

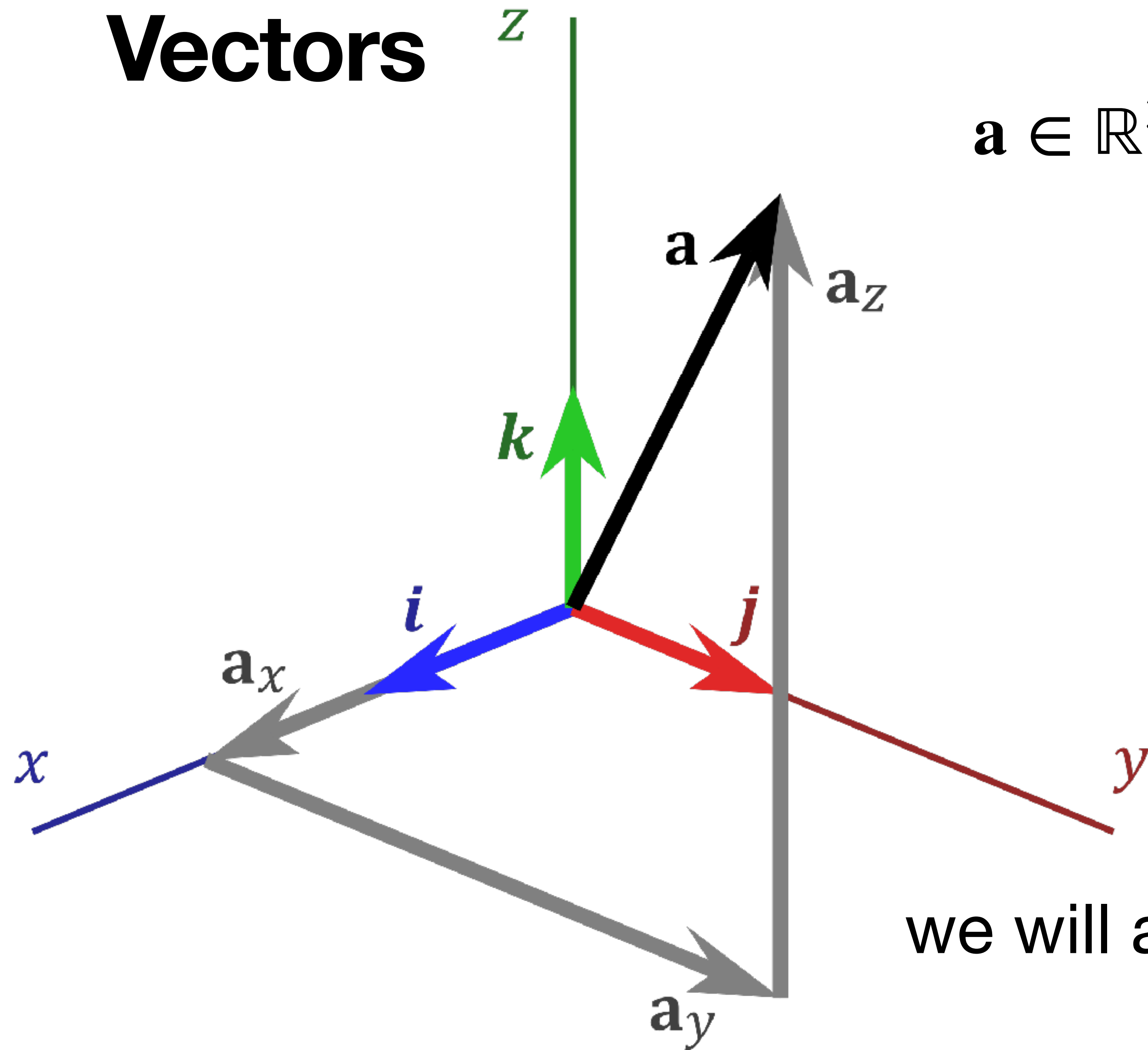
# Lecture 2 pre-video

Everything in ML is a vector or matrix

# Vector operations we need

- Vector addition
- Vector multiplication
  - Vector with scalar
  - Between two vectors to produce a scalar (dot product)
  - ~~Between two vectors to produce a vector (cross product)~~

# Vectors



$$\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

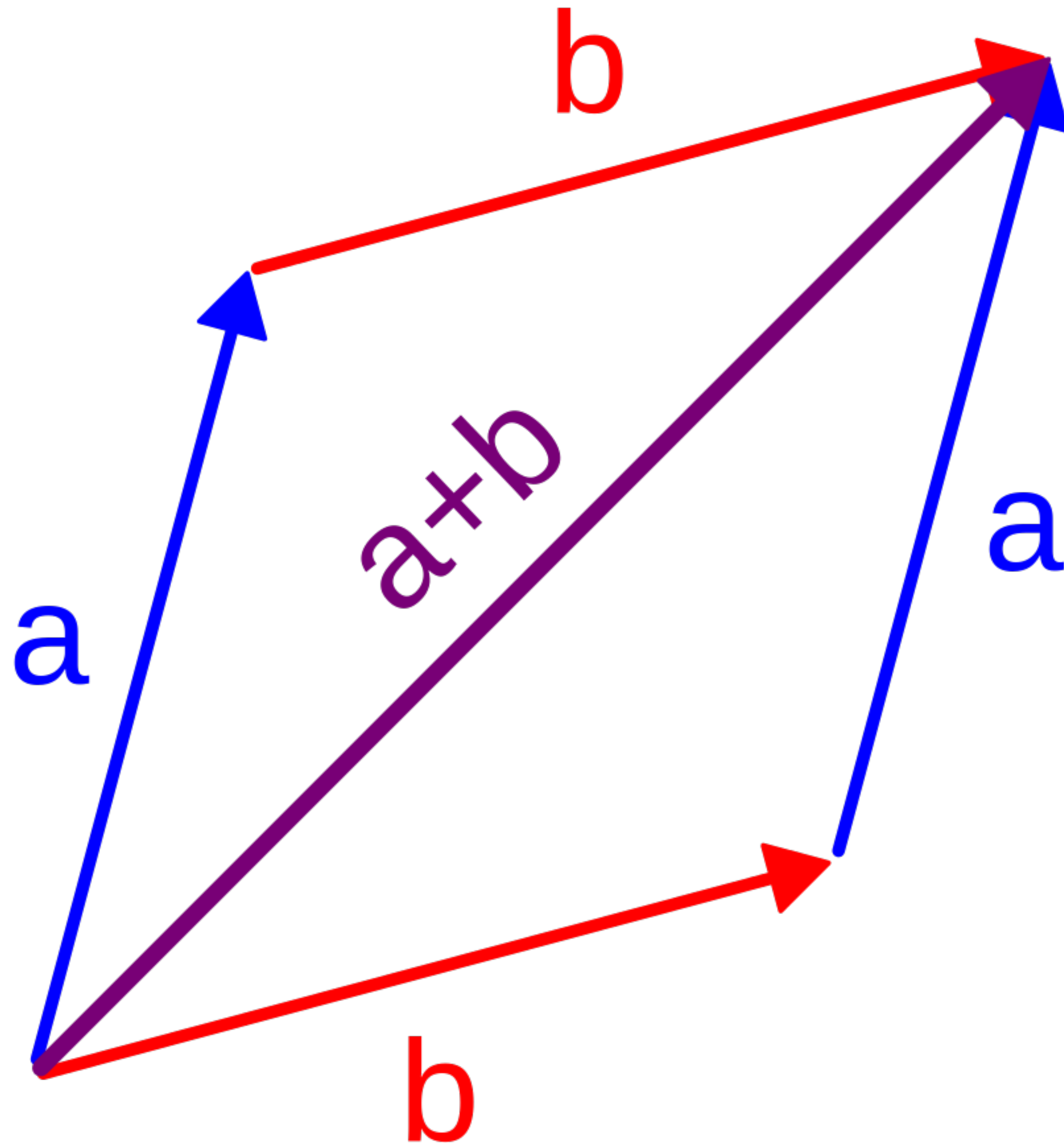
$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \\ a_z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|_2 = \sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}$$

$$\|\mathbf{a}\|_n = \left( a_x^n + a_y^n + a_z^n \right)^{1/n}$$

we will assume that  $\|\mathbf{a}\|$  means  $\|\mathbf{a}\|_2$

# Vector addition

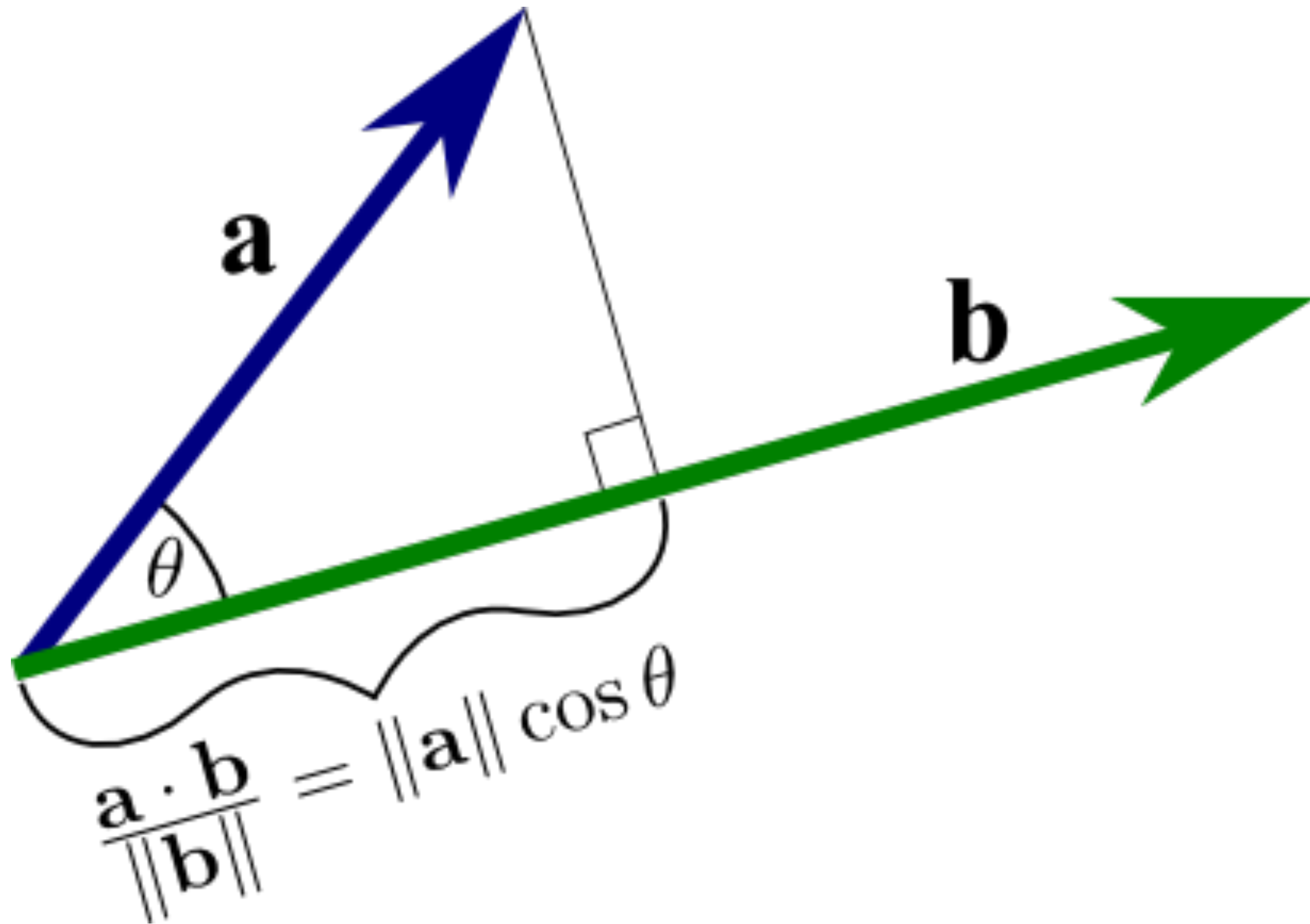


$$\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x \\ a_y \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} b_x \\ b_y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \begin{bmatrix} a_x + b_x \\ a_y + b_y \end{bmatrix}$$

# Dot product - a scalar projection



$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \cos \theta$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \equiv \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \equiv \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b}$$

# Matrix multiplication

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Vector:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} = a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + a_3b_3$$

$$AB \neq BA$$

$$BA = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1a_1 & b_1a_2 & b_1a_3 \\ b_2a_1 & b_2a_2 & b_2a_3 \\ b_3a_1 & b_3a_2 & b_3a_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Matrix multiplication

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Matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$AB = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & b_{12} \\ b_{21} & b_{22} \\ b_{31} & b_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21} + a_{13}b_{31} & a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22} + a_{13}b_{32} \\ a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21} + a_{23}b_{31} & a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22} + a_{23}b_{32} \end{pmatrix}$$

# **Vectors represent variables**

**[Position x, Position y, Position z, Velocity x, Velocity y, Velocity z]**

**[House price, Year built, Square footage, # Bedrooms, # Bathrooms]**

**[Make, Model, Year built, Engine displacement, Miles per gallon, Color]**

**[ Weight, # legs, lays eggs?, flys?, .... ]**



	fly?	laying eggs?	weight (lb)
sparrow	yes	yes	0.087
chipmunk	no	no	0.19
bat	yes	no	0.09

Feature representation (category encoded)

$$\text{sparrow} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{True} \\ \text{True} \\ 0.087 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{chipmunk} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{False} \\ \text{False} \\ 0.19 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{bat} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{True} \\ \text{False} \\ 0.09 \end{pmatrix}$$

Feature representation (one-hot encoded)

$$\text{sparrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0.087 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{chipmunk} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0.19 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{bat} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0.09 \end{pmatrix}$$

# How similar are two data points?

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# Logistics

- Things to do this week:
  - Do syllabus quiz on Canvas
  - Watch the vids / read optional things before lecture
  - No section!
  - Daily lecture survey (see syllabus!)
- Datahub is live for this class! You can also explore
  - Google Colab for additional free computation
  - Installing your own Anaconda

# Python resources for you

- <https://swcarpentry.github.io/python-novice-inflammation/> is a good intro to Python for people who will be using it to handle data. Uses numpy instead of pandas; covers matplotlib
- COGS108 will get you up to speed with all data wrangling (including git, numpy, pandas, matplotlib) you could possibly need
  - notebooks: <https://github.com/COGS108/Tutorials>
  - last quarter's lectures: <https://github.com/COGS108/Lectures-Fa22>
- A more in depth alternative to COGS108 is the free [Python Data Science Handbook](#) (includes Colab notebooks)
- Need to look up something you kinda know how to do, but don't remember exactly how?
  - <https://chrisalbon.com>
  - [https://pandas.pydata.org/Pandas\\_Cheat\\_Sheet.pdf](https://pandas.pydata.org/Pandas_Cheat_Sheet.pdf)
  - <https://github.com/rougier/matplotlib-cheatsheet/blob/master/matplotlib-cheatsheet.pdf>

# Running python RIGHT NOW

[https://github.com/COGS118A/Notebooks/blob/main/lecture\\_02\\_vector\\_similarity.ipynb](https://github.com/COGS118A/Notebooks/blob/main/lecture_02_vector_similarity.ipynb)


- Option #1 (easy) Get started with Google Colaboratory
  - Here's a Video tutorial series too
  - Good: Everything you need, for free, via your web browser and google drive
  - Limitations: If you are very ambitious in your project you might find the free instance limiting in memory or speed. Maybe, but unlikely.
- Option #2 (harder) Install Anaconda on your machine ... there's a video tutorial about it at the installation page
  - Good: Everything you need, for free, on your machine in your control
  - Bad: Need to learn how to handle Anaconda, responsible for maintaining and upgrading the packages you use (will inevitably cause headaches, but you gotta learn sometime I guess?)
  - Limitations: How good is your hardware and sysadmin skill?

# Predict / classify or model?

Usually  
ML

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Usually  
Stats

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# Basic notation

## INPUT DATA

We use  $x$  (lower case) to denote a feature value (scalar).

The  $i$ th input data sample is represented as a vector using bold  $\mathbf{x}$ :

$\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{im}) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ : A row vector of  $m$  elements.

$$\mathbf{x}_i = (22, 1, 0, 160, 180)$$

The entire dataset is represented by a set (the sequence in which each data input  $\mathbf{x}_i$  usually doesn't matter).

$S = \{\mathbf{x}_i, i = 1..n\}$ : A set  $S$  with  $n$  samples.  $i$  goes from 1 to  $n$ .

Or we can write it as a matrix, when we need to do some linear algebra :)

# Basic notation

## PREDICTION

We use  $y$  (lower case) to denote a binary classification.

$y = -1$  (or sometimes we use  $y = 0$ ) is referred to as the **negative** class.

$y = +1$  is referred to as the **positive** class.

Given a data sample  $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{im})$ ,

we want to predict  $y_i = -1$  *or*  $+1$  ?

OR...  $y$  is just a real number we want to predict

Given a data sample  $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, \dots, x_{im})$ ,

we want to predict  $y_i \in \mathbb{R}$  ?



# Basic notation

## MODEL PARAMETERS

**Model:**  $\mathbf{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  (in the same dimension of input  $\mathbf{x}$ )

**bias:**  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  (scalar)

Data sample  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,

$$\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} + b \quad (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_m \end{pmatrix} + b$$

“.” refers to as the dot product between two vectors

Alternative notation 1:  $\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + b$

Alternative notation 2:  $\mathbf{w}\mathbf{x}^T + b$  ( $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  are row vectors).

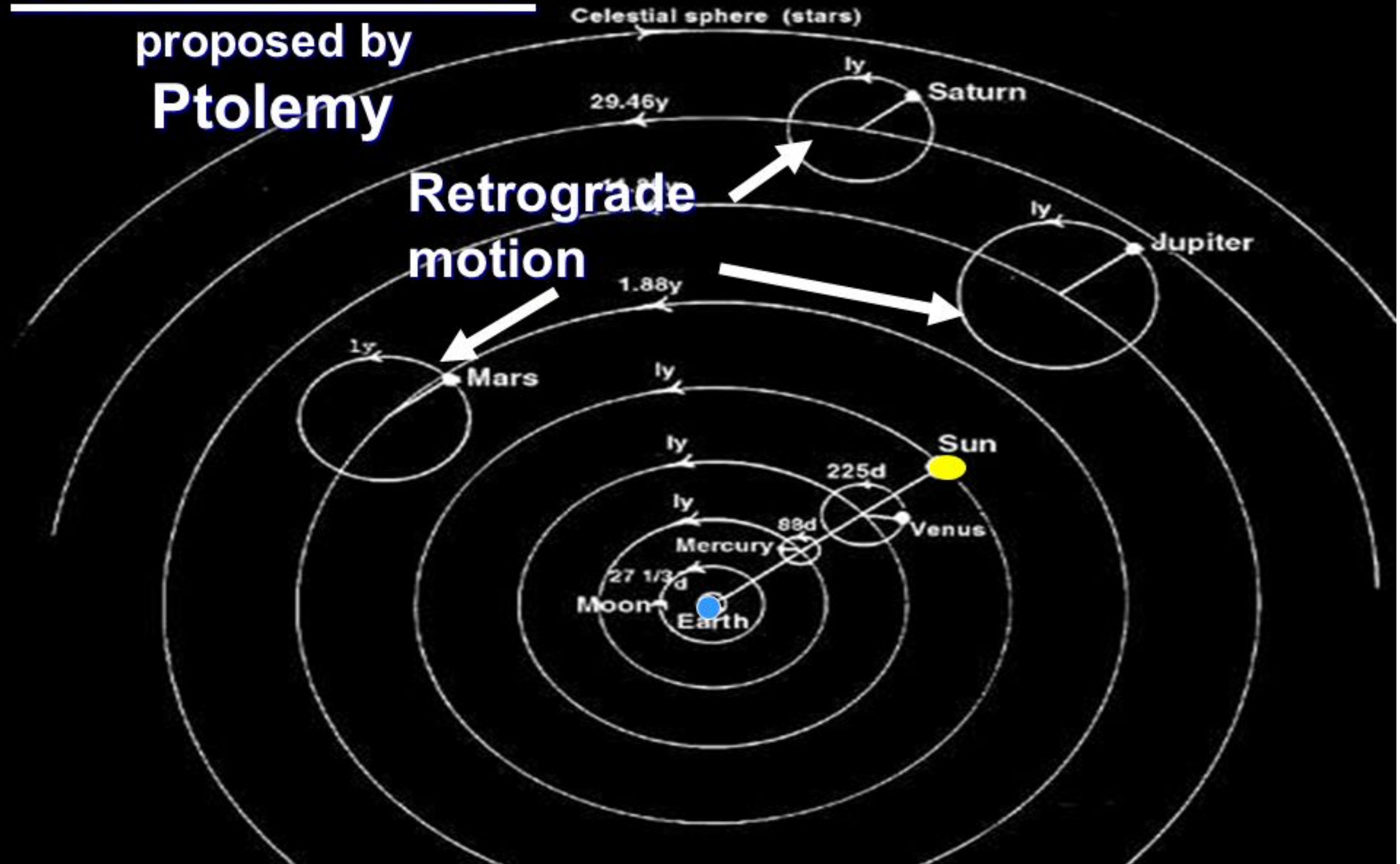
$\mathbf{w}^T\mathbf{x} + b$  ( $\mathbf{w}$  and  $\mathbf{x}$  are column vectors).



# Geocentric model

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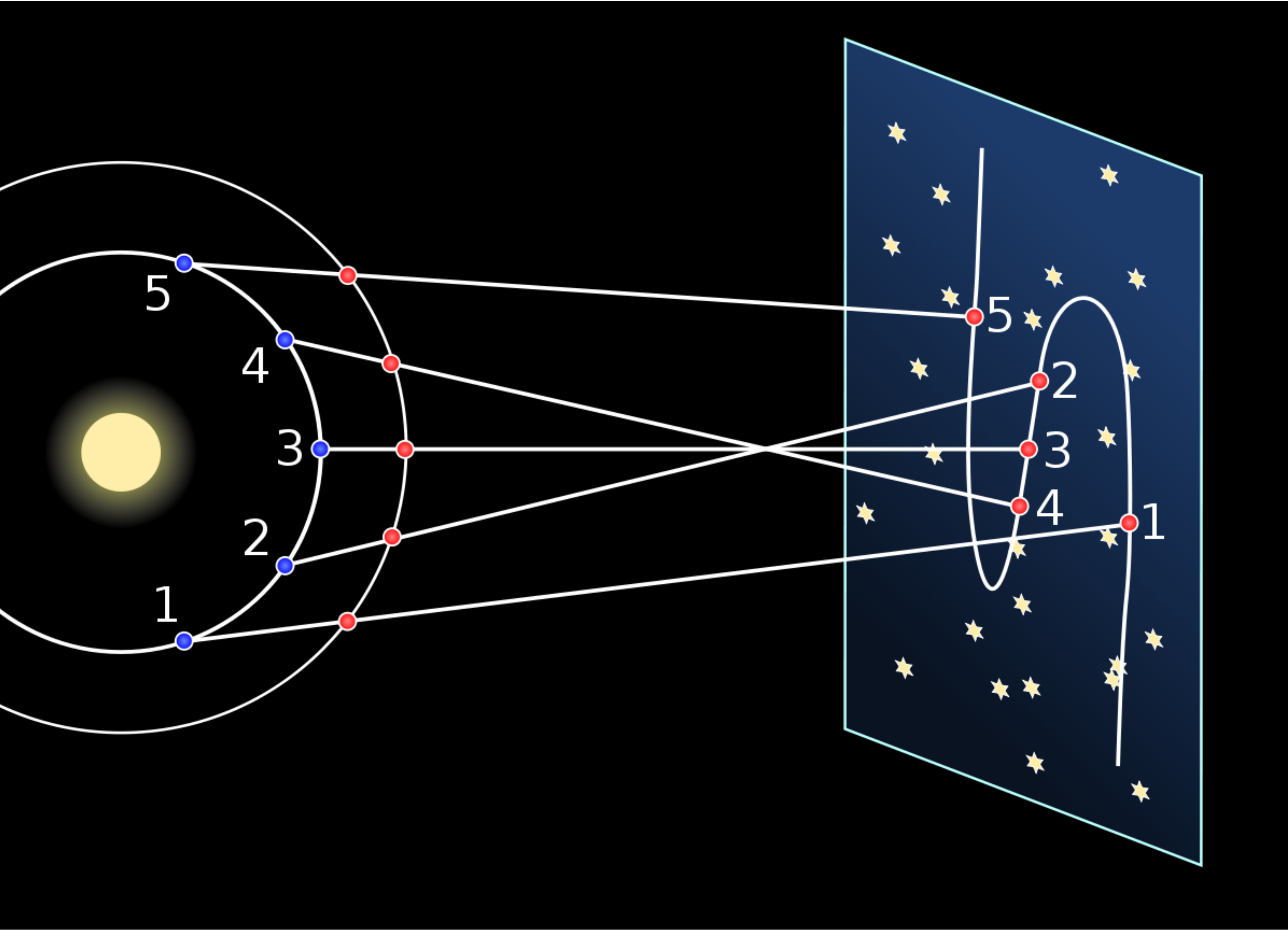
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Heliocentrism



Geocentrism





# What is the goal?

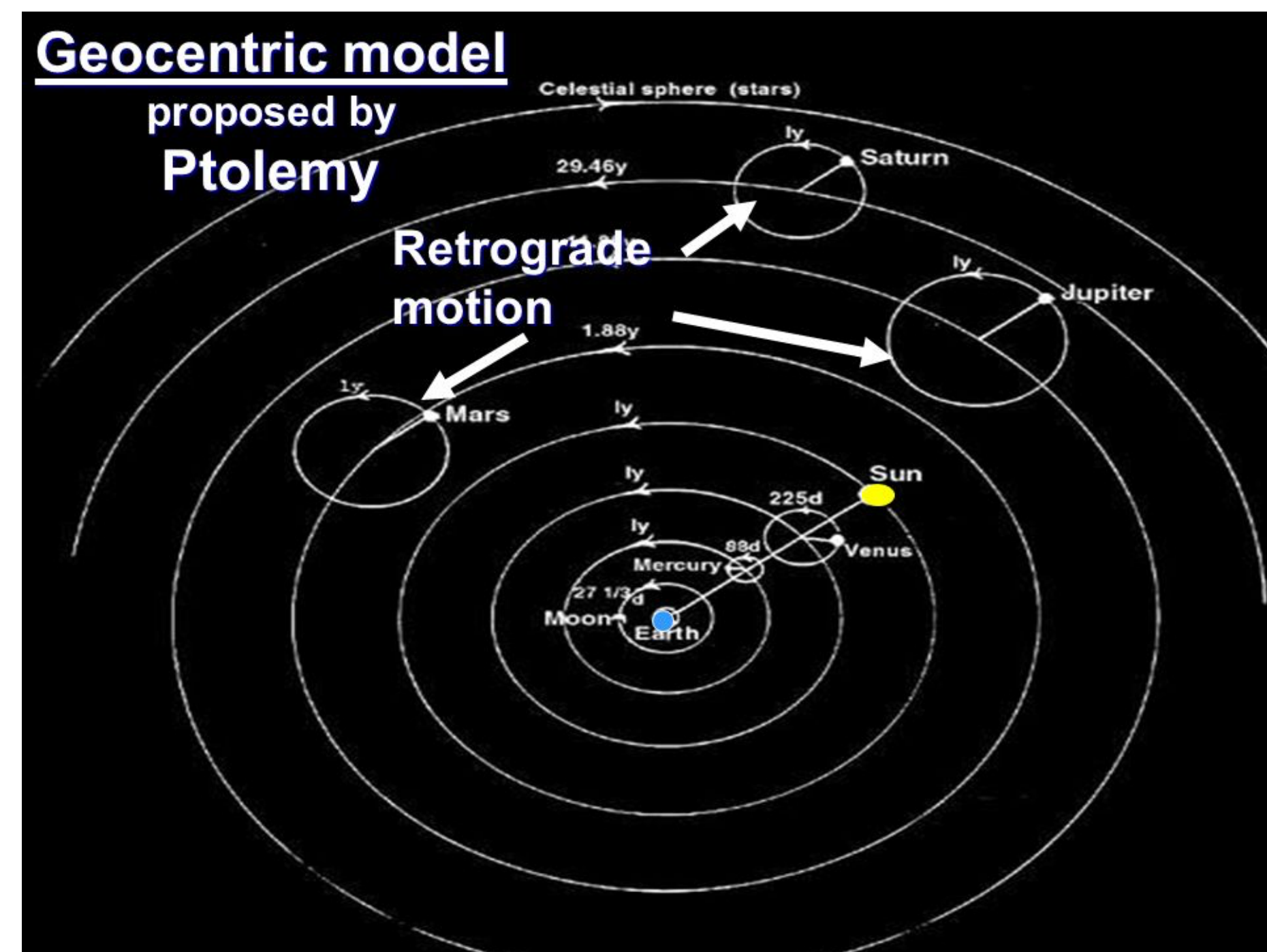
$$y = f(\mathbf{w}; \mathbf{x})$$

Prediction

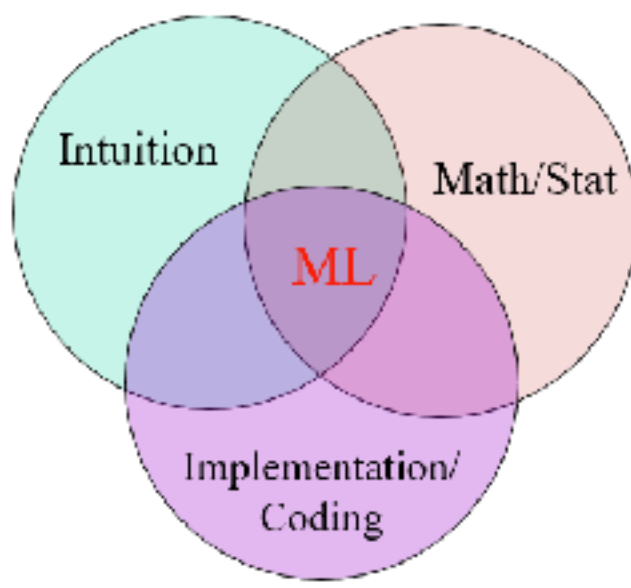


Only care that prediction  
y has low error

Modeling



We care that model  $w$  is an accurate  
representation of the real thing



# Recap: Supervised Learning

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**Intuition:** A prediction task with a clear objective (e.g. a yes or no decision, which school to go to, a price to estimate, etc.) in which some history data for training can be acquired with the known prediction results already.

**Math:**

Training:  $S_{training} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i), i = 1..n\}$

Testing:  $S_{testing} = \{(\mathbf{x}_i), i = 1..u\}, what\ is\ y_i?$



# Linear algebra review on Canvas

See 3Blue1Brown if you want a much better refresher

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNk\\_zzaMoSs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNk_zzaMoSs)

# **Vectors represent variables**

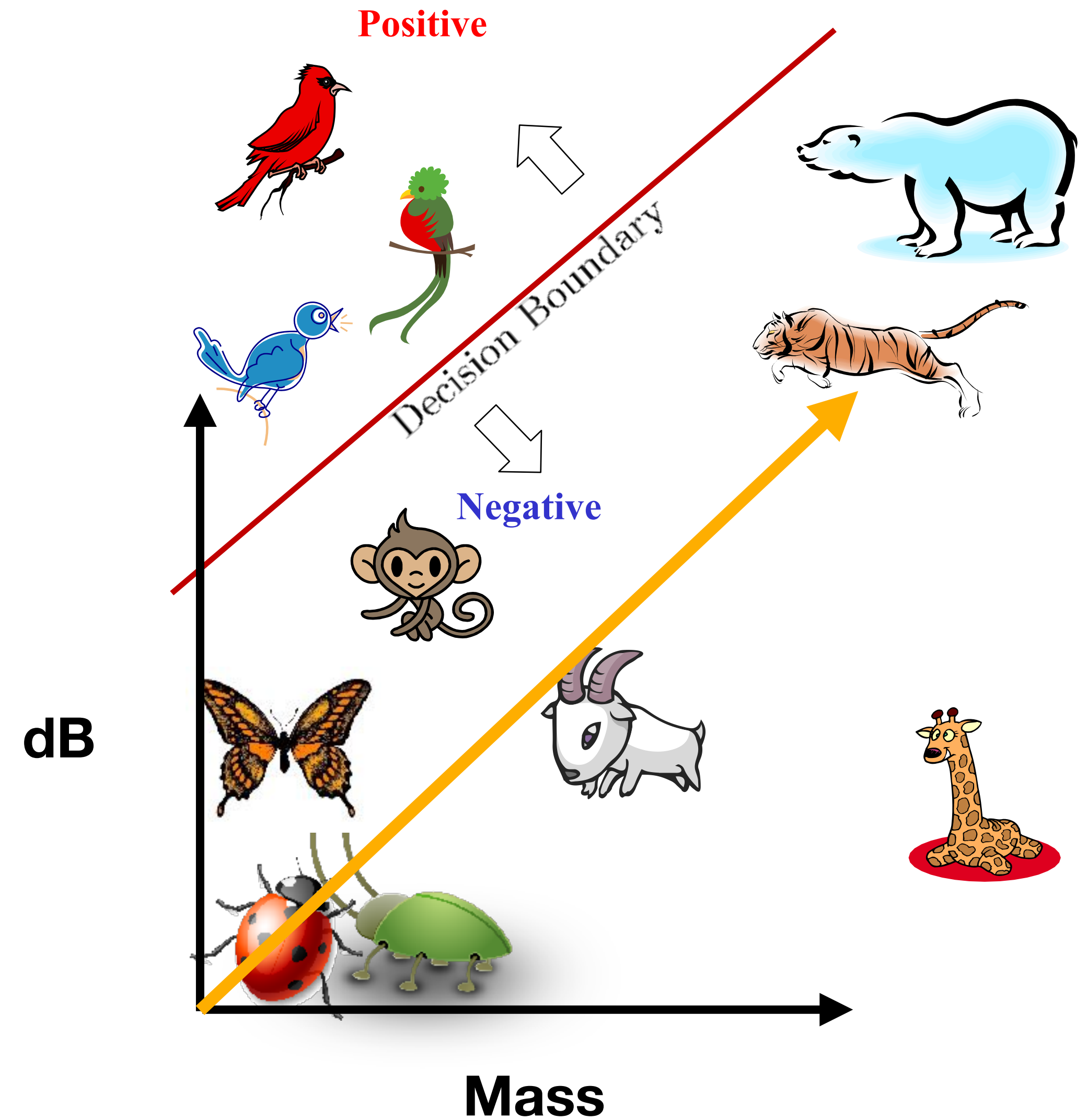
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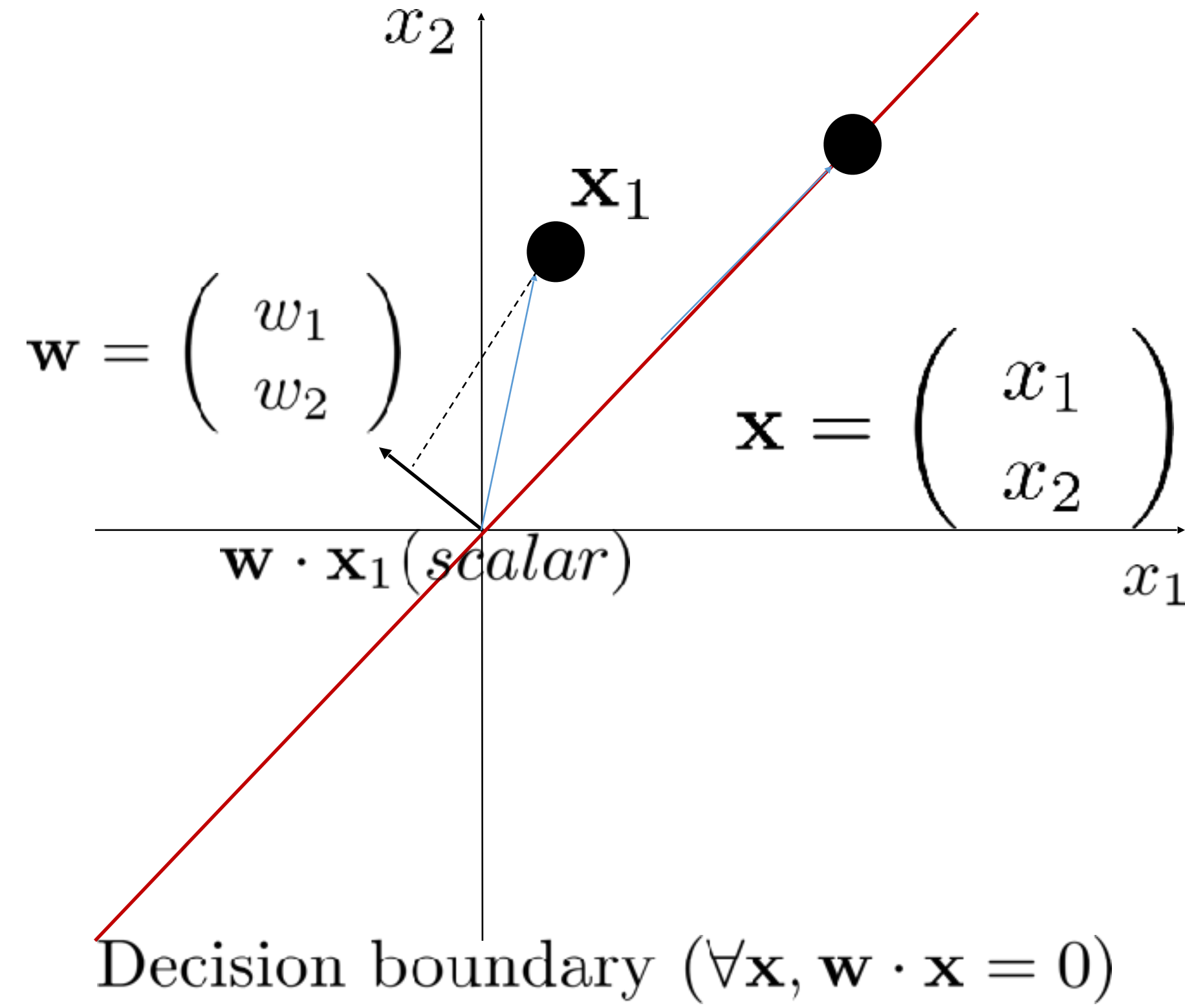
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[ Mass, vocalization dB, lays eggs?, flys?, .... ]

Vectors  
represent  
datapoints



# Vectors represent the model



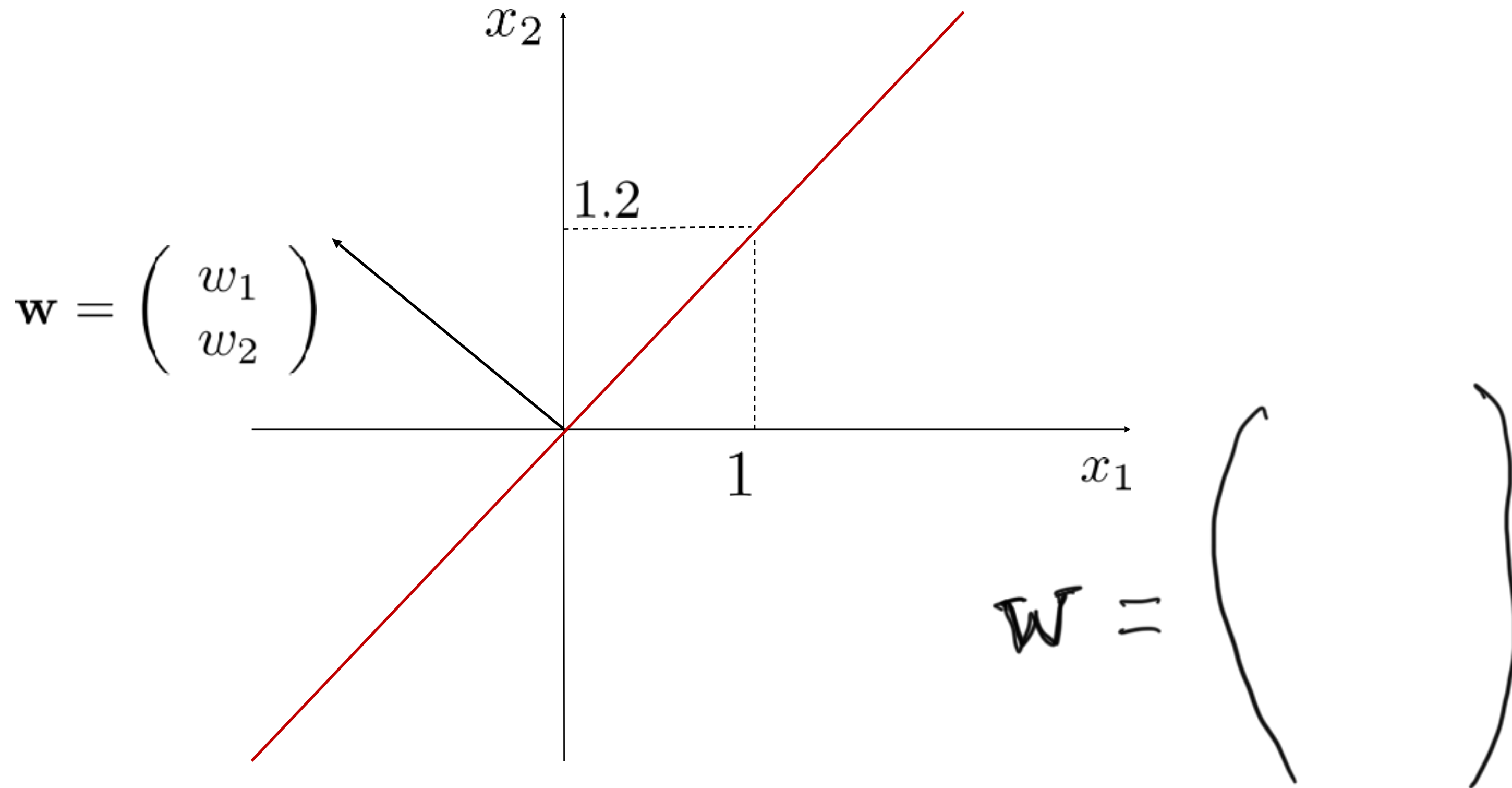
Any point  $\mathbf{x}$  on the line satisfies:

$$\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x} \equiv \langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \equiv \mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$$

$\mathbf{w}$  is the **normal** direction of the line

Often:  $\|\mathbf{w}\|_2 = 1$ : a unit vector

# Vectors represent the model



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$$\|\mathbf{w}\| = 1 \Rightarrow \mathbf{w} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \\ \end{array} \right)$$

# Significance of the dot product between two vectors

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“Dot product” outputs **a scalar value** and it is arguably the most important mathematical operation in machine learning.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle &\equiv \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \equiv \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} \\ &\equiv \langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a} \rangle \equiv \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{a} \equiv \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{a} \end{aligned} \quad \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Why?

Computes the magnitude of the projection from one vector to the other, which measures the **similarity** between two vectors.

The dot product of two vectors is:

**largest** when they are **parallel**

**0** when they are **orthogonal**

The max value is  $\|\mathbf{a}\| \|\mathbf{b}\| \dots$  if vectors are unit length this is 1

# Significance of the dot product between two vectors

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Feature representation (one-hot encoded).

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$$\text{sparrow} \cdot \text{chipmunk} = 0.01653 \quad \text{very different!}$$

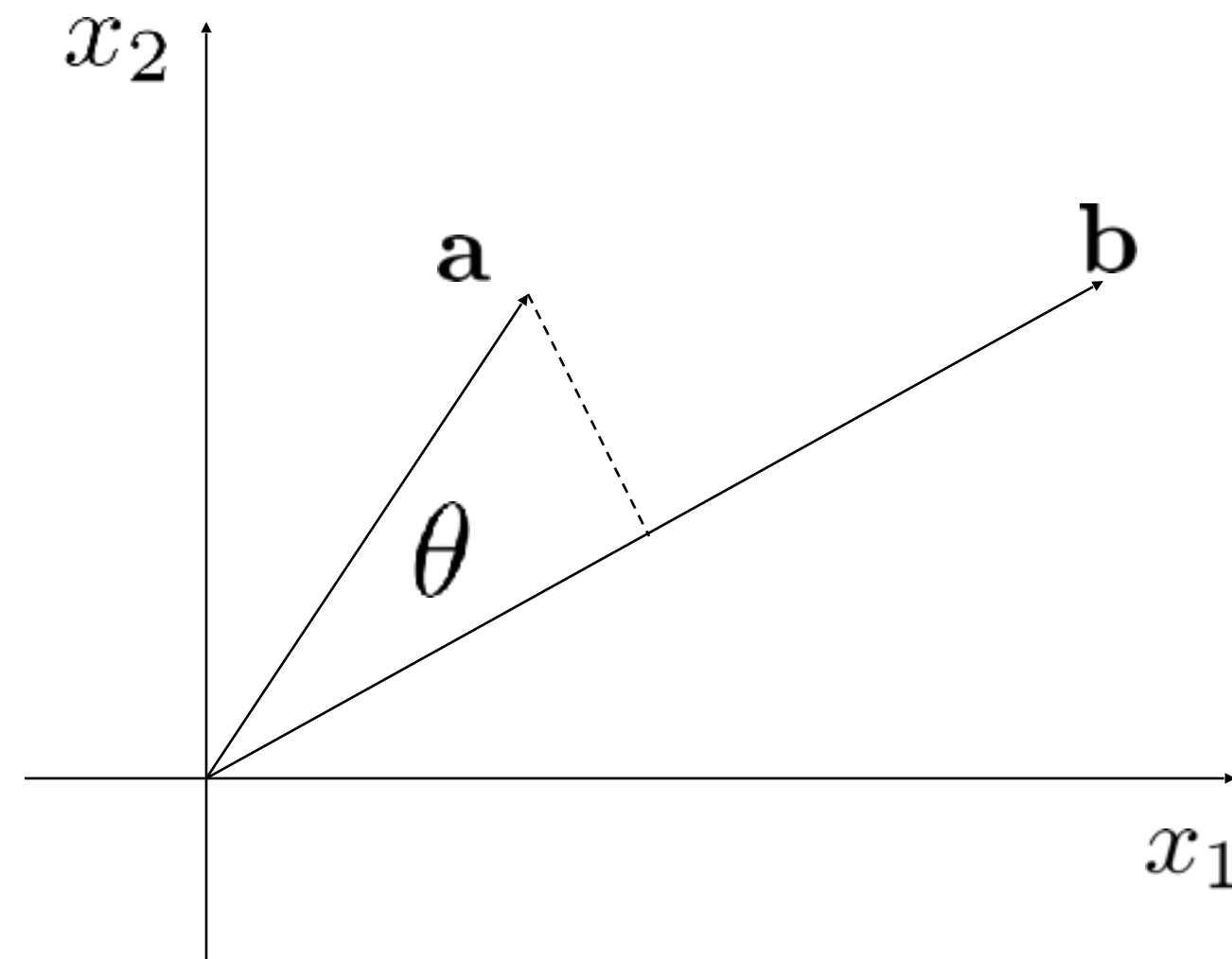
$$\text{sparrow} \cdot \text{bat} = 1.00783$$

$$\text{chipmunk} \cdot \text{bat} = 1.0171$$



# Vector projection: Inner product

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$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle \equiv \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} \equiv \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{b} \equiv a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3 \quad \text{It's a scalar!}$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \rangle}{\|\mathbf{a}\|_2 \times \|\mathbf{b}\|_2}$$

The “**cosine similarity**” above can be used to measure the “**similarity**” between two vectors (data samples) that are not normalized (non-unit).



## Cosine similarity

A cosine similarity value of 0 indicates two vectors are



A. the least similar

B. the most similar

C. the most uncertain

D. the least uncertain

# Cosine similarity

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$$\frac{\text{sparrow} \cdot \text{chipmunk}}{\|\text{sparrow}\|_2 \times \|\text{chipmunk}\|_2} = 0.0082$$

$\cdot$  refers to the dot product between two vectors;

$$\frac{\text{sparrow} \cdot \text{bat}}{\|\text{sparrow}\|_2 \times \|\text{bat}\|_2} = 0.502$$

$\|\cdot\|_2$  refers to the L2 norm of a vector;

$$\frac{\text{chipmunk} \cdot \text{bat}}{\|\text{chipmunk}\|_2 \times \|\text{bat}\|_2} = 0.503$$

$\times$  refers to the multiplication of two scalar values.

# Feature scaling is another factor

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Now we purposely **stretch** one particular feature dimension by a large factor. Let's see what will happen.

$$\text{sparrow} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 87 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{chipmunk} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 190 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{bat} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 90 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\text{sparrow} \cdot \text{chipmunk}}{\|\text{sparrow}\|_2 \times \|\text{chipmunk}\|_2} = 0.99984$$

$$\frac{\text{sparrow} \cdot \text{bat}}{\|\text{sparrow}\|_2 \times \|\text{bat}\|_2} = 0.99987$$

$$\frac{\text{chipmunk} \cdot \text{bat}}{\|\text{chipmunk}\|_2 \times \|\text{bat}\|_2} = 0.99990$$

Now, the concept of similarity diminishes.

Conclusion: The **relative scaling** of the individual features is also important.

In practice, we often **normalize** the individual features to  $[0, 1]$  to make them directly comparable.



## Cosine similarity

Interpret a **dot product** as the un-normalized **similarity** between two vectors (data samples).

The greater the dot product value is, the more similar the two data samples are. Max is 1 IFF vectors unit length

The dot product value 0 refers to the least similar two data samples, indicating two vectors that are orthogonal to each other

The **cosine similarity** can also be used to measure the **similarity** (normalized  $[0, 1]$ ) between two vectors.

0 and 1 refer to the least and the most similar data samples respectively.

