

# **Linear Transformations**

**Geometric Algorithms**  
**Lecture 7**

# Practice Problem

Find three vectors  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  such that

- » every pair of vectors (i.e.,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2\}$ ,  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ,  $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$ ) is linearly independent
- »  $\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3\}$  is linearly dependent

# Objectives

- » Introduce matrix transformations
- » Define linear transformations
- » Start looking at the geometry of linear transformations

# Keywords

Transformations

Domain, Codomain

Image, Range

Matrix Transformations

Linear Transformations

Additivity, Homogeneity

Dilation, Contraction, Shearing, Rotation

# Recap

# Recap: Homogenous Linear Systems

**Definition.** A linear system is *homogeneous* if it can be expressed as

$$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$$

# Recap: Linear Independence

**Definition.** A set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is *linearly independent* if the vectors equation

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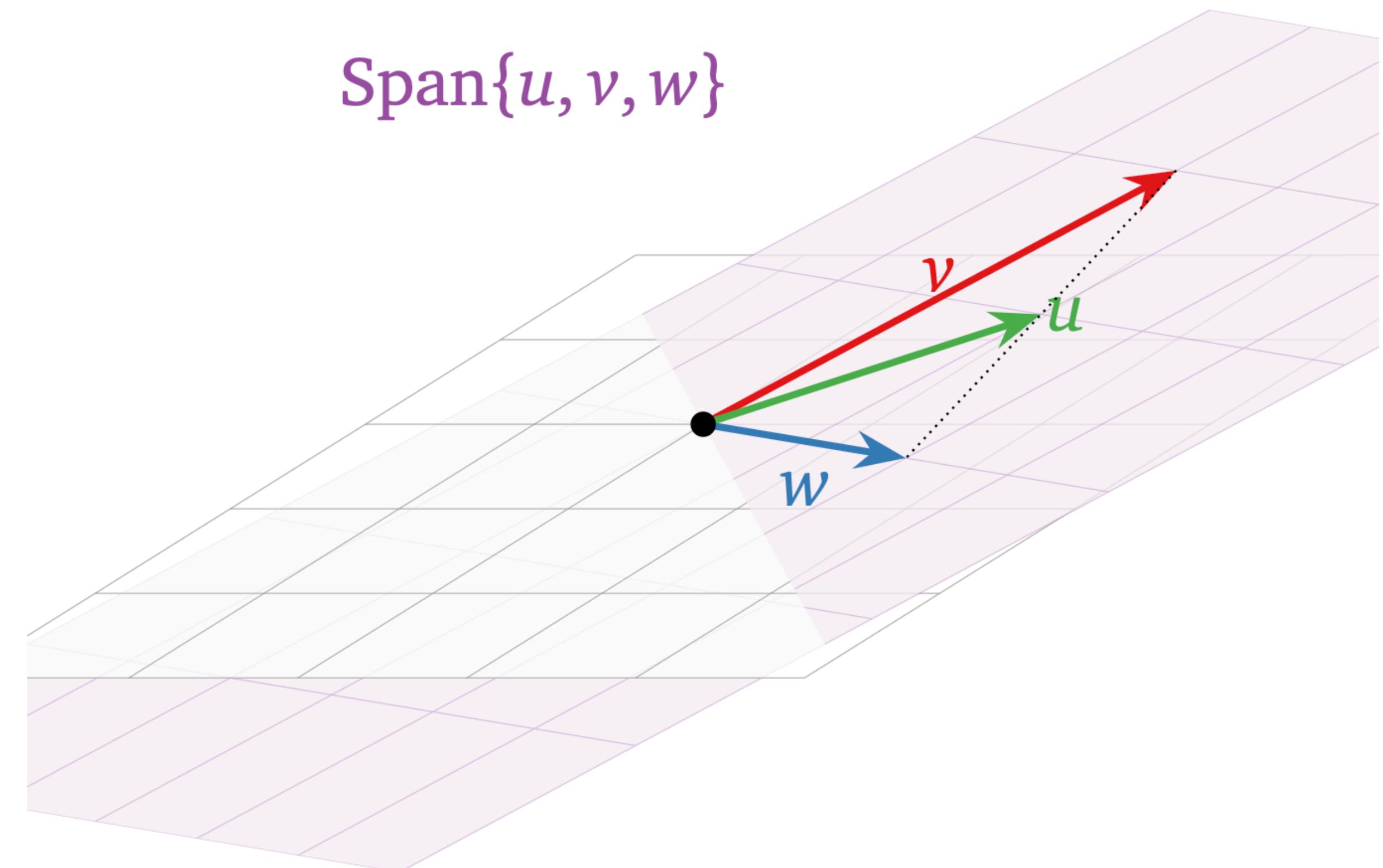
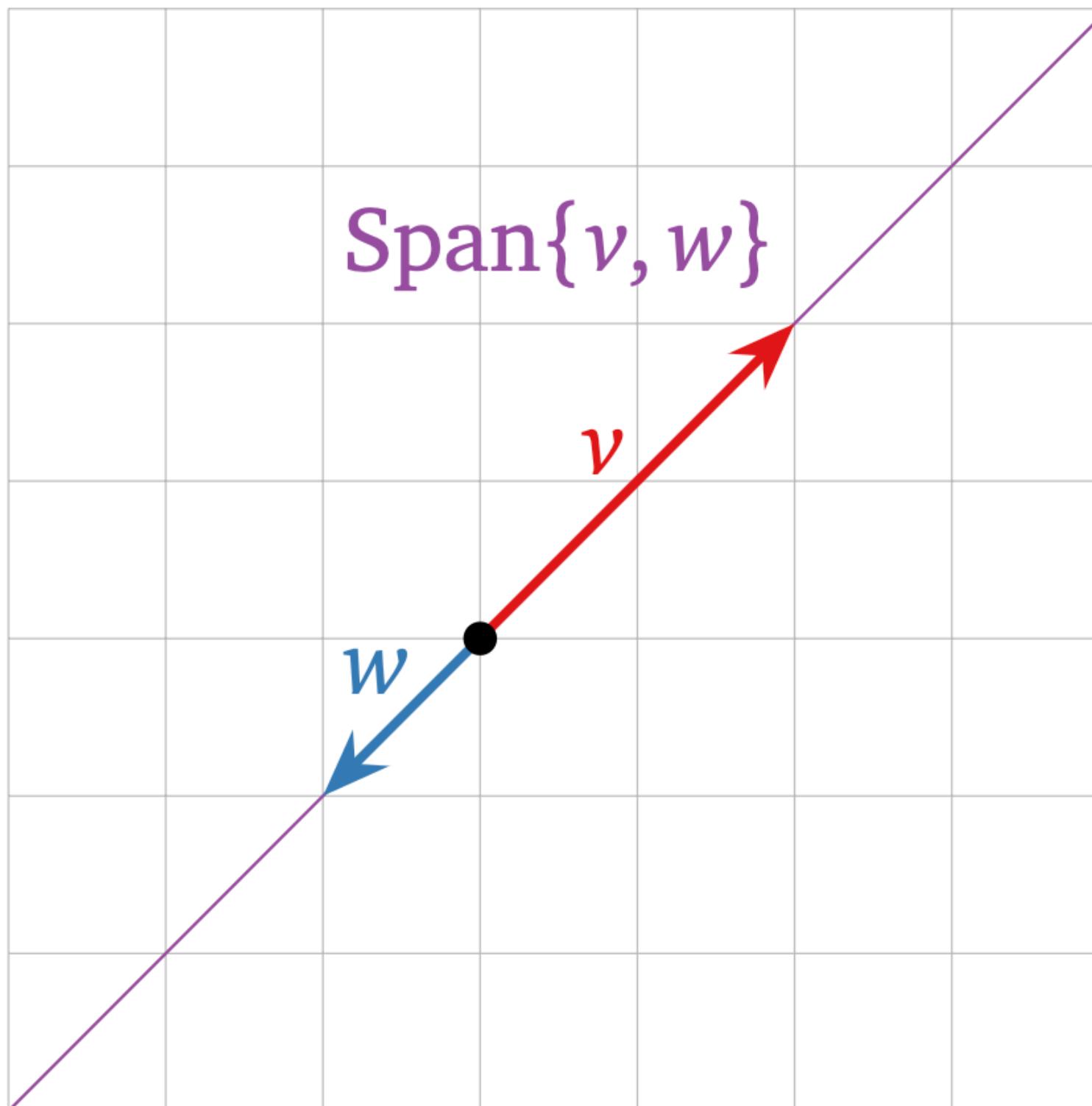
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has a *nontrivial* solution

# Recap: Linear Dependence

**Definition.** A set of vectors  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is *linearly dependent* if one of its vectors can be written as a linear combination of the others (not including itself)

# Linear Dependence (Pictorially)



# Recall: Linear Dependence Relation

**Definition.** If  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$  are linearly dependent, then a *linear dependence relation* is an equation of the form

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{0}$$

A linear dependence relation  
*witnesses* the linear dependence

# Recap: Increasing Span

**Theorem.**  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are linearly dependent if and only there is an  $i \leq n$ ,

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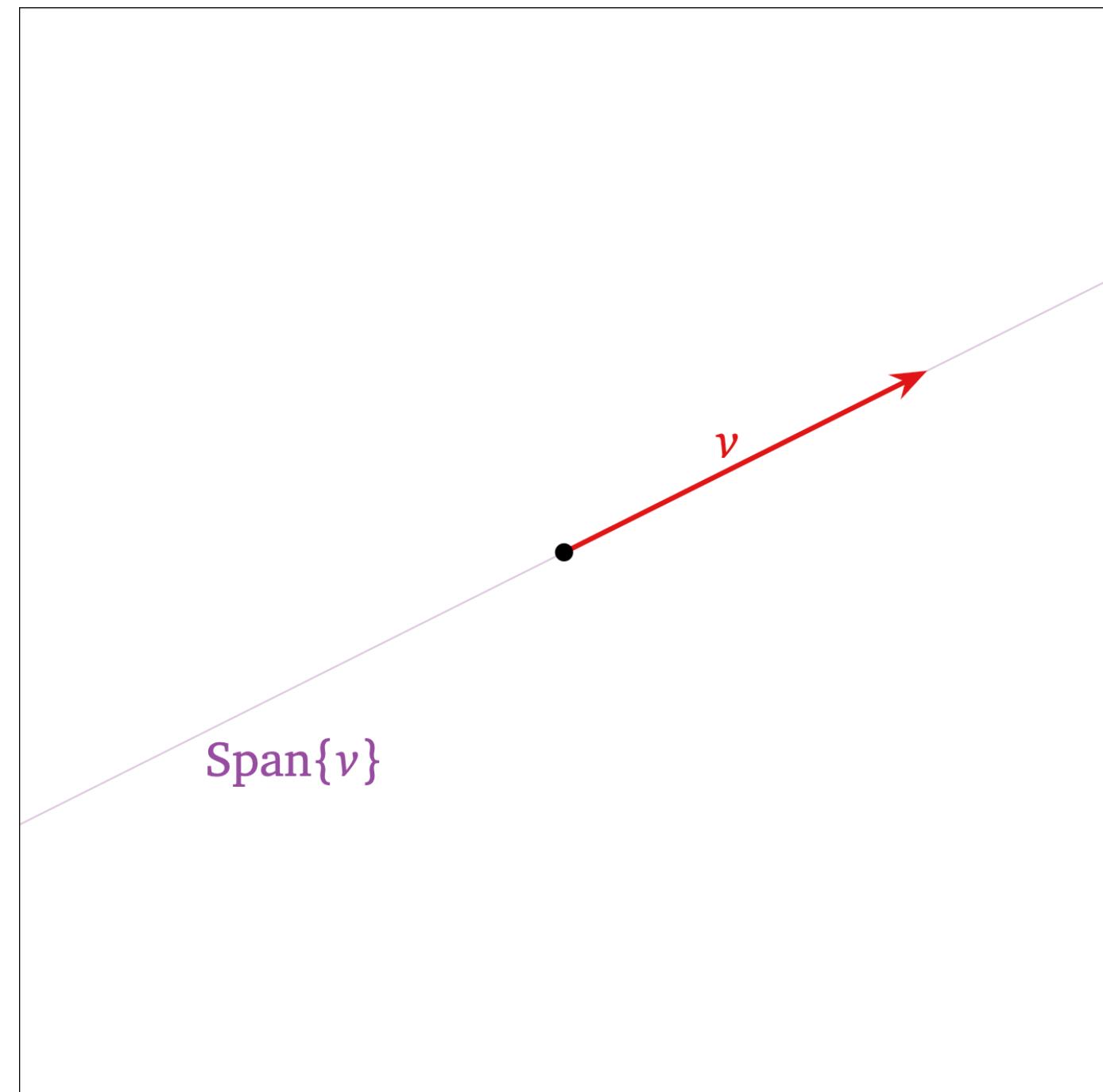
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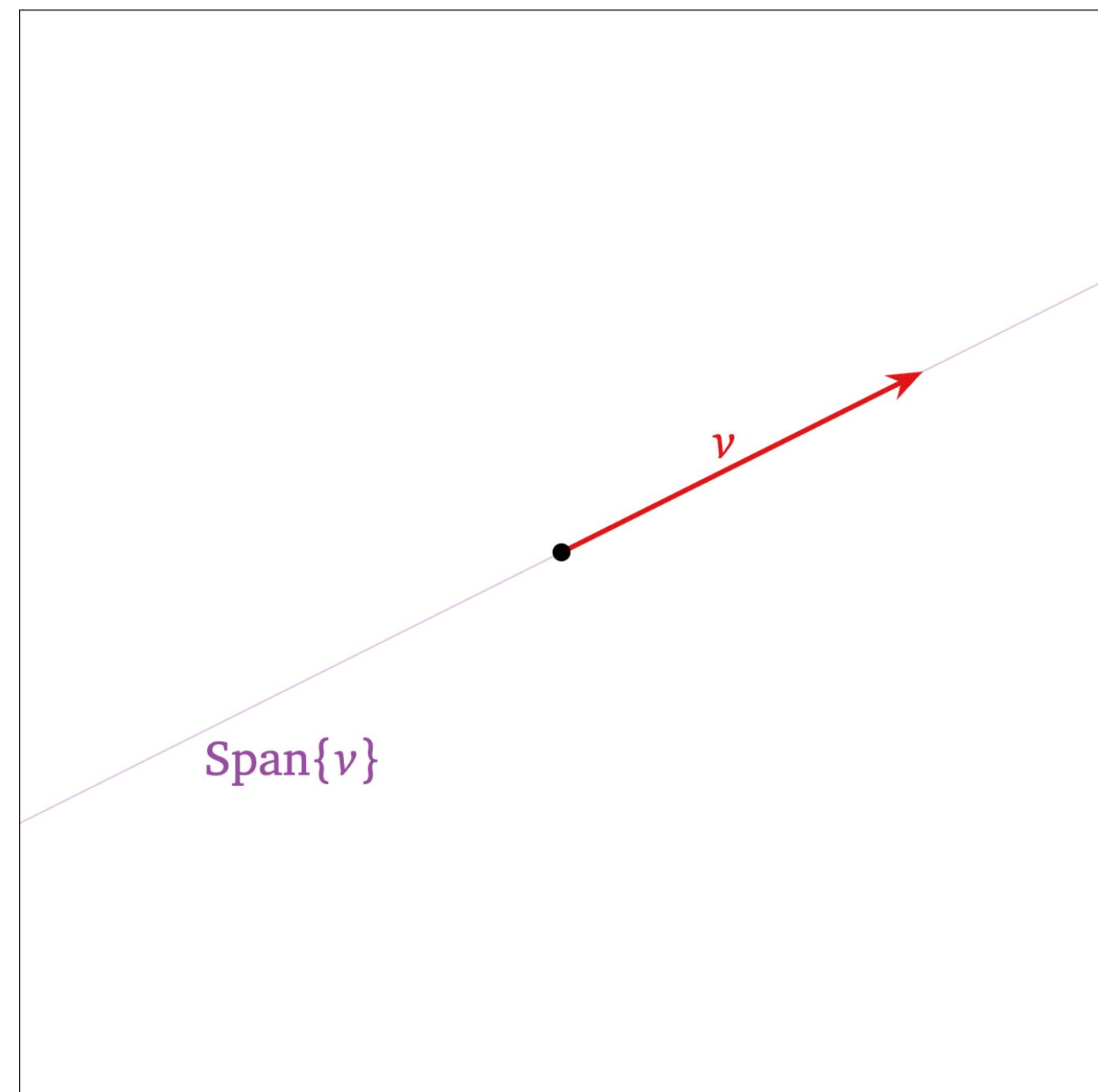
As we add vectors, we'll eventually find one in the span of the preceding ones

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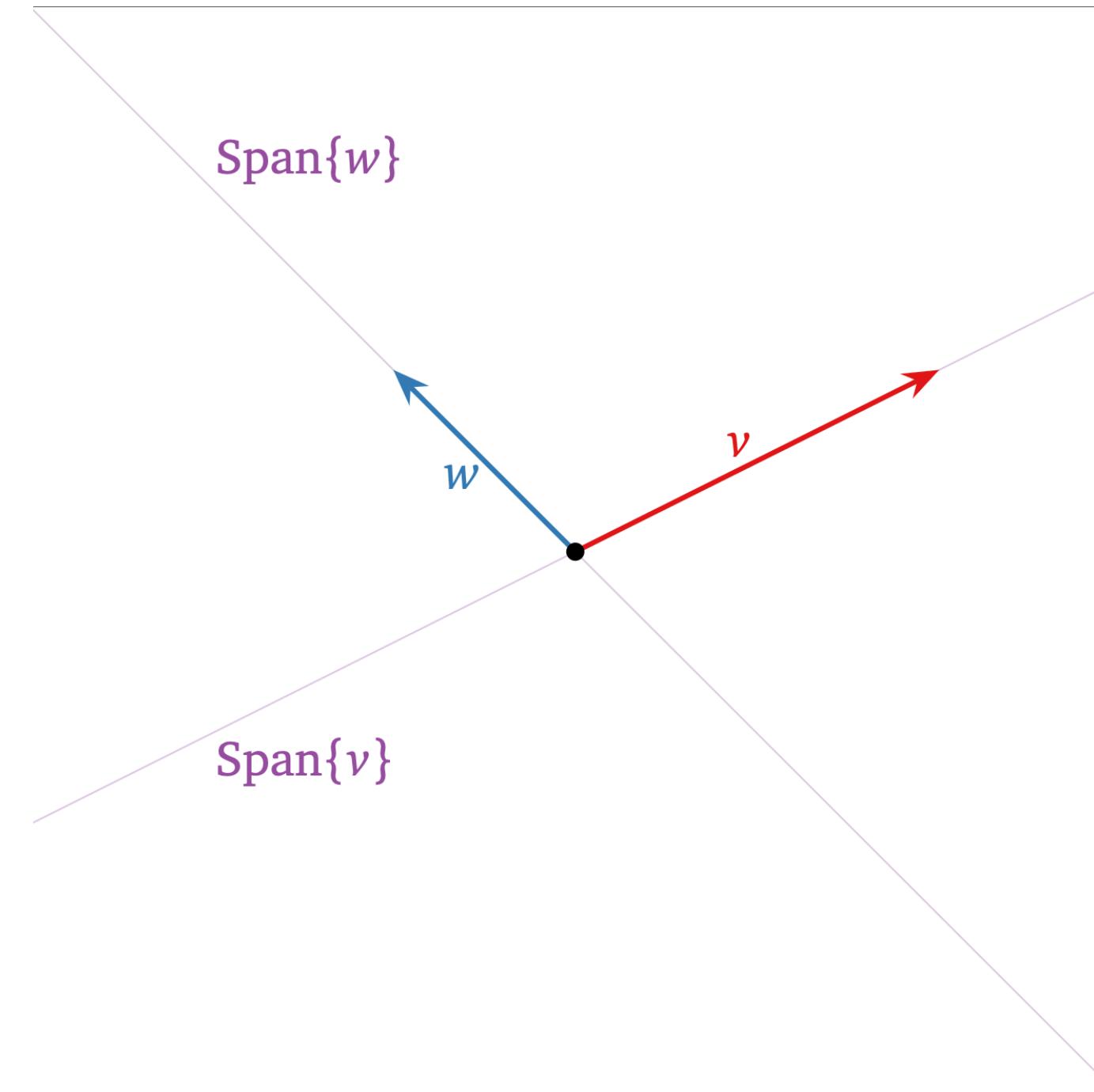


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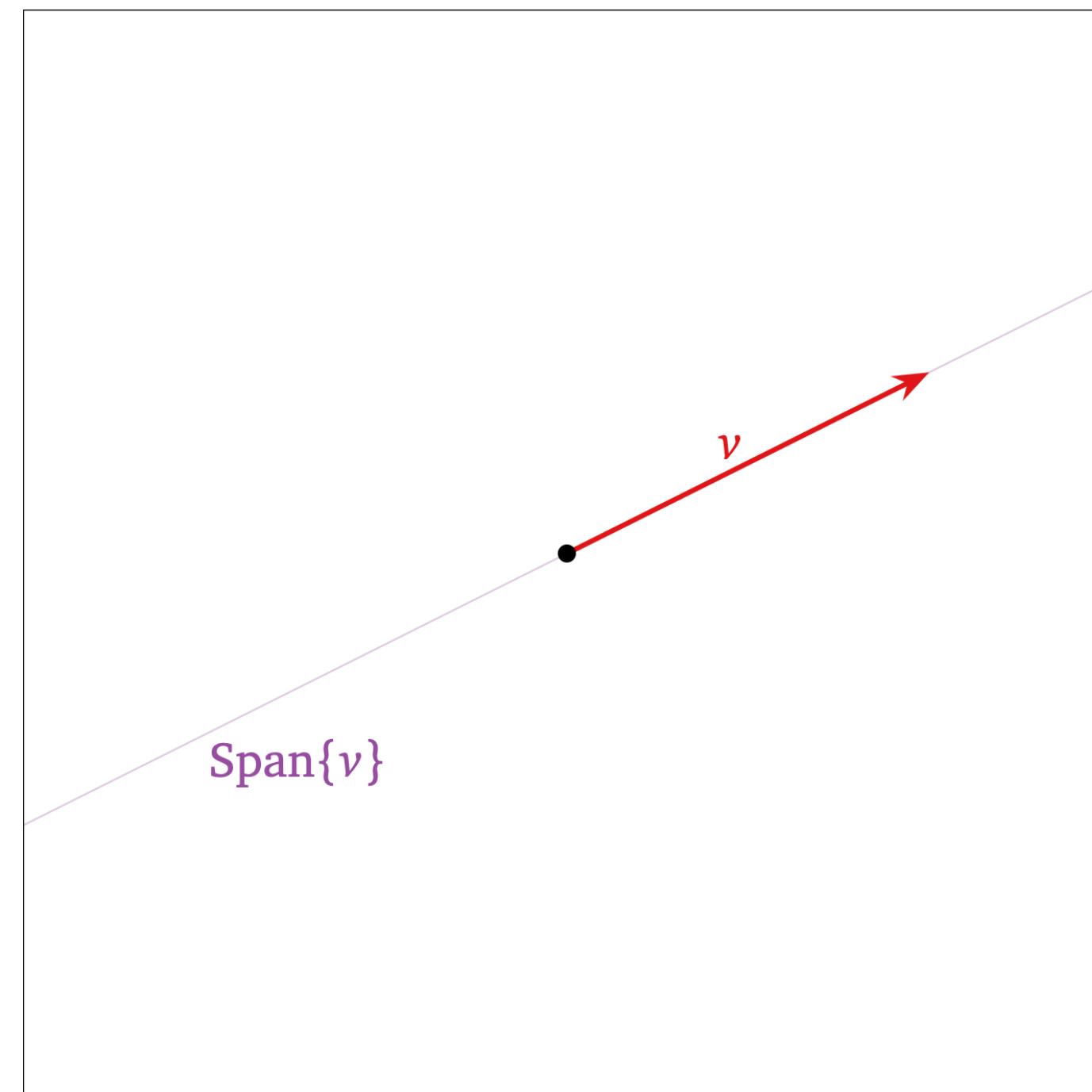


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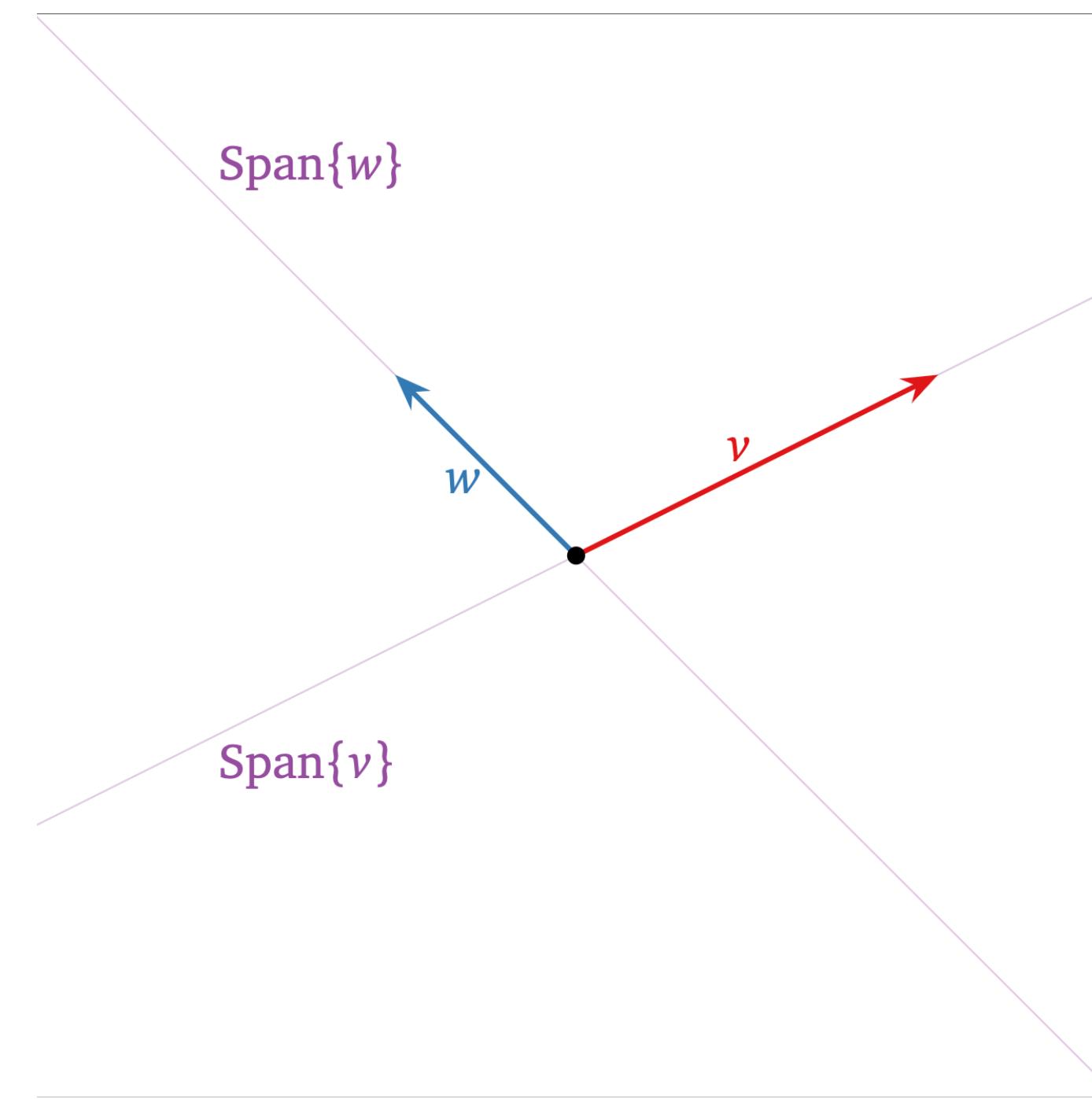


span of 2 vector  
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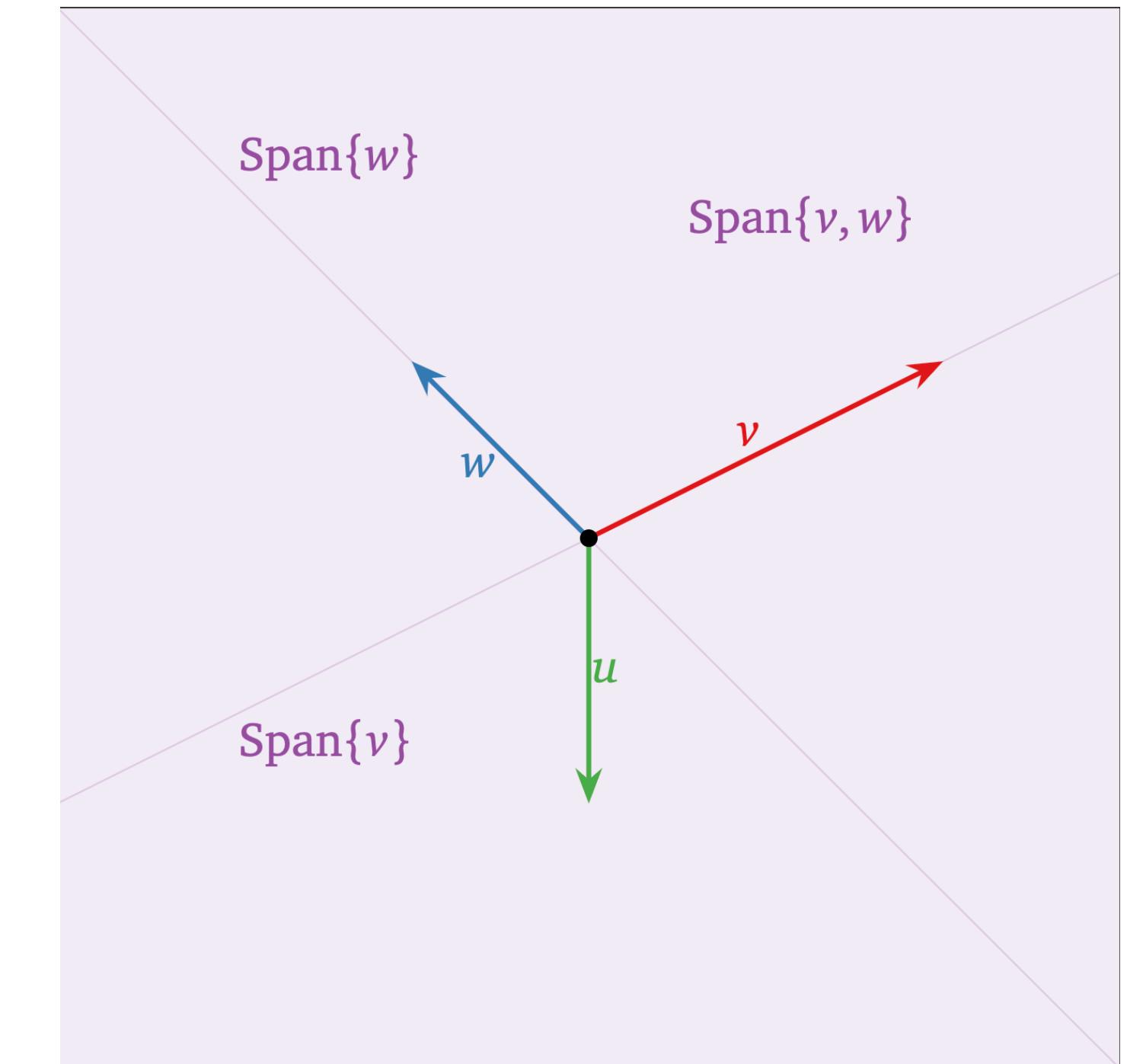
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span of 3 vector  
still a plane

# Recap: Pivots and Linear Dependence

**Theorem.** The columns of a matrix  $A$  are linearly independent if and only if  $A$  has a pivot in every column

Free variables allow for infinitely many (nontrivial) solution

# Recap: Example

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 6 \\ -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ 8 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The reduced echelon form of  $[\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{v}_2 \ \mathbf{v}_3]$  is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

column  
without a  
pivot

# Recap: Linear Independence and Full Span

The columns of a  $(m \times n)$  matrix span all of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  if there is a pivot in every row

The columns of a matrix are linearly independent if there is a pivot in every column

Don't confuse these!

# Matrix Transformations

# Recall: Spans (with Matrices)

**Definition.** The *span* of a set of vectors is the set of all possible linear combinations

$$\text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\} = \{[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n] \mathbf{v} : \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$$

# Matrices as Transformations

Matrices allow us to *transform* vectors into vectors the span of its columns

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$$

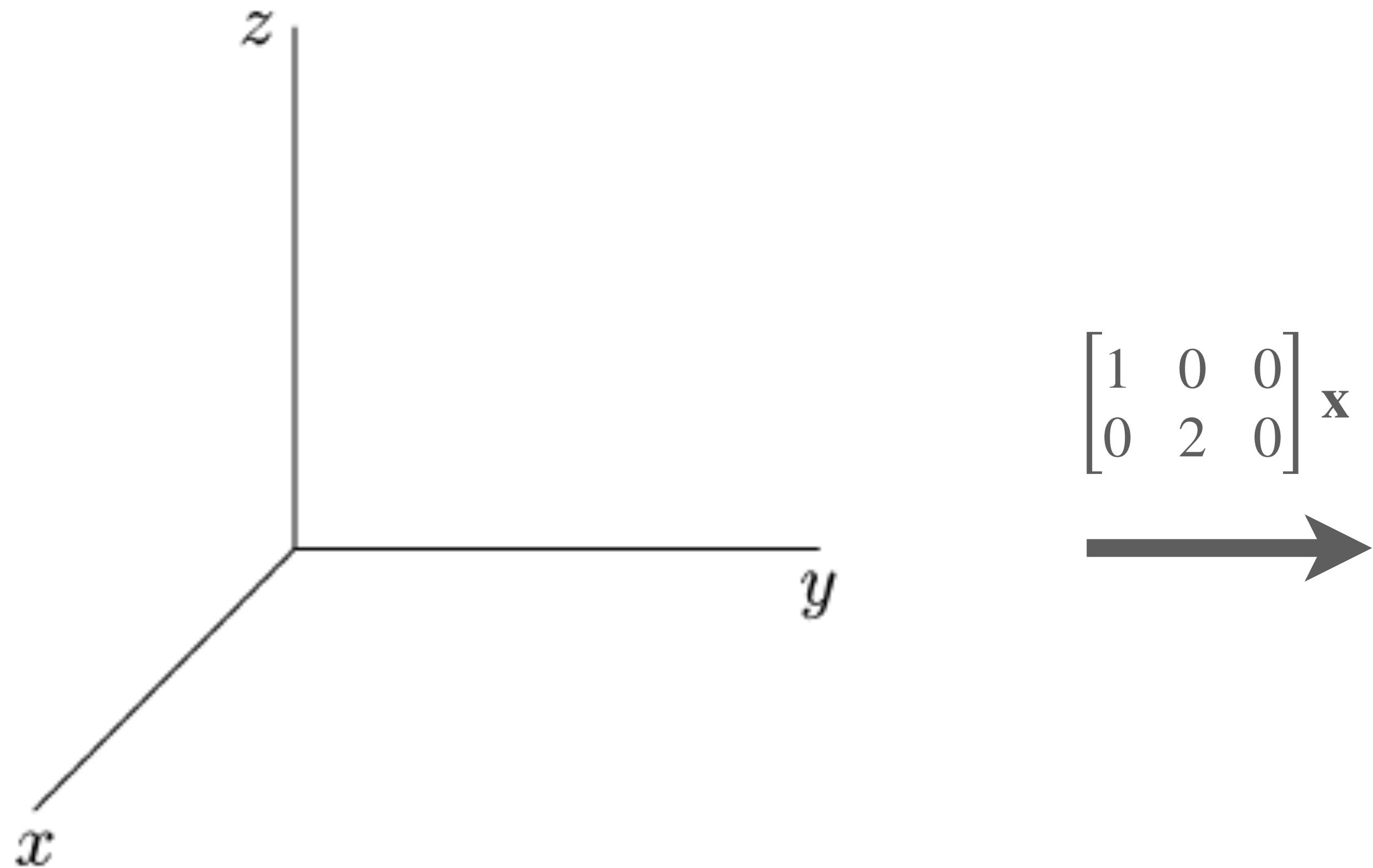
map a vector  $v$  to the vector  $Av$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} =$$

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 2x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



!! Important !!

The vector may be a different size after translation

# Recall: Matrix-Vector Multiplication and Dimension

matrix–vector multiplication only works if the number of *columns* of the matrix matches the dimension of the vector

$$m \begin{bmatrix} * & \cdots & * \\ * & \cdots & * \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ * & \cdots & * \\ * & \cdots & * \end{bmatrix} n \begin{bmatrix} * \\ \vdots \\ * \end{bmatrix} = m \begin{bmatrix} * \\ * \\ \vdots \\ * \\ * \end{bmatrix}$$

$(m \times n)$        $\mathbb{R}^n$        $\mathbb{R}^m$

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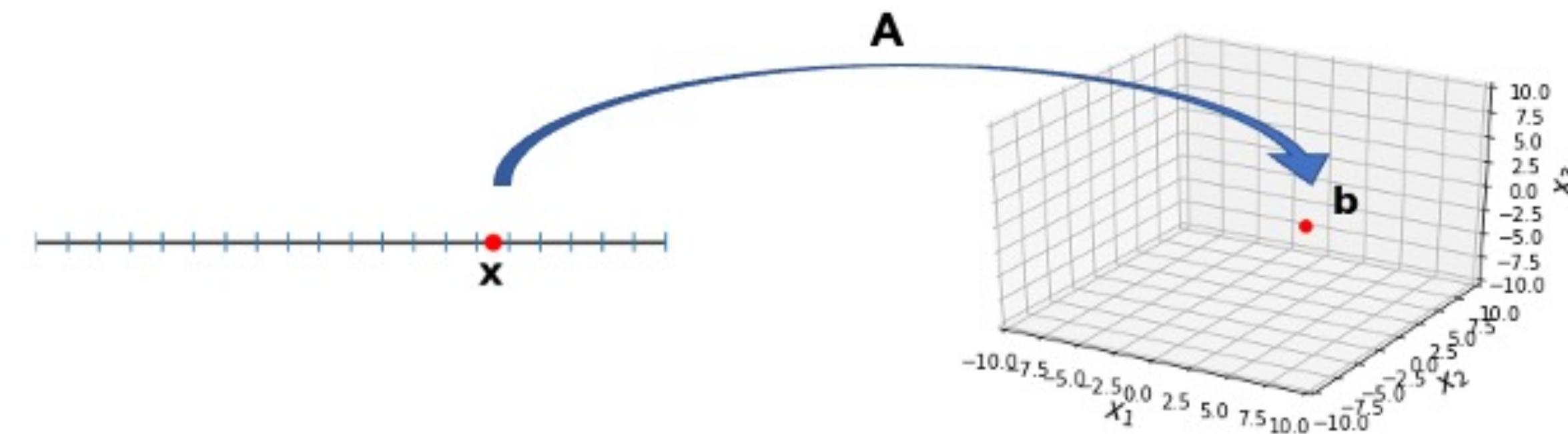
# A New Interpretation of the Matrix Equation

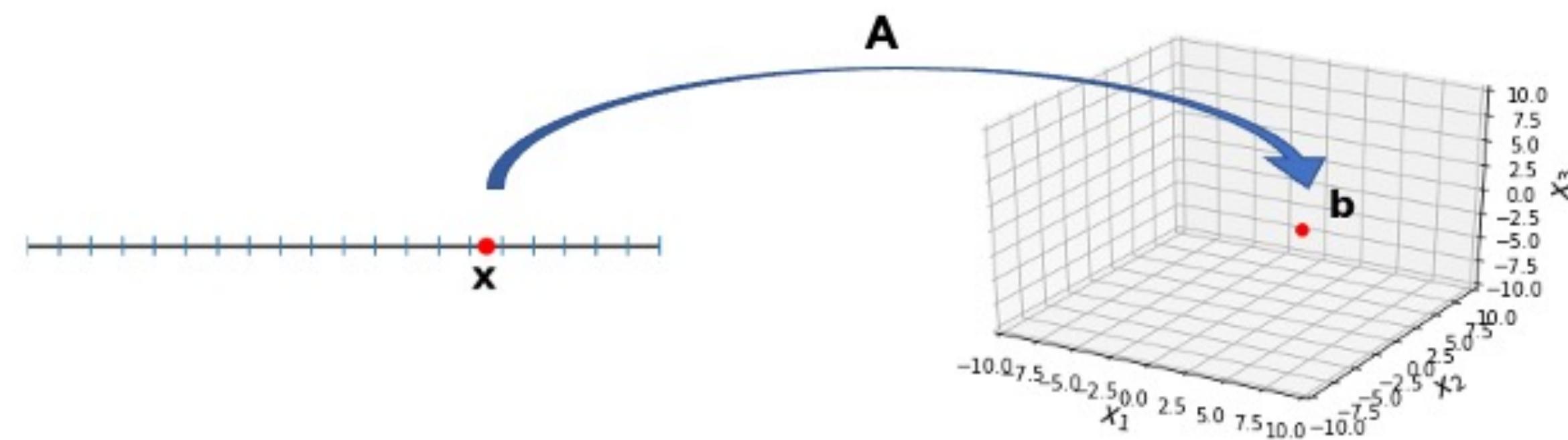
$Ax = b?$        $\equiv$       is there a vector which  $A$  transforms into  $b$ ?

Solve  $Ax = b$        $\equiv$       find a vector which  $A$  transforms into  $b$

# Question

Suppose a matrix transforms a vector according to the following picture. What is the size of the matrix?





$$\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$$

Mapping between the same space can be viewed as a way of moving around points

# Transformations

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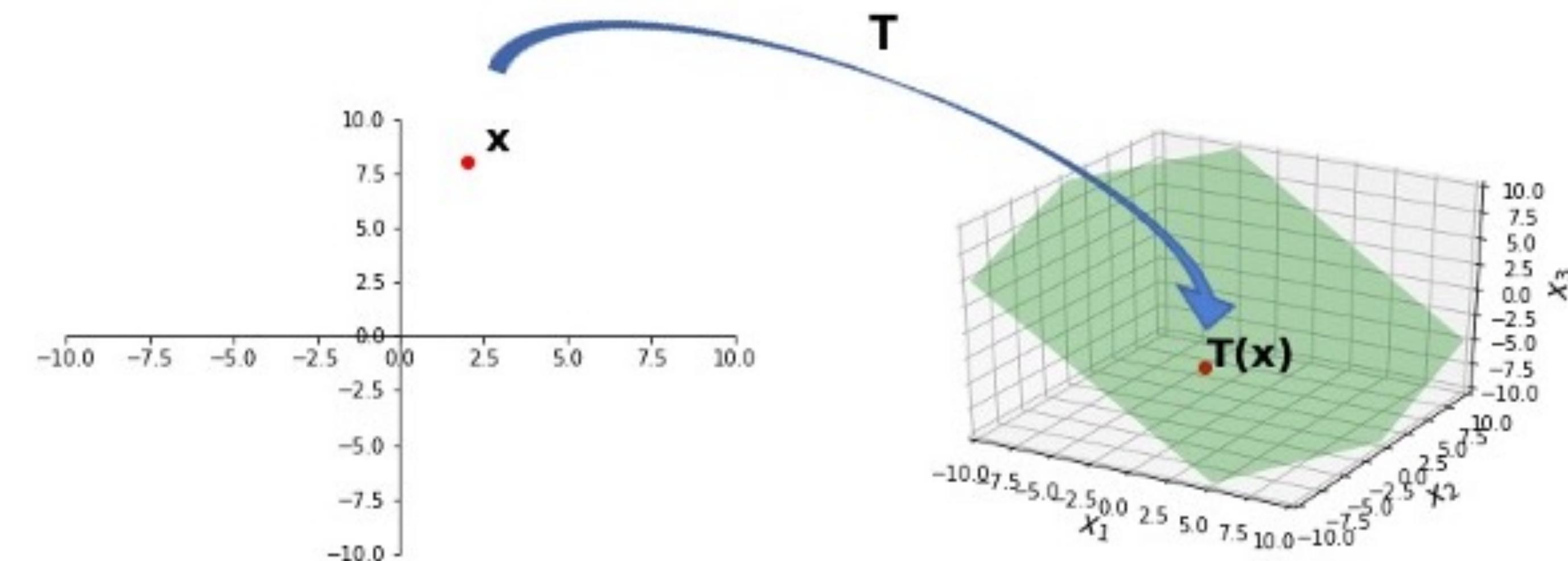
$$\text{ran}(T) = \{ T(v) : v \in \mathbb{R}^n \}$$

image of  $\mathbf{v}$  under  $T \equiv$  output of  $T$  applied to  $\mathbf{v}$

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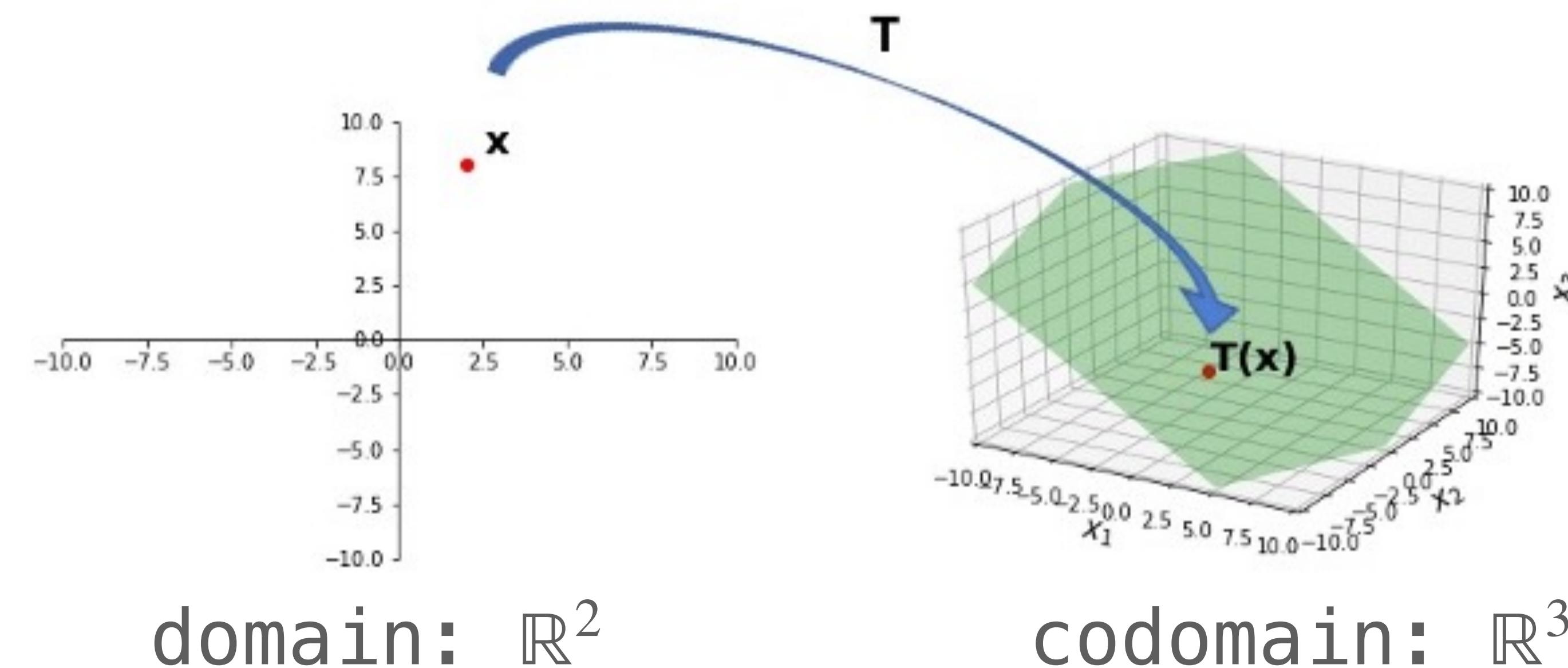
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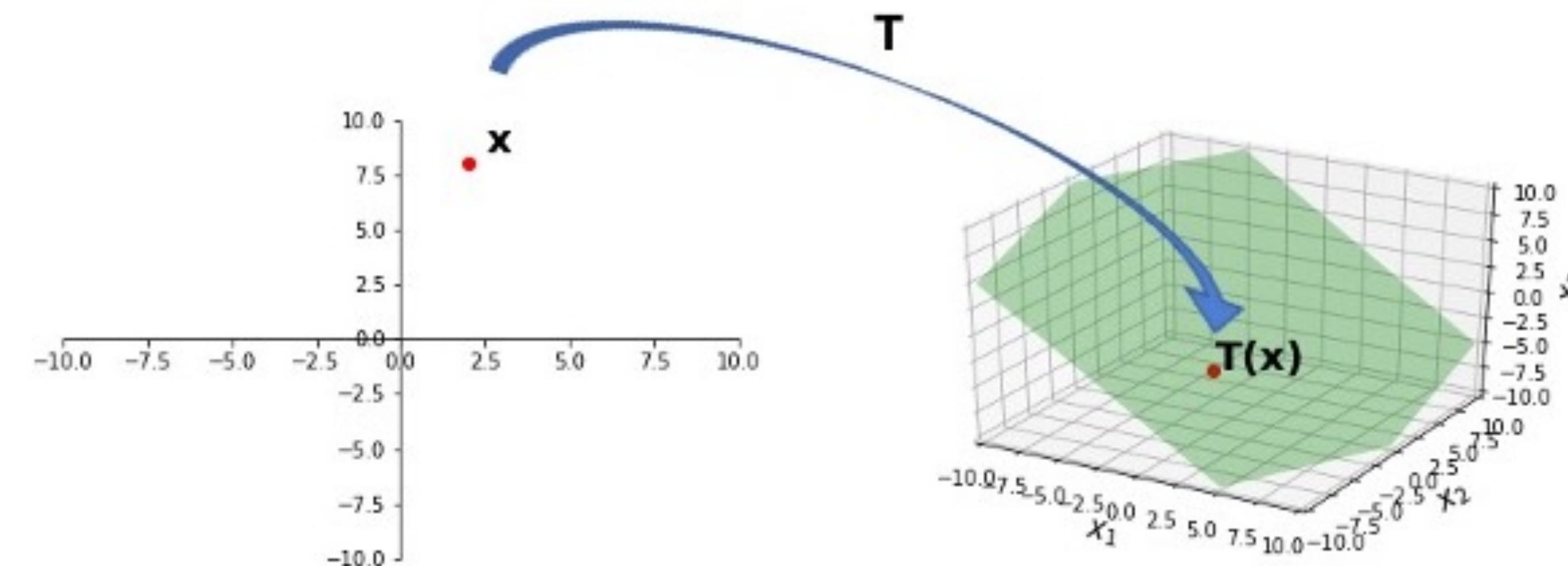
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domain:  $\mathbb{R}^2$

codomain:  $\mathbb{R}^3$

range: just  
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The range is always contained in the codomain

# Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{bmatrix} x_1^2 \\ x_2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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e.g.  $T(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}$

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The transformation of a vector  $v$  under the matrix  $A$  always lies in the span of its columns

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# Linear Transformations

# Recall: Algebraic Properties

Matrix–vector multiplication satisfies the following two properties:

1.  $A(\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{u} + A\mathbf{v}$  (additivity)
2.  $A(c\mathbf{v}) = c(A\mathbf{v})$  (homogeneity)

# Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \left( \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) =$$

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# Linear Transformations

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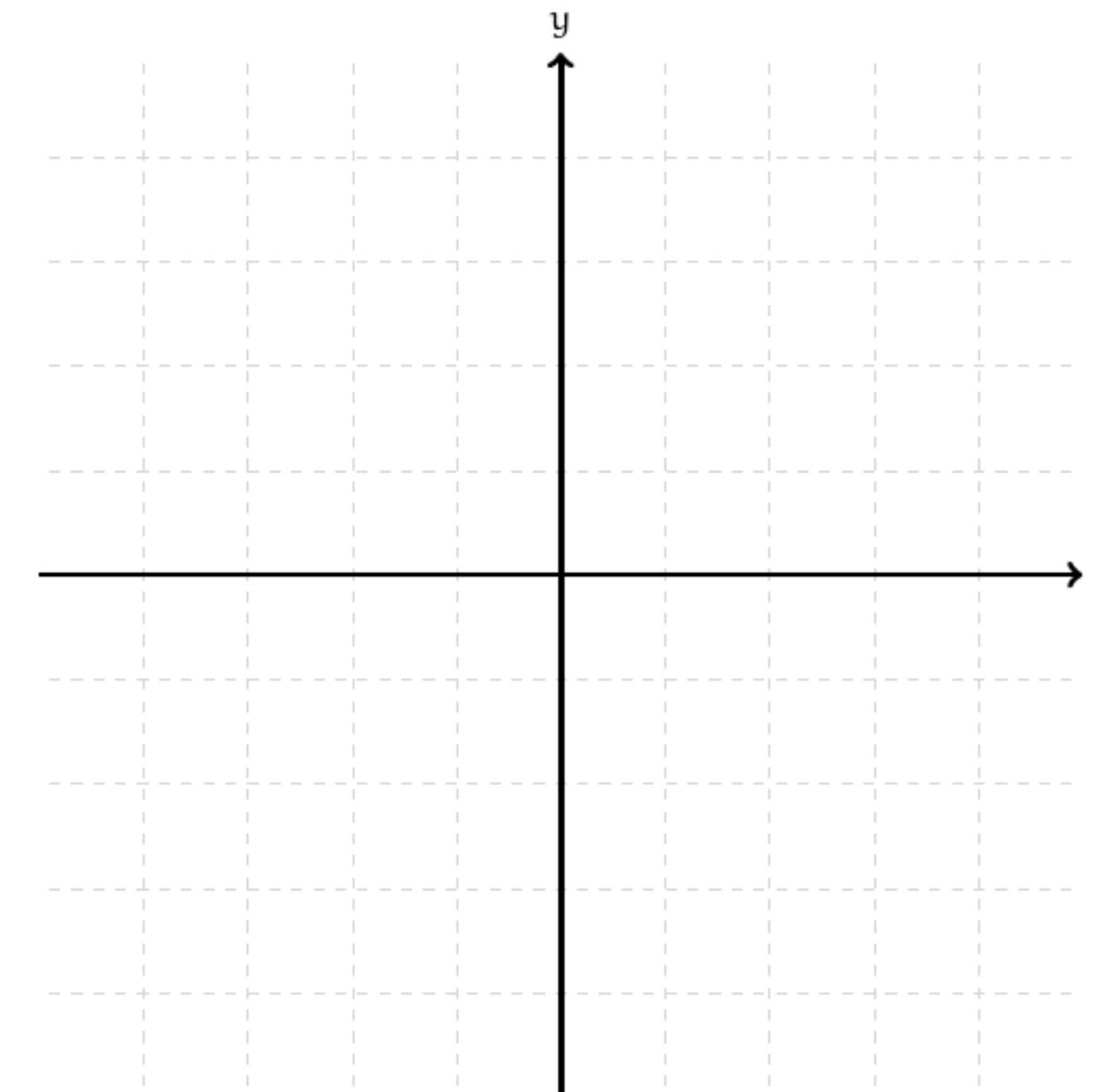
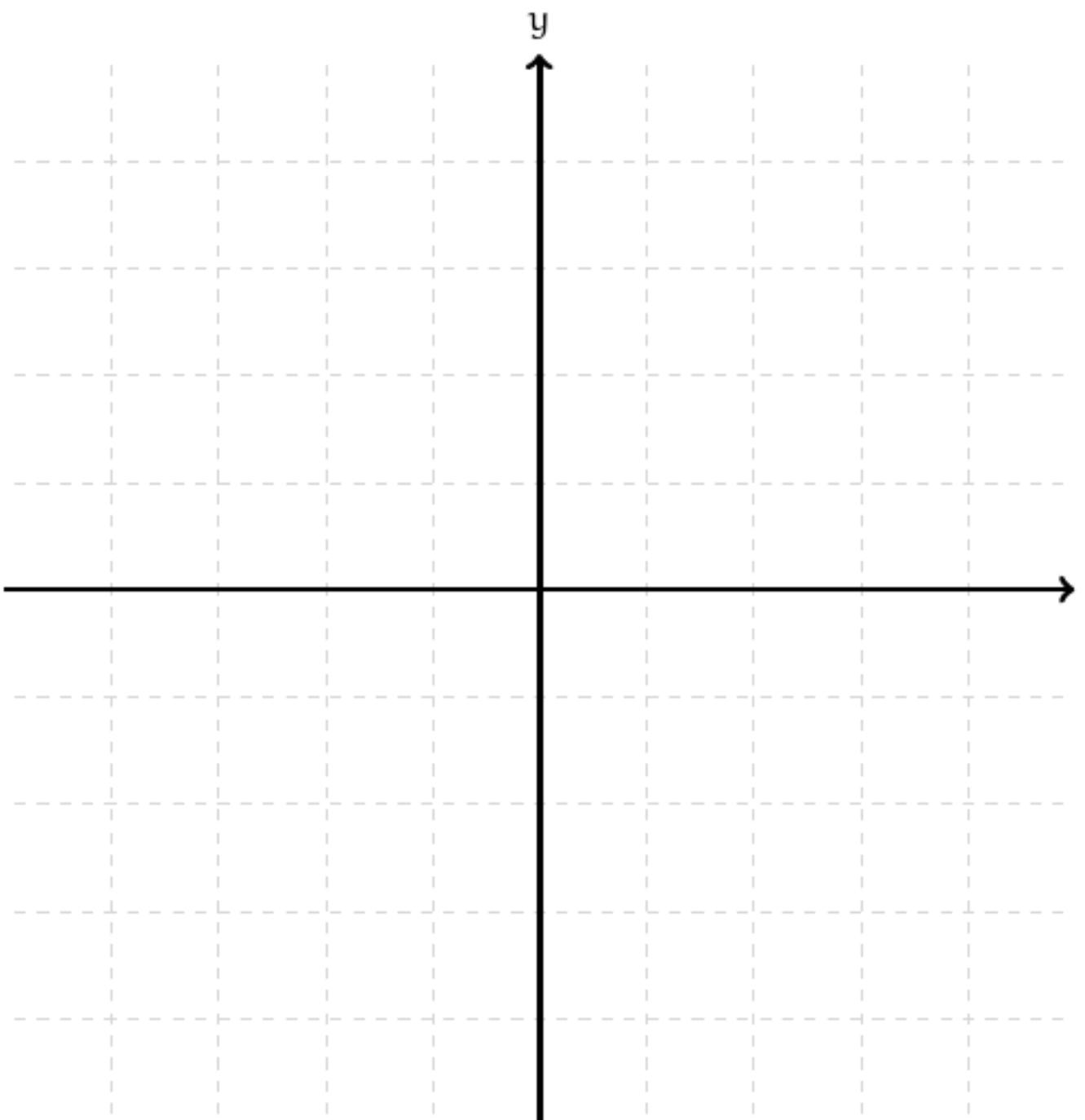
$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$$

# Example: Zero

$$T(v) = 0$$

# Example: Rotation

We'll see this on Thursday, but we can reason about it geometrically for now.



# Example: Indefinite Integrals

$$T(f) = \int f(x)dx$$

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the same goes for derivatives  
(how are functions vectors???)

# Example: Expectation

$$T(X) = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

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This is exactly linearity of expectation.

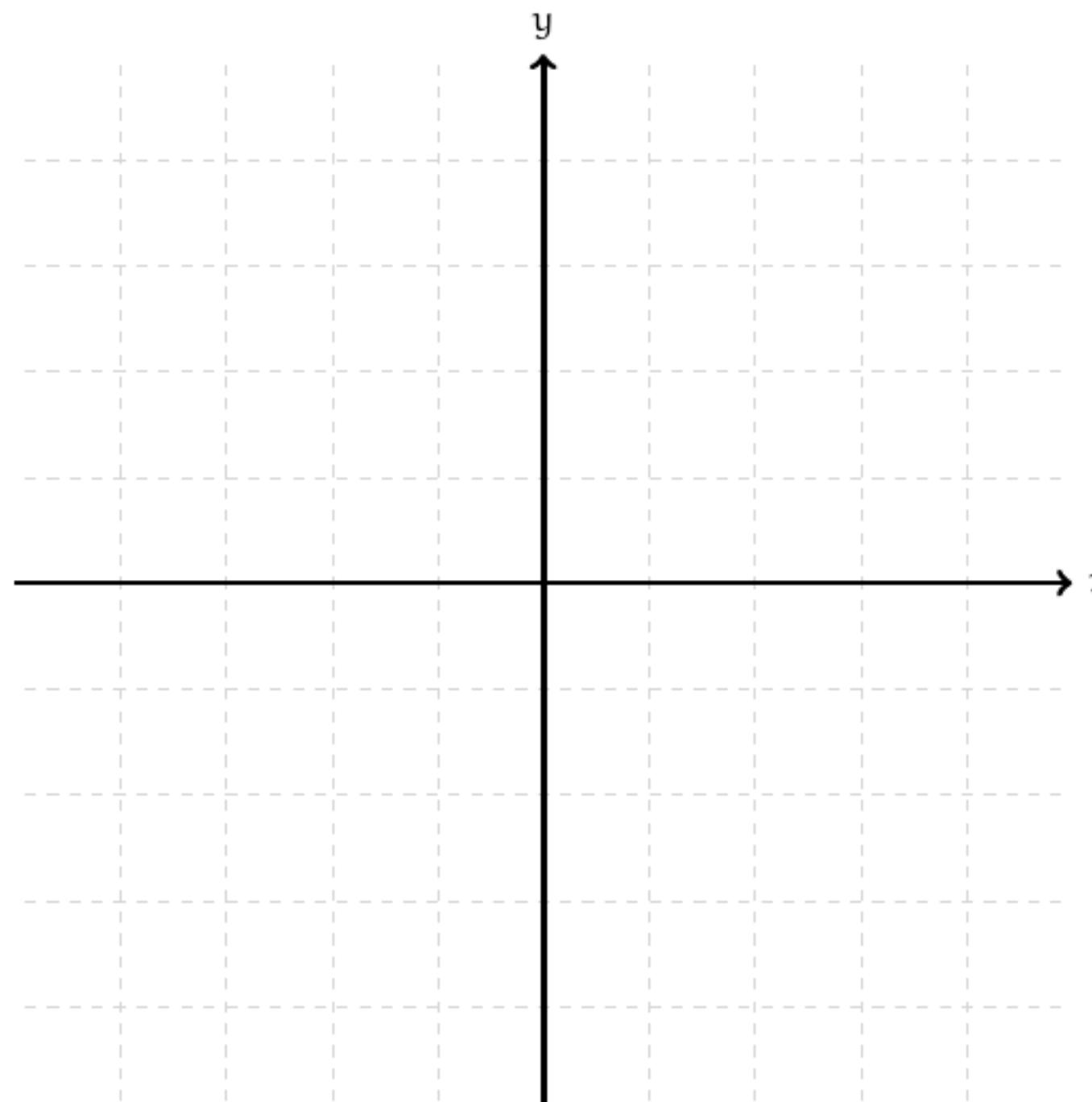
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# Non-Example: Squares

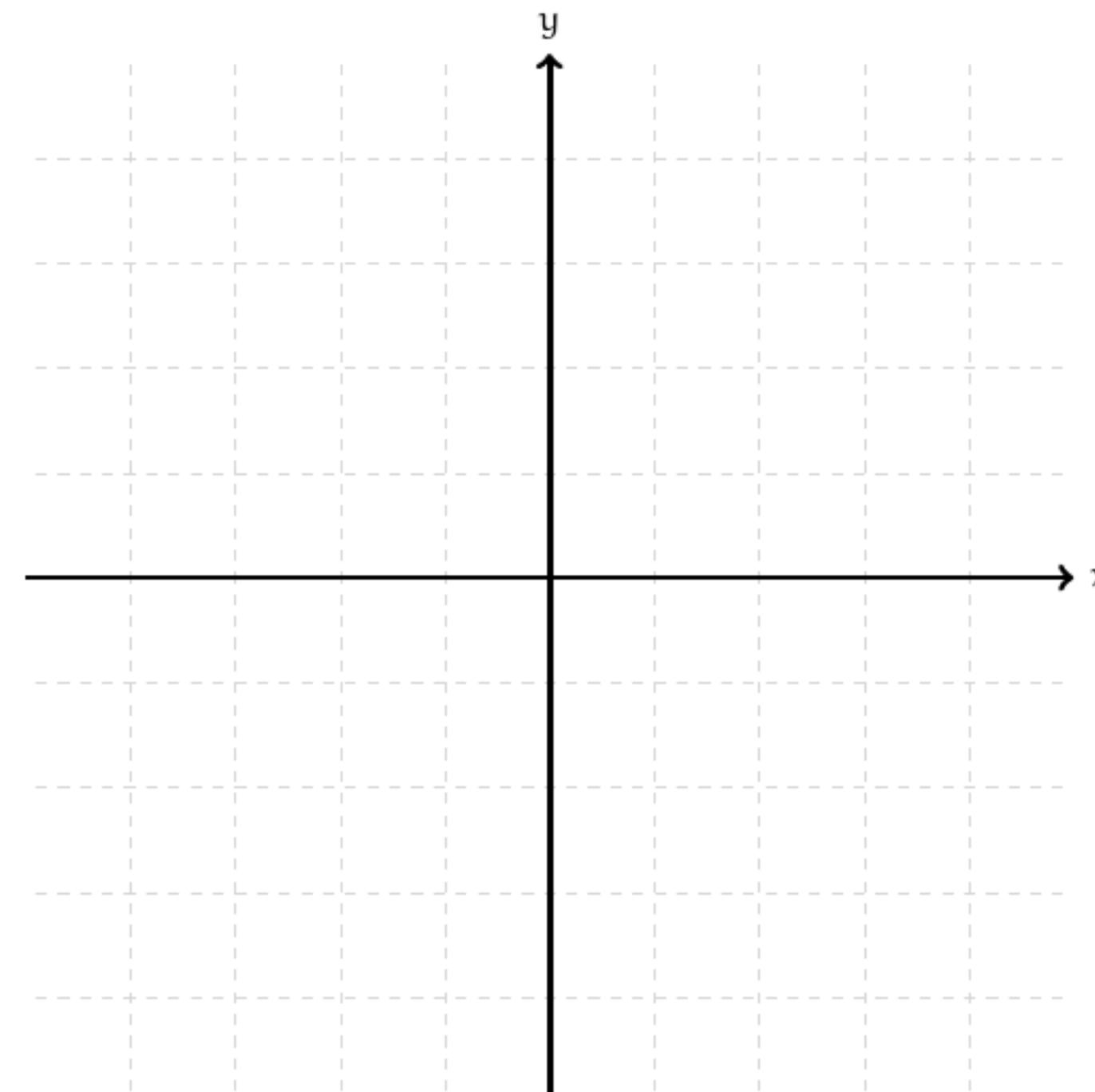
$$T(x) = x^2$$

Note that  $T: \mathbb{R}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^1$

# Non-Example: Translation



$$\mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# **Properties of Linear Transformations**

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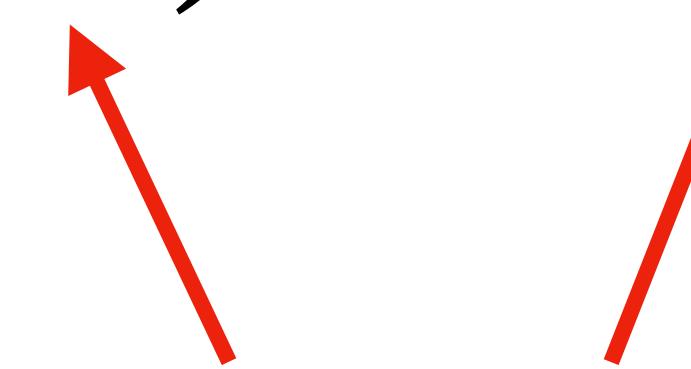
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We can combine our linearity conditions

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It's often easiest to show this single condition

# Linear Combinations

$$T(a_1\mathbf{v}_1 + a_2\mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + a_n\mathbf{v}_n)$$

And we can generalize to any linear combination

# **Geometry of Matrix Transformations**

# Motivating Questions

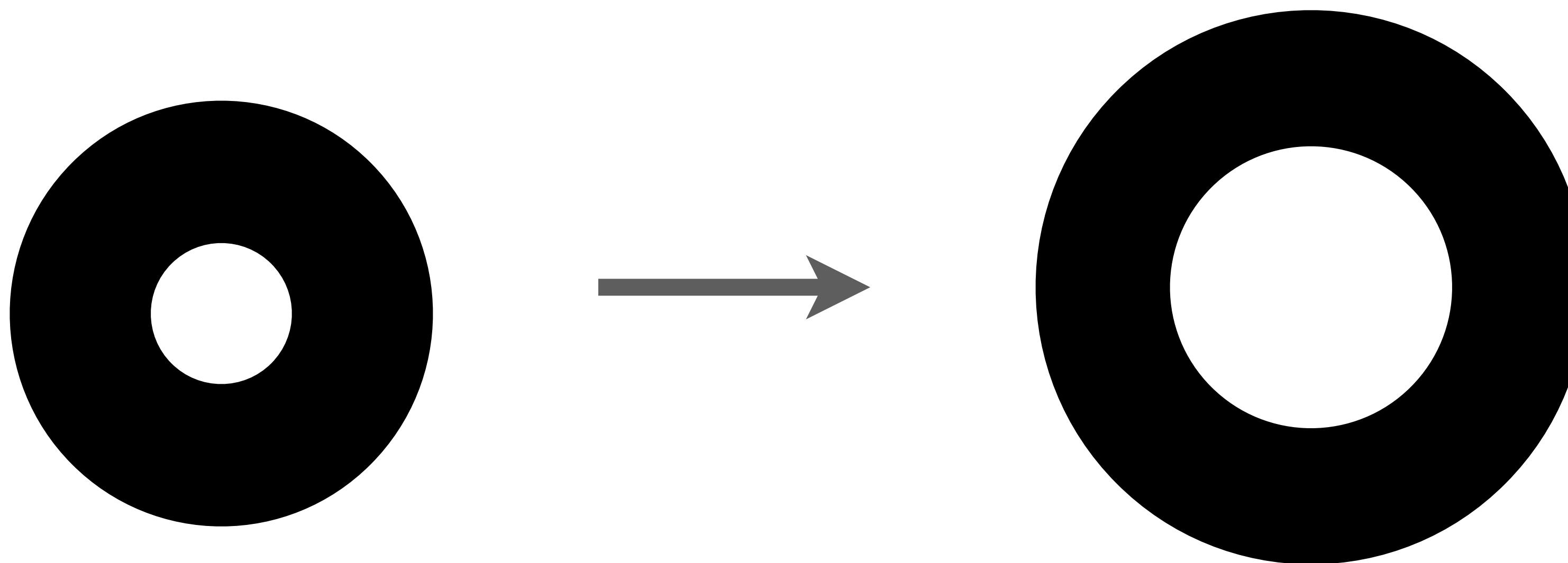
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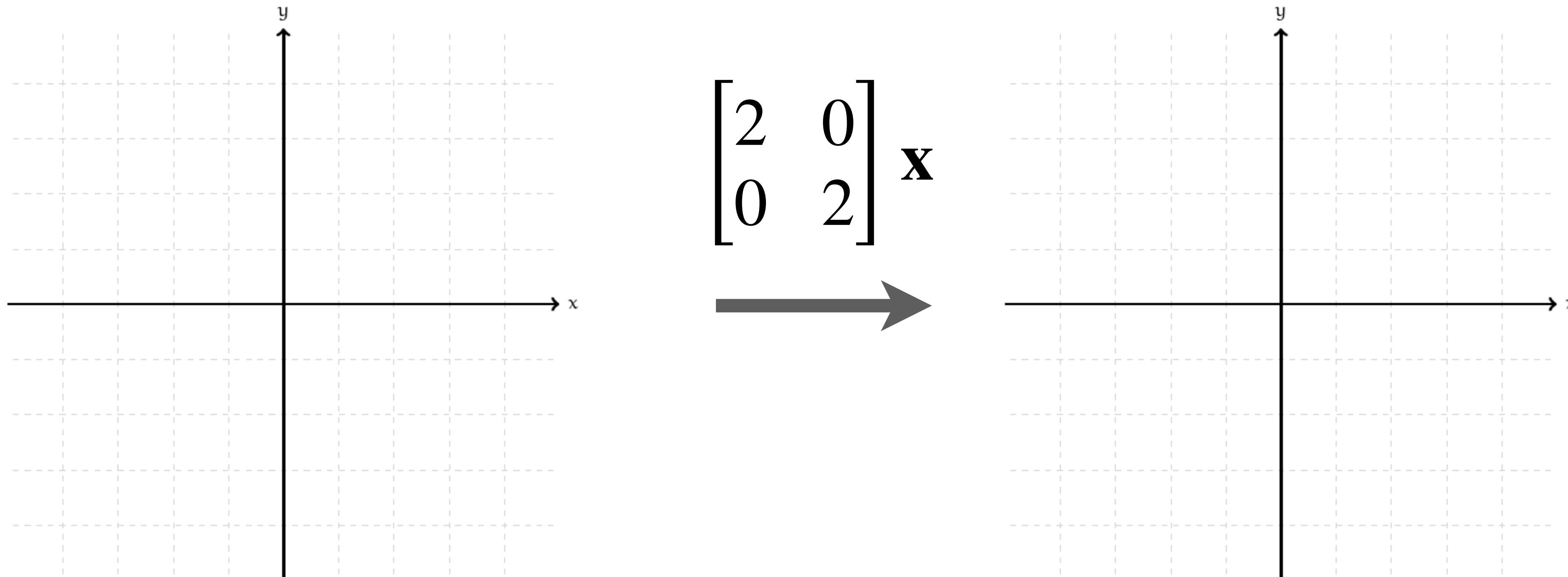
Matrix transformations change the  
"shape" of a set of set of  
vectors (points)

# Example: Dilation



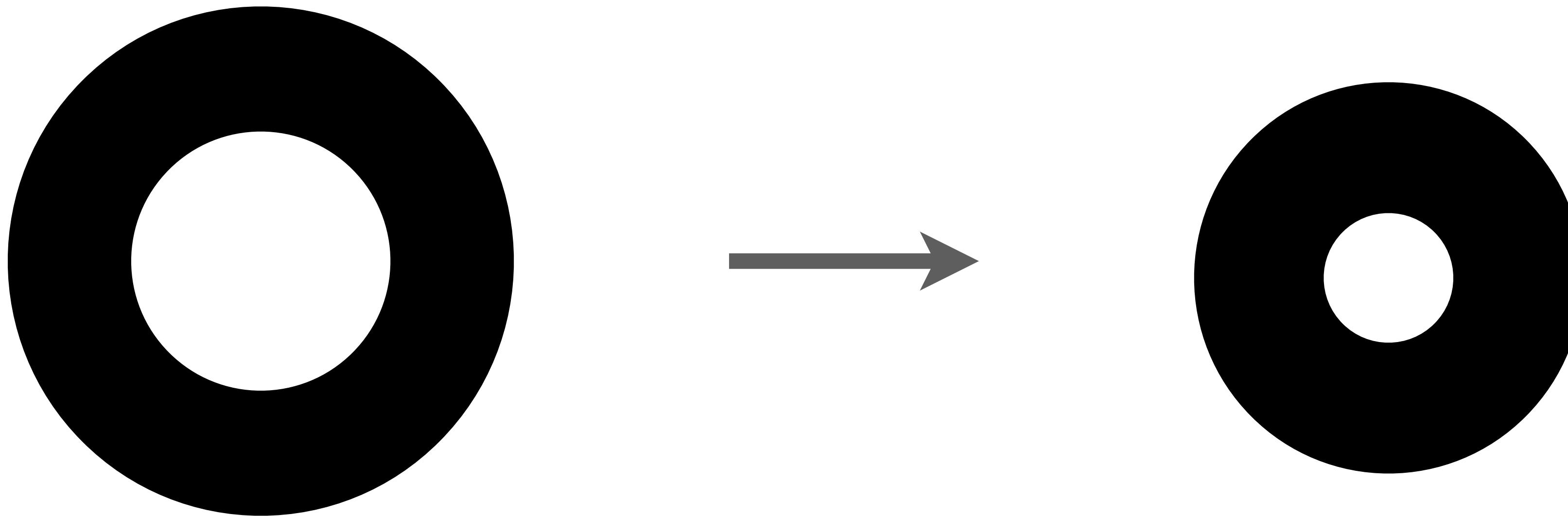
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$$\begin{bmatrix} r & 0 \\ 0 & r \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} rx_1 \\ rx_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



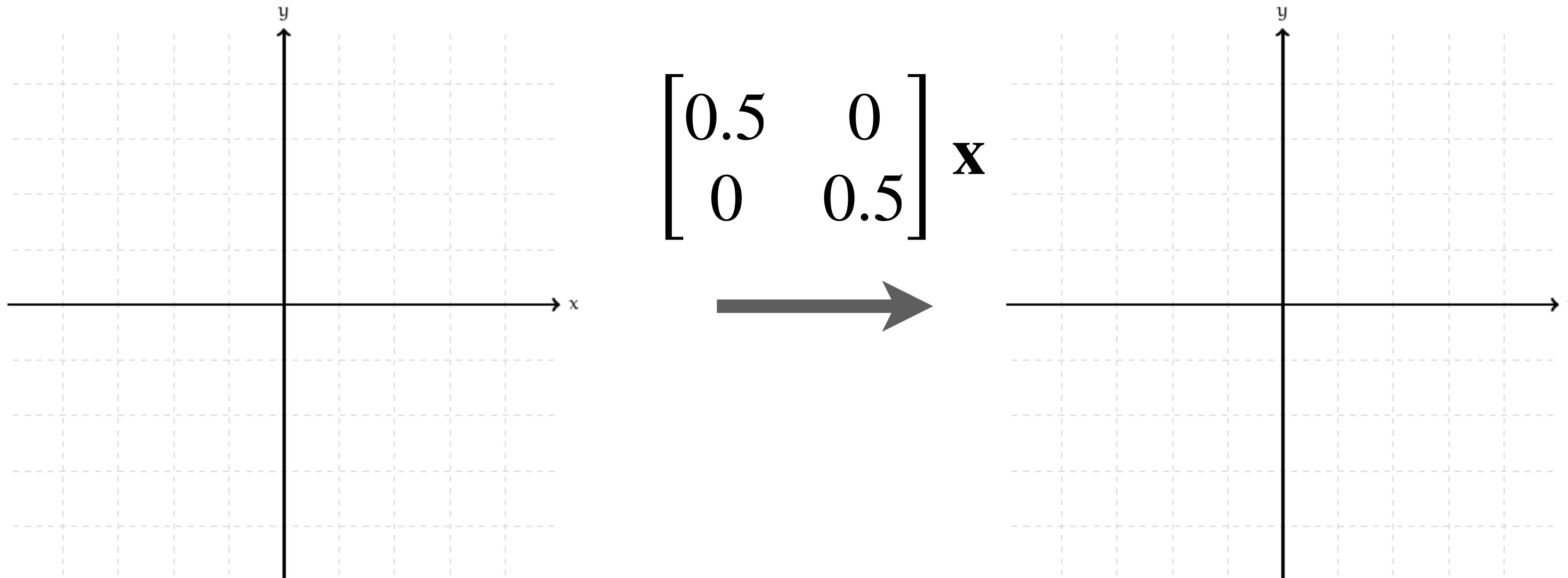
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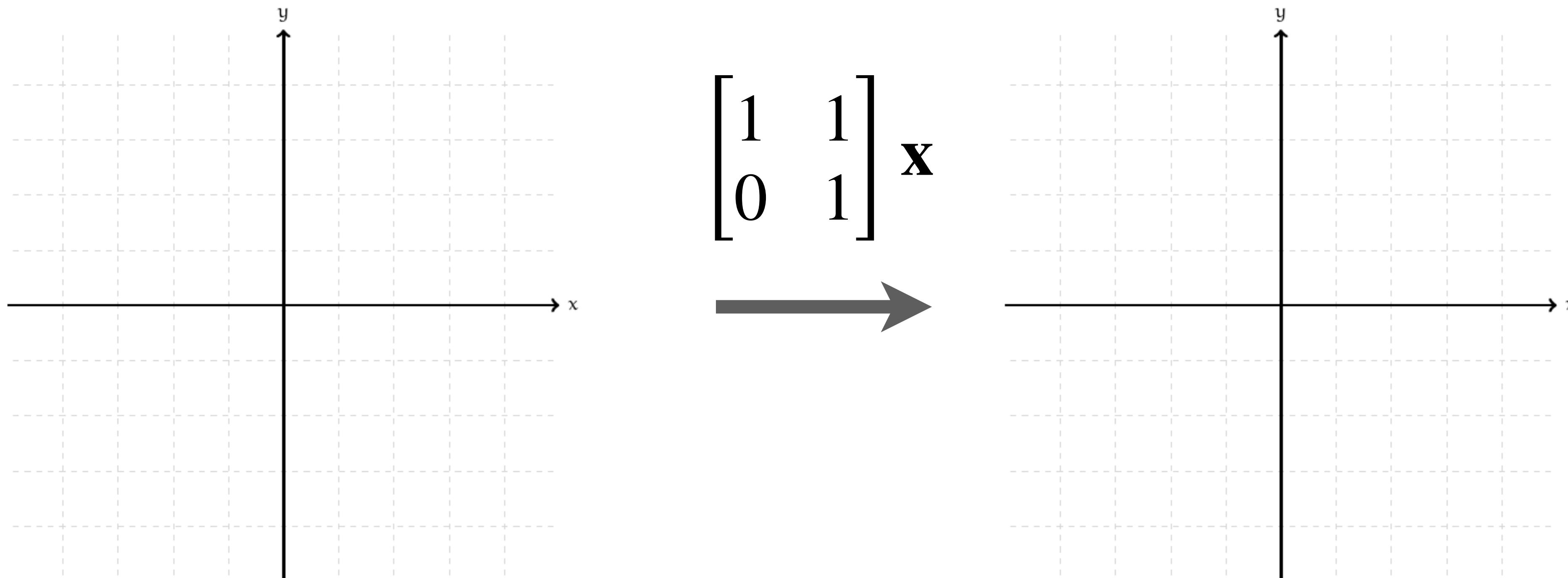
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# Example: Shearing



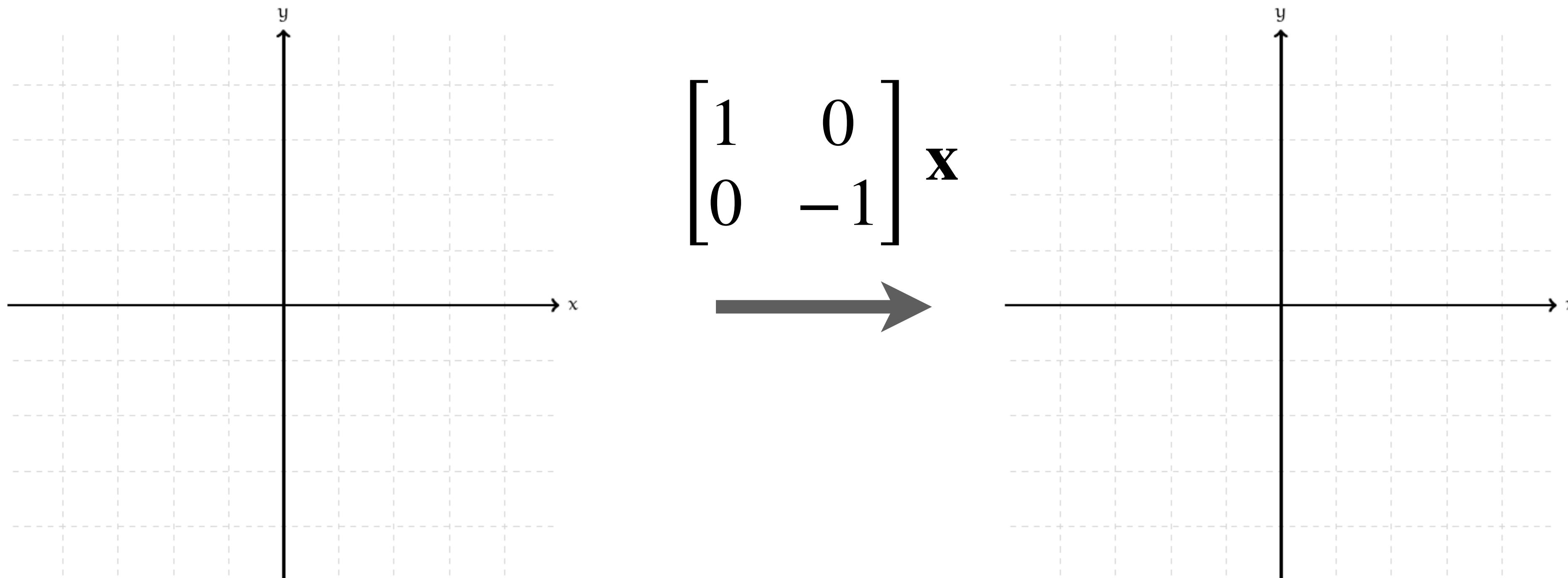
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



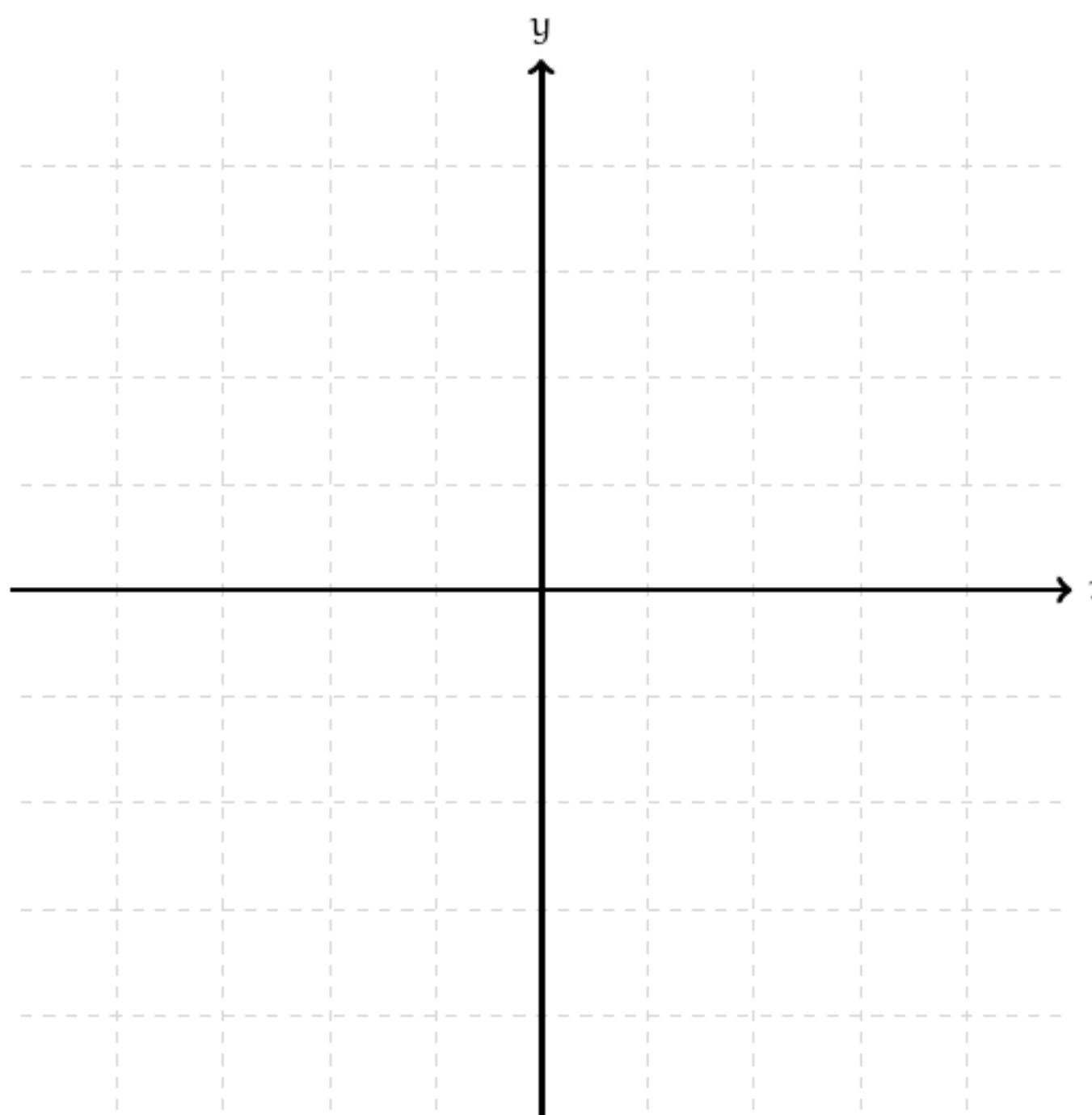
Imagine shearing like with rocks or metal.

# Question

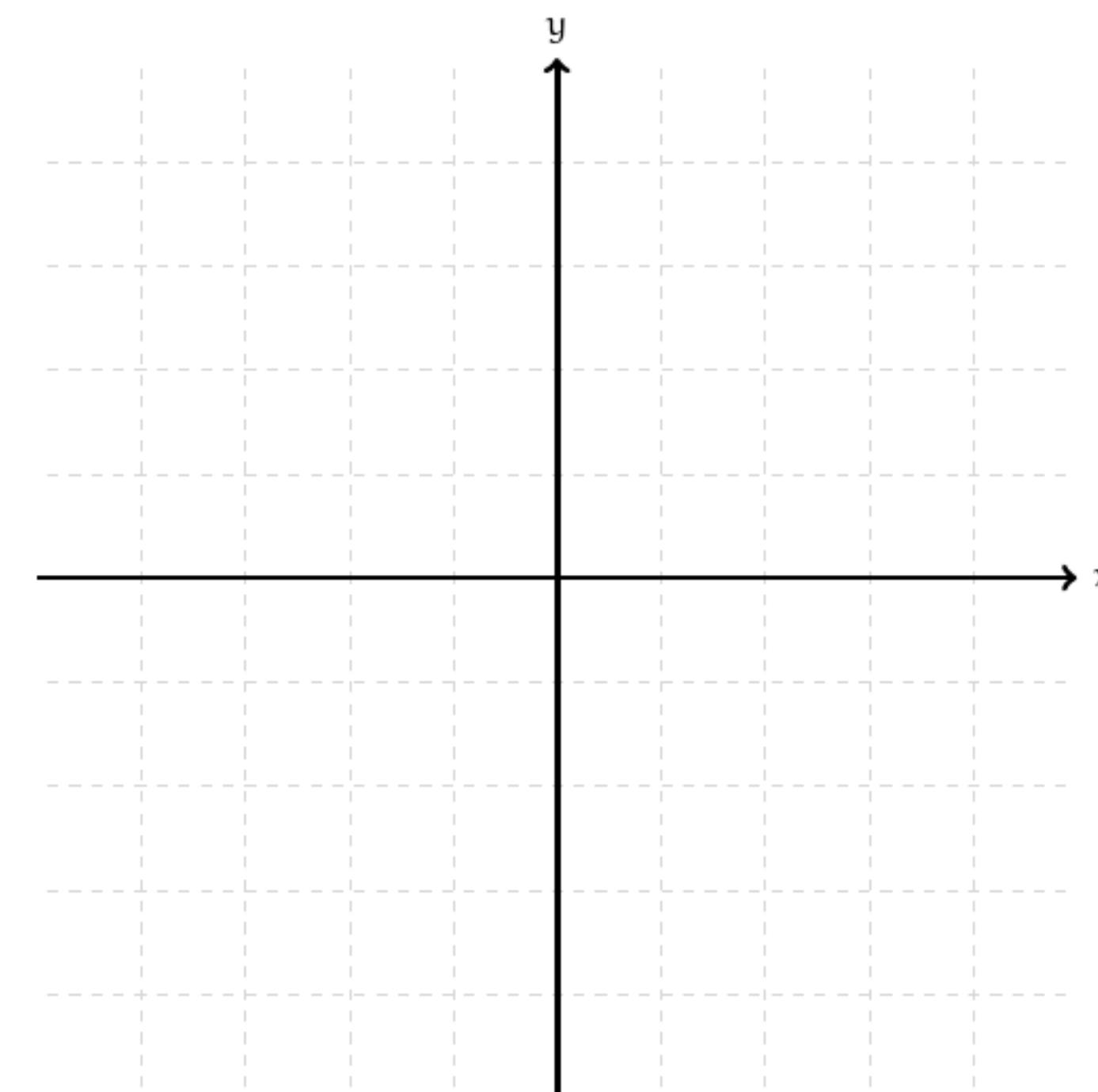


Draw how this matrix transforms points. What kind of transformation does it represent?

# Answer: Reflection



$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} \rightarrow$$



demo

# Summary

Matrices can be viewed as **linear transformations**

Matrix transformations change the **shape** of points sets

Linear transformations behave well with respect to **linear combinations**