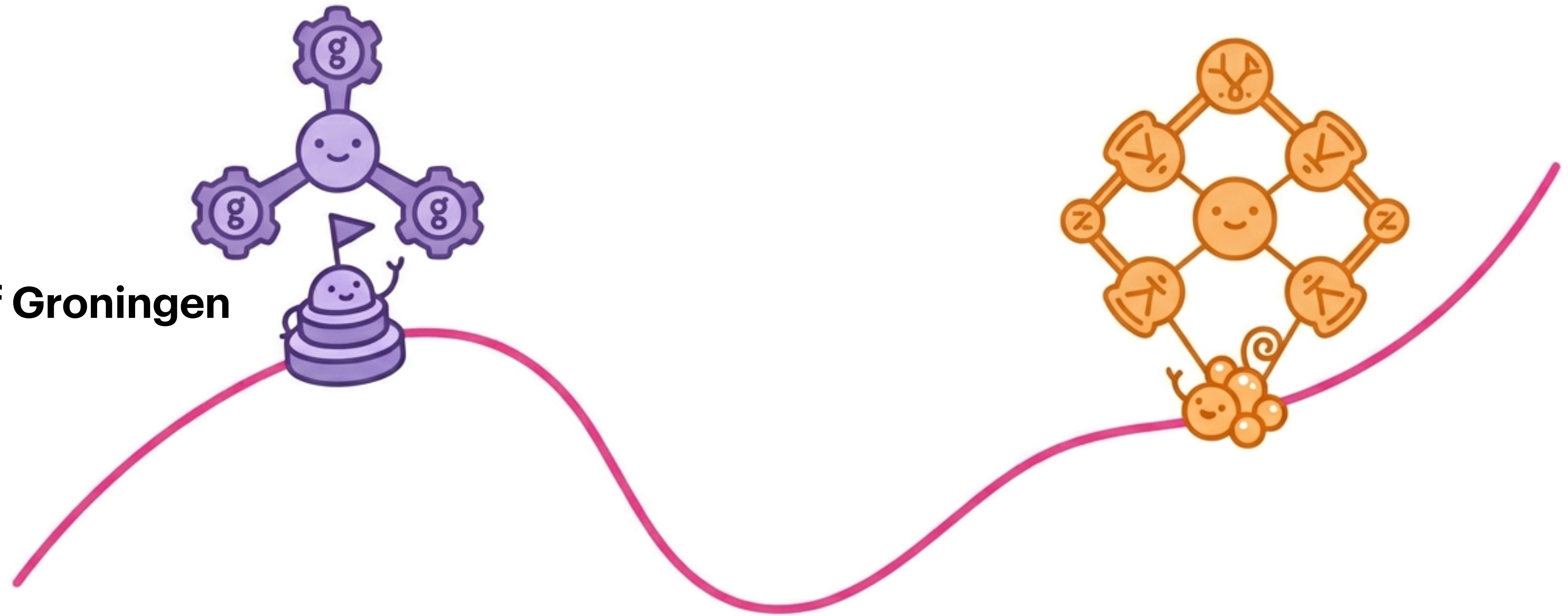


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But then  $x$  and  $y$  are divisible by 3, which implies that  $z$  is too.

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**Exercise.** Prove that for any  $p \geq 7$ , there is always a nonzero solution.

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**Proof idea.** Look at cubes in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ .

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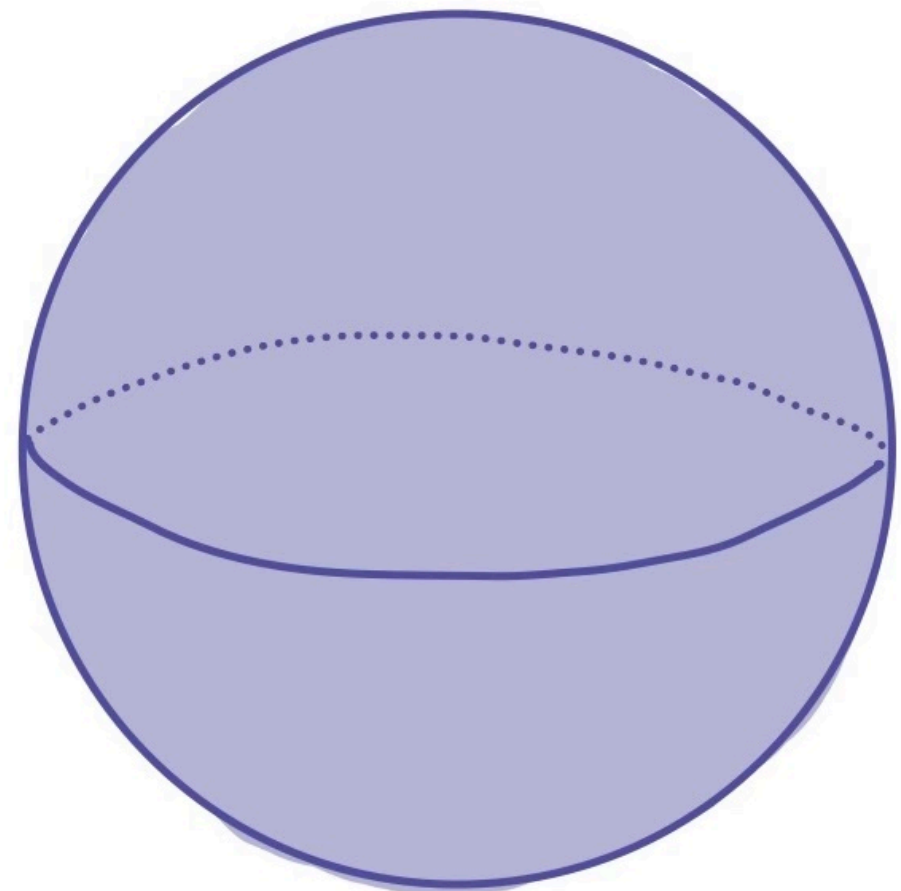
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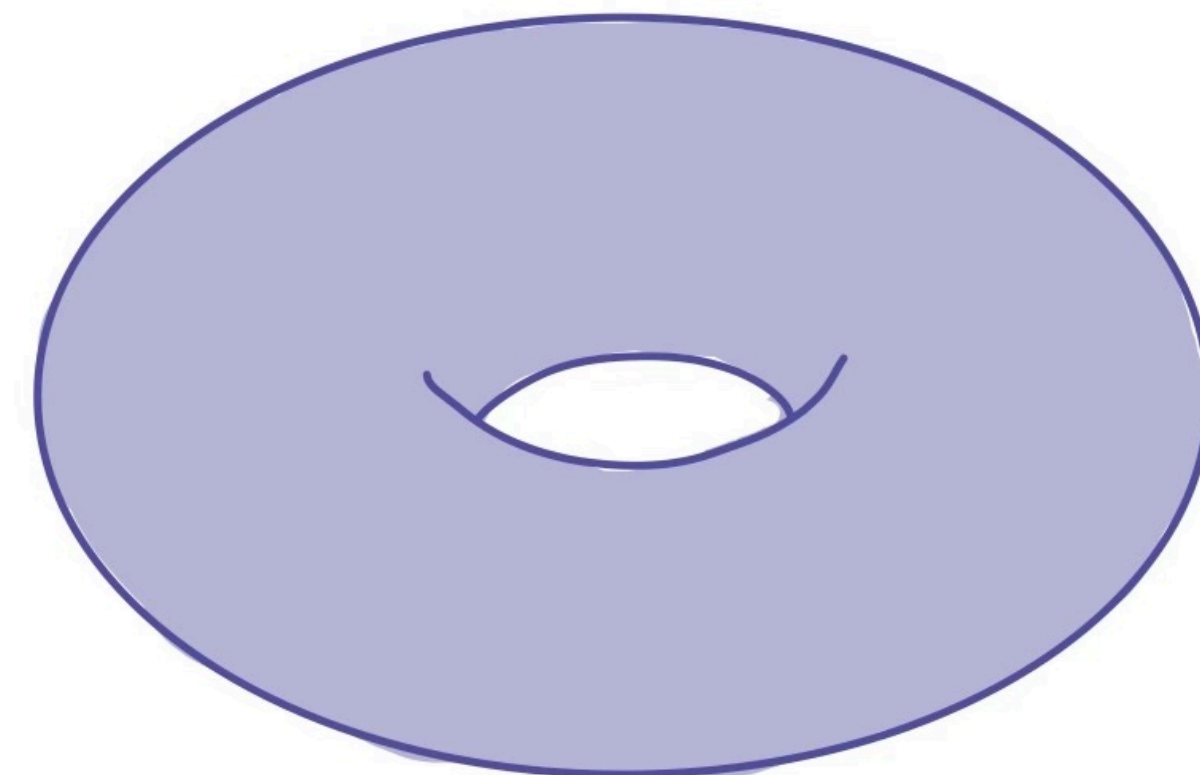
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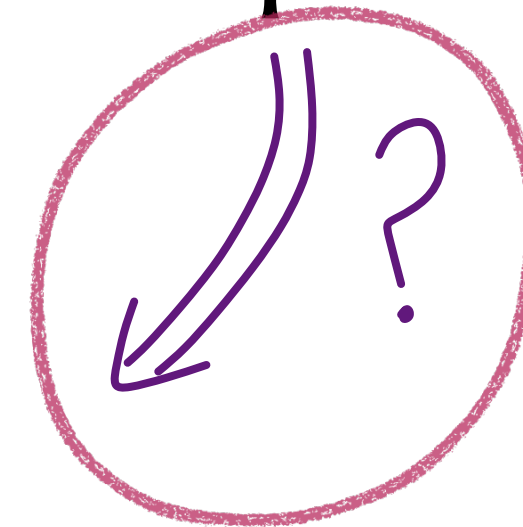
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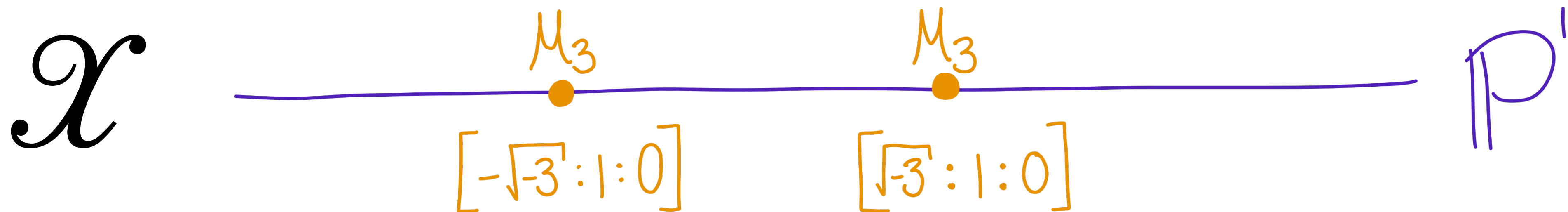
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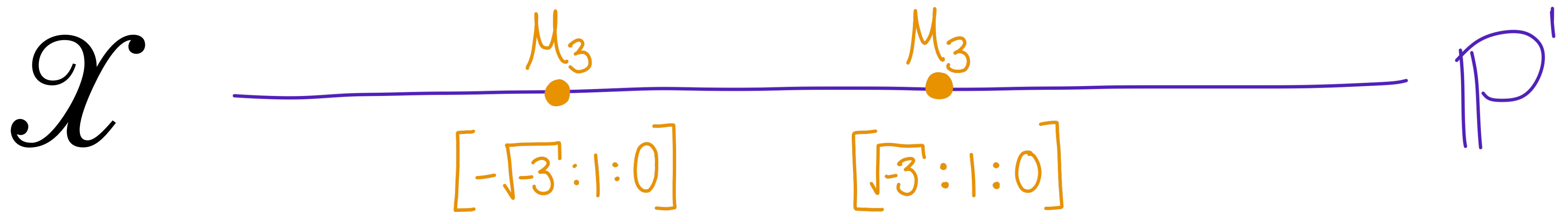
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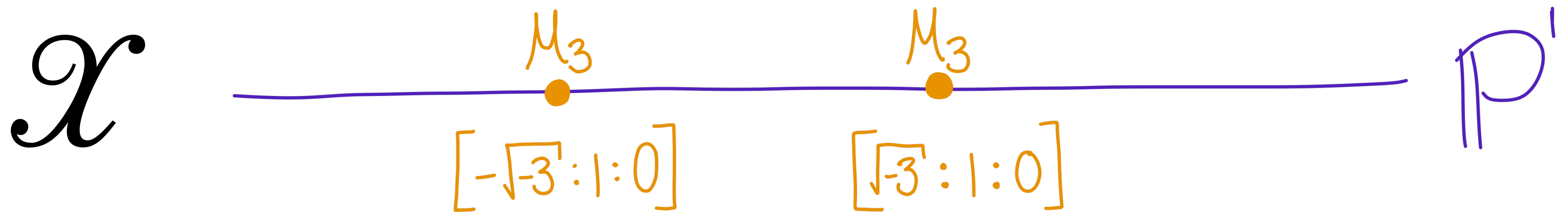
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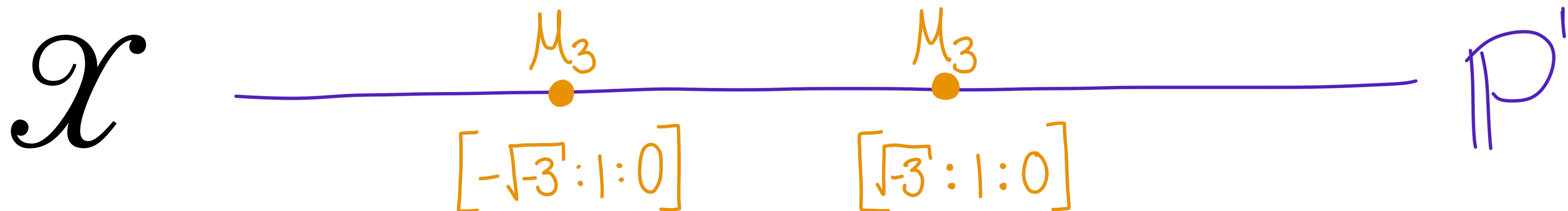
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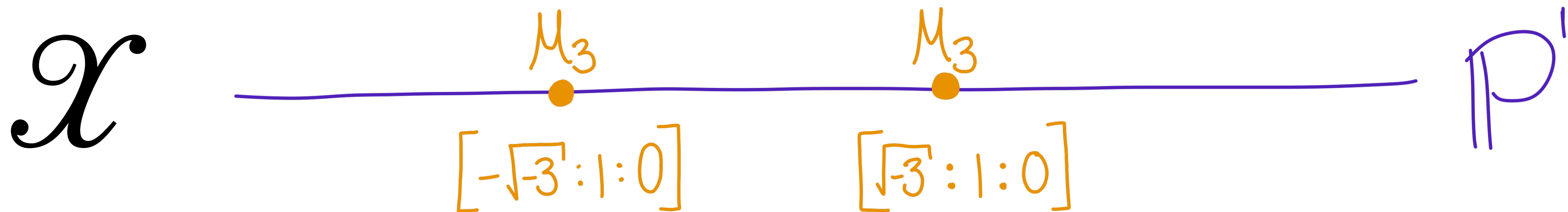
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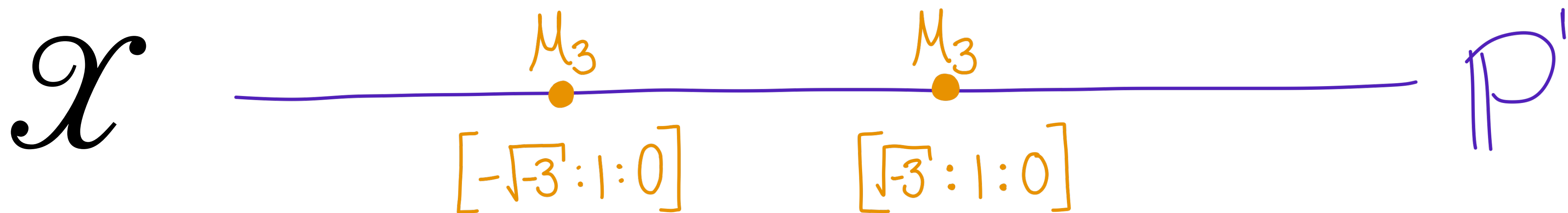
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Consider the action of  $\mu_2$  as  $[x : y : z] \mapsto [x : y : \zeta z]$  on  $\mathcal{X} := [S/\mathbb{G}_m]$ . Let  $\mathcal{Y}$  be the quotient stack  $[\mathcal{X}/\mu_2]$ . Then

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**Theorem [DKKRSW '25].** Write  $B = f^2 B_0$  and let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-B_0})$  with ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_K$ . Assume  $C$  and  $f$  are coprime. Then there exists a localization  $R_K$  of  $\mathcal{O}_K$  such that TFAE:

- (i)  $\mathcal{X}_{B,C,n}(\mathbb{Z}; \gcd(x, fy) = 1) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- (ii) there exists admissible  $d \in R_K^\times / (R_K^\times)^n$ ;
- (iii)  $C\mathcal{O}_K = \mathfrak{j}\bar{\mathfrak{j}}\mathfrak{r}^2\mathfrak{i}^2$  with  $\mathfrak{j}, \mathfrak{r}, \mathfrak{i}$  supported on split, ramified, and inert primes and  $\left[ \mathfrak{j} \cap \mathbb{Z}[f\sqrt{-B_0}] \right] \in n\text{Cl} \left( \mathbb{Z}[f\sqrt{-B_0}] \right)$ .

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Brute force:  $(9,0,3)$ ,  $(10,10,10)$ ,  $\dots$ , but no primitive solutions.

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Computation of  $R_K^\times / (R_K^\times)^3$  reveals no such  $d$  exist, so  $\mathcal{X}_{29,3,3}(\mathbb{Z}) = \emptyset$ .

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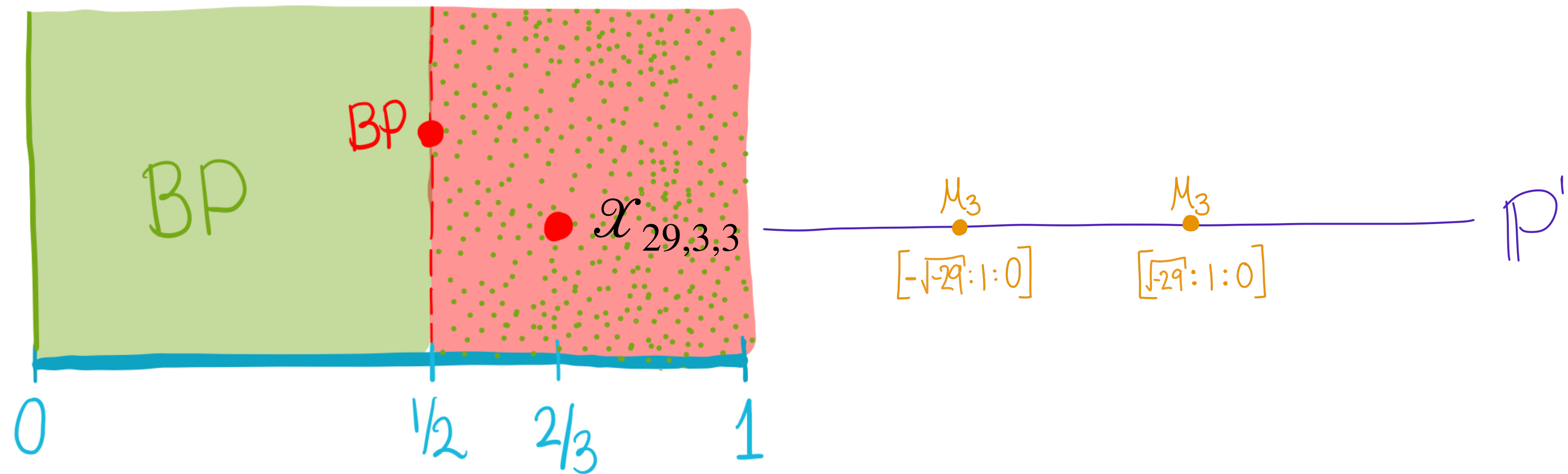
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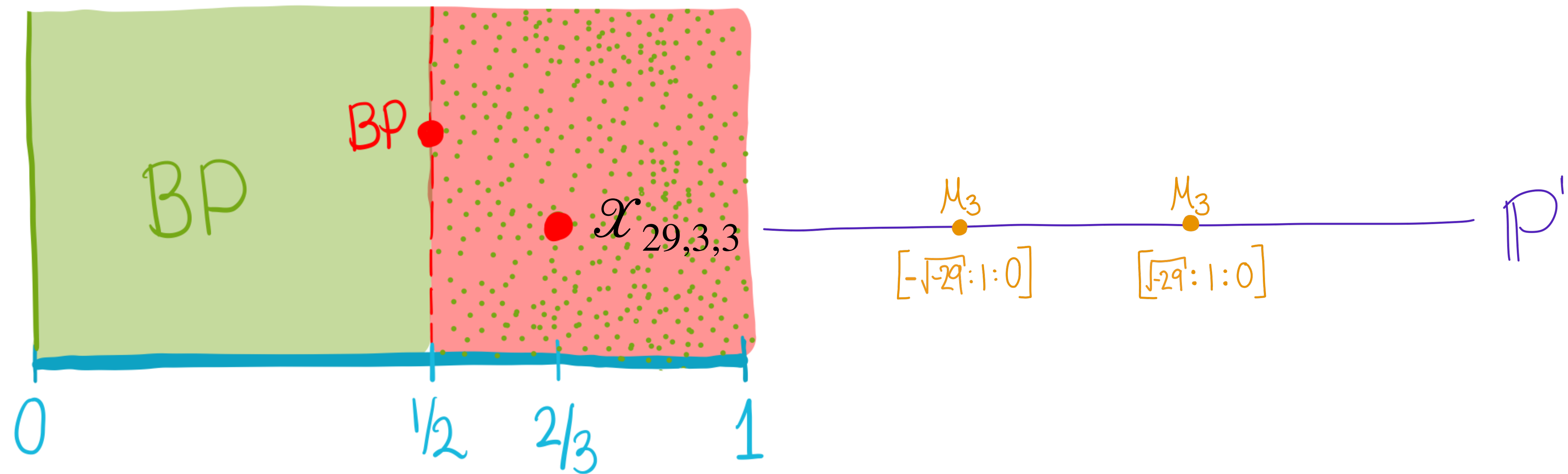
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Q. OK, There are solutions... How many are there? Looking forward to Santi's talk tomorrow!