TESTING WHETHER OR NOT TWO GRAPHS ARE JOINED SMOOTHLY.

Two graphs can be joined smoothly if the gradient of the graph on the left is equal to the gradient of the graph on the right at the point where they meet.

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