

Time domain analysis of a transmission problem between the vacuum and a metamaterial in electromagnetism

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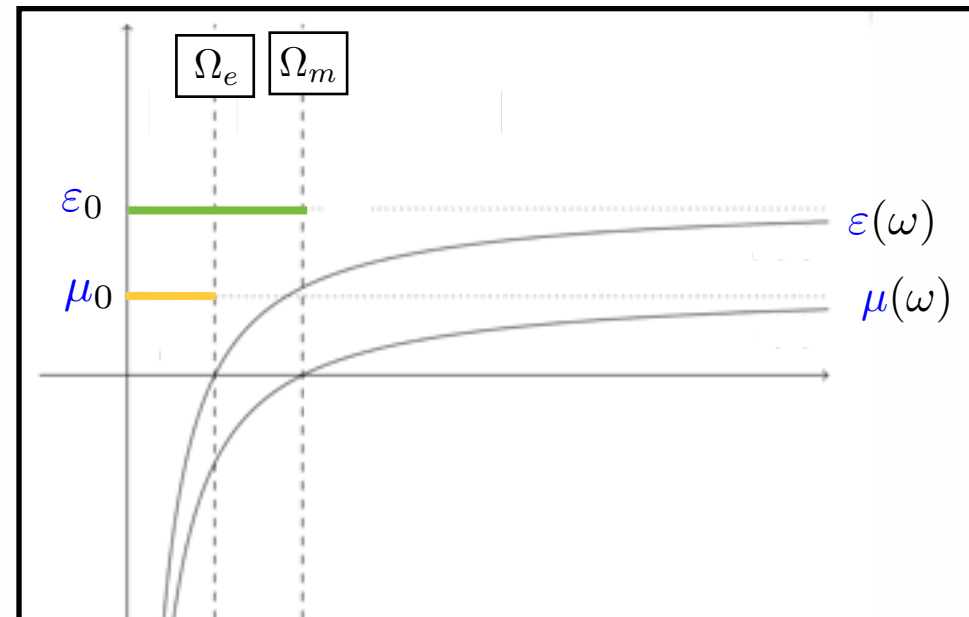
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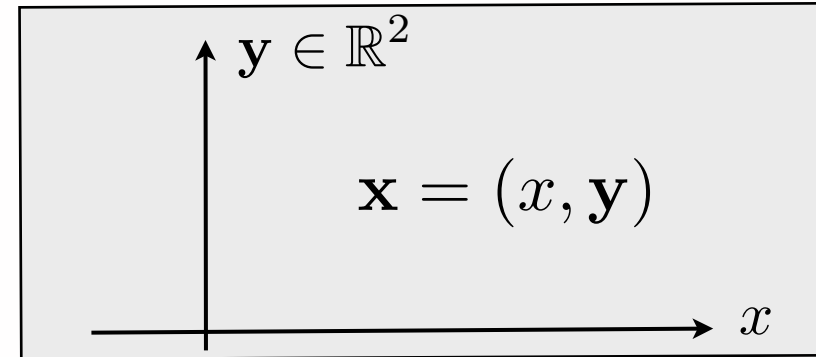
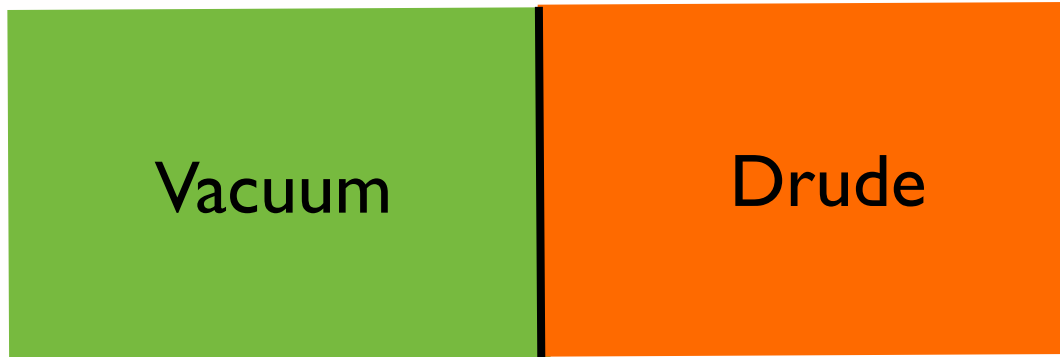
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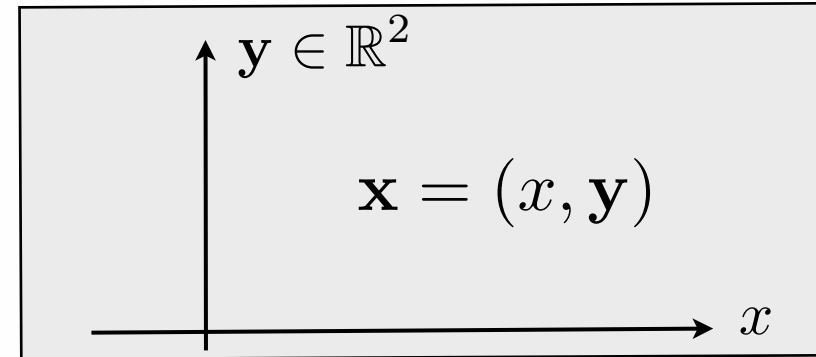
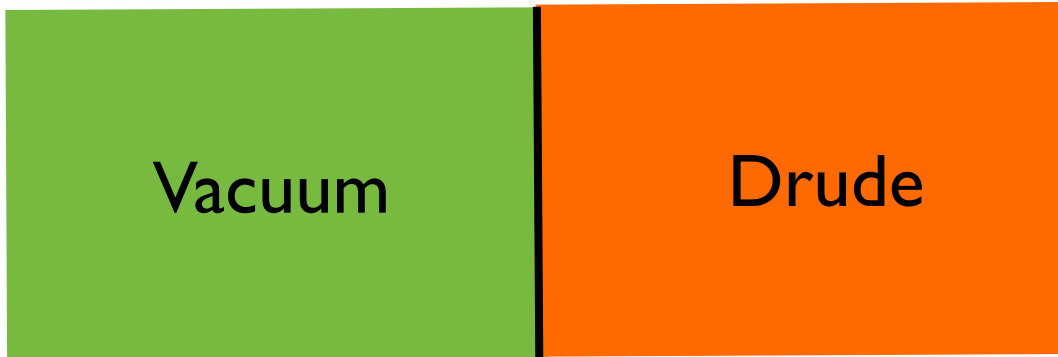
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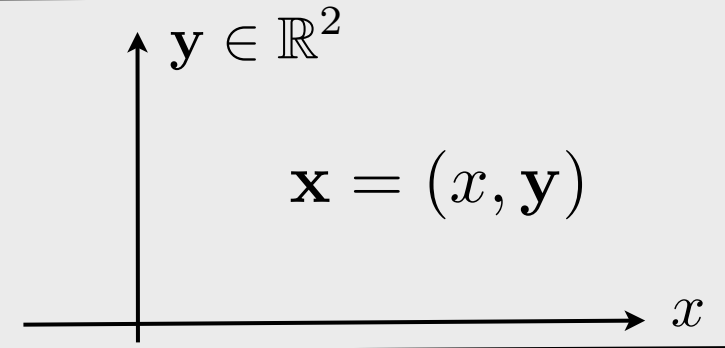


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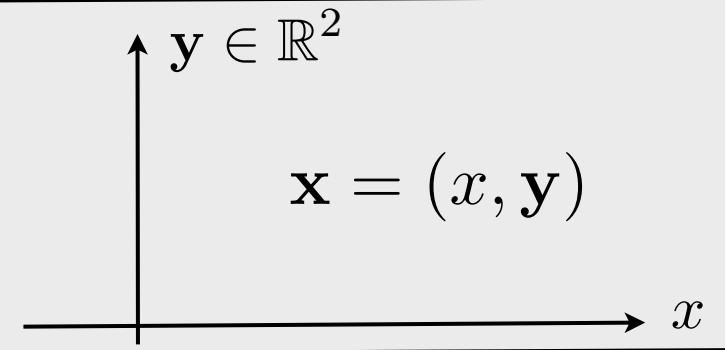
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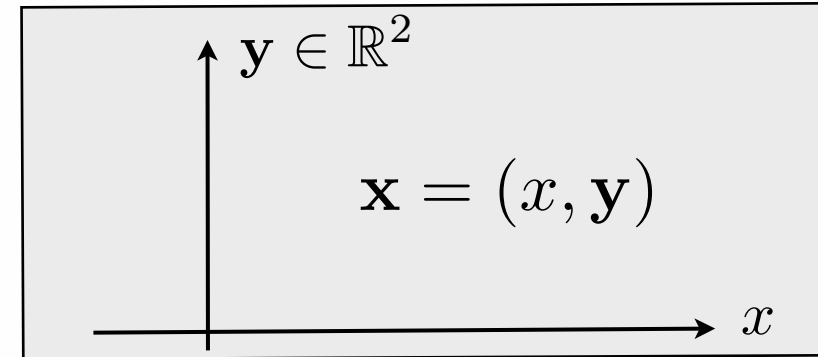
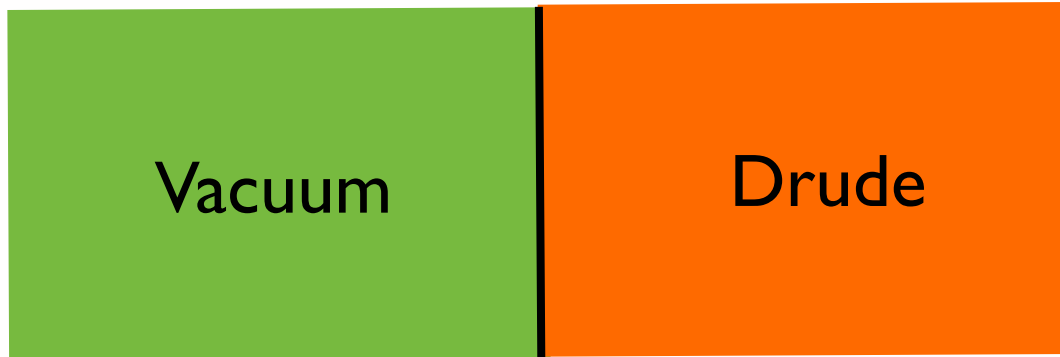


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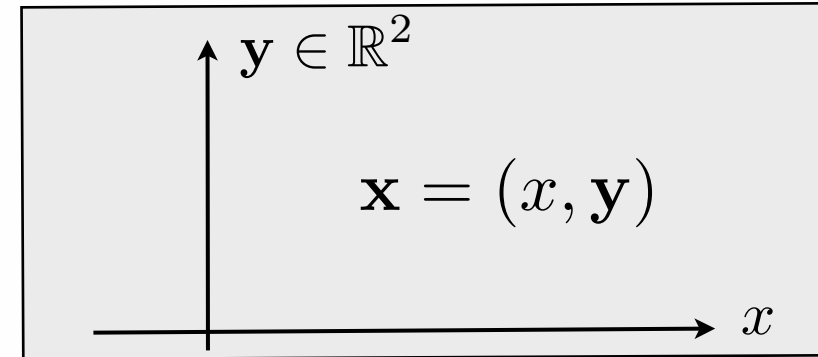
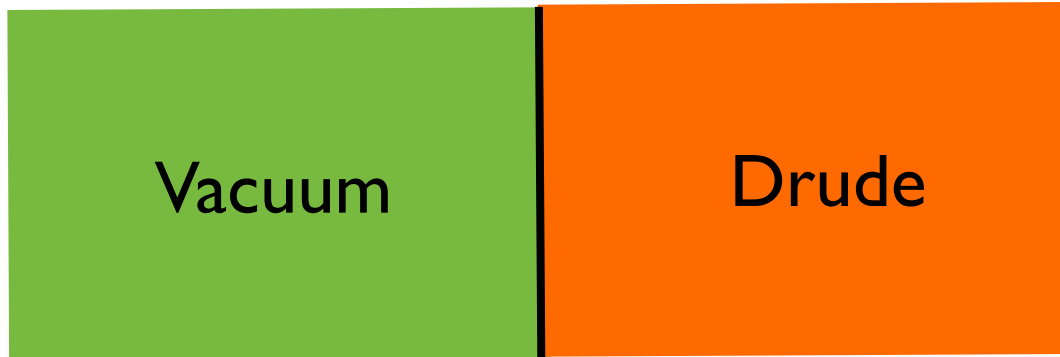


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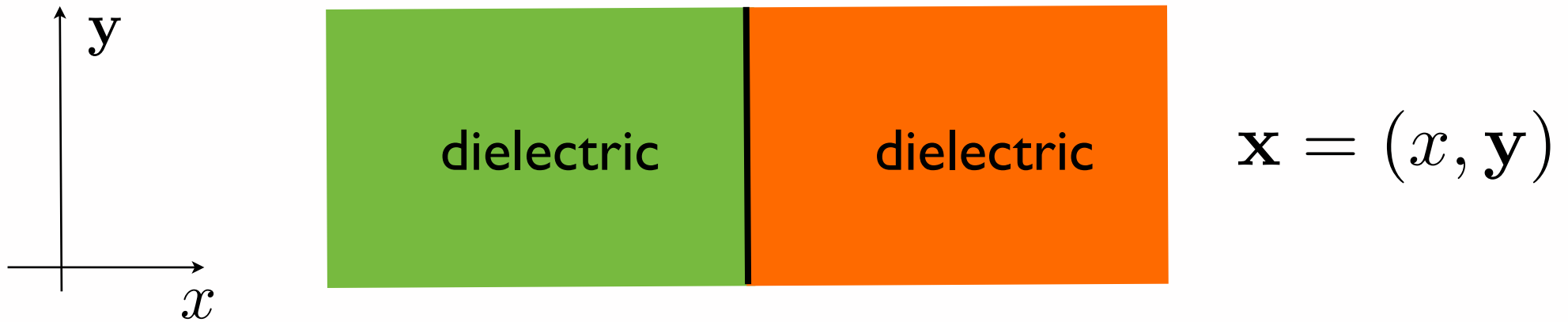
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Physical literature : [Gralak-Tip \(2010\)](#), [Maystre-Gralak \(2012\)](#)

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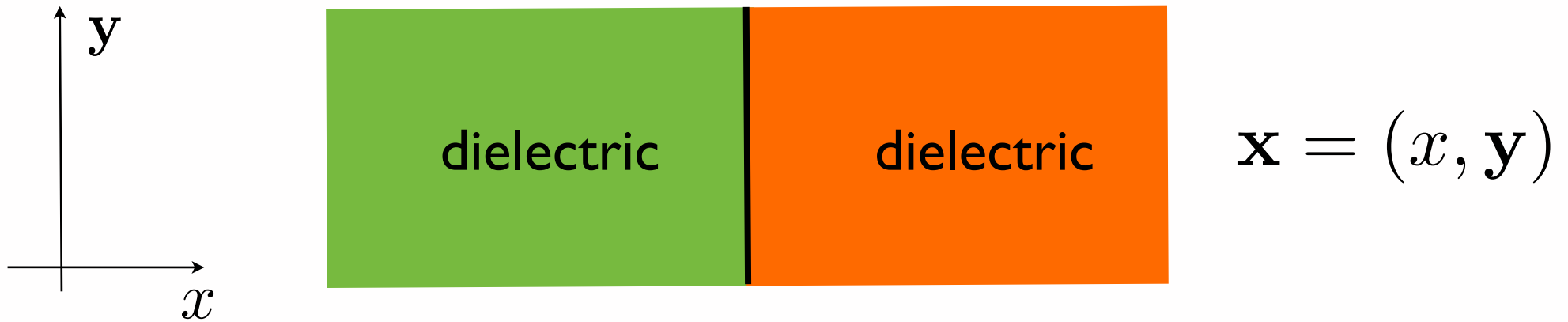


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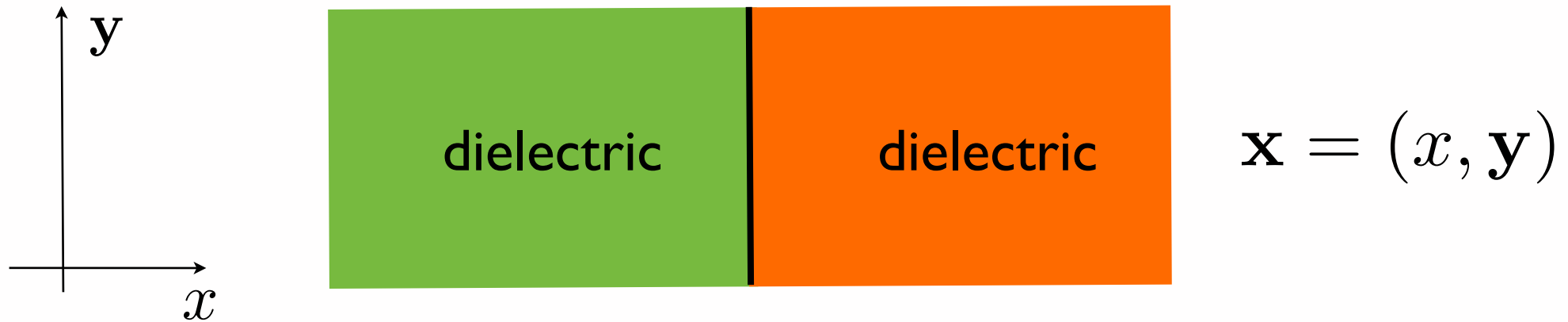


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[Bonnet-Ciarlet-Chesnel \(2010-2012\)](#)

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Corollary : The evolution problem is well-posed and

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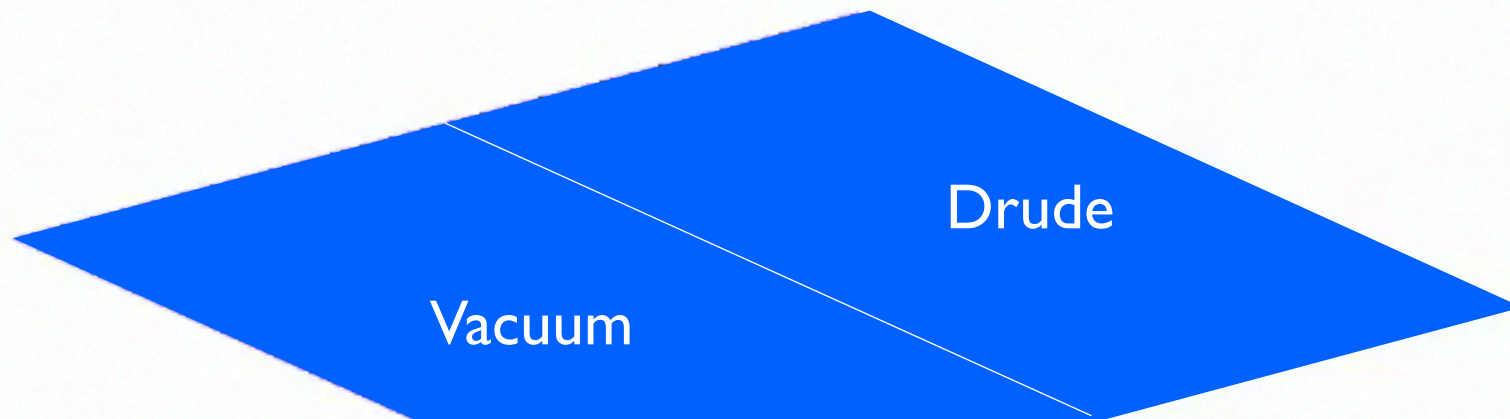
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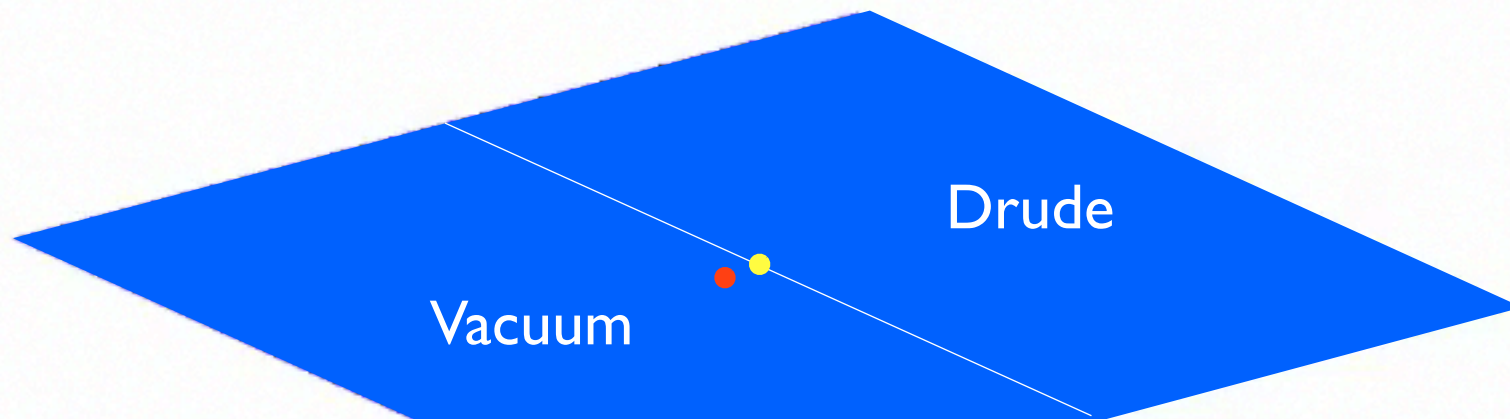


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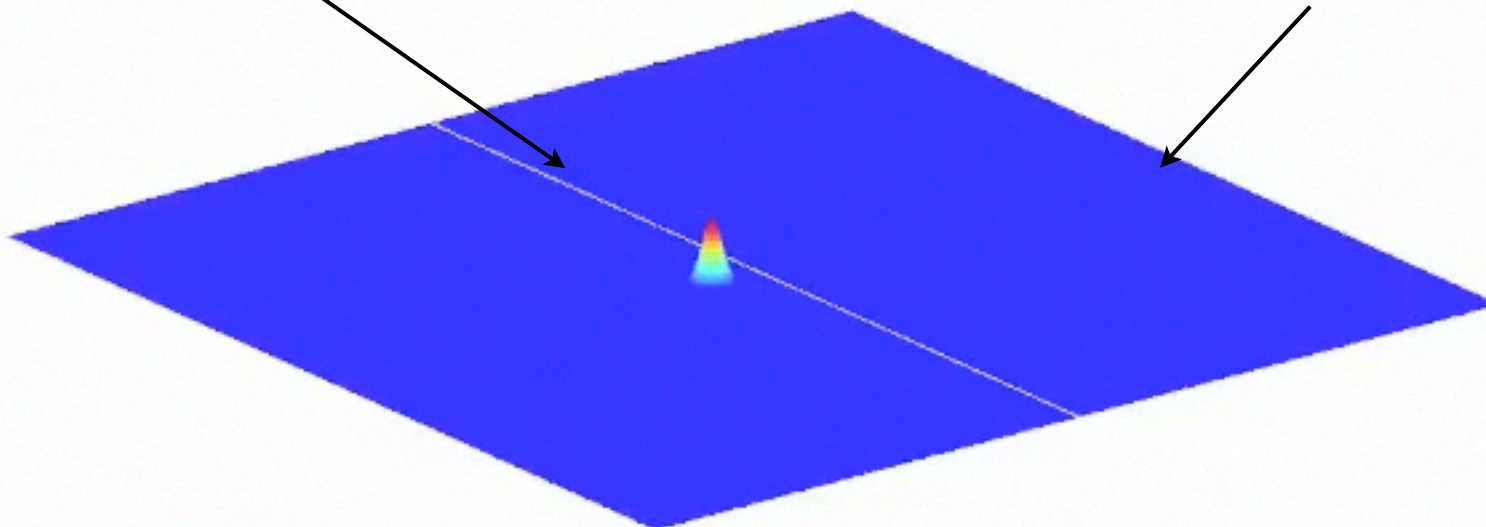
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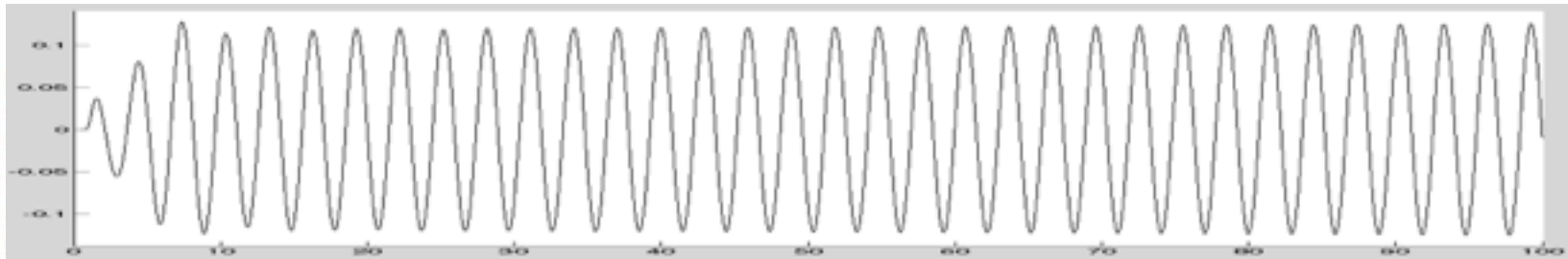
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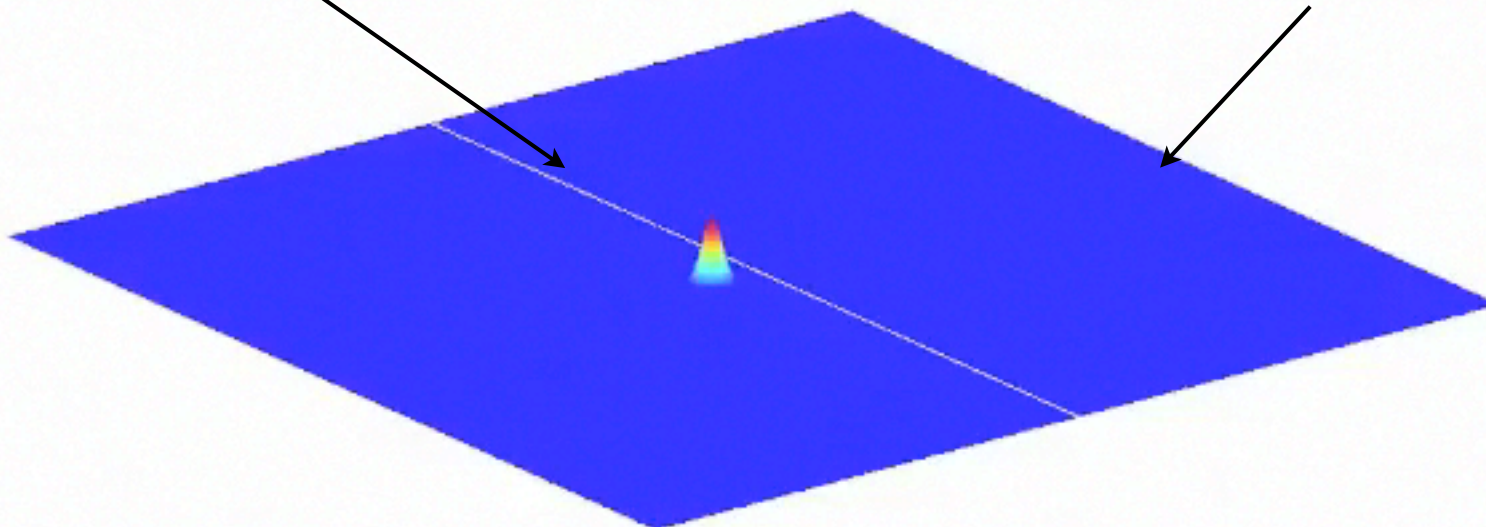
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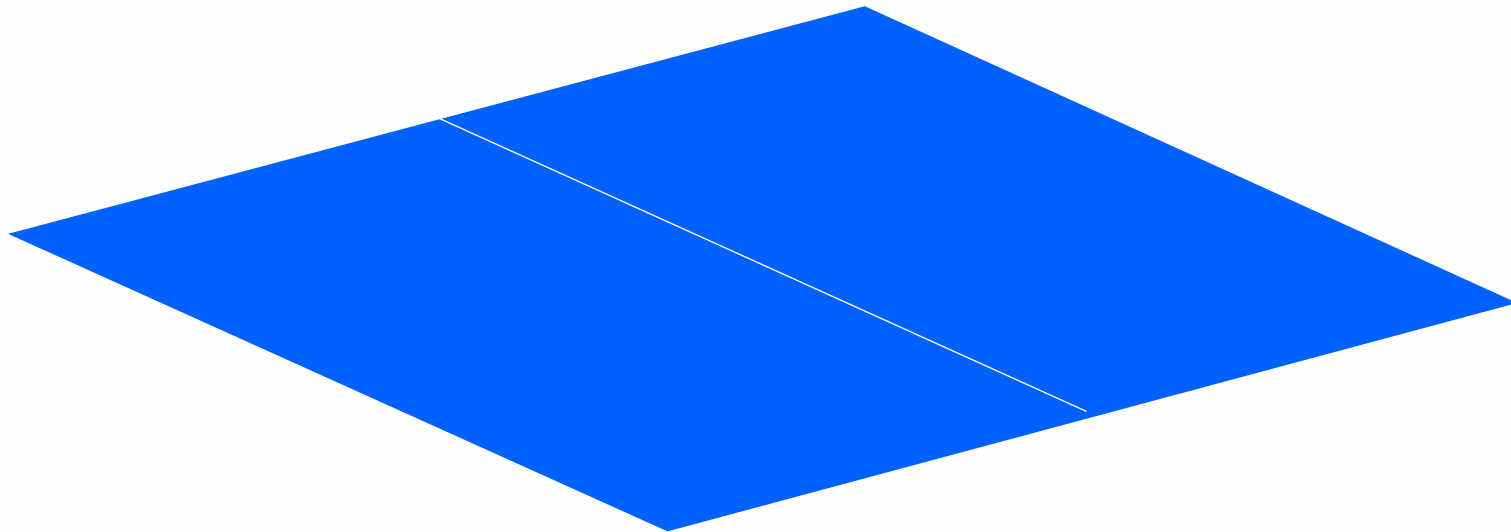
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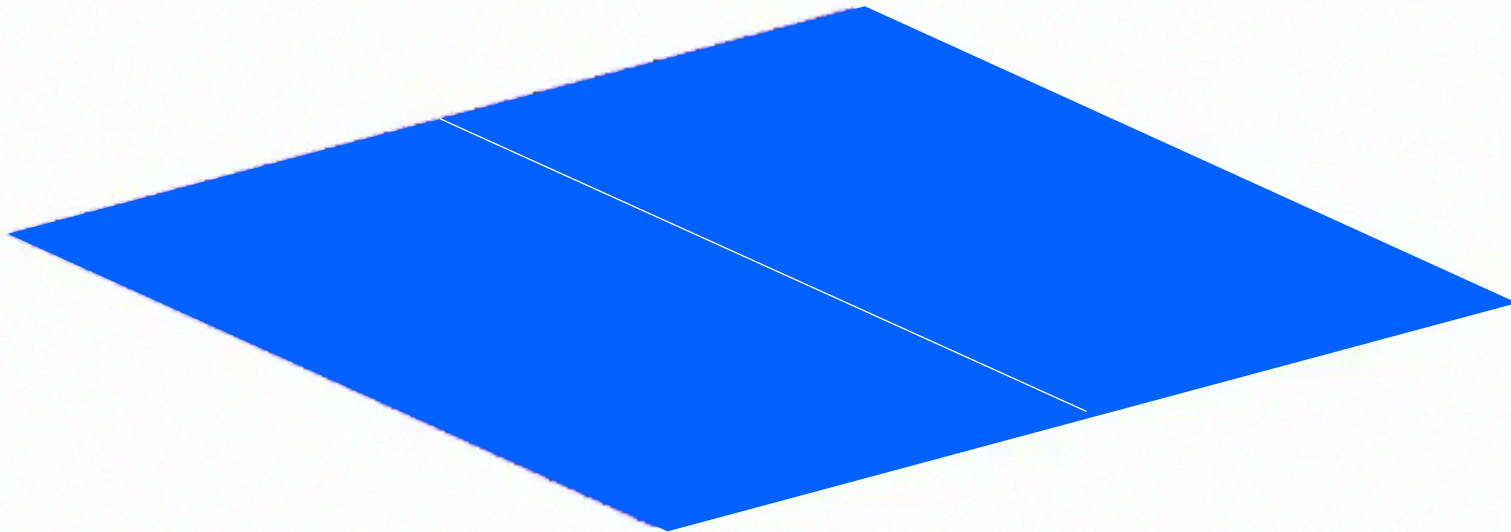
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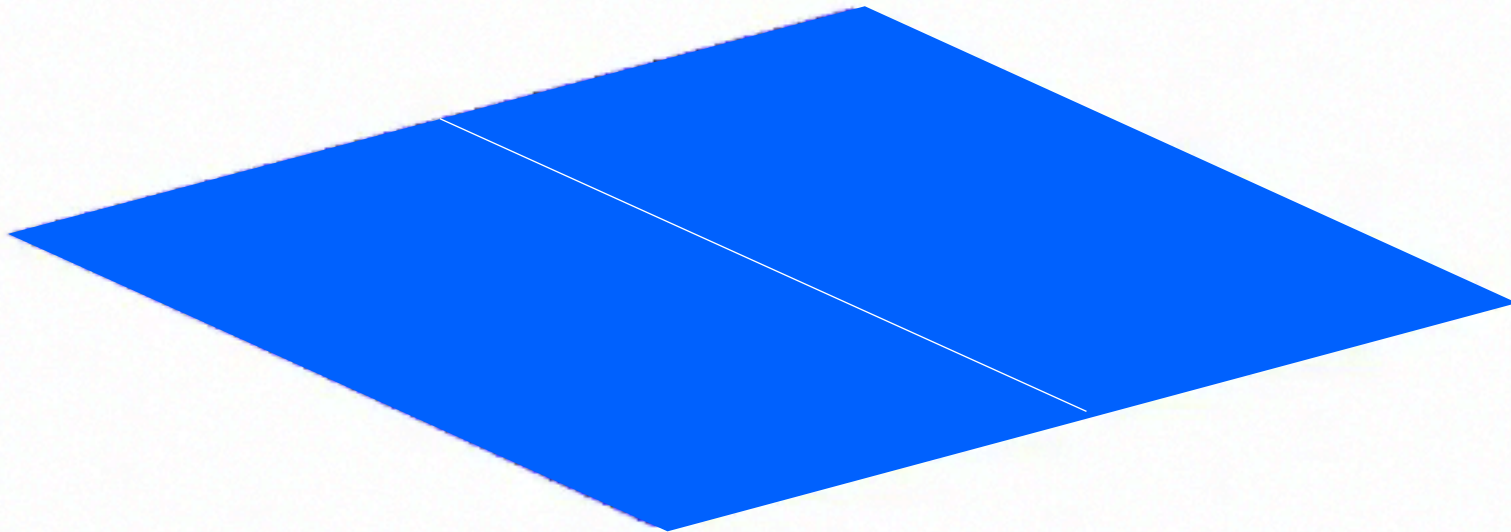
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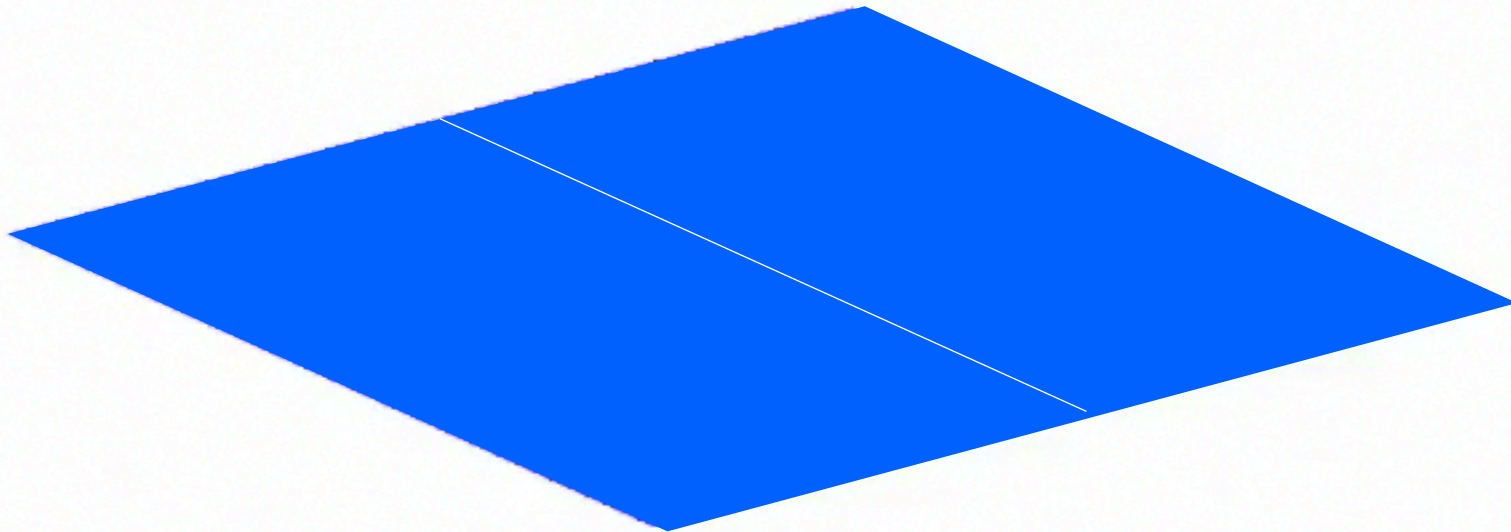
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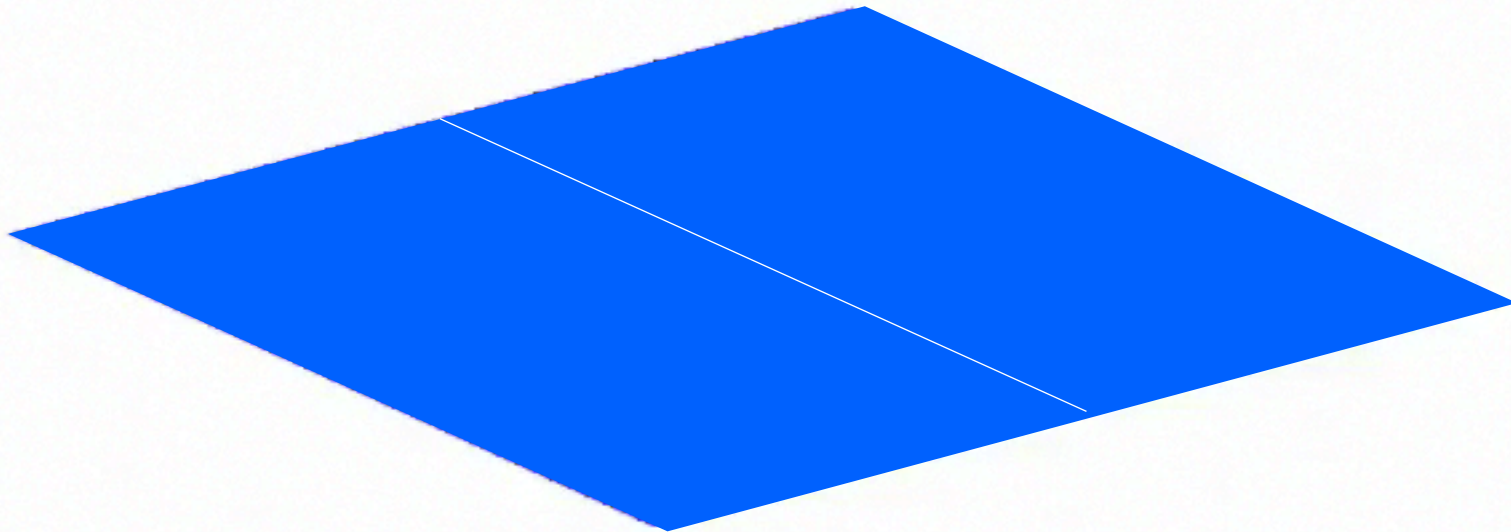
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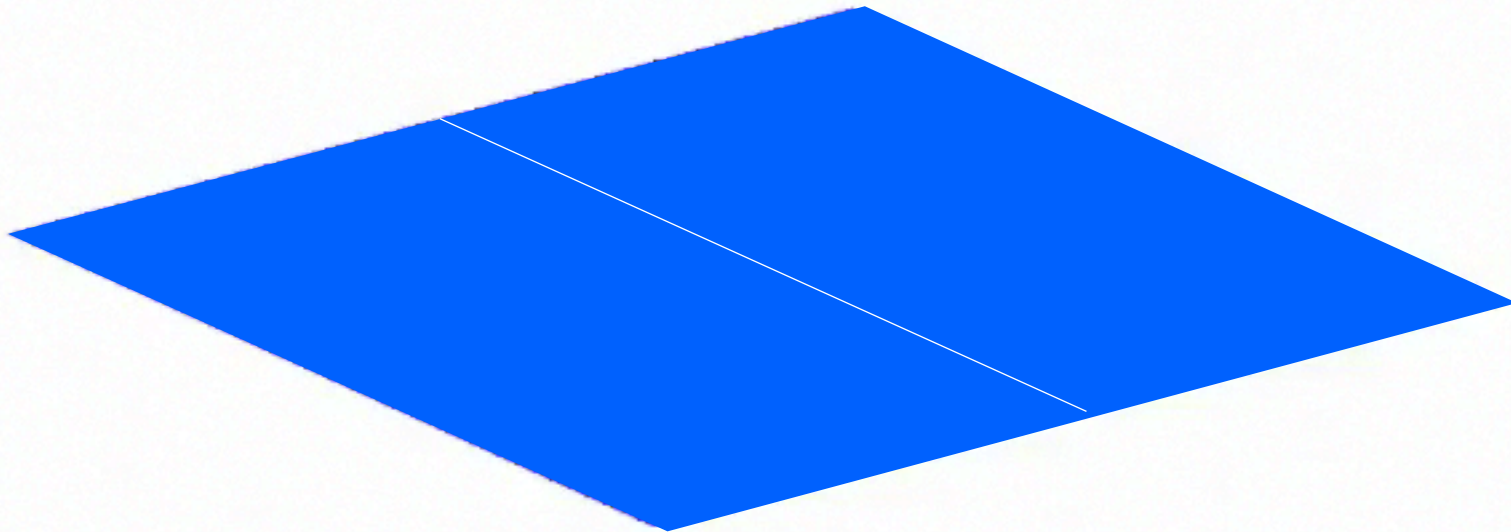
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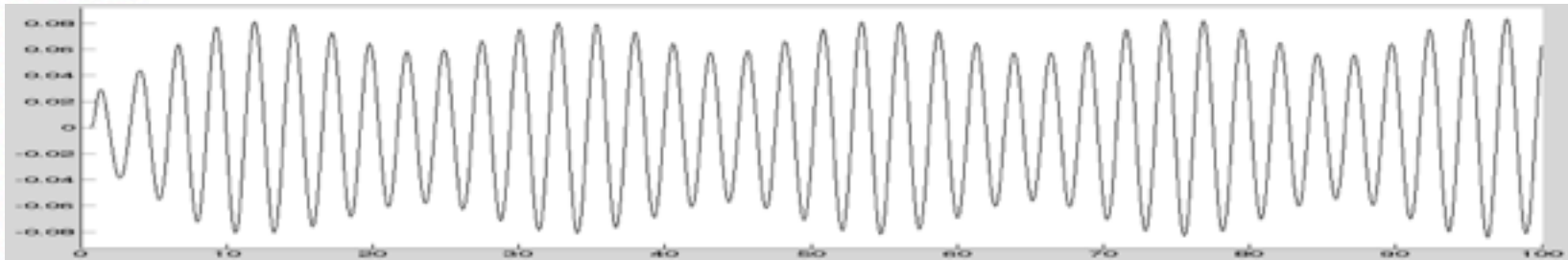
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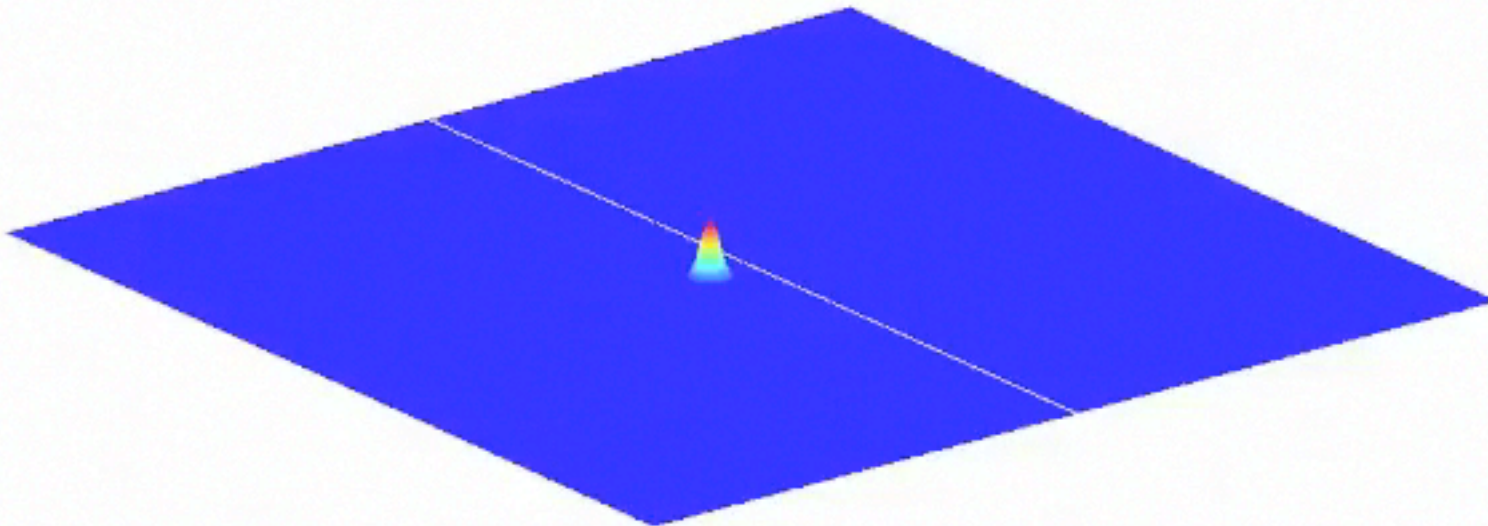
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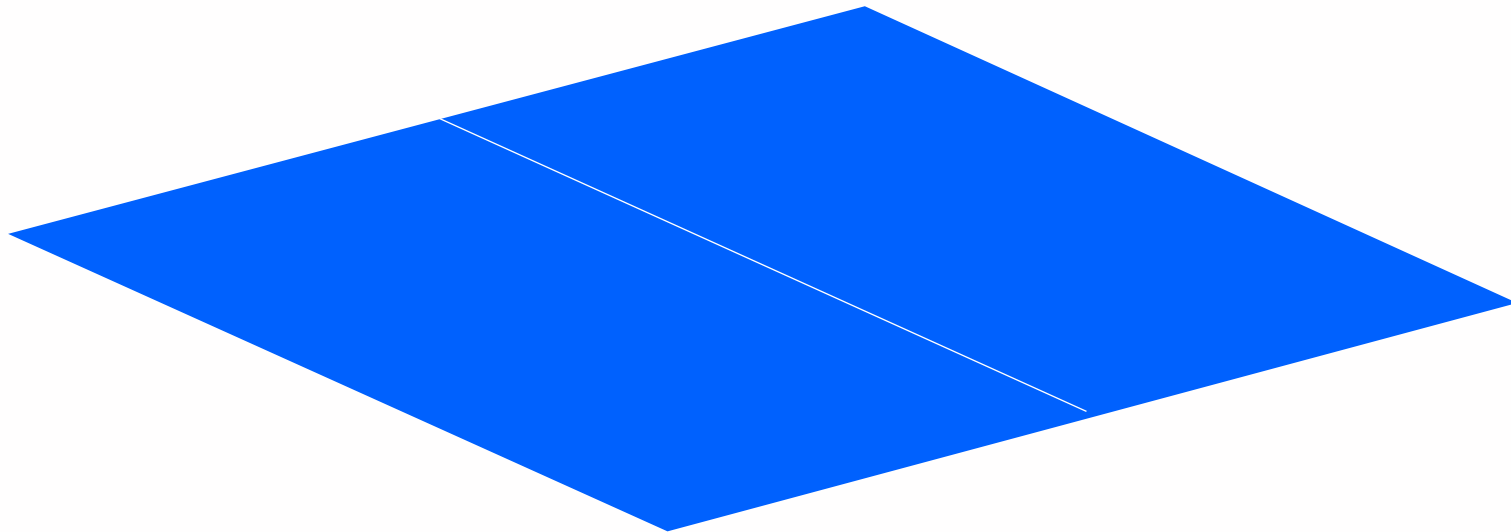
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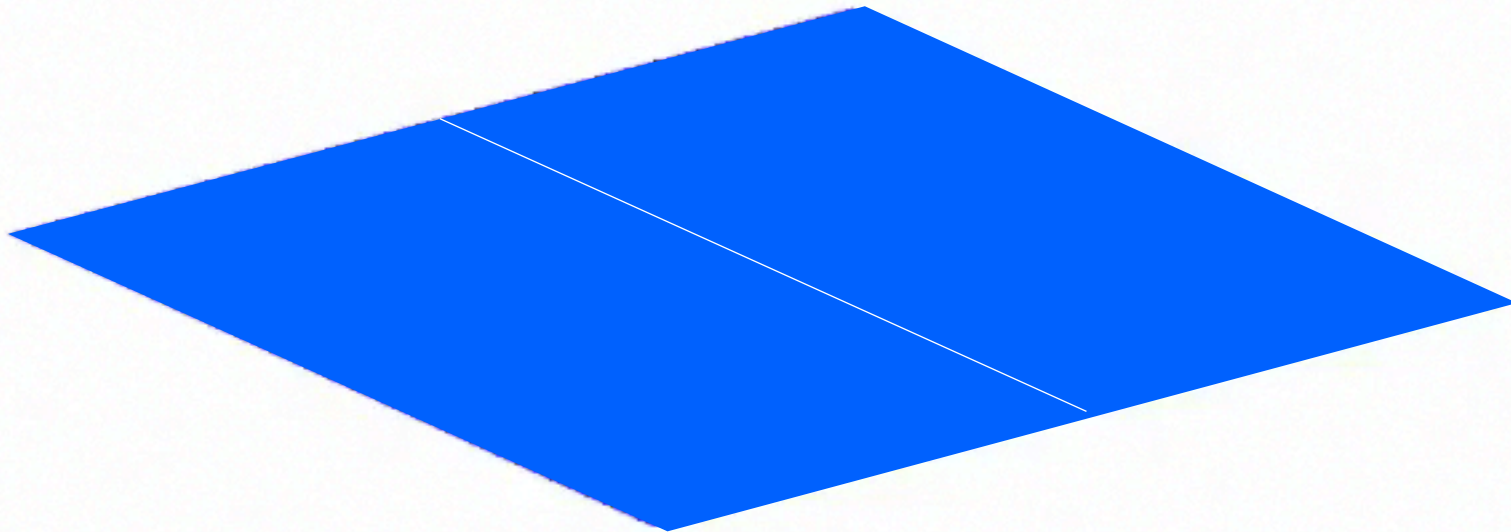
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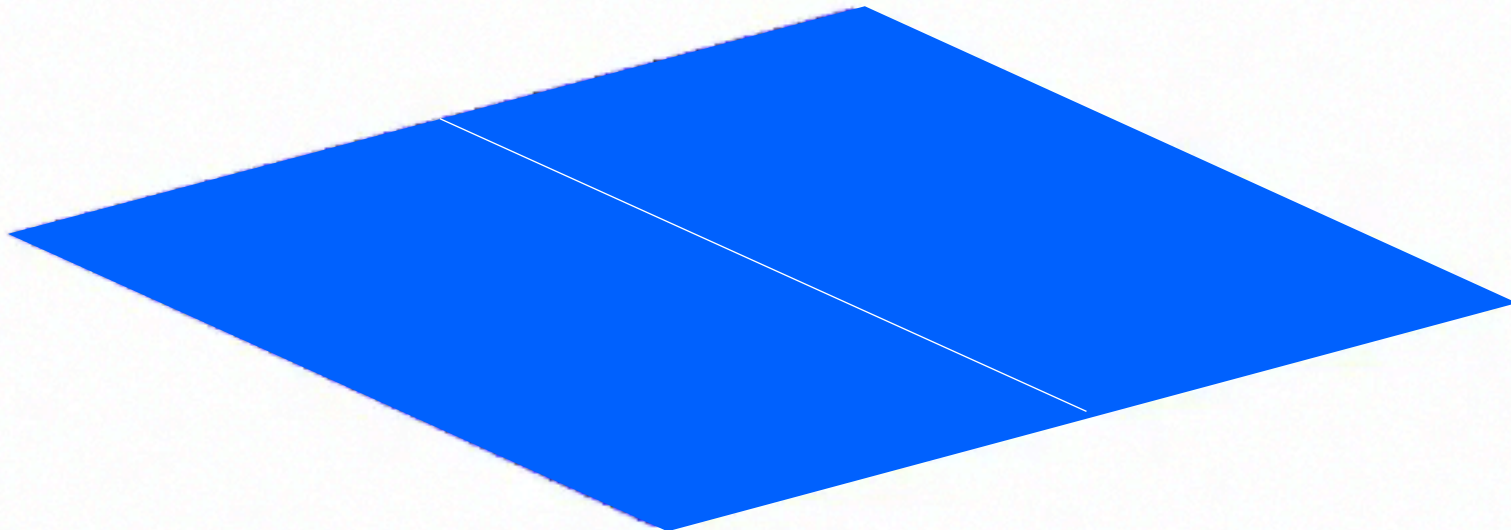
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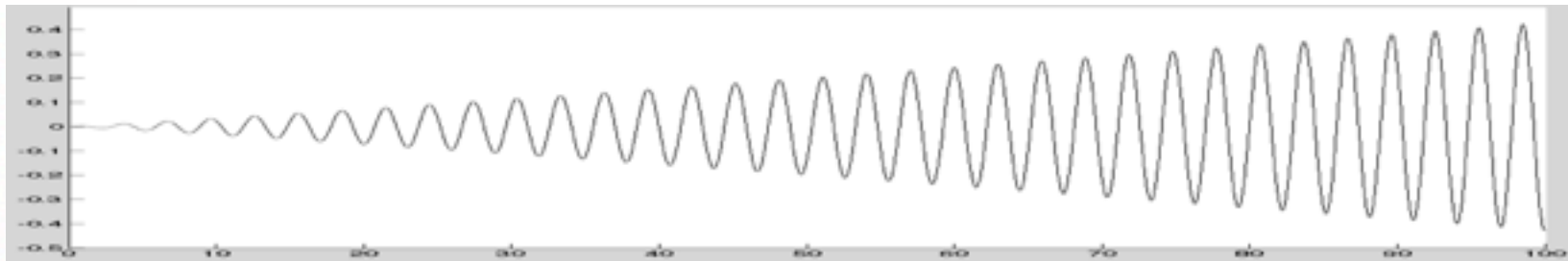
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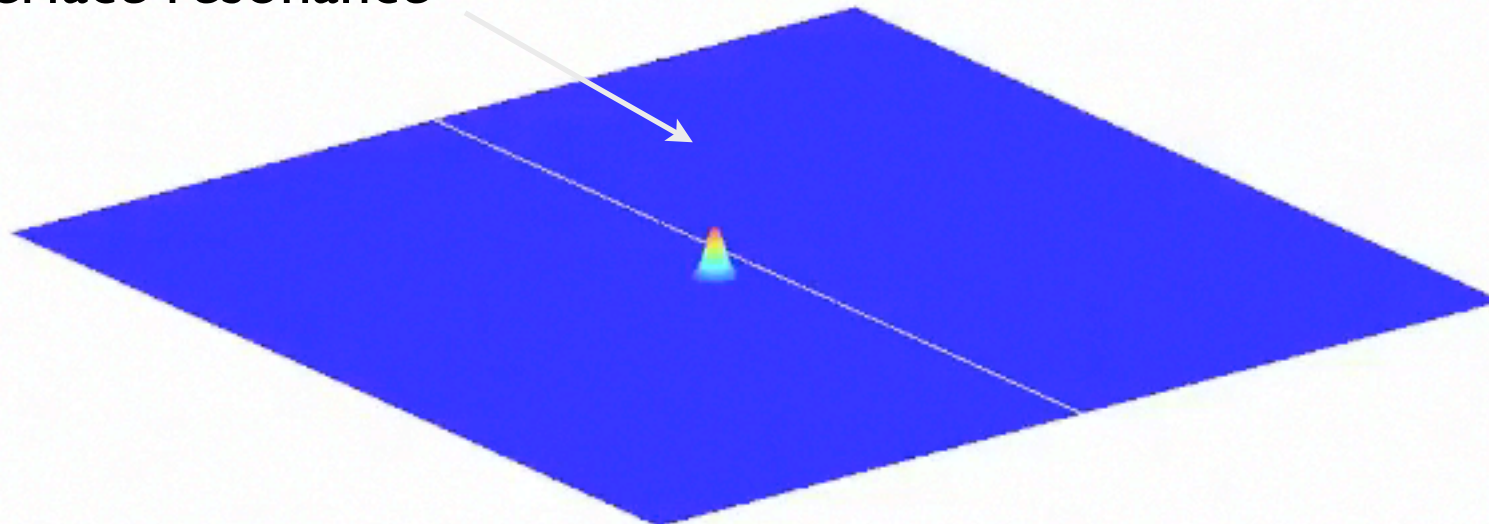
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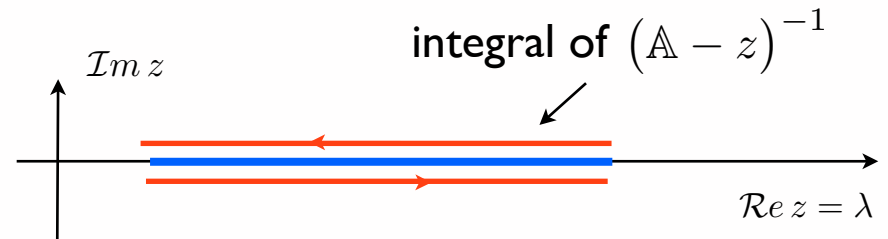


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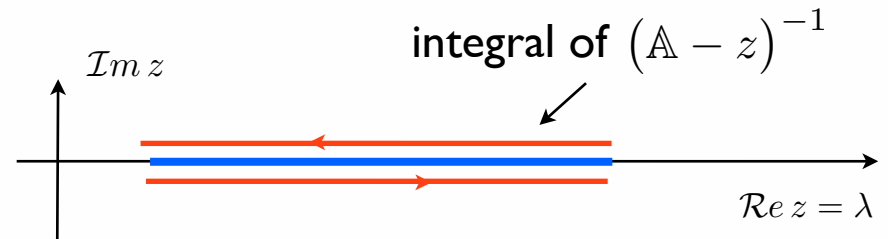
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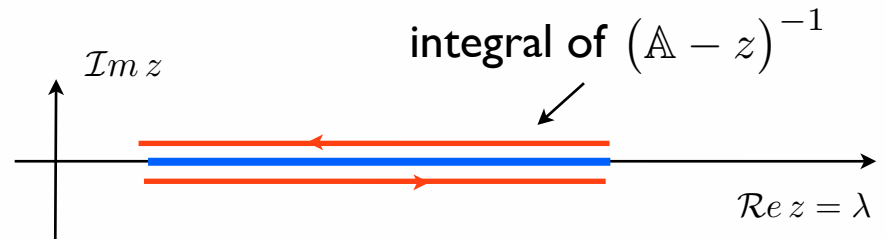


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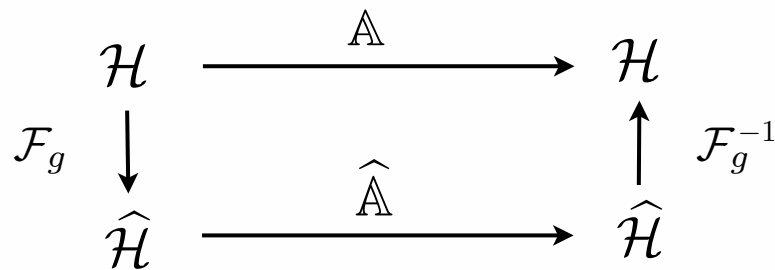
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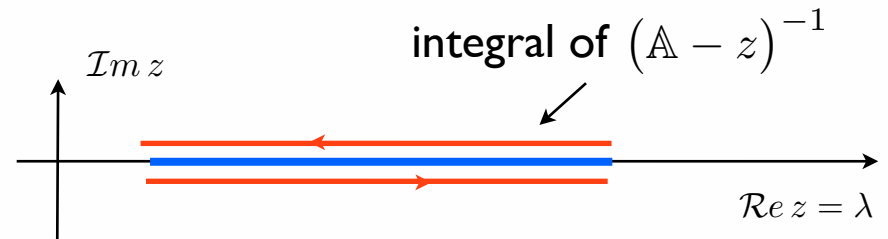


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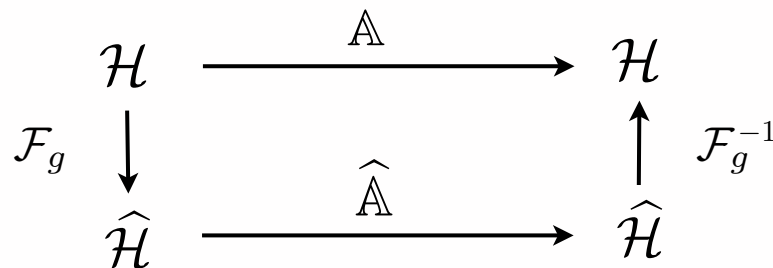
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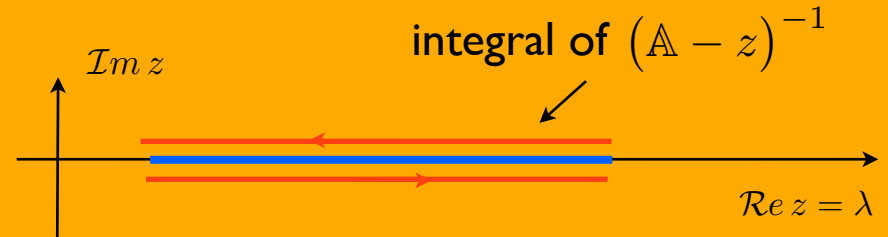
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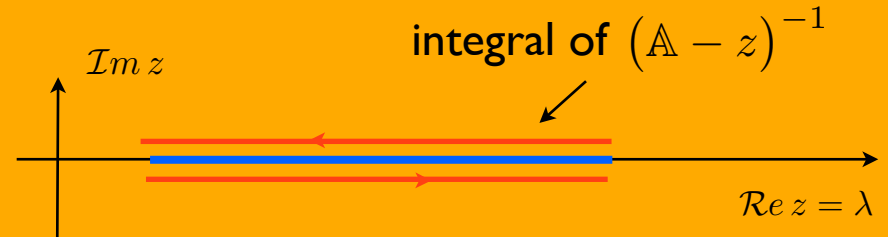
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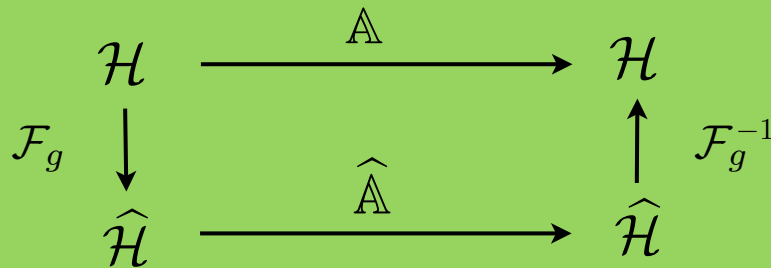
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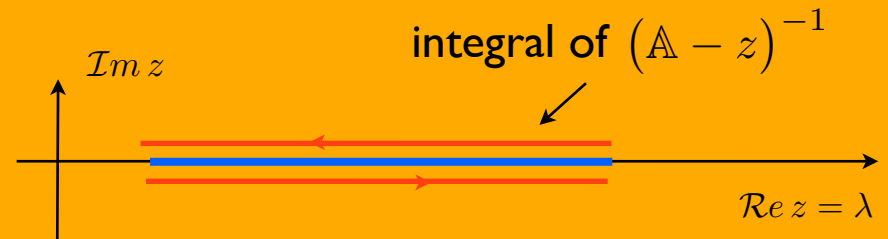
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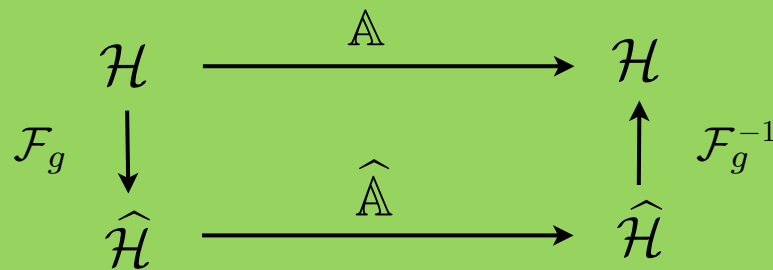
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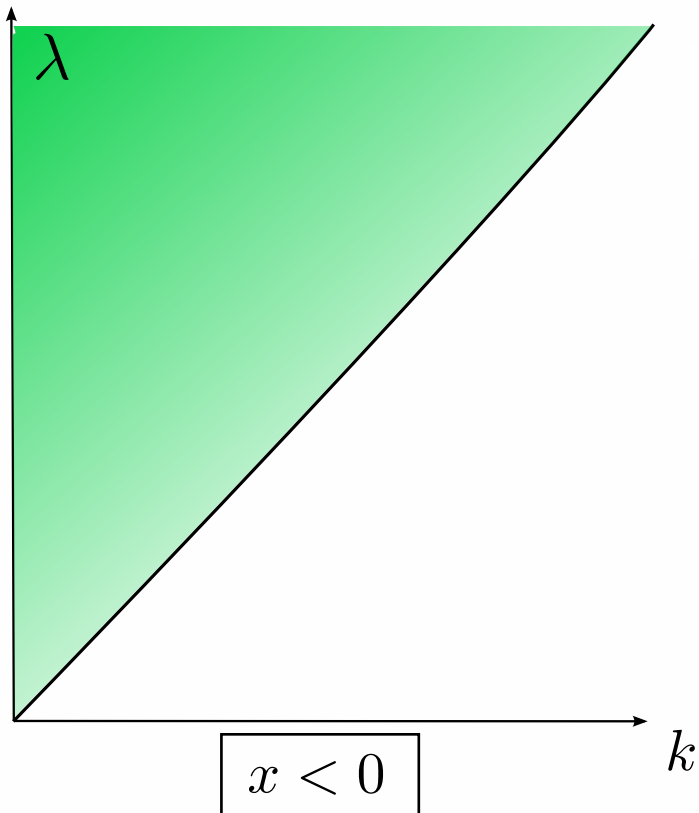
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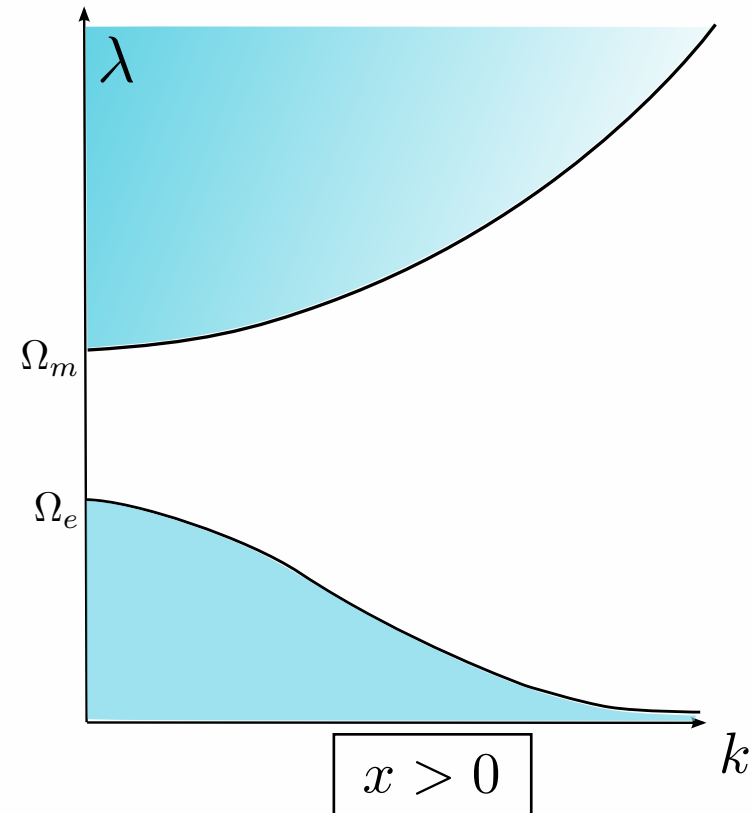
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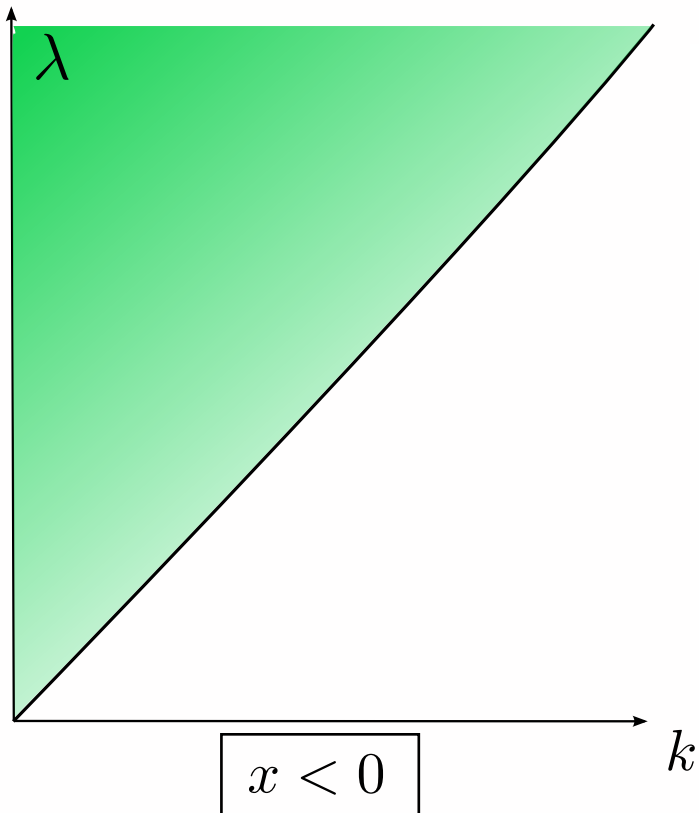


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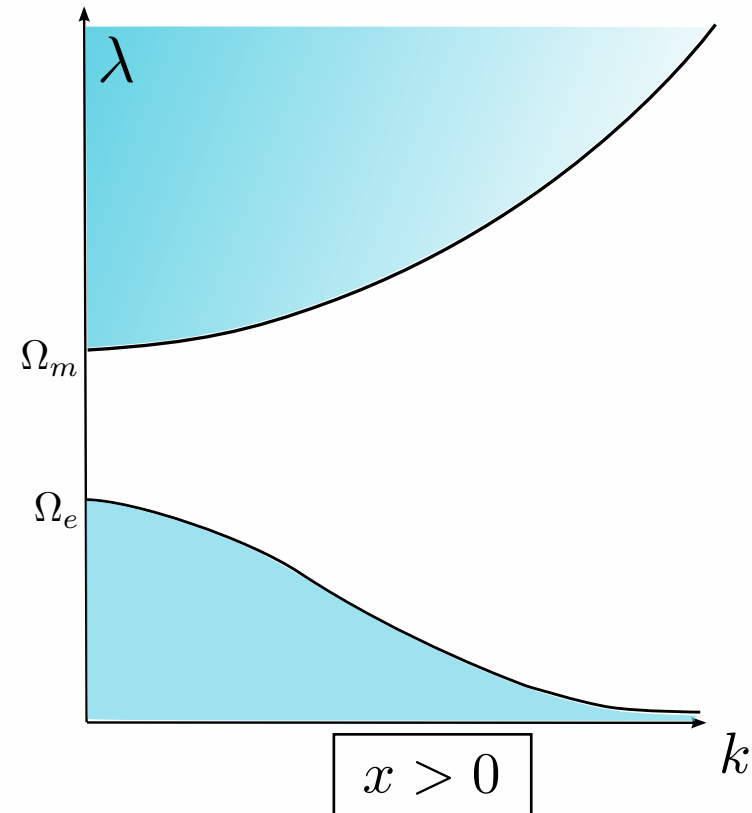
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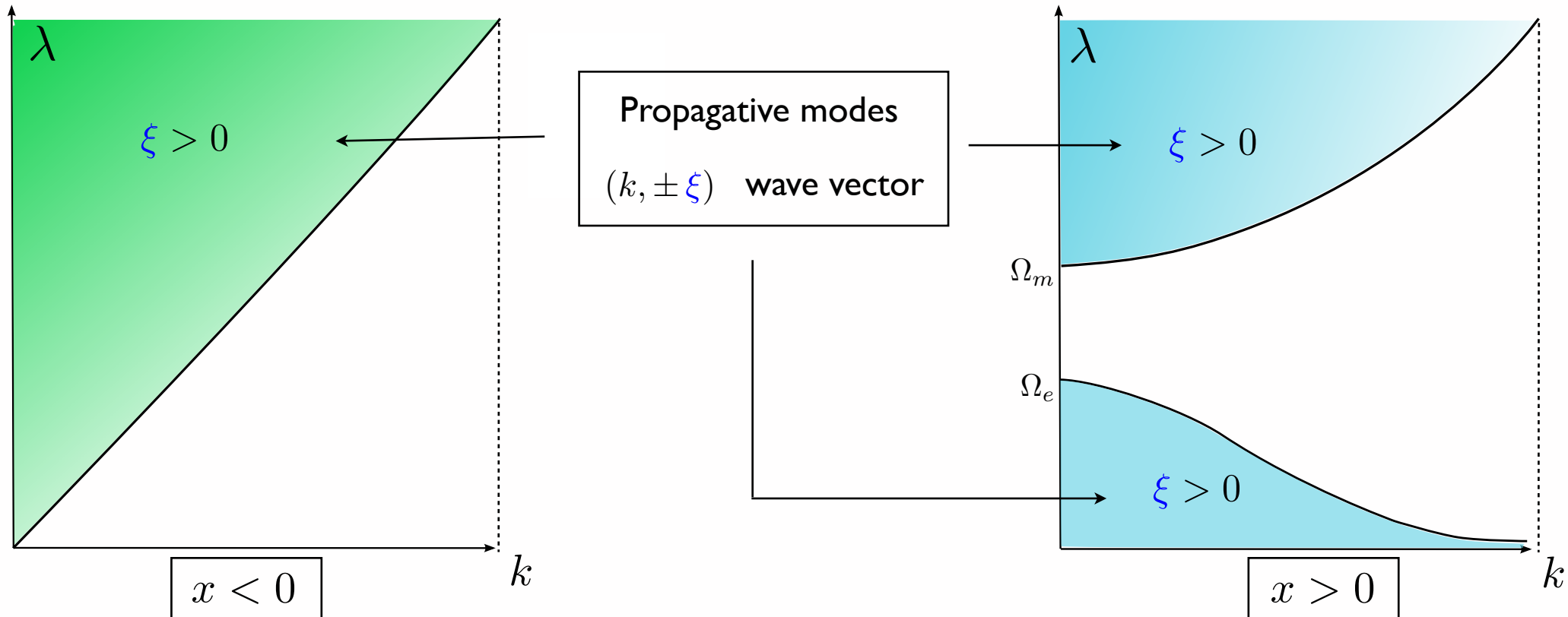


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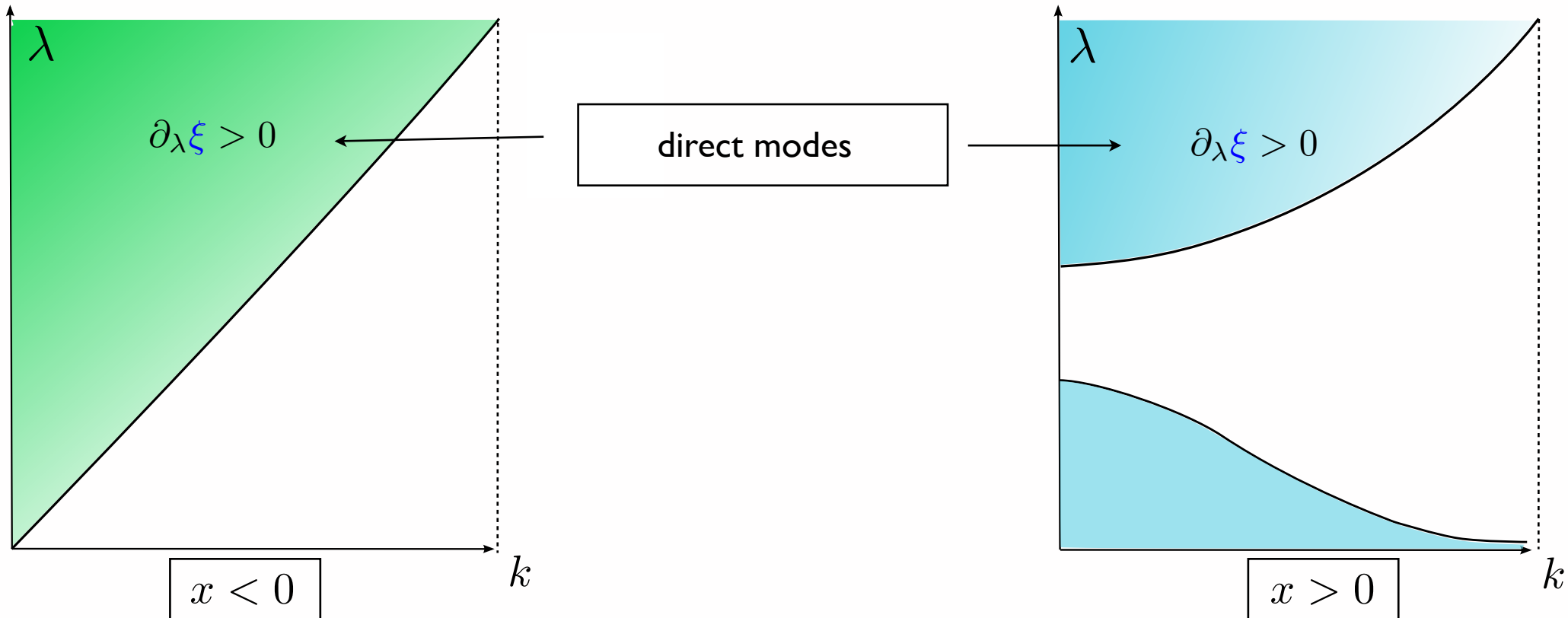


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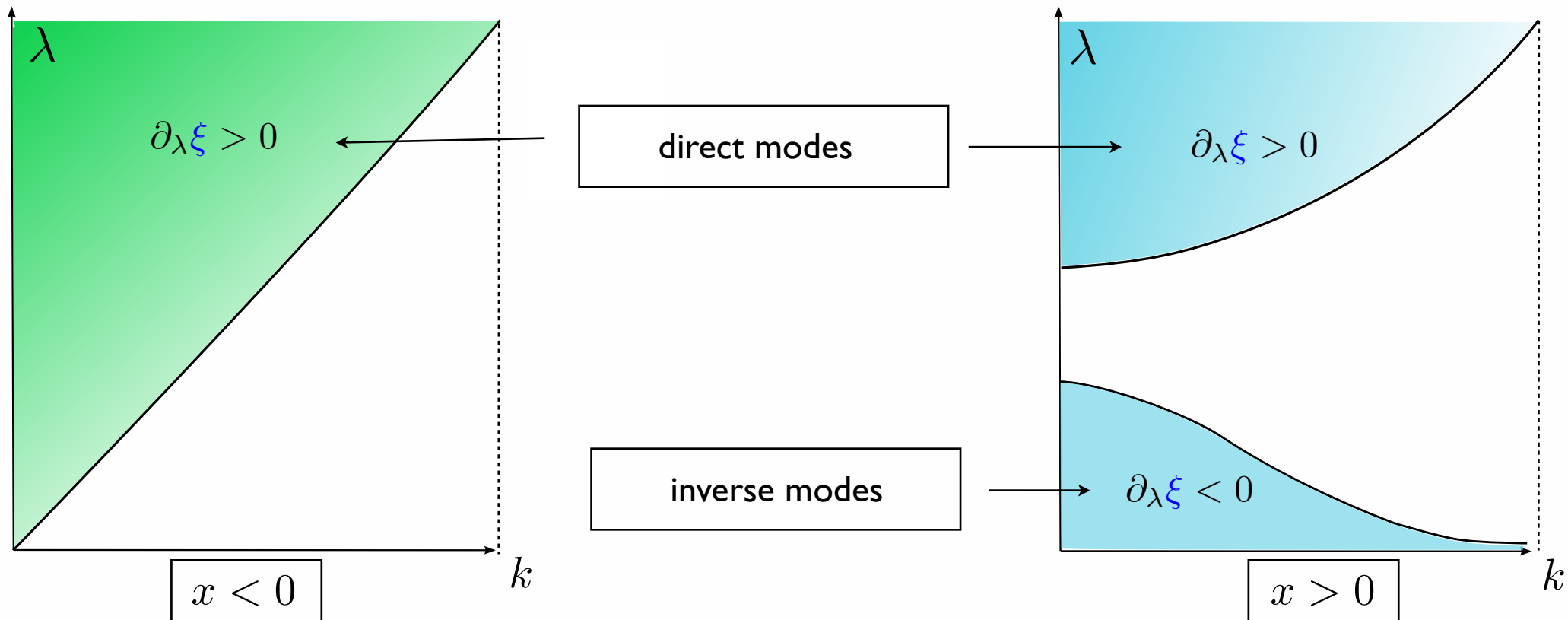


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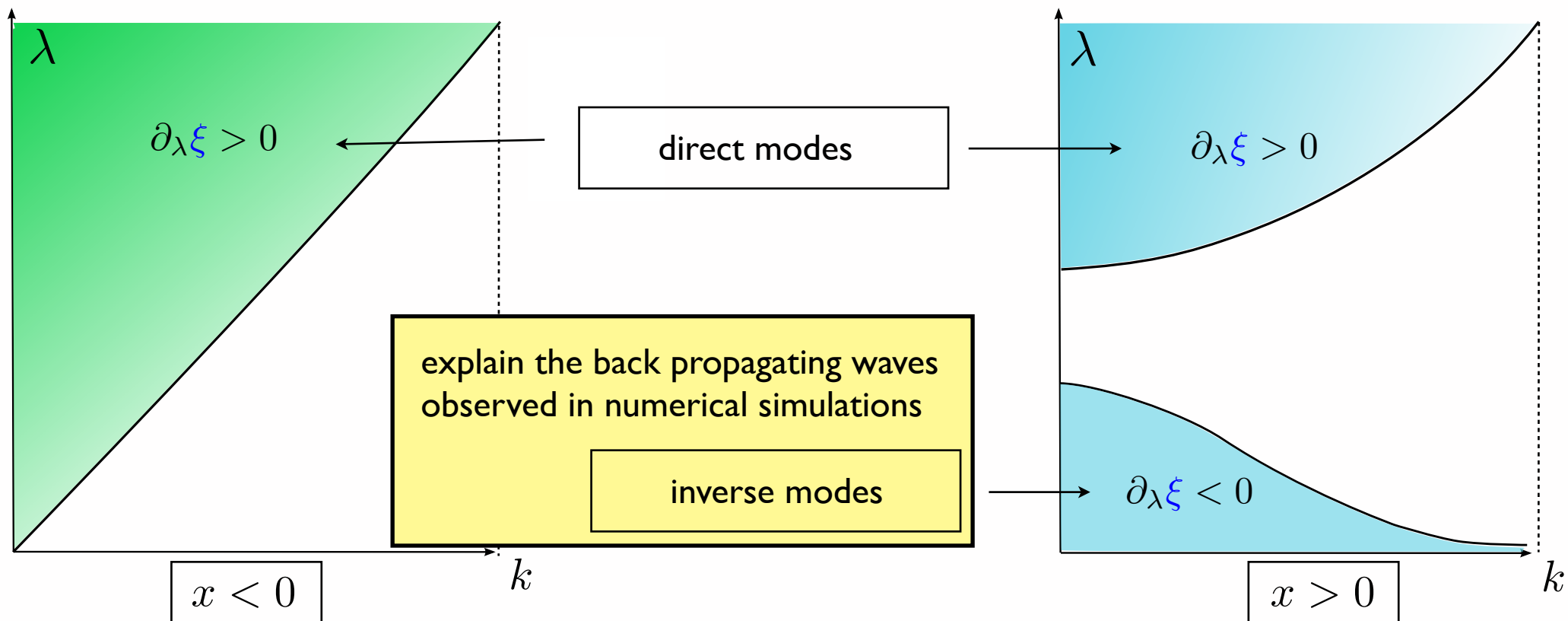


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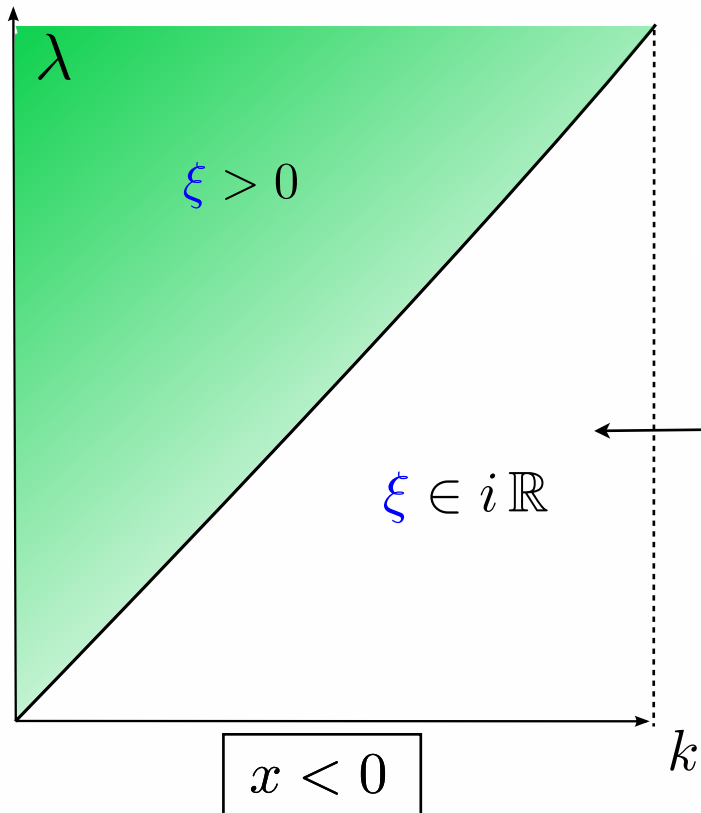


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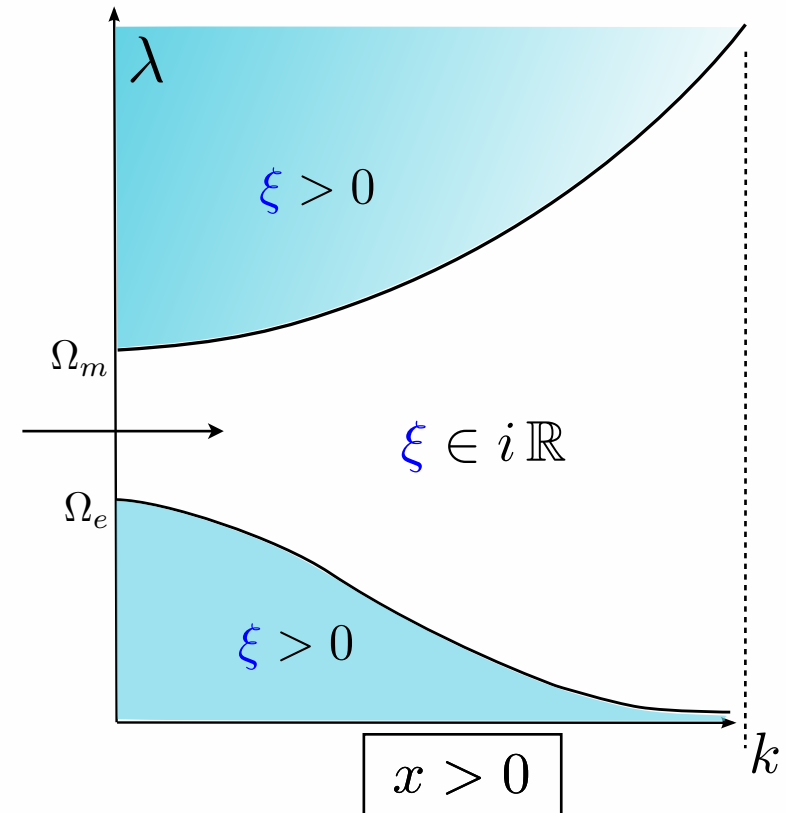
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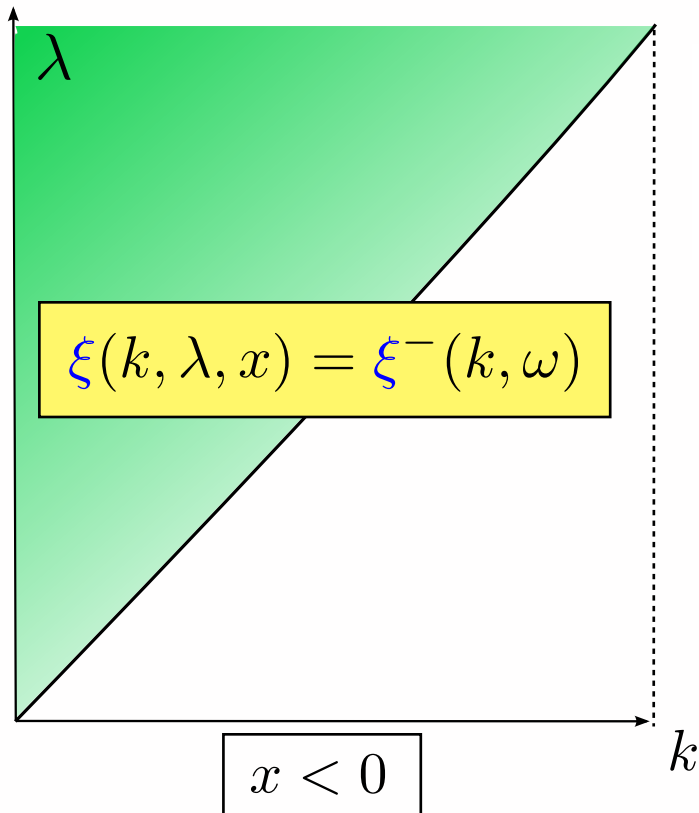


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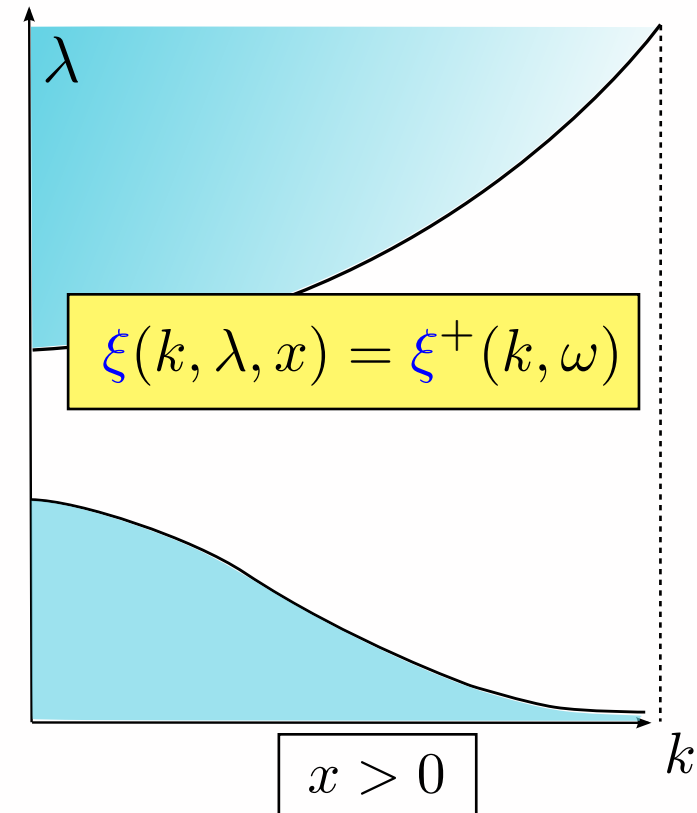
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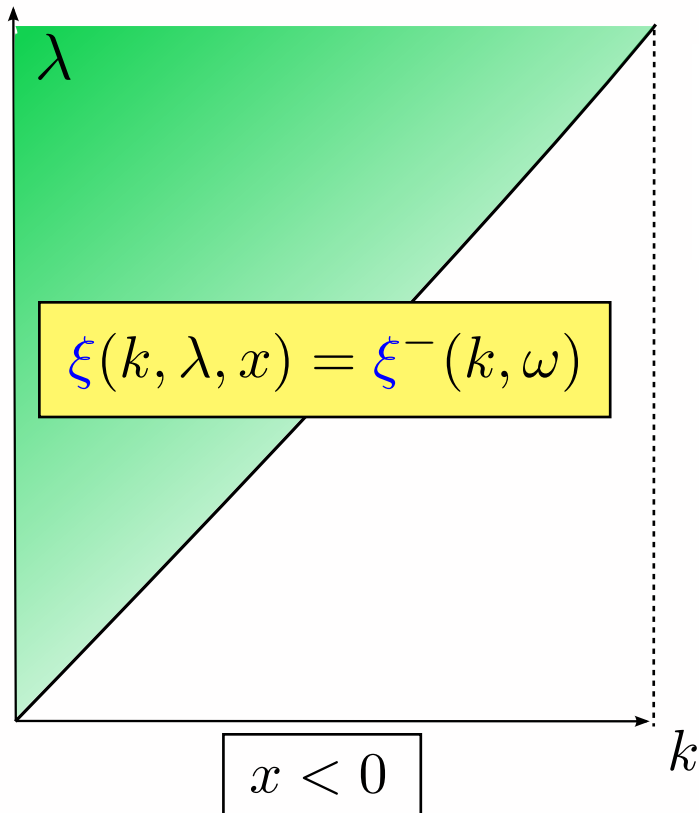


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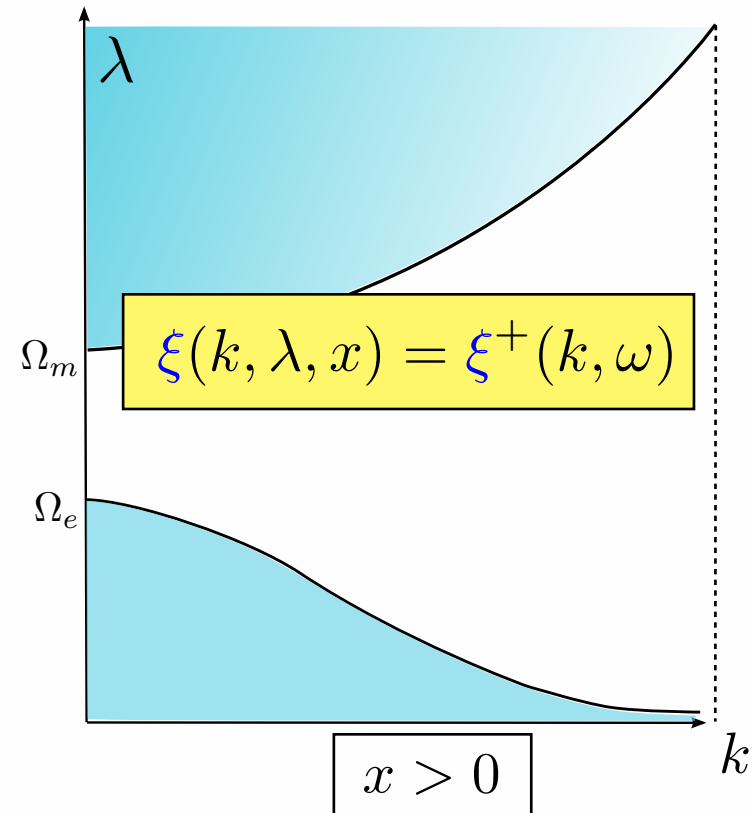
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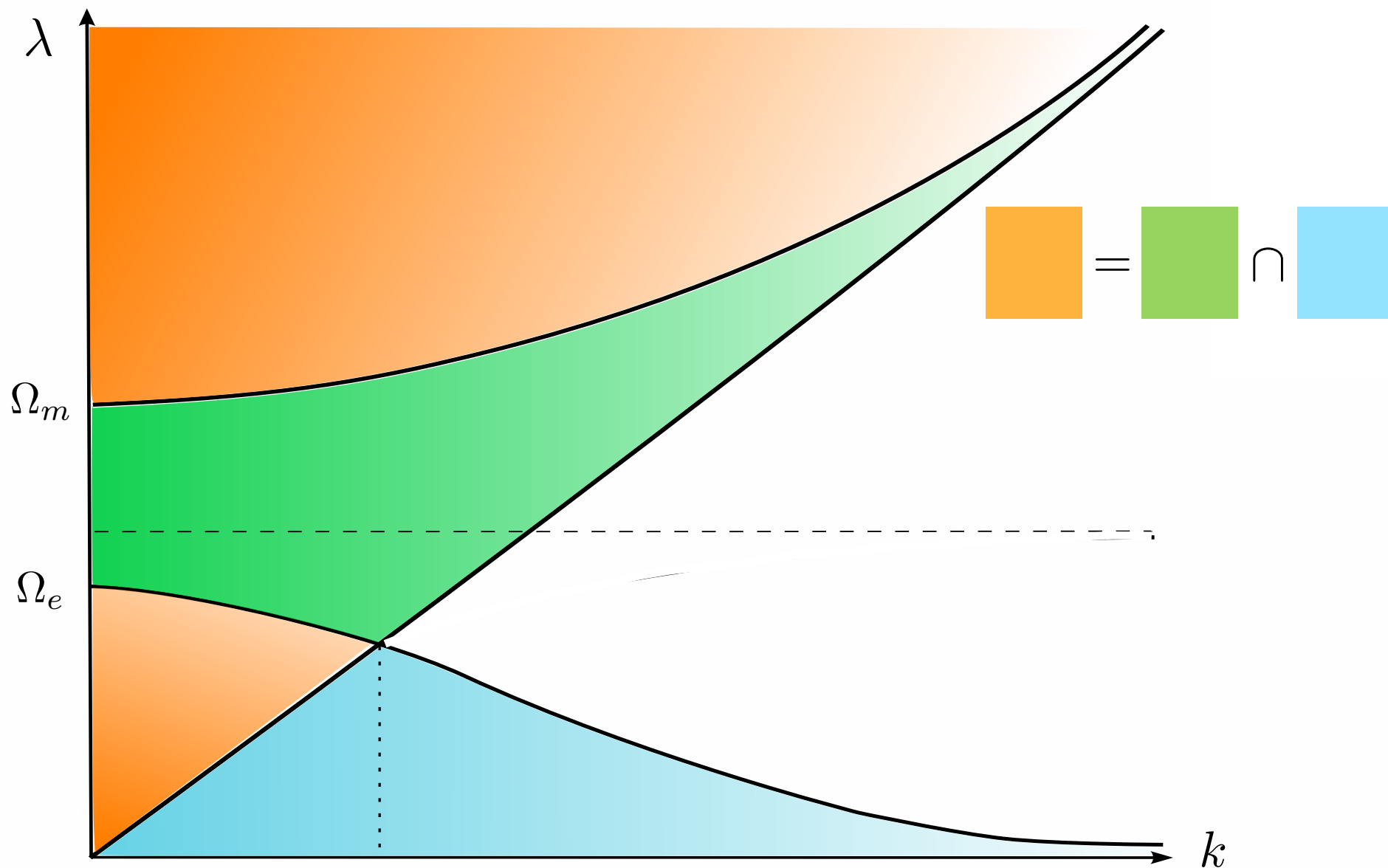


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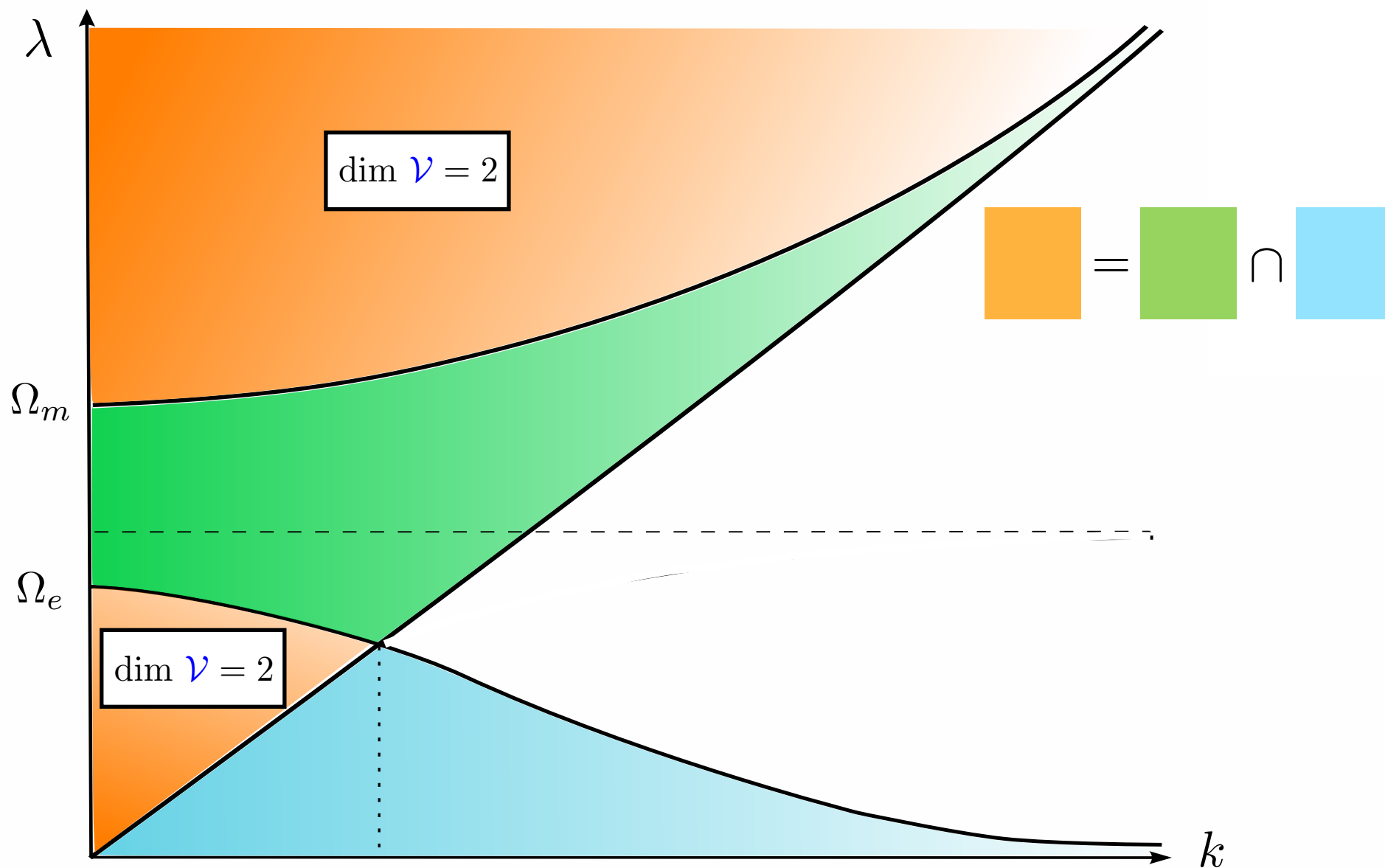
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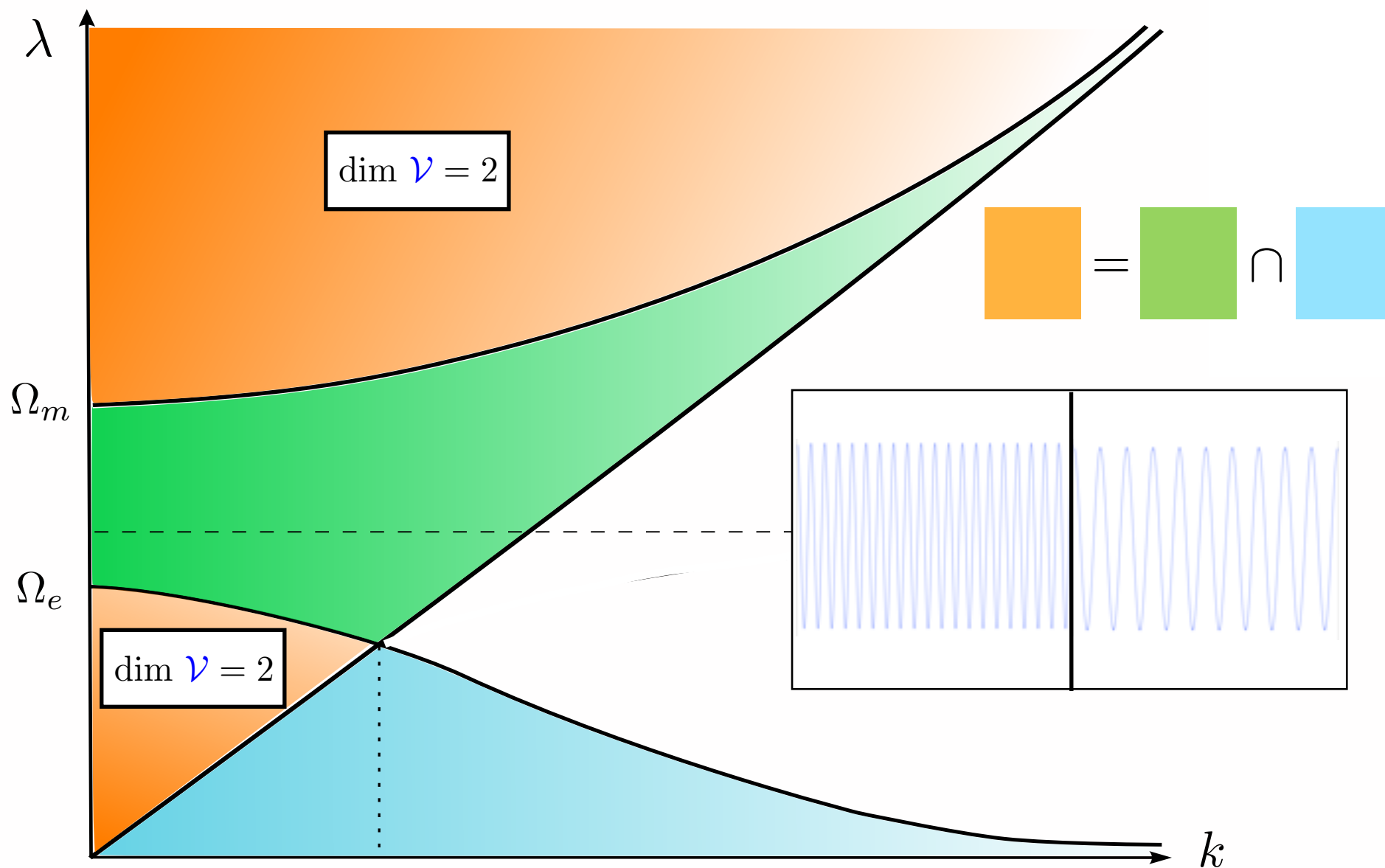
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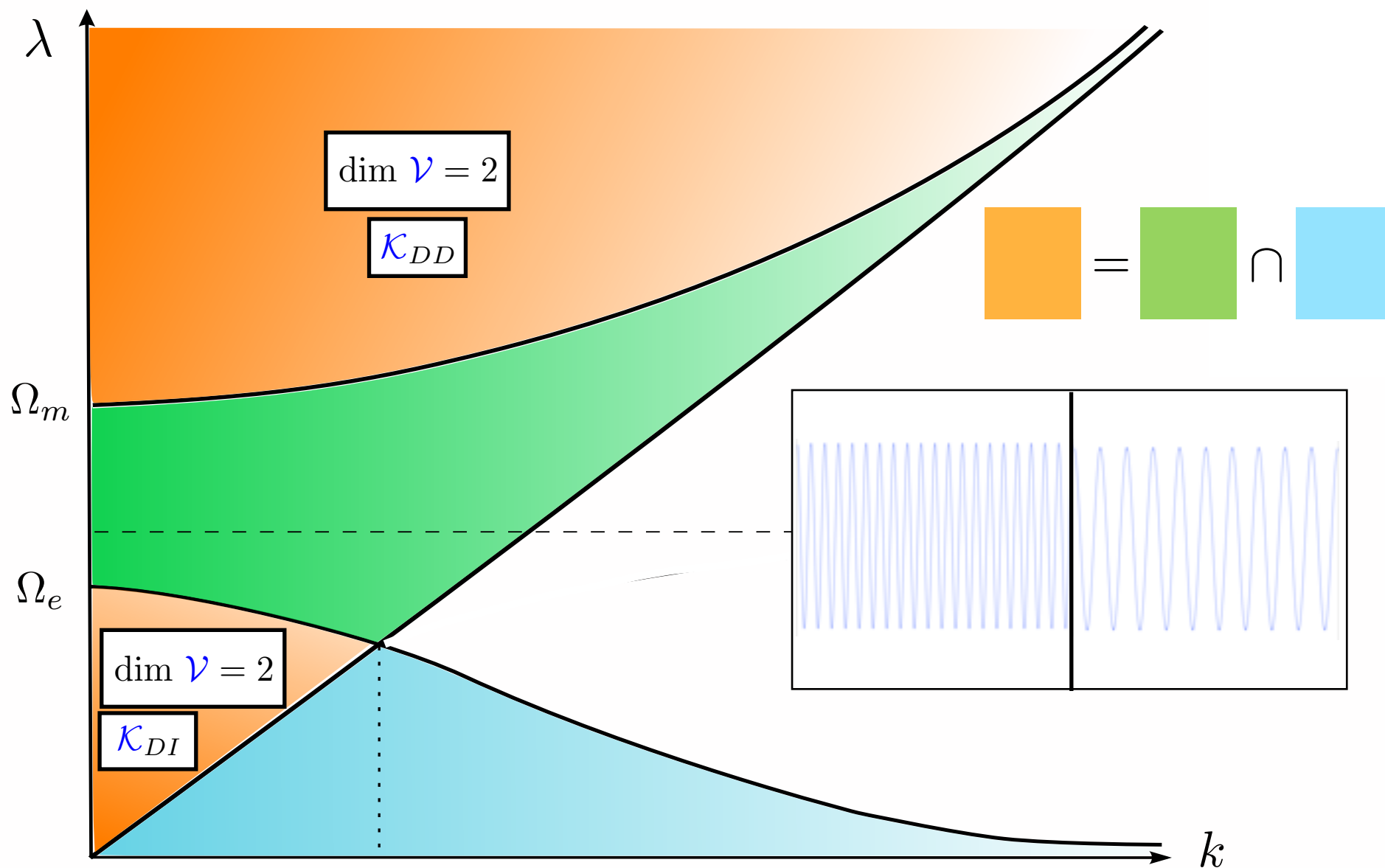
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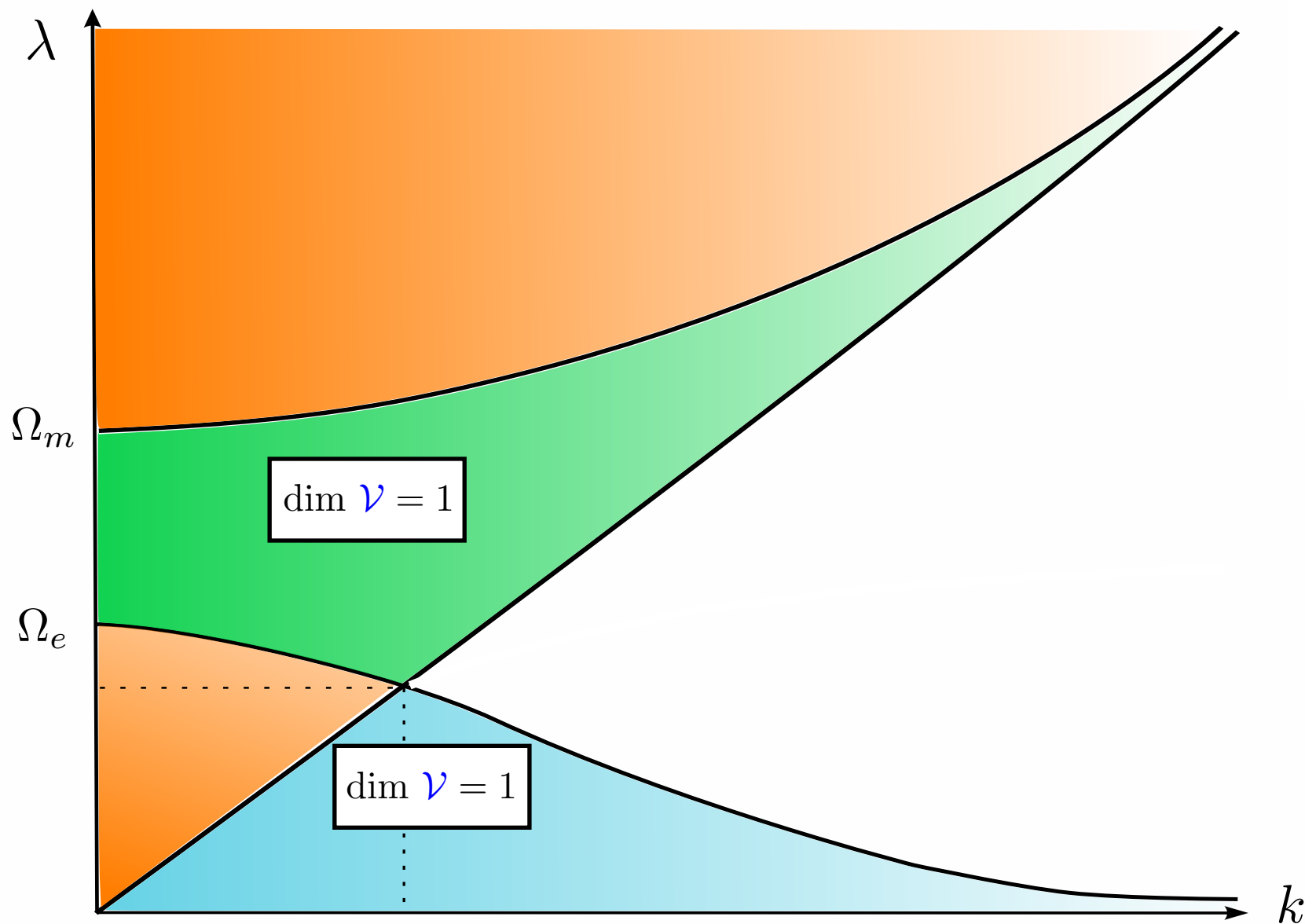
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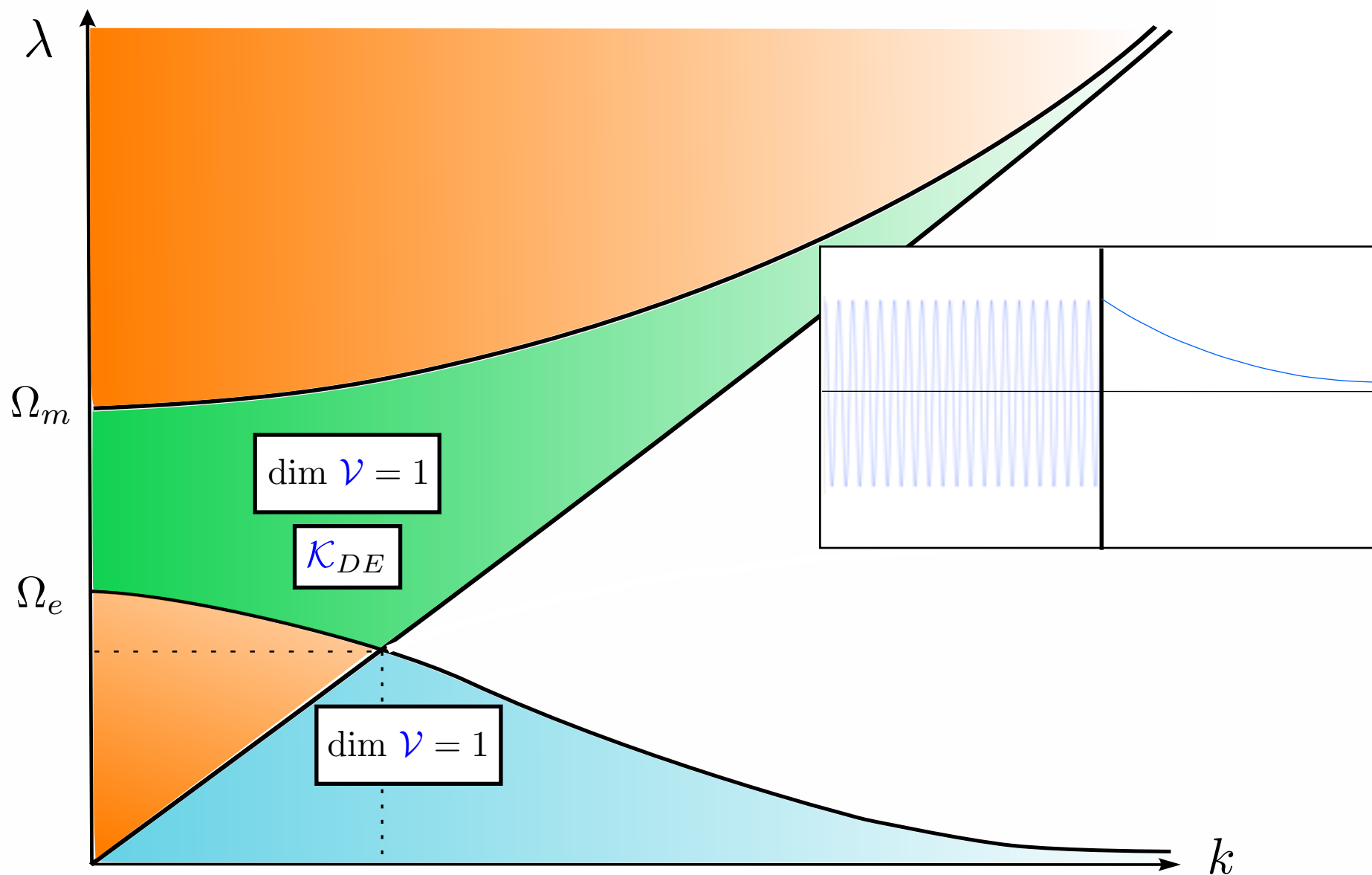
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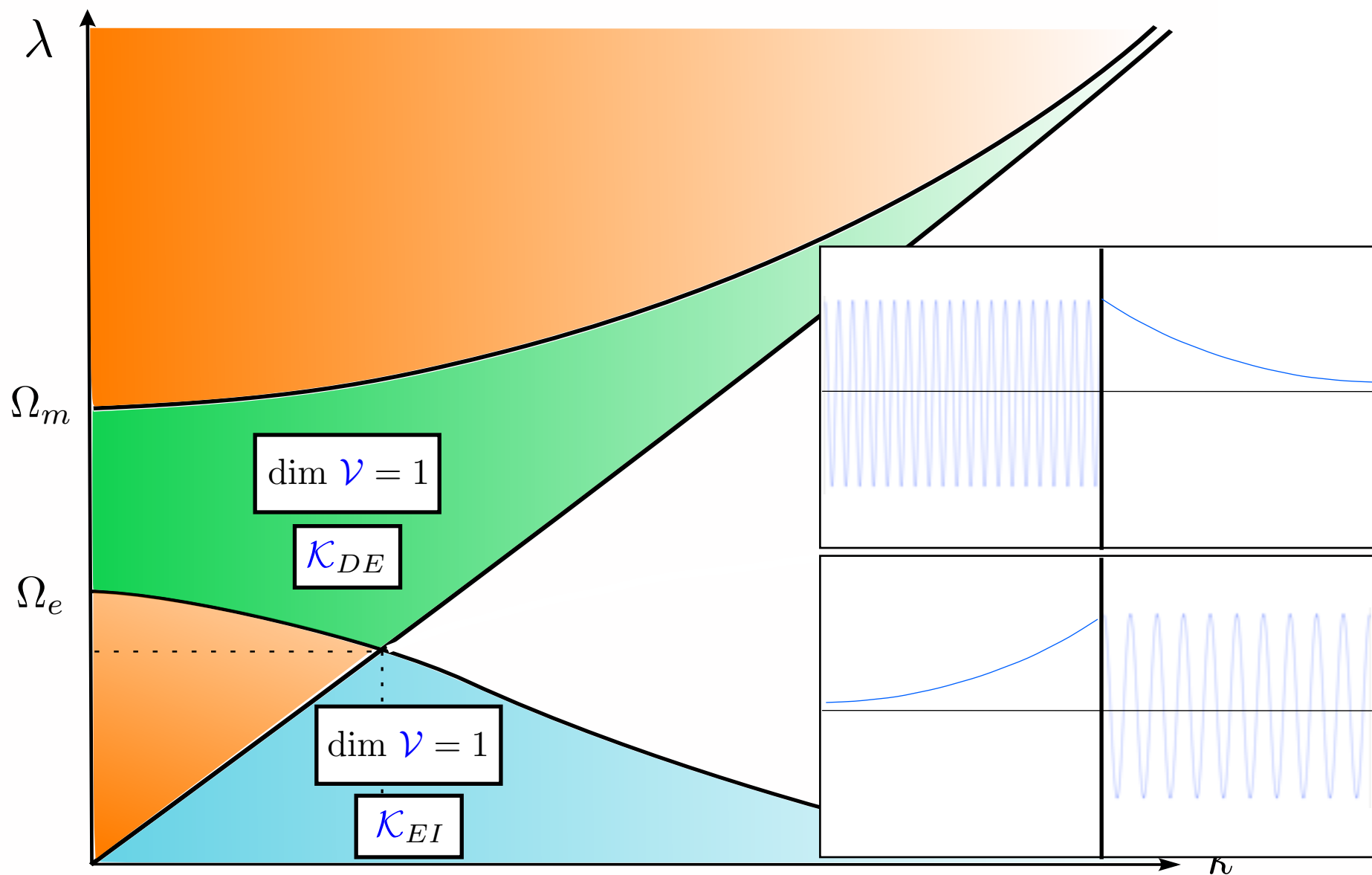
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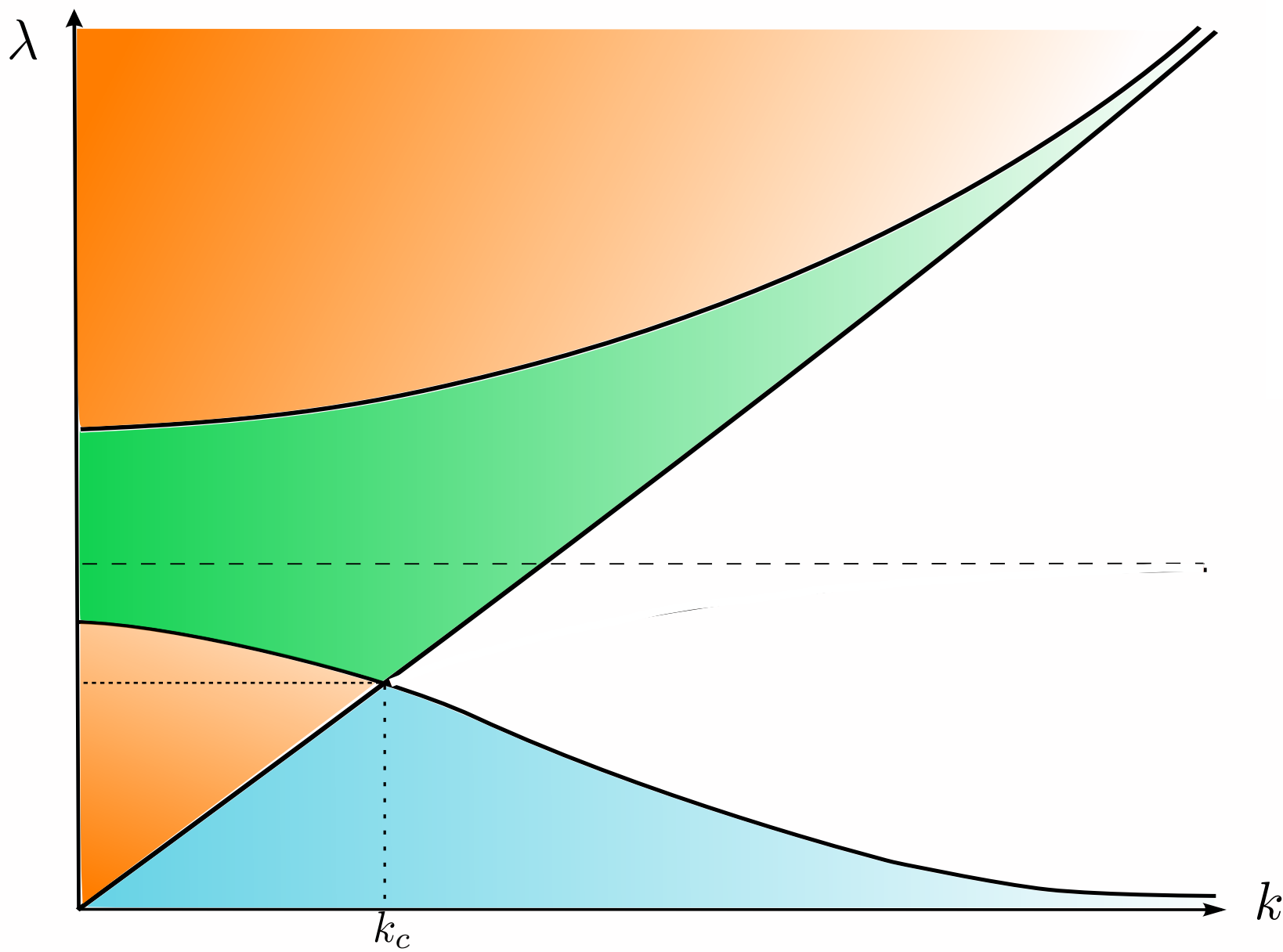
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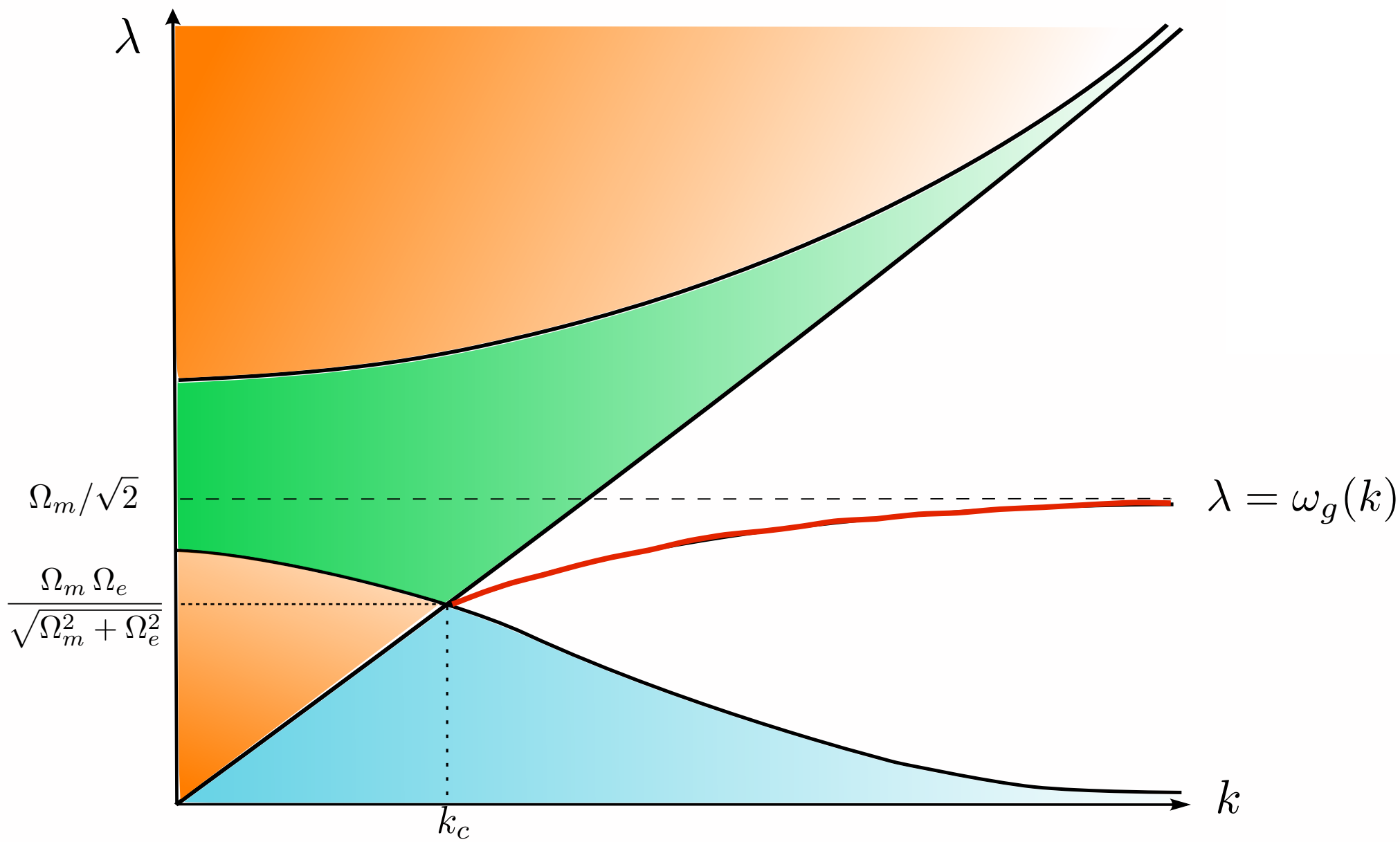
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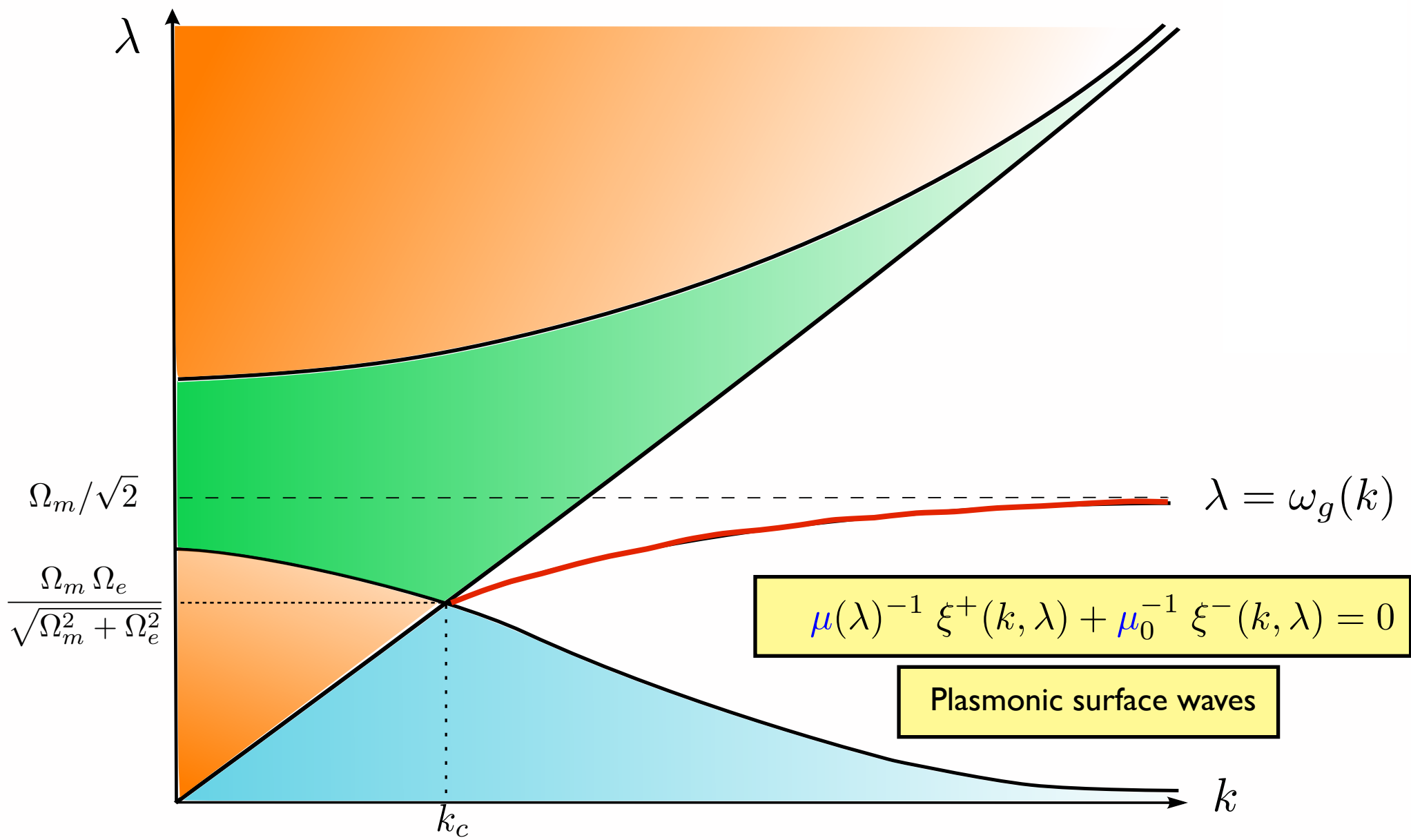
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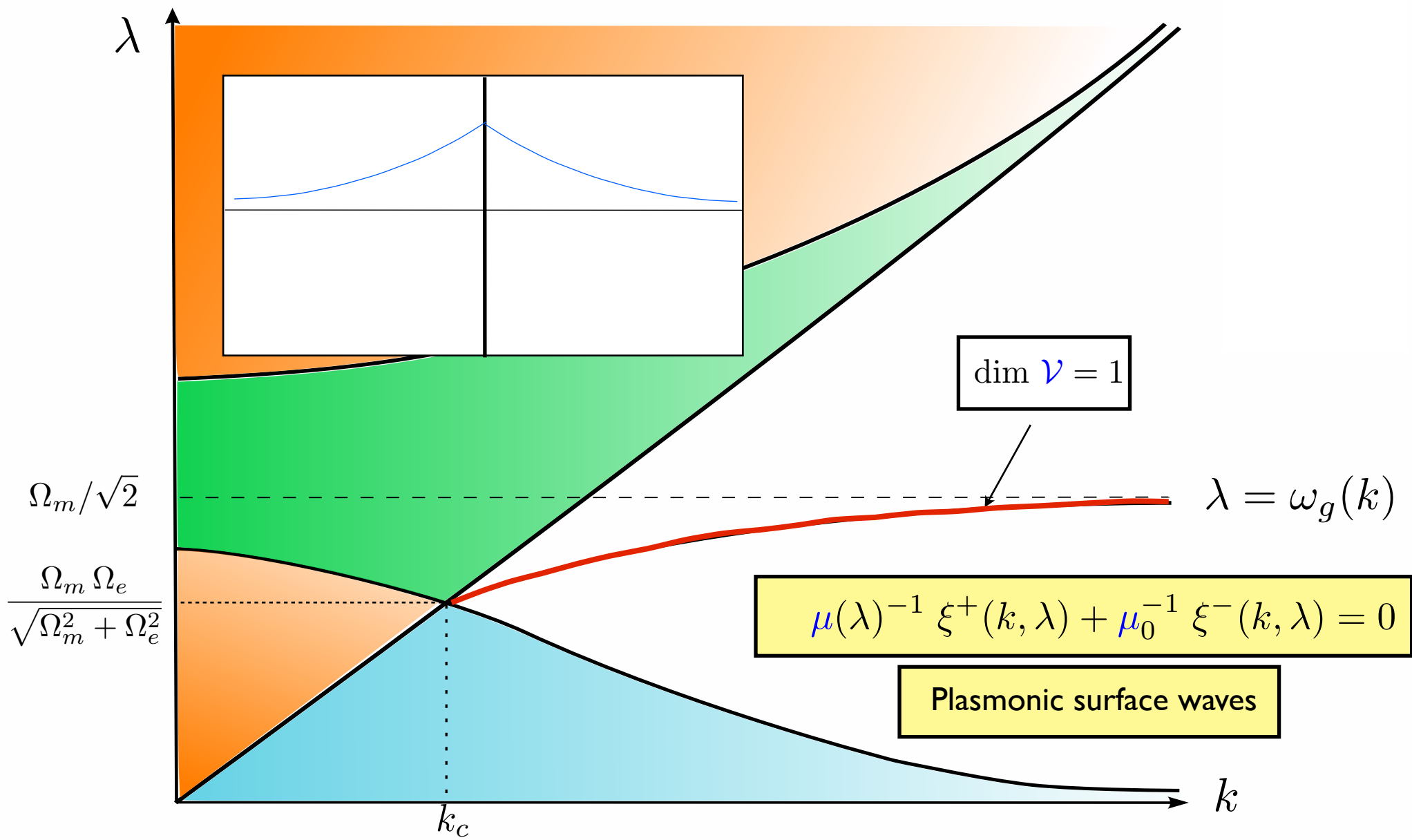
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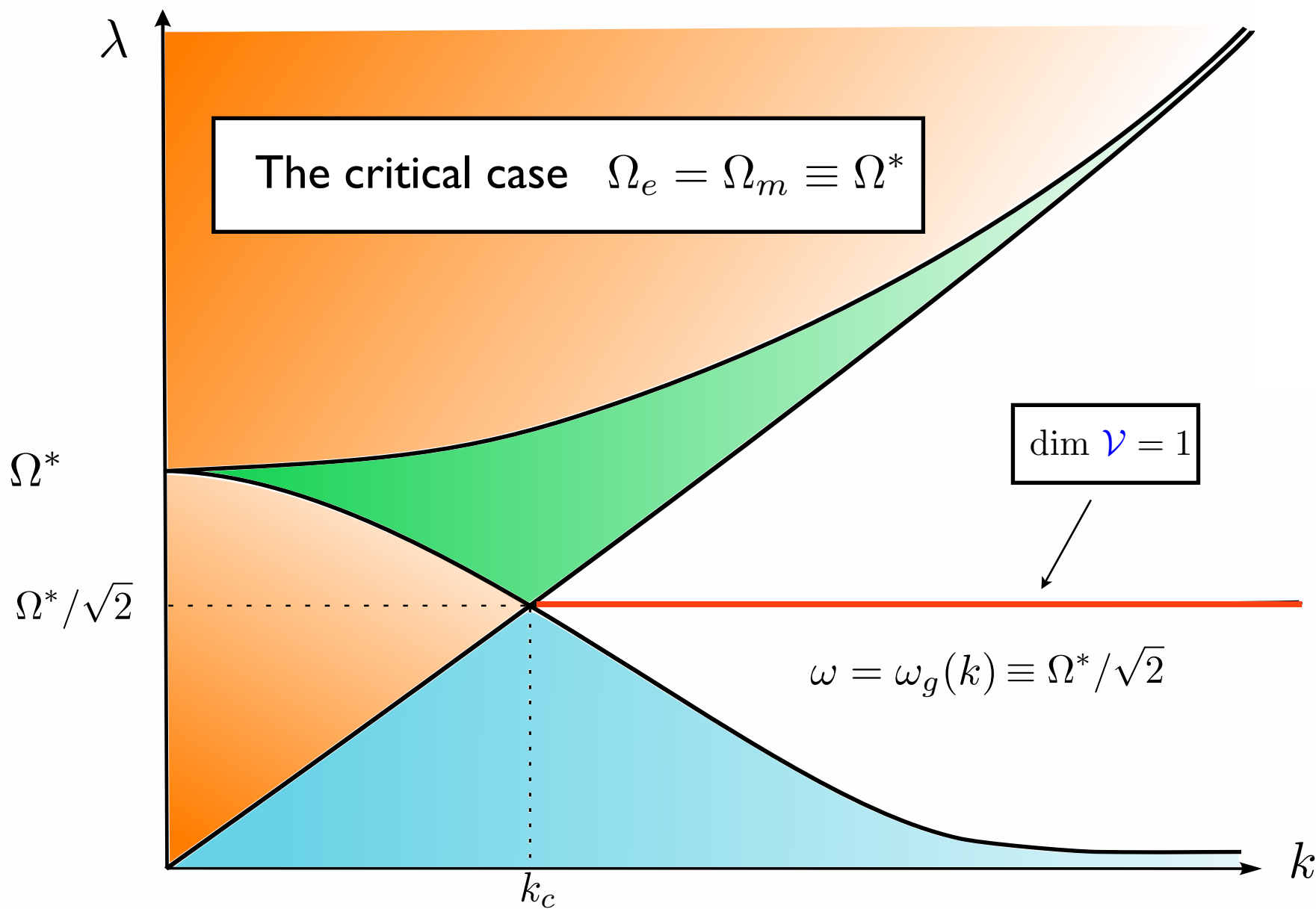
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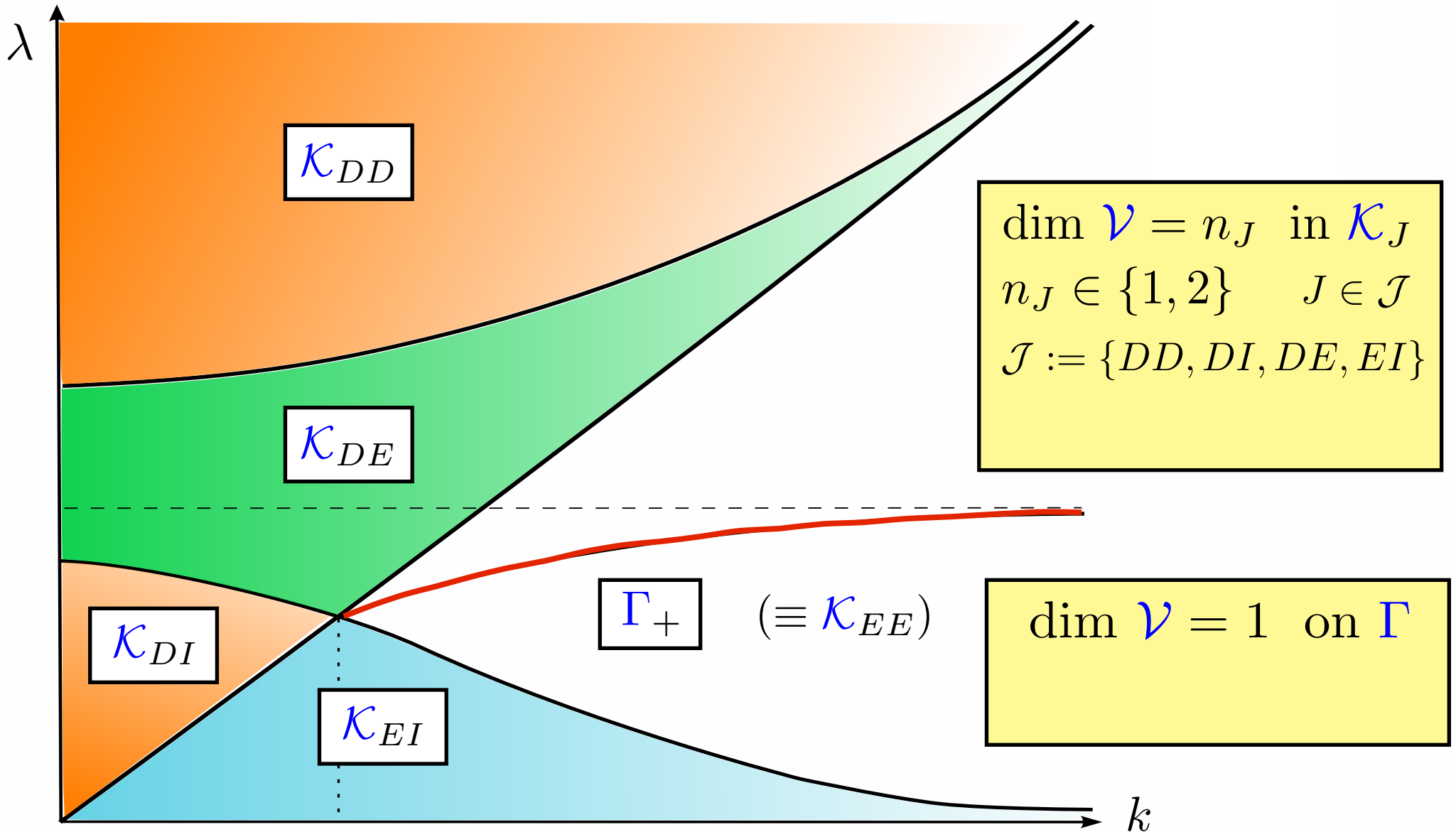
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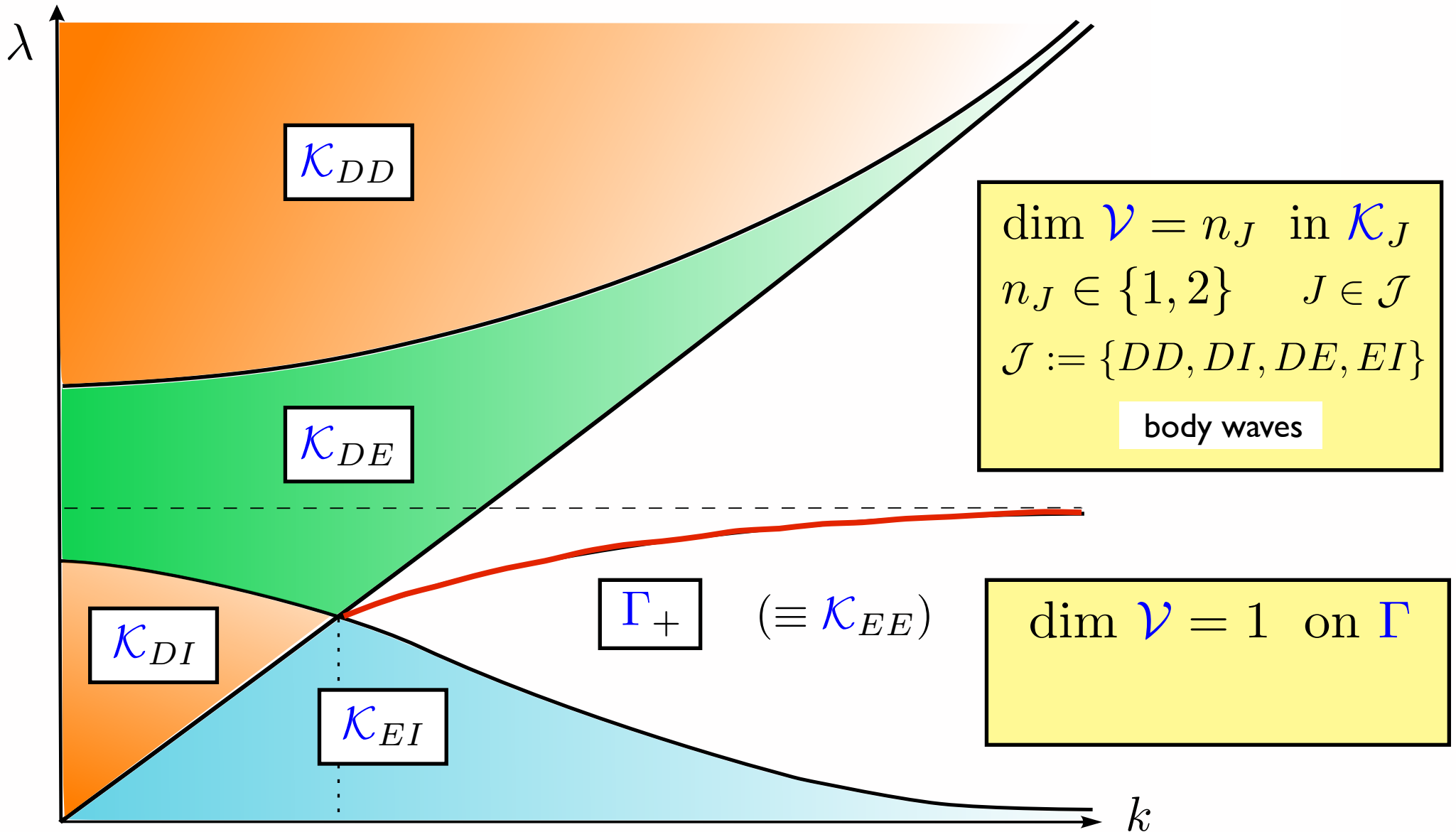
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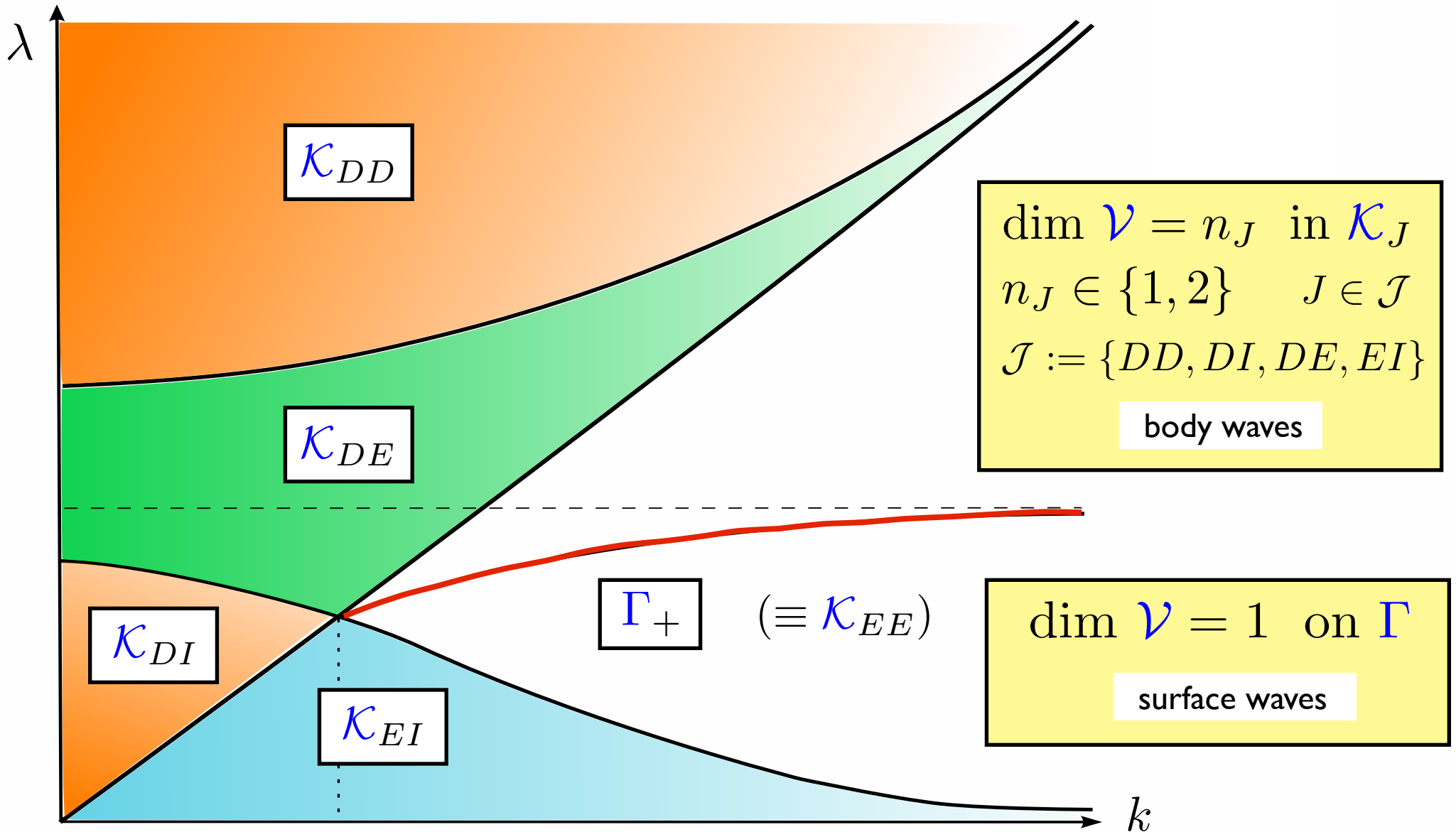
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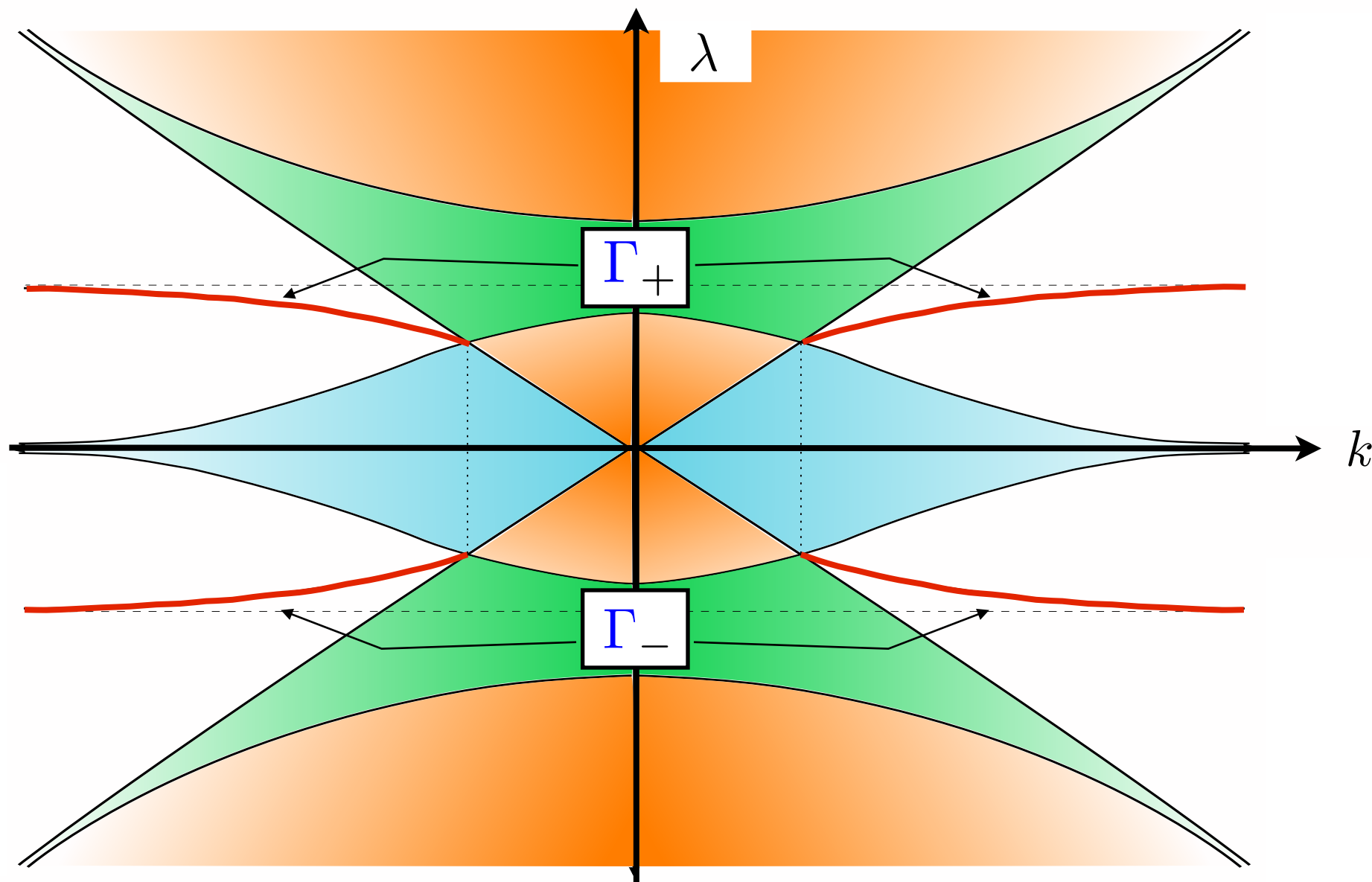
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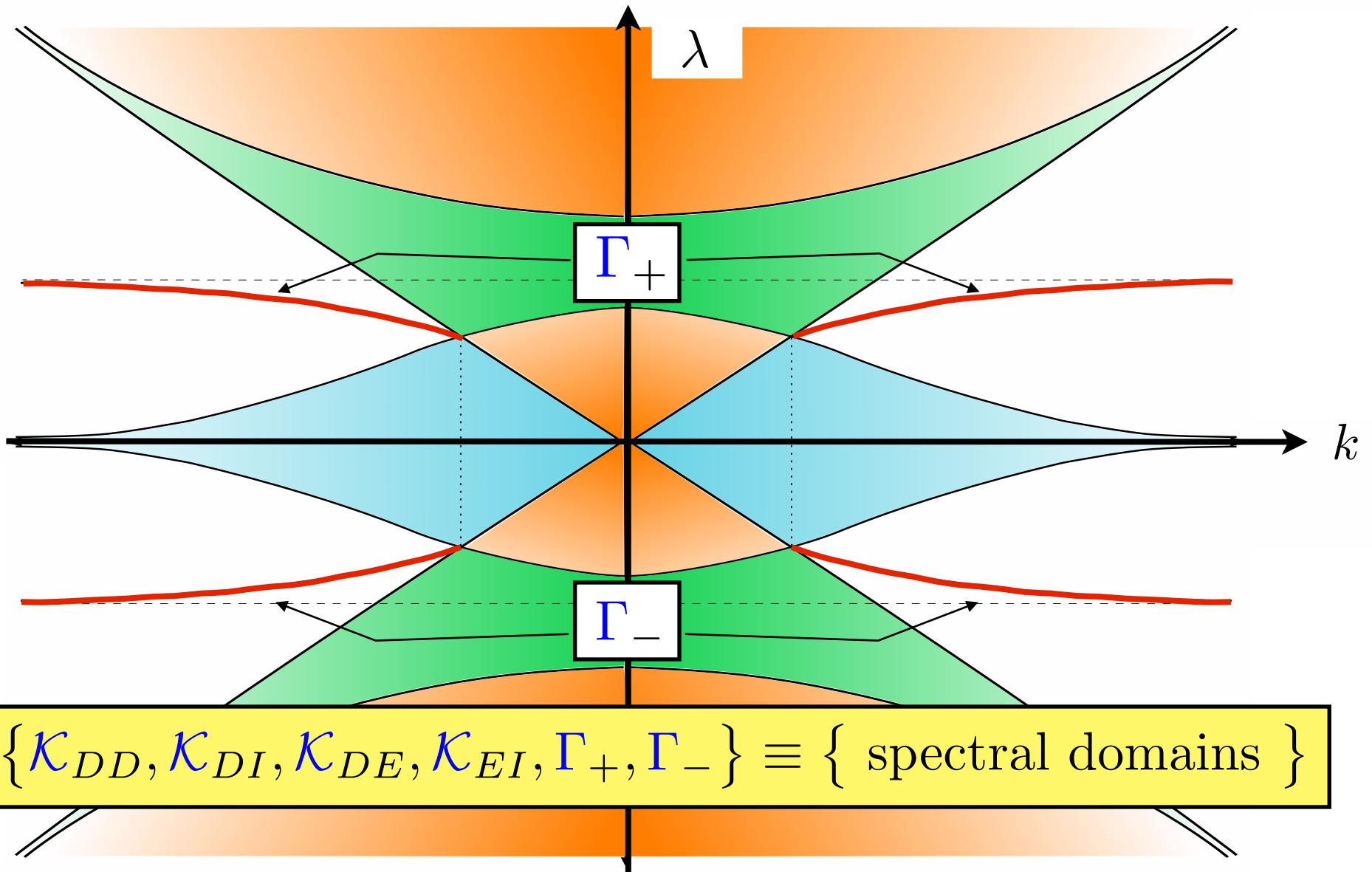
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Although the study of the guided part $\mathbf{U}_g^{\pm}(\cdot, t)$ of the solution is **easier** than the rest, this is the part of the solution which leads to distinguish the **critical** and **non critical** cases.

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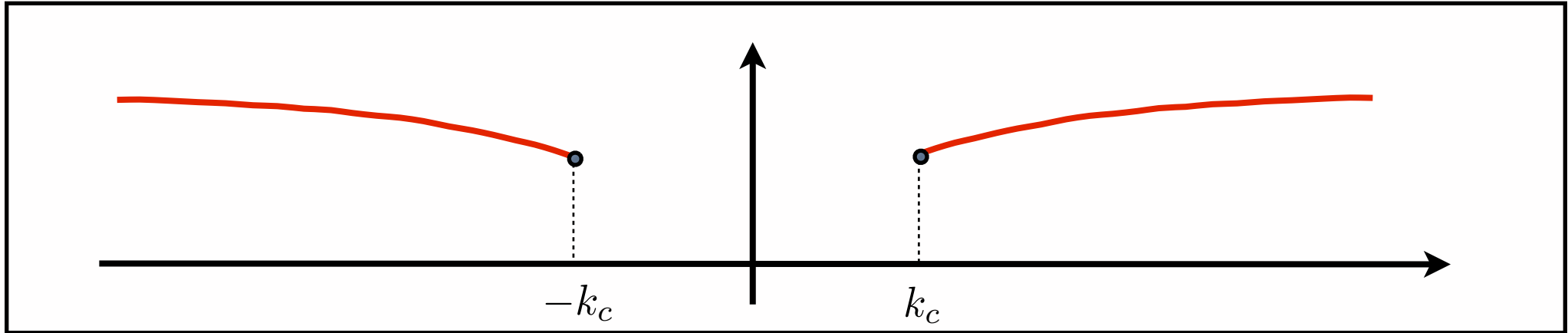
In this case, the explicit integration of

$$\frac{d\hat{\mathbf{u}}_g^+}{dt}(k, t) - i\omega_g(k)\hat{\mathbf{u}}_g^+(k) = f_g^+(k)e^{i\omega t}$$

leads to the following expression

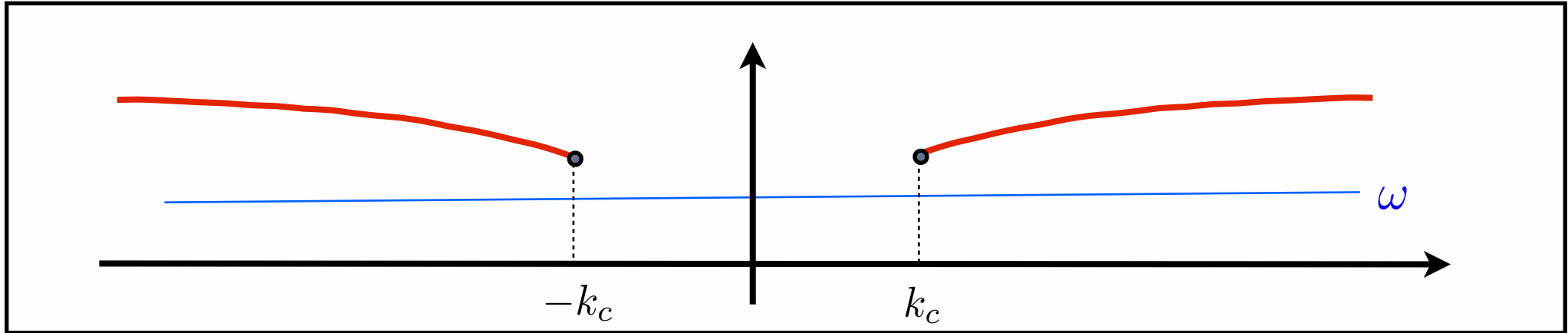
$$(\mathbf{U}_g^+(\cdot, t), \mathbf{V})_{\mathcal{H}} = e^{i\omega t} \int_{|k| > k_c} \frac{1 - e^{i(\omega_g(k) - \omega)t}}{\omega_g(k) - \omega} \hat{f}_g(k) \hat{\mathbf{v}}_g(k) dk$$

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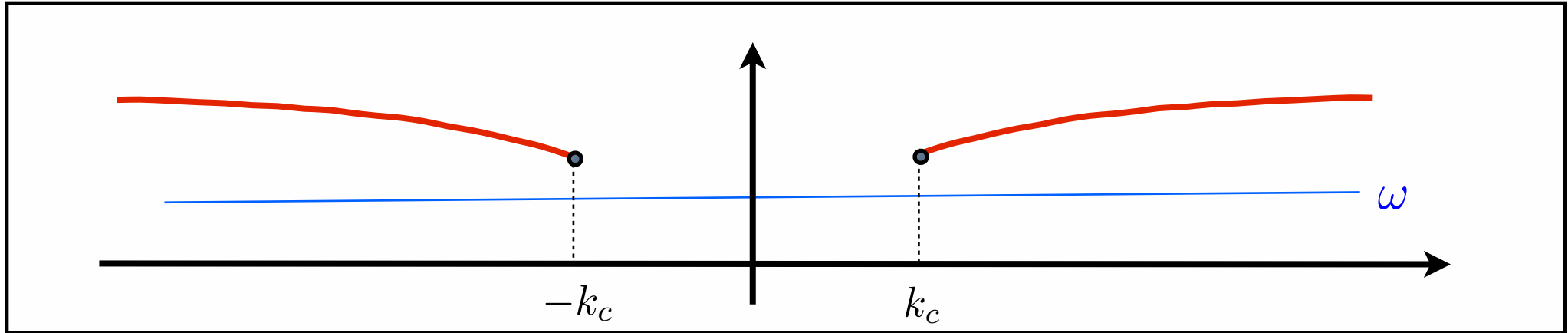
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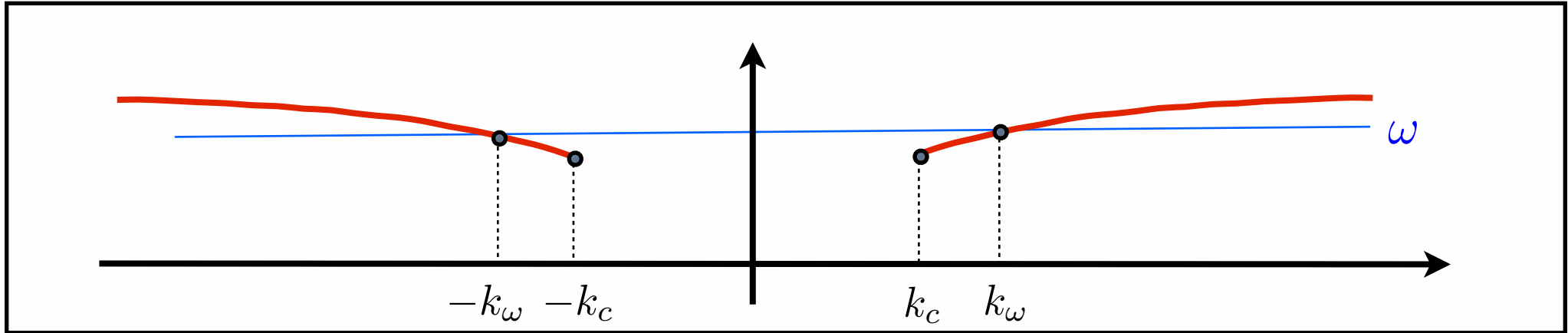
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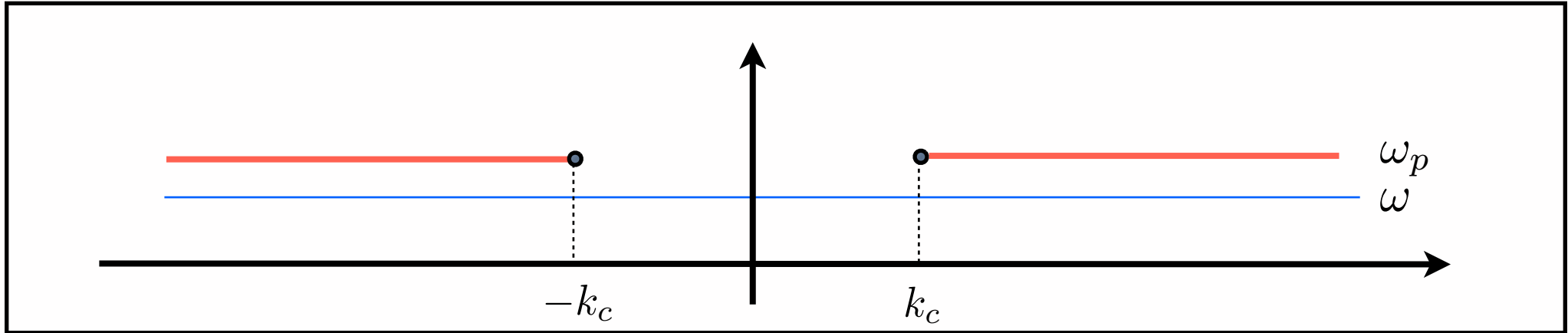
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corresponds to the plasmonic surface waves
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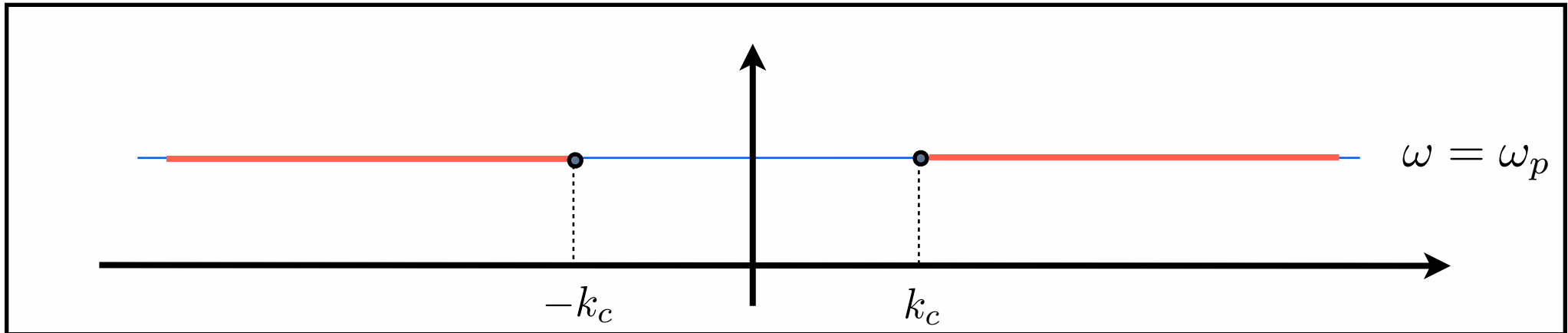


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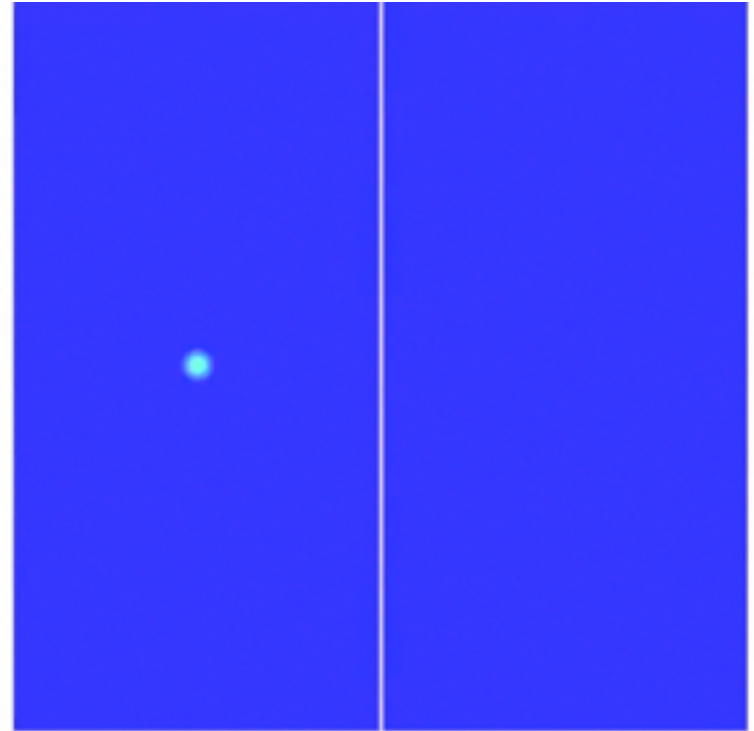
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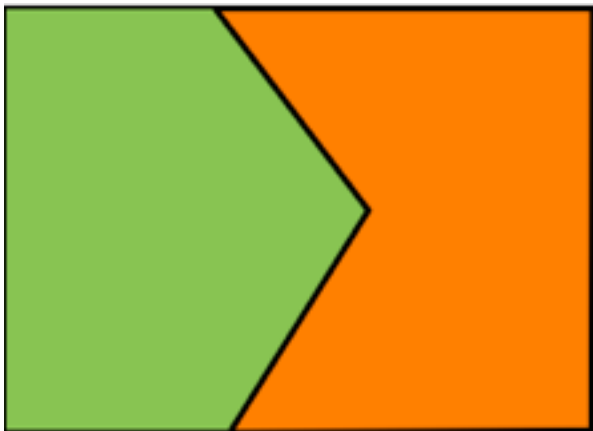
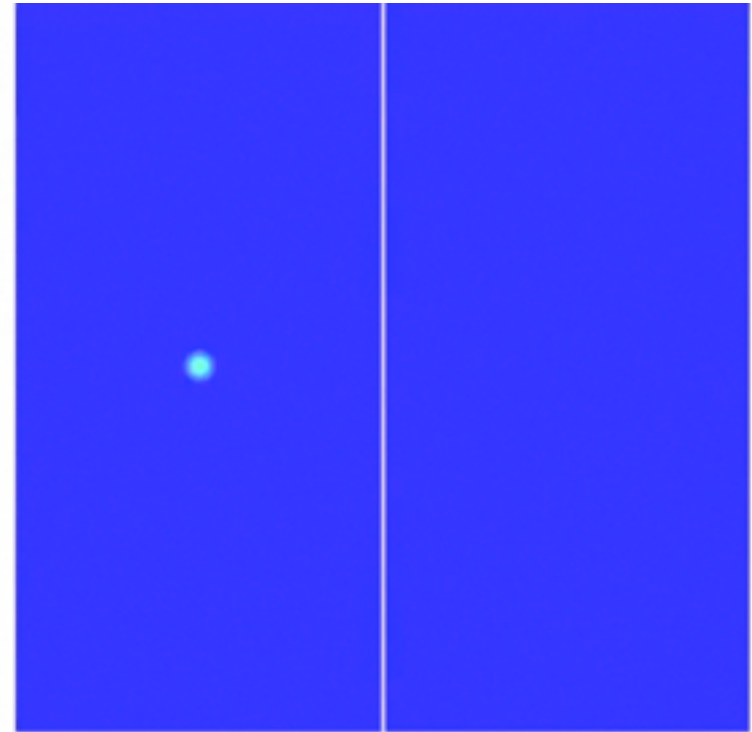


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More difficulties and new phenomena are expected with a **non smooth** interface (**black hole** phenomenon ?)