Advanced Machine Learning

Vector Spaces

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$$\mathbf{b=M^{-1}x}$$

$$\nabla_X \mathrm{Tr}(X^{-1}A) = -X^{-1}AX^{-1}$$

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Vectors, metric spaces, norms

Outline

1. **Vector Spaces**
2. Metrics (distances)
3. Norms

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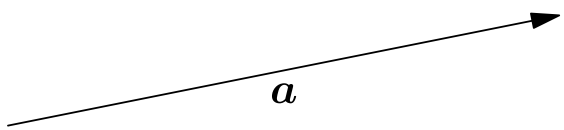

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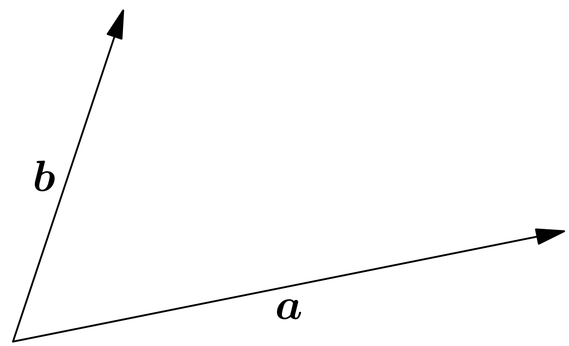

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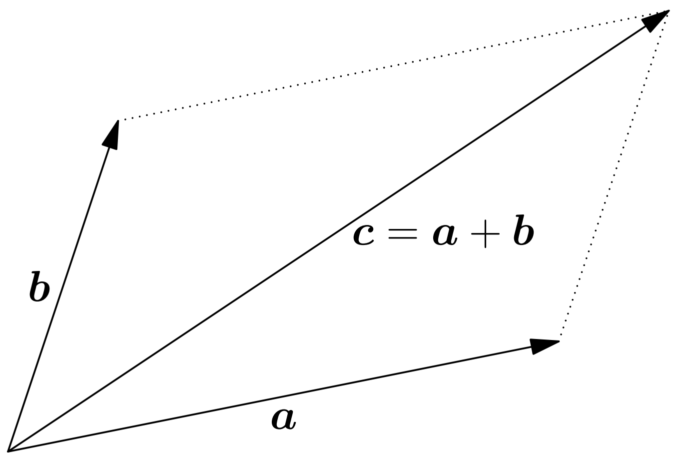

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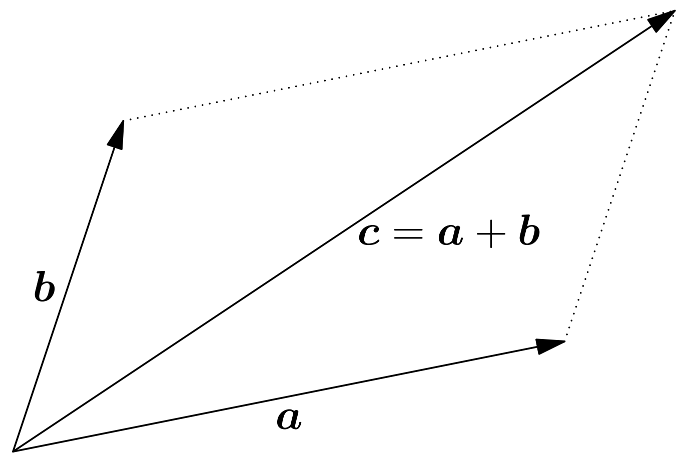

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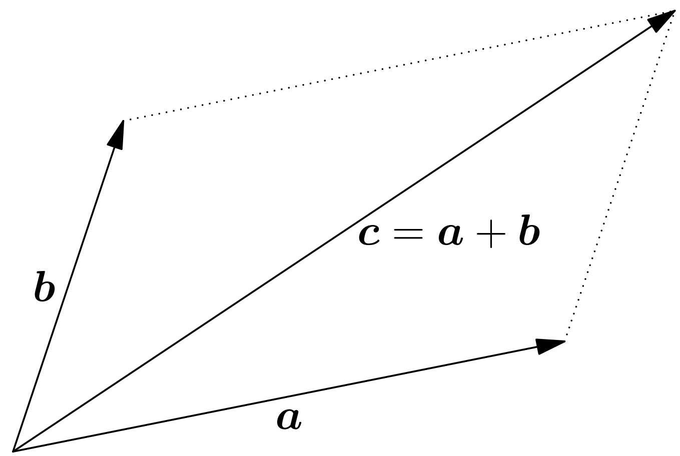

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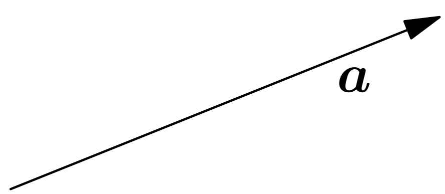

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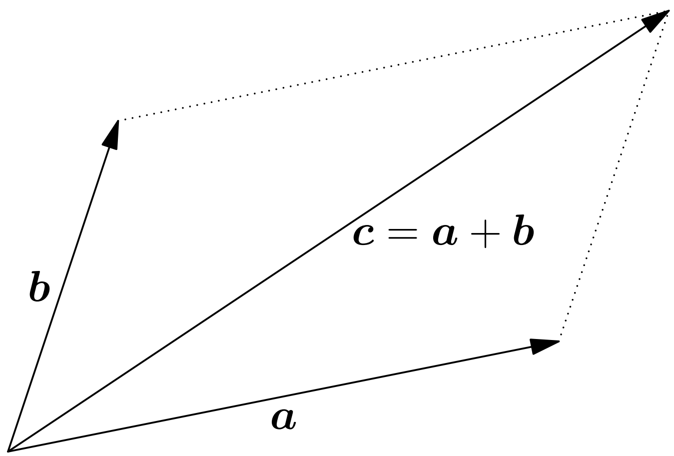

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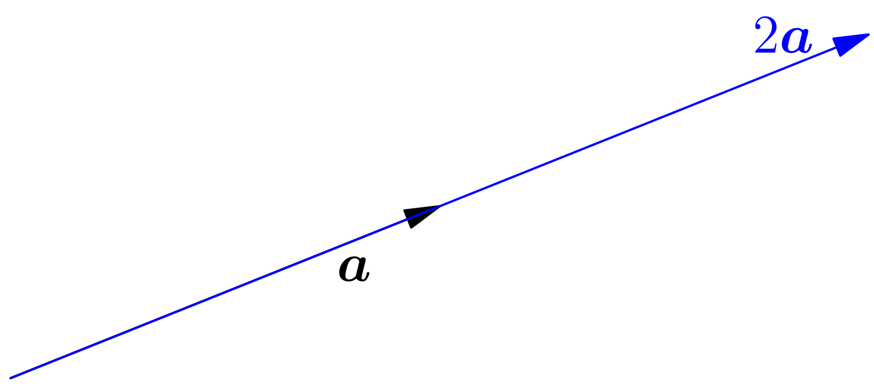

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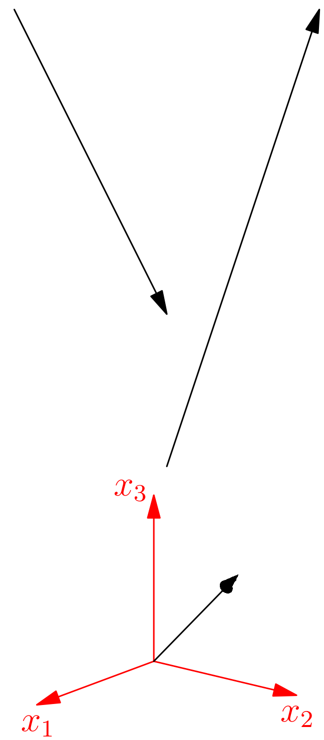

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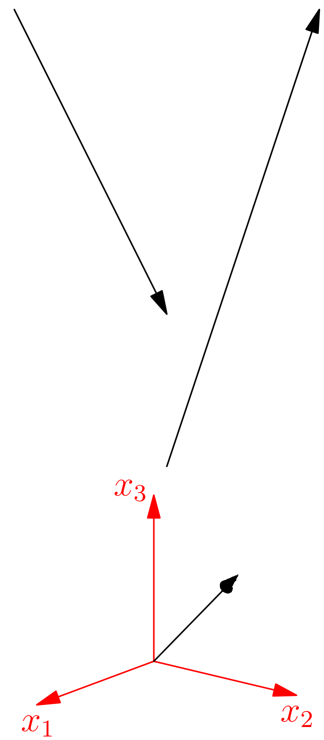

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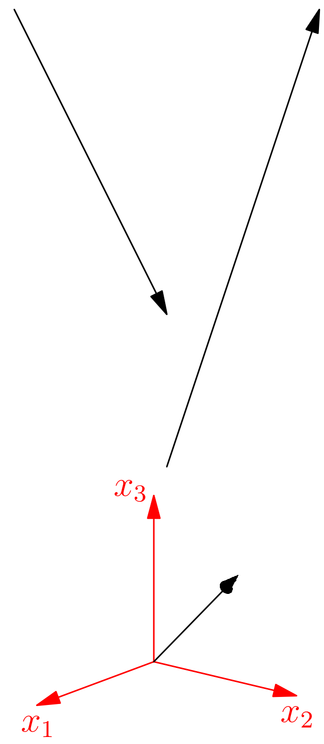

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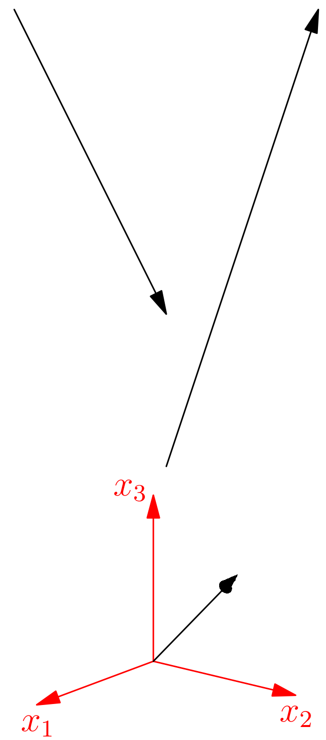

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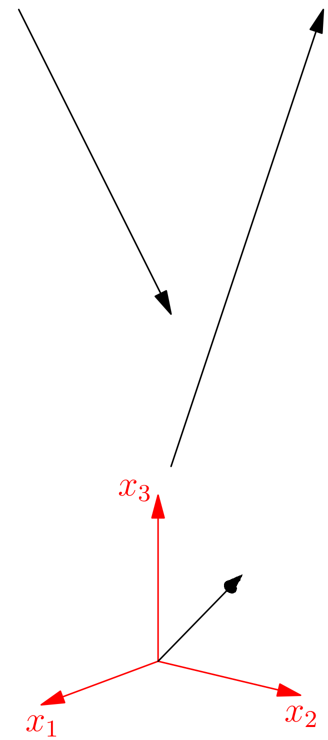

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