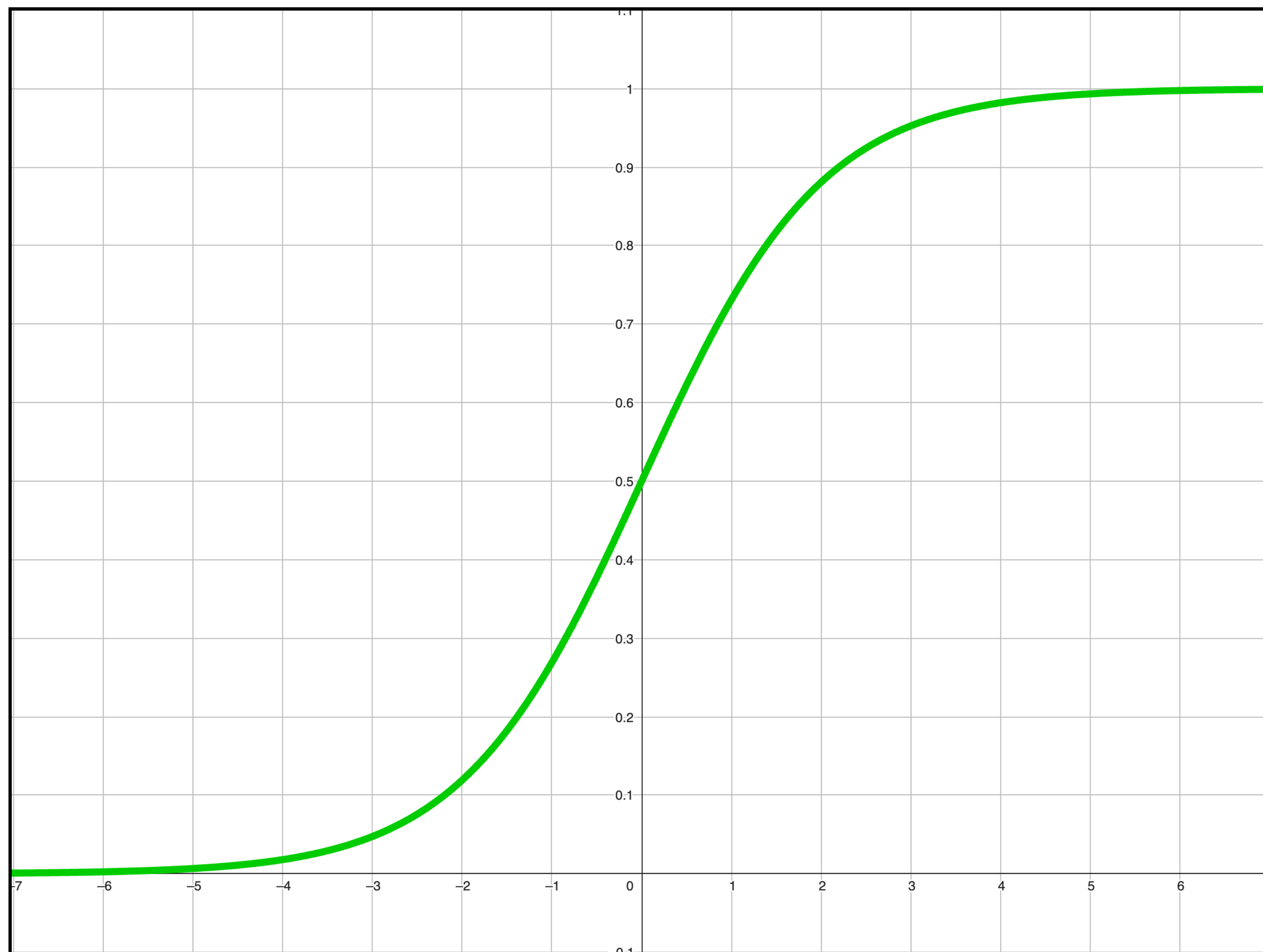
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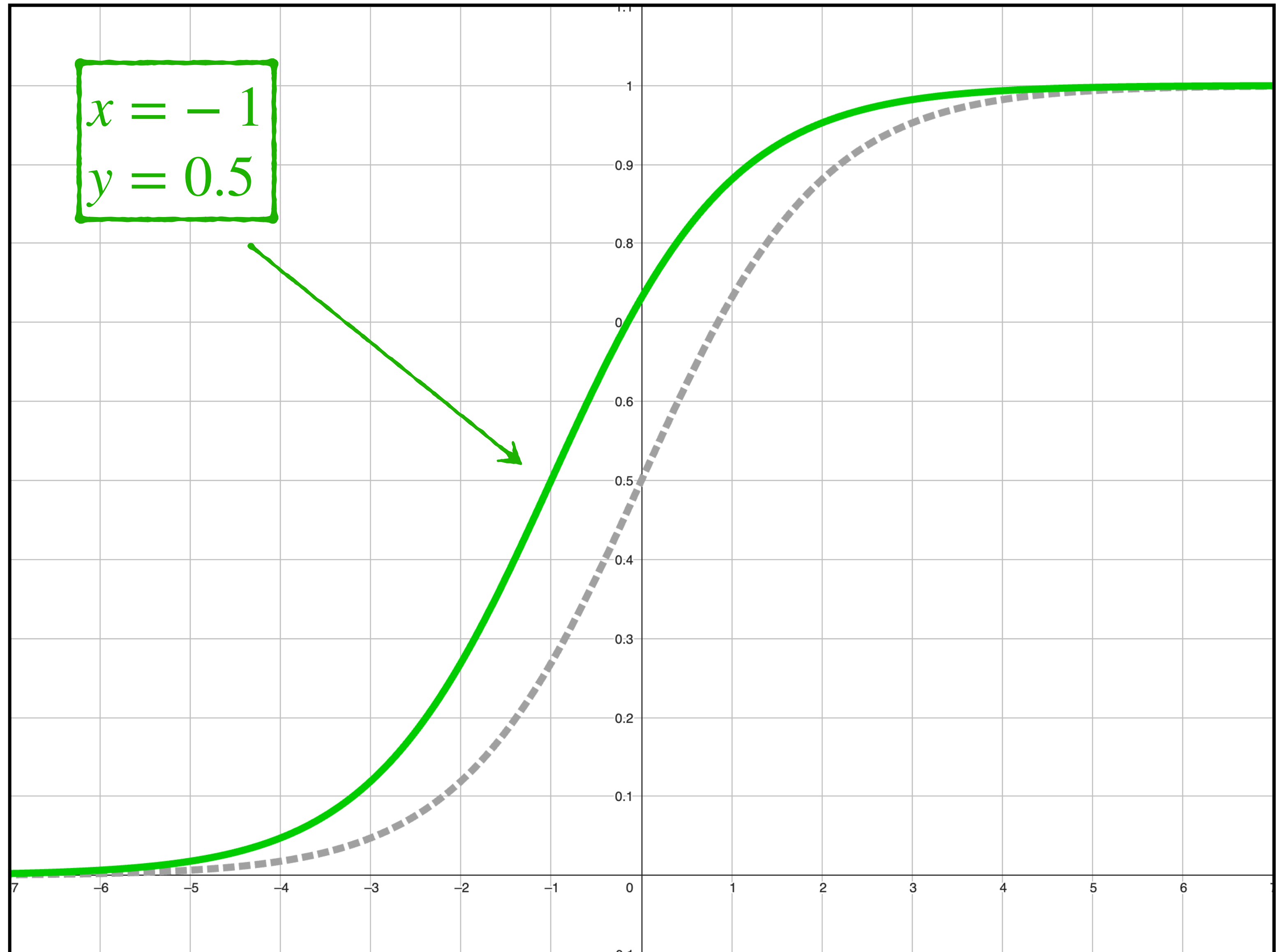
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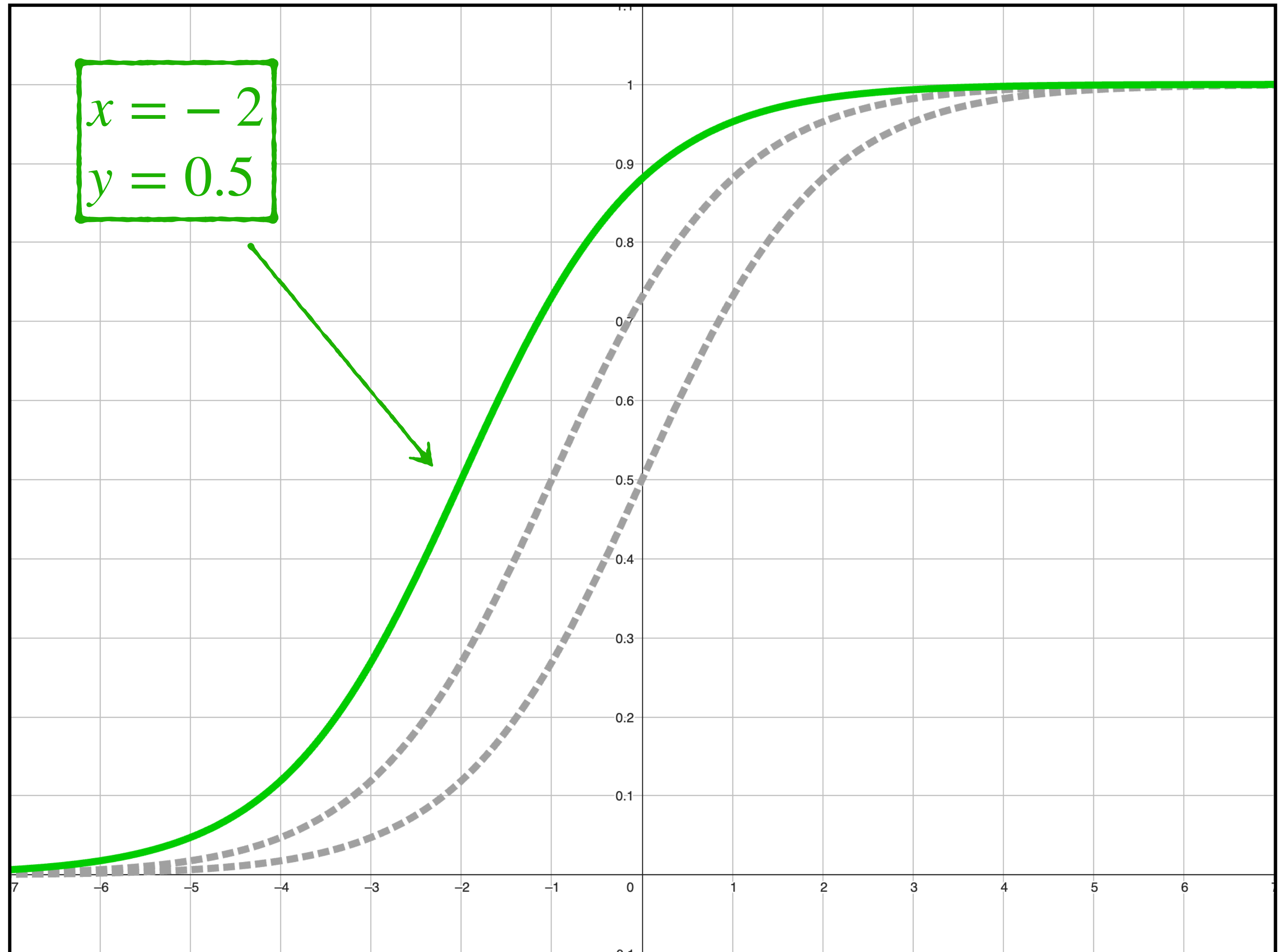
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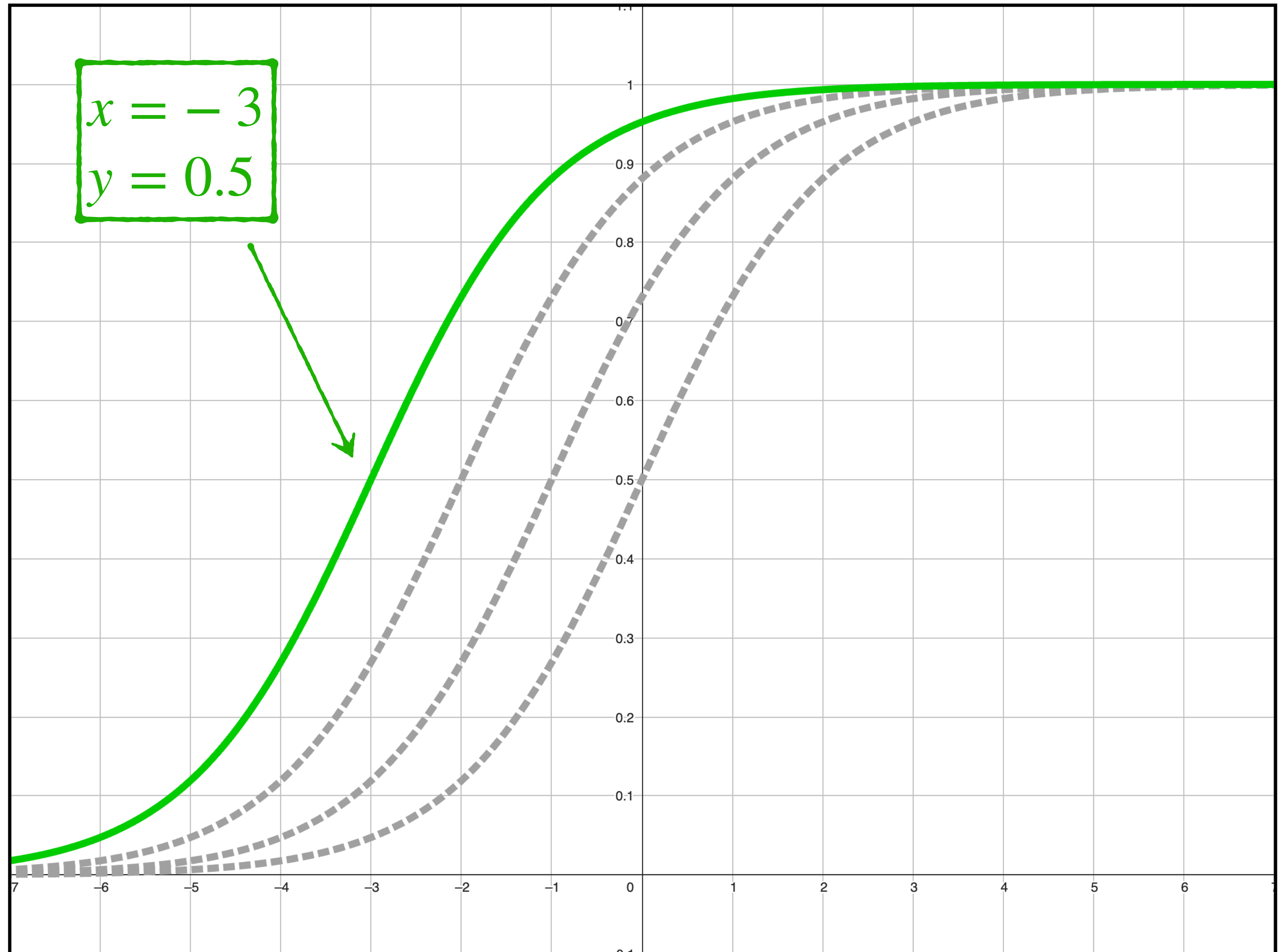
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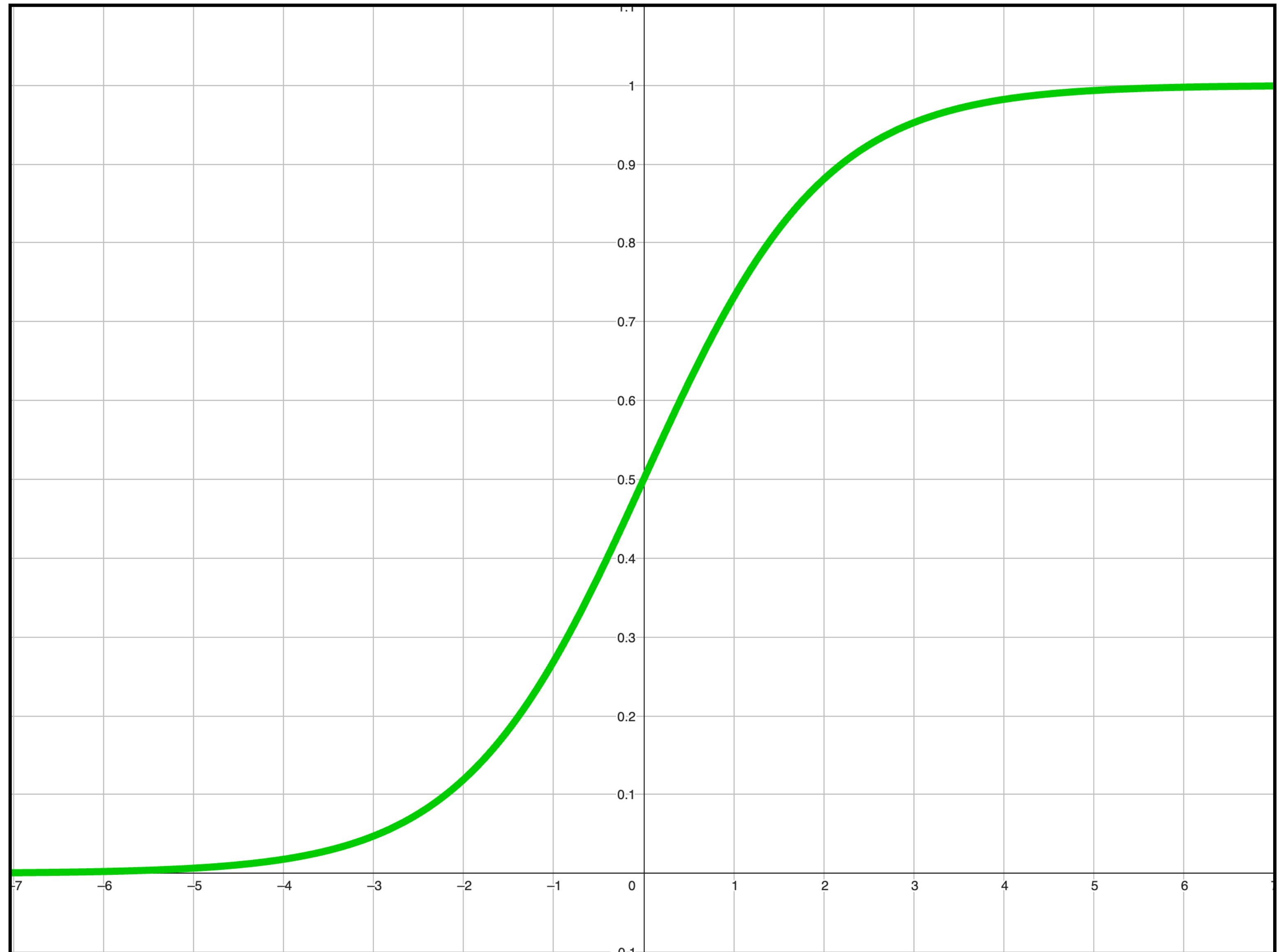


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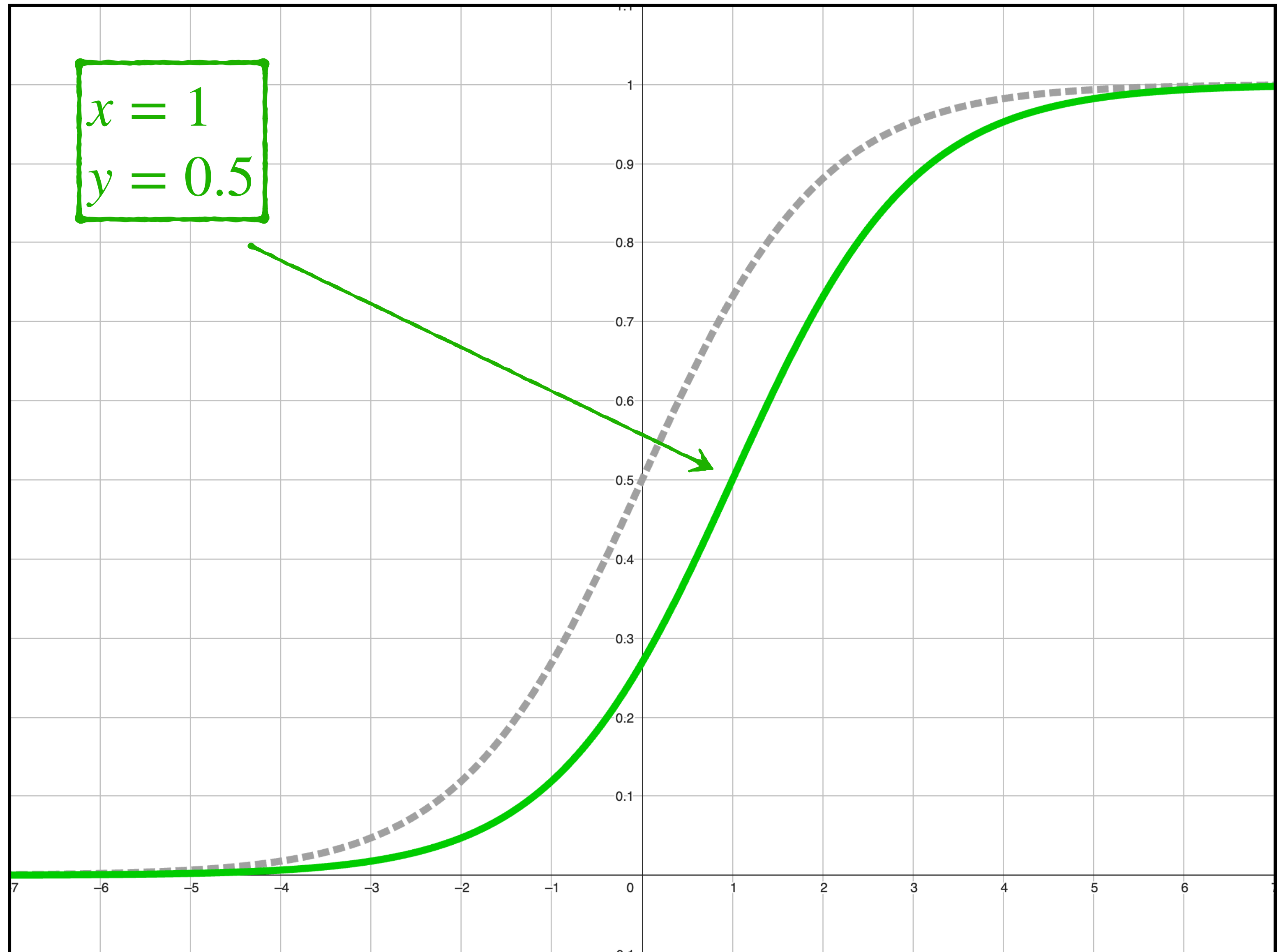
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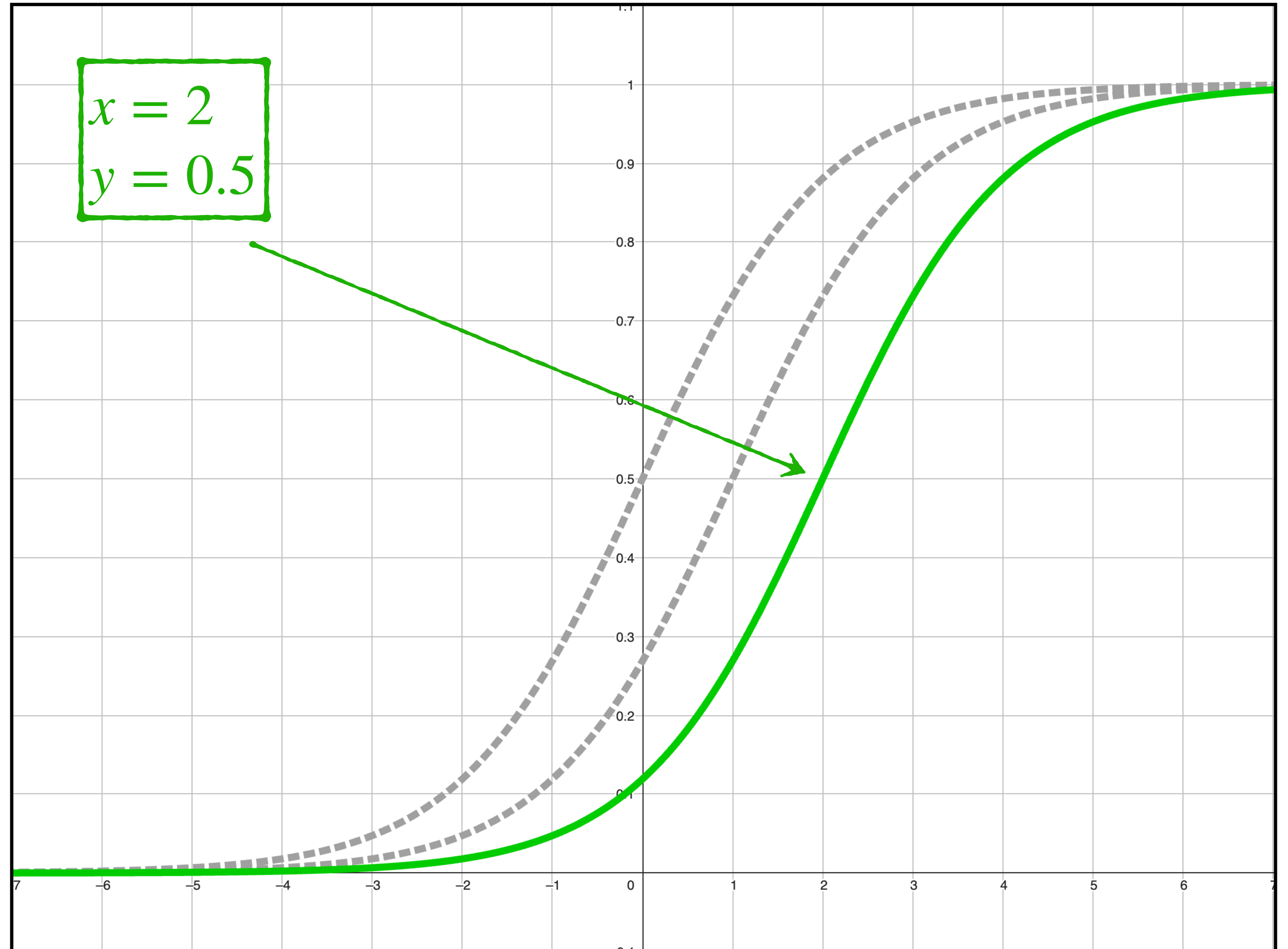
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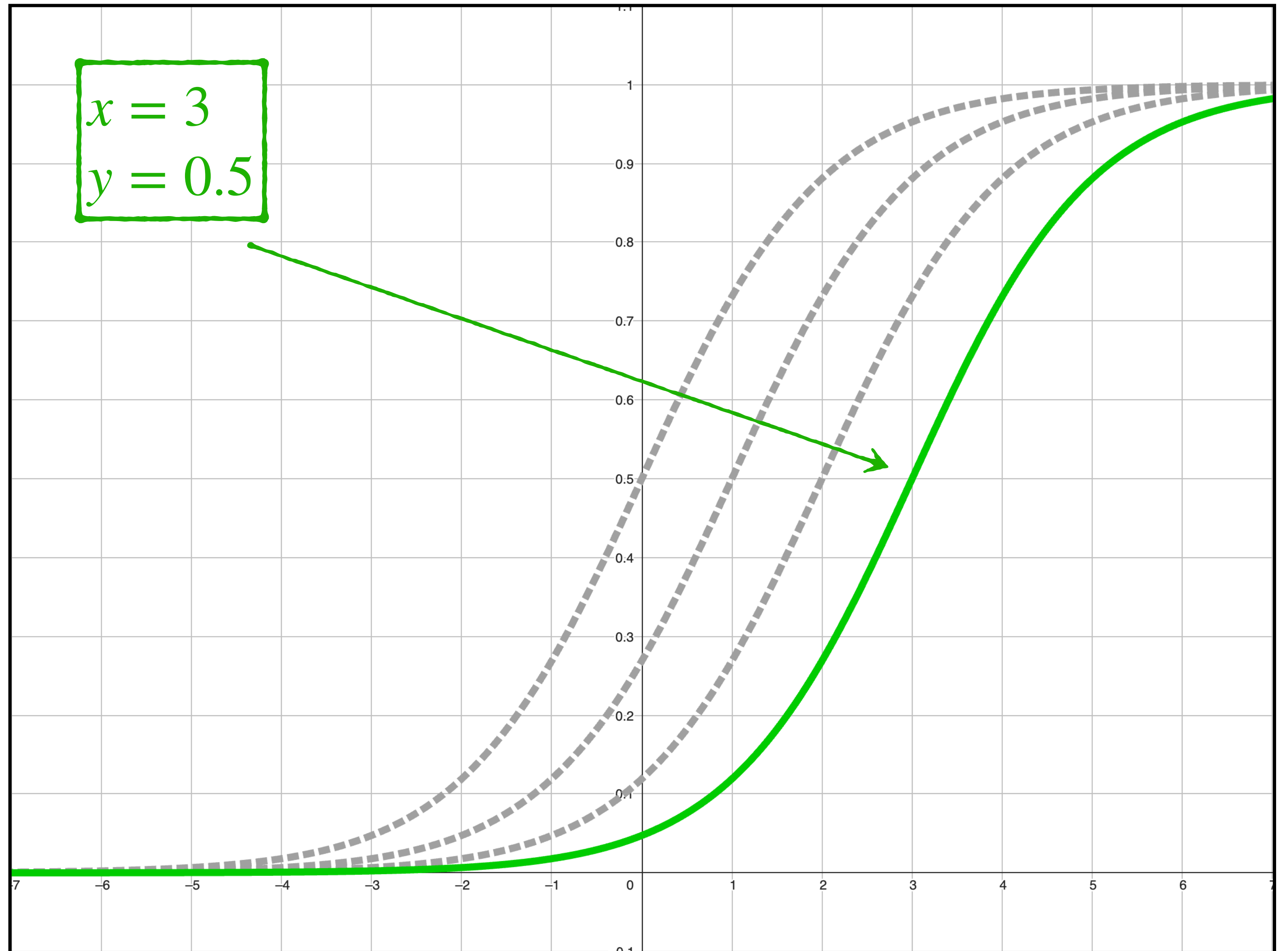
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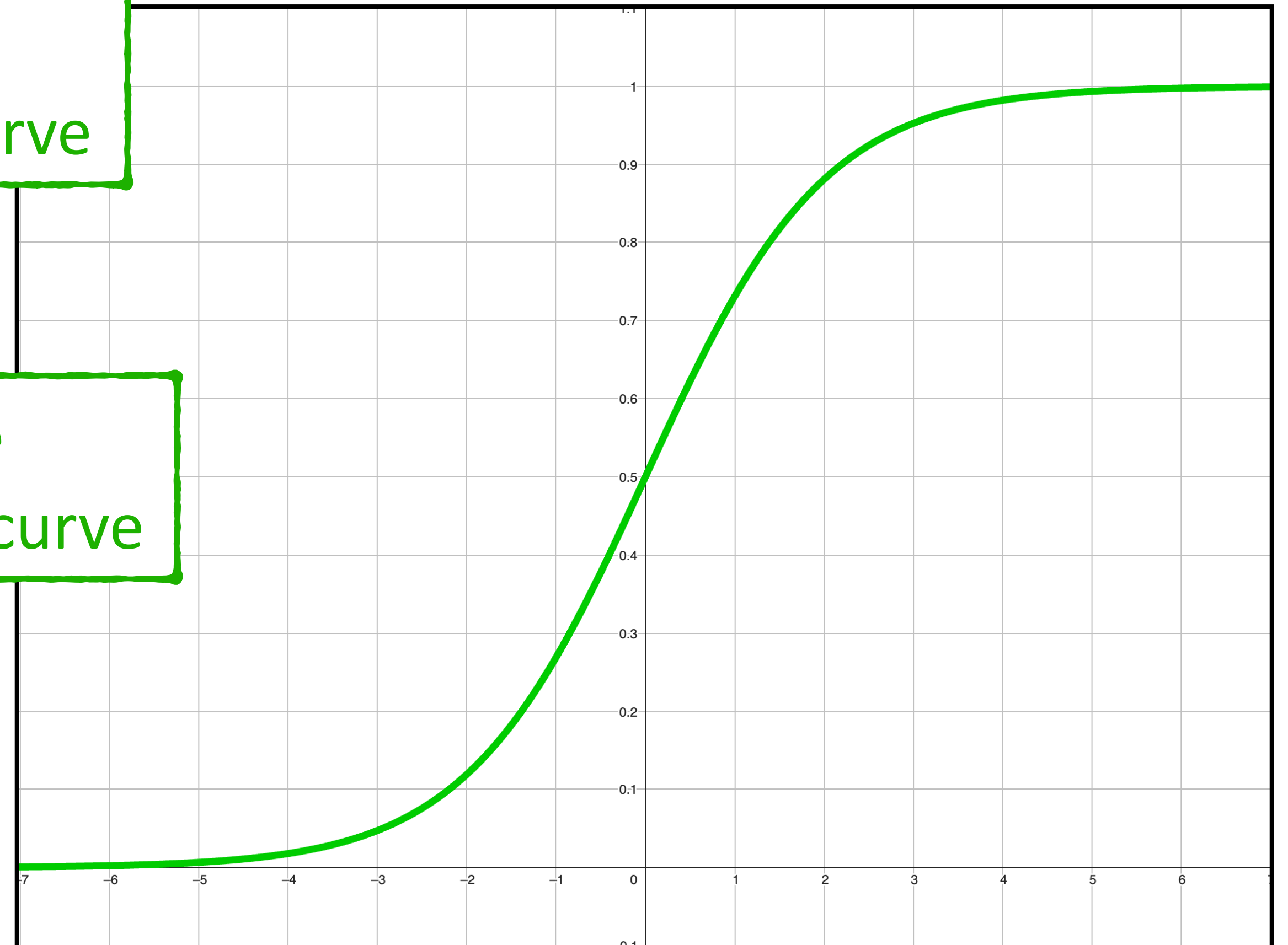
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β determines the position of the curve

w determines the steepness of the curve



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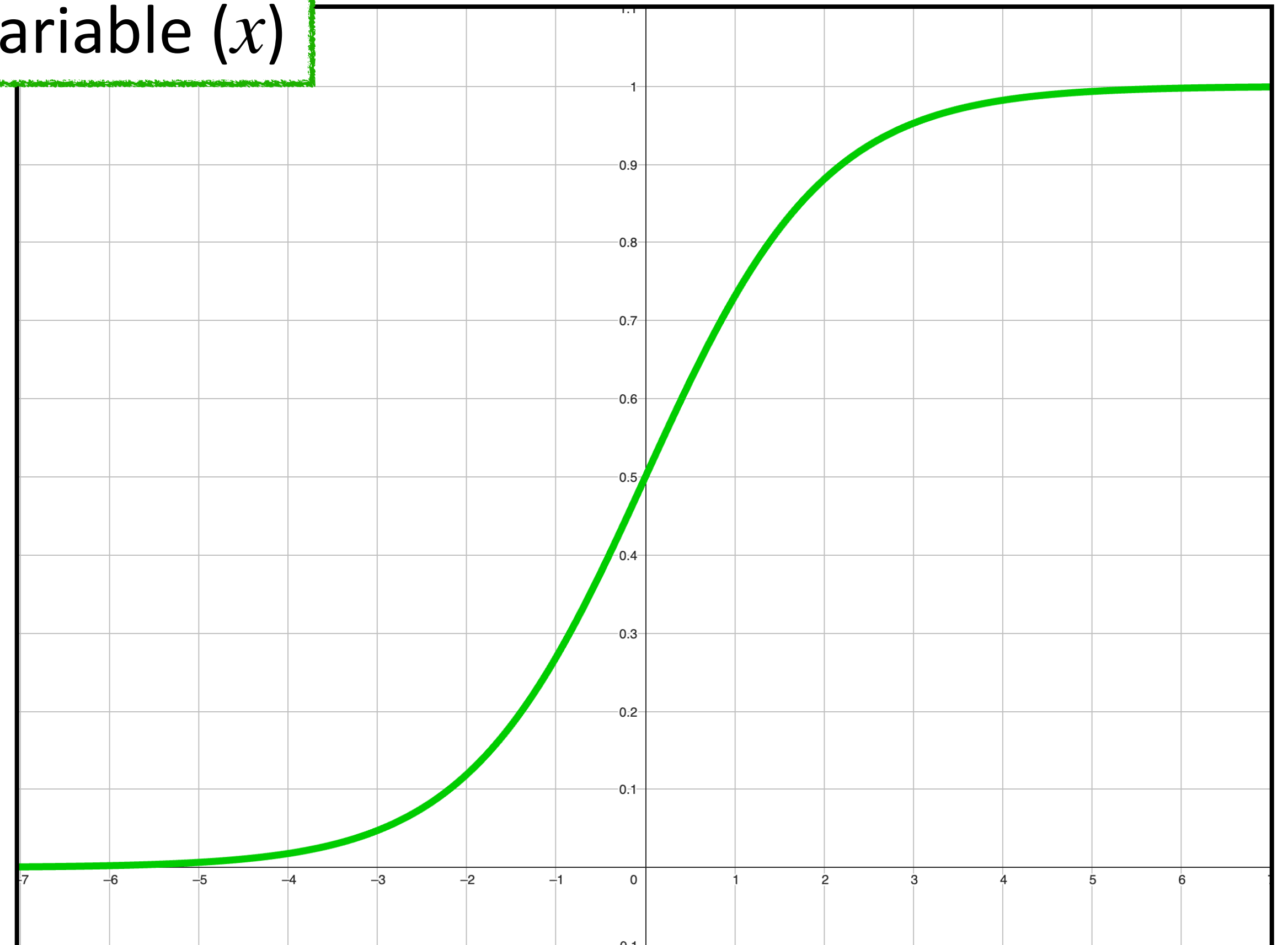
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1 independent variable (x)

1 dependent variable (y)



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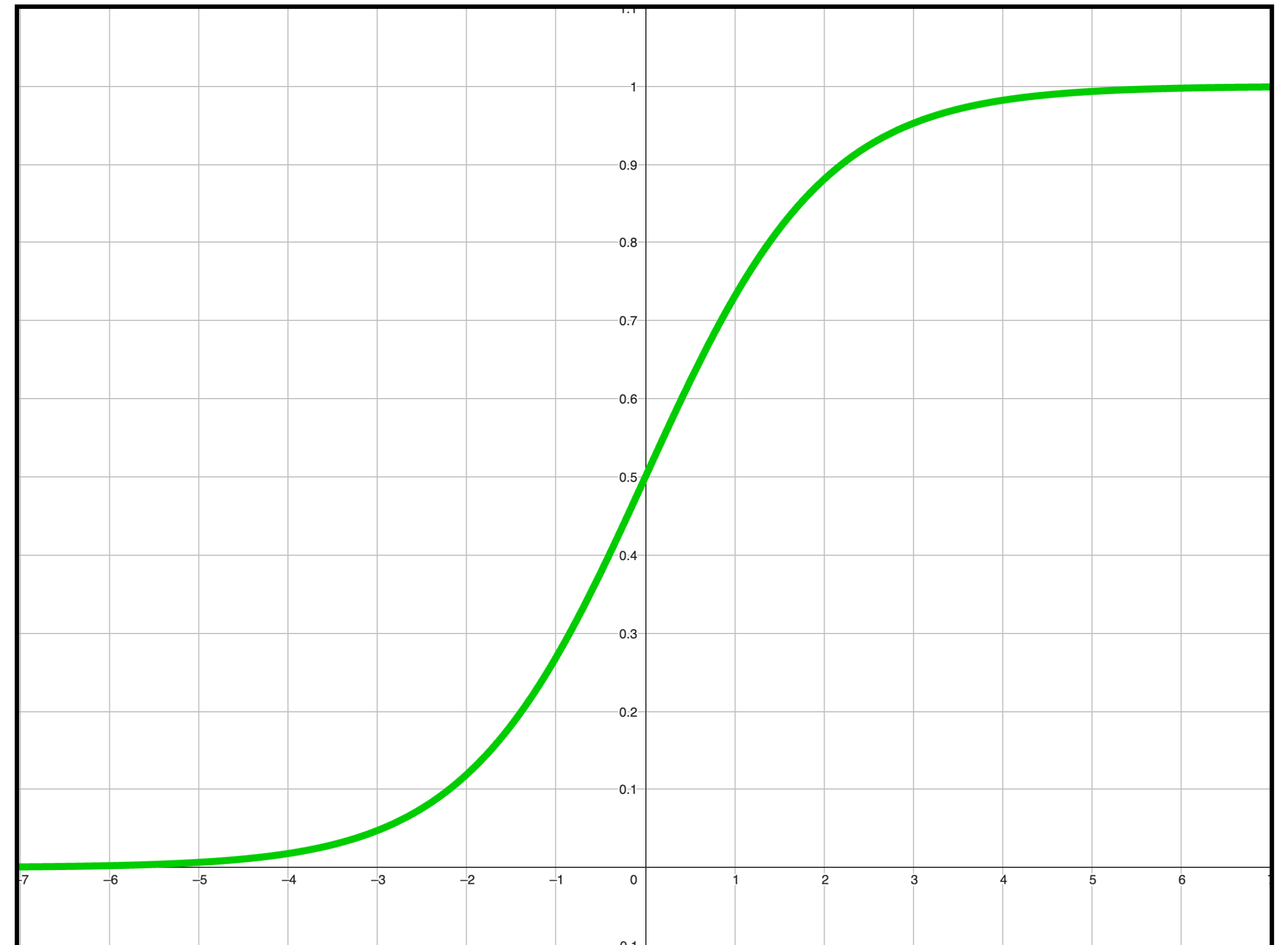
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Let's generalize this to k independent variables

The Logistic function converts the linear combination of input features (x values) into probabilities (y values)



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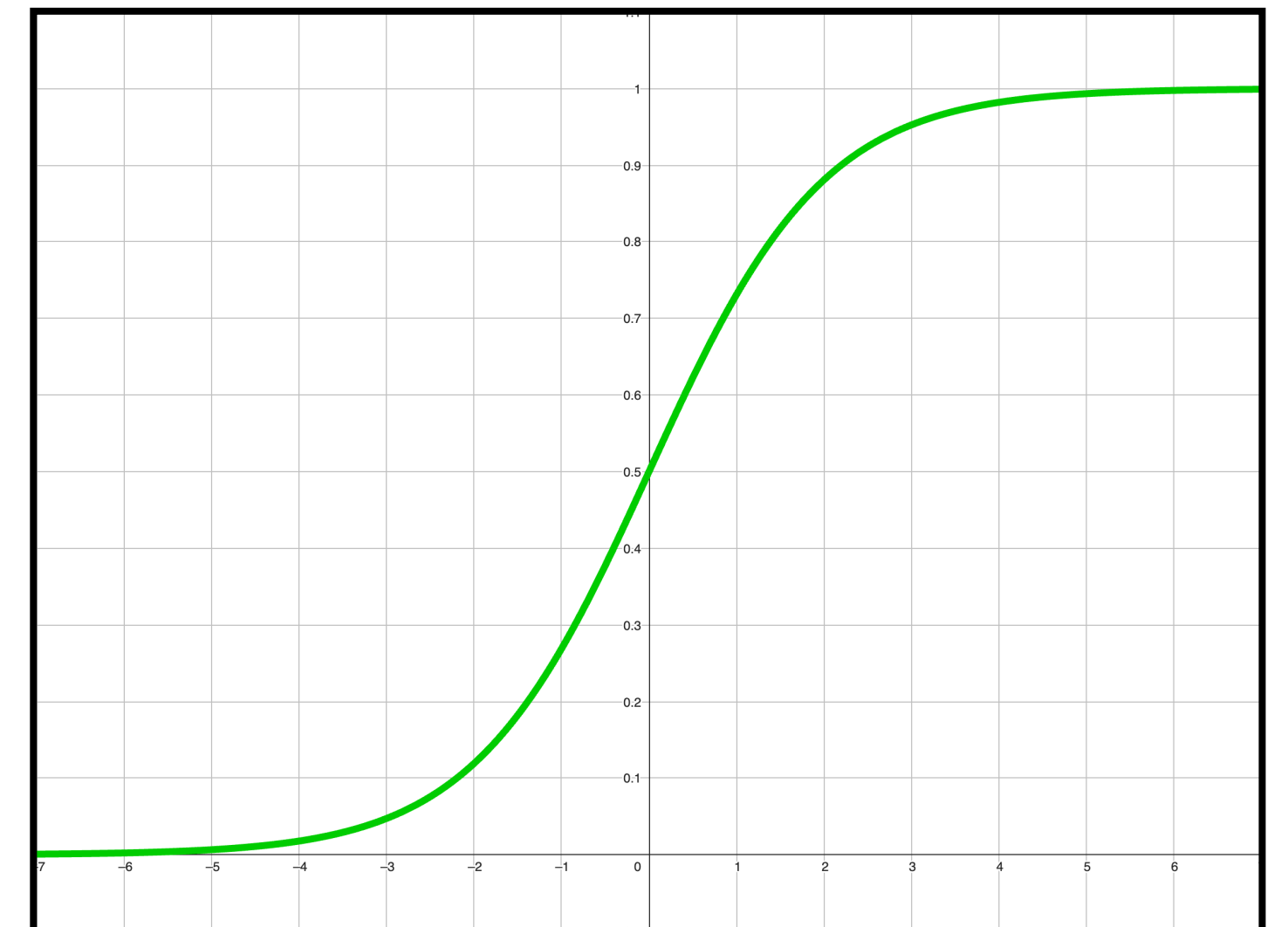
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1 dependent variable y

k independent variables $x_1 \dots x_k$

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This model has
 $k + 1$ parameters
 $\beta, w_1, w_2 \dots w_k$



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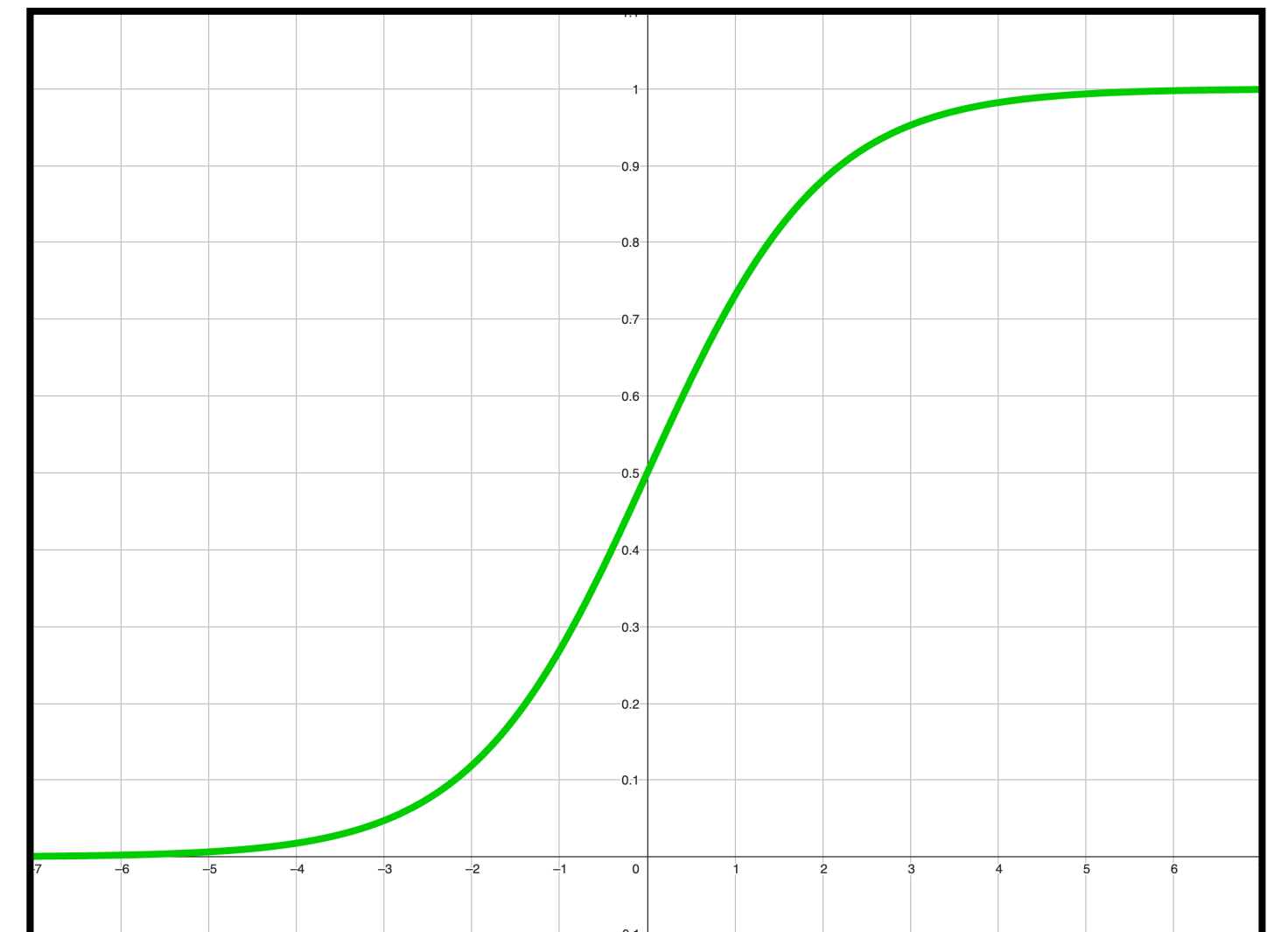
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W is a $k \times 1$ vector of weights $w_1, w_2, w_3 \dots w_k$
 X is a $k \times n$ matrix of observations $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots x_k$
 β is a scalar



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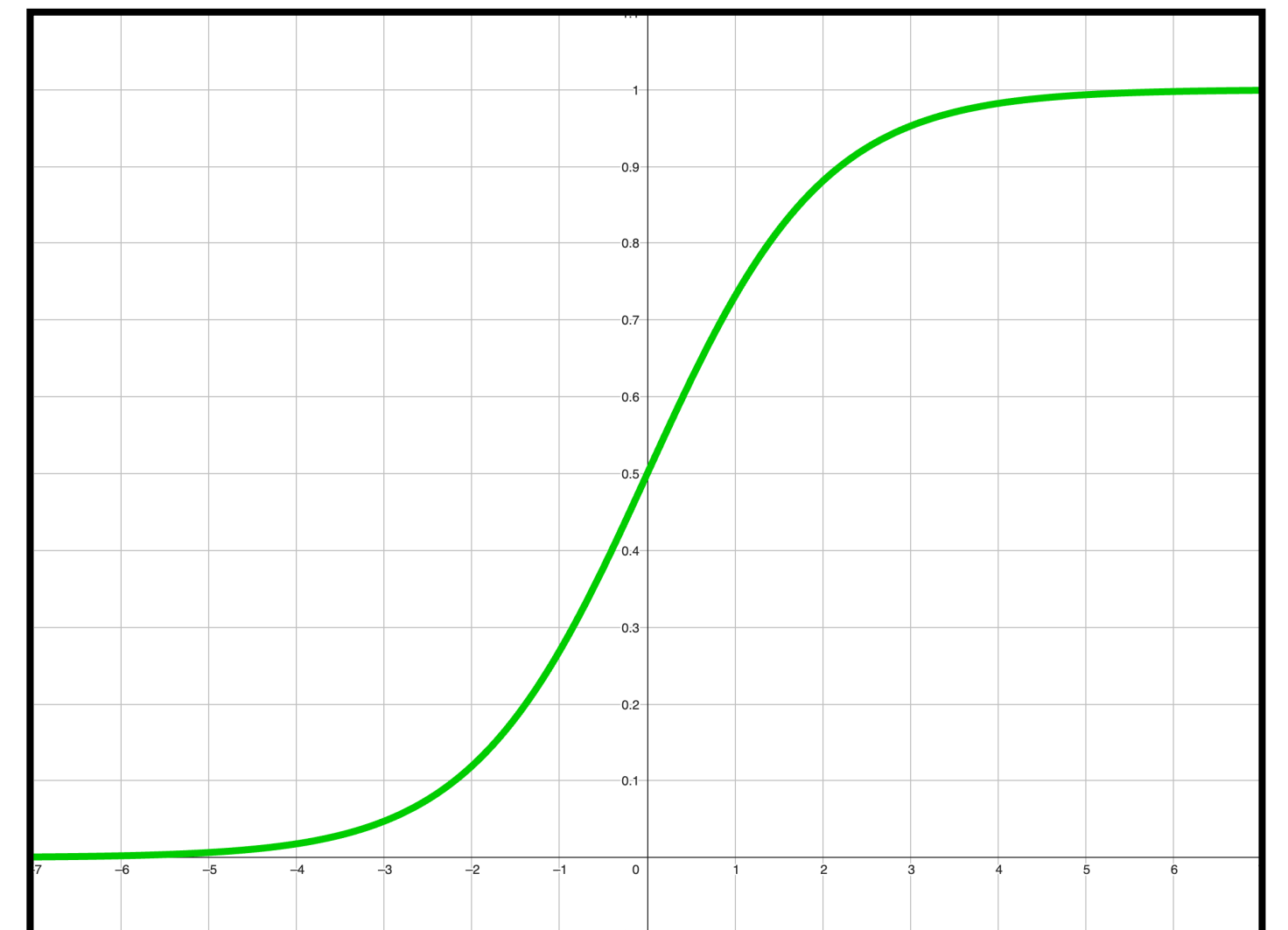
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We can convert the probabilities ($\hat{Y}$) into binary values (true / false) using a threshold.

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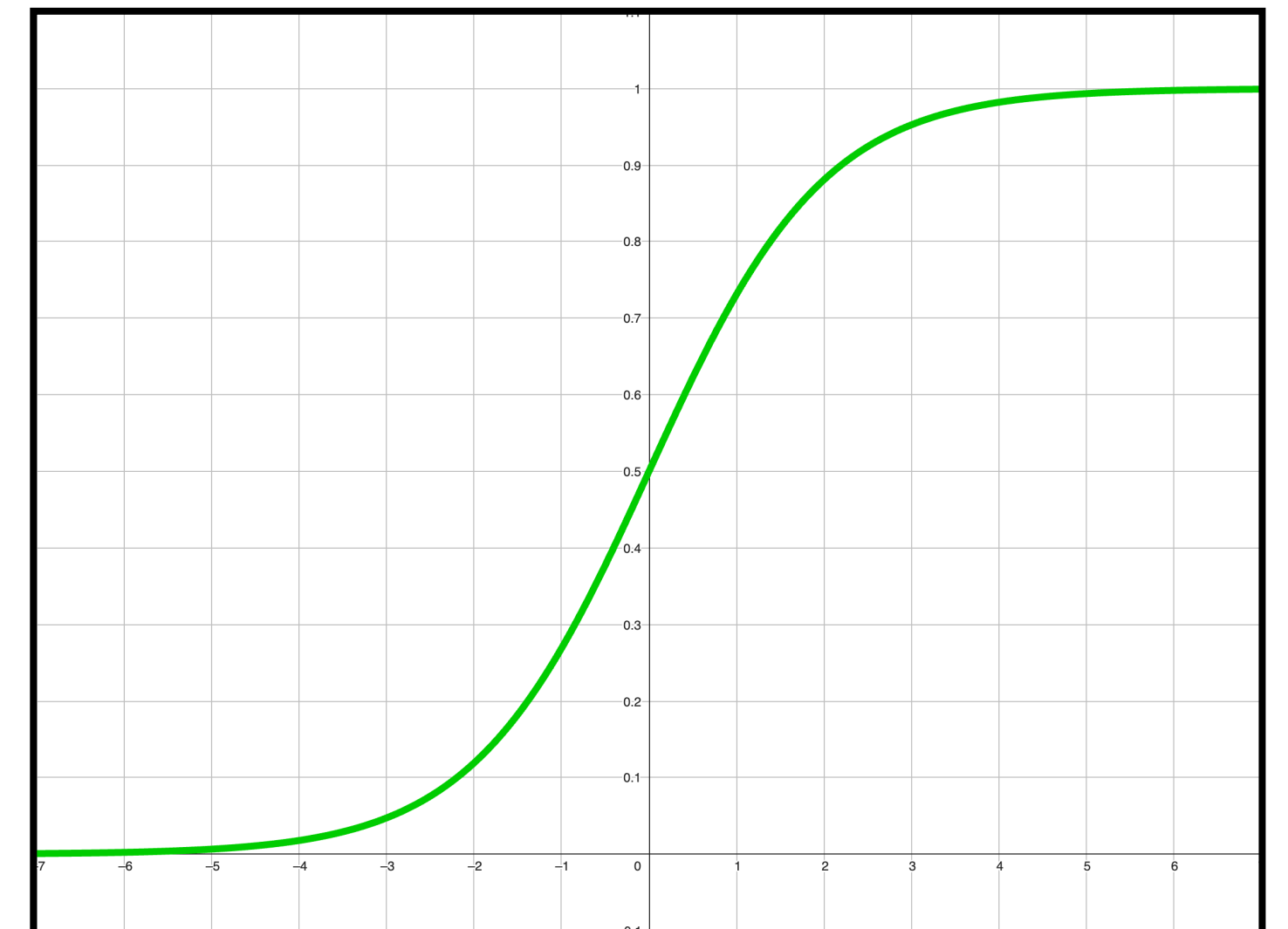
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A Threshold converts a given probability to a binary value

if $\hat{y}_i \geq 0.5$ then 1

if $\hat{y}_i < 0.5$ then 0



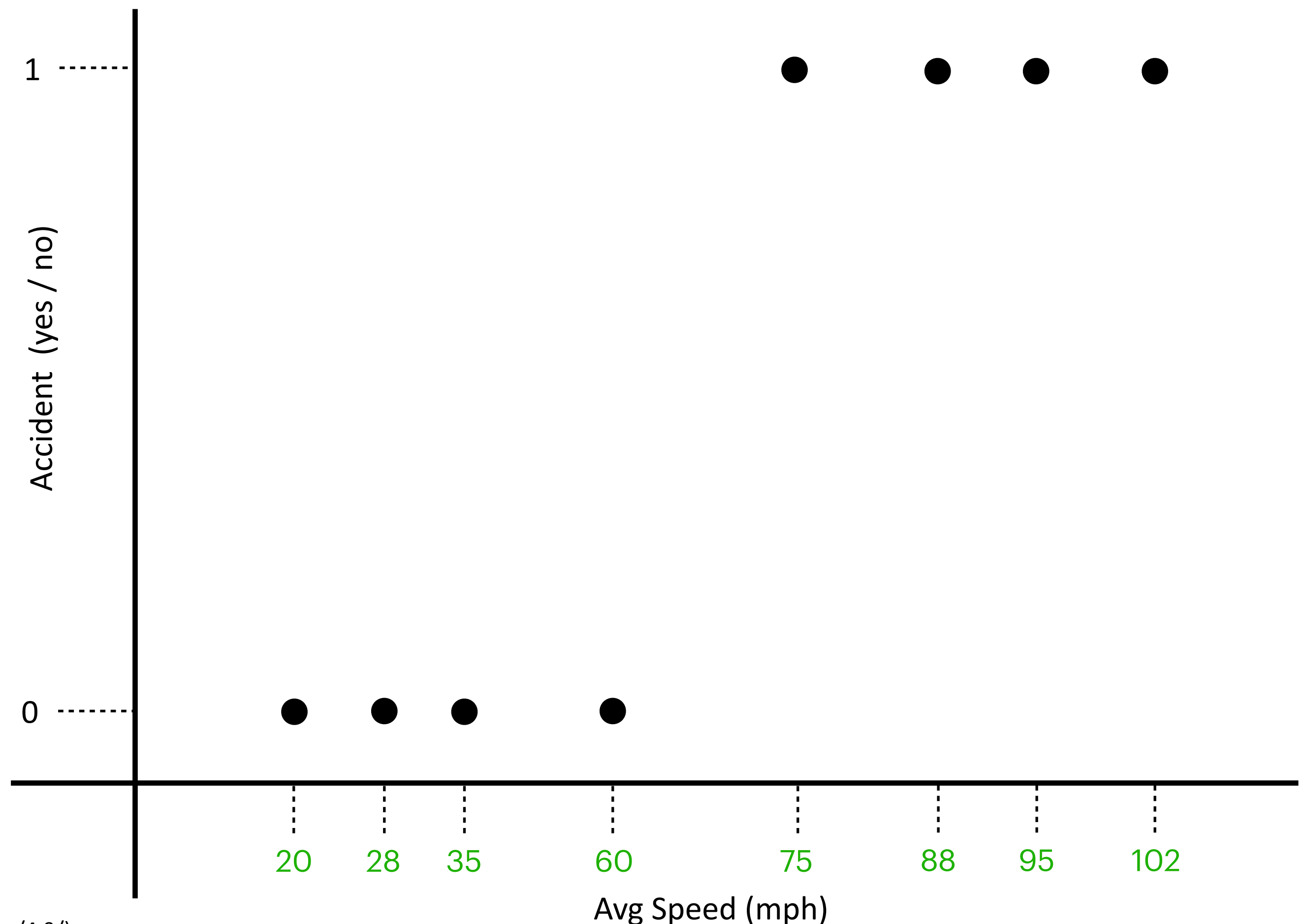
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Lets apply this to our original problem

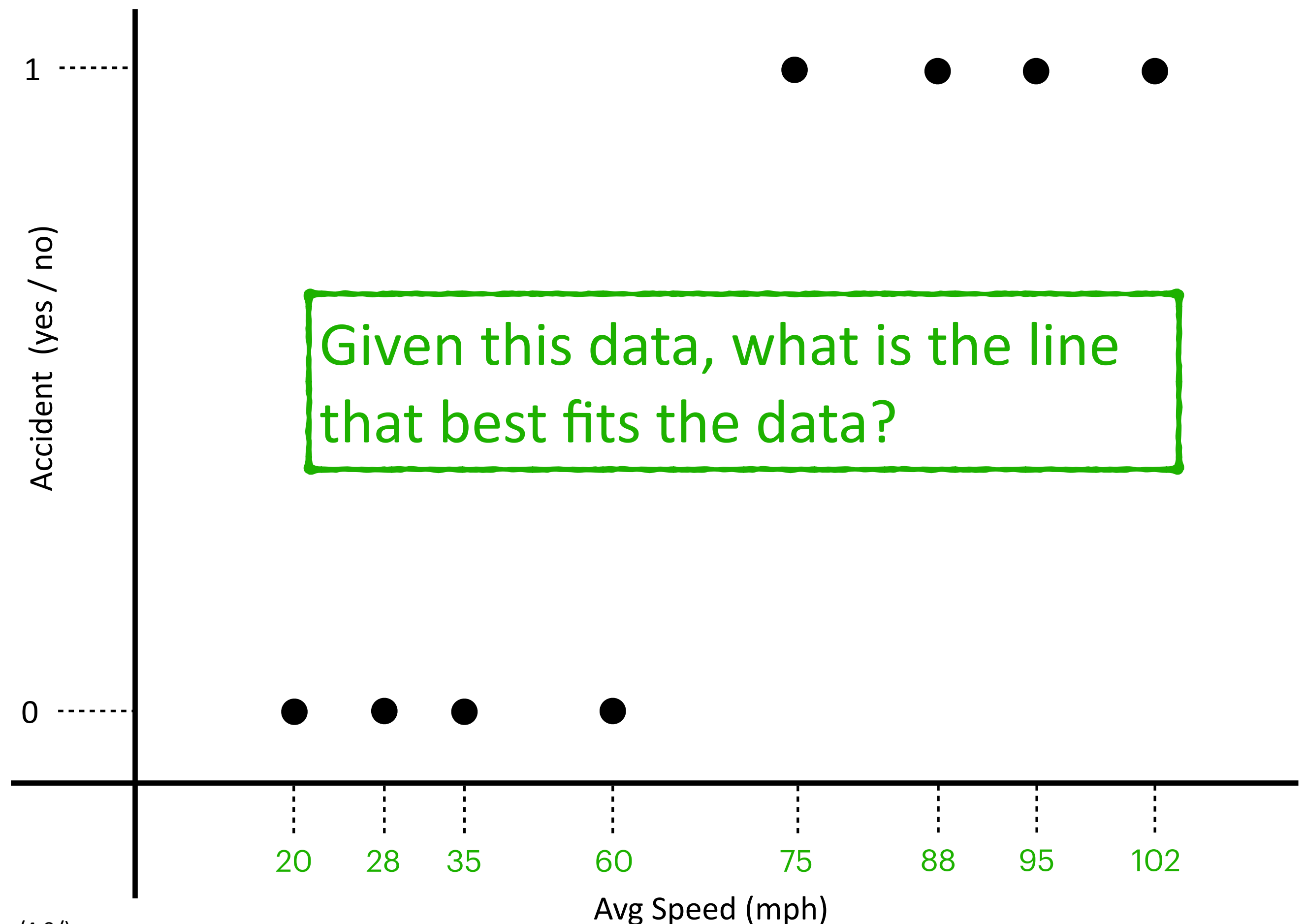


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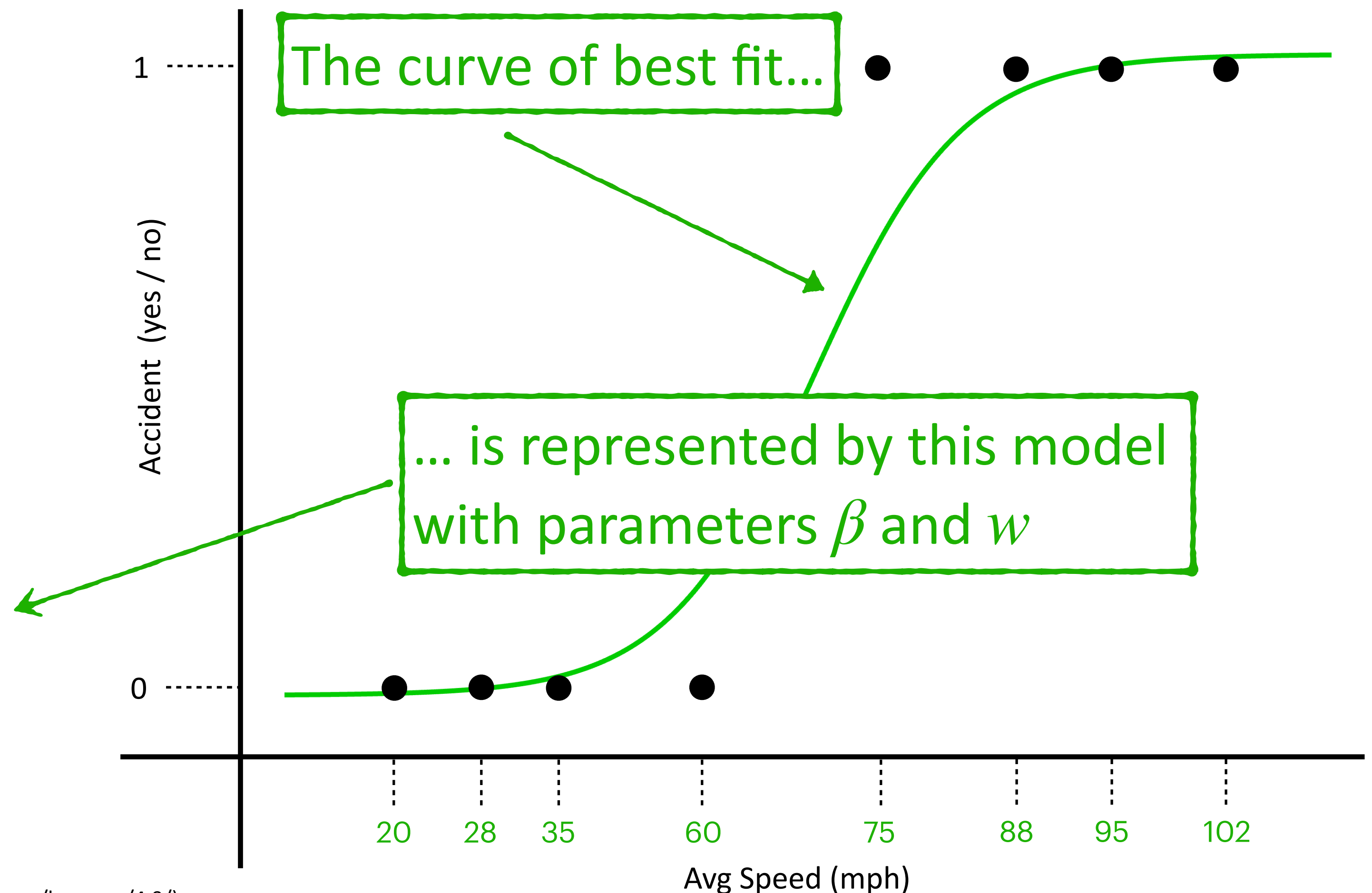
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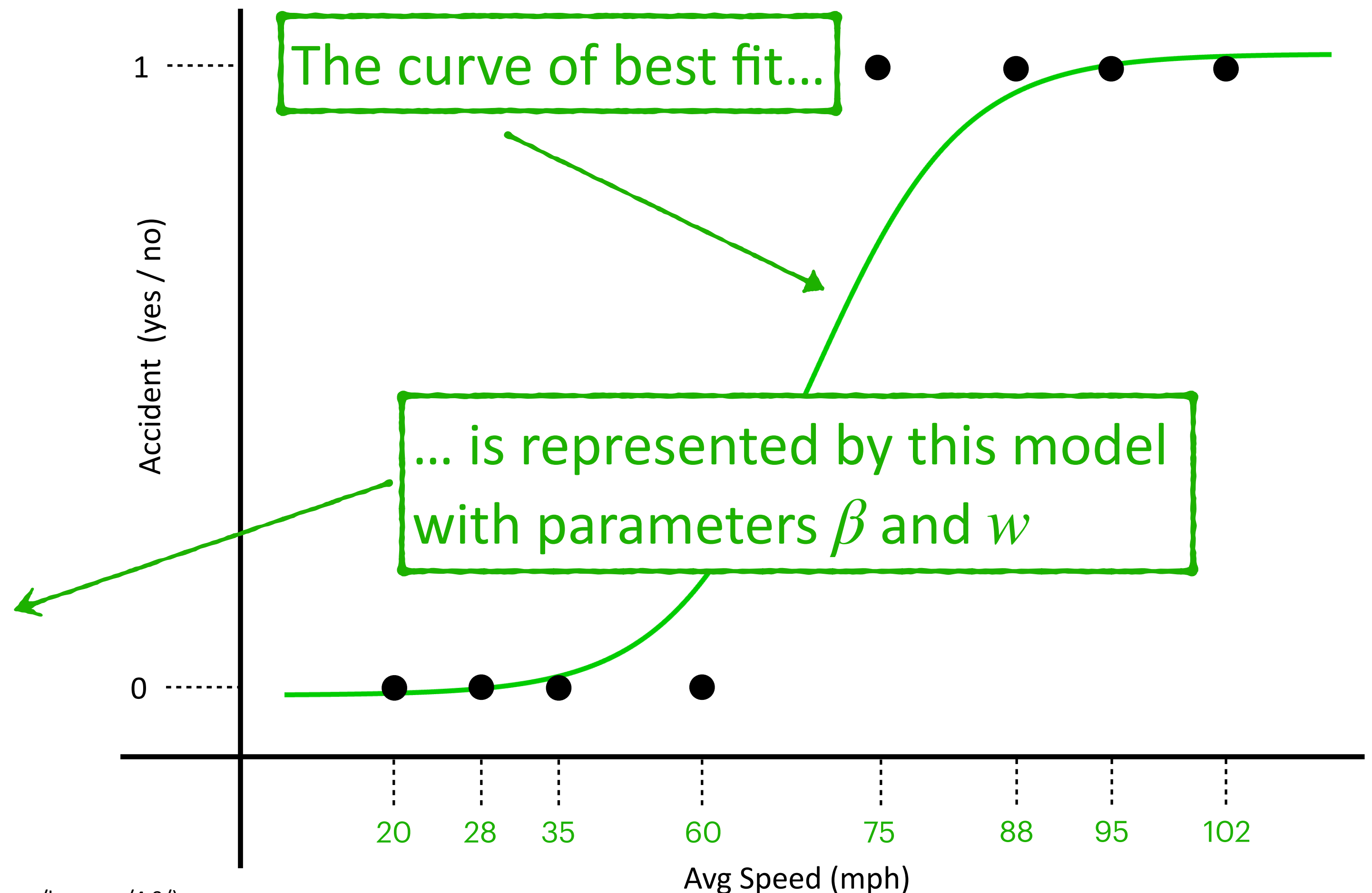
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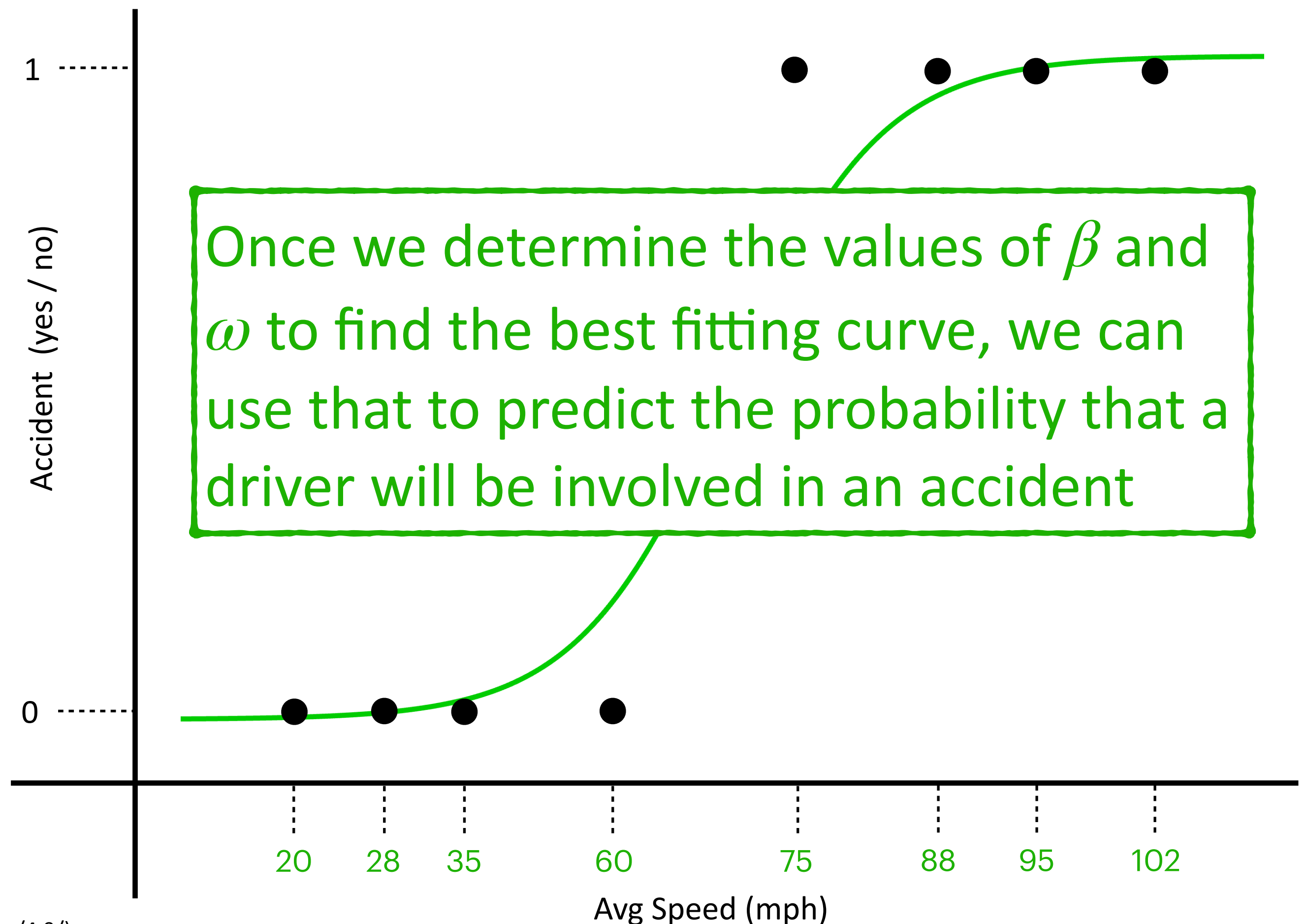
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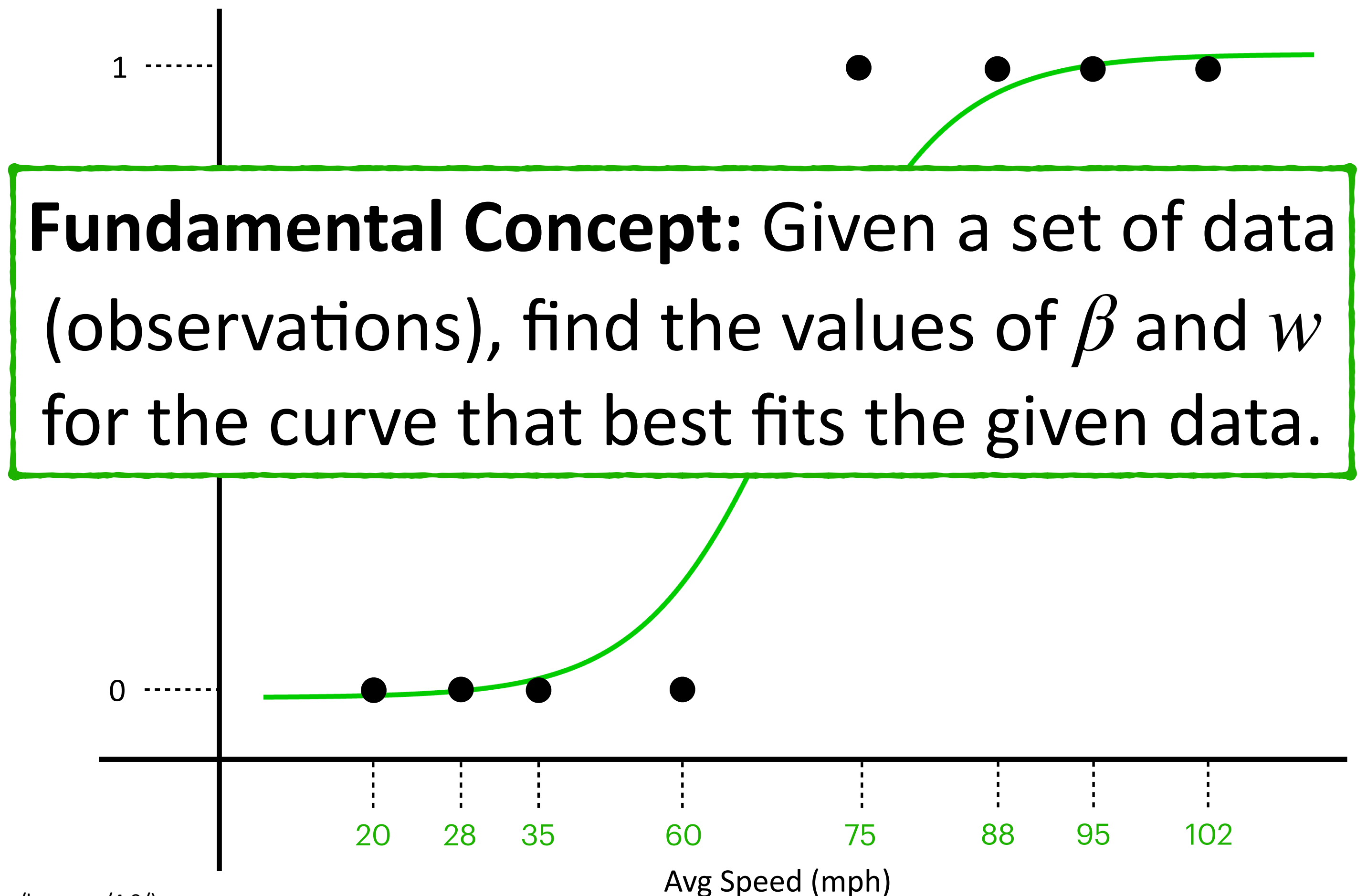
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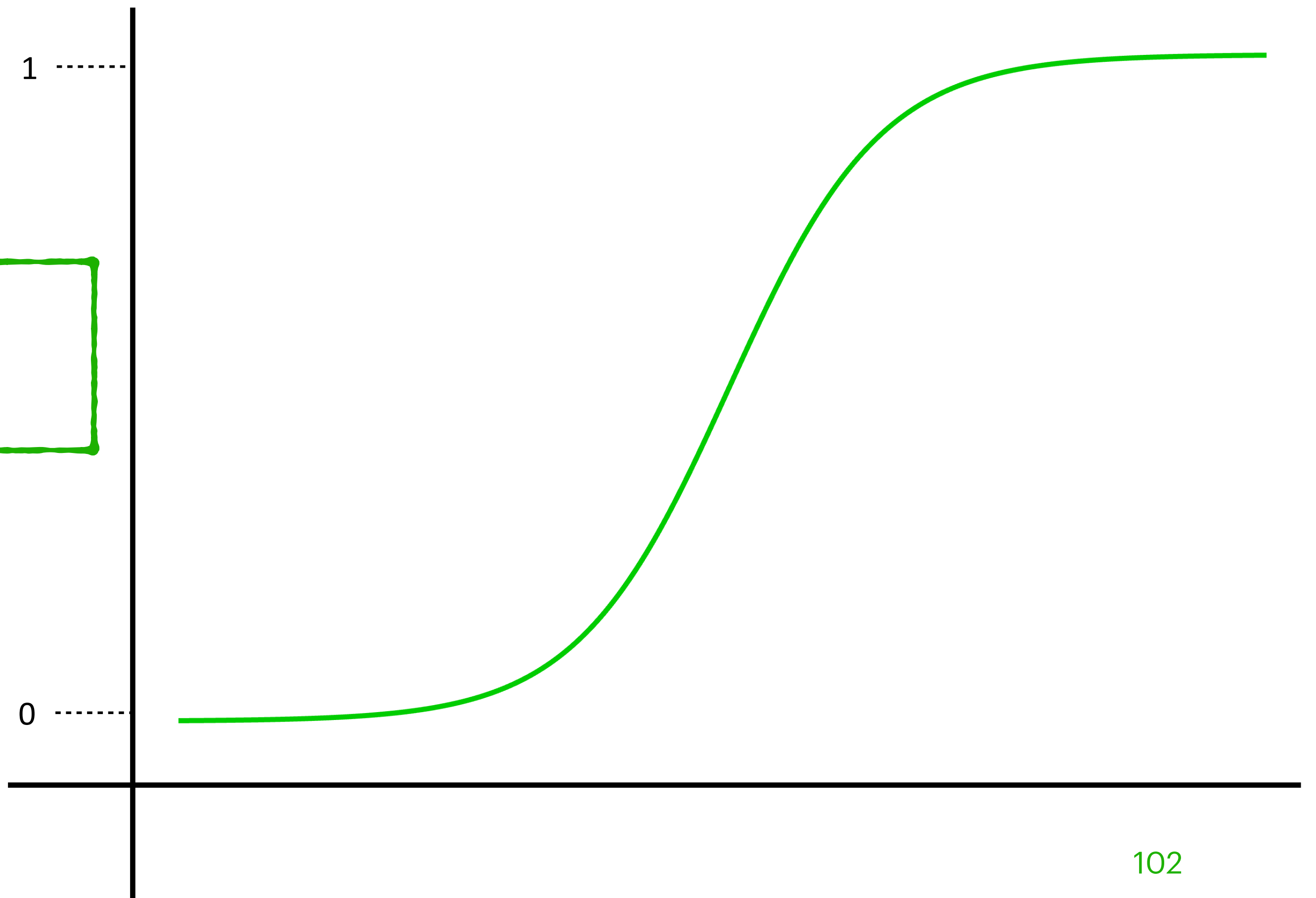
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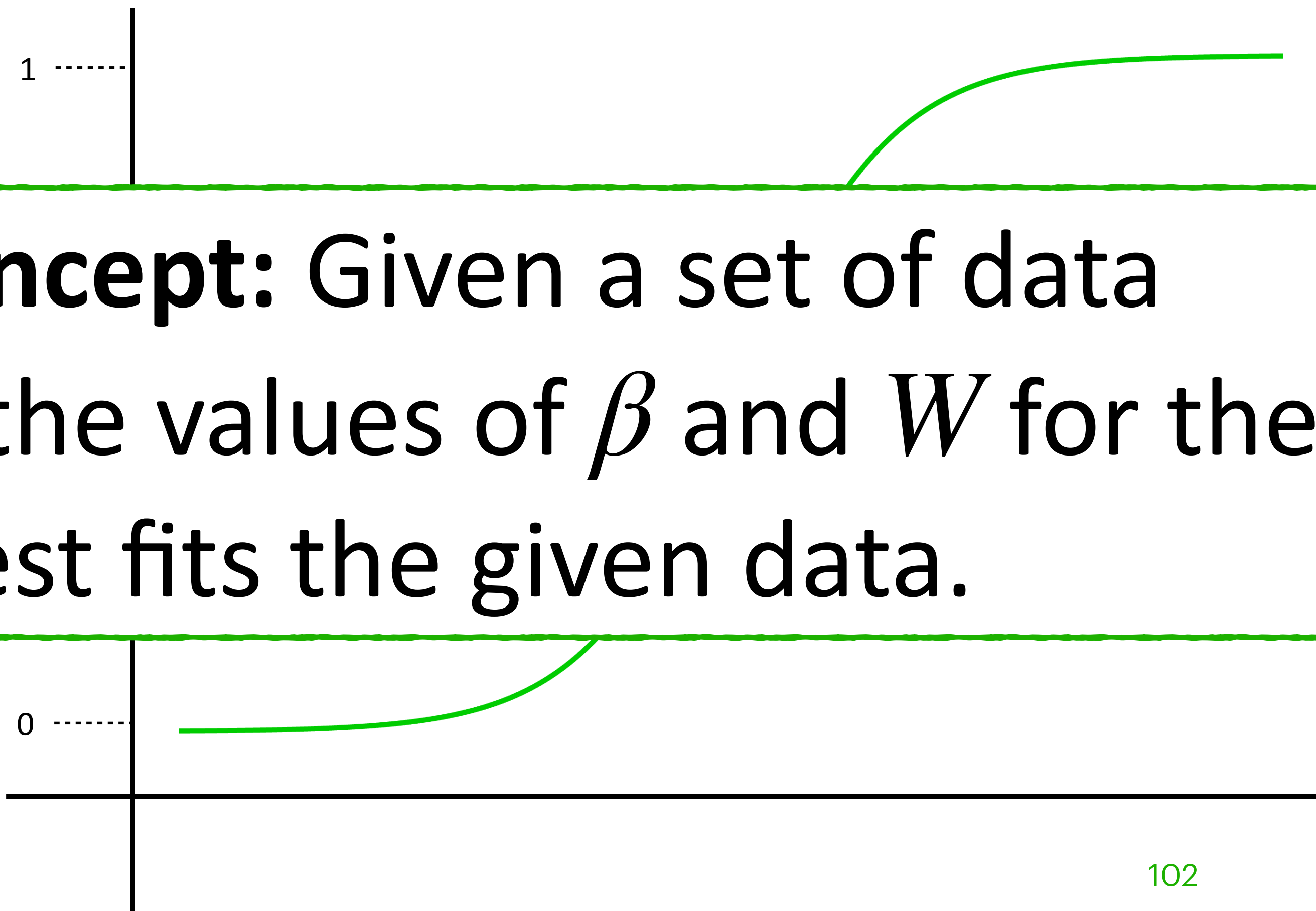


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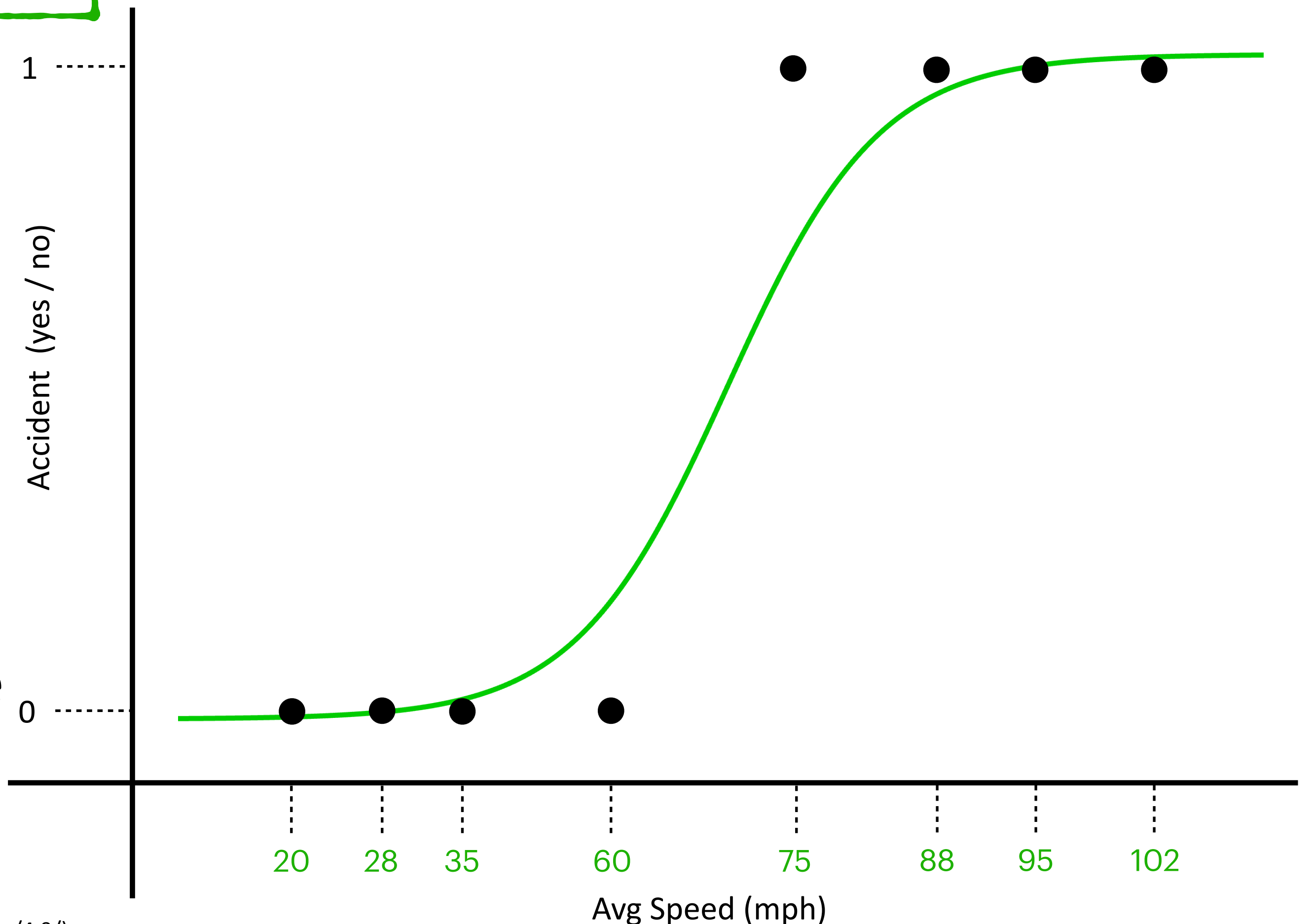
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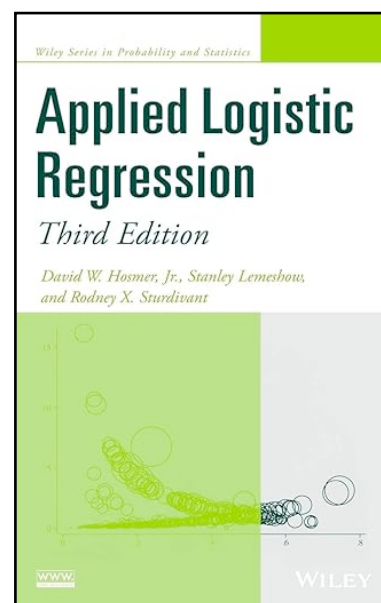
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