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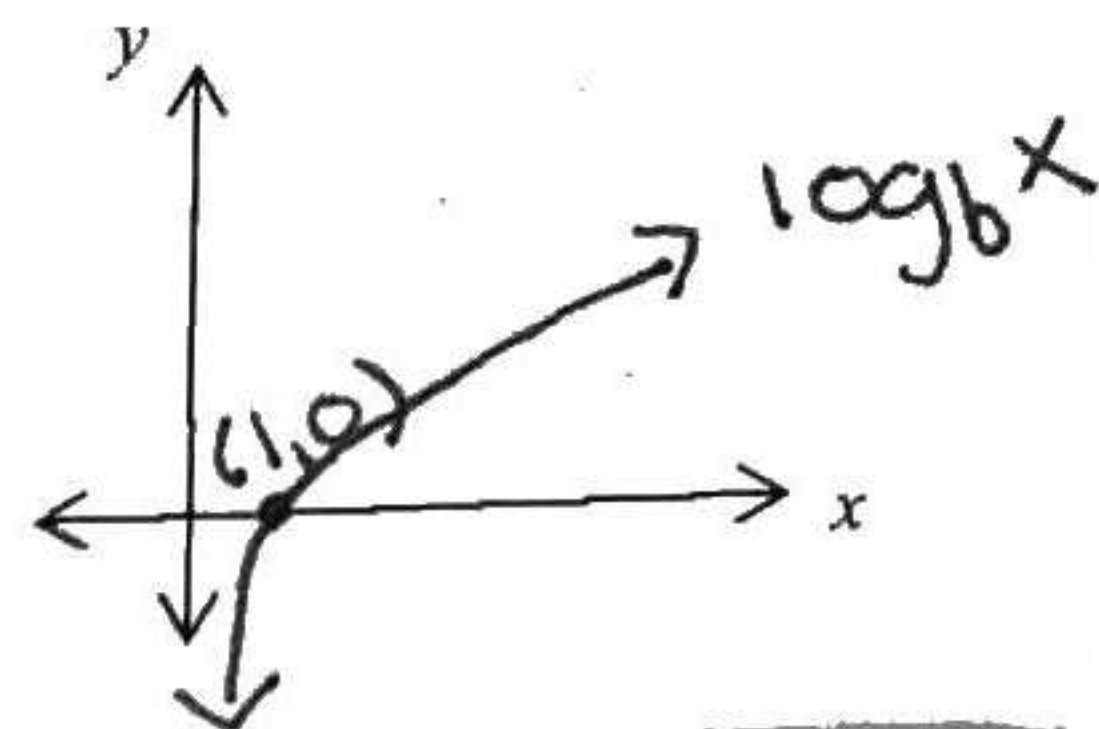
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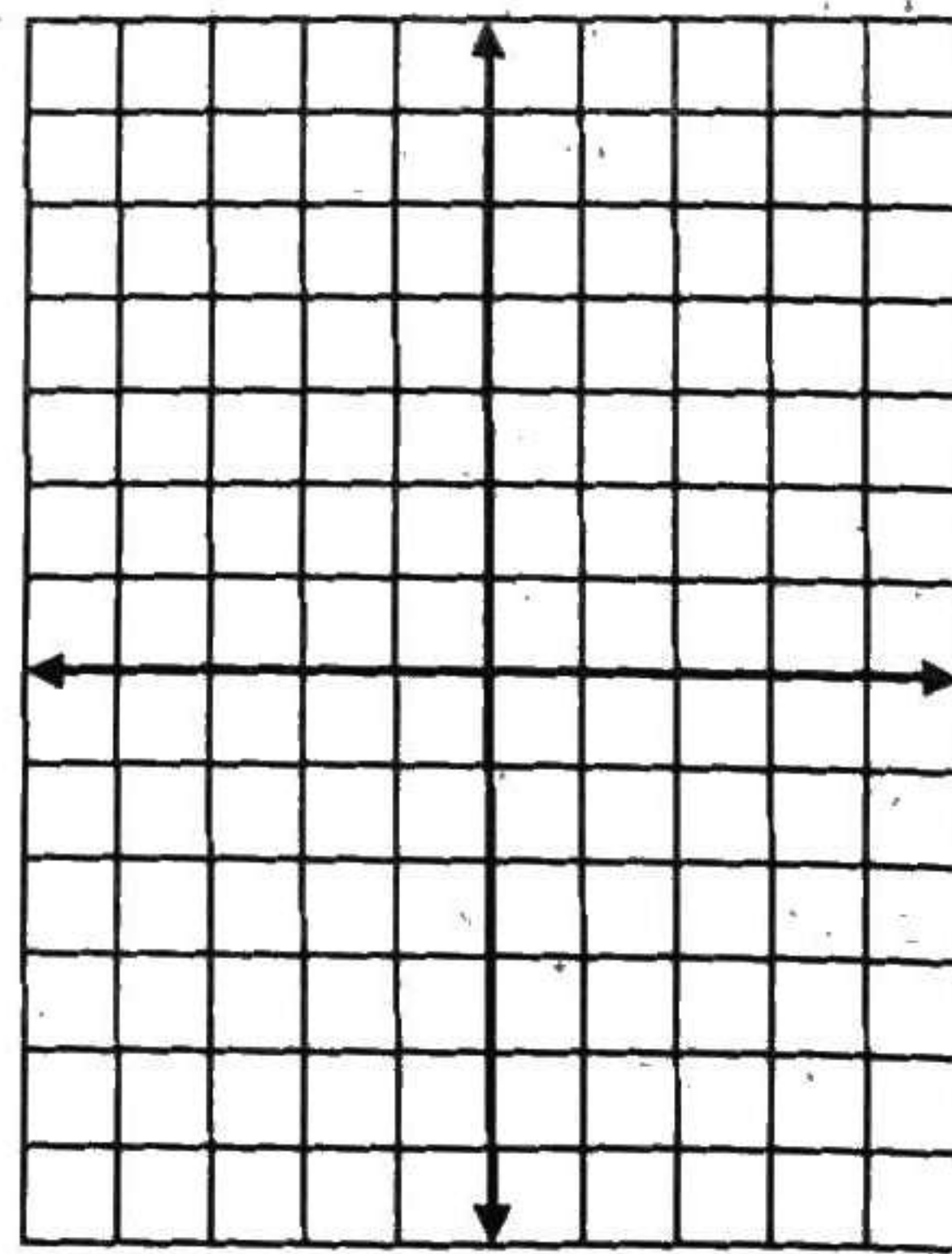
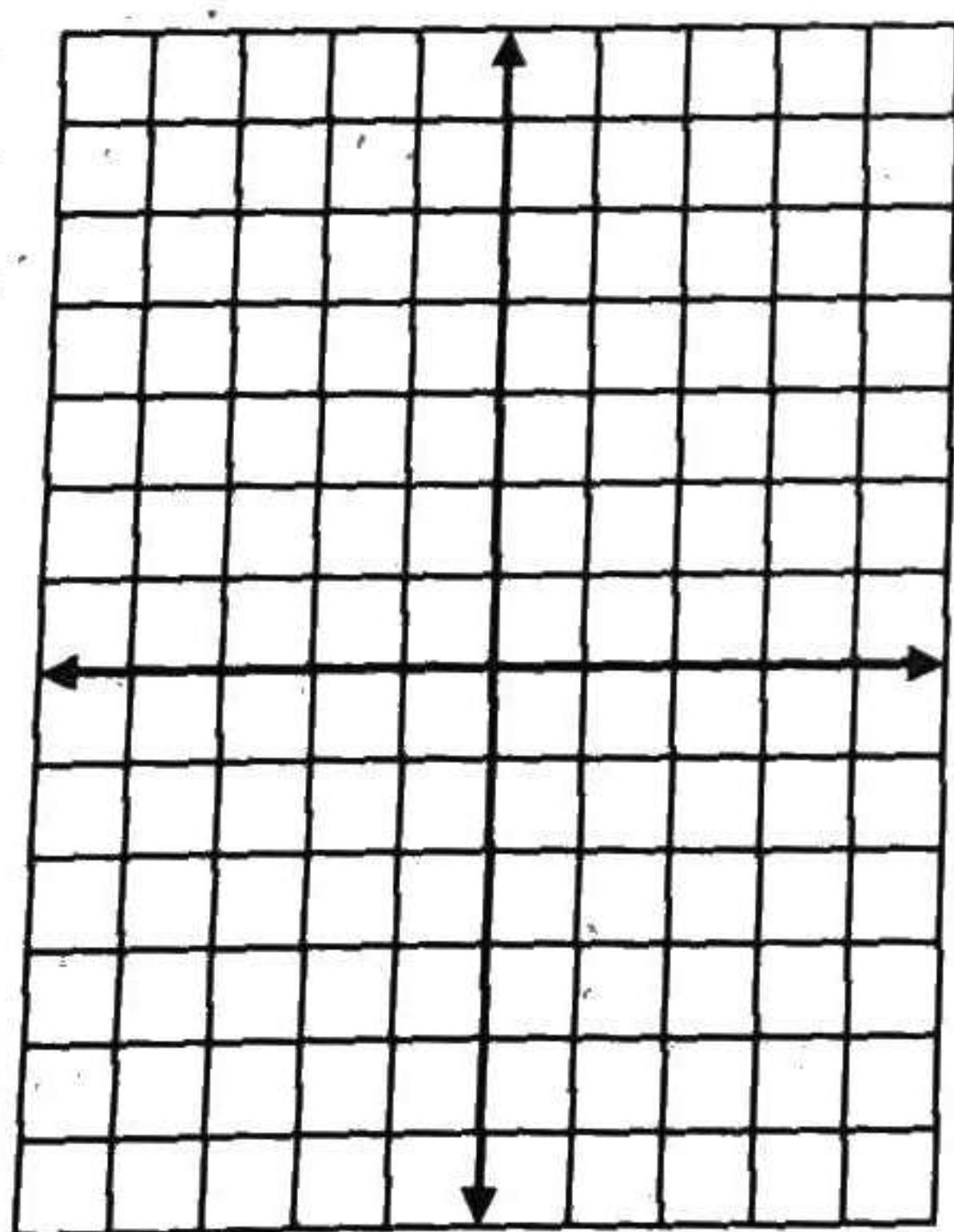
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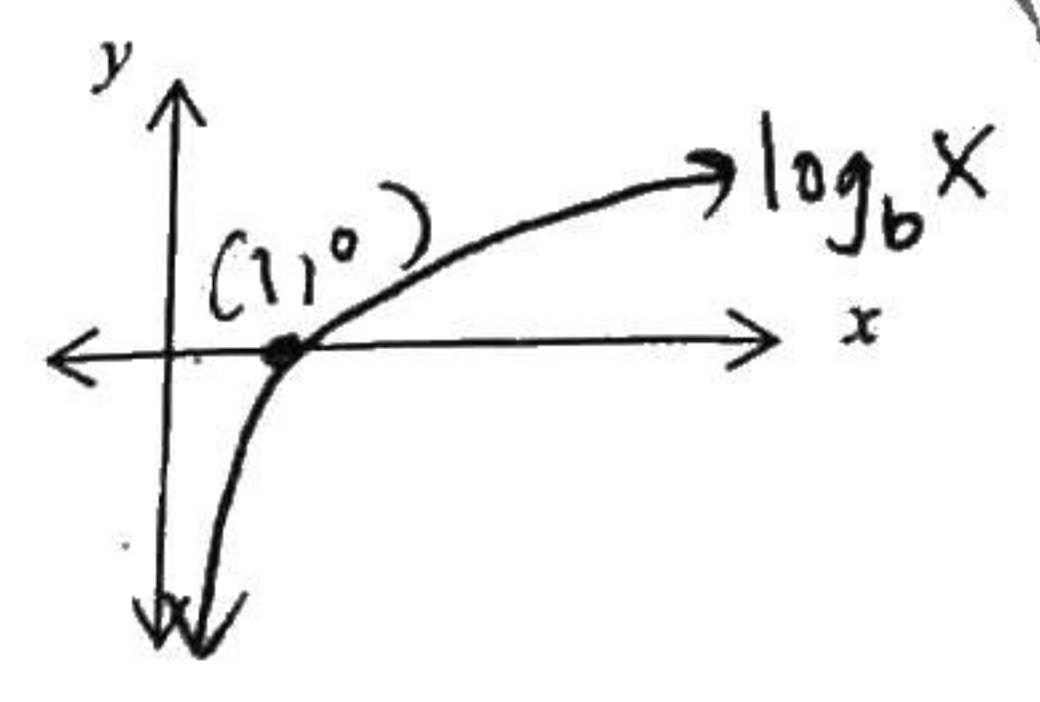
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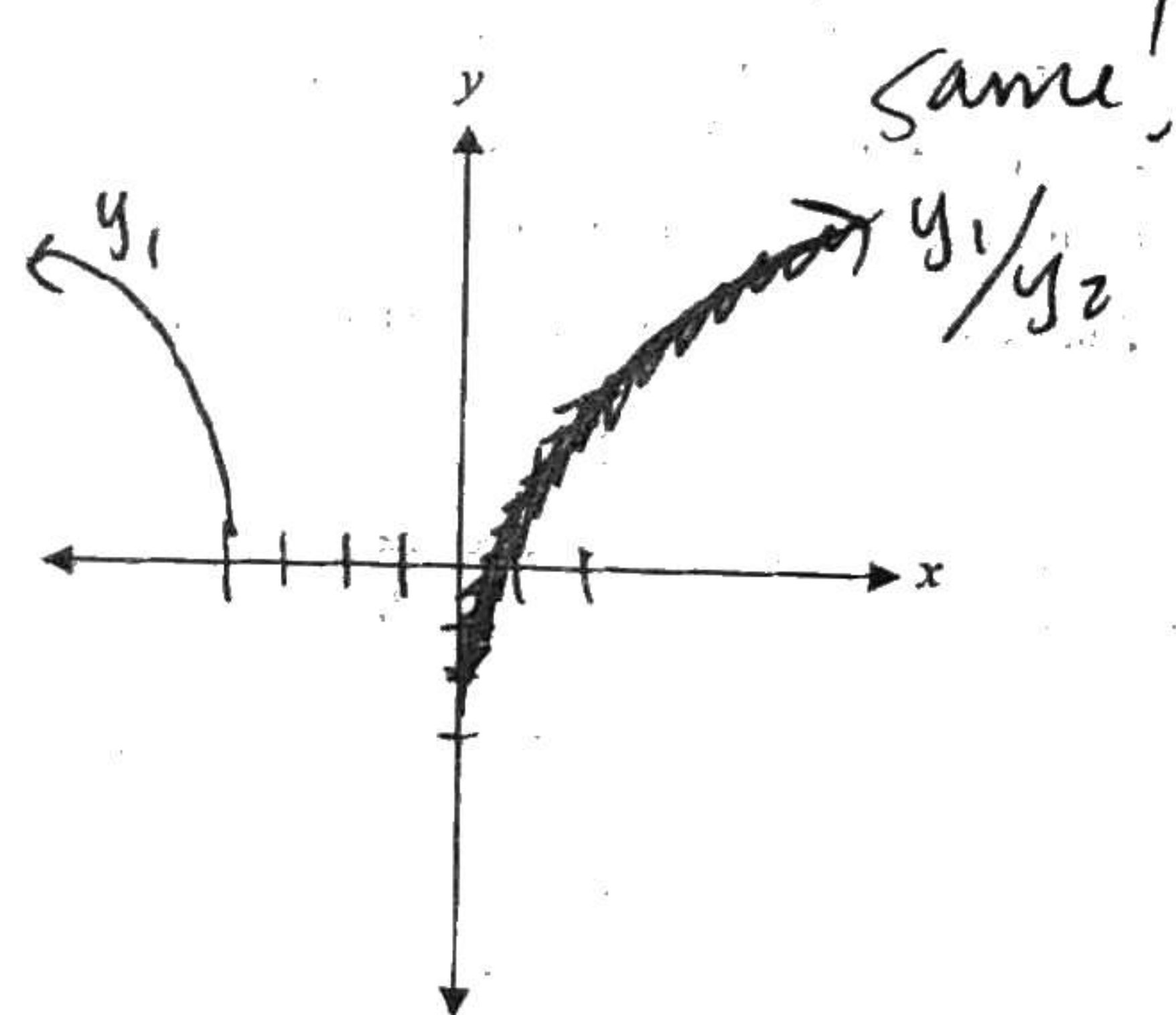
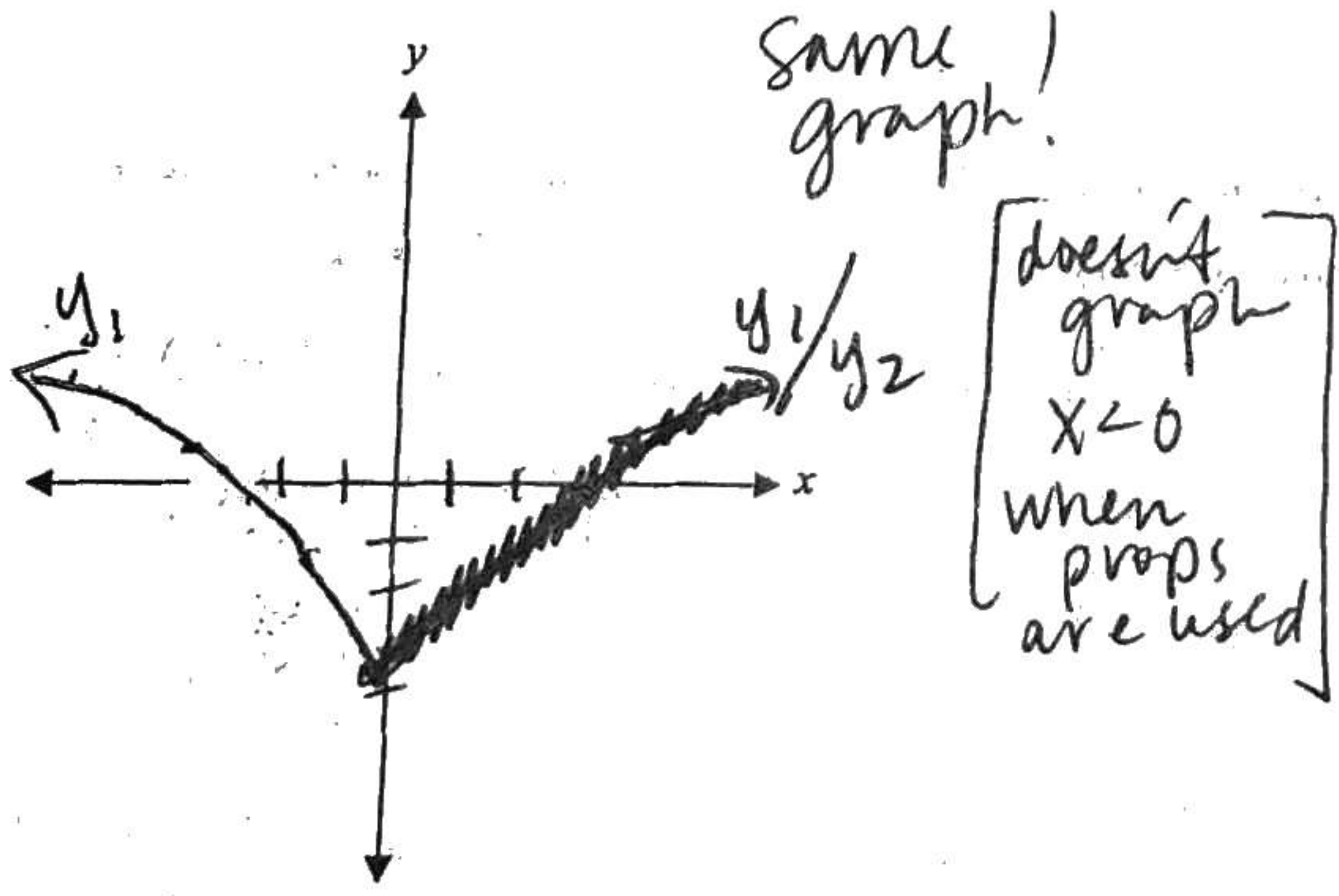
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Use the properties of logarithms to write the expressions below as a single logarithm.

c) $\log 3x + 2 \log y$

$$\log 3x + \log y^2$$

$$\boxed{\log 3xy^2}$$

d) $\log_3(x+5) - \log_3(x^2-25)$

$$\log_3 \frac{x+5}{x^2-25}$$

$$\log_3 \frac{x+5}{(x+5)(x-5)} = \boxed{\log_3 \frac{1}{x-5}}$$

e) $2(\log_3 x + \log_3 5)$

$$2(\log_3 5x)$$

$$\log_3 (5x)^2$$

$$\boxed{\log_3 25x^2}$$

f) $\ln 2x - 2 \ln x - \ln 3y$

$$\ln 2x - \ln x^2 - \ln 3y$$

$$\ln \frac{2}{x} - \ln 3y$$

$$\boxed{\ln \frac{2}{3xy}}$$

Bonus? g) $\ln(e^2x) + \ln(ey) - 3$

$$\ln e^3xy - 3$$

$$\ln e^3 + \ln x + \ln y - 3$$

$$3 \ln e + \ln x + \ln y - 3$$

$$3 + \ln x + \ln y - 3 = \boxed{\ln xy}$$

h) $2 - \log_5(25z)$

$$2 - (\log_5 25 + \log_5 z)$$

$$2 - \log_5 5 - \log_5 z$$

$$2 - 1 - \log_5 z$$

$$\boxed{-\log_5 z}$$

Use the properties of logarithms to write the expression as a sum, difference, and/or constant multiple of logarithms.

Assume all variables are positive.

i) $\ln \sqrt[3]{t} = \ln t^{1/3}$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{3} \ln t}$$

j) $\ln z(z-1)^2, z > 1$

$$\ln z + \ln(z-1)^2$$

$$\boxed{\ln z + 2 \ln(z-1)}$$

k) $\ln \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{y^3}} = \ln \left(\frac{x^2}{y^3} \right)^{1/2}$

$$\frac{1}{2} [\ln x^2 - \ln y^3]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} [2 \ln x - 3 \ln y] = \boxed{\ln x - \frac{3}{2} \ln y}$$

Given: $\log_7 5 \approx 0.8271$, $\log_7 9 \approx 1.1292$. Approximate the following:

p) $\log_7 45 = \log_7(5 \cdot 9)$

$$\log_7 5 + \log_7 9 = 0.8271 + 1.1292$$

$$= \boxed{1.9563}$$

q) $\log_7 63 = \log_7(7 \cdot 9)$

$$\log_7 7 + \log_7 9$$

$$1 + 1.1292 = \boxed{2.1292}$$

r) $\log_7 \frac{5}{81} = \log_7 5 - \log_7 9^2$

$$= \log_7 5 - 2(\log_7 9)$$

$$= 0.8271 - 2(1.1292) =$$

$$\boxed{-1.4313}$$

Evaluate:

$$\log_5 27 = x$$

$$\log 5^x = \log 27$$

$$x \log 5 = \log 27$$

$$x = \frac{\log 27}{\log 5} \approx \boxed{2.048}$$

Check:

$$5^{2.048} \approx 27$$

Change of Base Formula: This formula allows you to find the logs for any base by using either common or natural logarithms on the TI.

$$\log_b v = \frac{\log v}{\log b}$$

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Use the change of base formula to find $\log_7 5$

a) common logs

$$\frac{\log 5}{\log 7}$$

$$\approx \boxed{.8271}$$

b) natural logs

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