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Maths is the Language of ML

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Course information, vectors, vector spaces, operators

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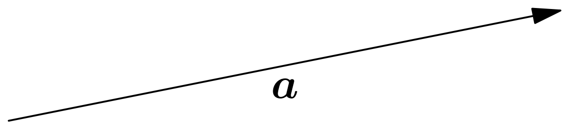

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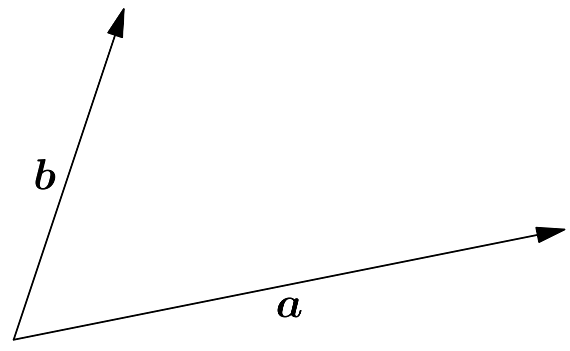

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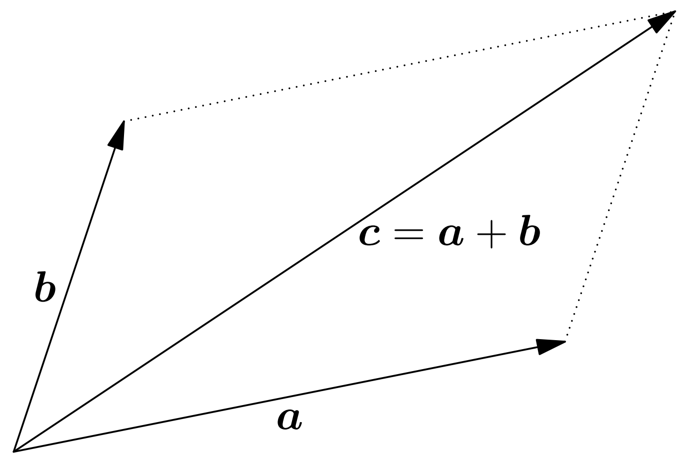

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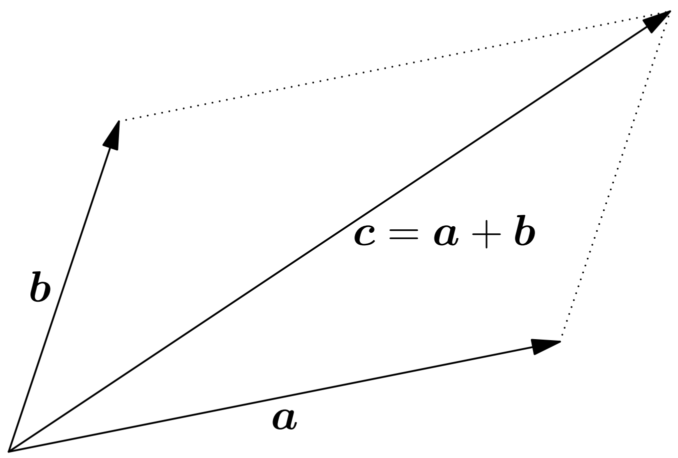

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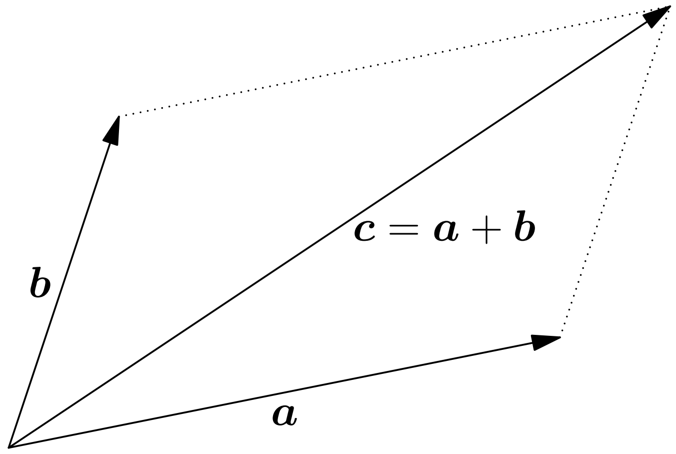

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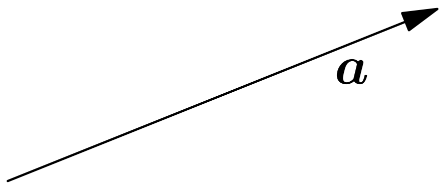

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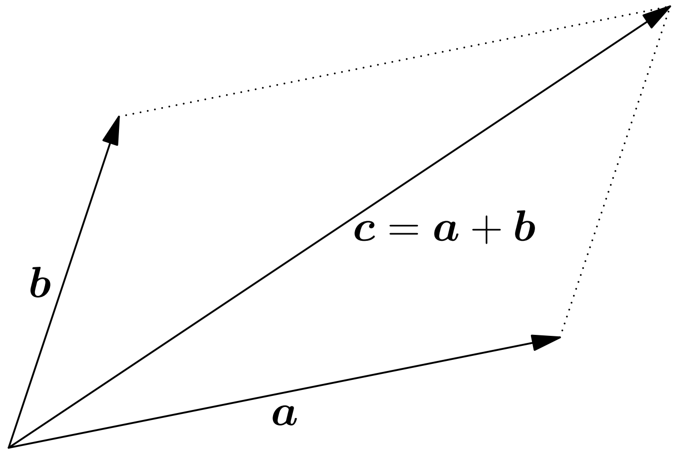

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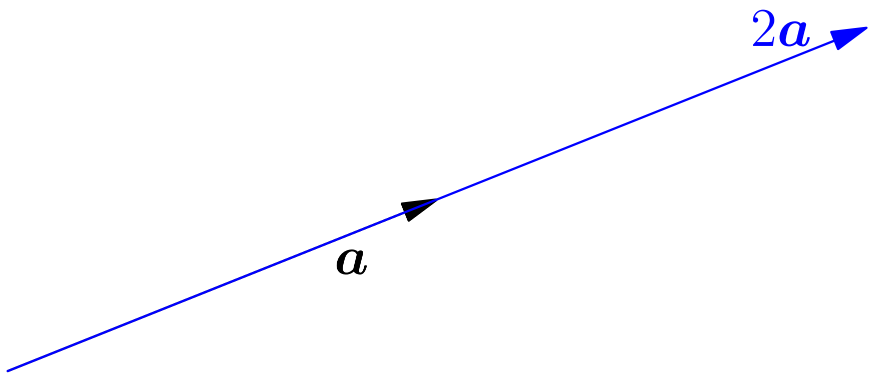

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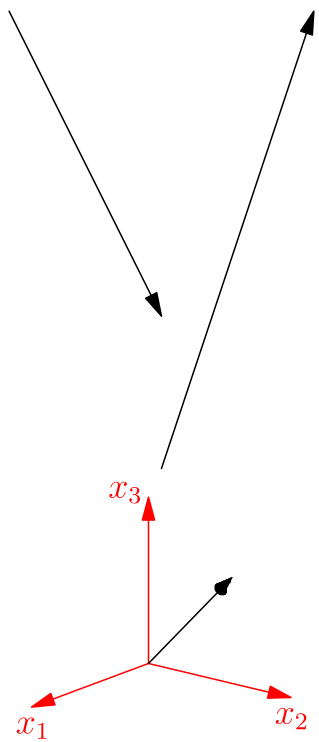

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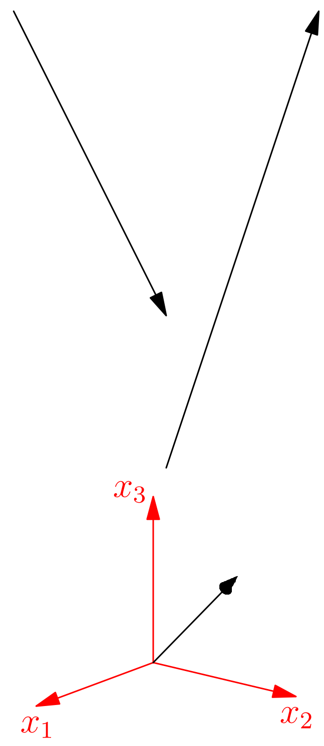

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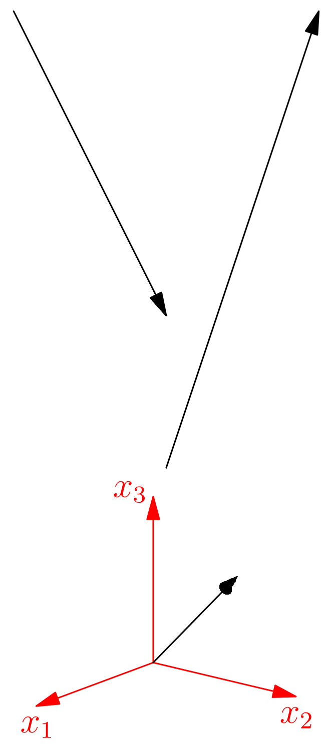

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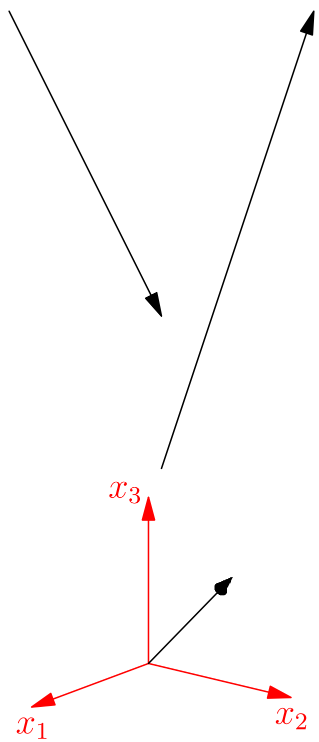

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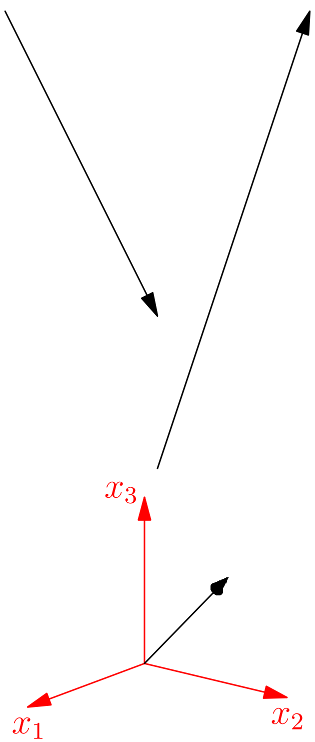

Other Vector Spaces

- Vectors are not the only object that form vector spaces
- Matrices satisfy all the conditions of a vector space
- Infinite sequences form a vector space
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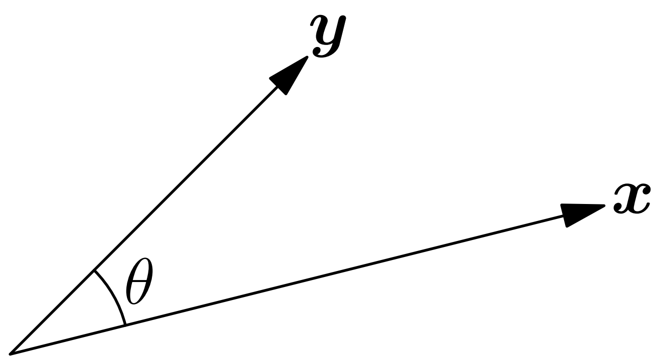

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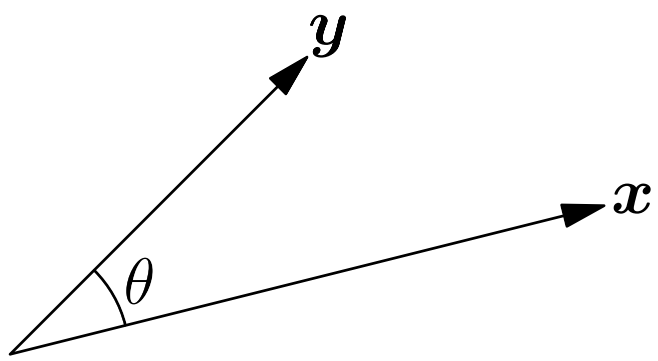

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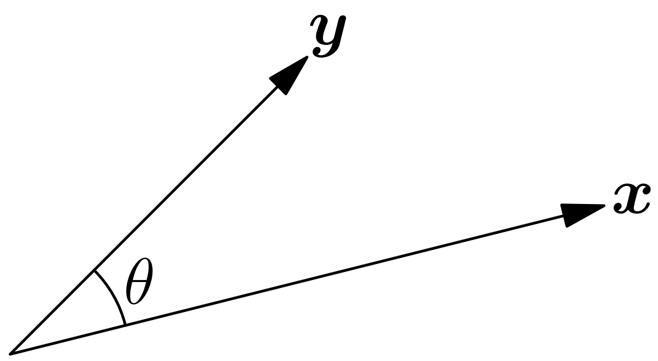

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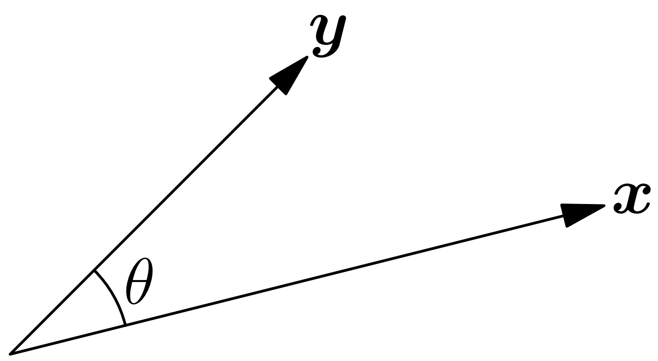

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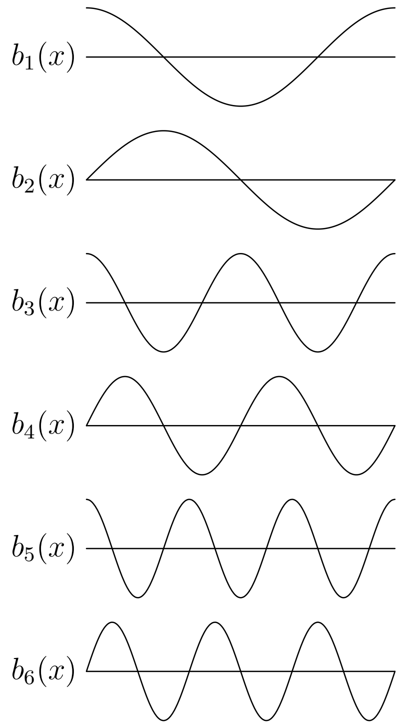

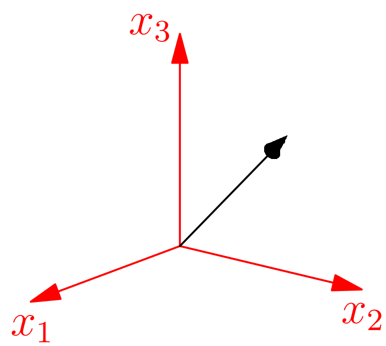

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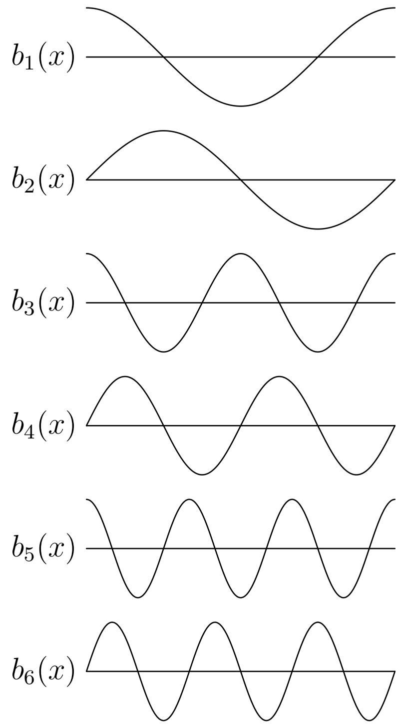

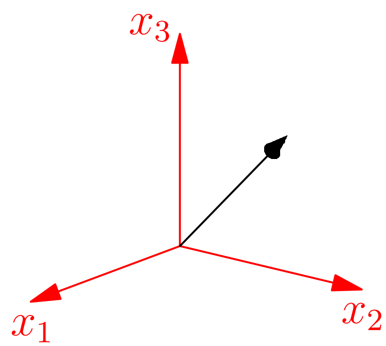

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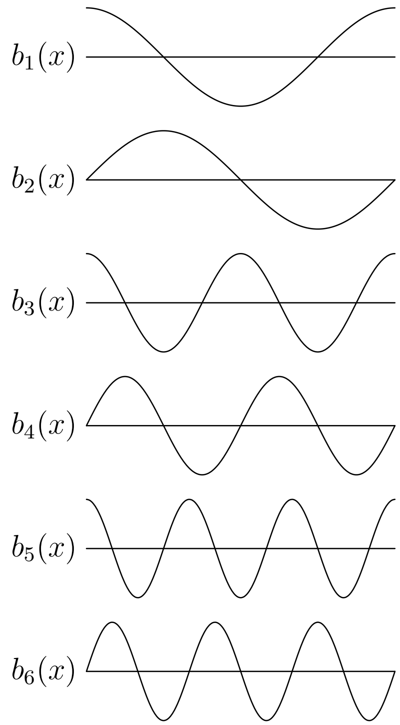

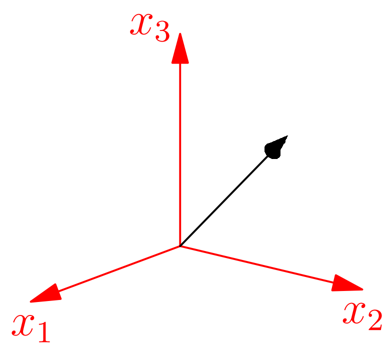

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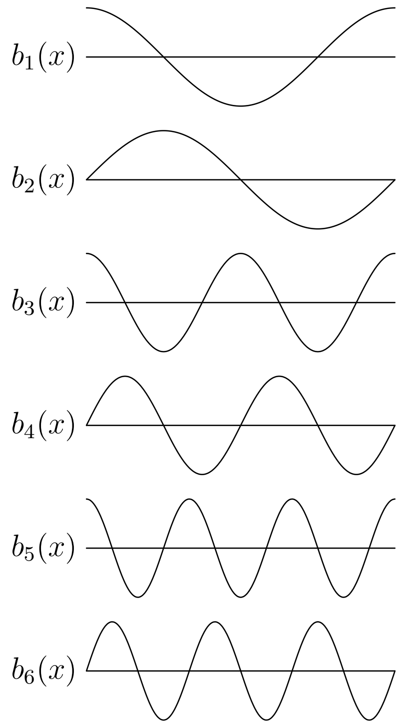

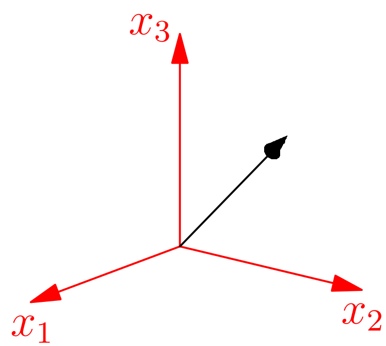

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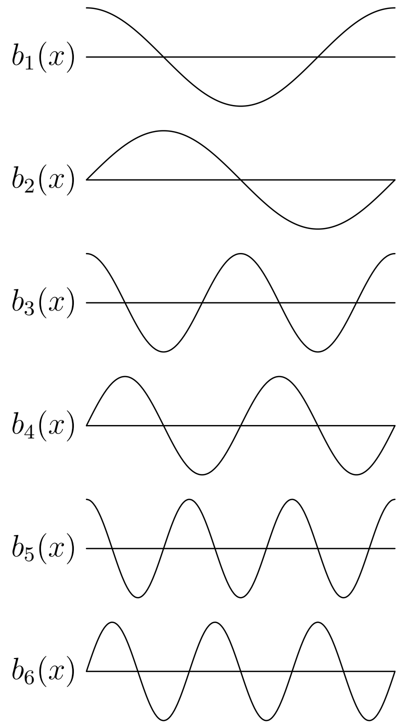

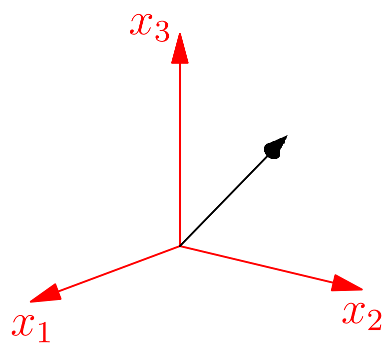

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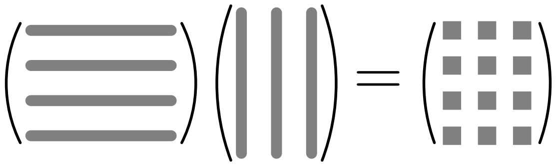

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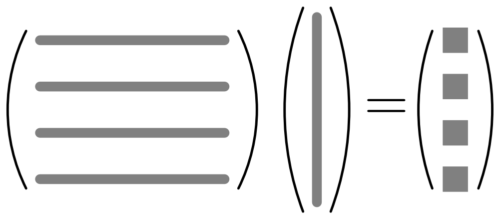

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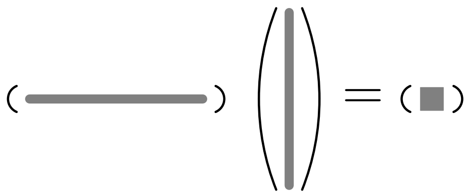

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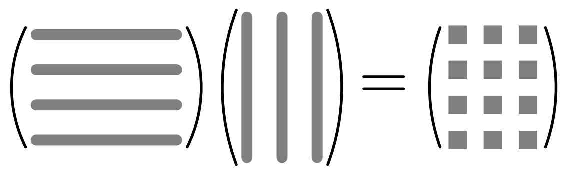

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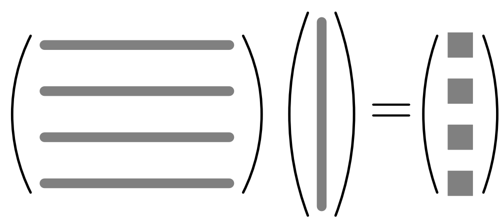

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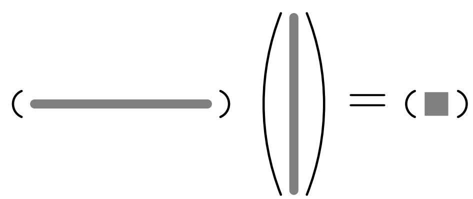

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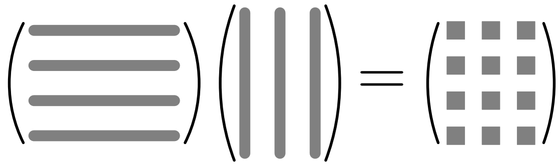

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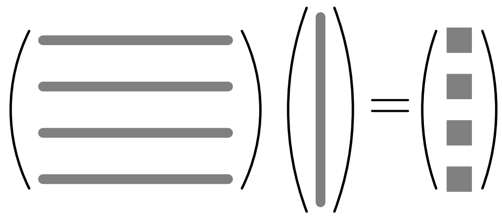

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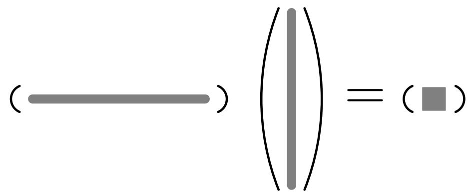

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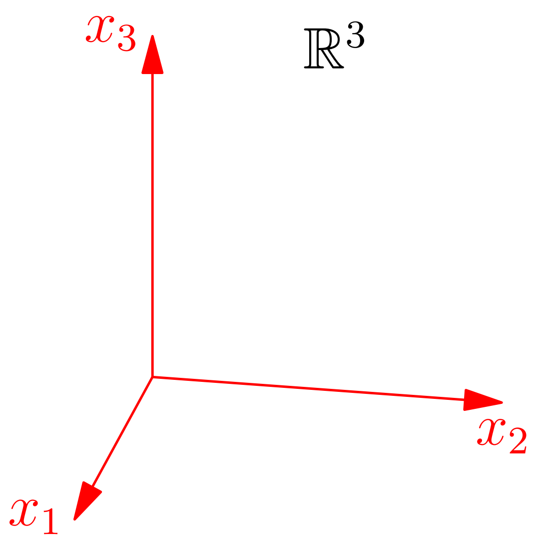

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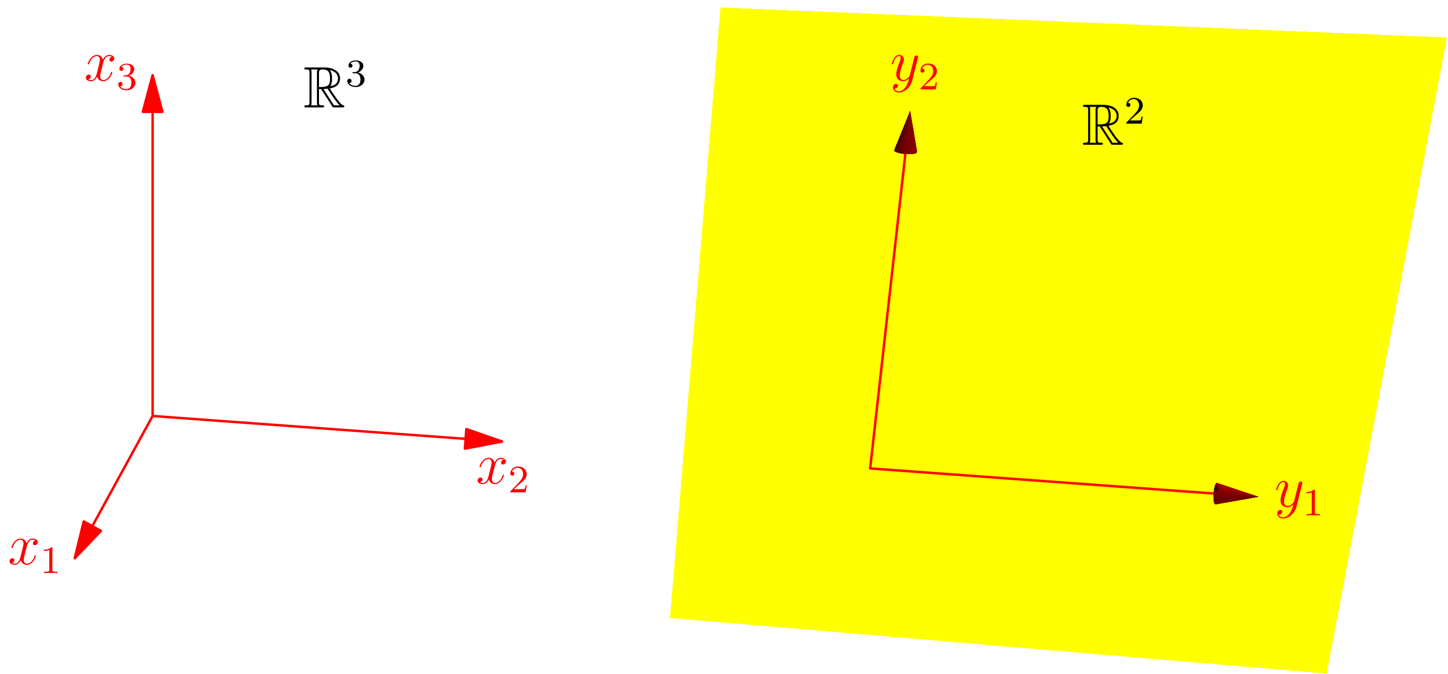

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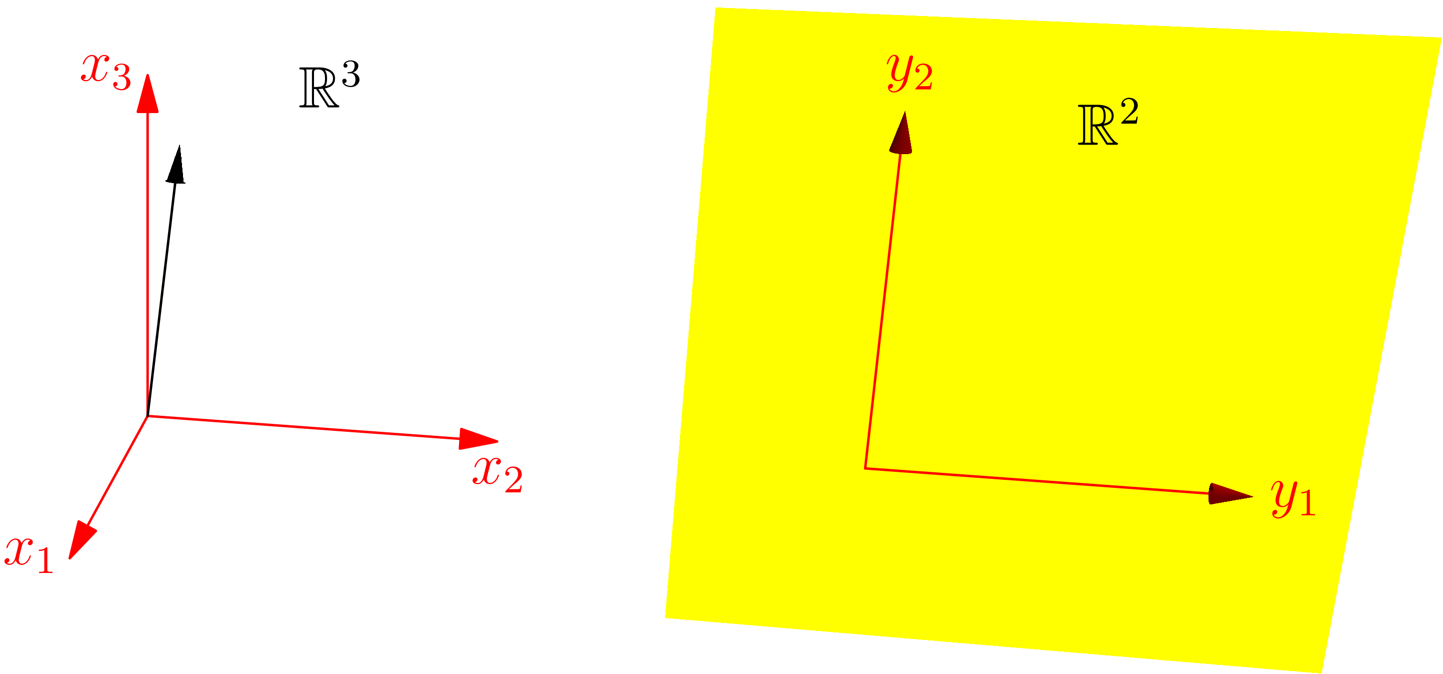

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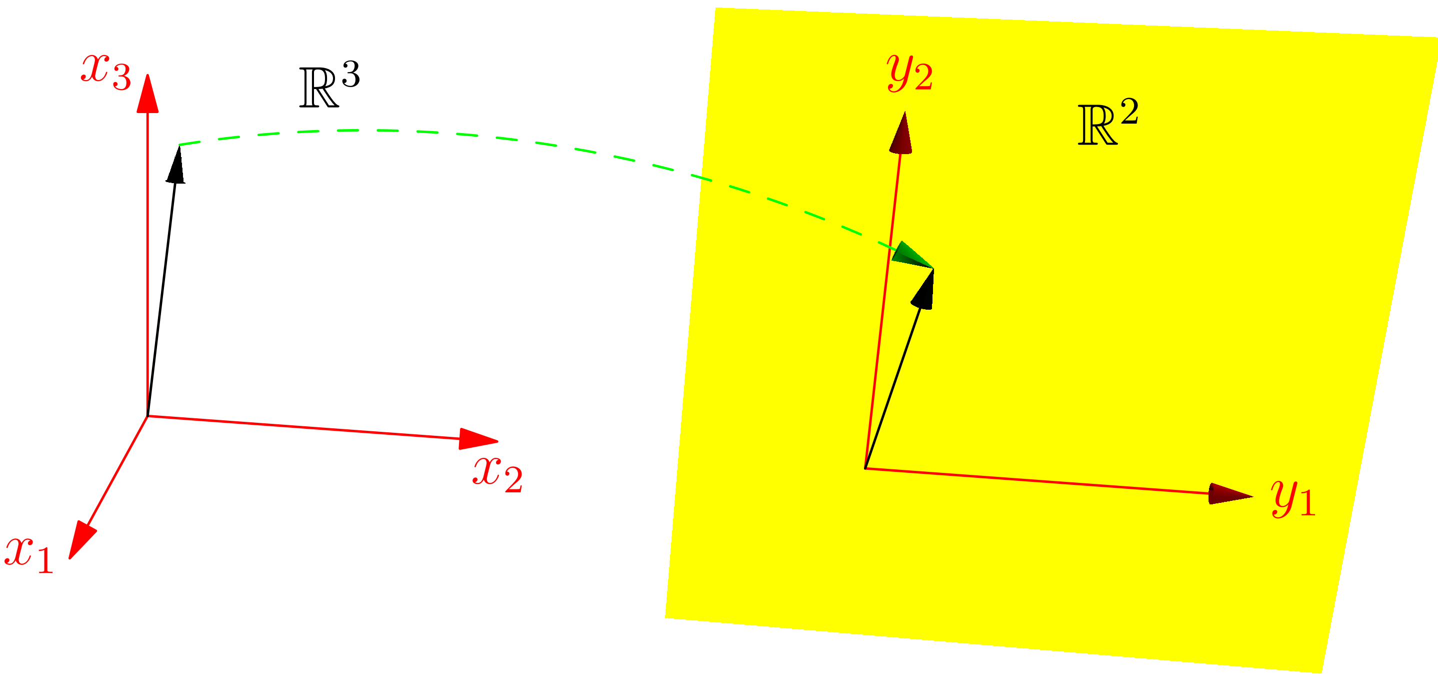

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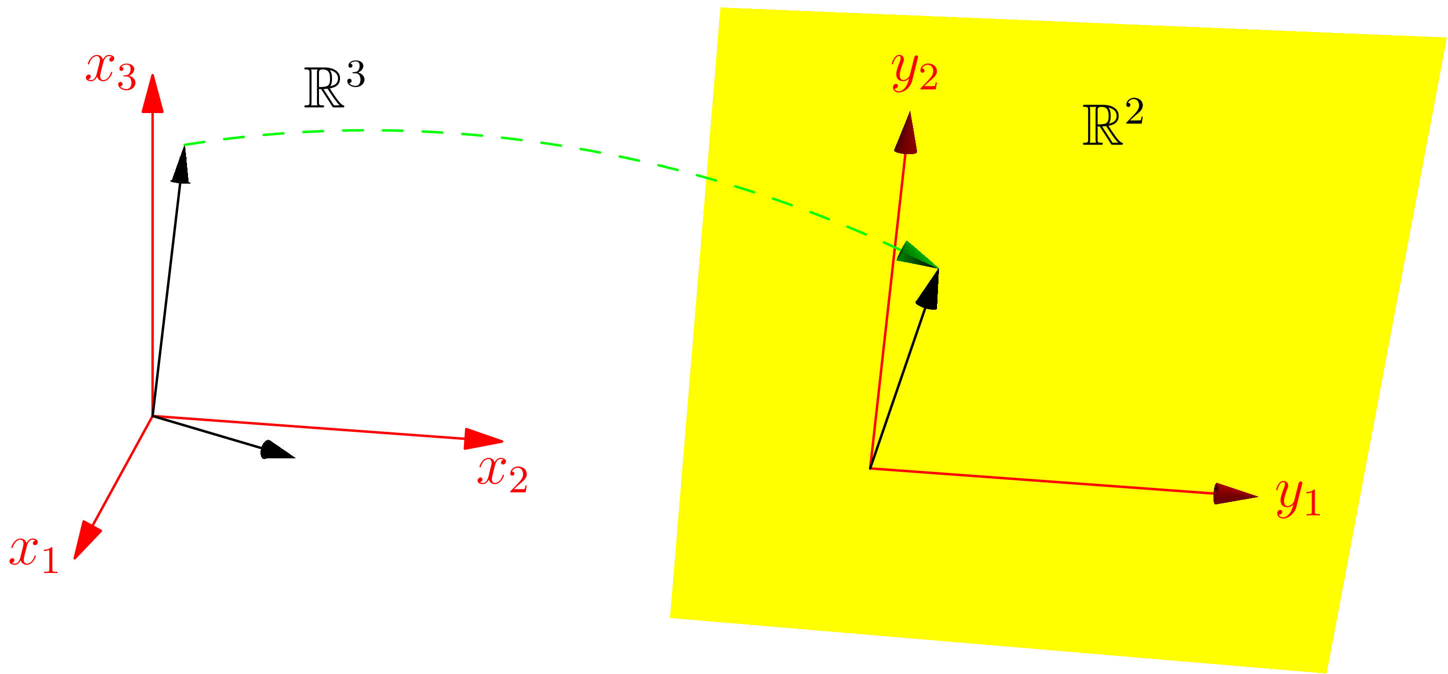

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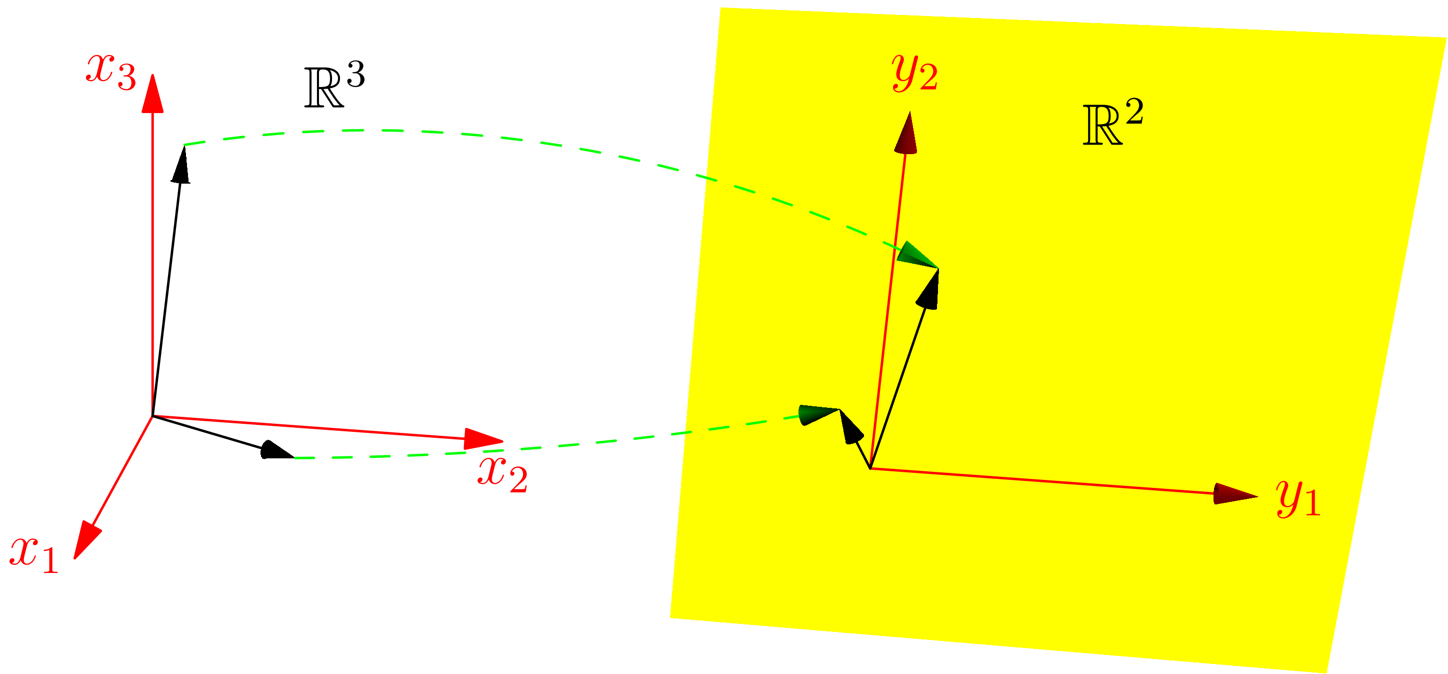

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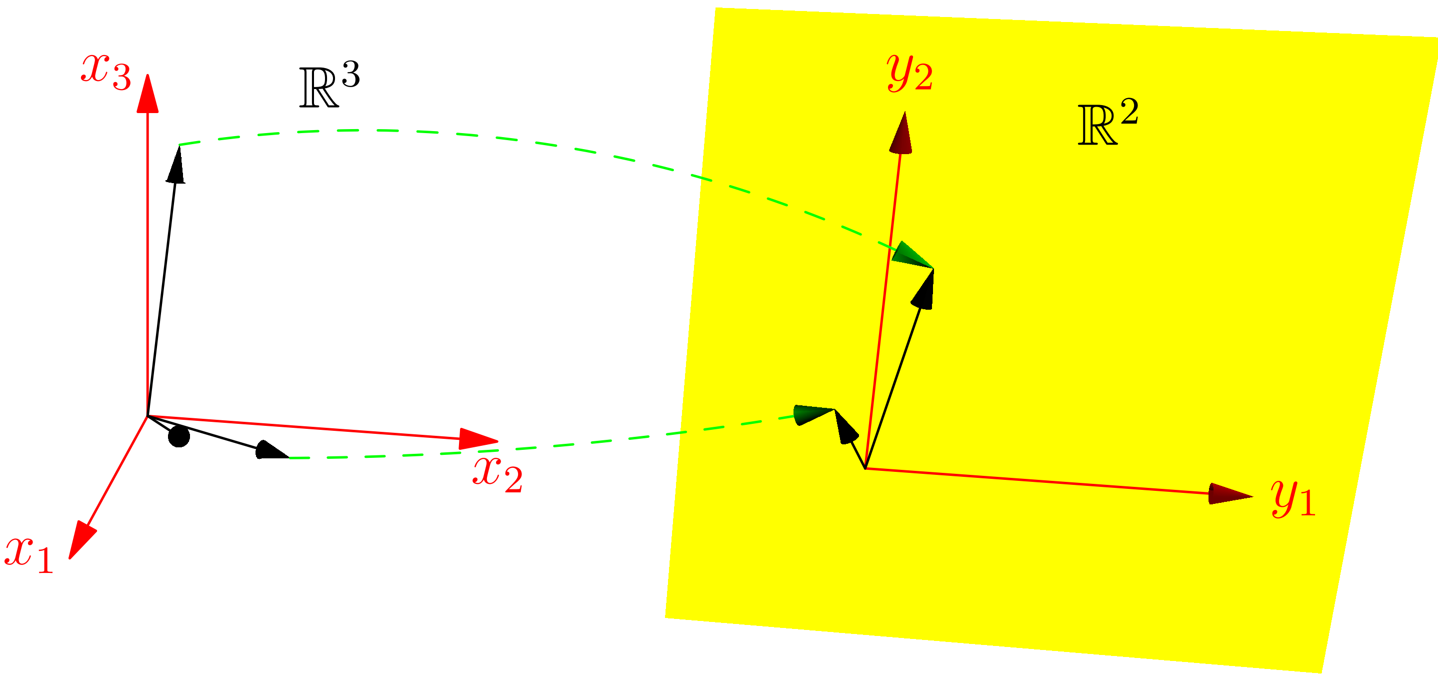

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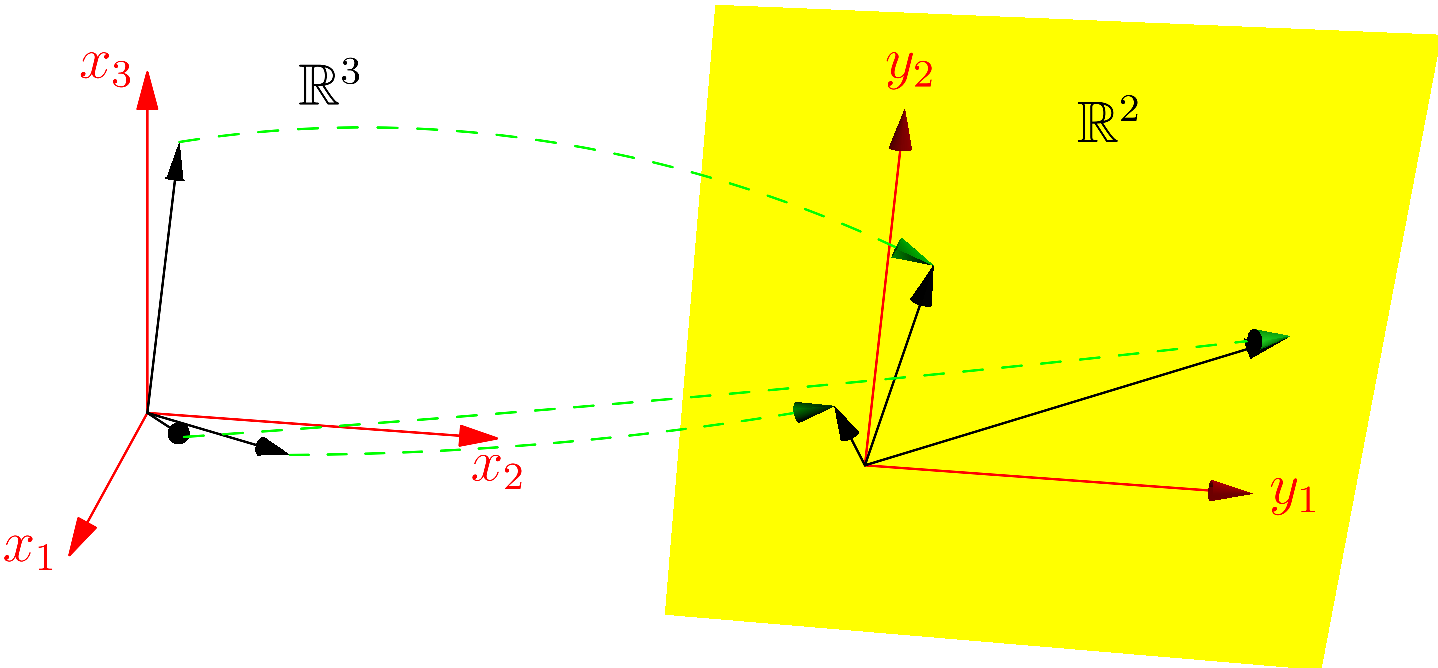

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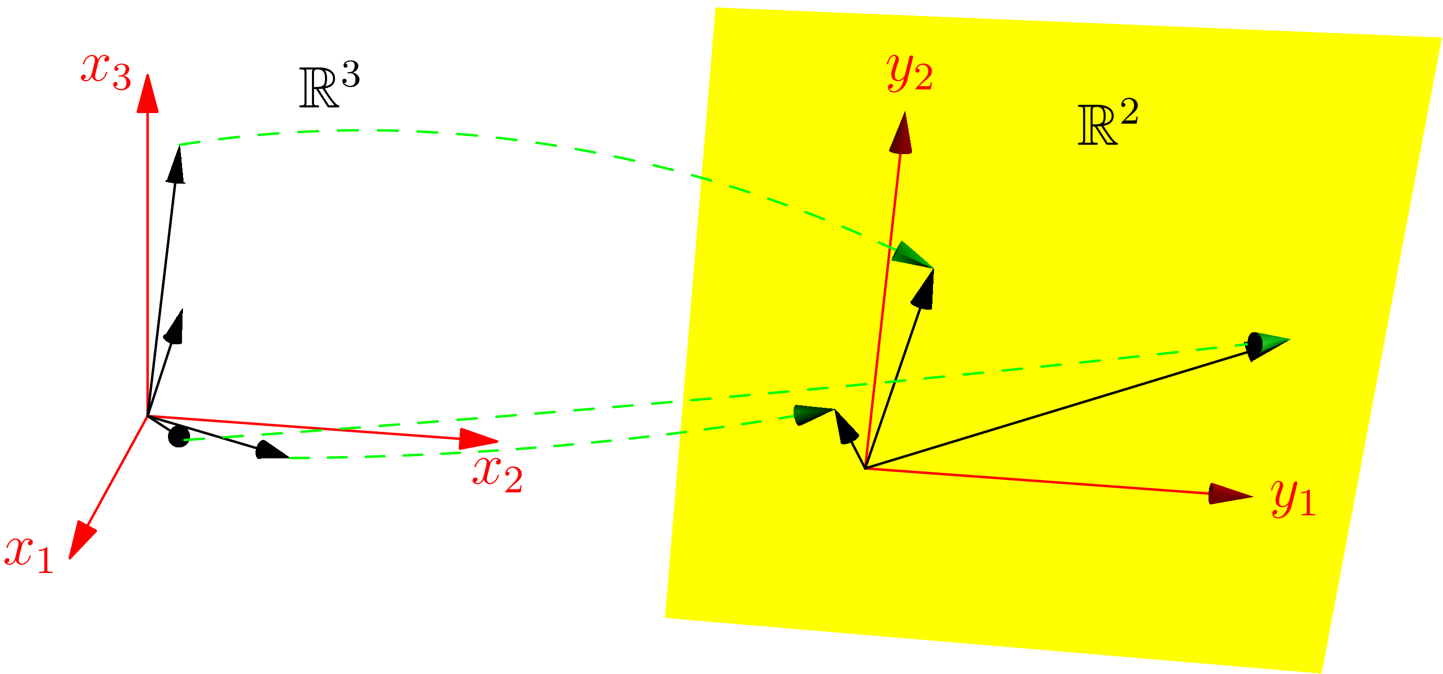

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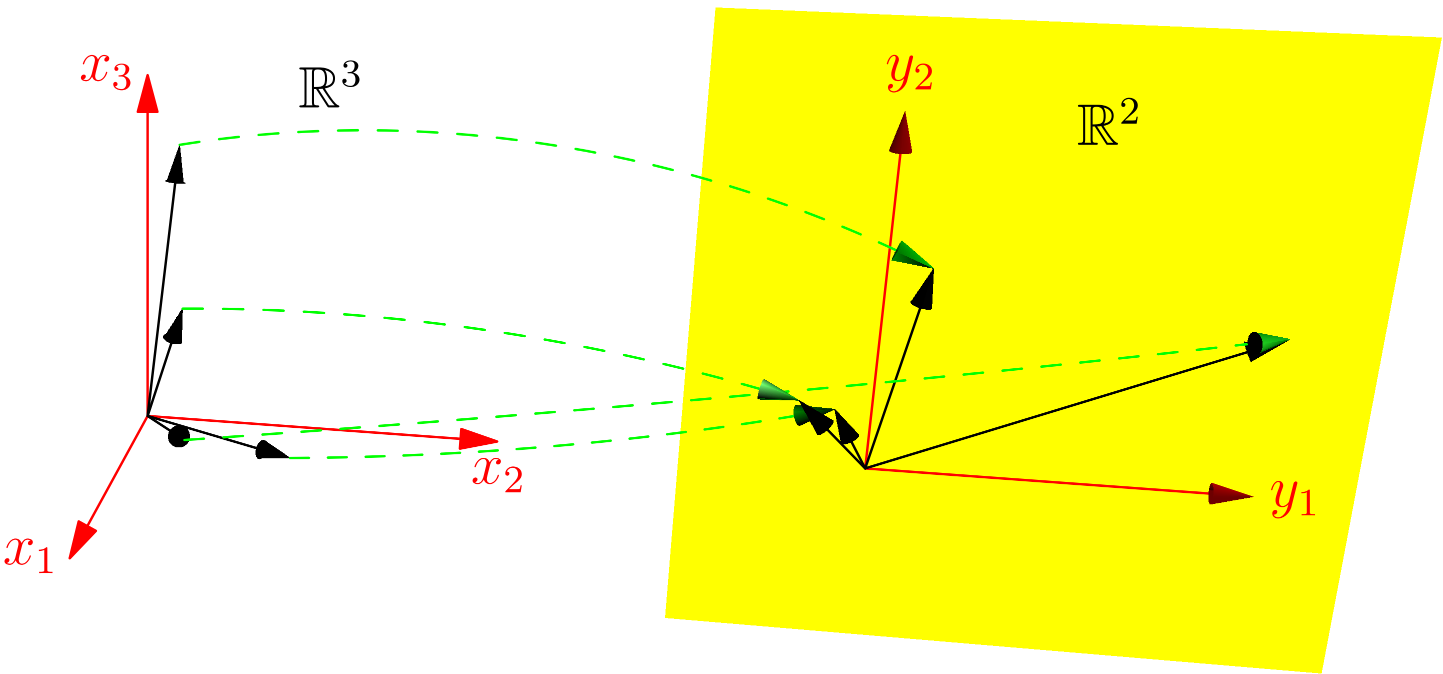

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