

# Orthogonal Sets

**Geometric Algorithms**

**Lecture 22**

# Practice Problem

Determine  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}}$

$$\mathcal{B} = \left( \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}_1}, \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}}_{\vec{v}_2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}_1 \cdot \vec{v}_2 &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Answer**

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow [\vec{v}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}}$$

express in the given basis

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$$\vec{v} = a_1 \vec{v}_1 + a_2 \vec{v}_2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{v}$$

OR

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{v}_1 & \vec{v}_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \vec{v}$$

COB matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & : & 2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 & : & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & 0 & : & 5/2 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & : & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = 5/\sqrt{2}, a_2 = 1/\sqrt{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & : & 2 \\ 0 & \sqrt{2} & : & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{v} = 2\vec{v}_1 + 3\vec{v}_2$$

$$= 2 \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2\sqrt{2}/2 - 3\sqrt{2}/2 \\ 2\sqrt{2}/2 + 3\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ 5\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Objectives

1. Recap analytic geometry in  $R^n$
2. Try to understand why it is useful to work with orthogonal vectors
3. Get a sense of how to compute orthogonal vectors
4. Start to connect orthogonality to matrices and linear transformations

# Keywords

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orthogonal component

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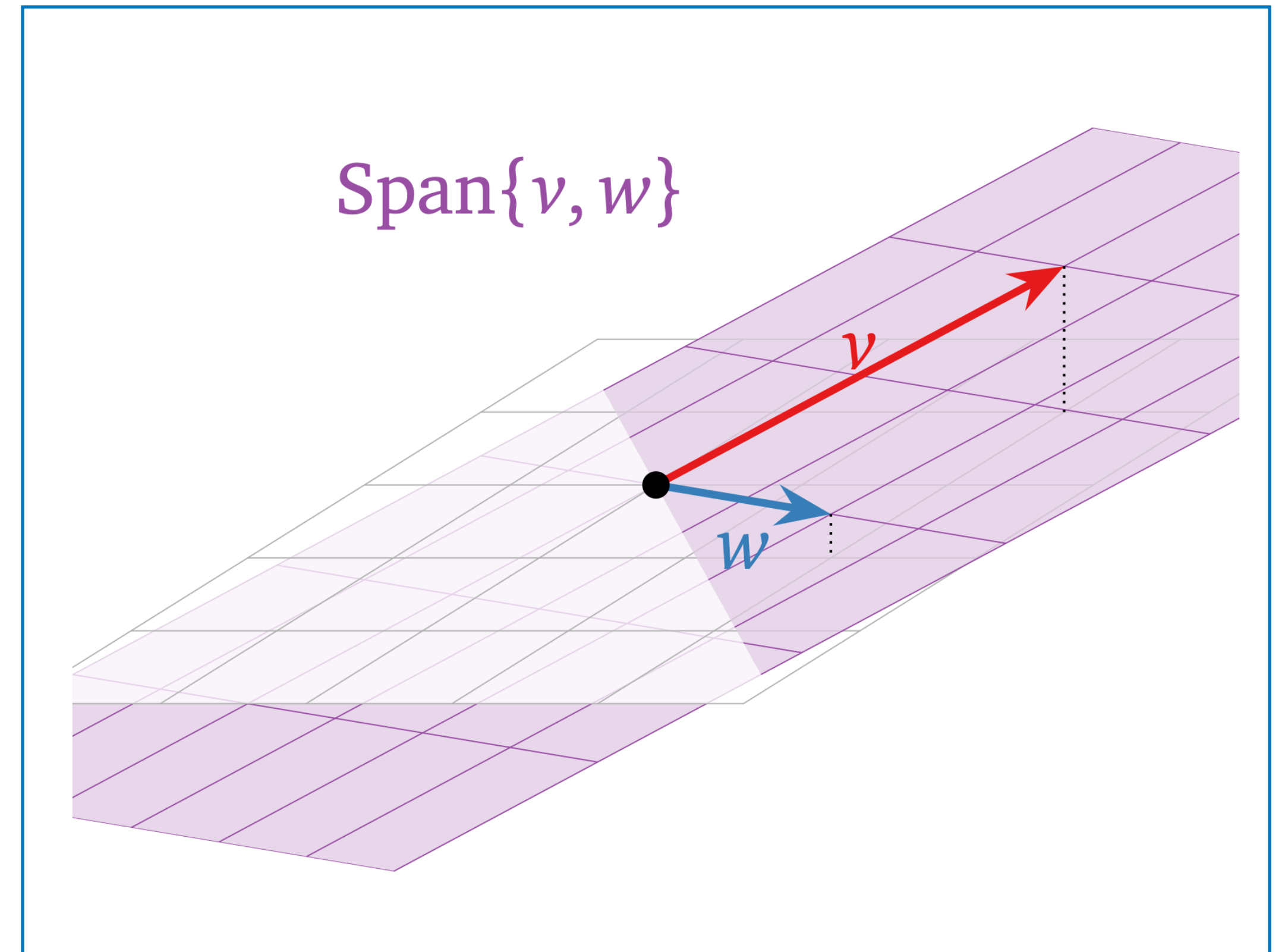
# Recap: Analytic Geometry

# Recall: The First Key Idea

Angles make sense in *any* dimension

**Any pair of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  span a (2D) plane**

*(We could formalize this via change of bases)*



# Recall: The Second Key Idea

All of the basic concepts of analytic geometry can be defined *in terms of inner products*

**Spaces with inner products (like  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) are places where you can do analytic geometry**



# Recall: Inner Products

$$\underline{[u_1 \ u_2 \ u_3 \ u_4]} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3 + u_4 v_4$$

*matrix-vector multiplication*

**Definition.** The **inner product** of two vectors **u** and **v** in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is

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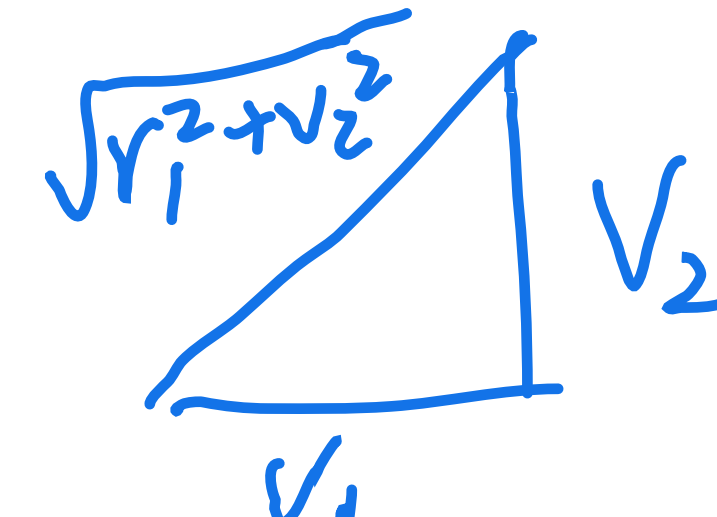
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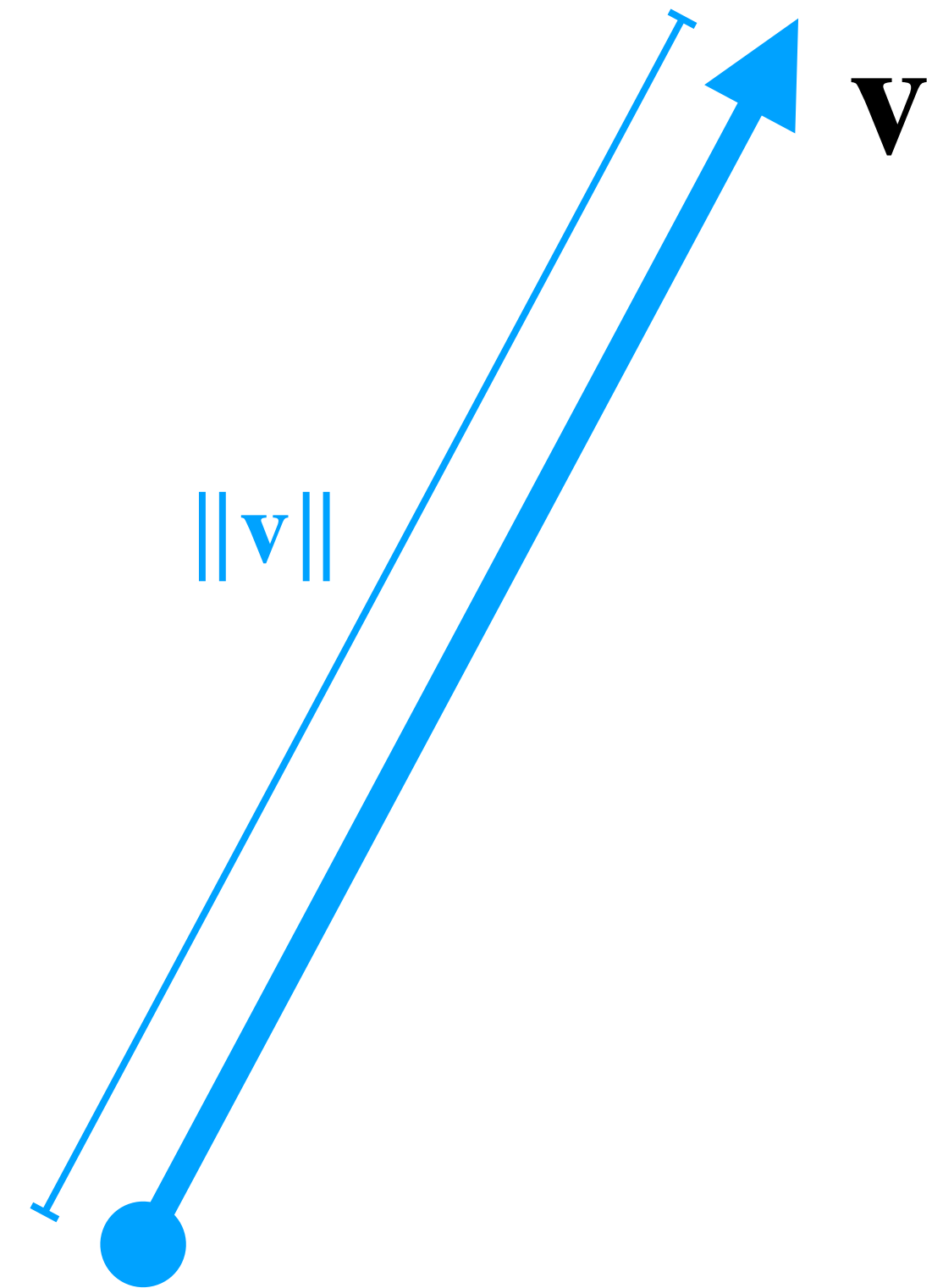
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**It's important that  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}$  is nonnegative.**

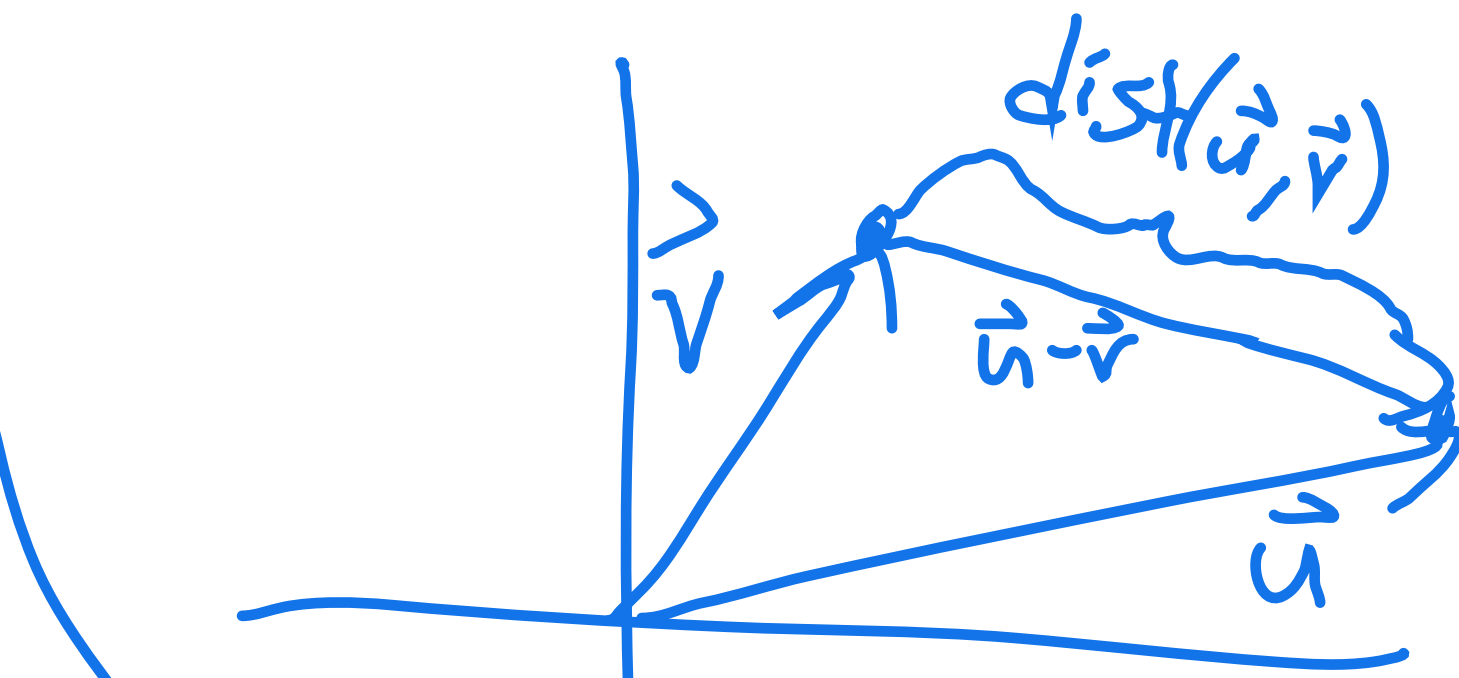
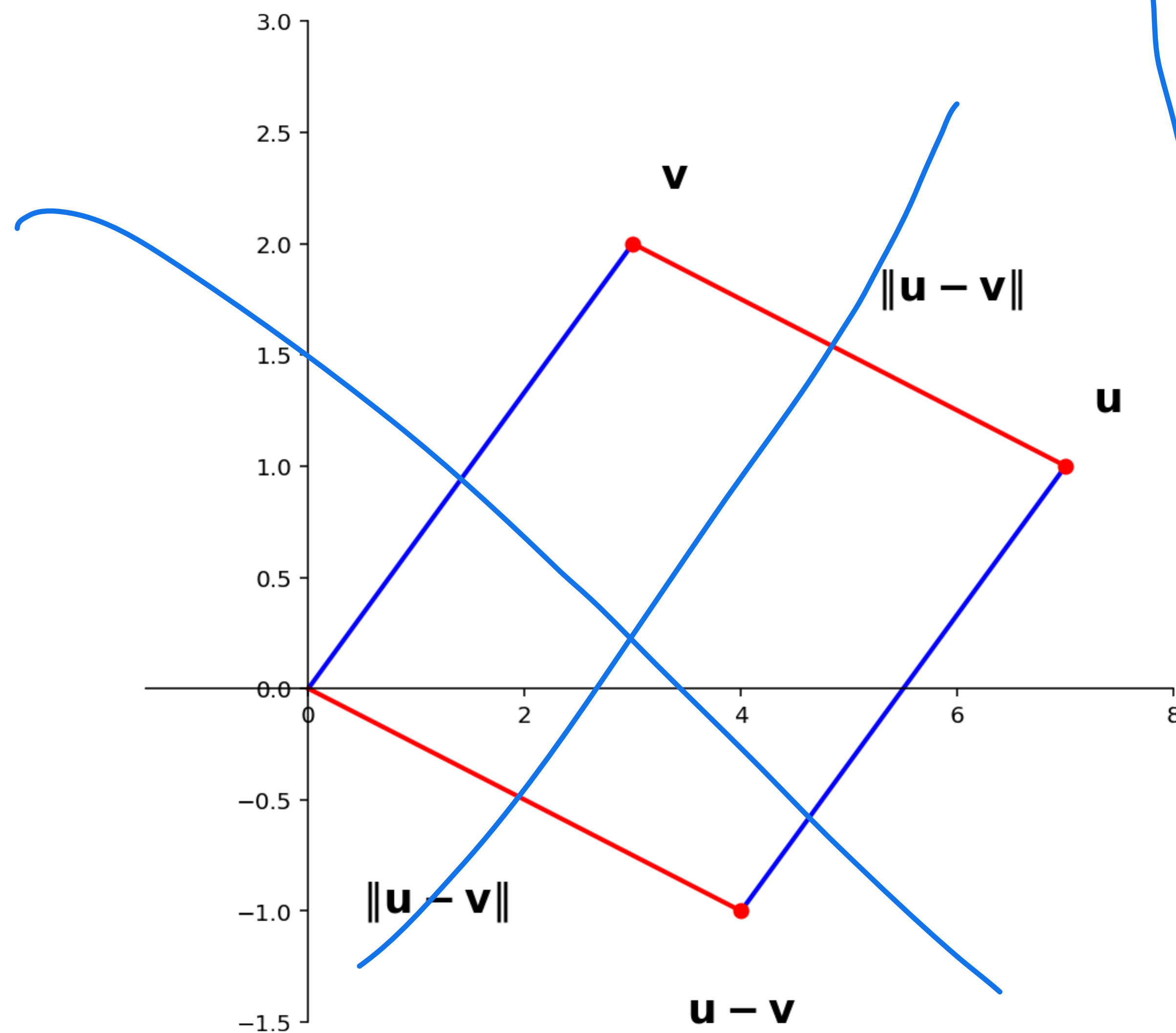
# Recall: Norms and Length

Norms give us a notion of length.

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  this is our existing notion of length.



# Recall: Distance (Pictorially)



$$\vec{v} + (\vec{u} - \vec{v}) = \vec{u}$$
$$\text{dist}(\vec{u}, \vec{v}) = \|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\|$$

# Recall: Distance (Algebraically)

**Definition.** The distance between two points  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is given by

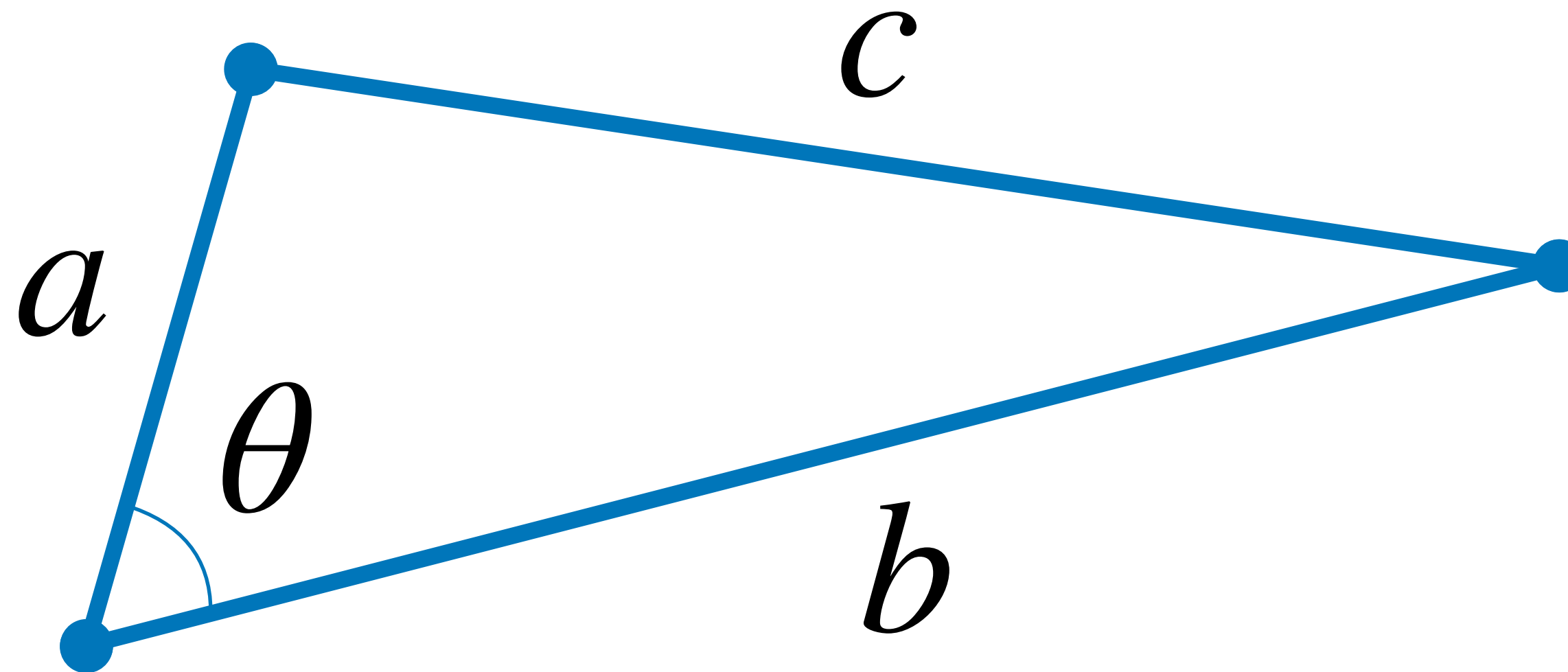
$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|$$

e.g.,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\vec{u} - \vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|\vec{u} - \vec{v}\| = \sqrt{16+1} = \sqrt{17}$$

# Recall: Law of Cosines

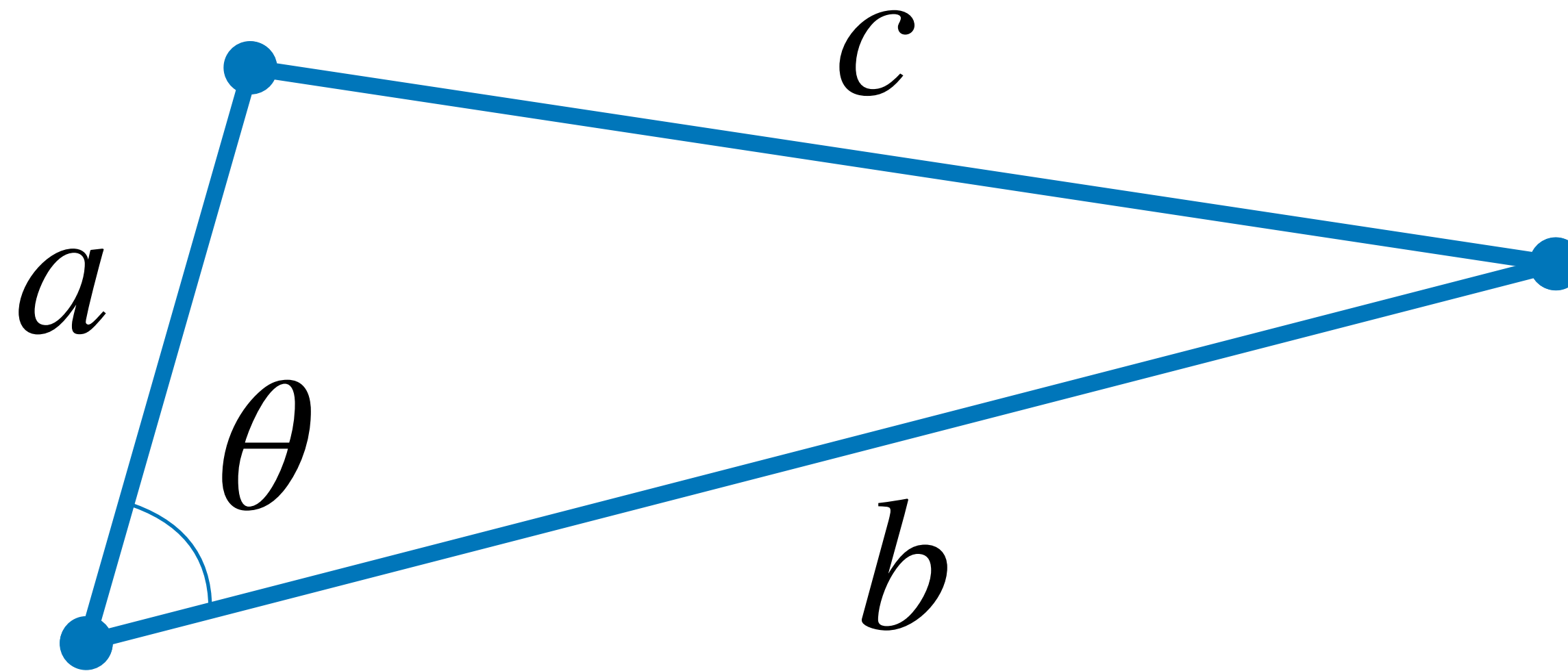


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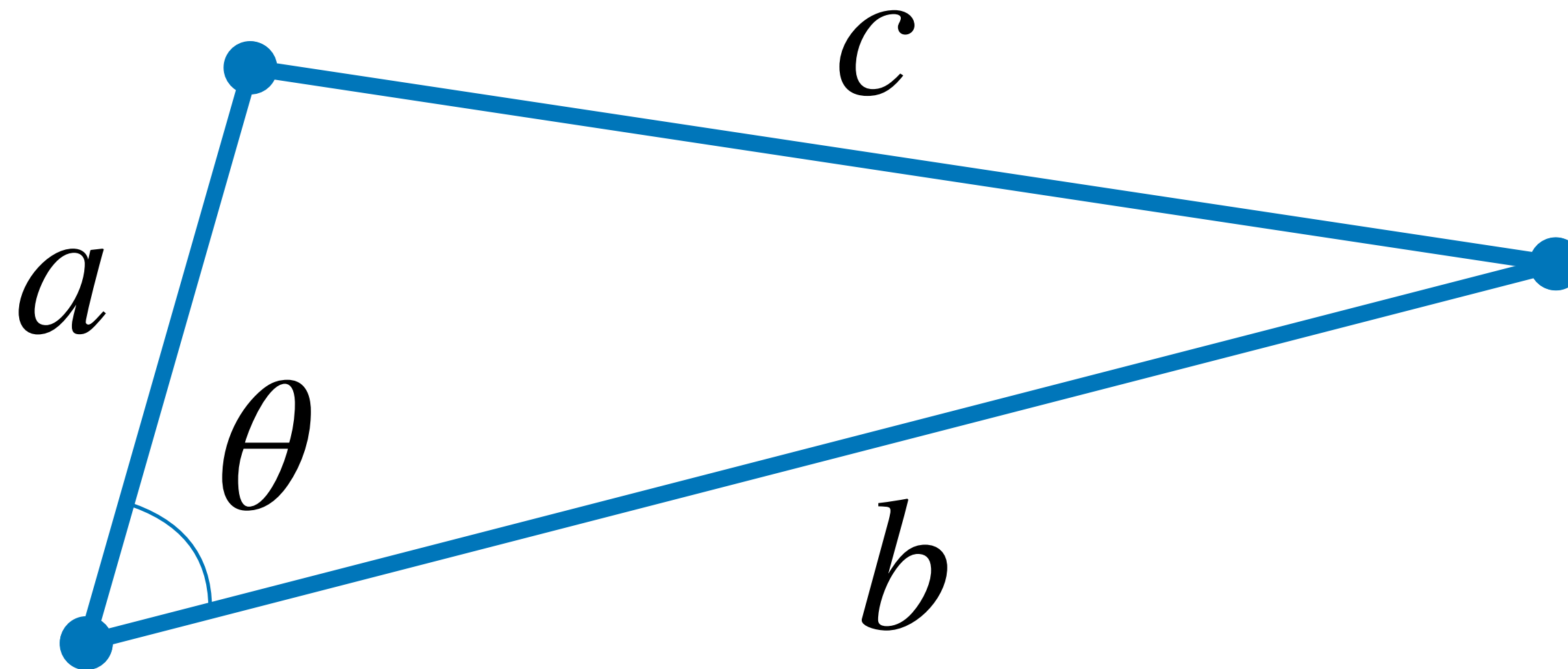


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**Generalized the Pythagorean Theorem**

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Theorem.

$\theta$  exactly when  $\theta = 90^\circ$

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# Recall: Cosines and Unit Vectors

**Theorem.** For vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with an angle  $\theta$  between them,

$$\cos \theta = \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}, \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right\rangle = \frac{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|} \leftarrow$$

*Handwritten notes in blue:* "direction-only (scale/length-independent)" with arrows pointing to the unit vectors in the formula, and an arrow pointing to the inner product term.

*The cosine of the angle between two vectors is the inner product of their  $\ell^2$  normalizations*

# Orthogonality (Perpendicularity)

# A Simpler Fundamental Question

How do we determine if angle  
between any two vectors is  $90^\circ$ ?

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$$\cos 90^\circ = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$$

$$\cos \theta = \left\langle \frac{\mathbf{u}}{\|\mathbf{u}\|}, \frac{\mathbf{v}}{\|\mathbf{v}\|} \right\rangle = \frac{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle}{\|\vec{u}\| \|\vec{v}\|}$$

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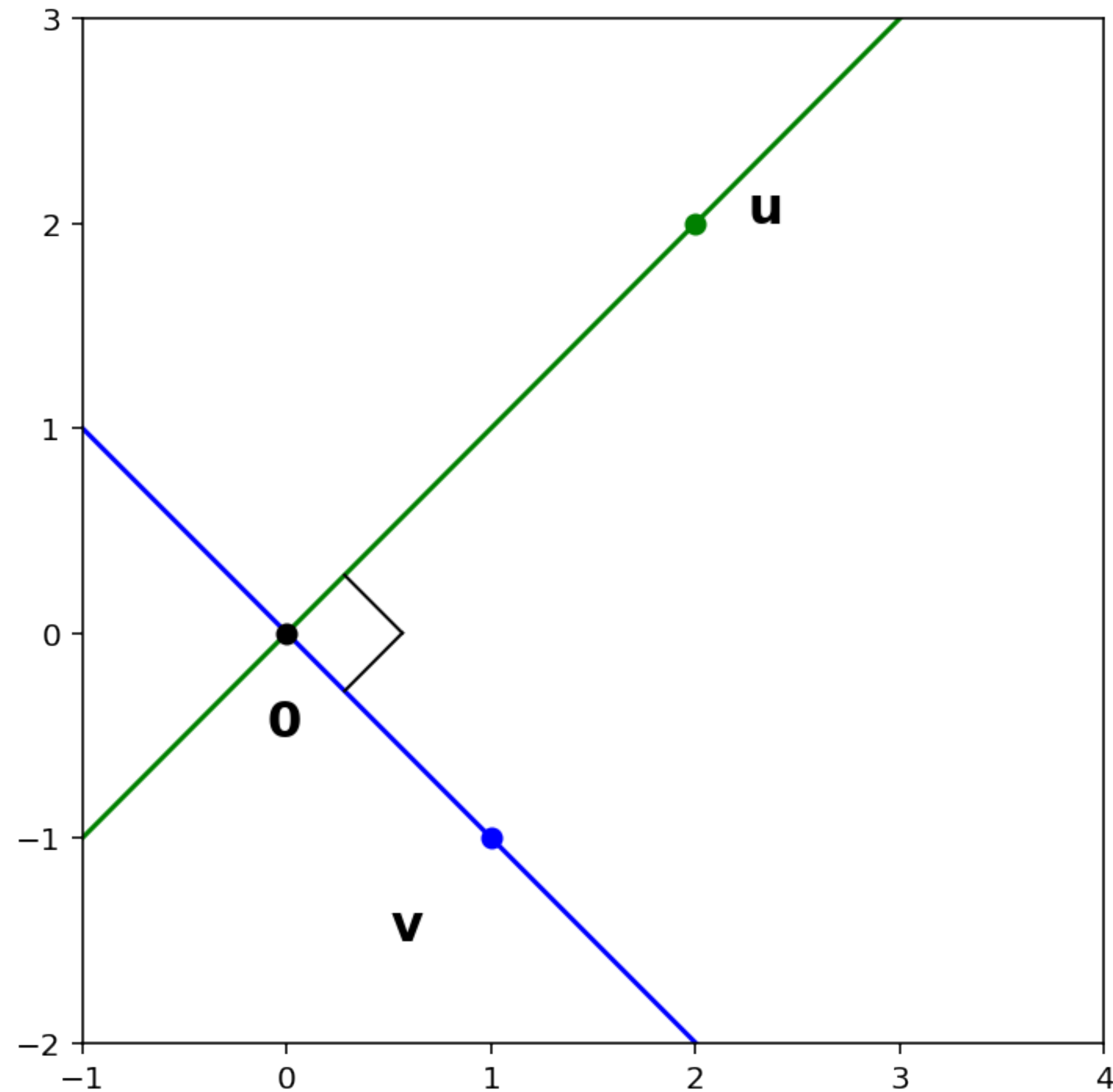
**Definition.** Vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal if  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$ .

*This definition gives an easy computational way to determine orthogonality.*

Example.

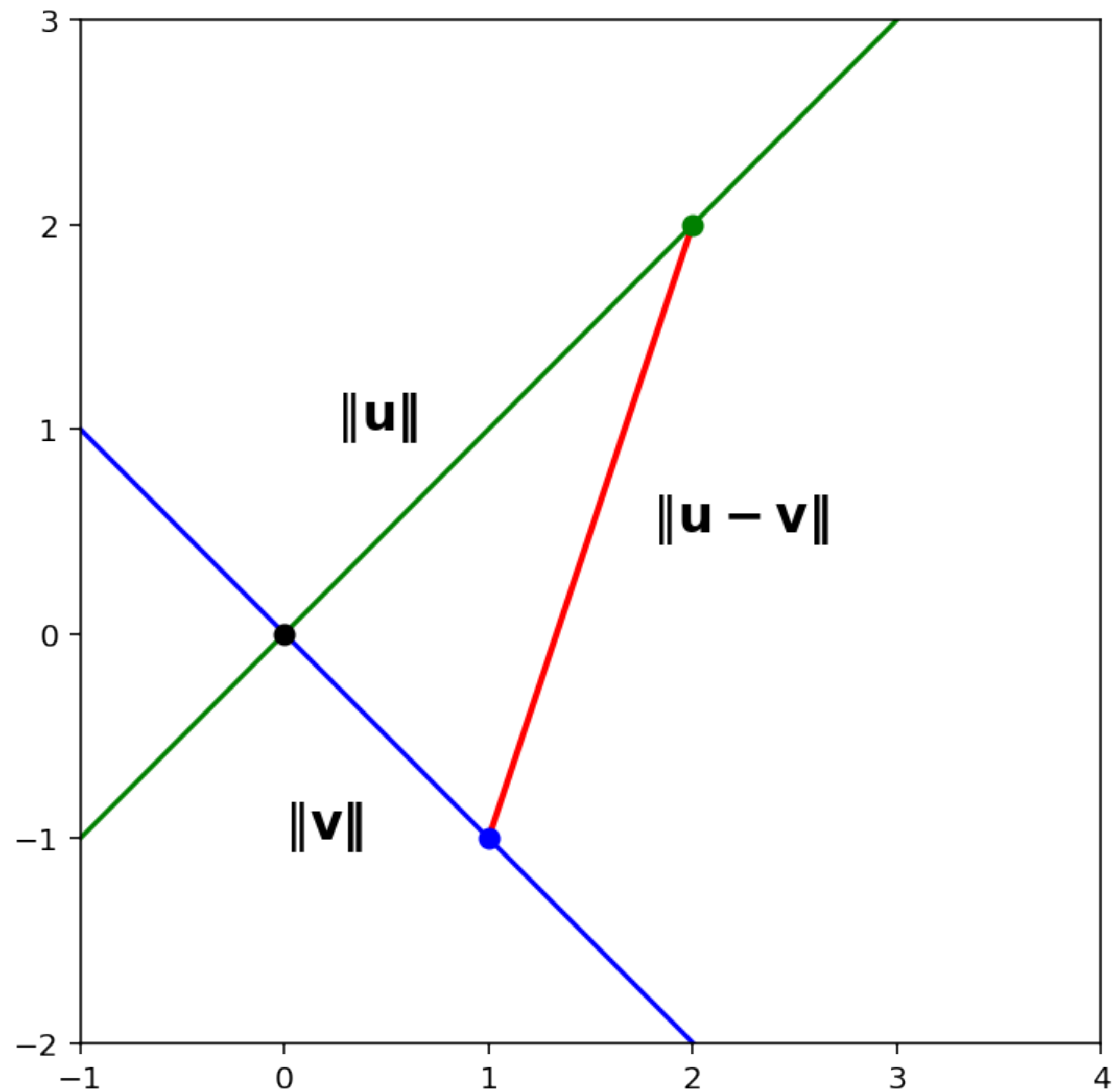
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = 2 - 2 = 0$$

# Derivation by Picture

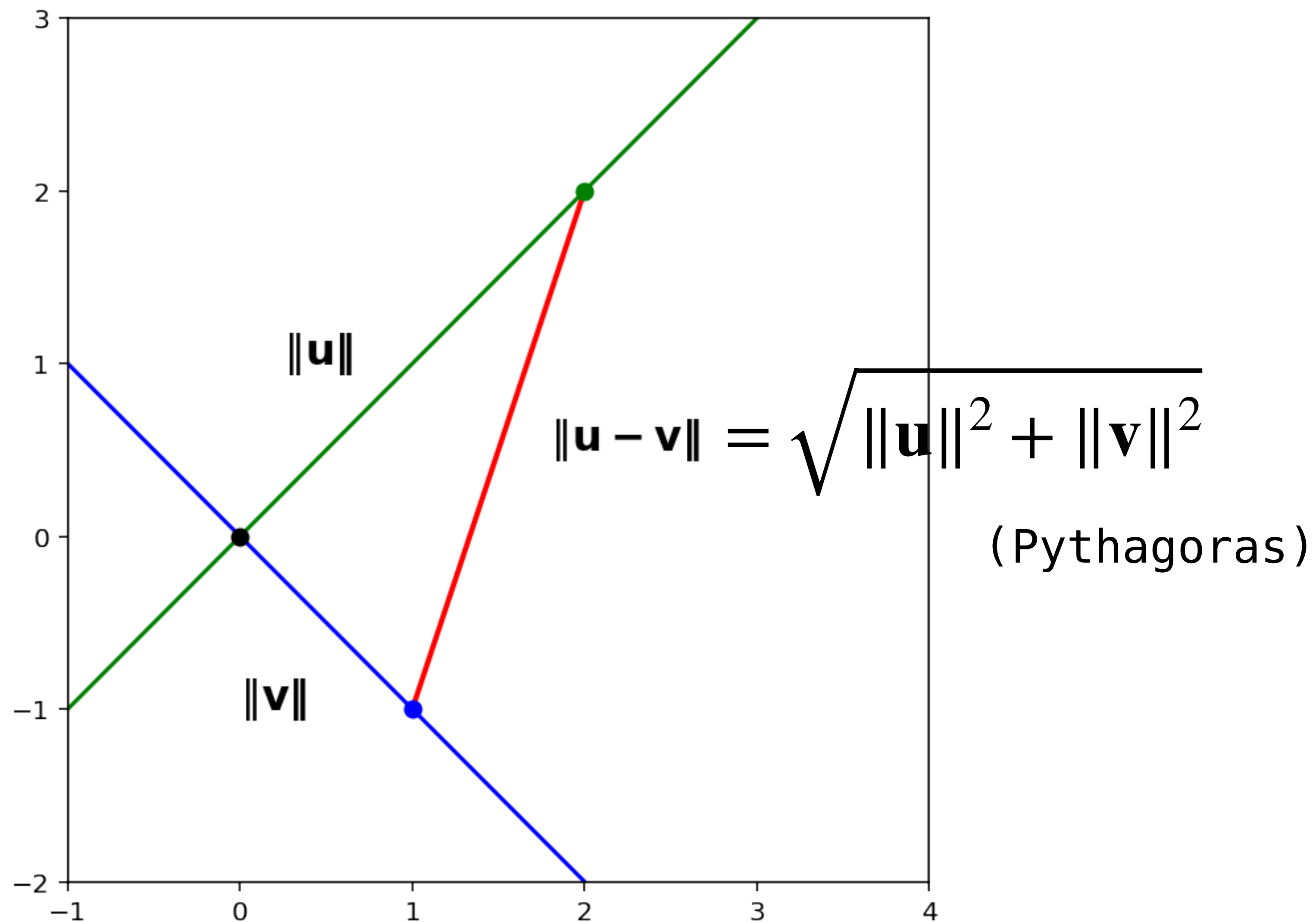




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# Derivation by Algebra

$\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal exactly when

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2$$

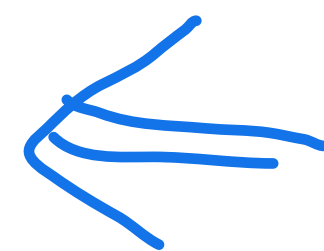
Let's simplify this a bit:

$$= \langle \vec{u} - \vec{v}, \vec{u} - \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} - \vec{v} \rangle - \langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} - \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$= \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle - \langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle - \langle \vec{v}, \vec{u} \rangle + \langle \vec{v}, \vec{v} \rangle$$

$$= \|\vec{u}\|^2 + \|\vec{v}\|^2 - 2\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle$$

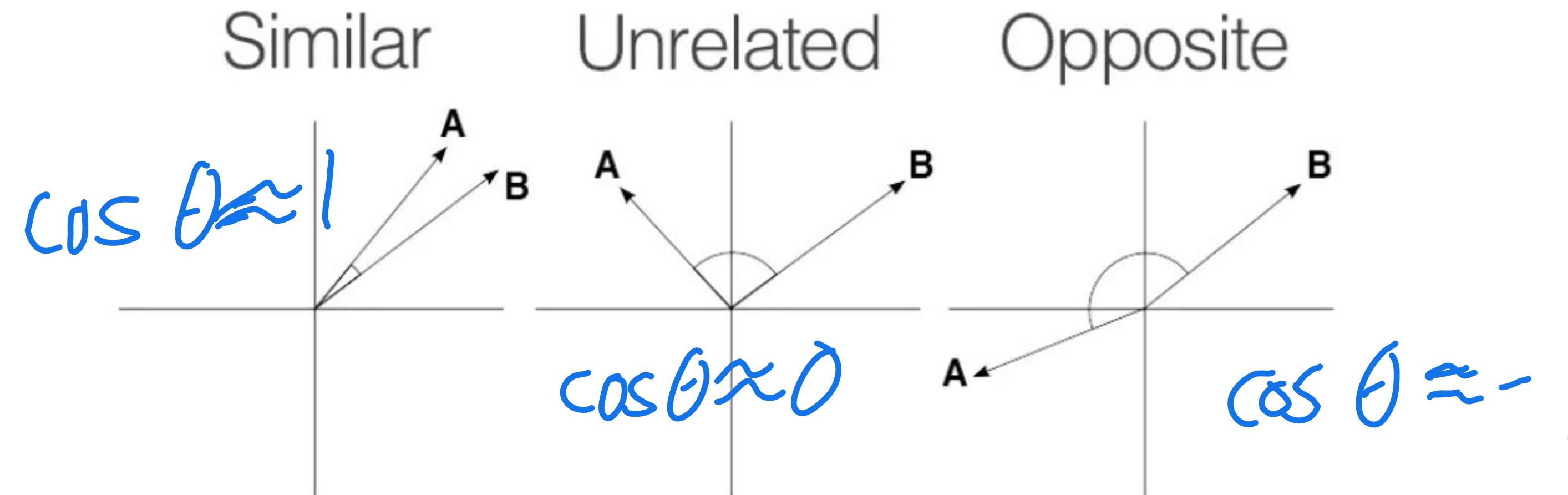


$$-2\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$$

$$\uparrow$$
$$\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle = 0$$

# Application: Cosine Similarity

# High Level



Data points are very big vectors.

Similar vectors "point in nearly the same direction."

# Example: Netflix Users

$$\text{user}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{user}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{user}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{comedy} \\ \text{drama} \\ \text{horror} \\ \text{romance} \end{array}$$

A Netflix user might be represented as a vectors whose  $i$ th entry is the number of movies they've watched in a particular genre.

**Who are more likely to share similar interests in movies?**

# Cosine Similarity

$$-1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$$

**Definition.** The **cosine similarity** of two vectors is the cosine of the angle between them.

*If its close to 0, then two Netflix users watch very different movies.*

*If its close to 1, then two Netflix users watch very similar movies.*

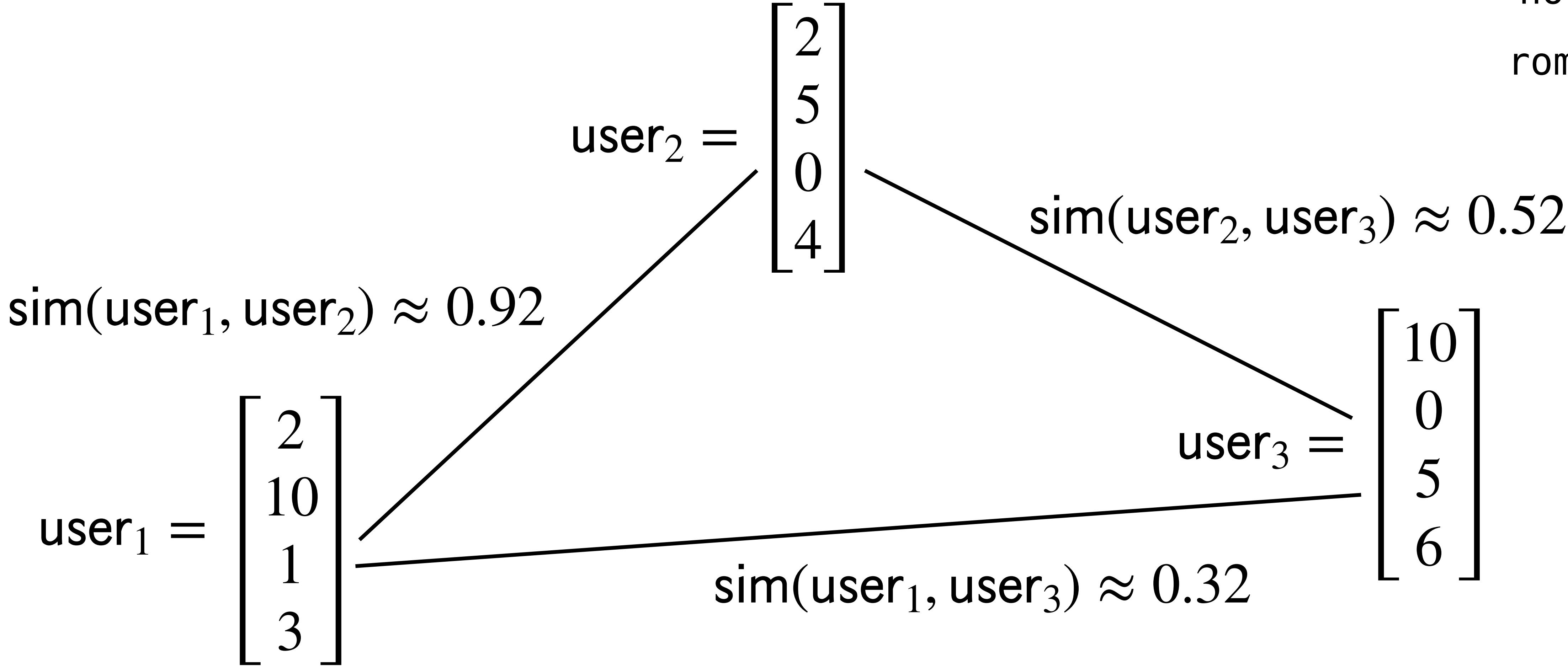
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# Other Examples

- *Document similarity*
  - Documents  $\mapsto$  word count vectors
  - Similar documents should use similar words
- *Word2Vec*
  - Words  $\mapsto$  vector *somehow*
  - This underlies modern natural language processing (NLP)

# Recall: Orthogonality

**Definition.** Vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are **orthogonal** if  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$

**Orthogonal and perpendicular are the same thing.**

# With inner product we can...

- Given a vector we can determine its length
- Given two points (vectors) we can determine the distance between them
- Given two vectors we can determine the angle between them

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**Definition.** A set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  of vectors from  $R^n$  is an **orthogonal set** if every pair of distinct vectors is orthogonal: if  $i \neq j$  then

$$\langle u_i, u_j \rangle = 0$$

*Each vector is pairwise/mutually perpendicular*

# Example

$$\begin{bmatrix} a \\ 0 \\ b \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -2 \\ 7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

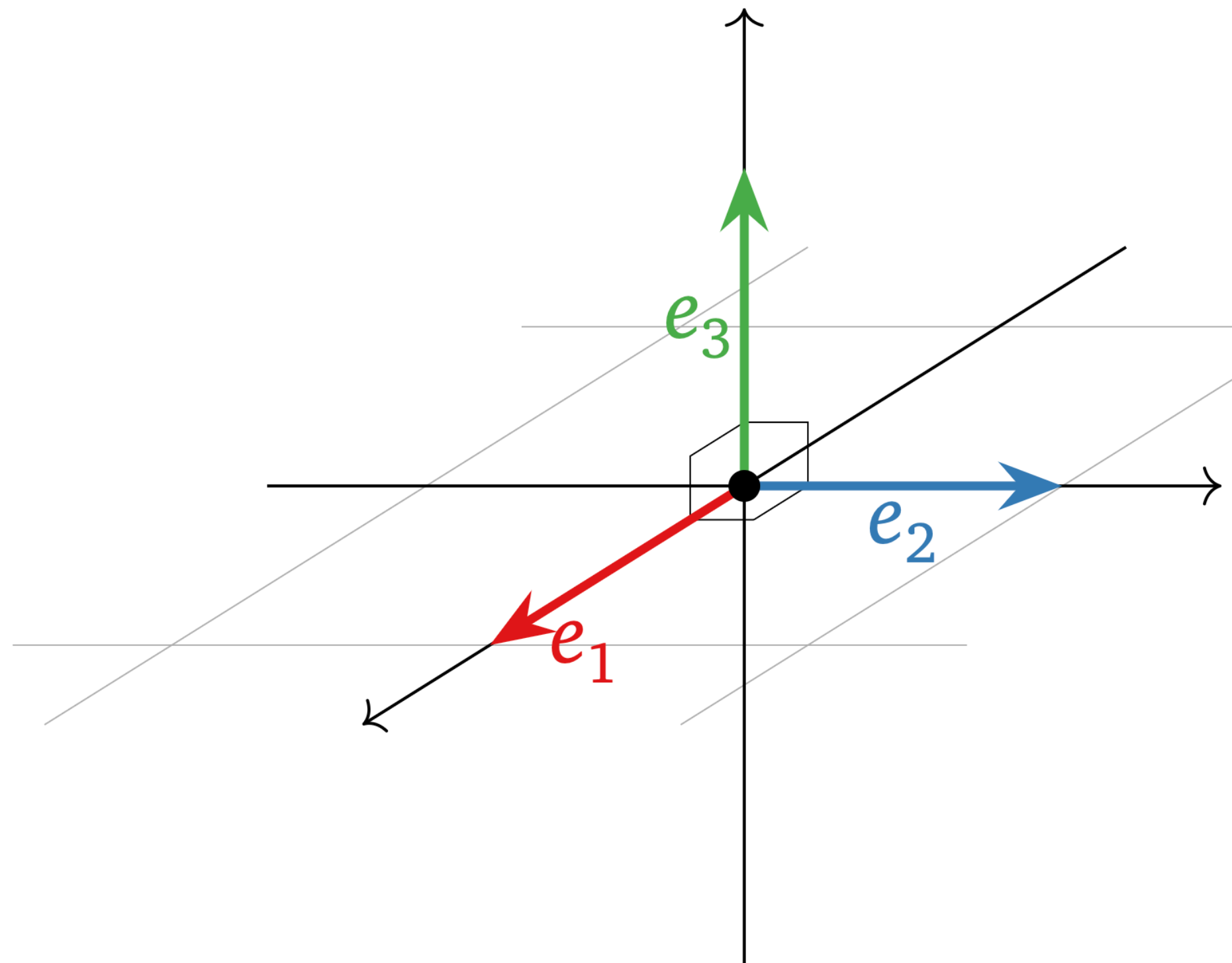
Verify:  $\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_2 = -3 + 2 + 1 = 0$

$$\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_3 = -3/2 - 2 + 7/2 = 0$$

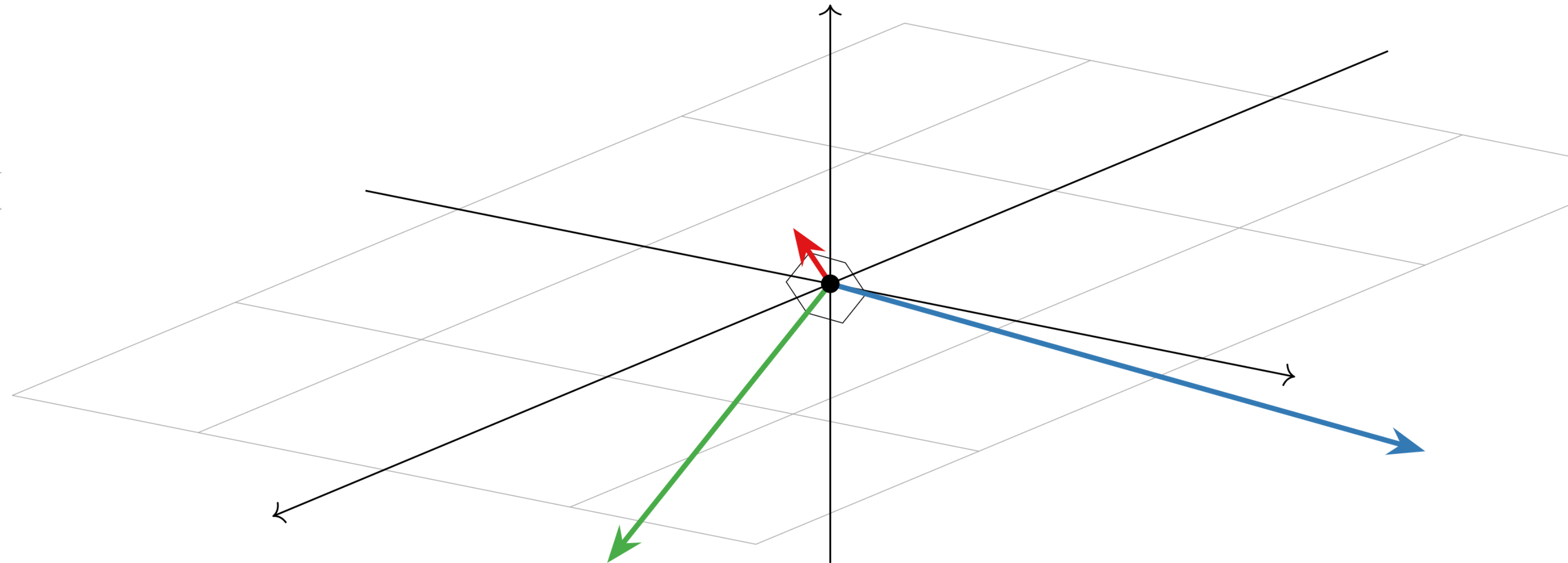
$$\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_3 = 1/2 - 4 + 7/2 = 1/2 - 8/2 + 7/2 = 0$$

What do orthogonal sets  
look like?

# The Picture



the standard basis forms a  
"centered" orthogonal set



an orthogonal set is like  
the standard basis *after*  
*some rotations and scalings*  
*reflections*



# Orthogonal Sets and Independence

**Theorem.** If  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  is an orthogonal set of *nonzero* vectors from  $R^n$ , then it is linearly independent

Verify:  $\alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{u}_k = \vec{0}$  (dot prod. with  $\vec{u}_1$ )

$$\alpha_1 (\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_1) + \alpha_2 (\cancel{\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_1}) + \dots + \alpha_k (\cancel{\vec{u}_k \cdot \vec{u}_1}) = \vec{0} \cdot \vec{u}_1$$

$$\alpha_1 \|\vec{u}_1\|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$$

(same arg with general  $\vec{u}_j \Rightarrow \alpha_j = 0$ ) only trivial sol'n

# The Takeaway

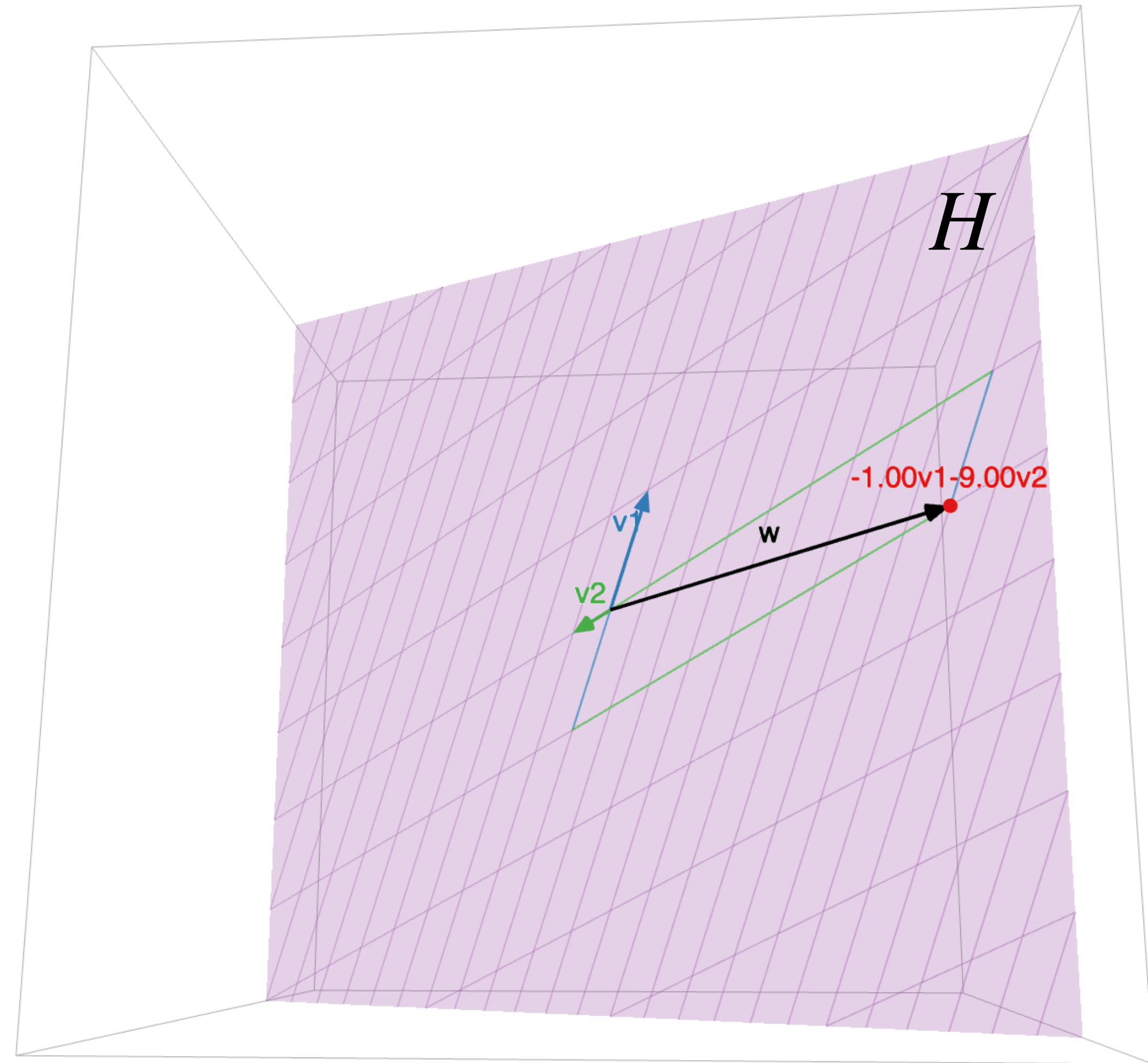
If  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  is an orthogonal set,  
then it is a **basis** for  $\text{span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$

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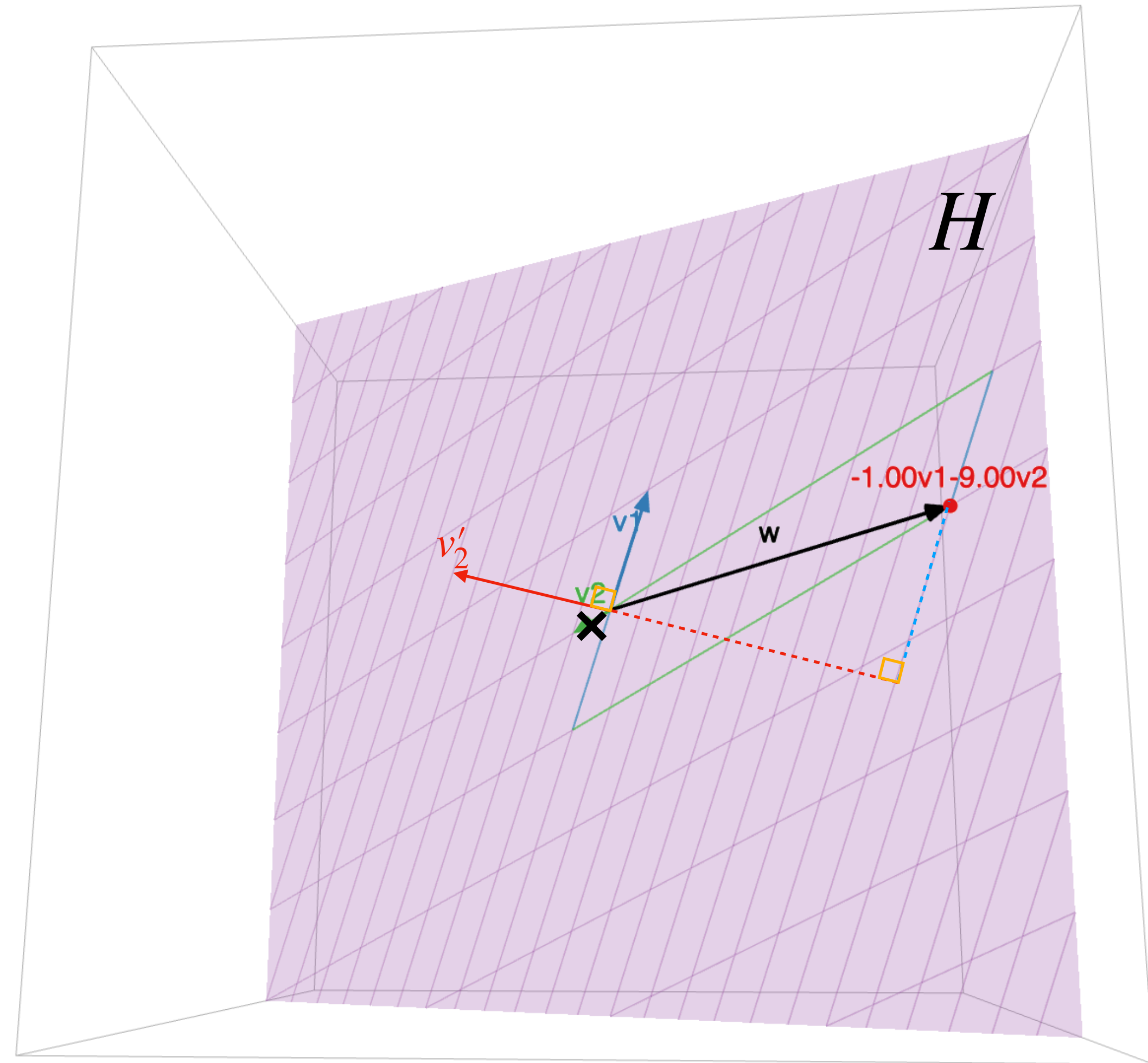
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What's nice about an  
orthogonal basis?

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by Gaussian elimination, matrix inversion, etc.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 & \dots & \vec{u}_p \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_p \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{w} \end{bmatrix}$$

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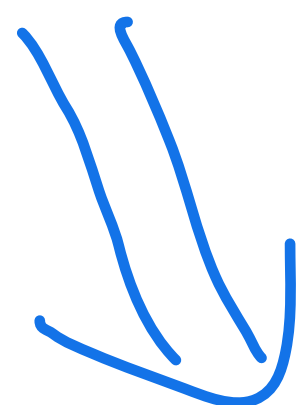
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**This takes work**

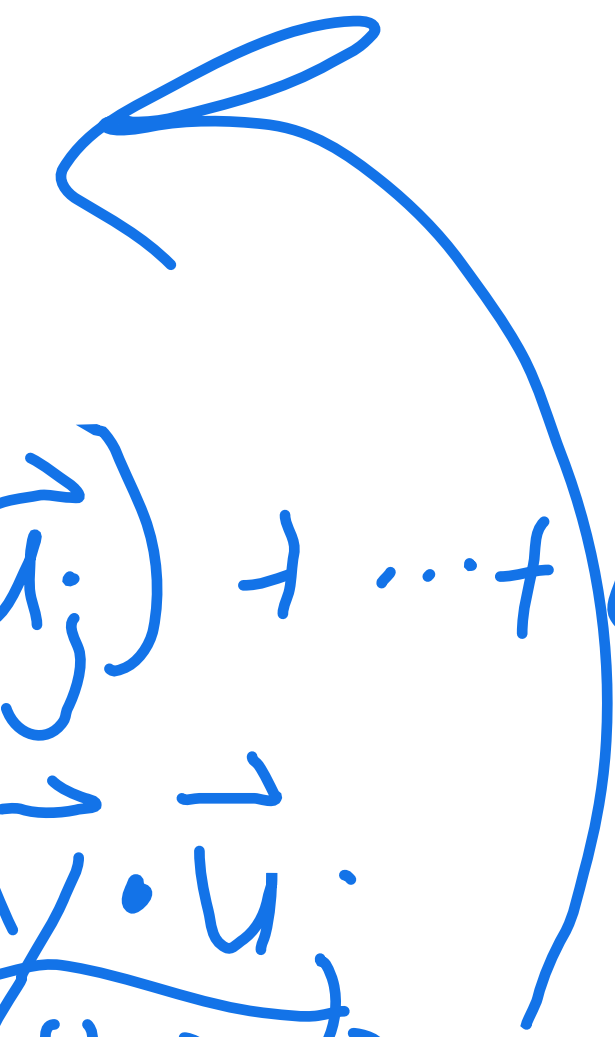
# Orthogonal Bases and Linear Combinations

**Theorem.** For an orthogonal set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ , if  $\mathbf{y} = c_1\mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p\mathbf{u}_p$  then for  $j = 1, \dots, p$

*just use dot products*


$$c_j = \frac{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{u}_j}{\mathbf{u}_j^T \mathbf{u}_j}$$

Verify:


$$\begin{aligned} \vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_j &= c_1(\vec{u}_1 \cdot \vec{u}_j) + c_2(\vec{u}_2 \cdot \vec{u}_j) + \dots + c_p(\vec{u}_p \cdot \vec{u}_j) \\ &= c_j \|\vec{u}_j\|^2 \Rightarrow c_j = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_j}{\|\vec{u}_j\|^2} \end{aligned}$$

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**Much easier to compute.**

# Question

$\vec{y}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 7/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

slow

Express  $[6 \ 1 \ (-8)]^T$  as a linear combination of vectors in  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  where orthogonal set

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -2 \\ 7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_1 = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_1}{\|\vec{u}_1\|^2} = \frac{18 + 1 - 8}{9 + 1 + 1} = 1$$

$$c_2 = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_2}{\|\vec{u}_2\|^2} = \frac{-6 + 2 - 8}{1 + 4 + 1} = \frac{-12}{6} = -2$$

$$c_3 = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}_3}{\|\vec{u}_3\|^2} = \frac{-6/2 - 2 - 56/2}{1/4 + 4 + 49/4} = \frac{-66/2}{66/4} = -\frac{4}{2} = -2$$

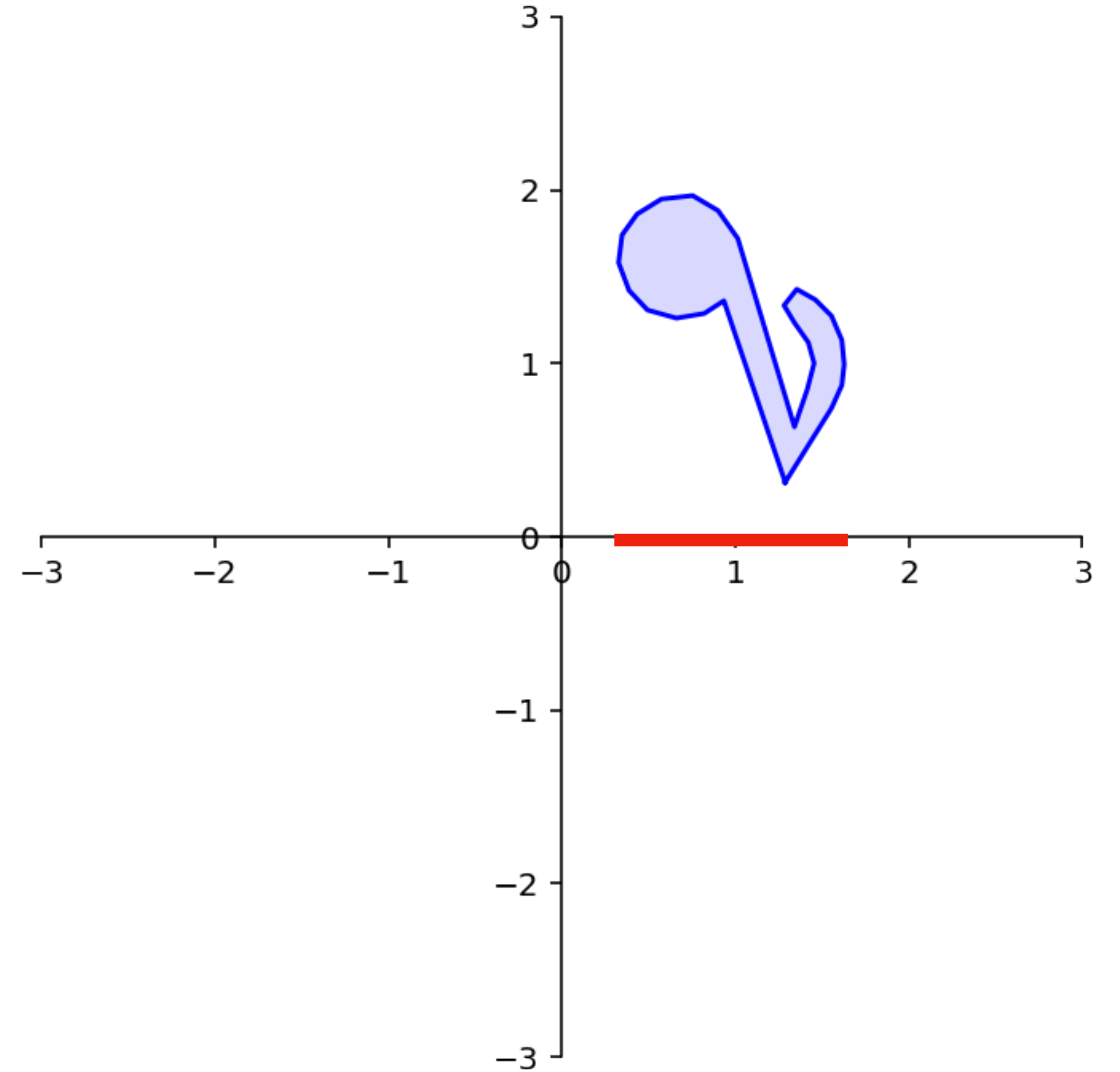


**Answer:**  $u_1 - 2u_2 - 2u_3$

# Orthogonal Projection

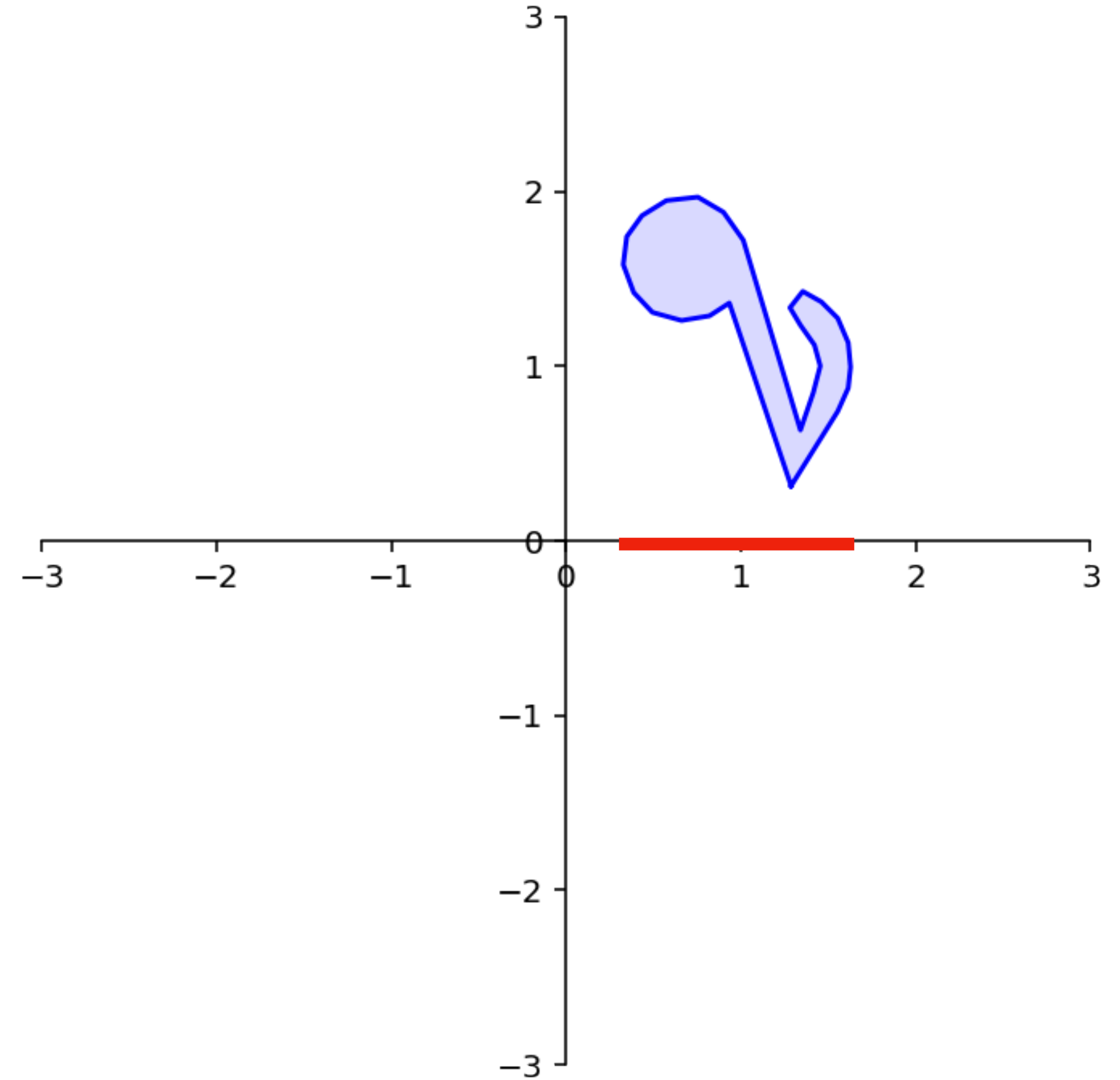
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the last example work?

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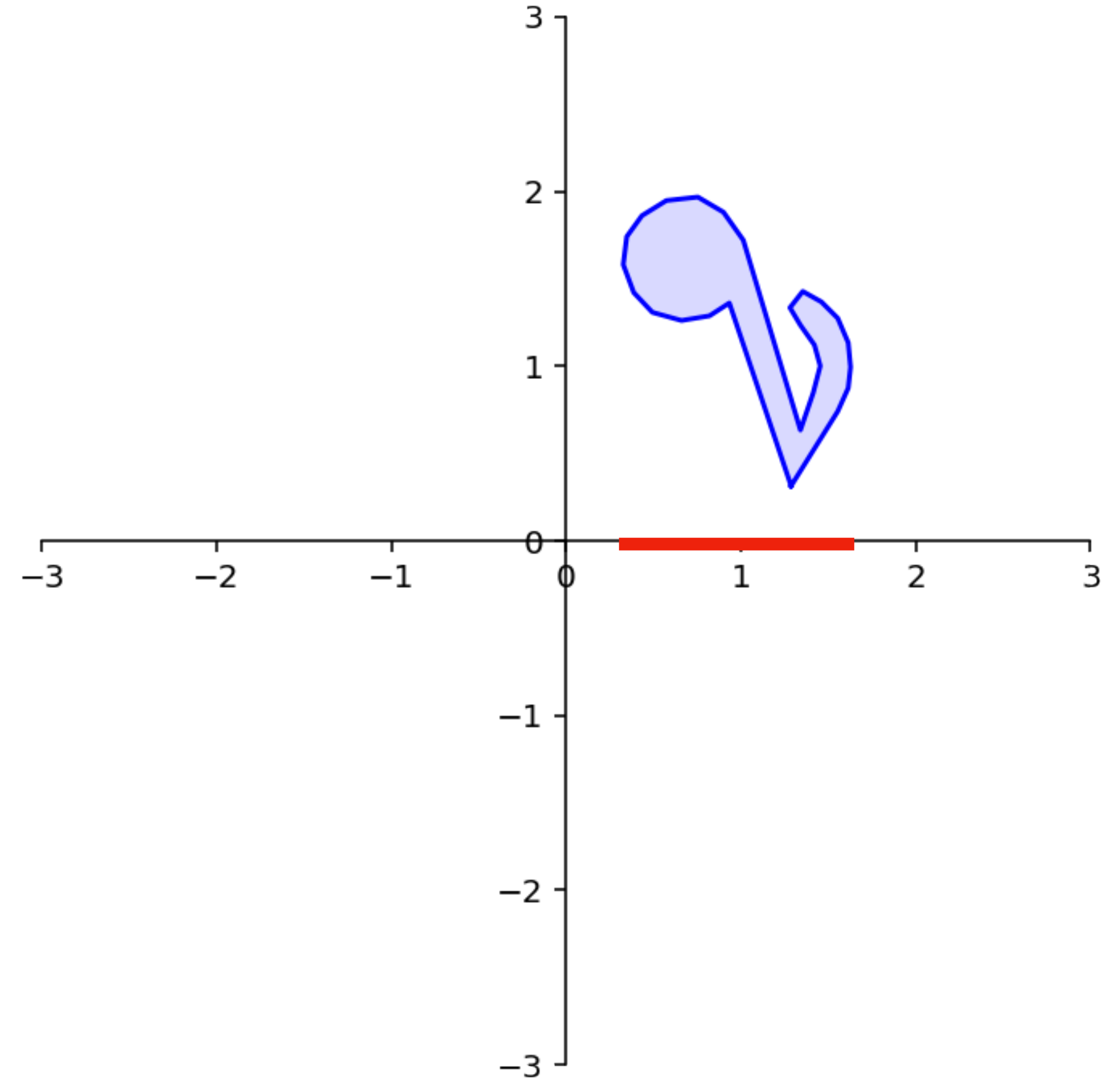
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We're going to  
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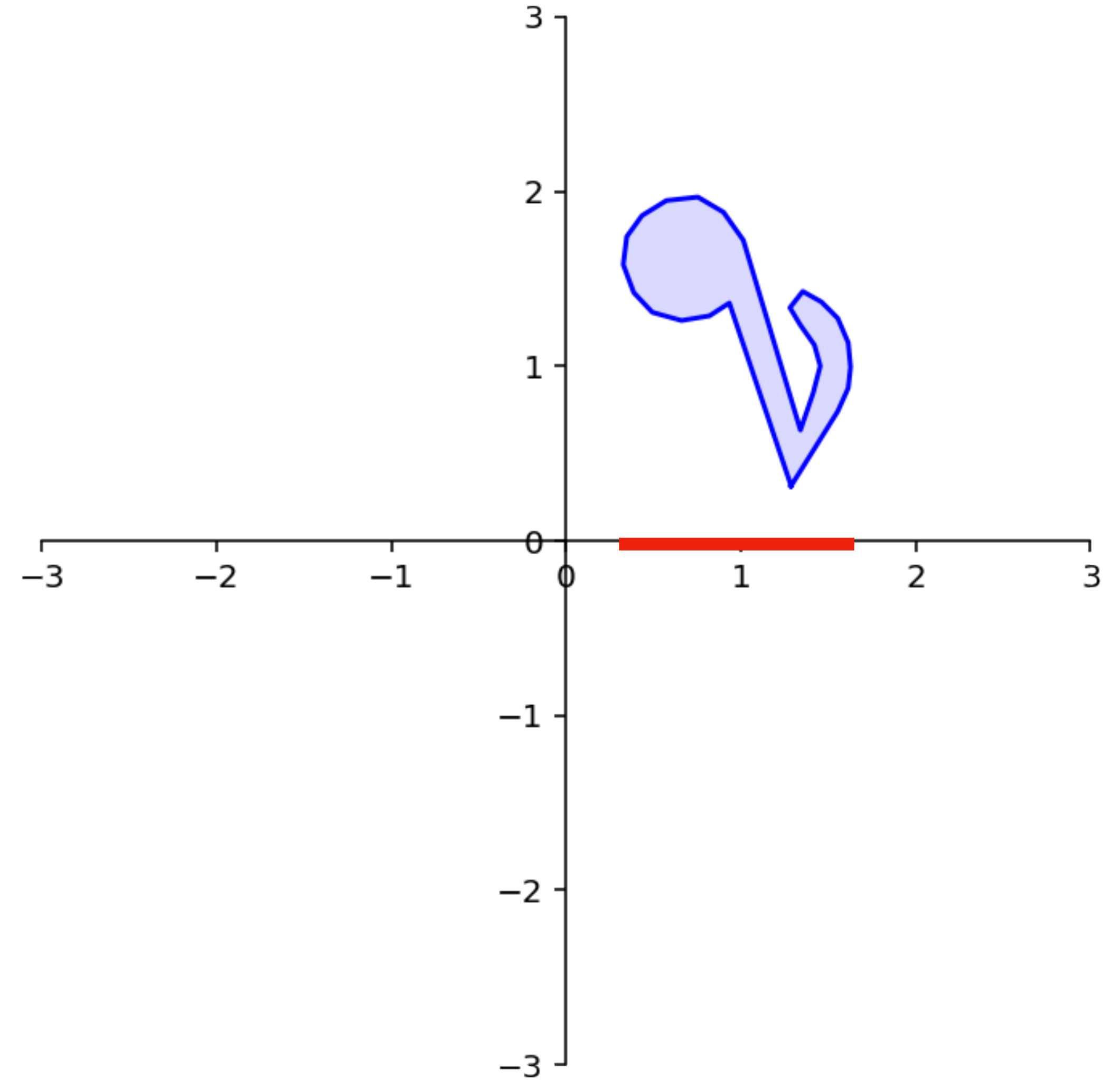


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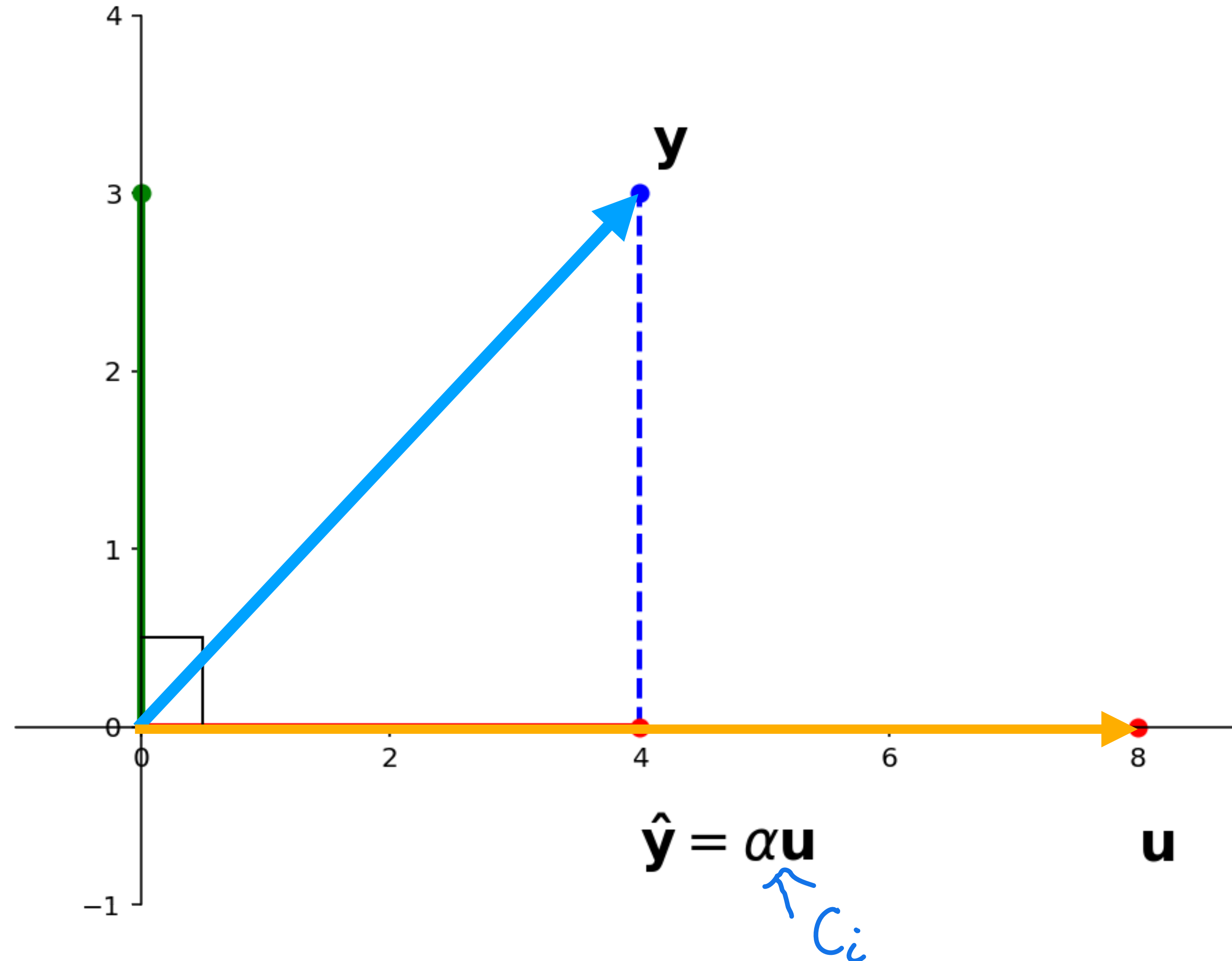
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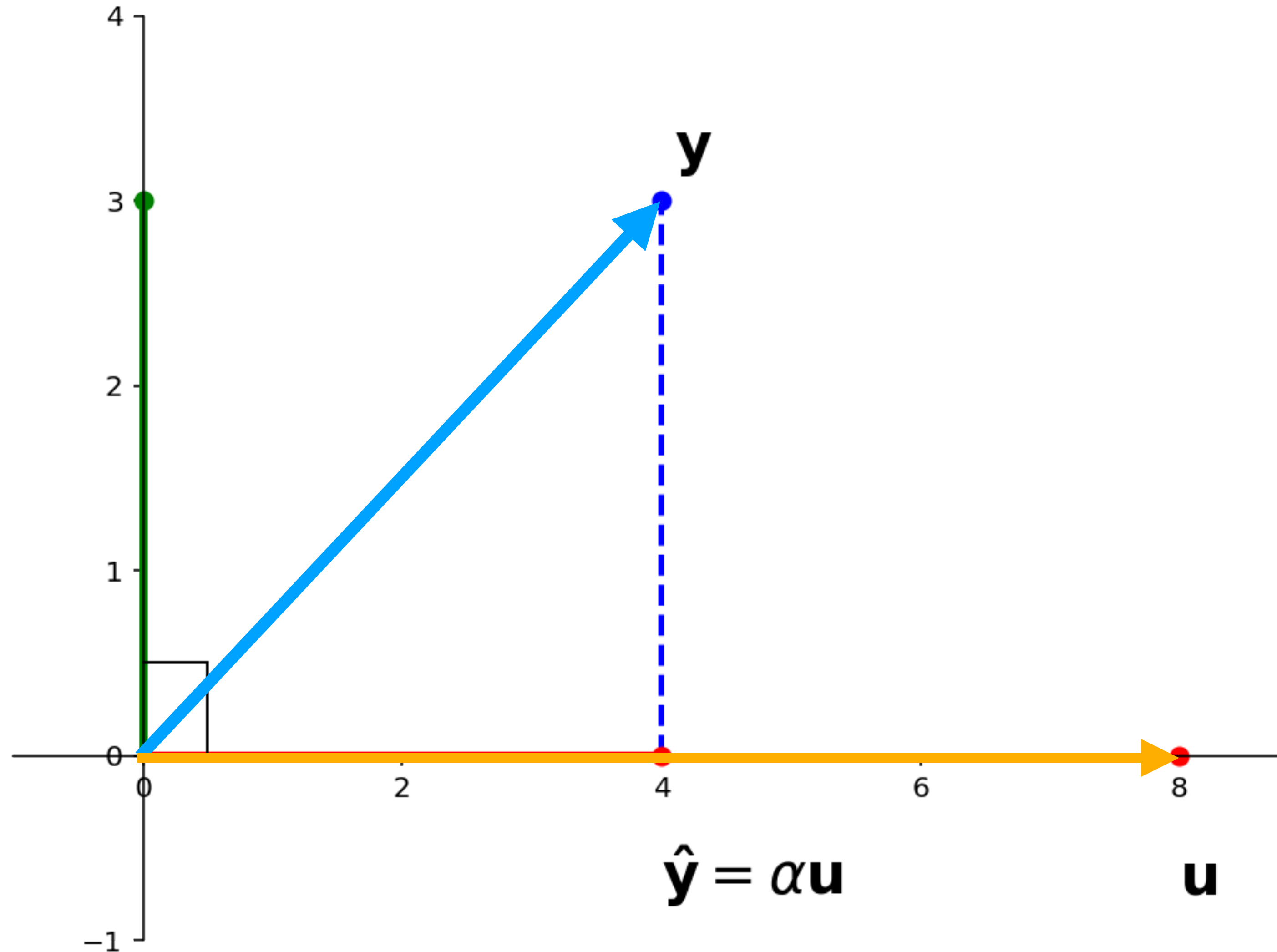
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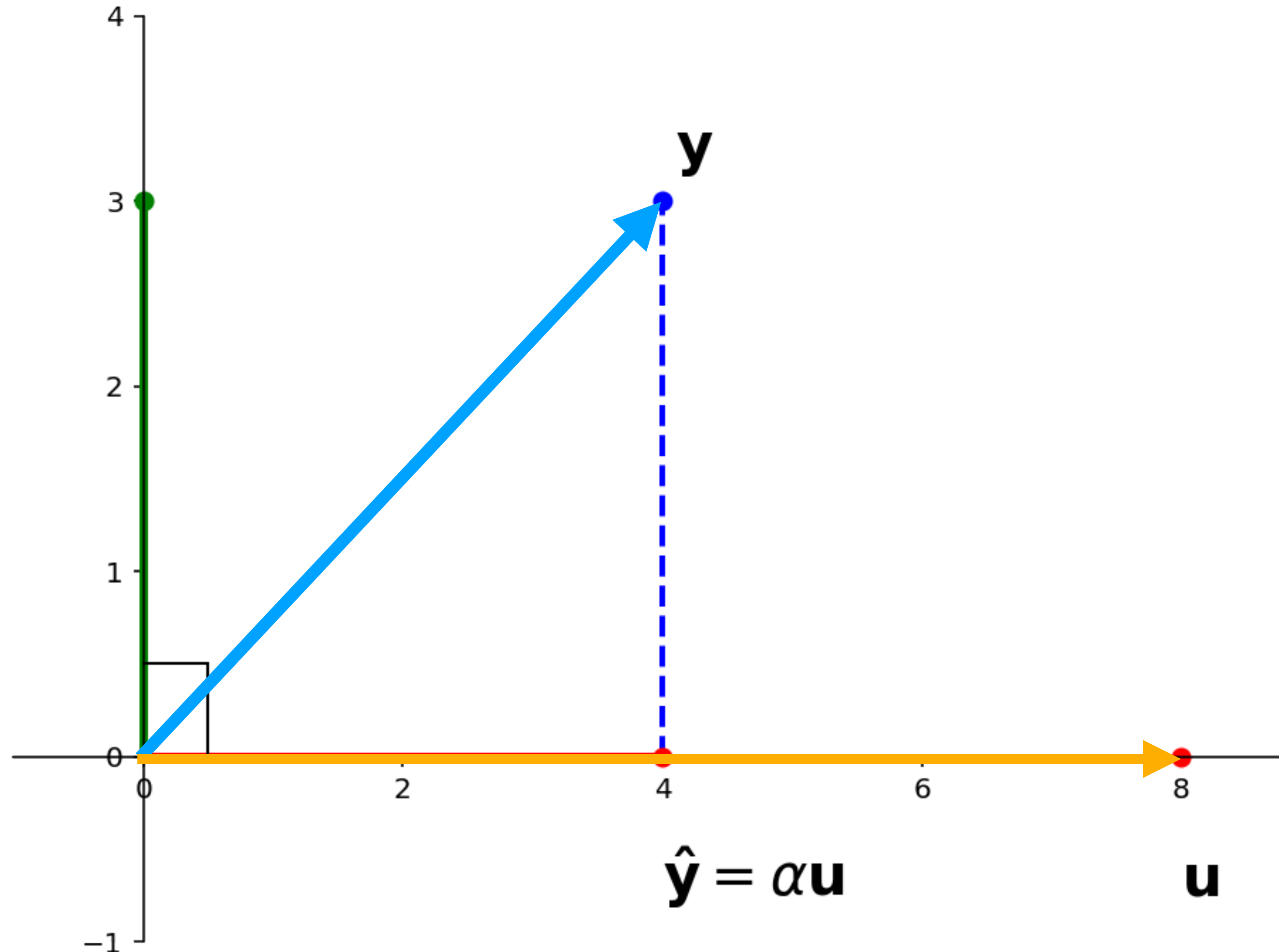
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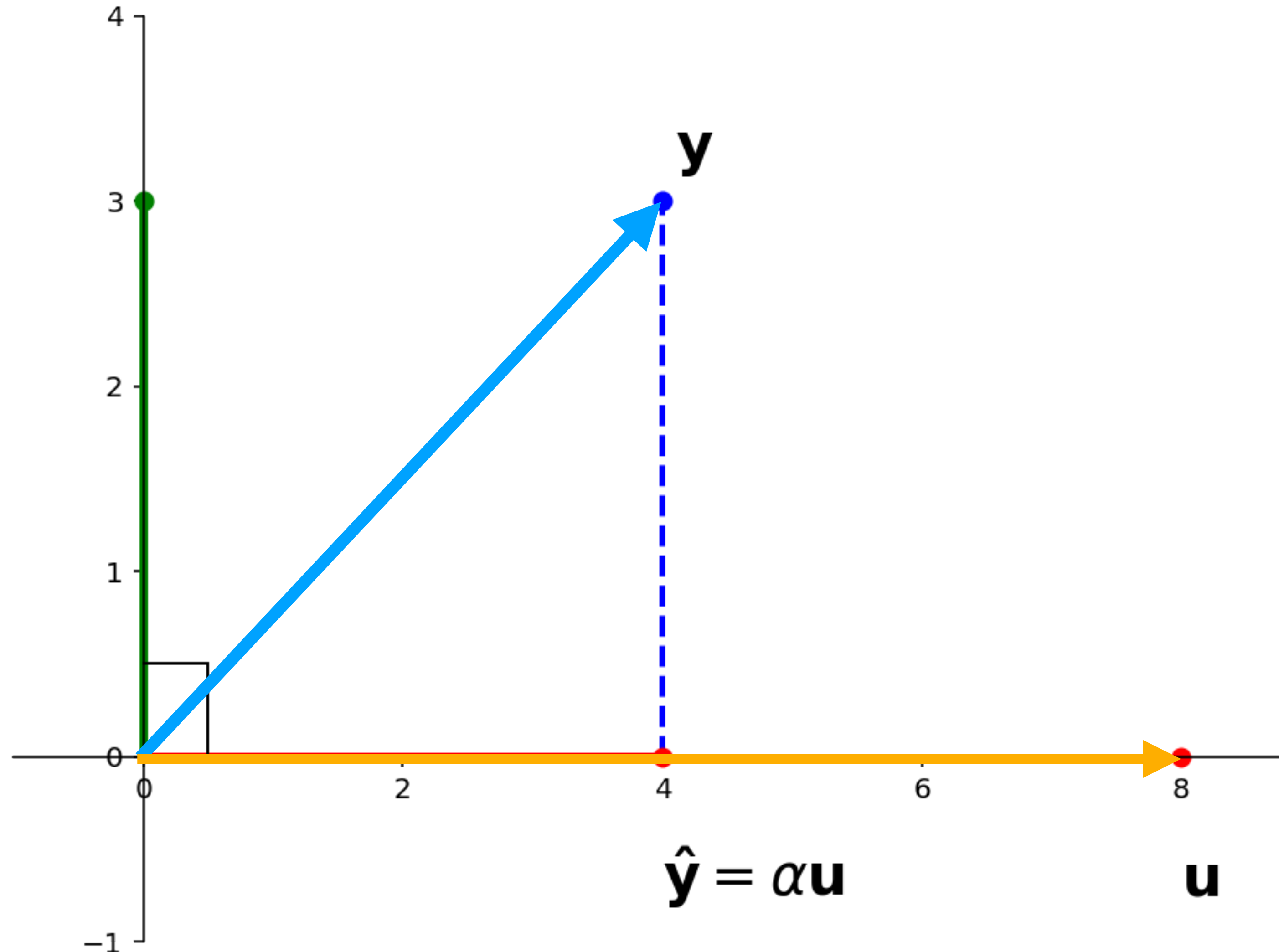


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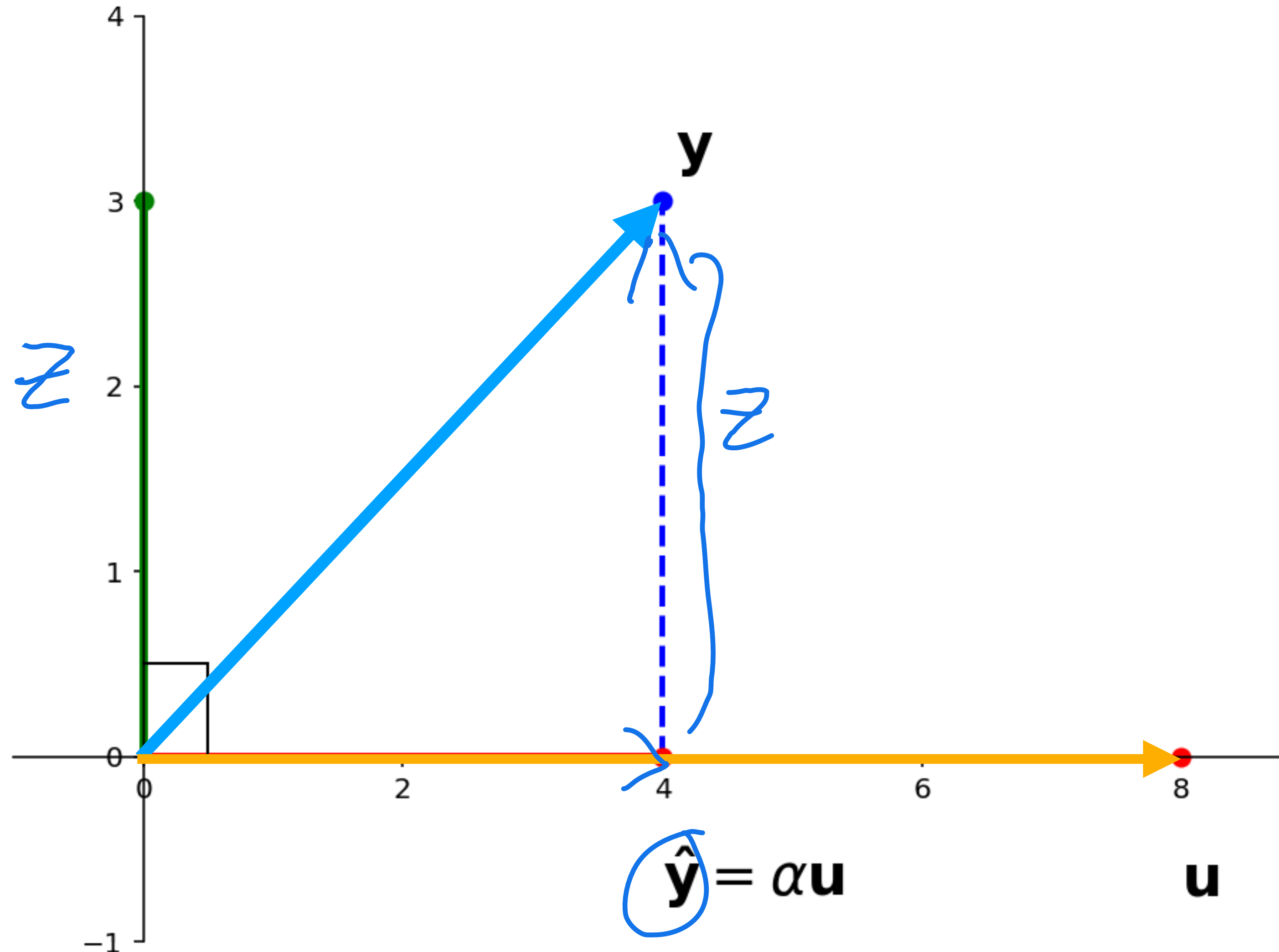
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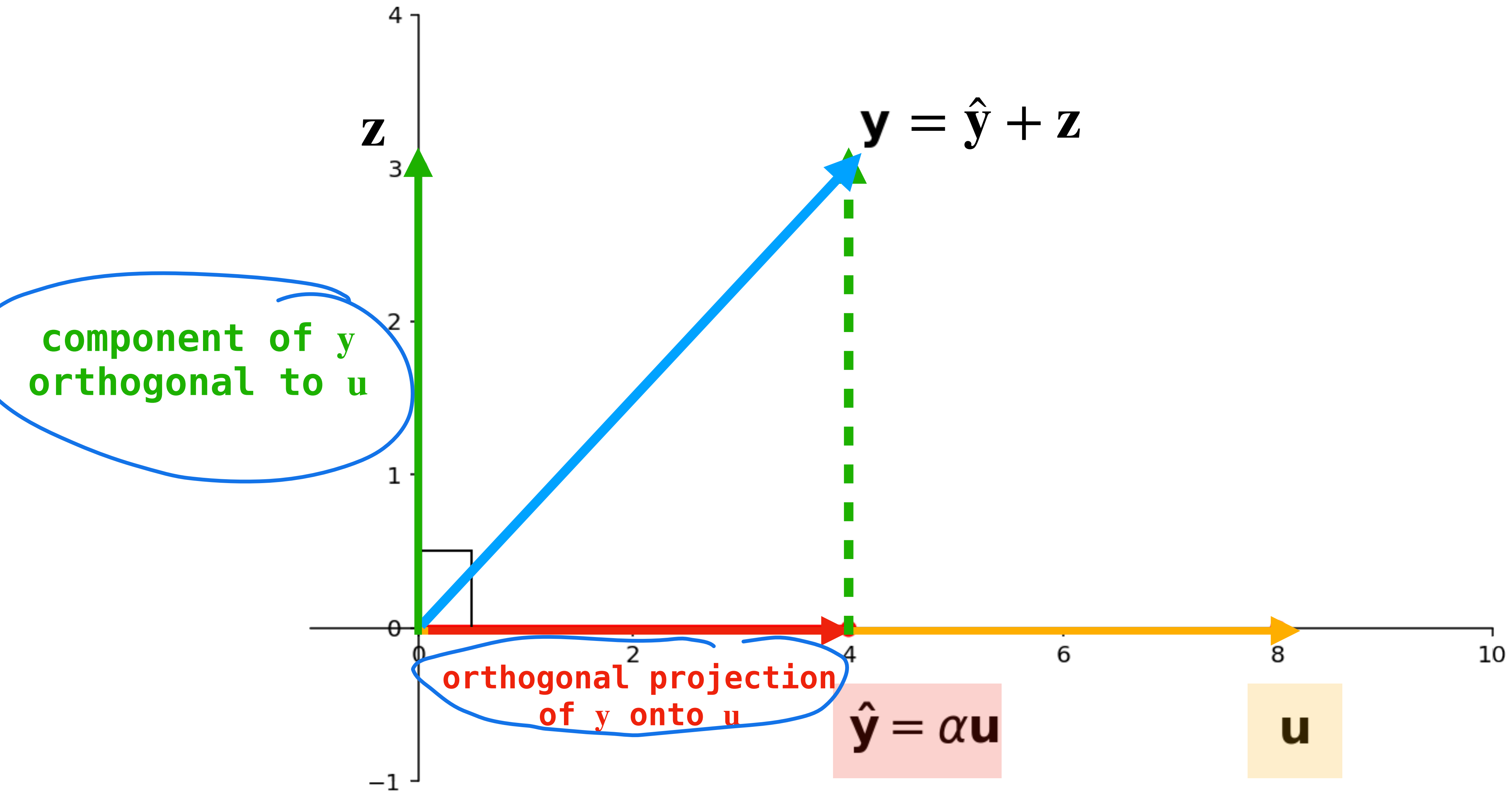
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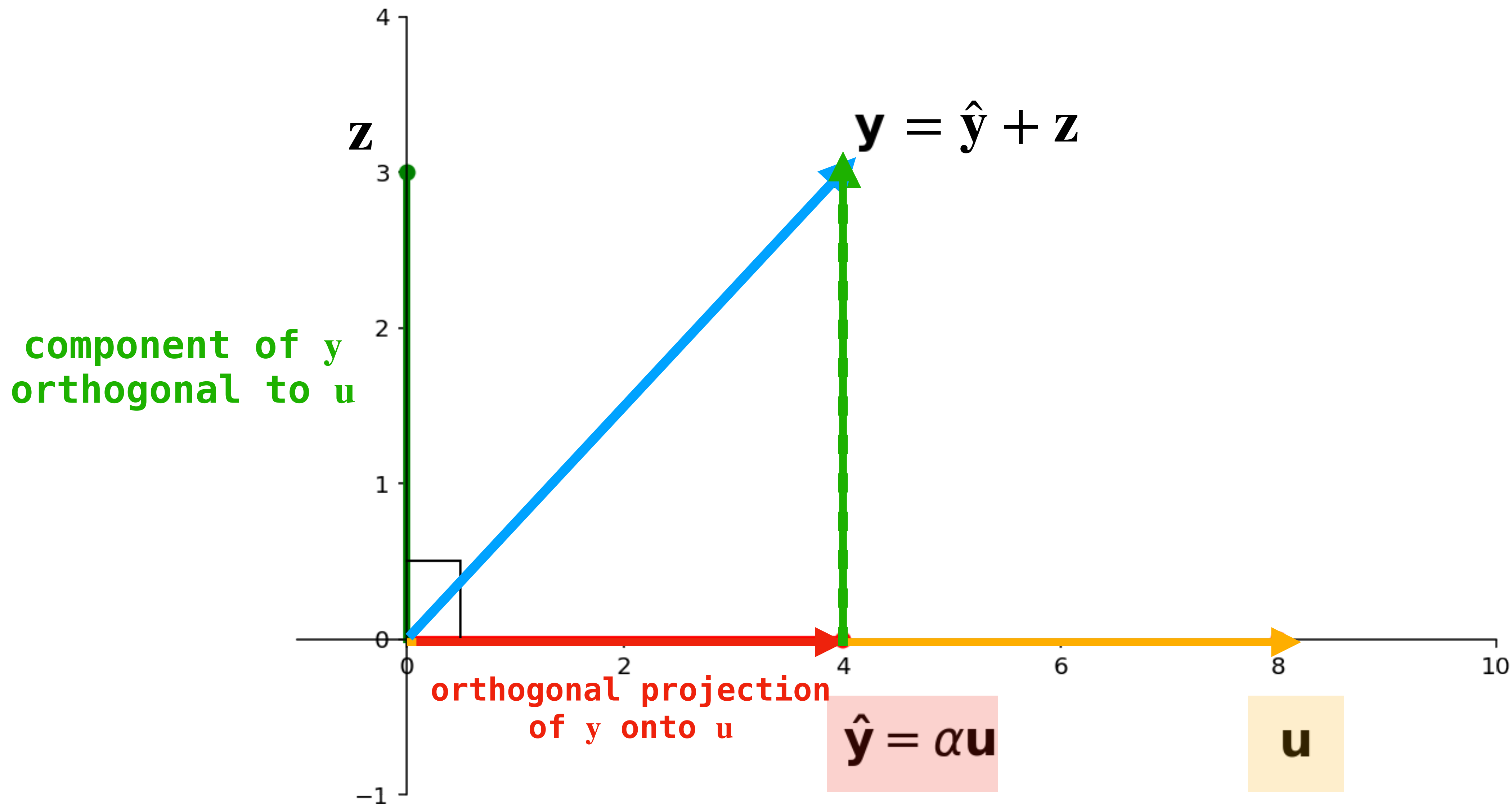
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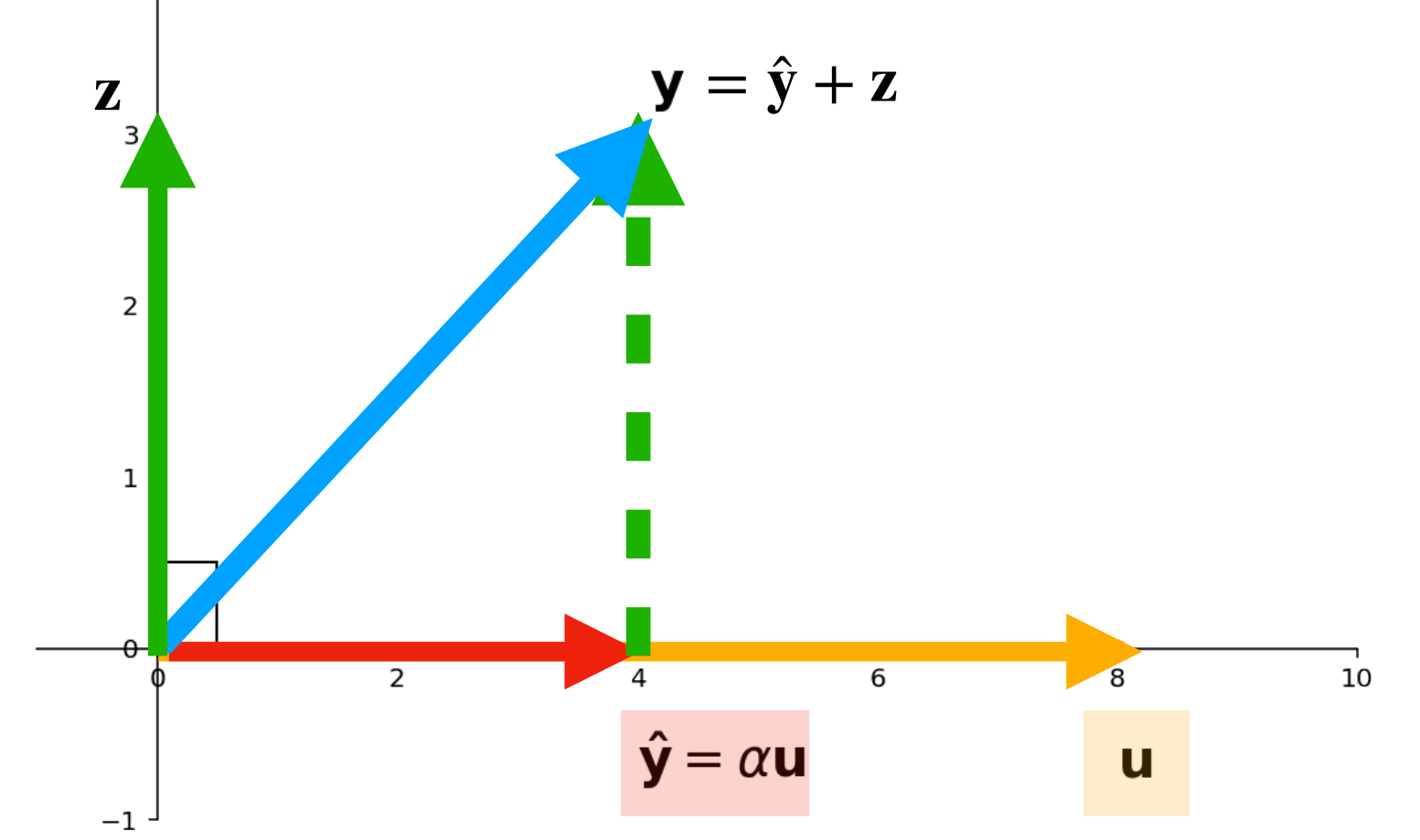


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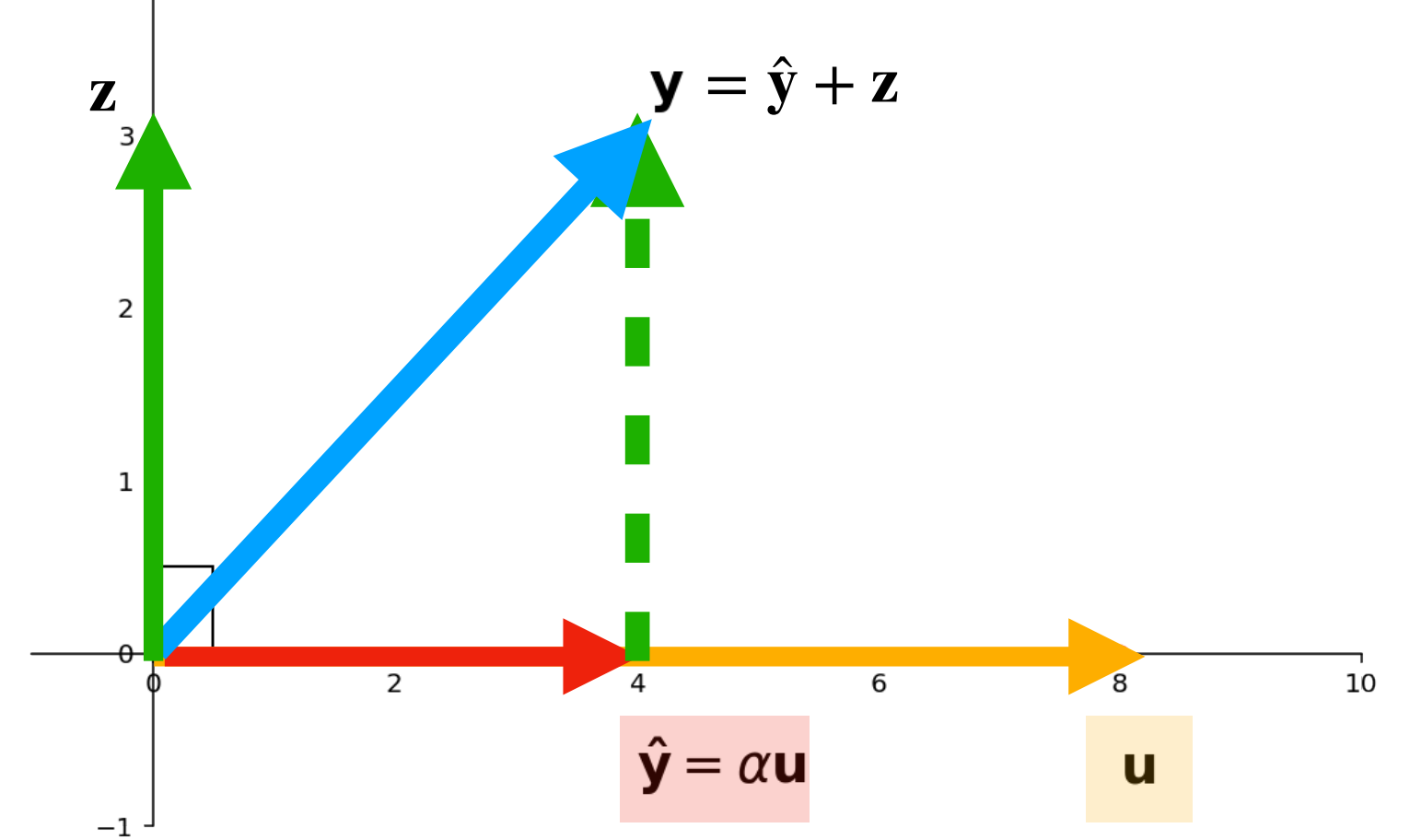
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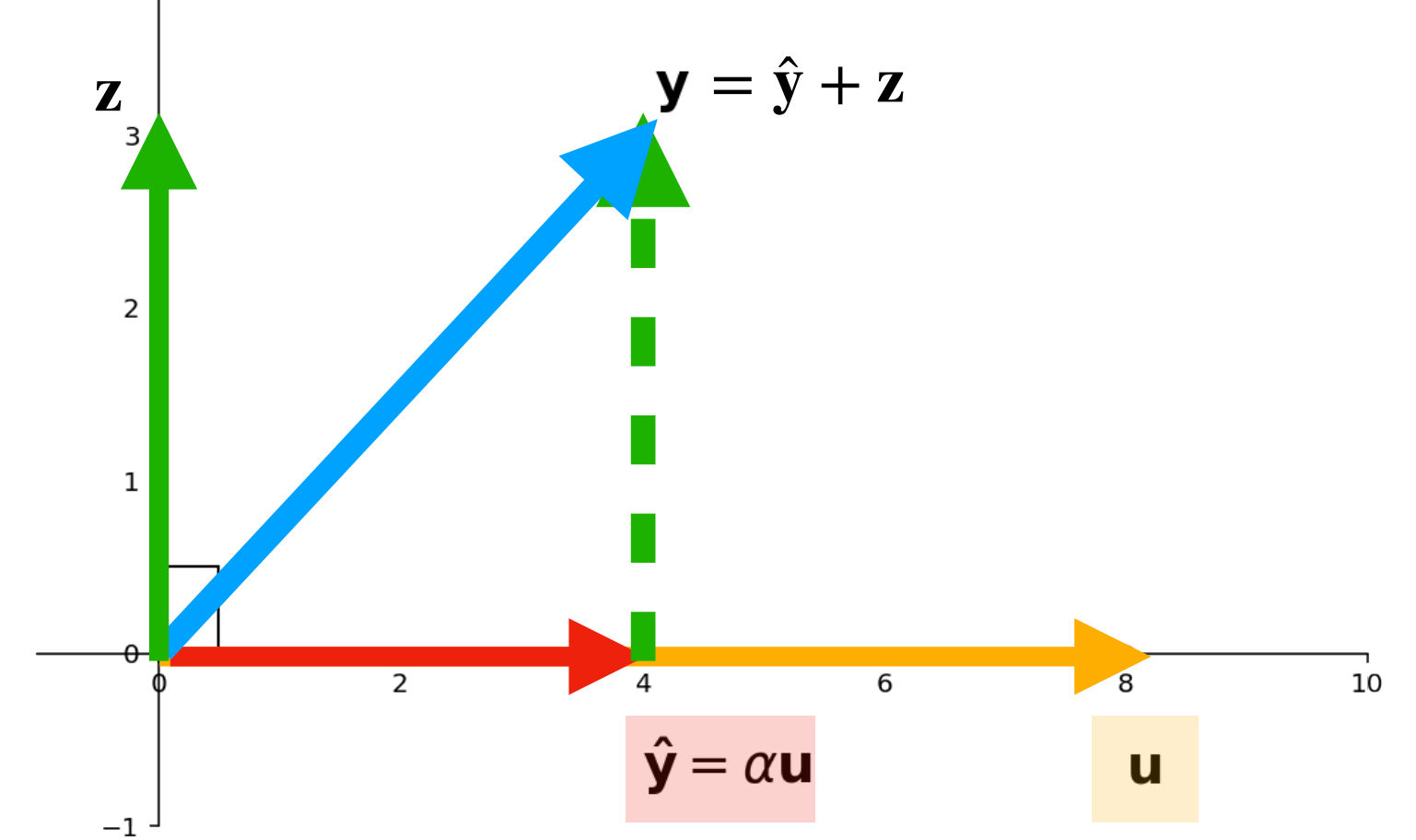


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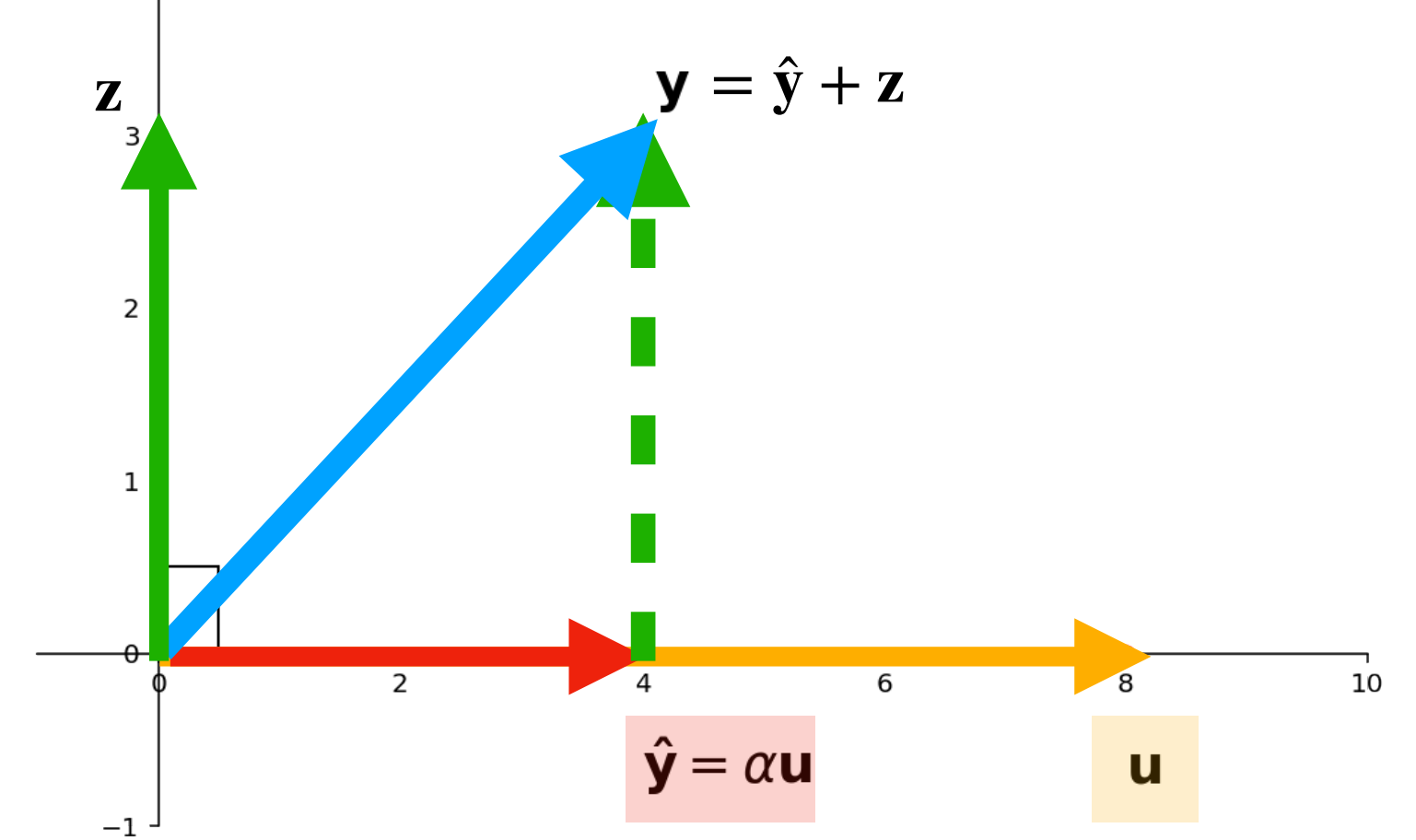
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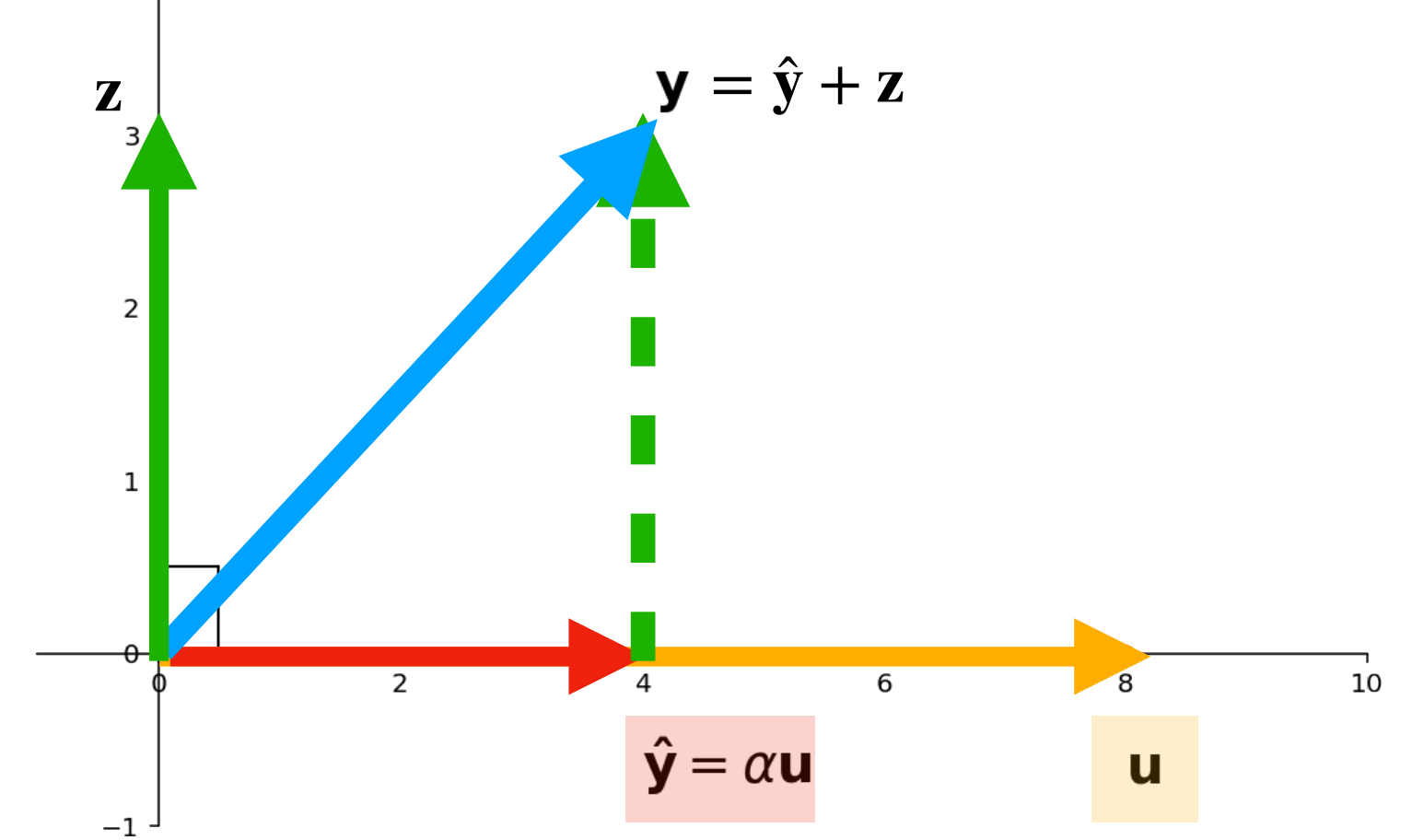
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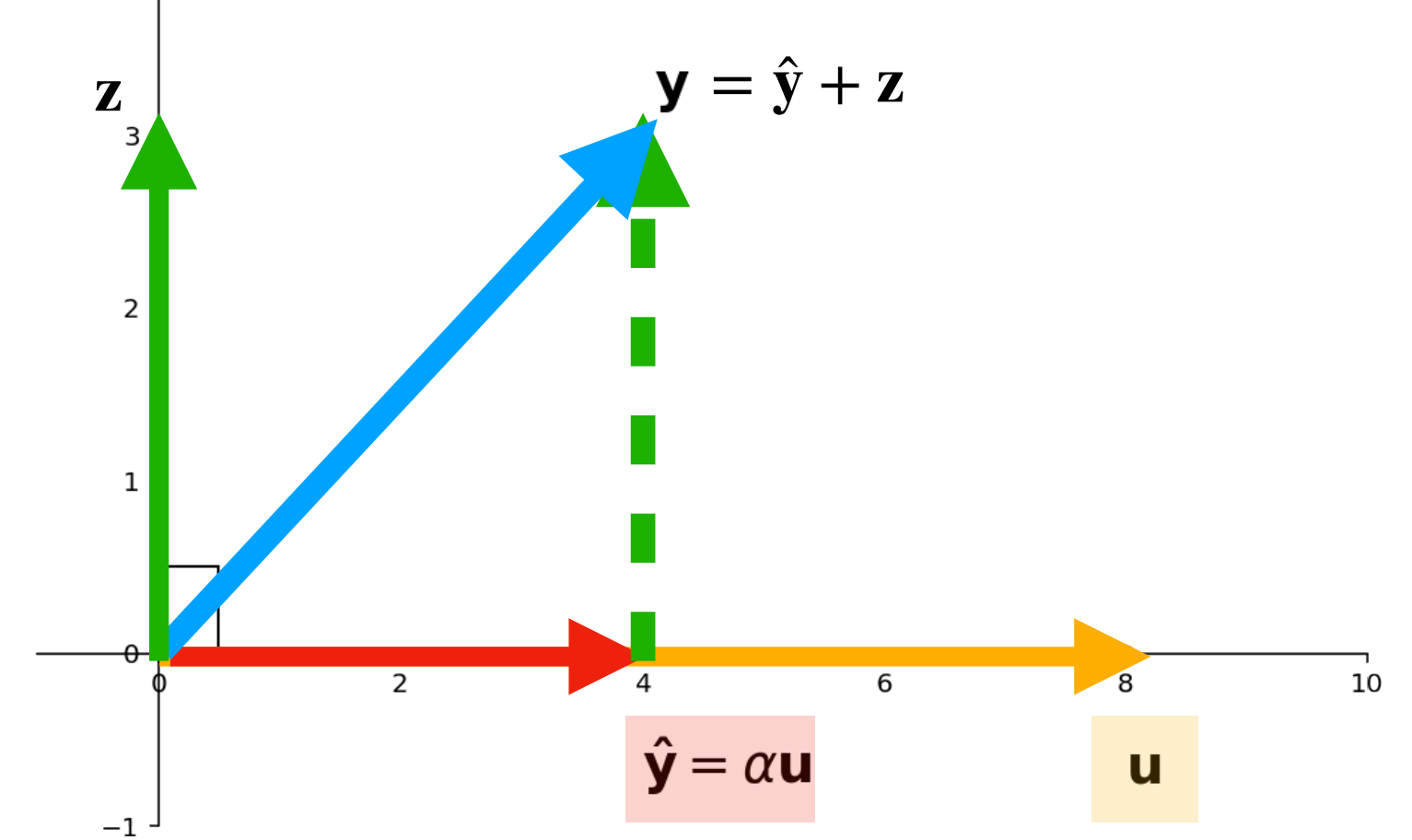


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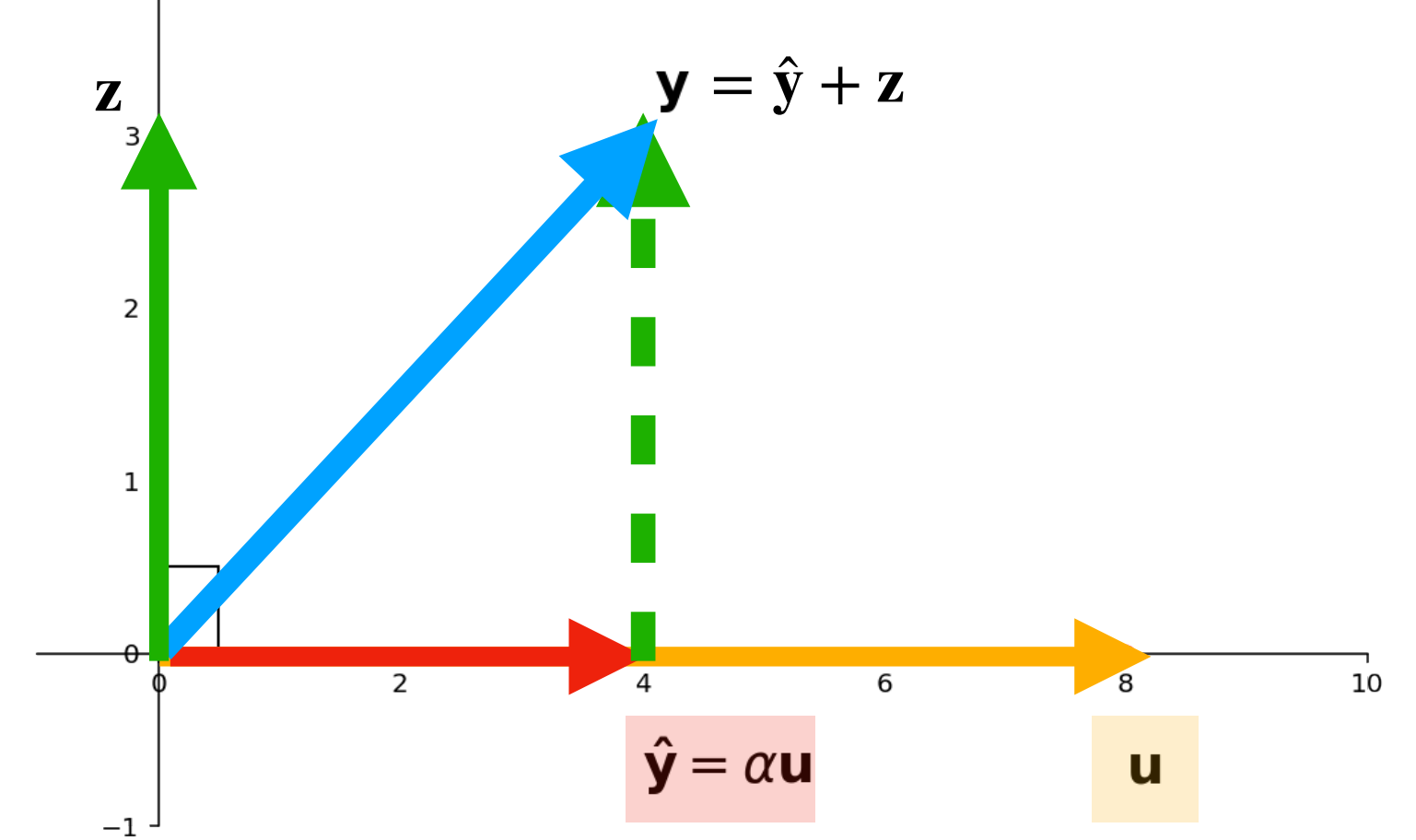
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# Step 1: Finding $\alpha$



$$\langle \mathbf{y} - \alpha \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle = 0$$

Let's solve for  $\alpha$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$ :

$$\langle \vec{y} - \alpha \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{u} \rangle - \alpha \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = 0$$

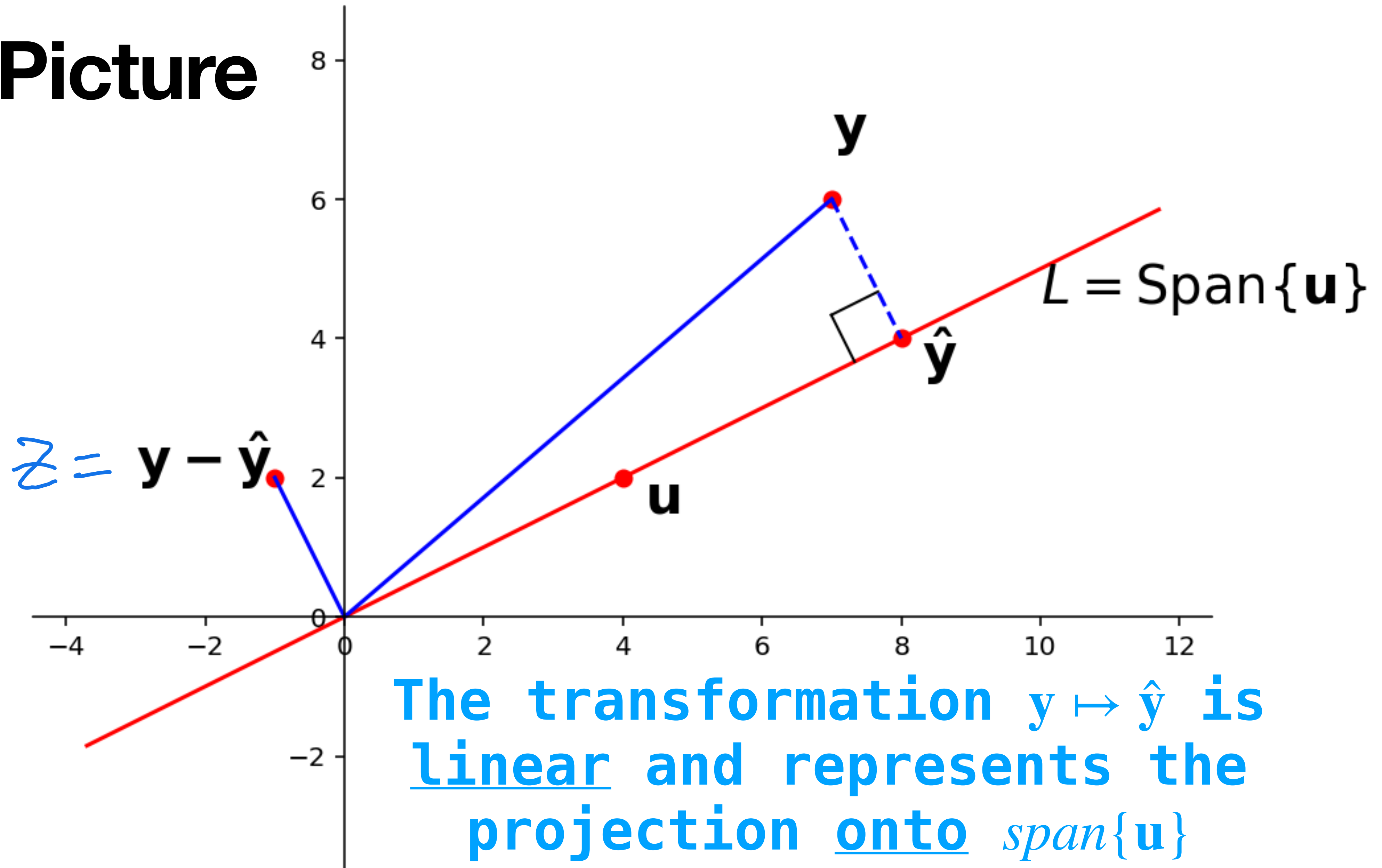
$$\alpha \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{u} \rangle$$

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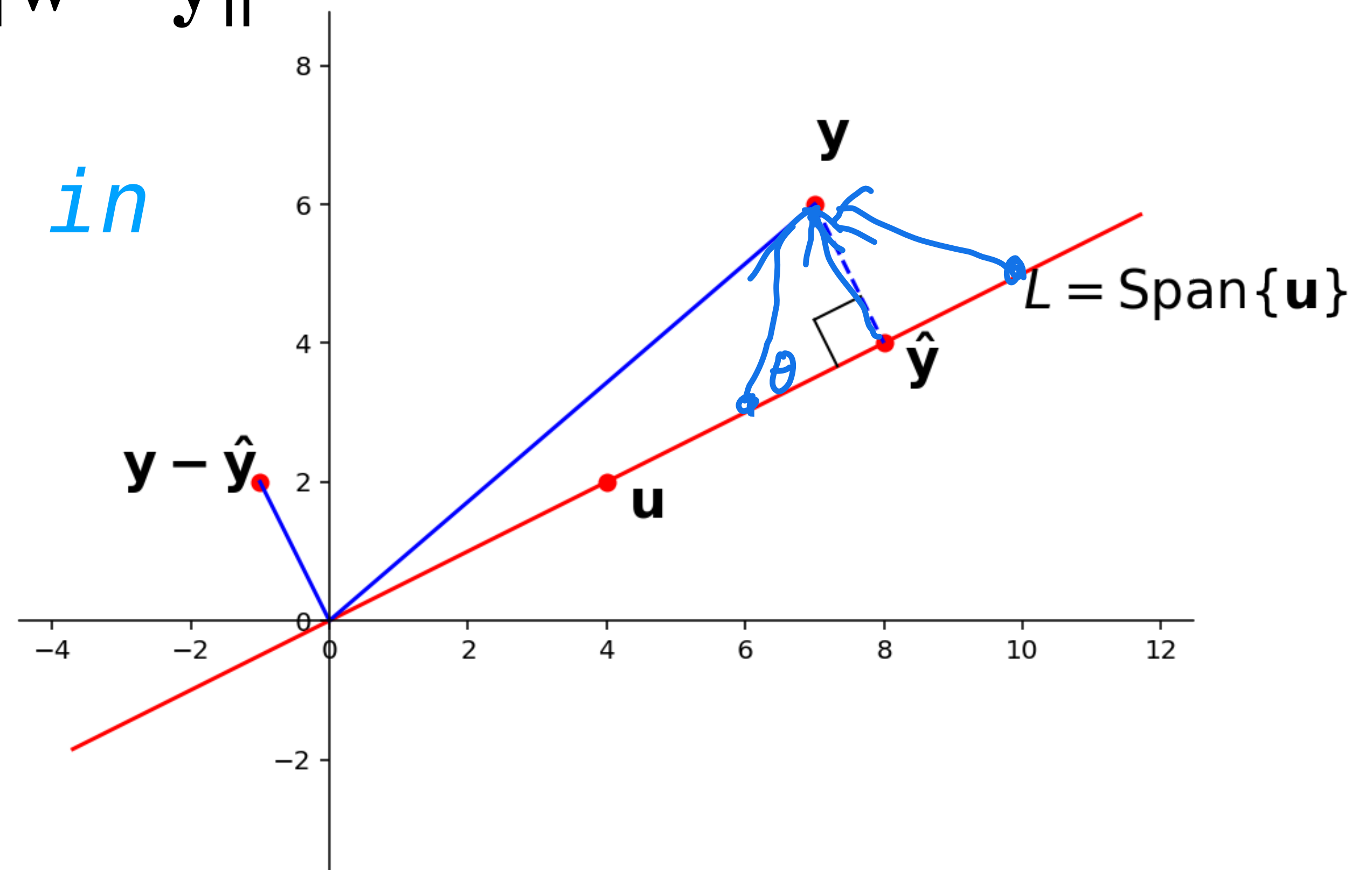


# $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ and Distance

**Theorem.**  $\|\hat{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{y}\| = \min_{\mathbf{w} \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}\}} \|\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{y}\|$

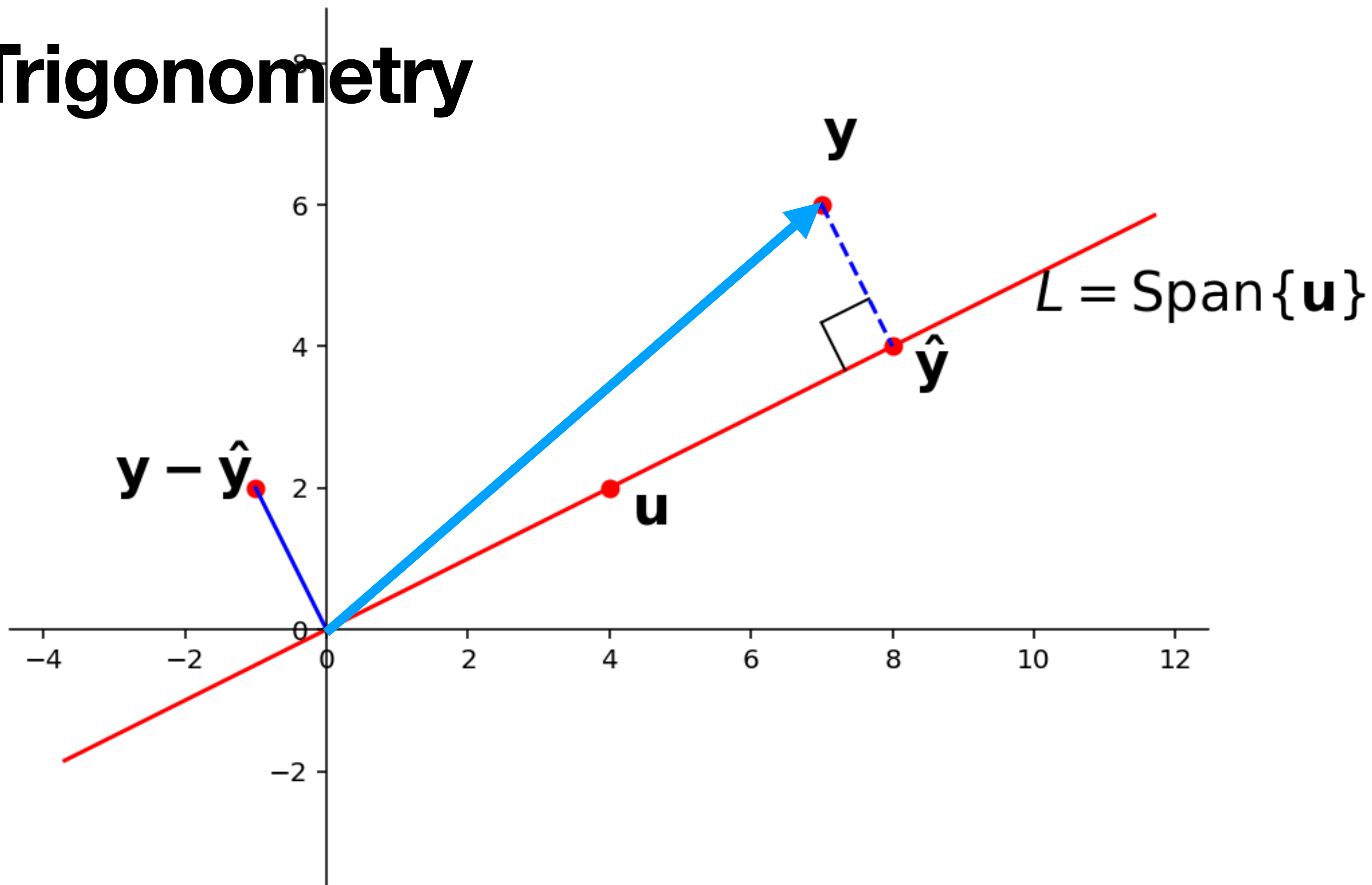
$\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is the closest vector in  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$  to  $\mathbf{y}$ .

"Proof" by inspection:

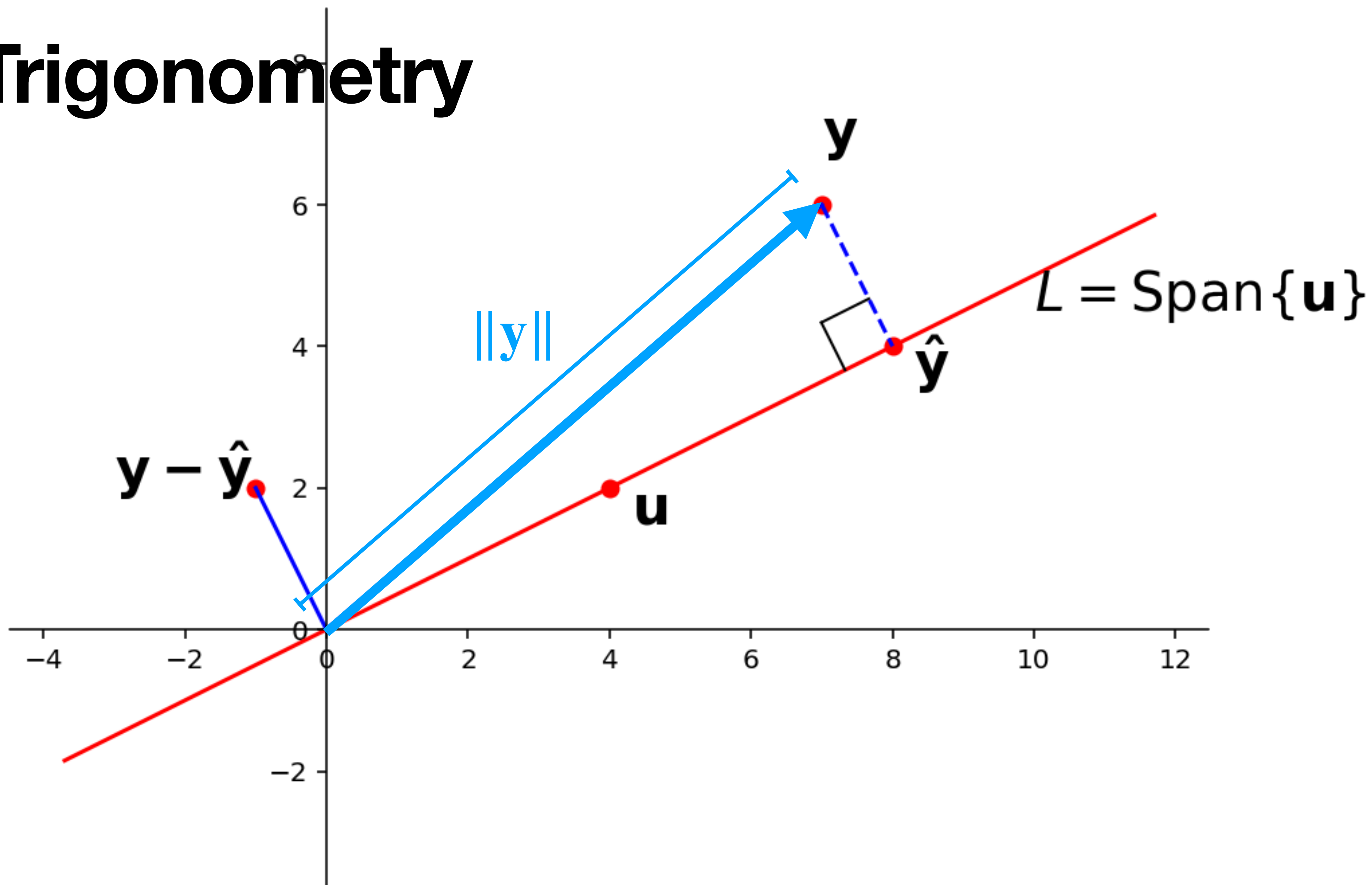




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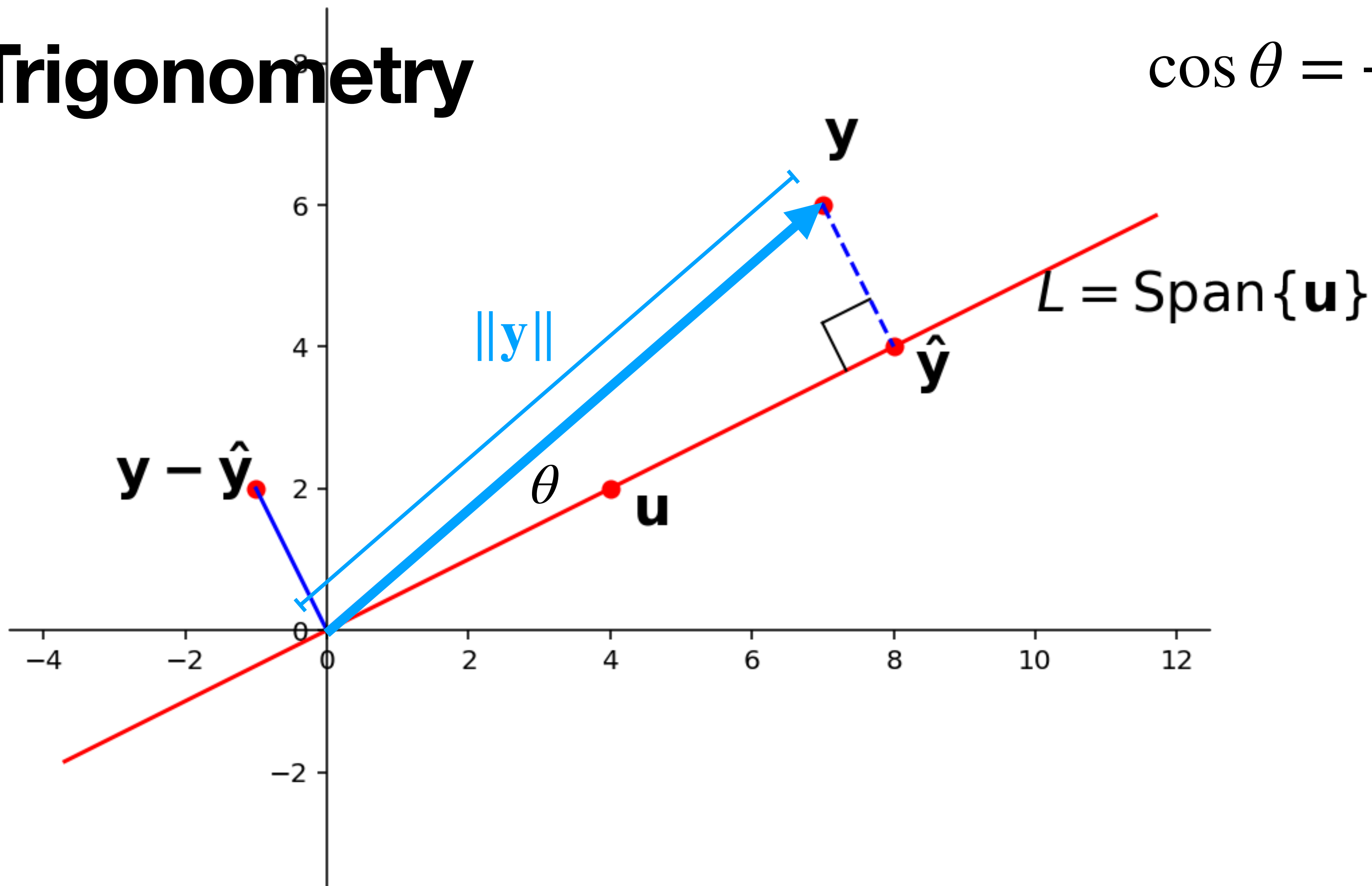


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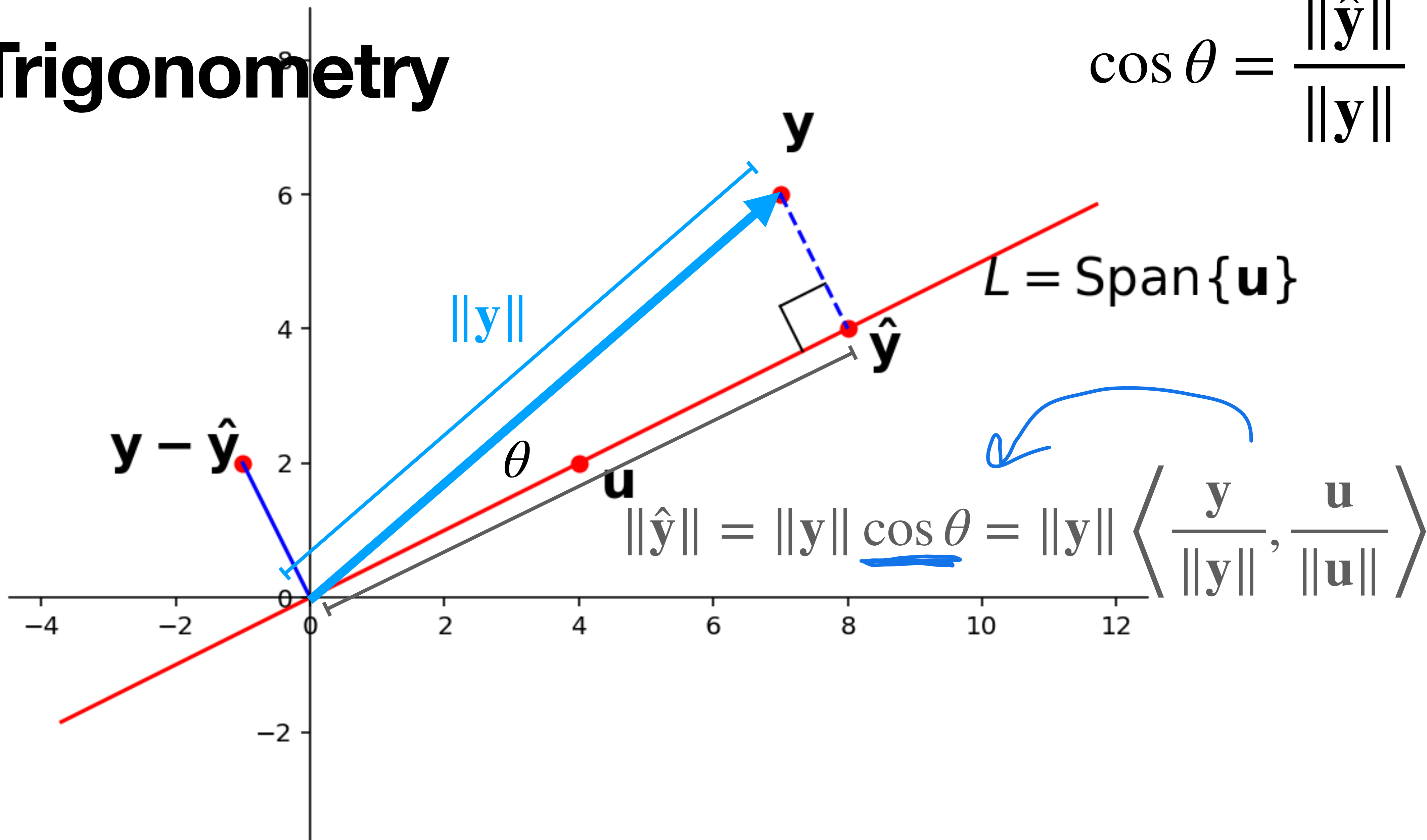
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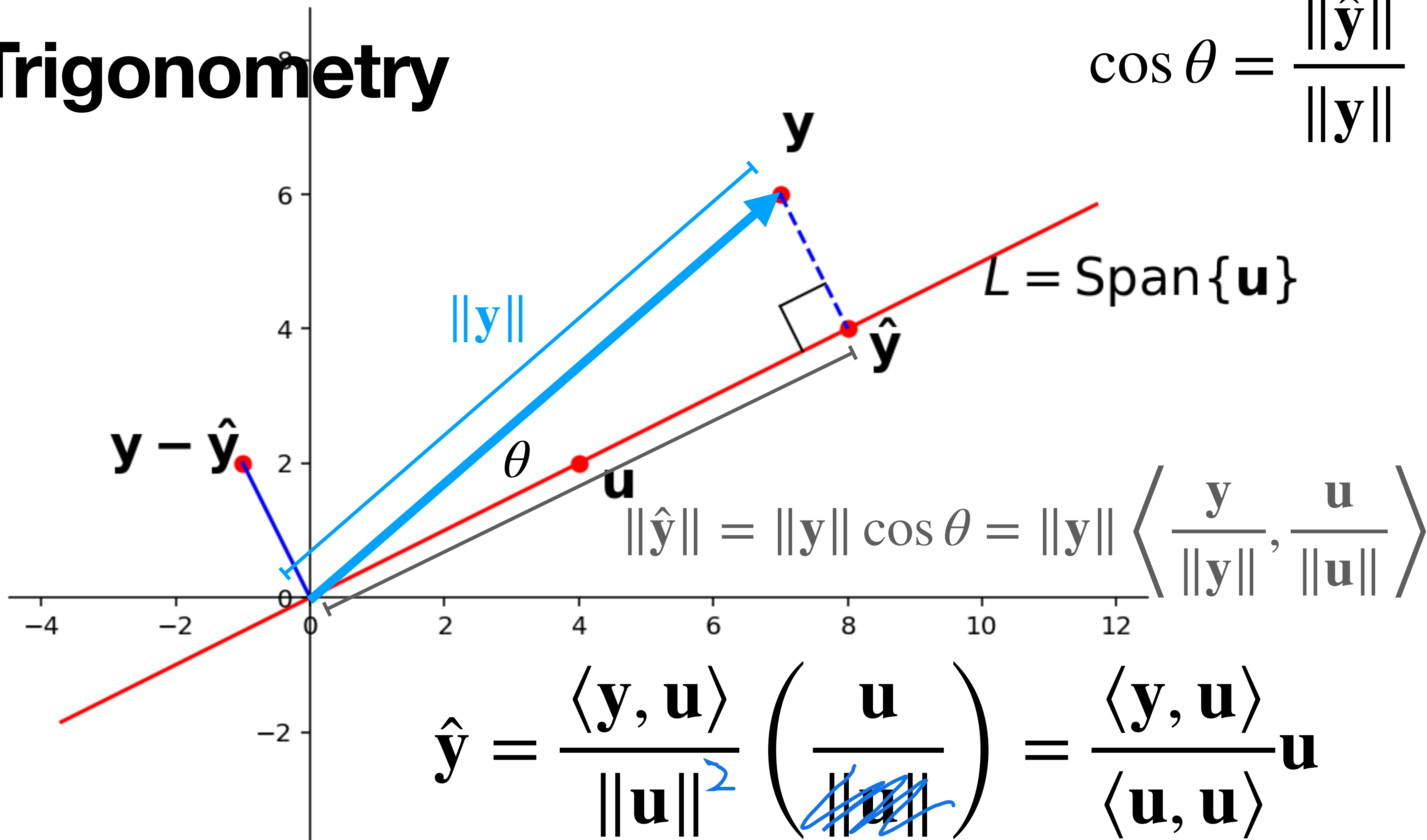
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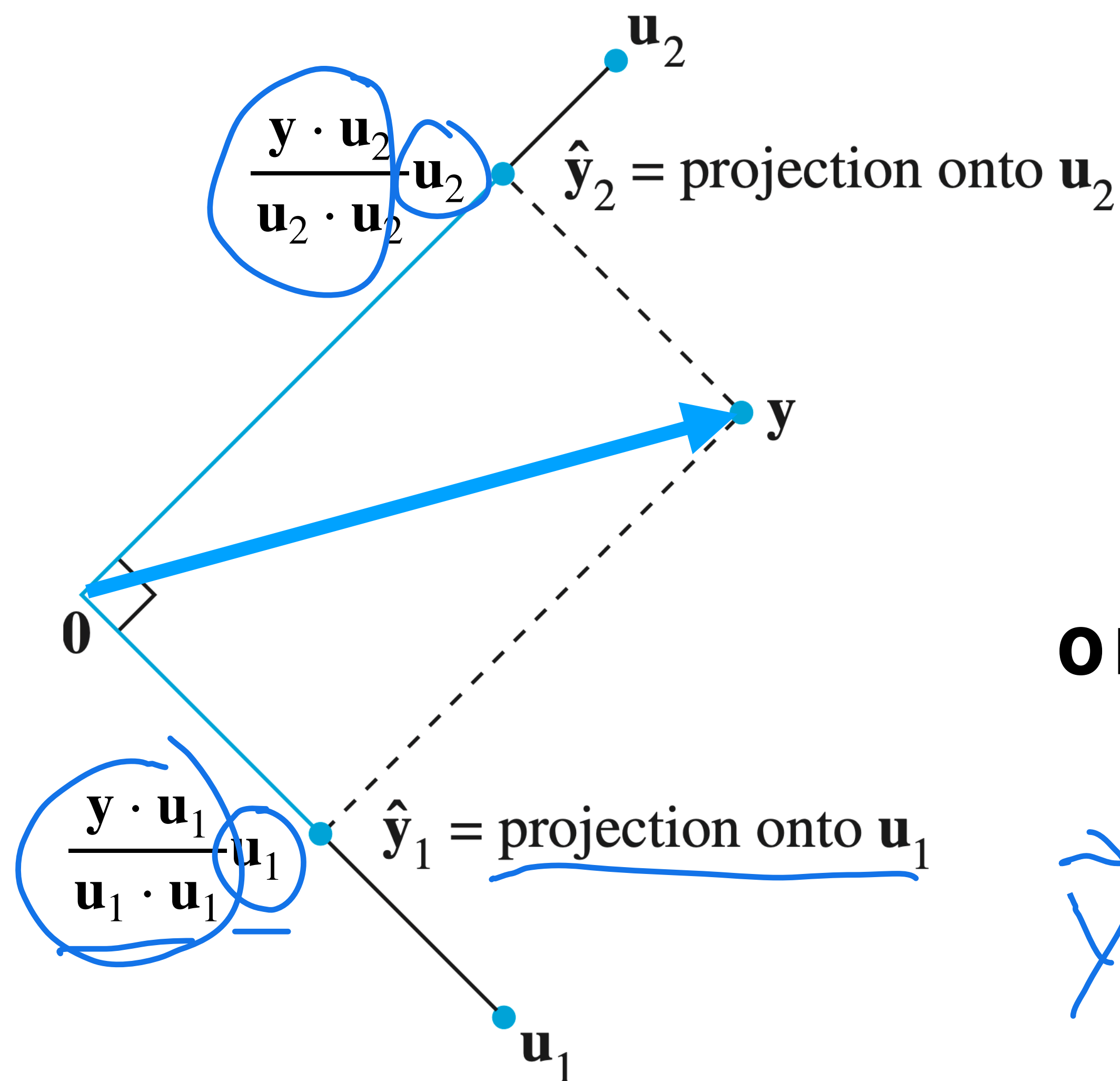


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# Orthogonal Projections and Orthogonal Bases



Each component of  $y$  written in terms of an *orthogonal* basis is an **orthogonal projection onto to a basis vector**

$$\hat{y} = \hat{y}_1 + \hat{y}_2$$

# How To:

**Question.** Find the projection of  $y$  onto the span of  $u$

**Solution.** Calculate  $\alpha = \frac{y \cdot u}{u \cdot u}$ , then the solution is  $\boxed{\alpha u} = \hat{y}$

$\leftarrow \|\vec{u}\|^2$



# Question

$$\vec{y} \mapsto \alpha \vec{u} = \vec{u} \left( \frac{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{y}}{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}} \right) \quad \alpha = \frac{\vec{y} \cdot \vec{u}}{\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}}$$

$$= \vec{u} \left( \frac{\vec{u}^T \vec{y}}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} \right)$$

Find the matrix which implements orthogonal

projection onto the span of

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \vec{u}$$

$$\frac{1}{\|\vec{u}\|^2} (\vec{u} \vec{u}^T) \vec{y}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{6} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\vec{u}^T$   
 $\vec{u}$   
 $\underbrace{1+1+4}_{\|\vec{u}\|^2}$



**Answer**

$$\frac{1}{6\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Orthonormal Matrices and Transposition

**Theorem.** For an  $m \times n$  orthonormal matrix  $U$

$(n \times m)$   $(m \times n)$

$$\underline{U^T U} = I_n$$

Verify:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1^T \\ \vec{u}_2^T \\ \vdots \\ \vec{u}_n^T \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_1 \\ \vec{u}_2 \cdots \vec{u}_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{u}_i^T \vec{u}_j \\ \text{for } i \neq j \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} \text{if } i=j \\ \|\vec{u}_i\|_2^2 \end{matrix}$$

# Inverses of Orthogonal Matrices

**Theorem.** If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $U$  is orthogonal  
(square orthonormal) then it is invertible and

$$U^{-1} = U^T$$

Verify: By prior argument

$$U^T U = \text{Id}$$

↑  
also inverse

# Orthonormal Matrices and Inner Products

**Theorem.** For a  $m \times n$  orthonormal matrix  $U$ , and any vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$

$$\langle Ux, Uy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$$


*Orthonormal matrices preserve inner products*

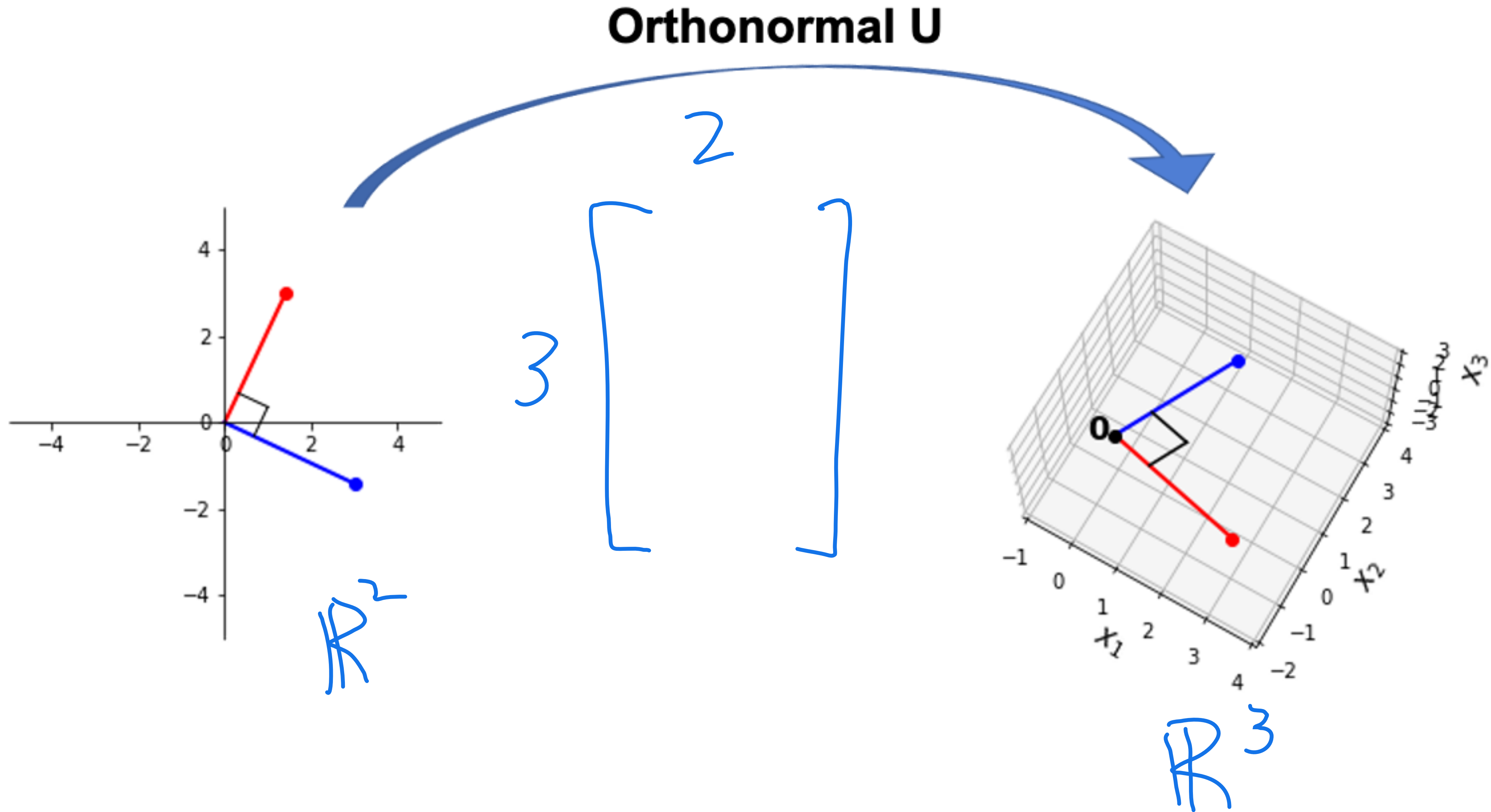
Verify:

$$(U\vec{x})^T (U\vec{y}) = \vec{x}^T \underbrace{U^T U}_{I_n} \vec{y} = \vec{x}^T \vec{y}$$

# Length, Angle, Orthogonality Preservation

Since lengths and angles are defined in terms of inner products, they are also preserved by orthonormal matrices:

# The Picture





# Example

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 2/3 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

~~Show~~ Verify  $\|Ux\|^2 = \|x\|^2$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|x\|^2 = 2 + 9 = 11$$

$$U\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2 \\ 1-2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\|U\vec{x}\|^2 = 9 + 1 + 1 = 11$$

length/norm preserved!

# Question (Conceptual)

Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with orthogonal but not orthonormal columns. What is  $A^T A$ ?

col vectors  
NOT unit  
norm

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$A^T$                        $A$

$\uparrow$   
if  $i \neq j$   
0

if  $i = j$   
 $\|\vec{a}_i\|^2$

# Answer

If  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$  then  $A^T A$  is a diagonal matrix  
 $D$  where

$$D_{ii} = \|\mathbf{a}_i\|^2$$

# Summary

Orthogonal sets allow for simpler calculations of coordinates

Finding these coordinates is a really about find the orthogonal projections onto each vector in the orthogonal set

We can apply these ideas to matrices and describe a class of very well behaved transformations via orthonormal matrices