

*MAT 531*

*Geometry/Topology II*

*Introduction to Smooth Manifolds*

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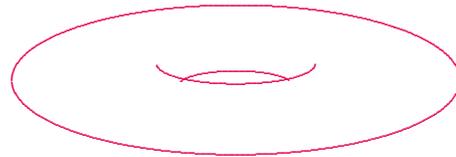
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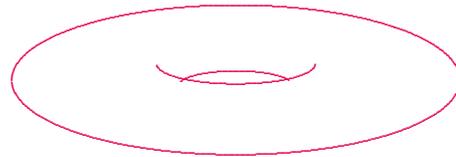


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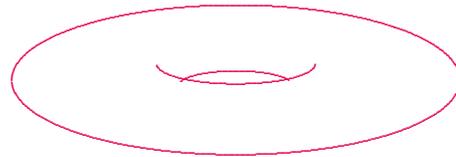
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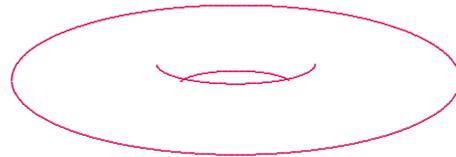
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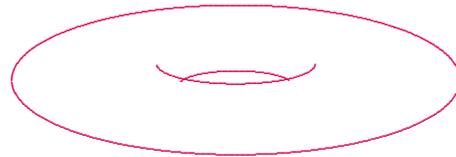
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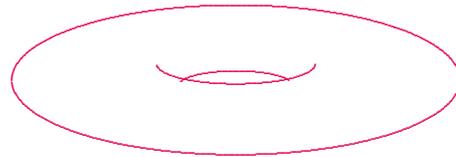
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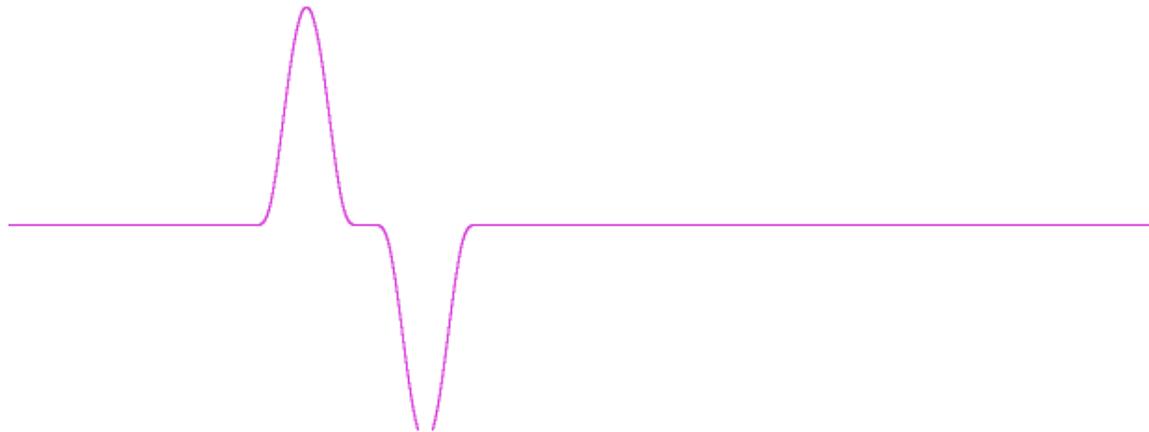
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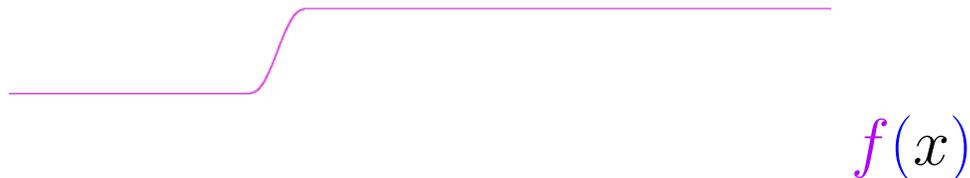
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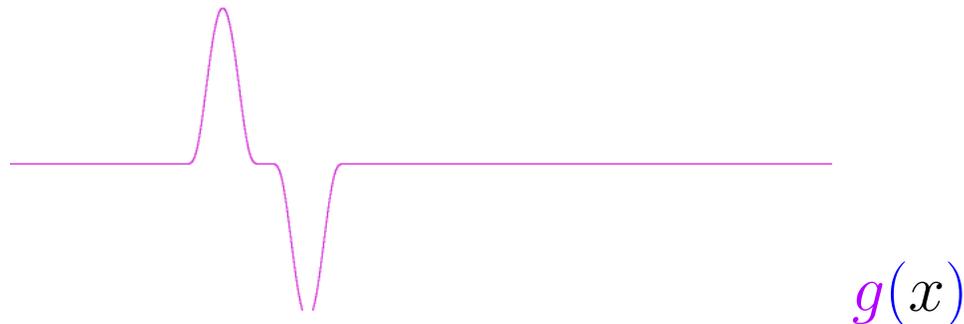


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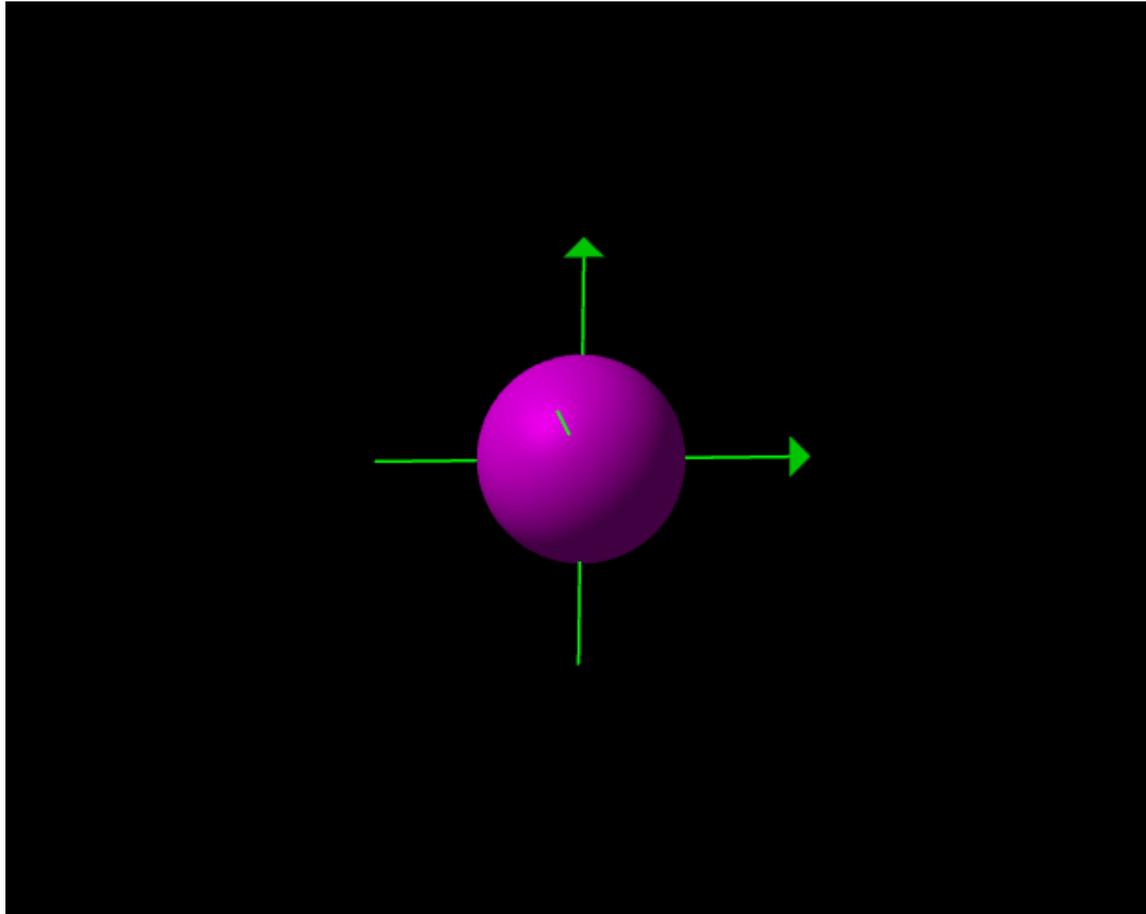
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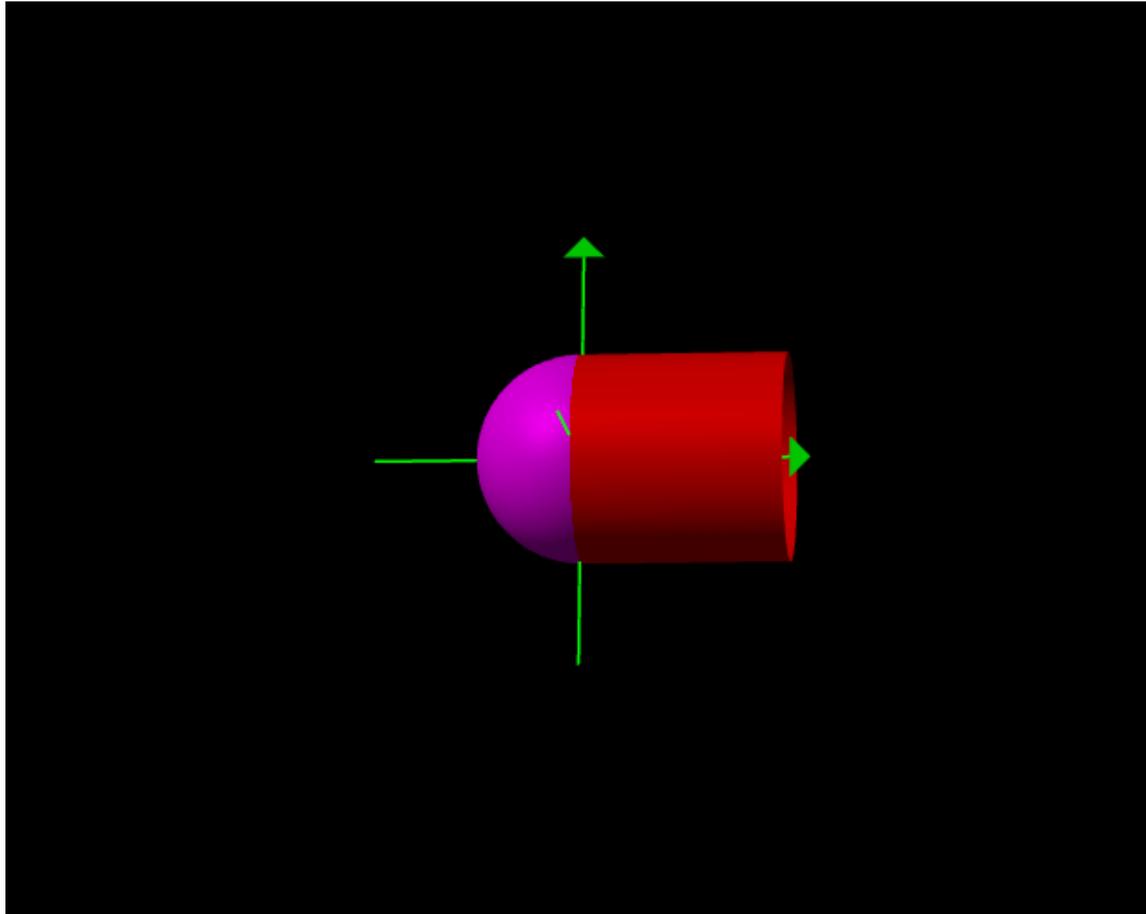
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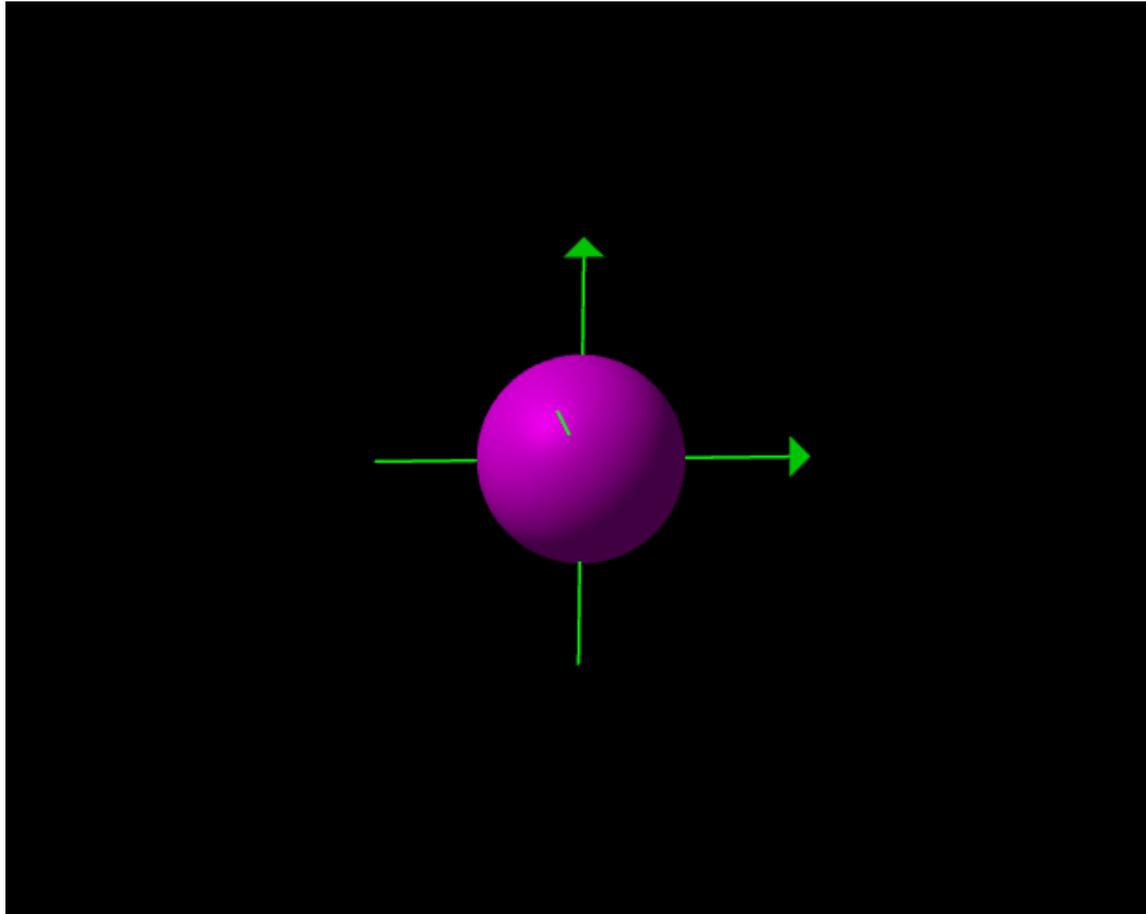
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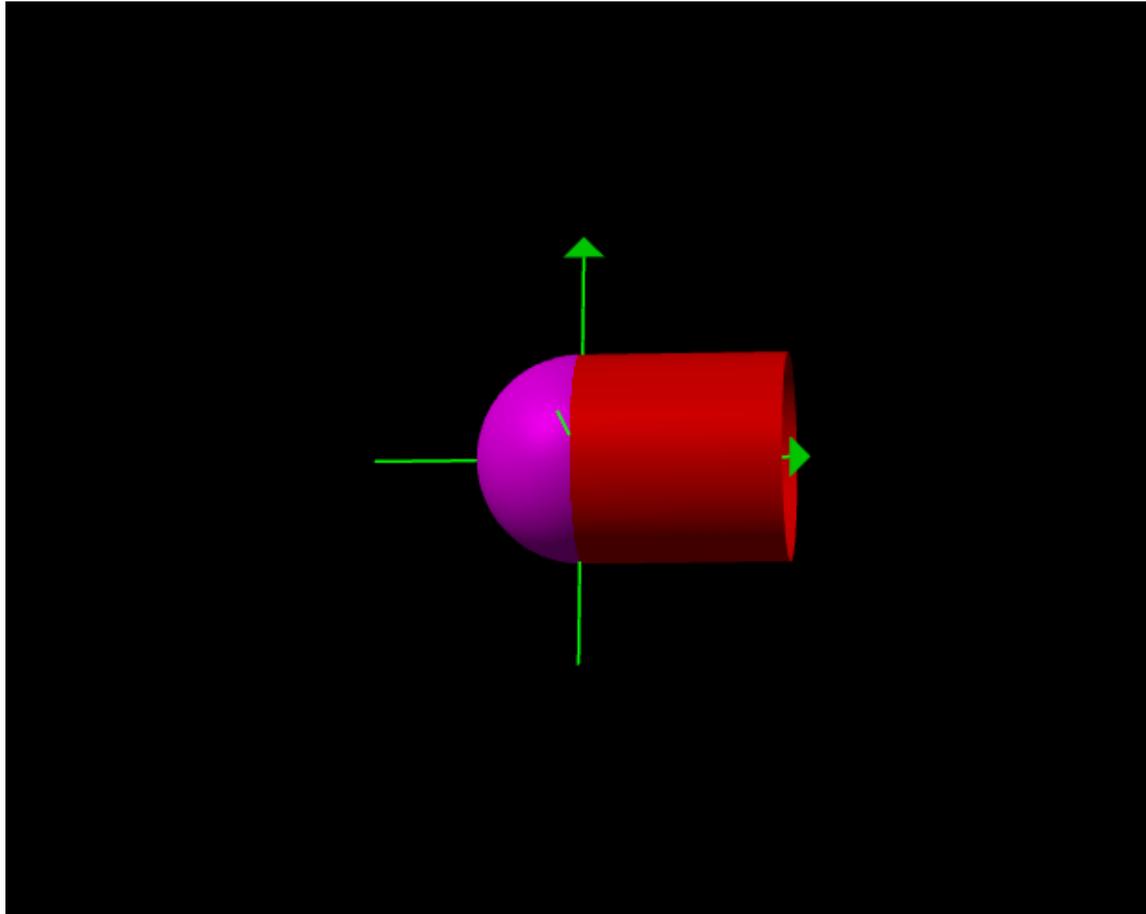
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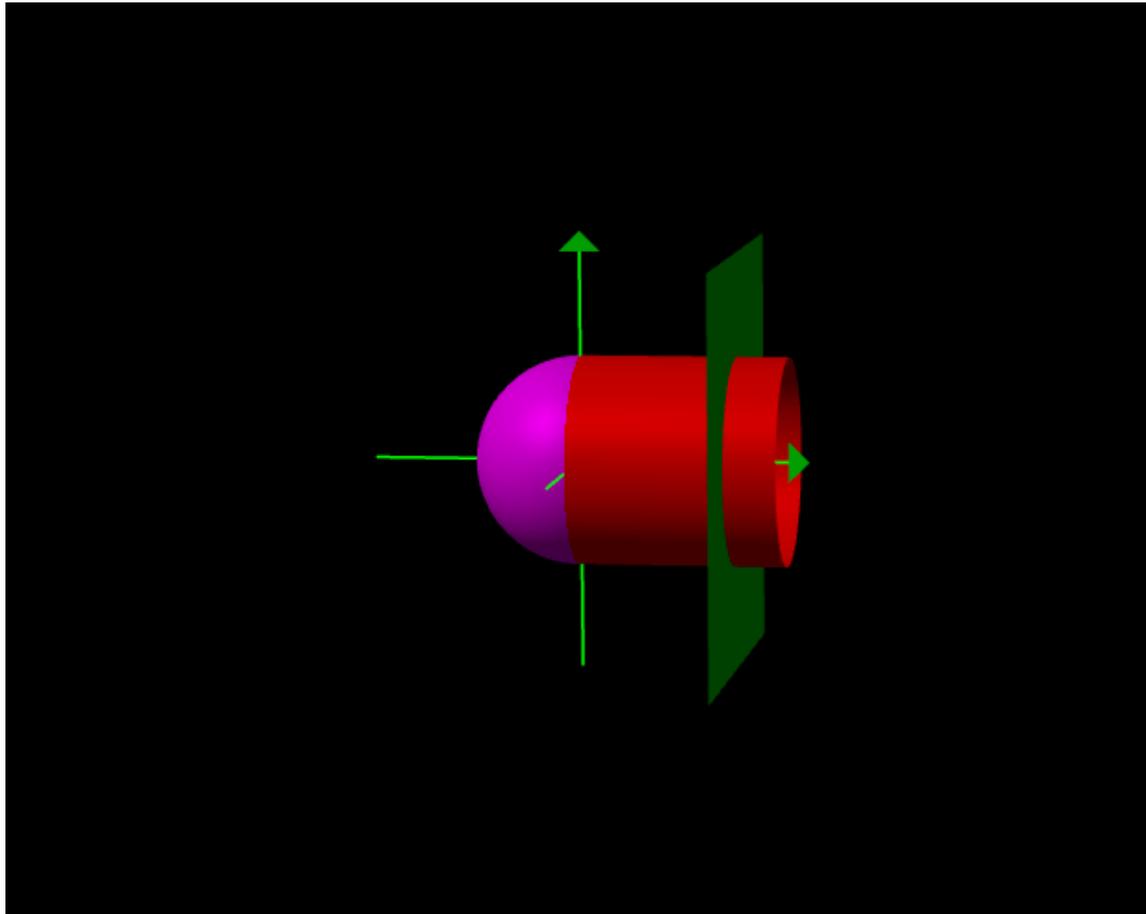
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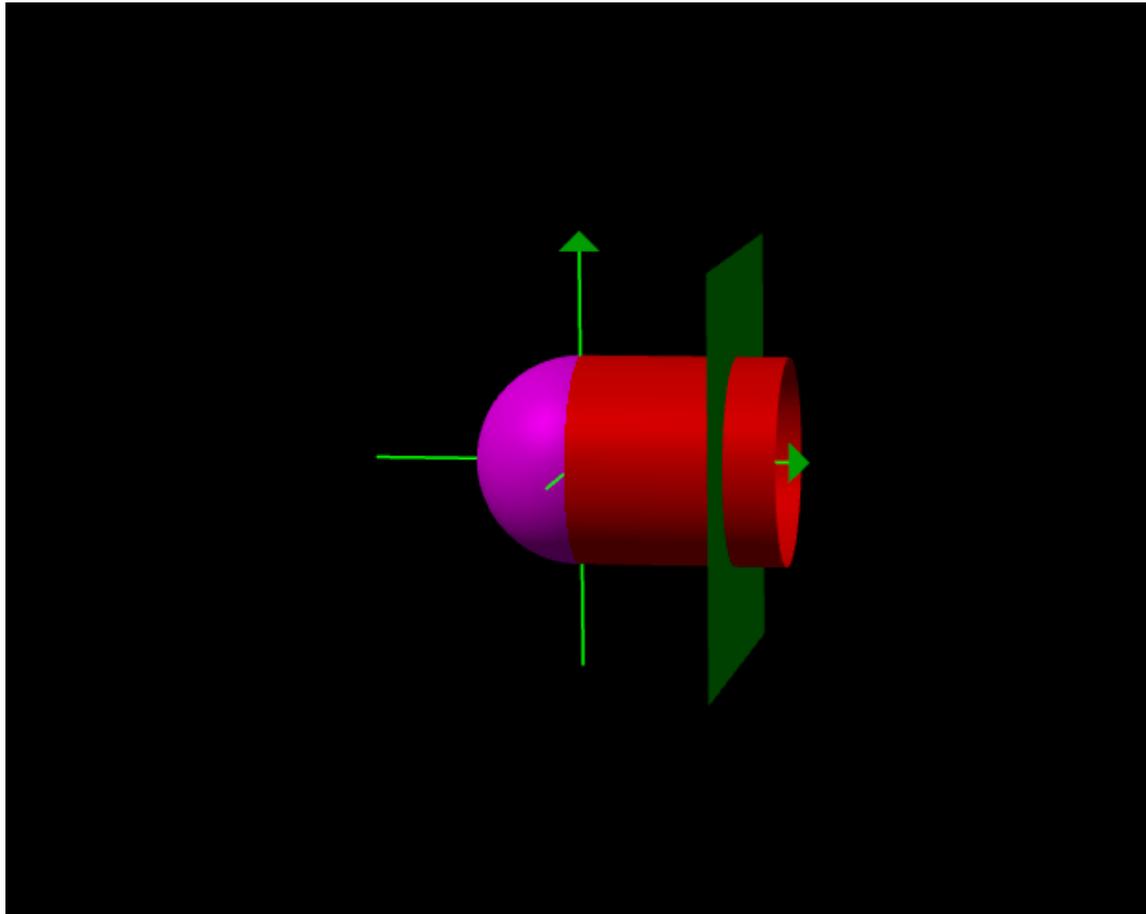
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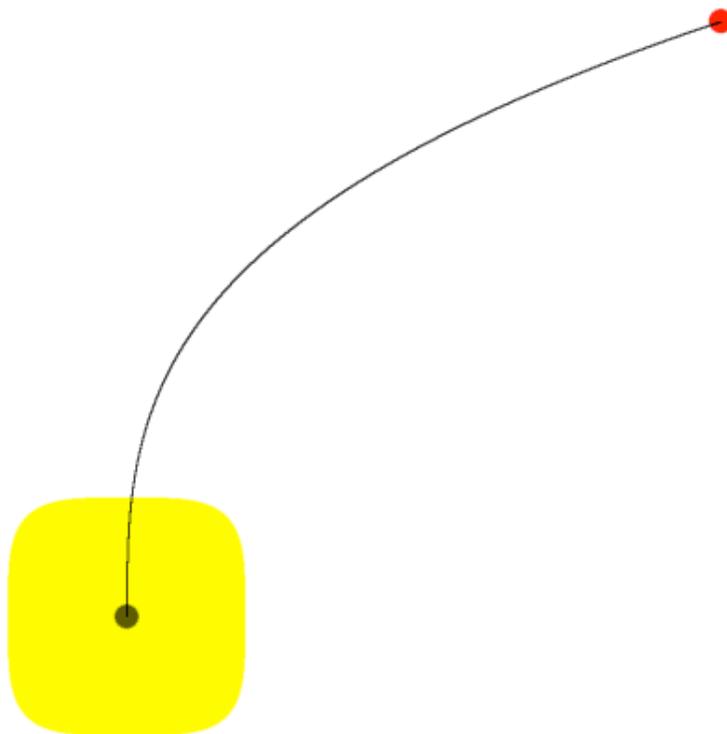
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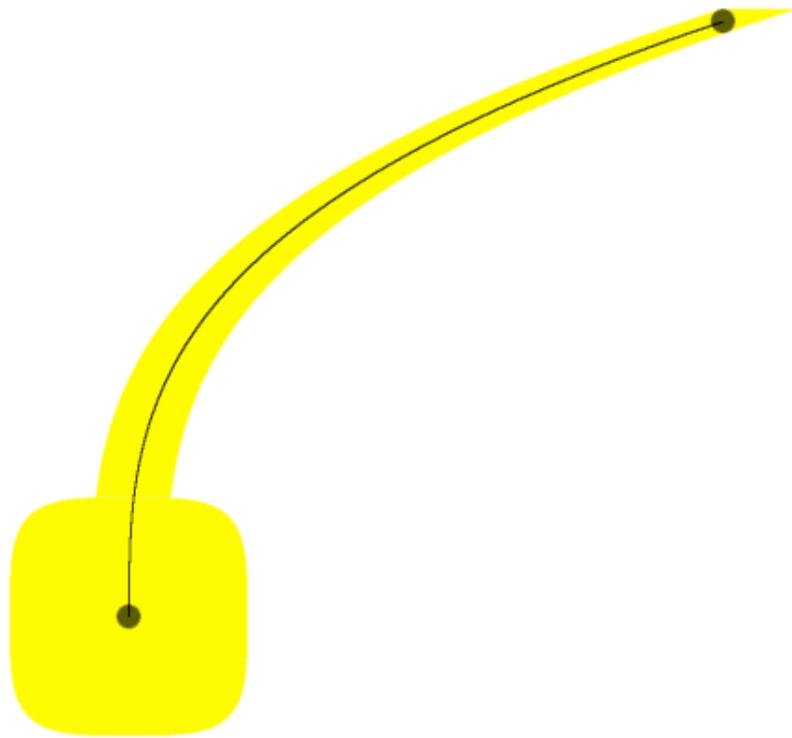
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