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Illustration: need at least 3 keys to open a bank vault

Other apps. we'll see: **codes** based on polynomials

TYPE OF CODE	REED-SOLOMON	LOW-DENSITY PARITY-CHECK (LDPC)	TURBO
APPLICATIONS	 DATA STORAGE (CD/DVD)	 WIFI, BROADCASTING	 CELLULAR (3G, 4G), SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

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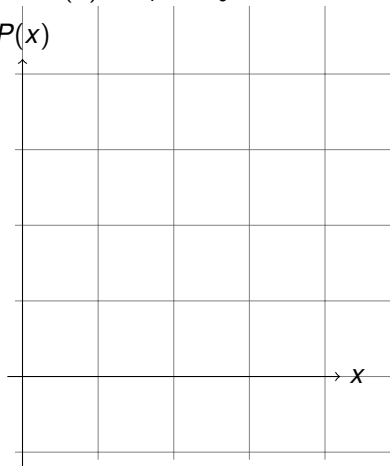
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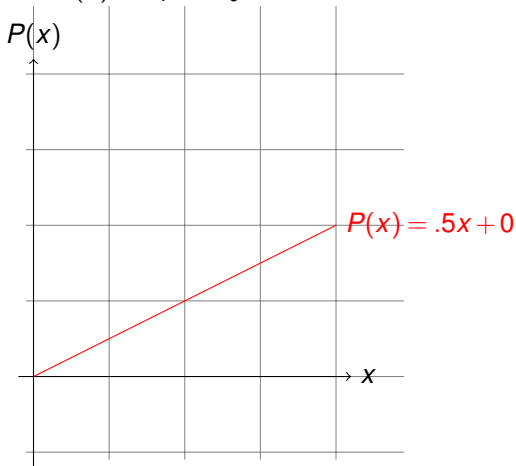
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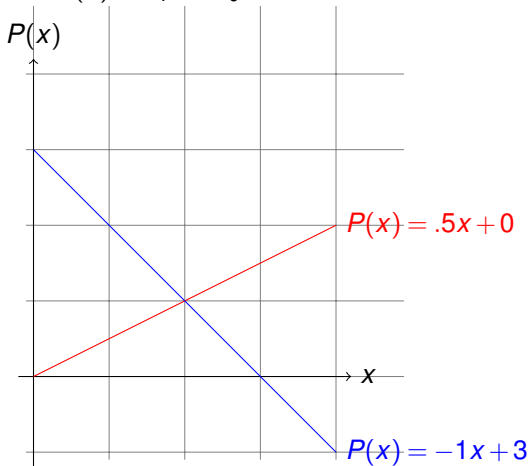
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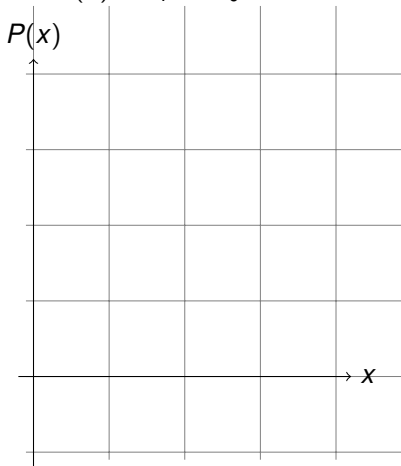
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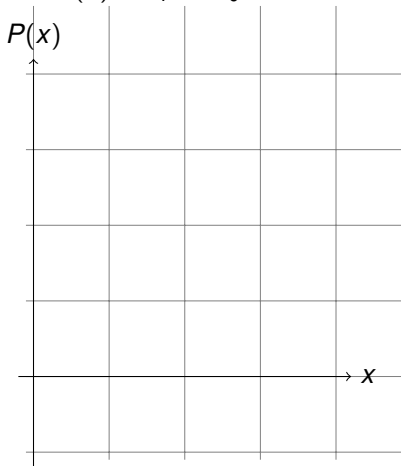
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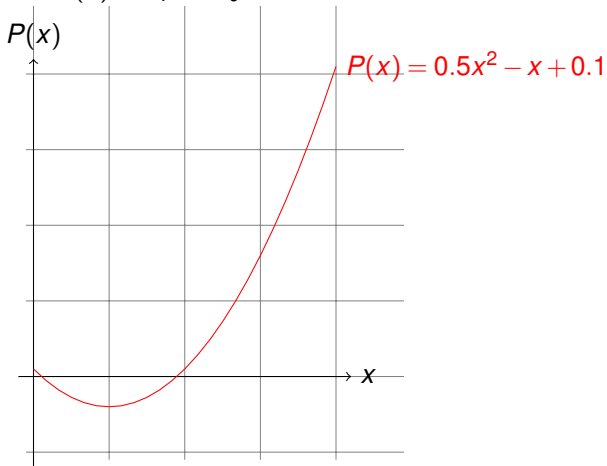
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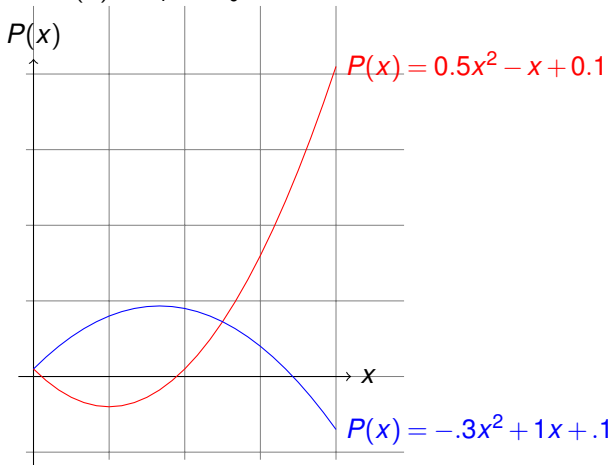
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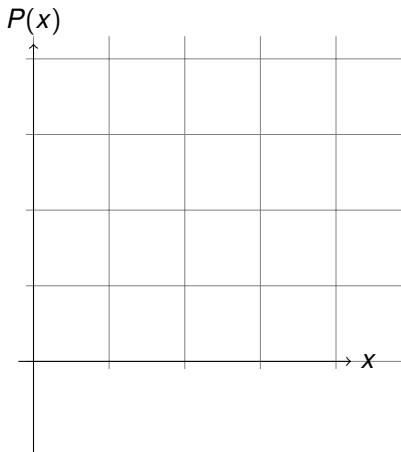
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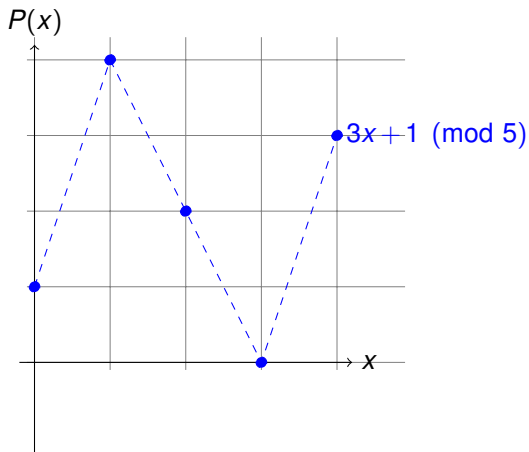


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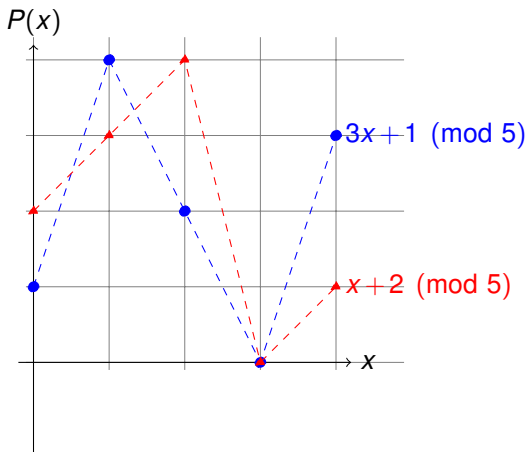
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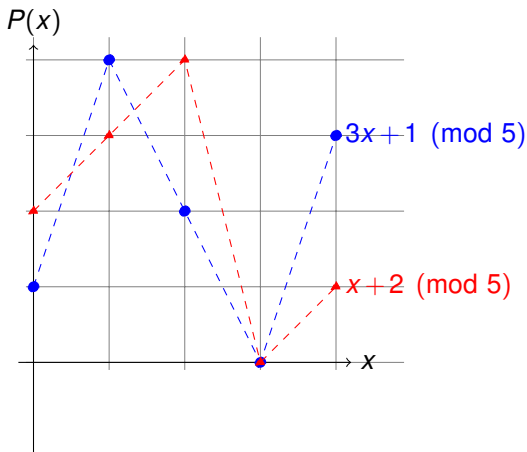


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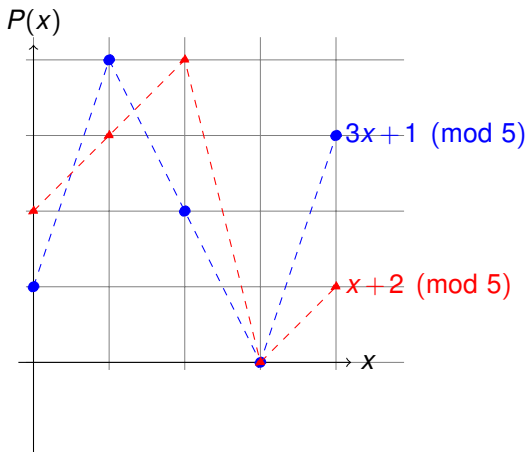
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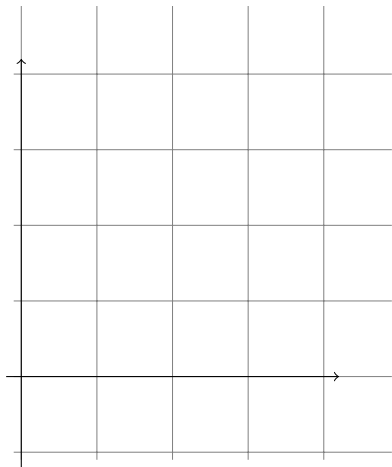
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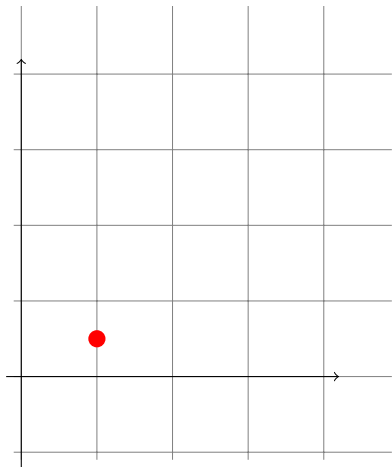
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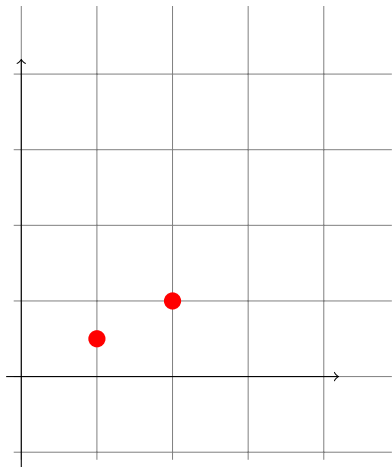
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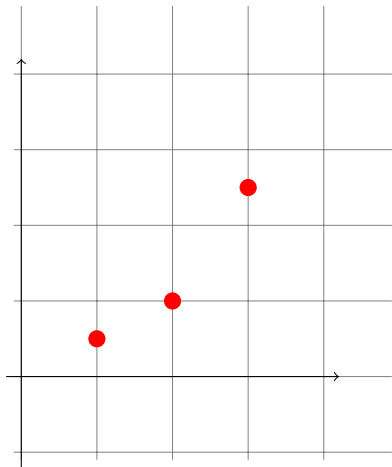
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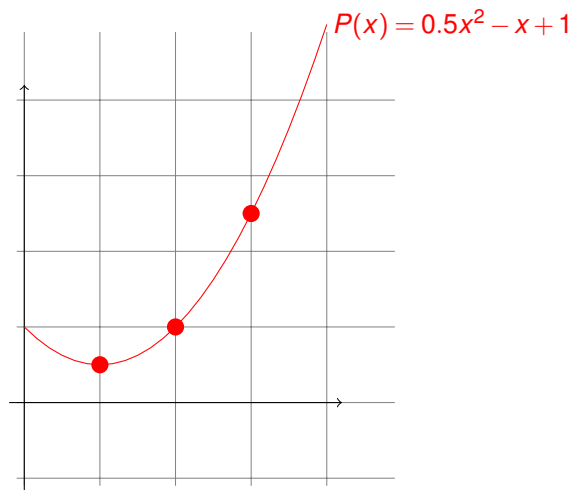
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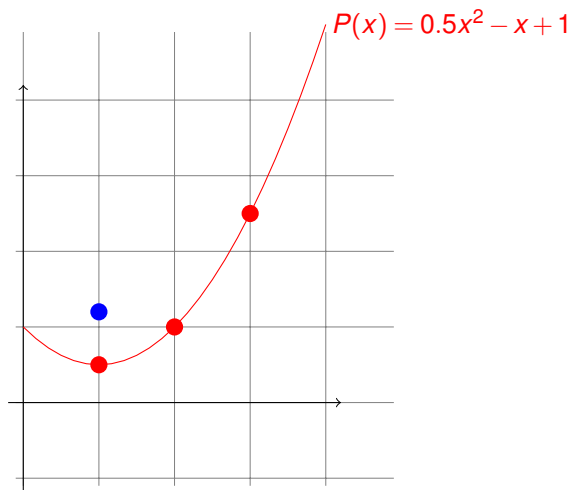
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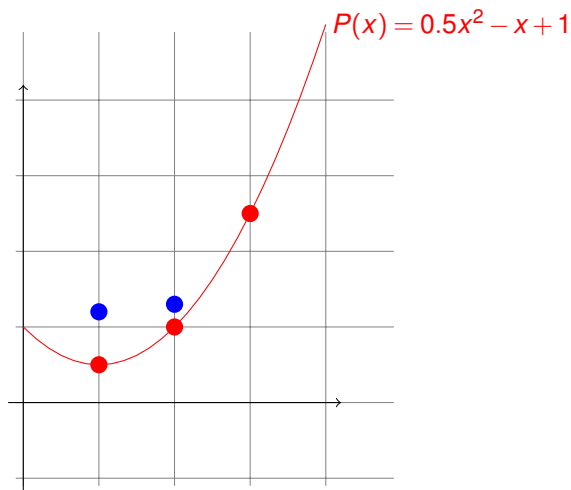
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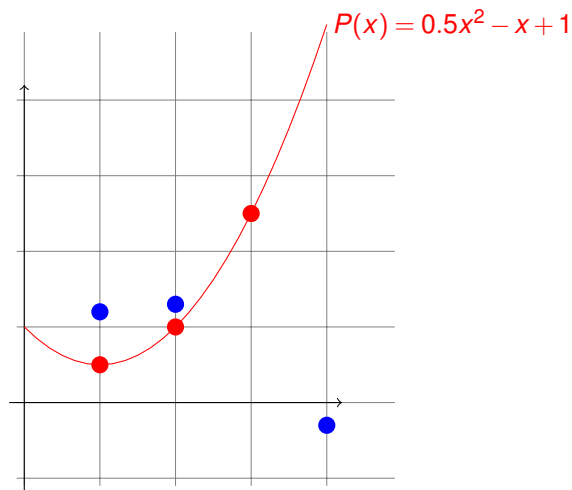
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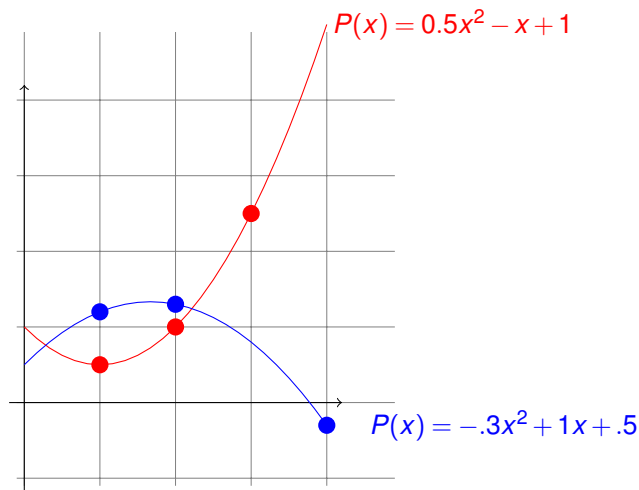
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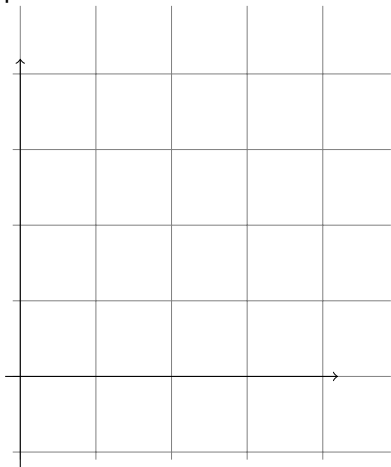
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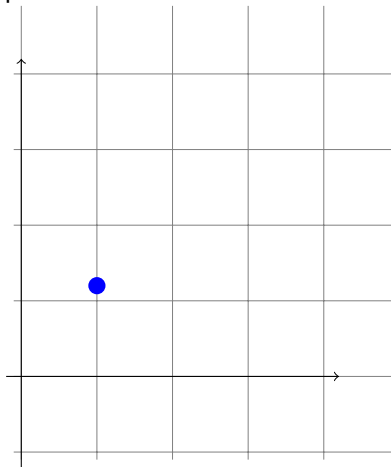
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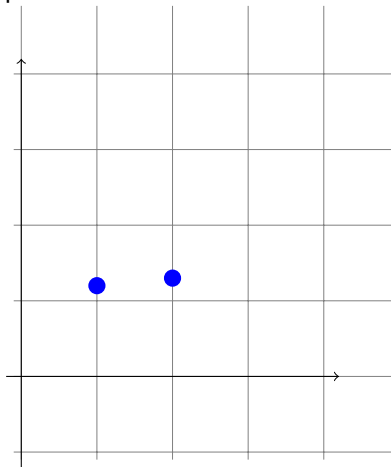
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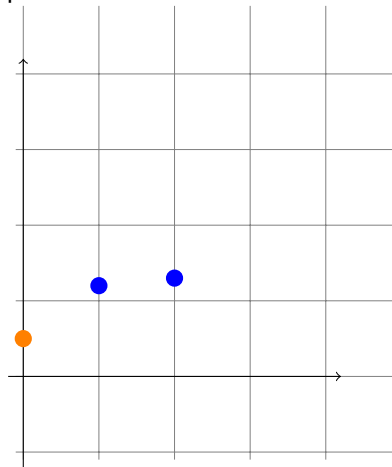
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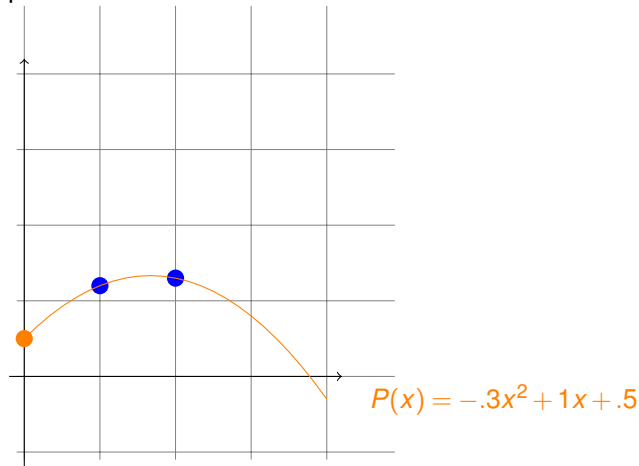
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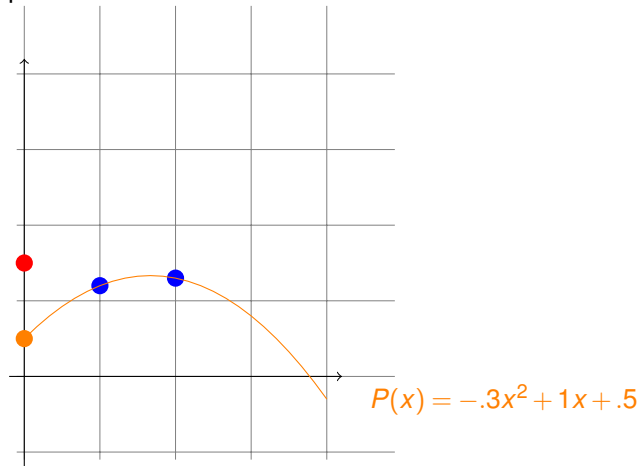
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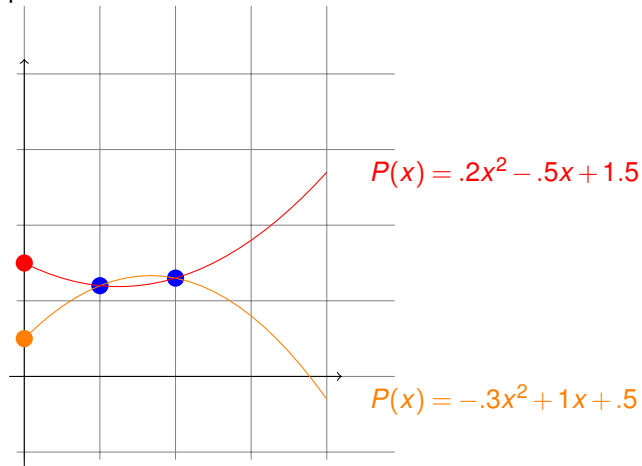
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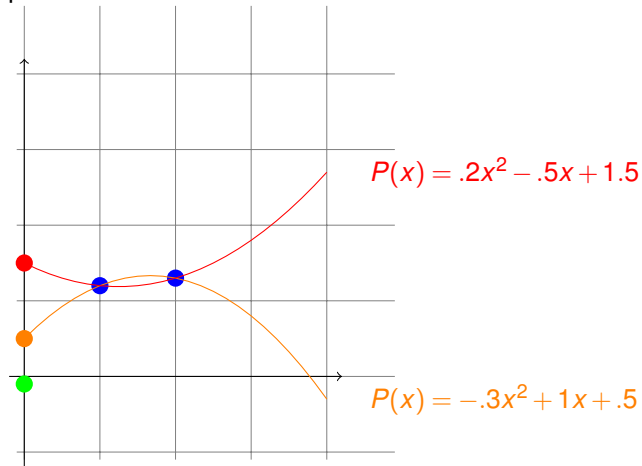
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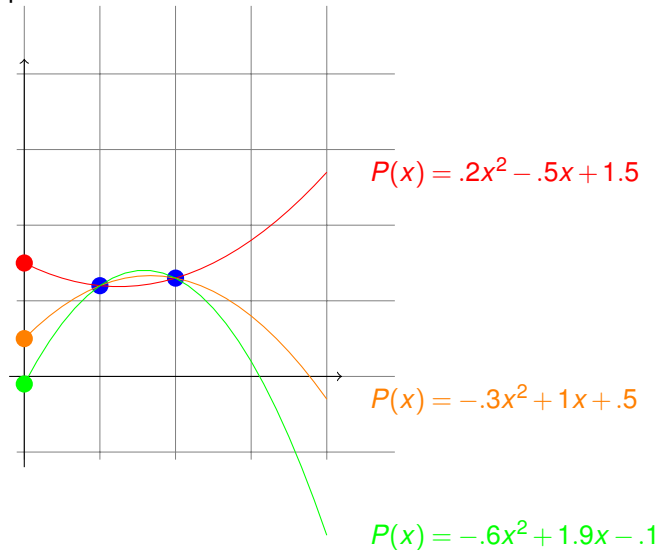
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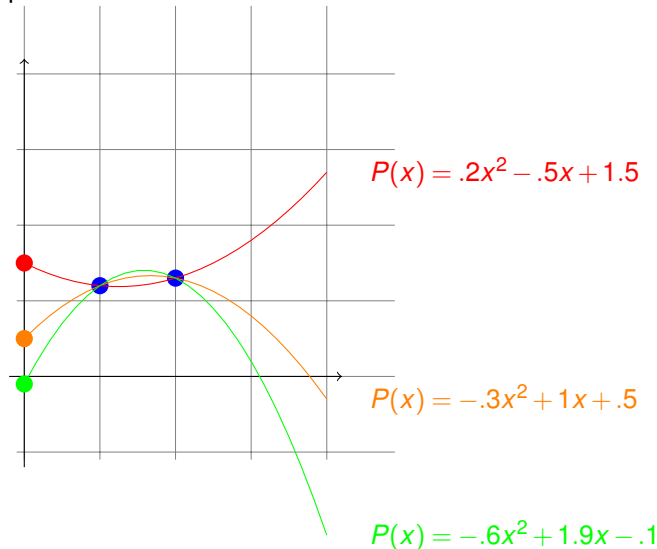
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- was challenged to a duel
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Évariste Galois (French: [ɛvaʁist ɡaˈlwa]; 25 October 1811 – 31 May 1832) was a French mathematician born in *Bourg-la-Reine*. While still in his teens, he was able to determine a *necessary and sufficient condition* for a polynomial to be solvable by *radicals*, thereby solving a problem standing for 350 years. His work laid the foundations for *Galois theory* and *group theory*, two major branches of *abstract algebra*, and the subfield of *Galois connections*. He died at age 20 from wounds suffered in a *duel*.

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Galois was born on 25 October 1811 to Nicolas-Gabriel Galois and Adélaïde-Marie (born Demante).^[1] His father was a *Republican* and was head of Bourg-la-Reine's *liberal party*. His father became mayor of the village after *Louis XVIII* returned to the throne in 1814. His mother, the daughter of a *jurist*, was a fluent reader of *Latin* and *classical literature* and was responsible for her son's education for his first twelve years. At the age of 10, Galois was offered a place at the *college of Reims*, but his mother preferred to keep him at home.

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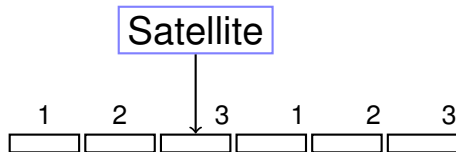
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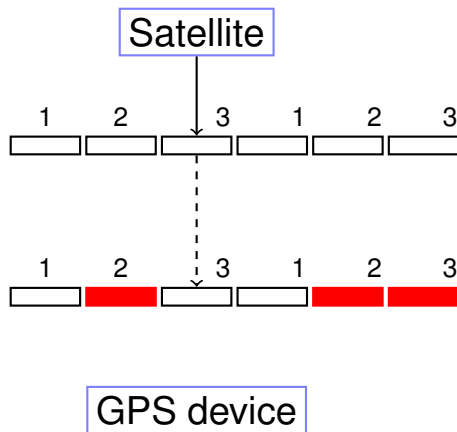
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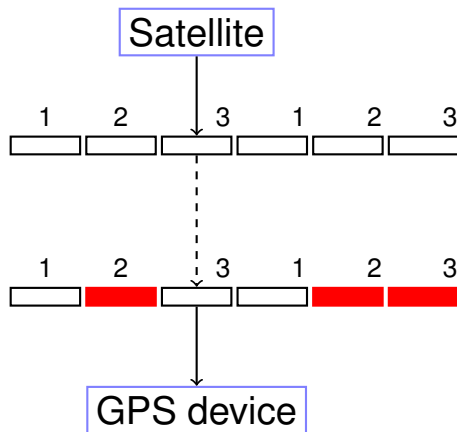
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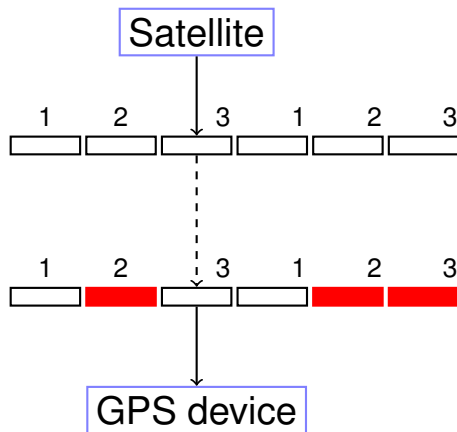
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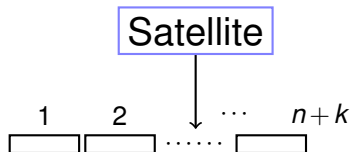
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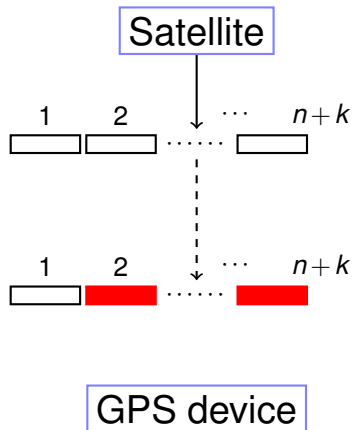


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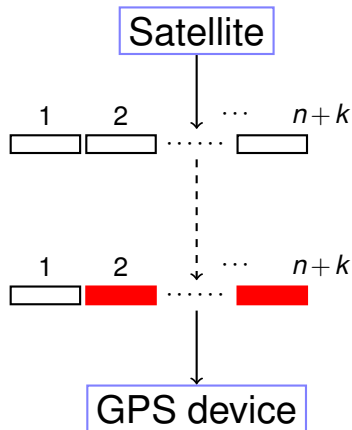
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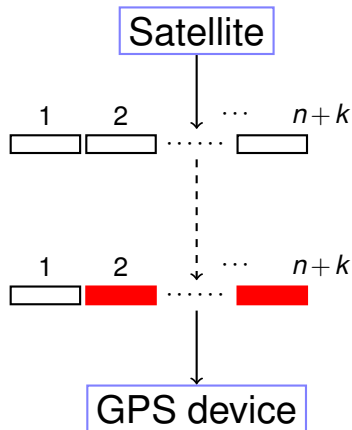
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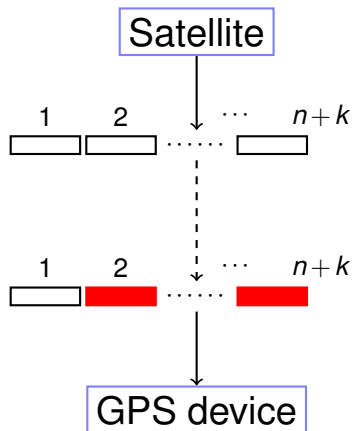


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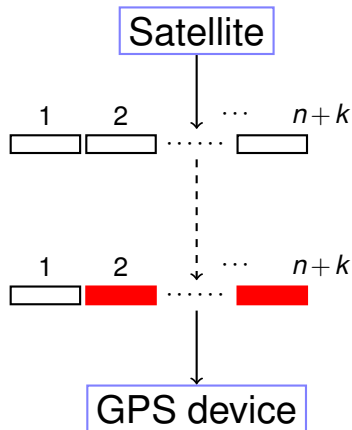
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