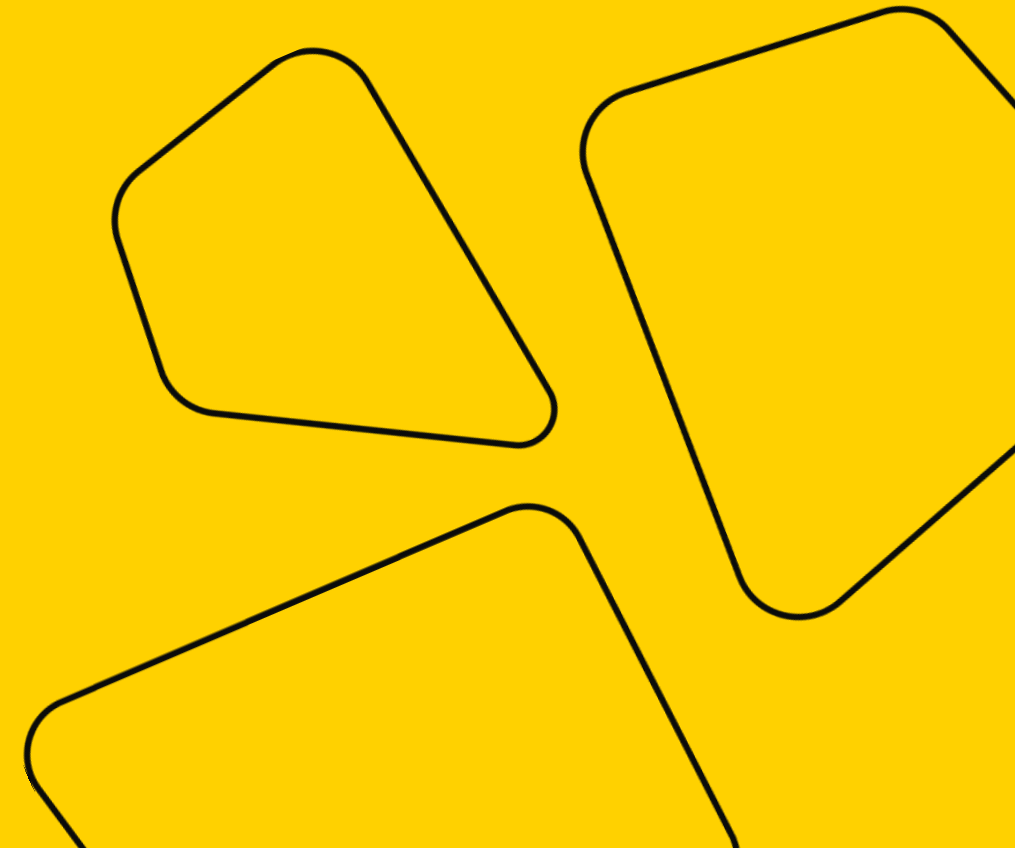


# Math Refresher for DS

## Lecture 1



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# Today



1. Course overview
2. Linear Algebra
  - Core objects
  - Vector spaces
3. A bit of Analytic Geometry
  - Orthogonal projections
  - Hyperplanes
  - Normals

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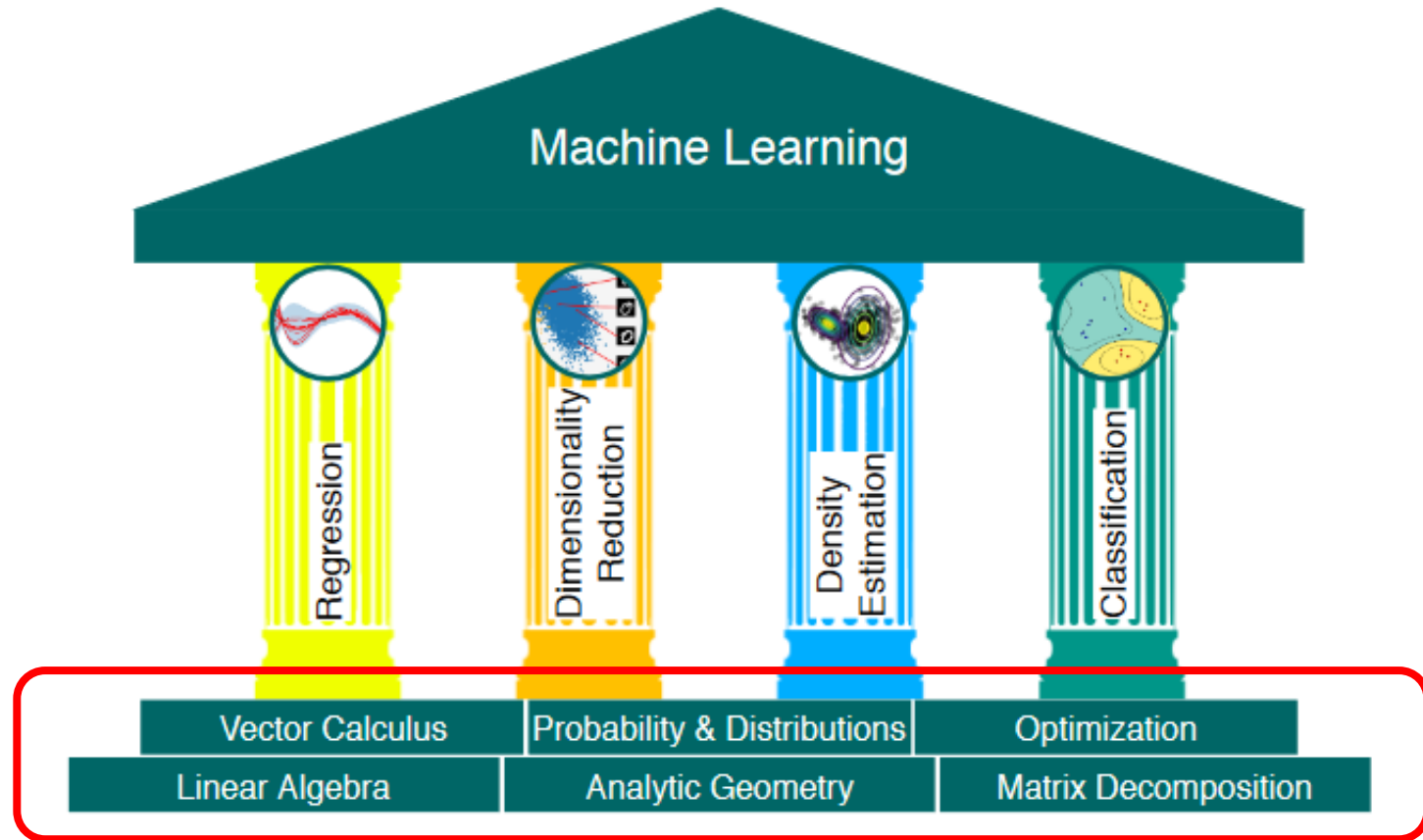


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In this course:

1. Linear algebra
2. Calculus
3. (Basic) optimization

Prerequisites:

- basic knowledge of math;
- some Python.

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## Logistics

- Pre-recorded lectures
- Online practical sessions
  - Tuesdays & Fridays  
19:00 Moscow time
- 5 graded assignments
- 2 exams
- Final grade:
  - 30% Linear Algebra exam
  - 30% Calculus & Optimization exam
  - 40% graded assignments

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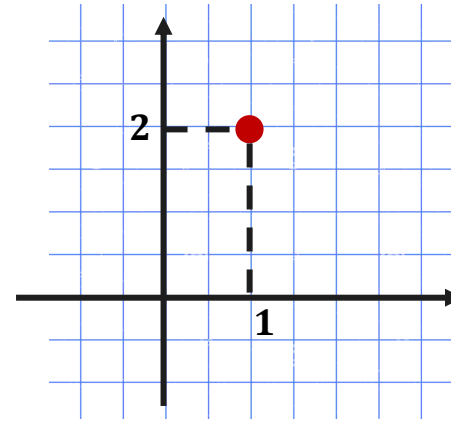
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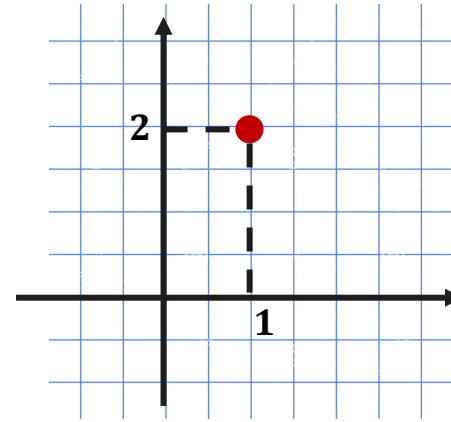
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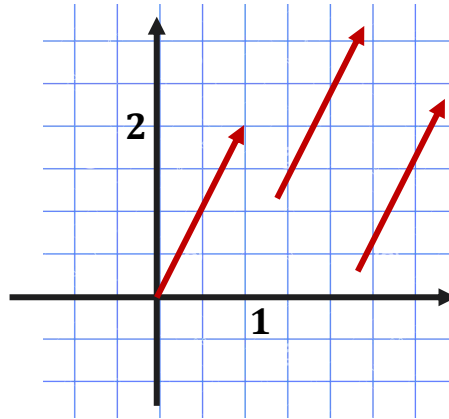
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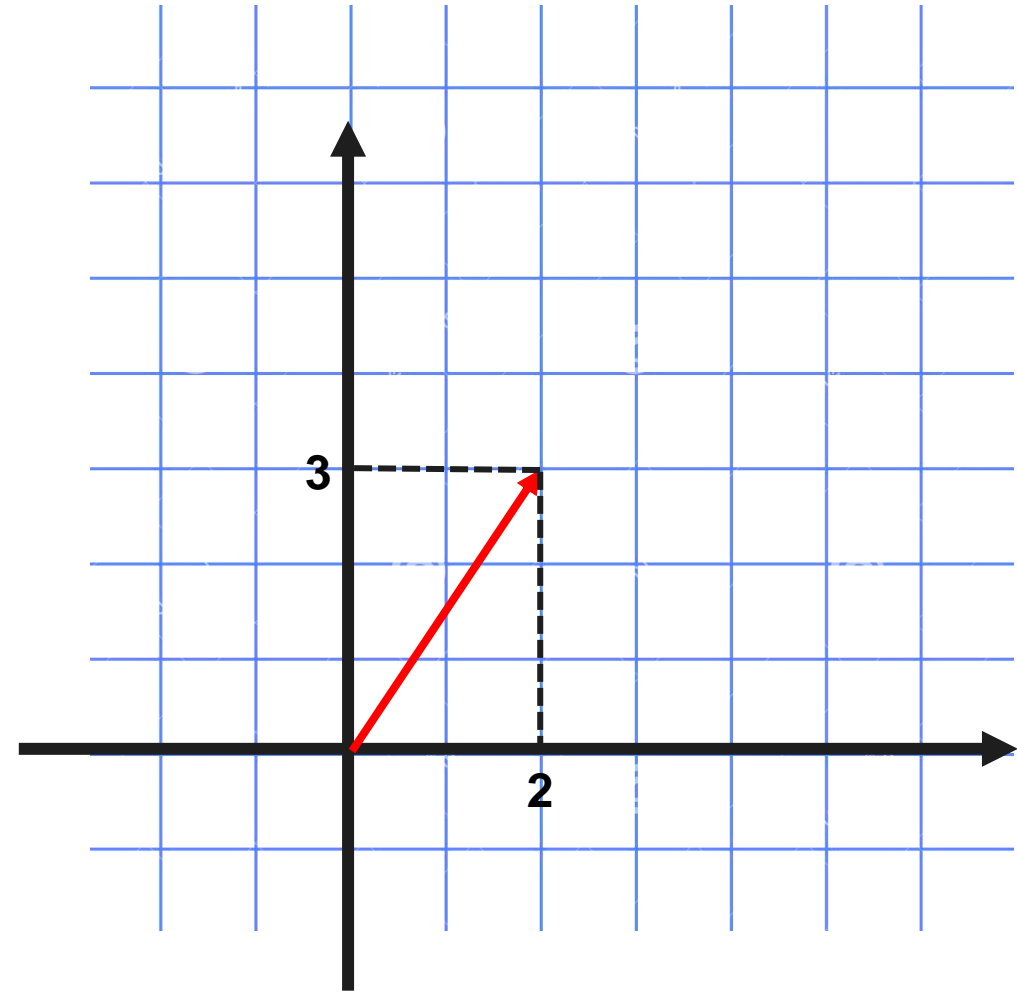
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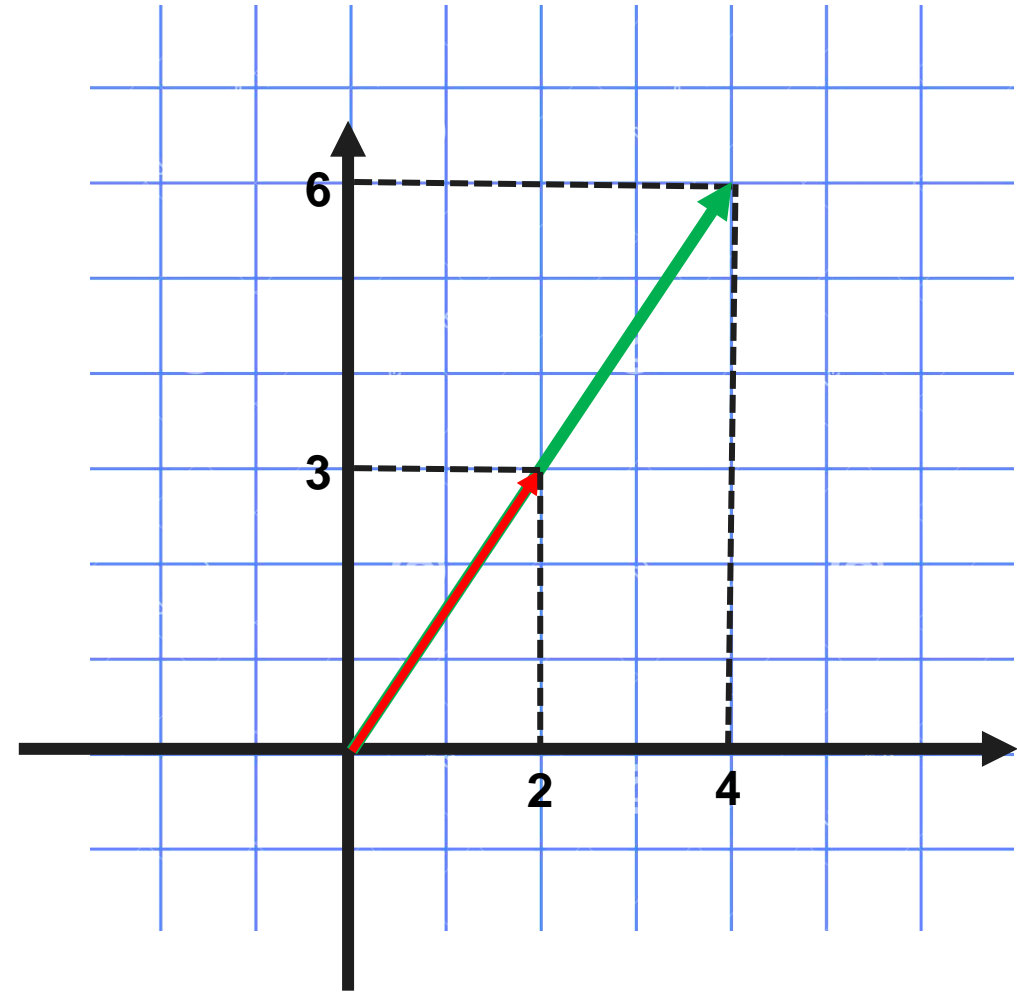


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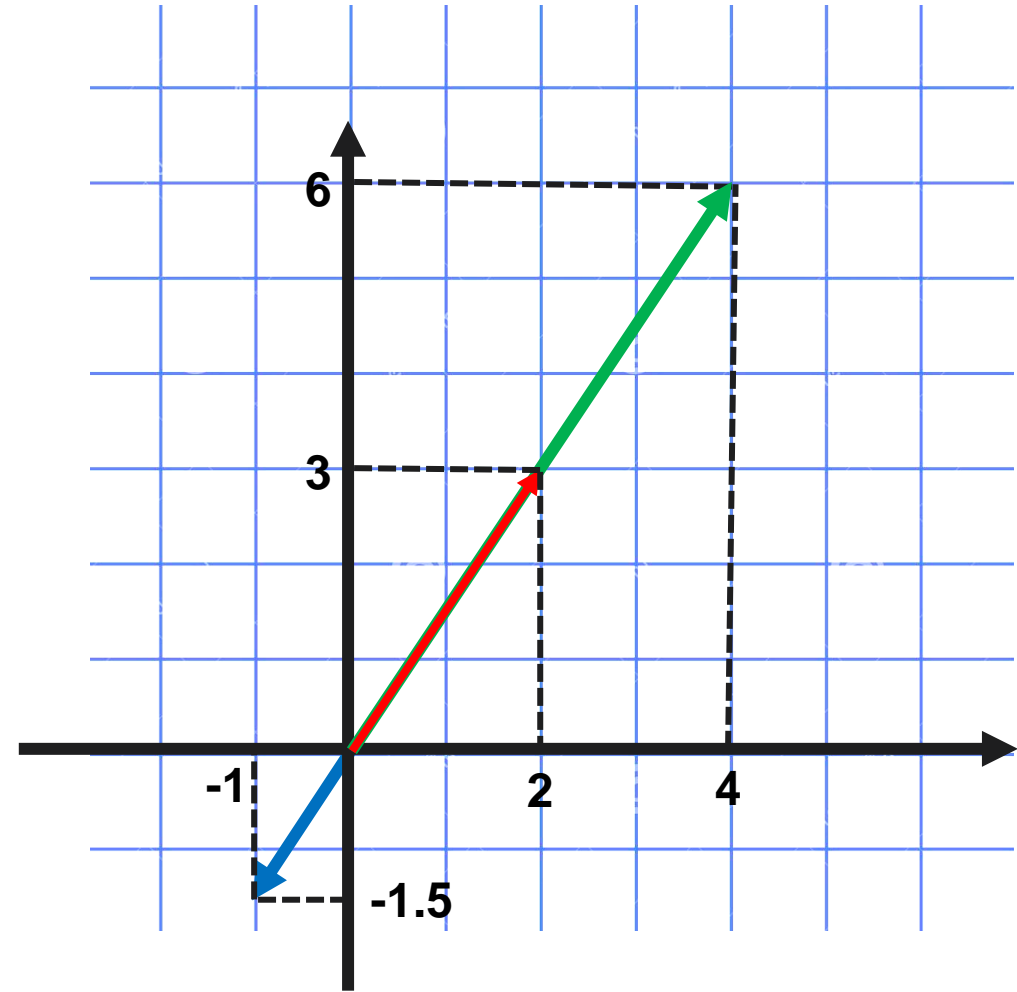
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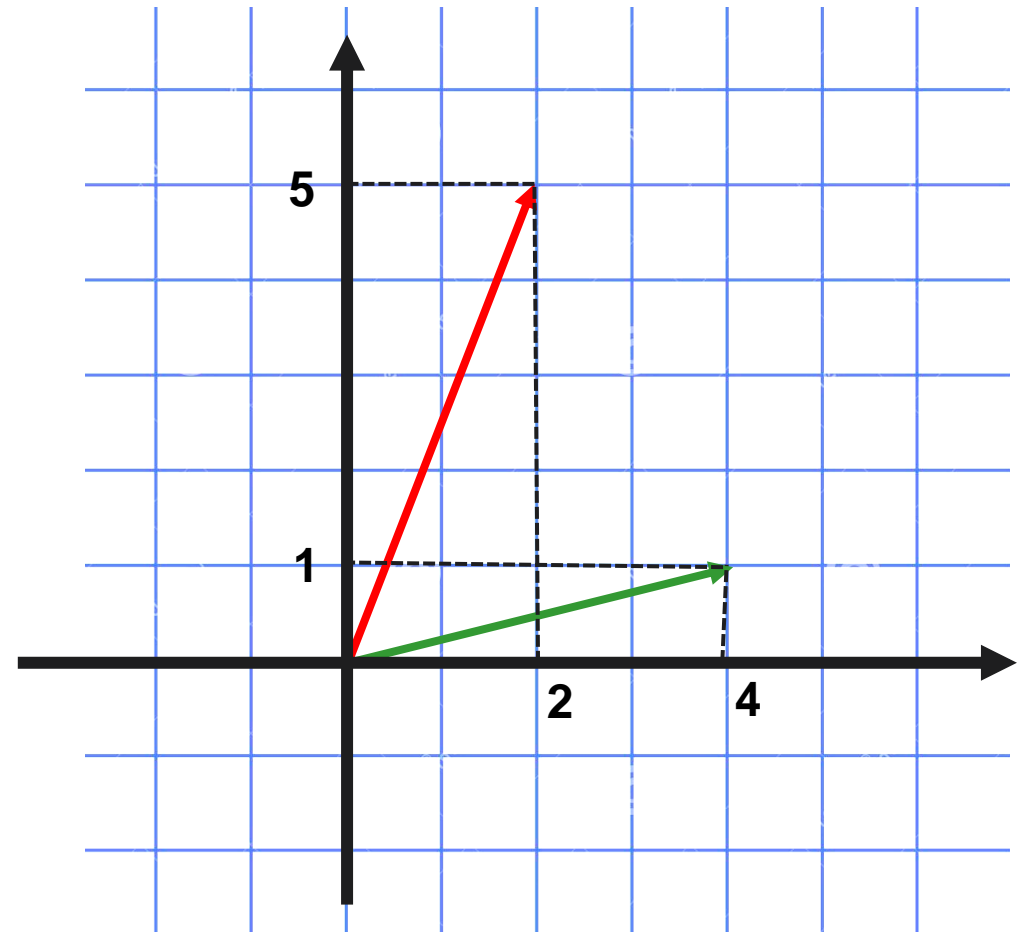


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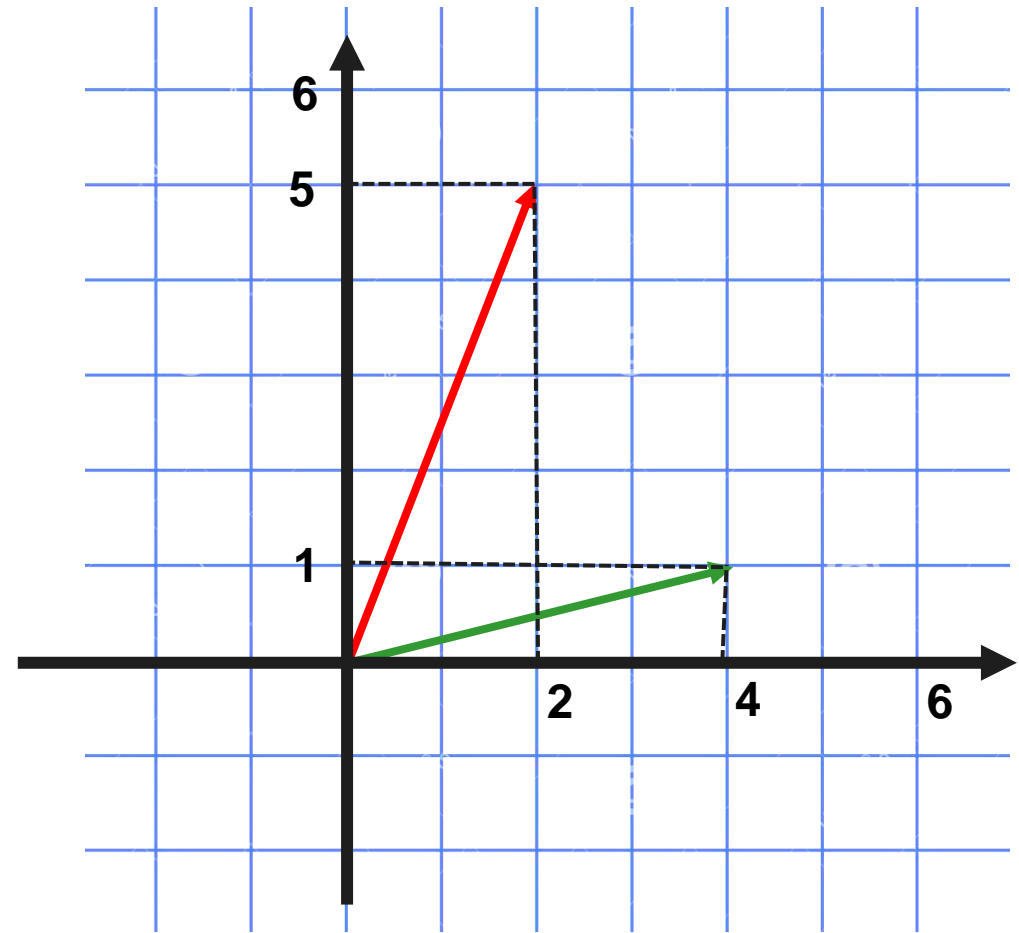
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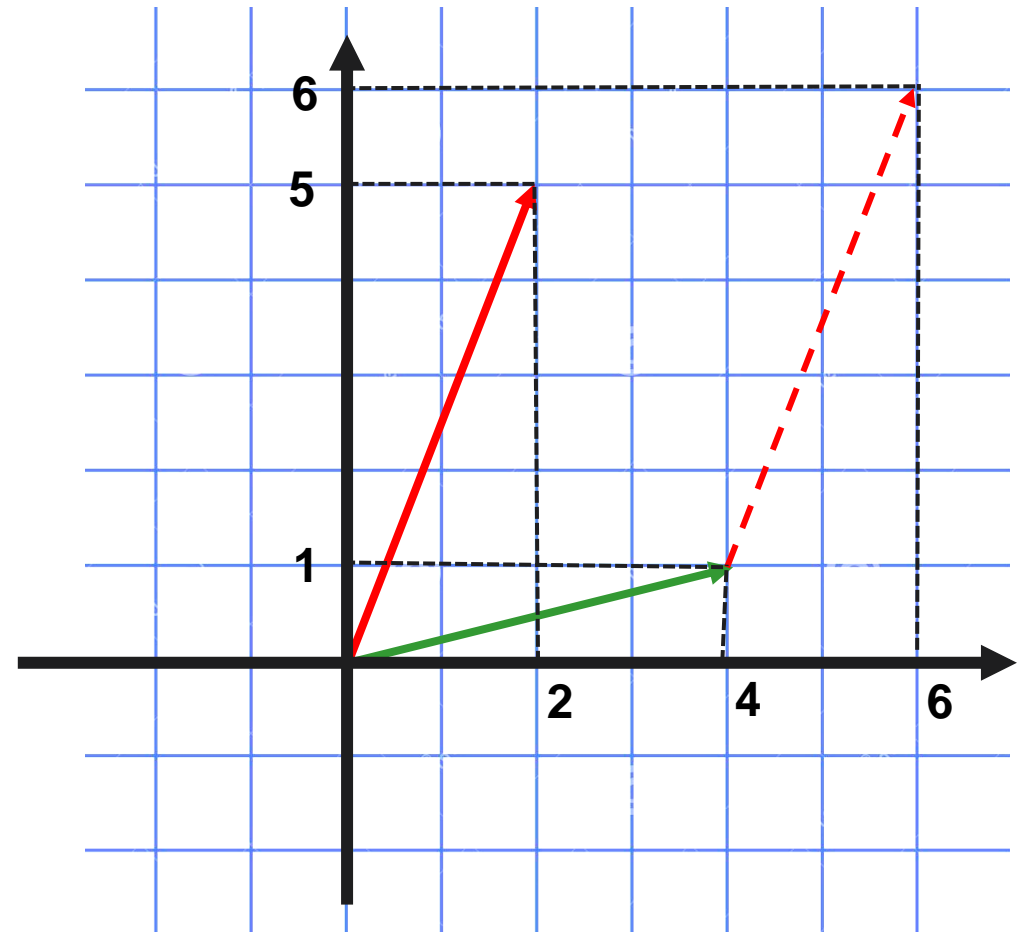
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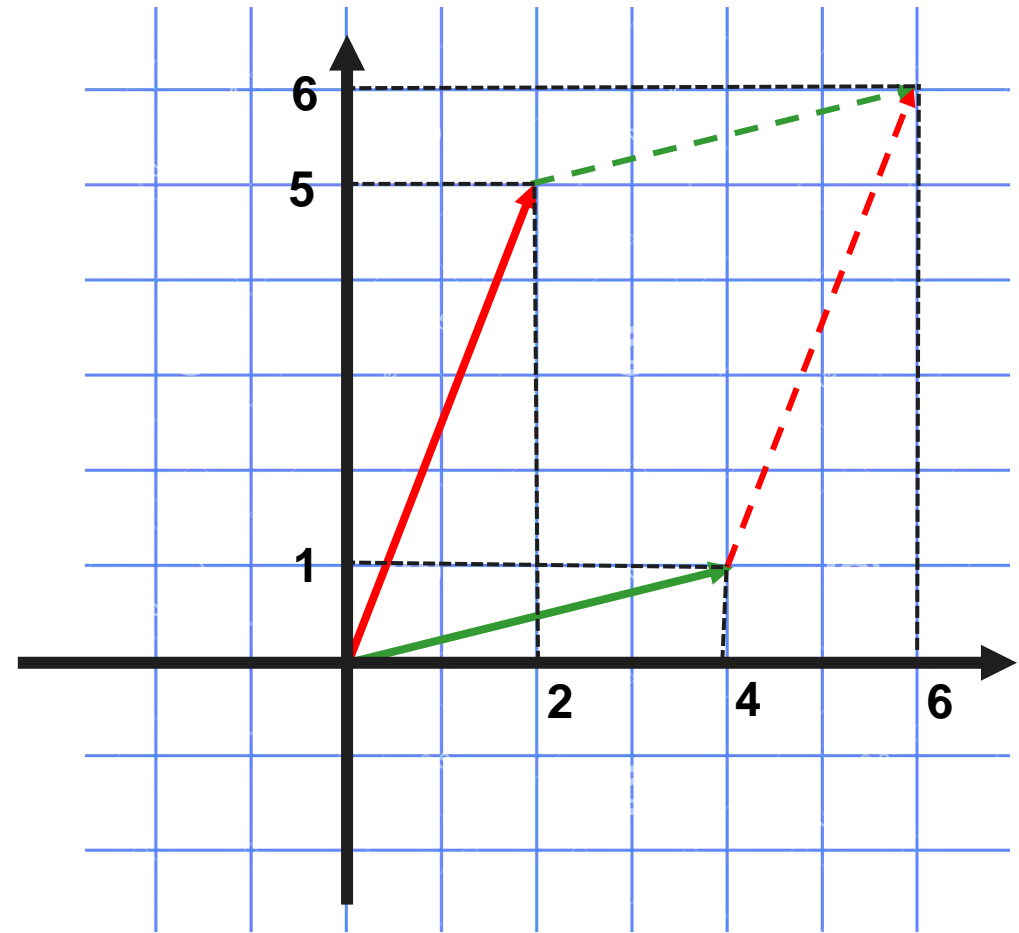
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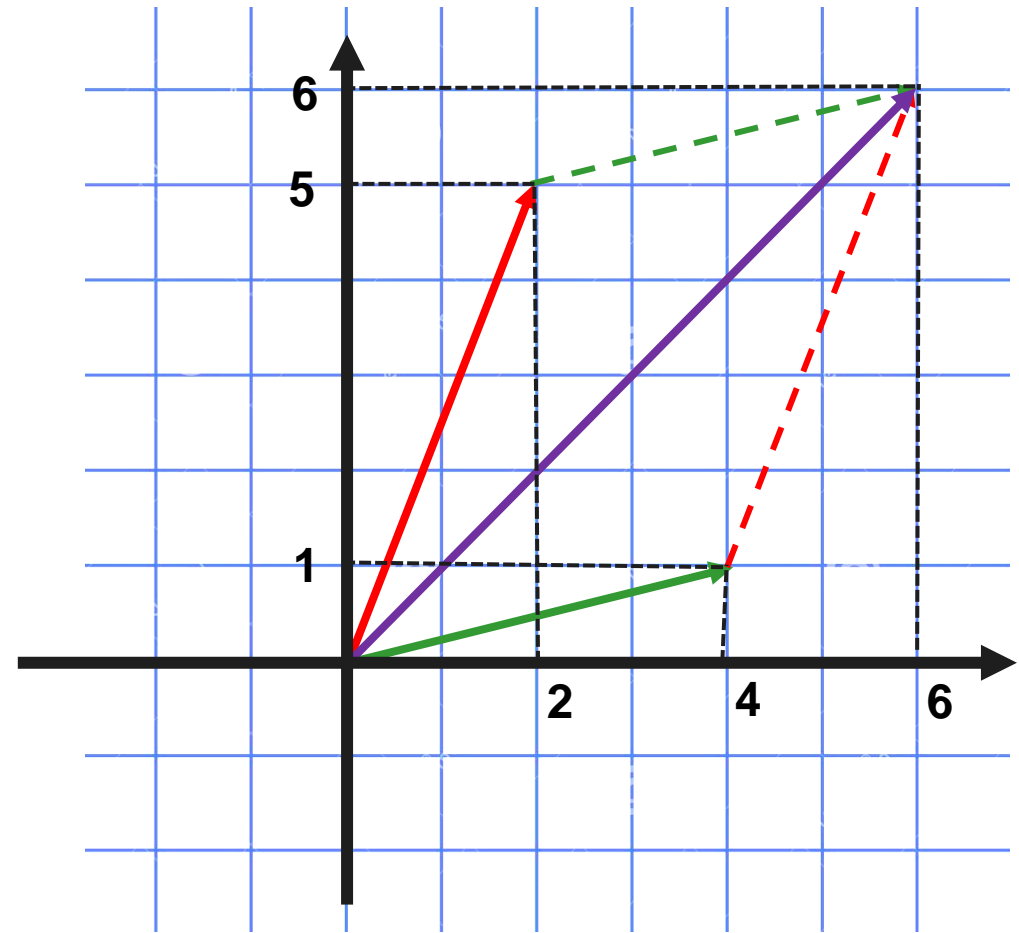
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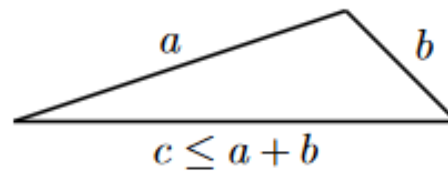
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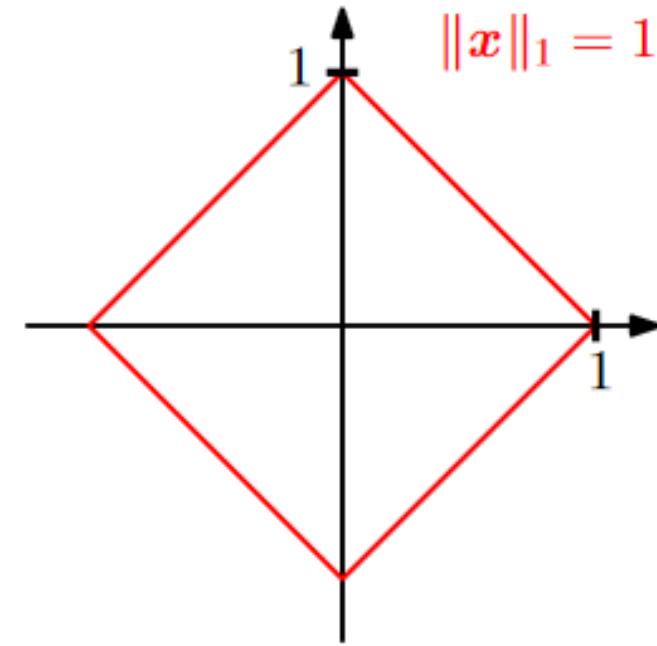
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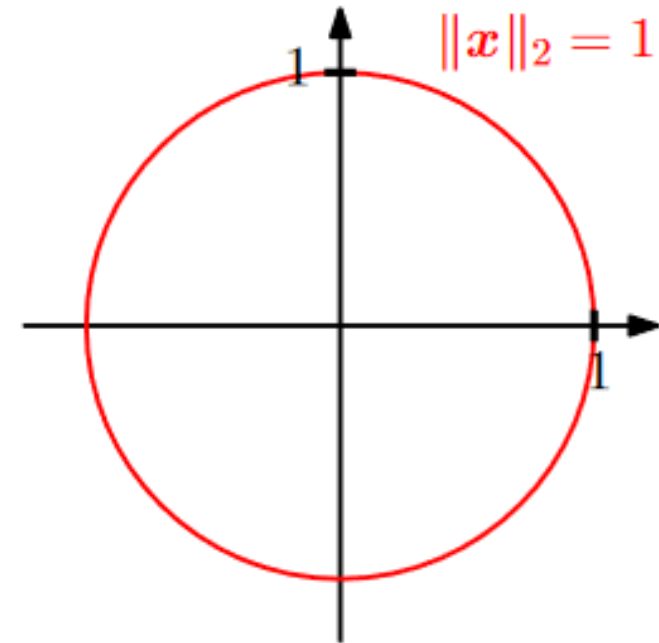
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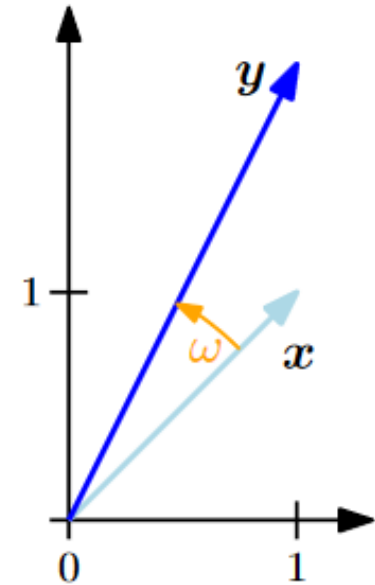
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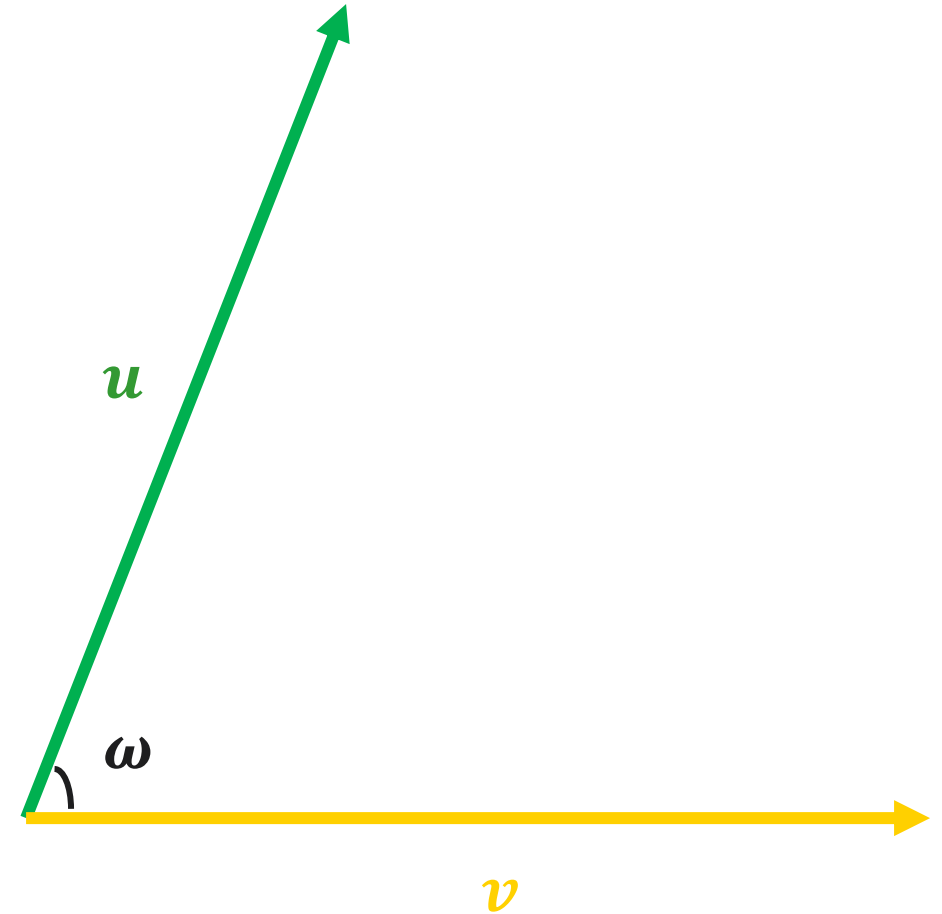
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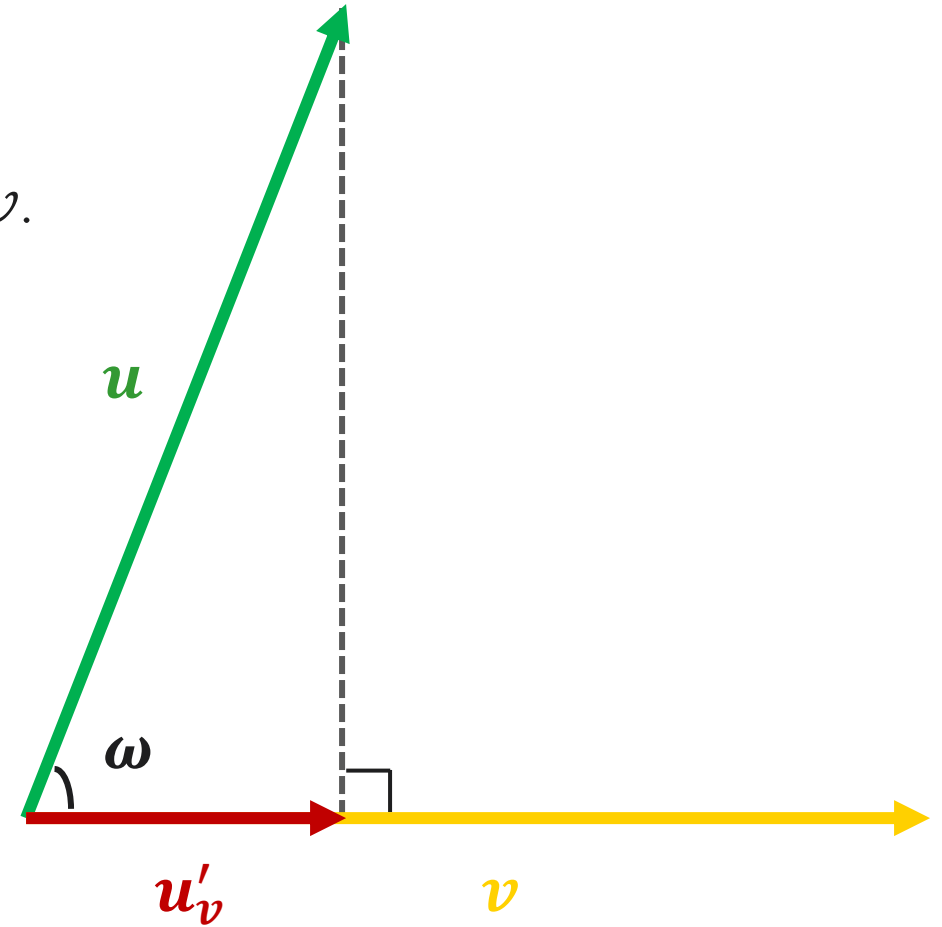
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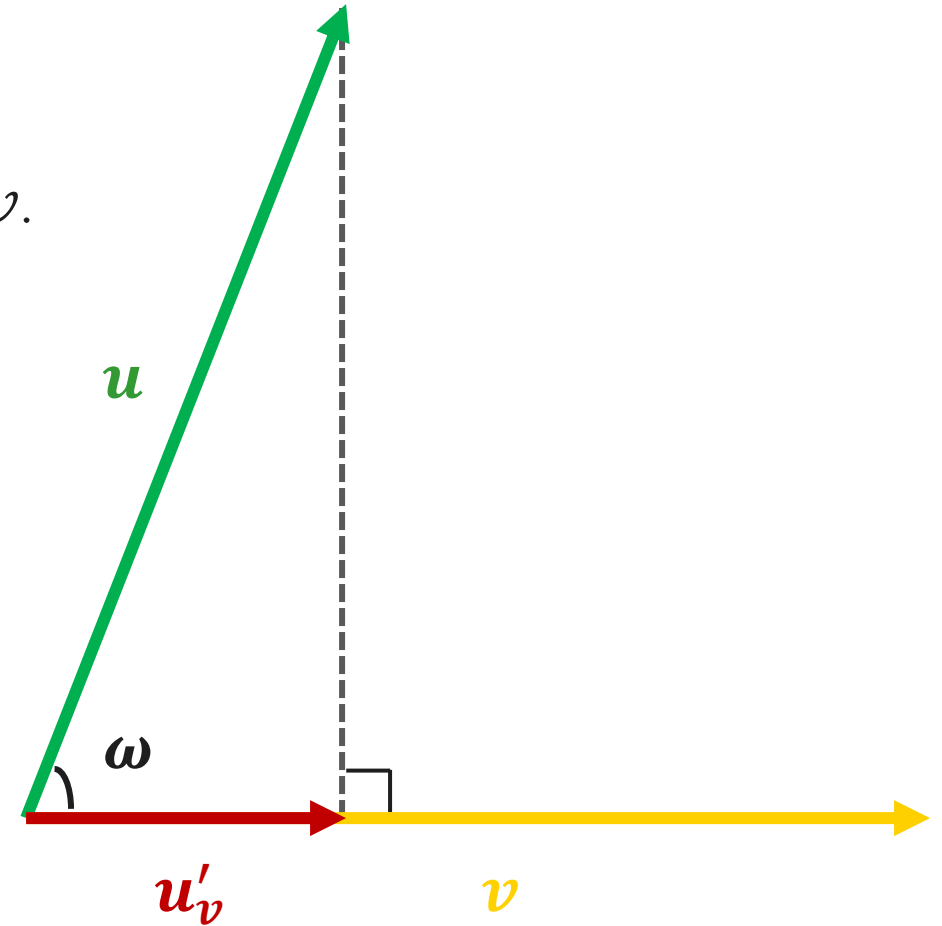
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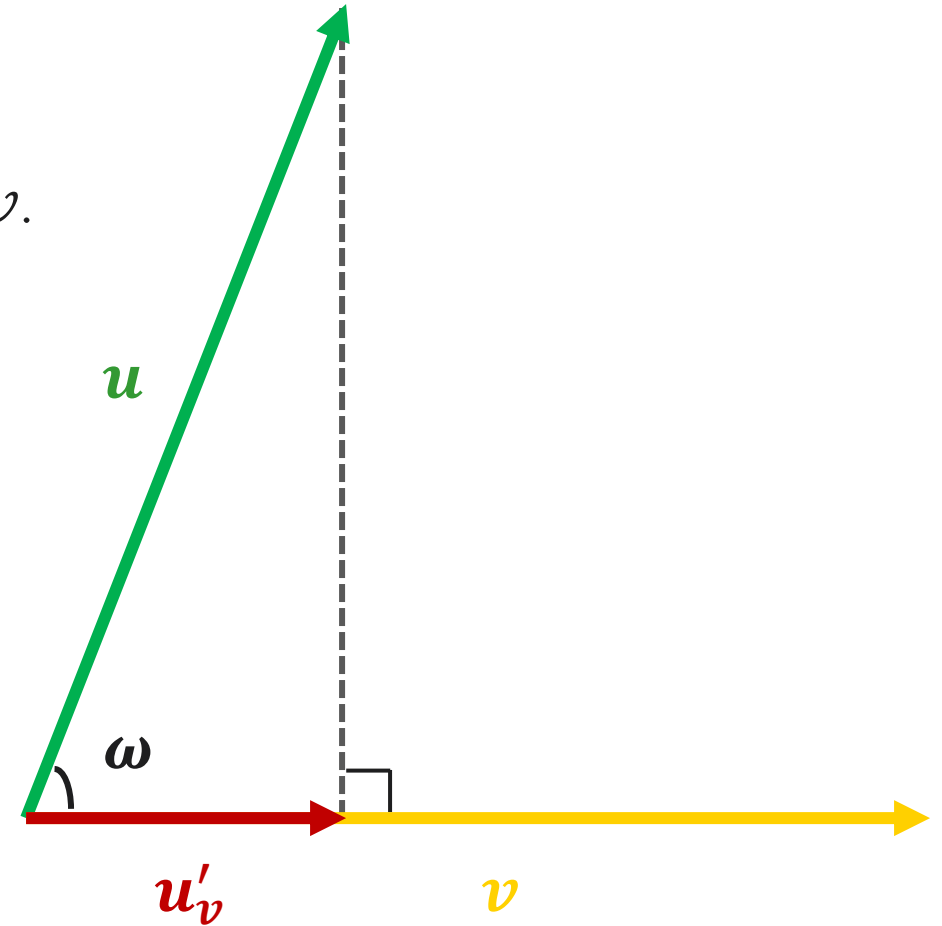
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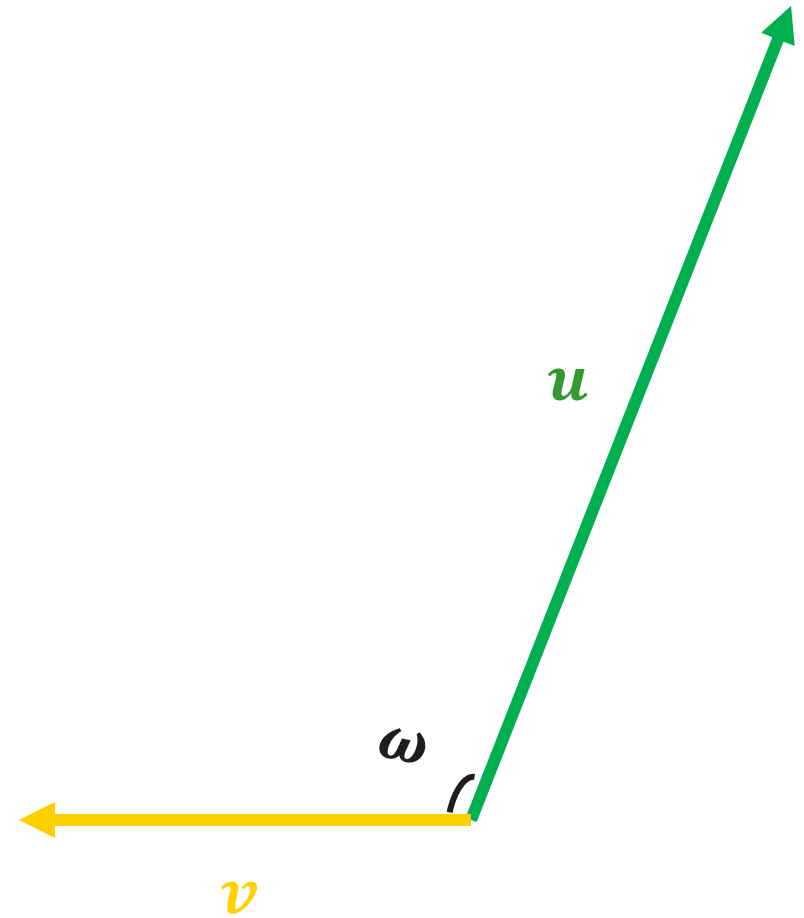
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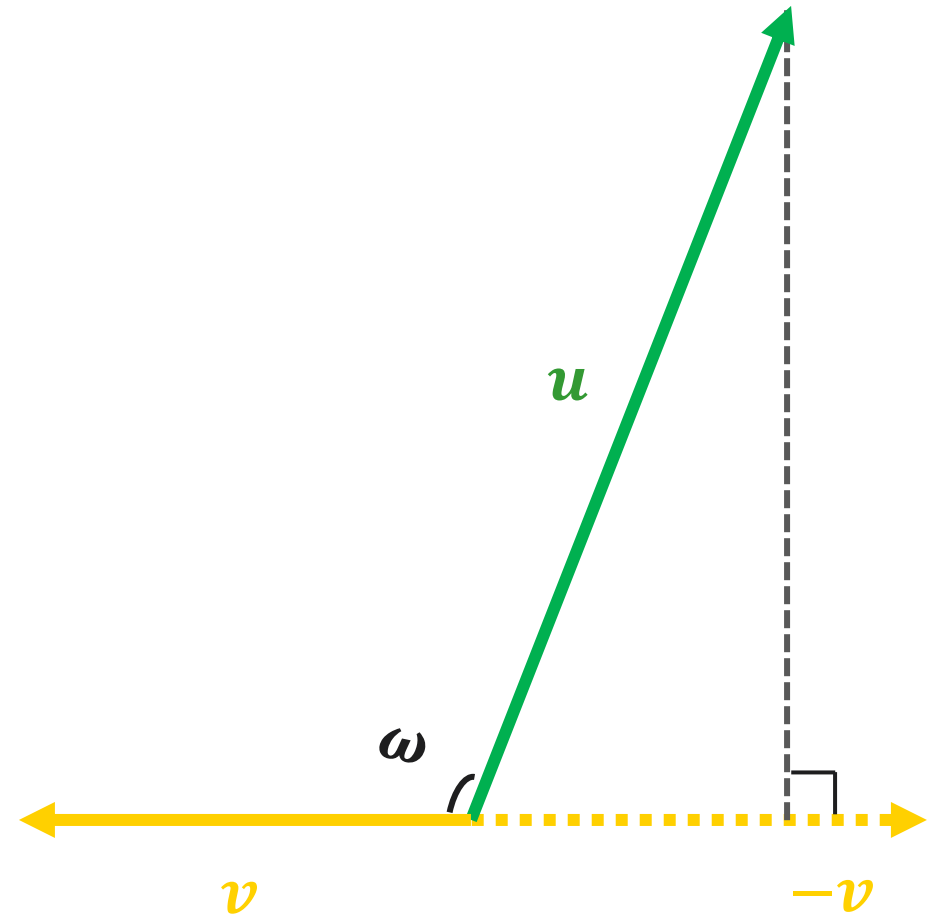
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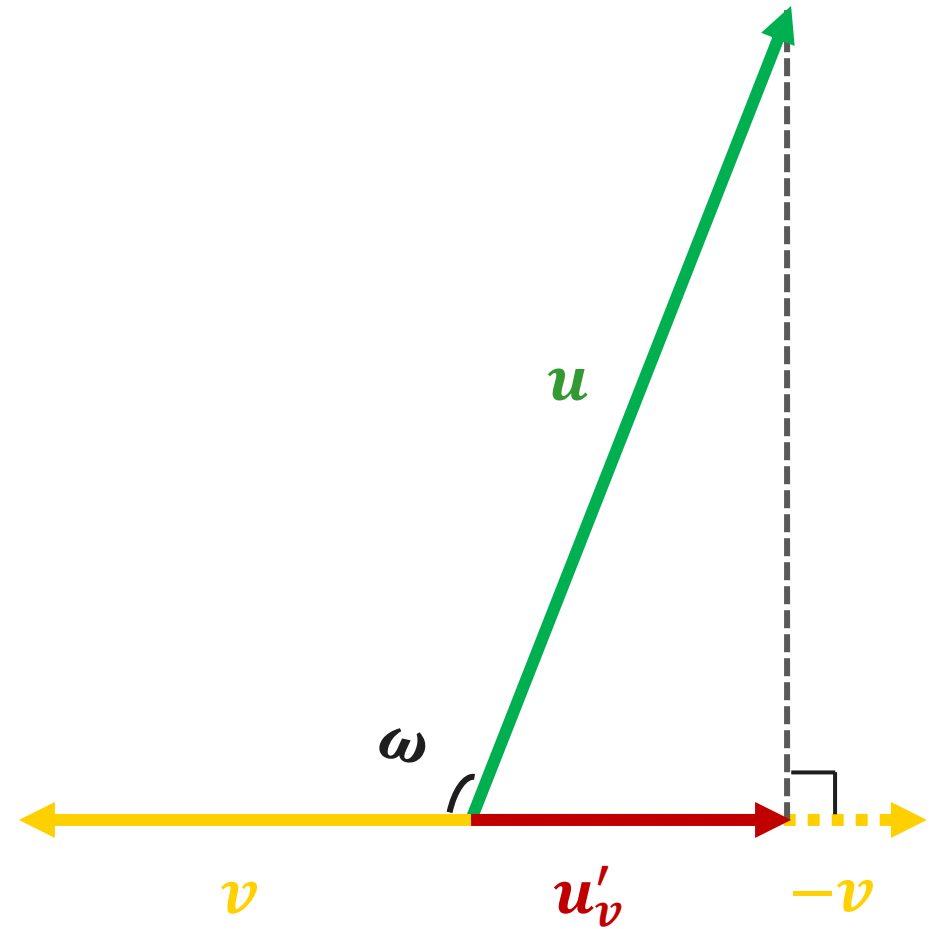




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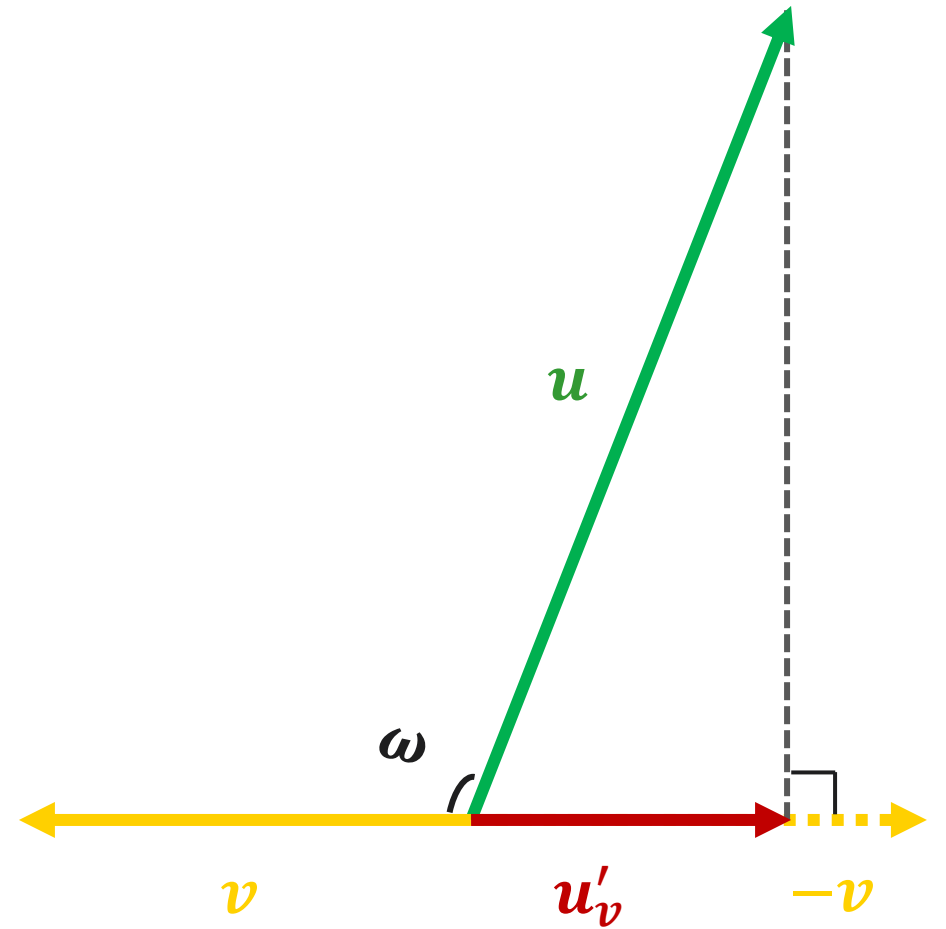


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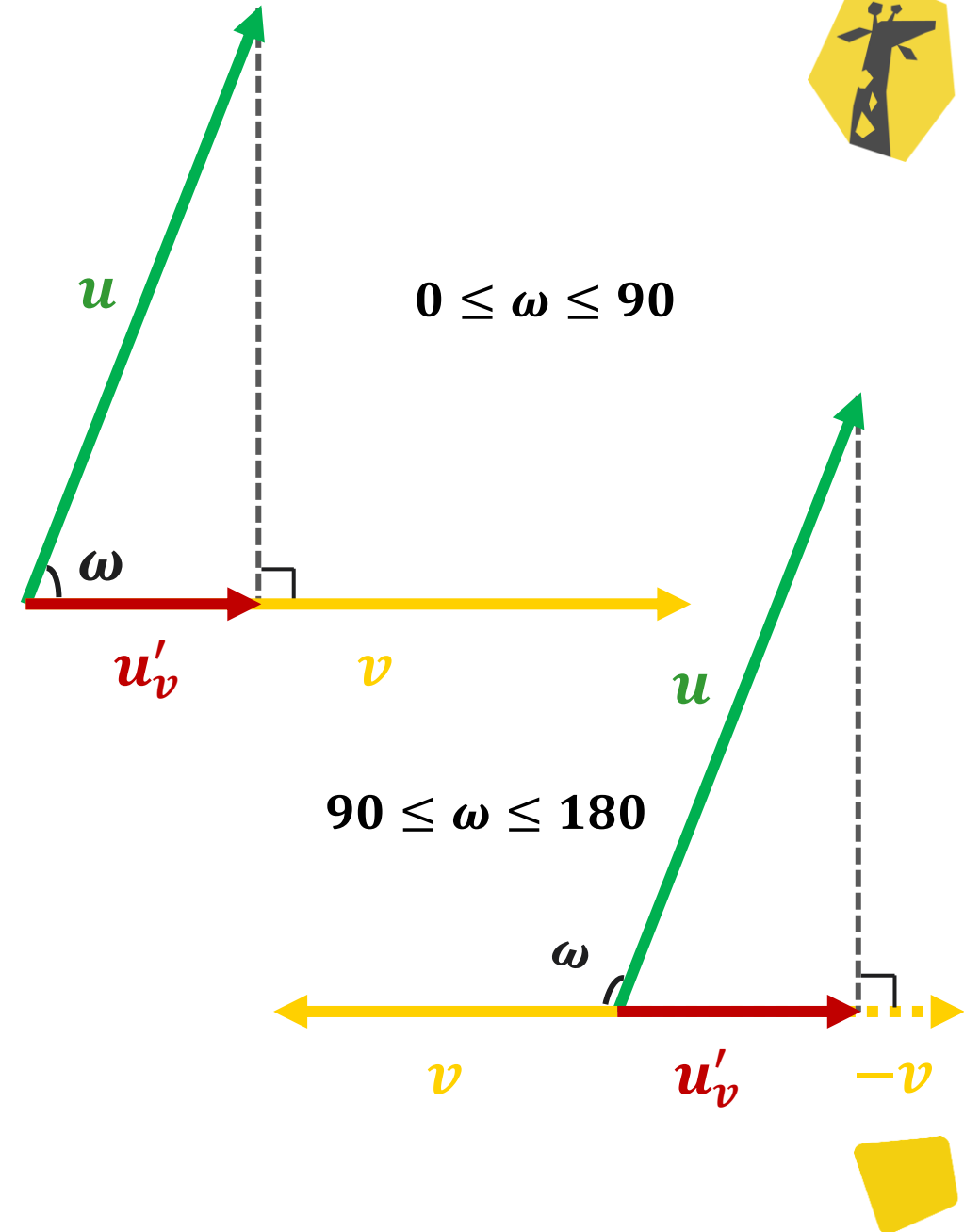


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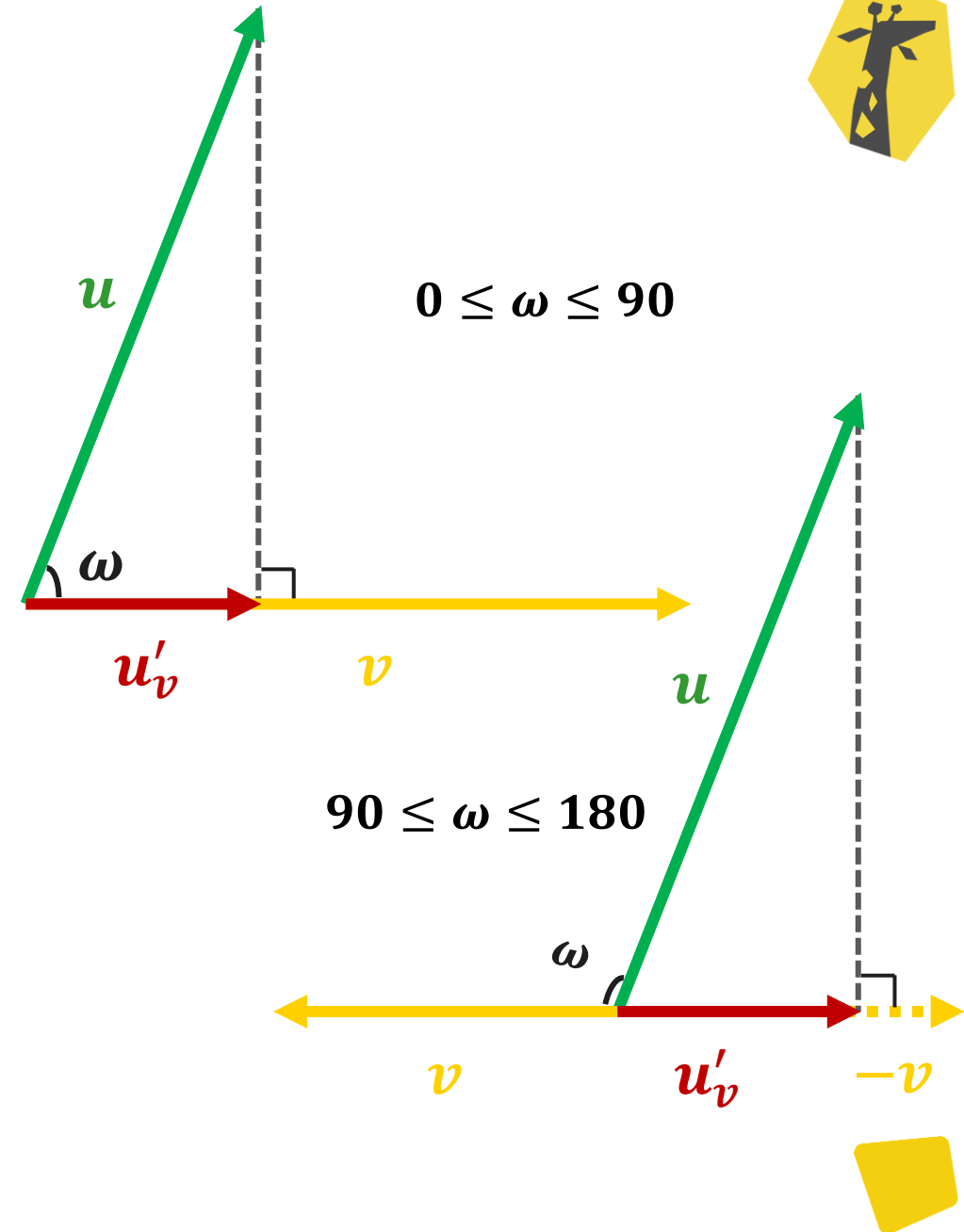
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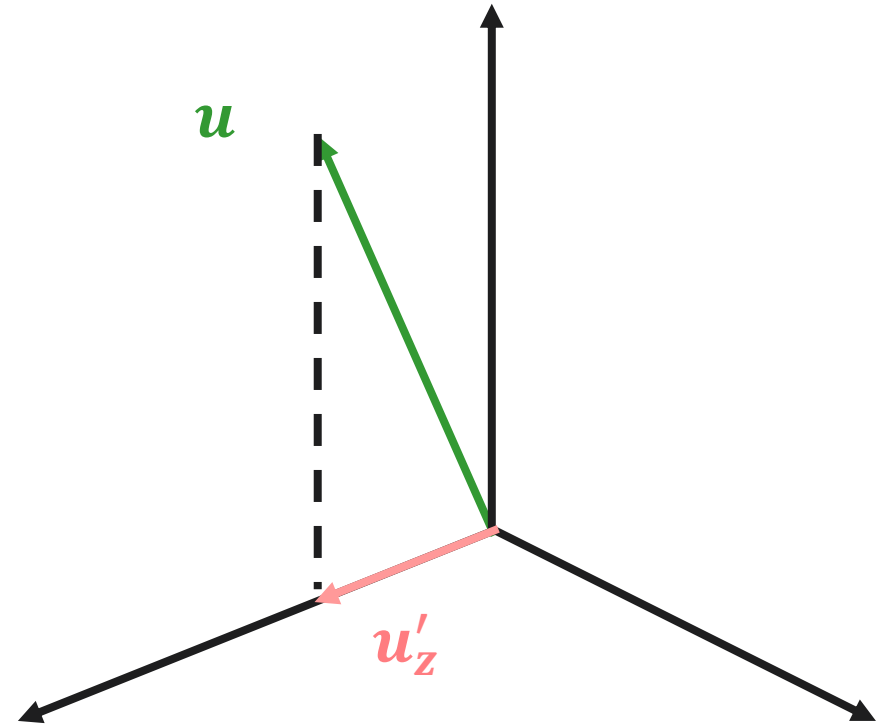
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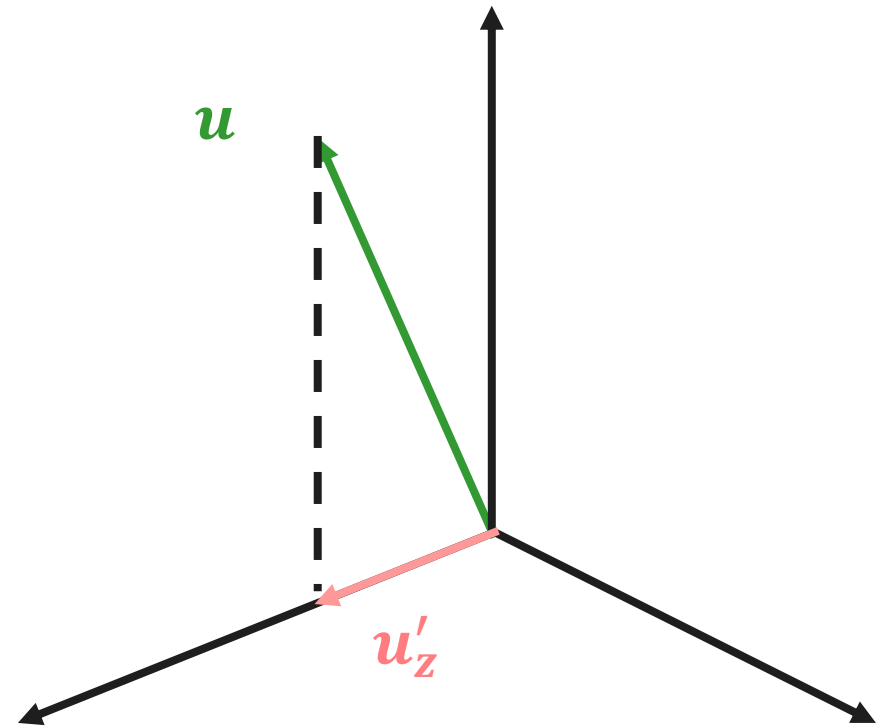


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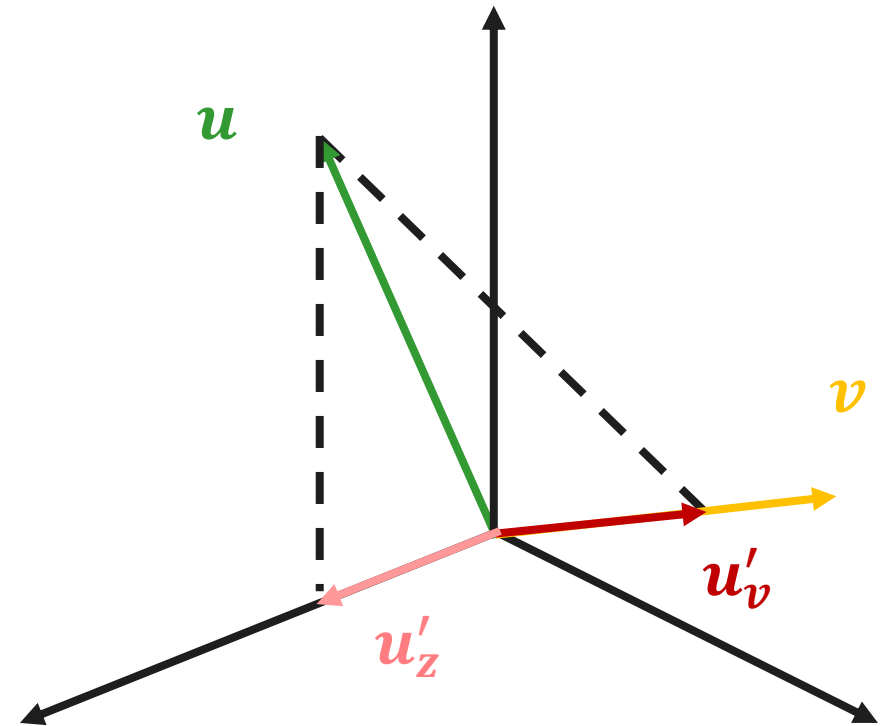
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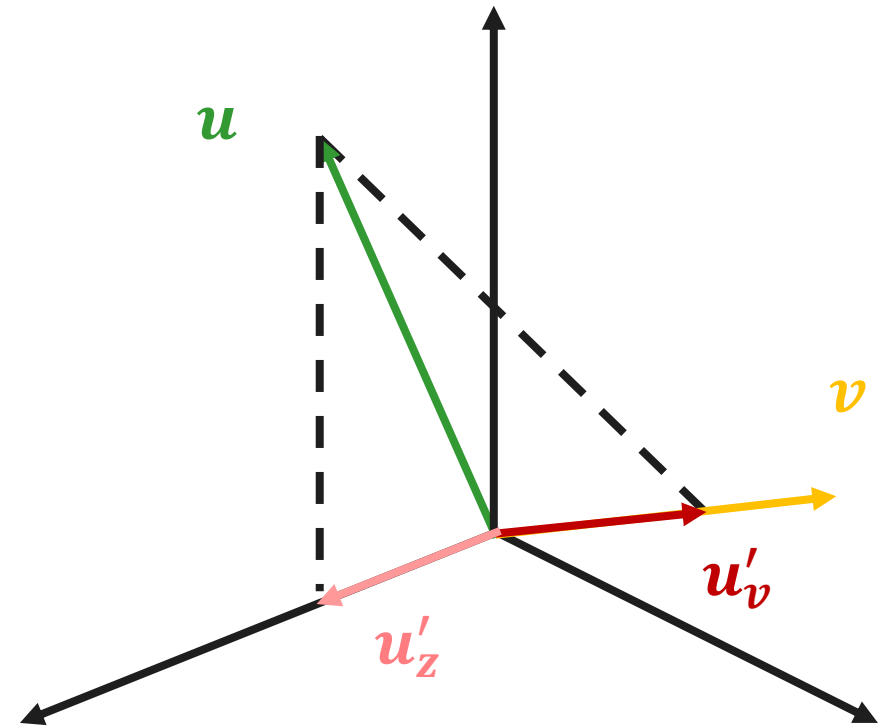
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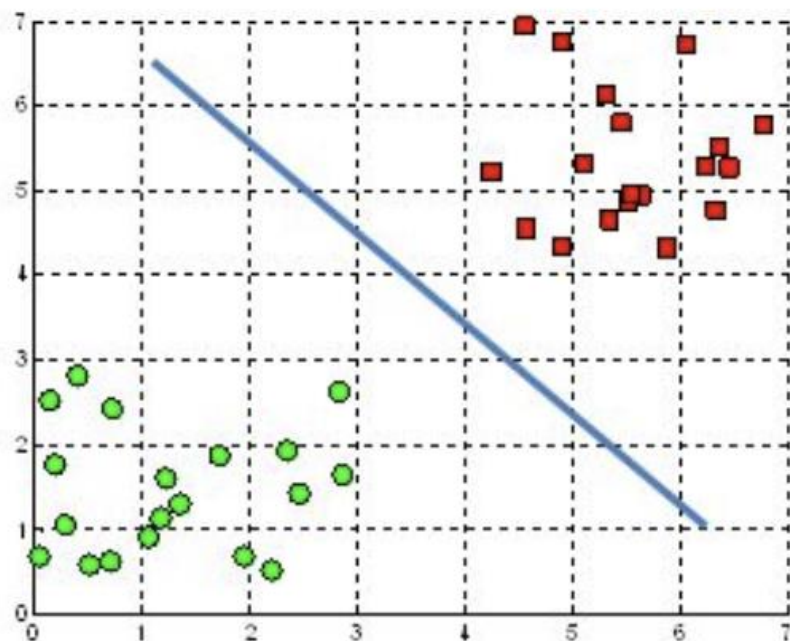
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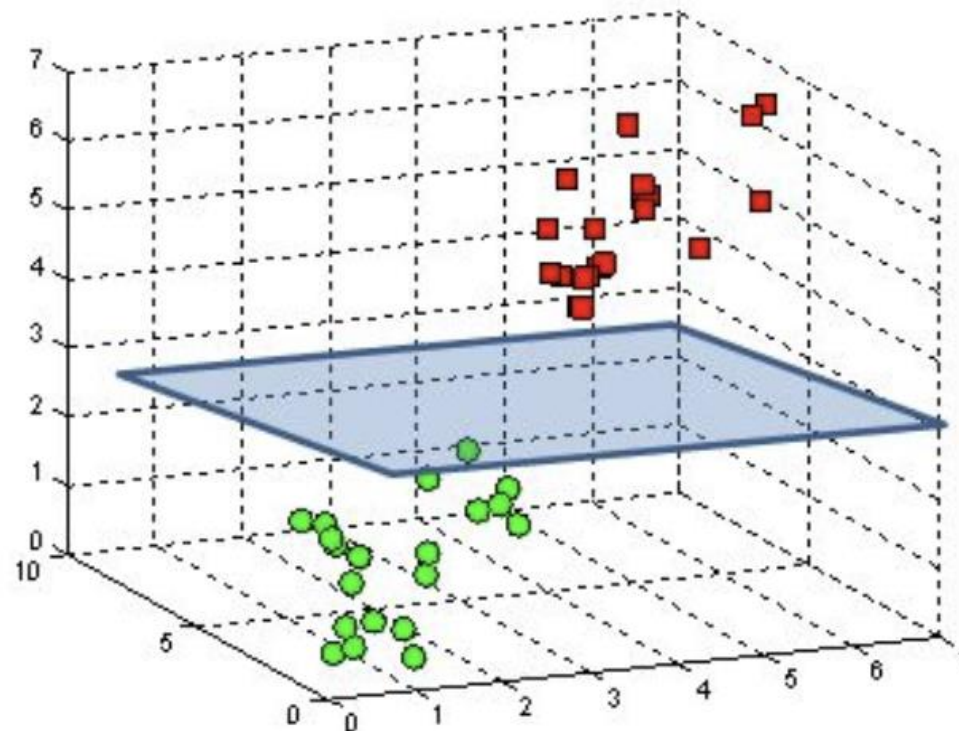


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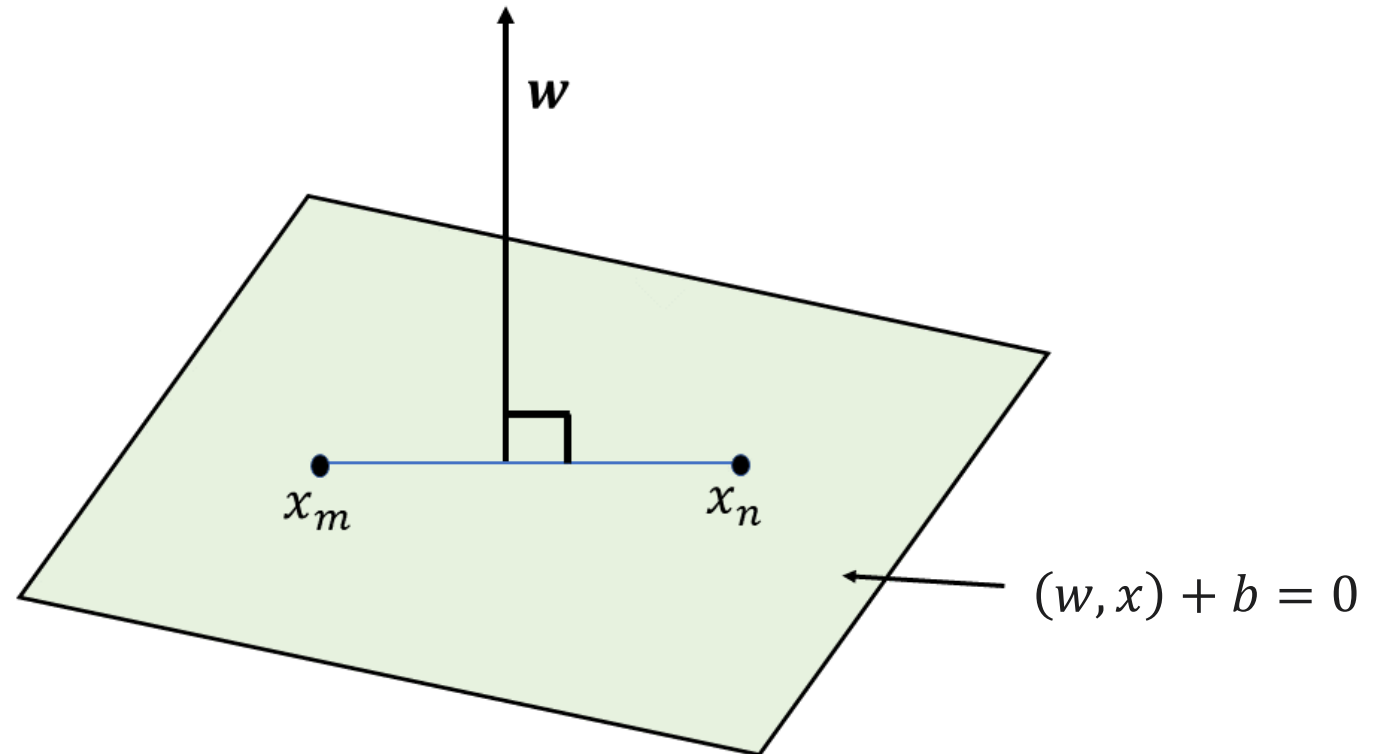
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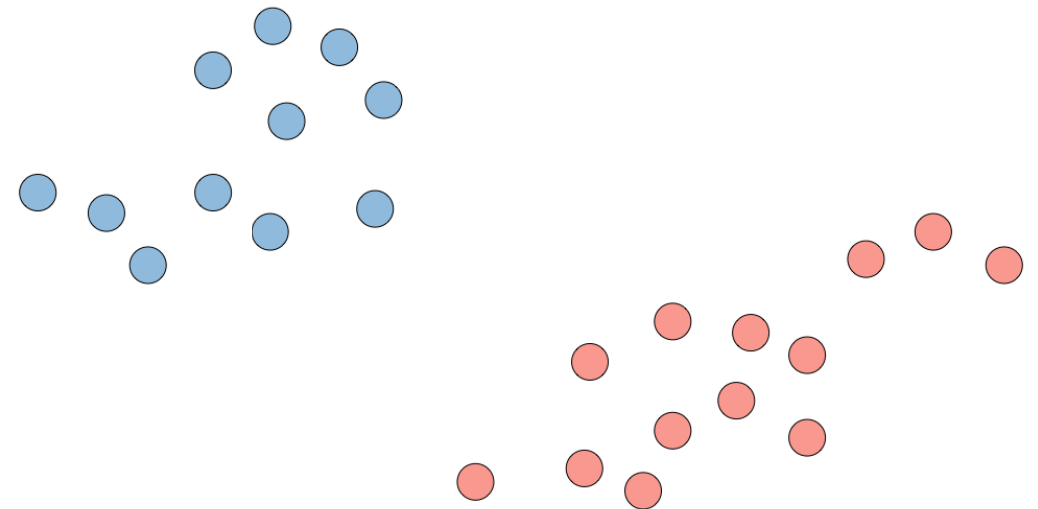
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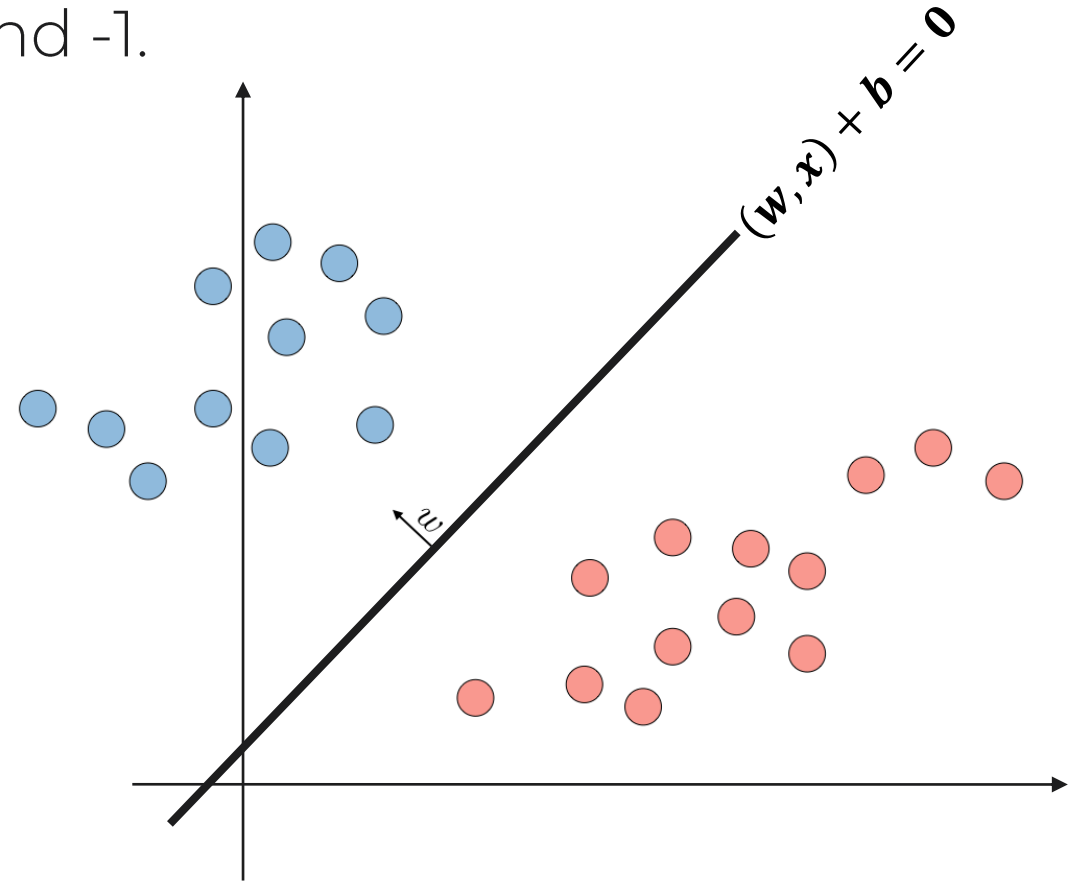
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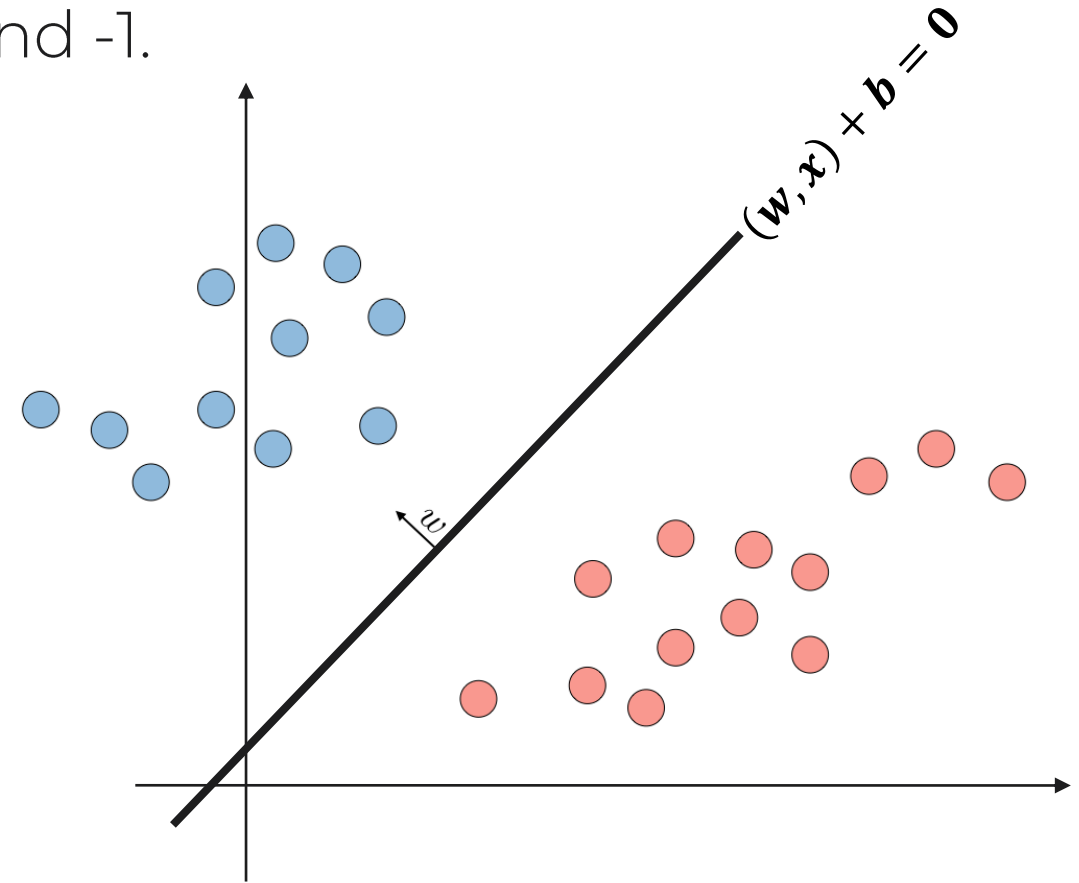
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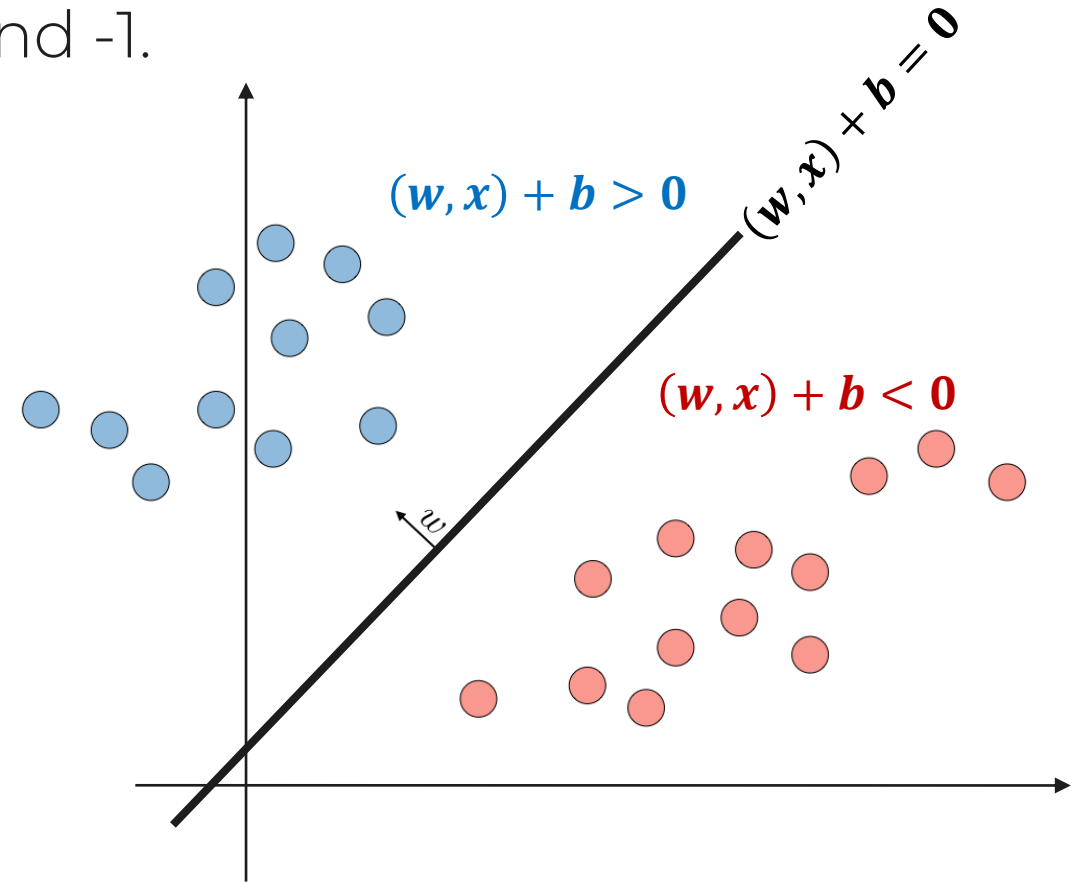
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# Next Time

- More on vector spaces.