Matrix-Vector Equations

Geometric Algorithms
Lecture 5

CAS CS 132

Practice Problem

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Outline

- Motivate the study of matrix–vector equations
- Formally define matrix–vector multiplication
- Revisit spans
- Take stock of our perspectives on systems of linear equations

Keywords

matrix-vector multiplication

the matrix equation

inner-product

row-column rule

Recap

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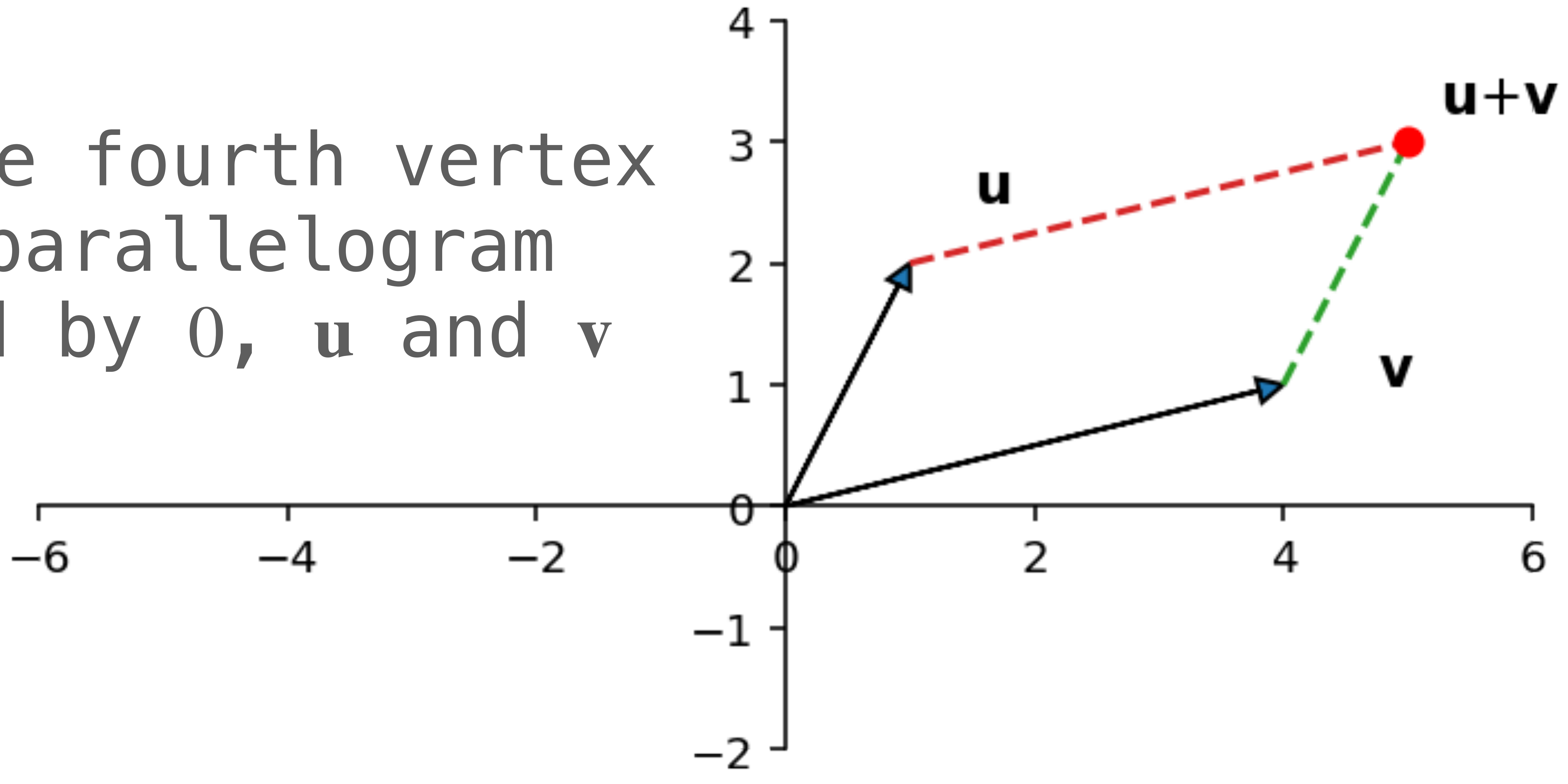
What properties do they need to satisfy?

Recall: Vector Addition (Geometrically)

in $\mathbb{R}^2$ it's called the *parallelogram rule*

$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$ is the fourth vertex of the parallelogram generated by 0, $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$



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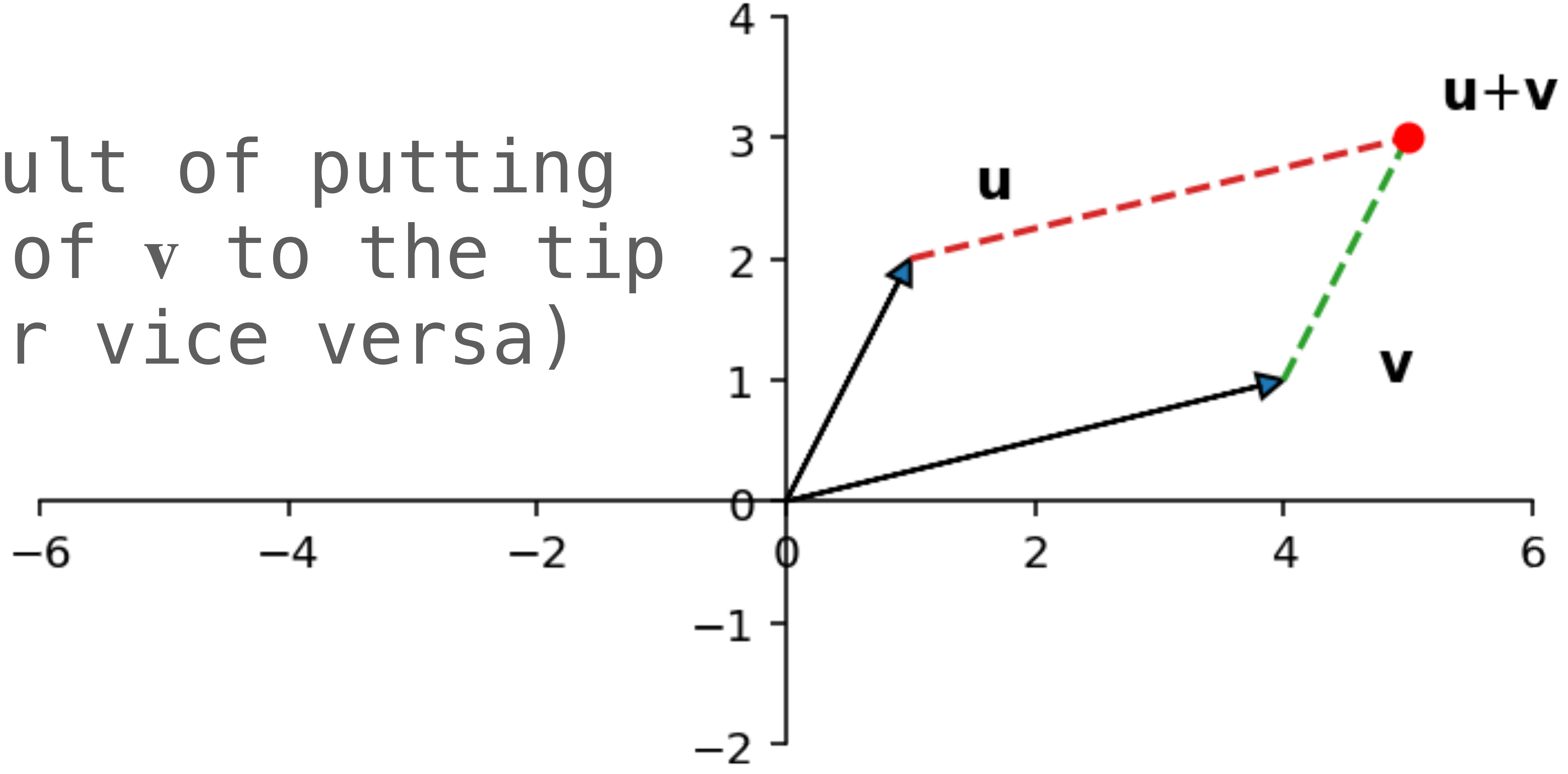

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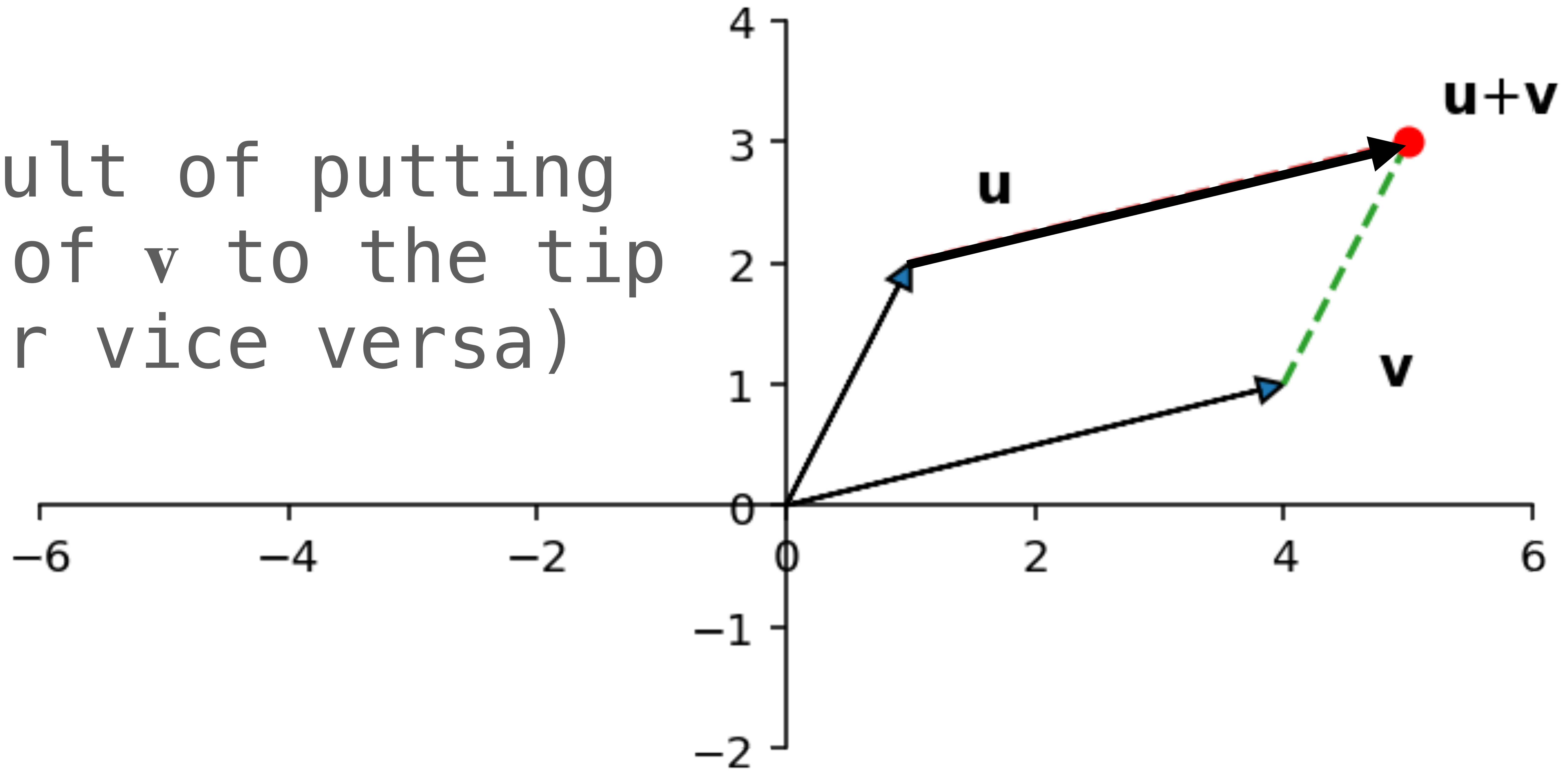

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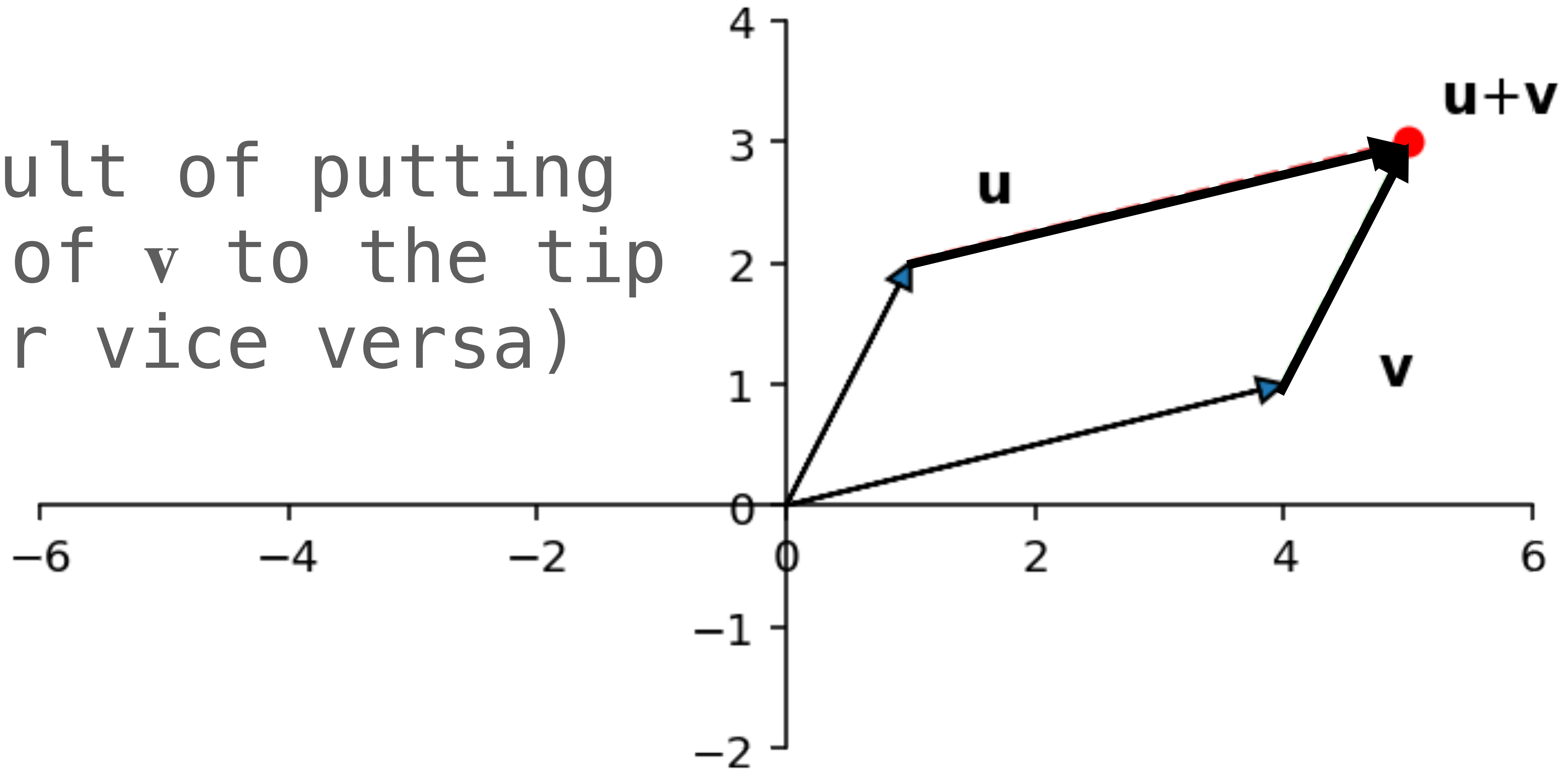

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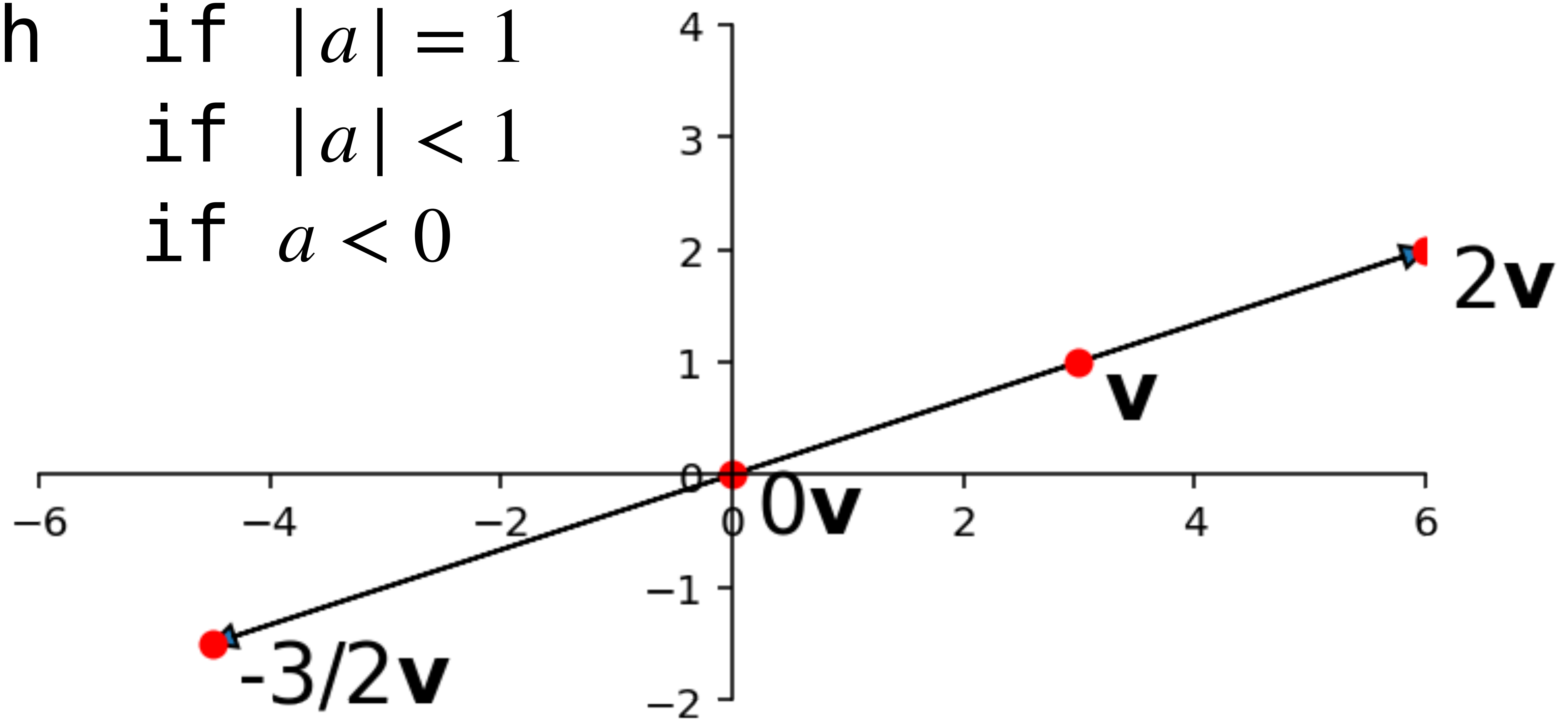

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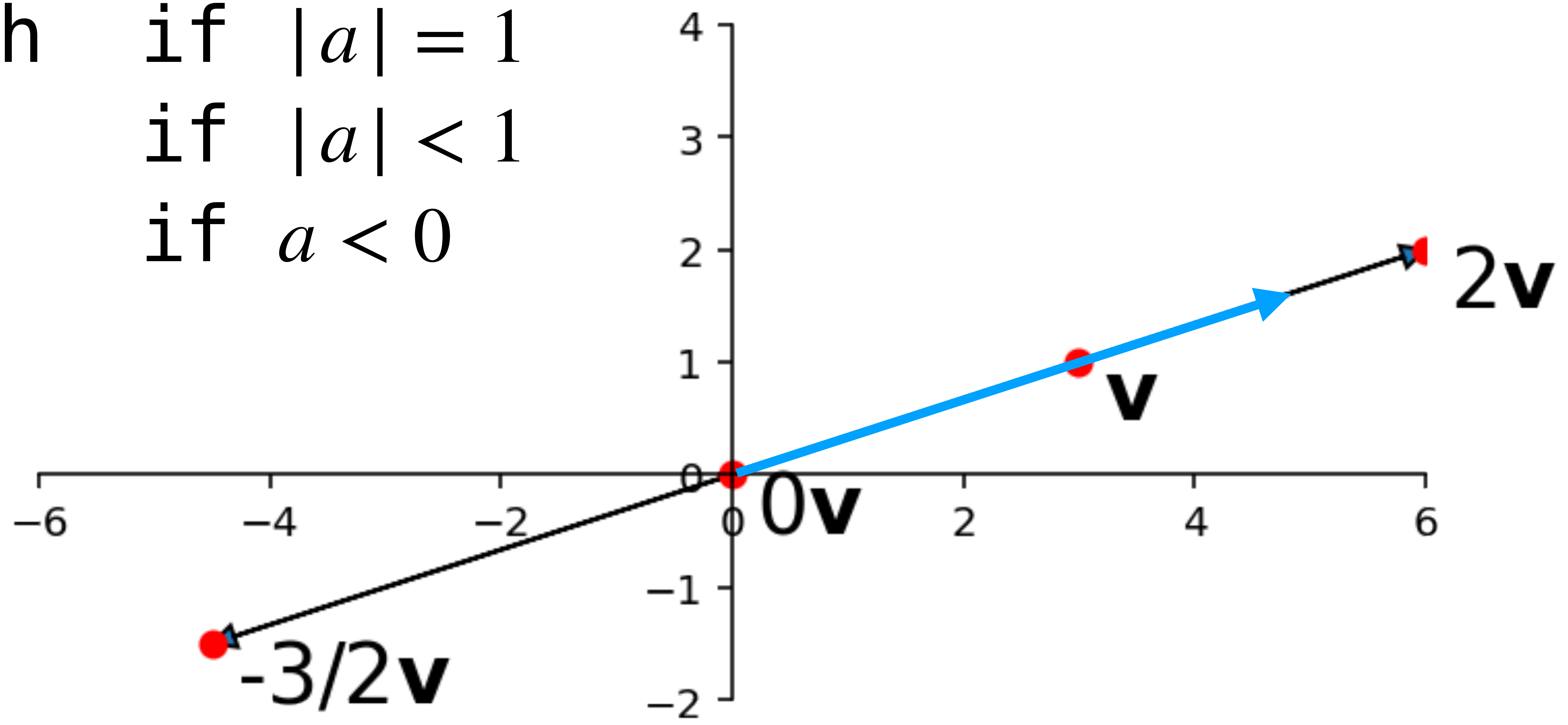

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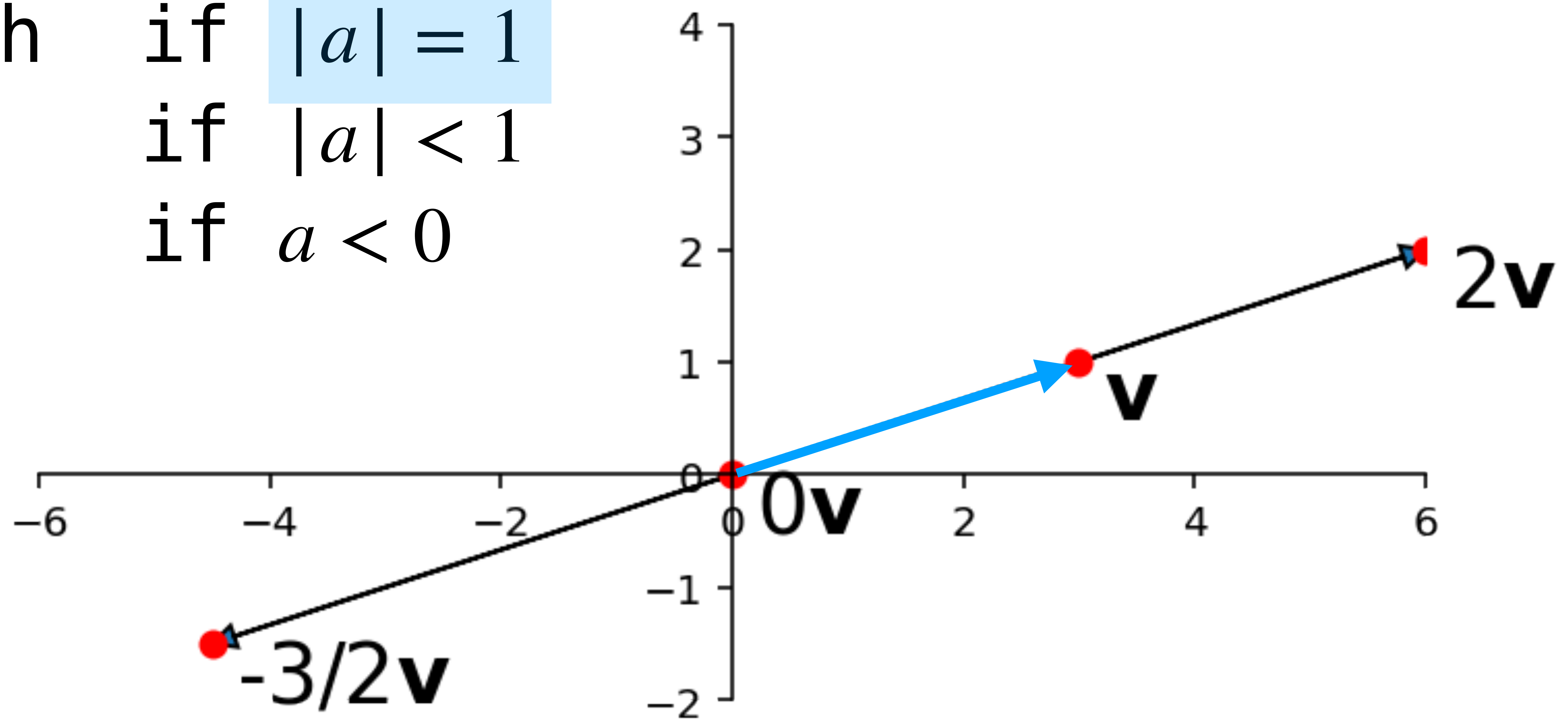

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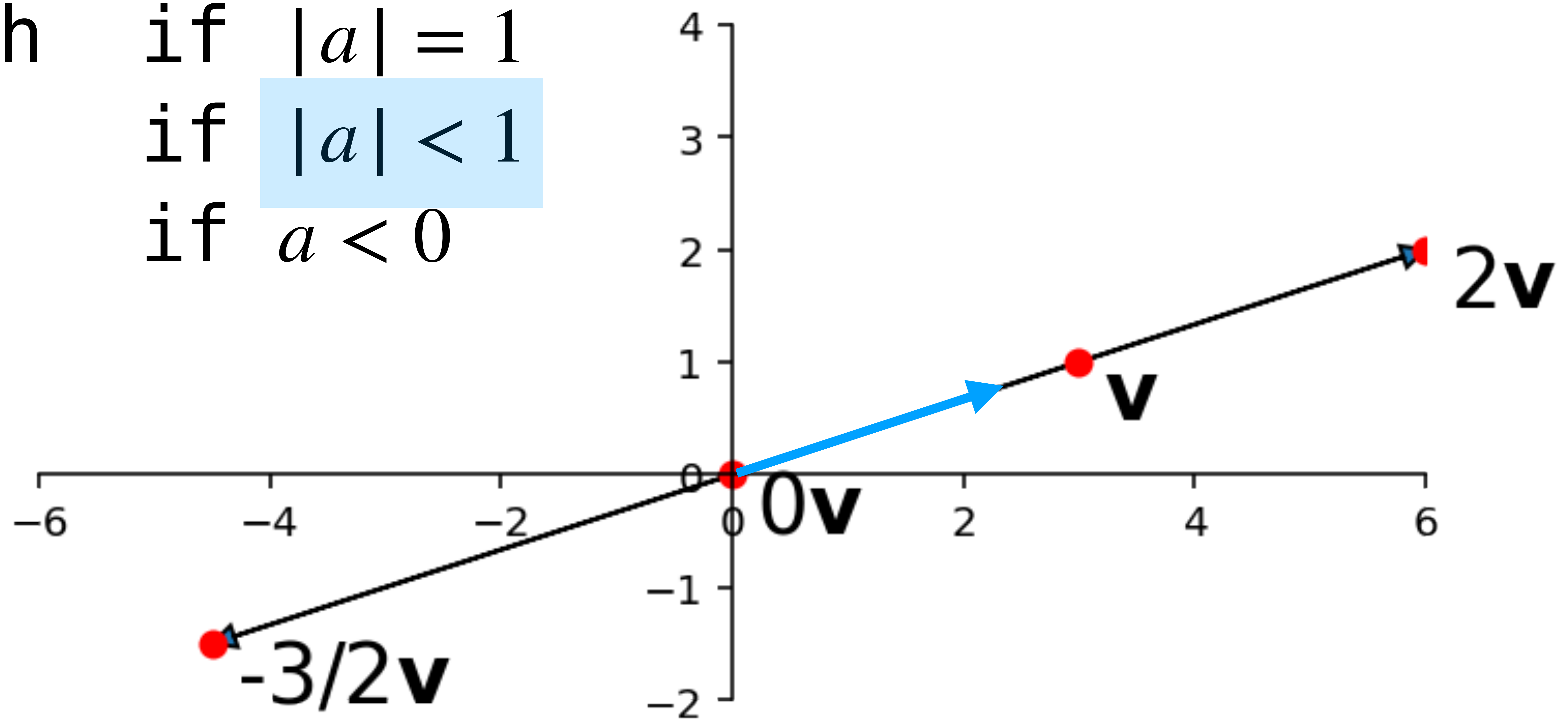

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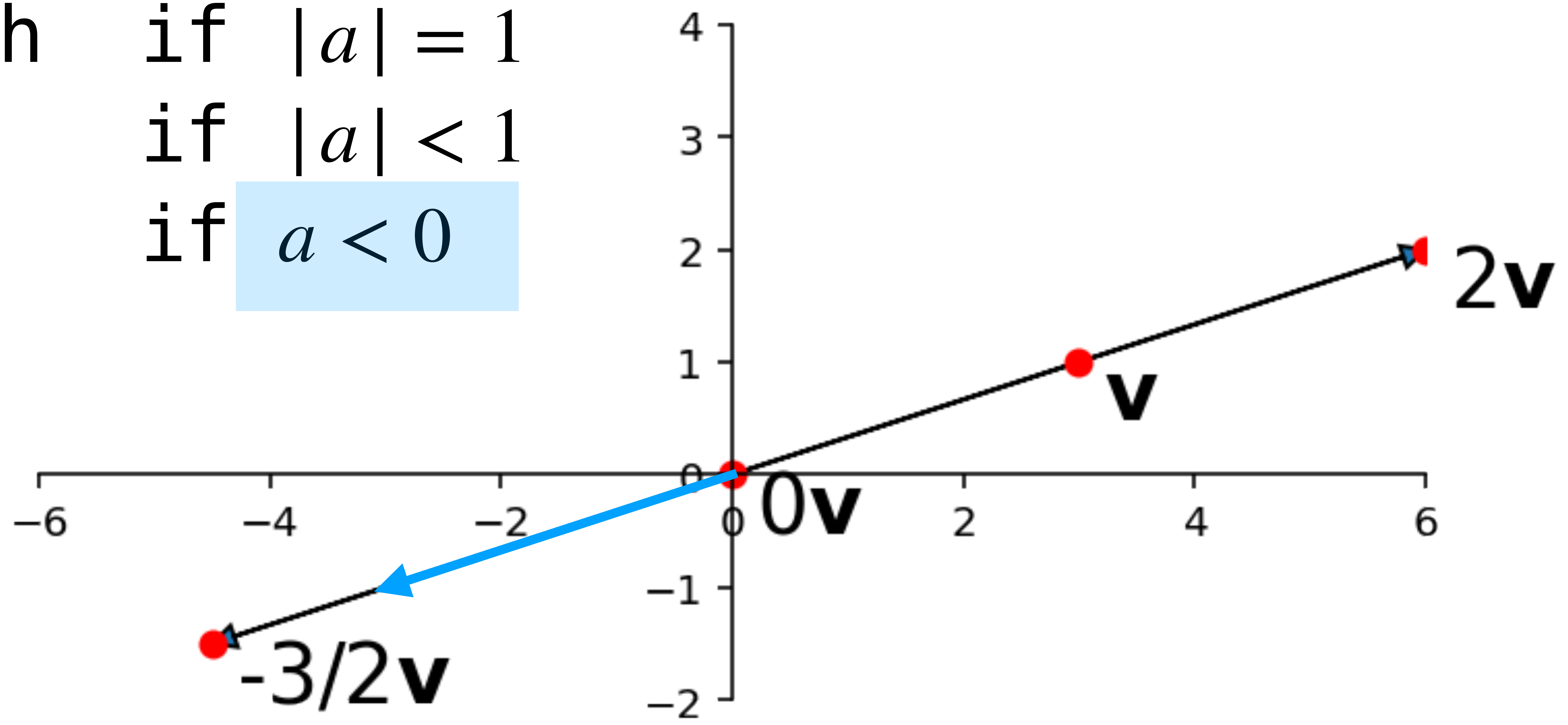

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Recall: The Fundamental Concern

Can $\mathbf{u}$ be written as a linear combination of

$\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_n$?

That is, are there weights $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_n$ such that

$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \ldots \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{u}$?

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Can we view a linear system as a single equation with matrices and vectors?

How do matrices and vectors "interface"?

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multiplication what does $A\mathbf{v}$ mean when A is a matrix and $\mathbf{v}$ is a vector?

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a linear combination of the columns where $\mathbf{s}$ defines the weights

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Algebraic Properties

The algebraic properties of matrix–vector multiplication are **very important**

1. $A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{u} + A\mathbf{v}$

2. $A(c\mathbf{v}) = c(A\mathbf{v})$

Derivation of (1) for A in $\mathbb{R}^{n\times 3}$

$$[\mathbf{a}_1 \quad \mathbf{a}_2 \quad \mathbf{a}_3]\left(\begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

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`by vector scaling (distribution)`

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`by rearranging`

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fin

A Common Error

$$A\mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{v}A$$

Important. We multiply matrices and vectors with the matrix *on the left*

Looking forward a bit

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Remember. column vectors are matrices with 1 column

Eventually we'll be able to view all of these as *matrix operations*

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Compute the above matrix–vector multiplication

A Tip

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Then read off a solution from the reduced echelon form

Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9 \\ 3 \\ -14 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine if the above matrix–vector equation has a solution

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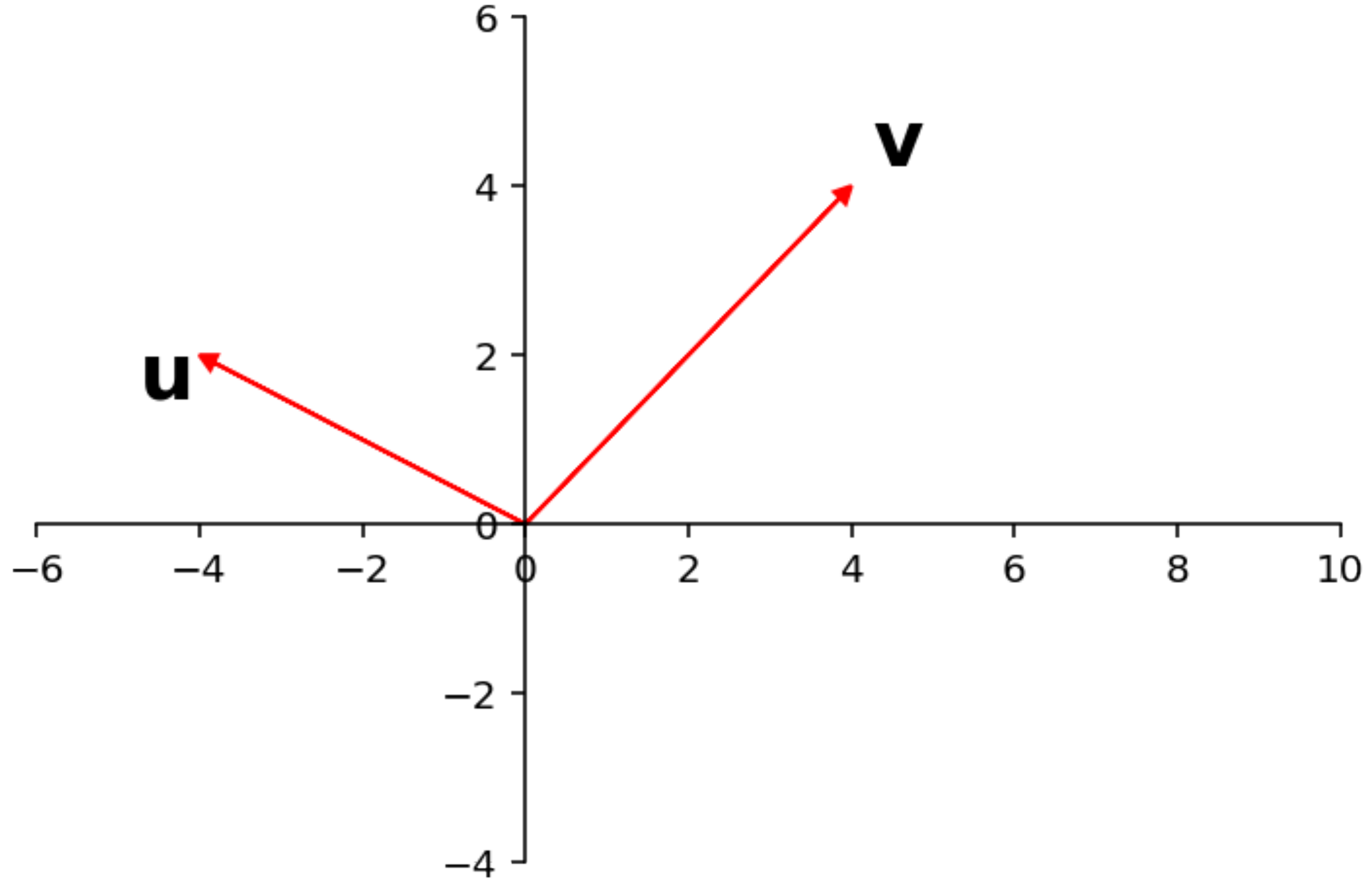

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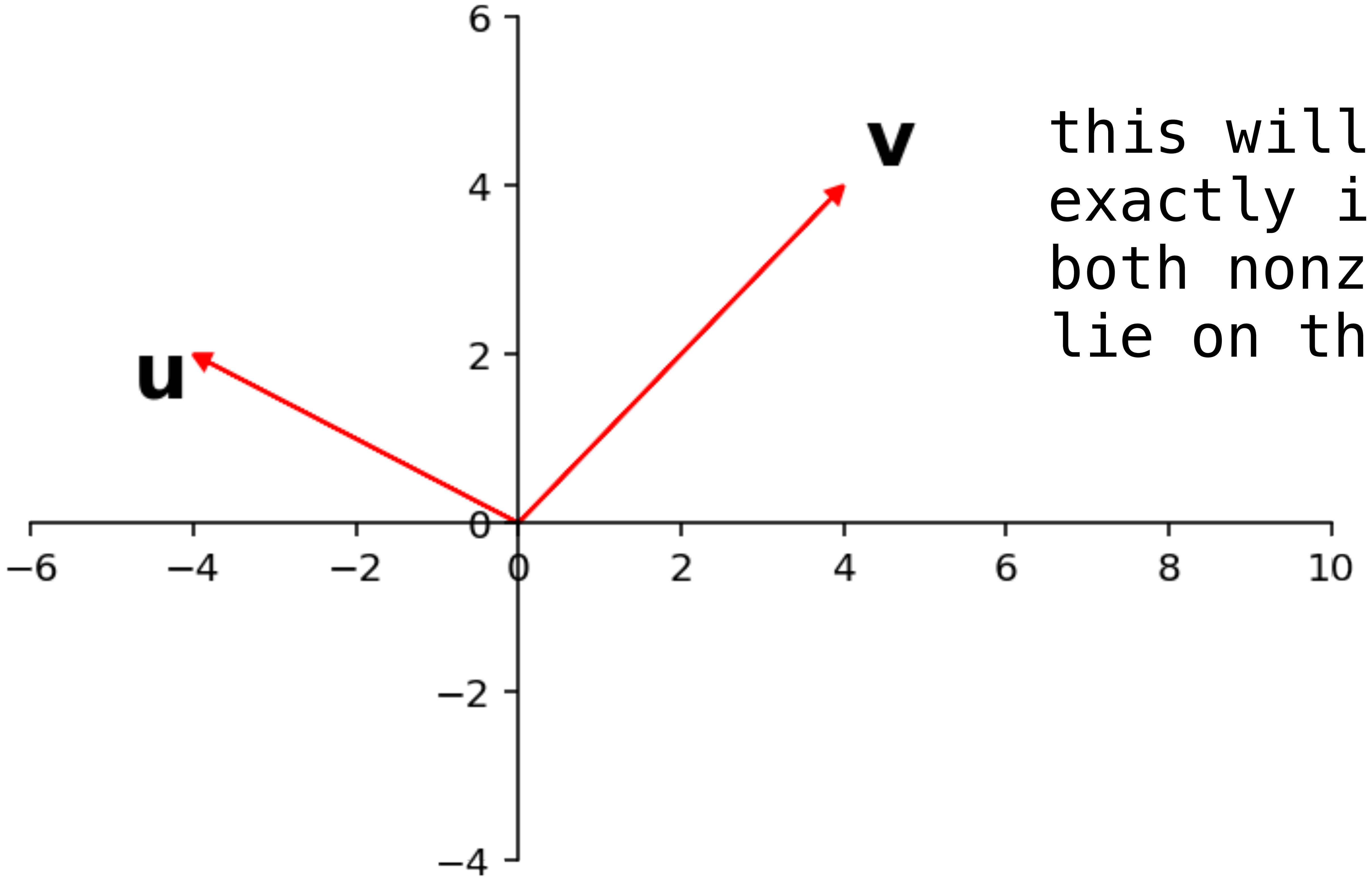

this will happen exactly if they are both nonzero and don't lie on the same line

What about $\mathbb{R}^n$?

When do a set of vectors span all of $\mathbb{R}^n$?
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A Few Questions

Can two vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$ span all of $\mathbb{R}^3$?

Do five vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$ necessarily span all of $\mathbb{R}^3$?

A Thought Experiment

Suppose I give you the augmented matrix of a linear system but I cover up the last column

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Yes. It doesn't have an inconsistent row

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!! We only need the echelon form !!

Question

Do $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2023 \end{bmatrix}$ span all of $\mathbb{R}^3$?

Answer: No

the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2023 \end{bmatrix}$$

cannot have more than 2 pivot positions

Not spanning $\mathbb{R}^m$

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This gives use a <u>linear equation</u> which describes the span of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Question (Understanding Check)

True or **False**, the echelon form of any matrix has at most one row of the form $[0 \;\; 0 \;\; \ldots \;\; 0 \;\; \blacksquare]$ where $\blacksquare$ is nonzero.

Answer: True

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

leading entry not to the right

this is not in echelon form

Question (More Challenging)

Give a linear equation for the span of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Answer

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$0 = b_3 + (1/2)(b_2 - 2b_1)$$

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Taking Stock

Four Representations

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matrix equation

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system of linear equations

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1m} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{2m} \end{bmatrix} + \ldots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{n1} \\ a_{n2} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \dots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix equation

they all have the same solution sets

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n &= b_1 \\ a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n &= b_2 \\ &\vdots \\ a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \dots + a_{mn}x_n &= b_m \end{aligned}$$

system of linear equations

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{1m} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{2m} \end{bmatrix} + \dots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{n1} \\ a_{n2} \\ \vdots \\ a_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

vector equation

Summary

Matrix and vectors can be multiplied together to get new vectors

The matrix equation is another representation of systems of linear equations

Looking forward: Matrices *transform* vectors