

Stress - Energy Tensor

Conservation Laws

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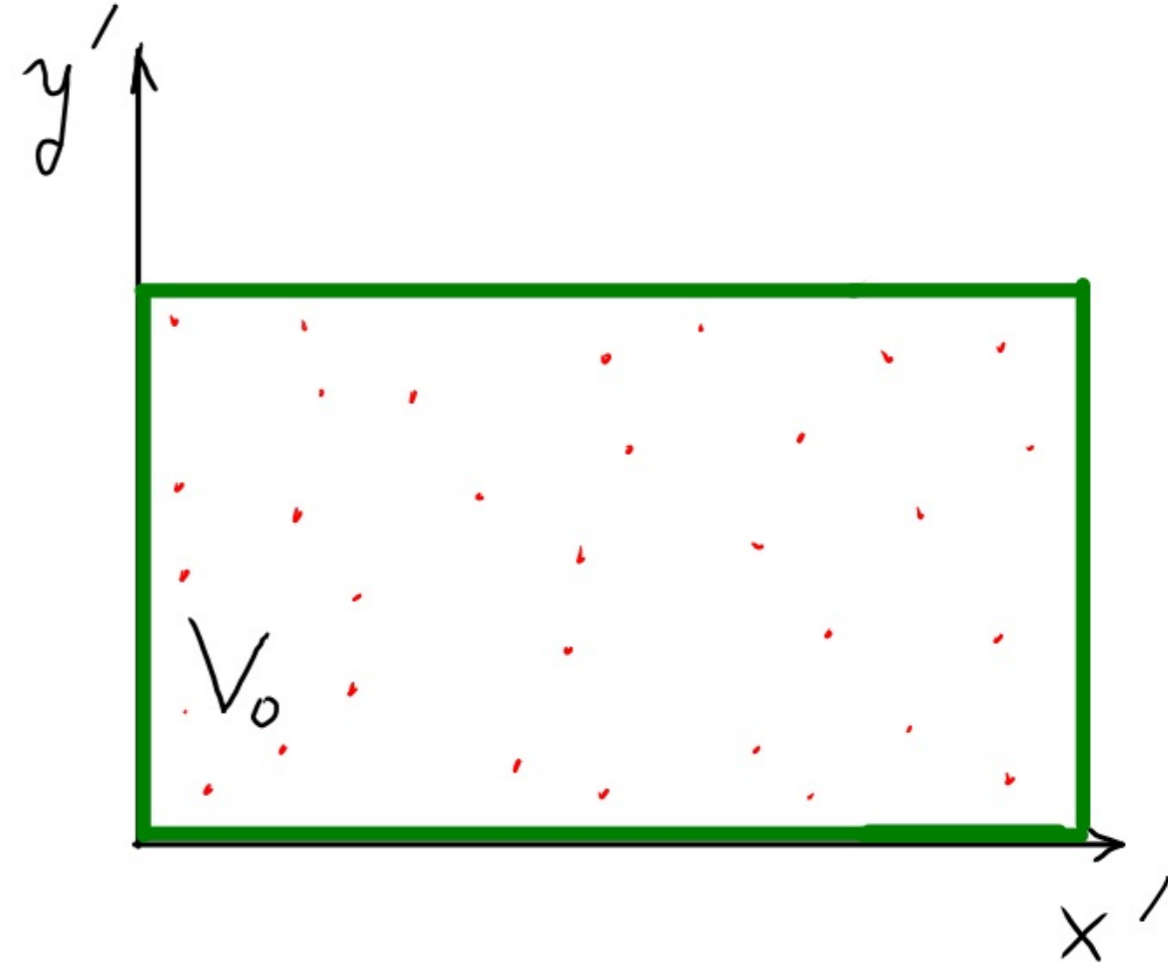
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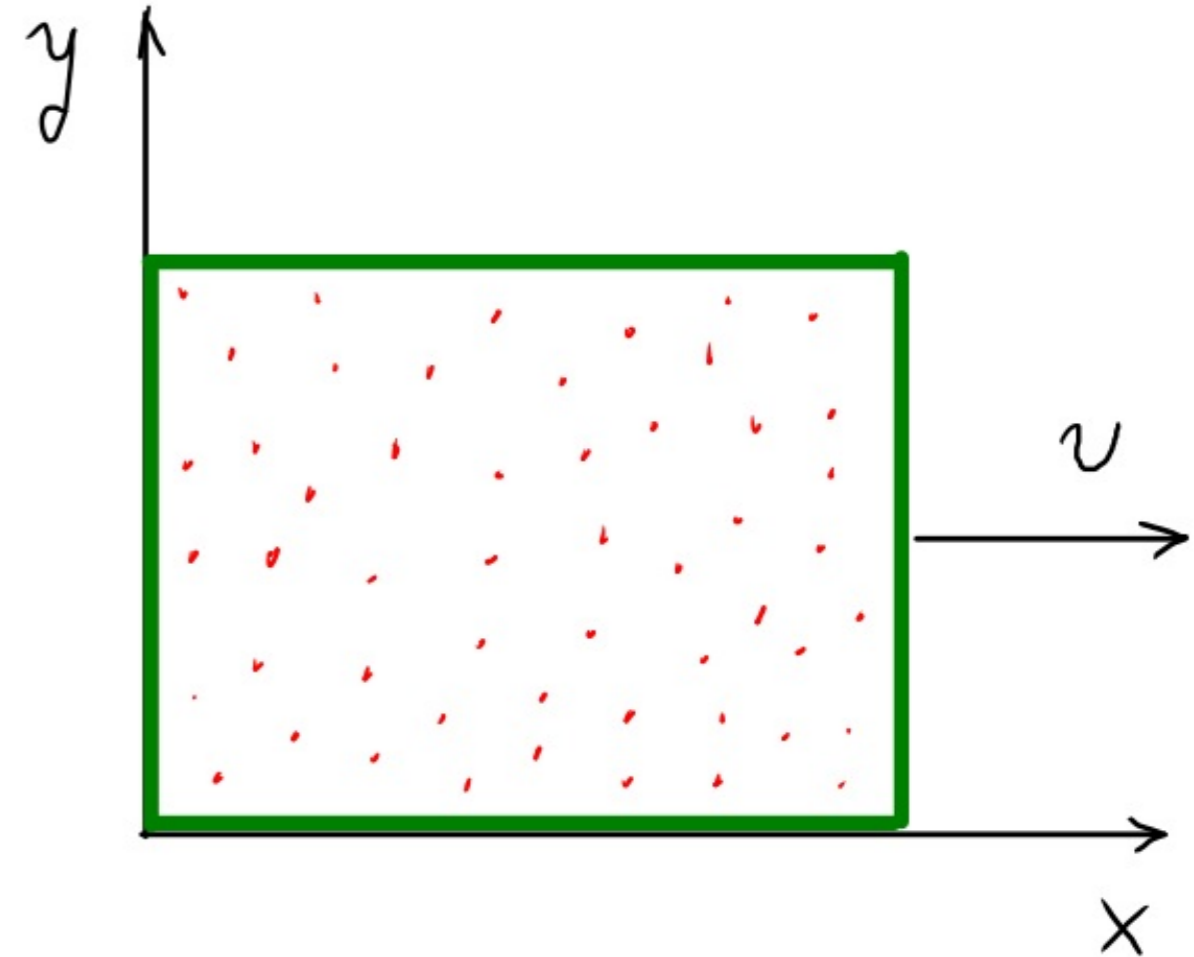
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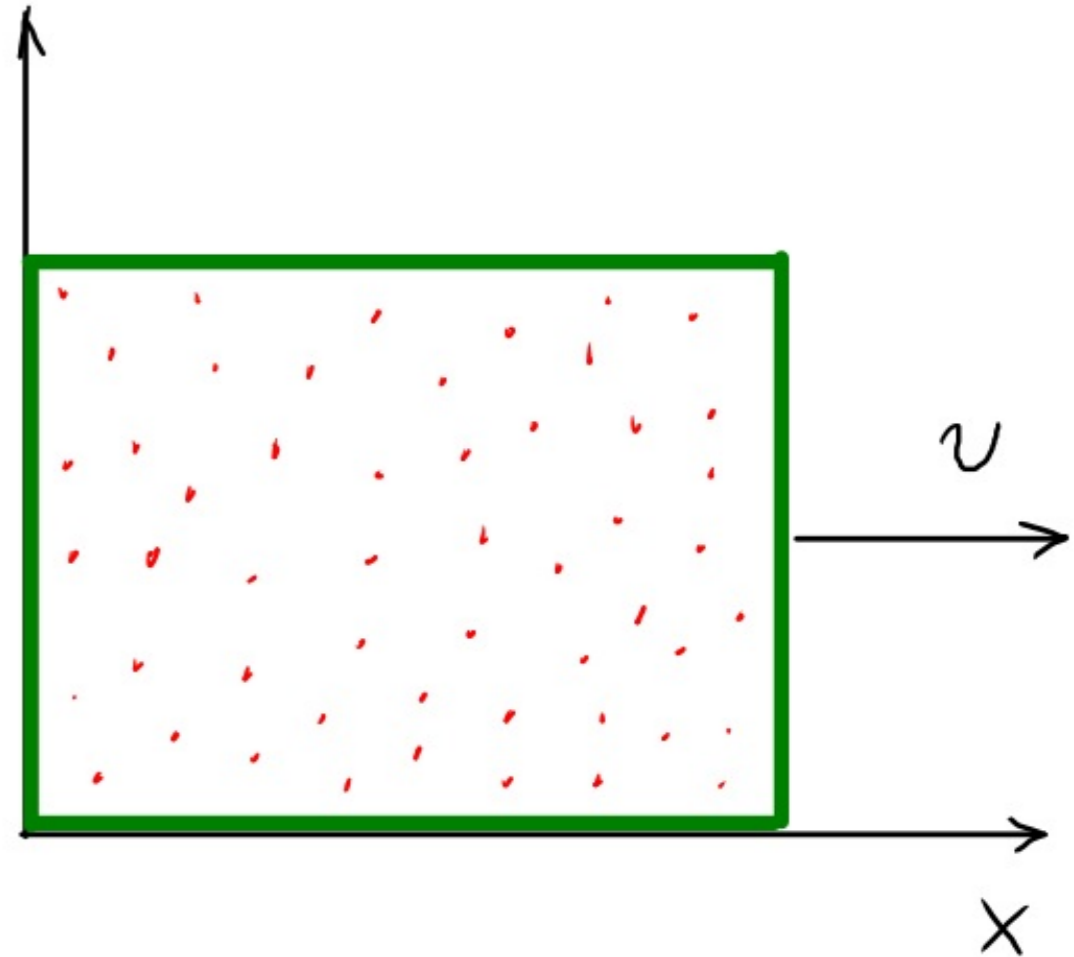
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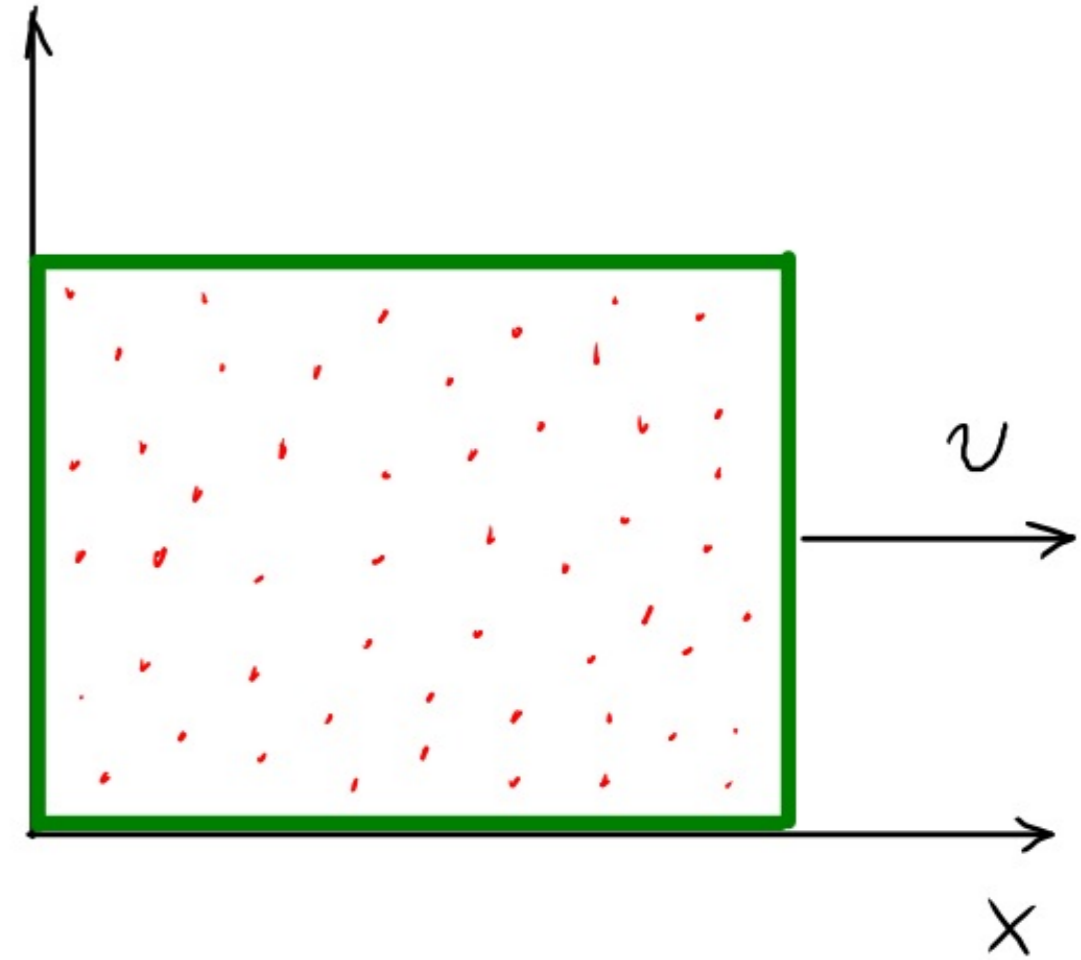
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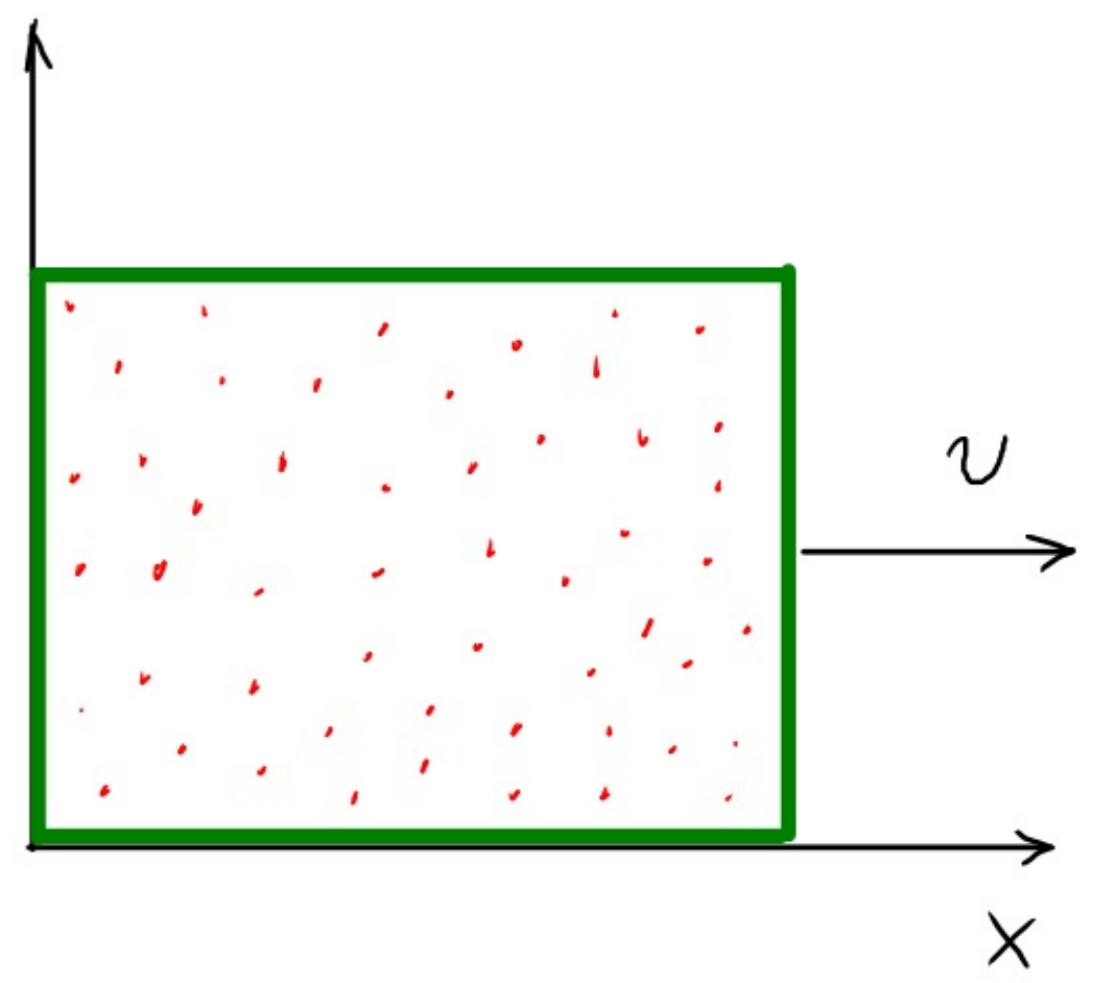
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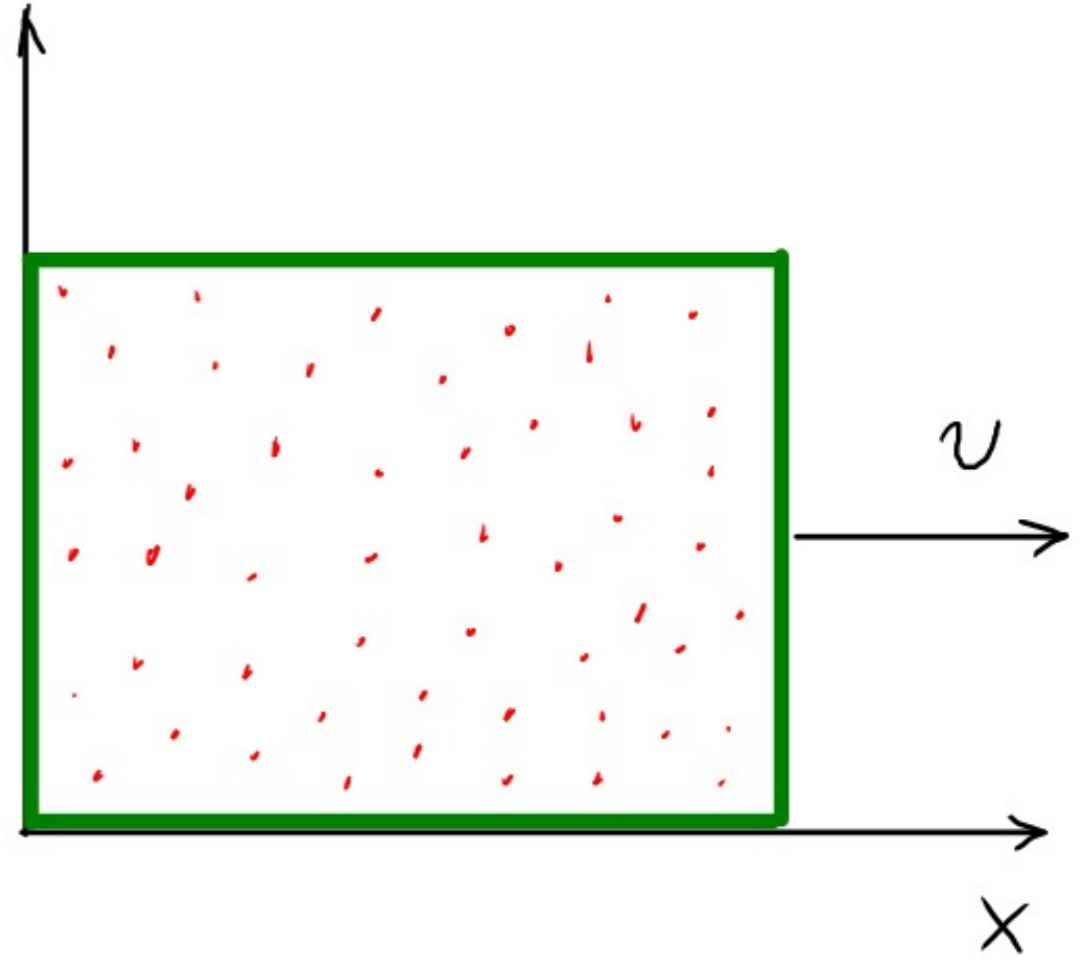
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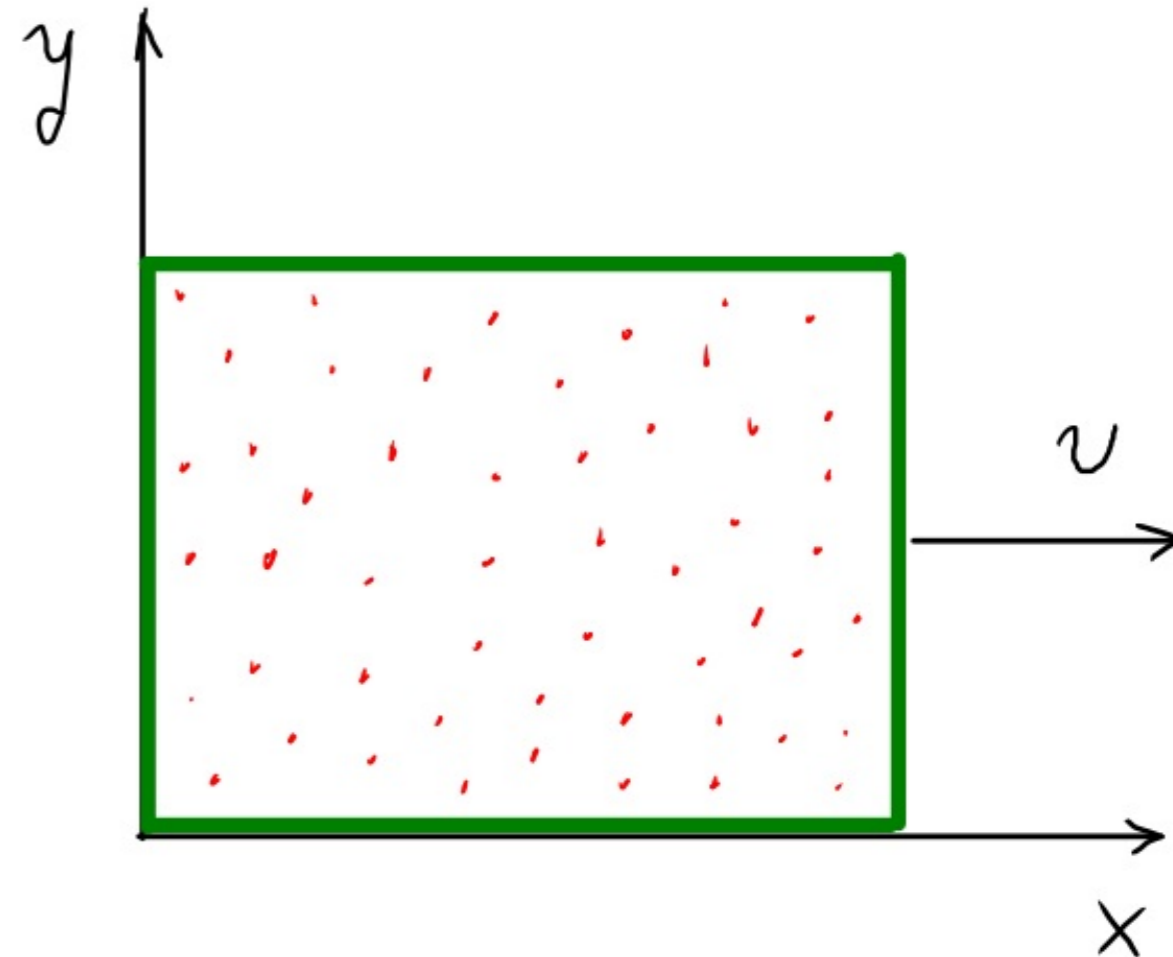


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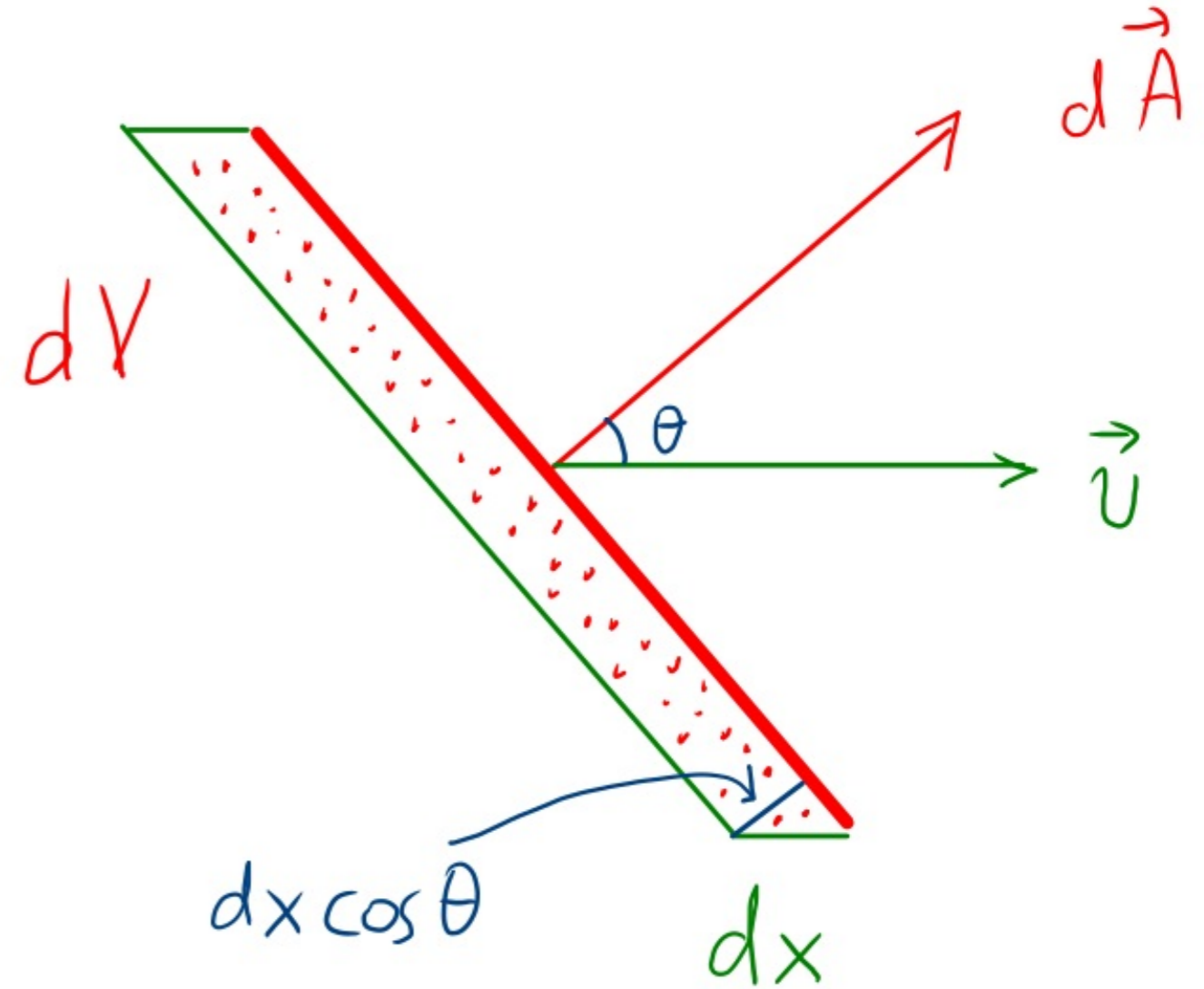
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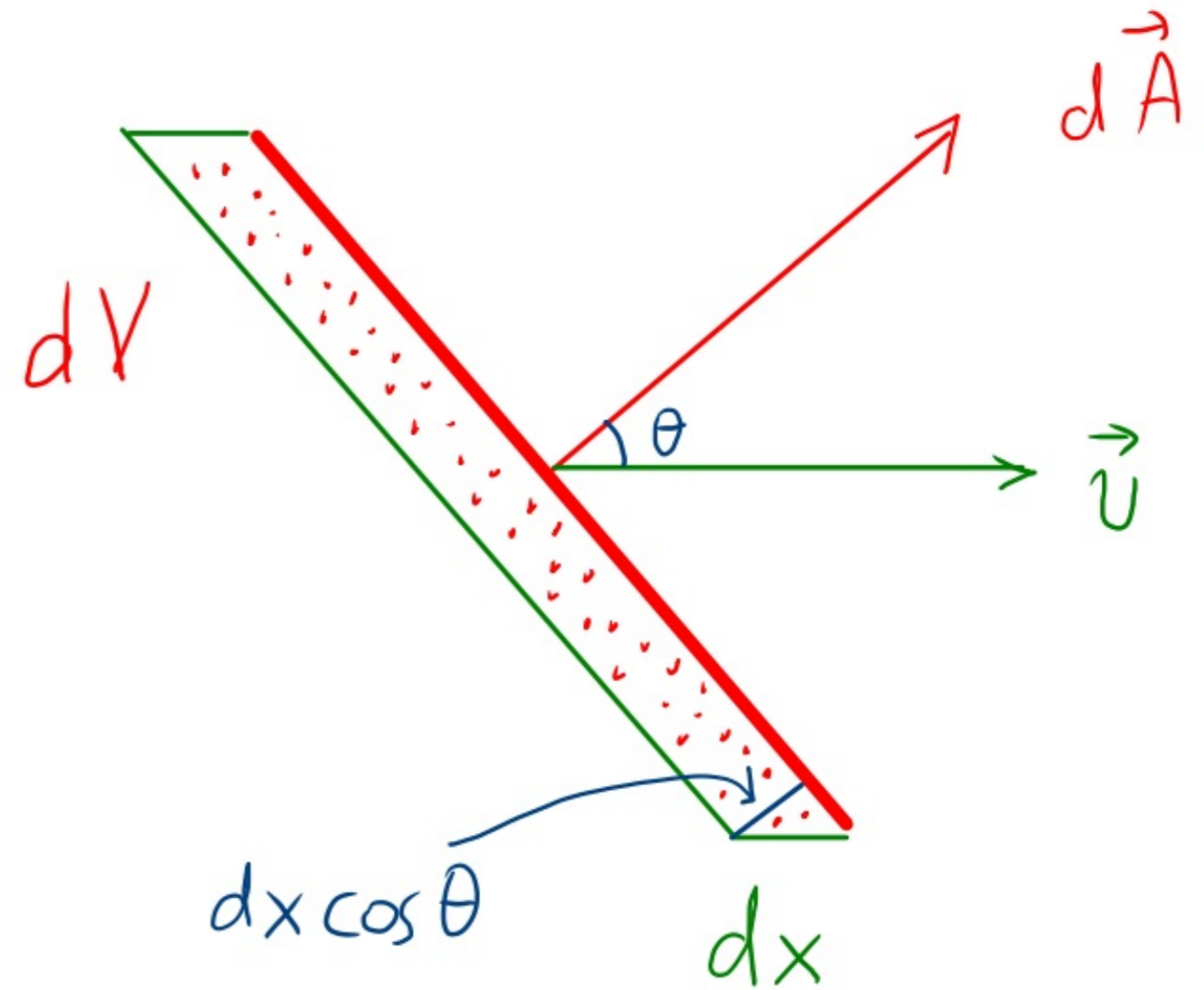
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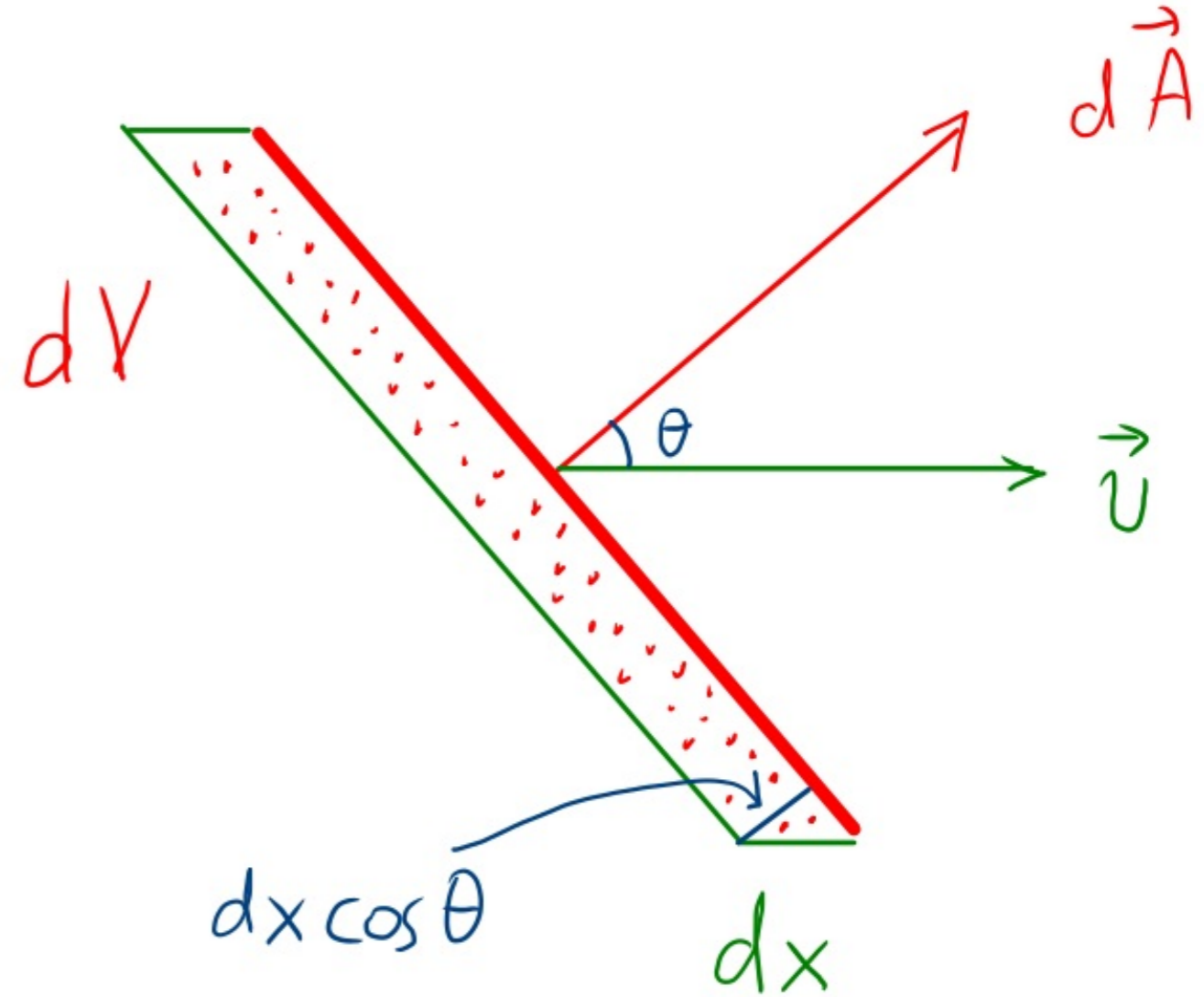
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$$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

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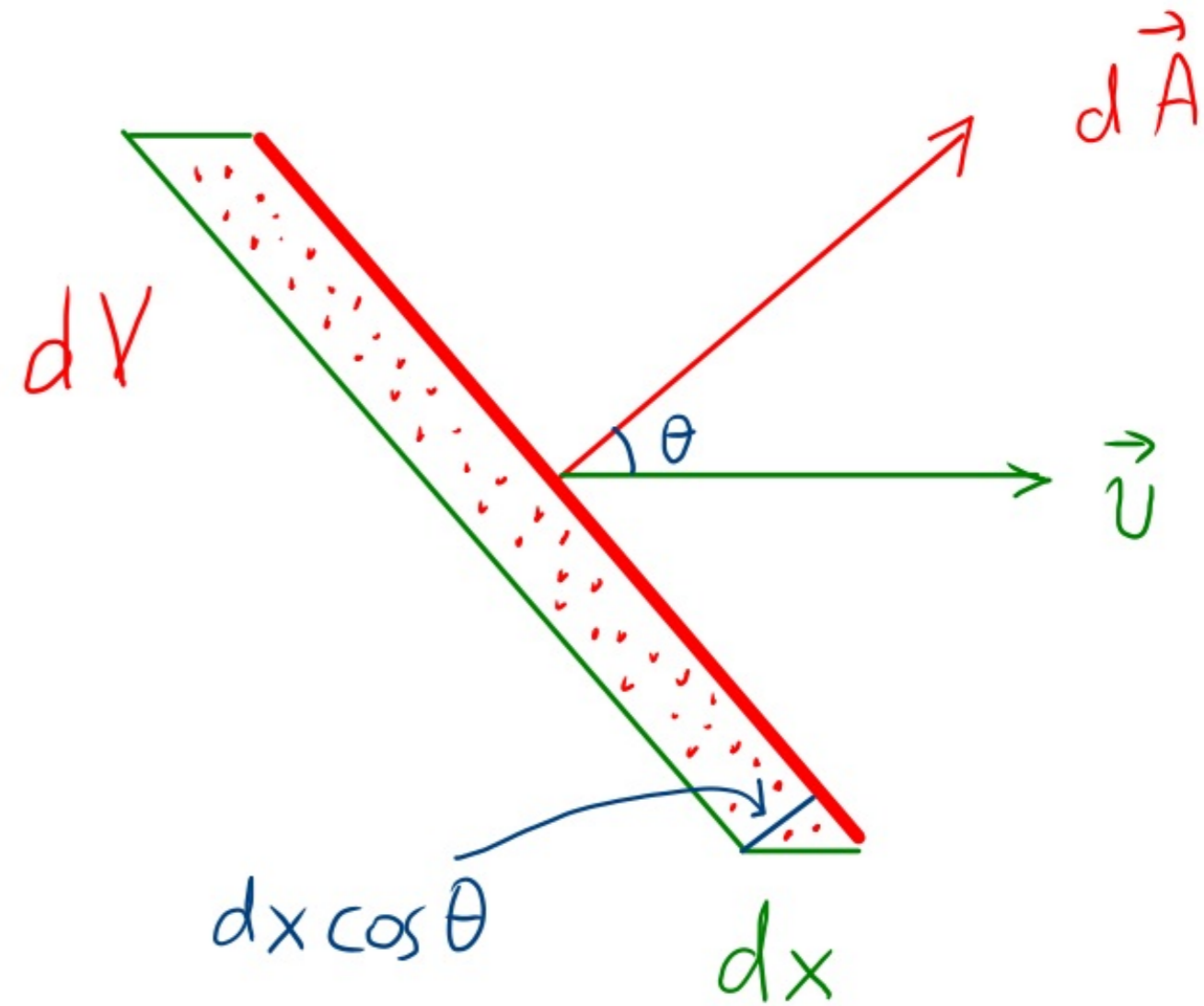
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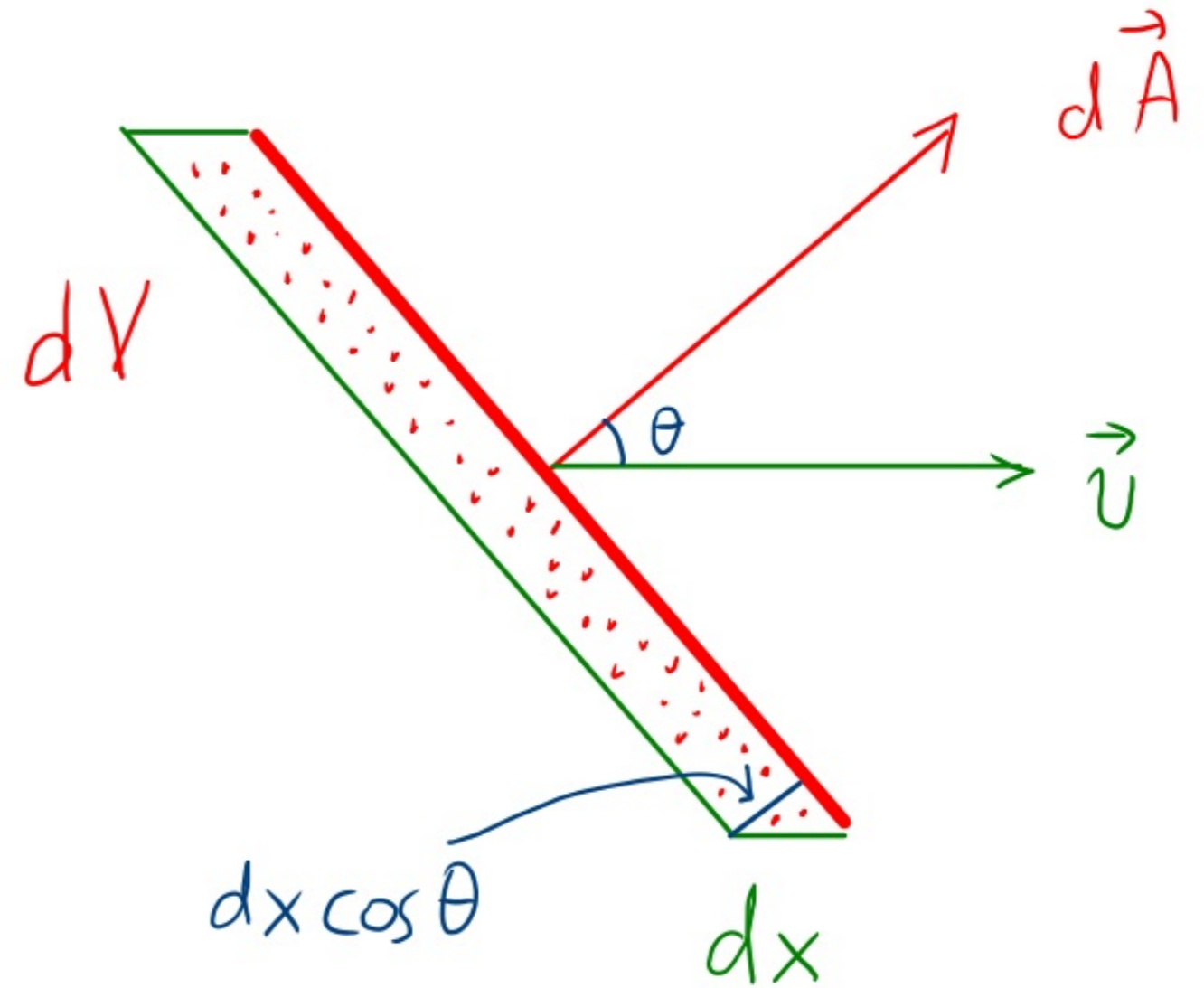
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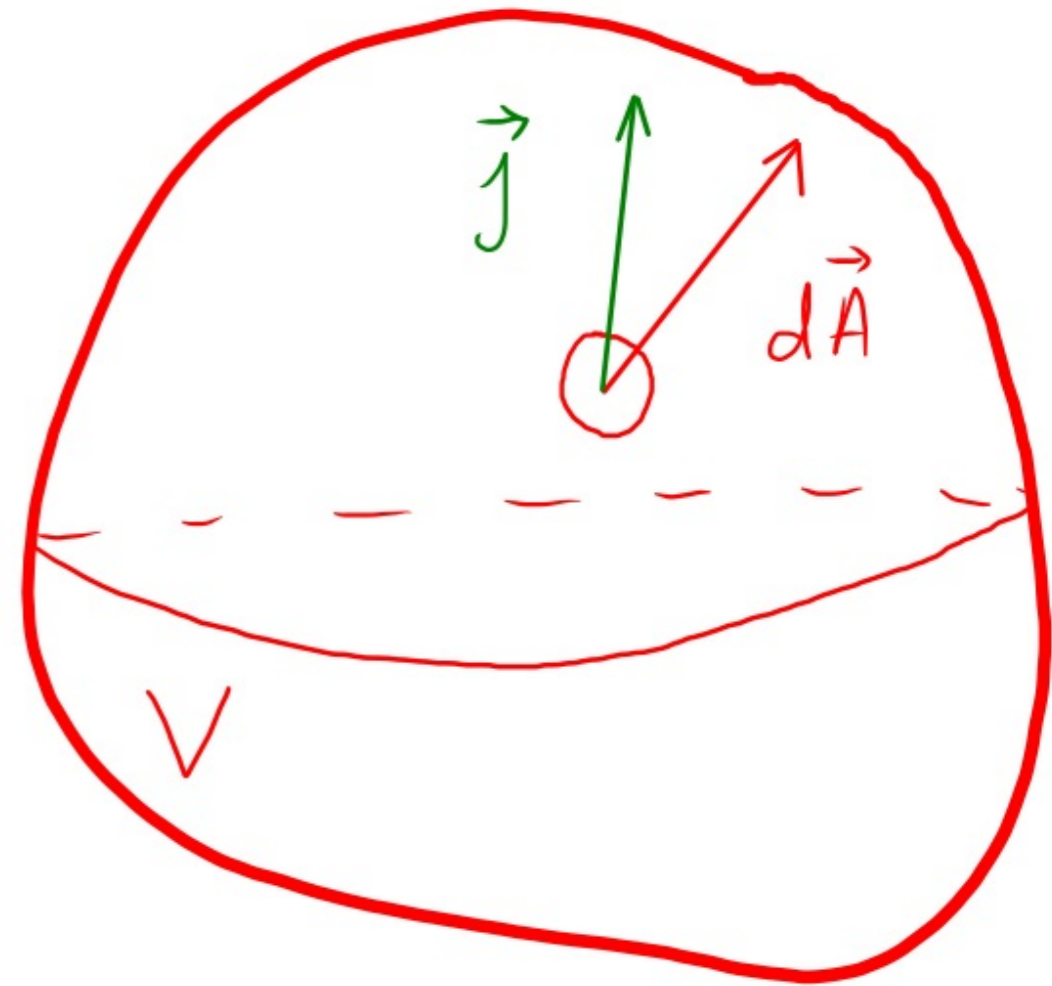
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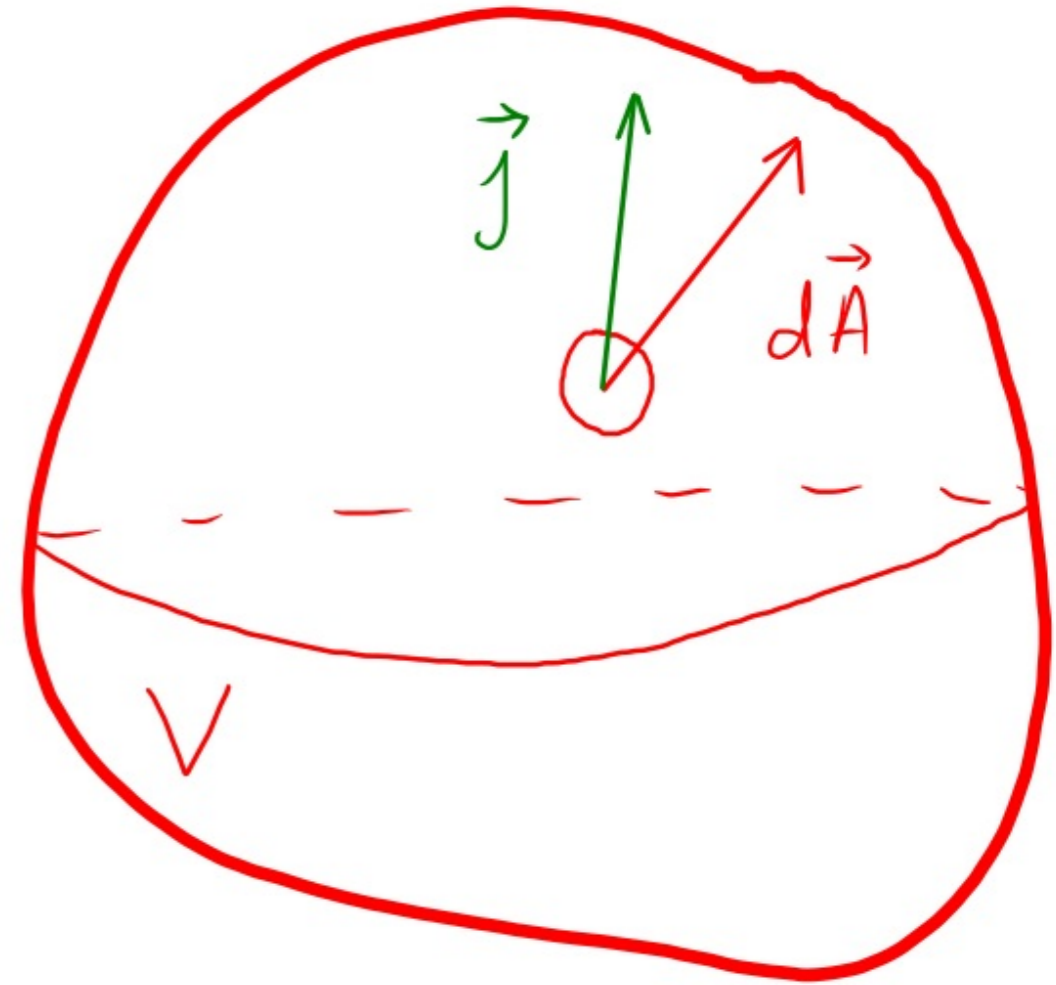
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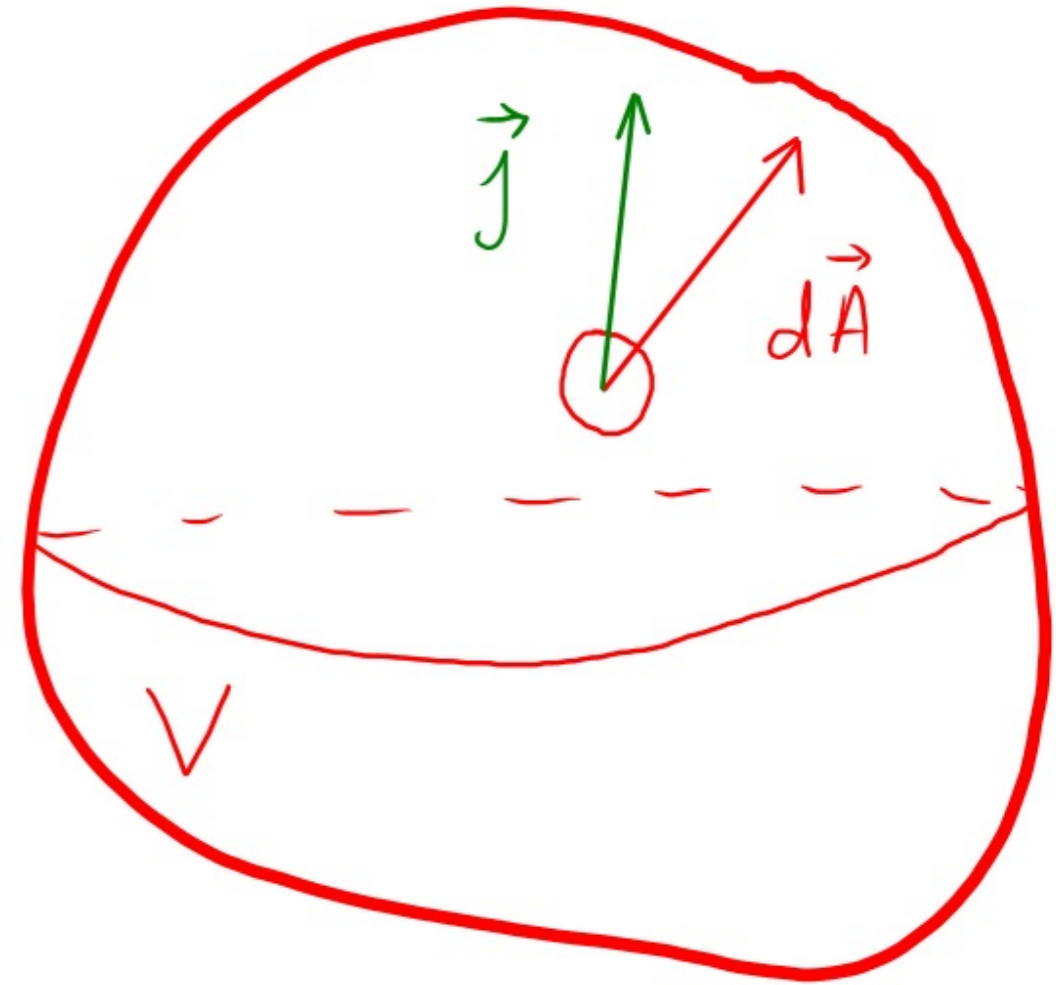


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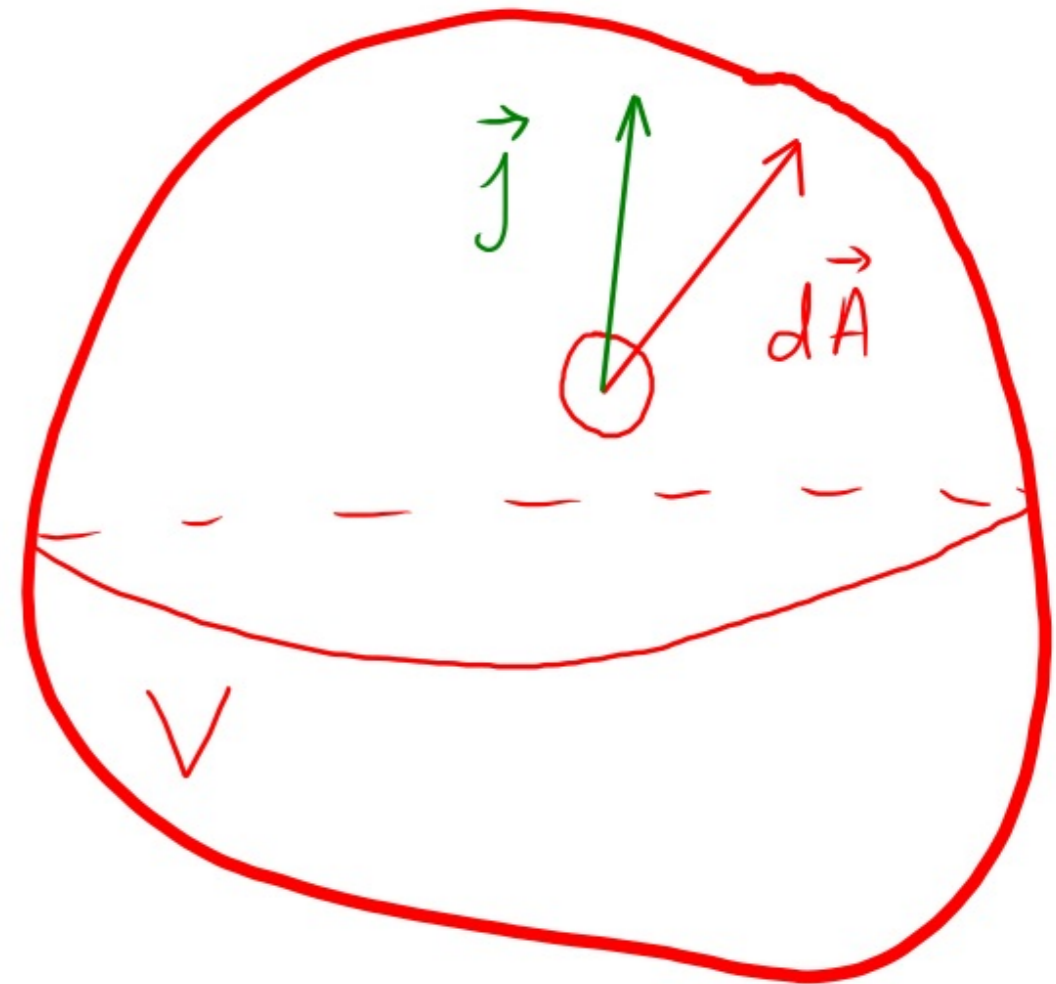
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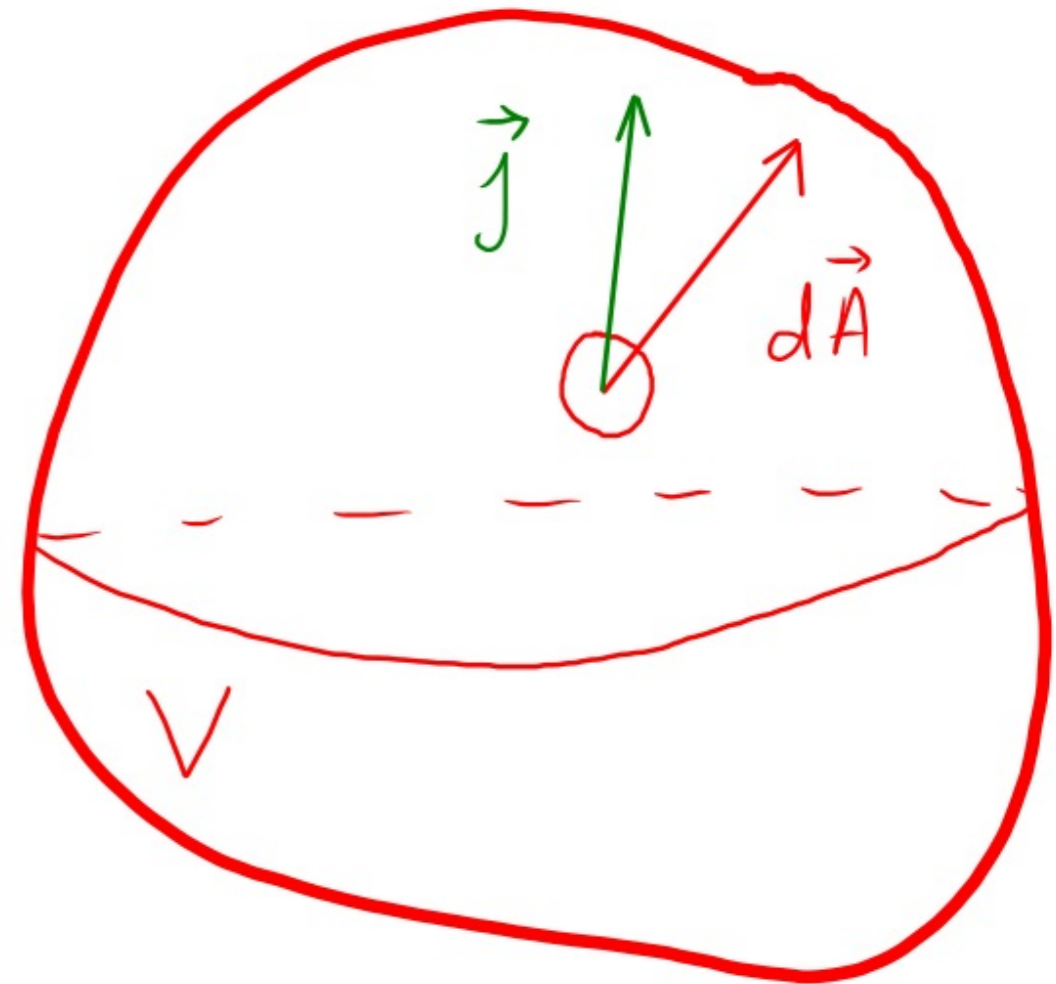
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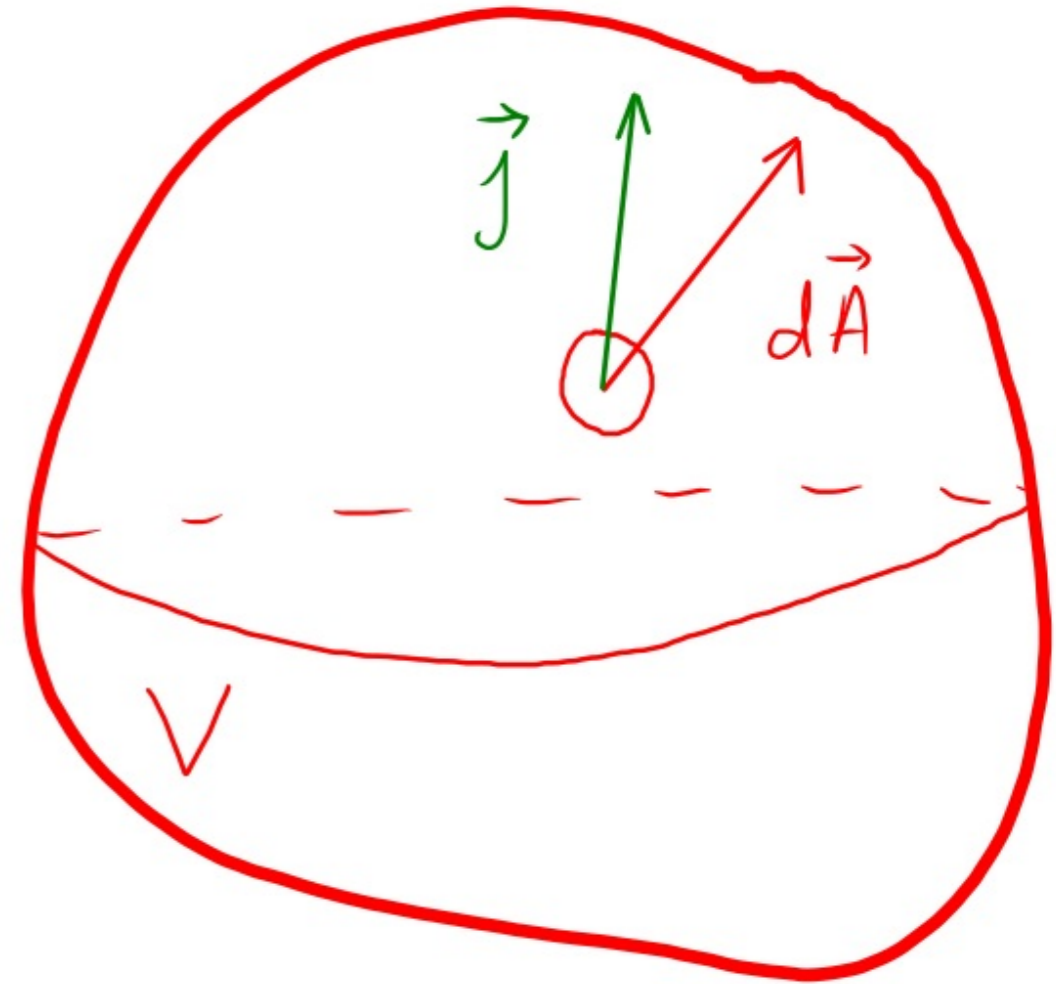
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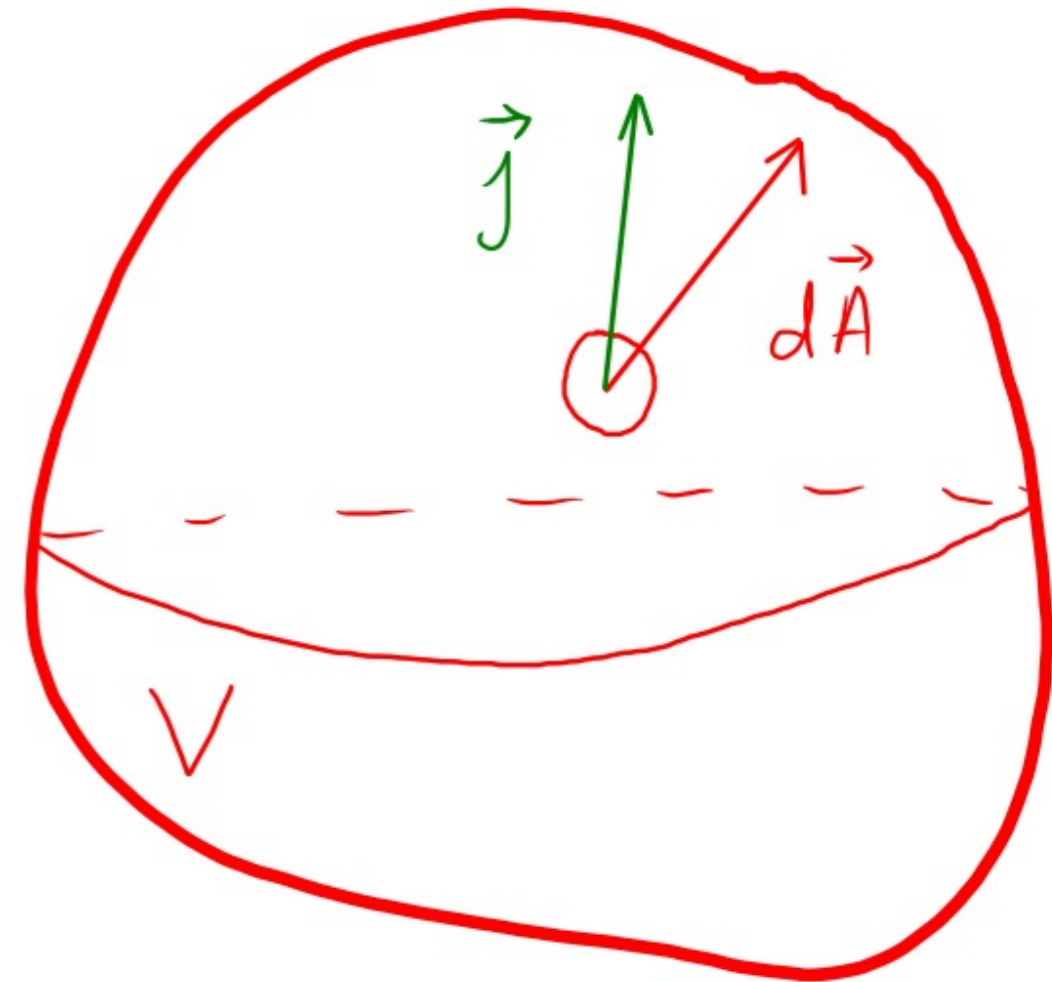
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continuity equation

→ we say that

$j^\mu$  "conserved"

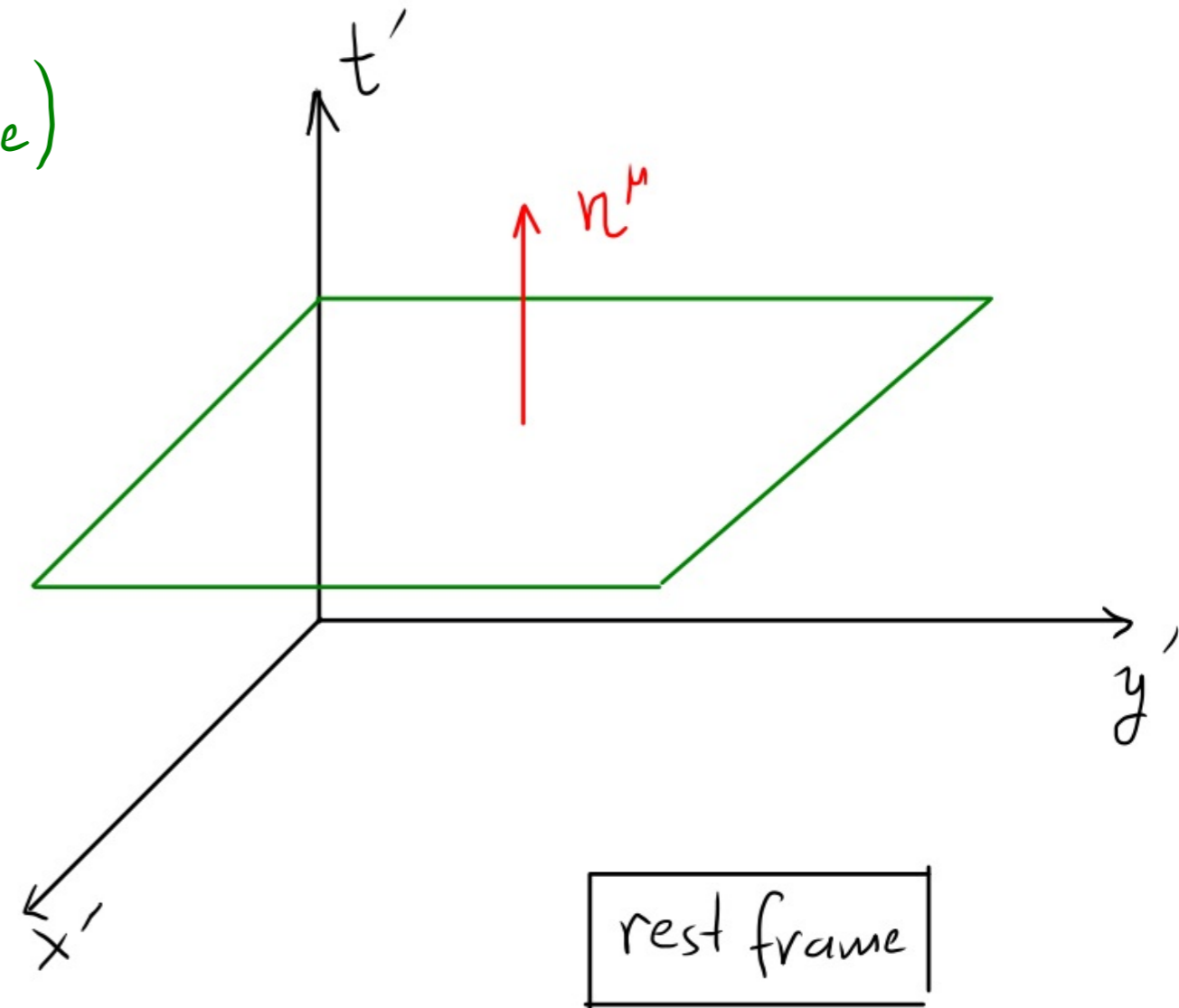


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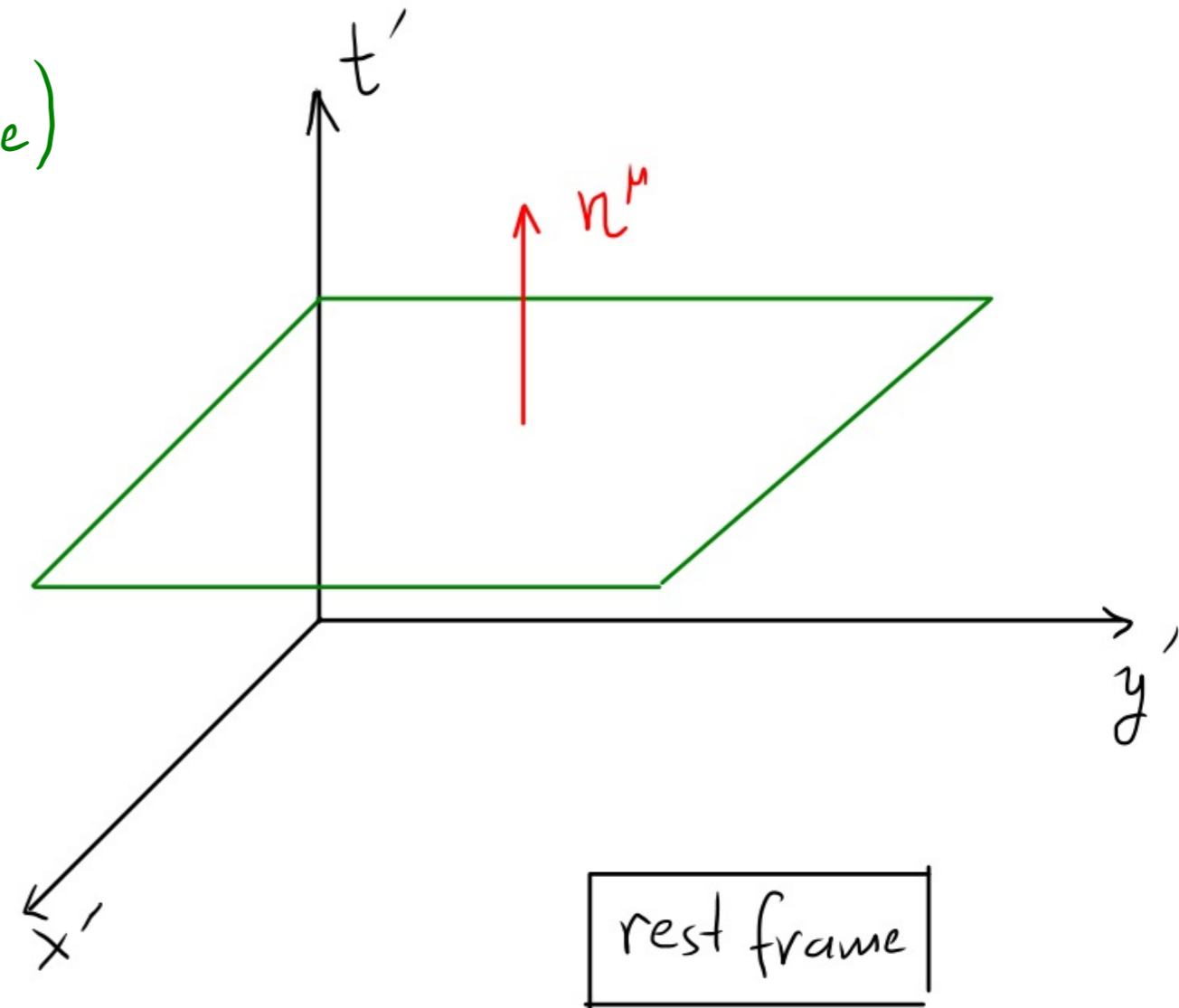
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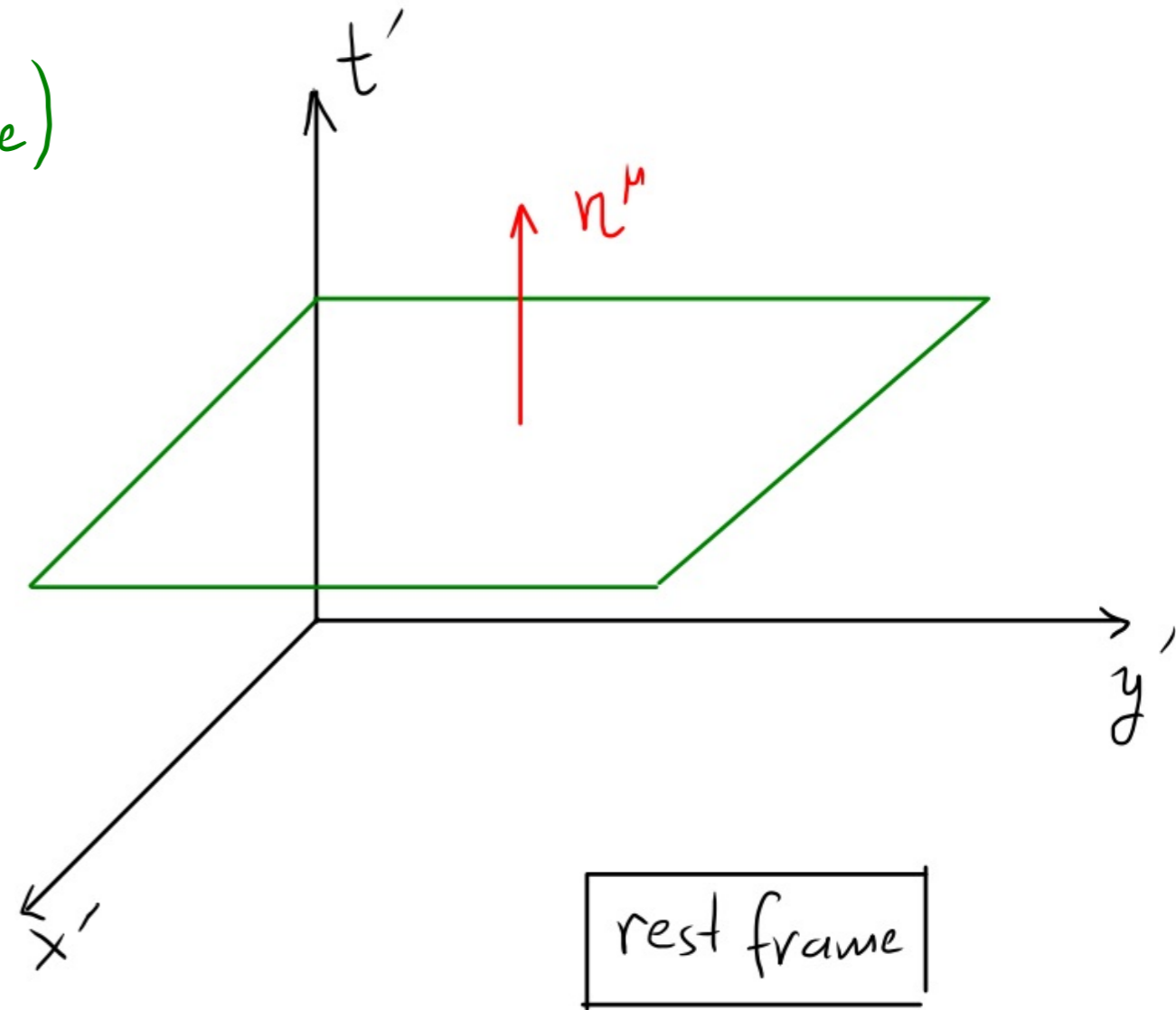
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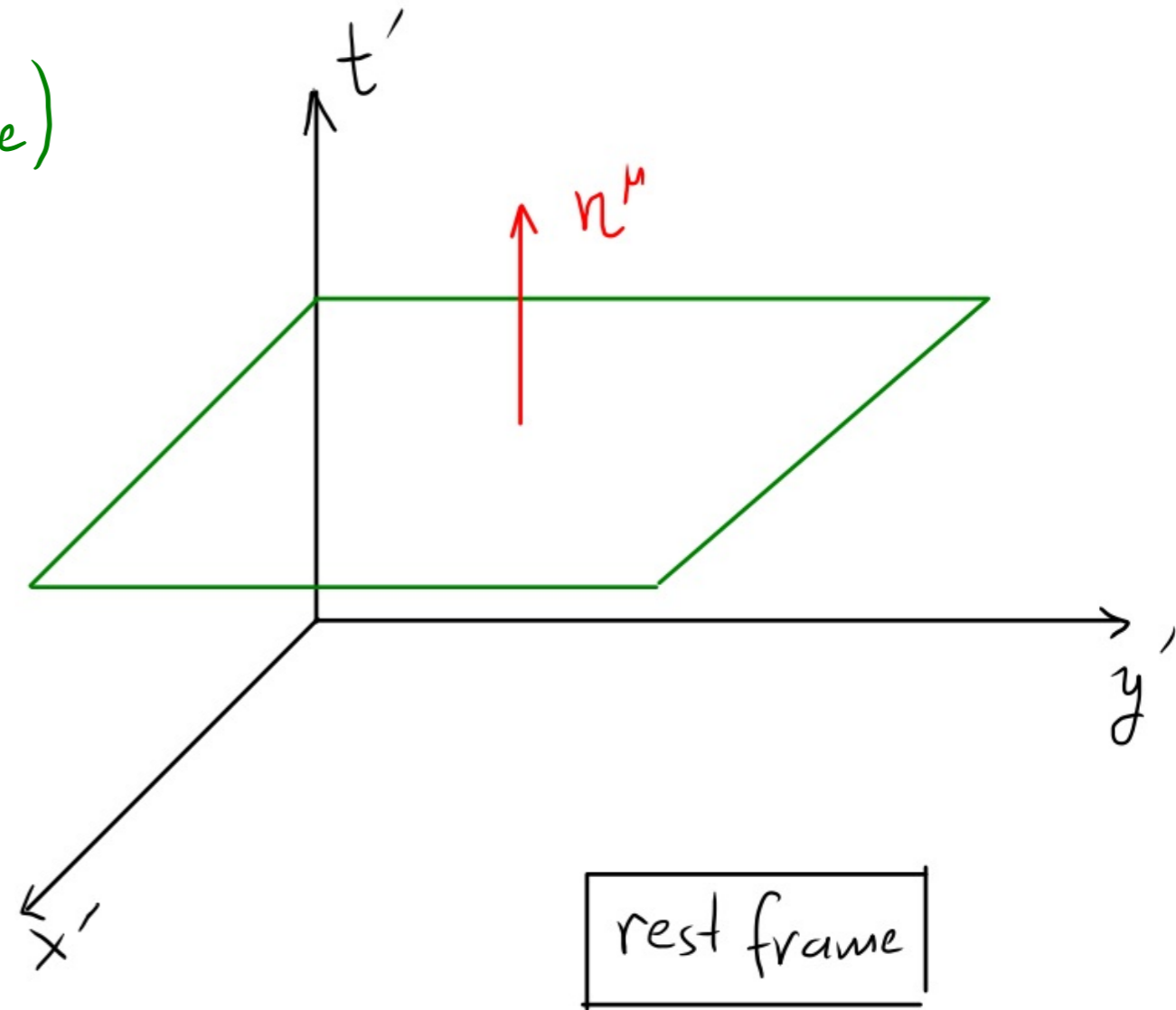
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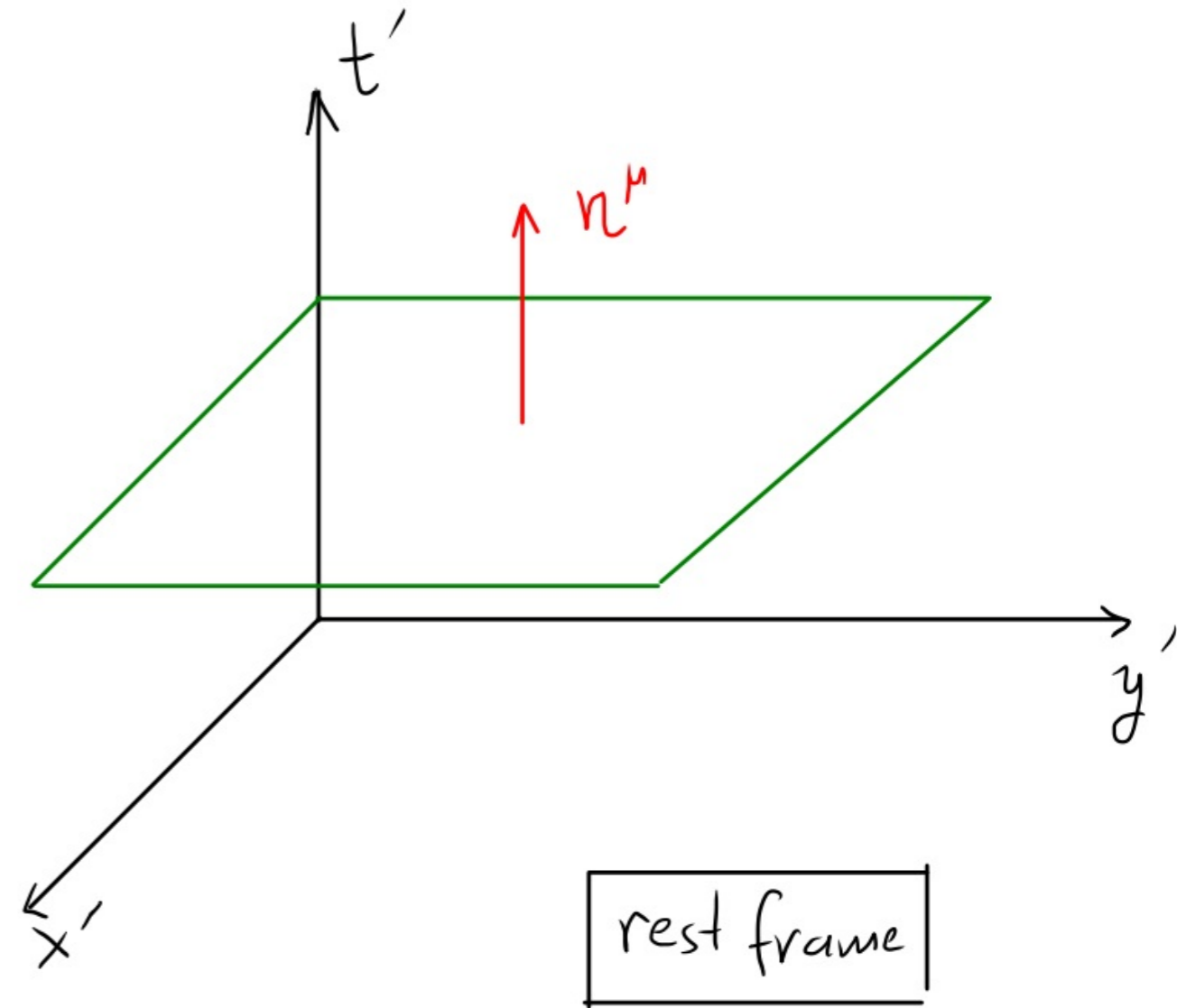
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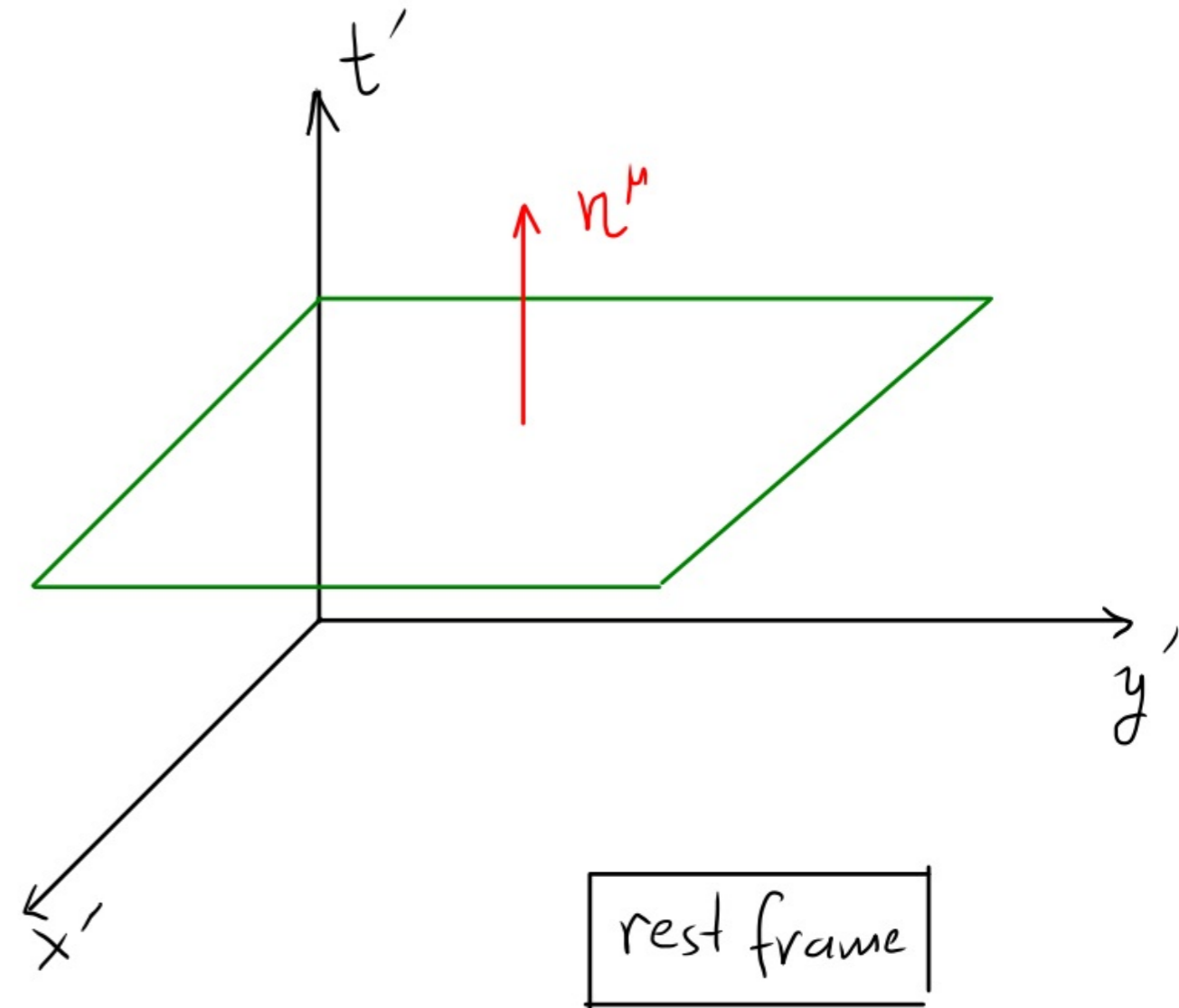


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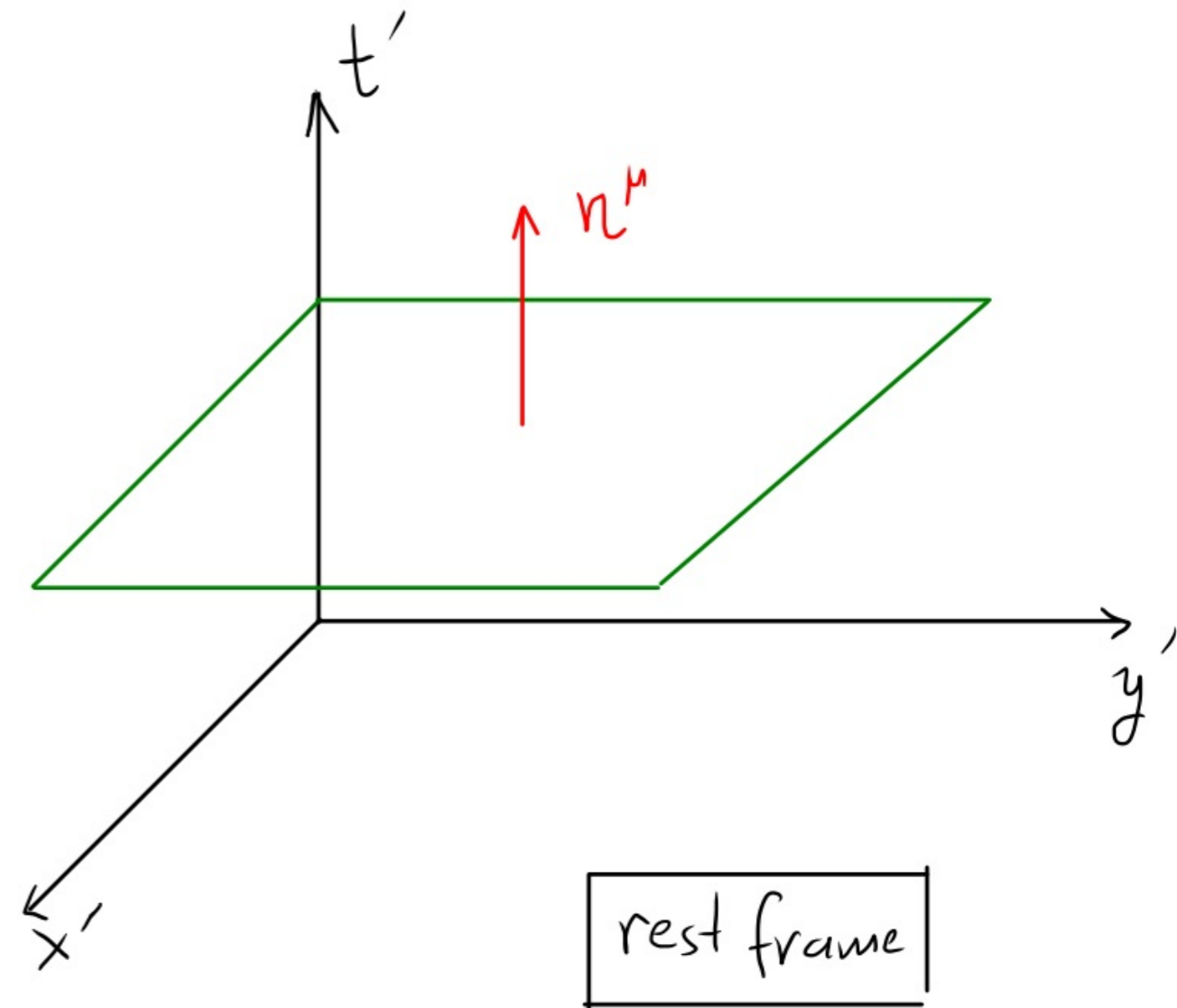
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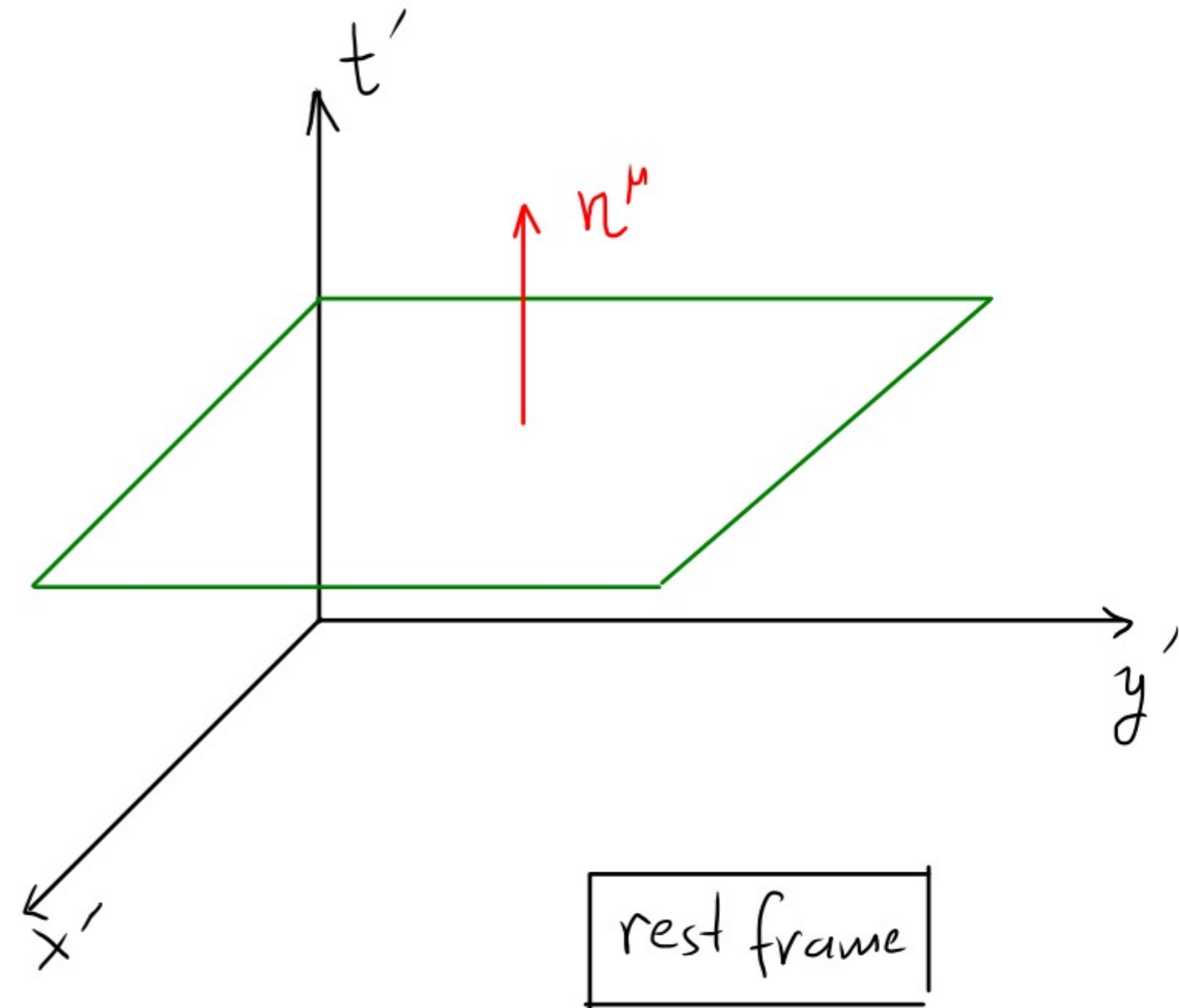
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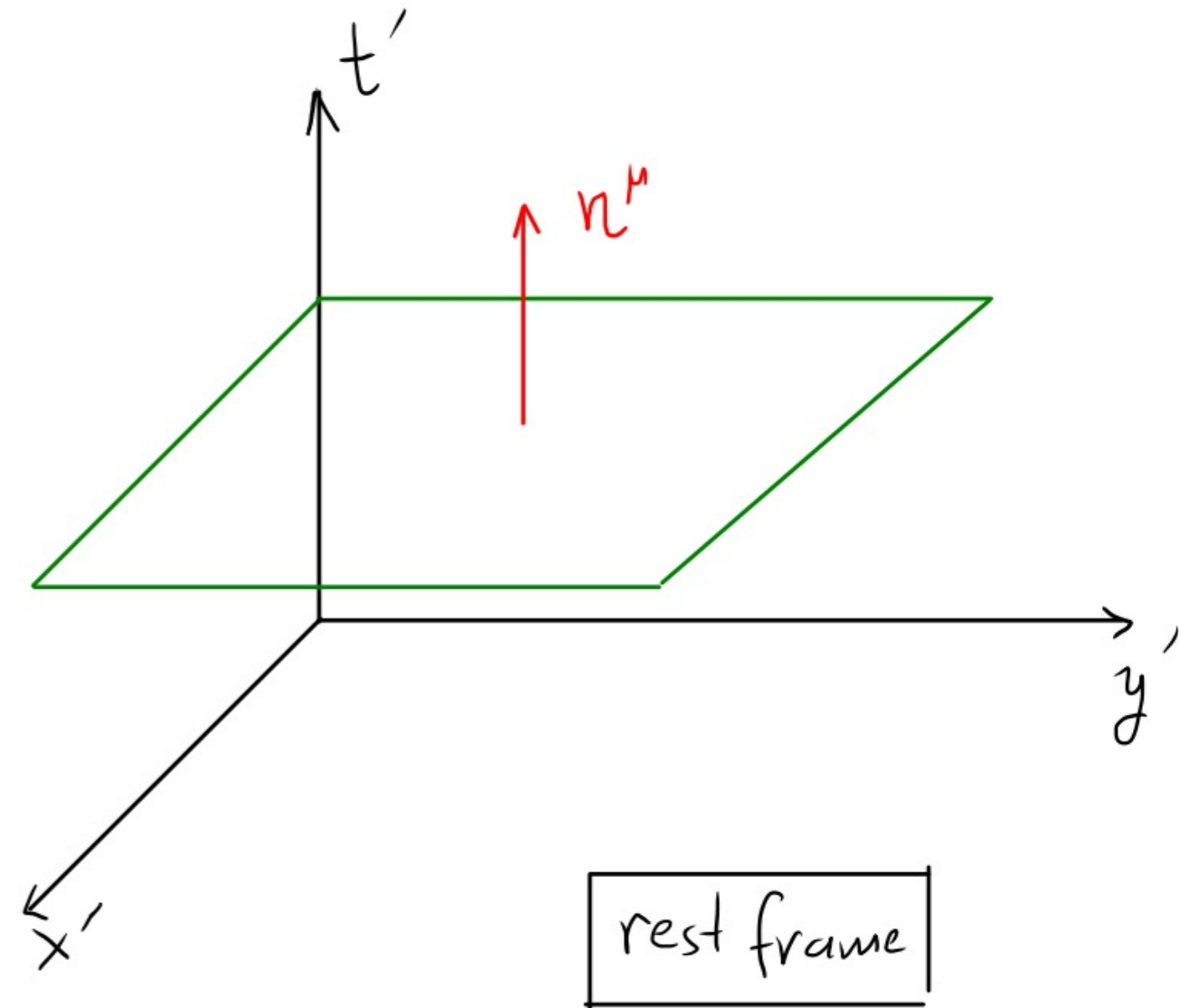
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- likewise, currents  $\vec{j}$  are fluxes in spacelike directions through timelike surfaces (spacelike normals)

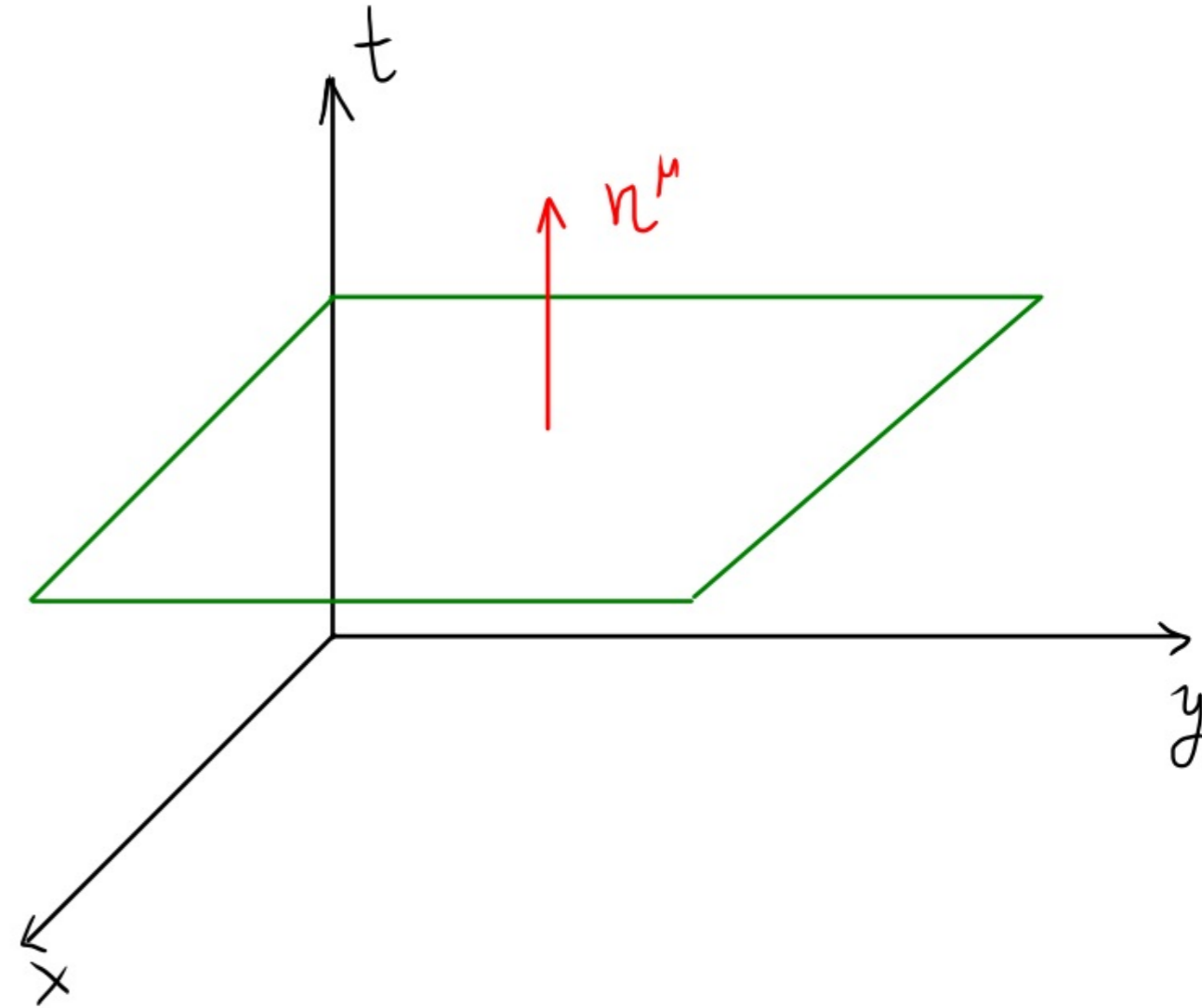
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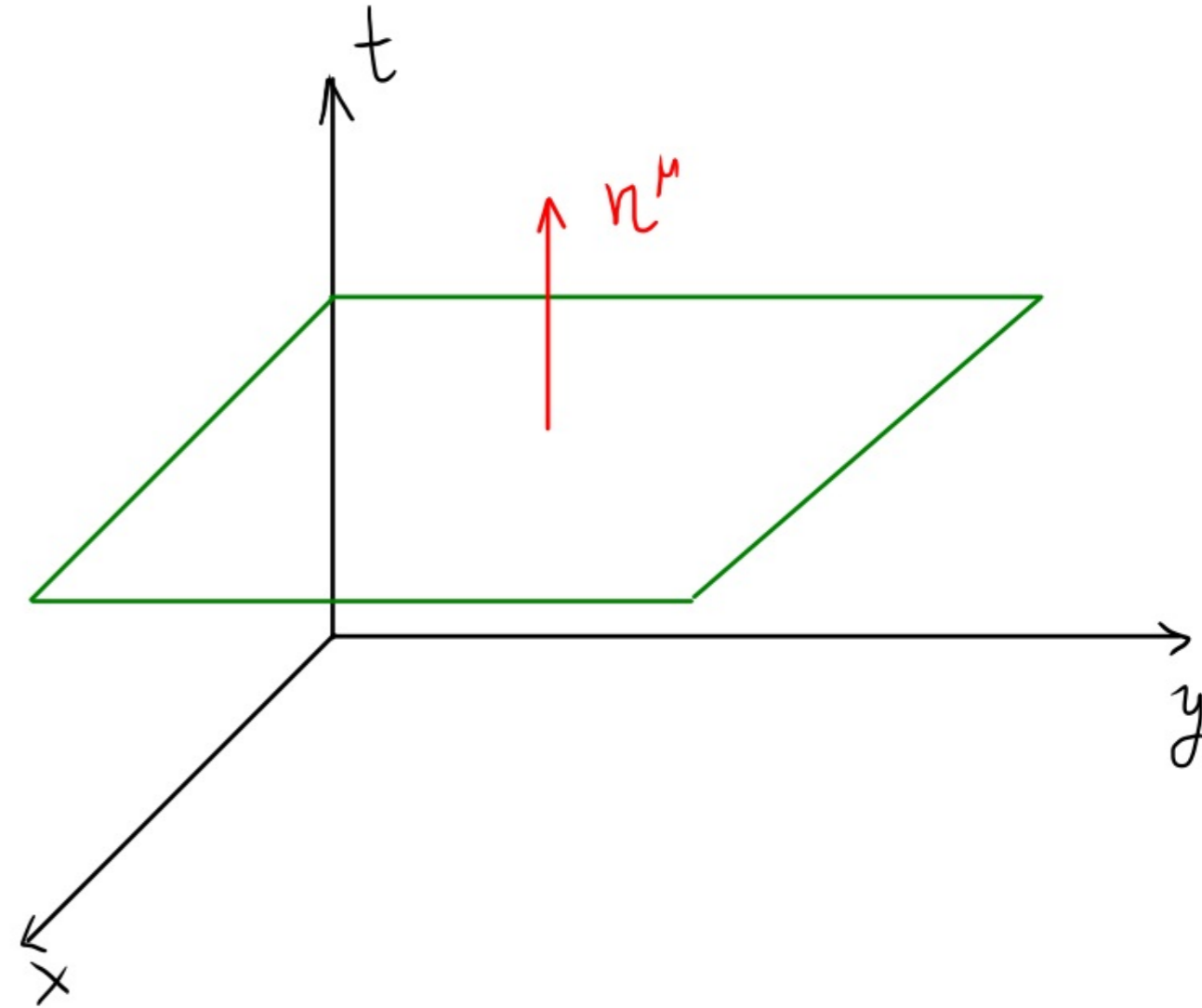
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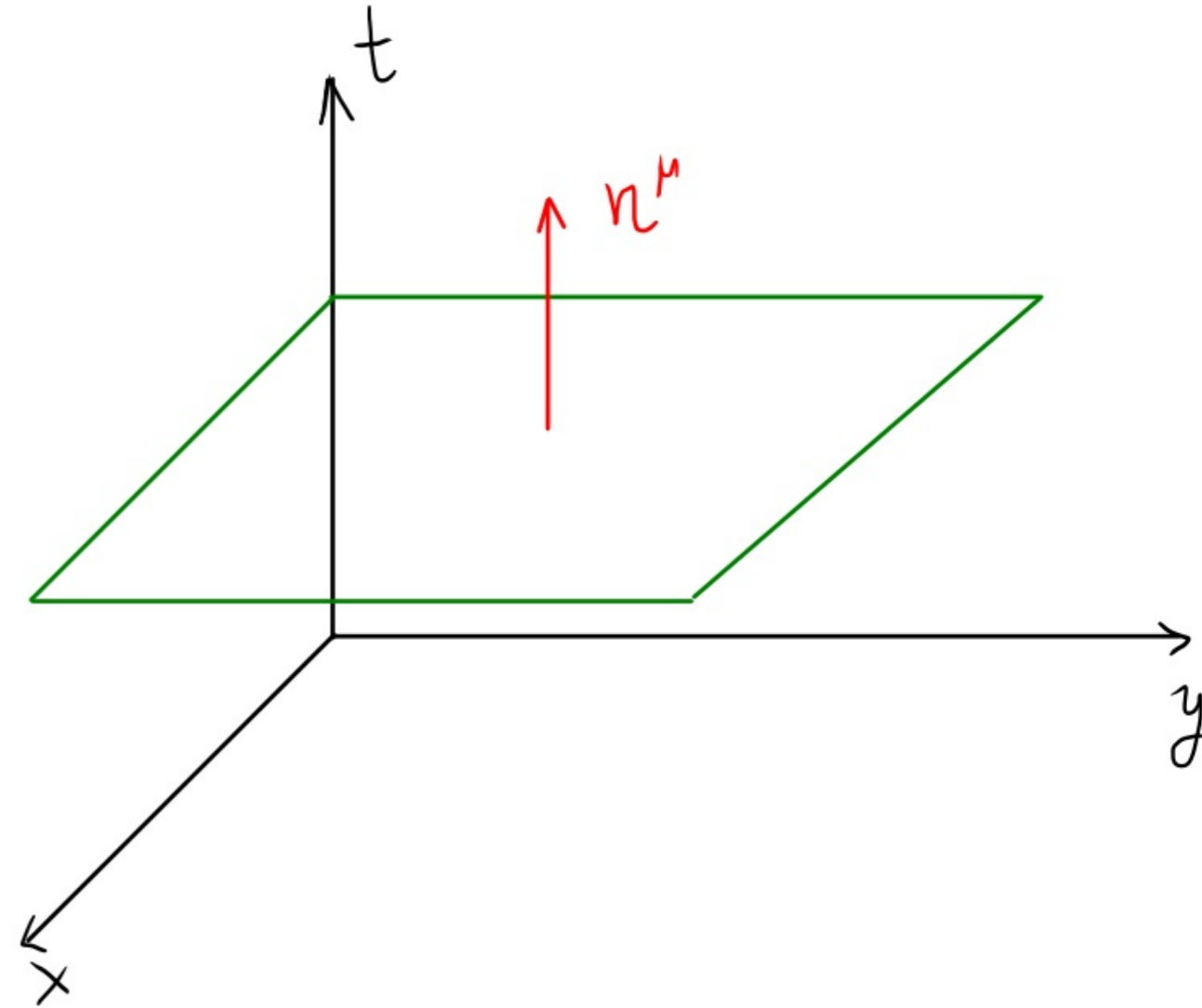
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Consider 4-momentum in volume  $\Delta V$

$$\Delta p^{\mu} = - \underbrace{T^{\mu\nu}}_{\text{"current"}} n_{\nu} \Delta V$$

compare with:

$$\Delta N = - j^{\mu} n_{\mu} \Delta V$$





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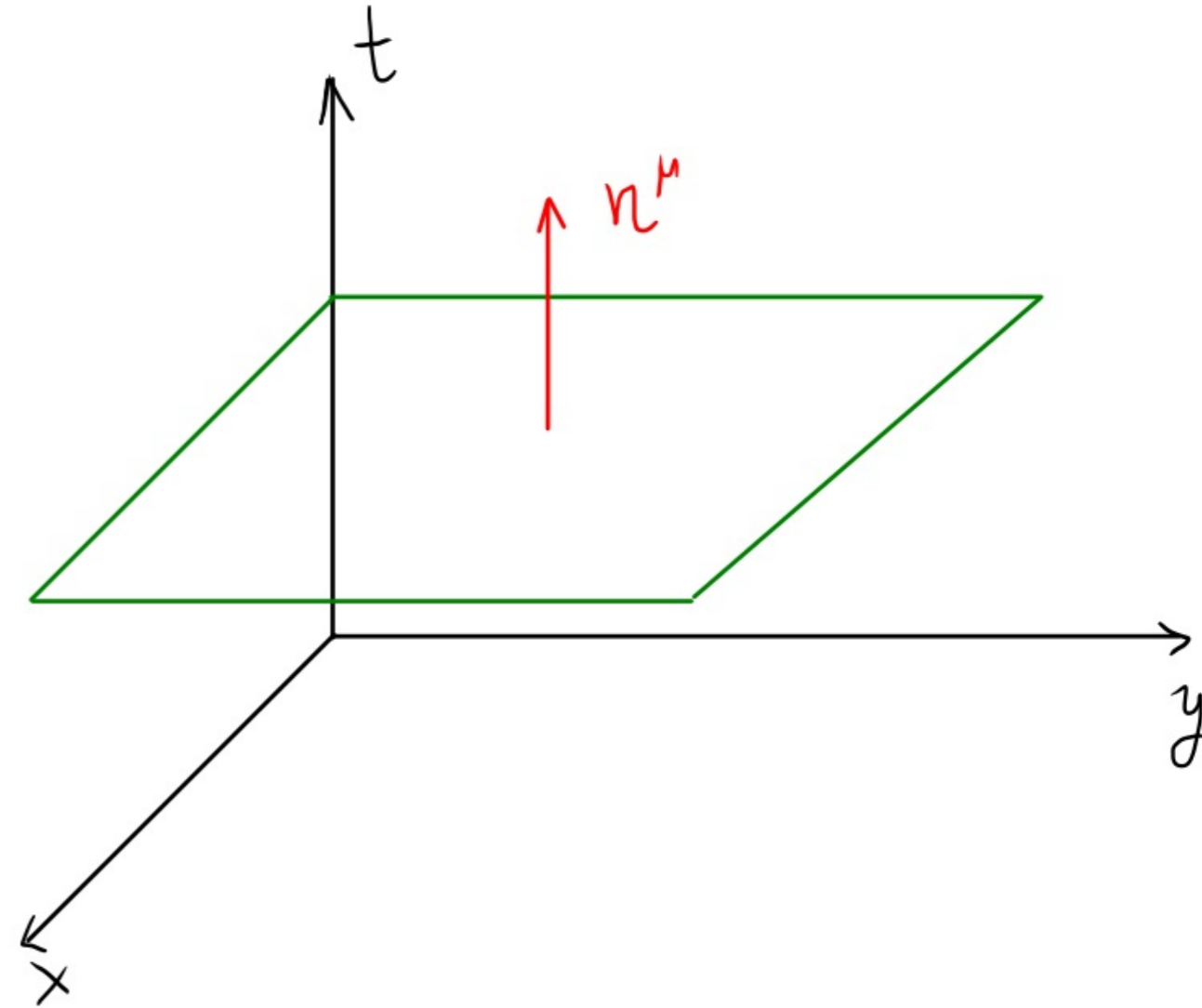
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need extra  
index

$$n_\nu \Delta V$$

time like  
spacelike 3-surface  
"area"

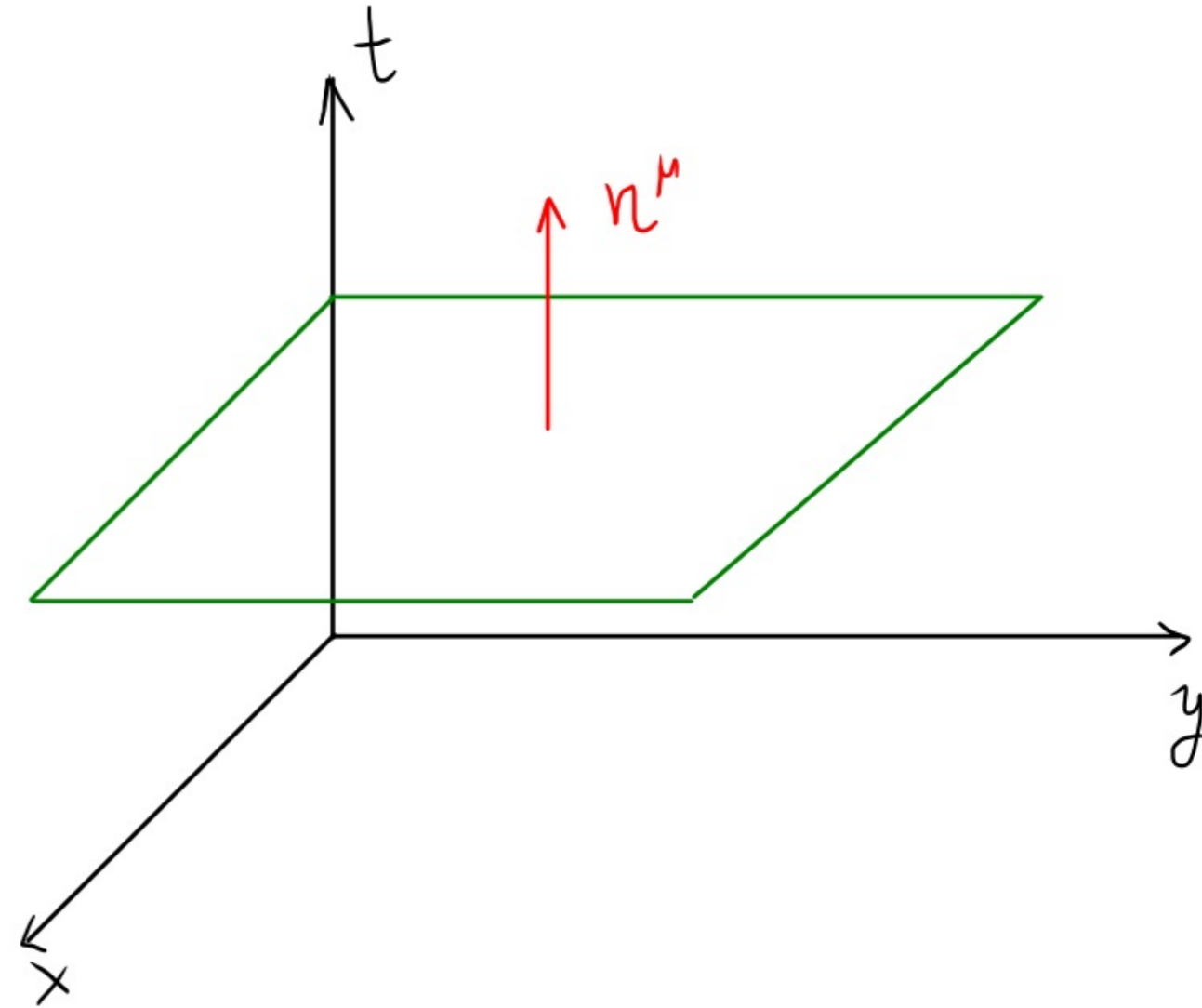


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4-momentum density

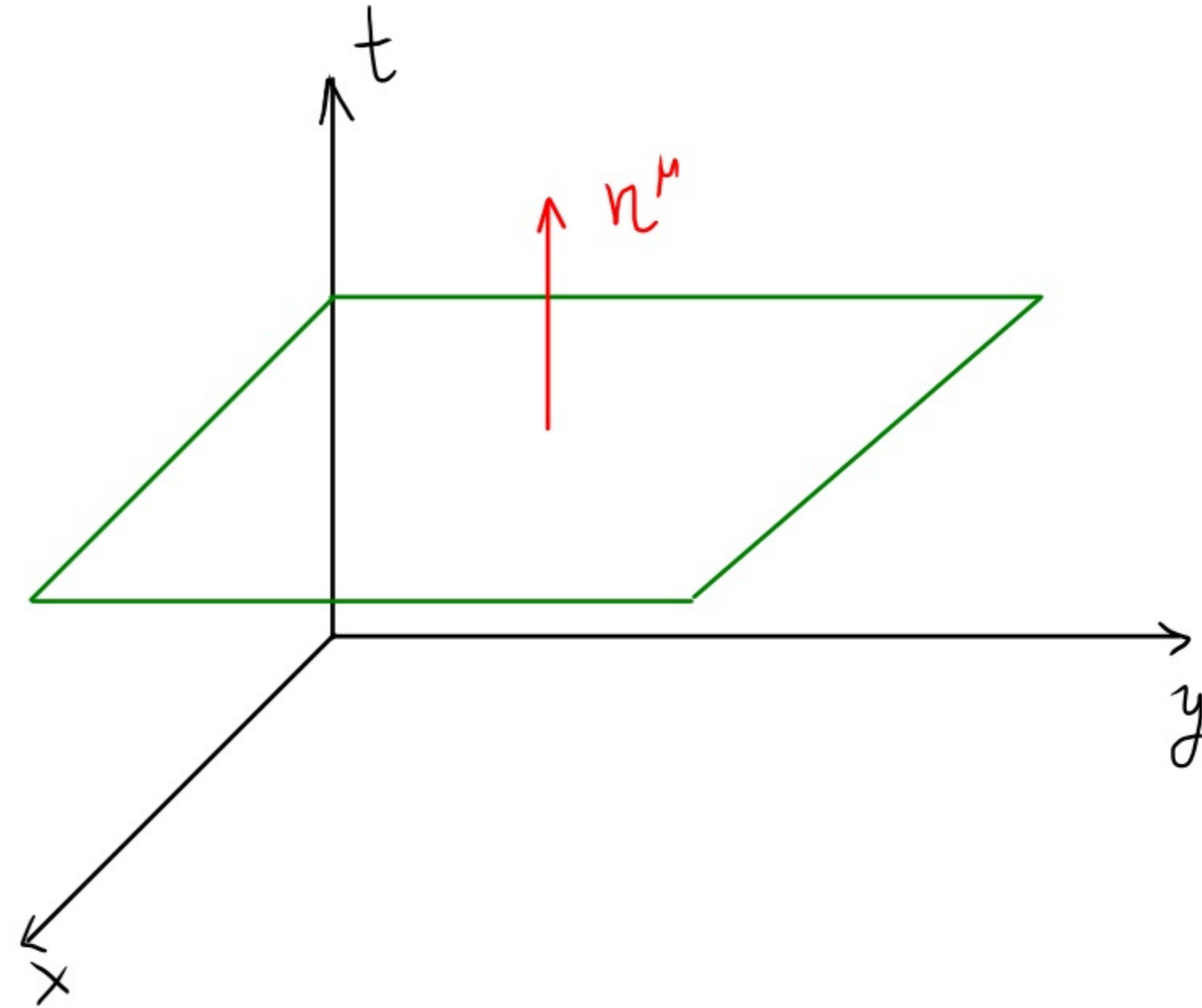


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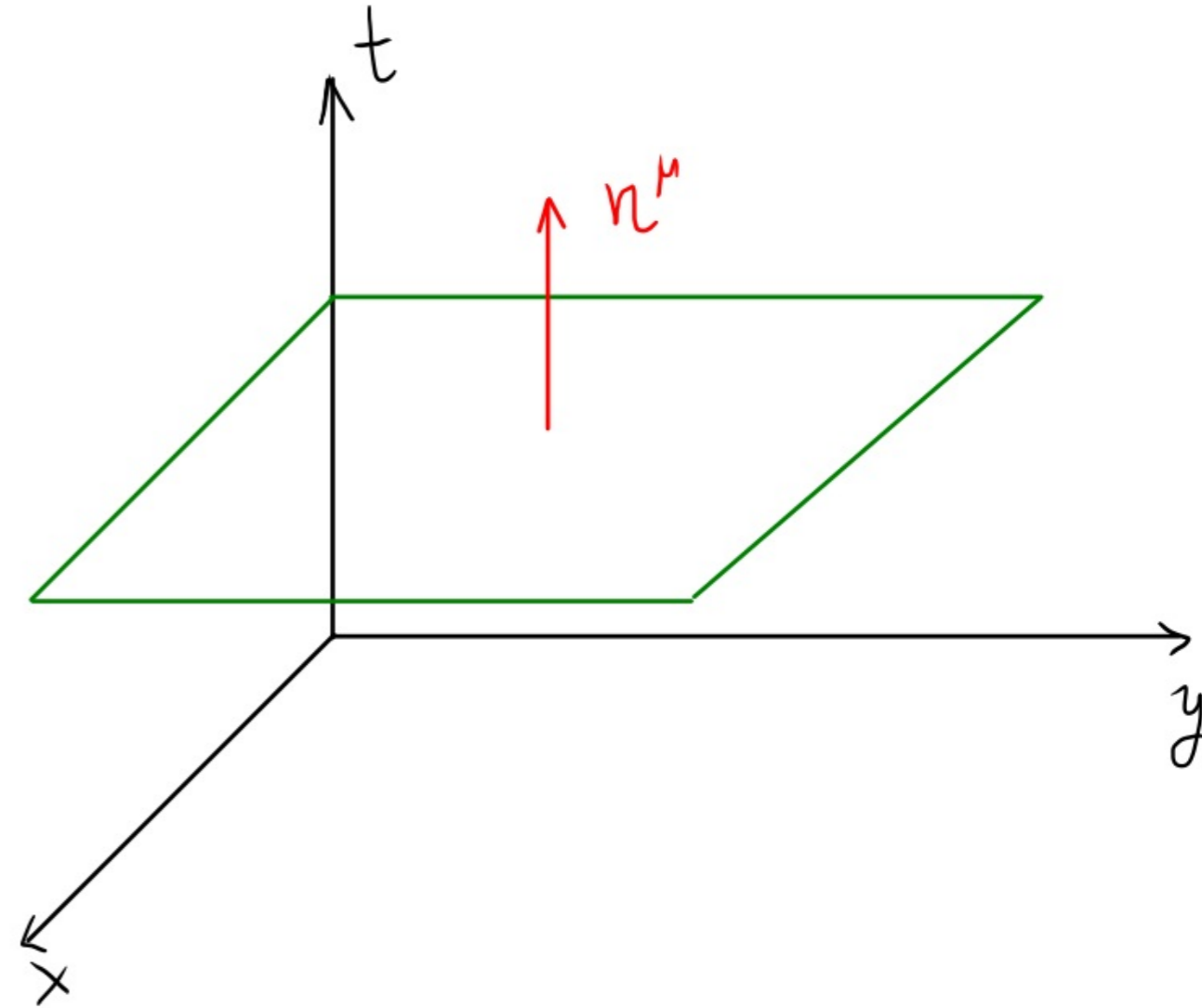
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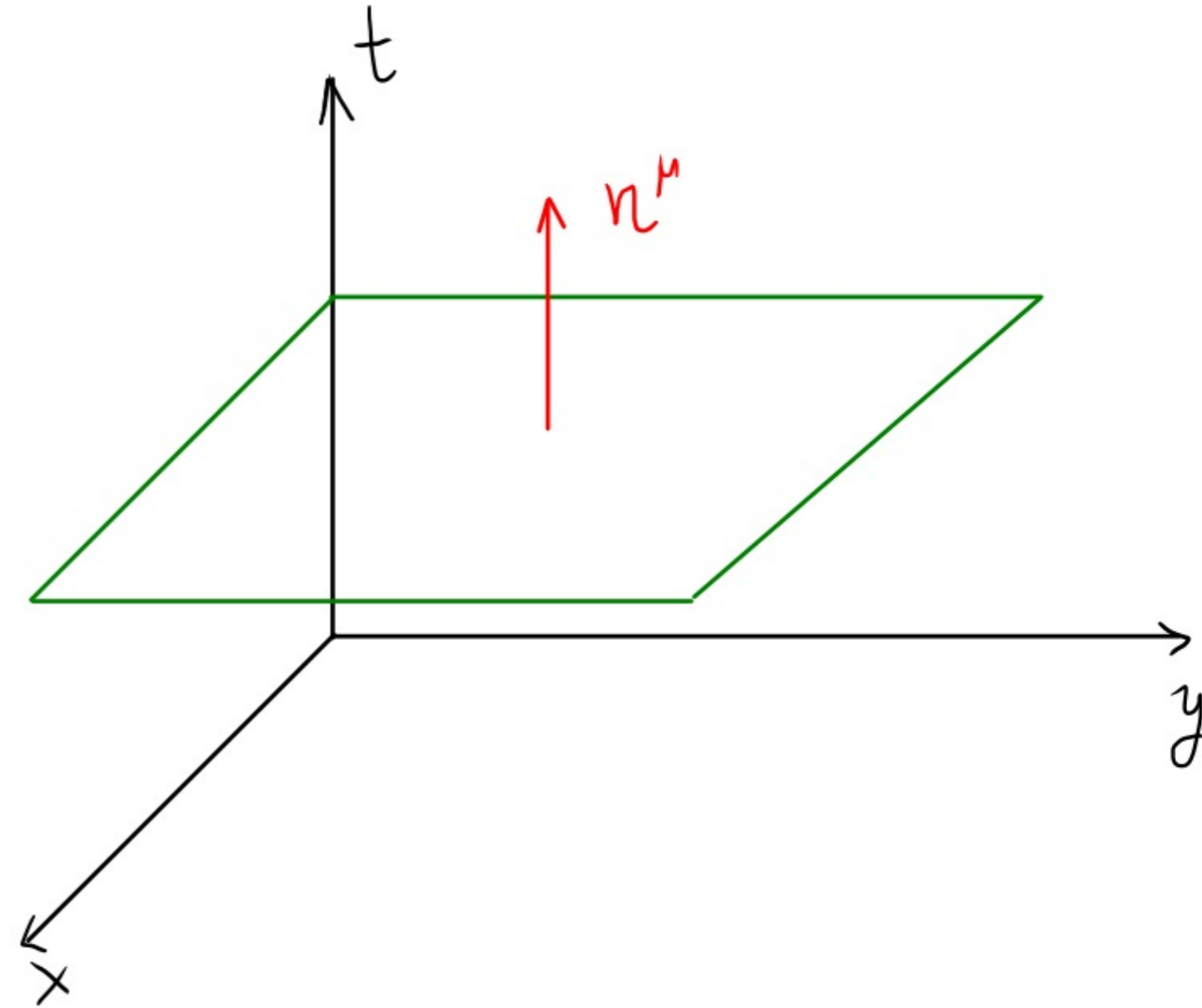
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$$\rho = \frac{\Delta p^0}{\Delta V} = T^{00} \quad \text{energy density}$$

$$\pi^i = \frac{\Delta p^i}{\Delta V} = T^{i0} \quad \text{momentum density}$$

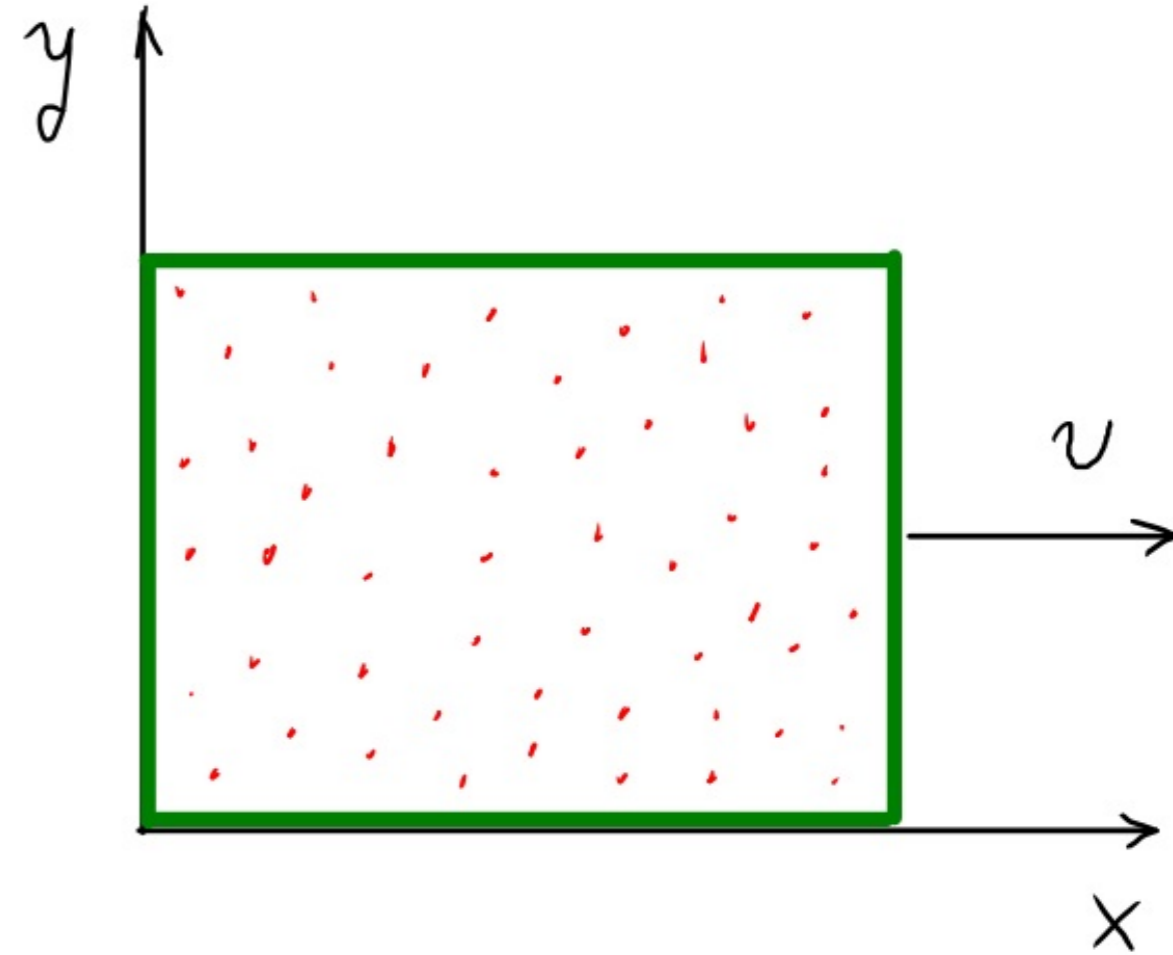


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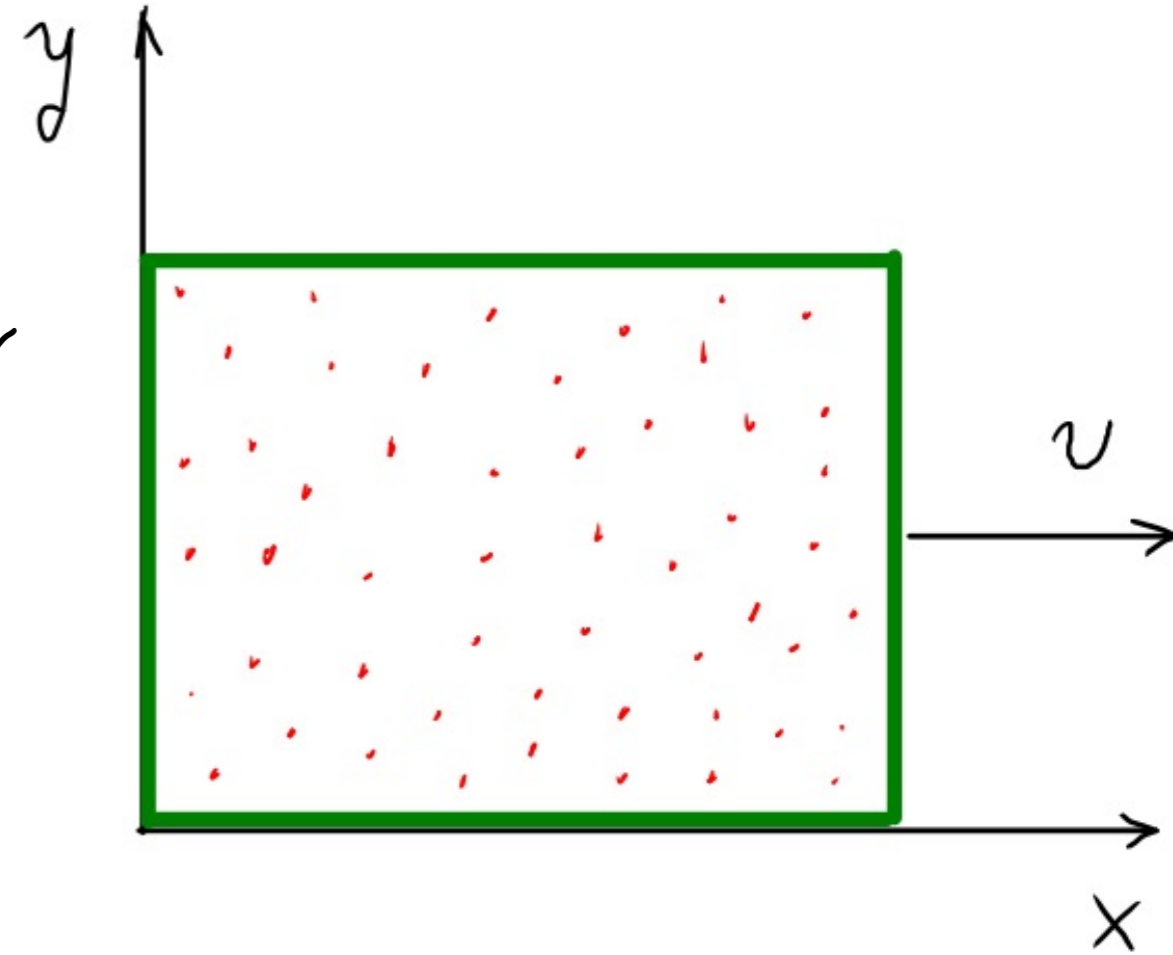
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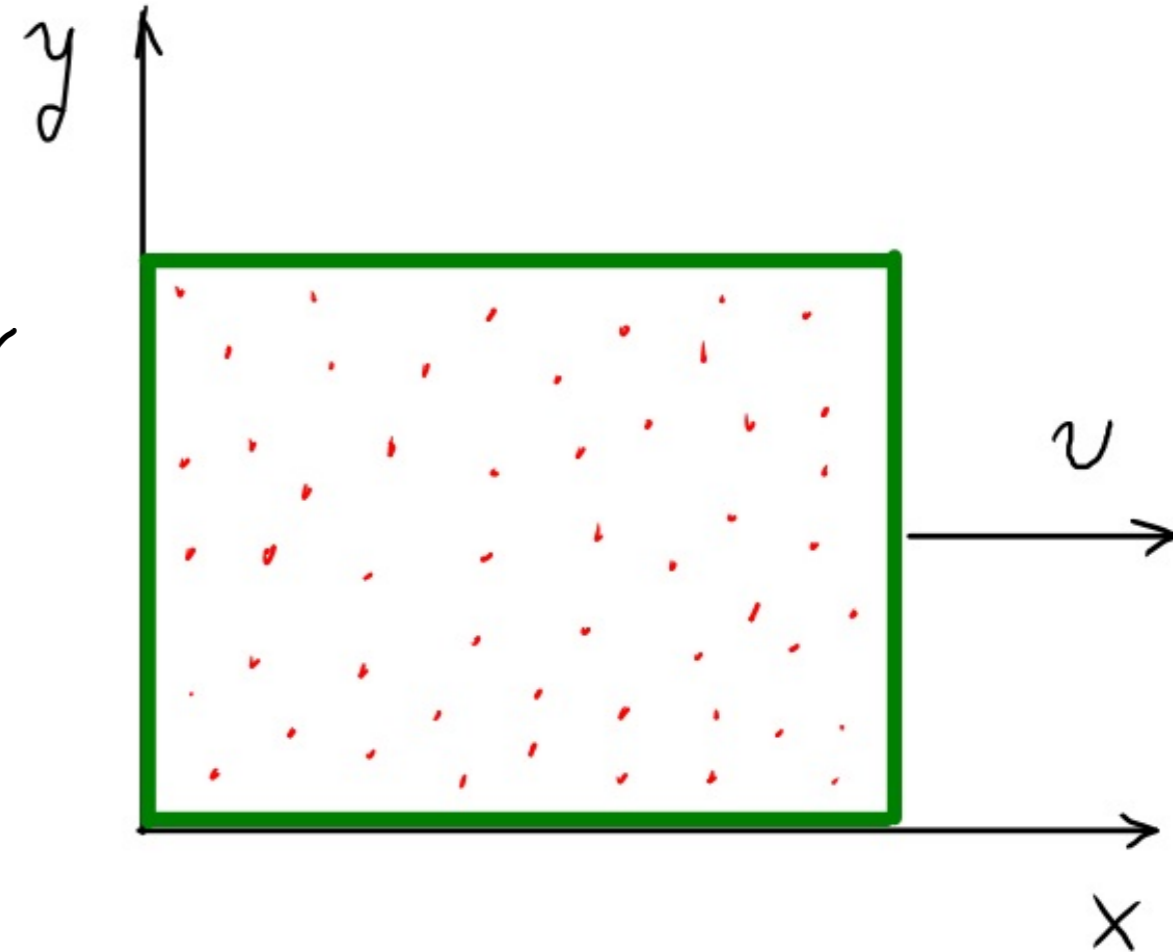


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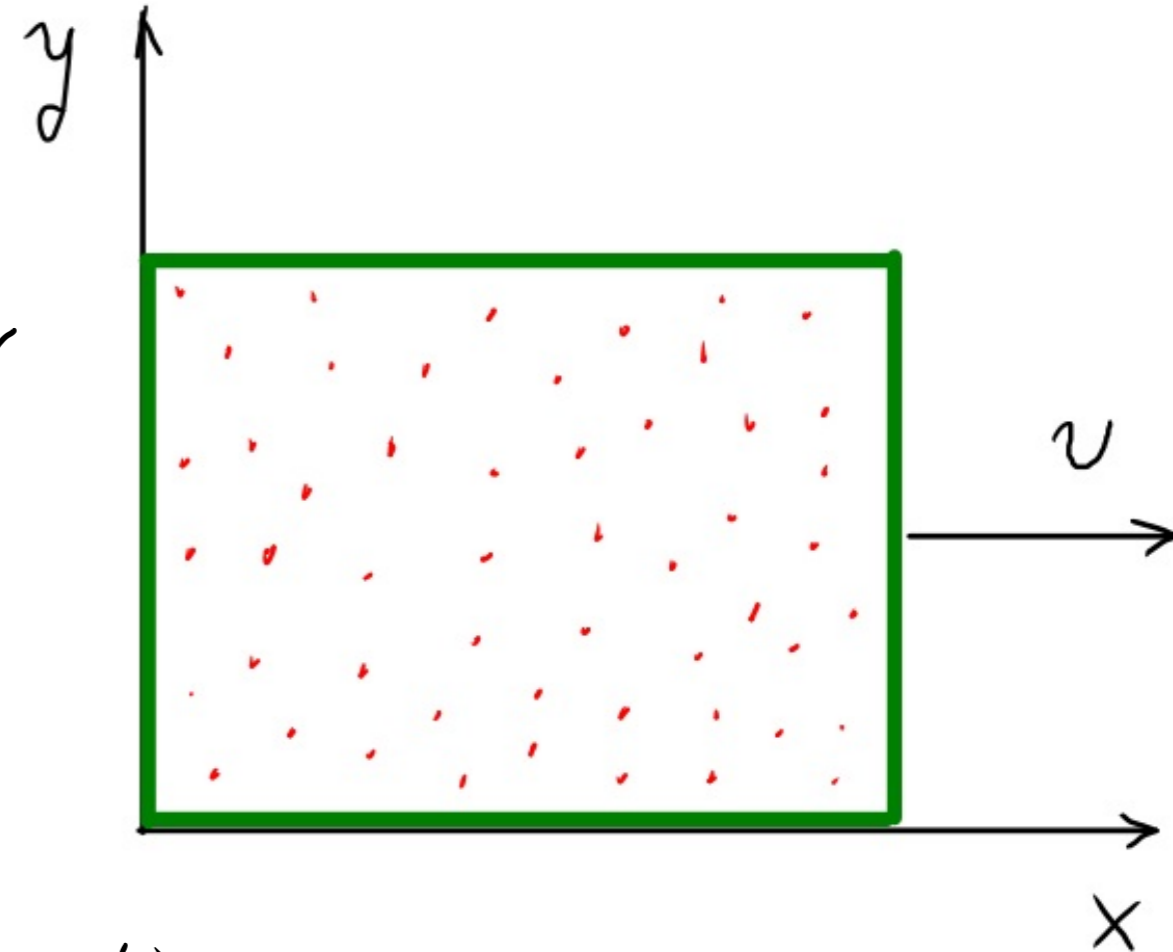
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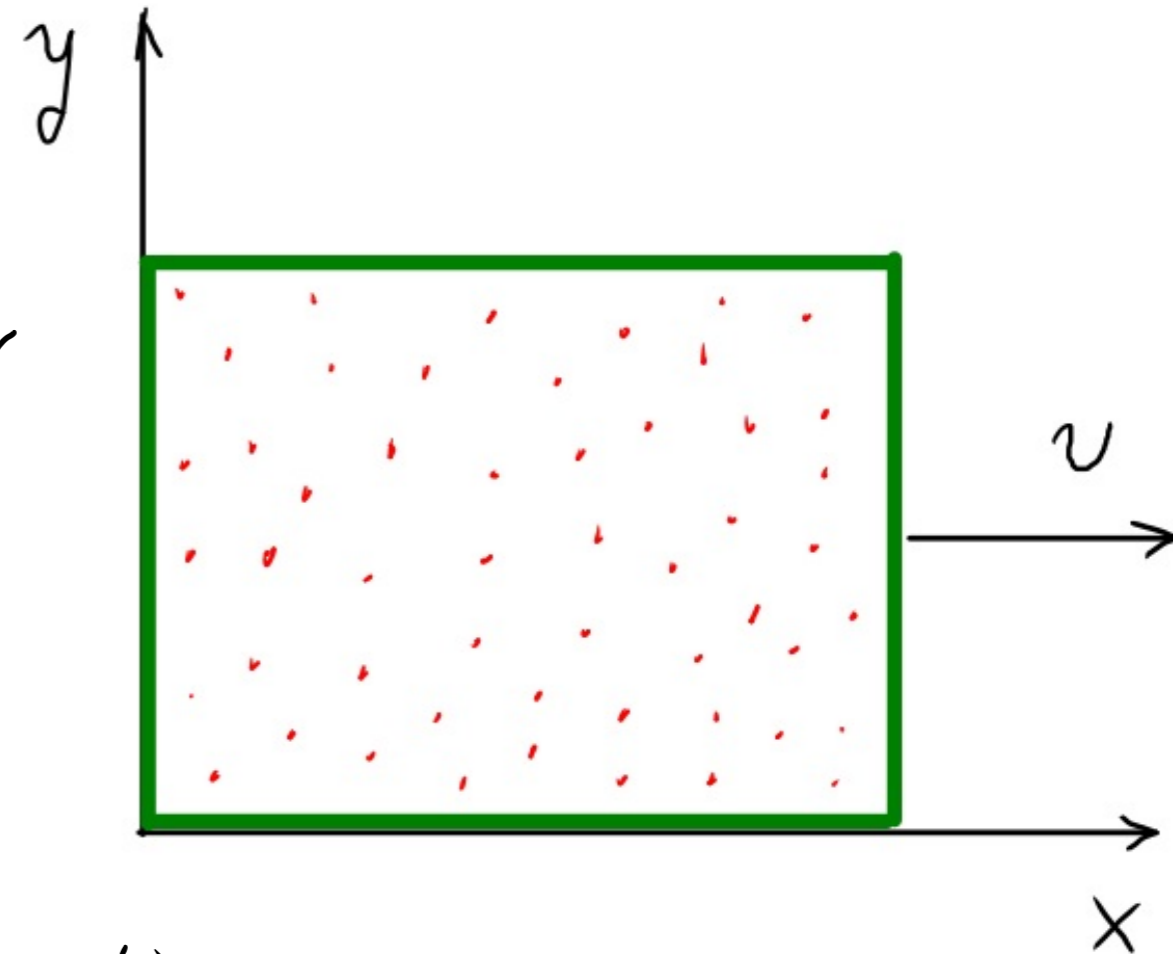
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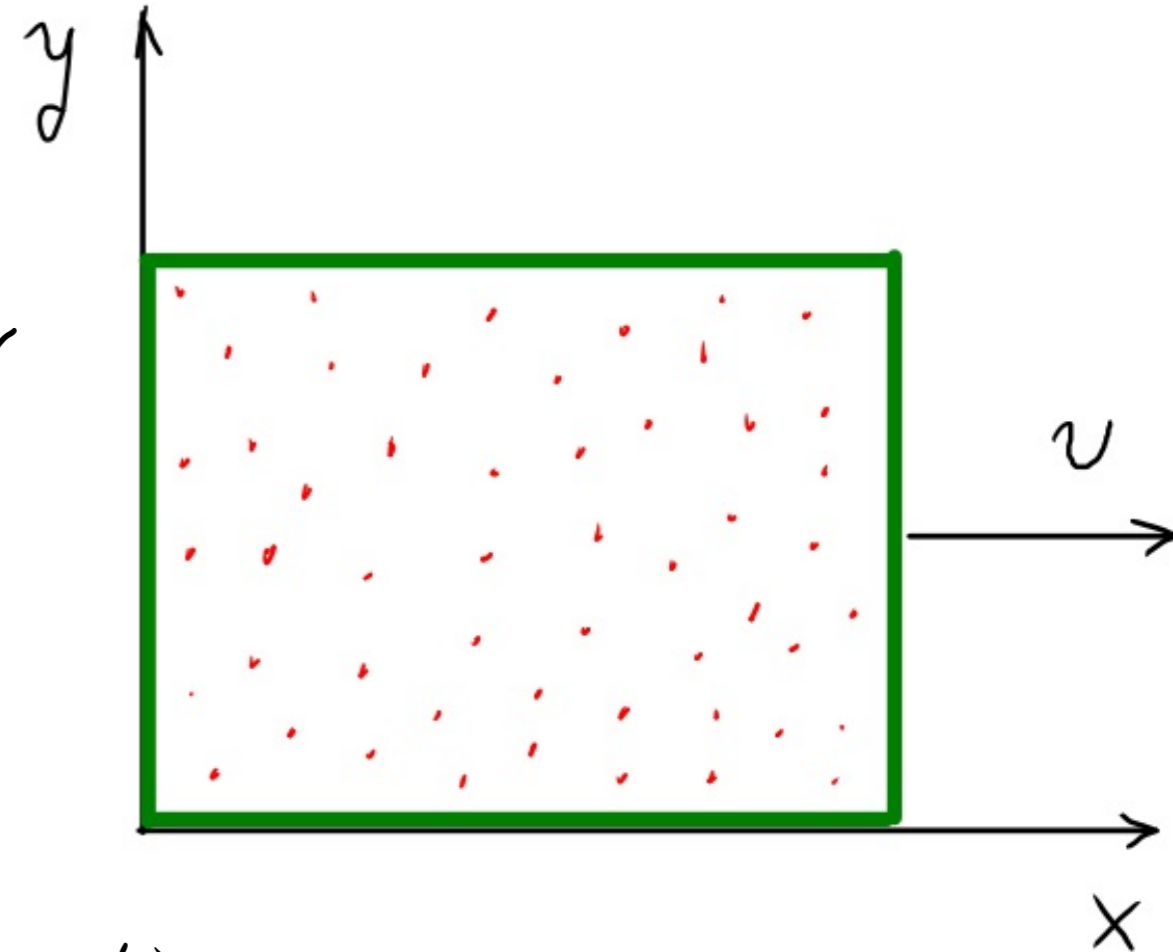
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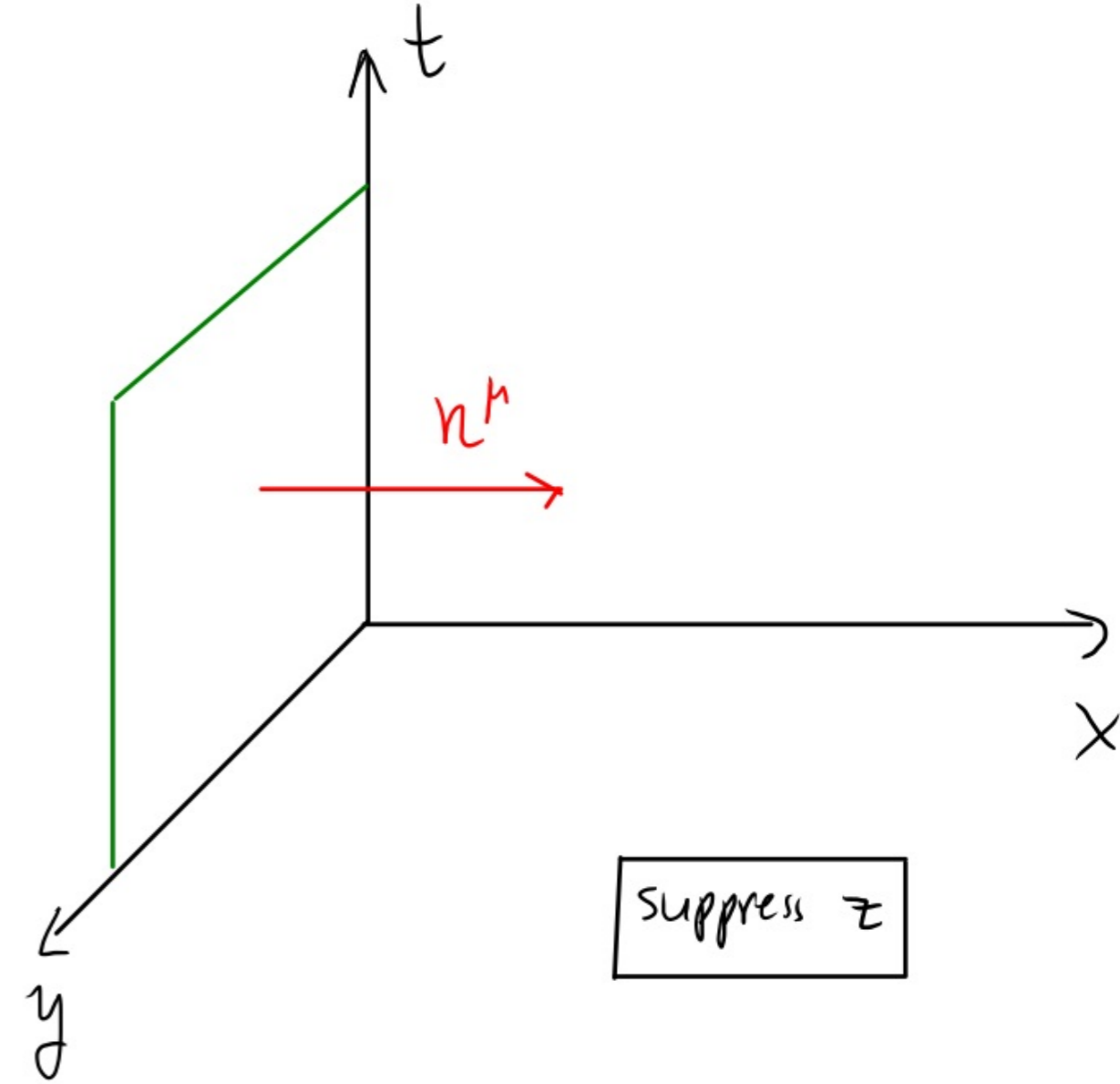
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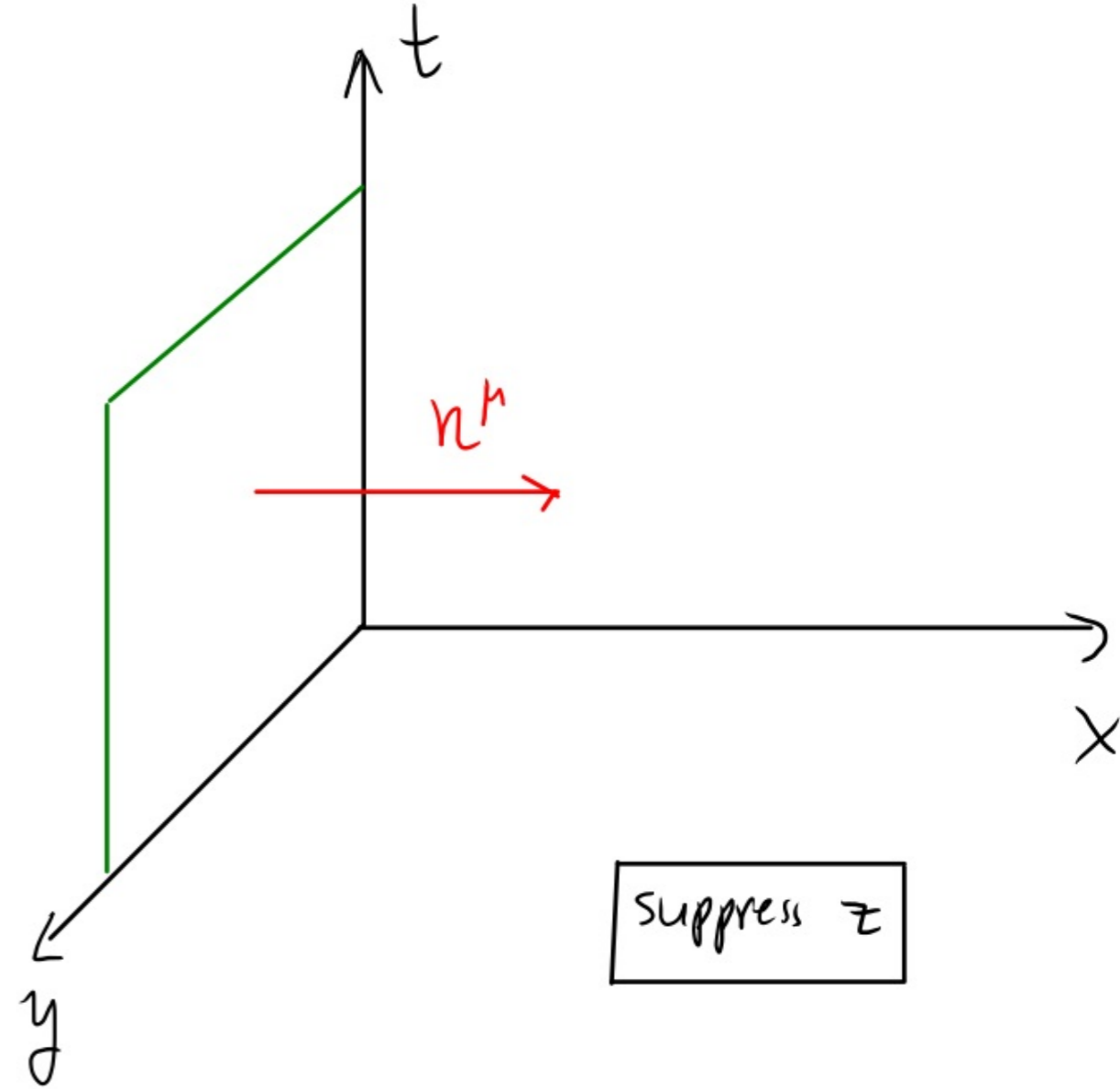


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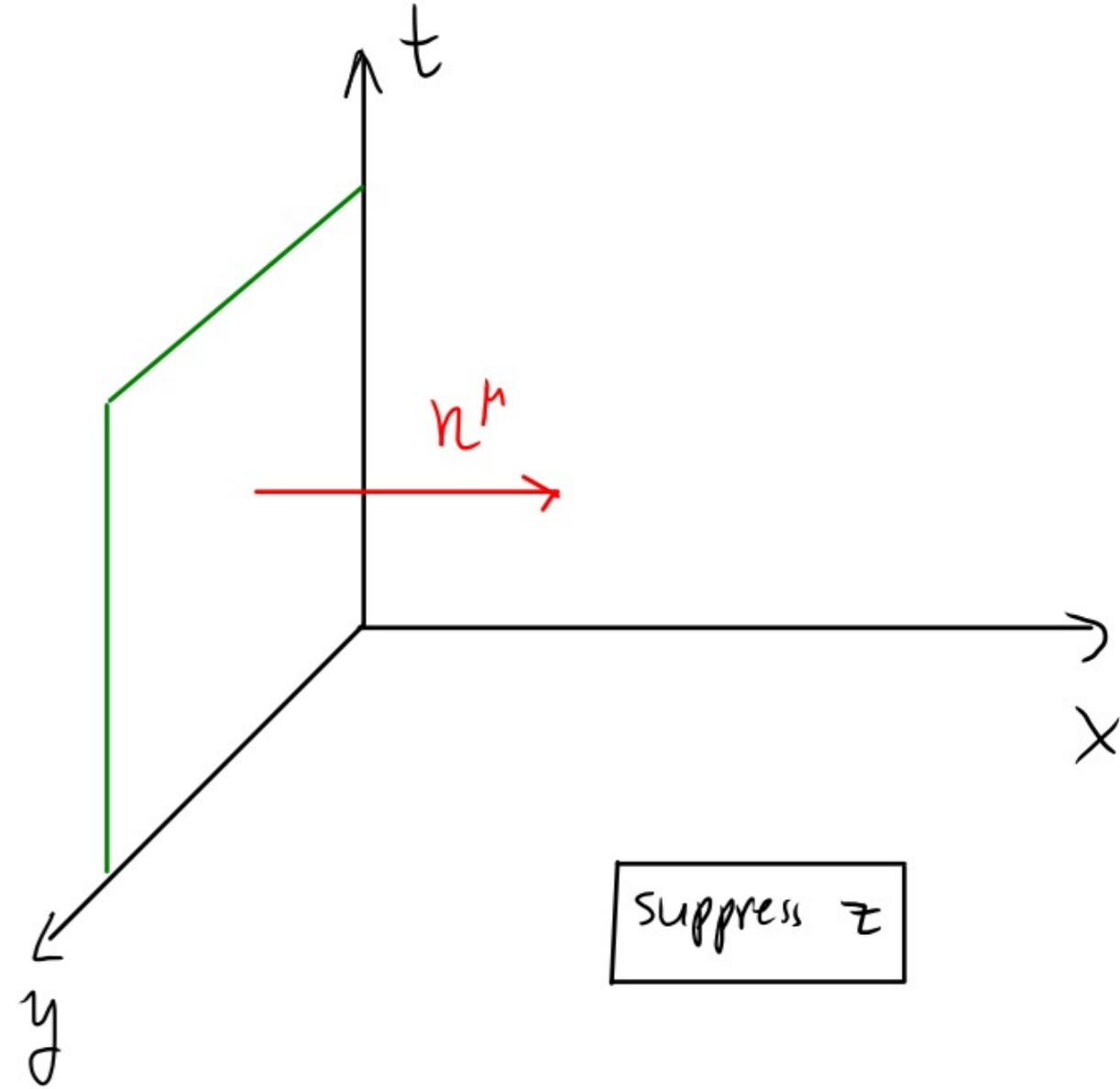
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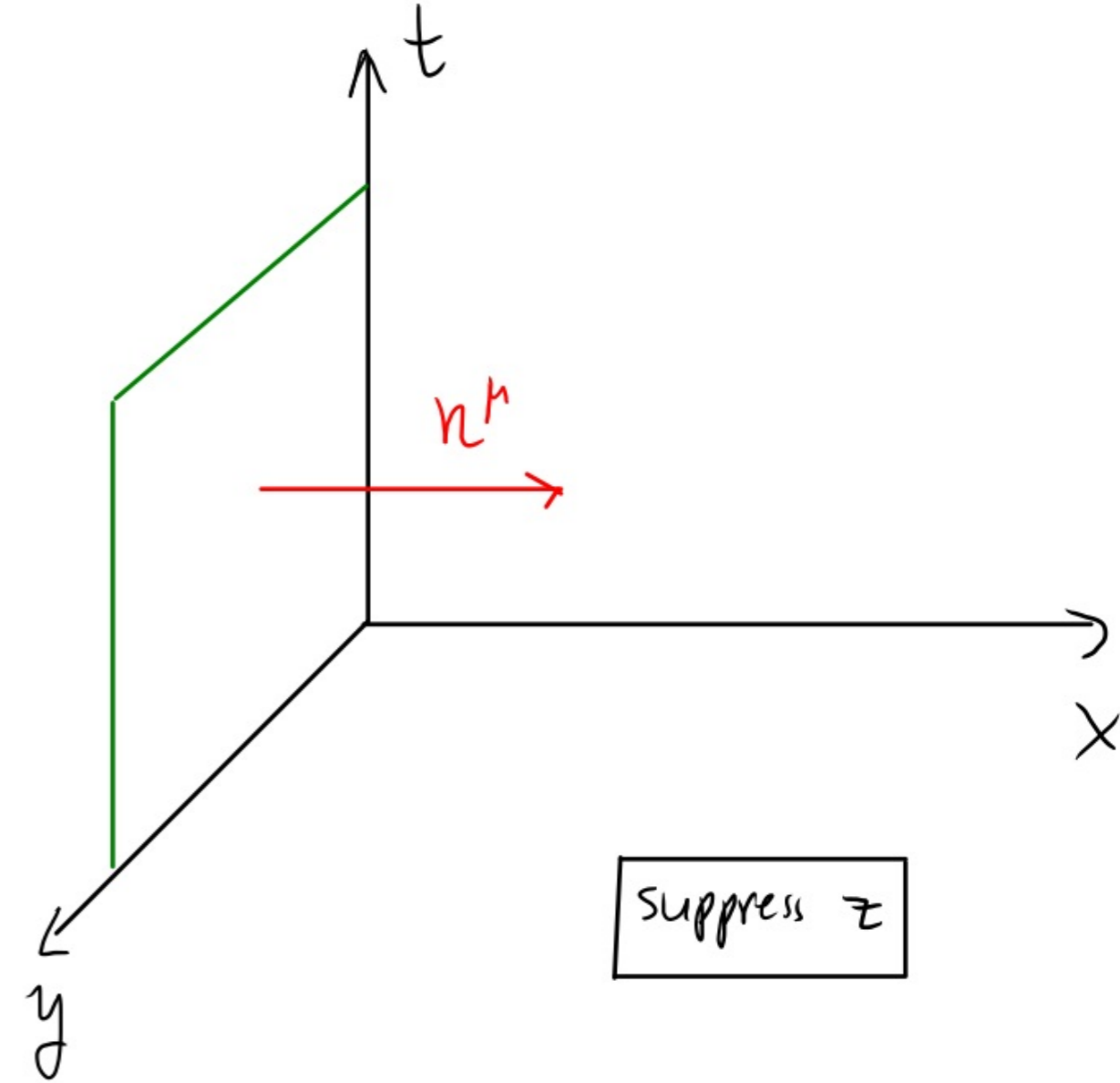
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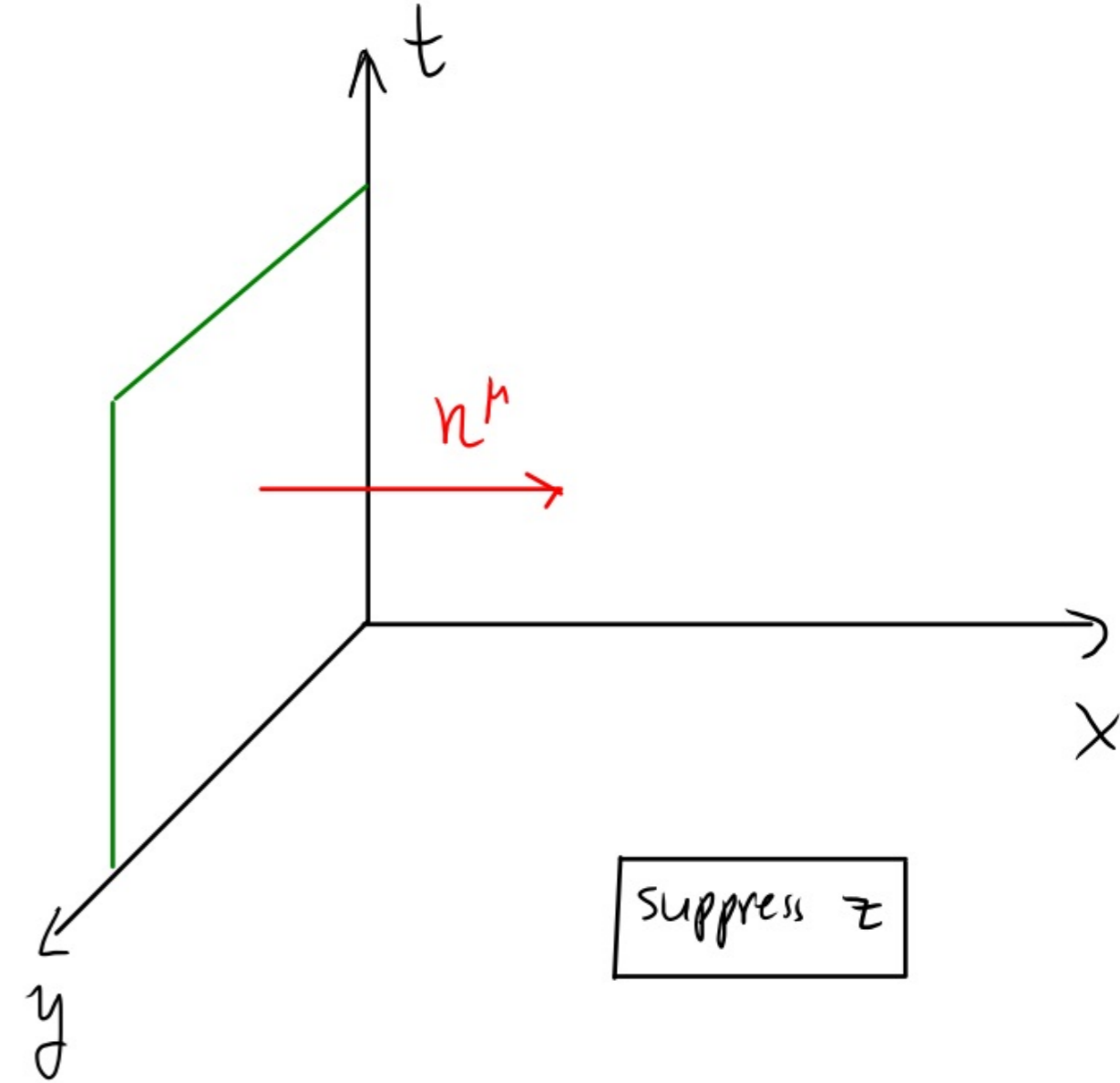
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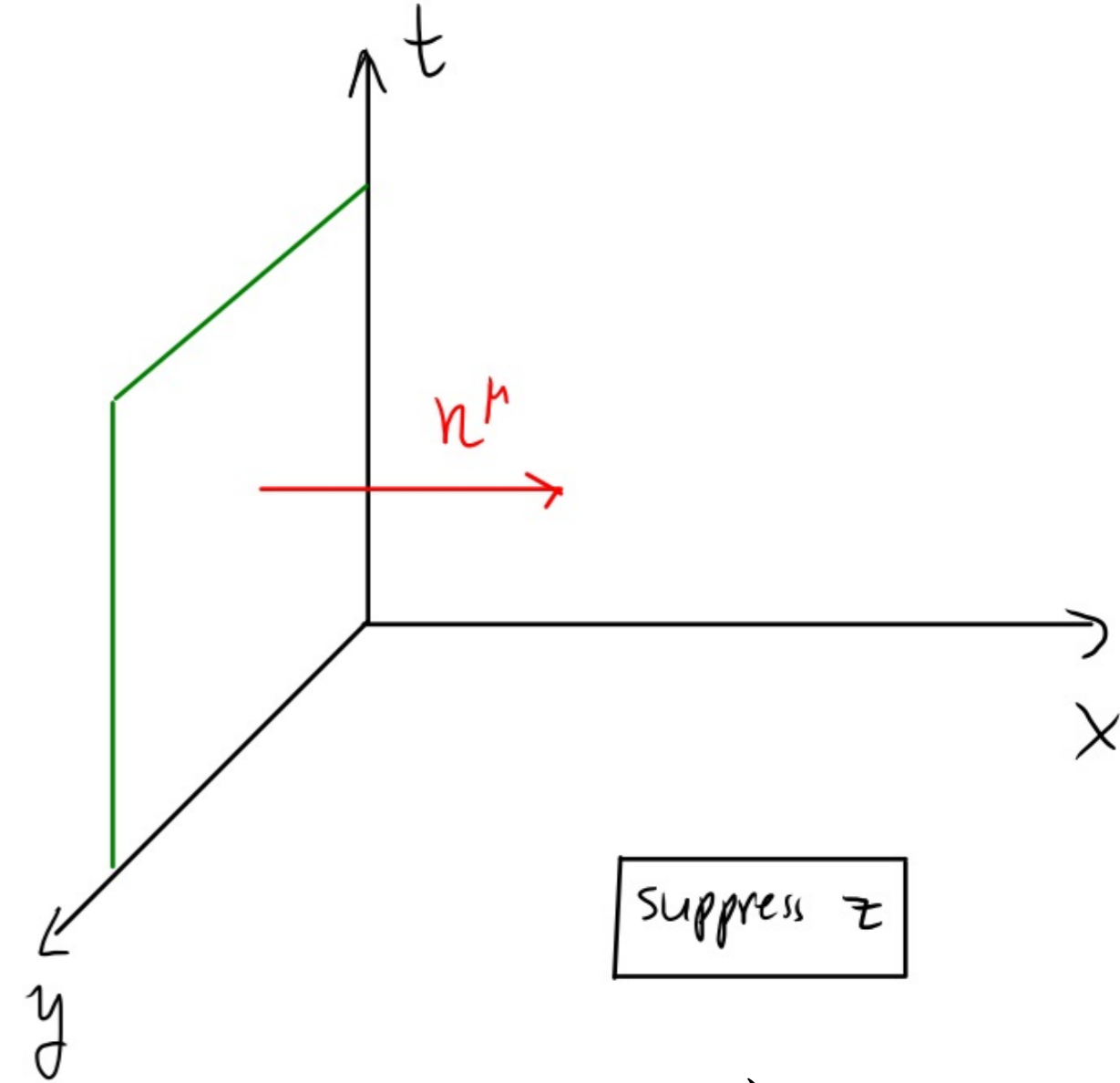
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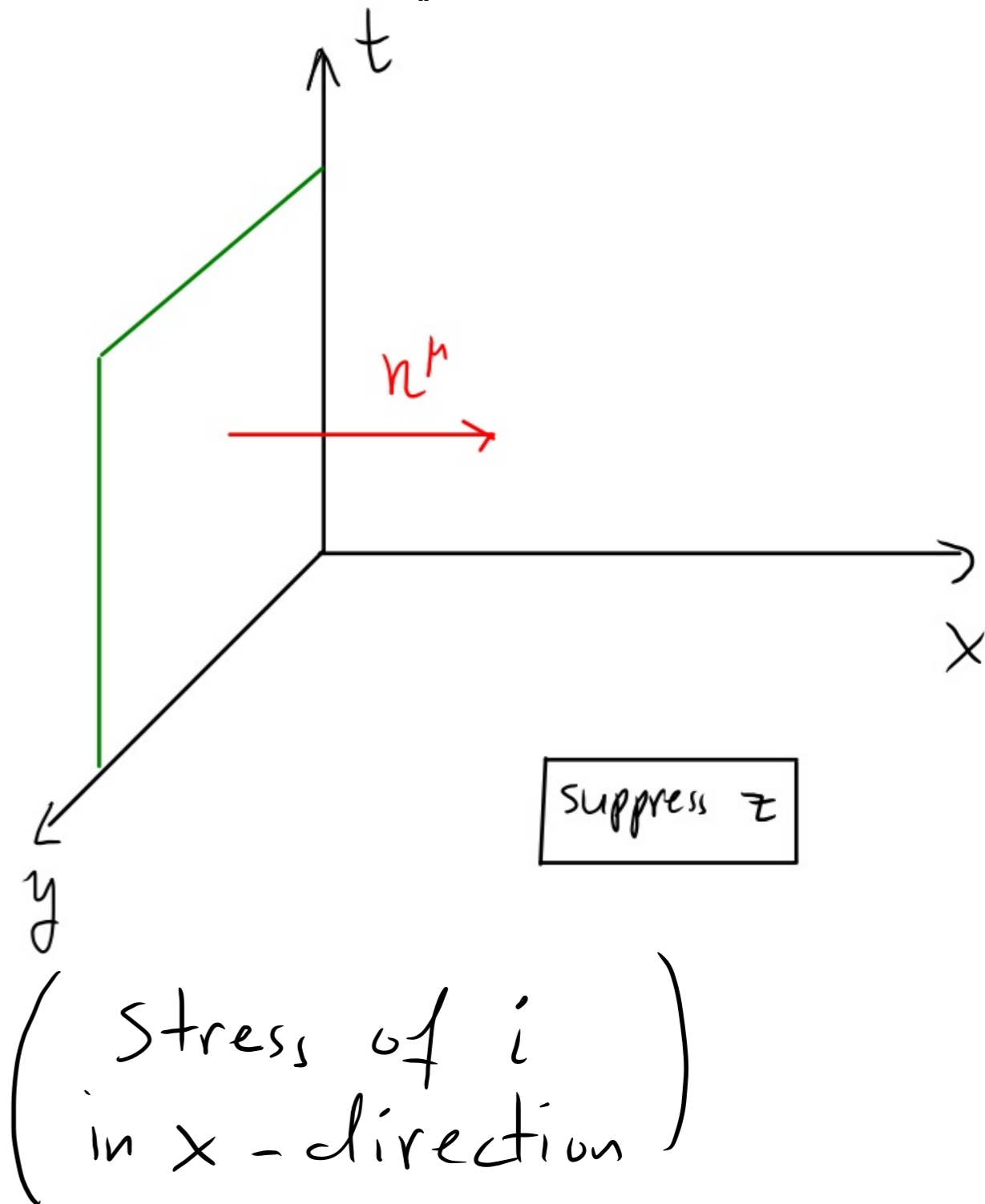
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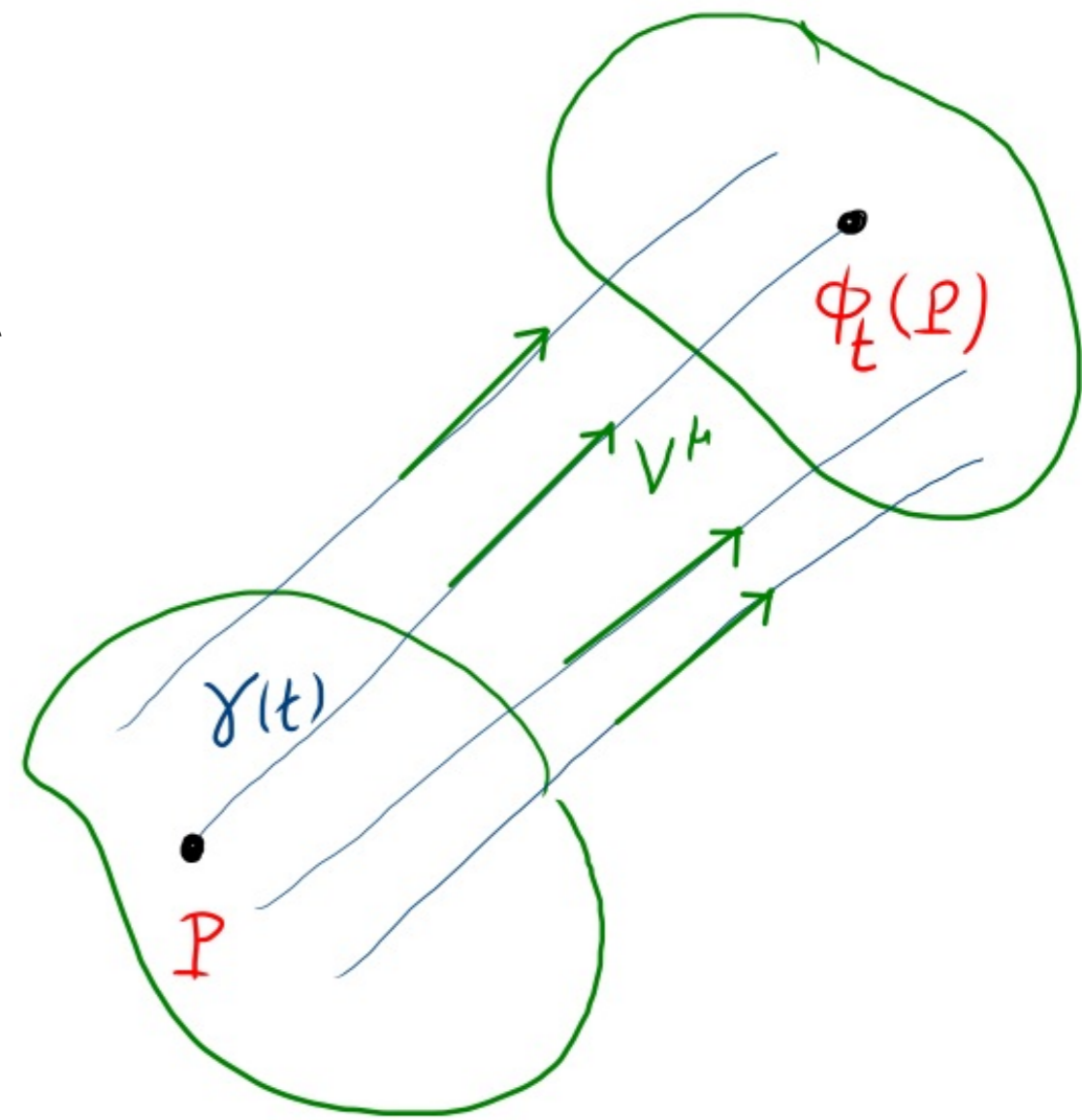
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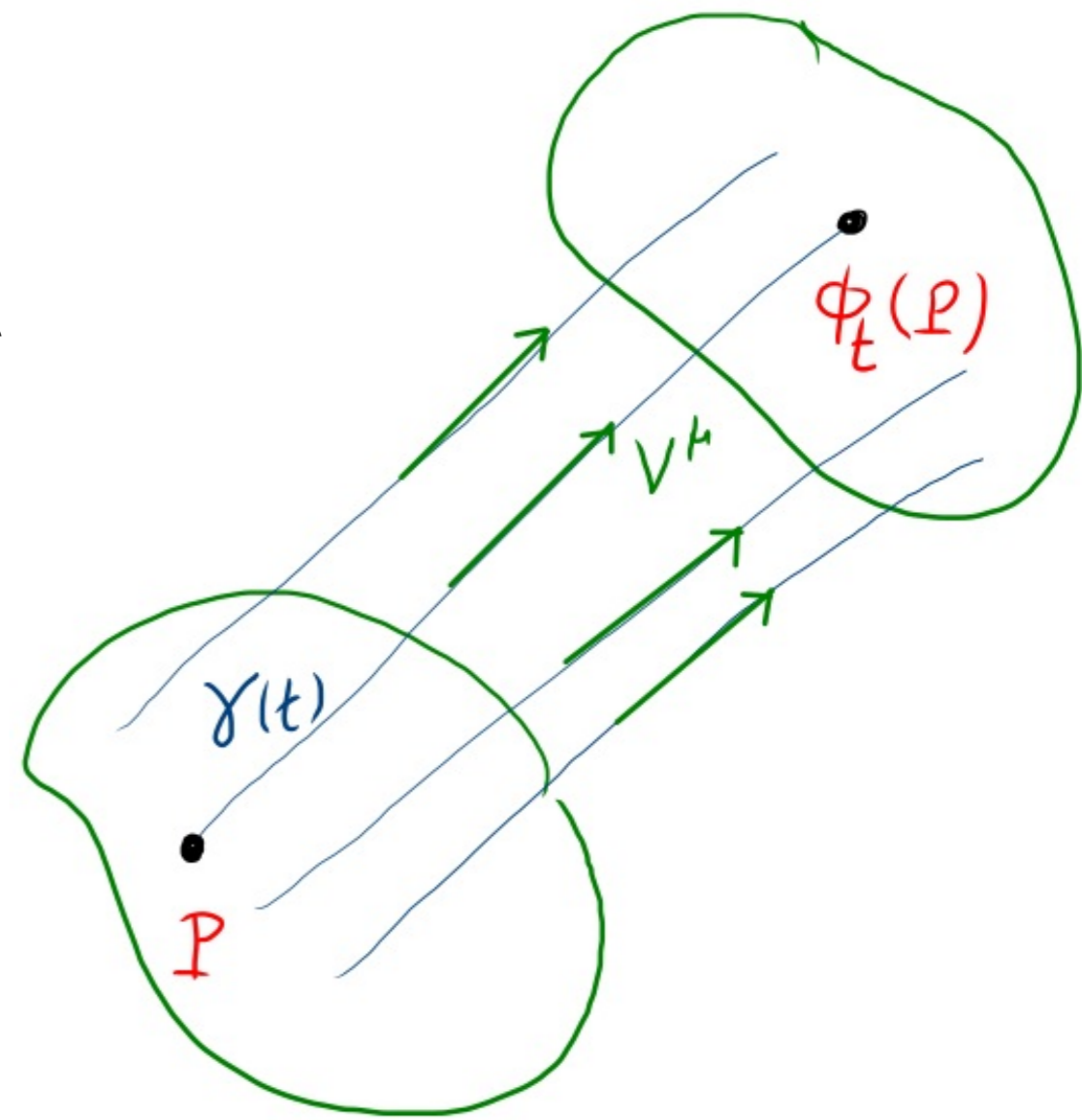
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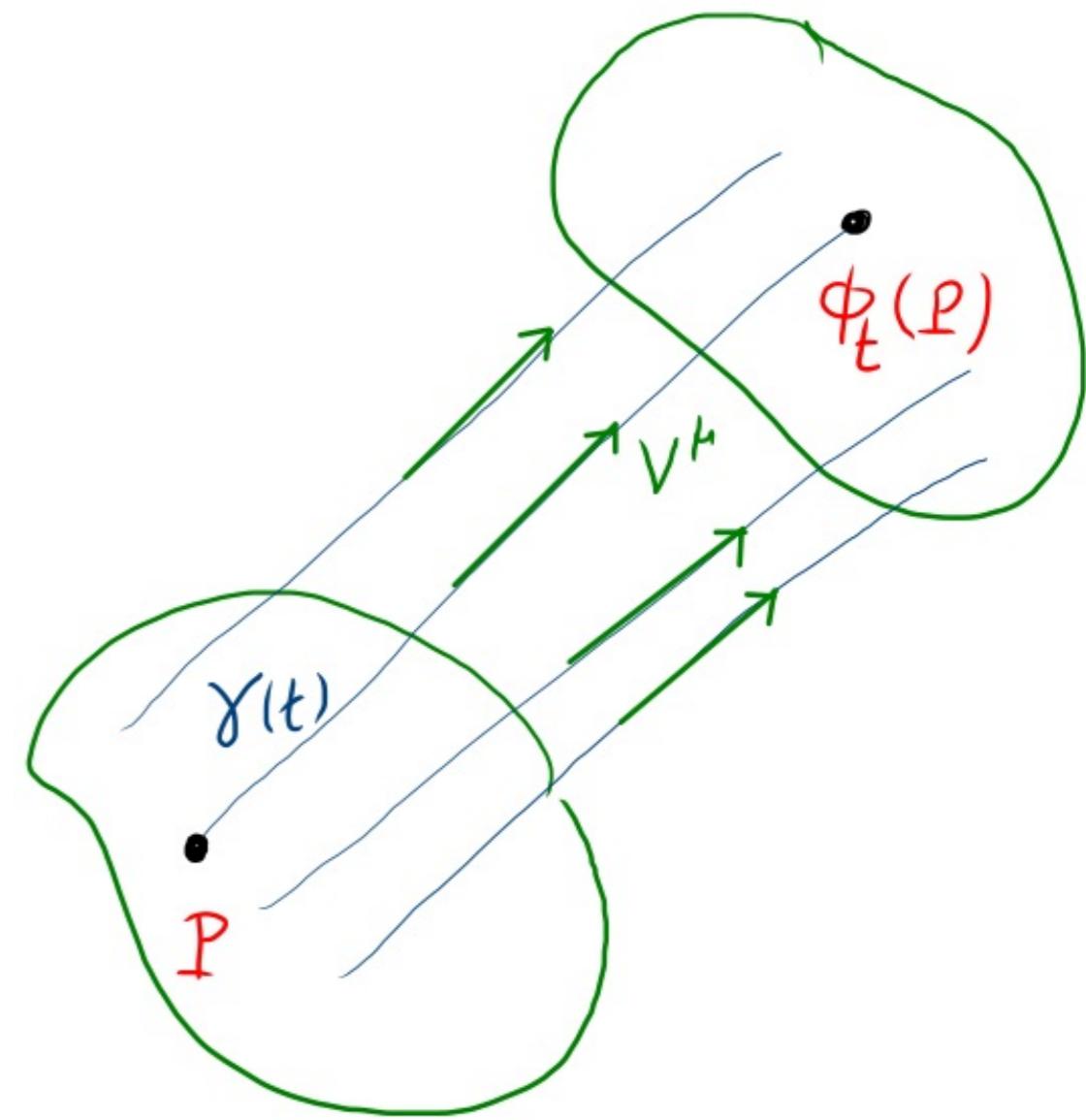
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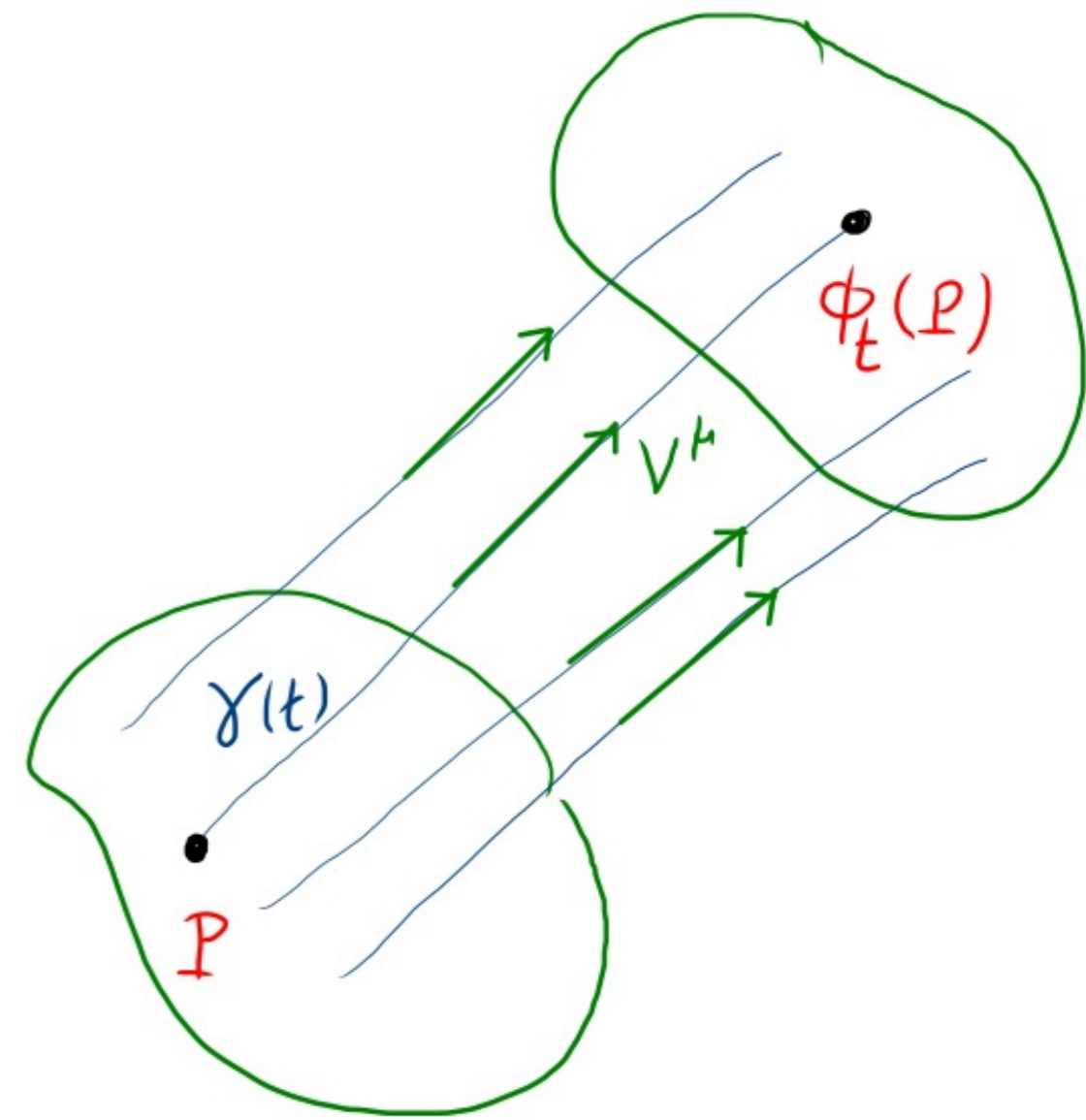
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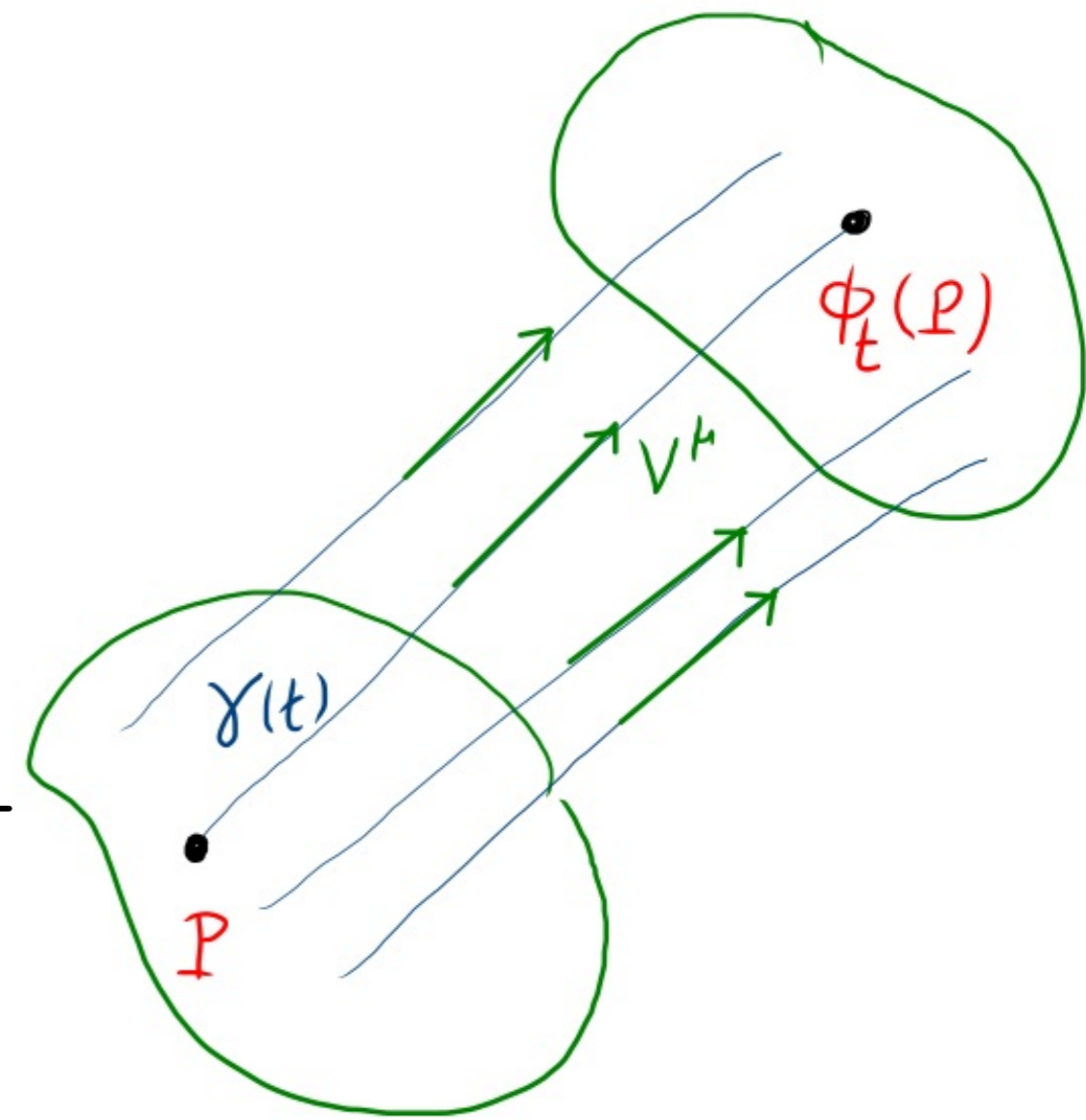
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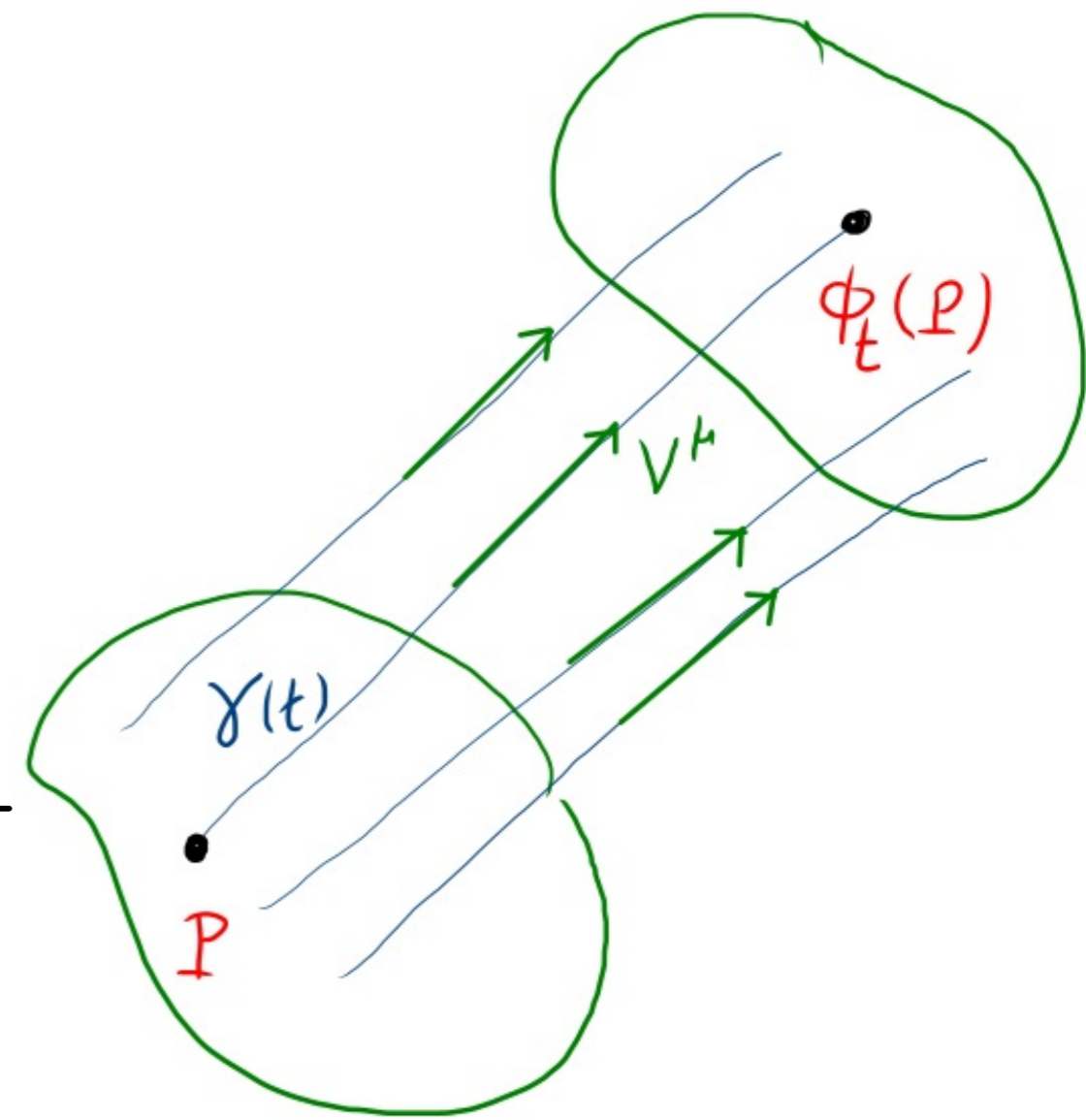
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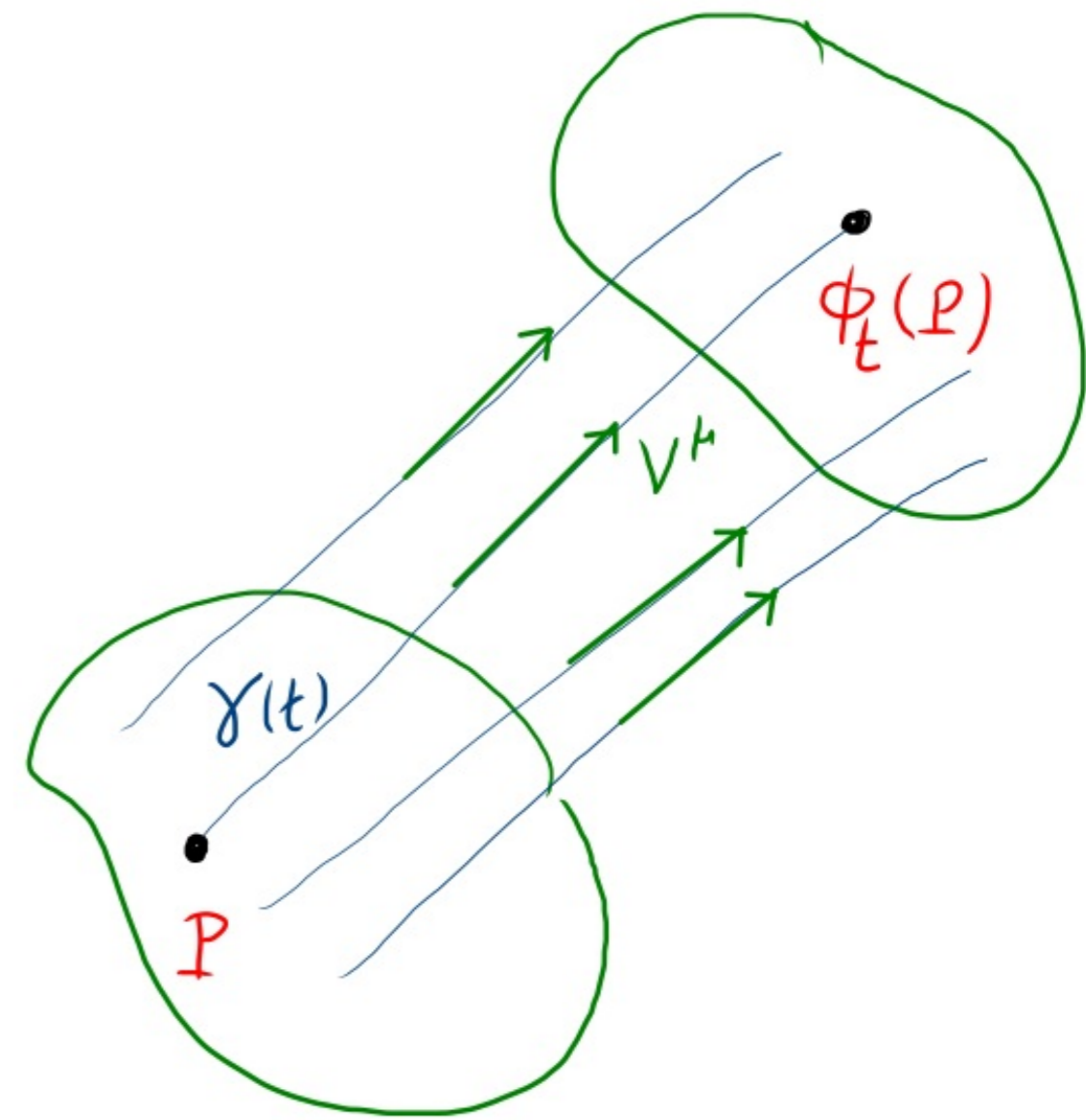
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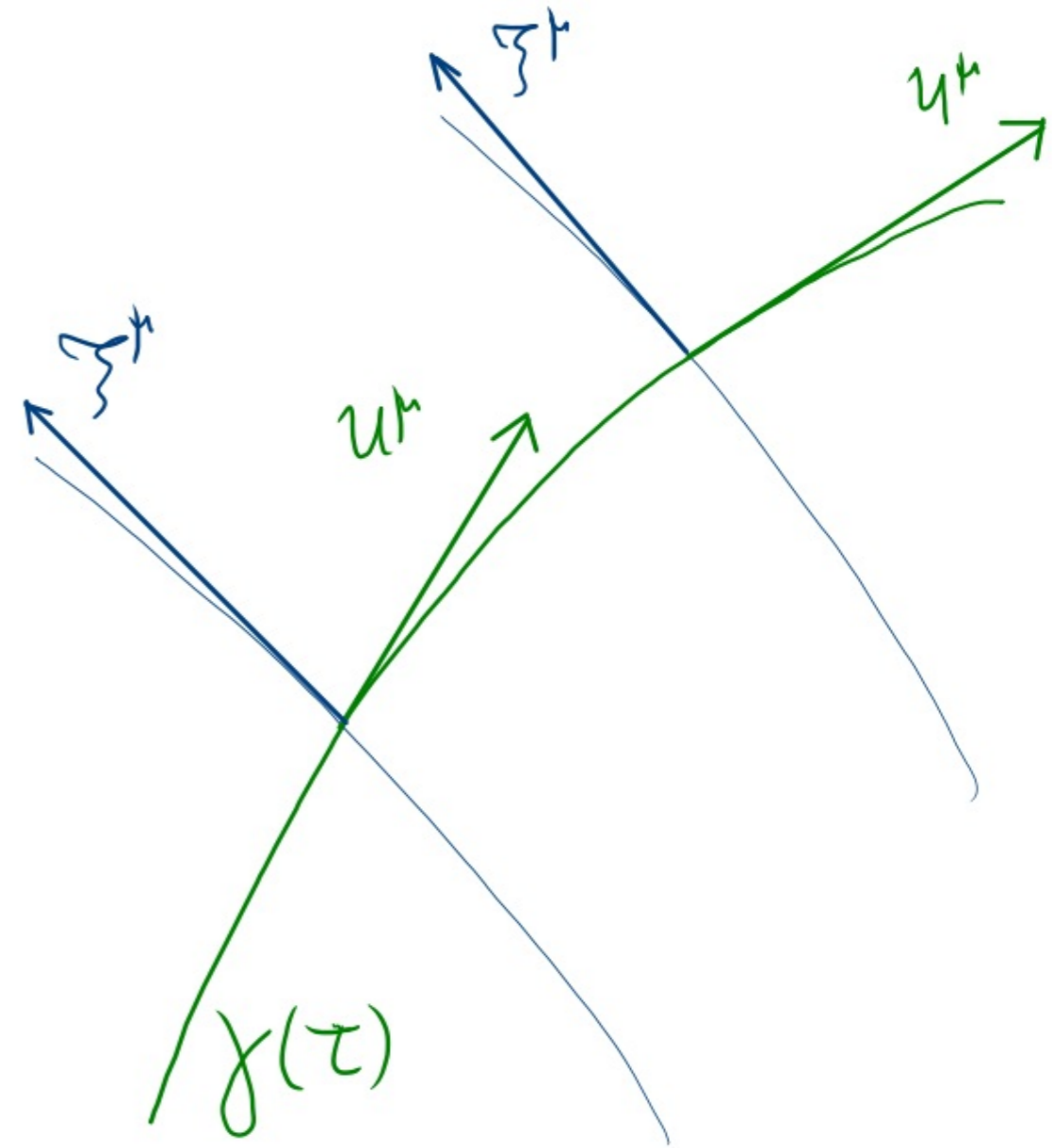
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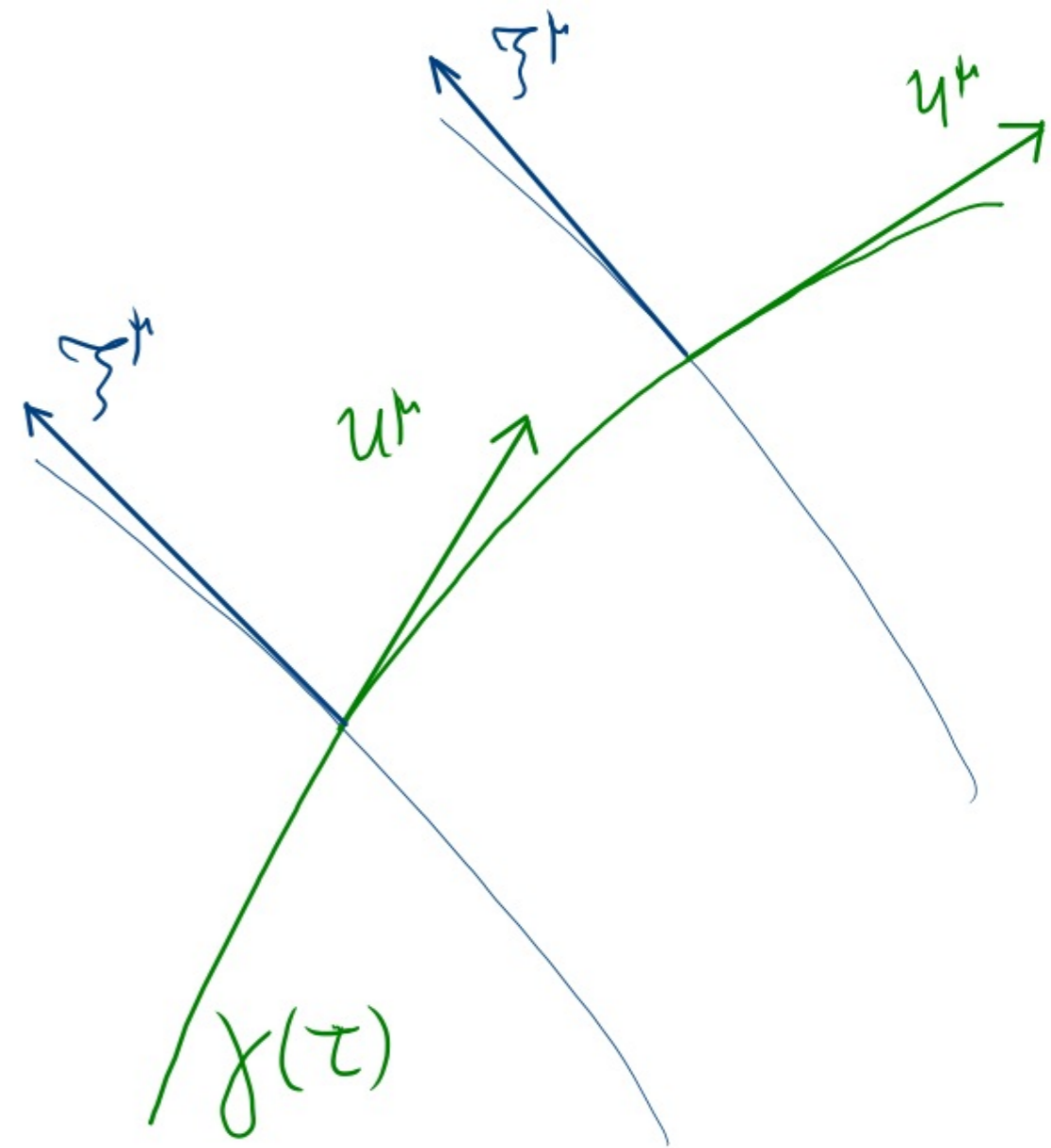


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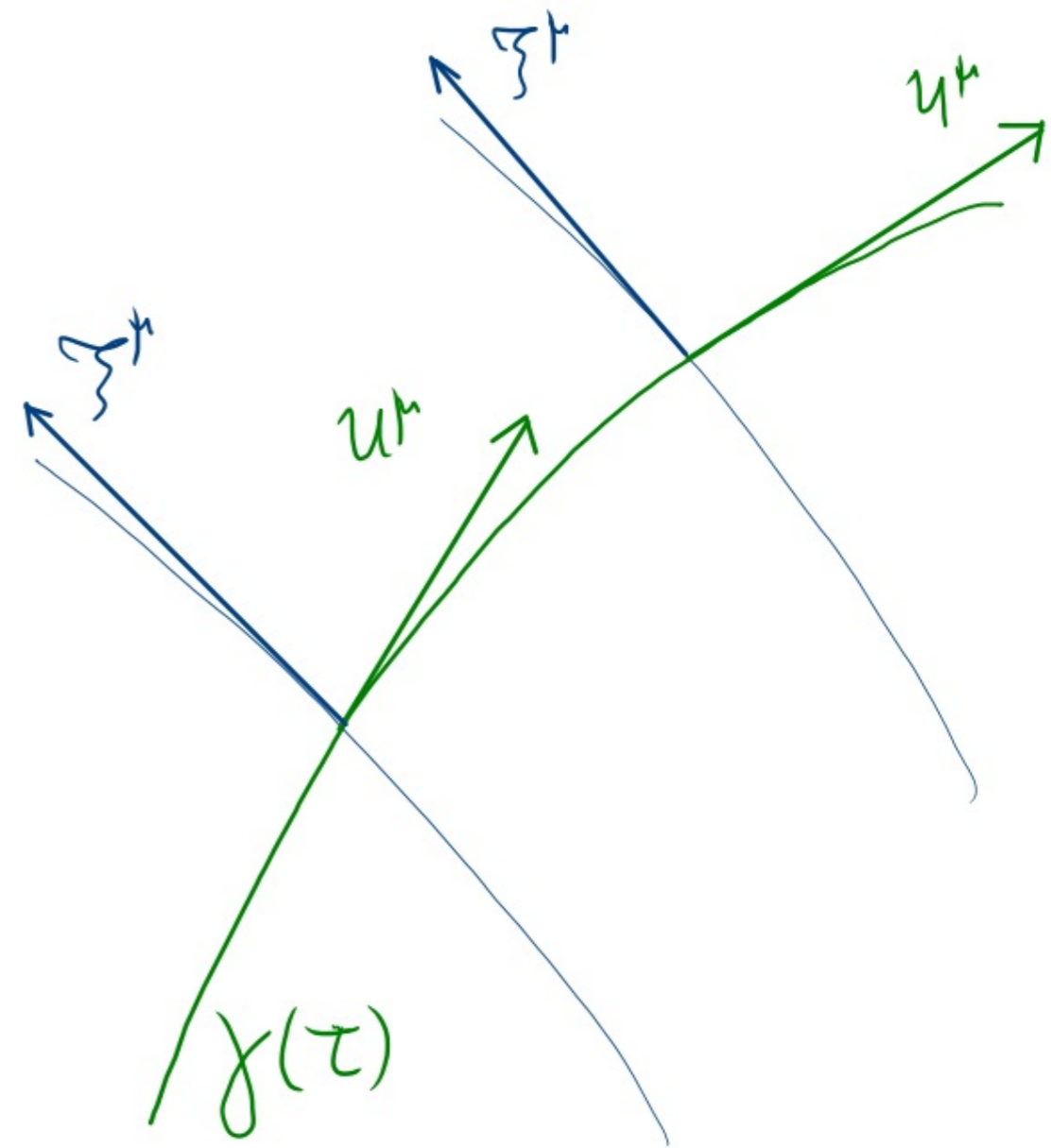
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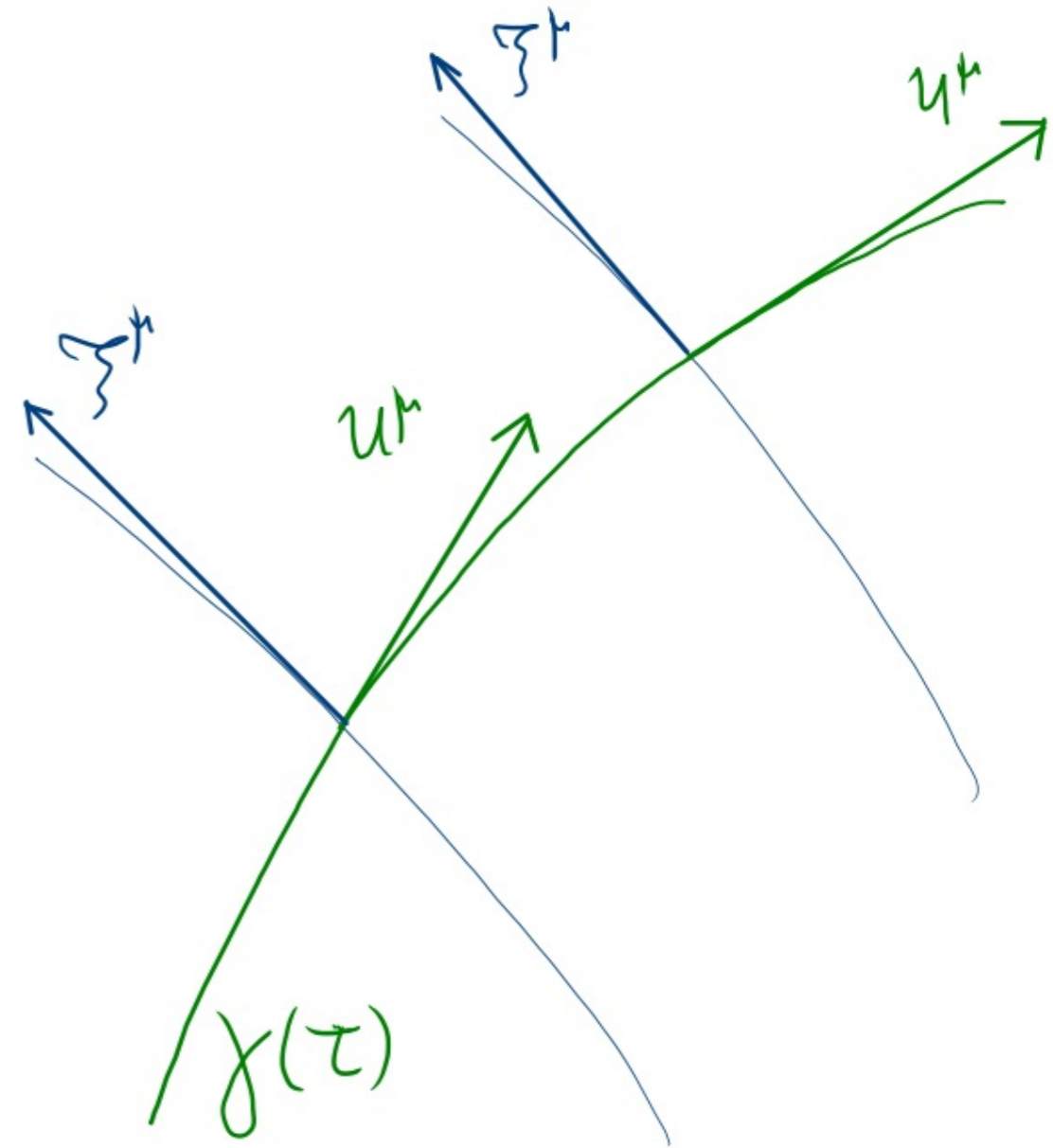
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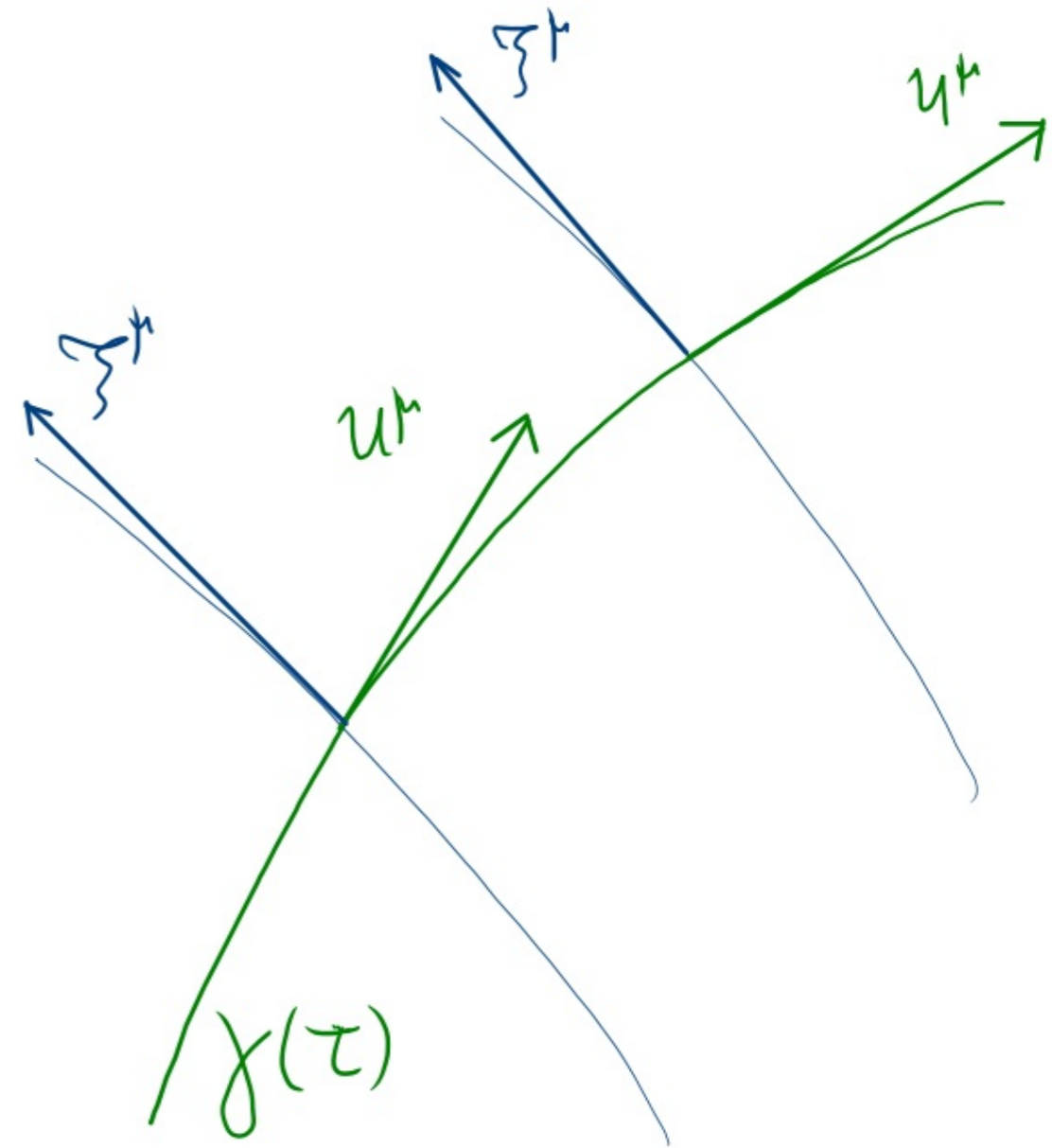
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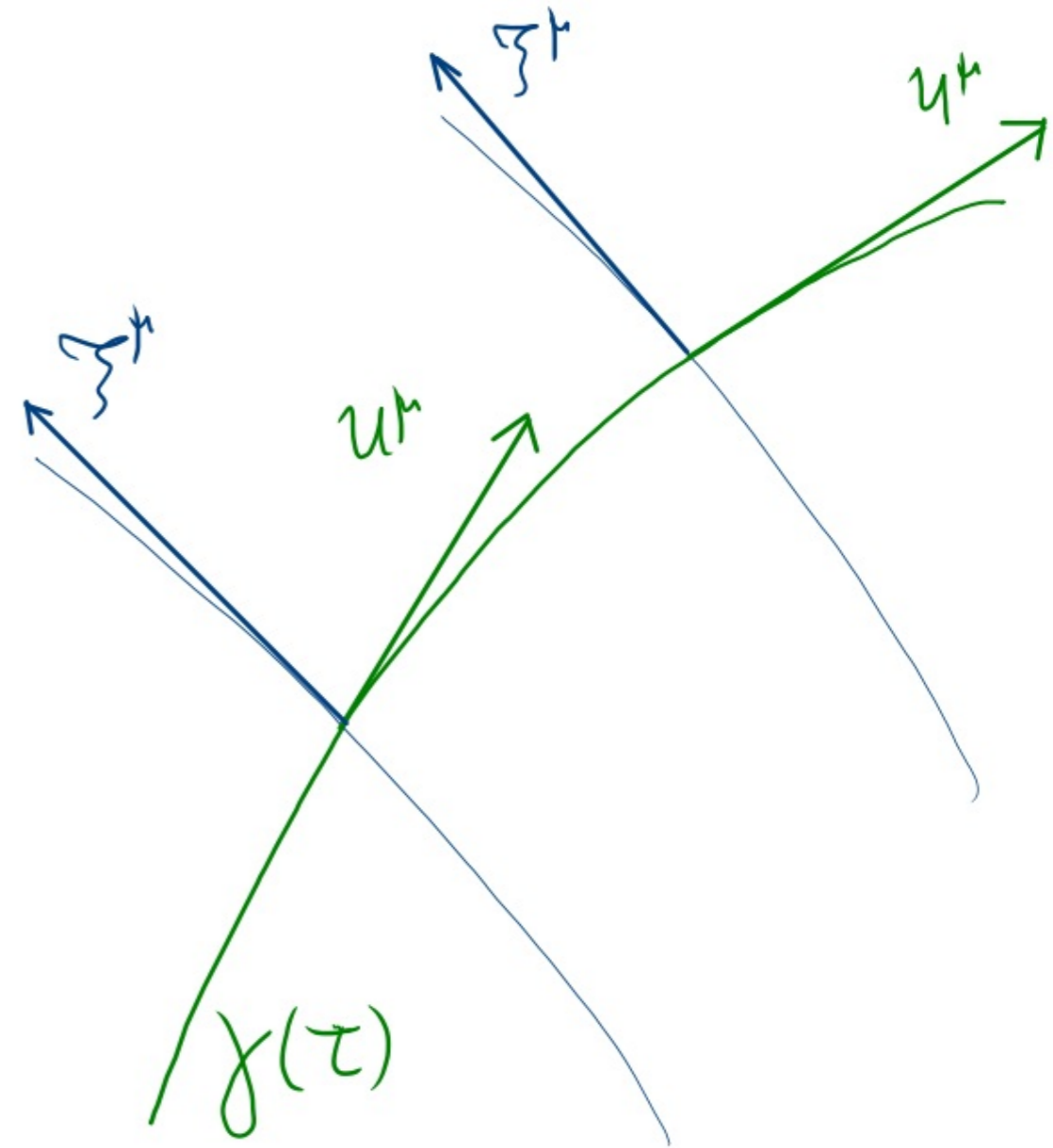
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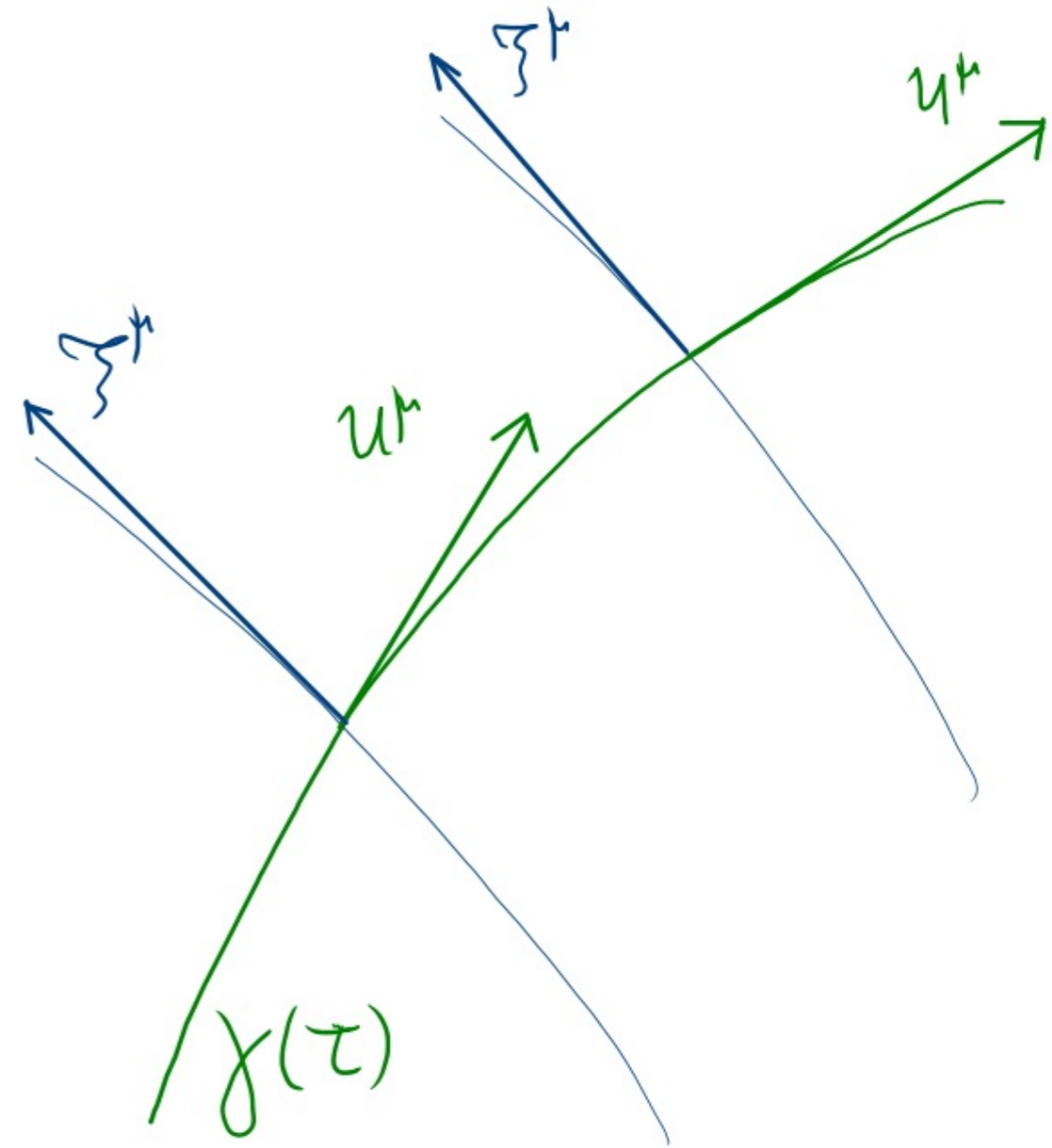


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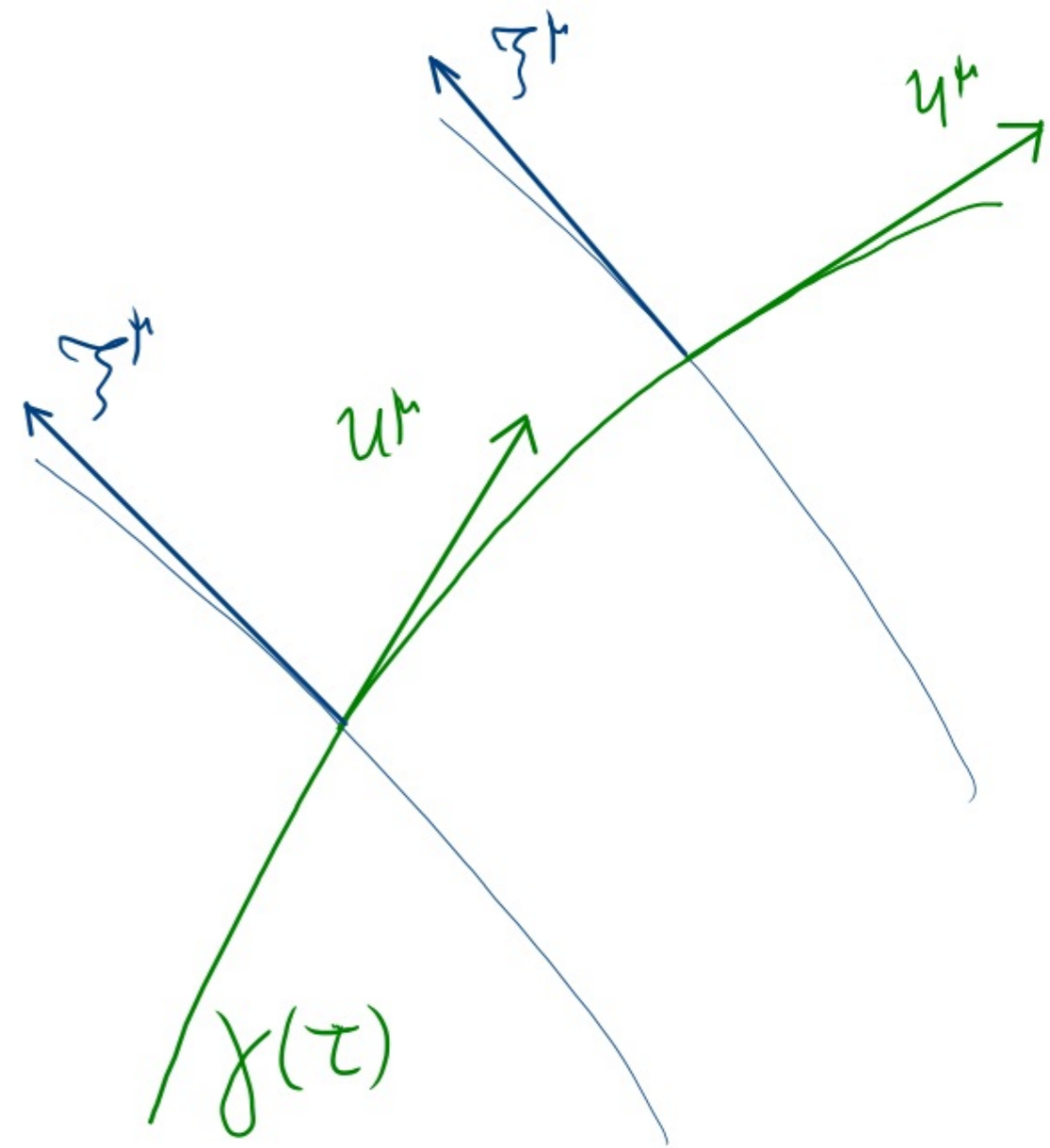
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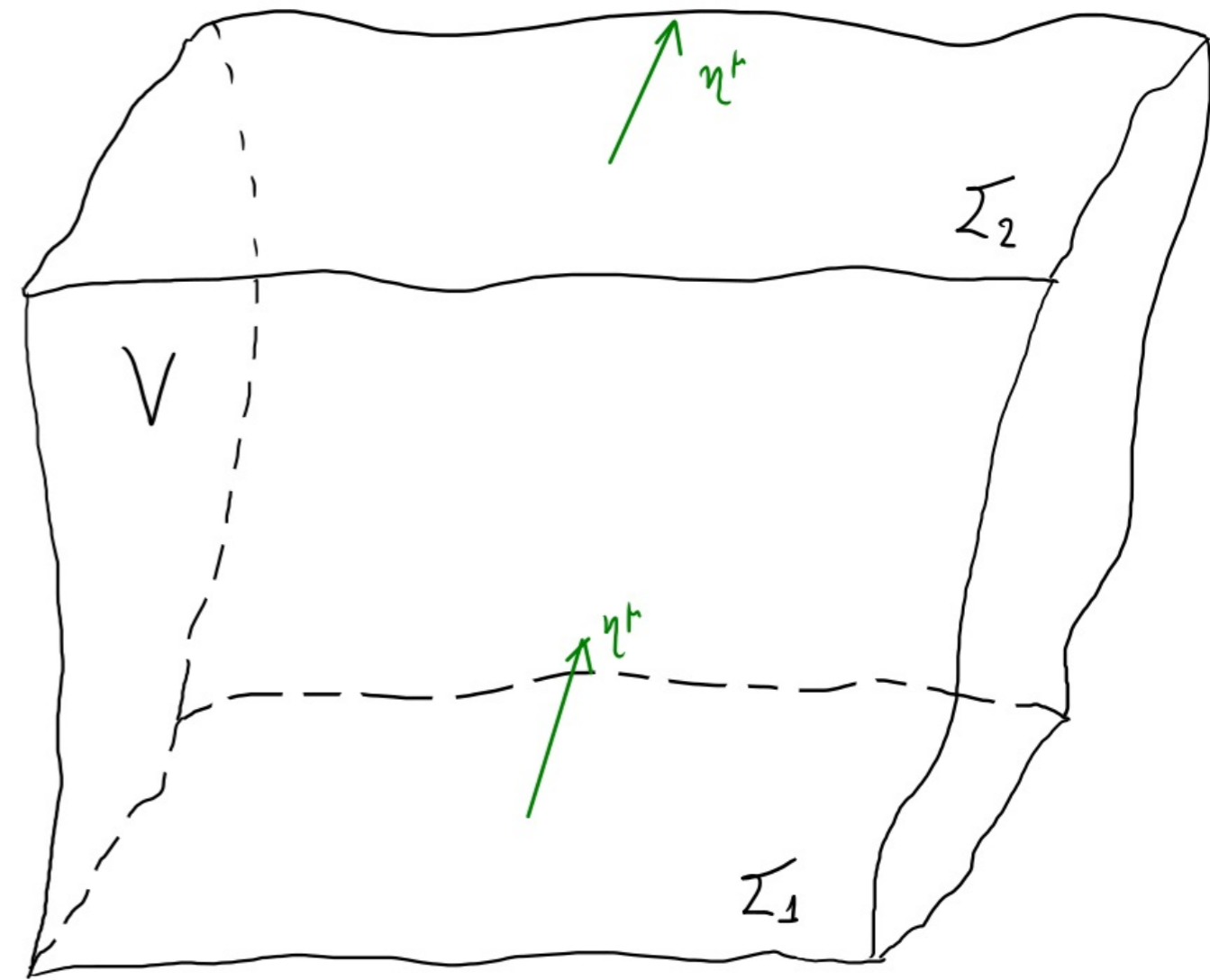
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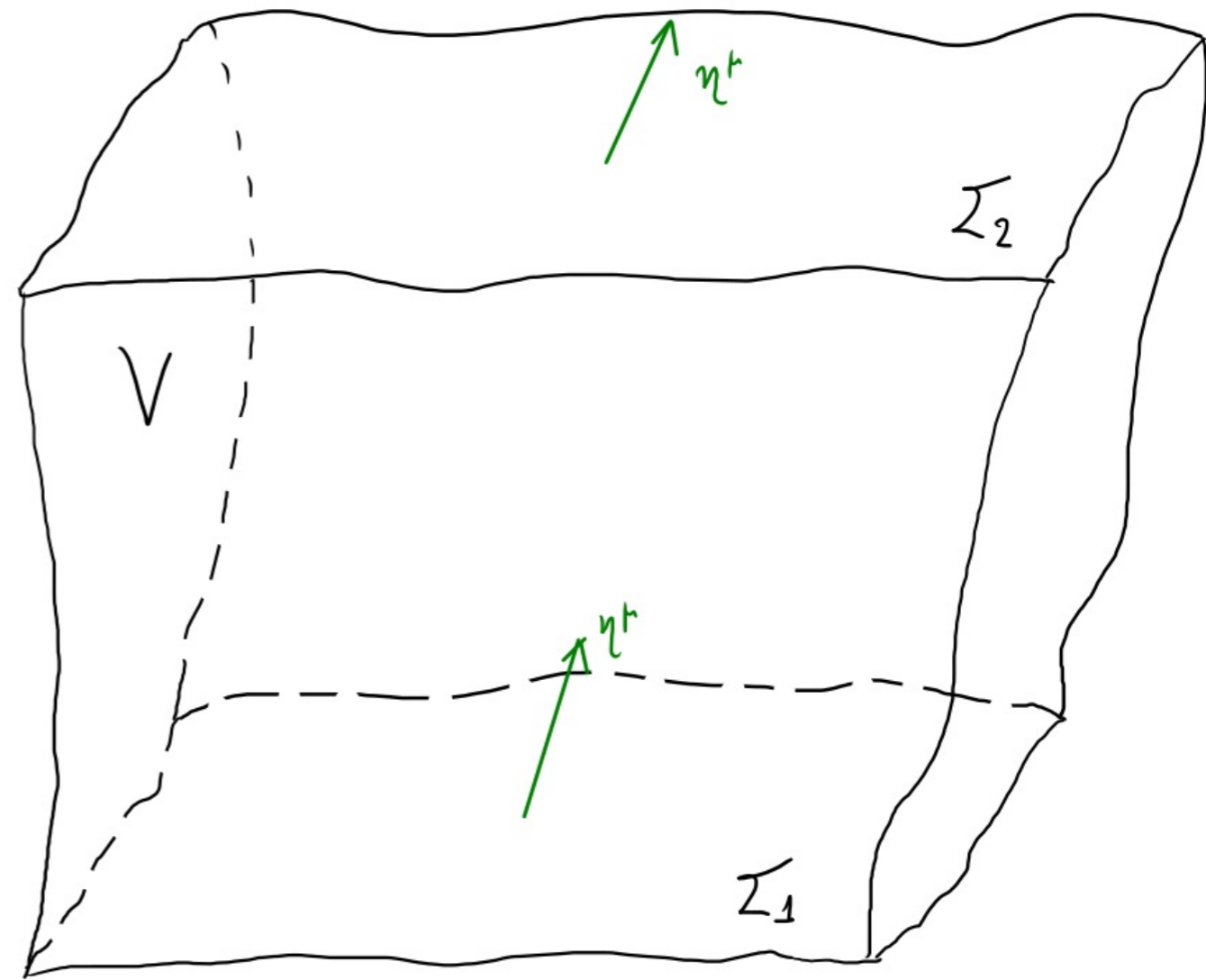


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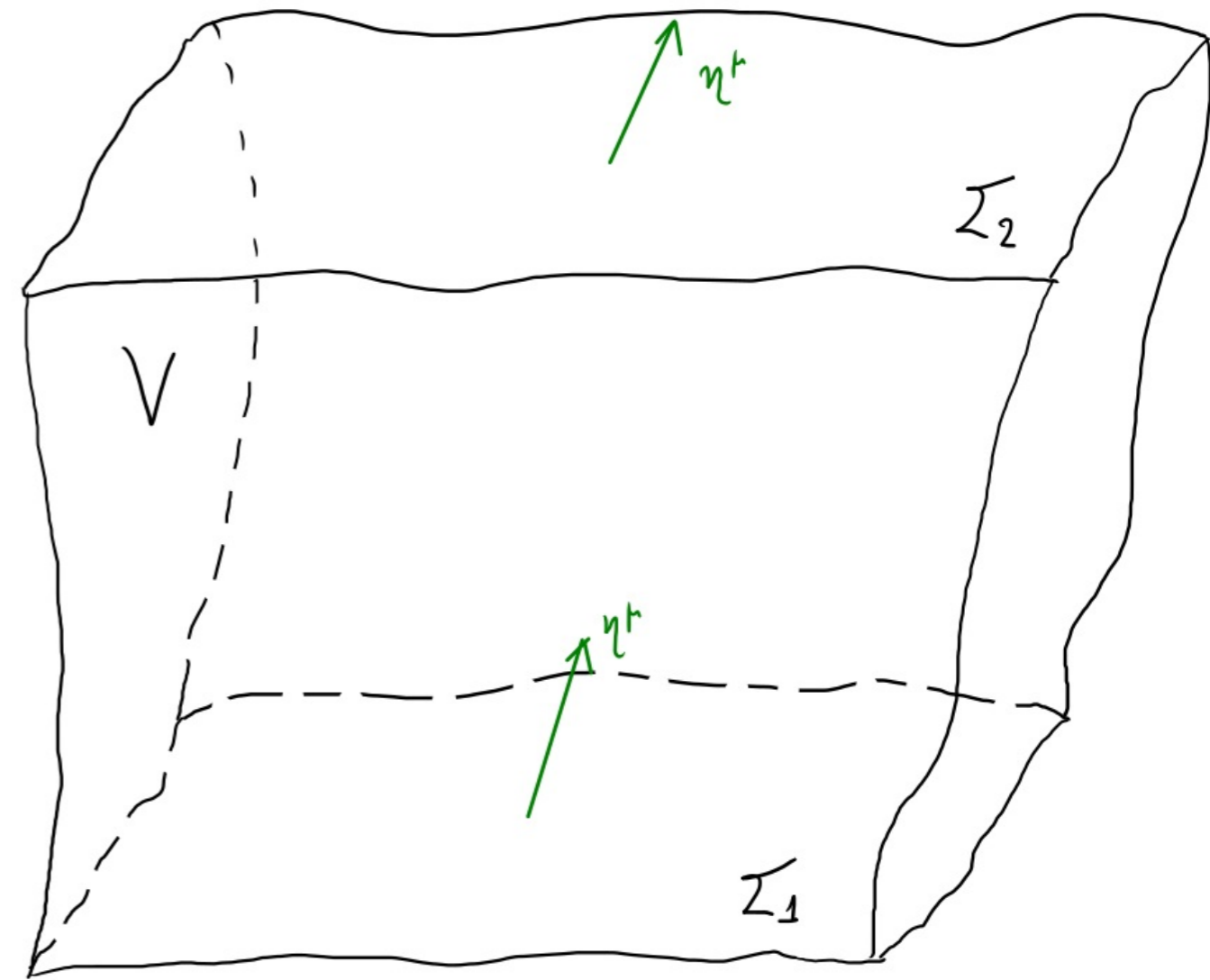
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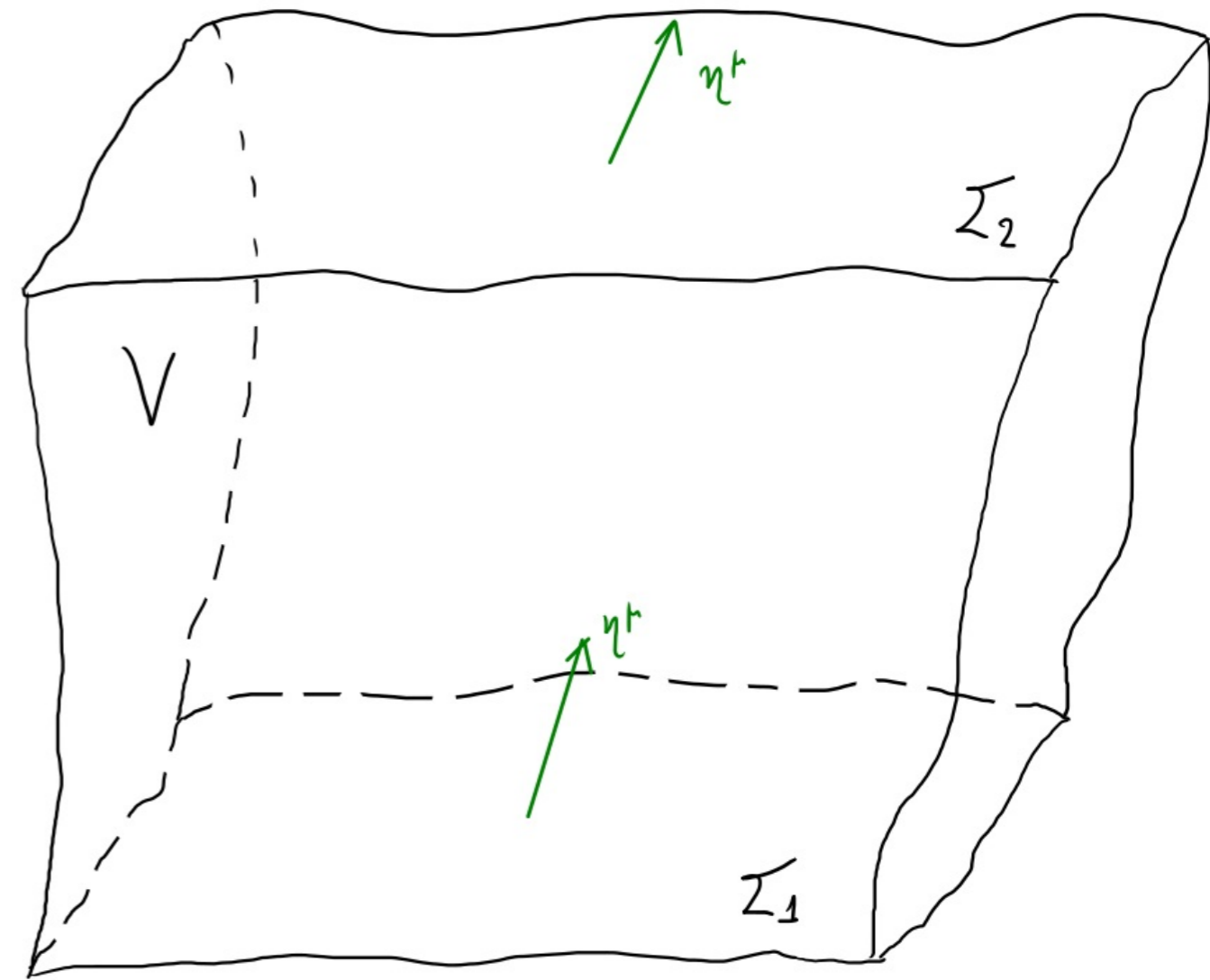


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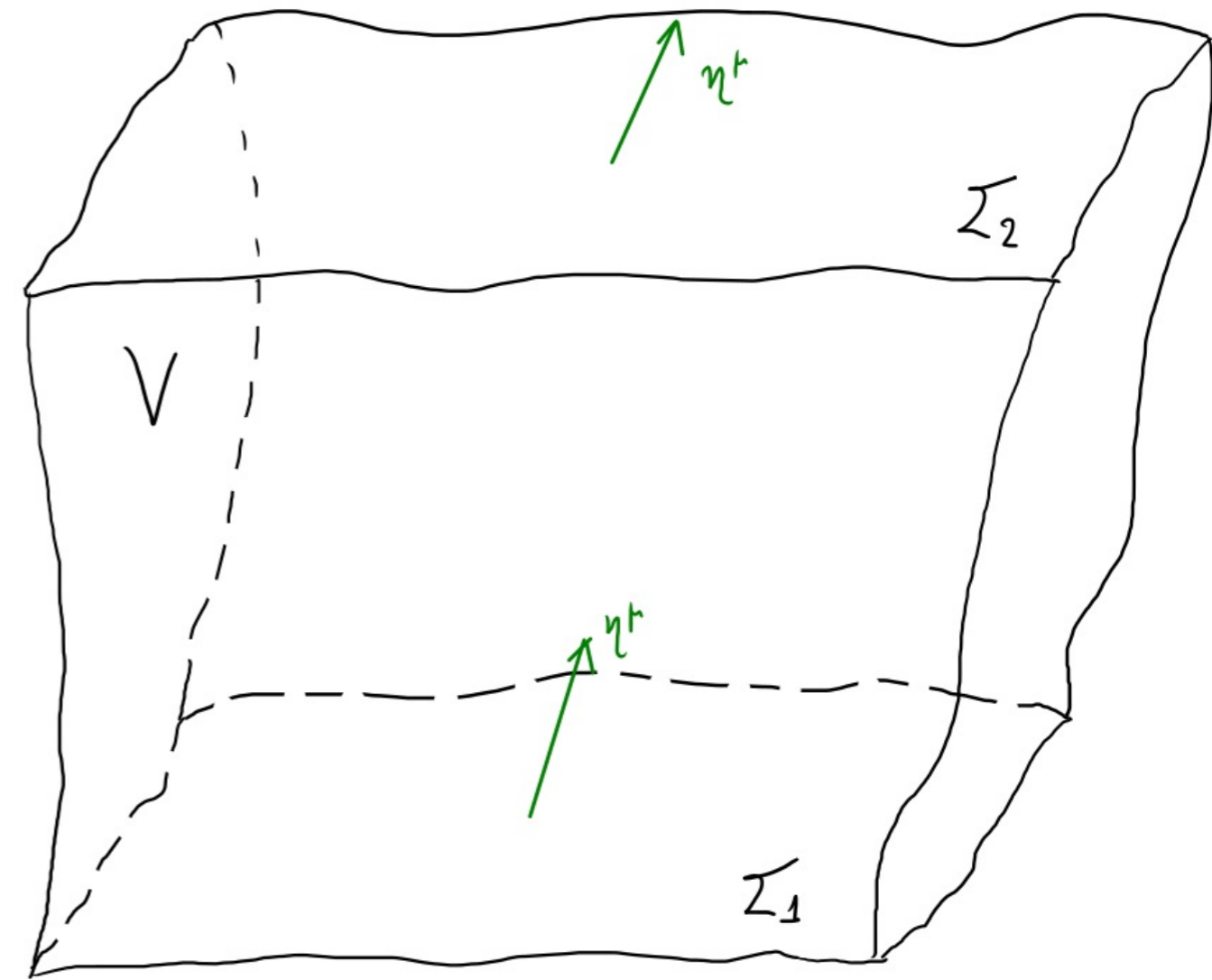


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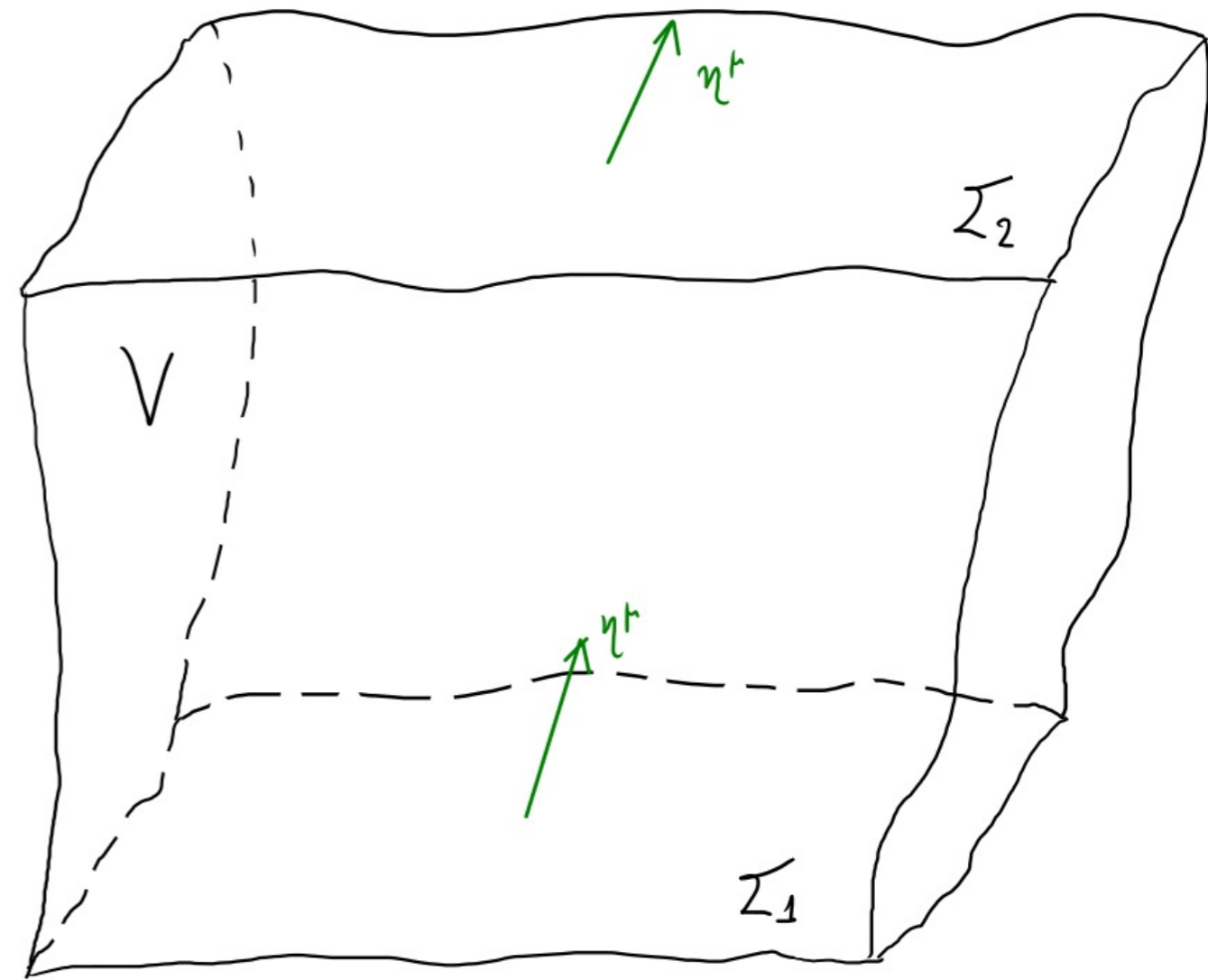
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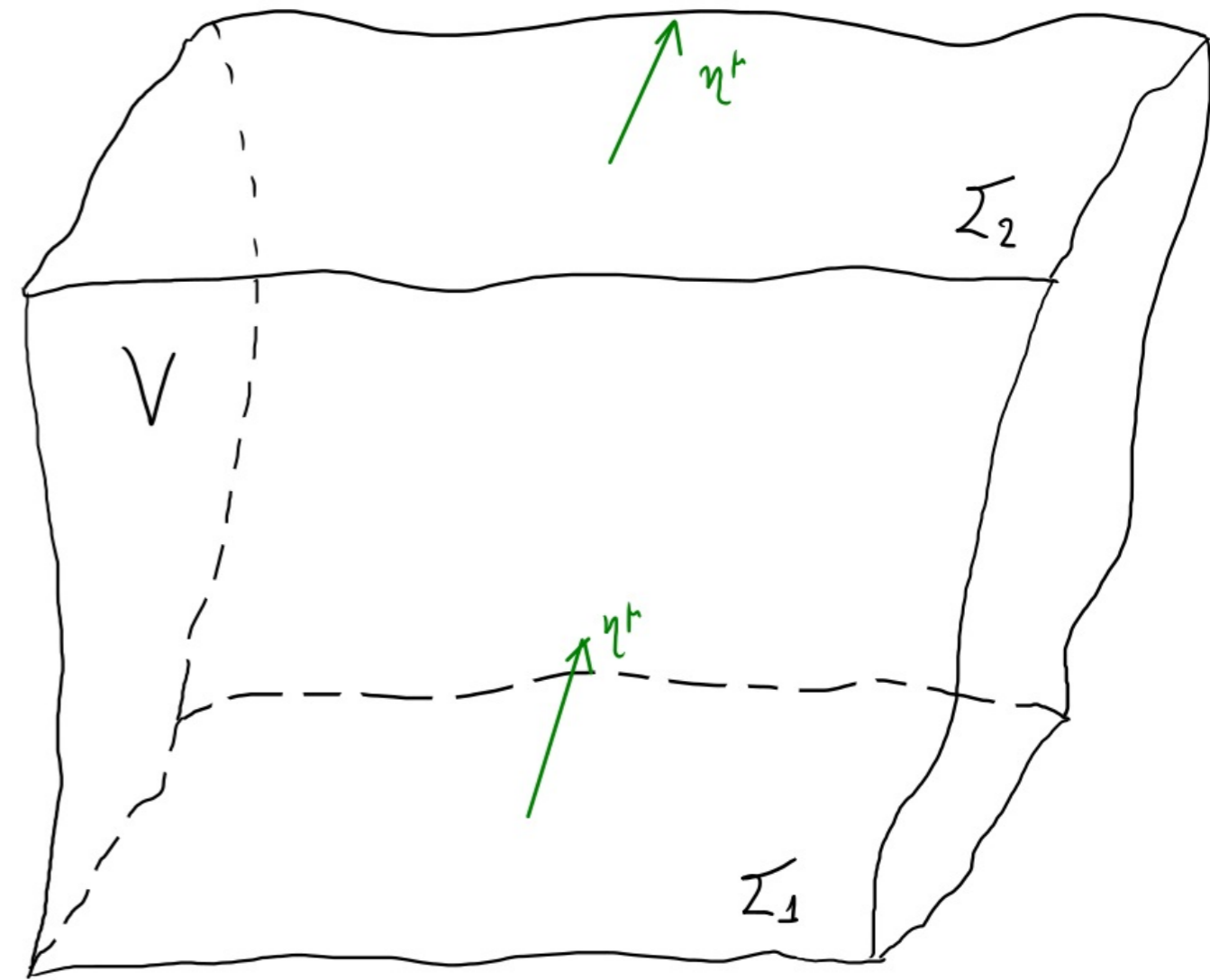
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