

# **Vectors, Matrices and beyond!**

**Week 3, Mathematics and Computational Methods  
for Complex Systems**

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## Functions

### Example 1

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$$

**Domain:** all real numbers

**Range:** all positive real numbers

### Example 2

$$+(x, y) = x + y$$

$$f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

**Domain:** all **pairs** of real numbers

**Range:** all real numbers

### Terminology

**Domain:** set of possible inputs

**Range:** set of possible outputs

Examples express transformations/relationships between numbers

## Functions

$f_1 : \text{images} \rightarrow \text{strings (text)}$

$f_2 : \text{images} \rightarrow \text{images}$

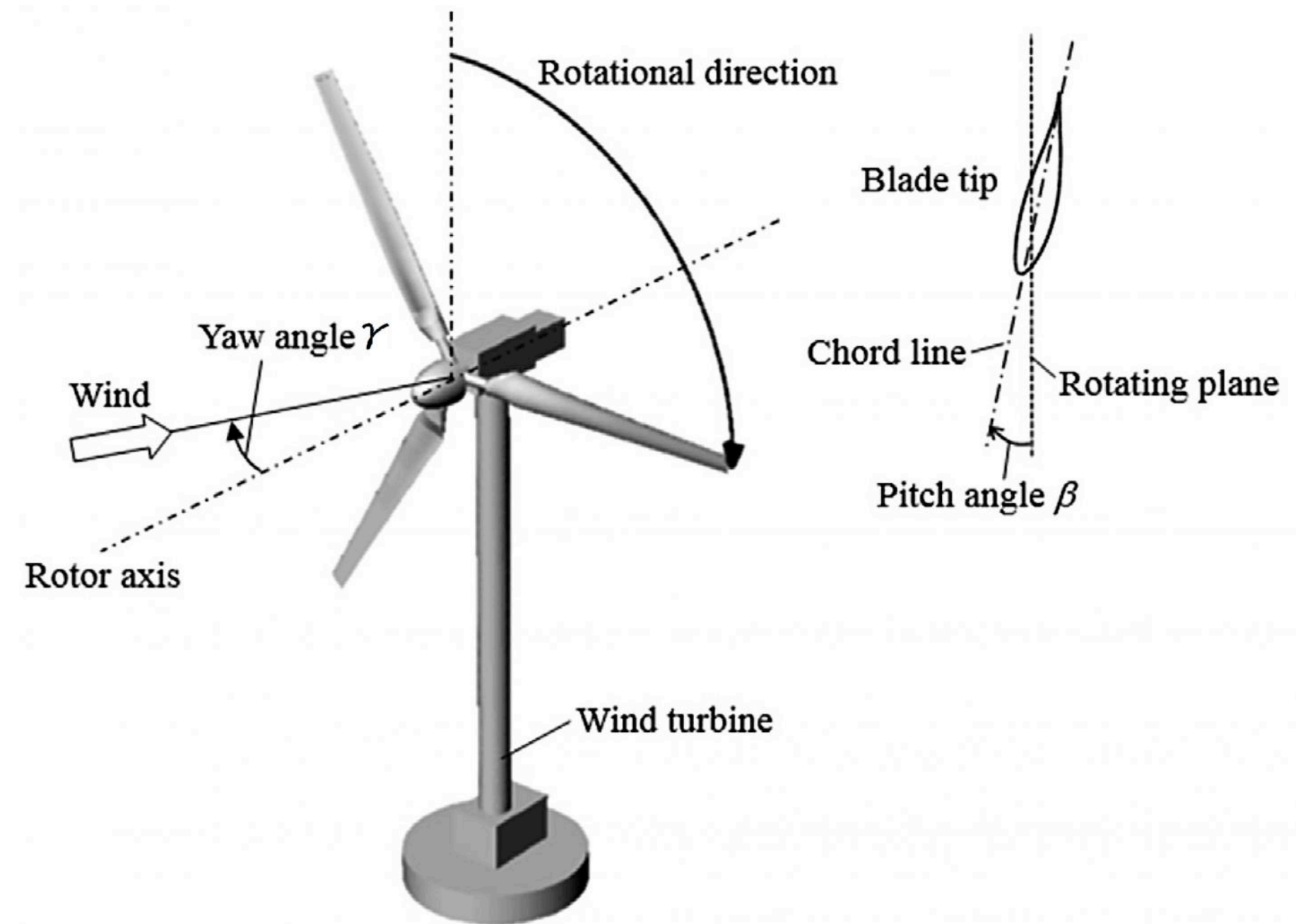


“Seagull”



Real life: transformations / relationships between more complicated objects

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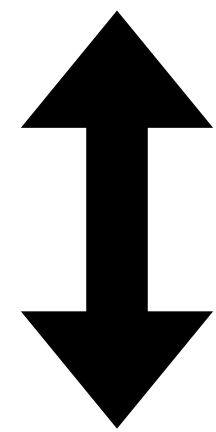
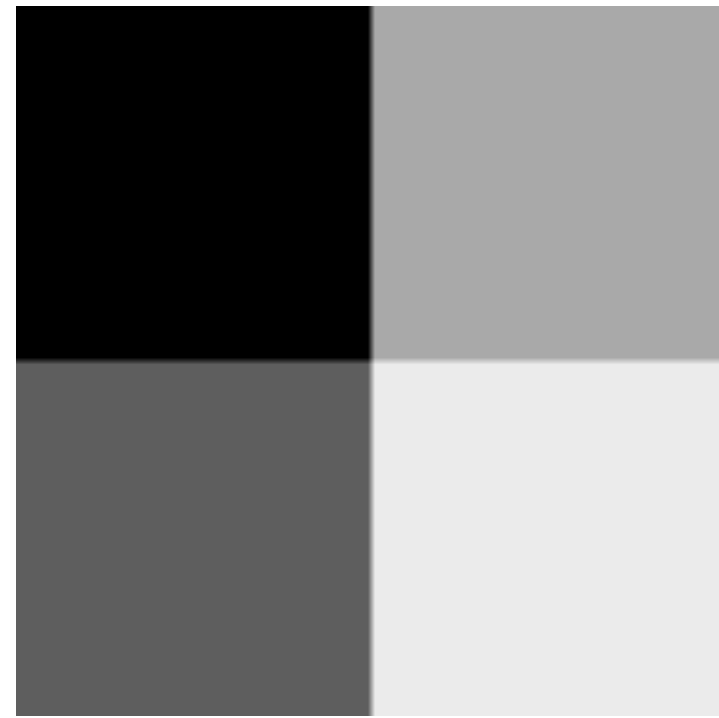
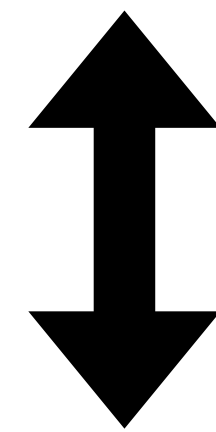
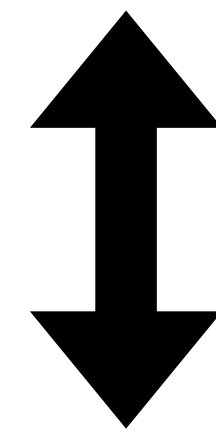
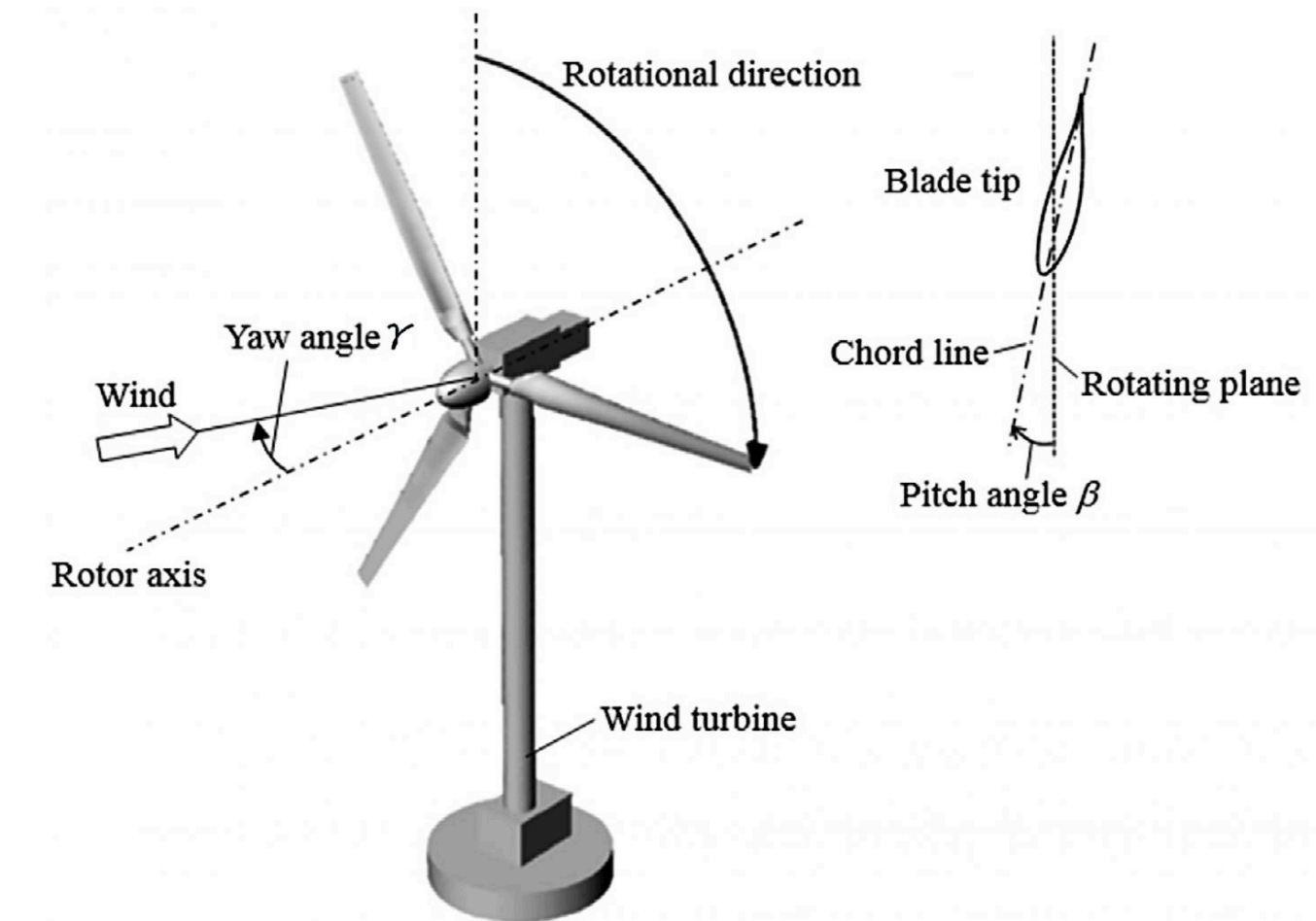


Best angle/pitch/yaw to catch the wind

Real life: transformations / relationships between more complicated objects

*How do we do mathematics on ‘complicated objects’?*

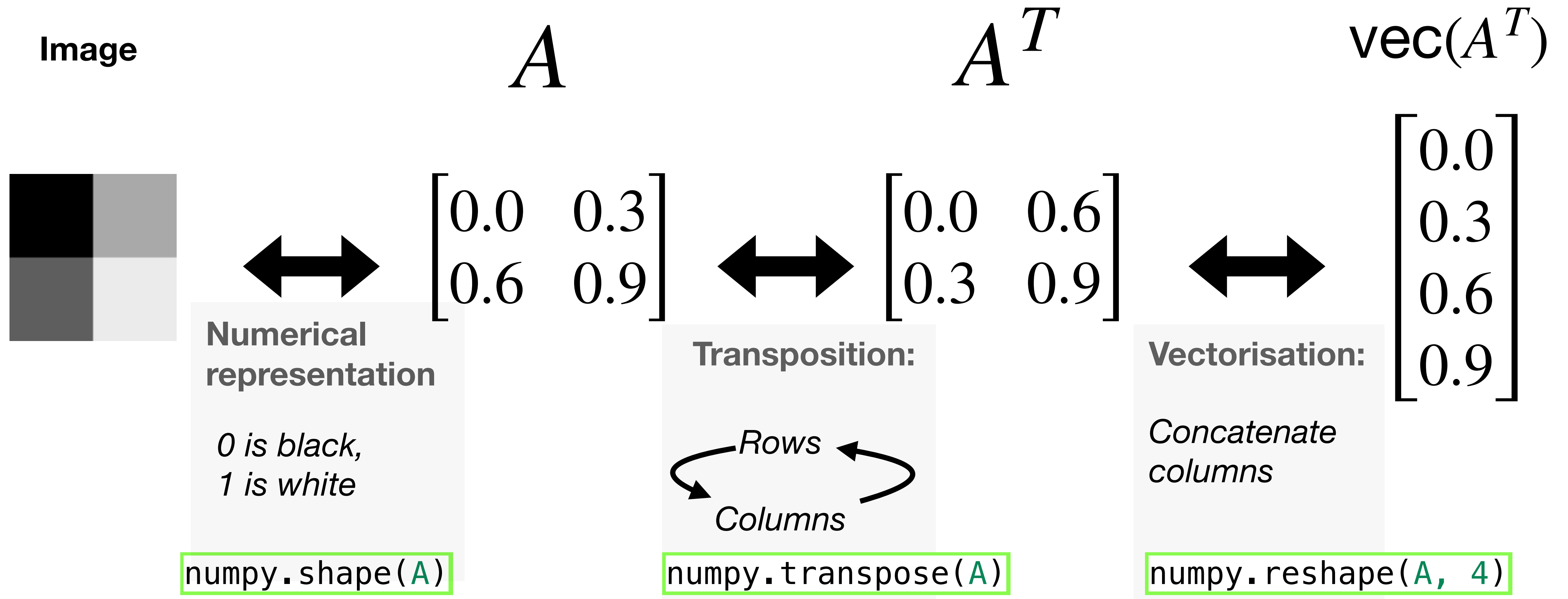
# Complicated objects often boil down to collections **arrays** of numbers


$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Lots of} \\ \text{numbers!} \end{bmatrix}$$


Windspeed,  
Wind direction,  
Motor torque,  
Yaw angle  
...

# Arrays have a **shape**

*Which we change as convenient!*



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## The number 4

A *scalar*: no shape

```
numpy.shape(4)
```

## The array [4]

An *array* containing one element: the number 4

```
numpy.shape([4])
```

Not the same!!!



# Shapes have a **dimension**

## Vector (1d-array)

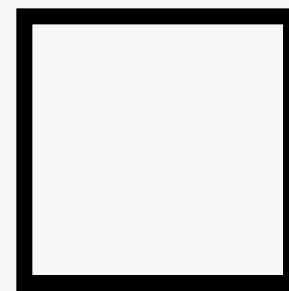
`[0.0 0.3 0.6 0.9]`



## Matrix (2d-array)

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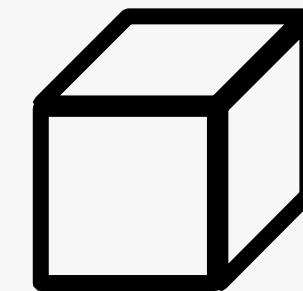
*Rows and columns*



## 3-Tensor (3d-array)

$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.3 \\ 0.6 & 0.9 \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

*Rows, columns,....layers?*



`A[3,7,2]` - *accessing element in 3d array*

`numpy.reshape([4], (1,1,1,1,1))` - *how many dimensions?*

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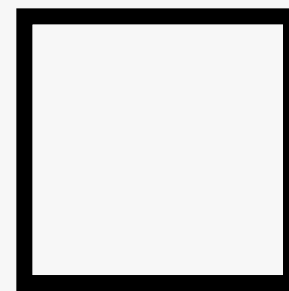


`A.shape = (4,)`

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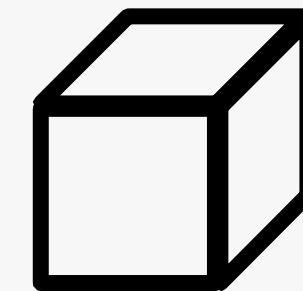


`A.shape = (2,2)`

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*Rows, columns,...layers?*



`A.shape = (2,2,3)`

*Dimension is:*

`len(A.shape)`

# Confusing terminology **alert**

**Vector (1d-array)**

[0.0 0.3 0.6 0.9]

**Python/Julia:** - array dimension is 1  
- length is 4

**Mathematician:** - It's a 4-dimensional vector.  
- A vector is a 1d tensor (i.e. array)  
- Vector's length depends on its entries

# Array indexing **alert**

**Avoid incredible Python frustration!!!**

**Maths/Julia/Common sense:**

	Column 1	Column 2
Row 1	0.0	0.3
Row 2	0.6	0.9

$$A_{21} = 0.6$$

**Python:**

	Column 0	Column 1
Row 0	0.0	0.3
Row 1	0.6	0.9

$$A[1,0] = 0.6$$

**Ingredients** to do maths on arrays?

**Let's look back to how we do maths on numbers!**

# Addition/subtraction

*is straightforward!*

- *Only* makes sense on vectors  
with same shape
- Otherwise, just like for numbers!

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} w \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a + w \\ b + x \\ c + y \\ d + z \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} w & x \\ y & z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a - w & b - x \\ c - y & d - z \end{bmatrix}$$

# Scaling

*is straightforward!*

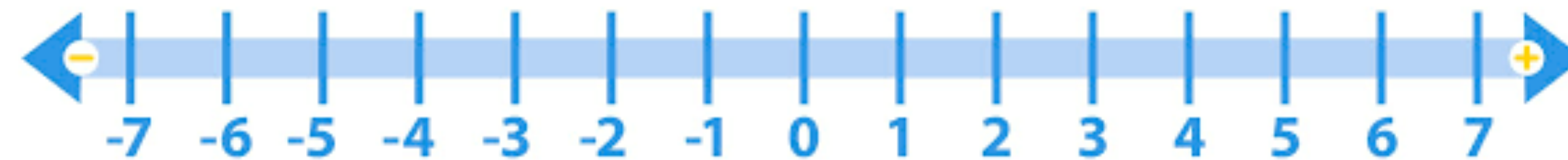
- Multiply an array (of any shape) by a **scalar** (number)

$$x \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x * a \\ x * b \\ x * c \\ x * d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$-3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ -12 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

# The **magnitude** of numbers

*i.e. their **distance** from zero*



$$-7 < 2$$

$$|-7| = 7 > |2| = 2$$

$$|-7 + 6| = 1$$

*- adding “big” numbers can  
result in a “small number”*



# The magnitude/**norm** of vectors

*Option 1: The L1 norm*

$$\underline{v} = [2 \quad -3 \quad 7 \quad 1]$$

$$\|\underline{v}\|_1 = |2| + |-3| + |7| + |1|$$
$$= 13$$

*Double lines for array magnitudes!*

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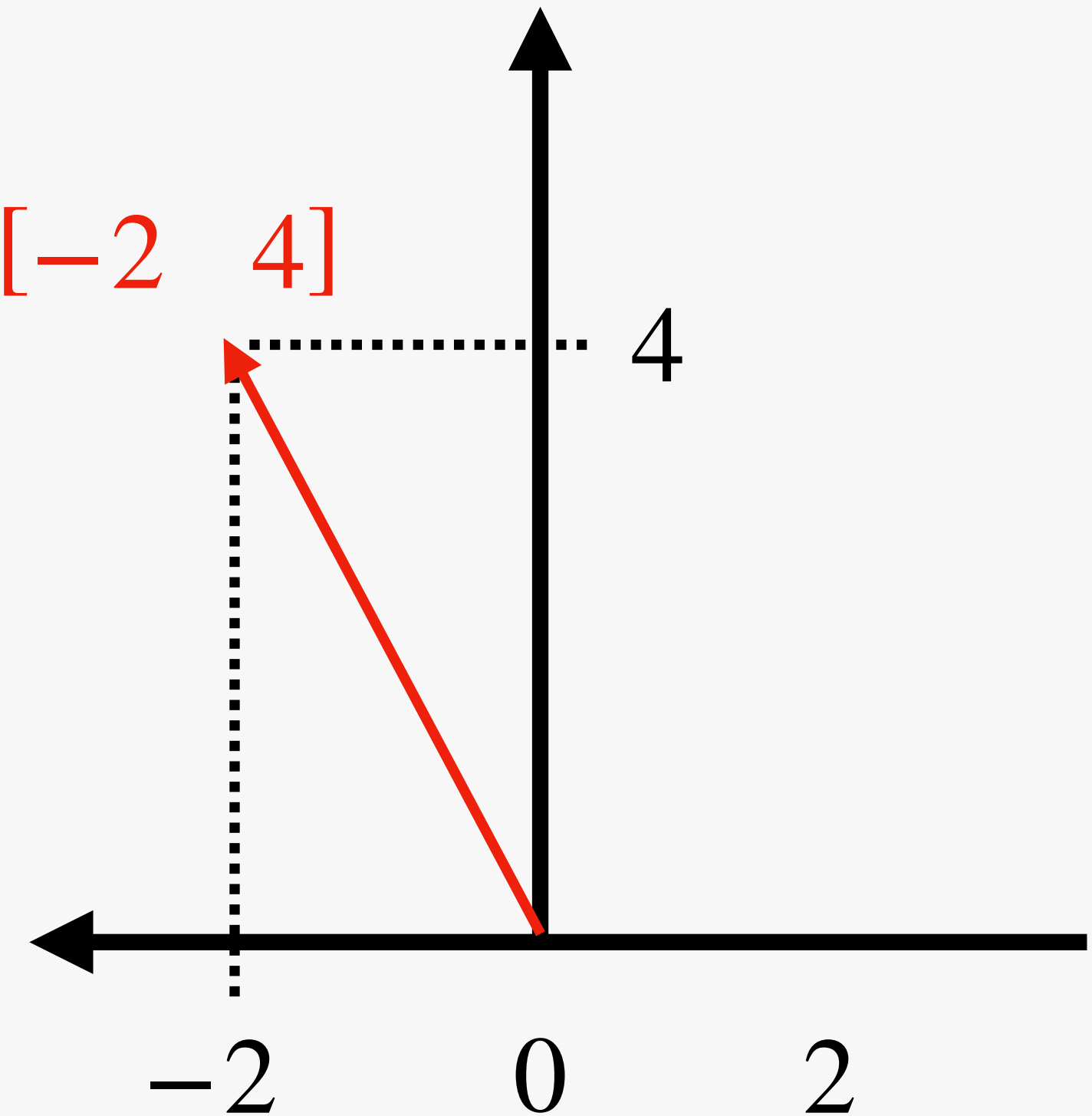
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**Dimension **length**-2 vectors**  
can be drawn in 2d

$$\underline{a} = [-2 \quad 4]$$



$$\|\underline{a}\|_1 = |-2| + |4| = 6$$

# The magnitude/**norm** of vectors

*Option 2: The L2/Euclidean norm*

$$\underline{v} = [2 \quad -3 \quad 7 \quad 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\|\underline{v}\|_2 &= \sqrt{2^2 + (-3)^2 + 7^2 + 1^2} \\ &= \sqrt{63} \approx 8\end{aligned}$$

*L1 and L2 are identical for scalars!*

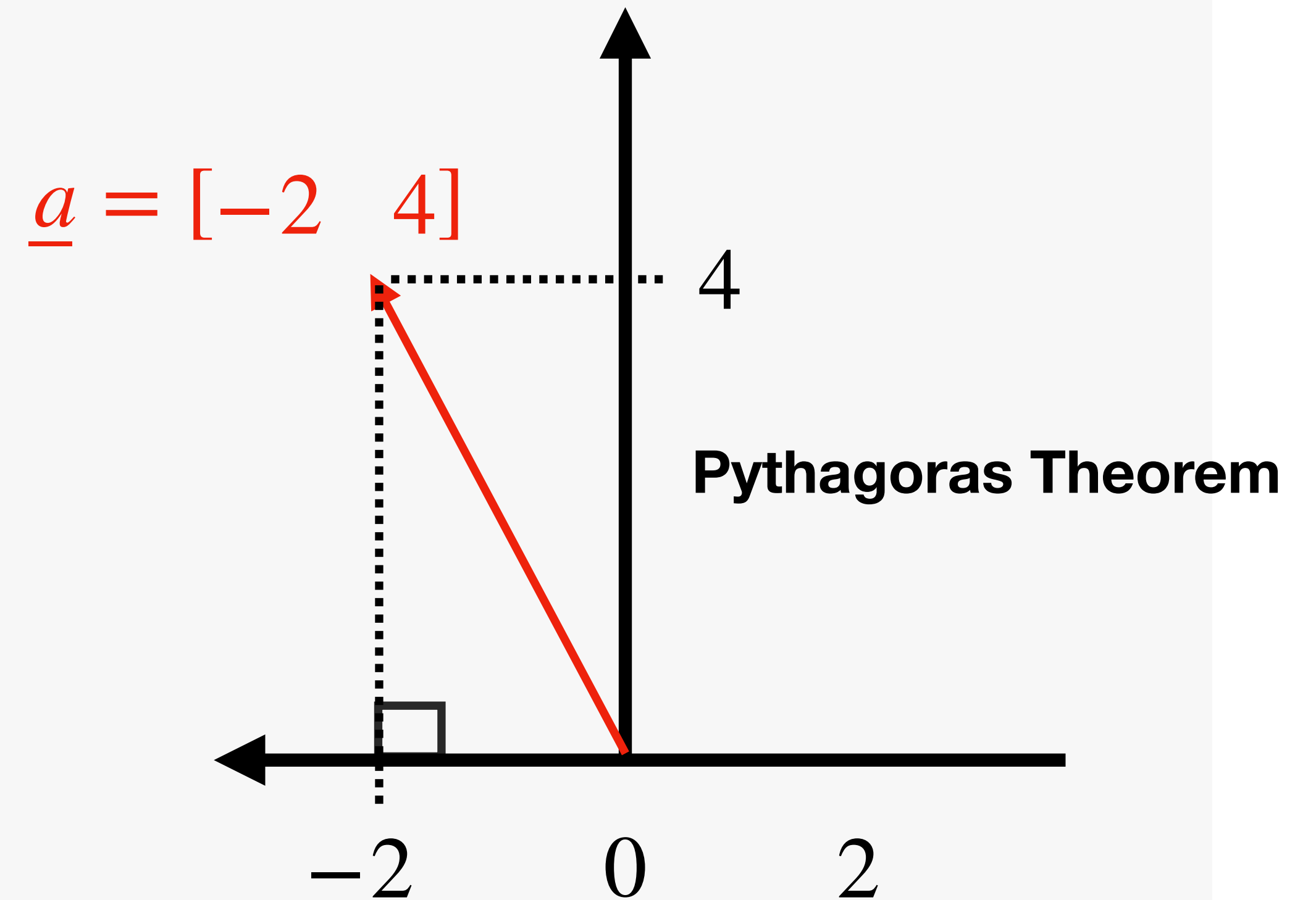
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**Length-2 vectors: their literal length**



$$\|\underline{a}\|_2 = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 4^2} \approx 4.5$$

# The magnitude/**norm** of vectors

*Option 3: Build your own!*

- Norm:**
- notion of distance from zero
  - any **scalar function** (i.e. with scalar output) encoding this notion
  - Inputs? Arrays of any shape

$\| \bullet \|$  : vectors  $\rightarrow$  scalars

e.g.  $\|v\|_2 = 8$

# The magnitude/**norm** of vectors

*Option 3: Build your own!*

What makes a **distance**?

$$\|\underline{x}\| \geq 0$$

*Distances can't  
be negative*

$$\|s\underline{x}\| = s\|\underline{x}\|$$

where  $s$  is scalar

*Twice the vector means  
twice the distance*

$$\underline{a} = [-2, 4]$$

$$3\underline{a} = [-6, 12]$$

$$\|3\underline{a}\| = 3\|\underline{a}\|$$

## Triangle inequality

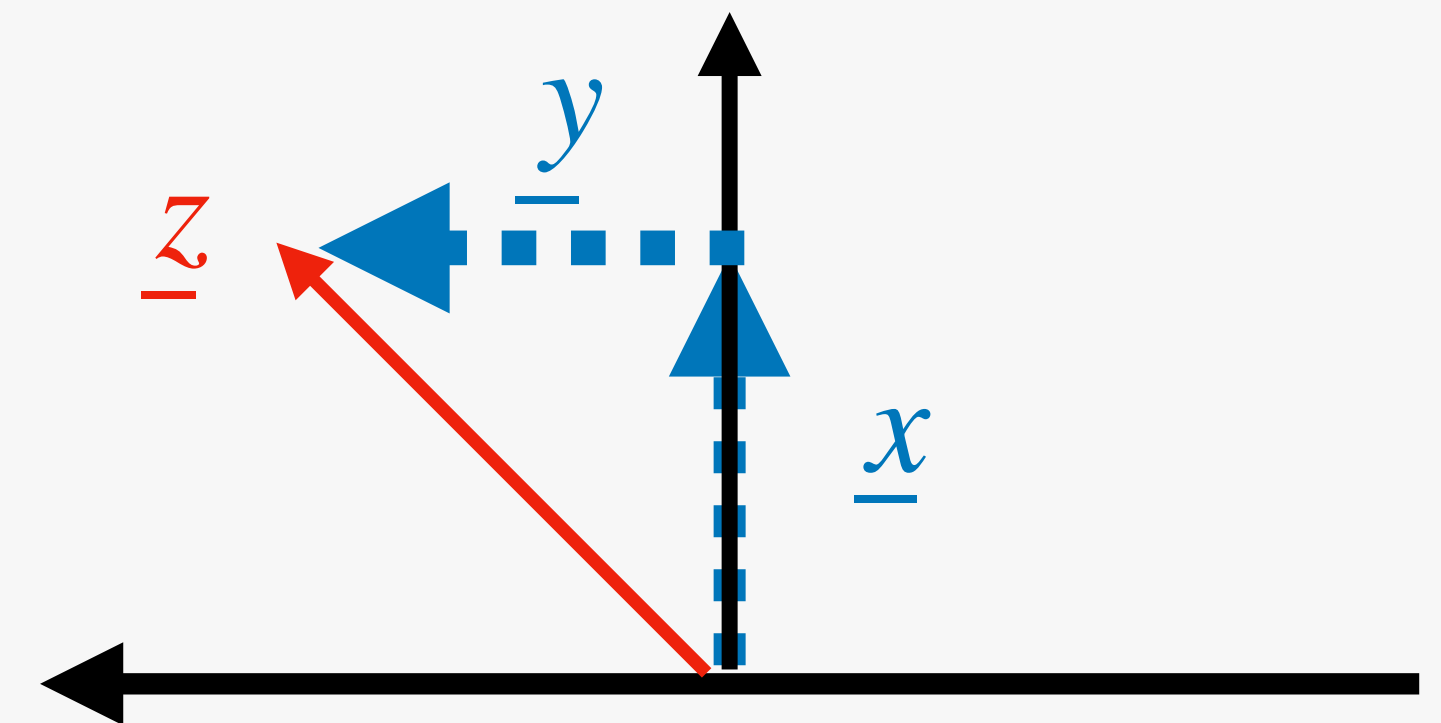
$$\|\underline{z} + \underline{y}\| \leq \|\underline{x}\| + \|\underline{y}\|$$

$$\text{if } \underline{z} = \underline{x} + \underline{y}$$

**No shortcuts:**

going **straight** to a destination

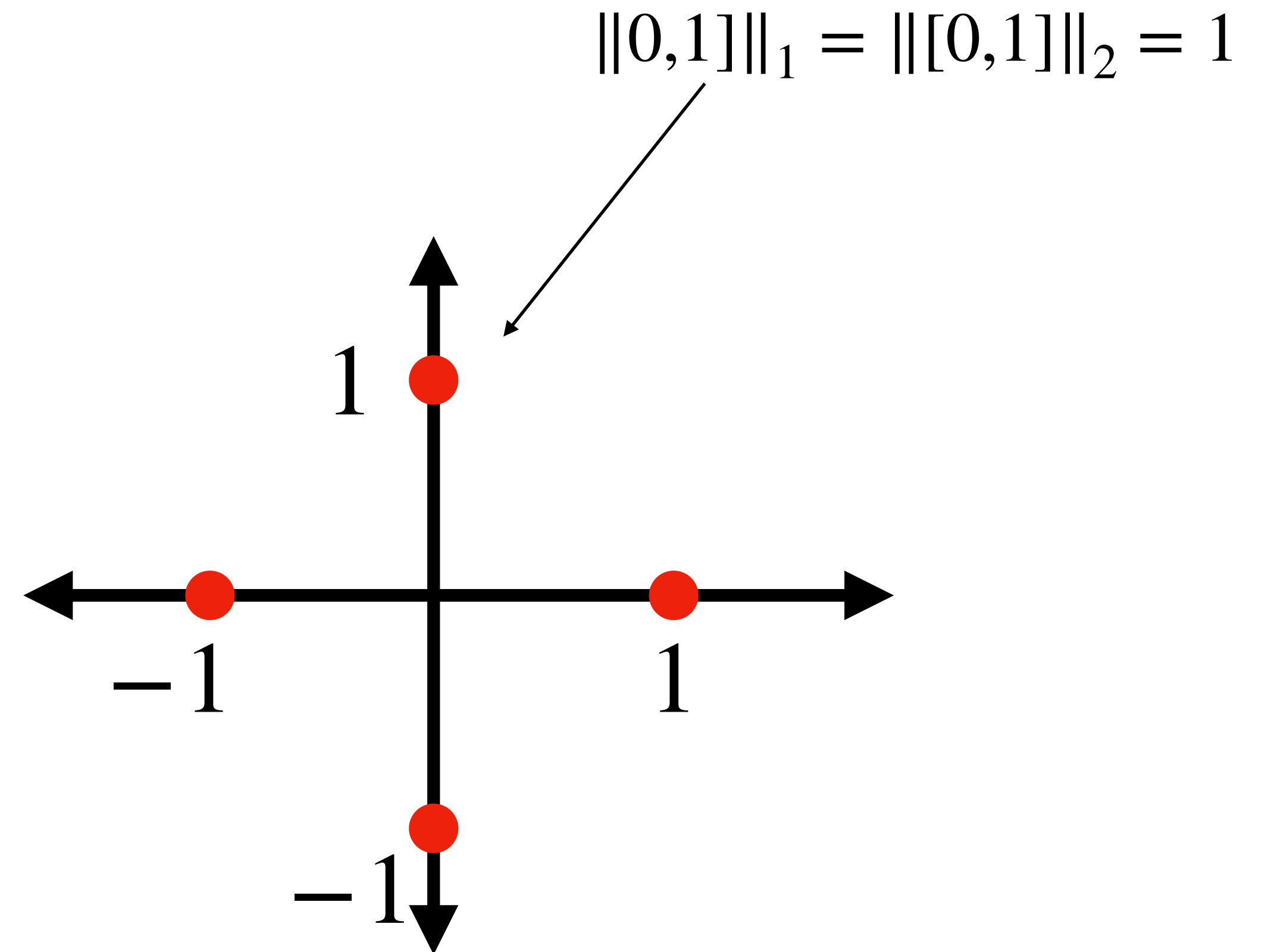
$\underline{z} = \underline{x} + \underline{y}$  is **shorter** than via  $\underline{x}$



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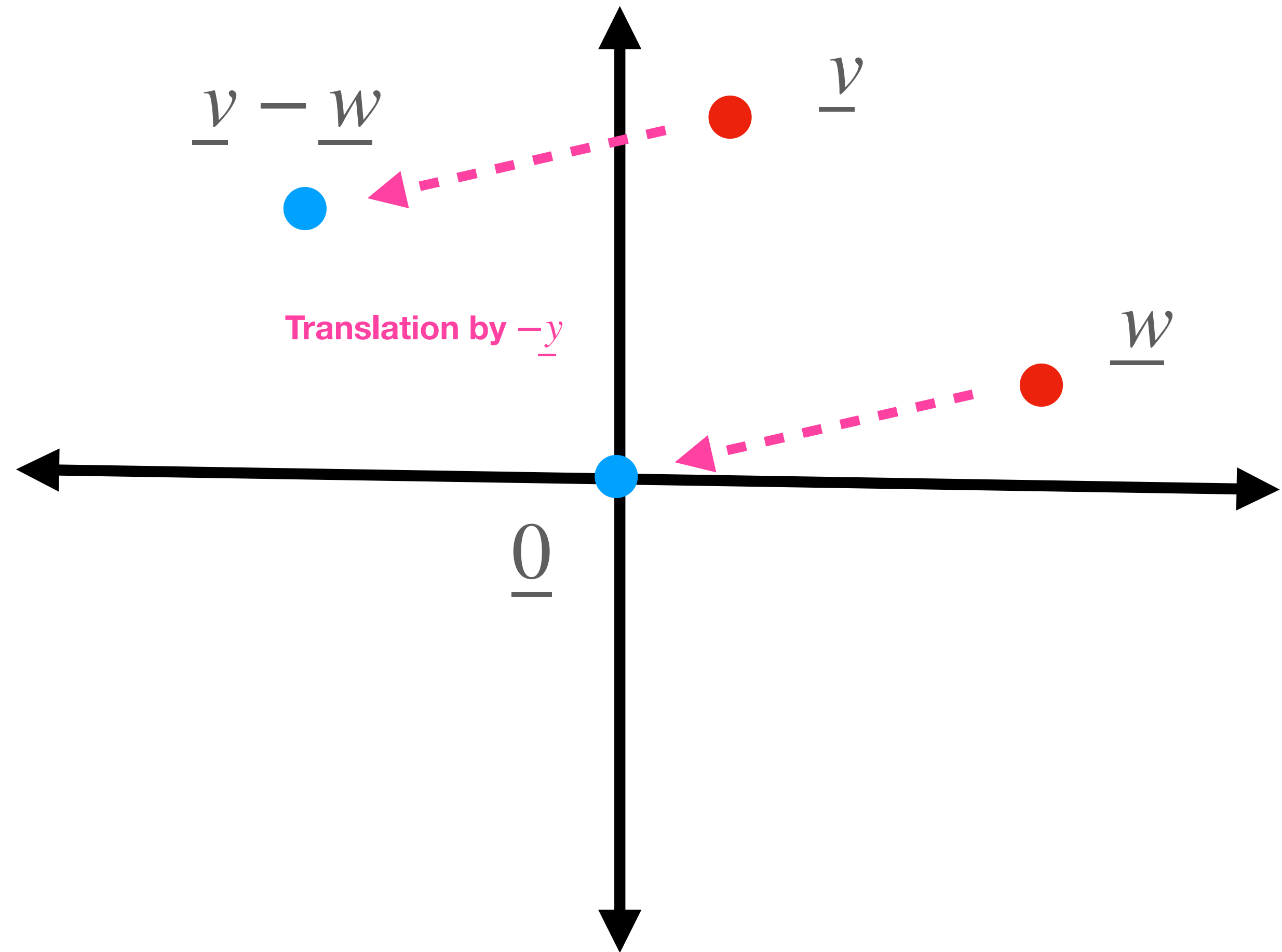
## Understanding

- All the red points denote vectors with unit norm (i.e.  $\text{norm} = 1$ )
- Thus, called **normalised** vectors
- Trace the normalised vectors connecting the dots, in L1 and then L2



# Distance between vectors

- $\|\underline{v}\|$  = distance of  $\underline{v}$  from zero
- Distance from  $\underline{w}$ ?  $\|\underline{v} - \underline{w}\|$
- *Translating* vectors equally  
doesn't change their distance



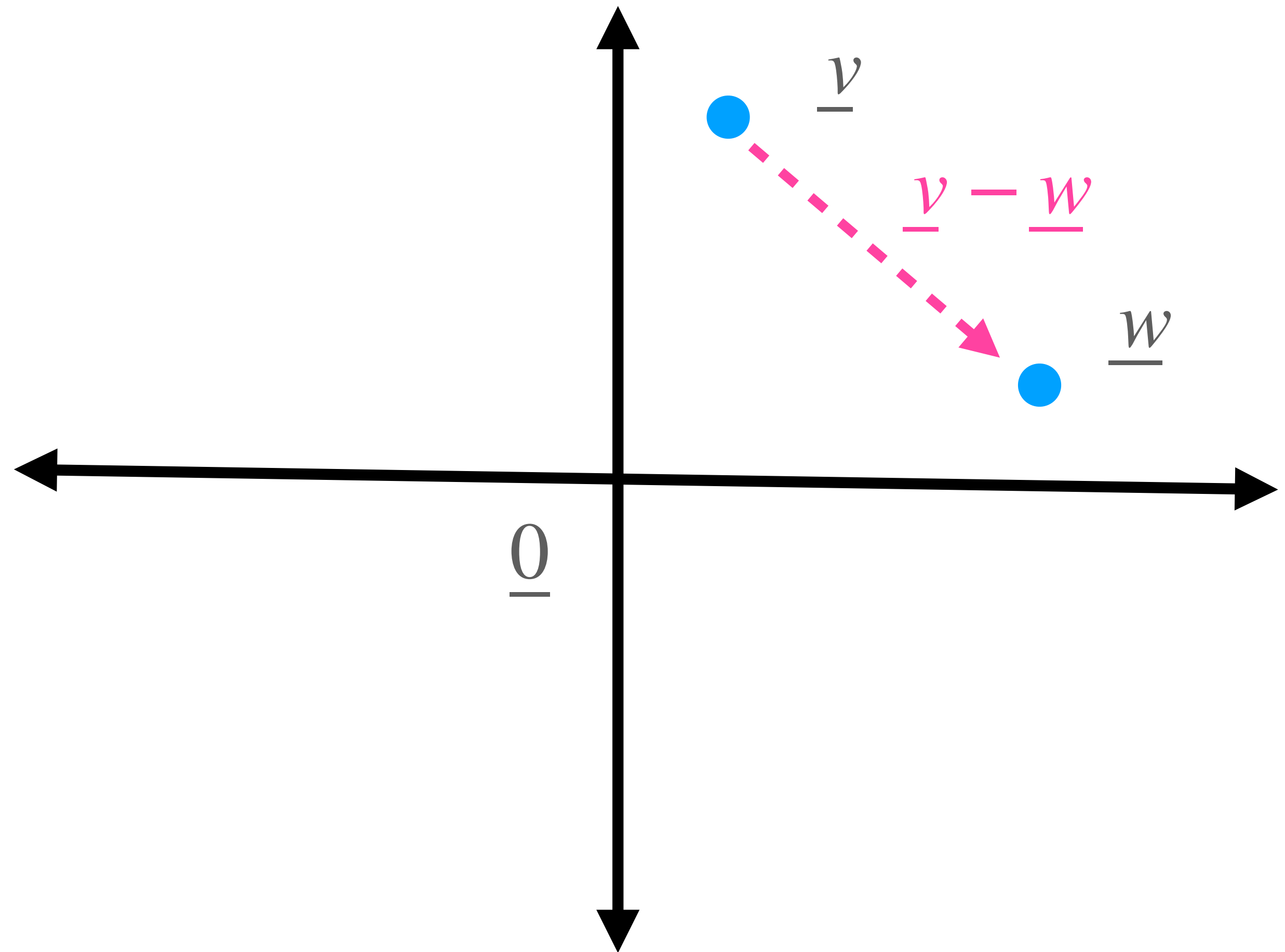


# Distance between vectors

*Euclidean distance*

- For length-2 vectors:  
their literal distance

$$\|\underline{v} - \underline{w}\|_2 = \sqrt{(v_1 - w_1)^2 + (v_2 - w_2)^2}$$



# New concept: **correlation** (similarity)

Maximally dissimilar (anti correlated) images



Pixel is (quite) white in 1  $\Leftrightarrow$  Pixel is (quite) black in 2

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## Uncorrelated images



Pixel is (quite) white in 1  $\Leftrightarrow$  No information on 2