

Sticky Math



Connection &
Structure to
Build Fluency



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Can You See How
Connection &
Structure Builds
Fluency?
All Students Can.



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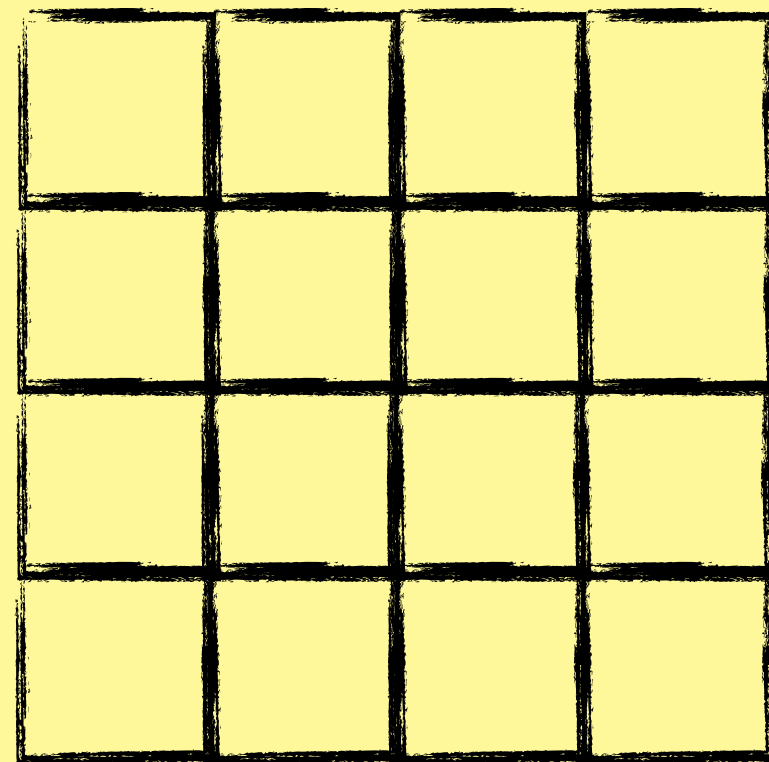
Warm Up

Pairs &
Triads

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Describe every part of the equation on the left sticky using only the image on the right sticky.

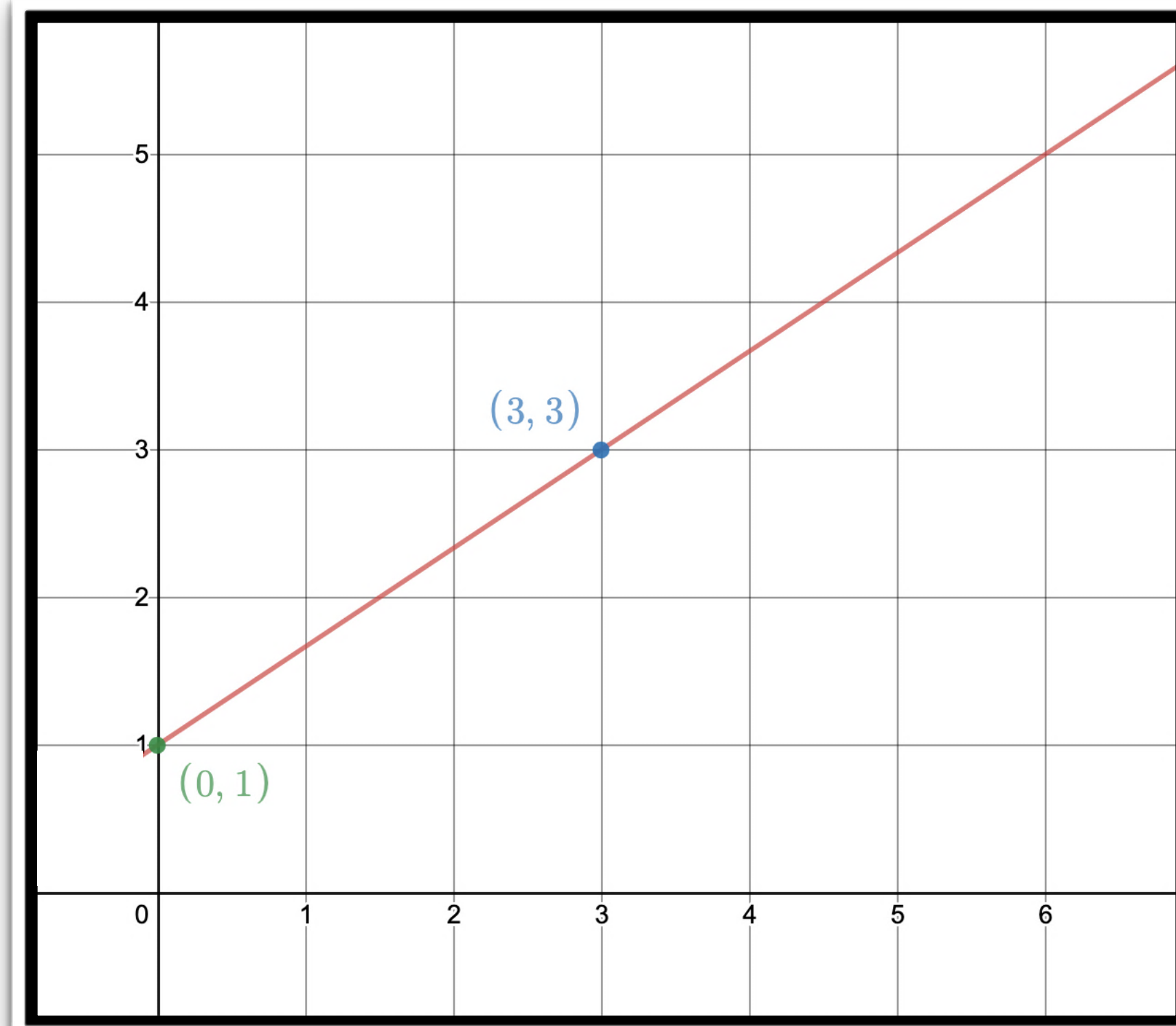
$$\sqrt{16} = 4$$



When you finish, create an additional representation.

Find as many connections as you can between the representations; describe the meaning of any symbols.

I found a dollar.
I was given two
dollars every three
days for lunch
money.



$$y = 1 + \frac{2}{3}x$$

When you finish, create an additional representation.

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Math
Talk

Comparisons

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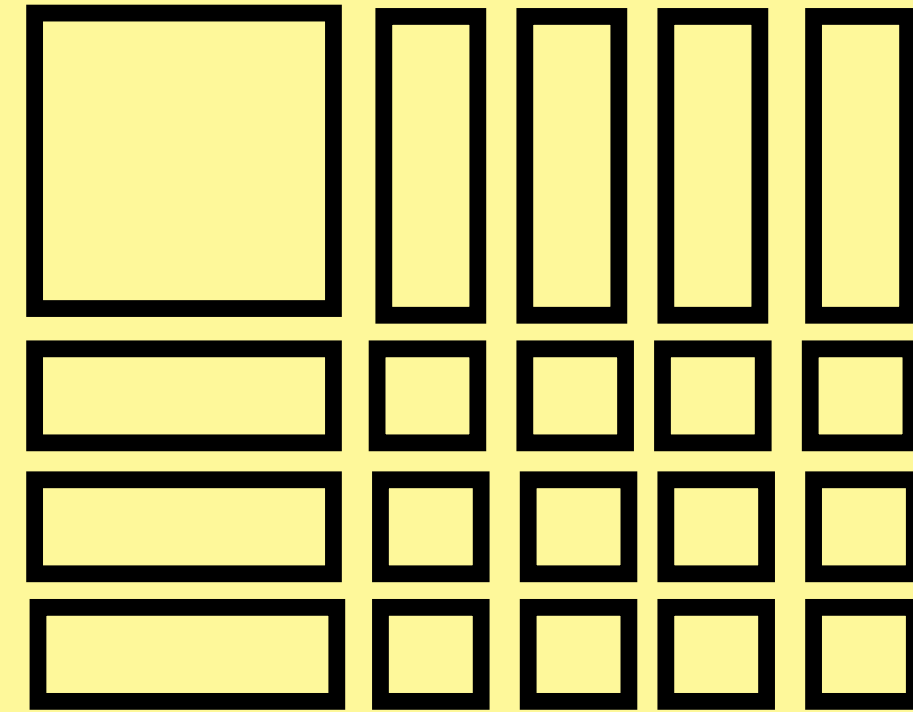
Explain the similarities & differences between these two Sticky Math examples.

Example A

A

$$(10 + 4)(10 + 3)$$

A

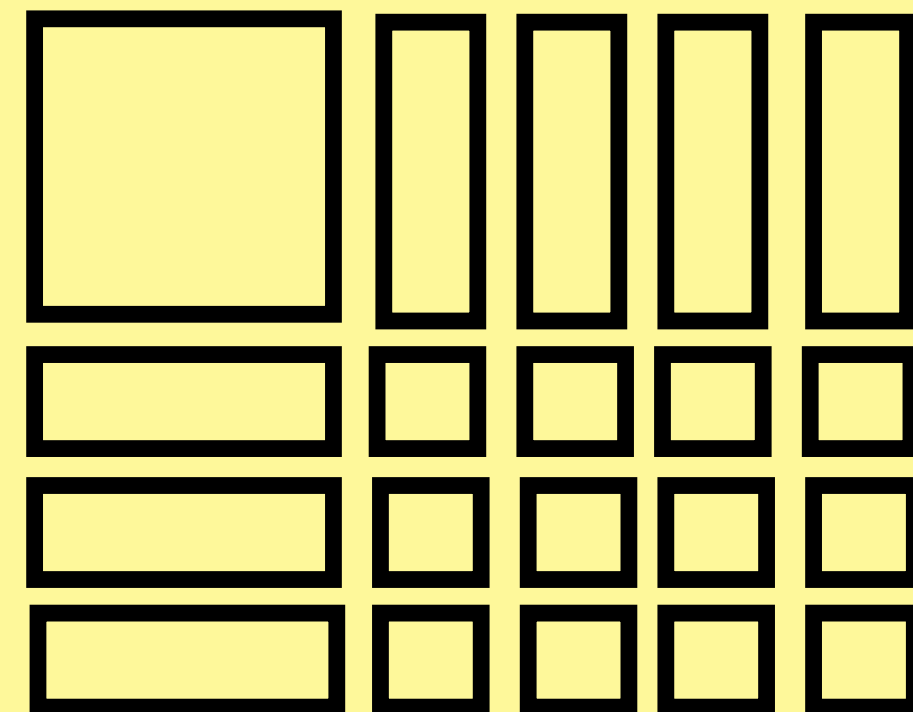


Example B

B

$$(x + 4)(x + 3)$$

B



Use two other stickies to record the product of each expression.

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Full
Lesson

How does the
area of a circle
relate to the area
of a rectangle?

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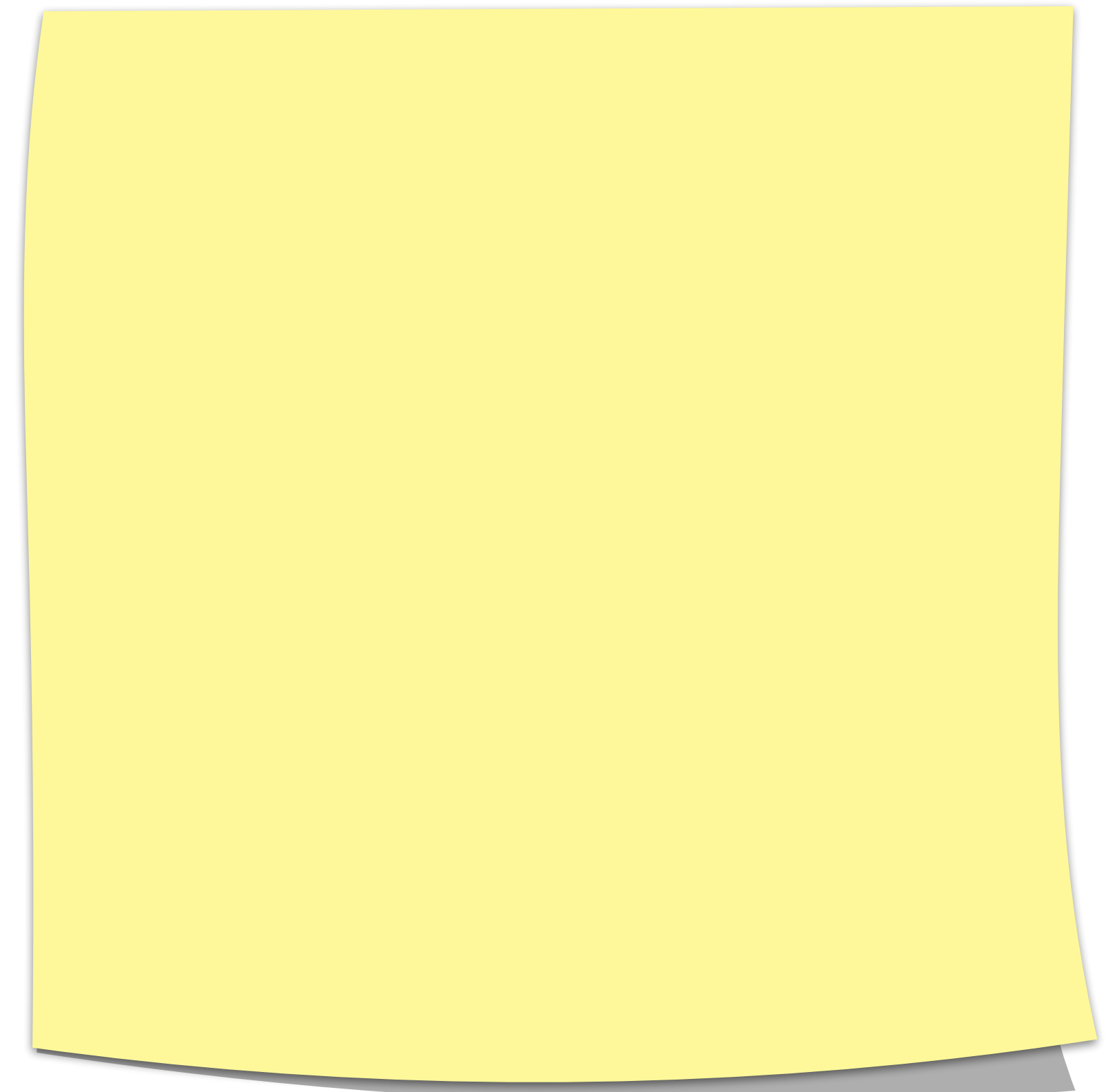
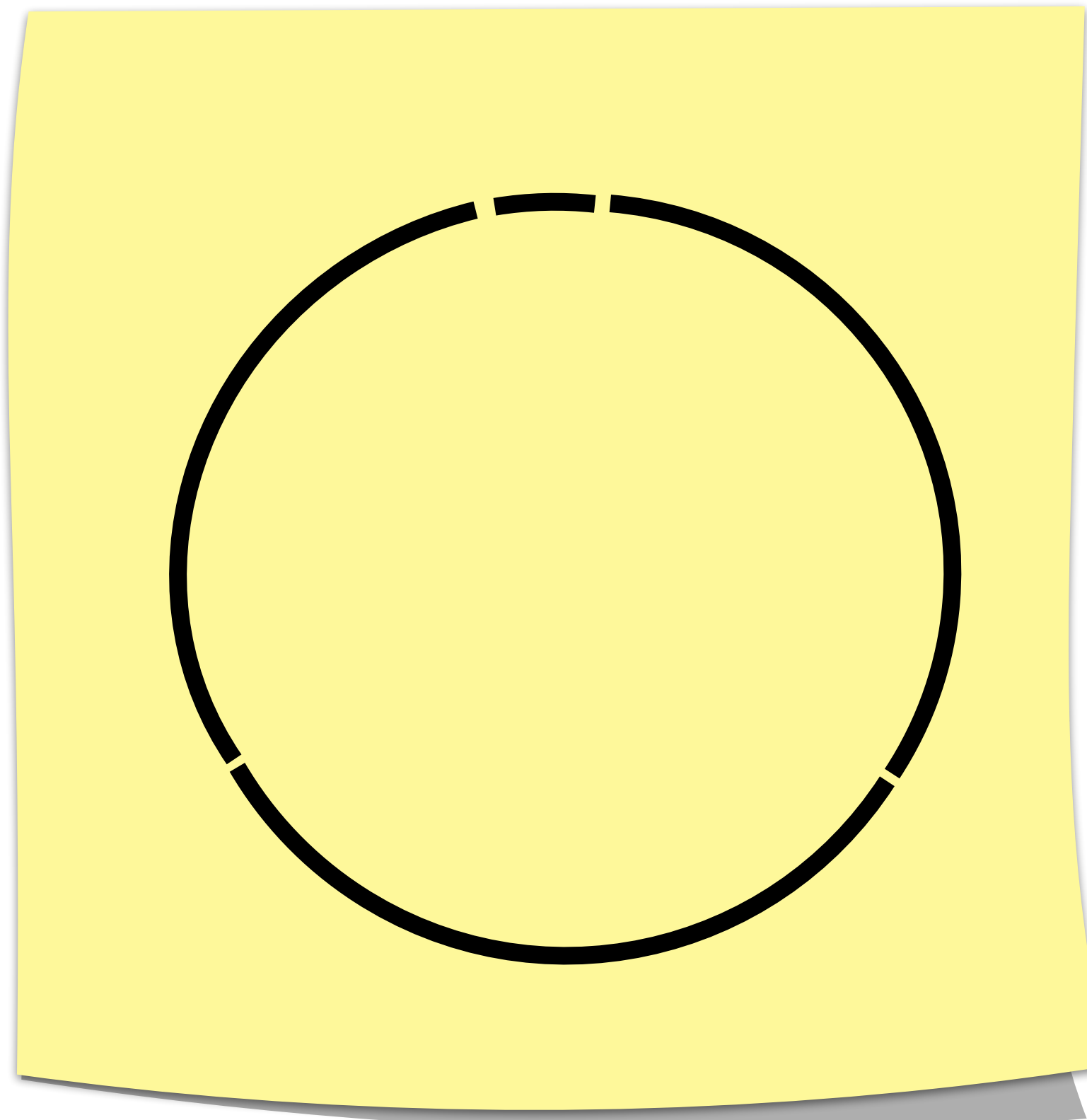
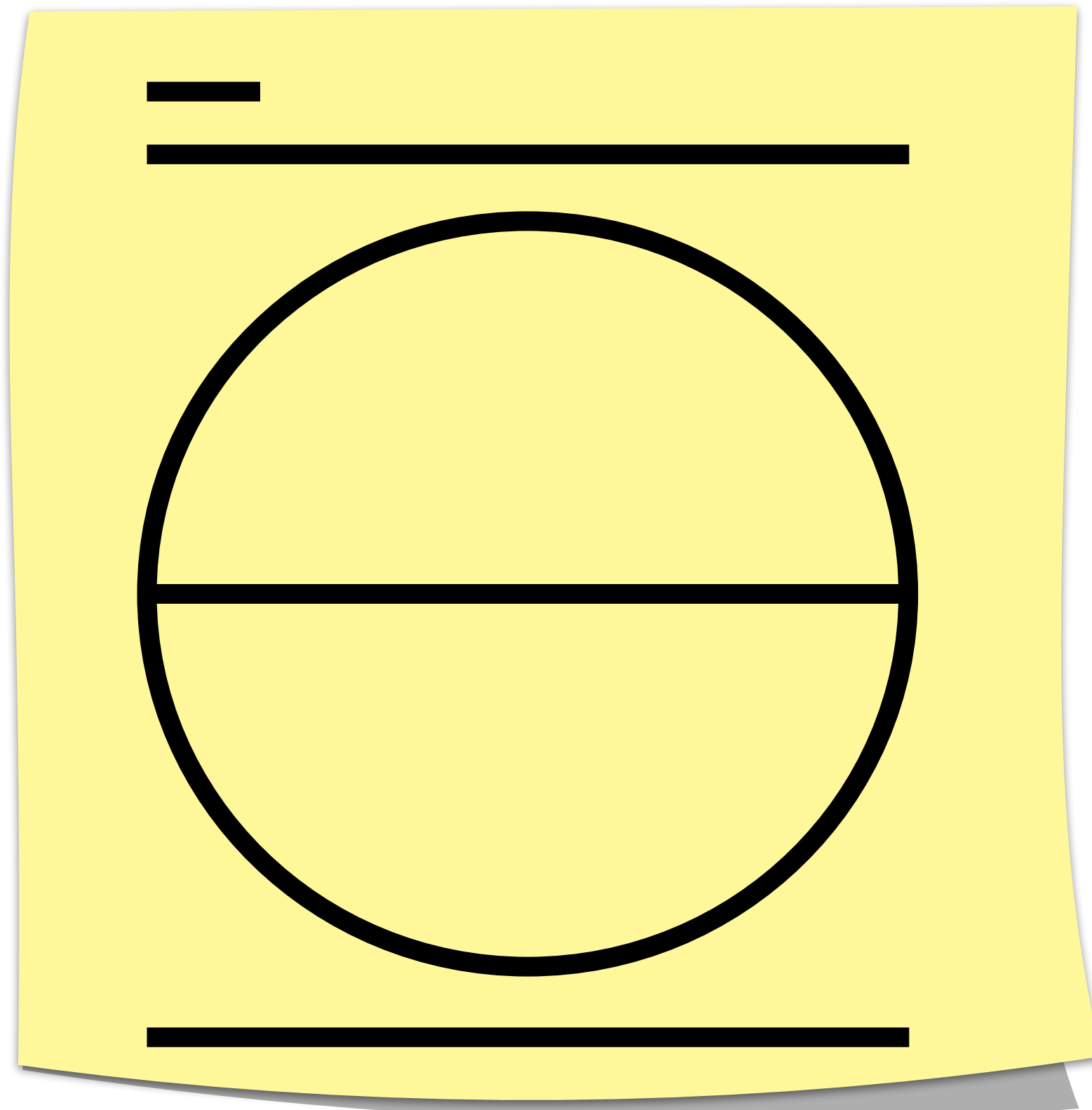
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Background
Knowledge

Circumference
Formulas

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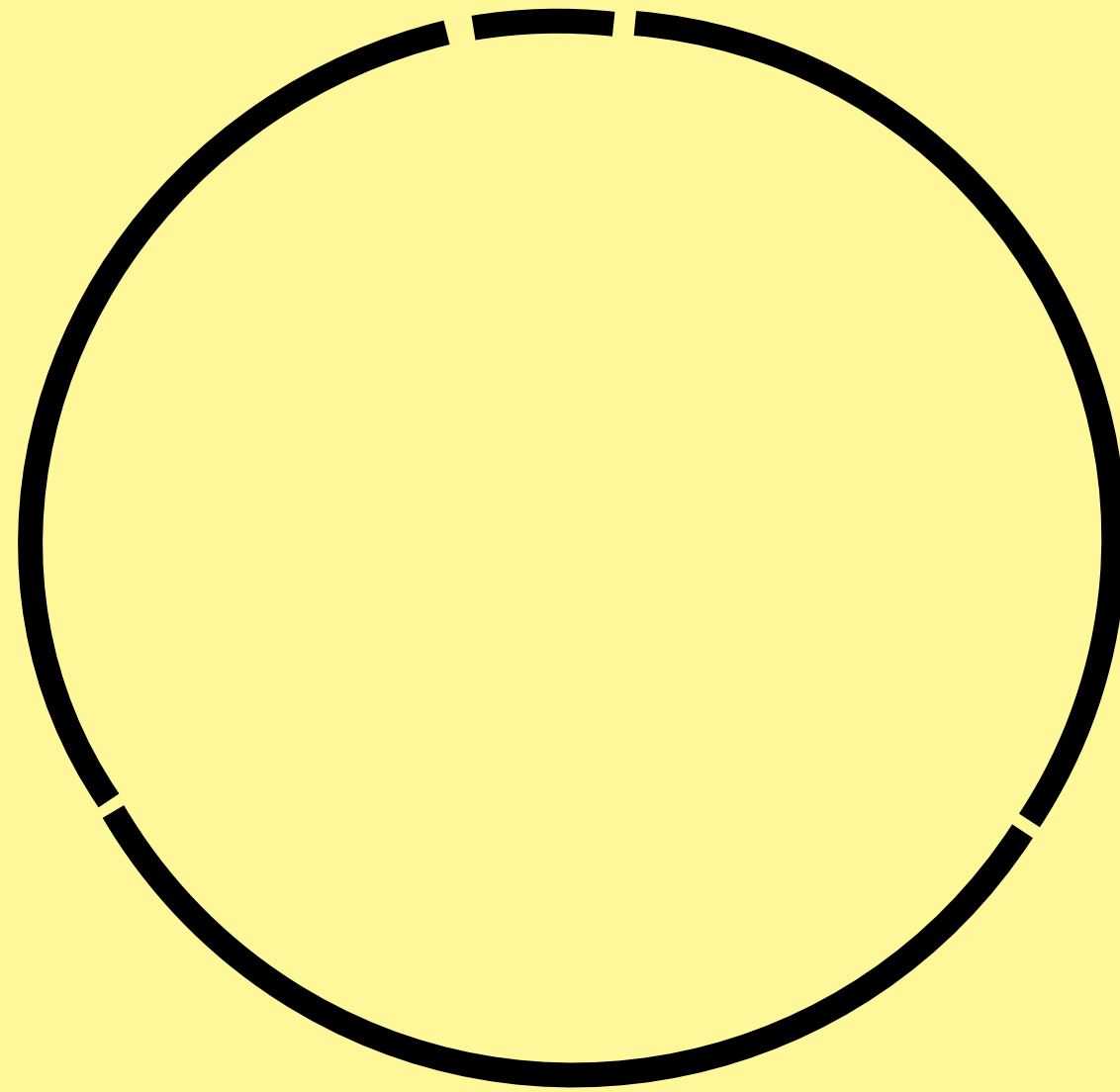
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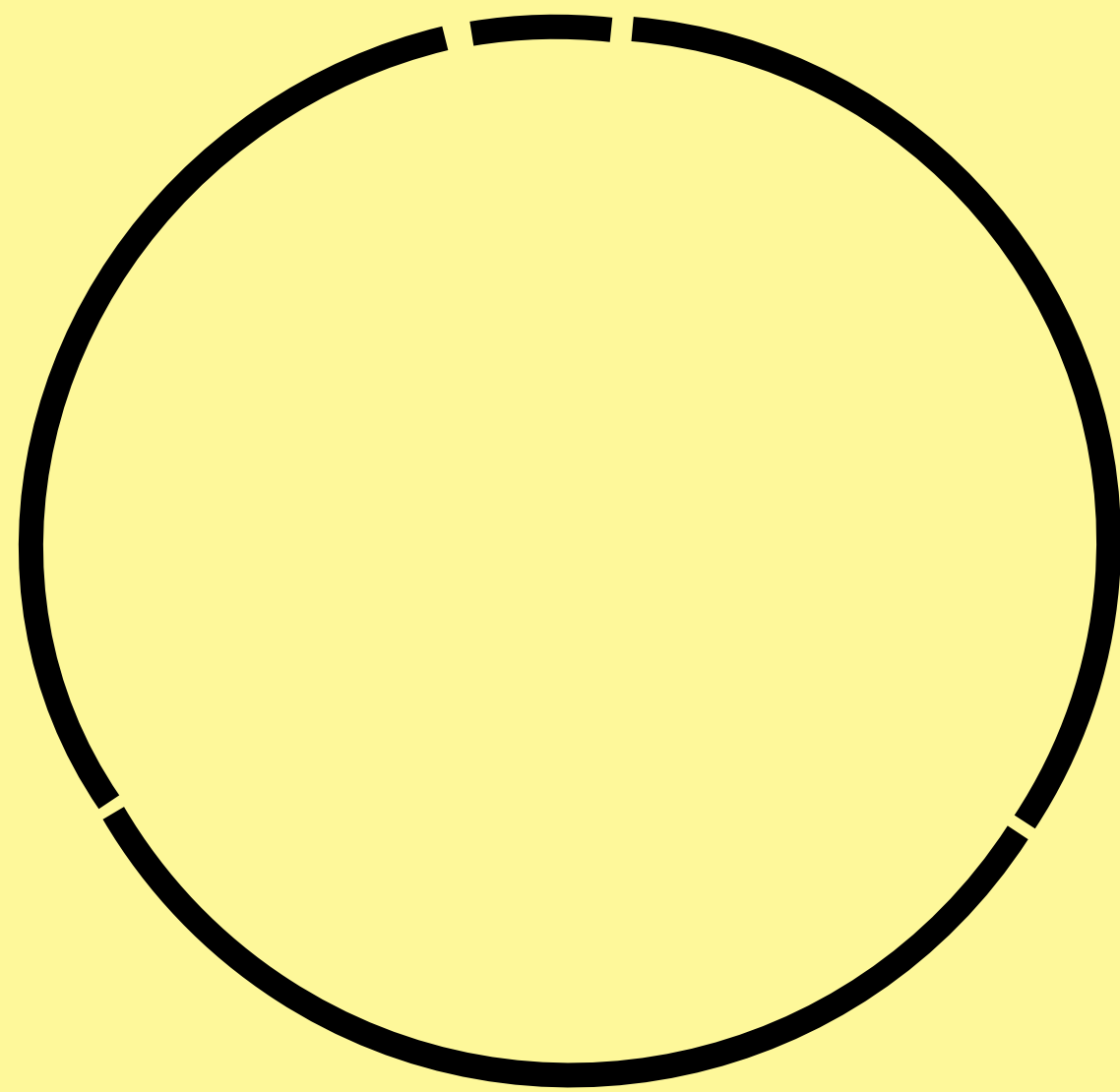
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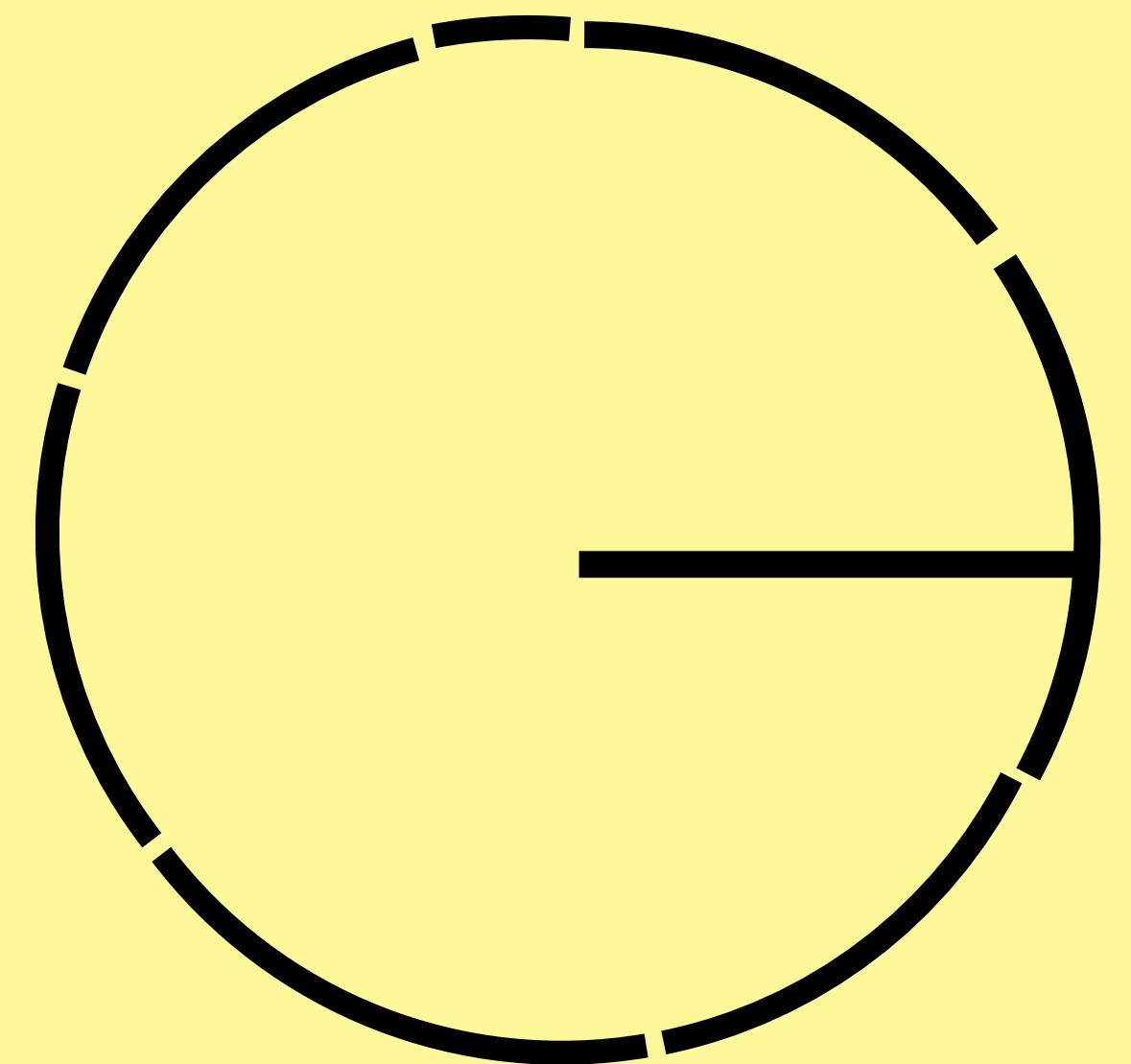


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$$C_o = \pi d$$
$$C_o = \pi(2r)$$
$$C_o = 2\pi r$$



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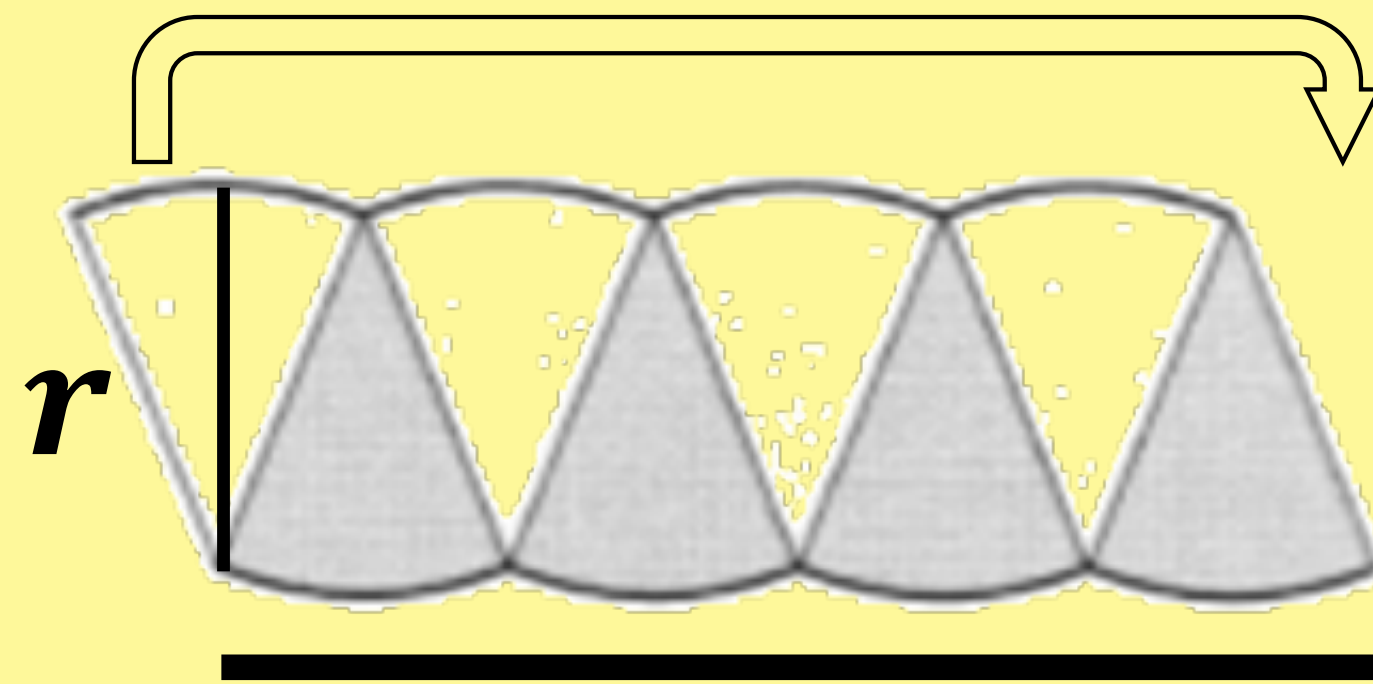
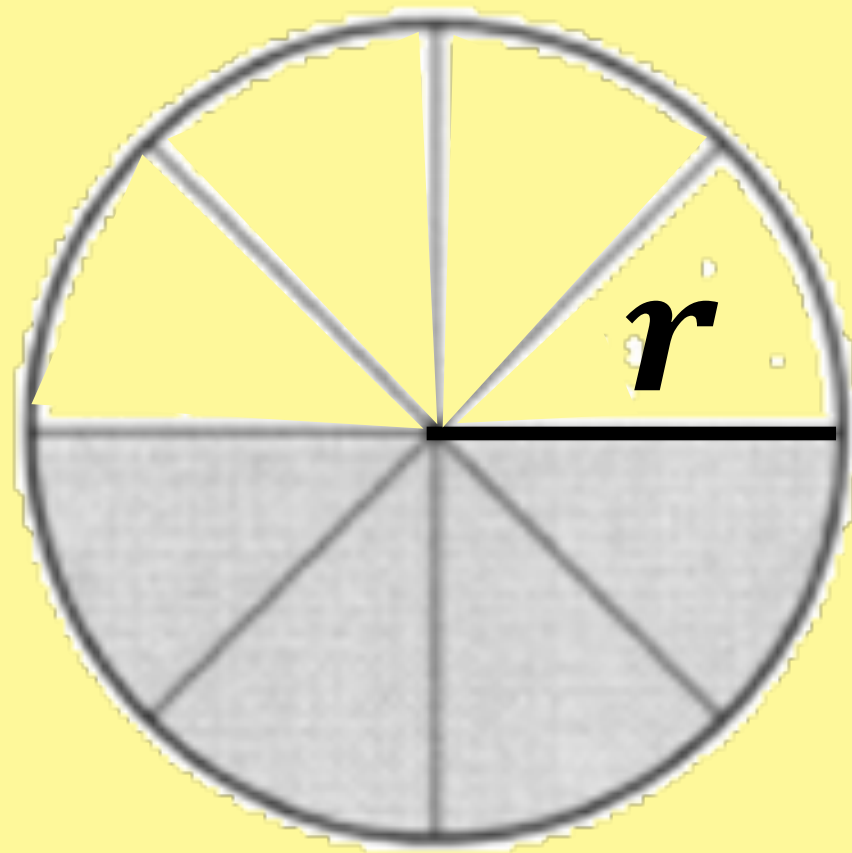
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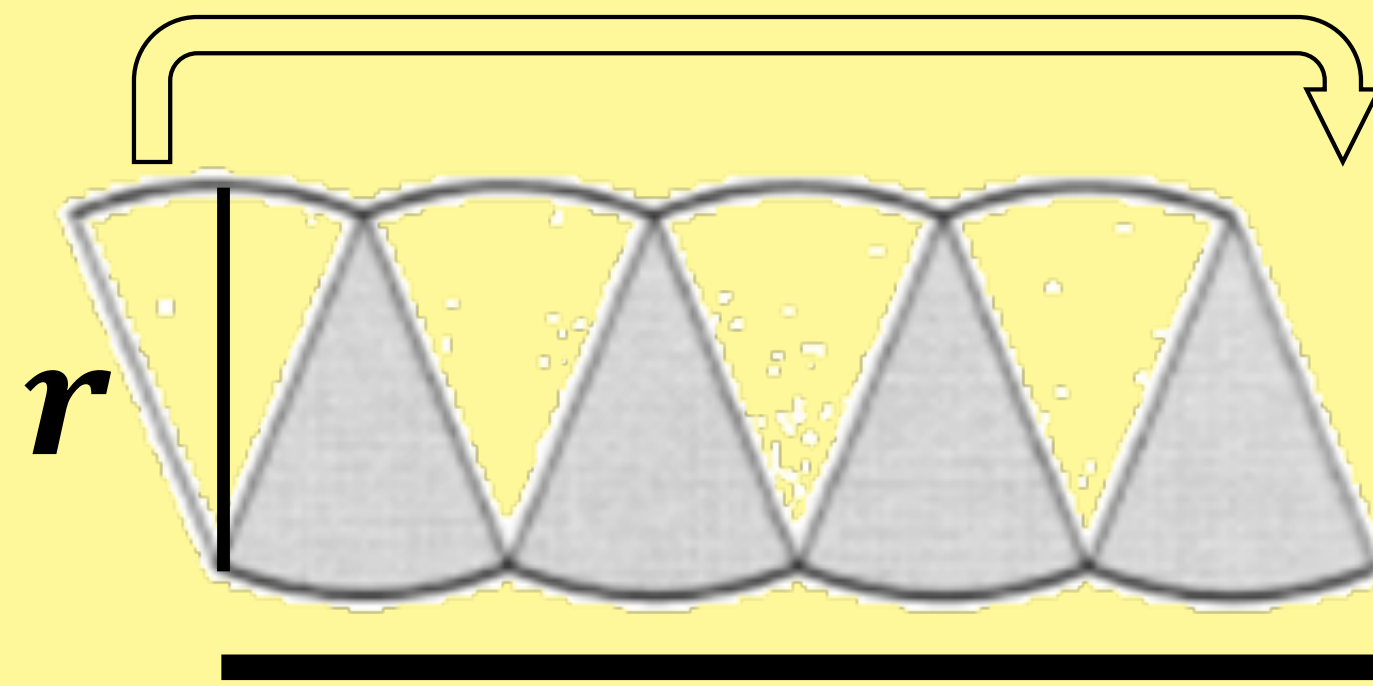
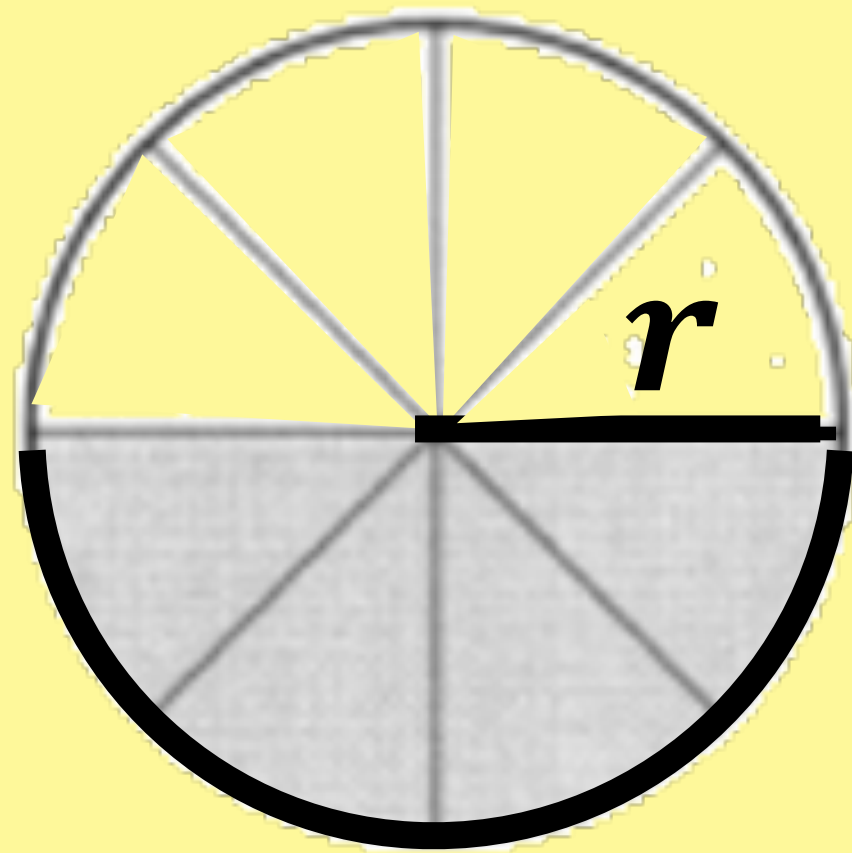
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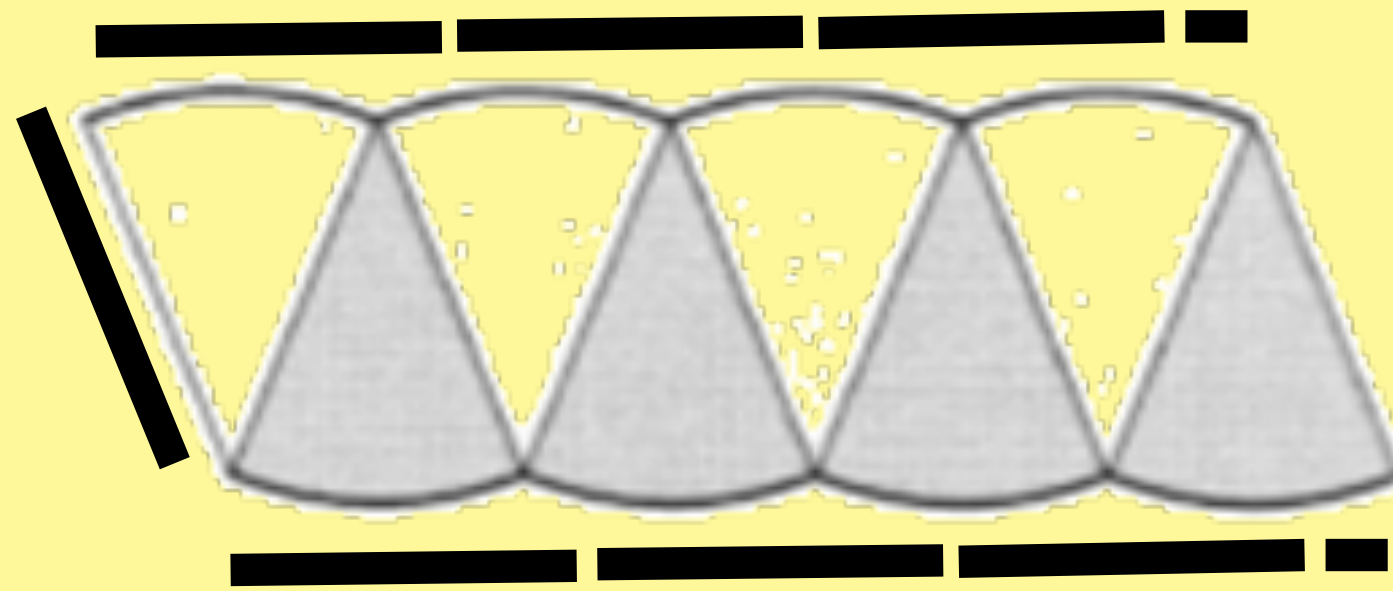
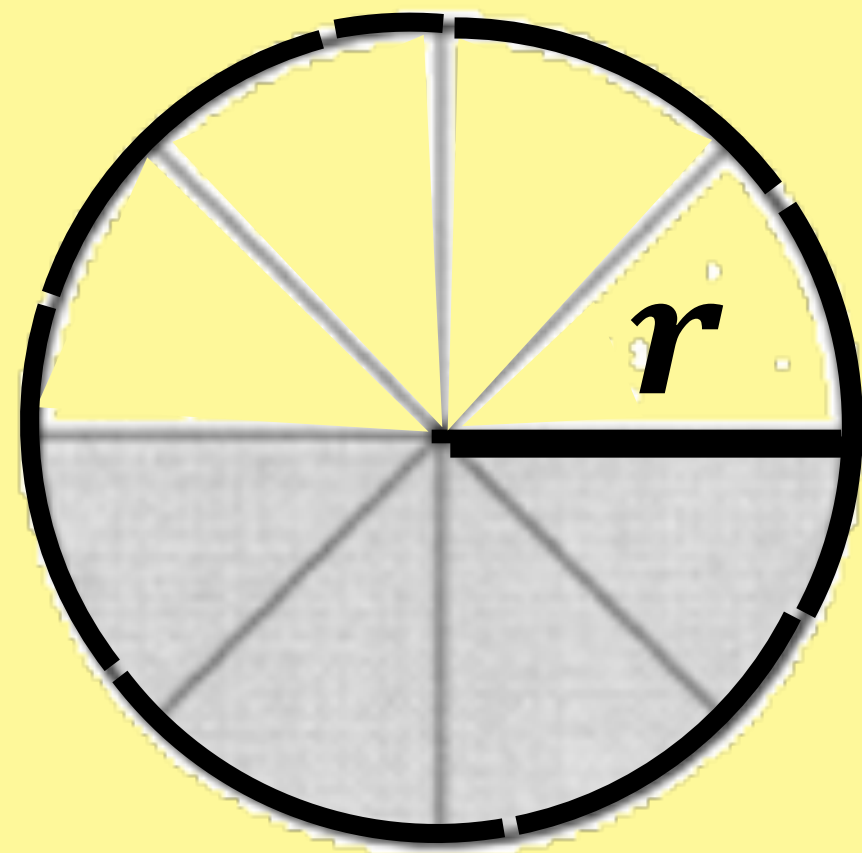


$$A_{\blacksquare} = (l)(w)$$

$$A_{\bullet} = (r)\left(\frac{1}{2}C\right)$$

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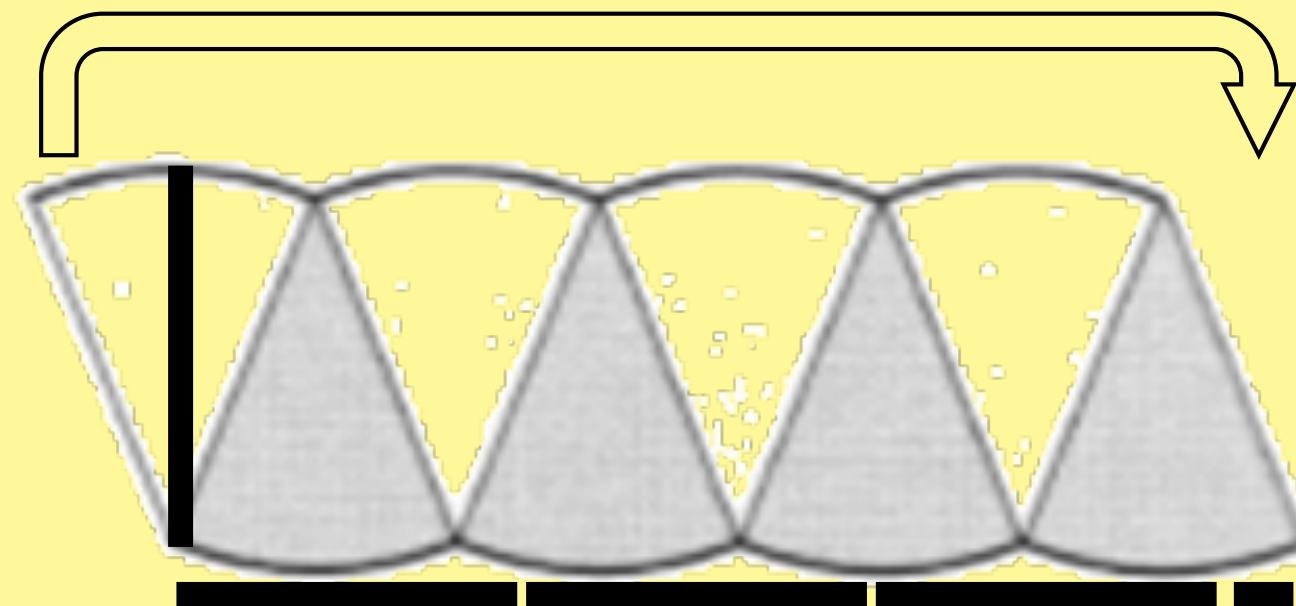
$$A_{\bullet} = (r) \left(\frac{1}{2} C \right)$$
$$A_{\bullet} = (r) \left[\frac{1}{2} (2\pi r) \right]$$

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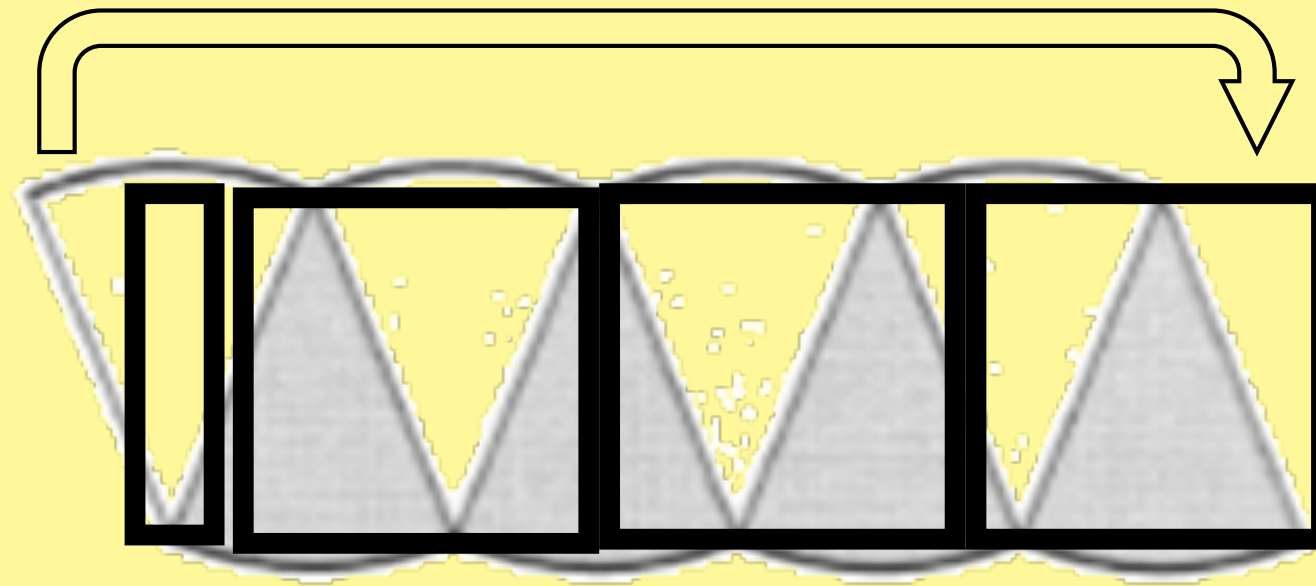


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$$A_{\bullet} = (r)(\pi r)$$

$$A_{\bullet} = \pi r^2$$



Describe what you notice on a third sticky.

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Which
One

&
Why?

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Which one represents
“six times a number plus eight”?

Which one
& why?

$$2(3x + 4)$$

$$2x + 3 + 4x + 5$$

If $x = 10$, then what is the value of both expressions?

Which one represents

“twenty-one times a number plus twenty-eight”?

Which one
& why?

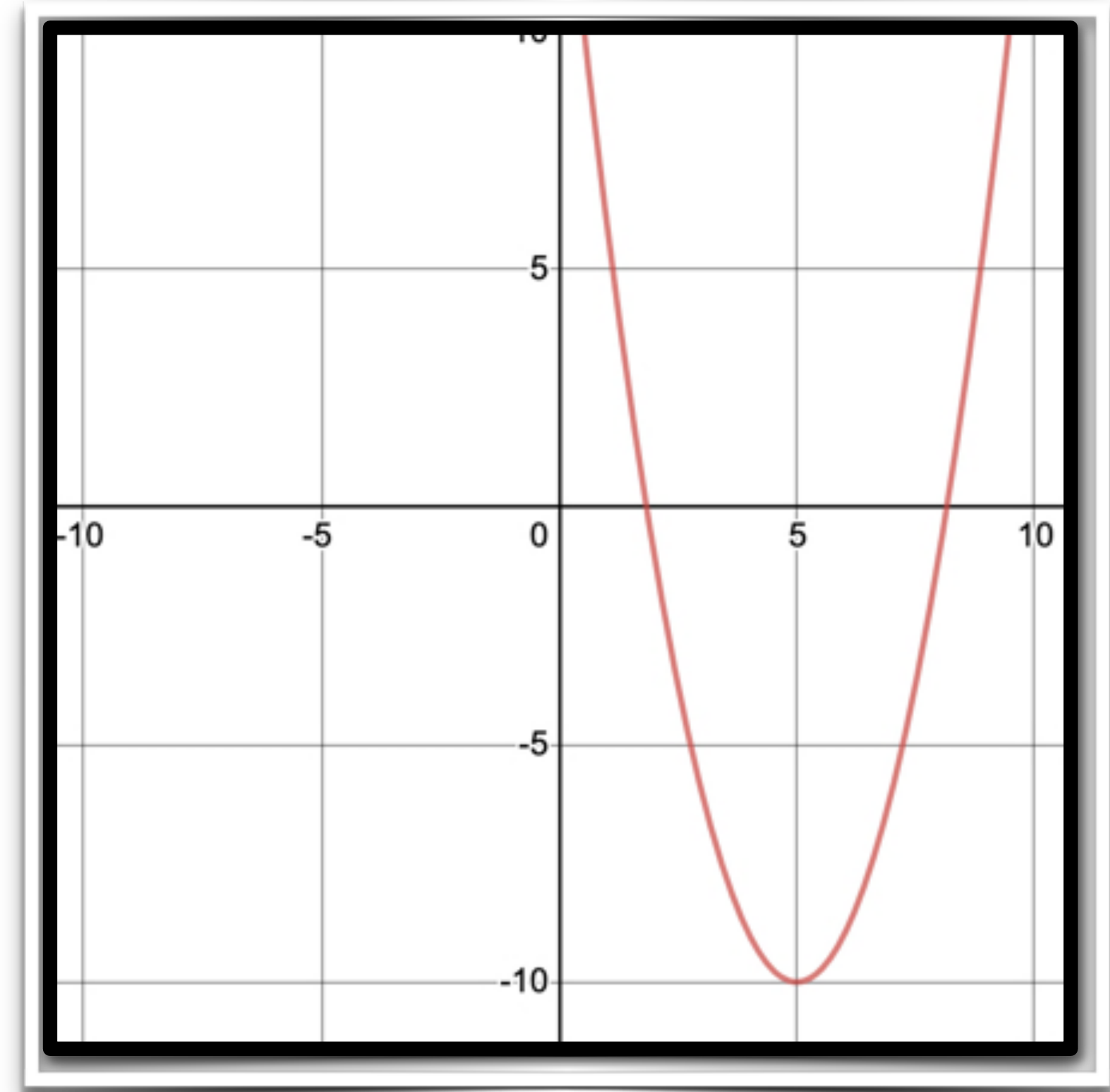
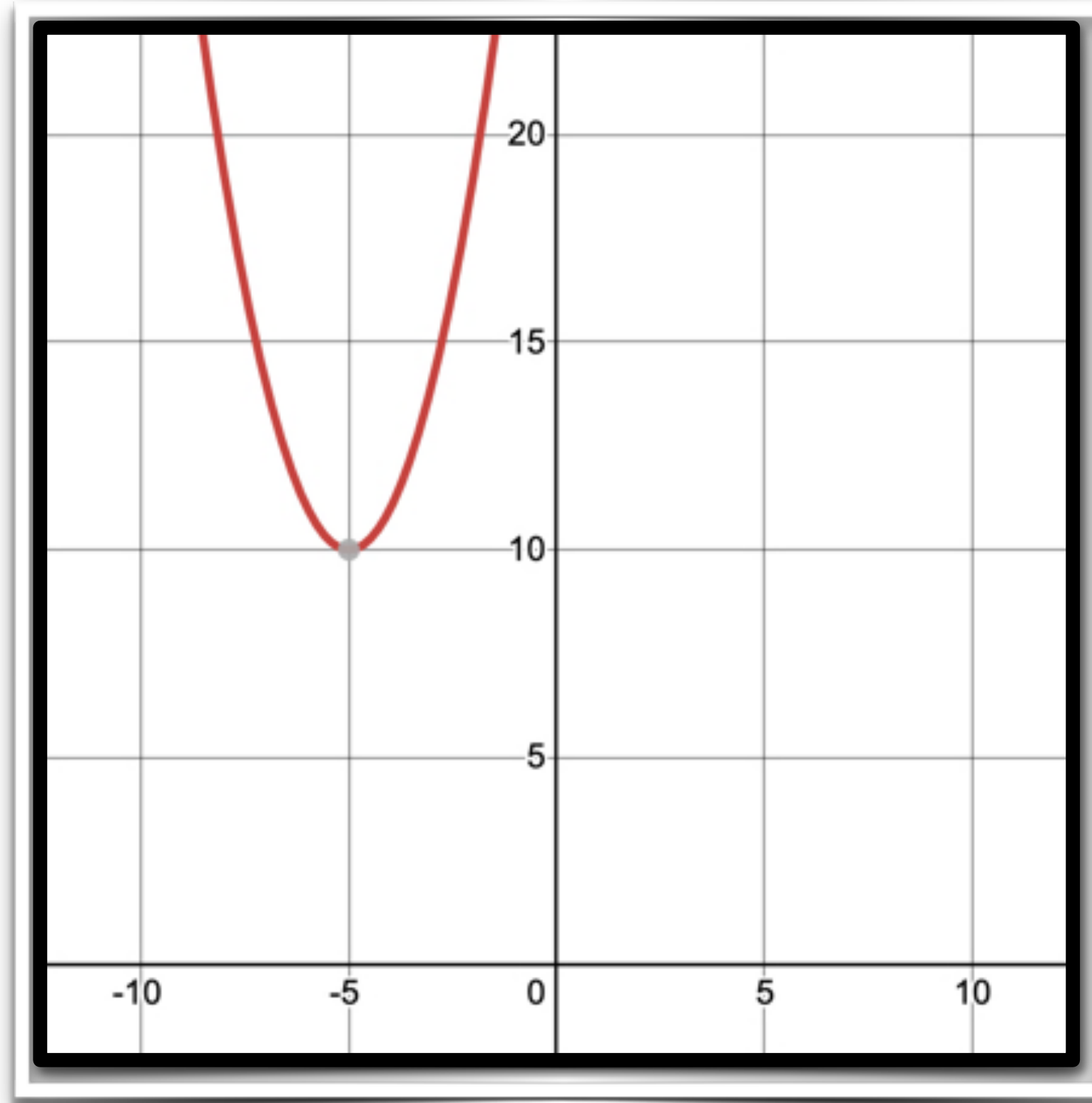
$$5 + 2(3x + 4)$$

$$7(3x + 4)$$

What is the simplified version of the other expression?

Which one has two solutions?

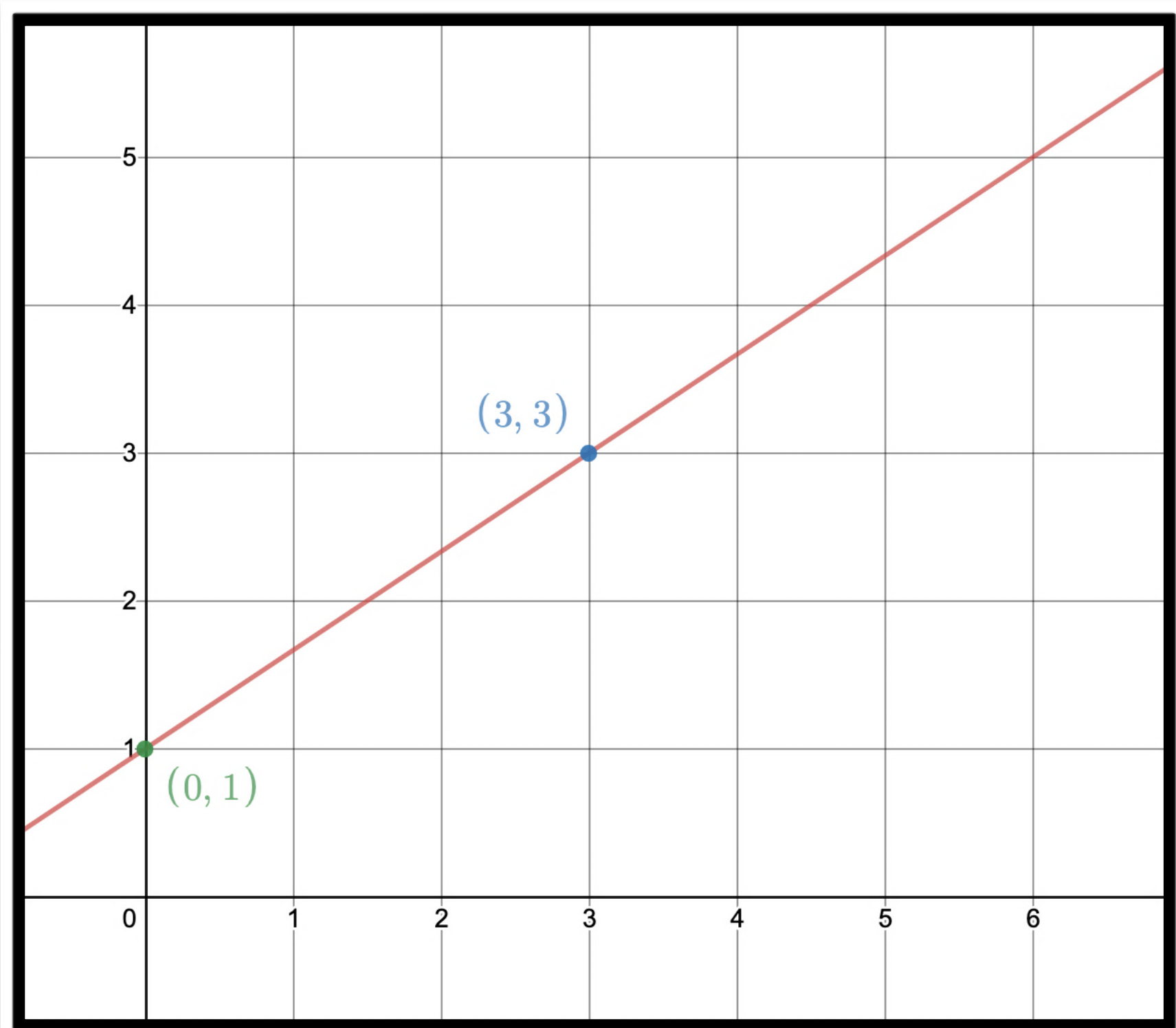
Which one
& why?



Sketch a graph of a quadratic function with one solution.

Which represents the equation of the line in the graph?

How do you know?



$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 1$$

$$y = \frac{-2}{-3}x + 1$$

Sketch the graph of the other equation.

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Matching

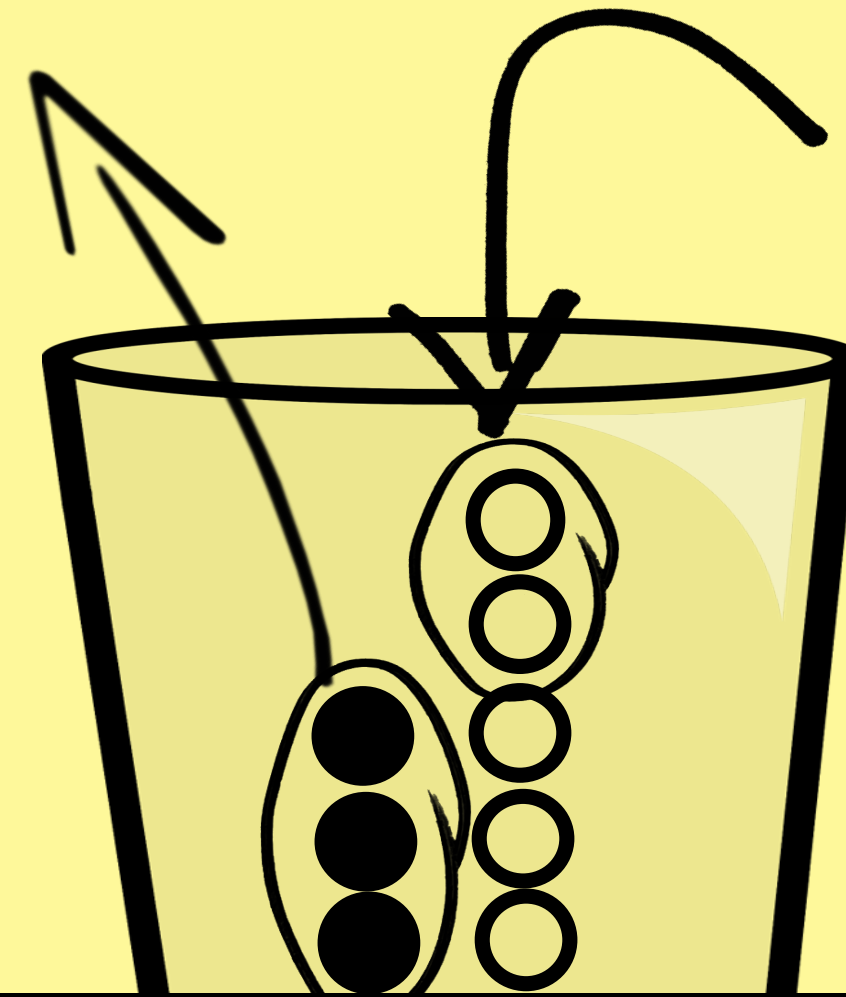
Without a
Venn
diagram

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Sticky Math Matching!

Add two hot
rocks and
remove three
cold rocks

$$+2 - (-3)$$

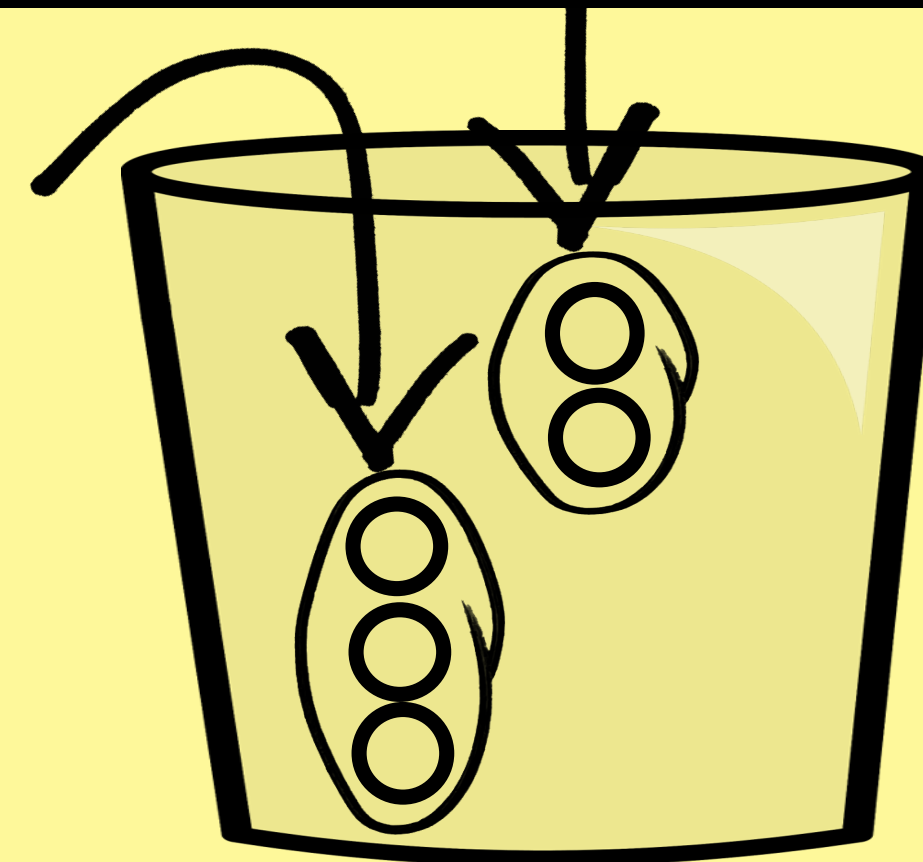


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**There is nothing to match; they all
match. Create a competing set.**

Add two hot
rocks and add
three hot rocks

$$+2 + (+3)$$



Positive two and
the opposite of
negative three

Sticky Math Matching!

In order to create & maintain productive struggle:

- Use similar digits in each set. For another set related to this set, I might use $-2, 3, -3$ & -5 .
- Mix operations between sets to highlight the conceptual differences between operations. For another set related to this set, I might use multiplication of integers with the addends becoming factors.



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Sticky Math Matching!

- Give students the stickies, but do not tell them how many stickies in a set. Discuss the similarities and differences between the ways teams of students grouped them.
- Have each student in a team contribute to a set, then have two teams swap their sets. Each team sorts the new set; when they are finished the other team checks their work.
- Any errors or lack of errors in set creation or sorting act as a formative assessment.



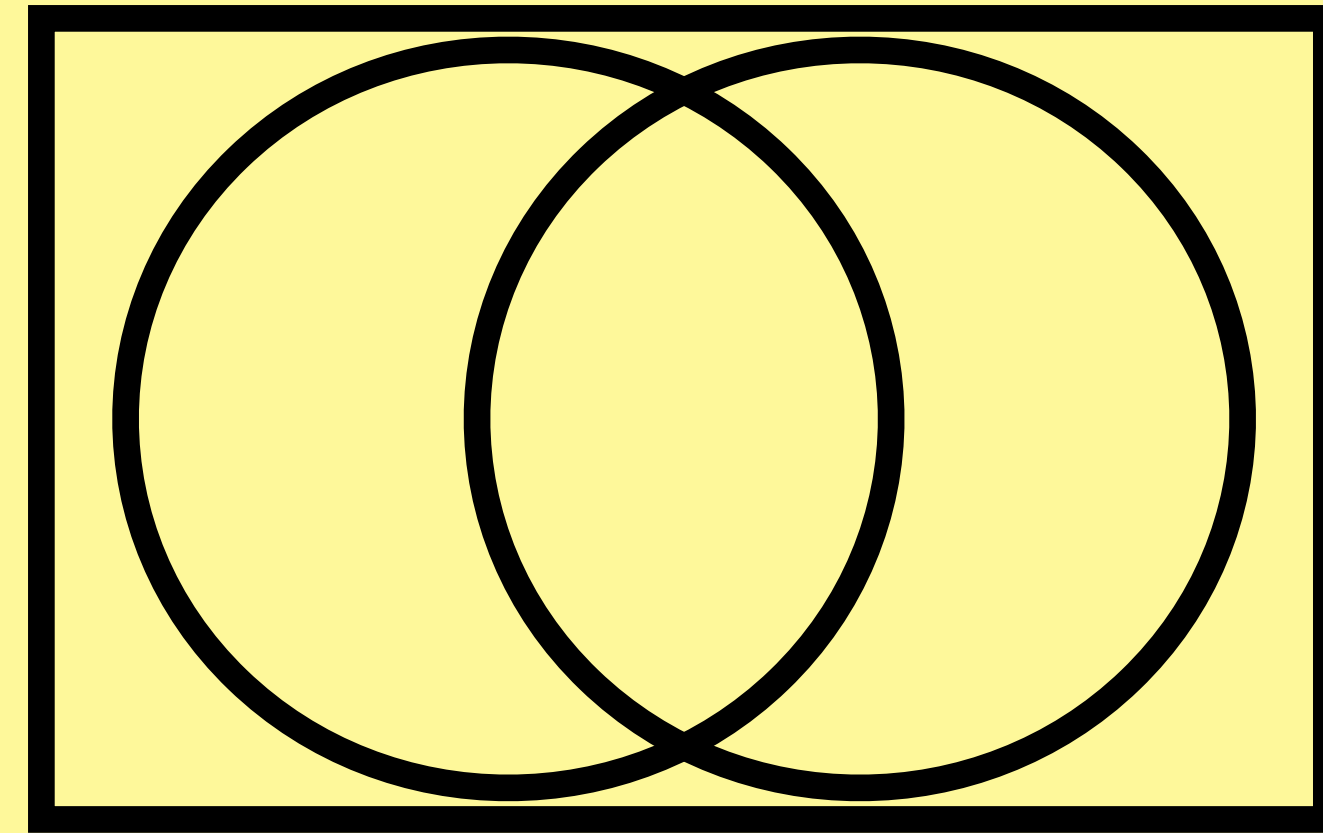
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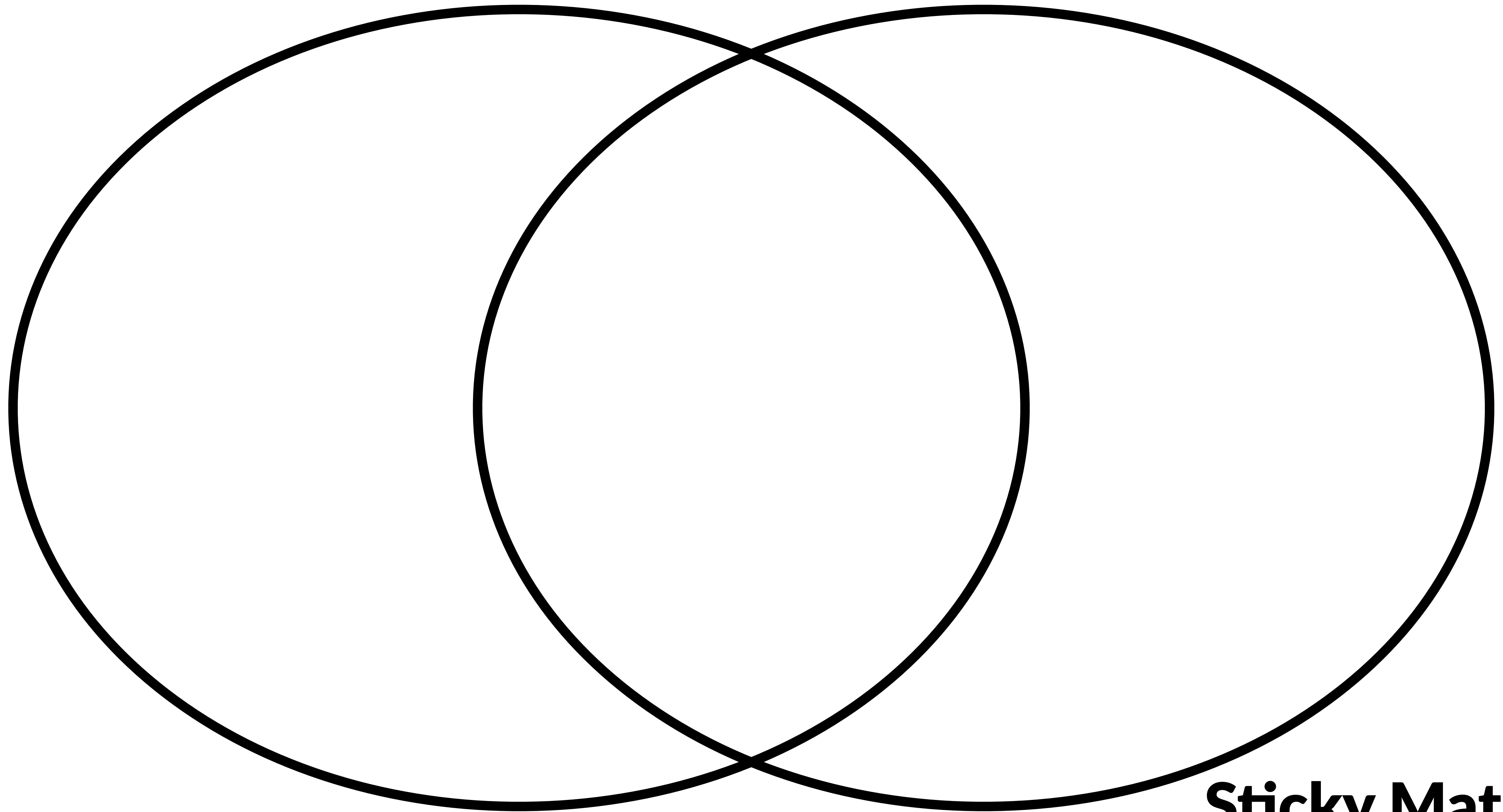
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Matching
with a
Venn diagram



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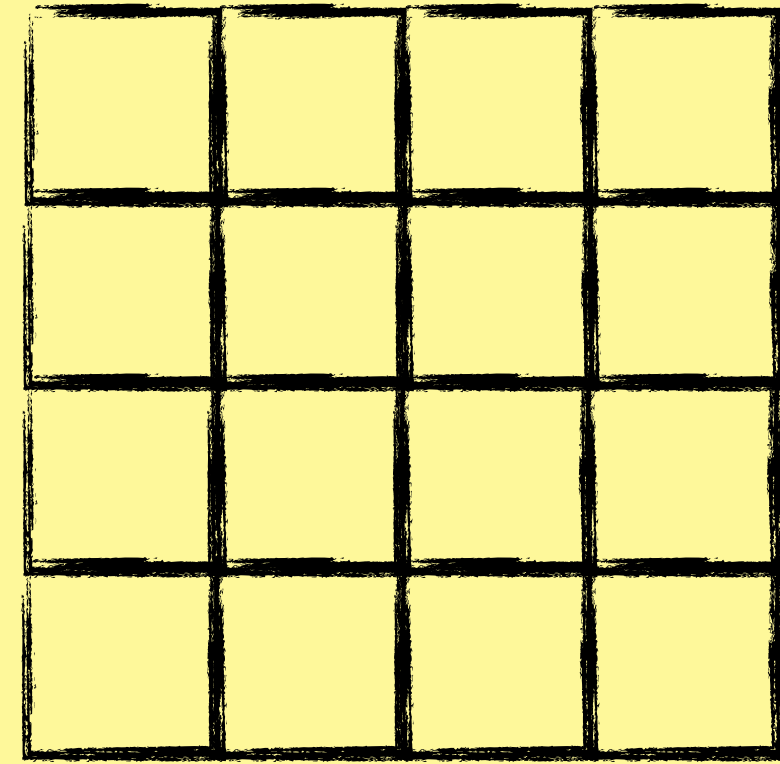
Title: _____ Name/Group: _____



Sticky Math Matching! (Use Venn Diagram)

Four squared
is sixteen.

$$(4)(4) = 16$$



$$x^2 = 16$$

A number
multiplied by
itself is sixteen.

$$(-4)(-4) = 16$$

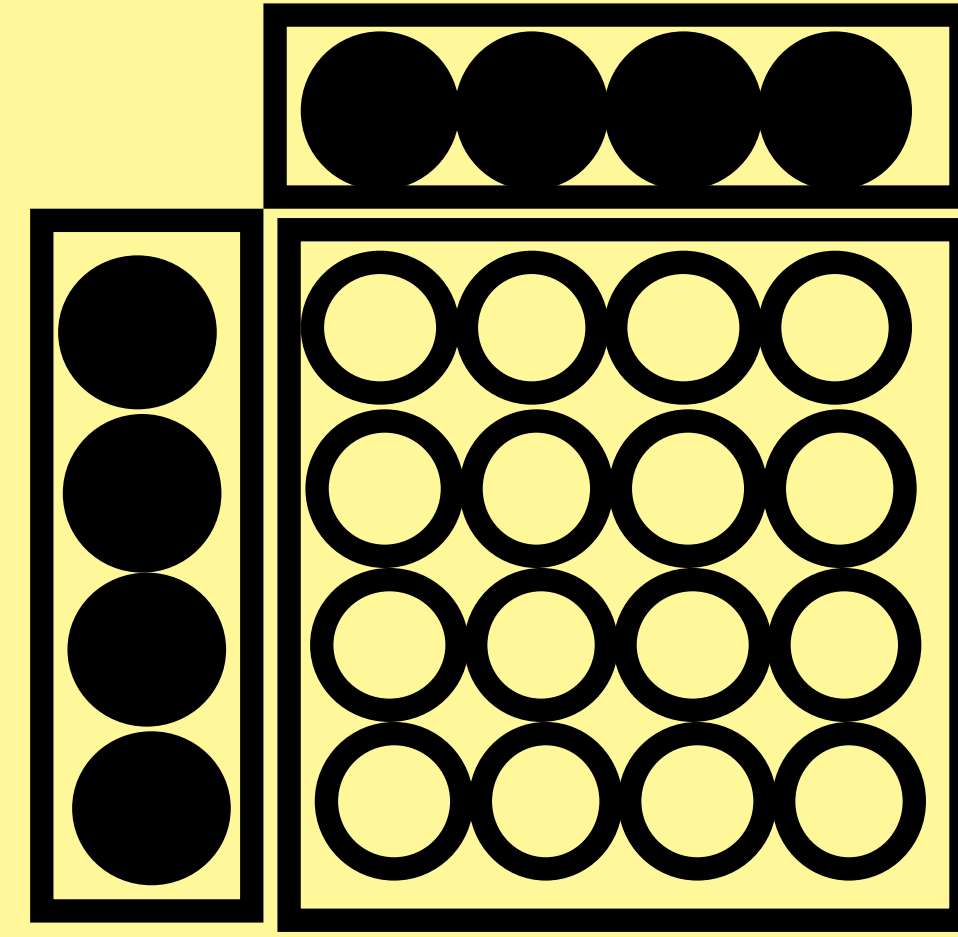
$$4^2 = 16$$

Four in two
dimensions.

Matching continued (Use Venn Diagram)

Negative four
squared is
sixteen.

$$\sqrt{(4 \cdot 4)} = 4$$

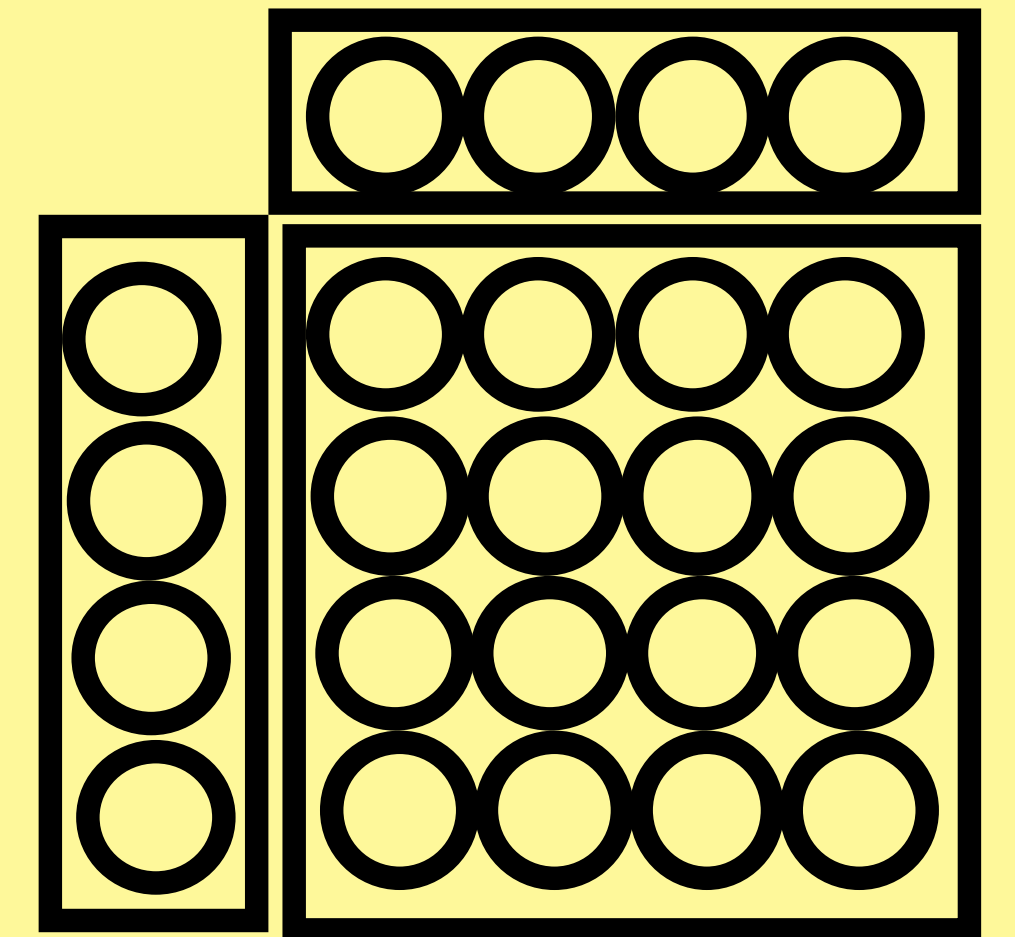


$$\sqrt{(4^2)} = 4$$

Sixteen is
negative four
times negative
four.

$$\sqrt{(16)} = 4$$

$$(-4)^2 = 16$$



Use Blank Stickies to Label Venn Diagram

Negative four
squared is
sixteen.

$$\pm\sqrt{16} = \pm 4$$

Sixteen is
negative four
times negative
four.

$$-\sqrt{(16)} = -4$$

Sticky Math Matching!

- Have groups decide how to group their stickies using the Venn diagram & label each part of the Venn diagram using the blank stickies.
- Groups sort the set, they then take turns justifying their reasoning to another group. The other group has an opportunity to critique their reasoning. Then they switch roles.



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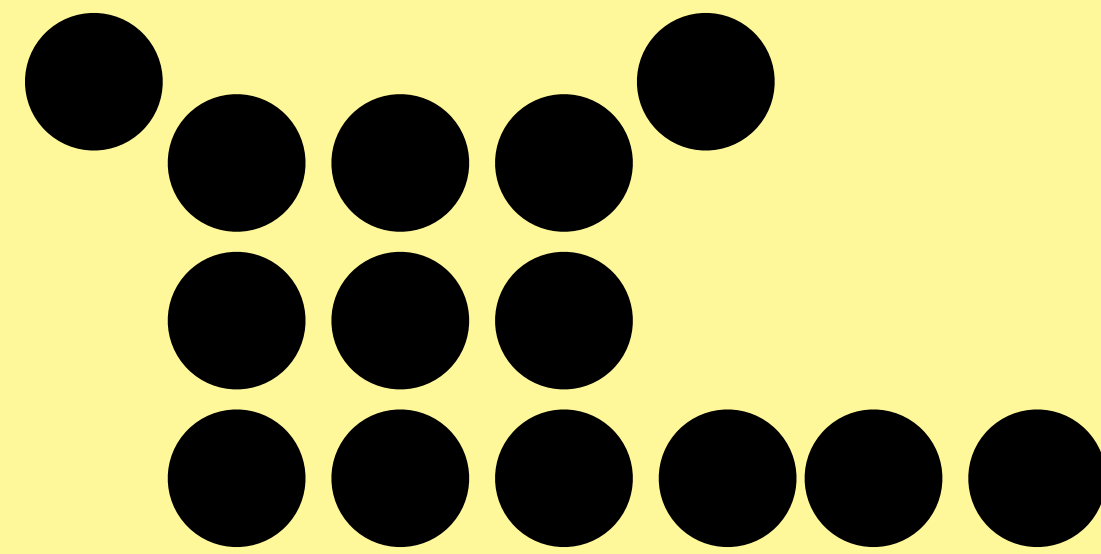
Sticky Math Matching!

- Do not tell students how many stickies in a set or how to sort them.
- Discuss the similarities and differences between the ways groups of students sorted them; explore whether any differences can be justified or whether they are misconceptions
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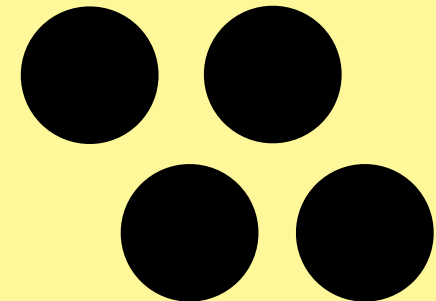
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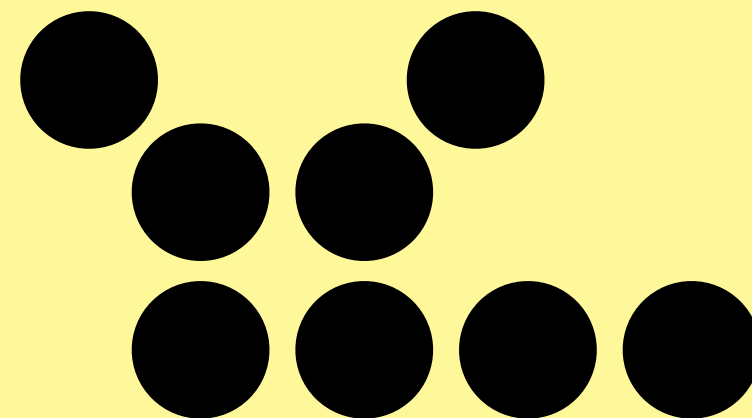
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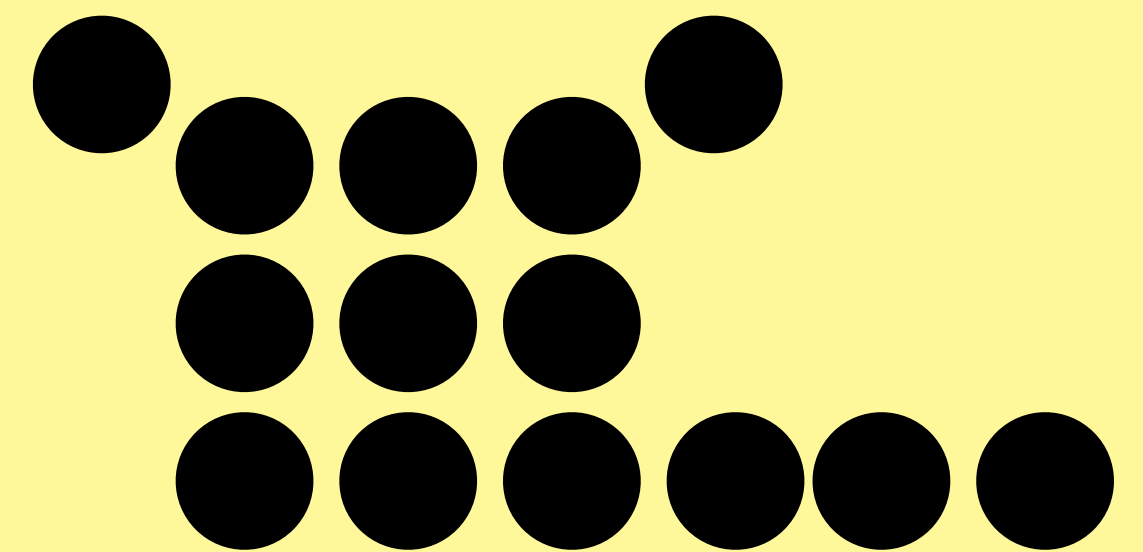
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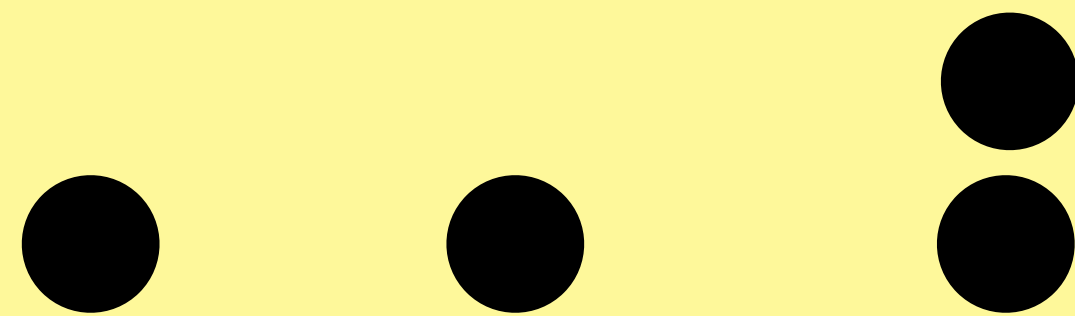
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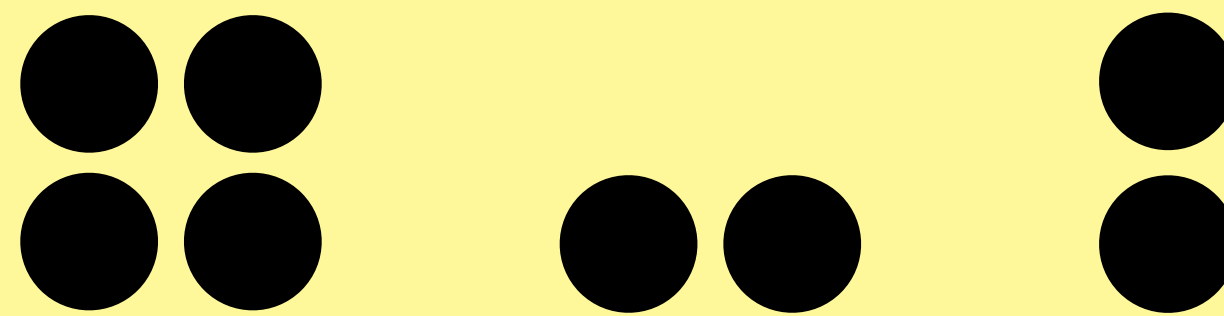
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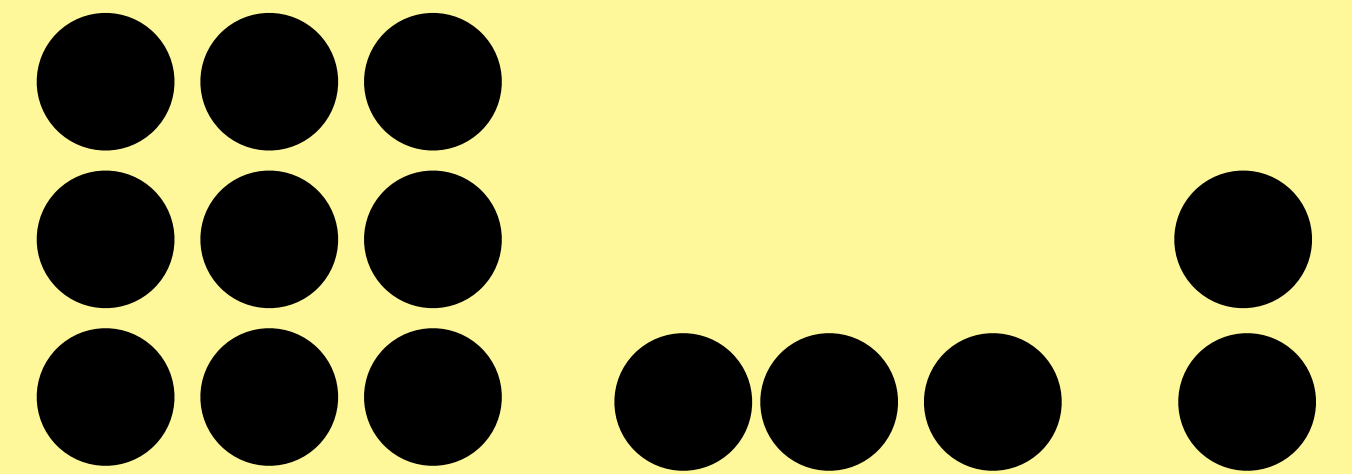
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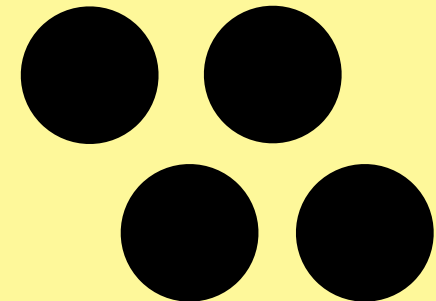
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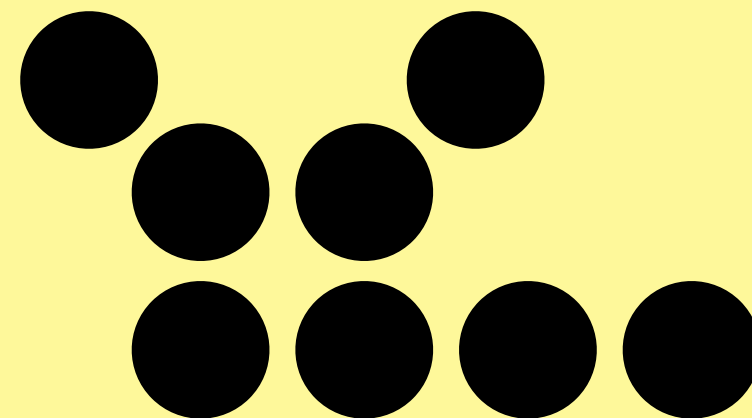
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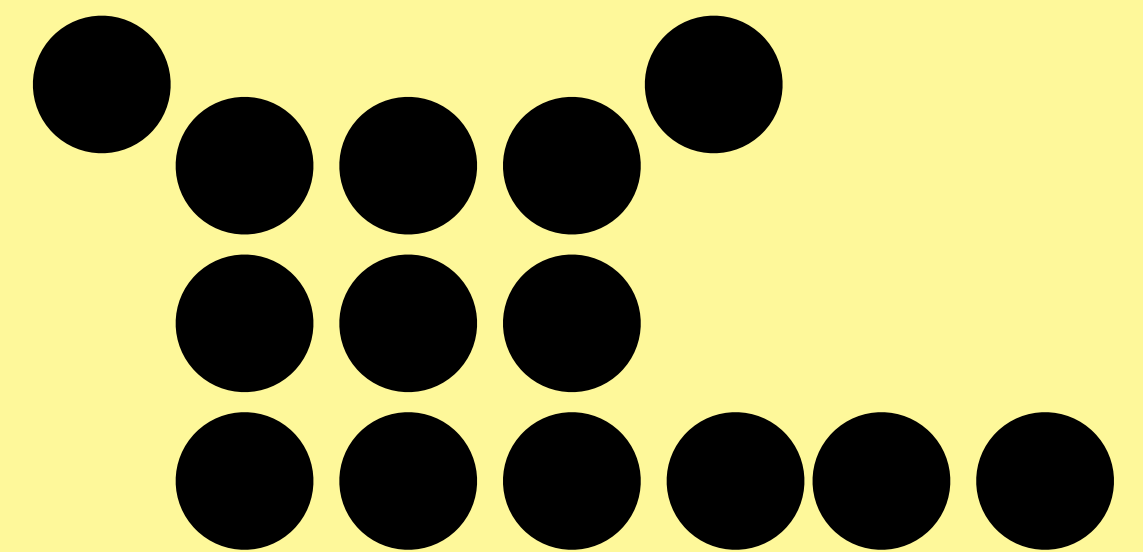
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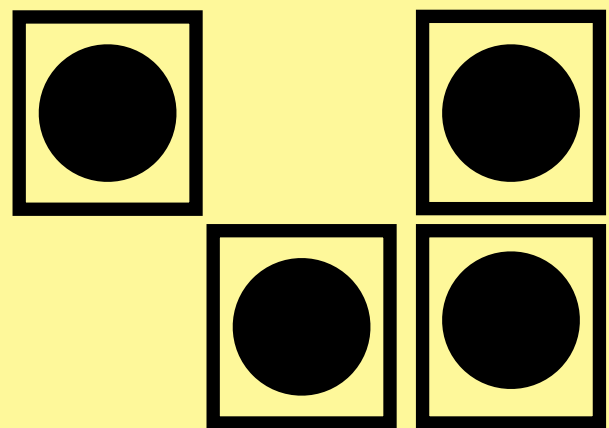
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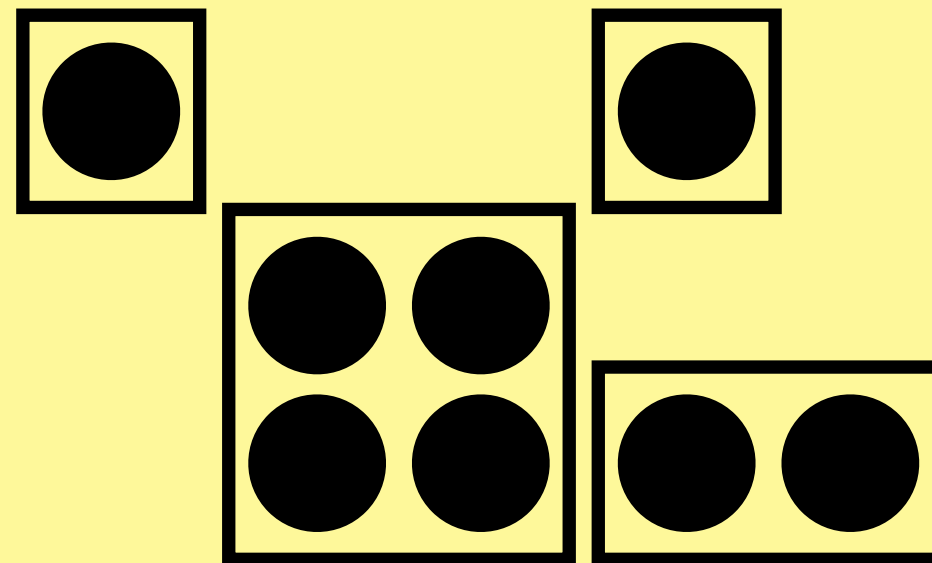
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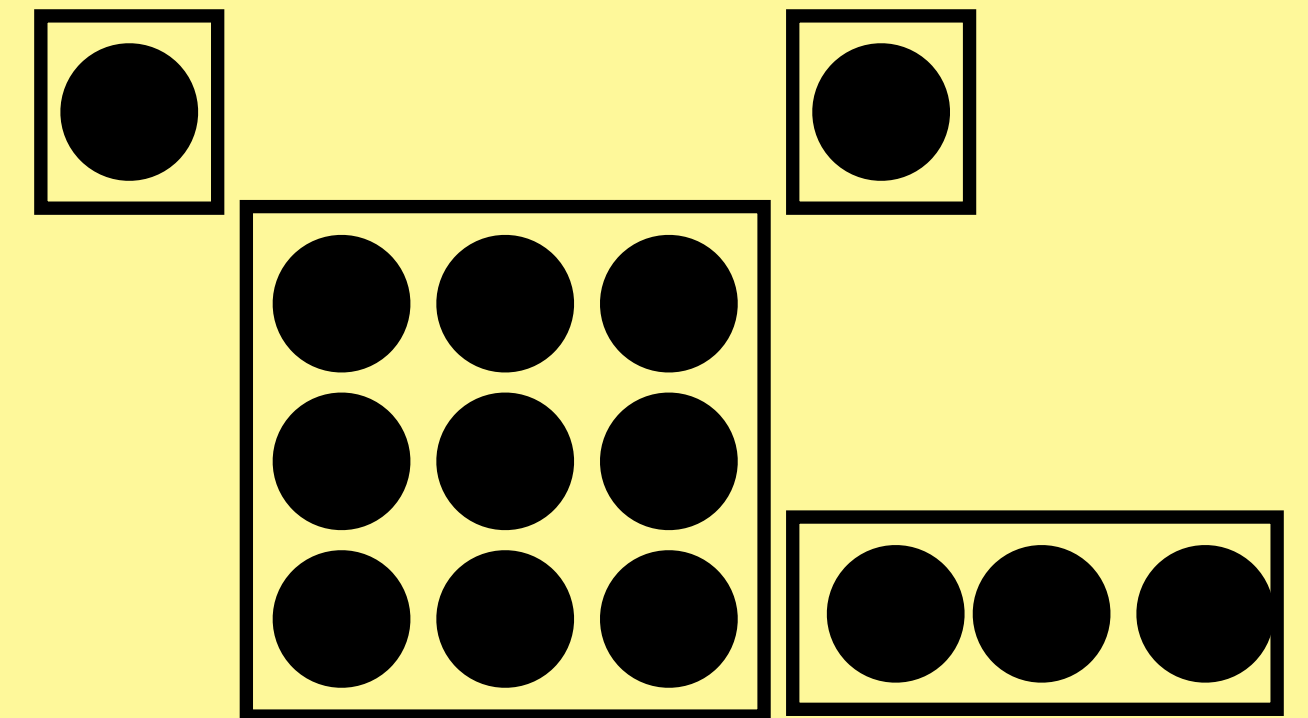
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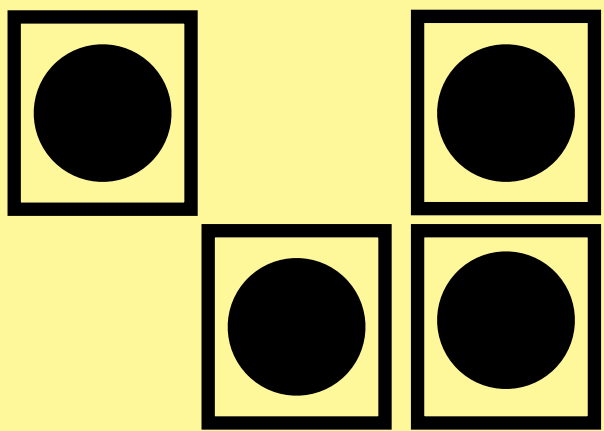


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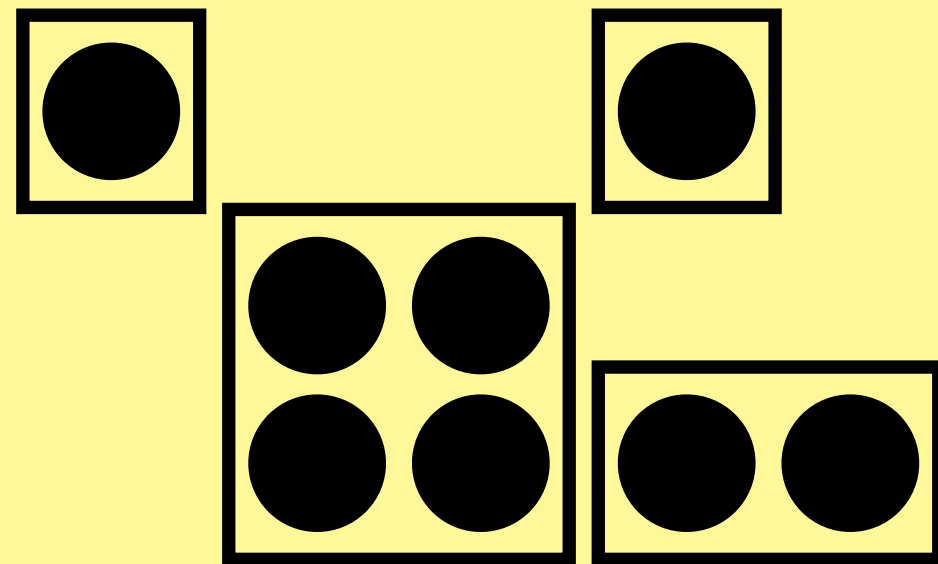


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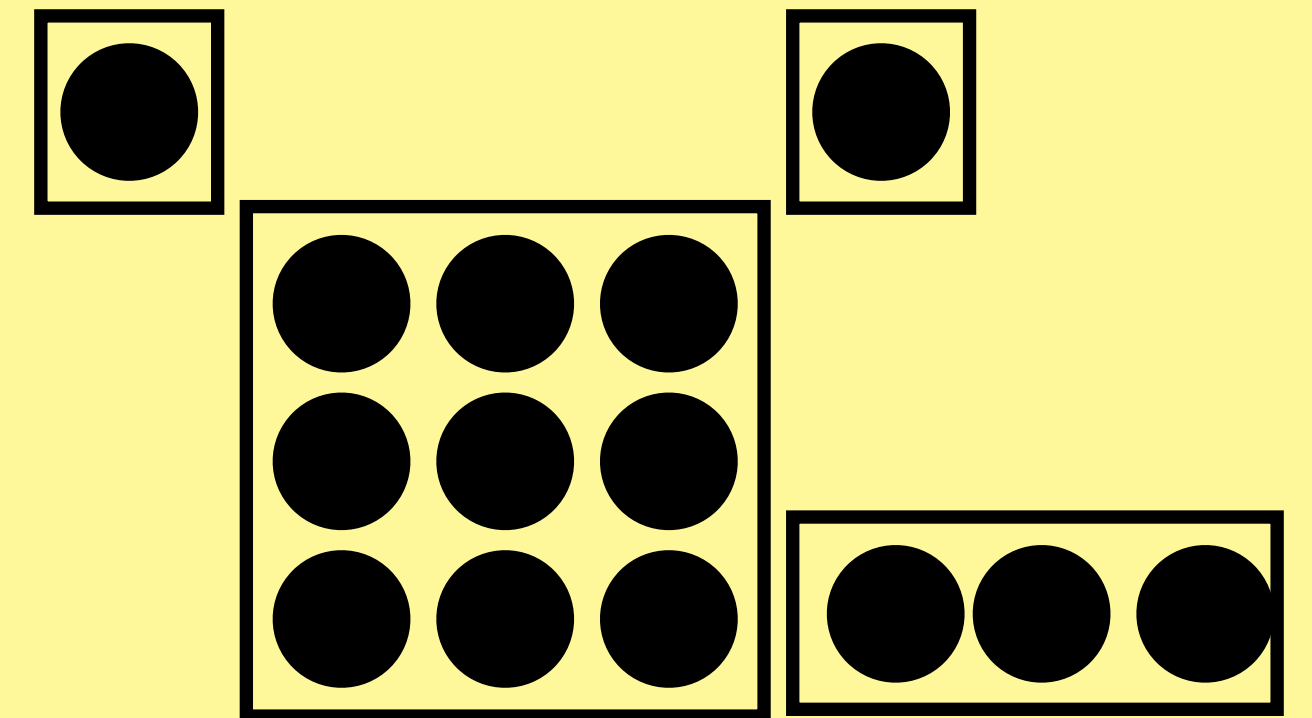
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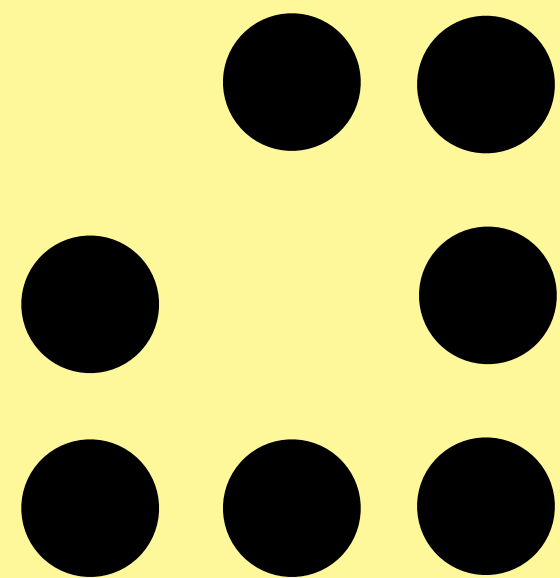
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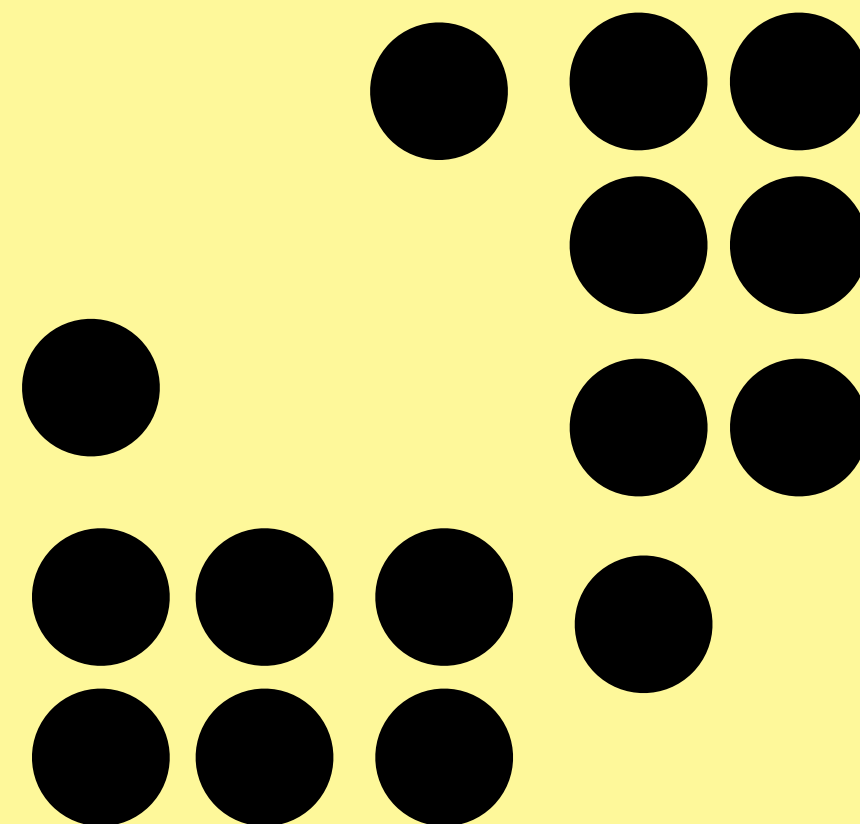
$$c^2 + c + 2$$

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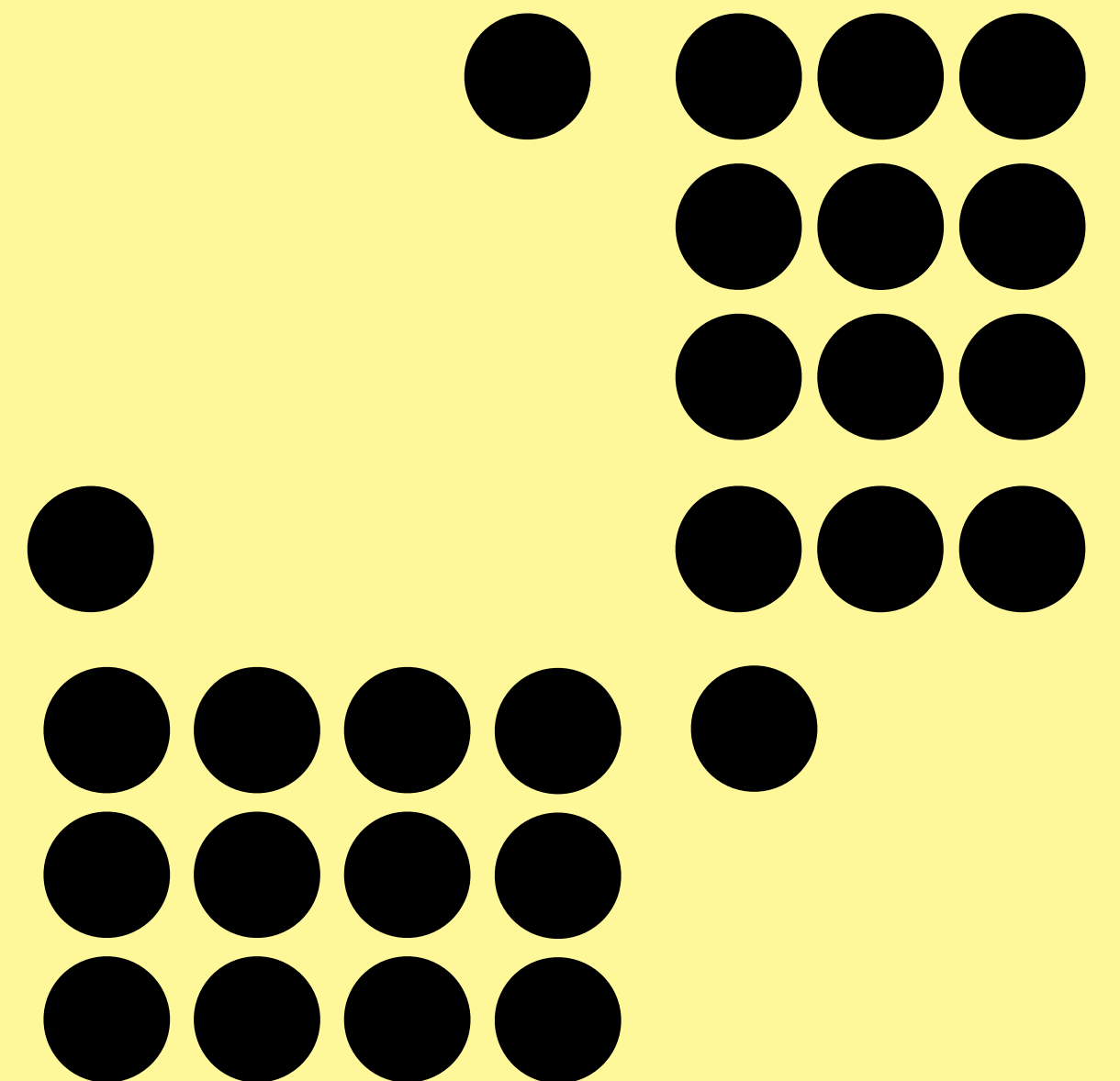
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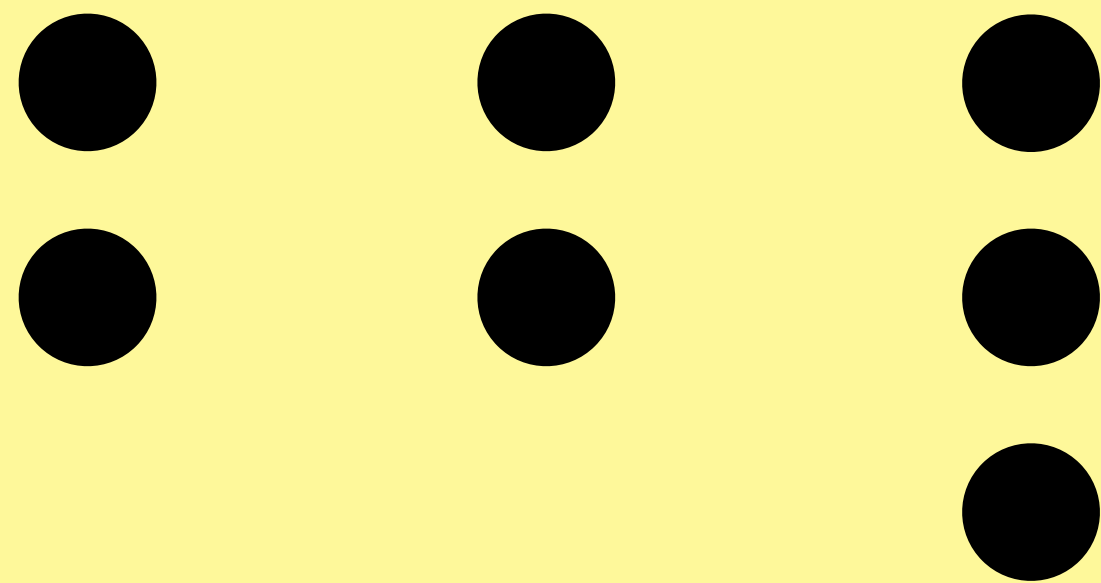
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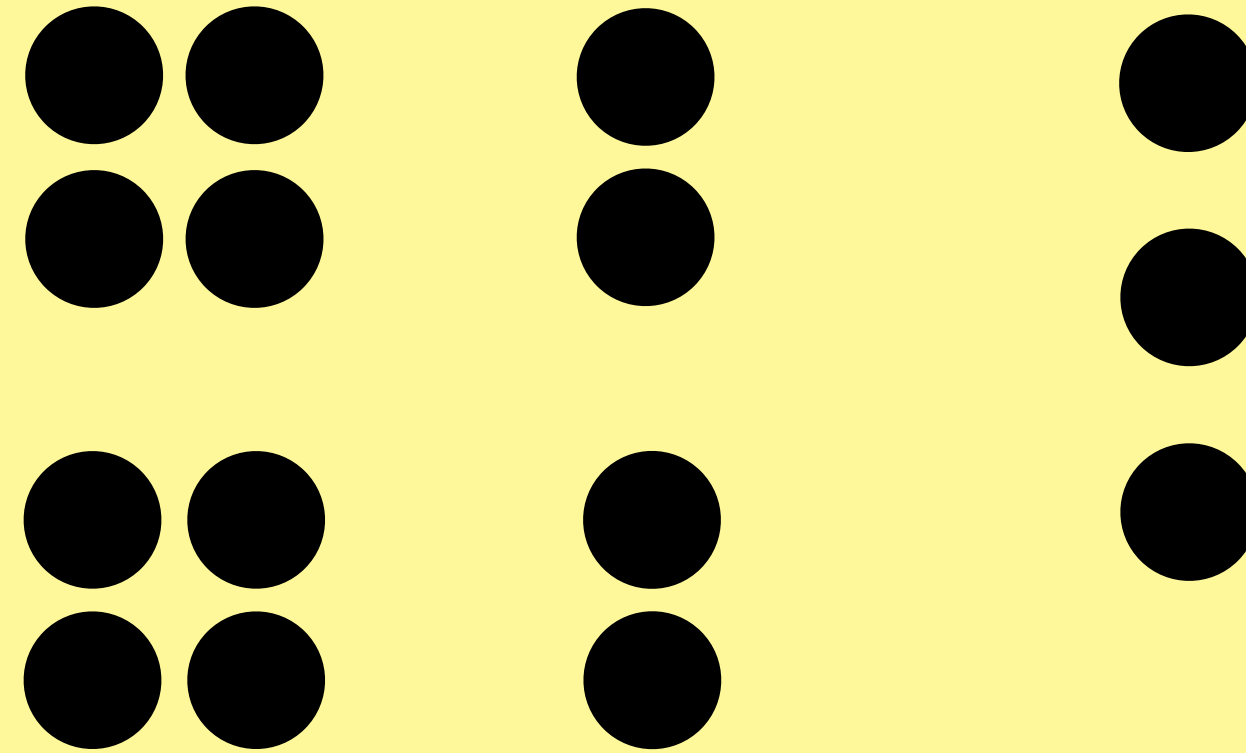
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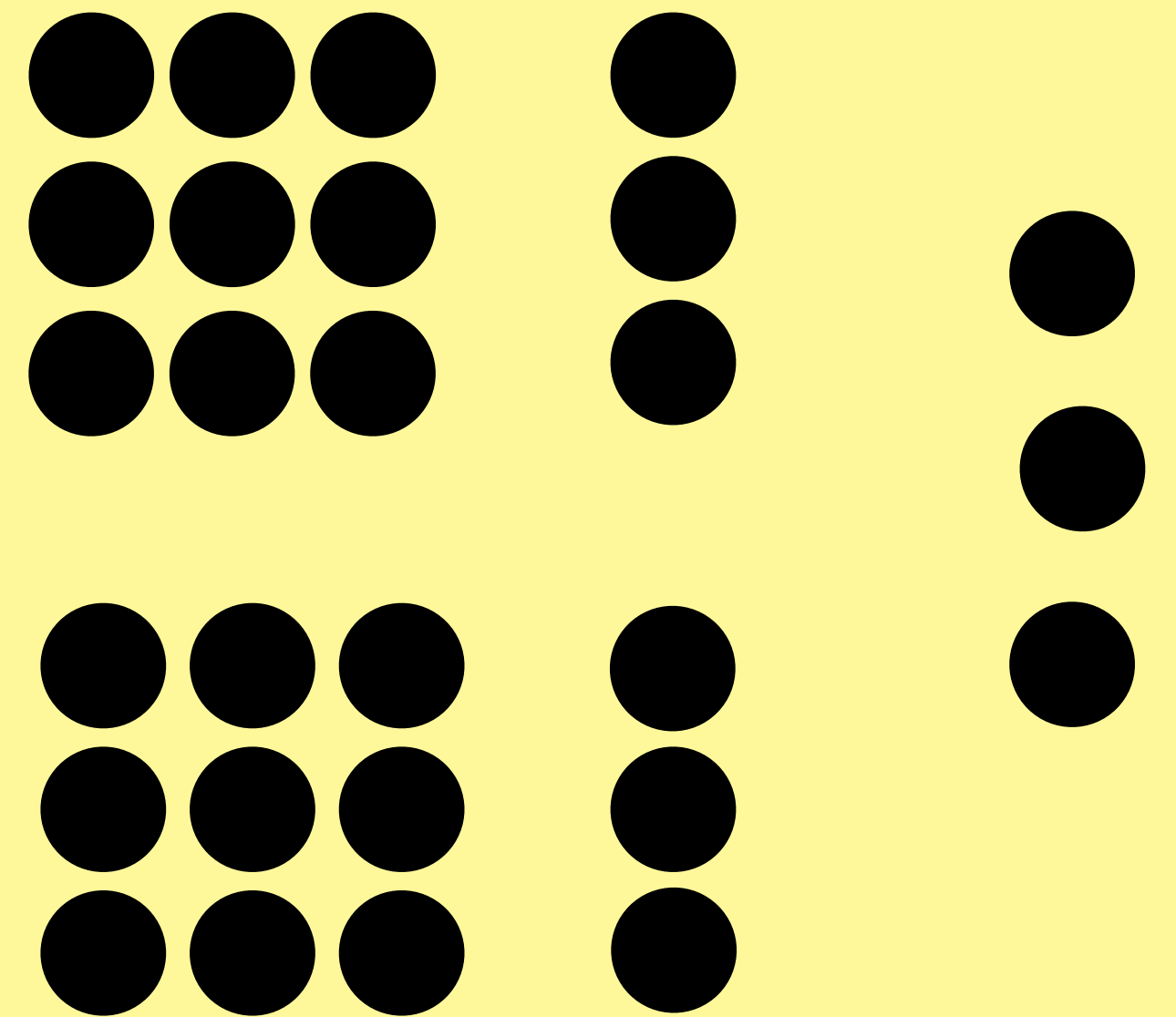
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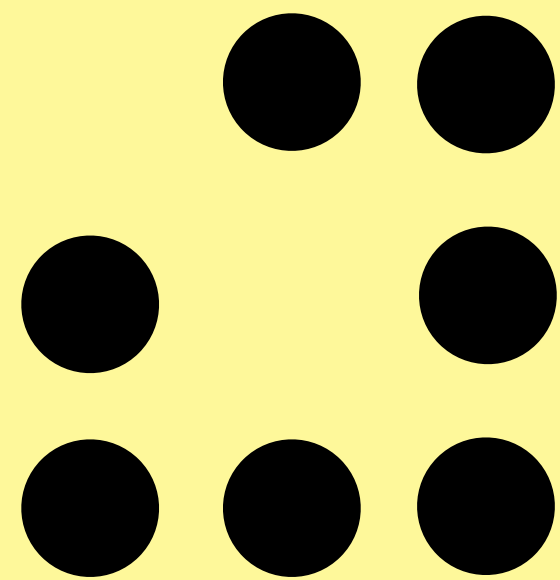
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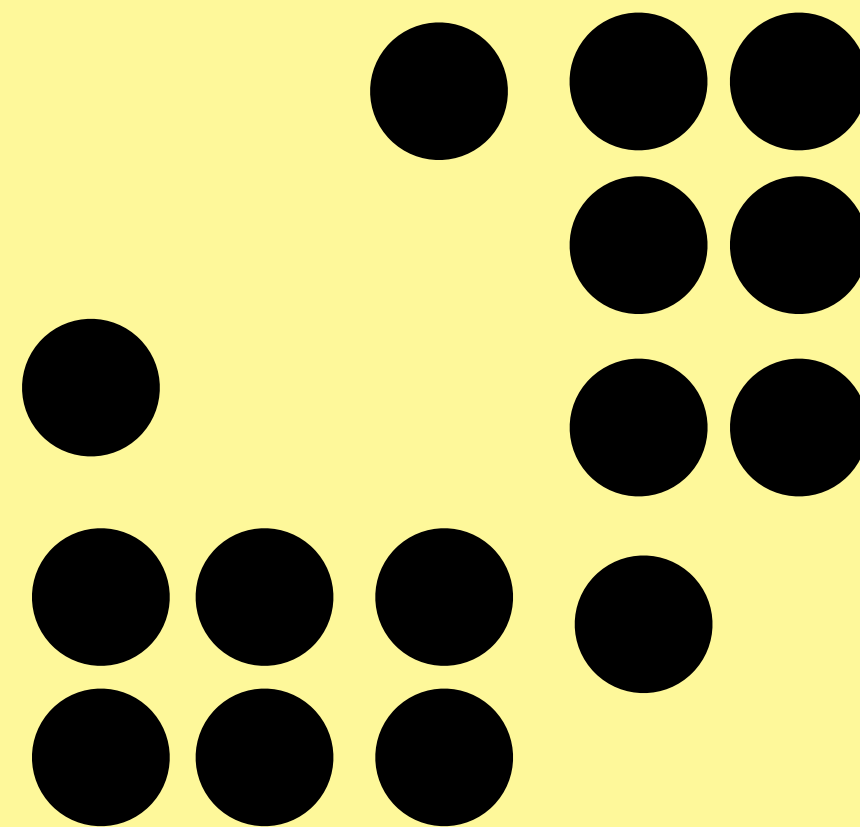
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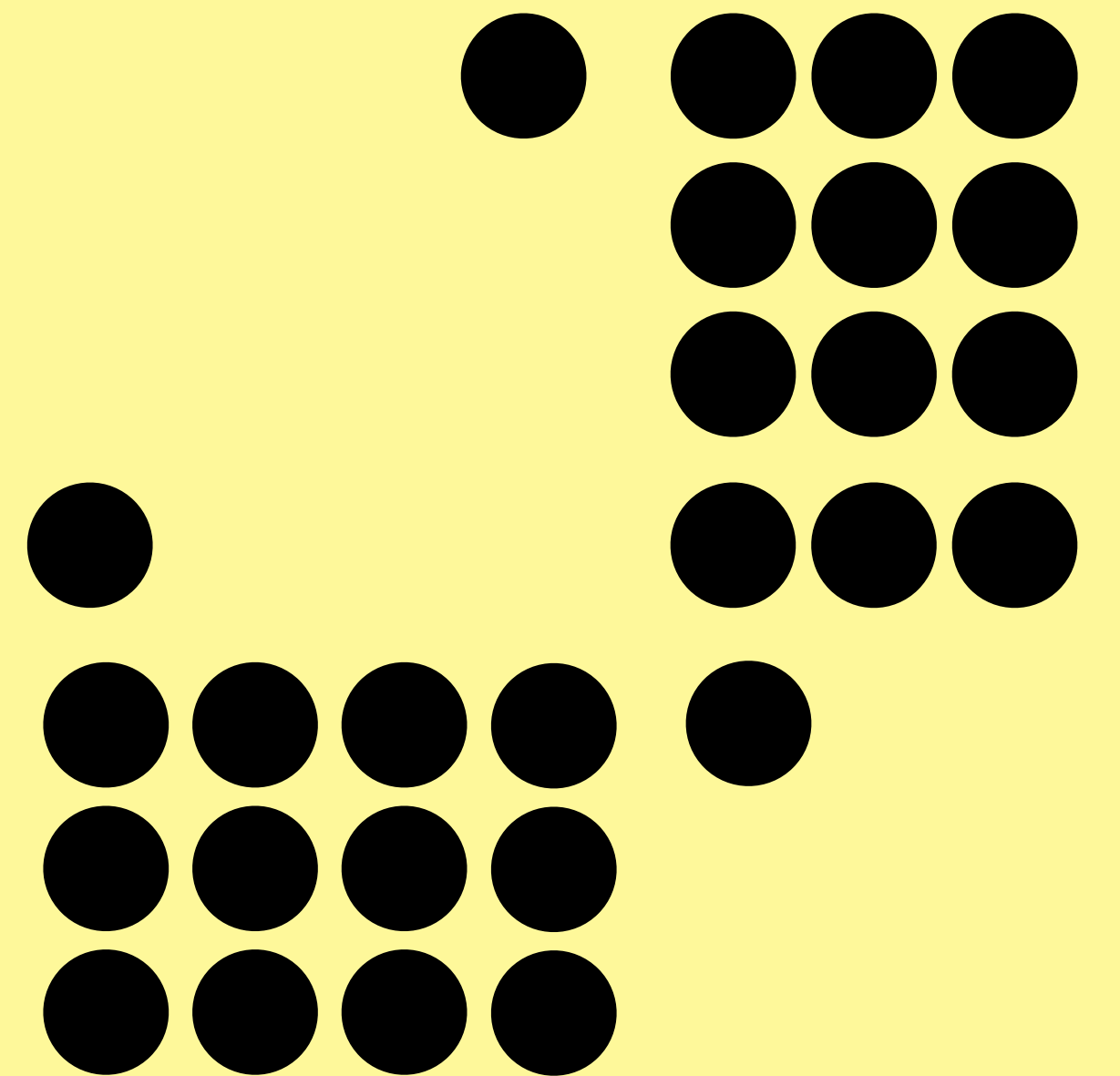
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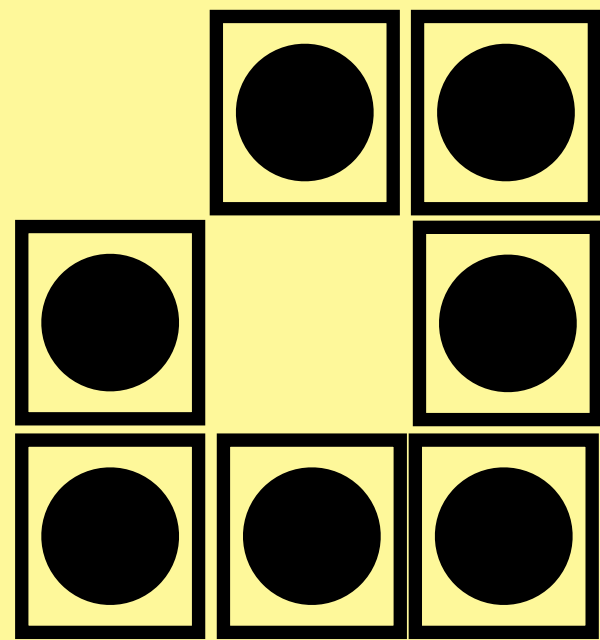
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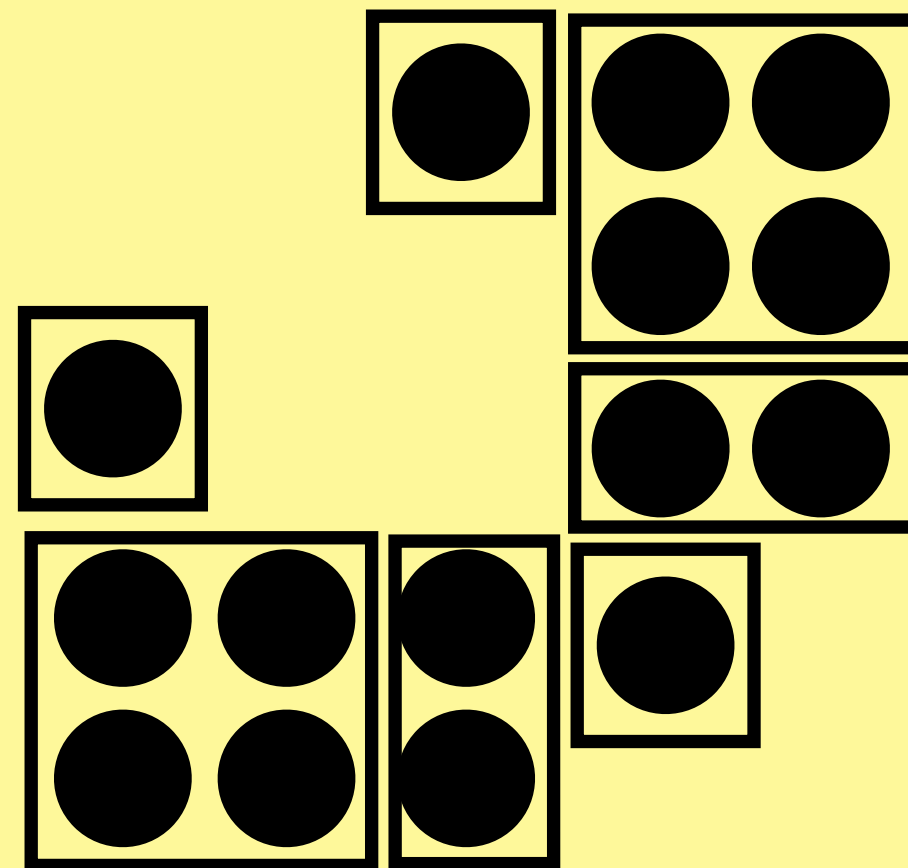
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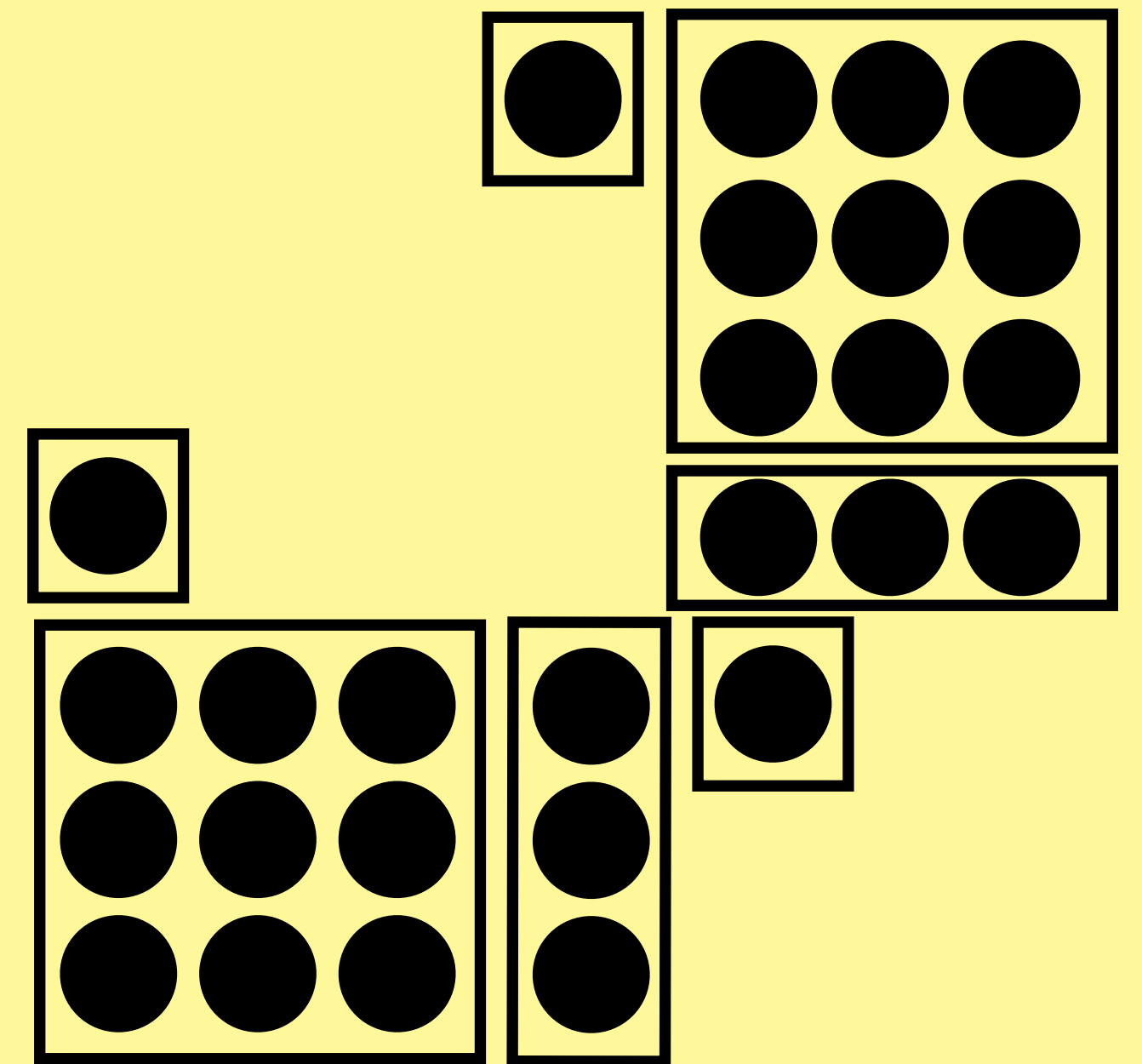
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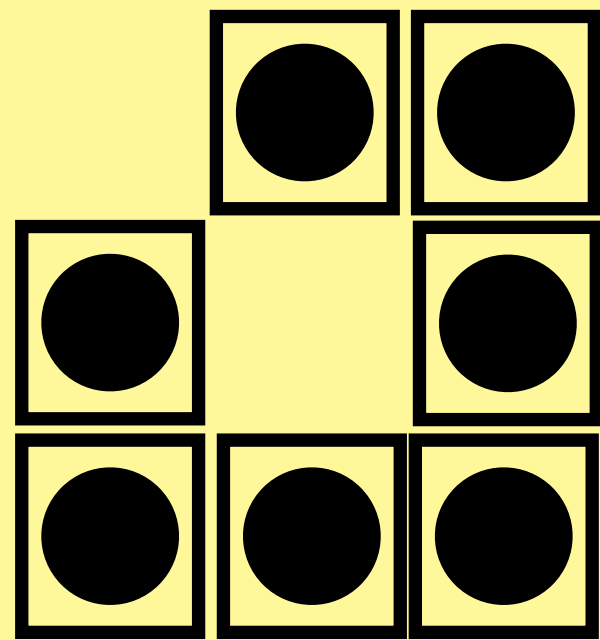


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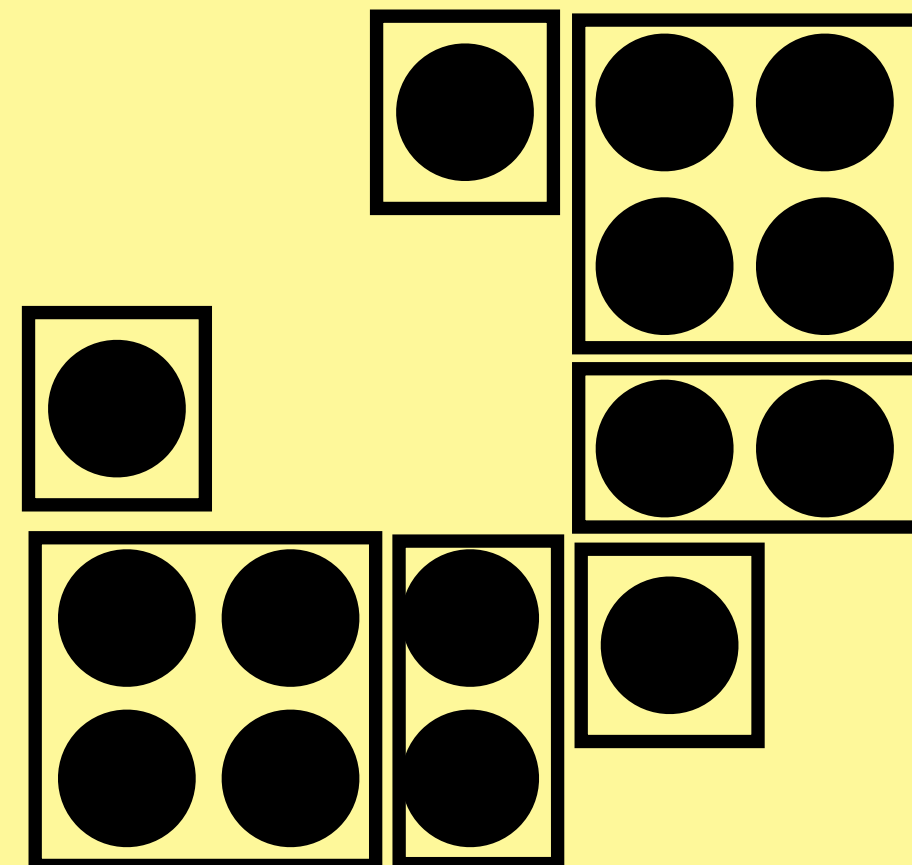


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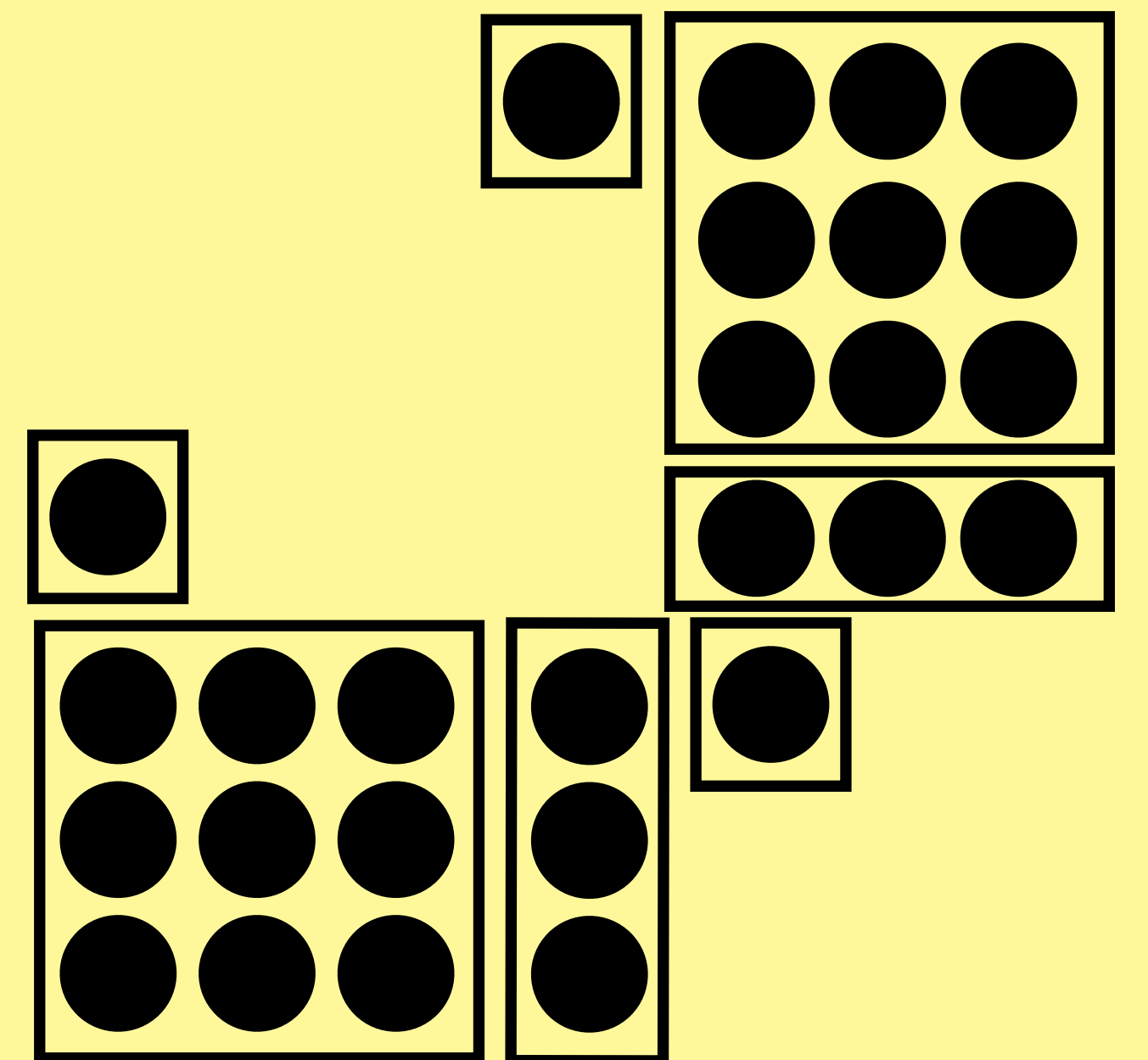
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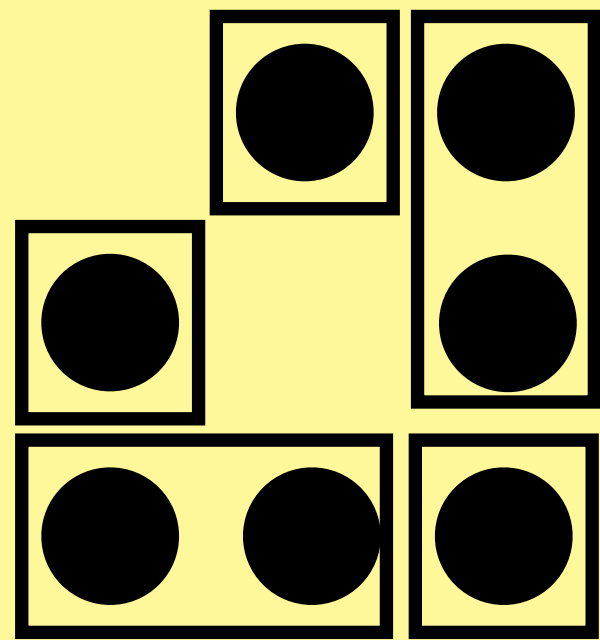
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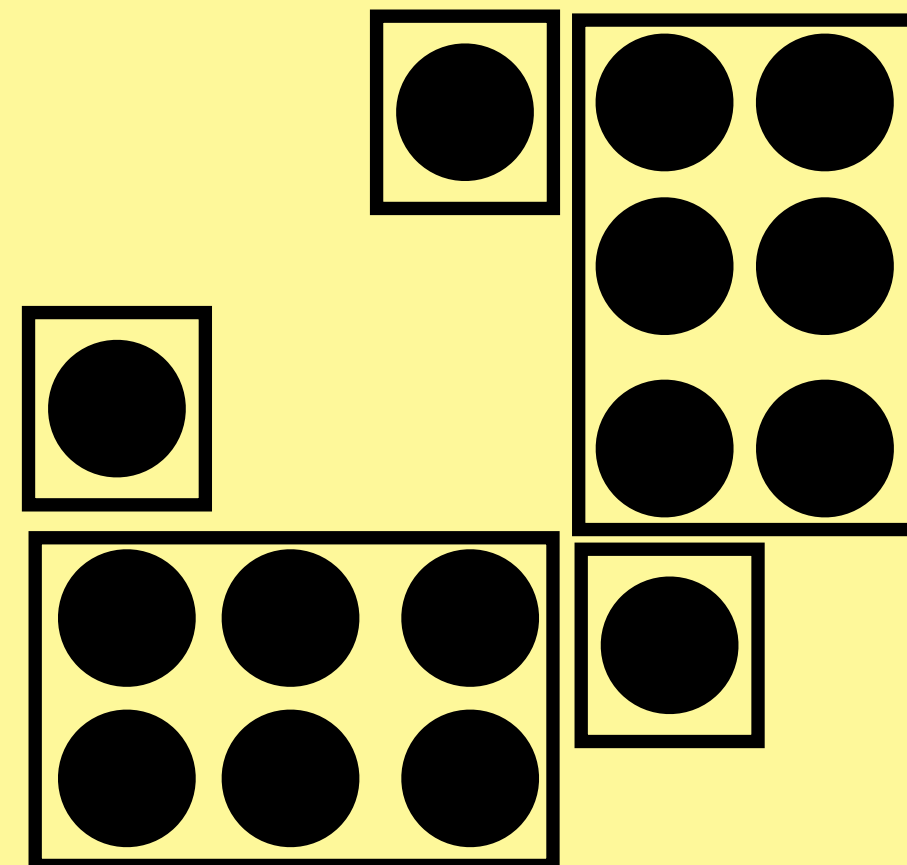
$$2c^2 + 2c + 3$$

Write an expression that describes how the rectangles have been drawn below.

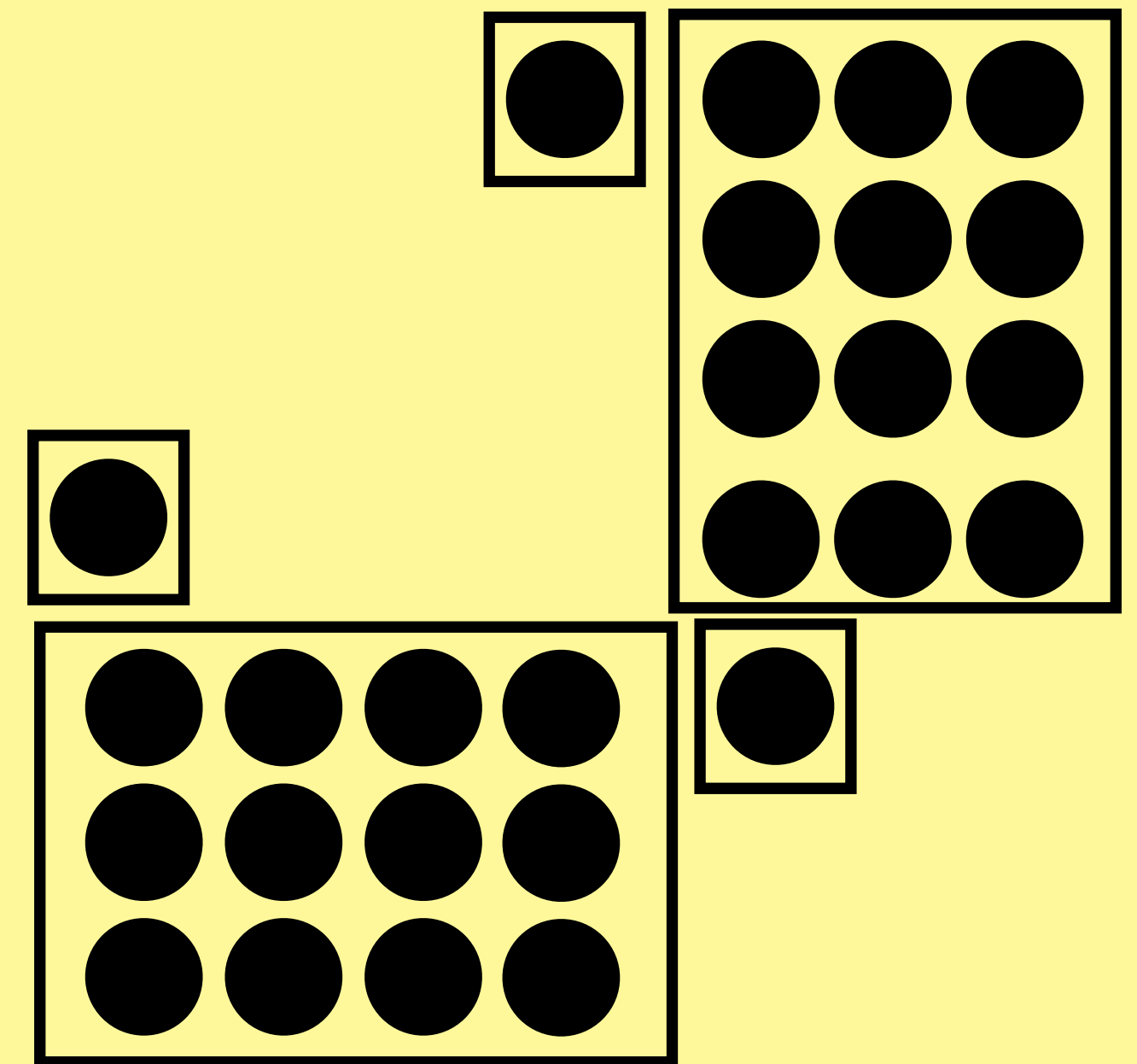
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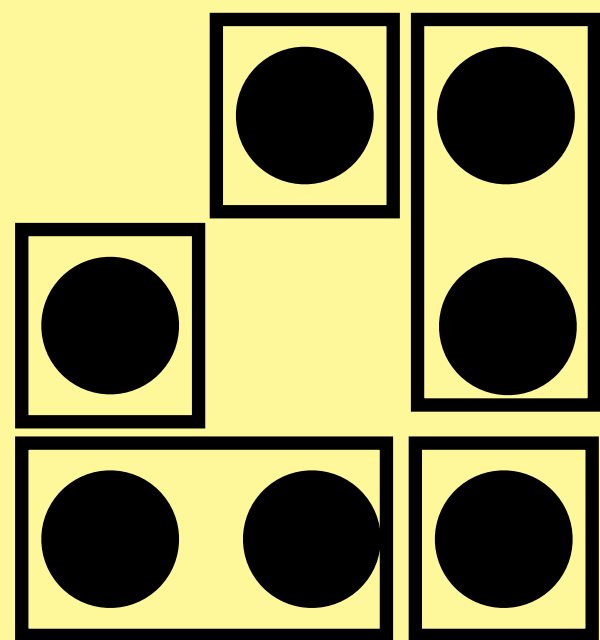


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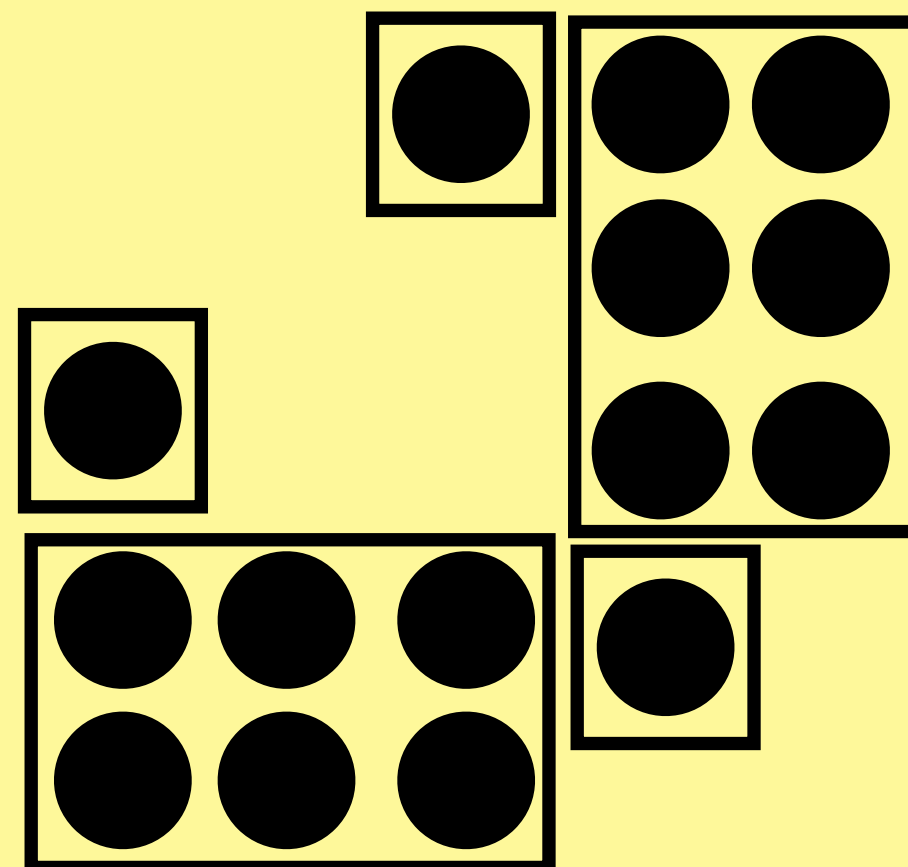


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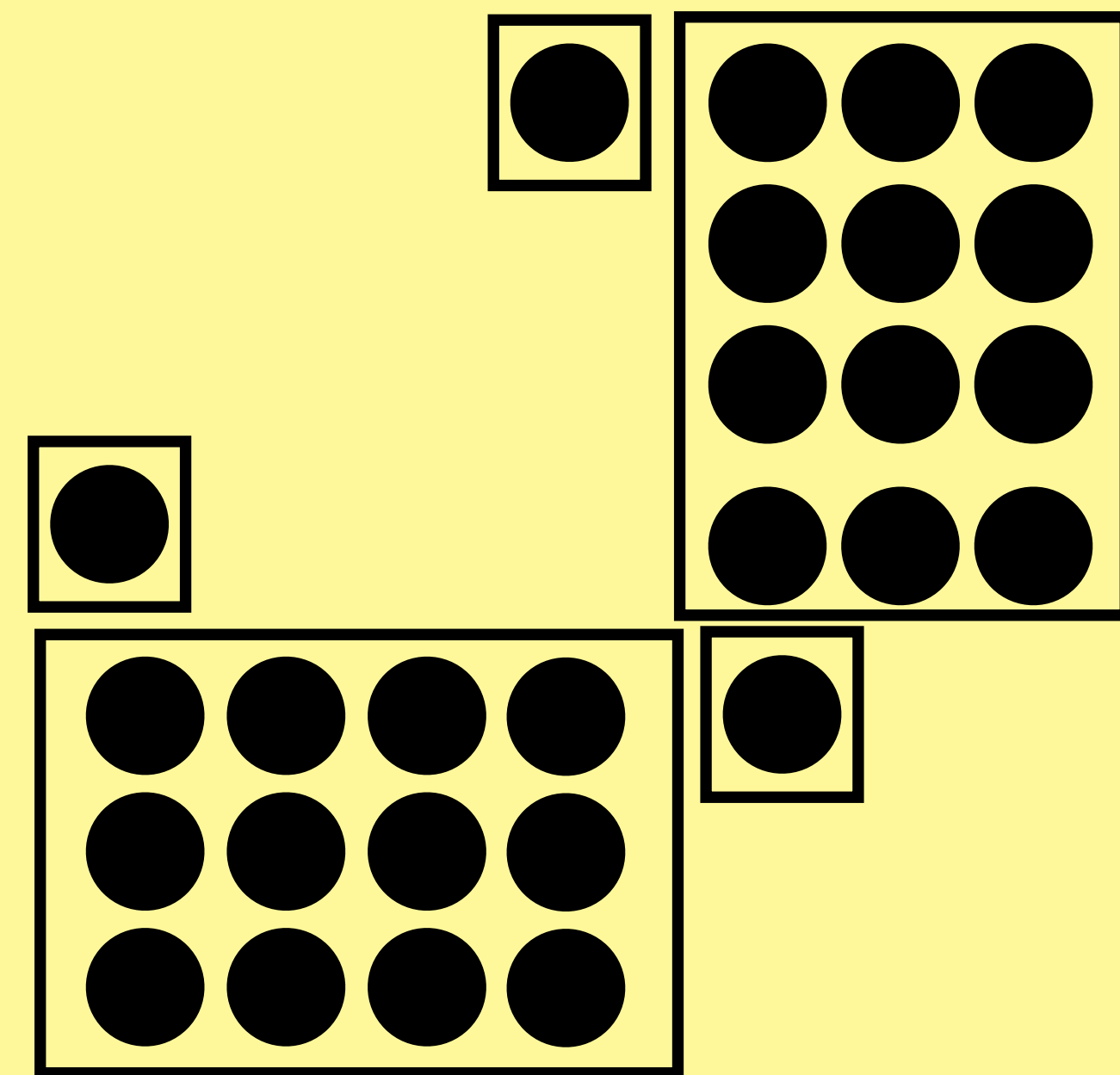
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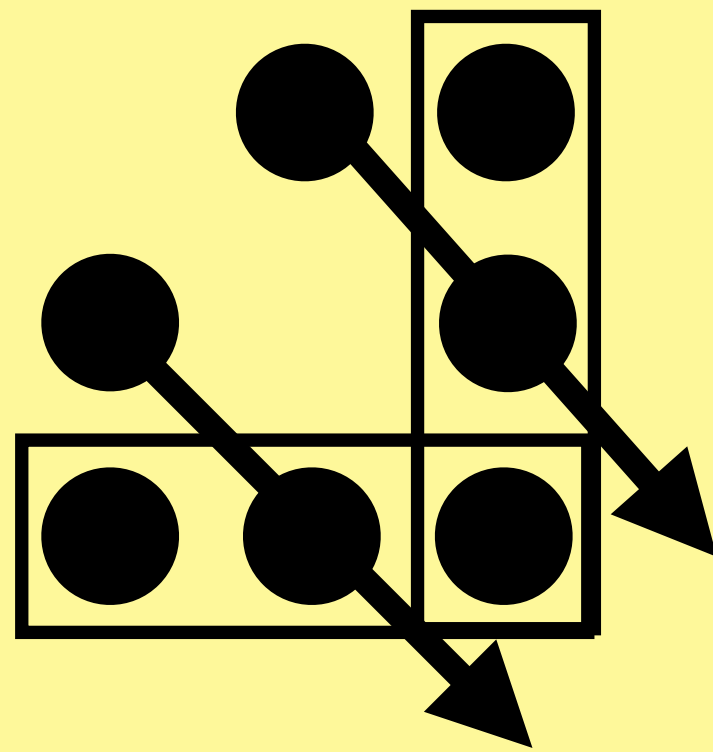
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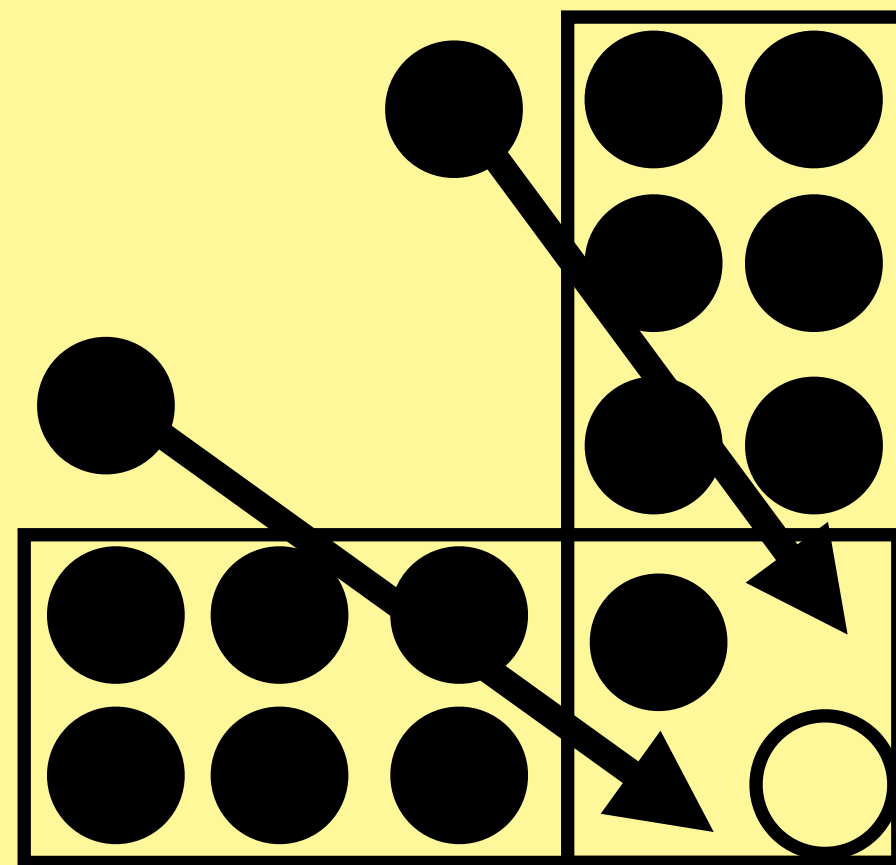
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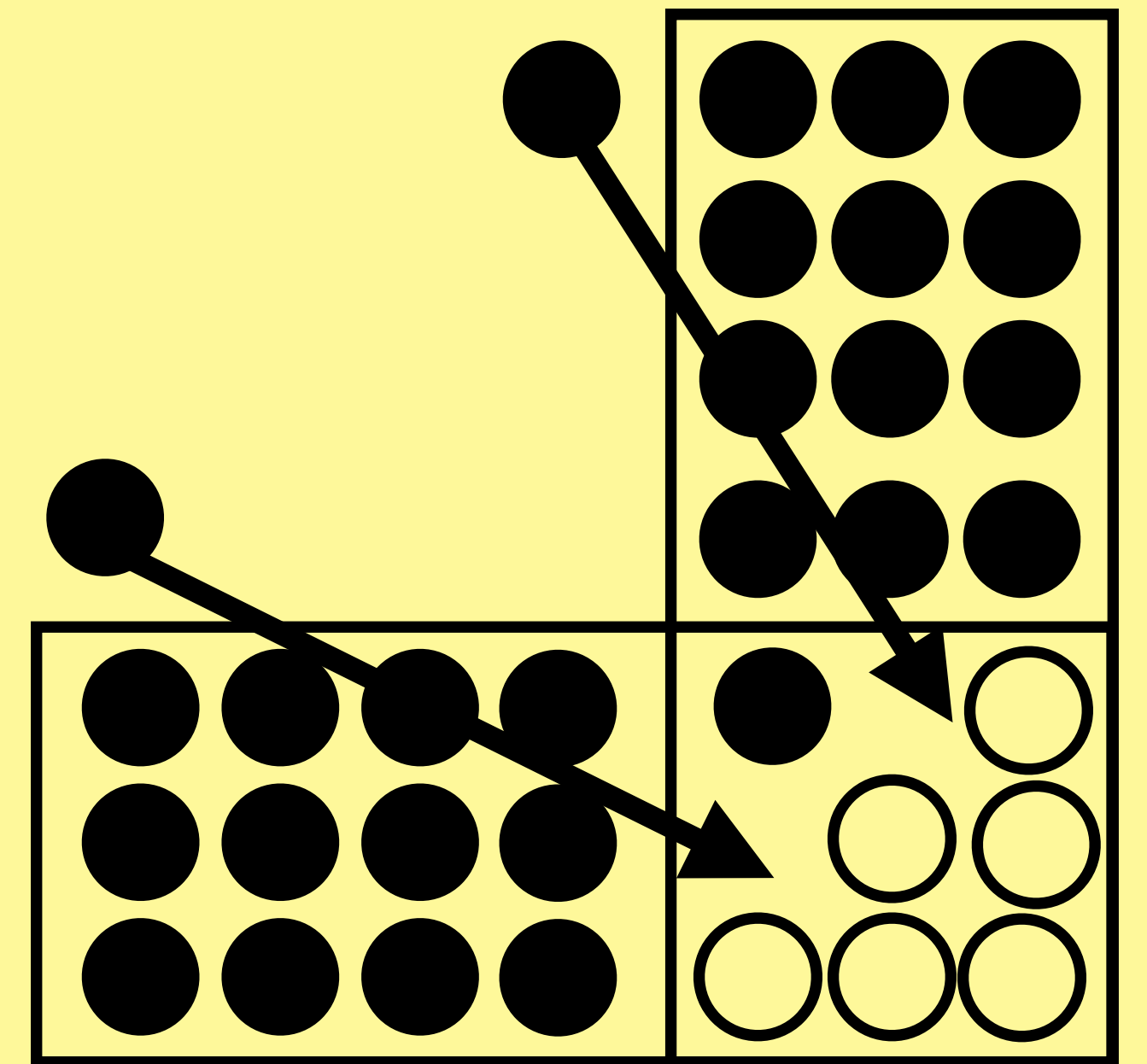
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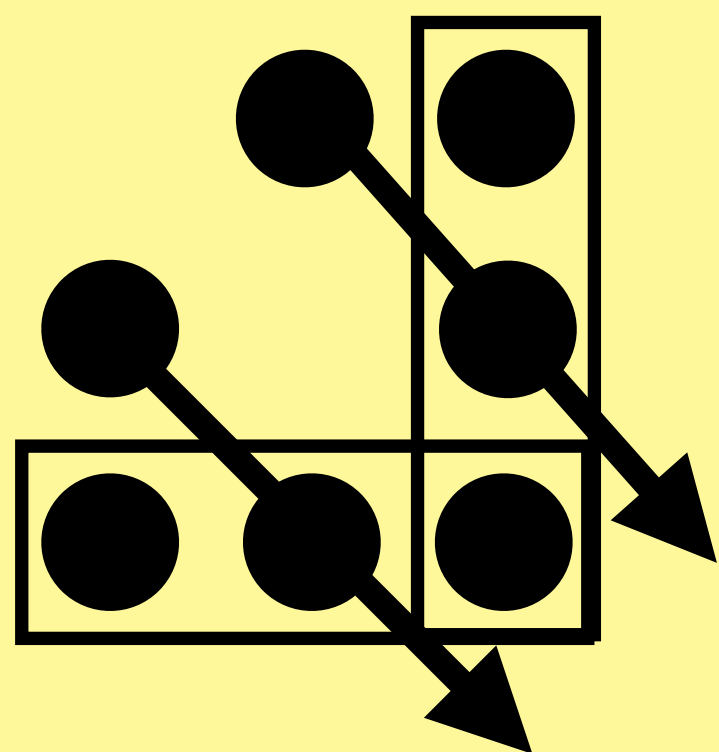


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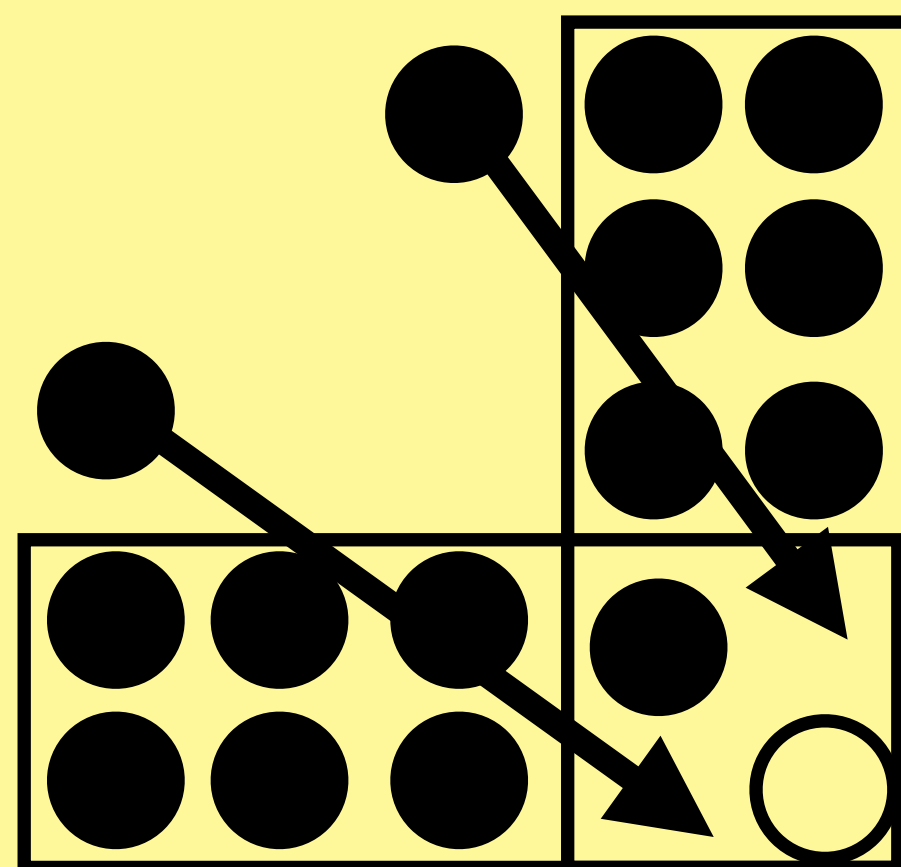


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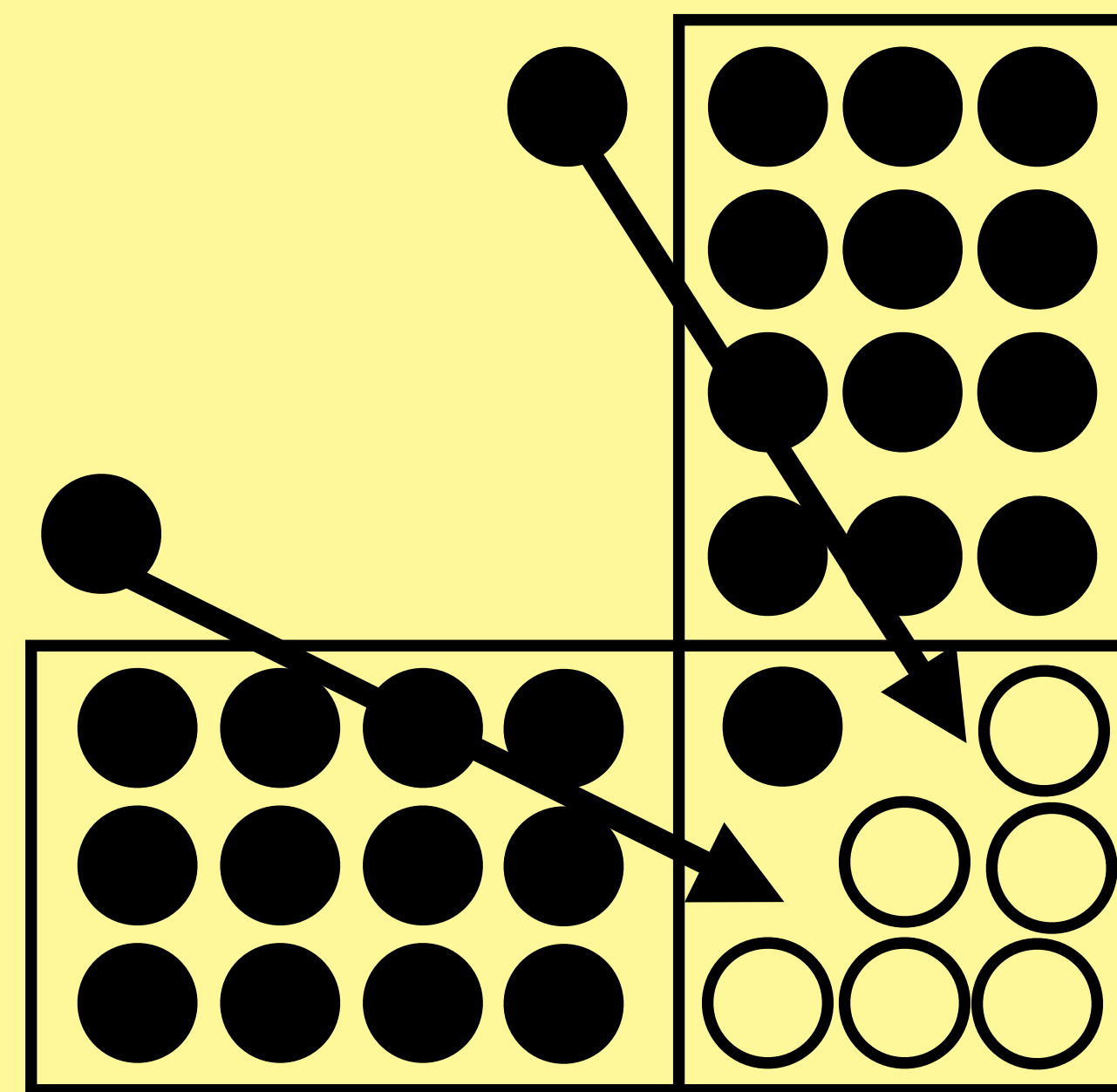
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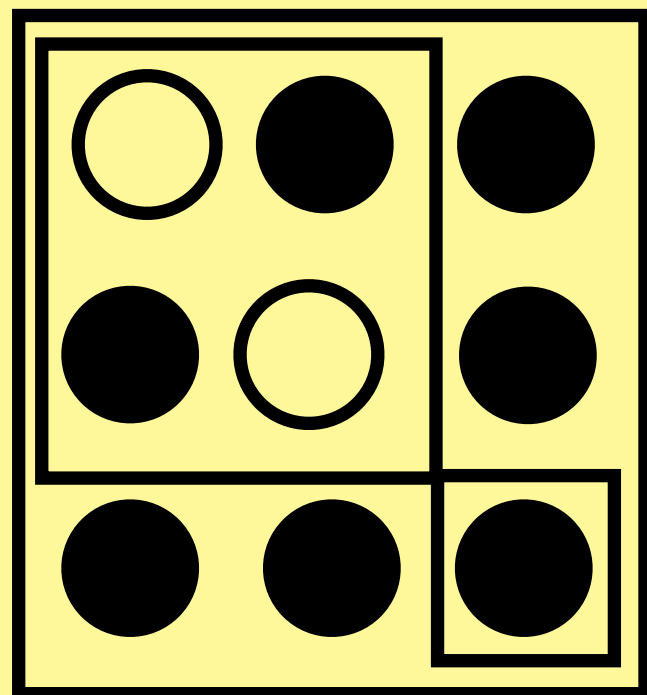
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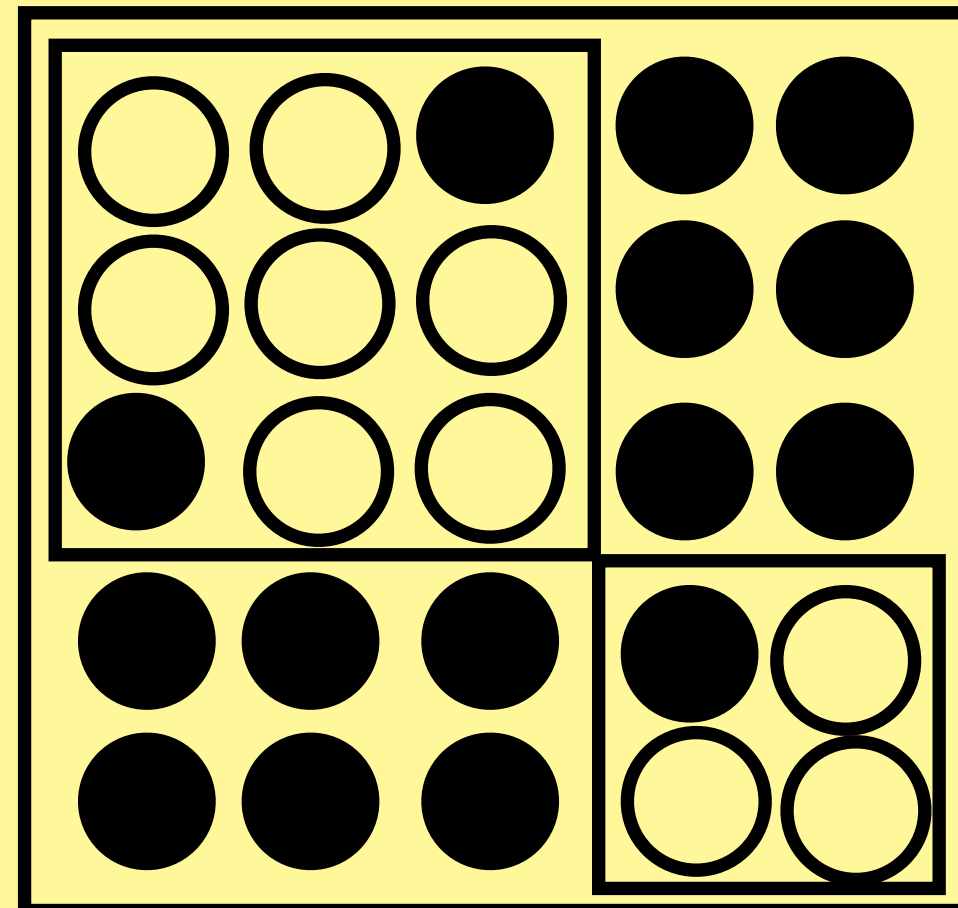
$$2[(c)(c + 1 + c)] - 2c^2 + 3$$

Write an expression that describes how the rectangles have been drawn below.

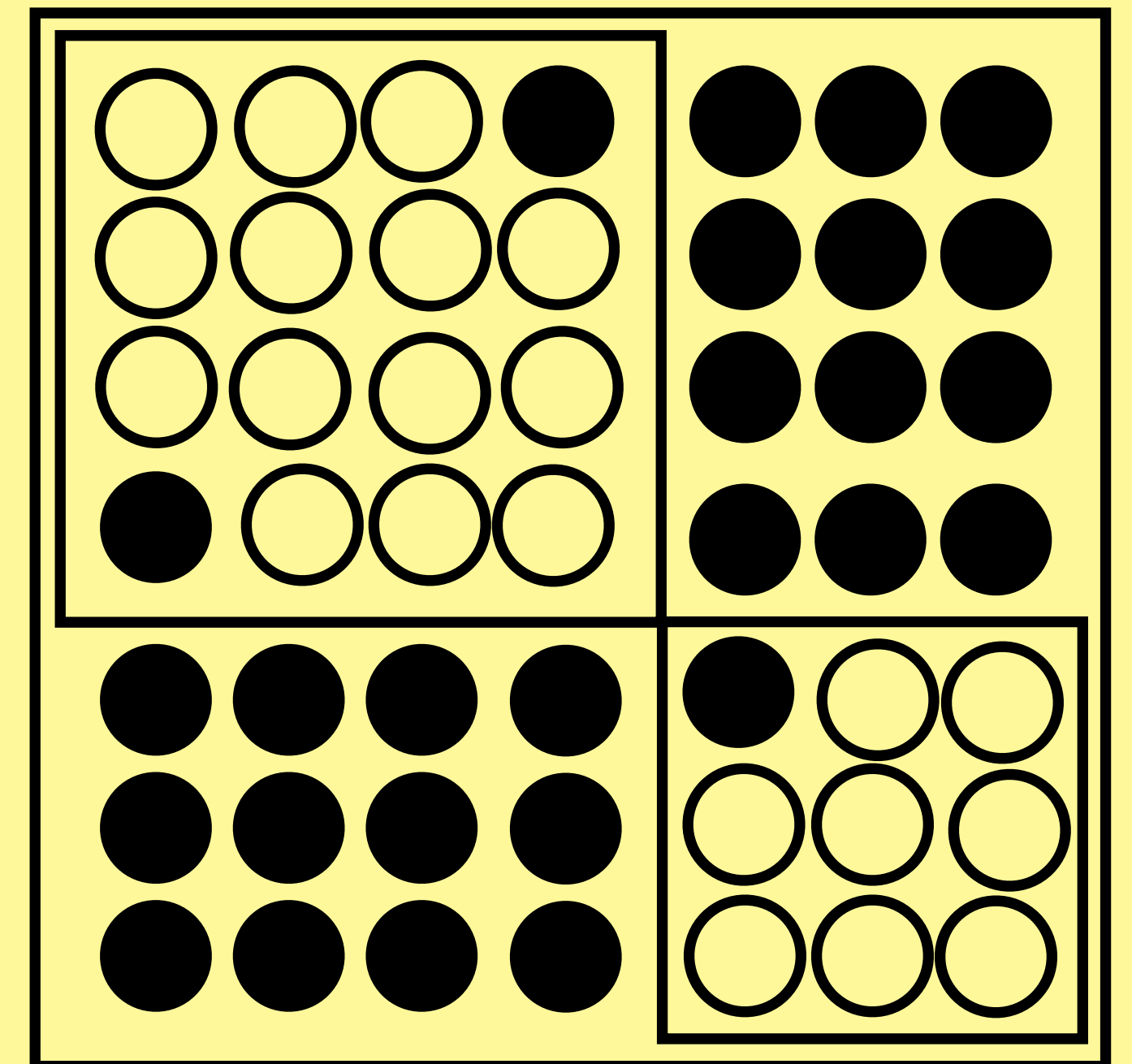
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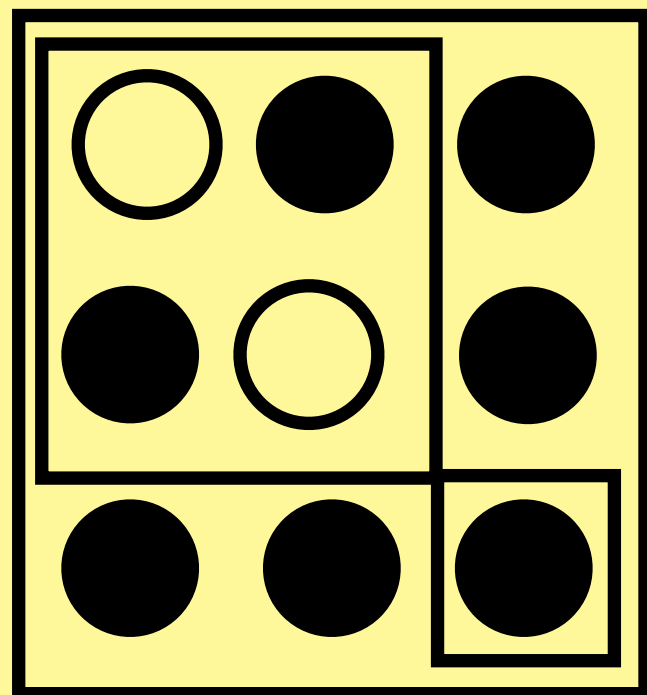


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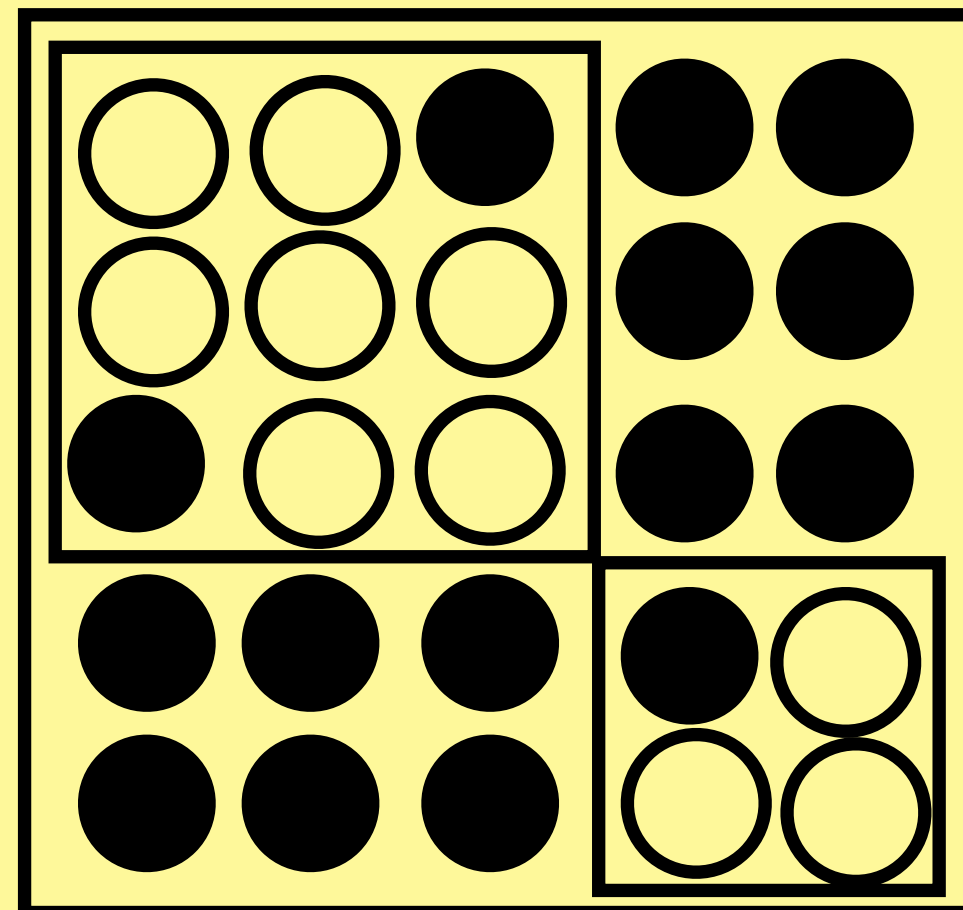


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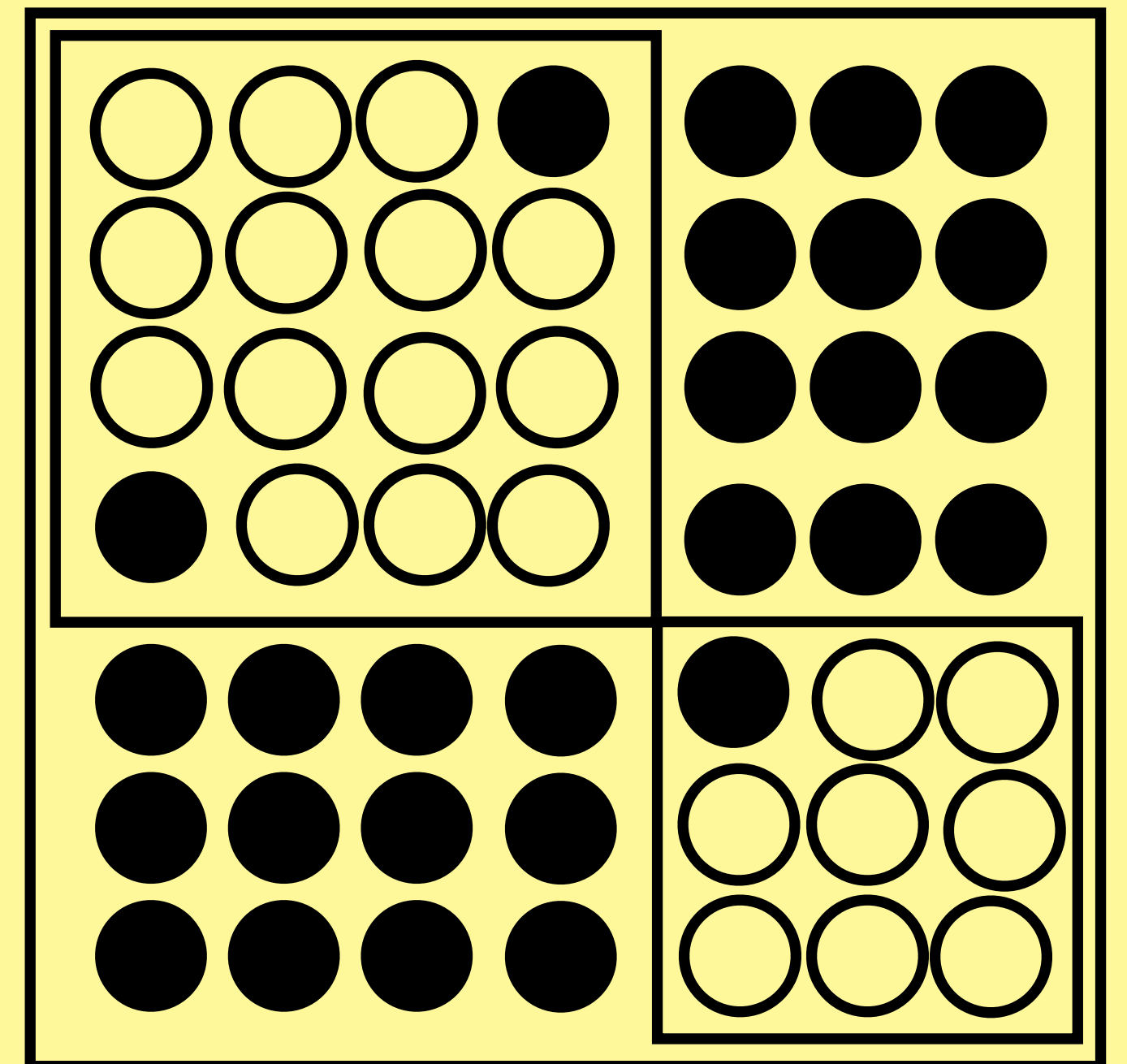
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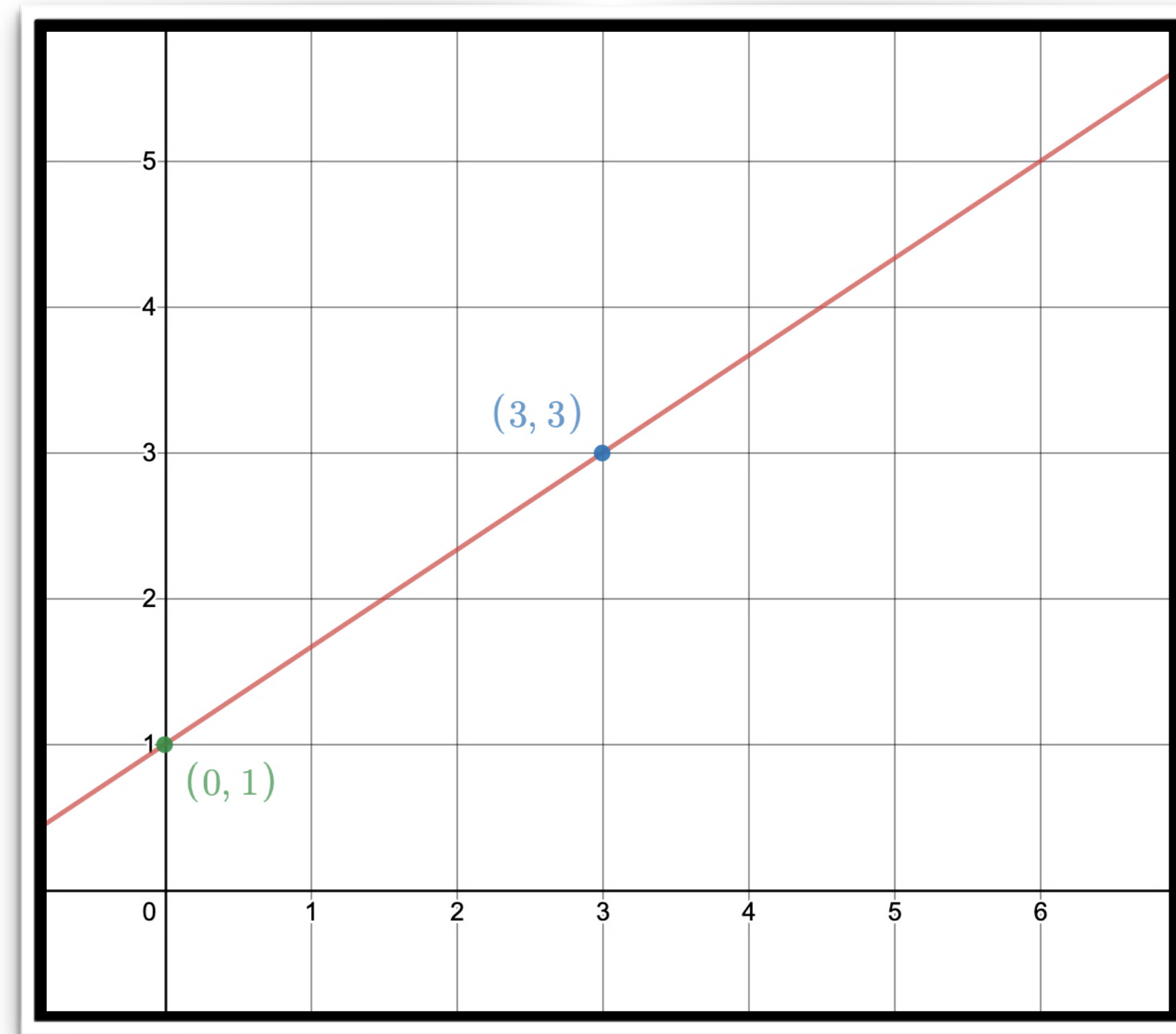
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$$(2c + 1)^2 - (c + 1)^2 + 2 - (c)^2 + 1$$

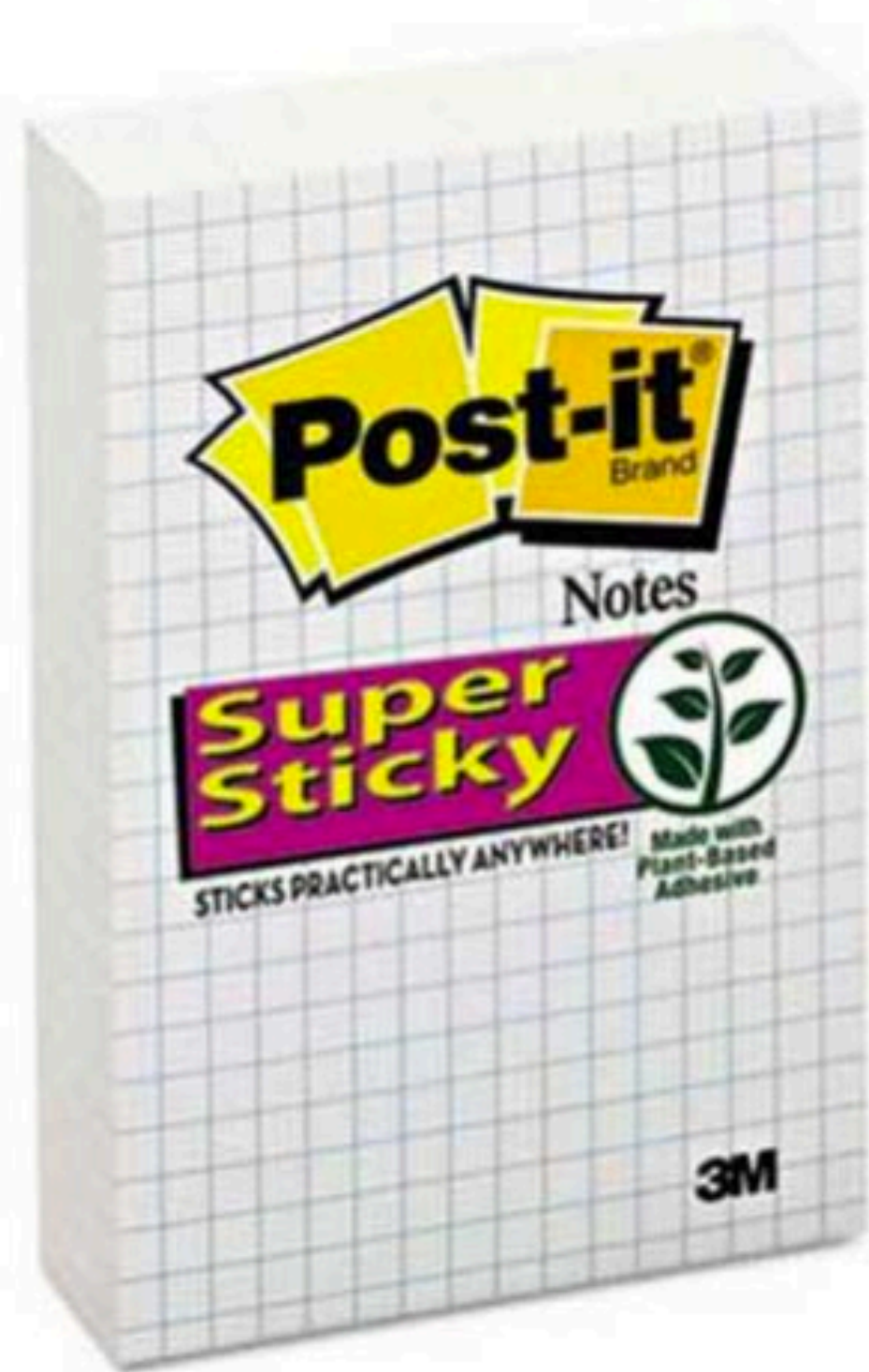
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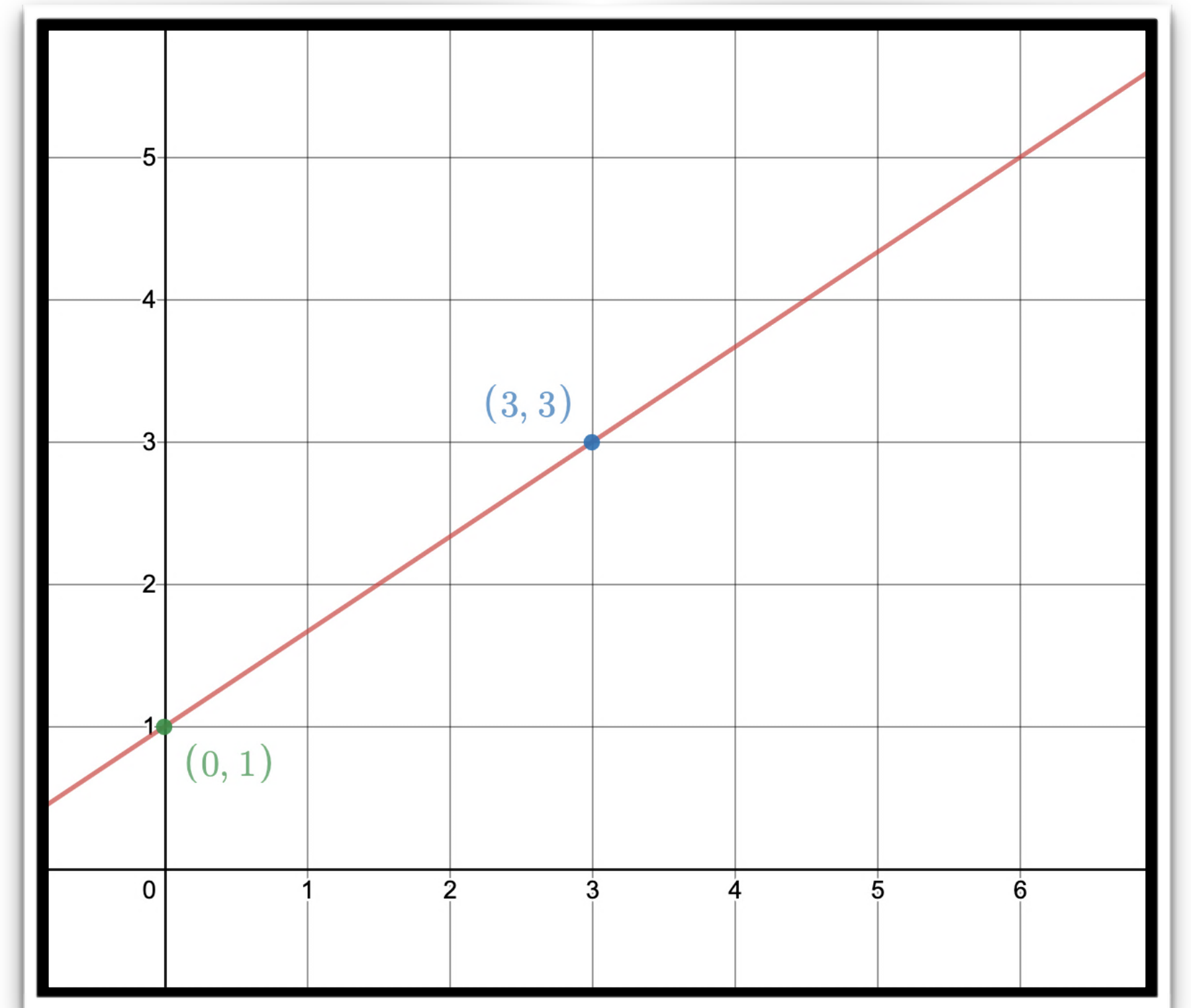


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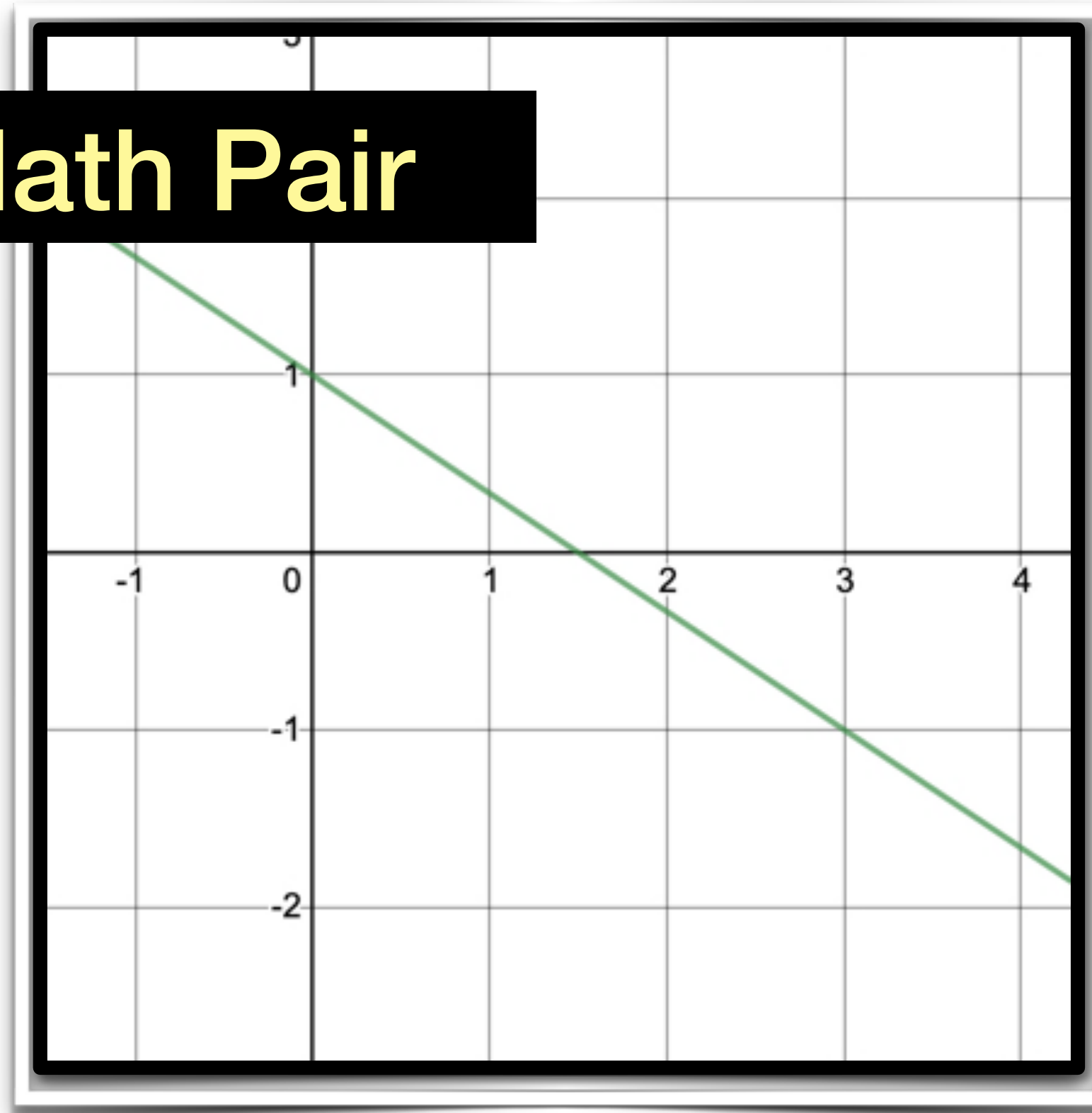


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Find as many connections as you can between the representations; describe the meaning of any symbols.

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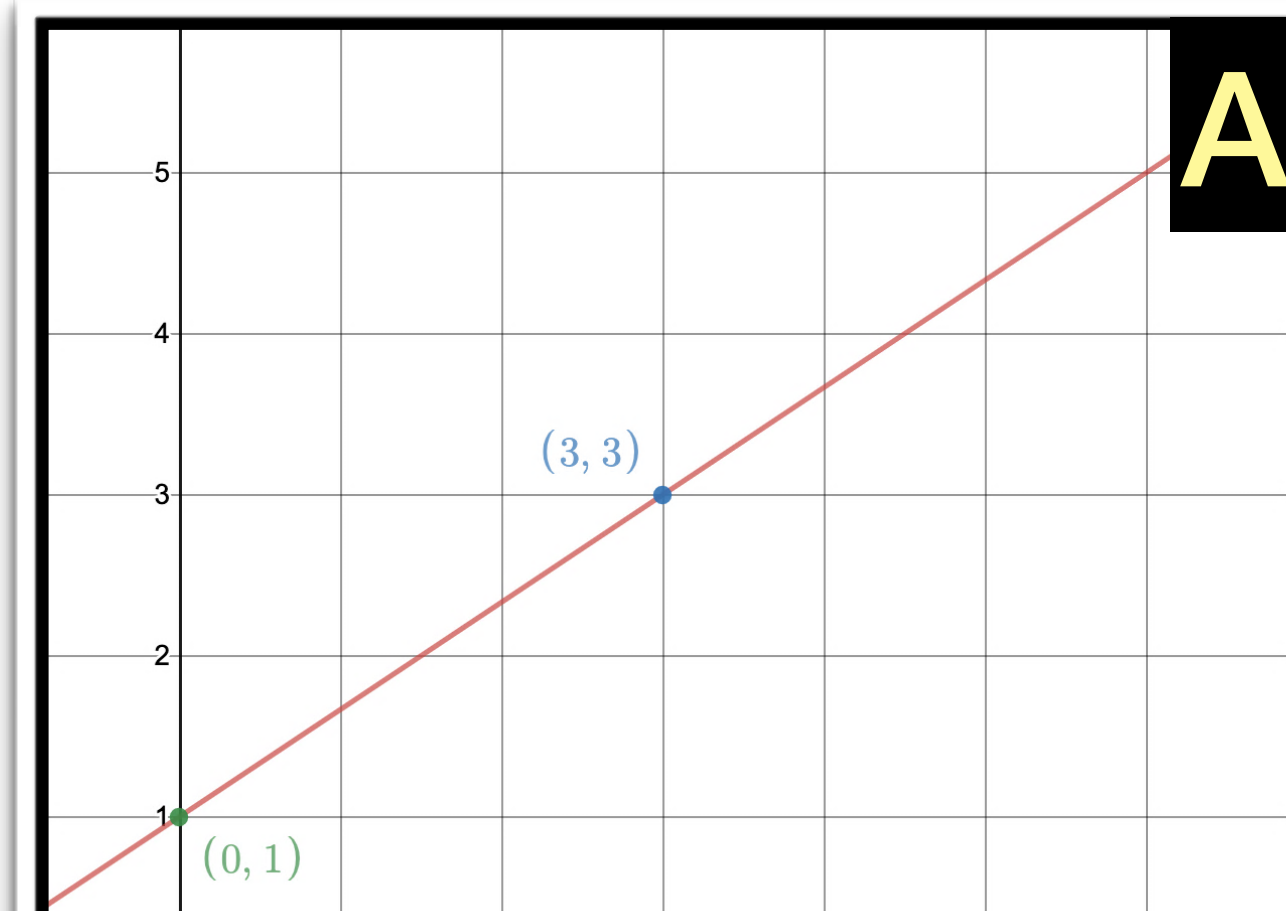
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What do you notice when comparing these 2 Sticky Math examples?

Example A

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$$y = \frac{2}{3}x + 1$$

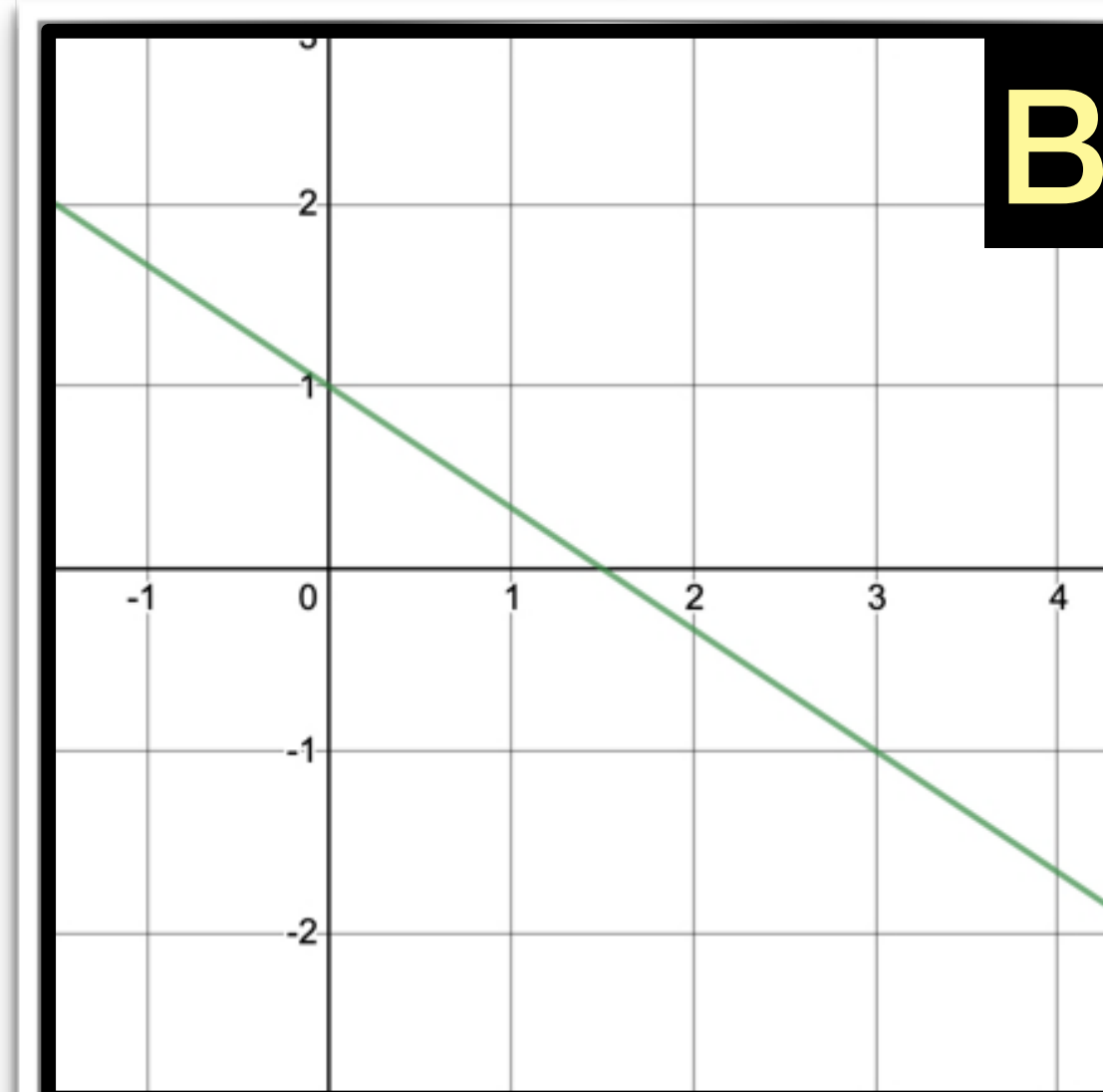


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Example B

B

$$y = \frac{-2}{3}x + 1$$



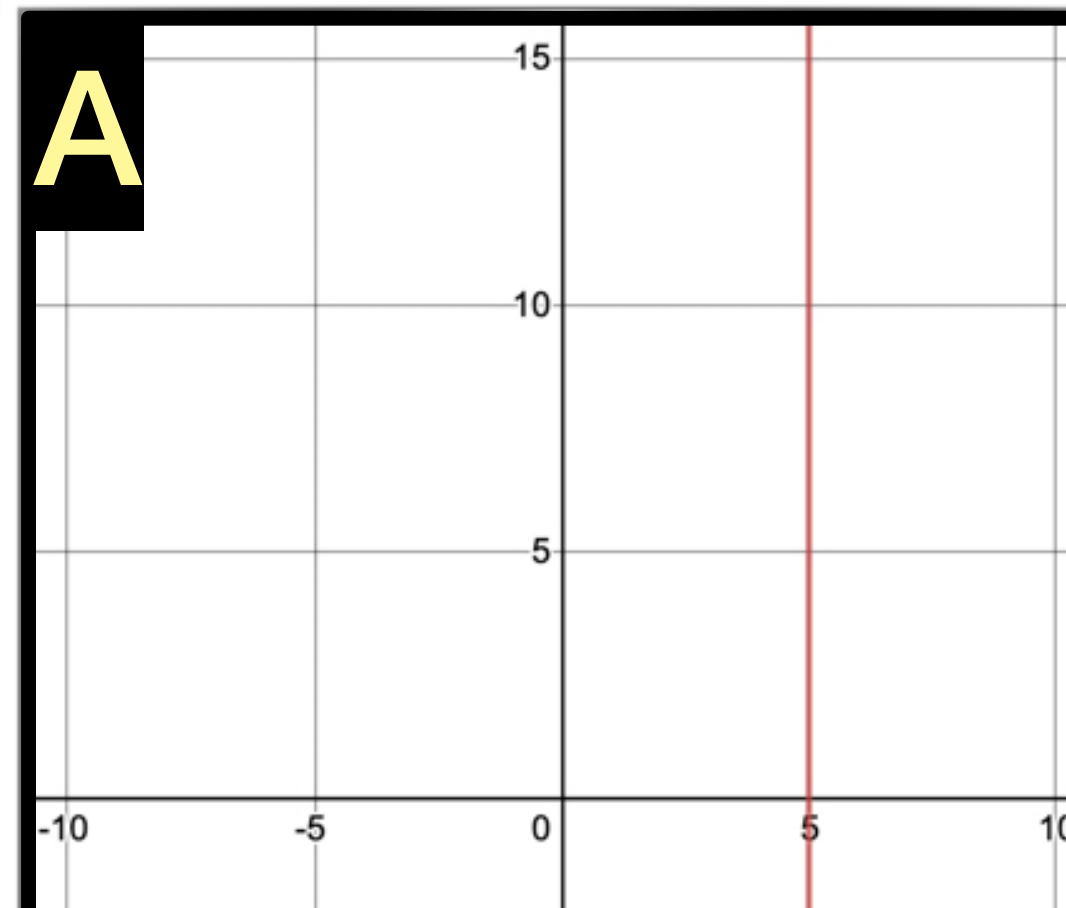
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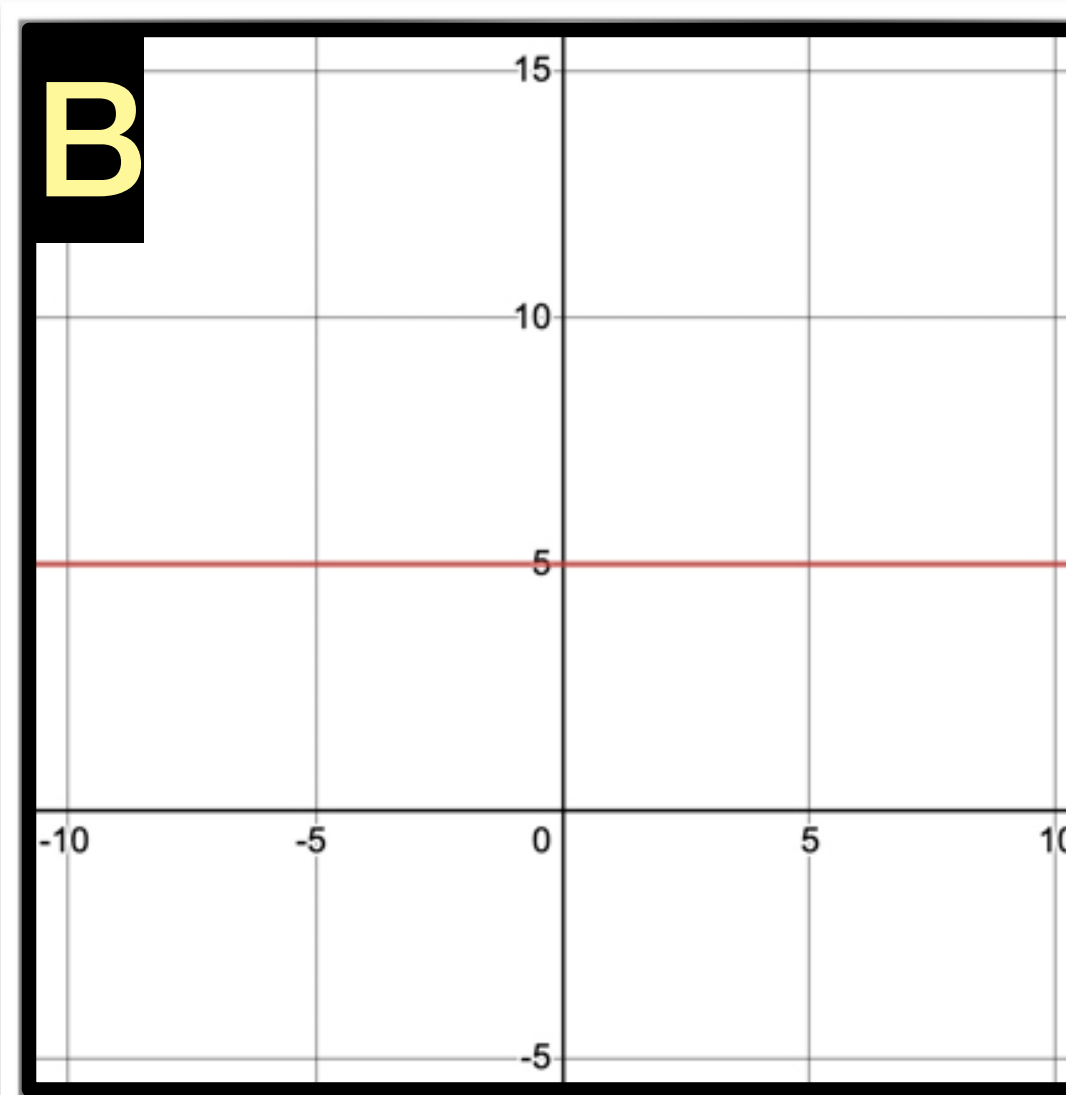
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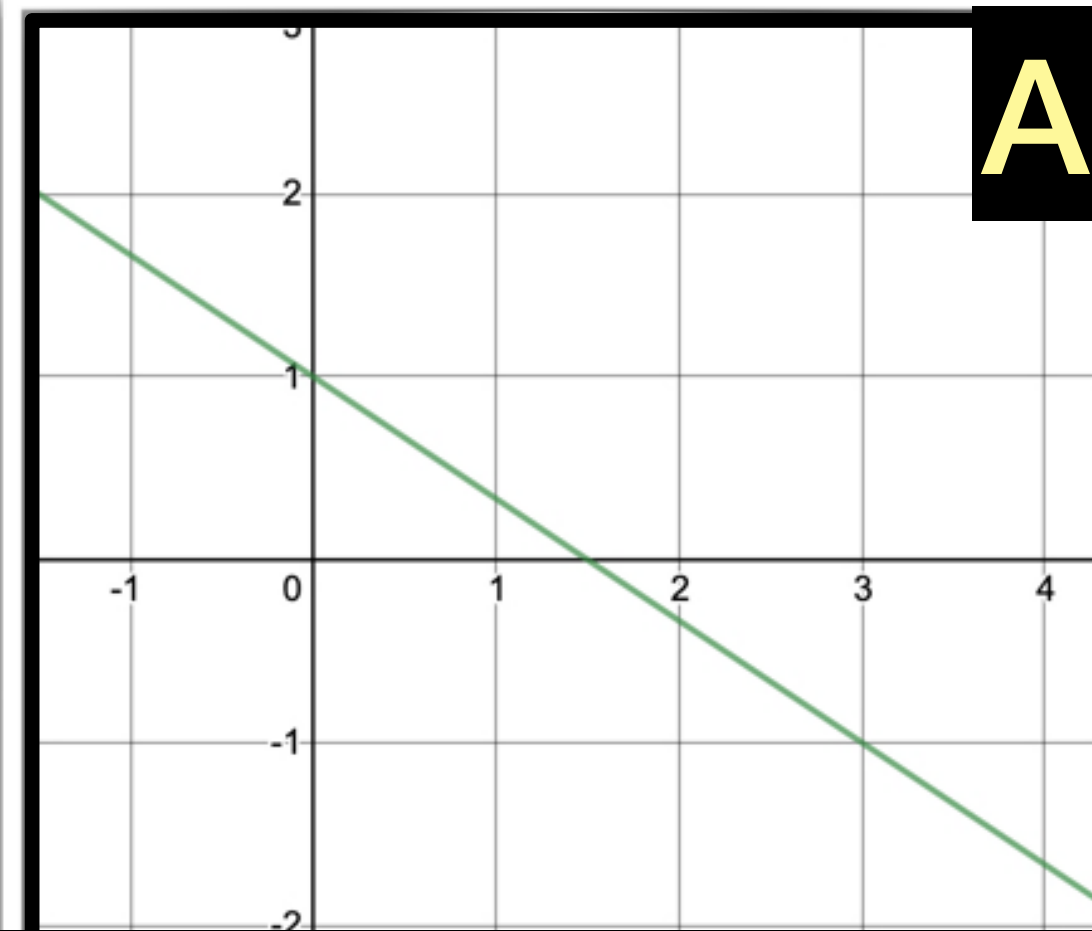
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What do you notice when comparing these 4 Sticky Math examples?

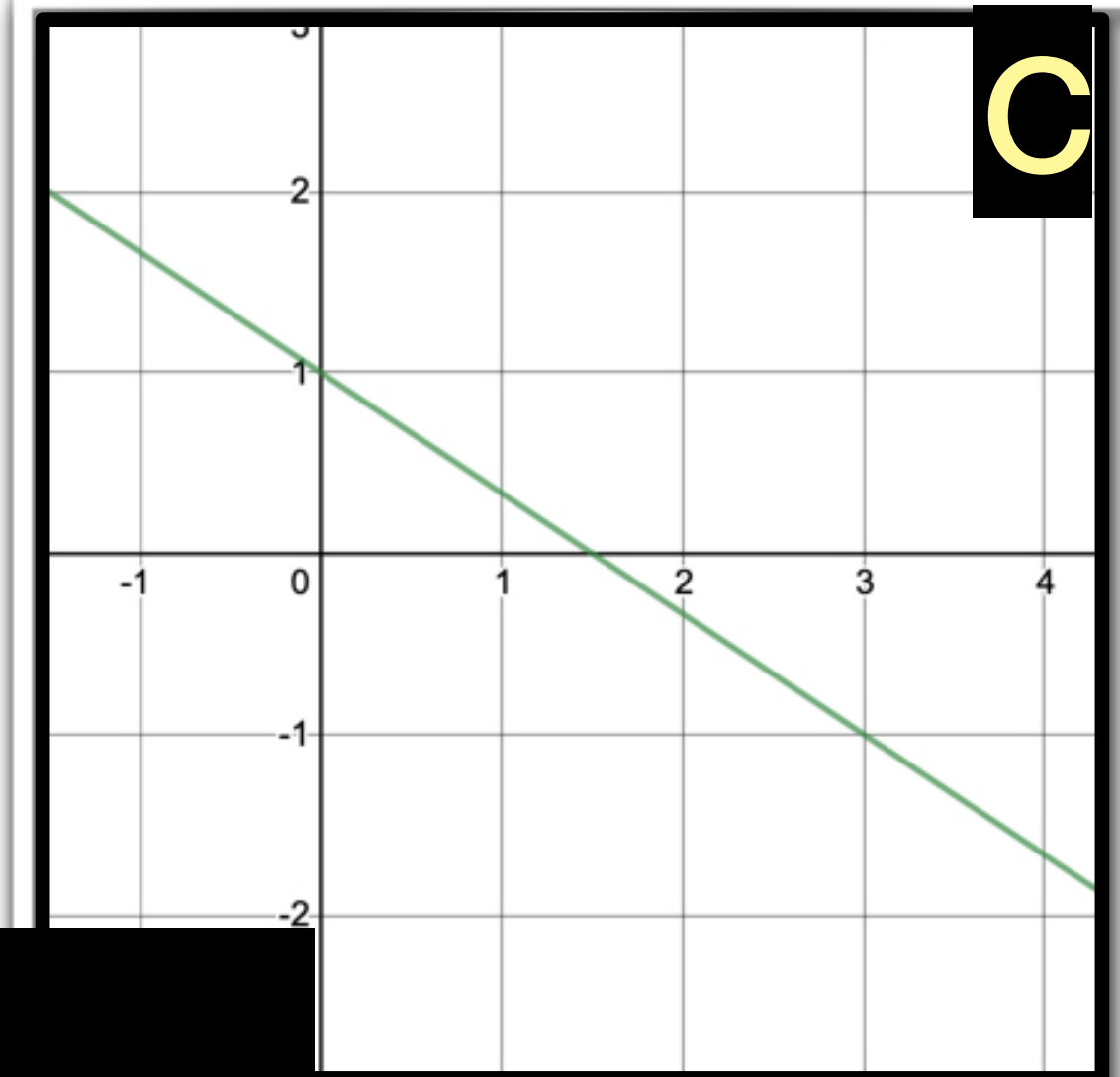
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$$y = \frac{2}{-3}x + 1$$



C

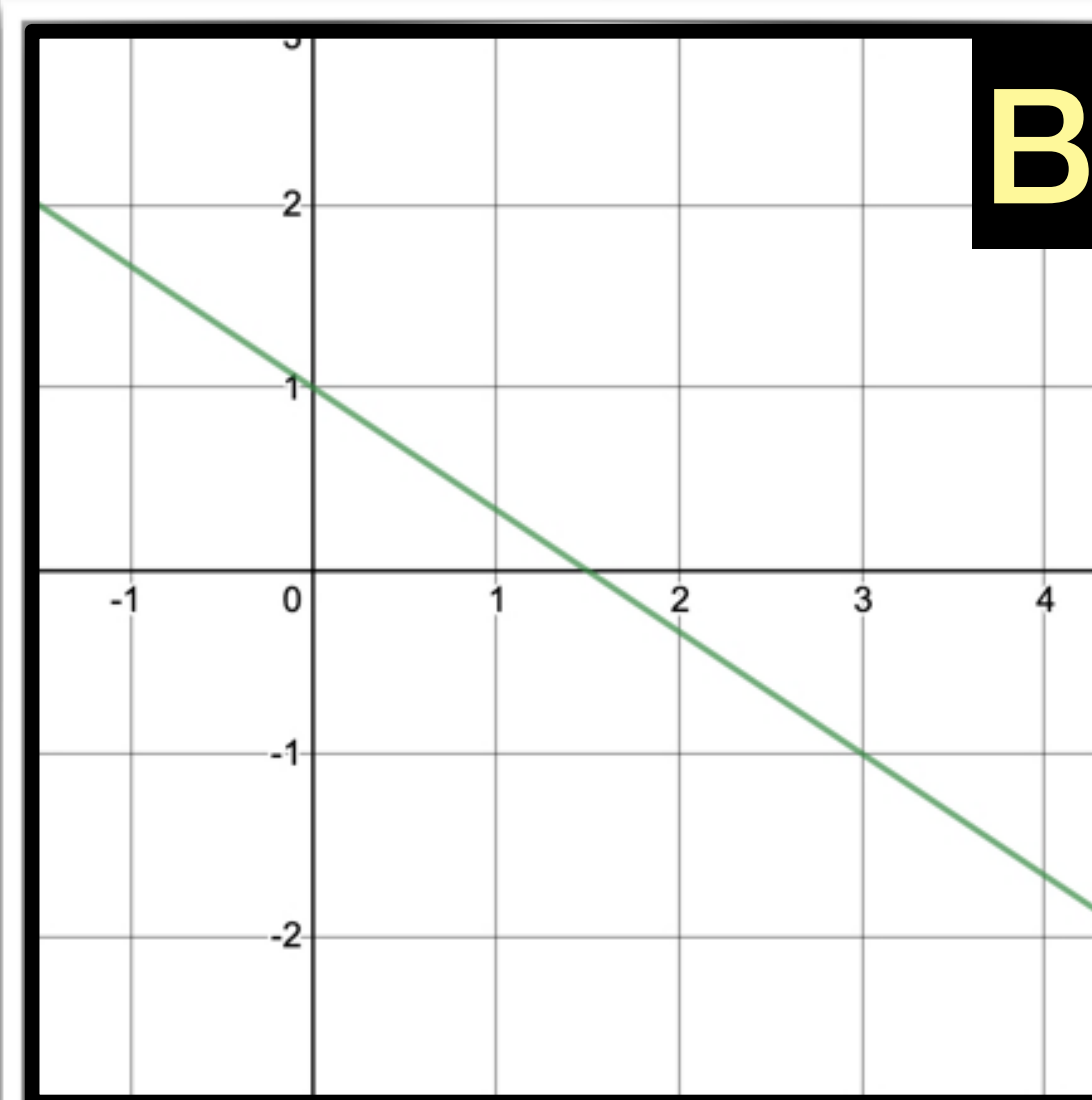
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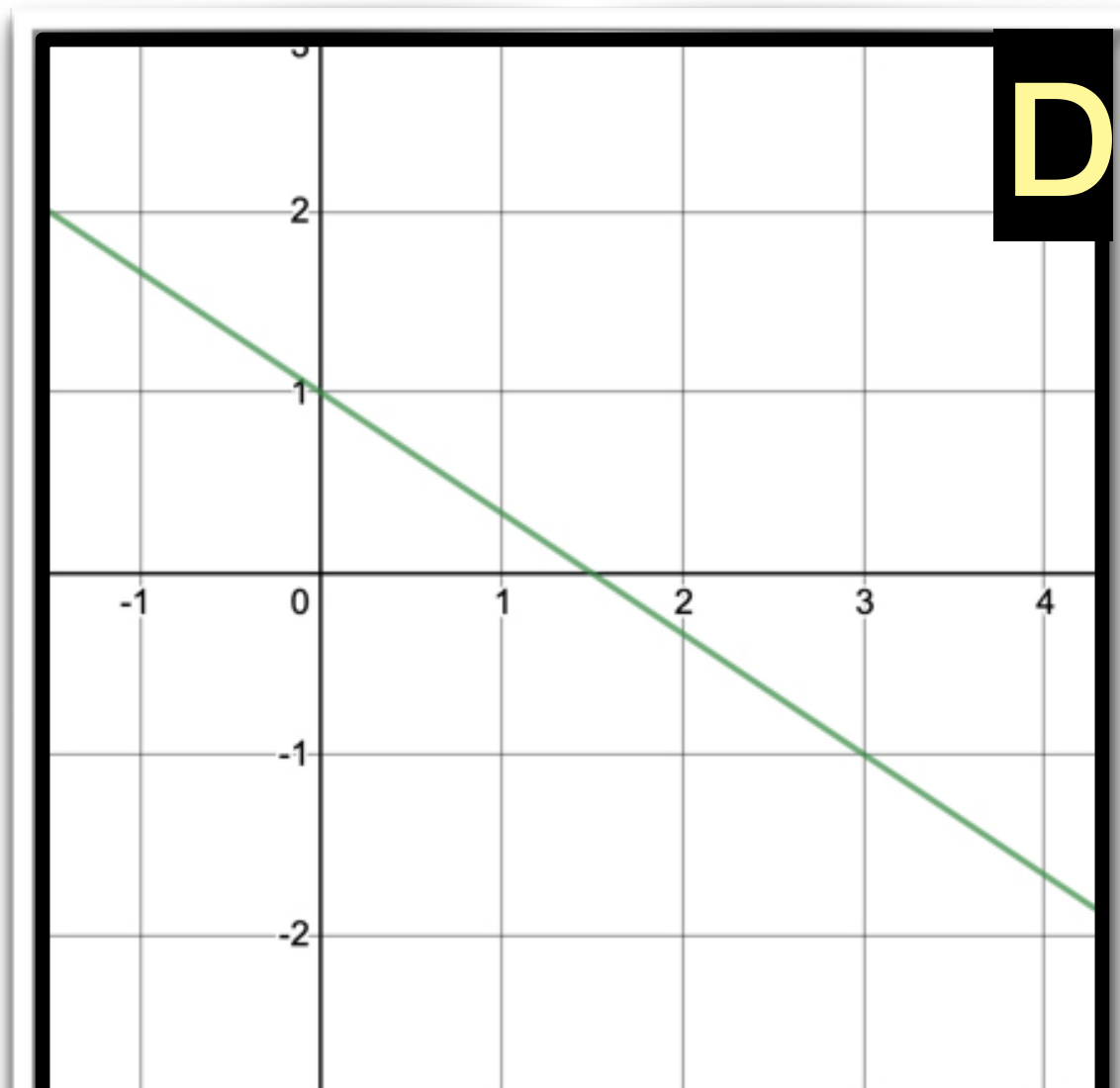
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$$y = \frac{-2}{3}x + 1$$



D

$$y = \frac{-\frac{2}{3}}{1}x + 1$$

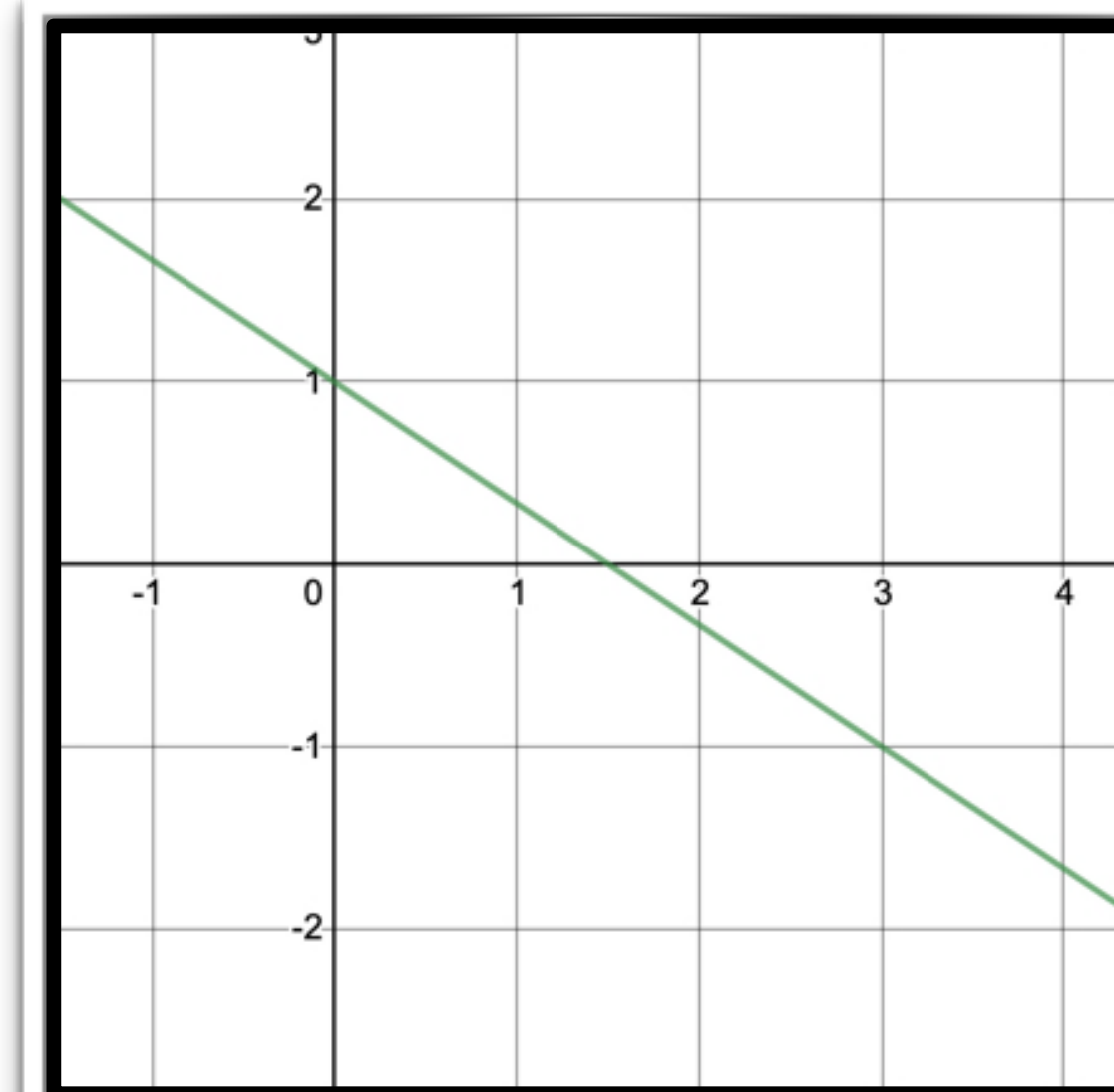


Sticky Math Matching: Use As Is

I started with one dollar. I lost $\frac{2}{3}$ of a dollar each day.

x	y
0	1
3	3
6	5
9	7

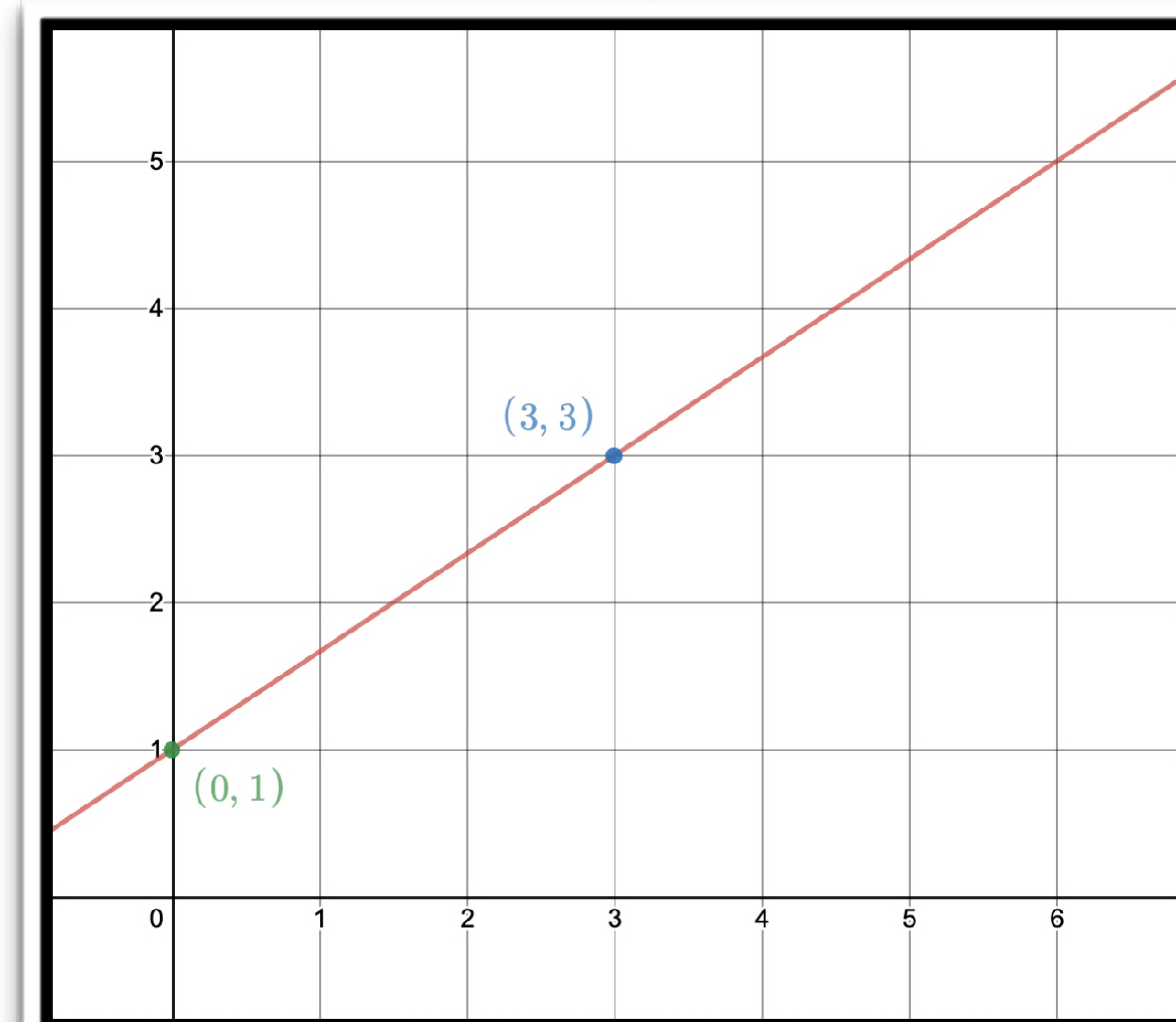
$$y = \frac{2}{3}x + 1$$



$$y = -\frac{2}{3}x + 1$$

x	y
0	1
1	$\frac{1}{3}$
2	$-\frac{1}{3}$
3	-1

I started with one dollar. I got 2 dollars every 3 days.



Sticky Math Matching! (Use as is.)

A

$$y = 10x^2$$

$$y = \frac{1}{10}x^2$$

B

$$y = x^2 - 0x$$

$$y = x^2 - 10x$$

C

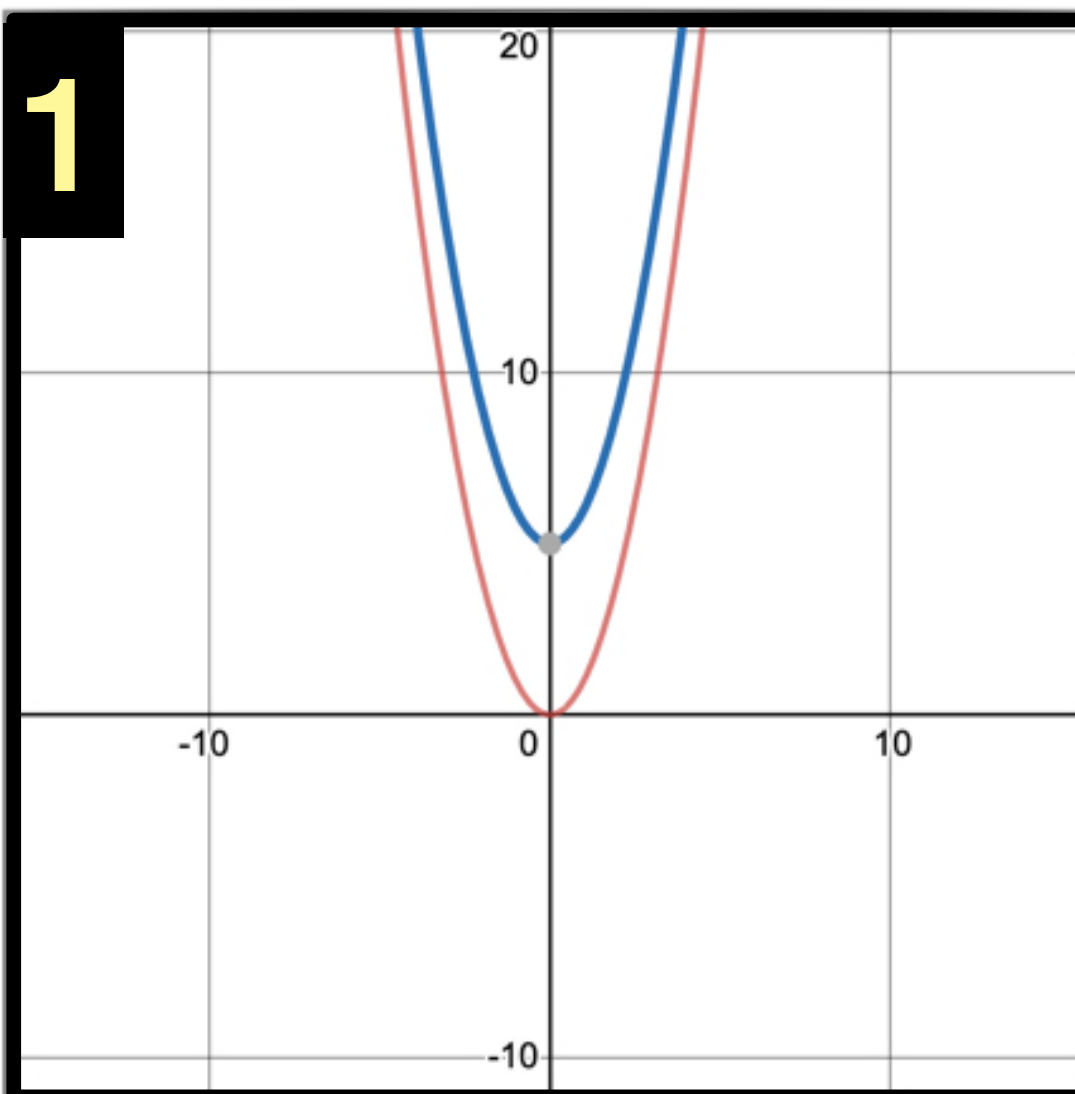
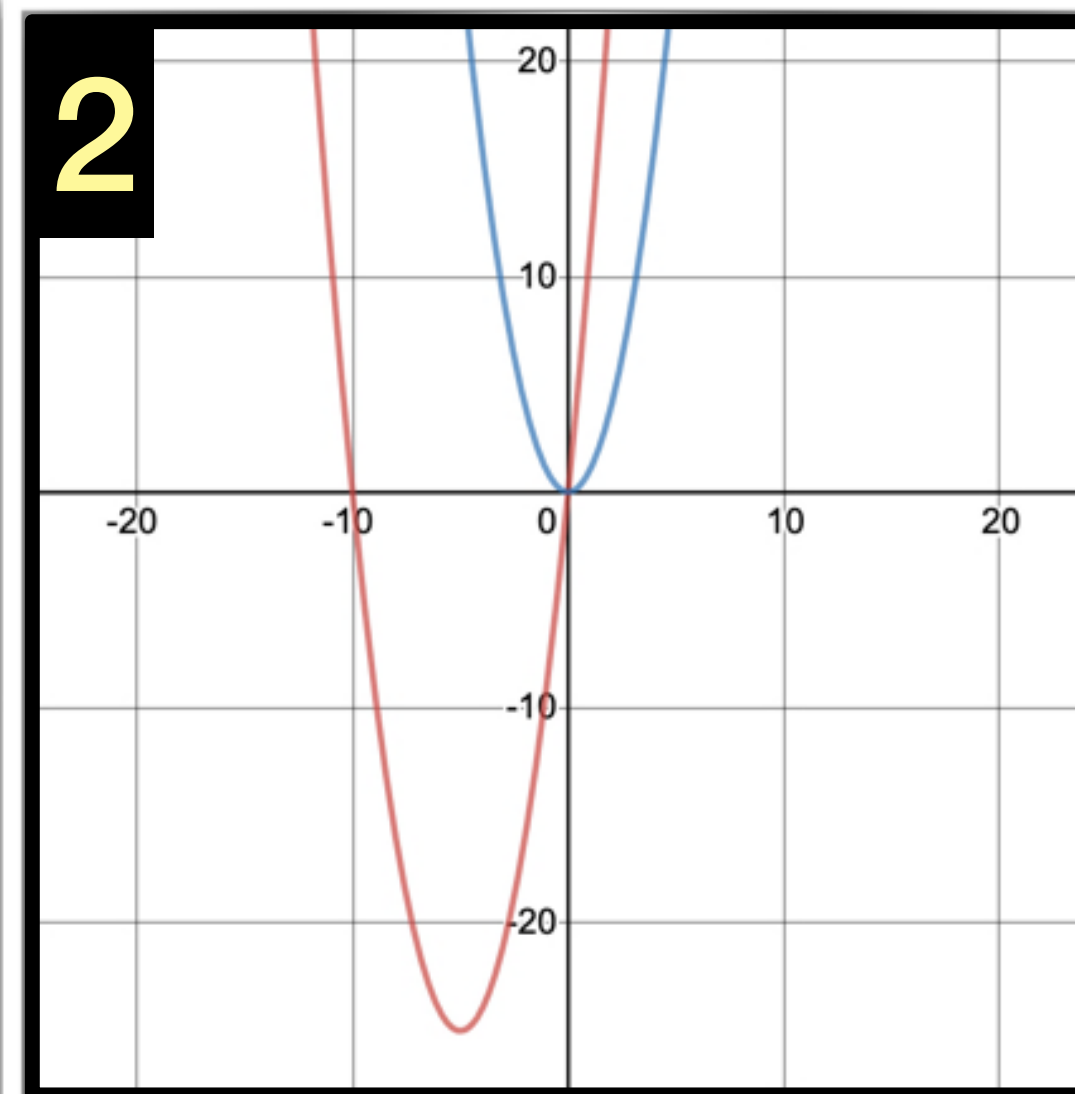
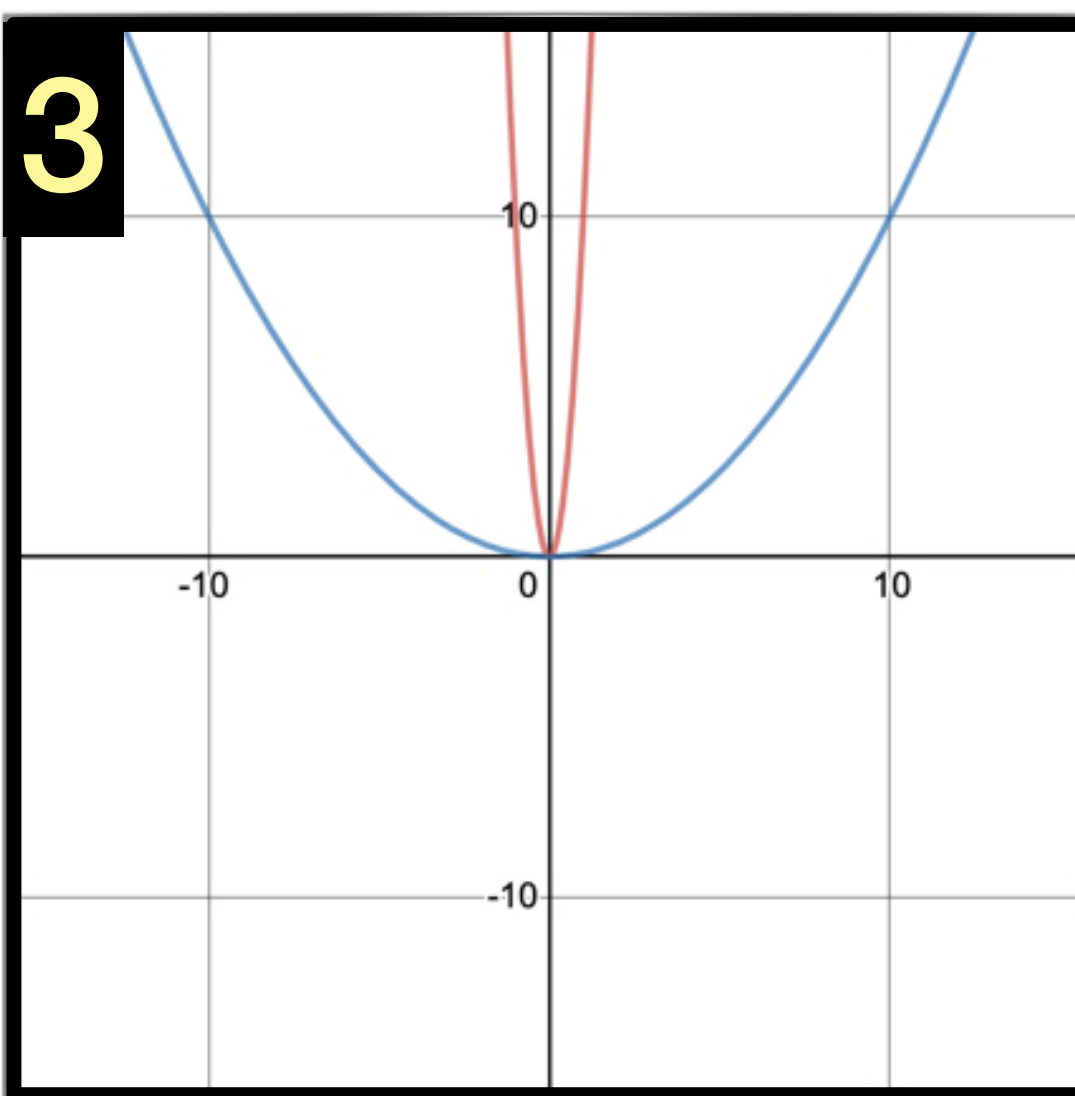
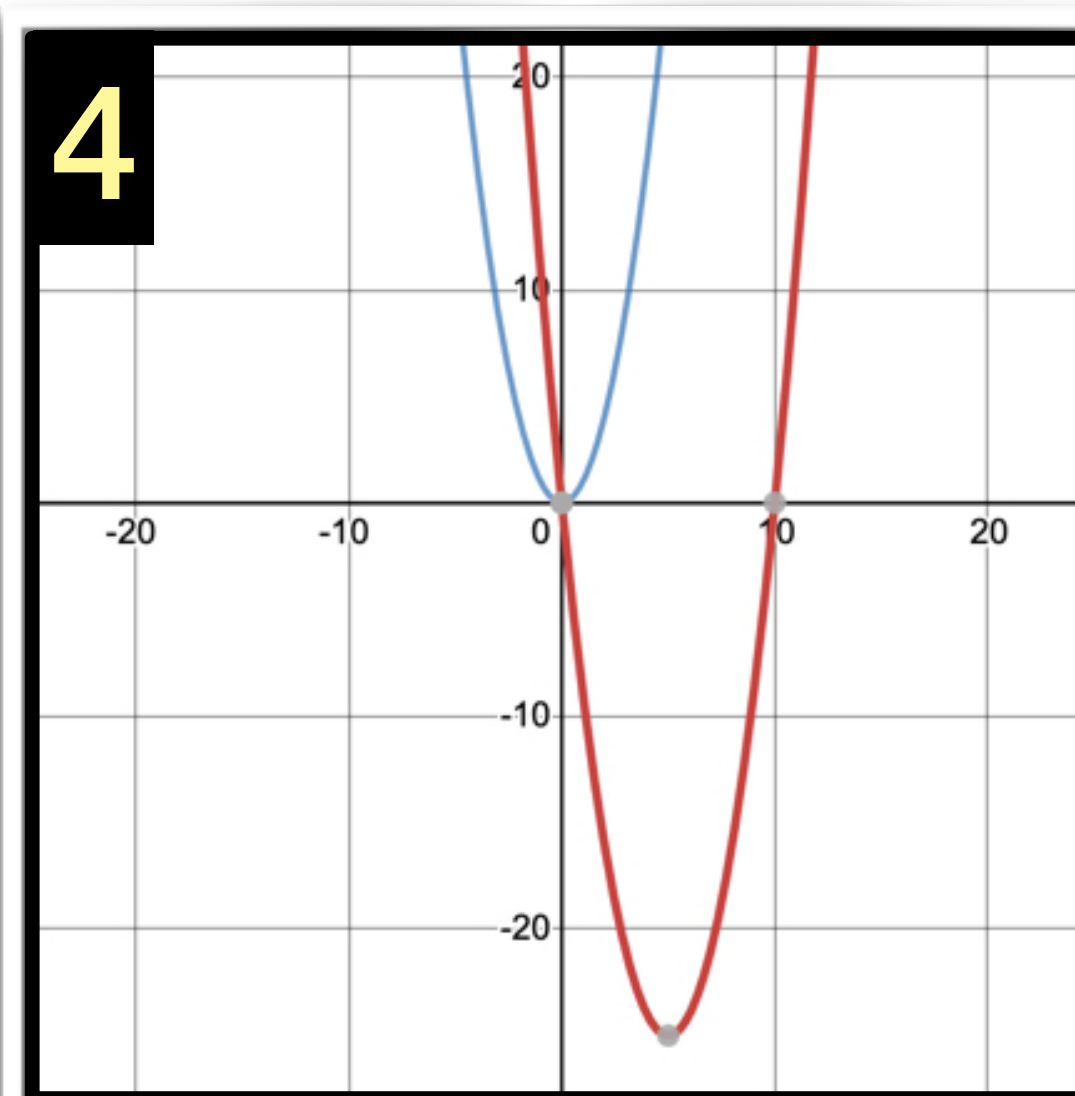
$$y = x^2 + 0x$$

$$y = x^2 + 10x$$

D

$$y = x^2 + 0$$

$$y = x^2 + 5$$

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Sticky Math Matching! (Use as is.)

A

$$y = 1(x + 5) + 10$$

B

$$y = 1(x + 5) - 10$$

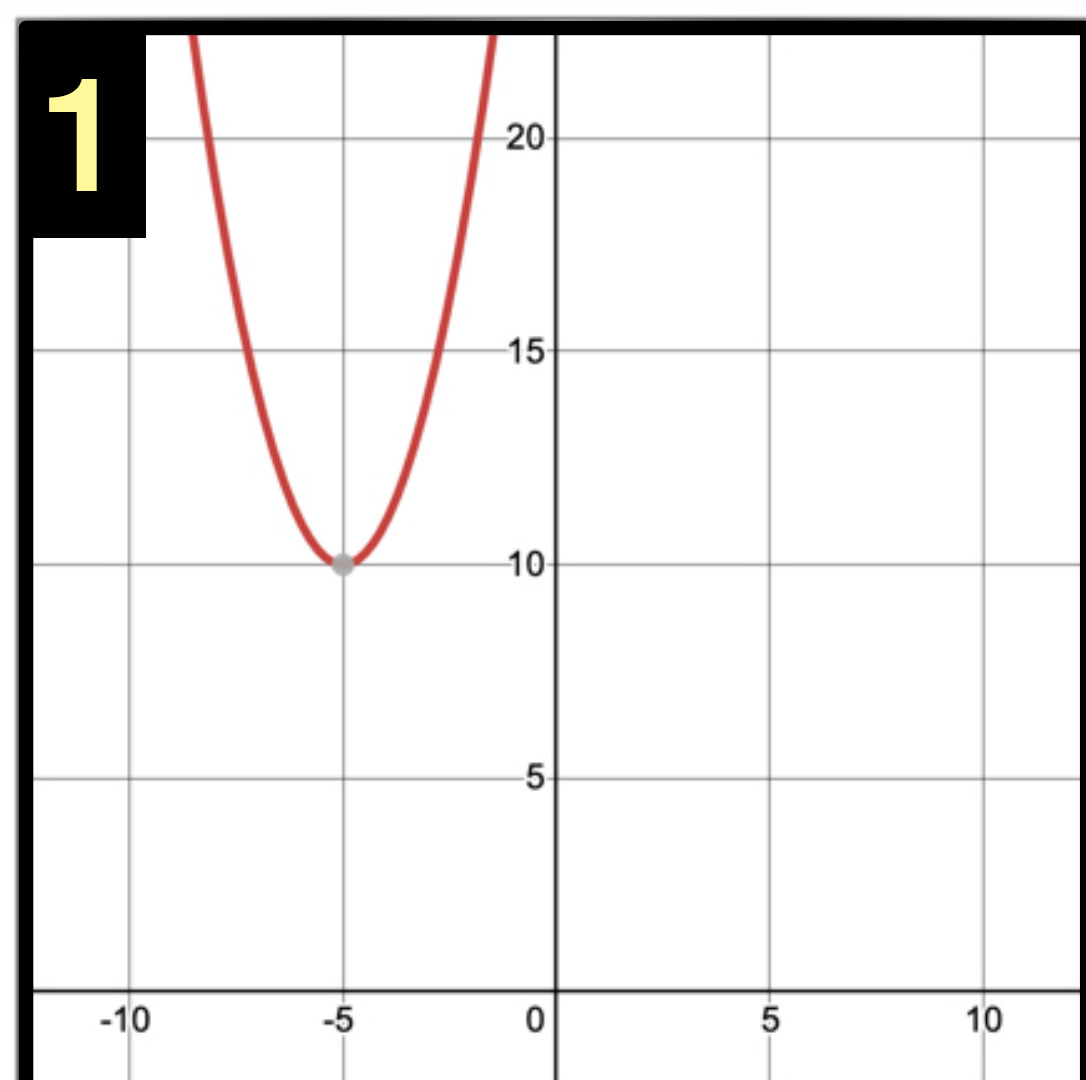
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$$y = 1(x - 5) - 10$$

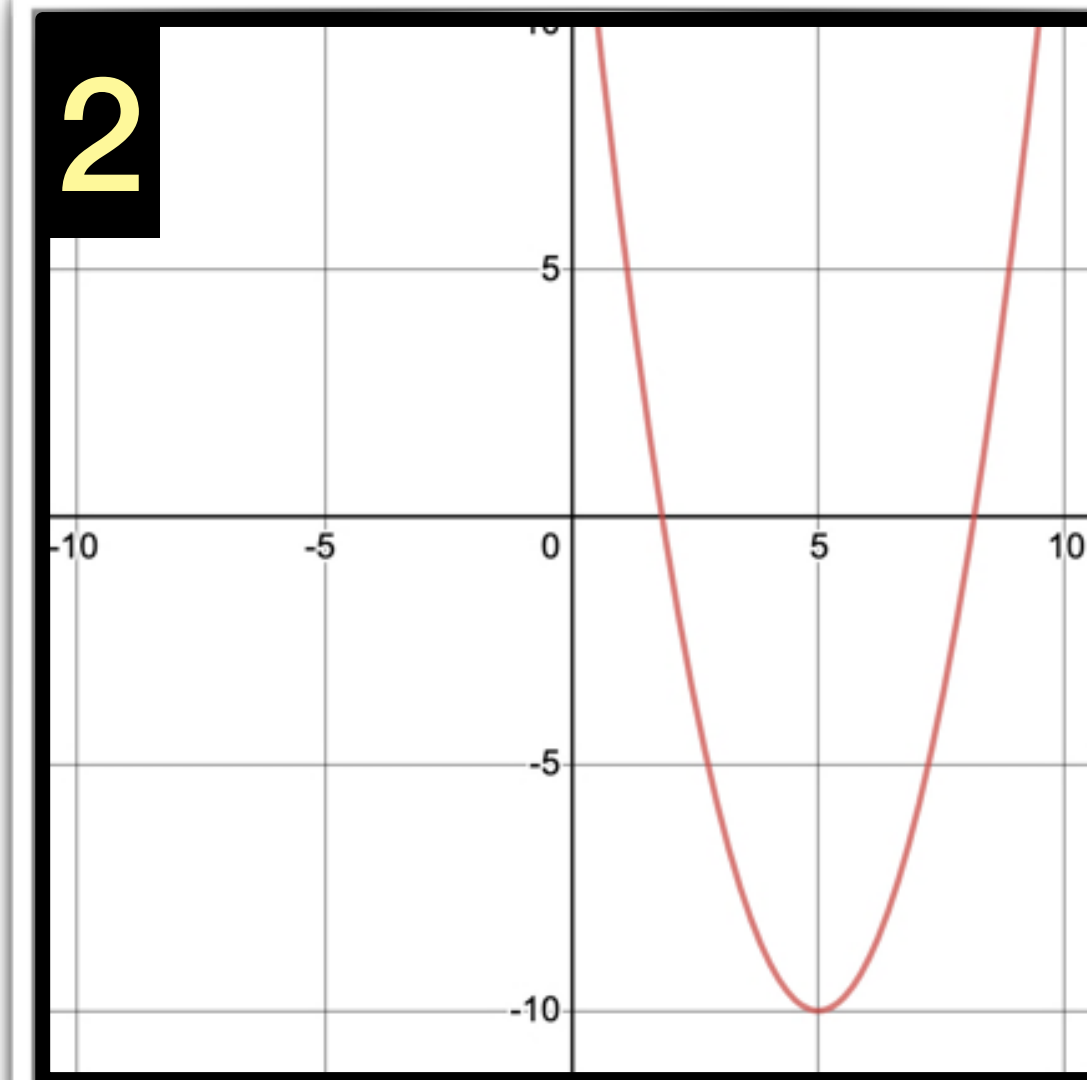
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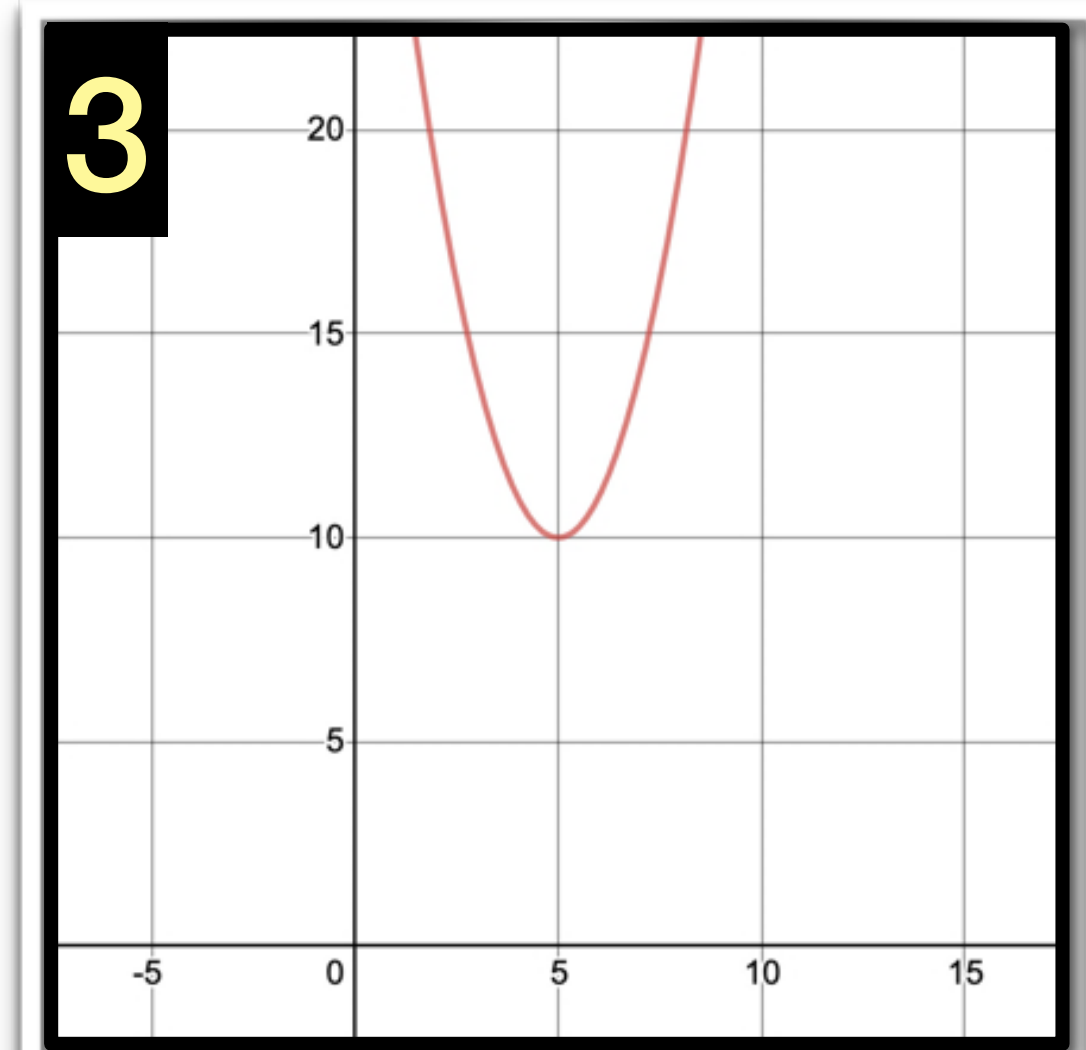
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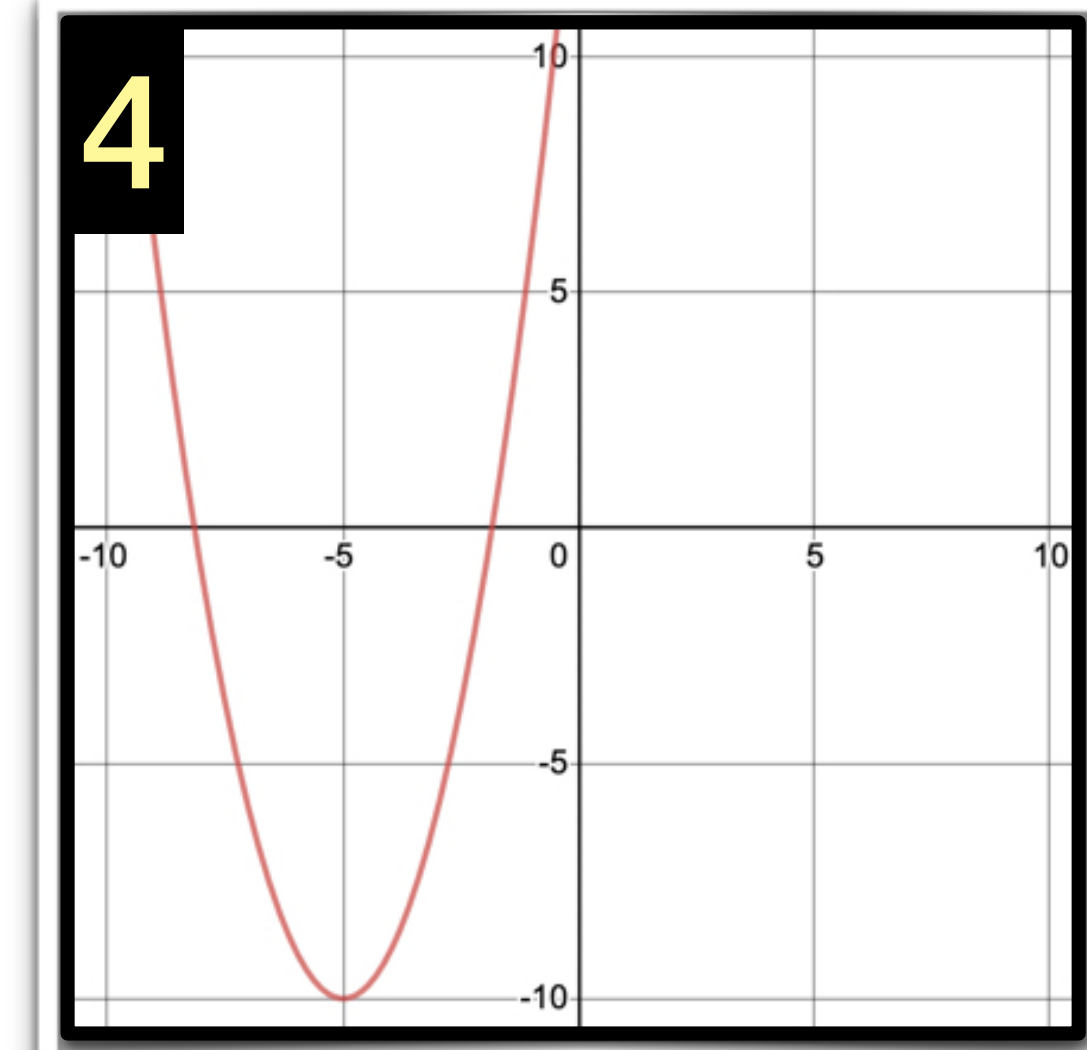
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Establish mathematics goals to focus learning.

Implement tasks that promote reasoning and problem solving.

Use and connect mathematical representations.

Facilitate meaningful mathematical discourse.

Pose purposeful questions.

Build procedural fluency from conceptual understanding.

Support productive struggle in learning mathematics.

Elicit and use evidence of student thinking.

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For Students

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Standards for Mathematical Practice

1. Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

2. Reason abstractly and quantitatively.

3. Construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others.

4. Model with mathematics.

5. Use appropriate tools strategically.

6. Attend to precision.

7. Look for and make use of structure.

8. Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning.

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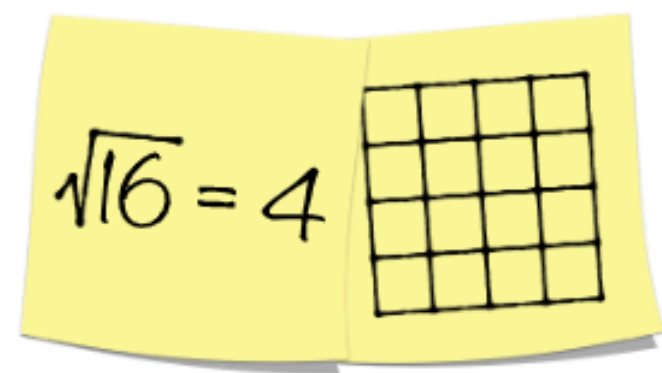
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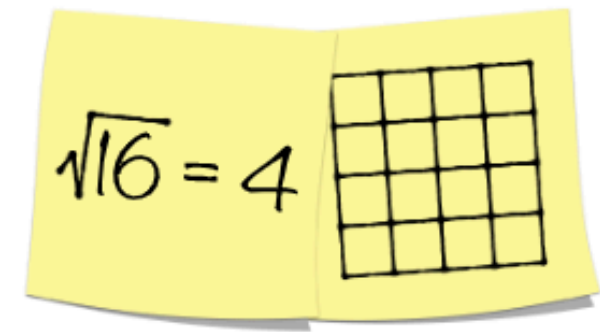
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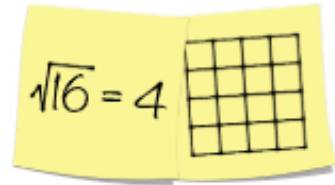
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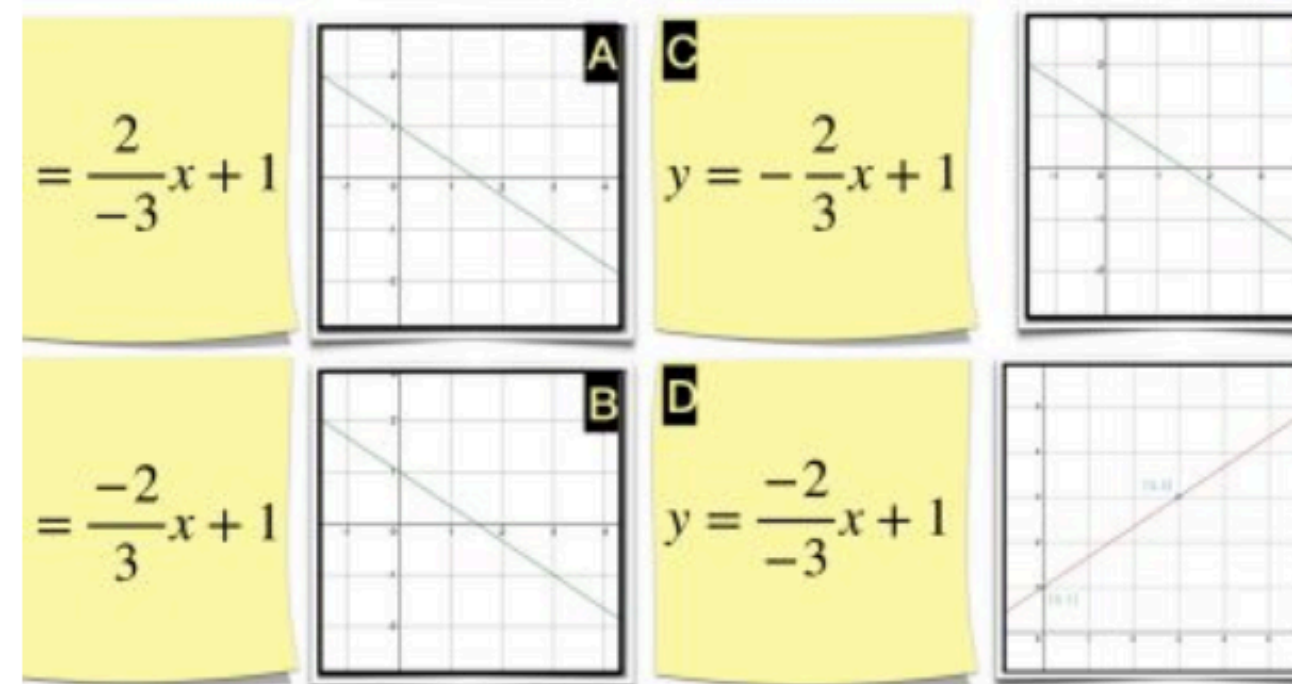
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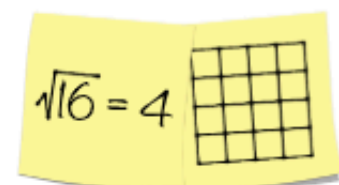
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When you finish, create additional representation

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$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$
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 $\frac{5 - 3}{6 - 3}$

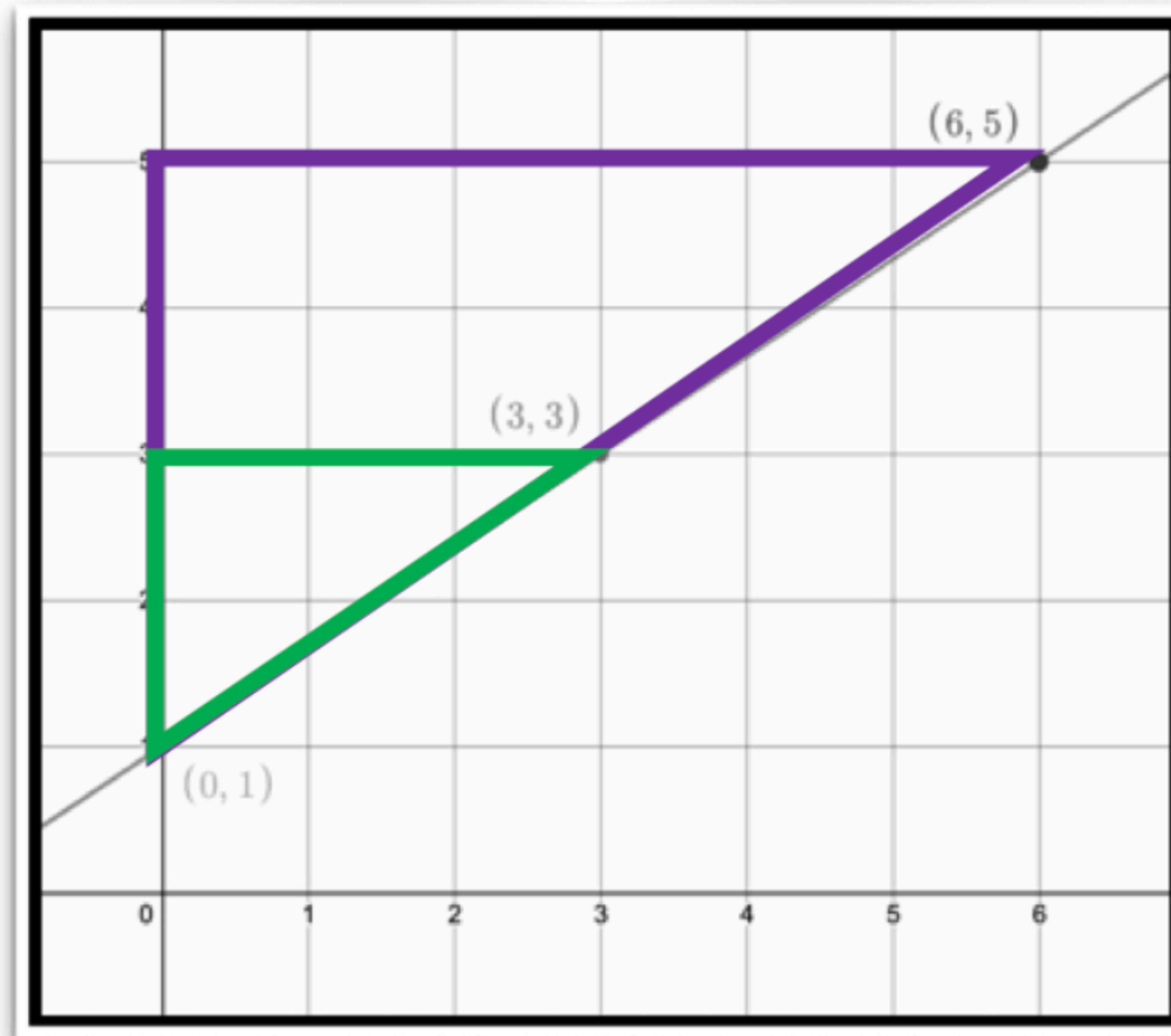
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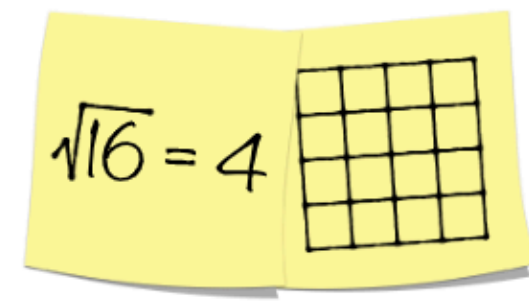
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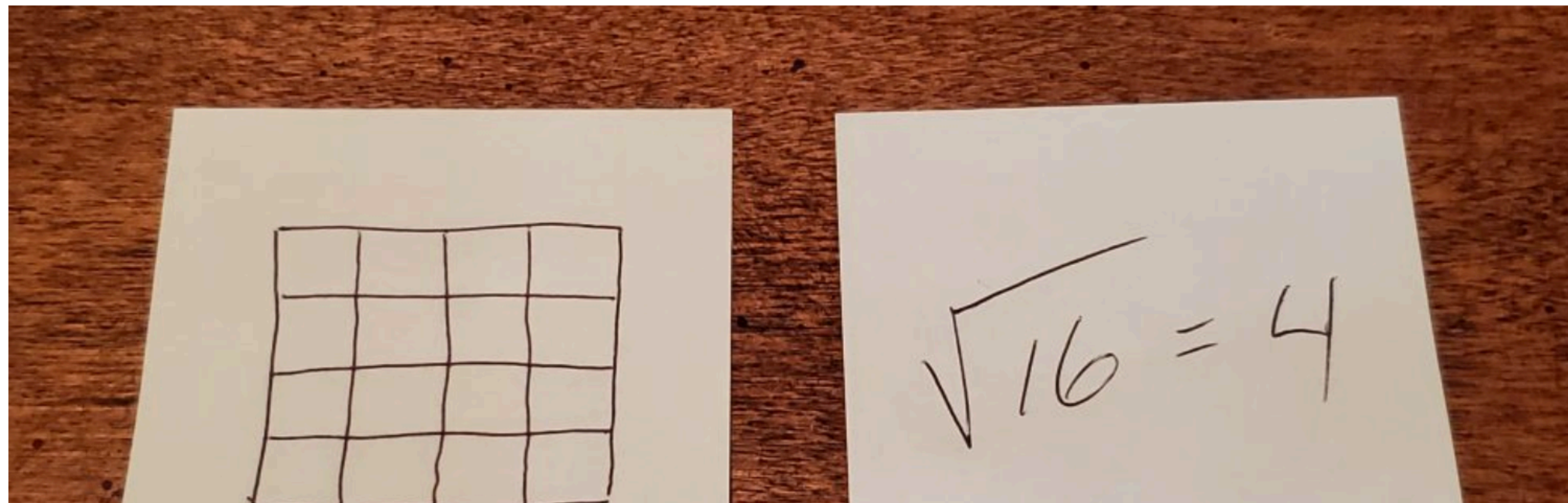
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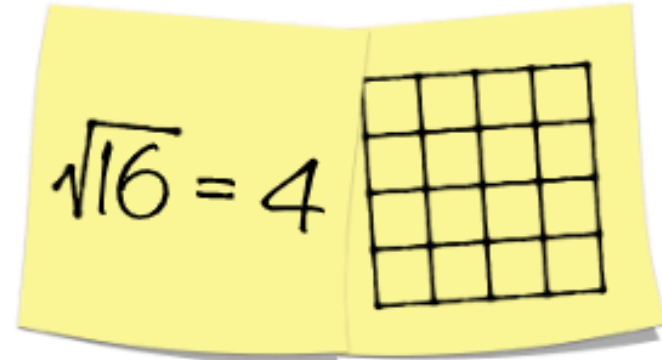
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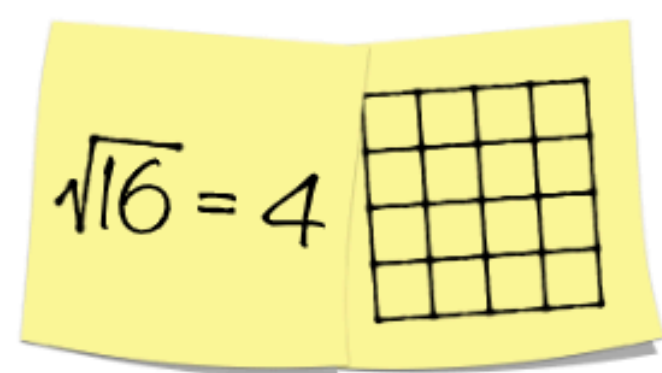
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