Machine Learning
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Linear Algebra and Calculus Review (cont'd)
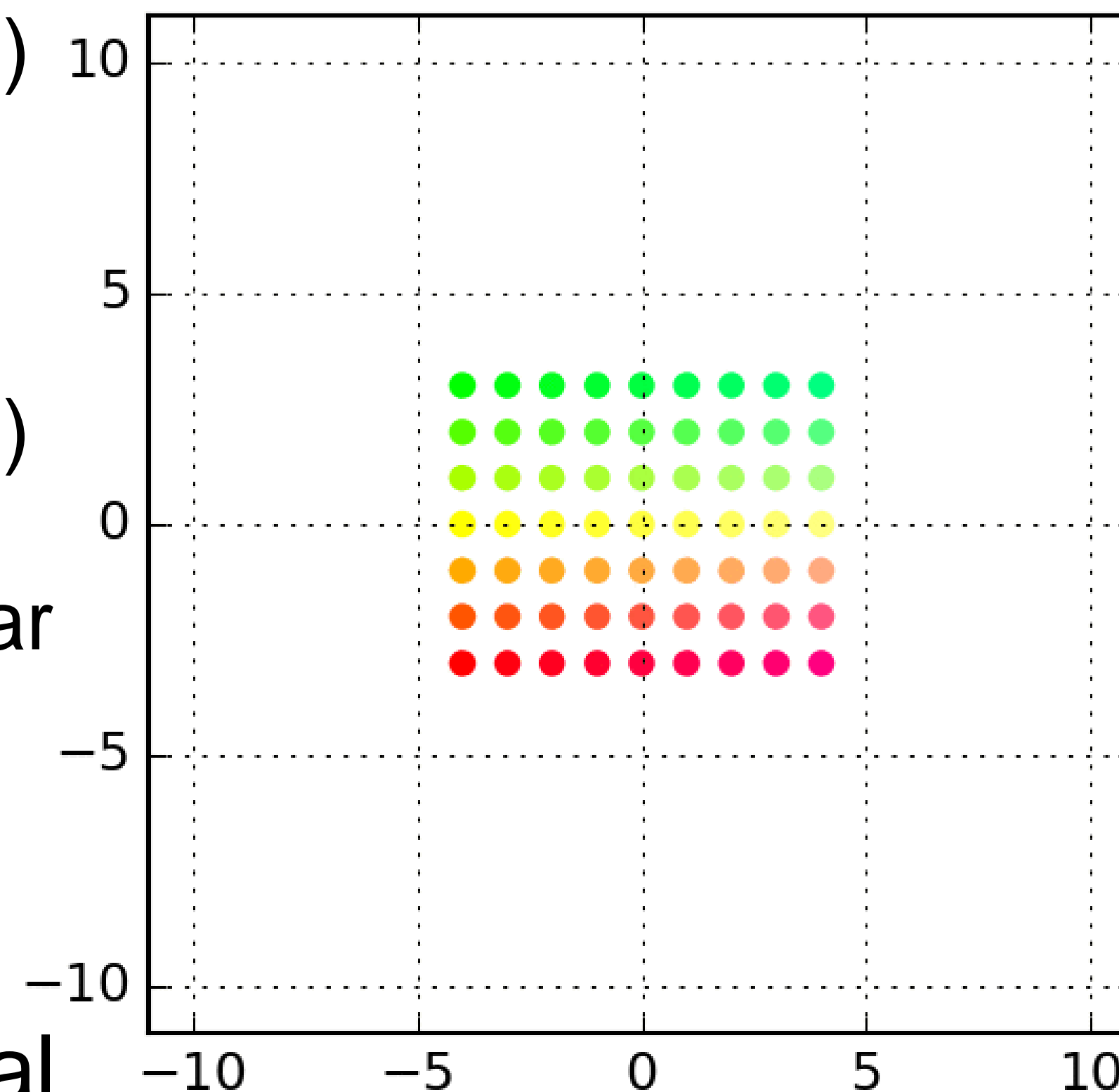
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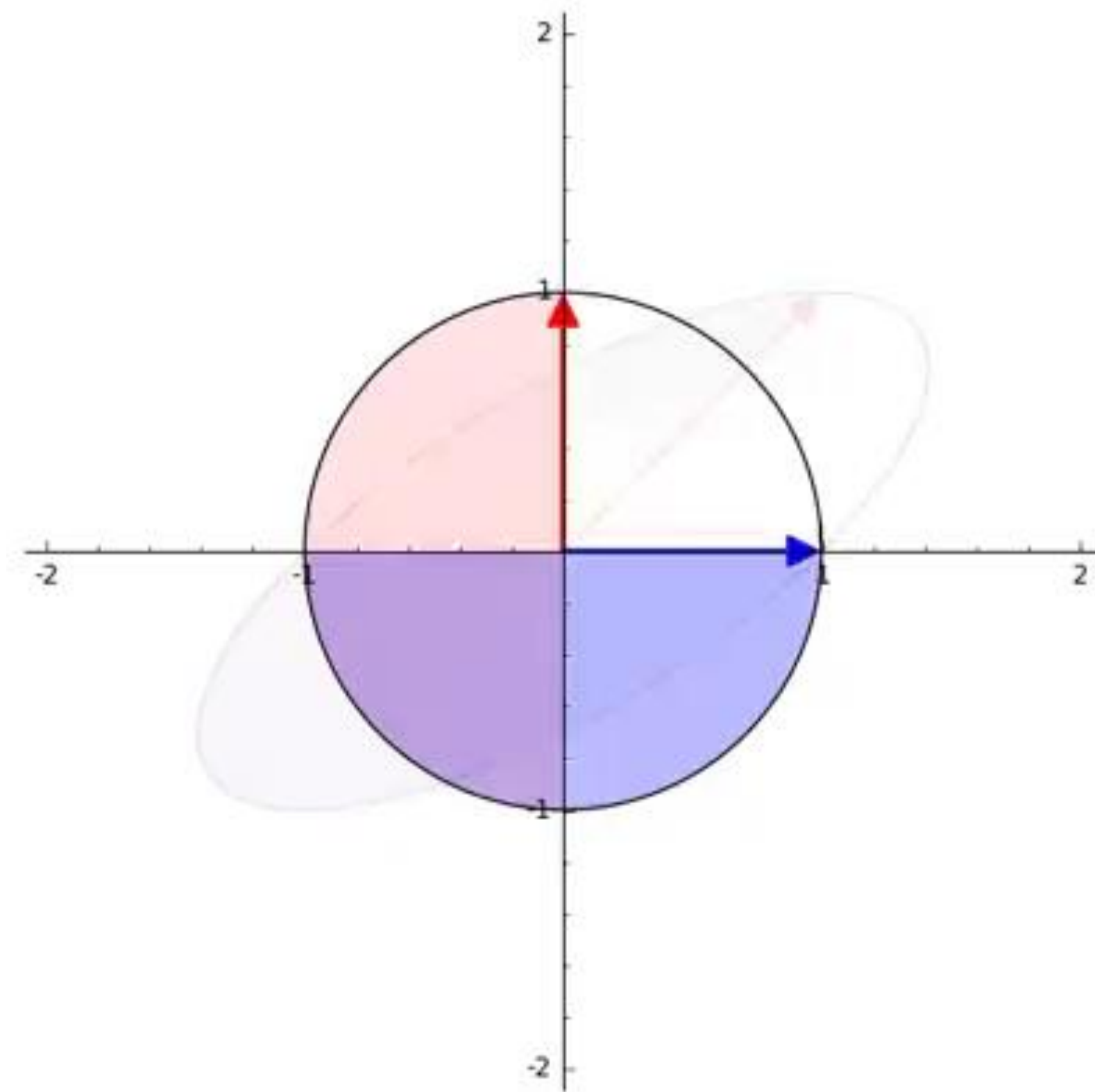
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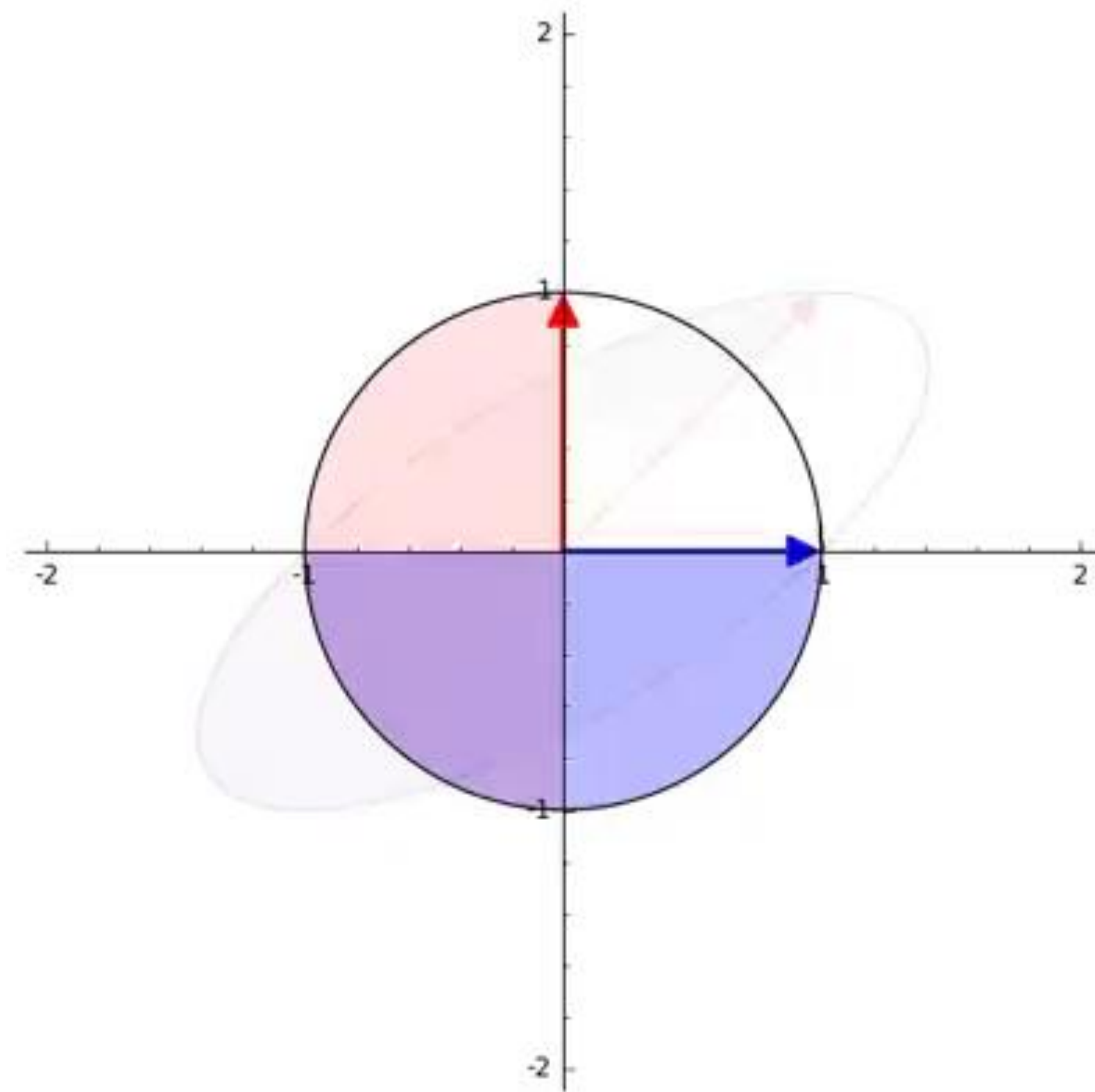
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The diagonal entries of Σ are known as the singular values

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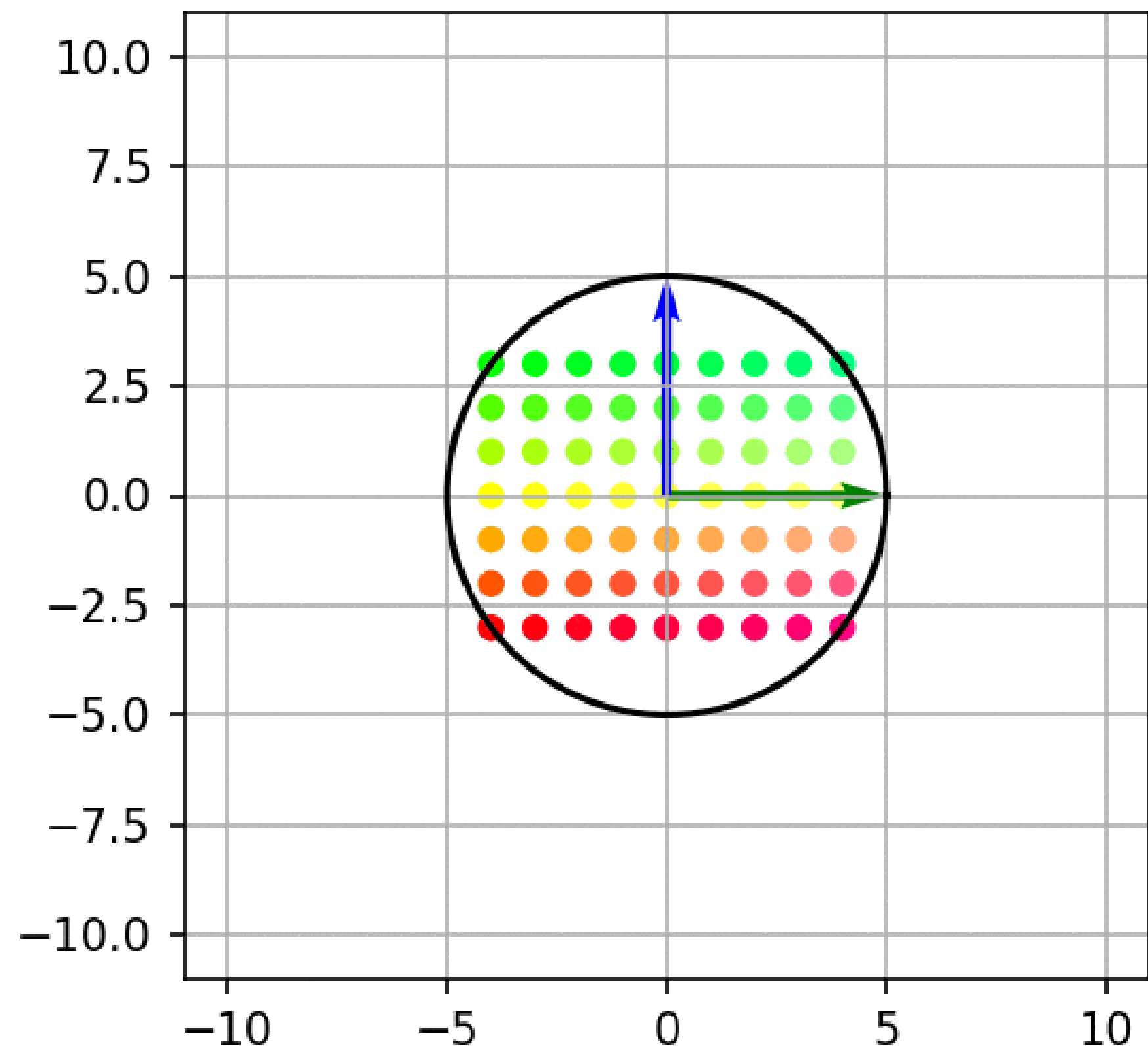
Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Example:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 6 & -2 \\ 6 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dfrac{1}{3} & \dfrac{2}{\sqrt{5}} & \dfrac{2}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ -\dfrac{2}{3} & \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{5}} & -\dfrac{4}{3\sqrt{5}} \\ -\dfrac{2}{3} & 0 & \dfrac{\sqrt{5}}{3} \end{pmatrix}}_{U} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 3\sqrt{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\Sigma} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} -\dfrac{3}{\sqrt{10}} & \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{10}} \\ \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{10}} & \dfrac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \end{pmatrix}}_{V^{\top}}$$
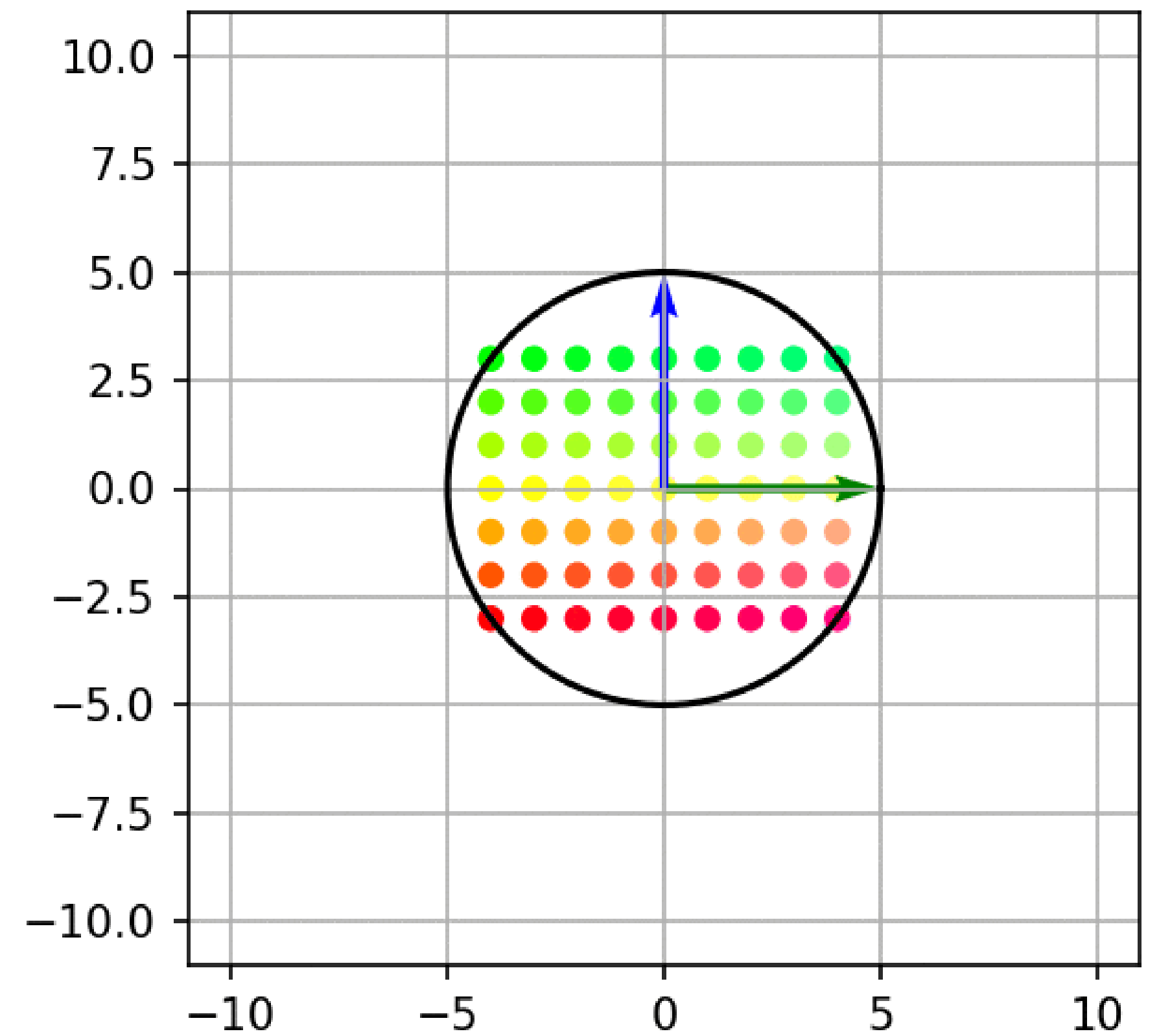
Number of non-zero diagonal entries in Σ corresponds to the rank of A.

SVD and Rank

Full-Rank (Rank = 2)

Rank-Deficient (Rank = 1)

Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

Compact/Reduced SVD: Eliminates all rows or columns in that are all zeros

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 \\ 6 & -2 \\ 6 & -2 \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dfrac{1}{3} \\ -\dfrac{2}{3} \\ -\dfrac{2}{3} \end{pmatrix}}_{\widetilde{U}} \underbrace{\left(3\sqrt{10}\right)}_{\widetilde{\Sigma}} \underbrace{\left(-\dfrac{3}{\sqrt{10}} \quad \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{10}}\right)}_{\widetilde{V}^\top}$$

Here, $\widetilde{\Sigma}$ is an $r \times r$ square matrix, where r is the rank of A, $\widetilde{U}$ and $\widetilde{V}$ are semi-orthogonal, i.e.: possibly non-square matrices whose column vectors are orthonormal
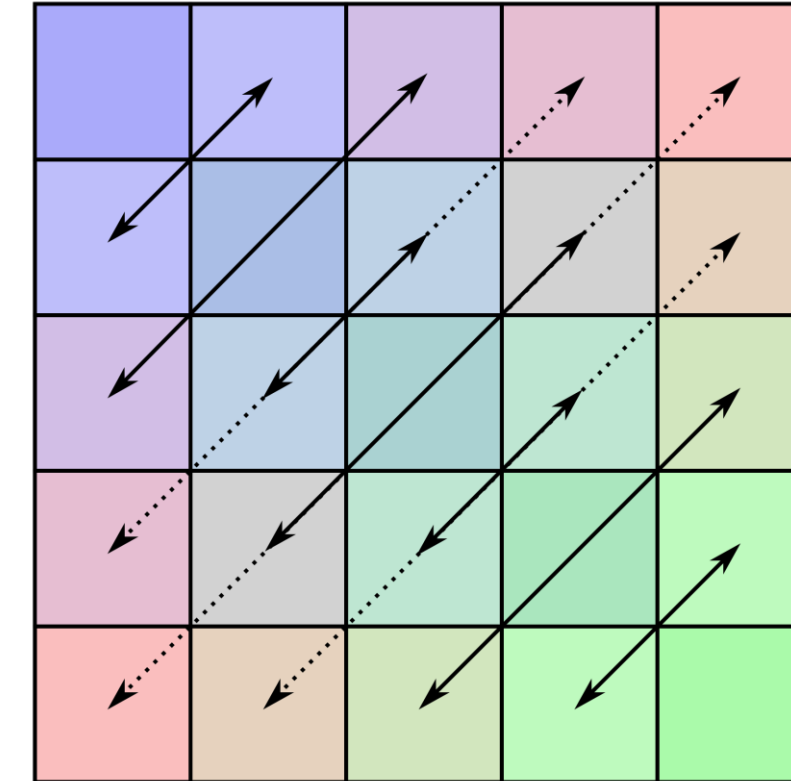
Eigendecomposition

SVD: $A = U\Sigma V^\top$ for orthogonal U, V, diagonal Σ

In the special case of (square) symmetric matrices:

The column vectors of U and V are the same up to sign, i.e.: there is a diagonal matrix D with ± 1 on the diagonal such that $V = UD$.

This is called eigendecomposition.

$$A = U\Sigma(UD)^\top = U\Sigma D^\top U^\top = U\Sigma D U^\top$$

$$= U(\Sigma D)U^\top := U\Lambda U^\top, \text{ where } \Lambda = \Sigma D$$

$$A = A^\top$$
$$U\Sigma V^\top = V\Sigma U^\top$$

Like Σ, Λ is diagonal. Unlike Σ, Λ can be negative.

The columns of U are known as the eigenvectors
The diagonal entries of Λ are known as the eigenvalues.

For symmetric matrices, the singular values are the absolute values of eigenvalues and the left- and right-singular vectors are $\pm$ the eigenvectors.
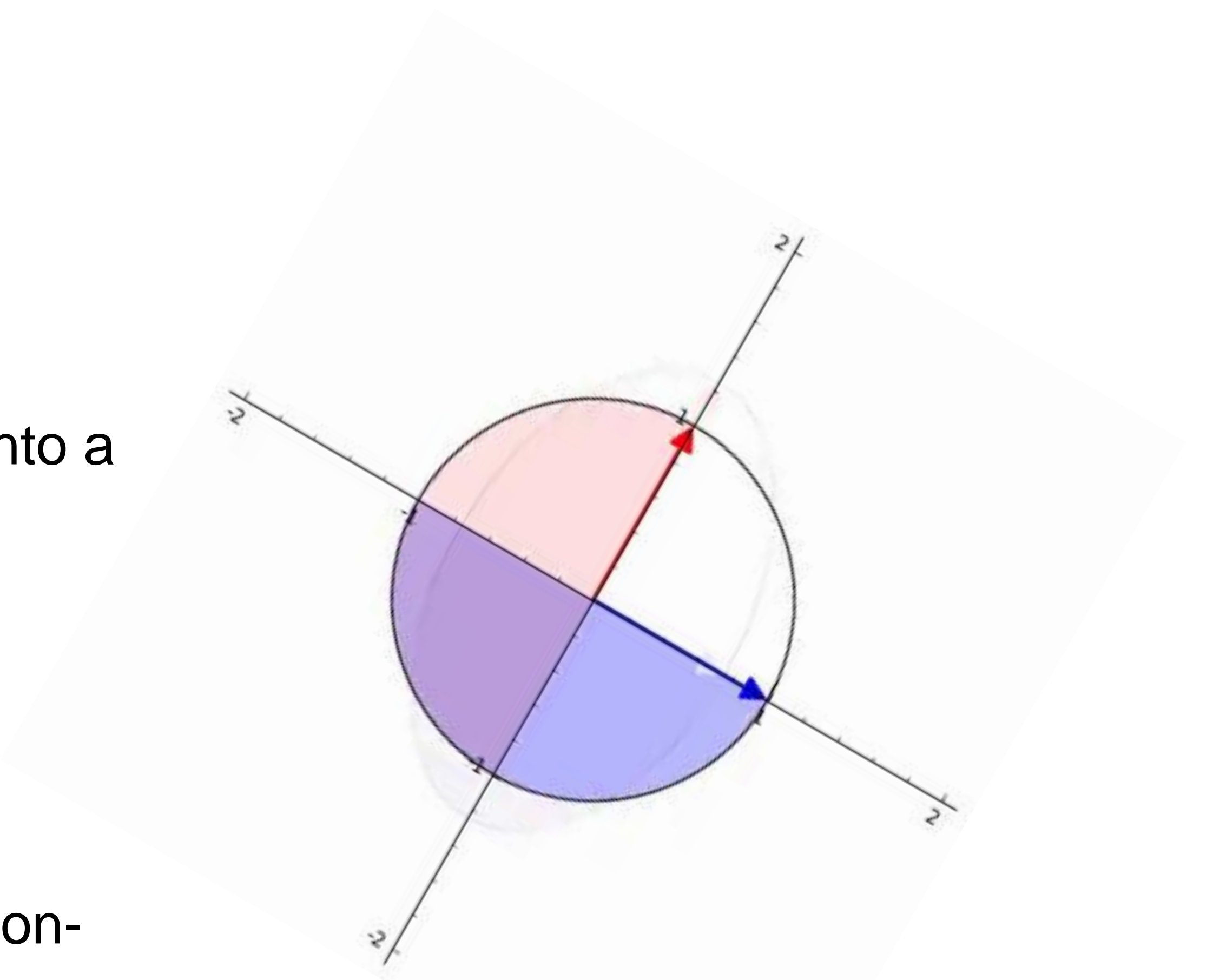
Eigendecomposition

$$A = U\Lambda U^\top$$

Since U is orthogonal, $U^\top = U^{-1}$

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All symmetric matrices can be decomposed into a sequence of:

1. Rotation
2. Scaling/reflection along axes
3. Reverse rotation

So any symmetric matrix essentially performs non-axis aligned scaling/reflection, where the directions along which scaling happens are the eigenvectors.
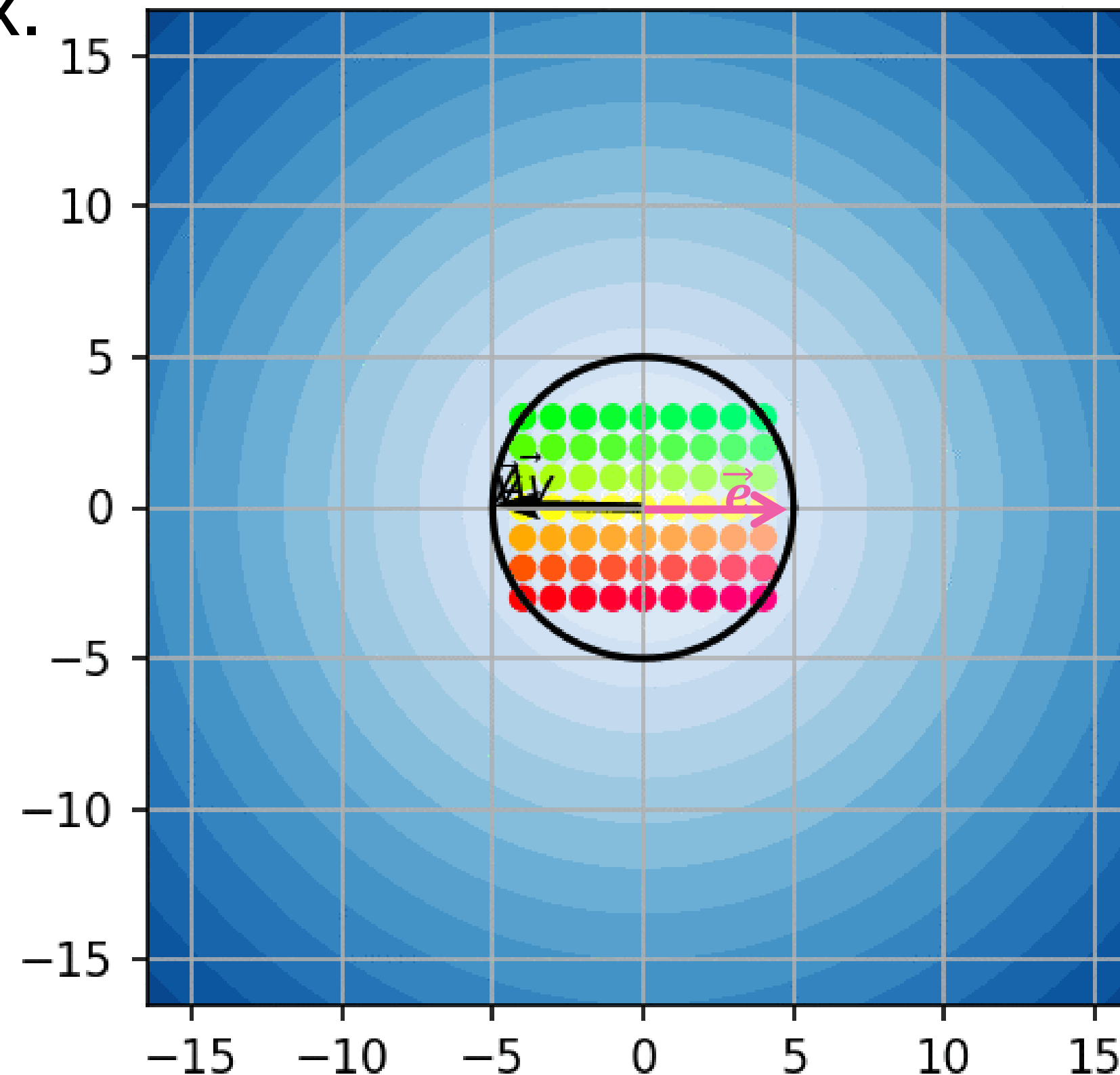
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Eigenvectors vs. Right-Singular Vectors

Eigenvectors are the directions along which the vector retains its direction after being transformed by the matrix.

$$A\vec{u}_{.i} = \lambda_{ii}\vec{u}_{.i}$$

$\vec{v}$ - the right singular vector
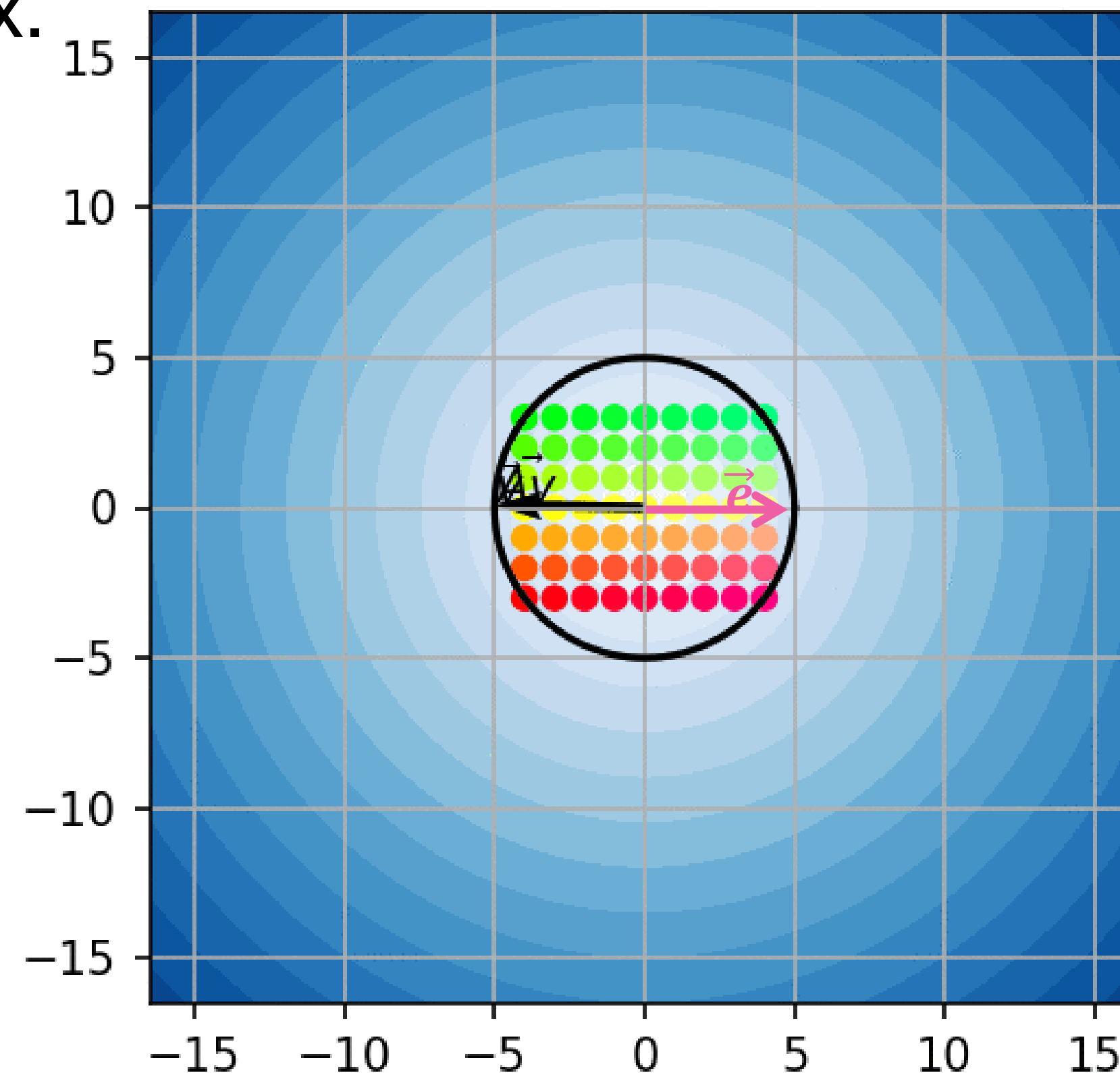$A\vec{v}$ - after matrix transformation

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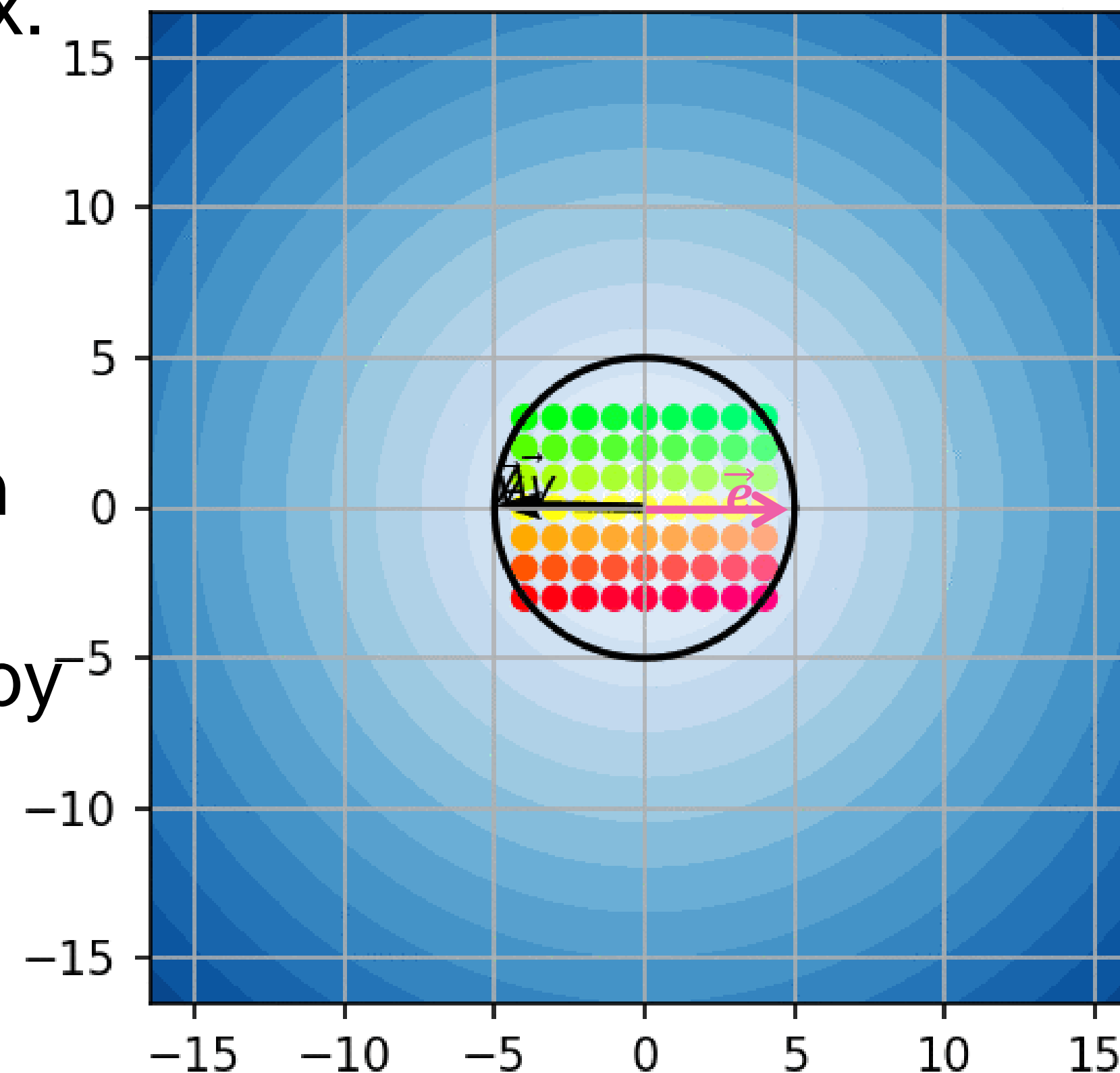
$$A\vec{u}_{\cdot i} = \lambda_{ii}\vec{u}_{\cdot i}$$

The right-singular vector with the largest singular value is the direction along which a unit vector becomes the longest after being transformed by the matrix.

$$\sigma_{1,1} = \max_{\vec{x}:\|\vec{x}\|_2=1} \|A\vec{x}\|_2$$

$$\vec{v}_{\cdot 1} = \arg\max_{\vec{x}:\|\vec{x}\|_2=1} \|A\vec{x}\|_2$$

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Eigendecomposition More Generally

For asymmetric matrices, sometimes eigendecomposition is possible

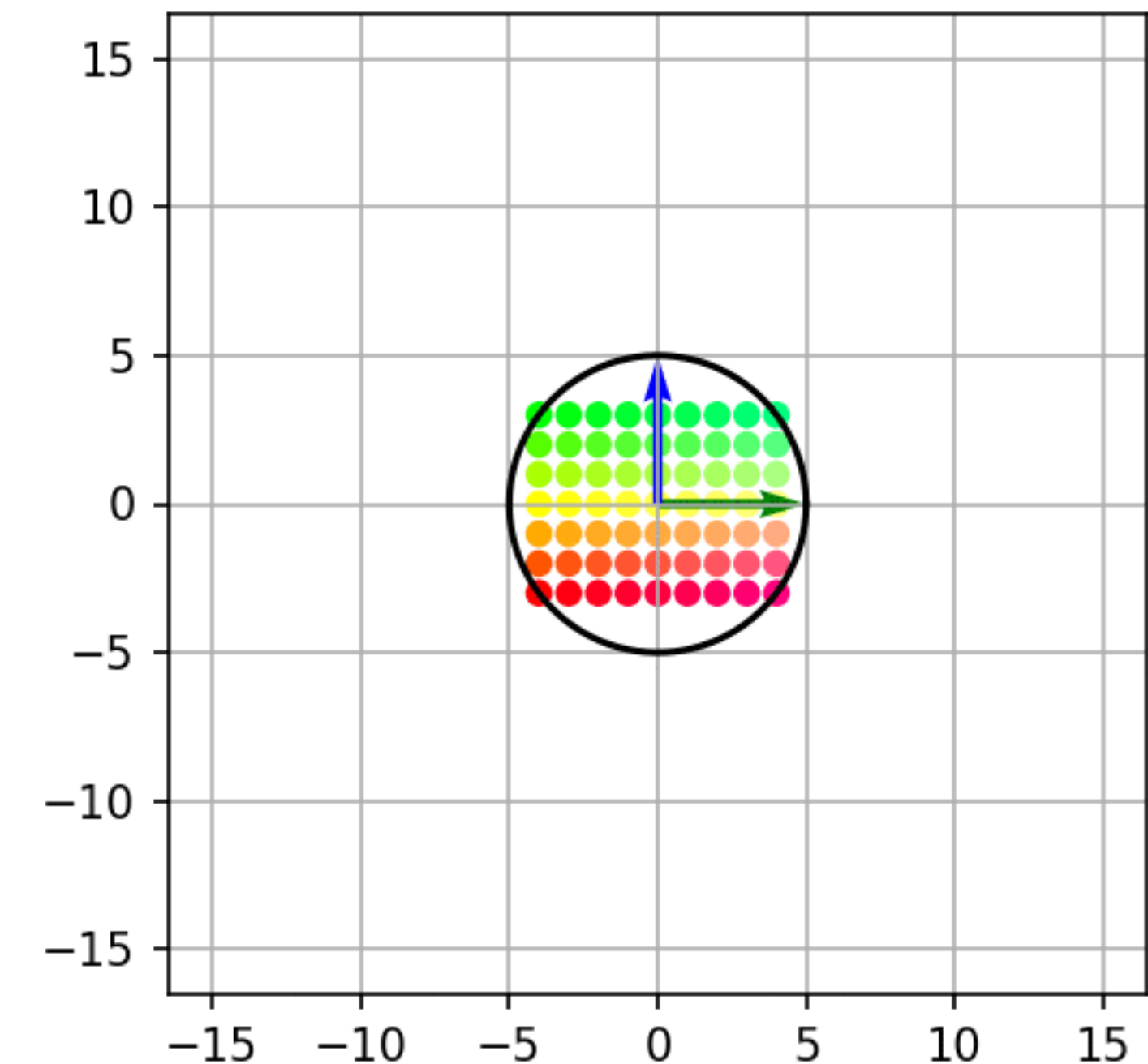- Only possible when the matrix is diagonalizable

In such cases:

Eigenvectors are not necessarily orthogonal
Eigenvalues and eigenvectors are not necessarily real
No straightforward geometric interpretation

$$A = U\Lambda U^{-1} \neq U\Lambda U^{\top}$$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

SVD and Eigendecomposition

SVD and eigendecomposition are closely related:

The right-singular vectors are eigenvectors of $A^\top A$.

The left-singular vectors are eigenvectors of $AA^\top$.

The non-zero singular values are the square roots of non-zero eigenvalues of $A^\top A$ (or equivalently the square roots of non-zero eigenvalues of $AA^\top$)

Application of Eigendecomposition

Finding the inverse of a symmetric matrix:

$$A = U\Lambda U^\top$$

$$A^{-1} = (U\Lambda U^\top)^{-1} = (U^\top)^{-1}\Lambda^{-1}U^{-1} = U\Lambda^{-1}U^\top$$

Since Λ is diagonal

$$\Lambda^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} \dfrac{1}{\lambda_{11}} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \dfrac{1}{\lambda_{22}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \dfrac{1}{\lambda_{nn}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Why?