

Processing and interpreting potential-field data via Equivalent-Layer Technique

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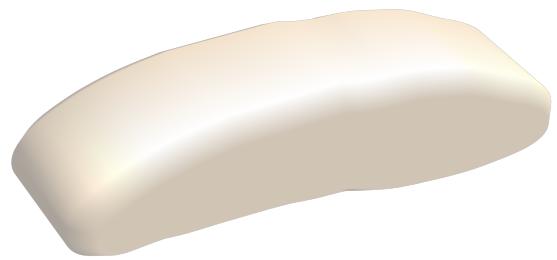
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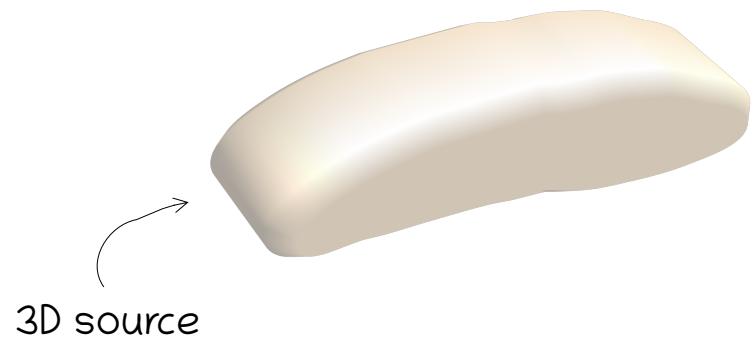
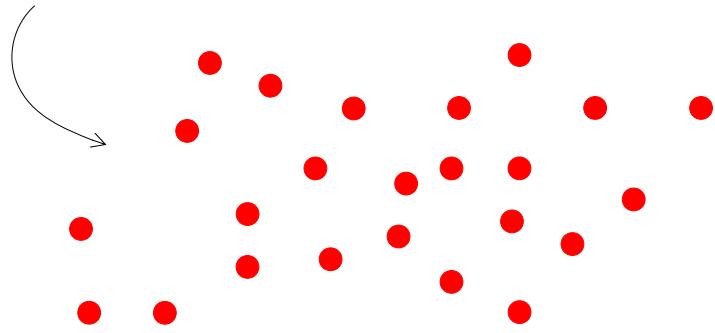
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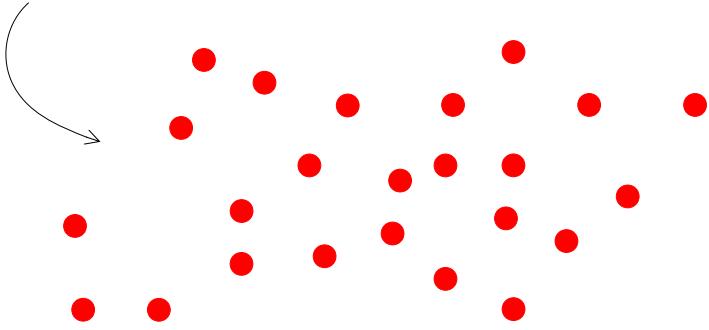


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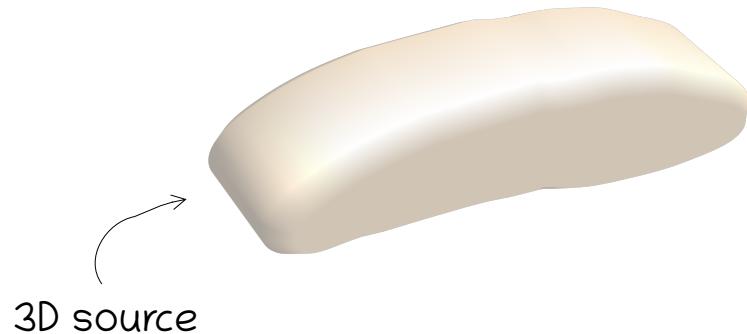


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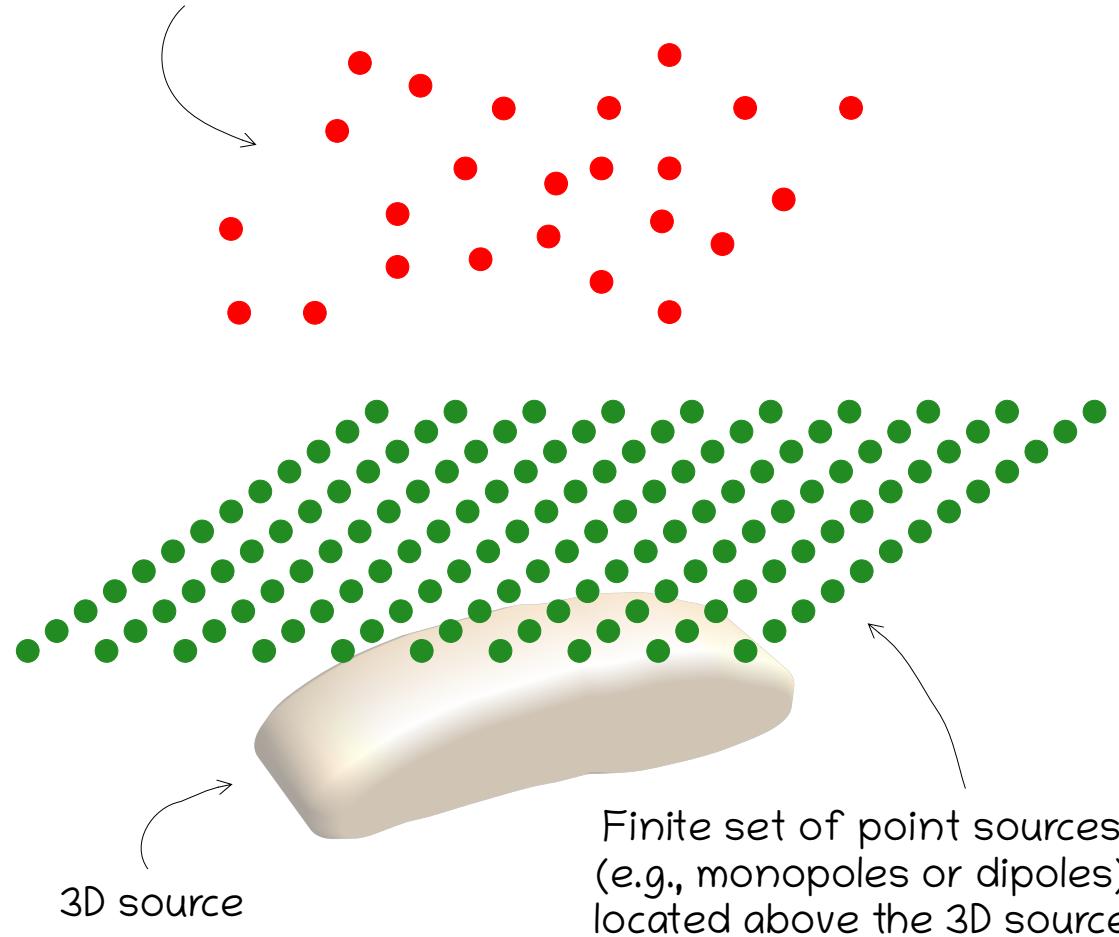


Throughout this presentation, I consider that potential-field data can be represented by harmonic functions

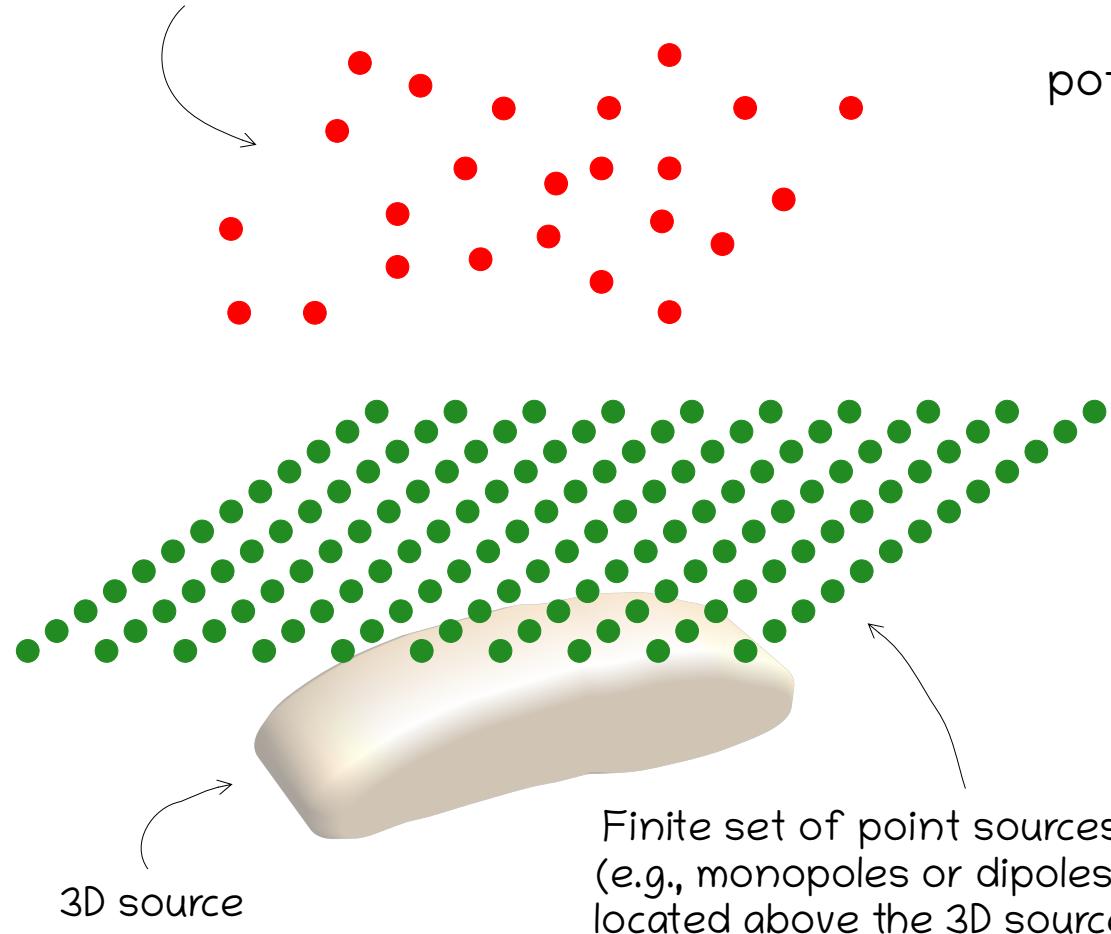


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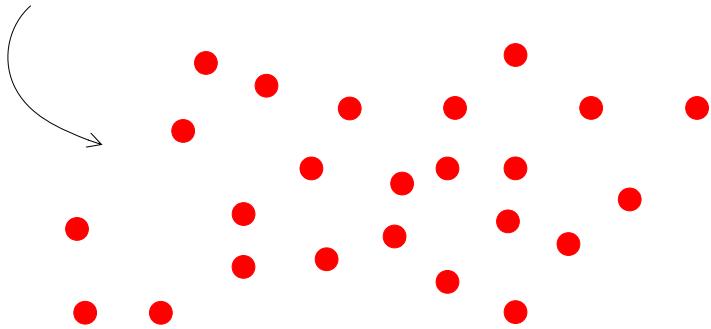


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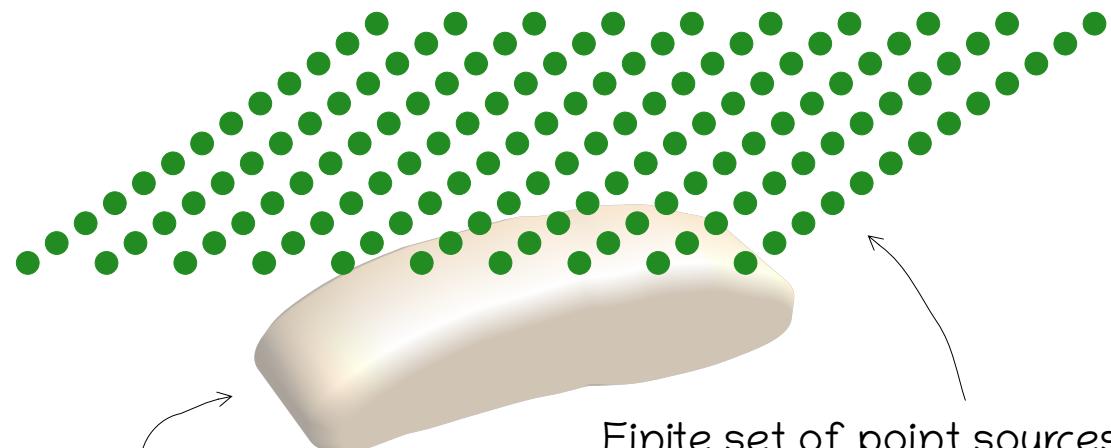
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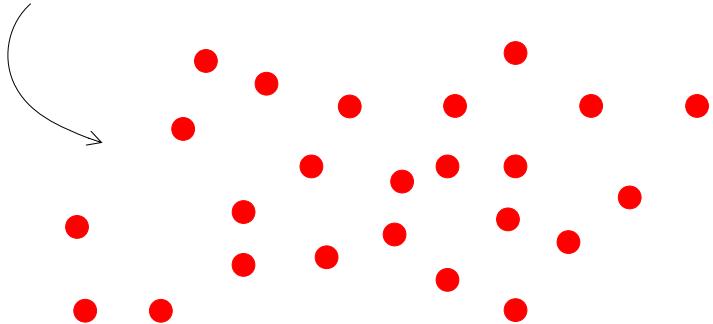
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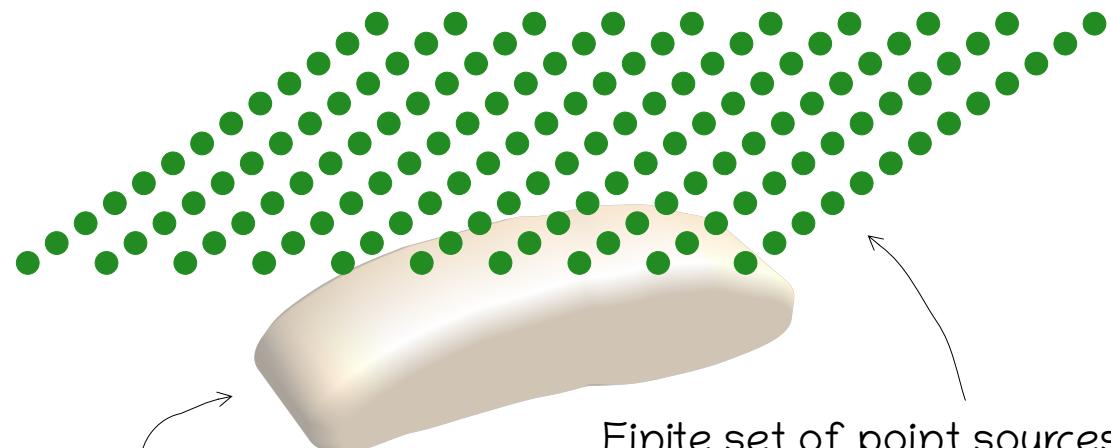


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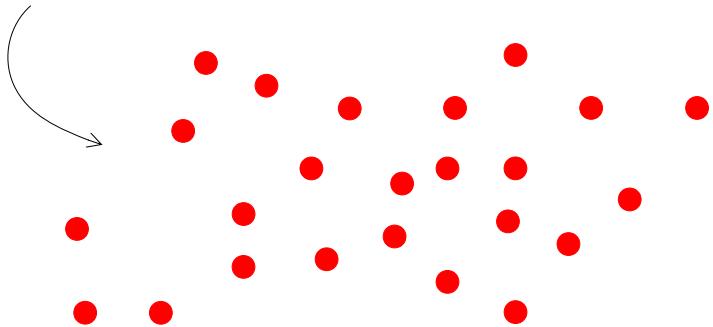
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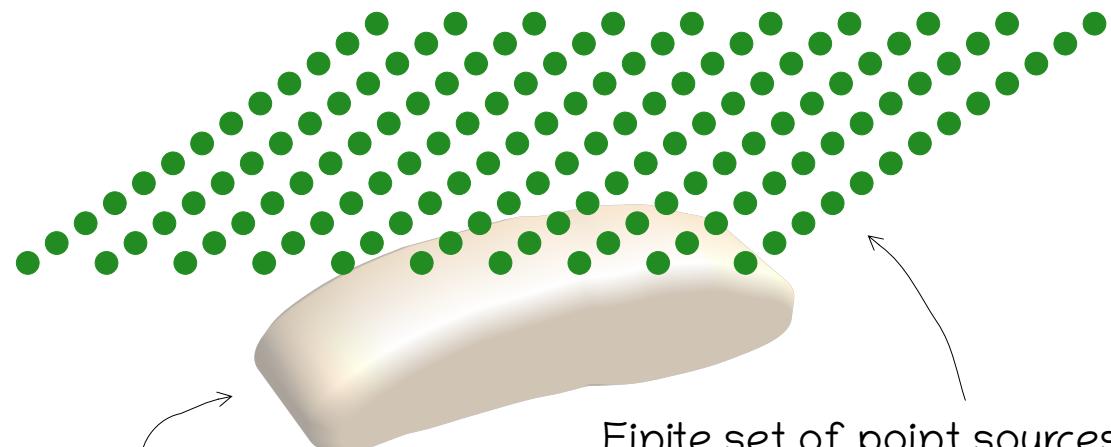


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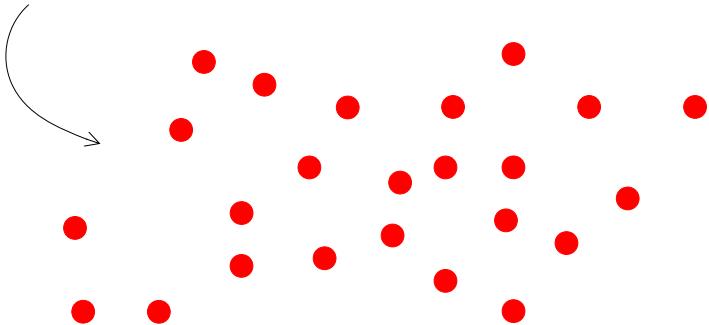
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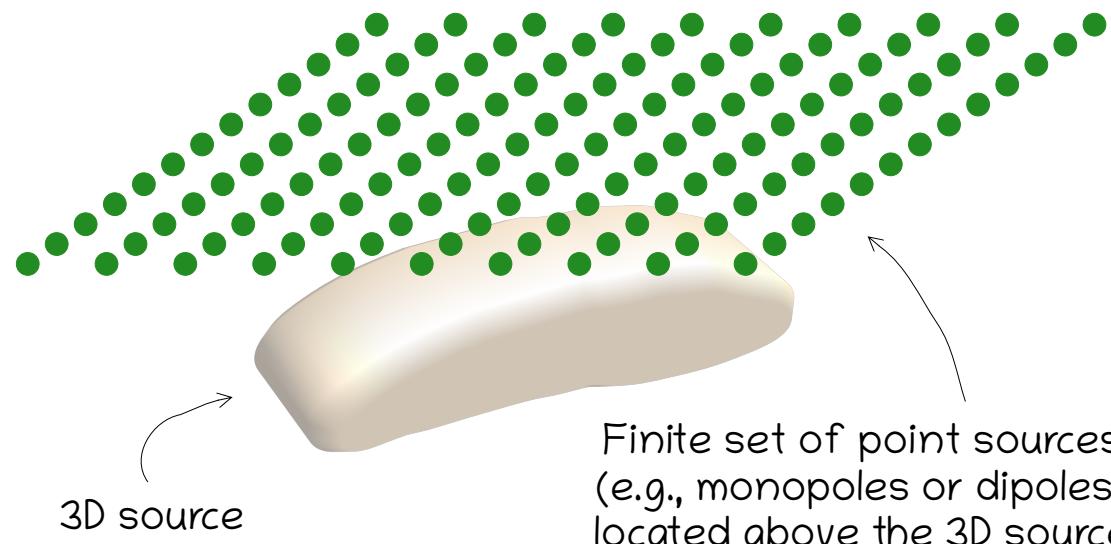
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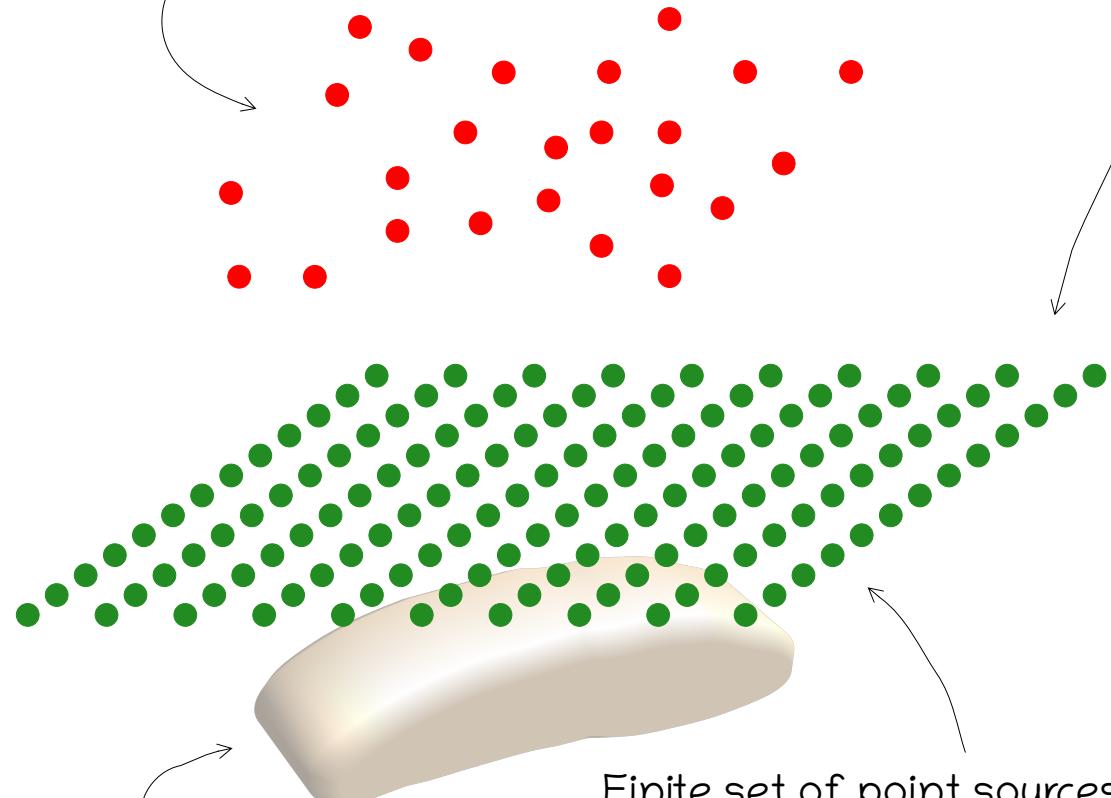
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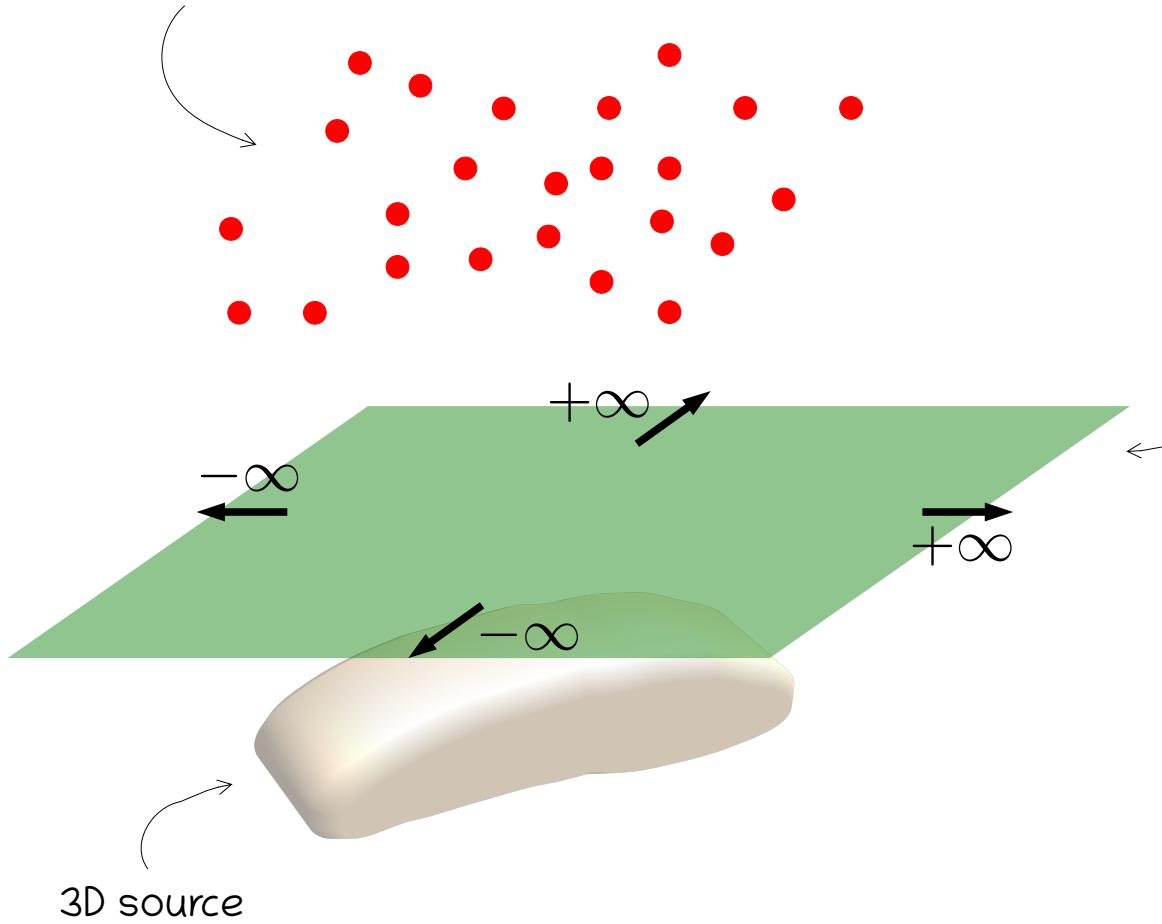
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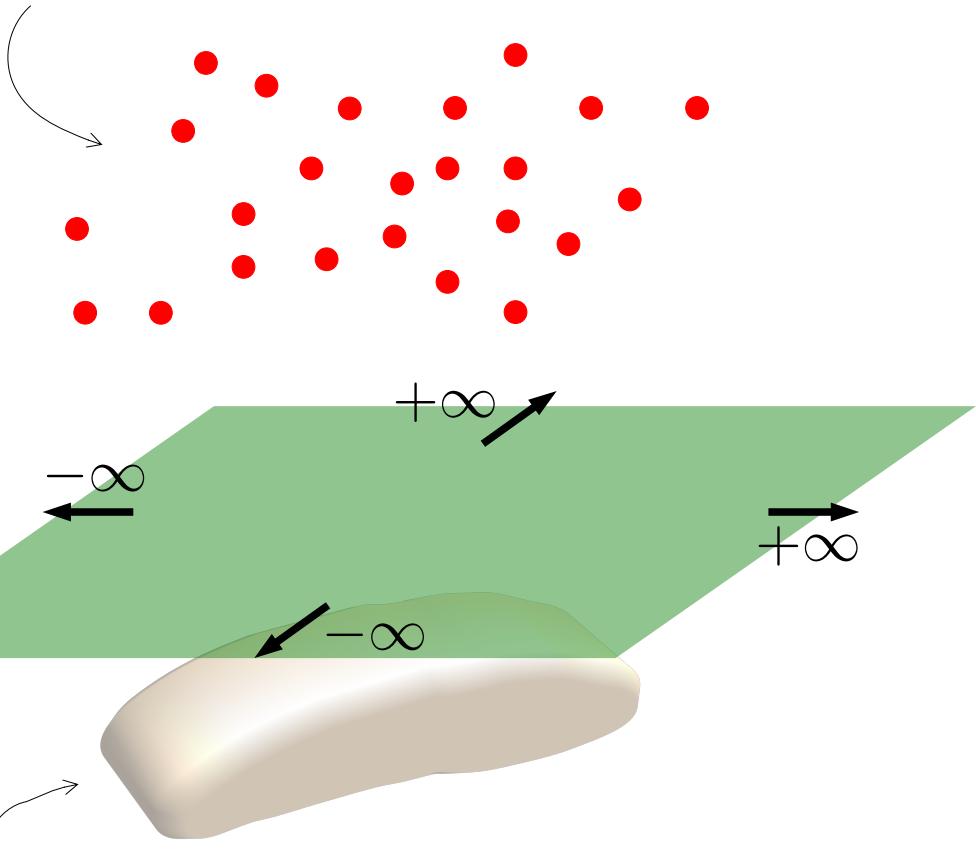
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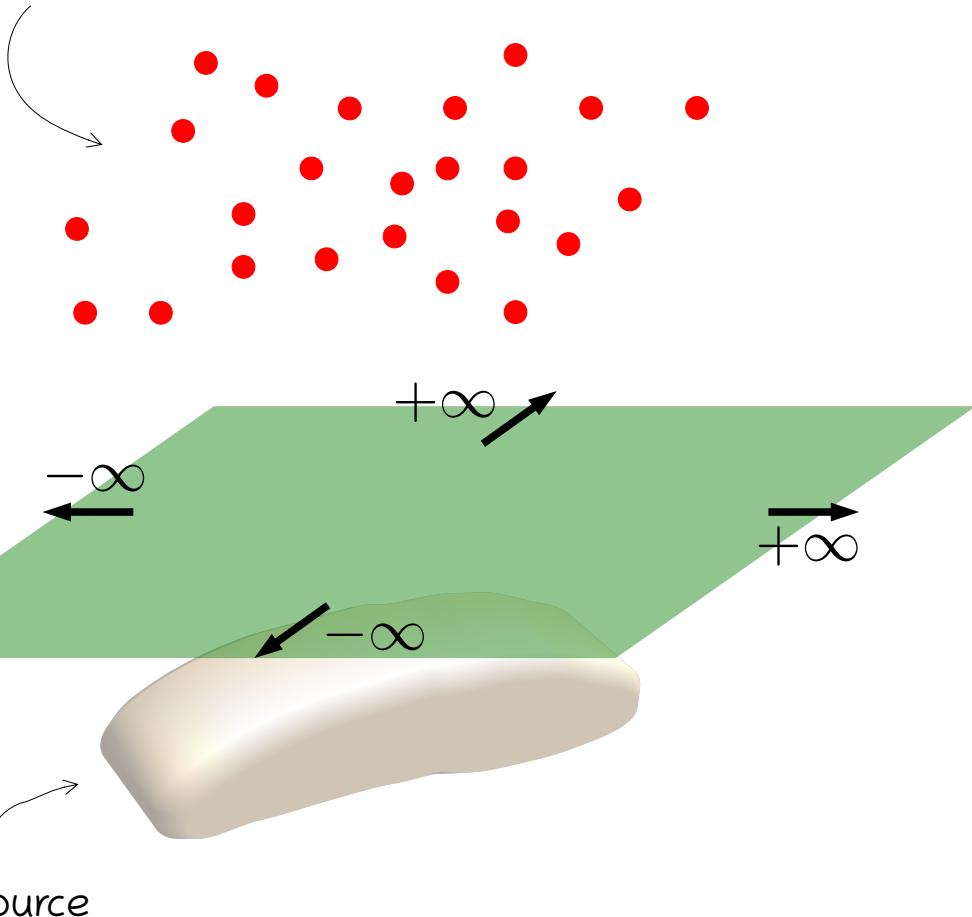


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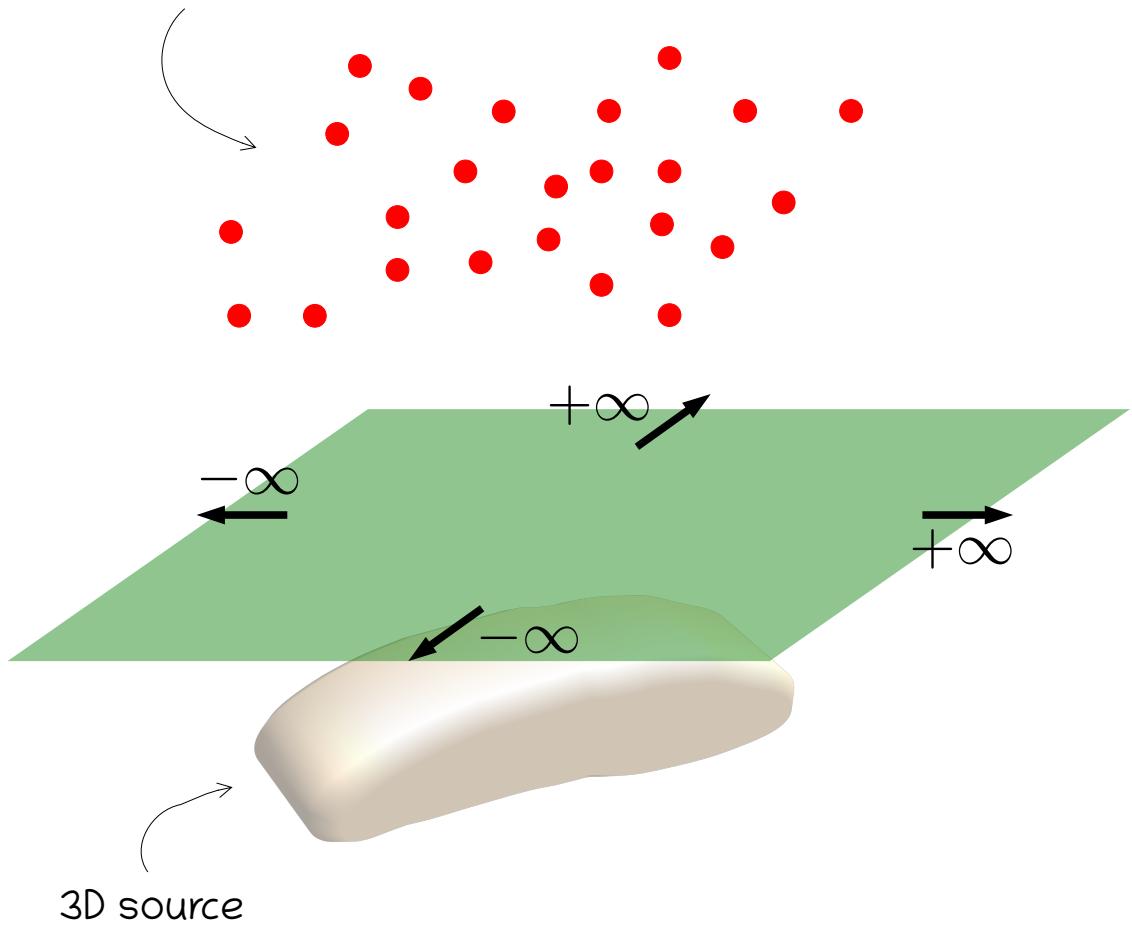
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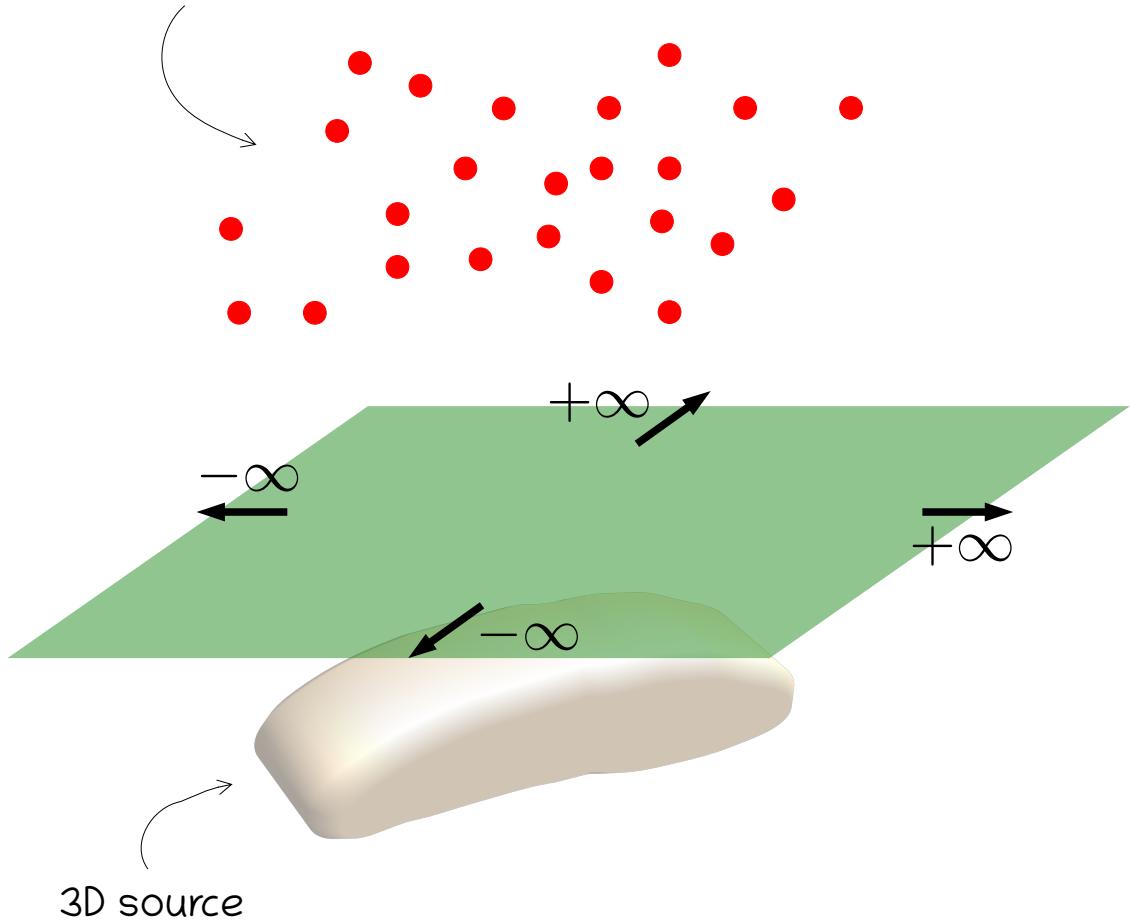
In this case, they are conveniently called here **analytical equivalent layers**

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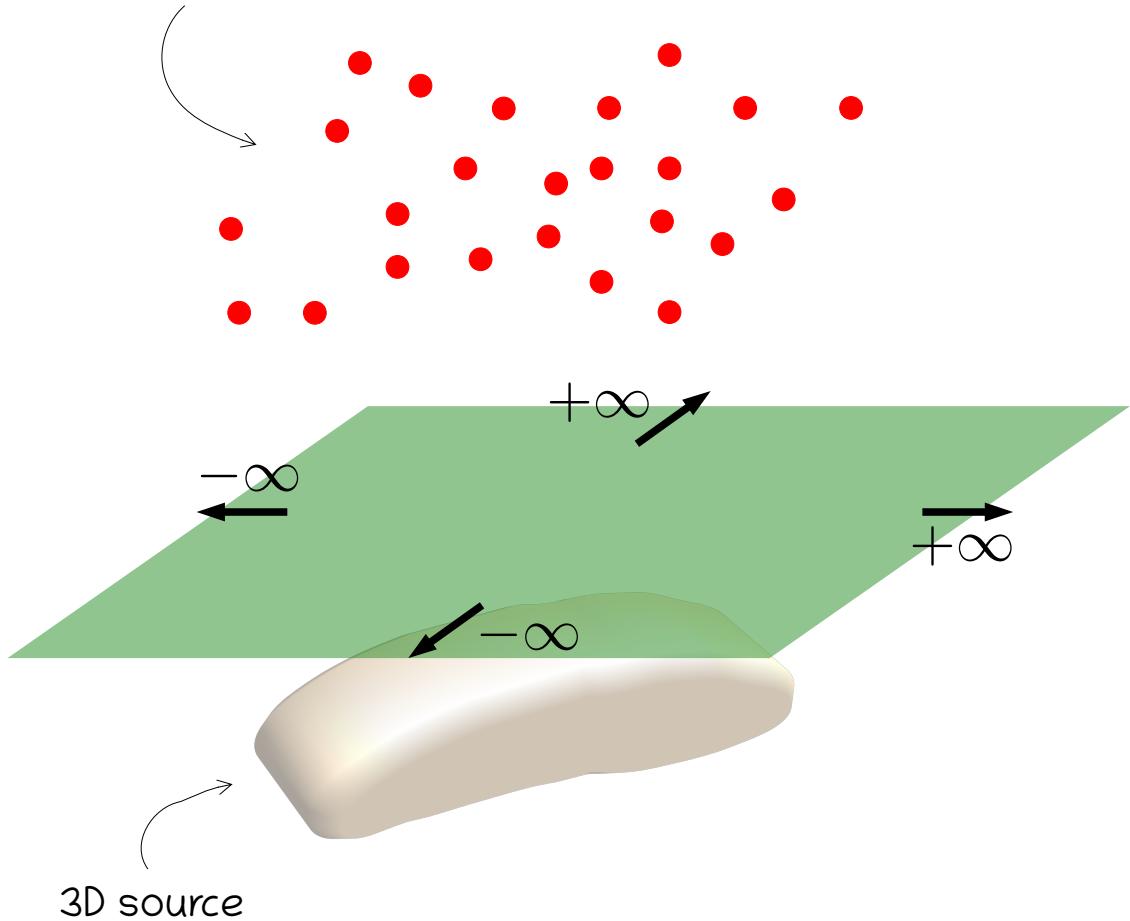
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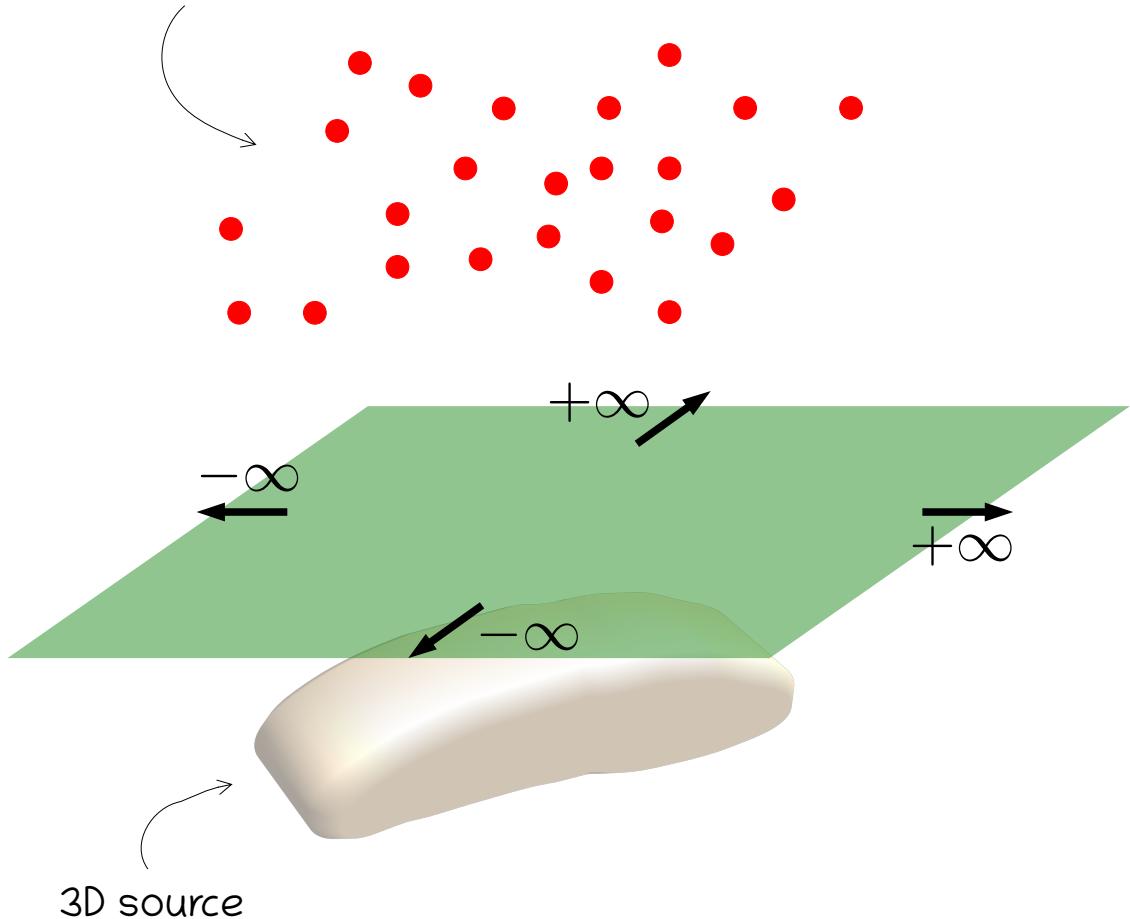
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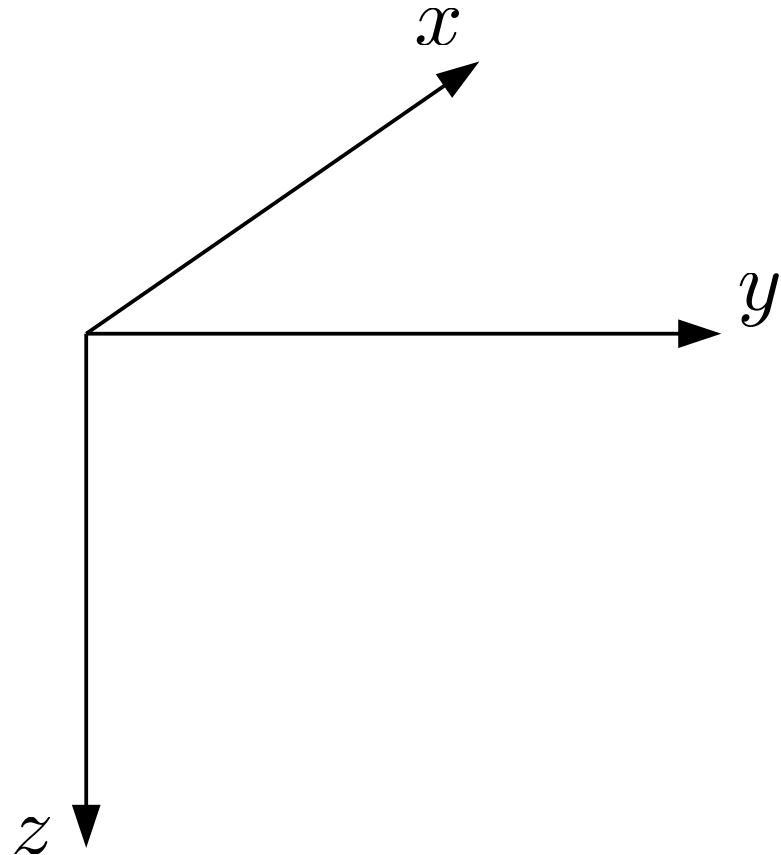
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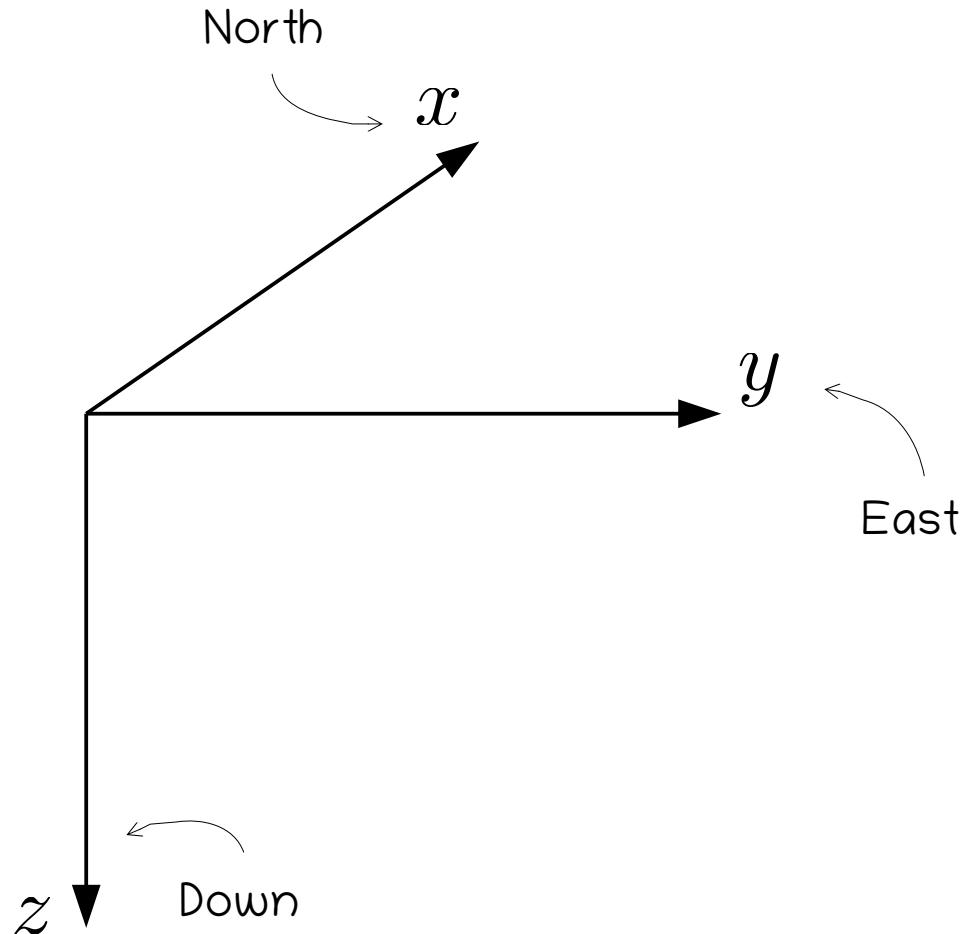
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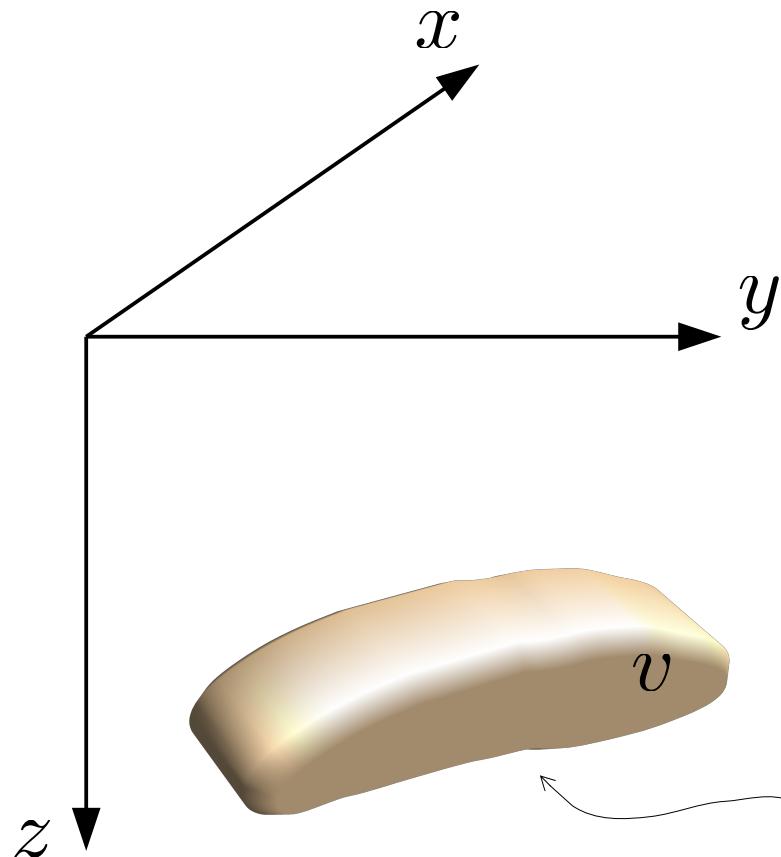
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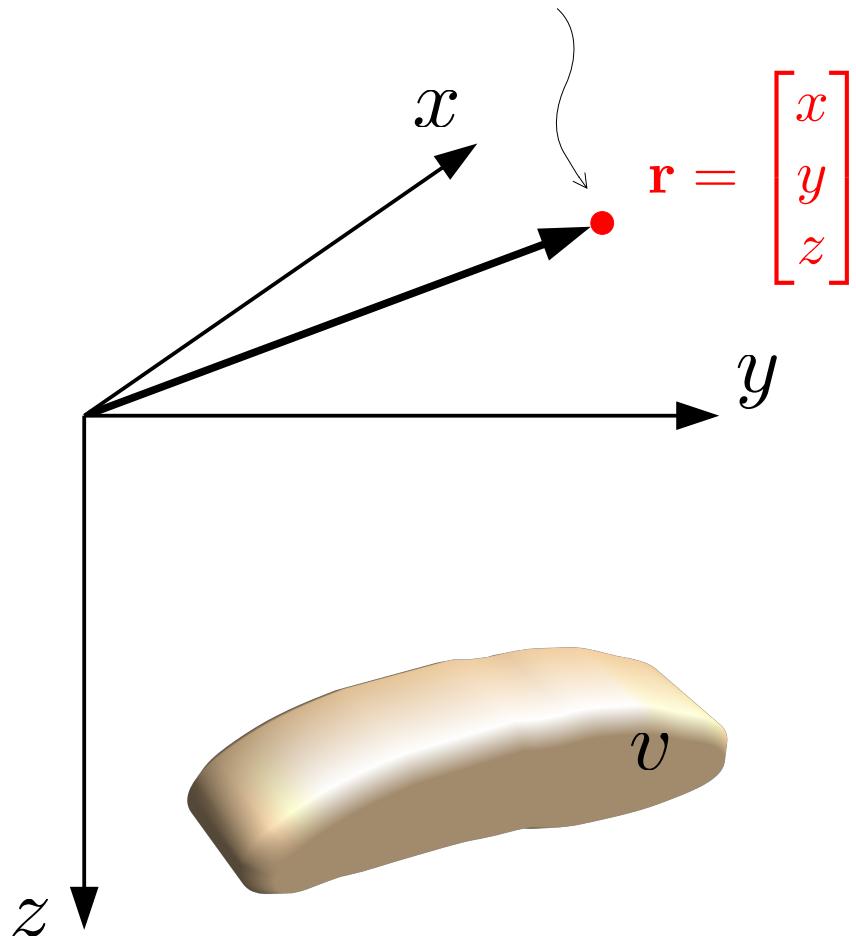
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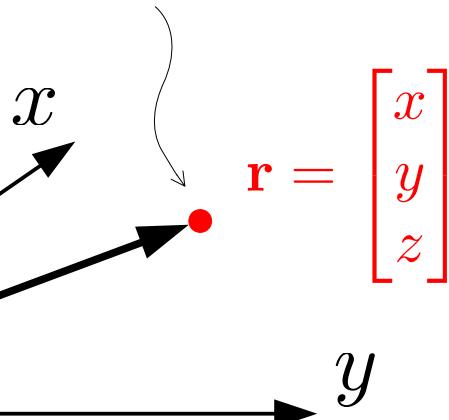


Source with
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 v

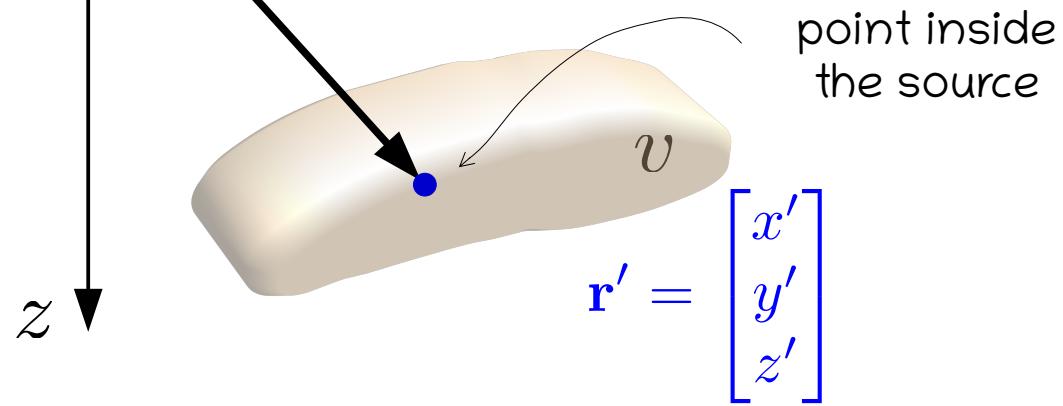
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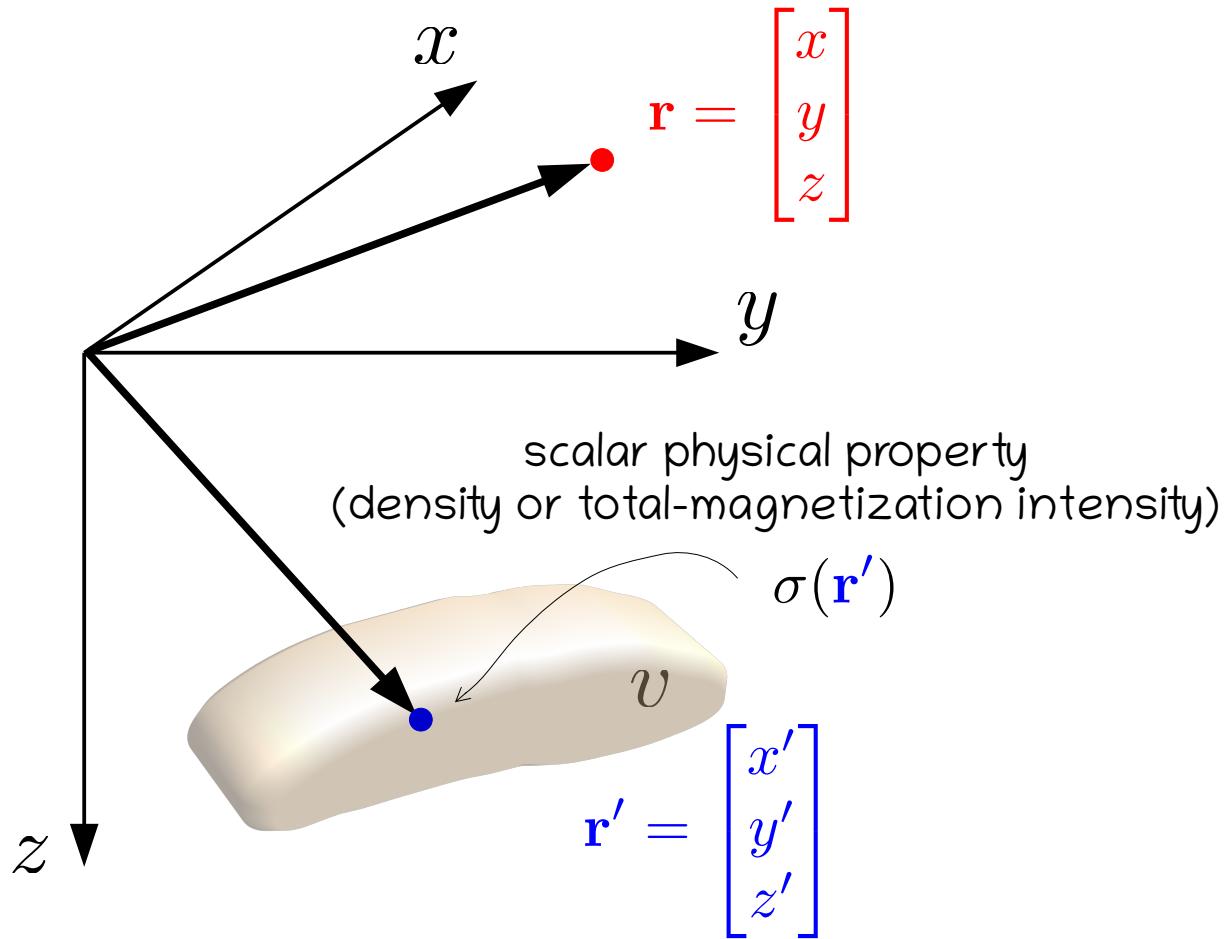


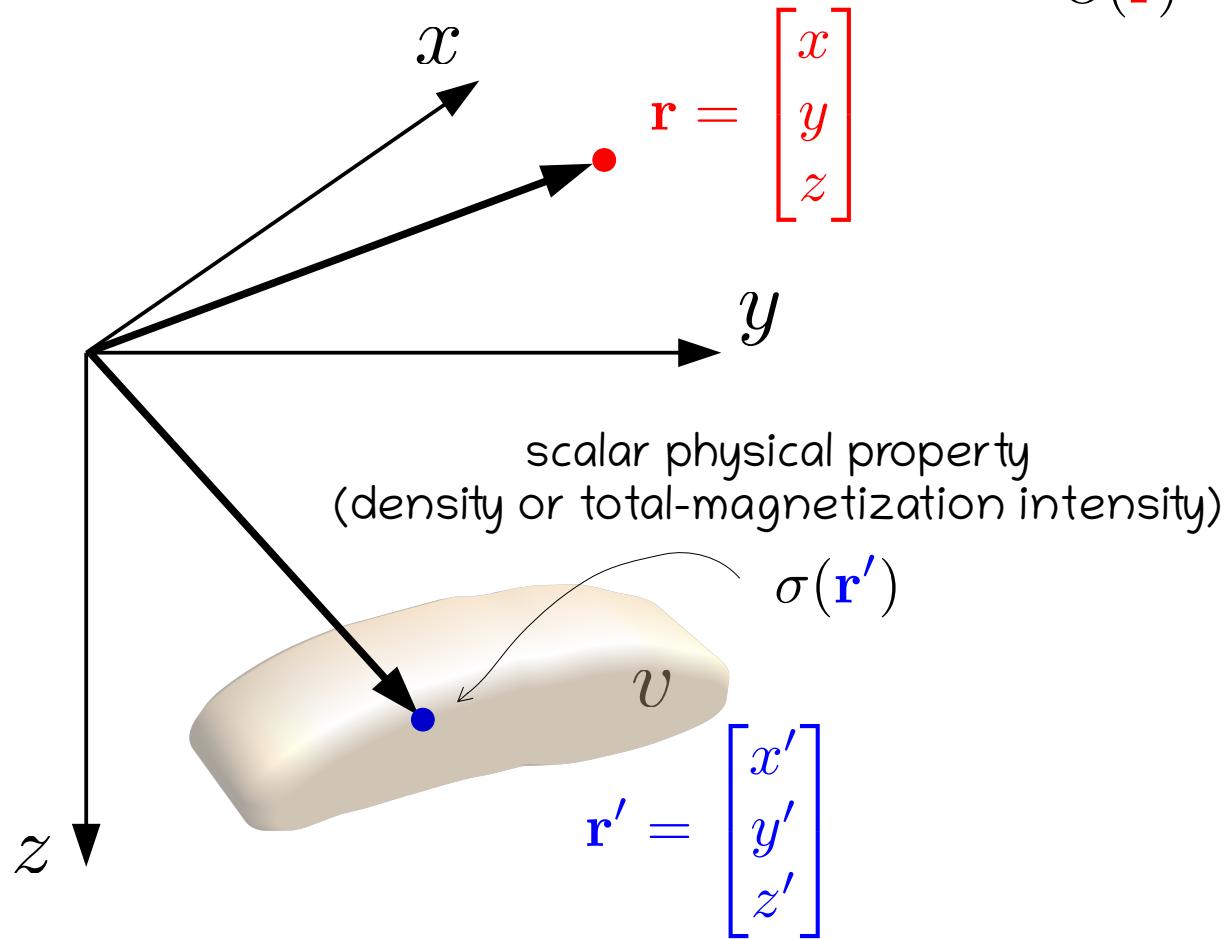
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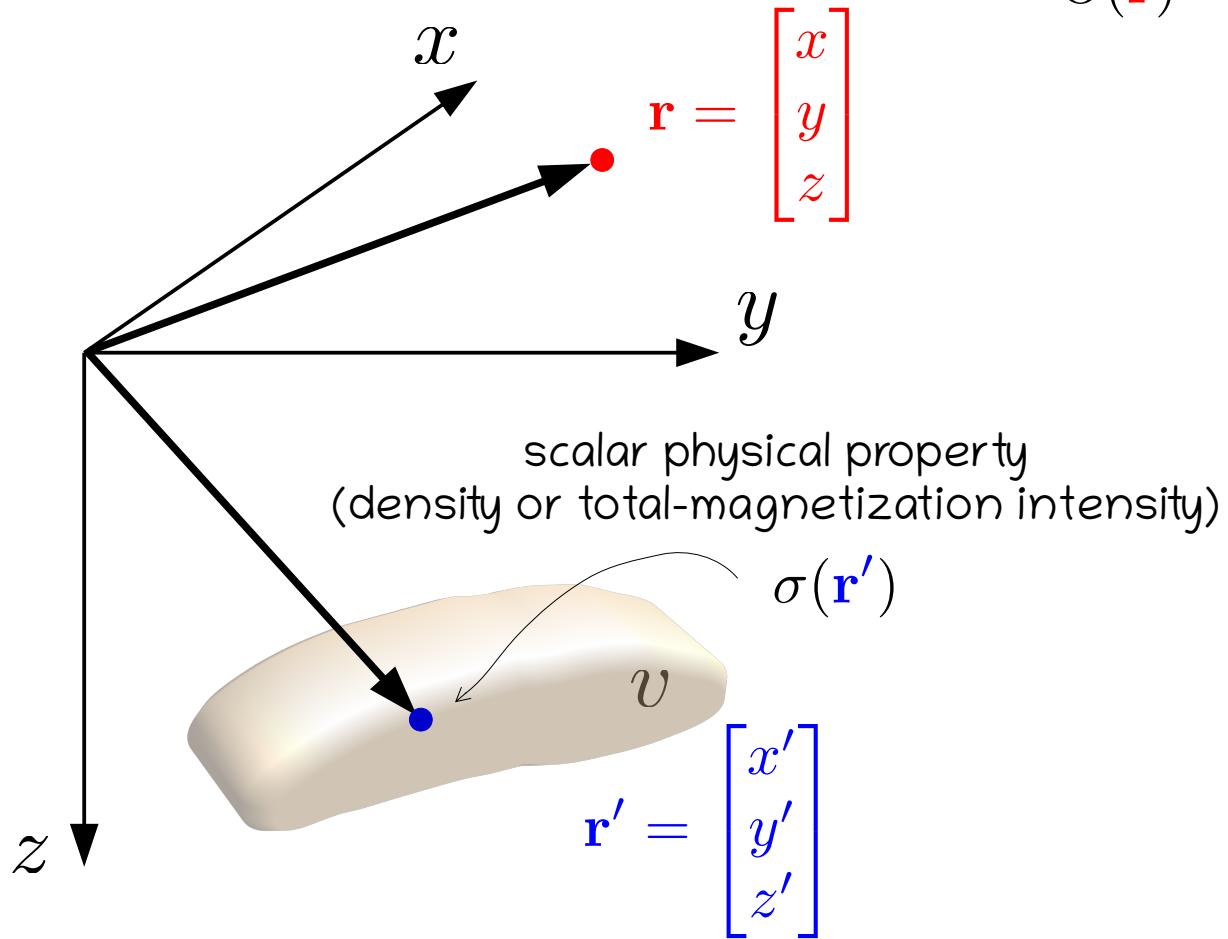
point inside
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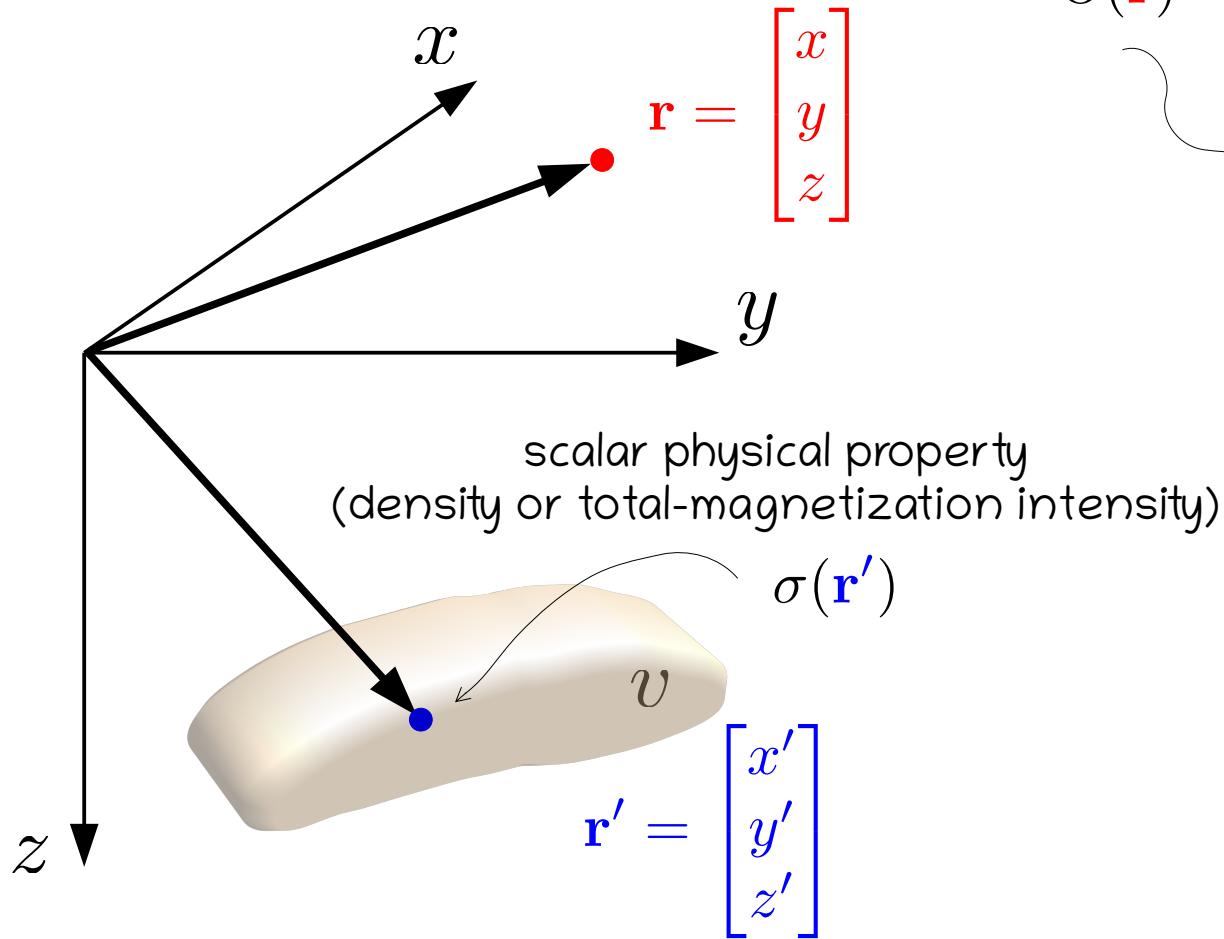


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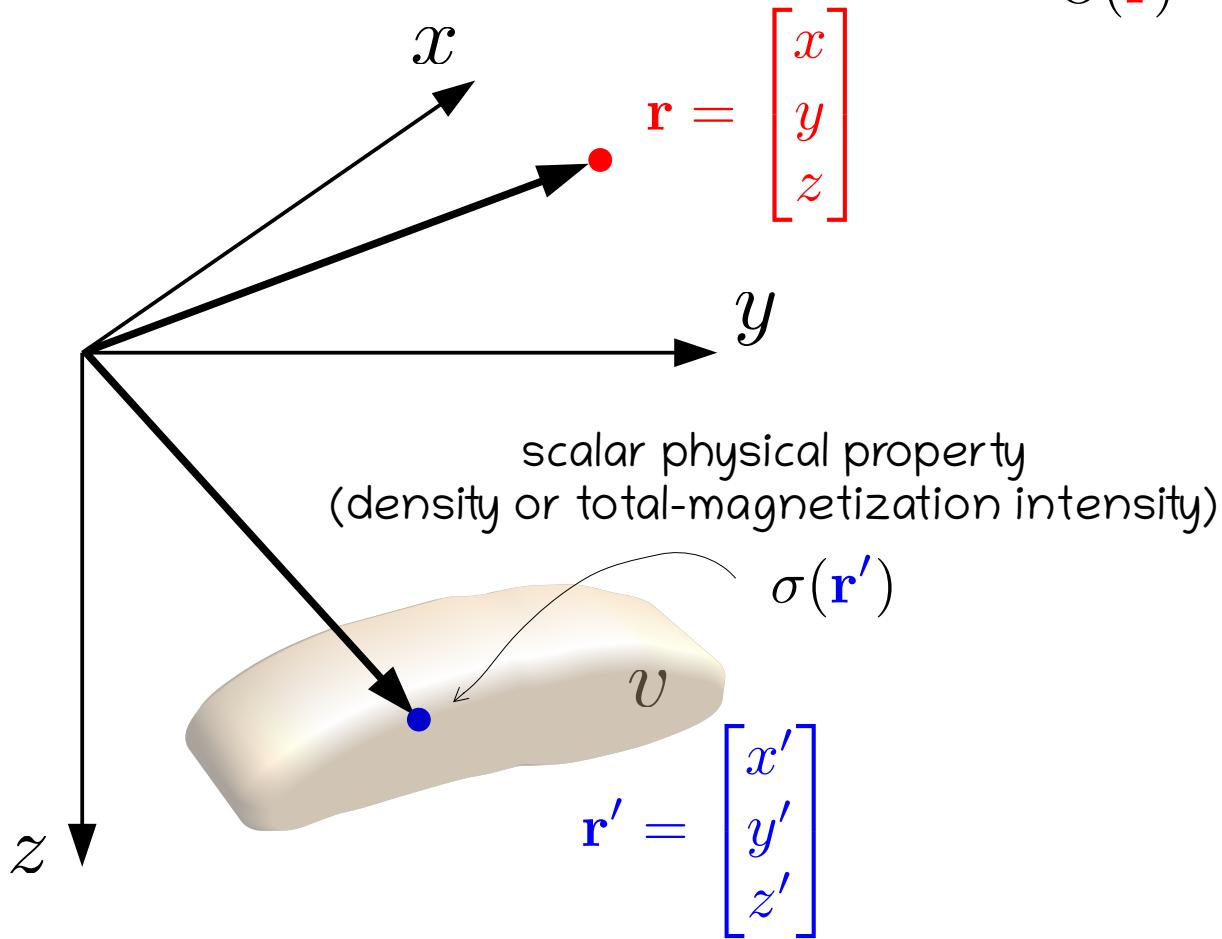


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This function approaches 0 as $\|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'\|$ becomes infinite, for fixed \mathbf{r}' , and it is harmonic at points \mathbf{r} outside v , i.e., it satisfies:

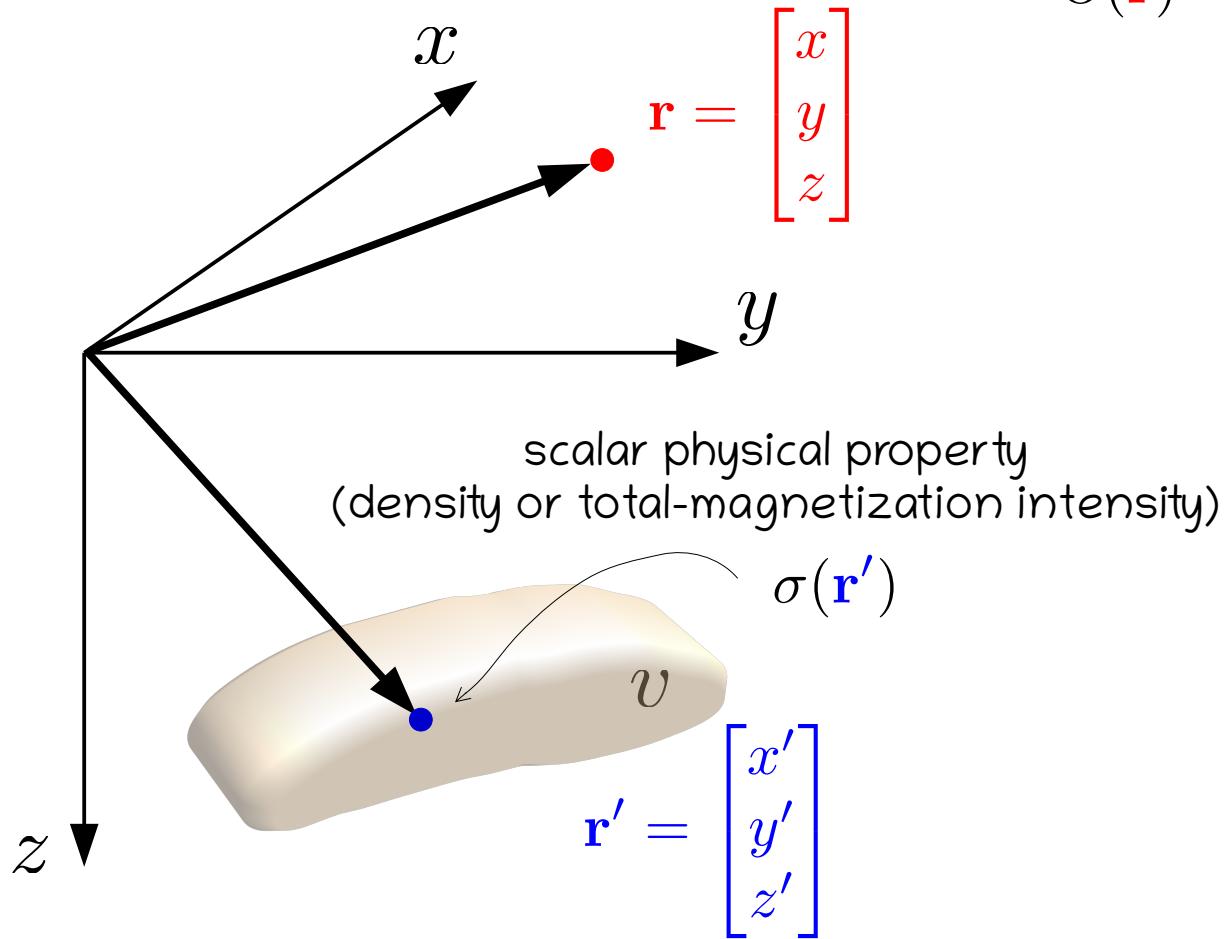
$$\partial_{xx}\Theta(\mathbf{r}) + \partial_{yy}\Theta(\mathbf{r}) + \partial_{zz}\Theta(\mathbf{r}) = 0$$

for $\mathbf{r} \notin v$



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Some conditions are imposed to the volume v and the scalar function $\sigma(\mathbf{r}')$ in order to guarantee the existence of the first and second derivatives of $\Theta(\mathbf{r})$. For details, see [Kellogg \(1967, Theorem III, p. 156\)](#)

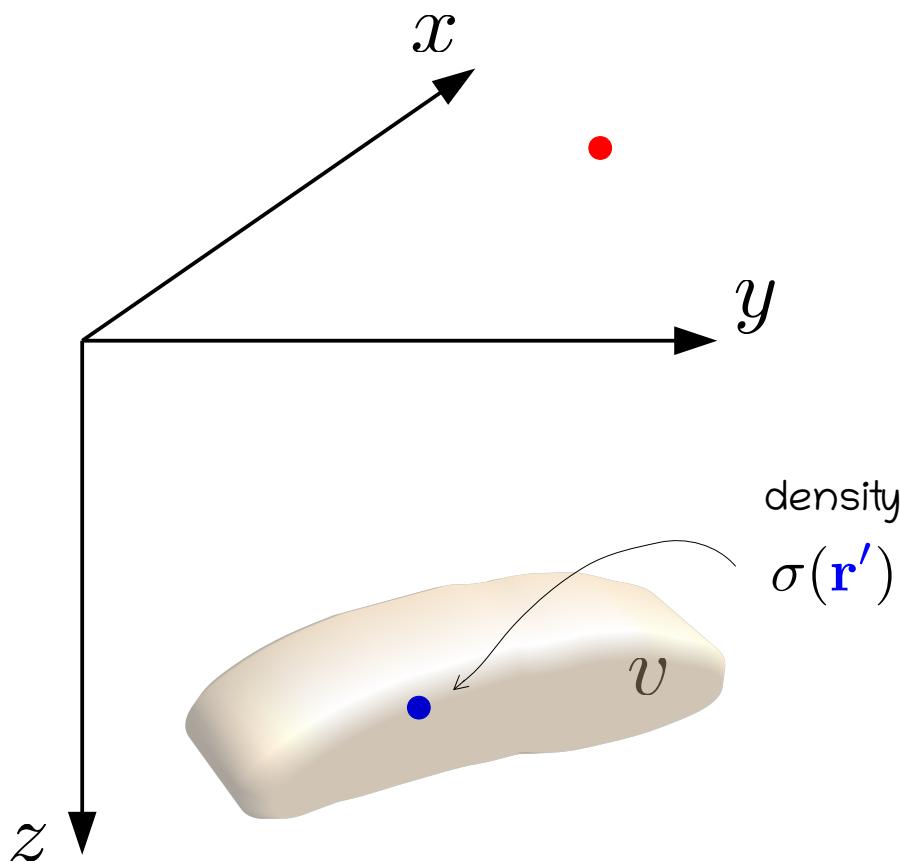


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constant defining gravitational or magnetic field

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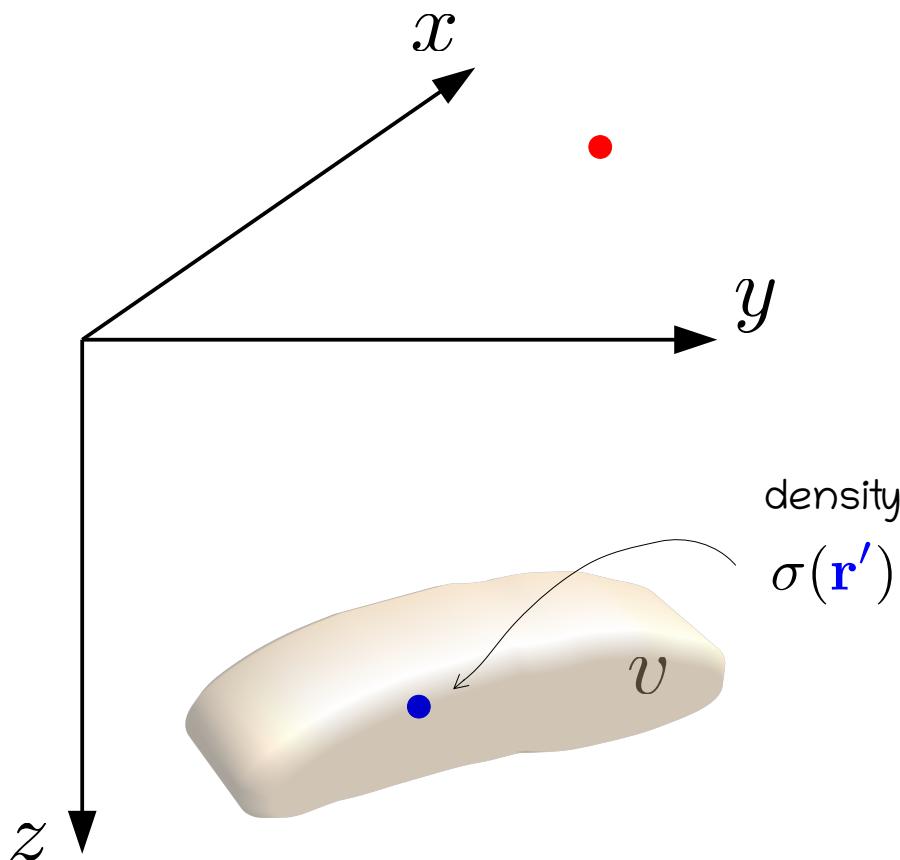
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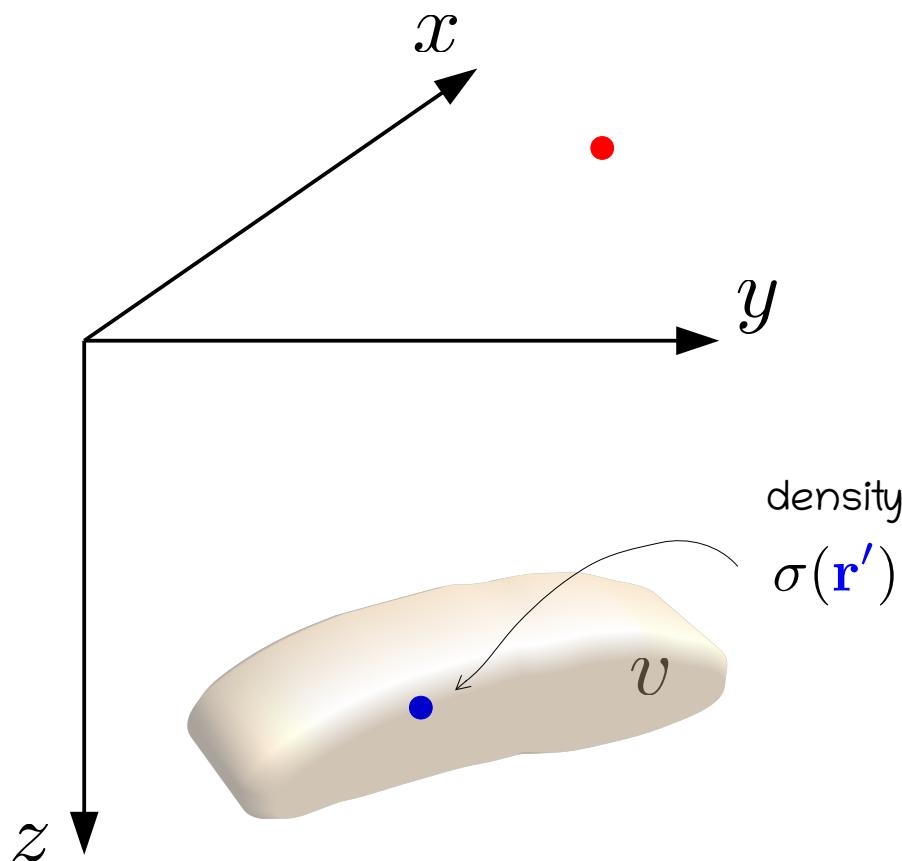
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density



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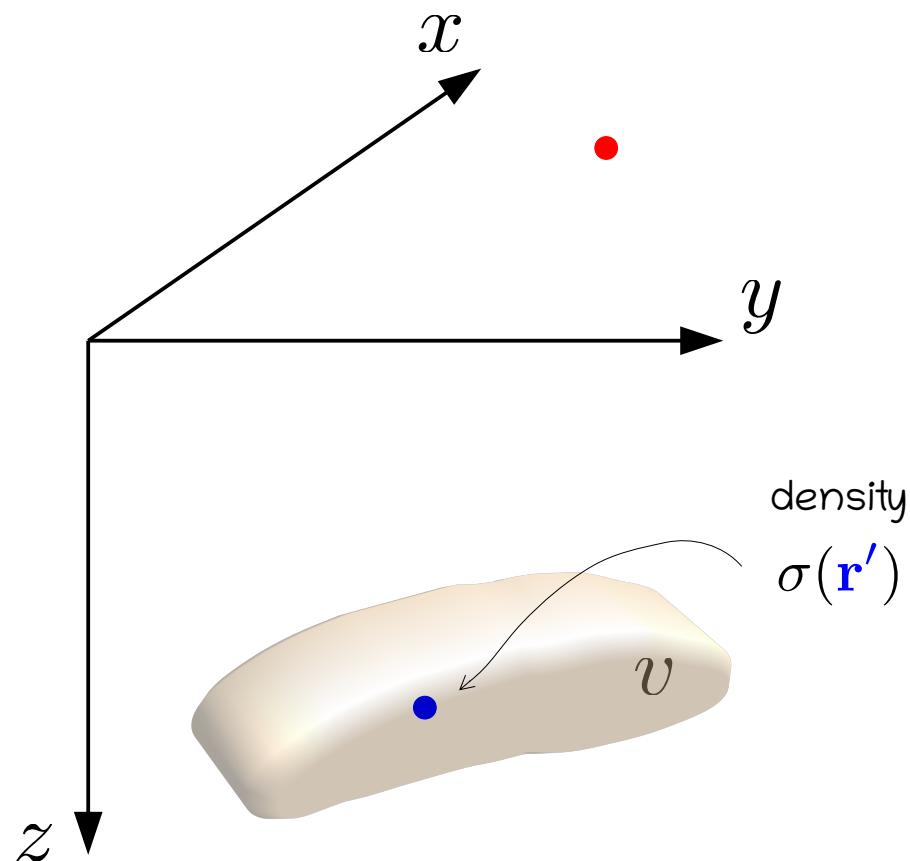


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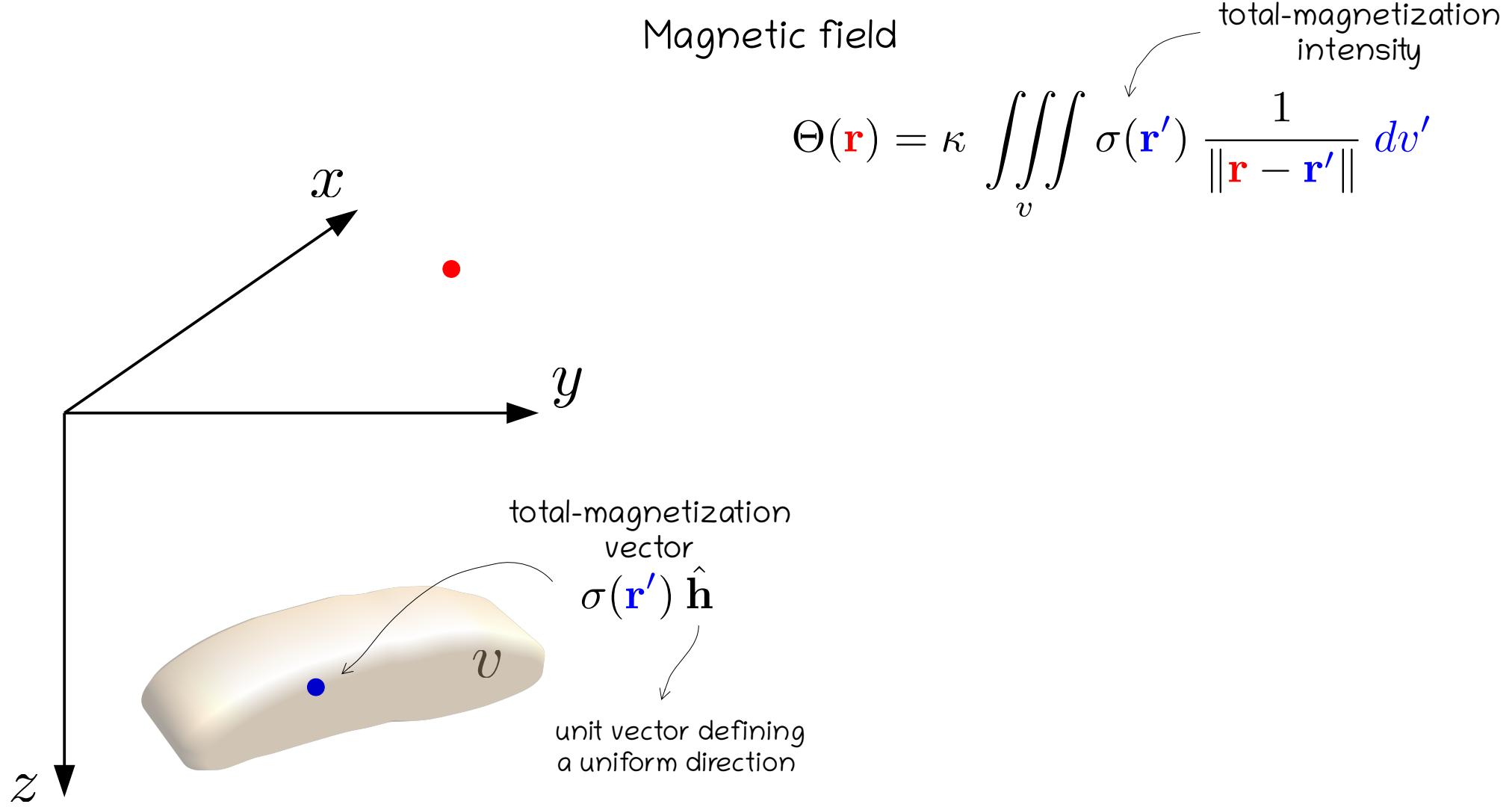


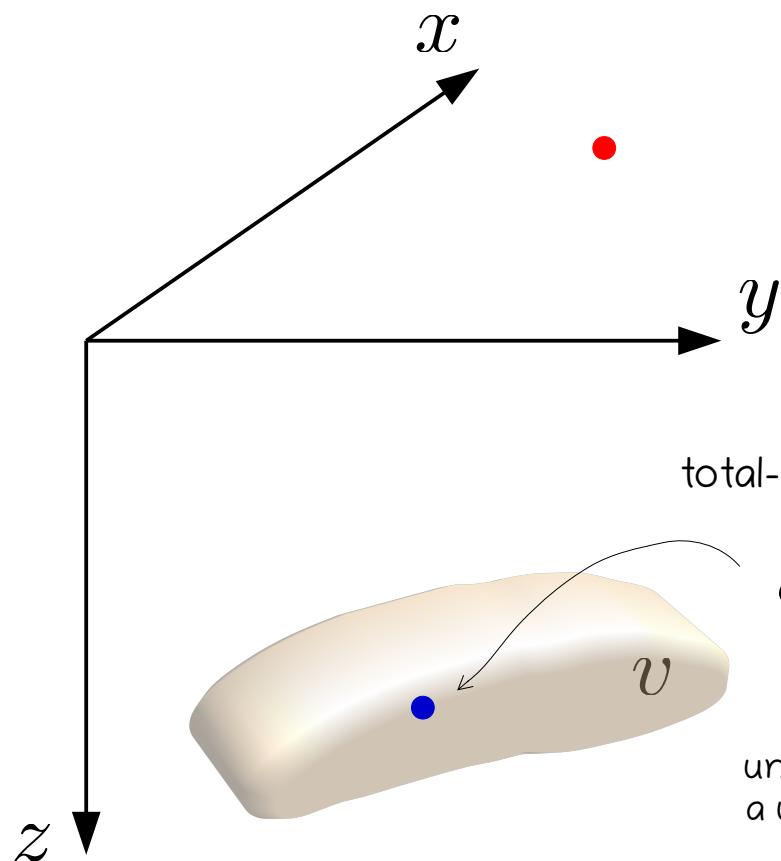
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$\partial_{\alpha\beta} \Theta(\mathbf{r})$ gravity gradient tensor
 x, y, z





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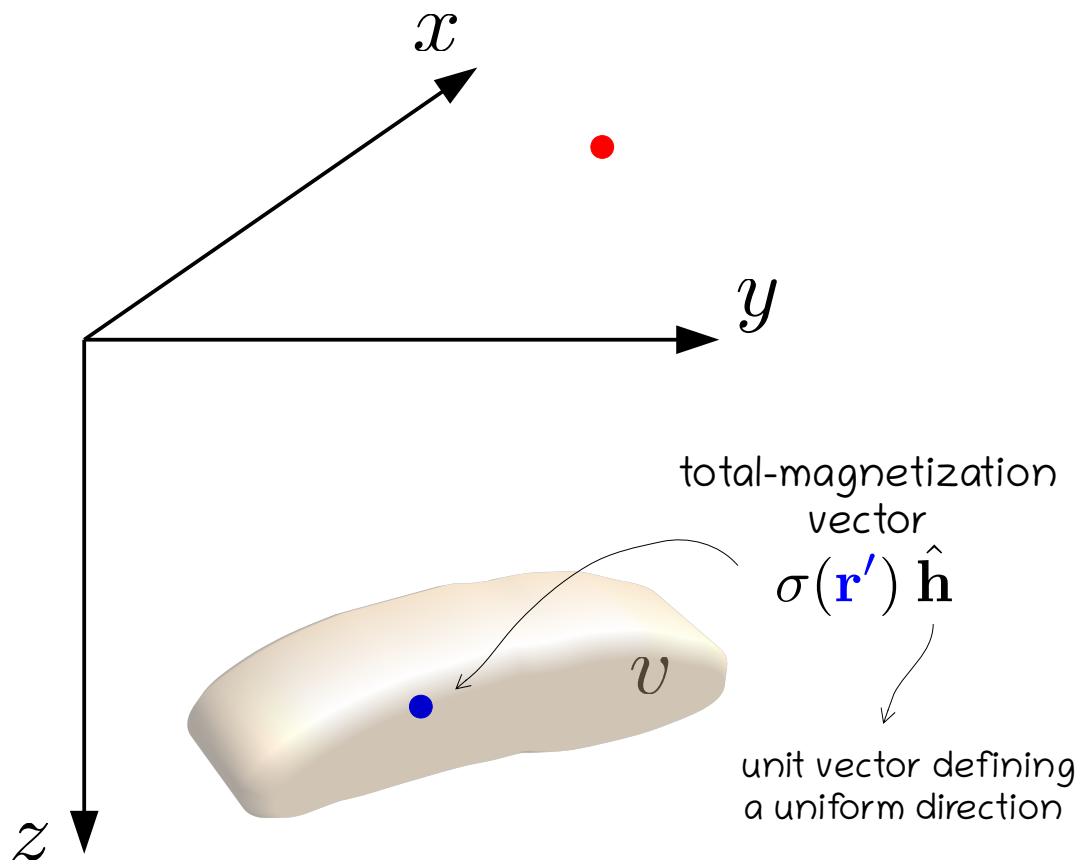
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vector

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unit vector defining
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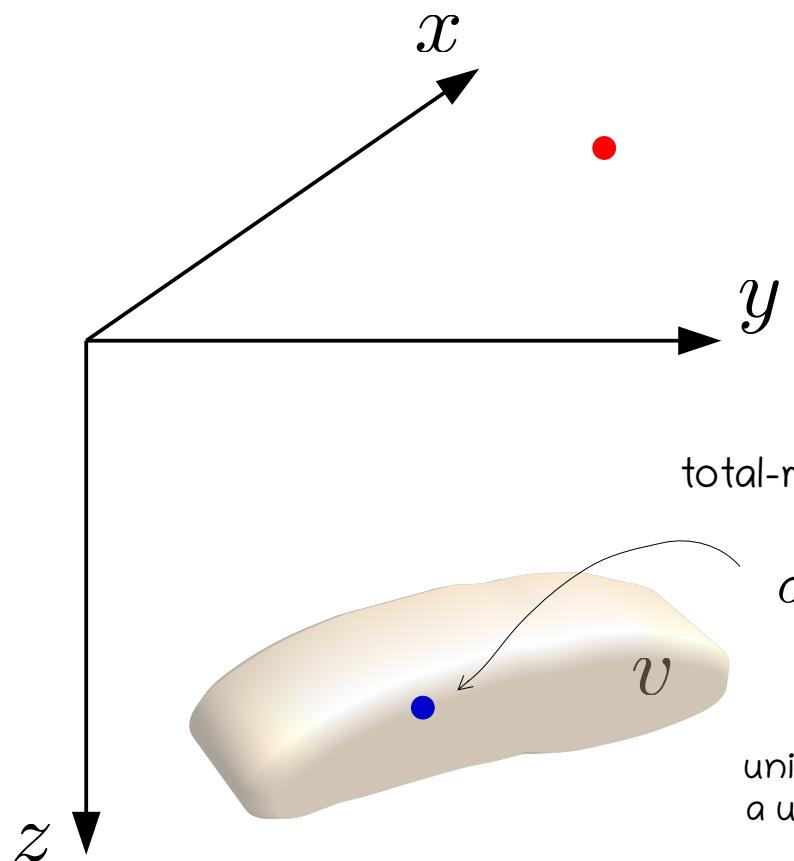
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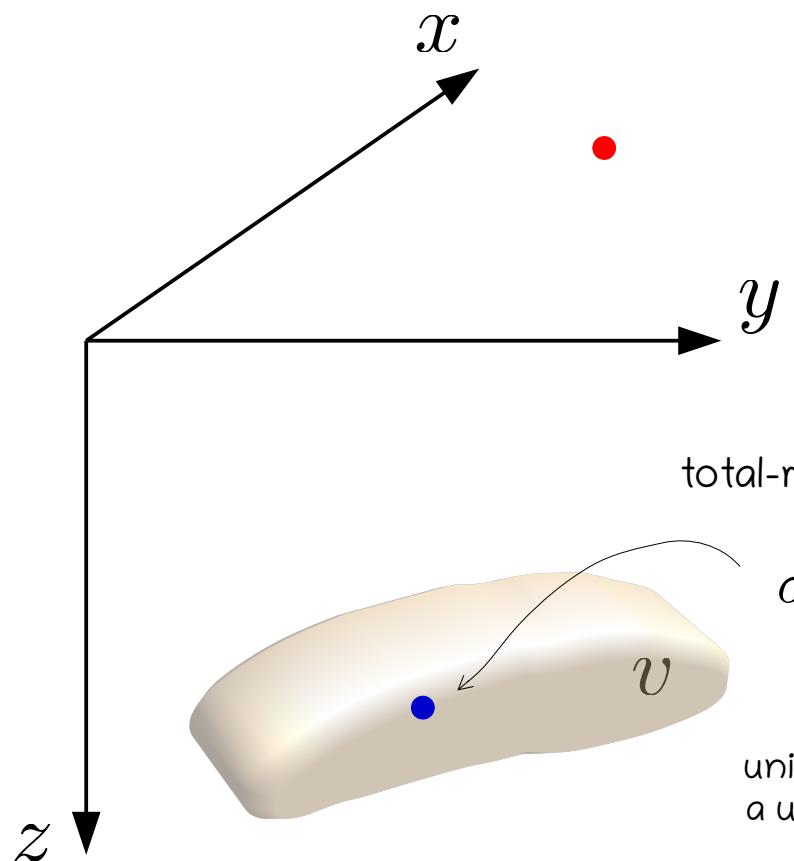
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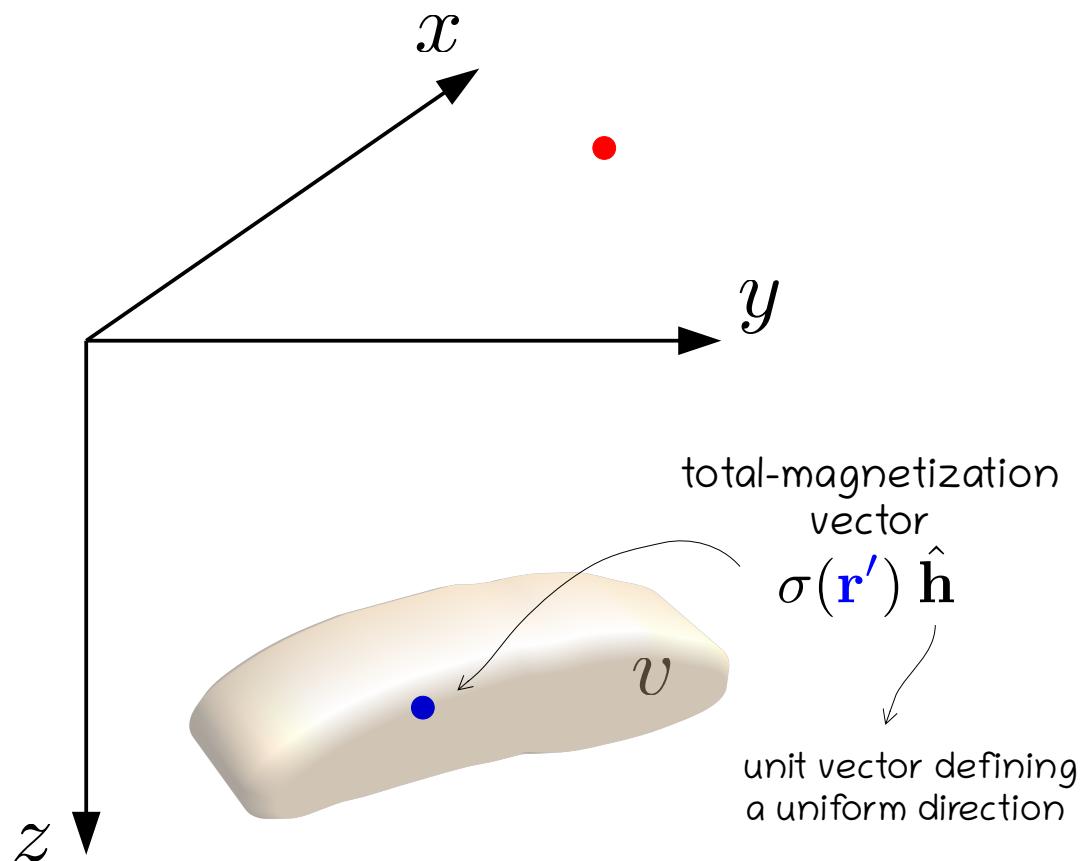
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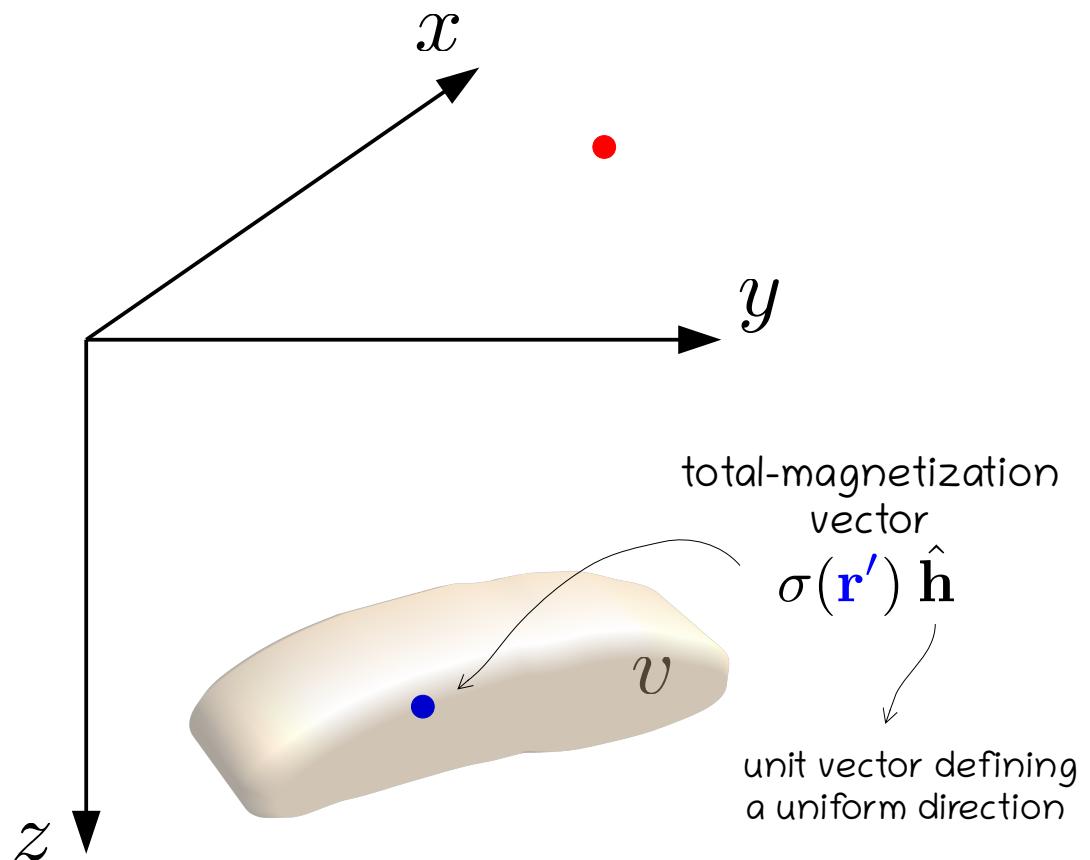
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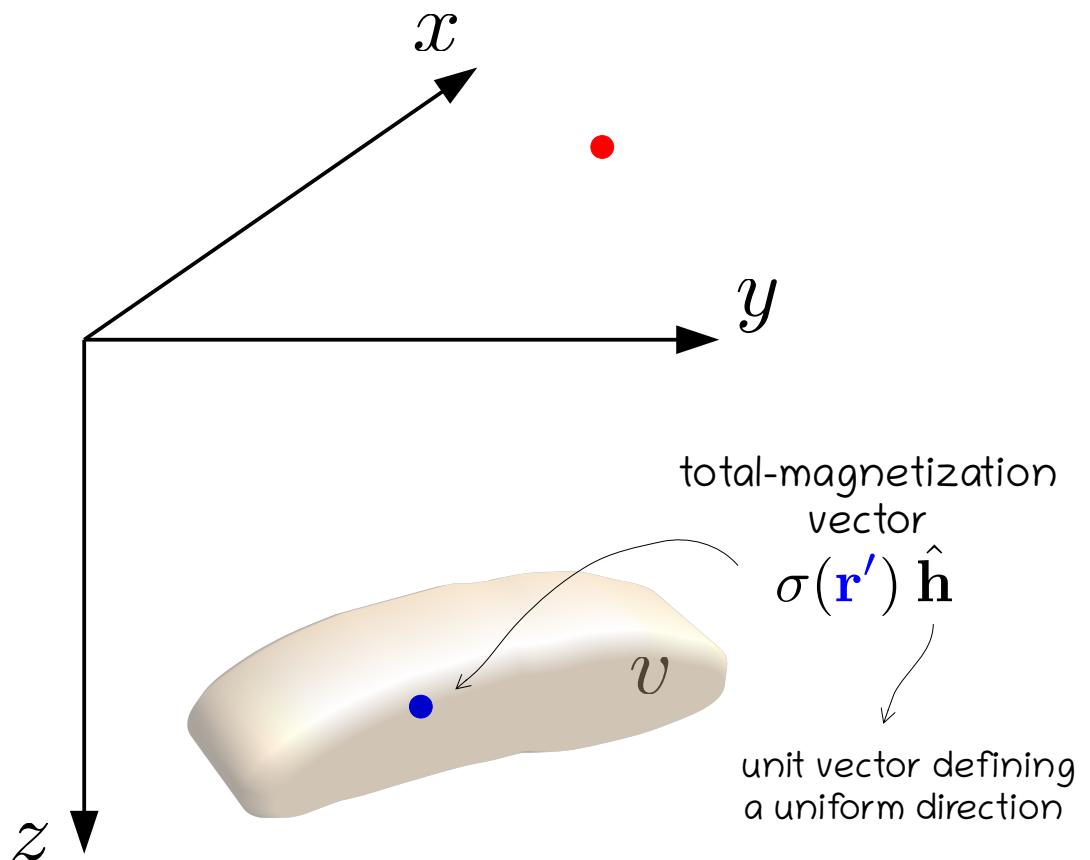
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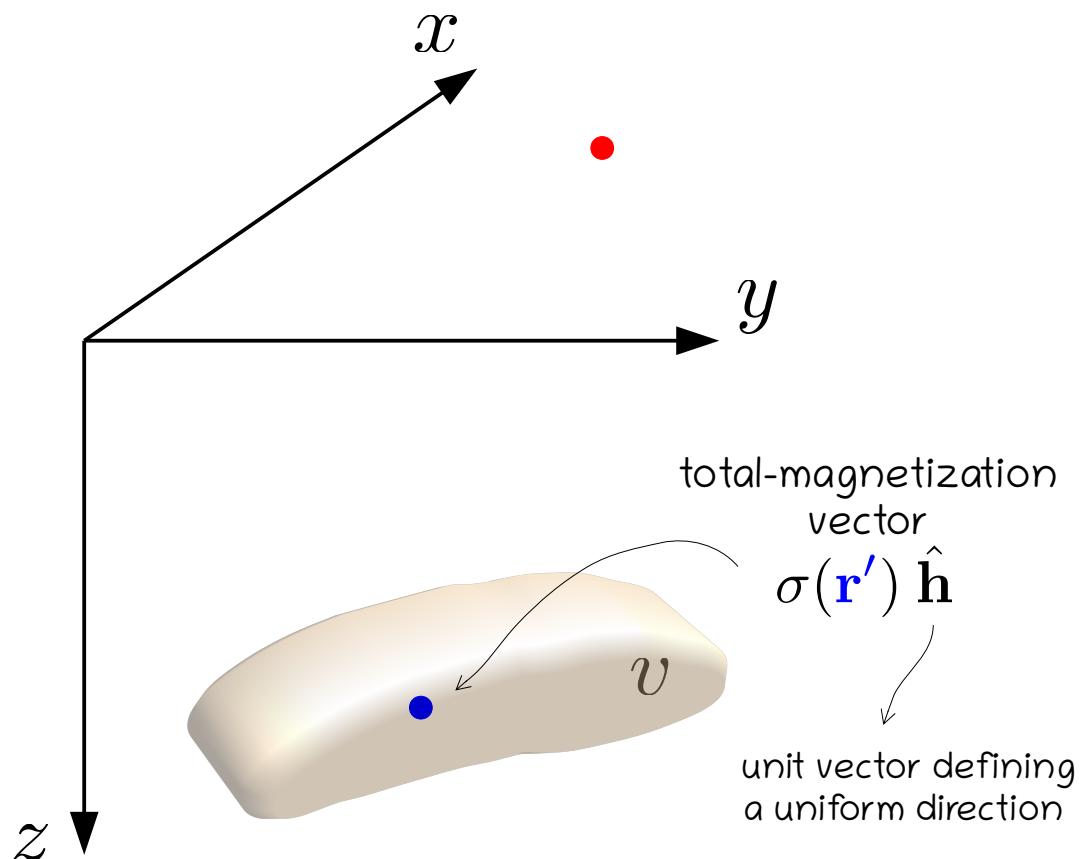
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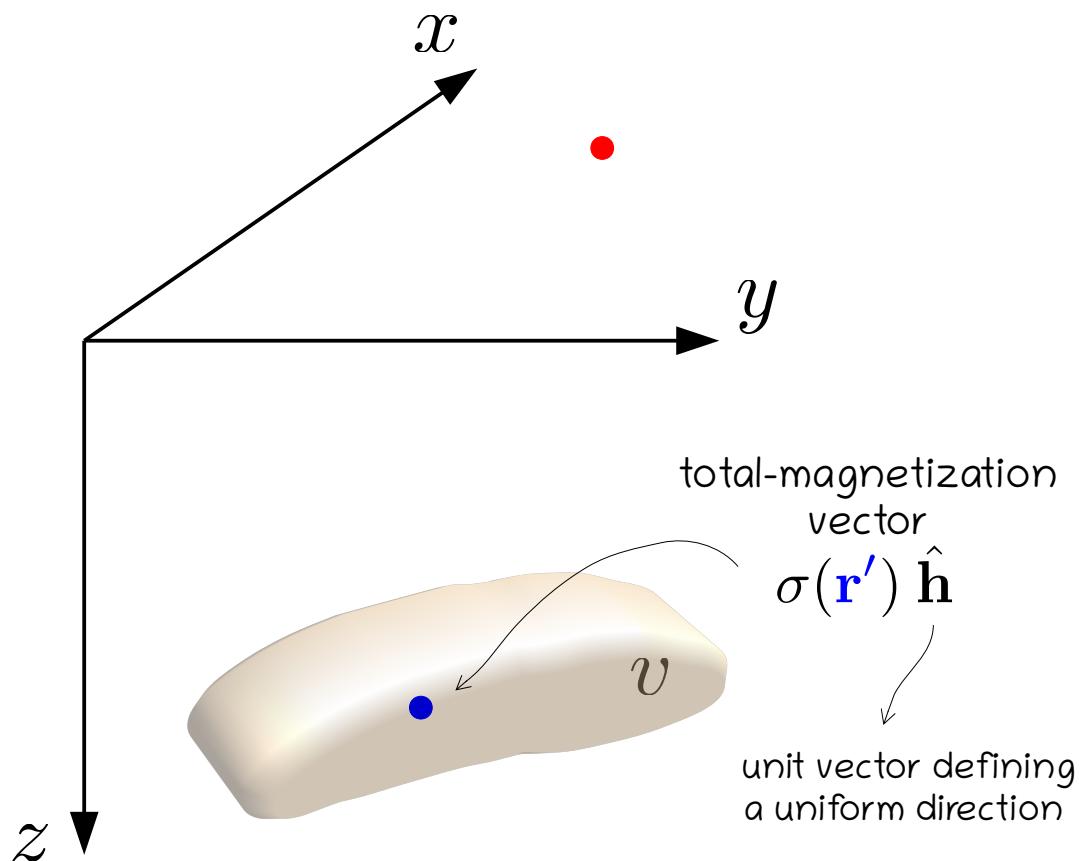
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$\partial_{zz} \Theta(\mathbf{r})$ RTP anomaly

} reduced-to-the-pole

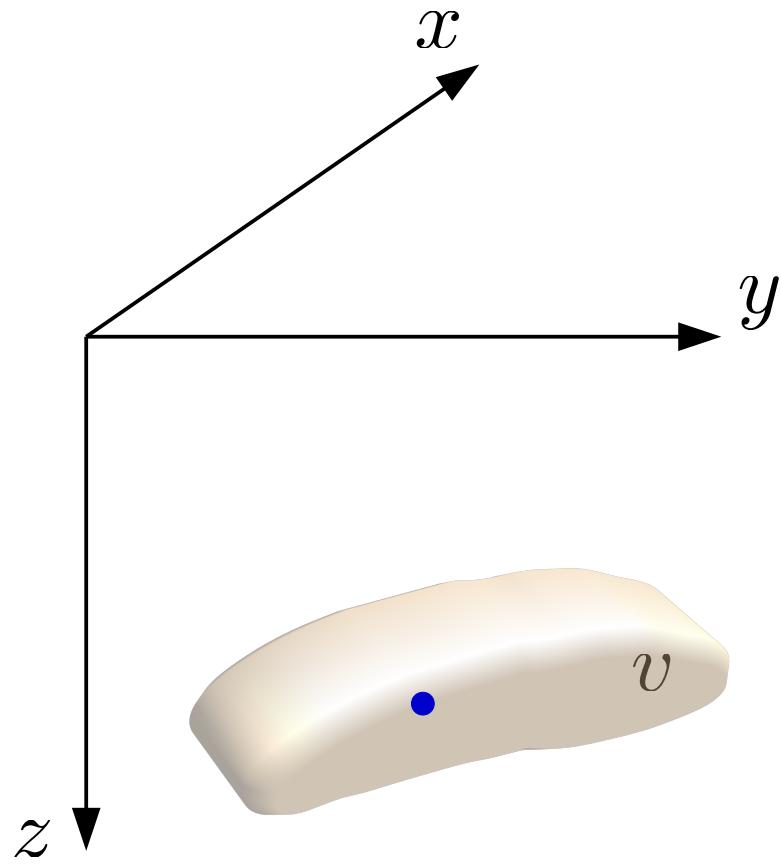
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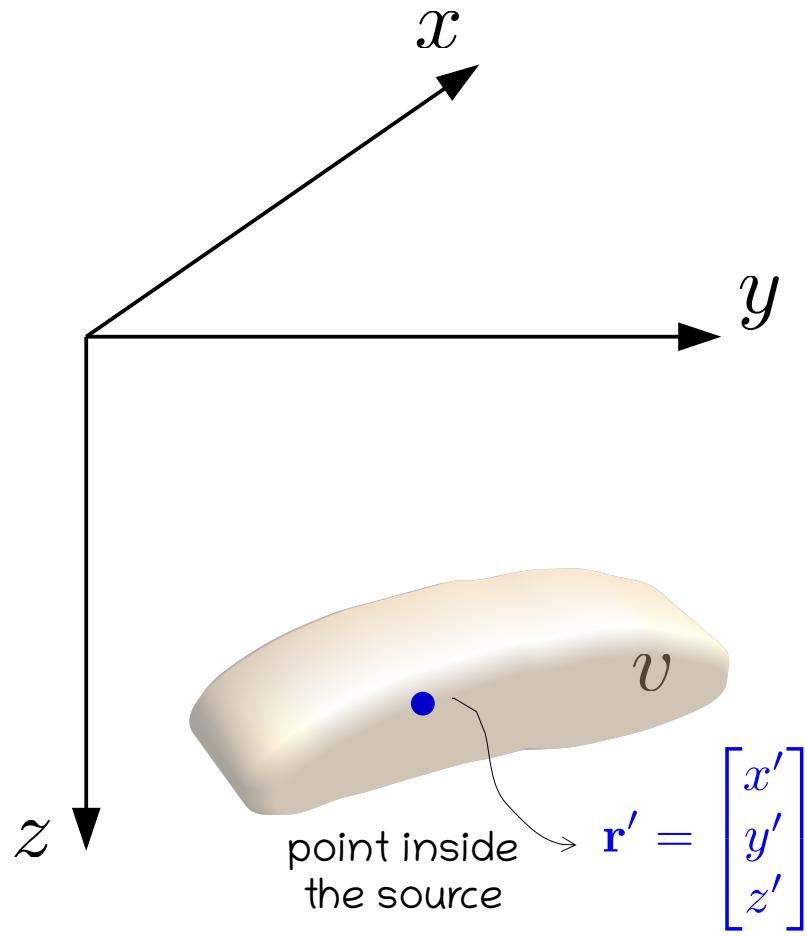
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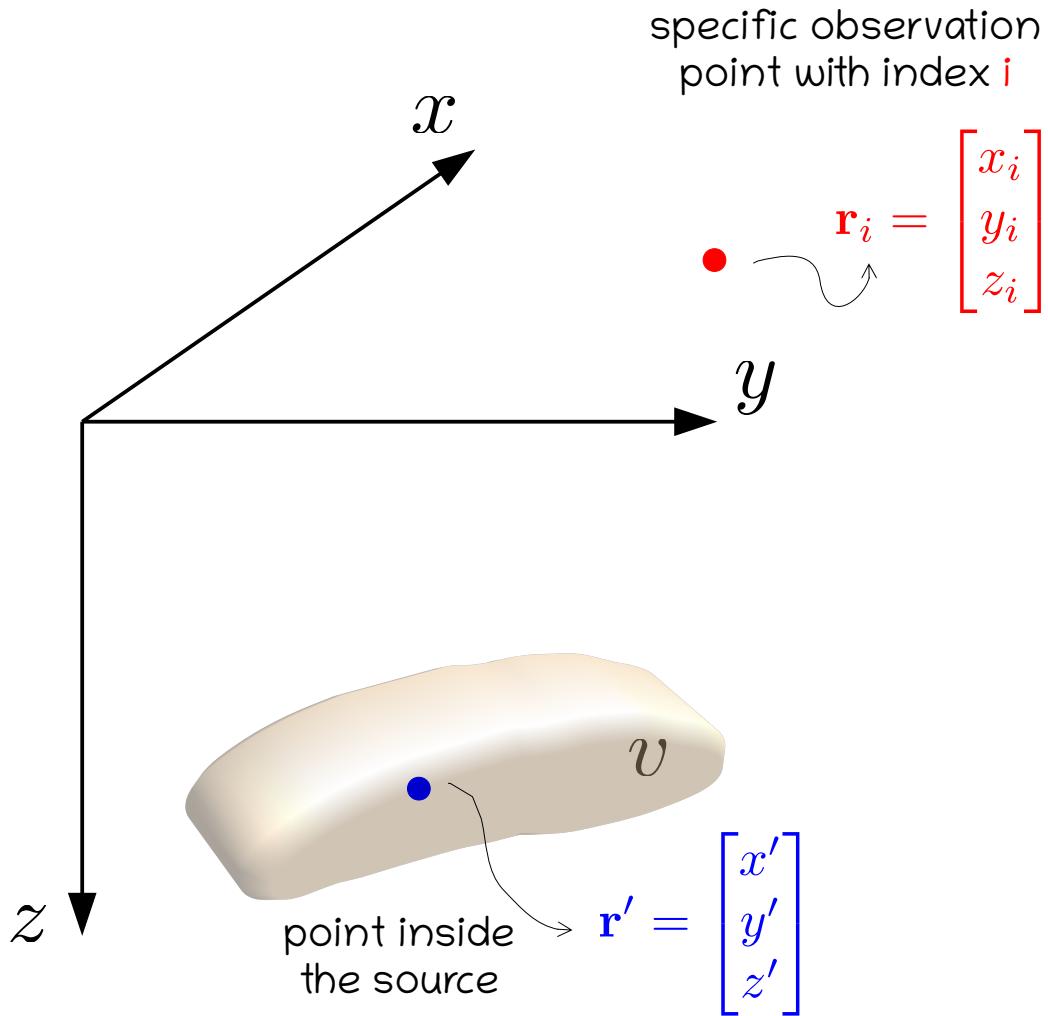
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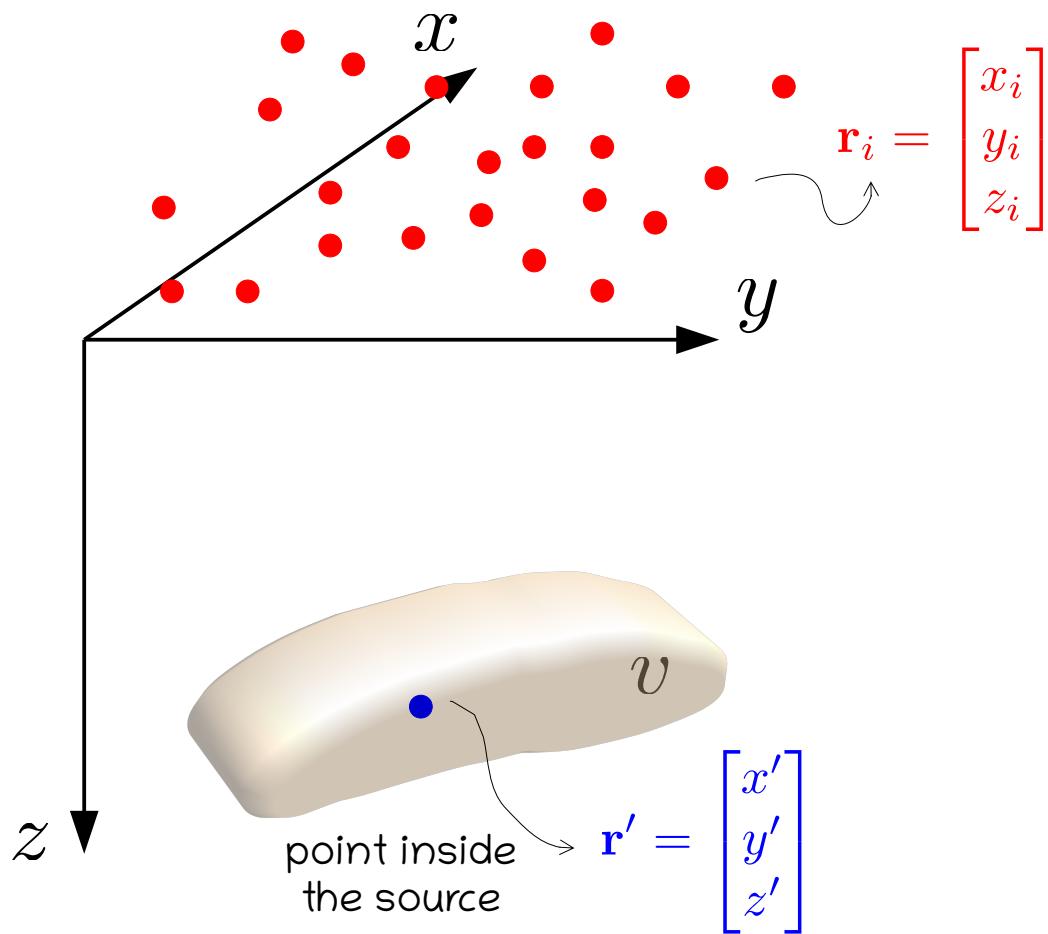
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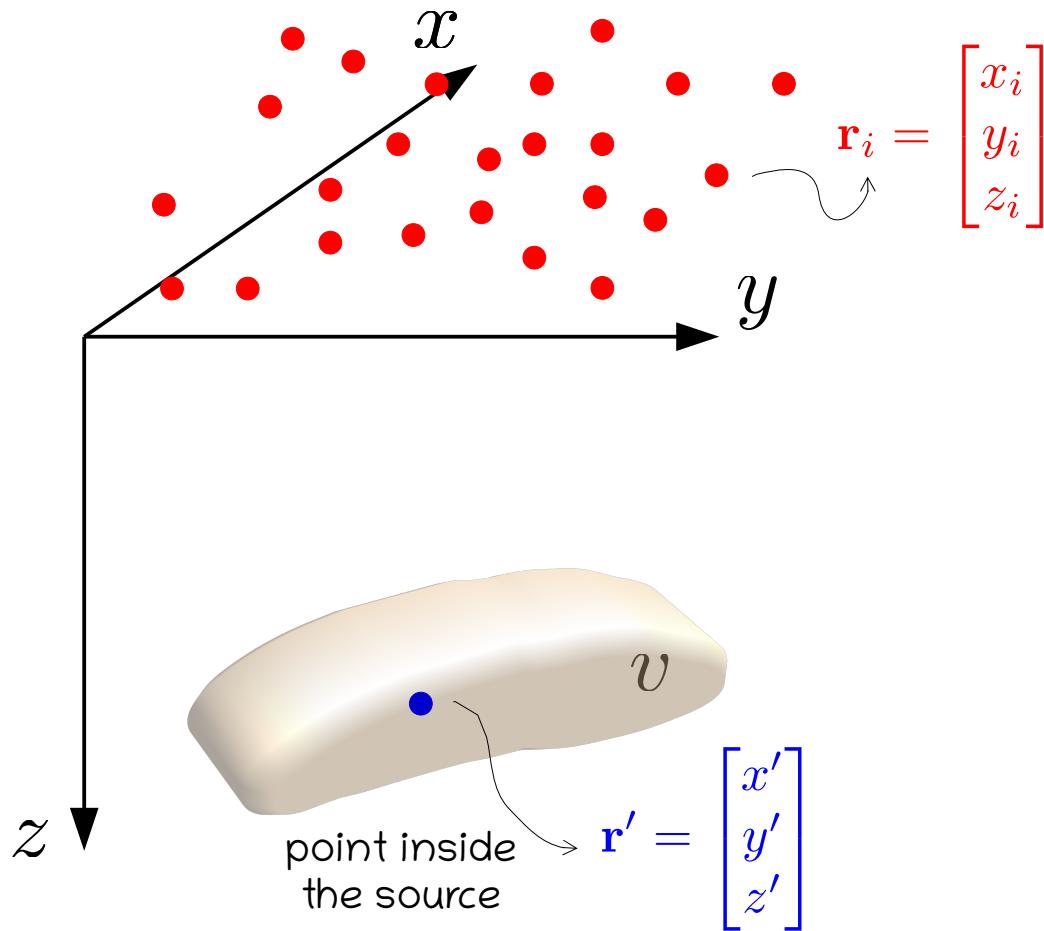
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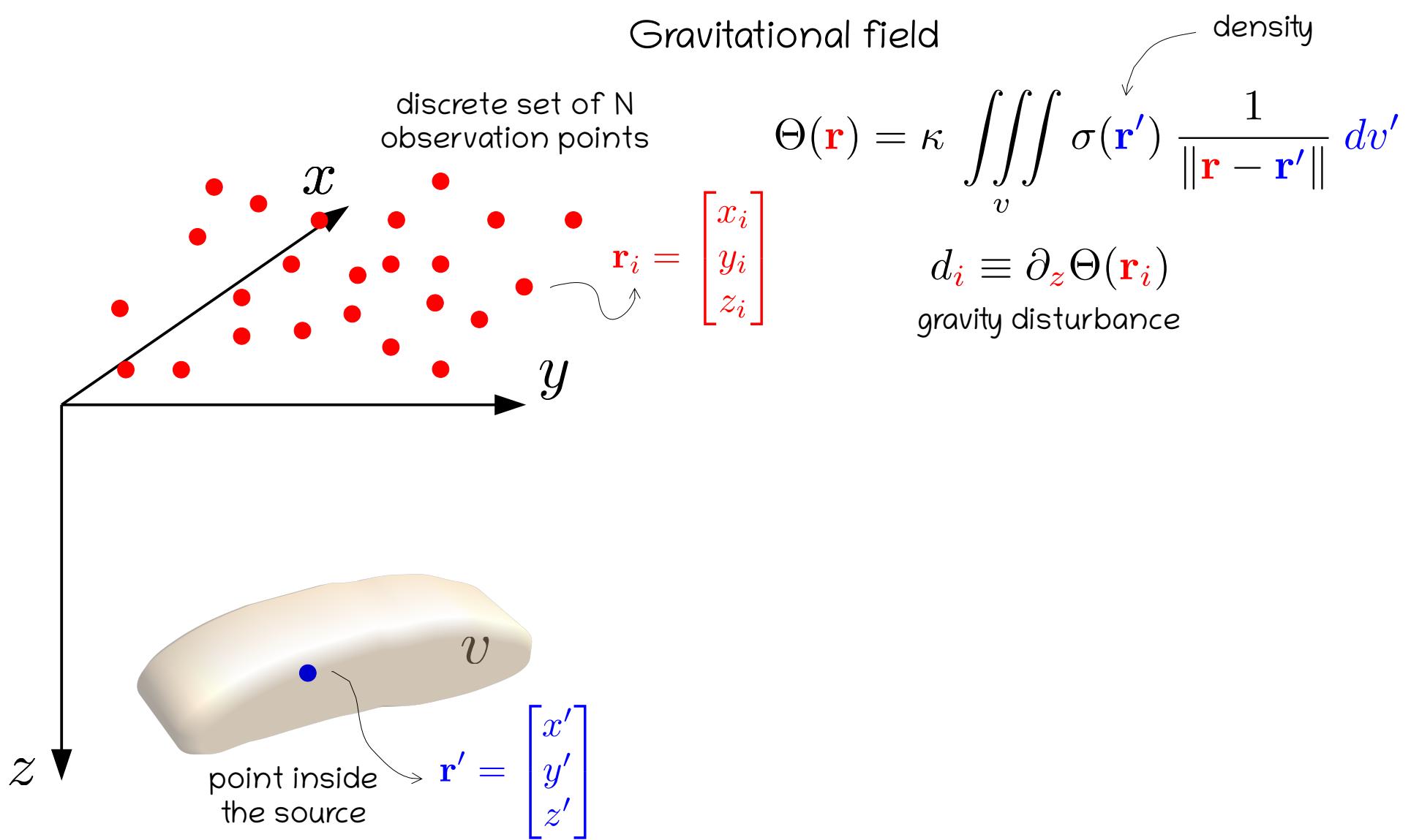
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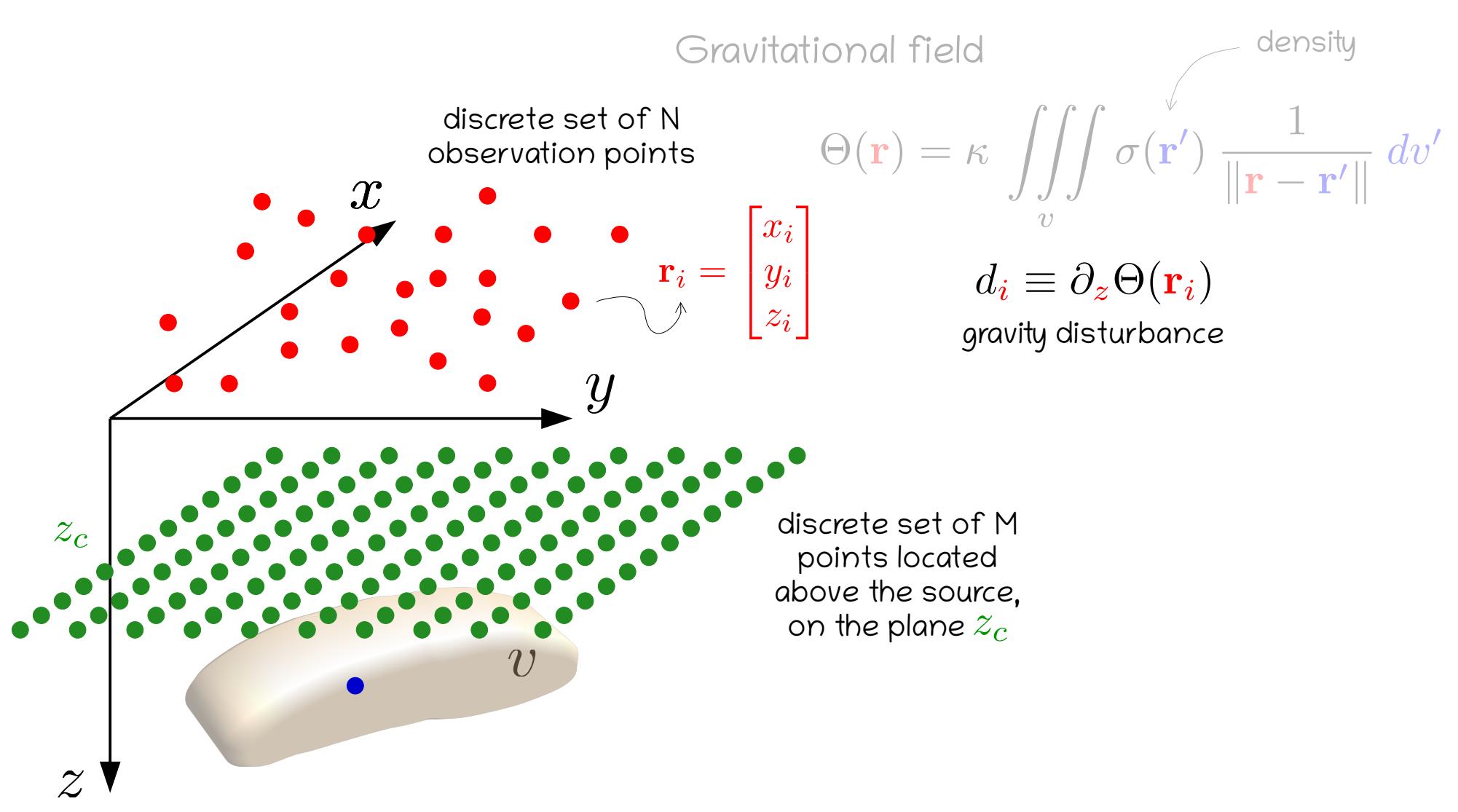


$$d_i \equiv \partial_z \Theta(\mathbf{r}_i)$$

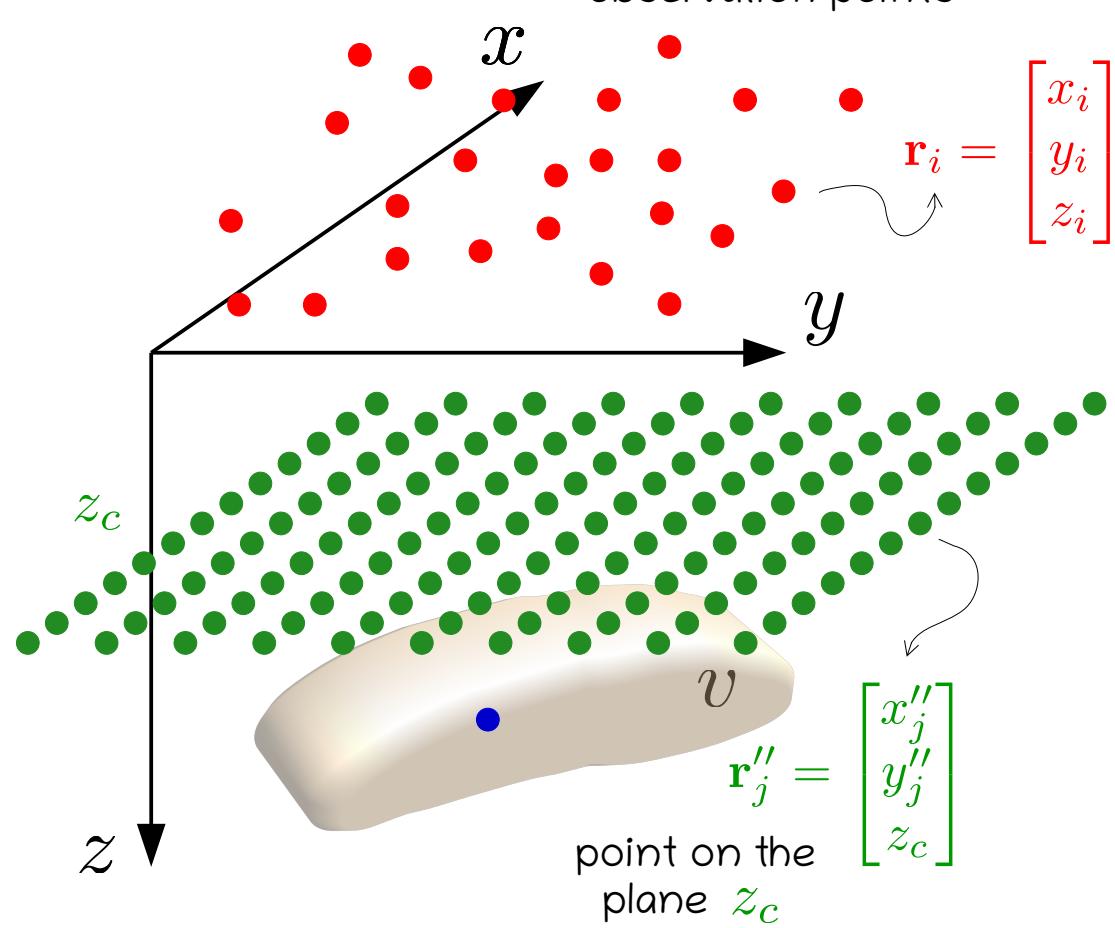
gravity disturbance

Gravitational field





Gravitational field



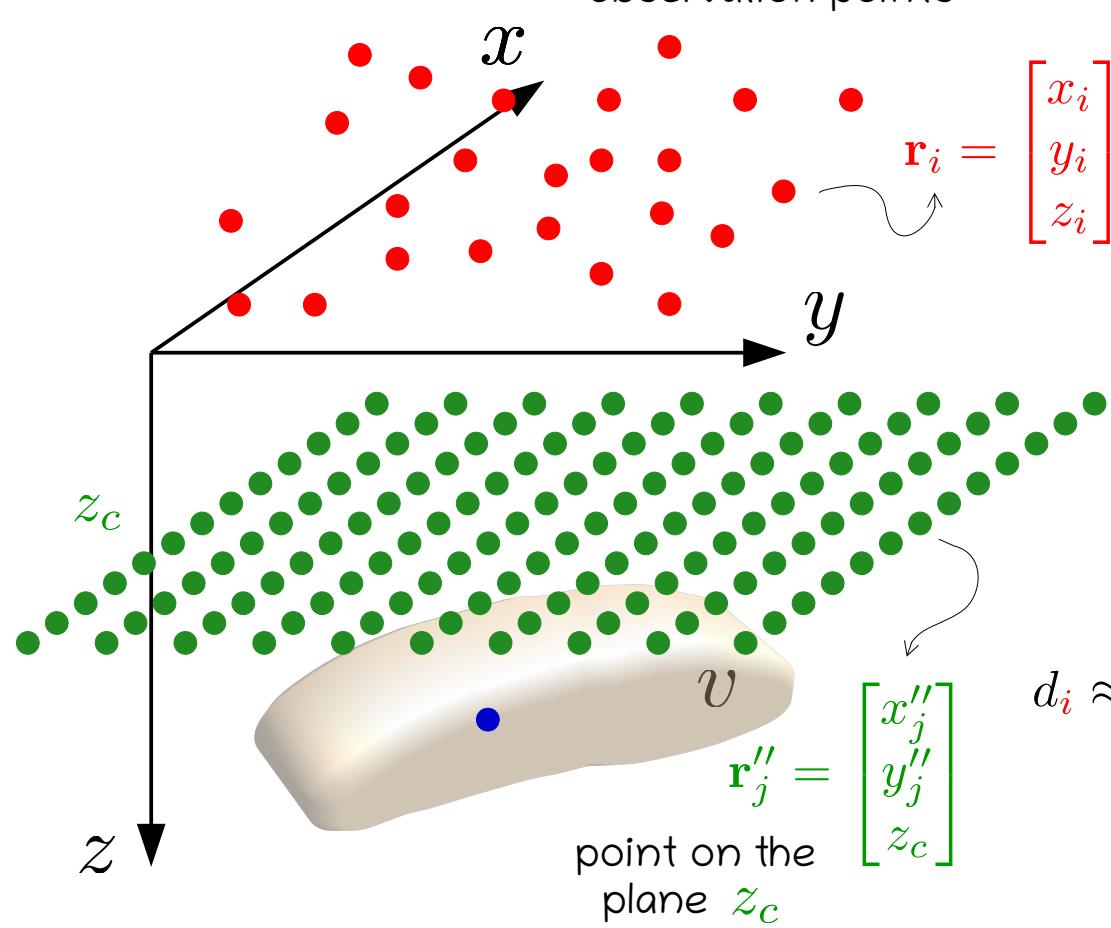
$$\Theta(\mathbf{r}) = \kappa \iiint_v \sigma(\mathbf{r}') \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}'\|} dv'$$

density

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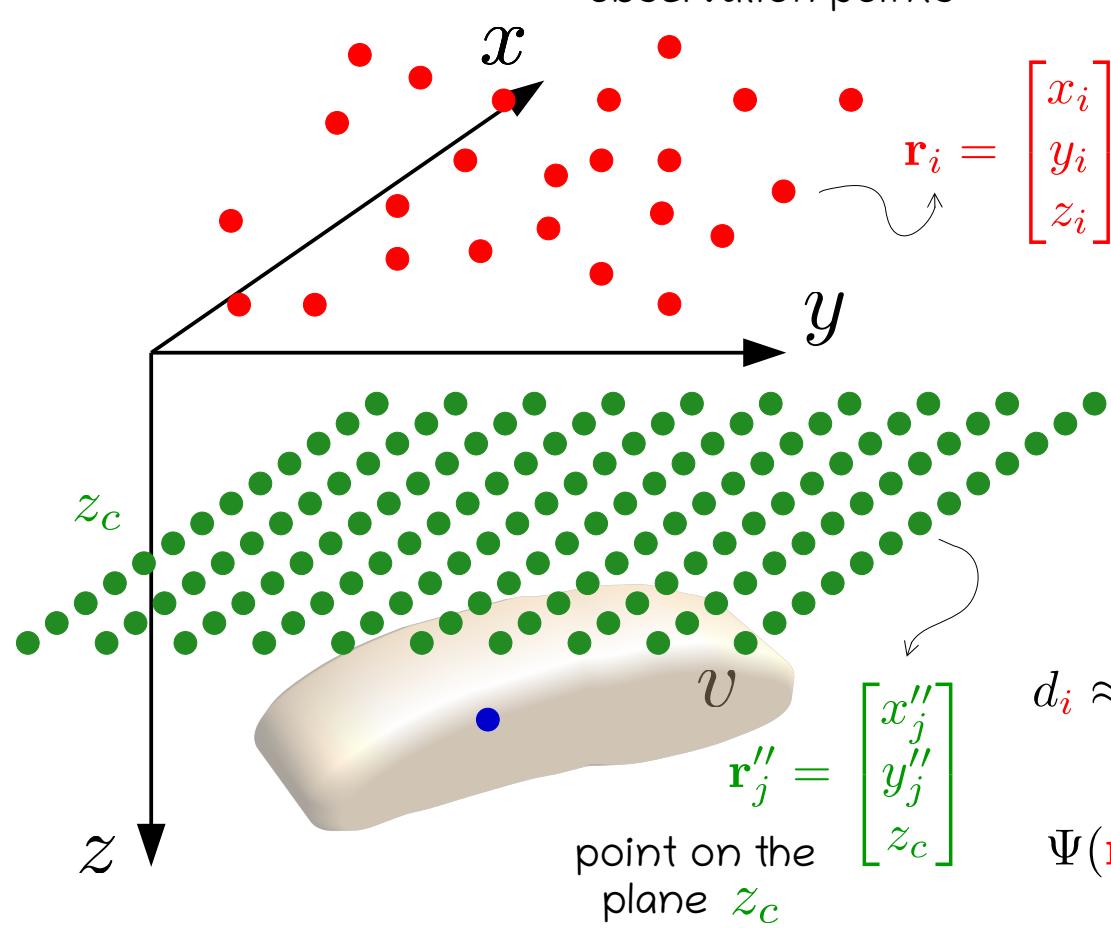
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Gravitational field



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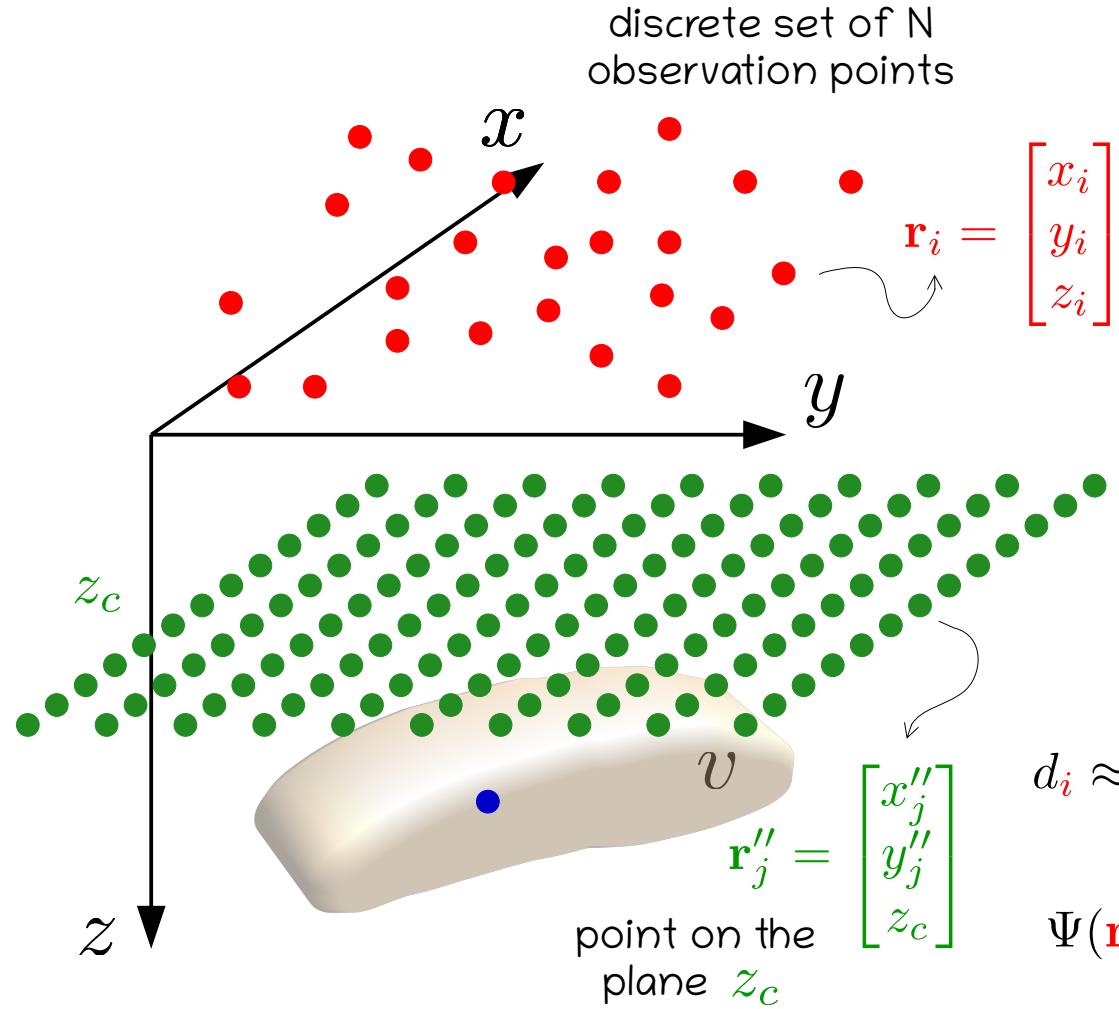
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Gravitational field



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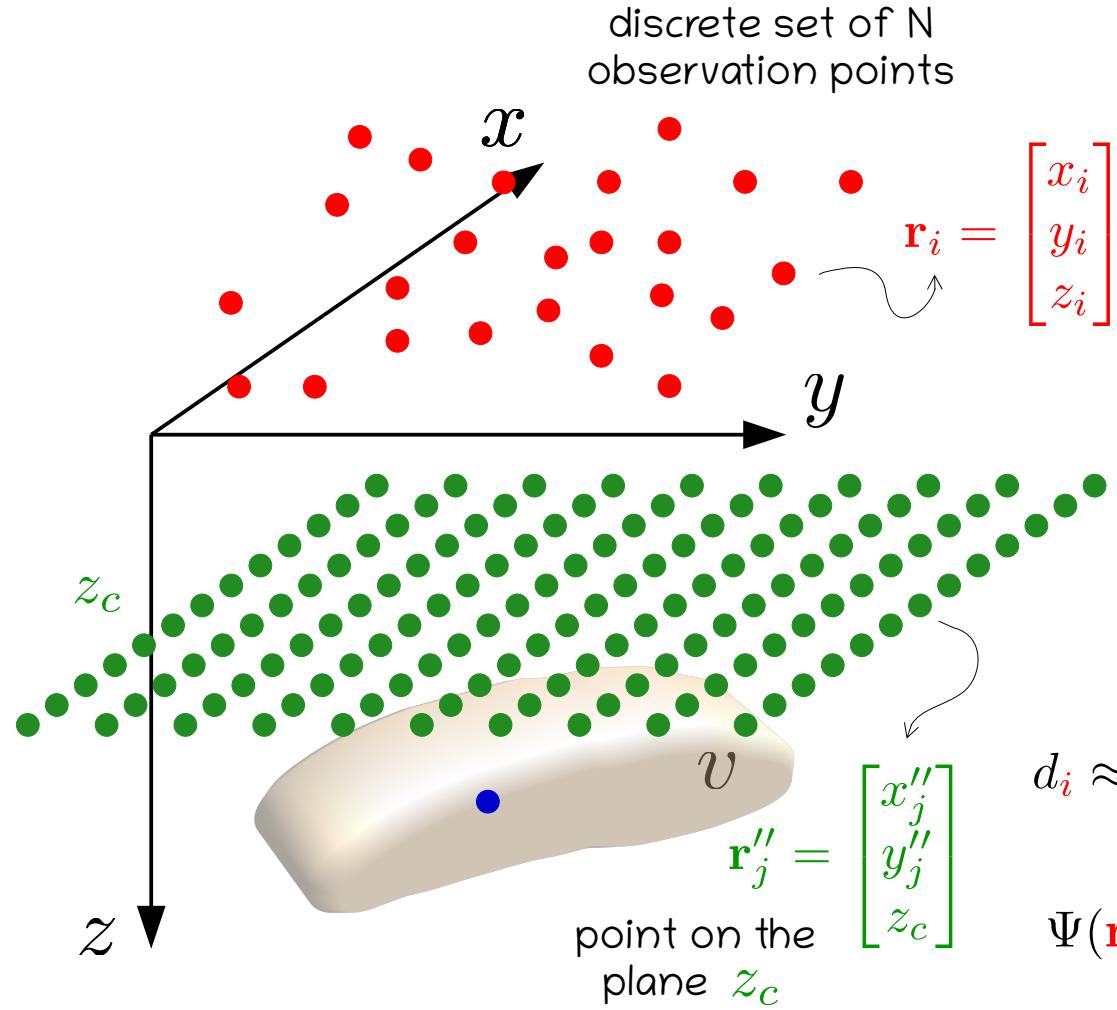
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$p_j \partial_z \Psi(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j'')$
represents the gravity disturbance produced at the observation point \mathbf{r}_i by a monopole located at \mathbf{r}_j''

Gravitational field



density

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gravity disturbance

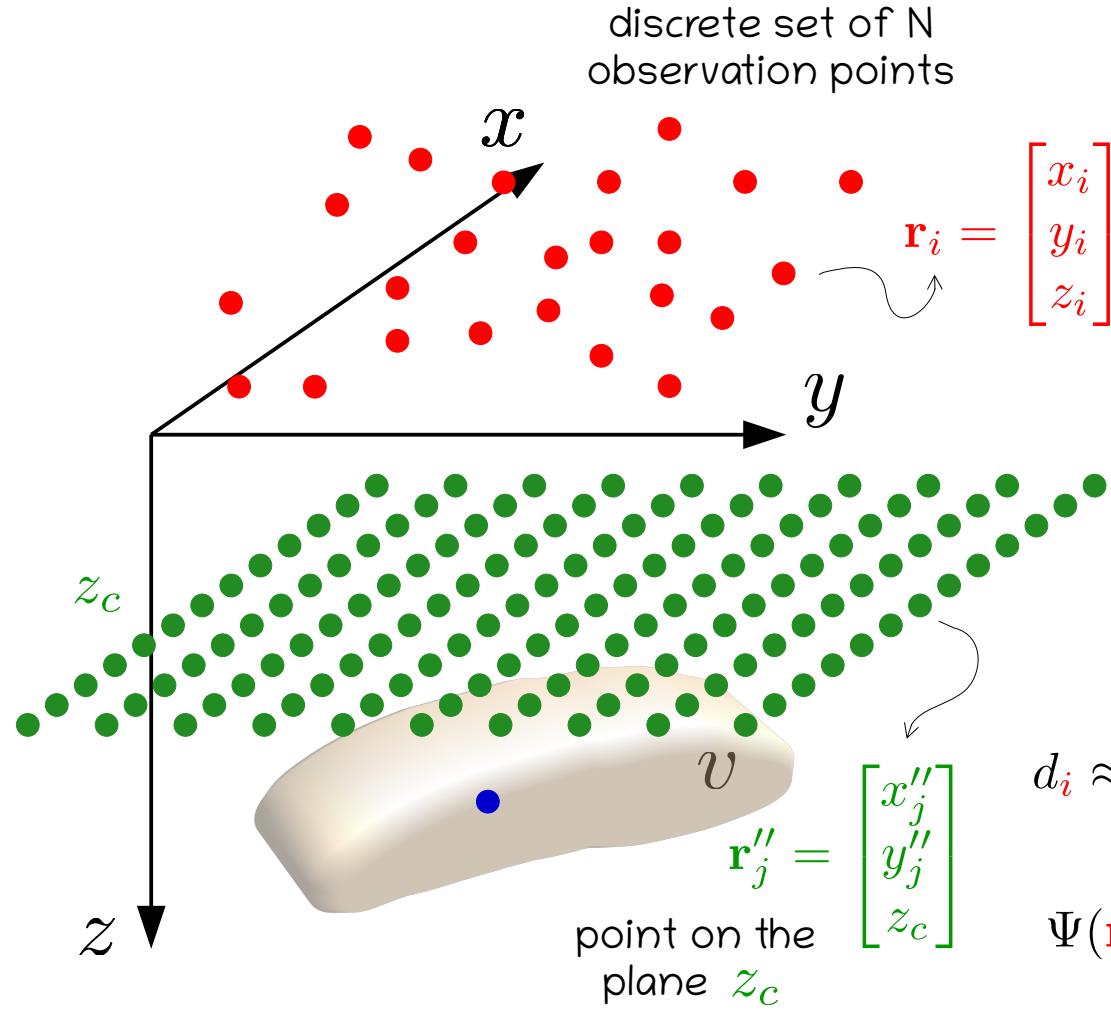
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Gravitational field



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gravity disturbance

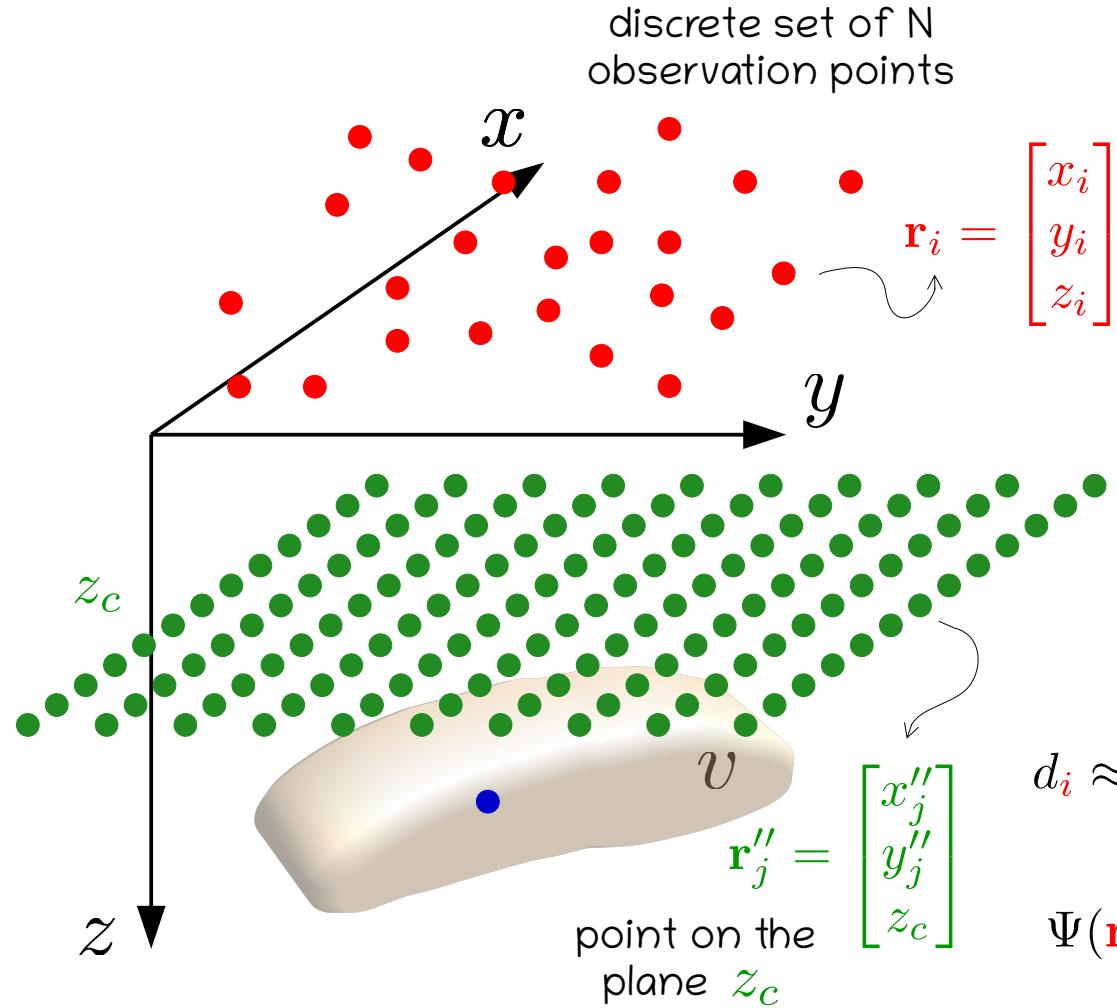
parameter vector
containing the physical-
property distribution
of the monopoles

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$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_M \end{bmatrix}$$

Gravitational field



density

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gravity disturbance

data vector containing
the observations (in
this case, gravity
disturbance data)

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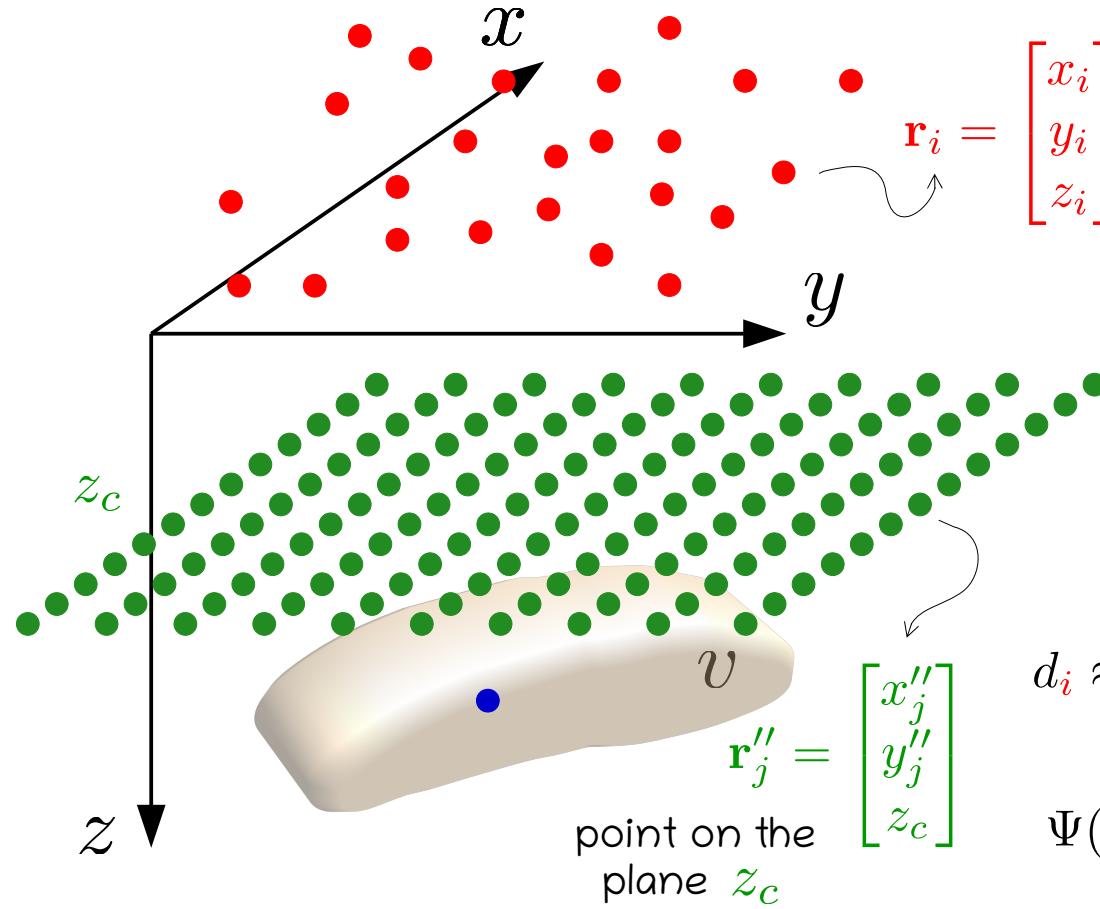
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$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Gravitational field

discrete set of N
observation points



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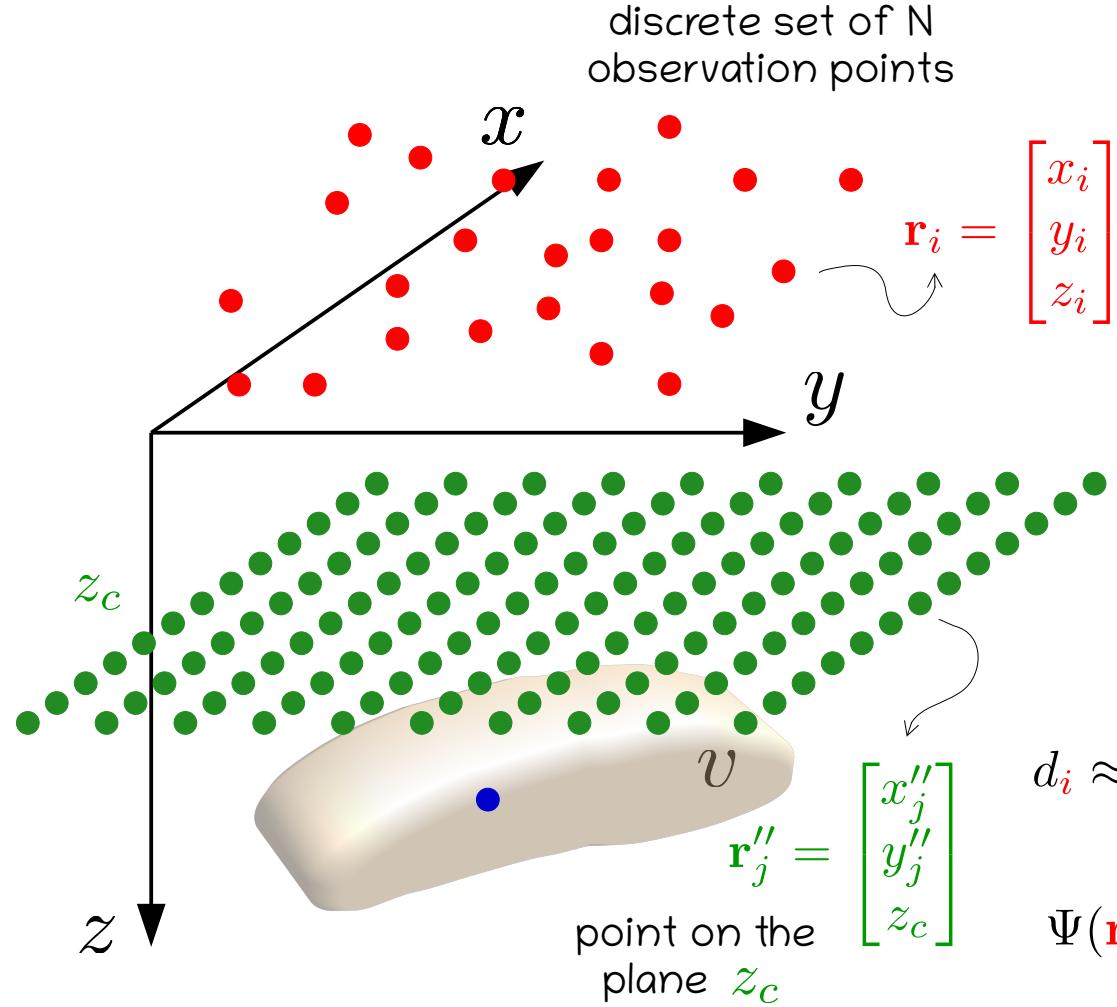
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$$\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}$$

$$a_{ij} = \partial_z \Psi(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j'')$$

sensitivity matrix

Gravitational field



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density

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gravity disturbance

The parameter vector \mathbf{p} reproducing the gravity data defines a **discrete equivalent layer**

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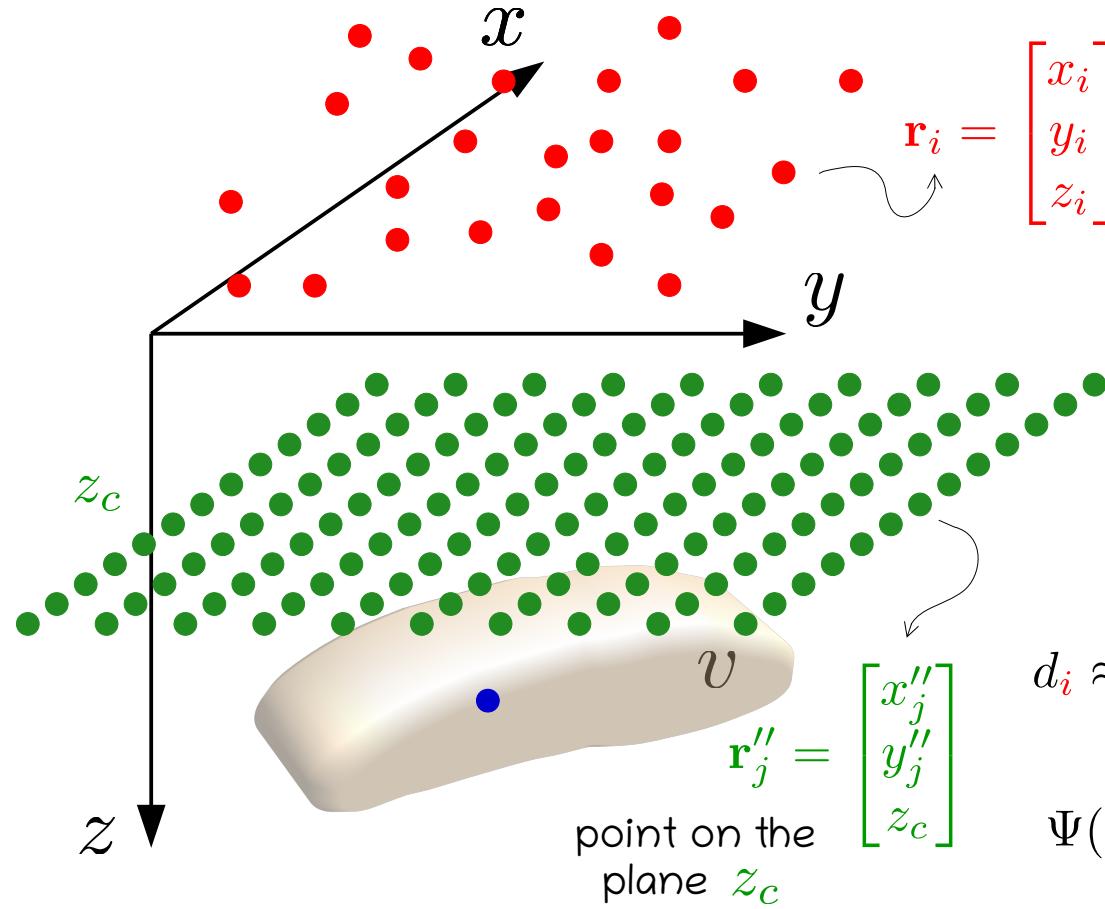
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Gravitational field

discrete set of N
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gravity disturbance

The physical property p_j of a single monopole located at \mathbf{r}_j'' is called **equivalent source**

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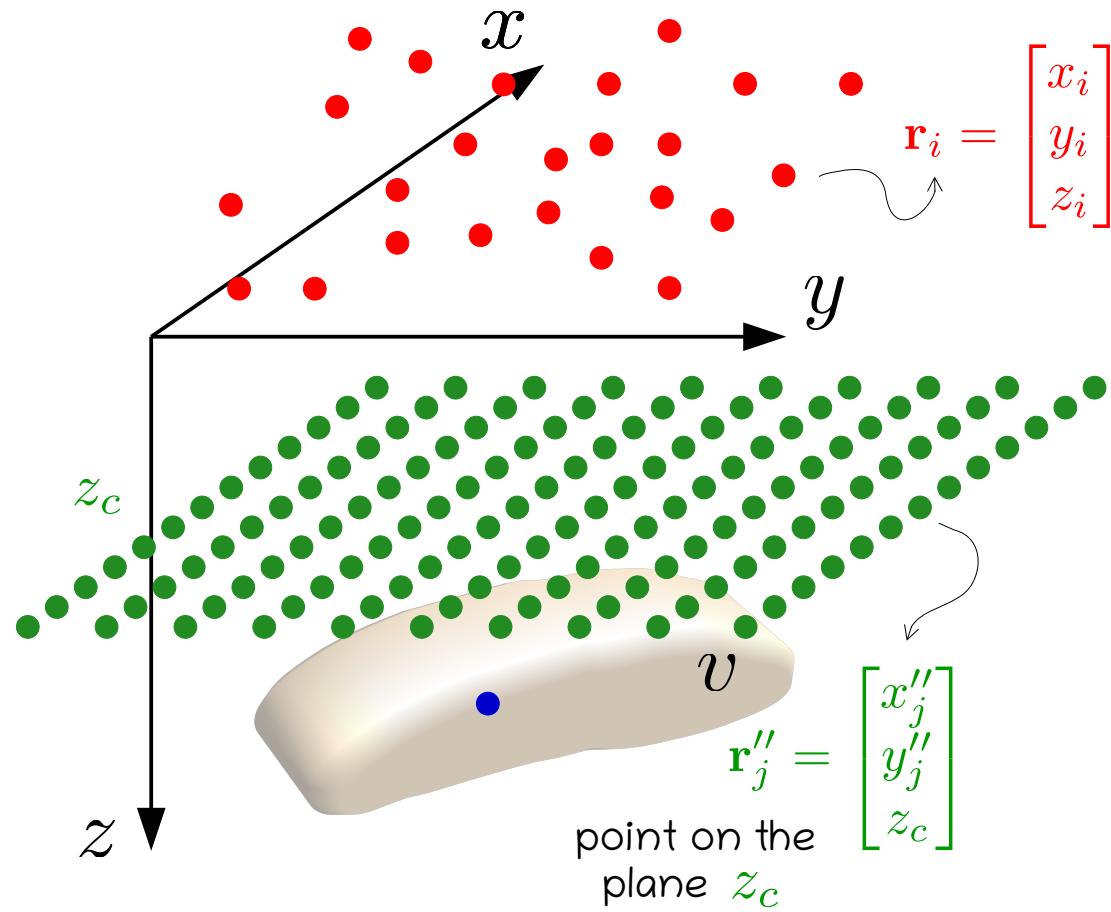
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Gravitational field

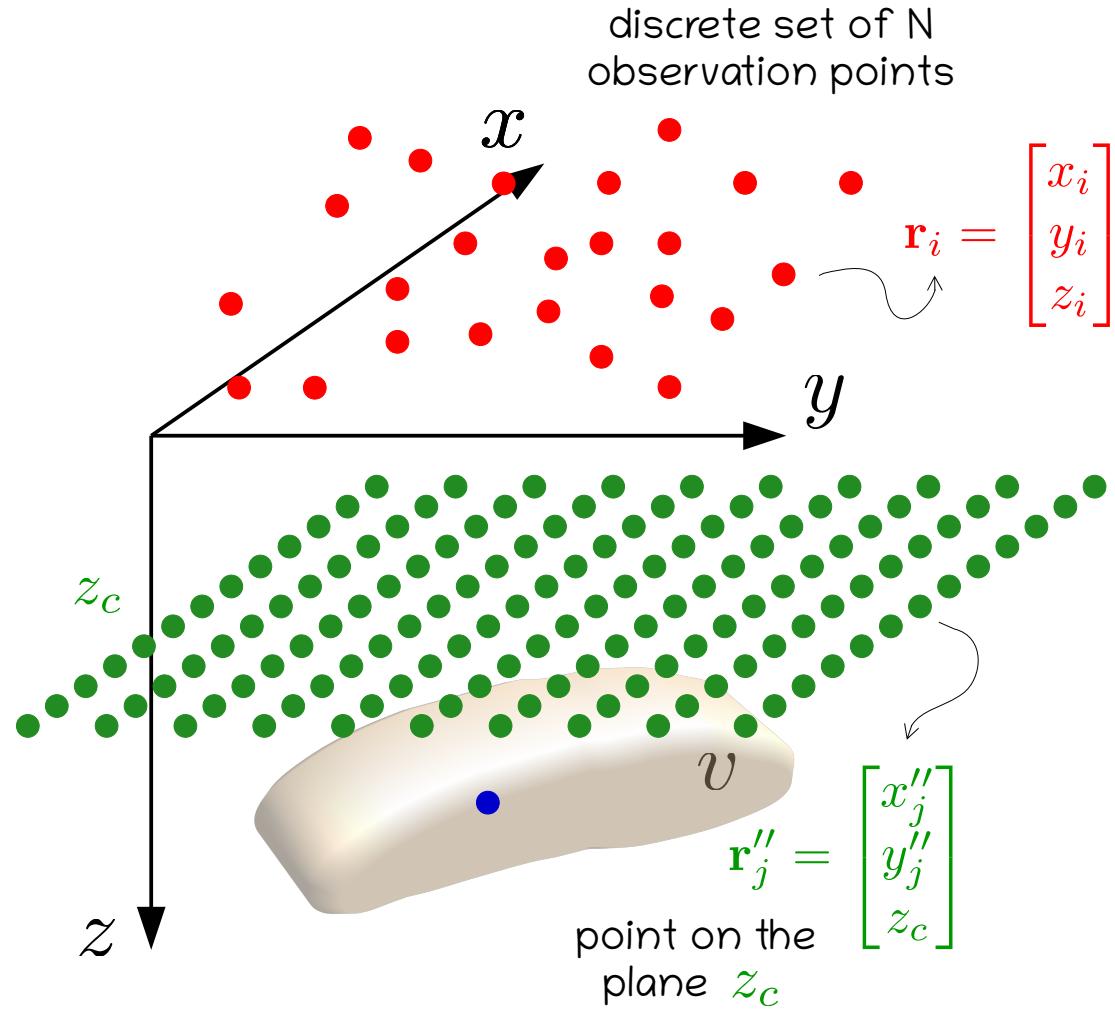
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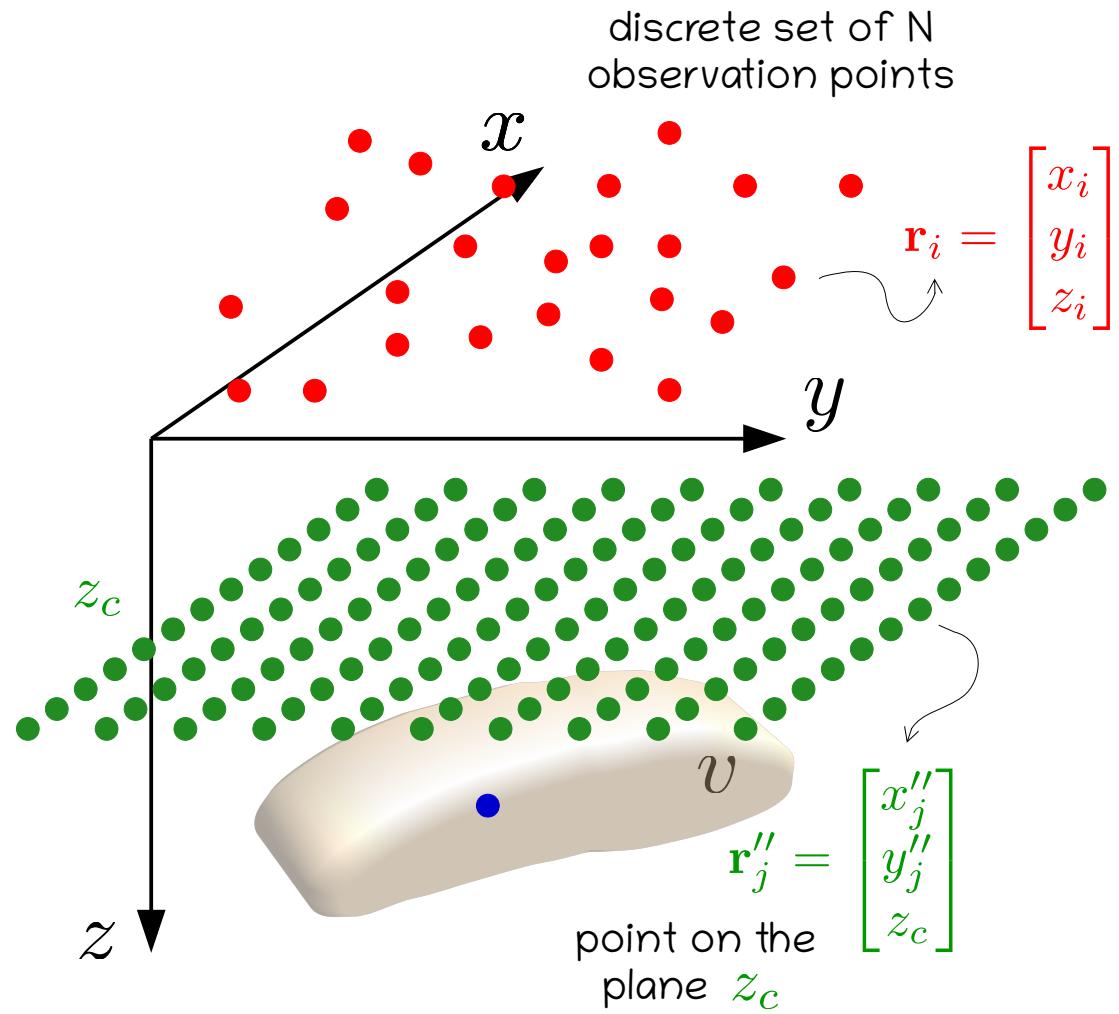
Magnetic field



total-magnetization intensity

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Magnetic field



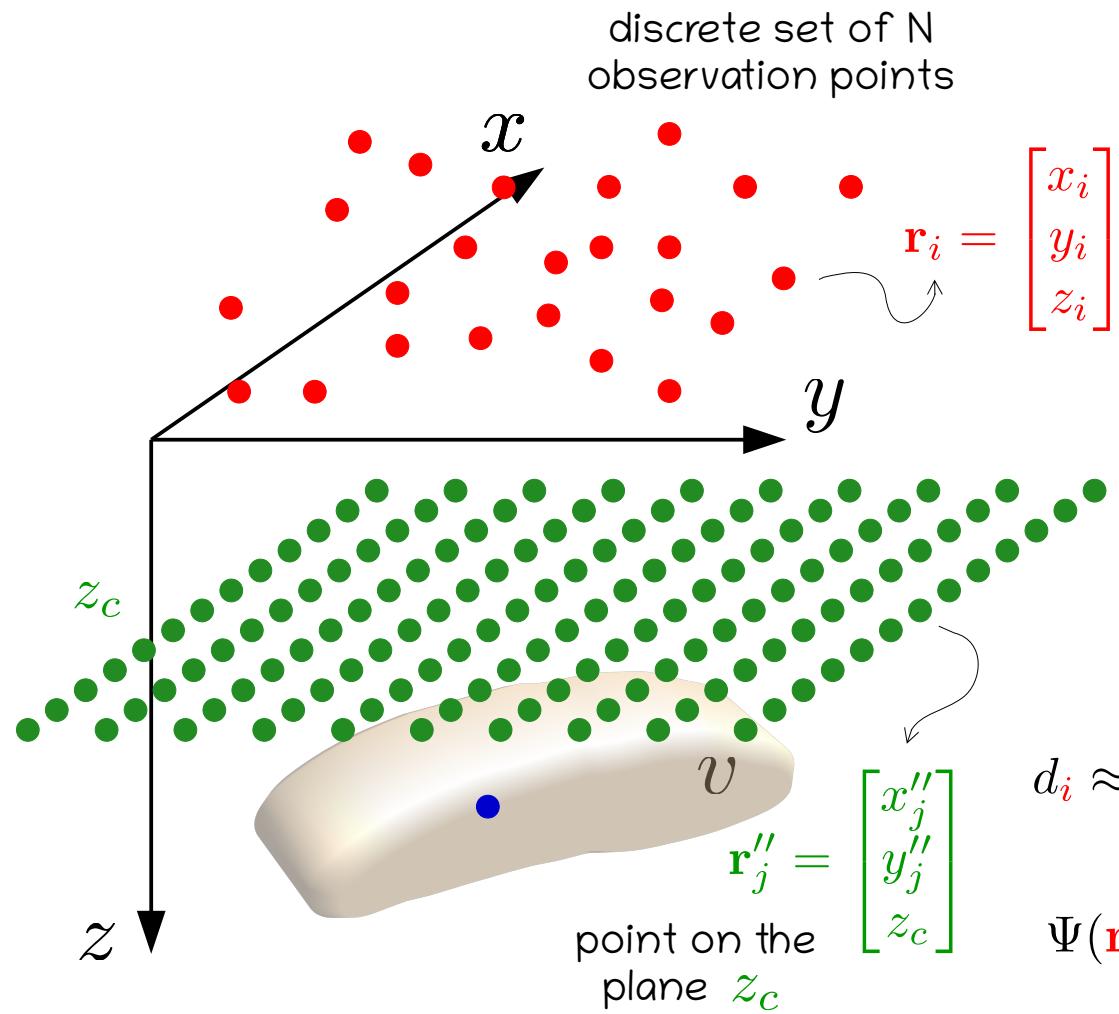
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approx total-field anomaly

Magnetic field



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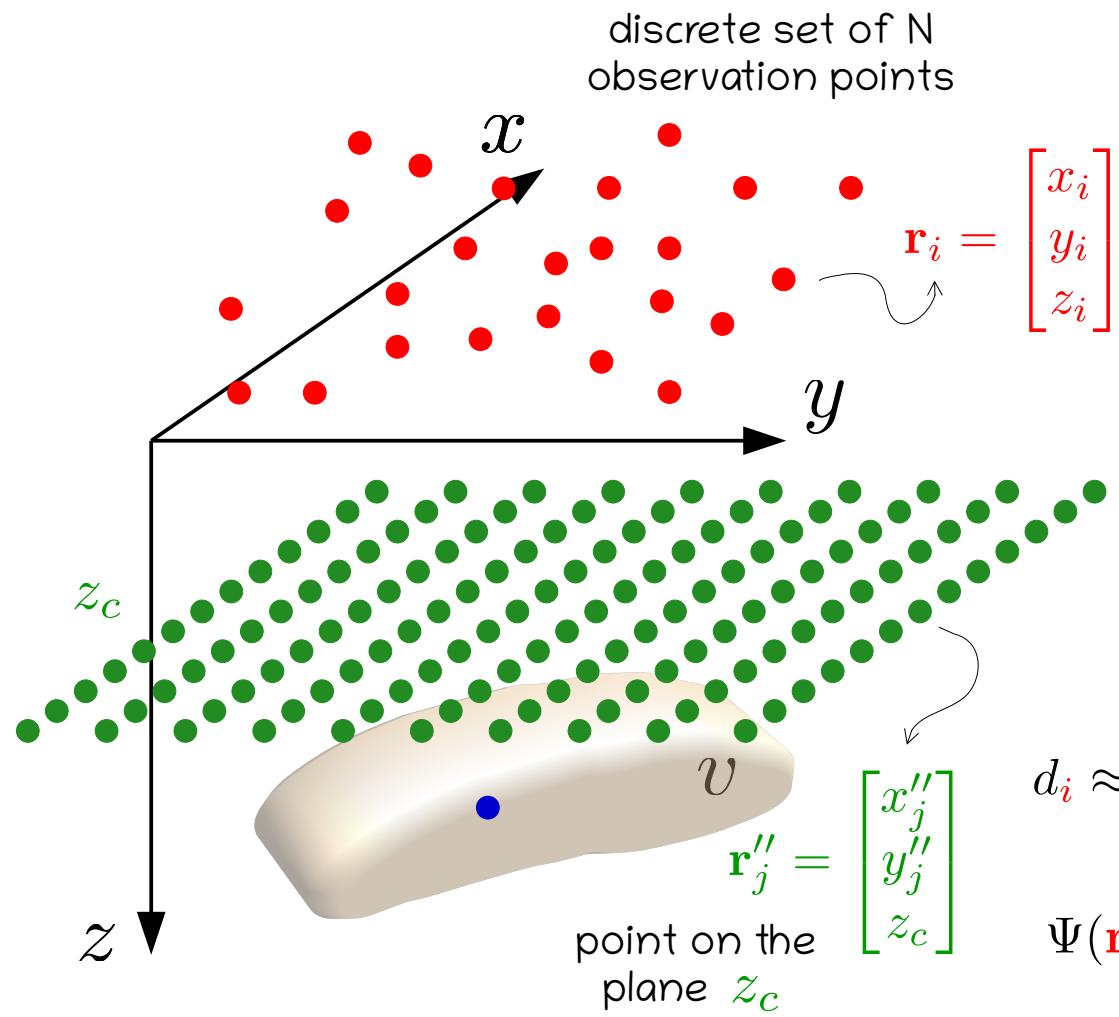
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Magnetic field



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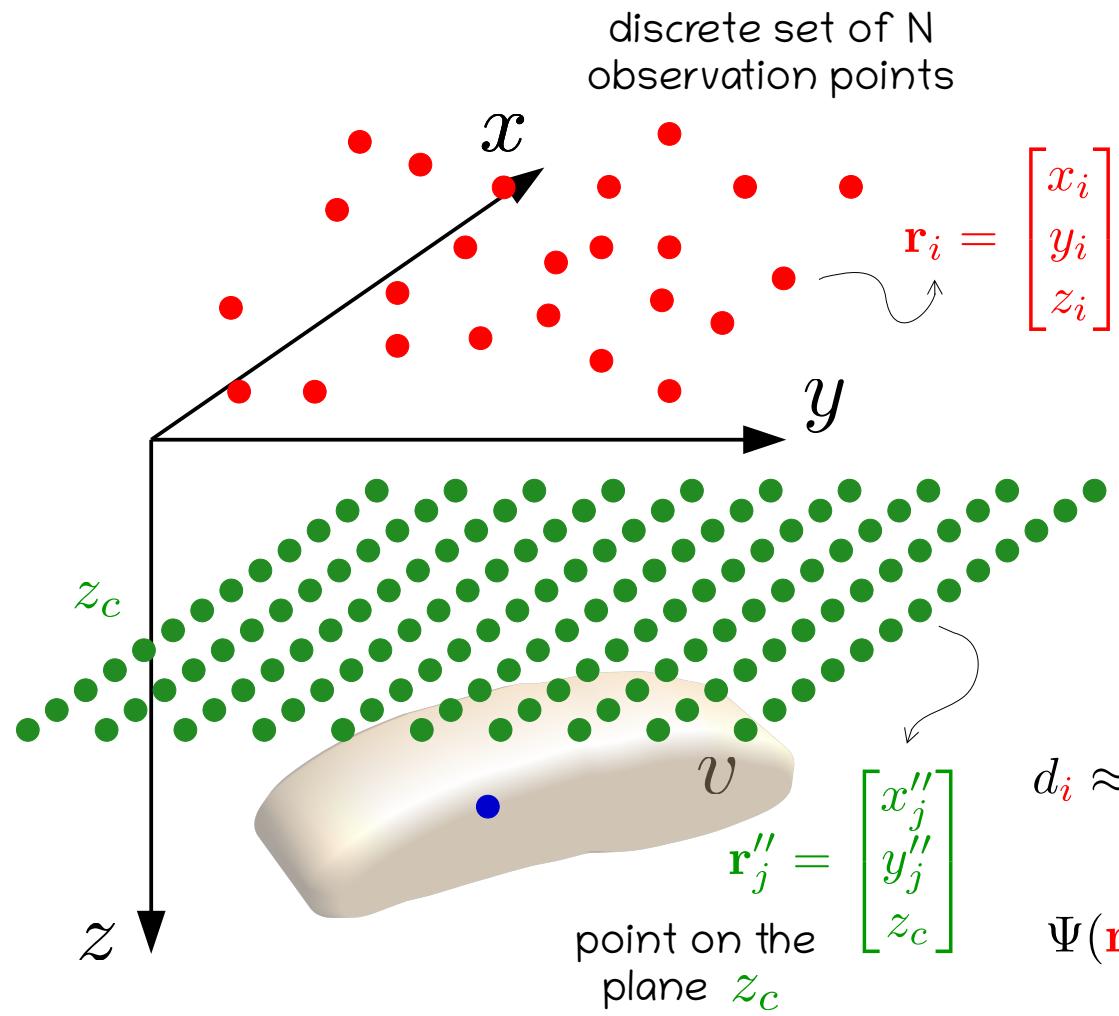
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represents the approx
total-field anomaly produced
at the observation point
 \mathbf{r}_i by a dipole
located at \mathbf{r}''_j

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}''_j) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}''_j\|}$$

Magnetic field



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approx total-field anomaly

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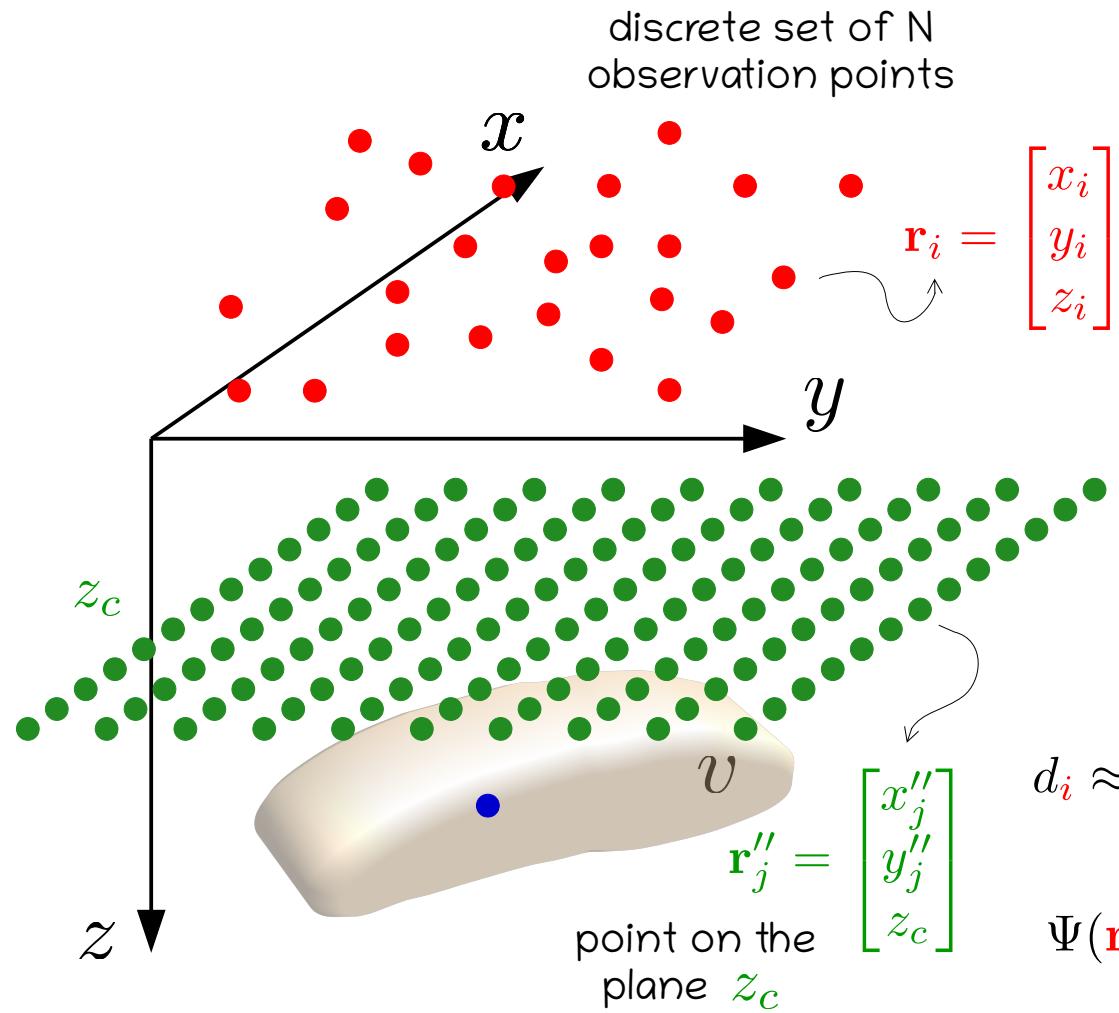
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Magnetic field



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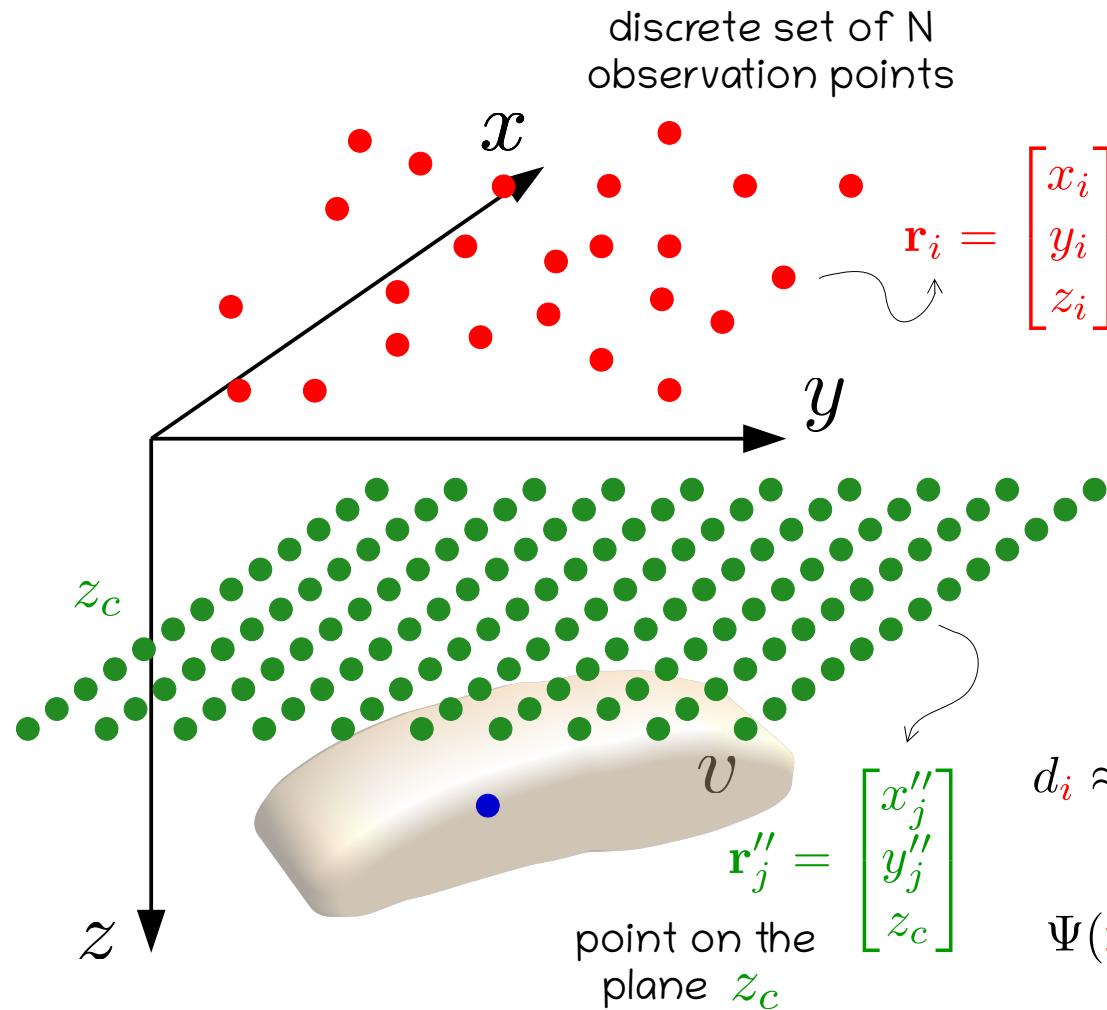
approx total-field anomaly

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Magnetic field



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approx total-field anomaly

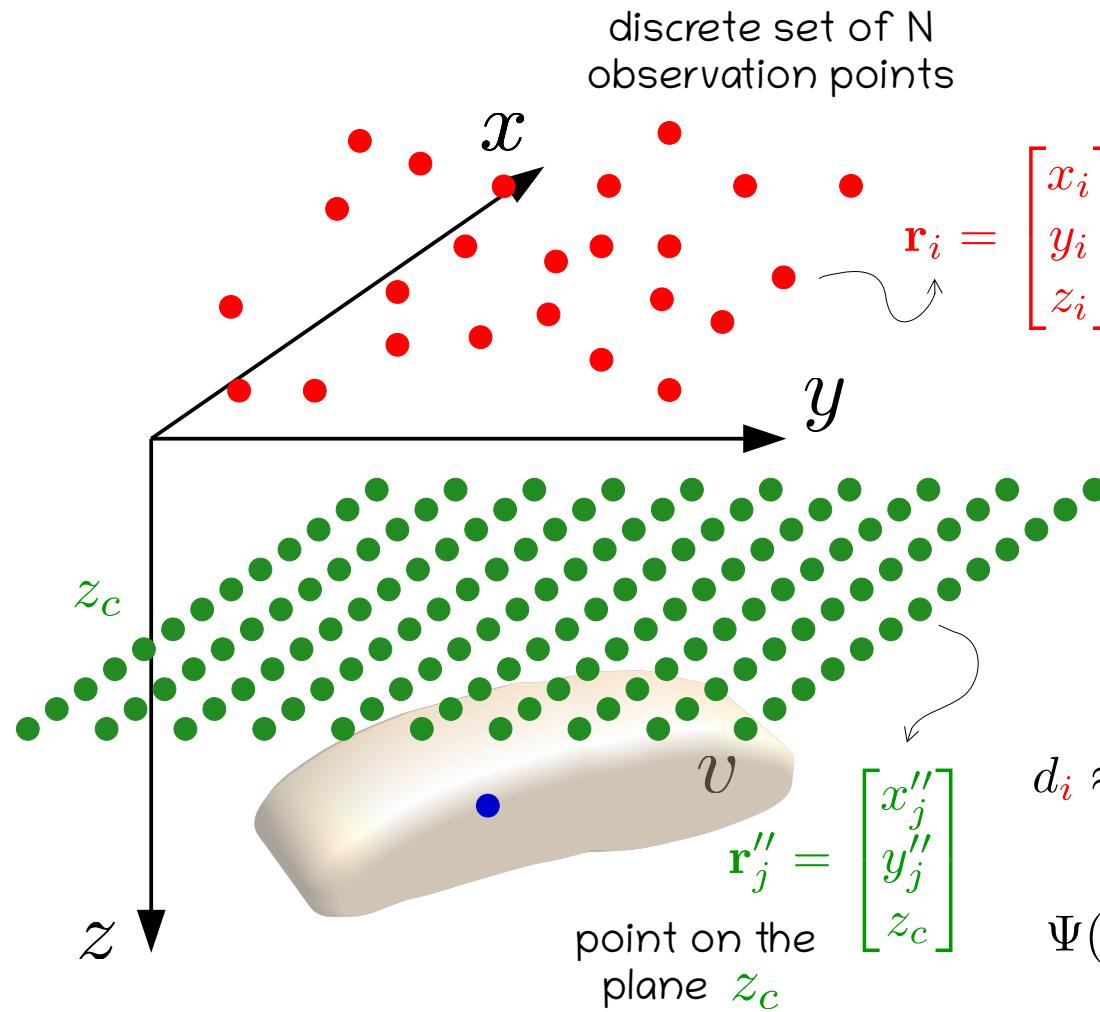
unit vector defining
a constant direction for the
main geomagnetic field

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Magnetic field



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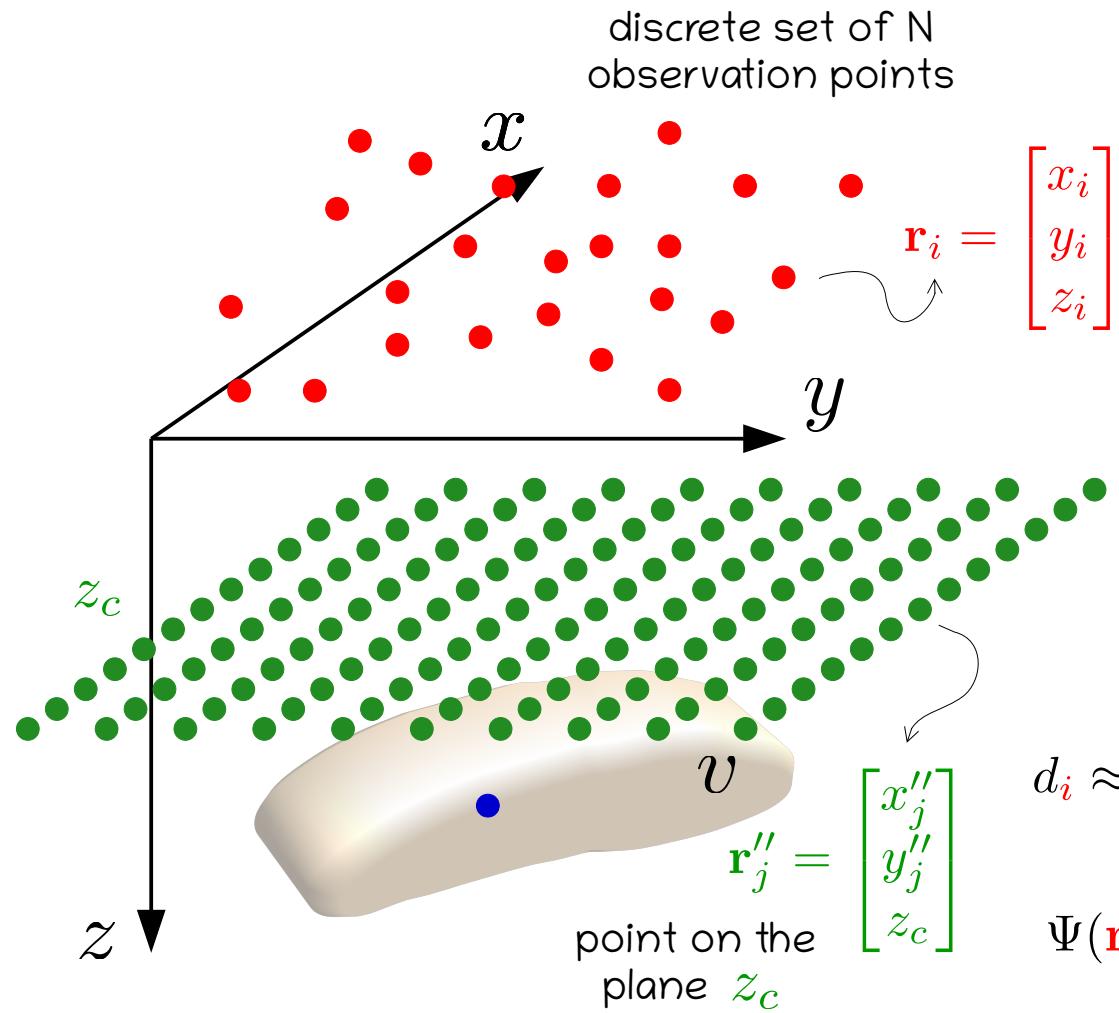
unit vector defining
a uniform magnetization
direction
for the dipoles

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Magnetic field



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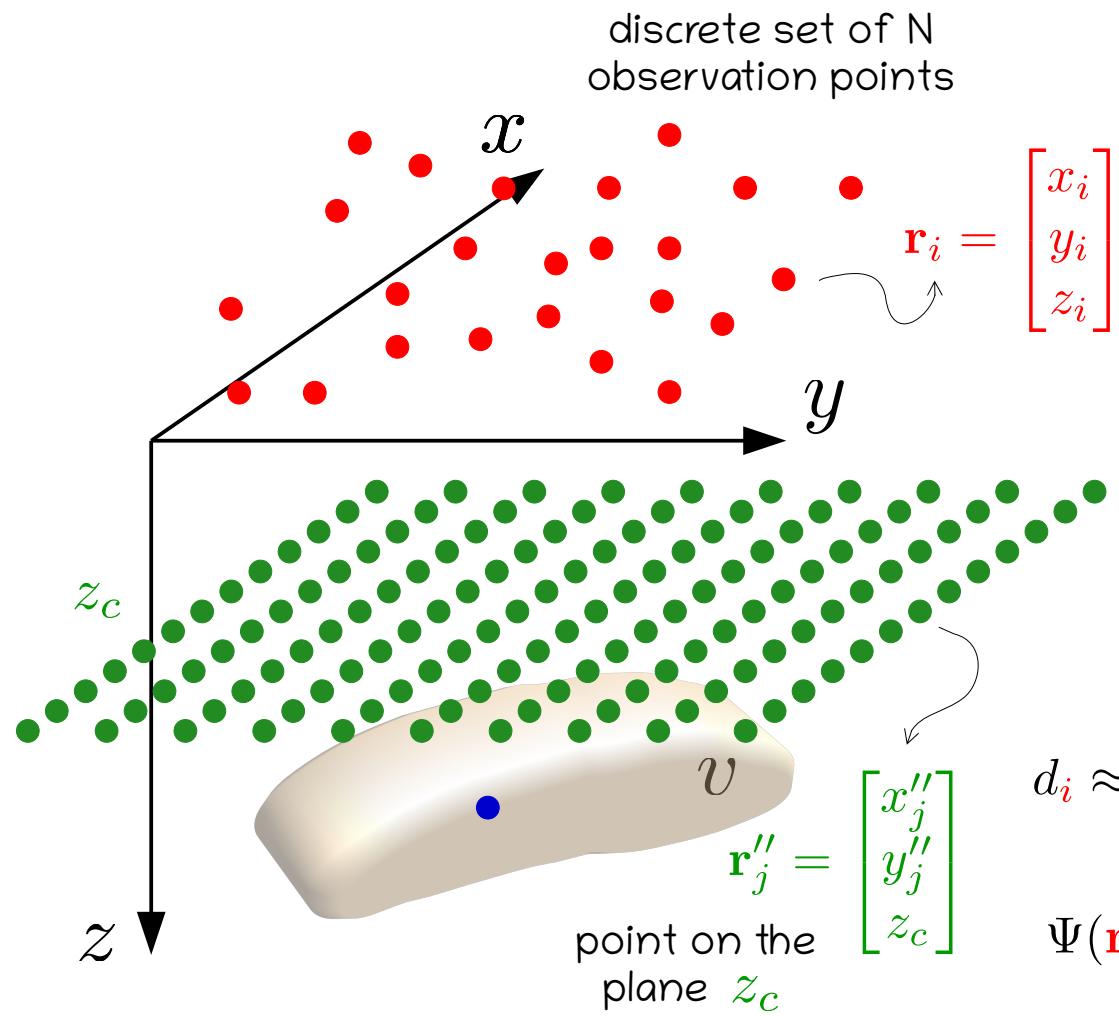
this direction may
be arbitrary

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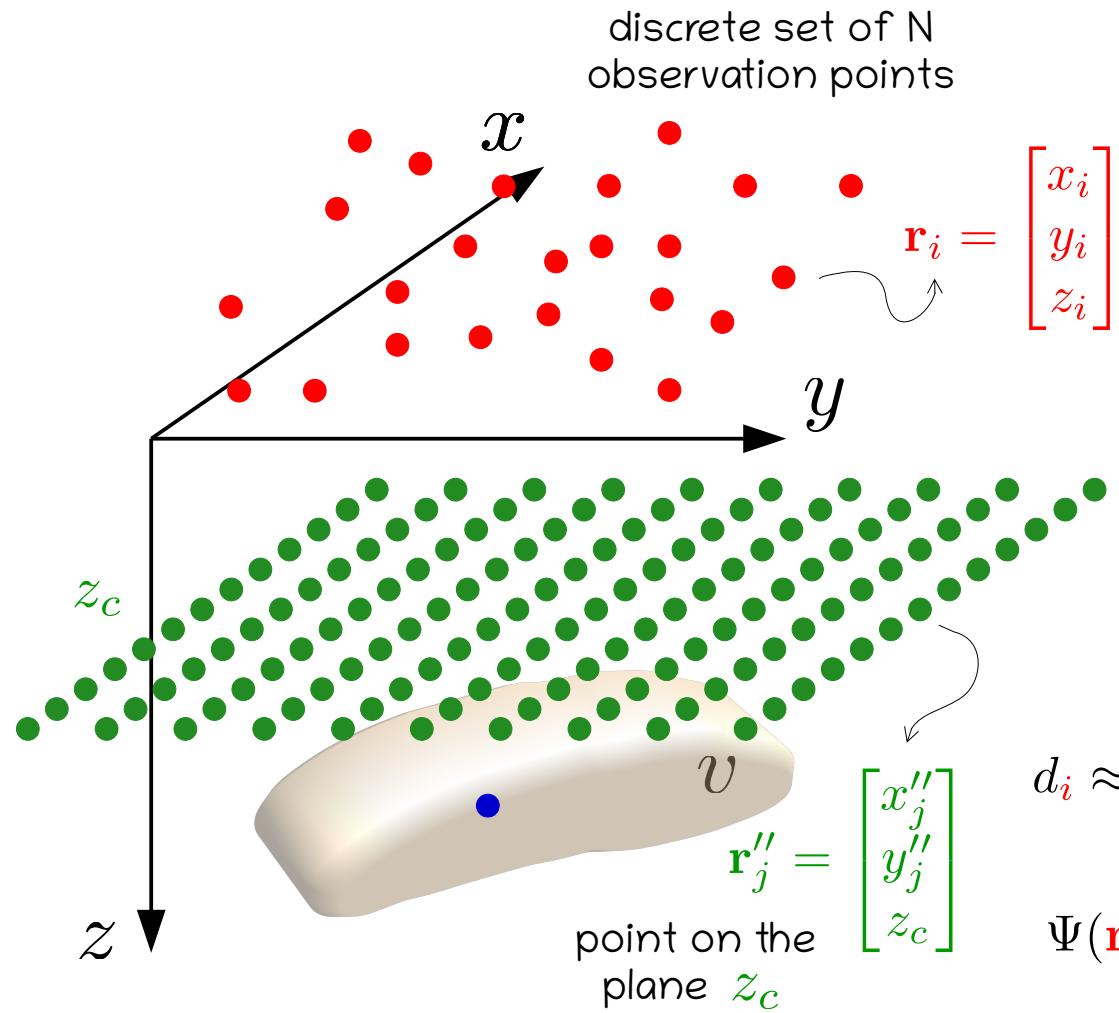
$$\mathbf{H}_\Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') = \begin{bmatrix} \partial_{xx} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') & \partial_{xy} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') & \partial_{xz} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') \\ \partial_{xy} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') & \partial_{yy} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') & \partial_{yz} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') \\ \partial_{xz} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') & \partial_{yz} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') & \partial_{zz} \Psi(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}'') \end{bmatrix}$$

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approx total-field anomaly

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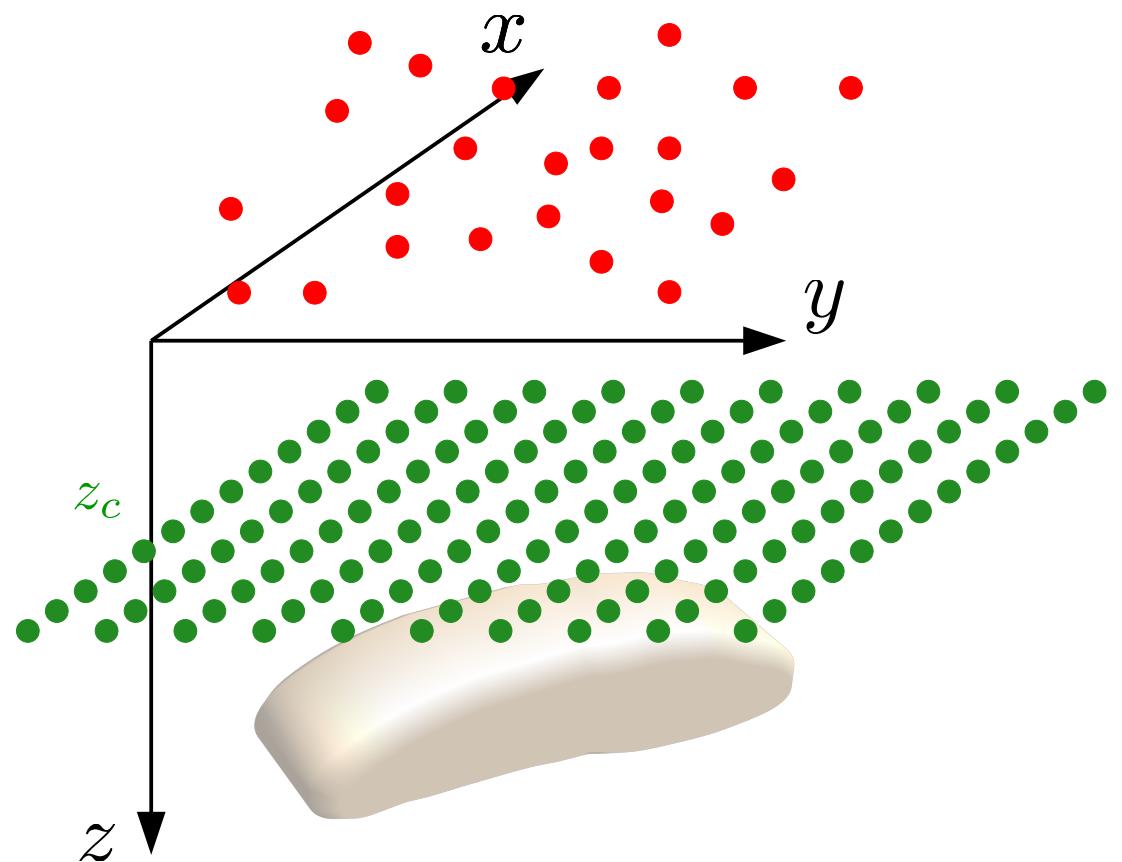
Again, the EqL Technique consists in solving this linear system for \mathbf{p}

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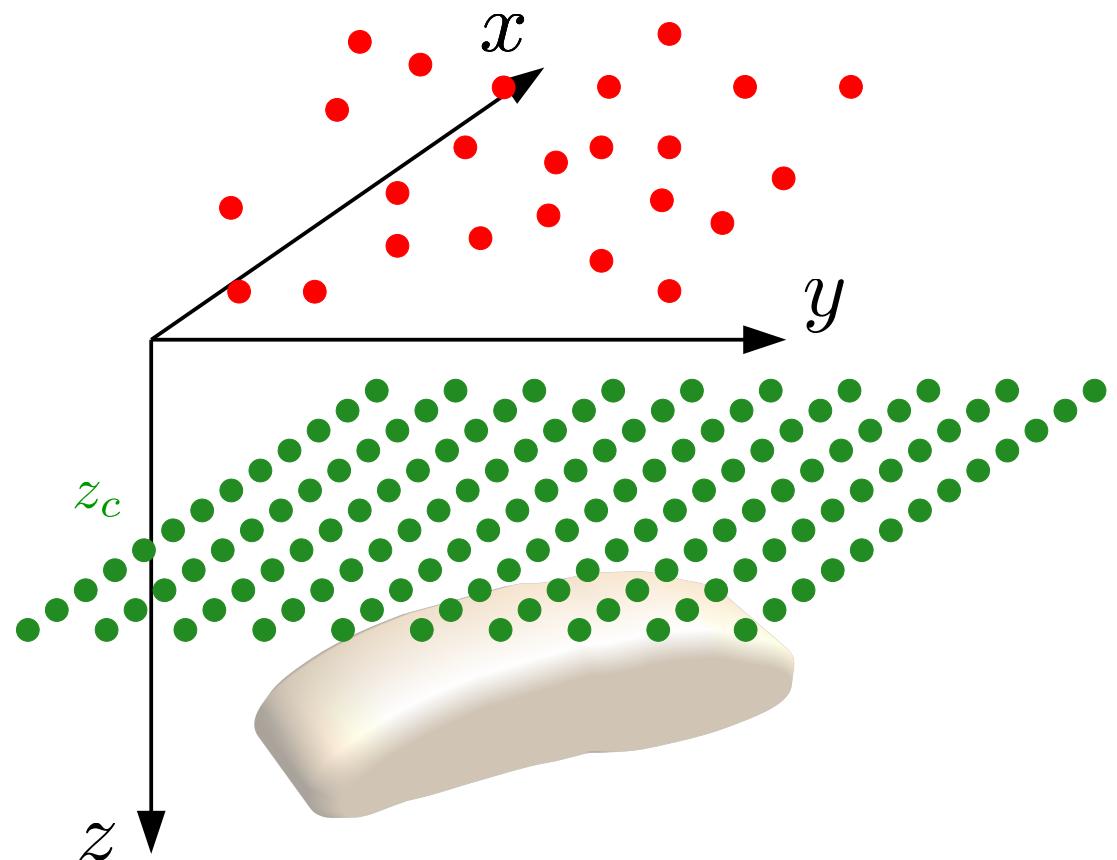
$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_i, \mathbf{r}_j'') = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{r}_j''\|}$$

Classical EqL Technique

$$d \approx A p$$



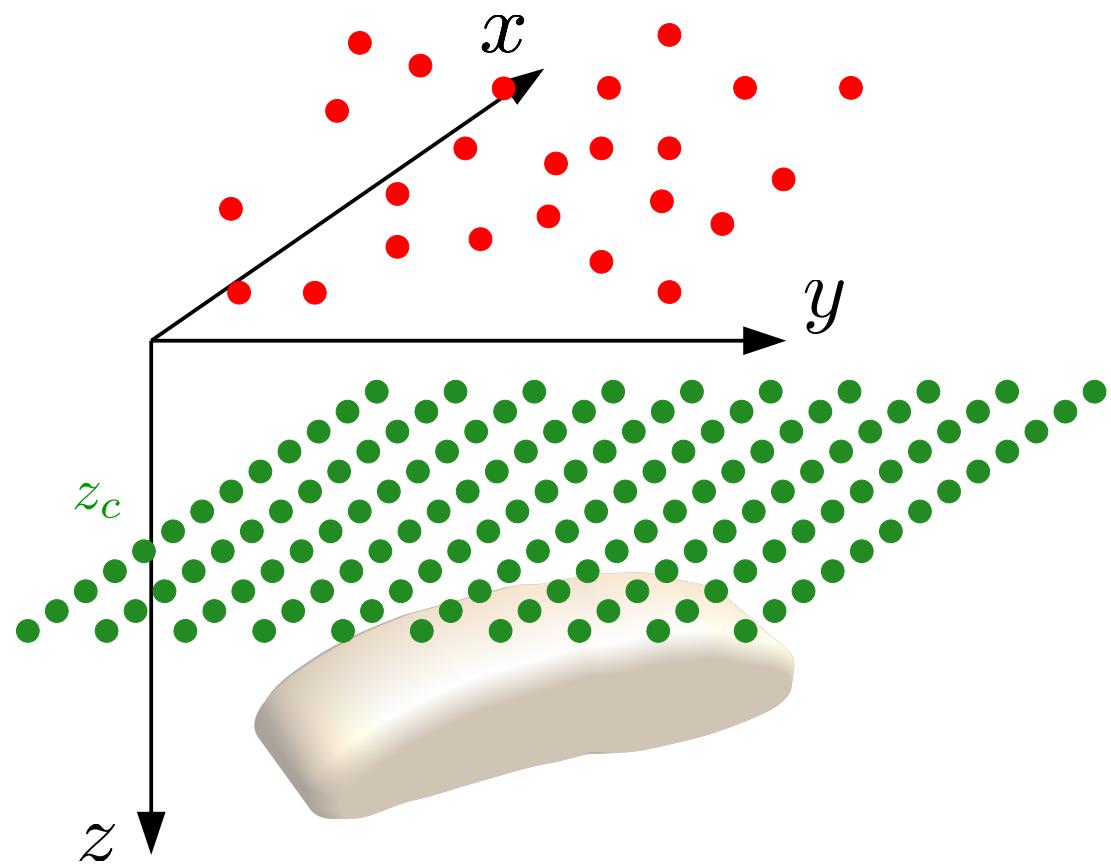
Classical EqL Technique



$$\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}$$

solving a linear
system for \mathbf{p}

Classical EqL Technique

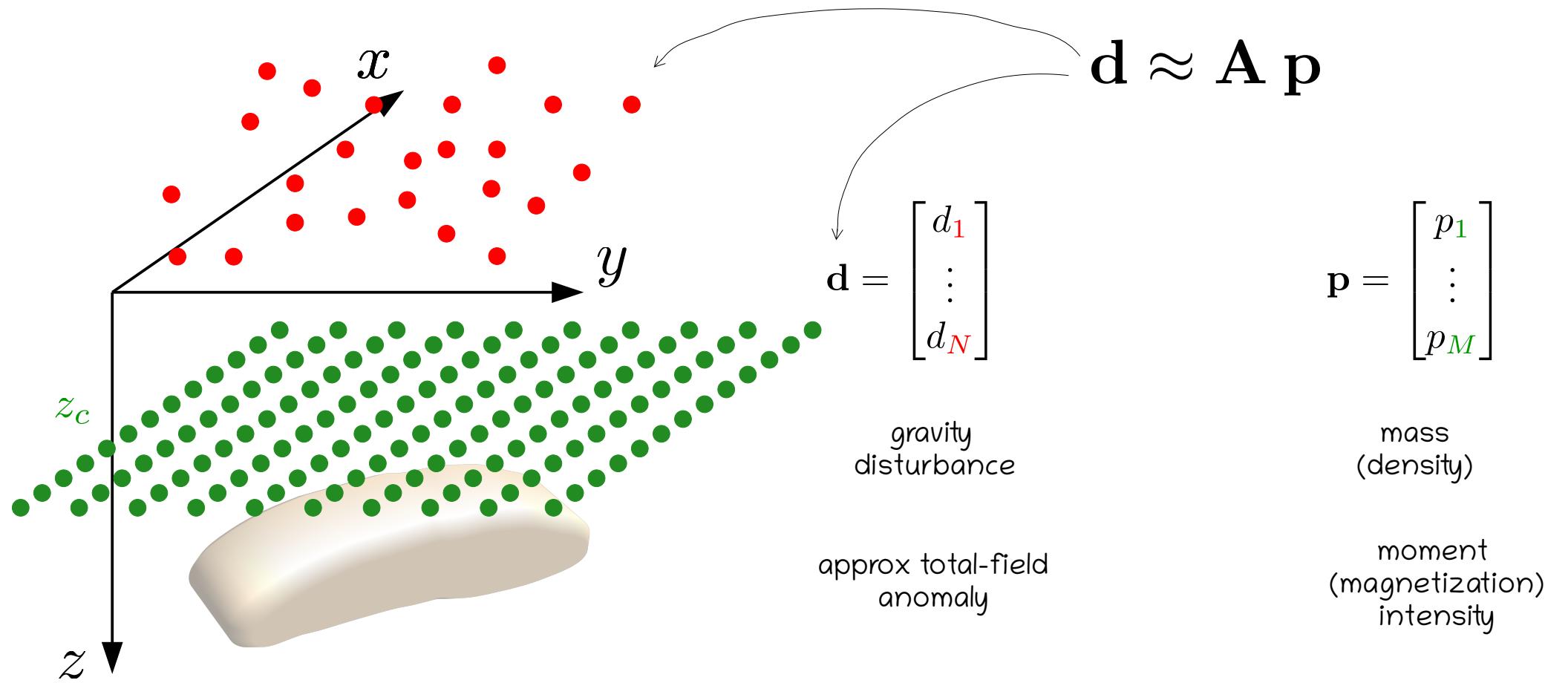


$$\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}$$
$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_M \end{bmatrix}$$

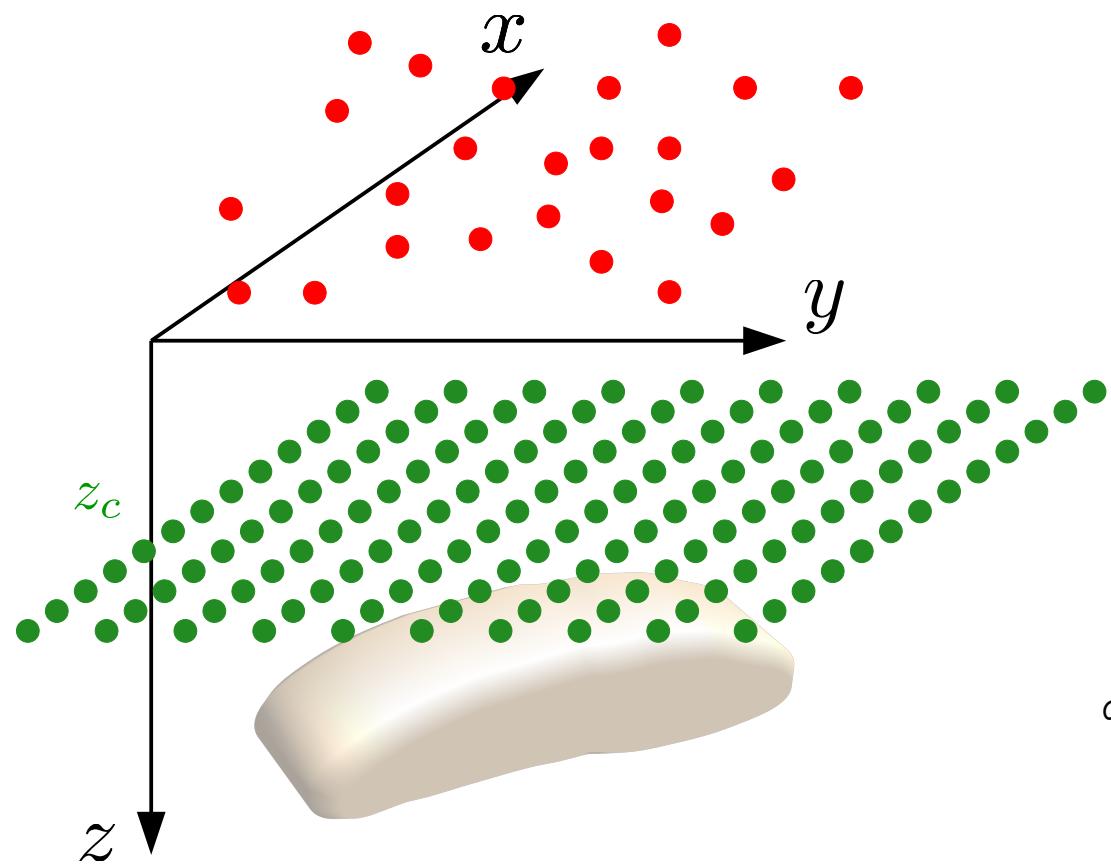
mass
(density)

moment
(magnetization)
intensity

Classical EqL Technique



Classical EqL Technique



$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_N \end{bmatrix}$$

gravity
disturbance

approx total-field
anomaly

$$\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}$$

$$a_{ij}$$

monopole

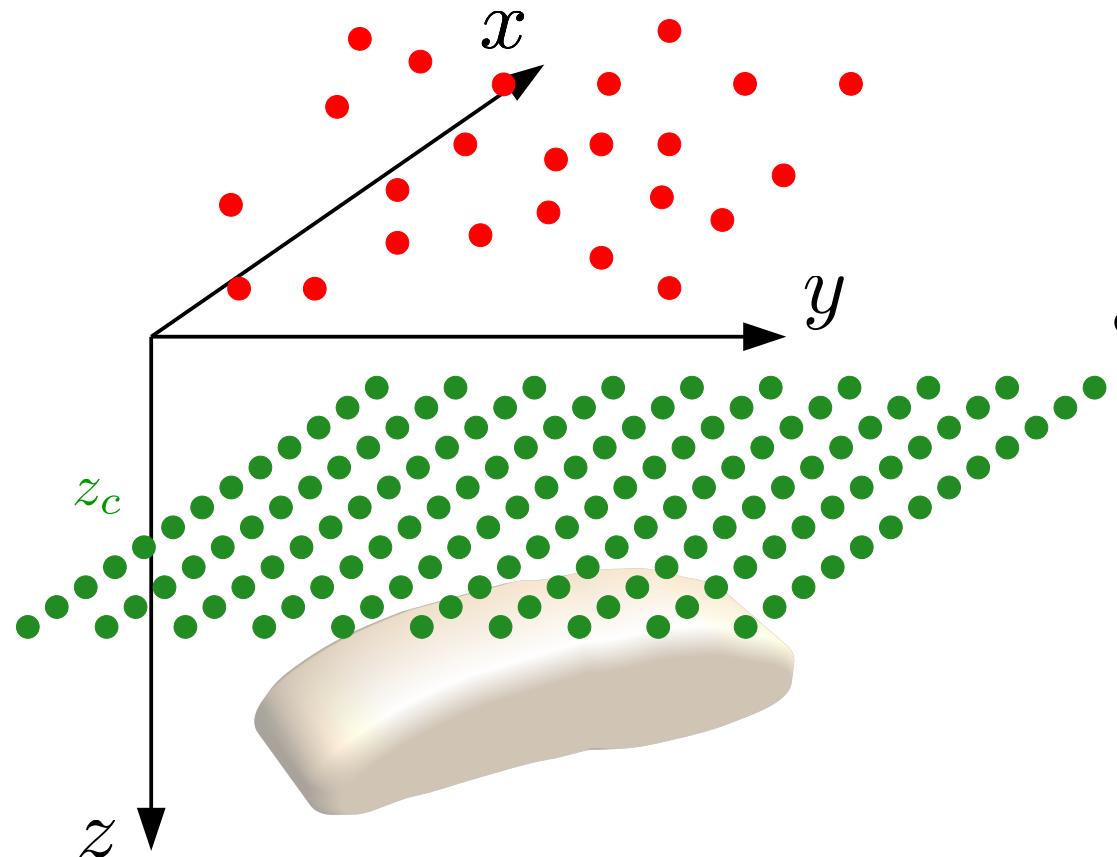
$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_M \end{bmatrix}$$

mass
(density)

moment
(magnetization)
intensity

dipole

Classical EqL Technique



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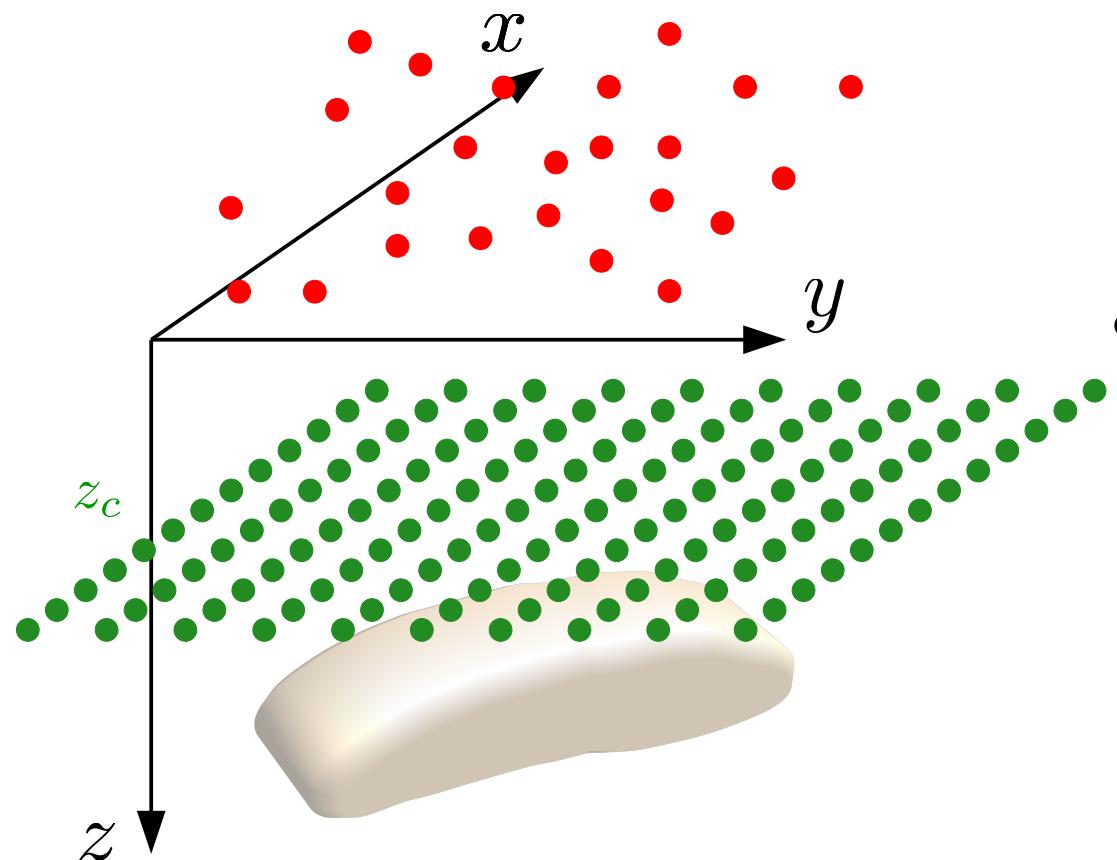
$$a_{ij}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_M \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{T} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$$

potential-field transformation

Classical EqL Technique



$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_N \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}$$

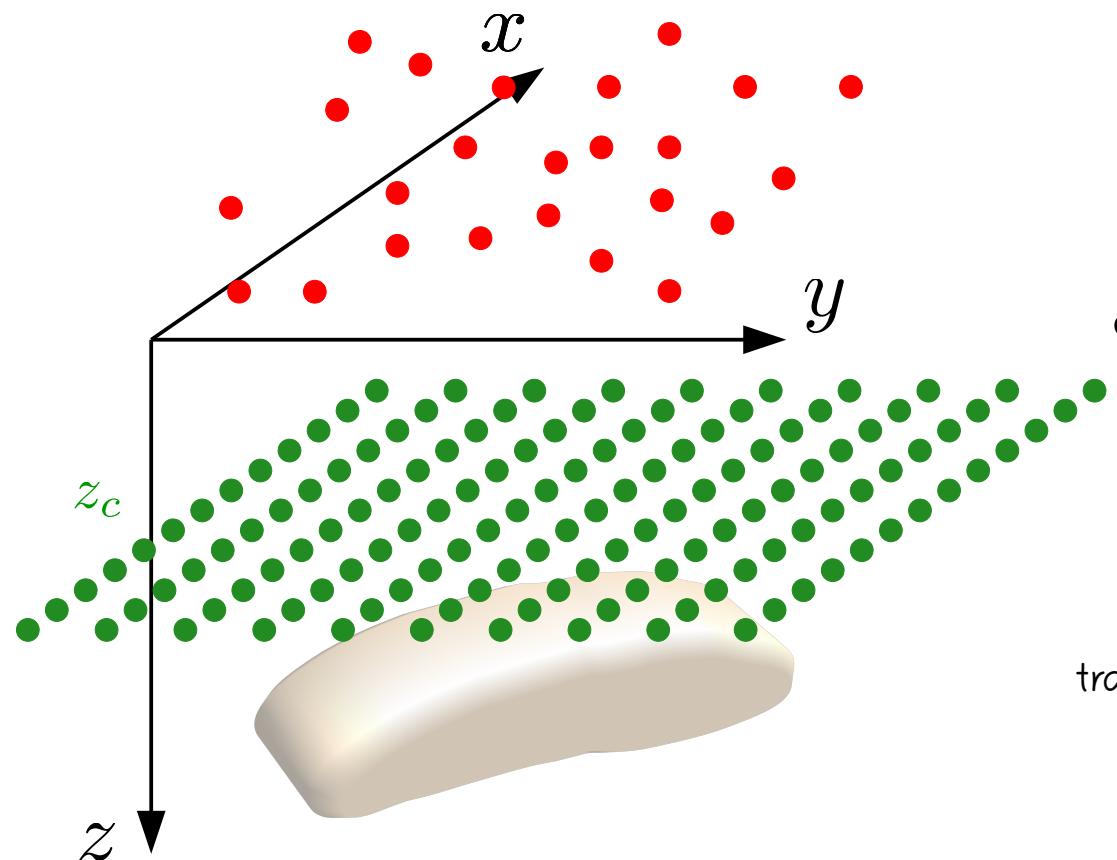
a_{ij}

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estimated
parameter vector
(equivalent layer)

Classical EqL Technique



$$\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_N \end{bmatrix}$$

a_{ij}

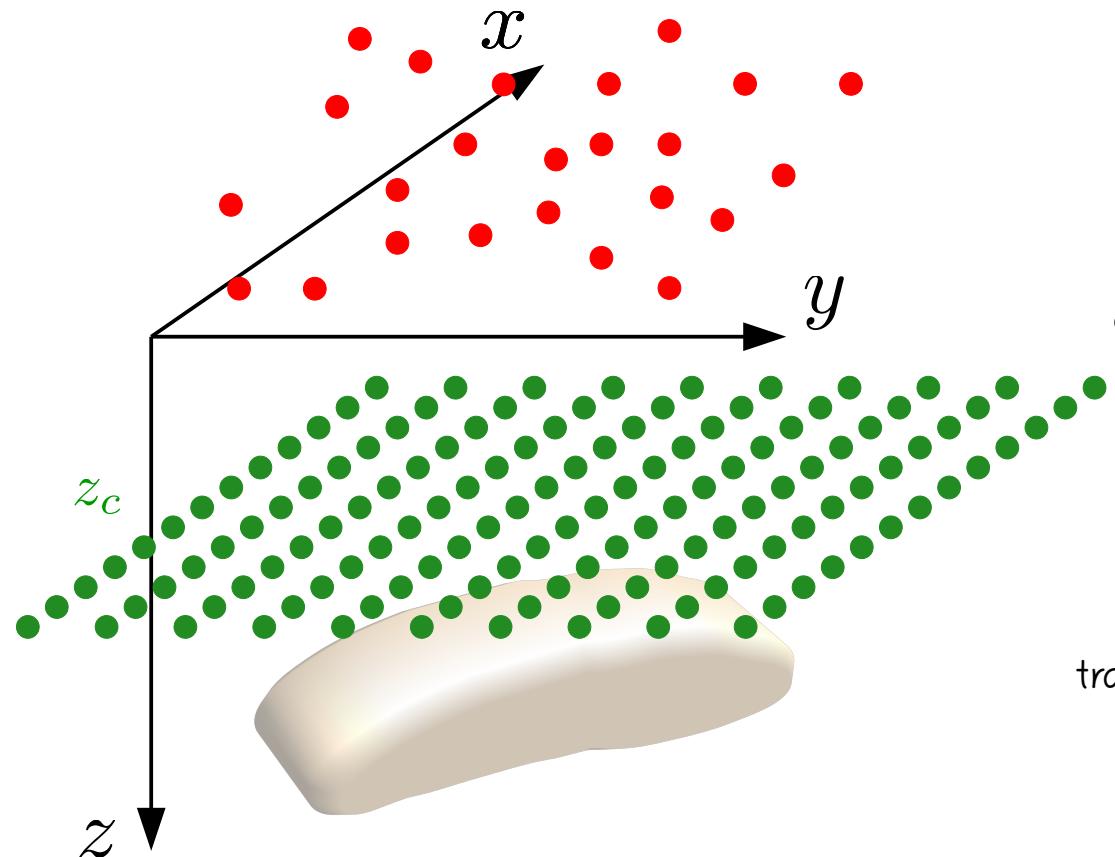
$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_M \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{T} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$$

transformed
data

estimated
parameter vector
(equivalent layer)

Classical EqL Technique



$$\mathbf{d} \approx \mathbf{A} \mathbf{p}$$

$$\mathbf{d} = \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_N \end{bmatrix}$$

a_{ij}

$$\mathbf{p} = \begin{bmatrix} p_1 \\ \vdots \\ p_M \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{T} \tilde{\mathbf{p}}$$

transformed
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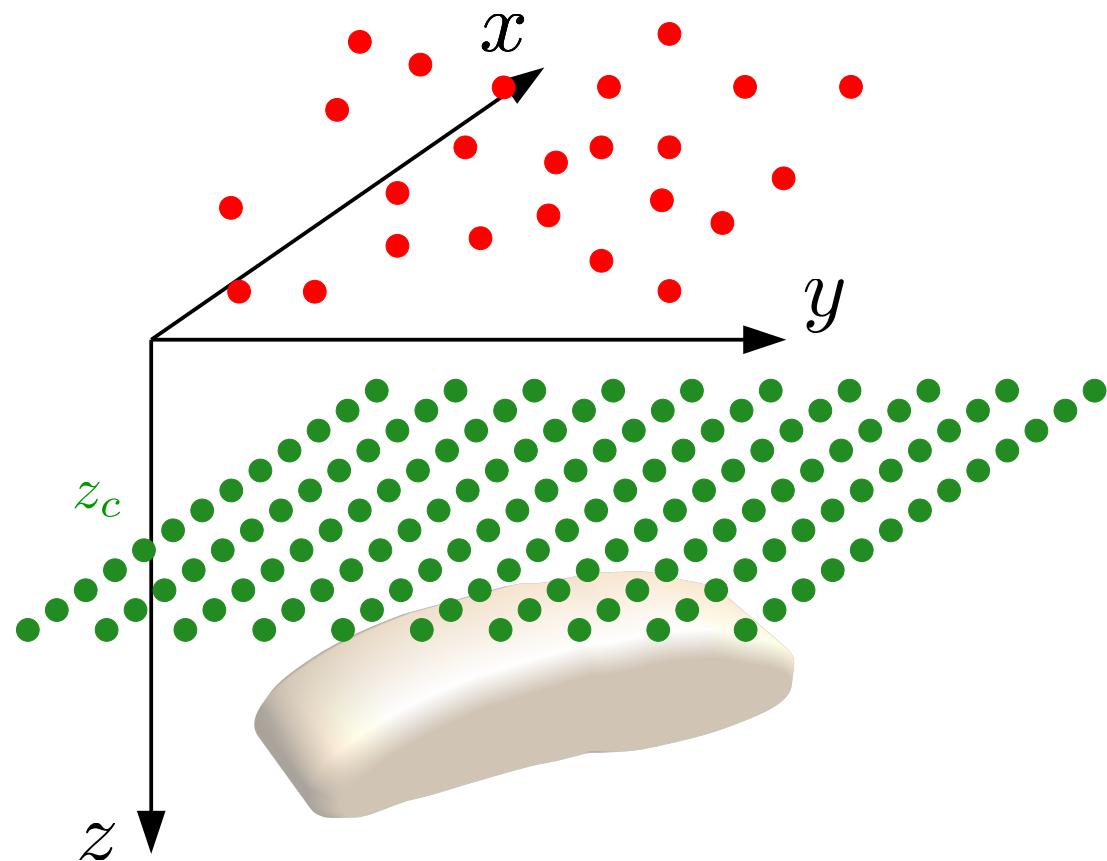
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estimated
parameter vector
(equivalent layer)

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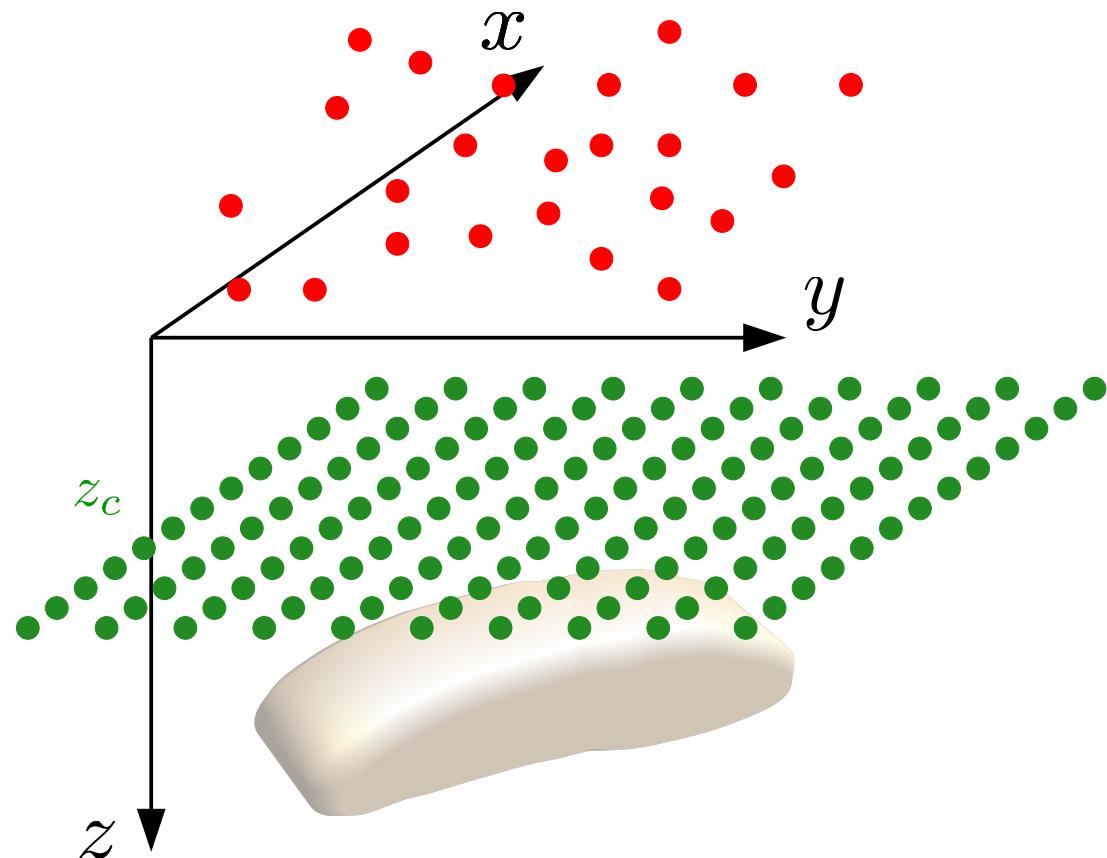
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In this presentation, however, I will explore theoretical aspects of the EqL technique

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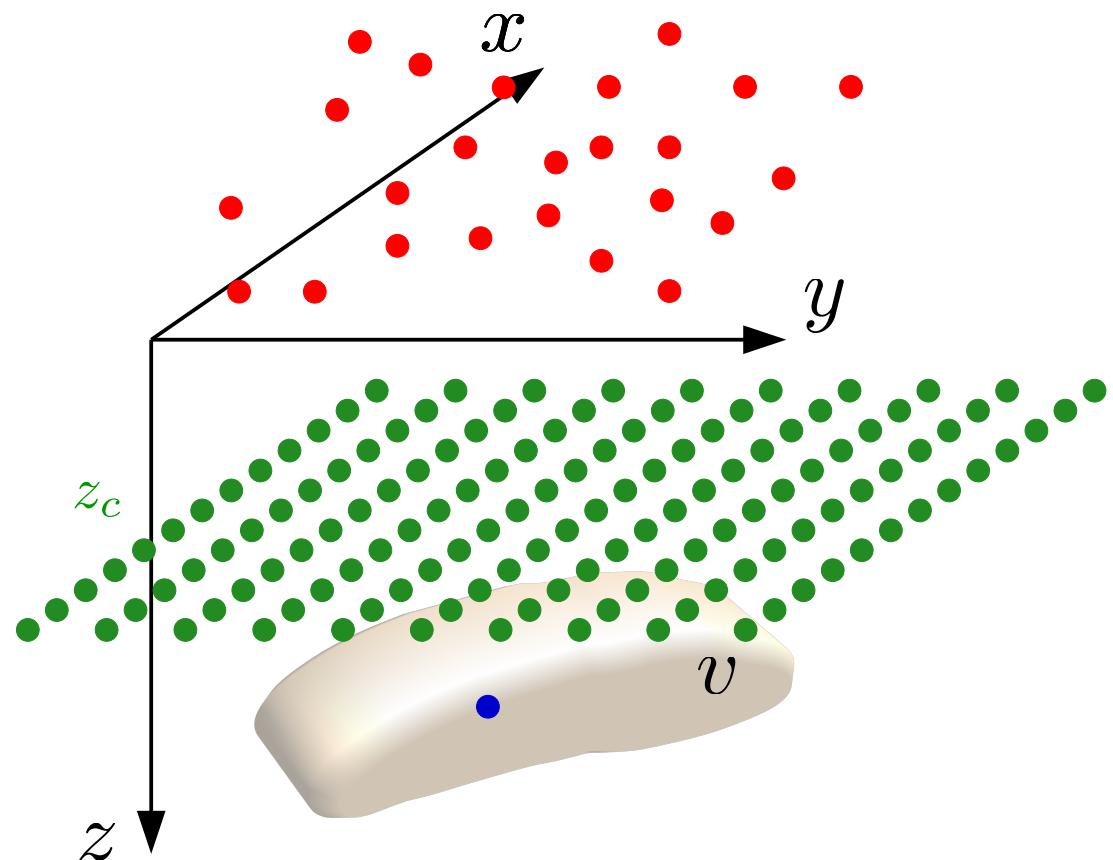
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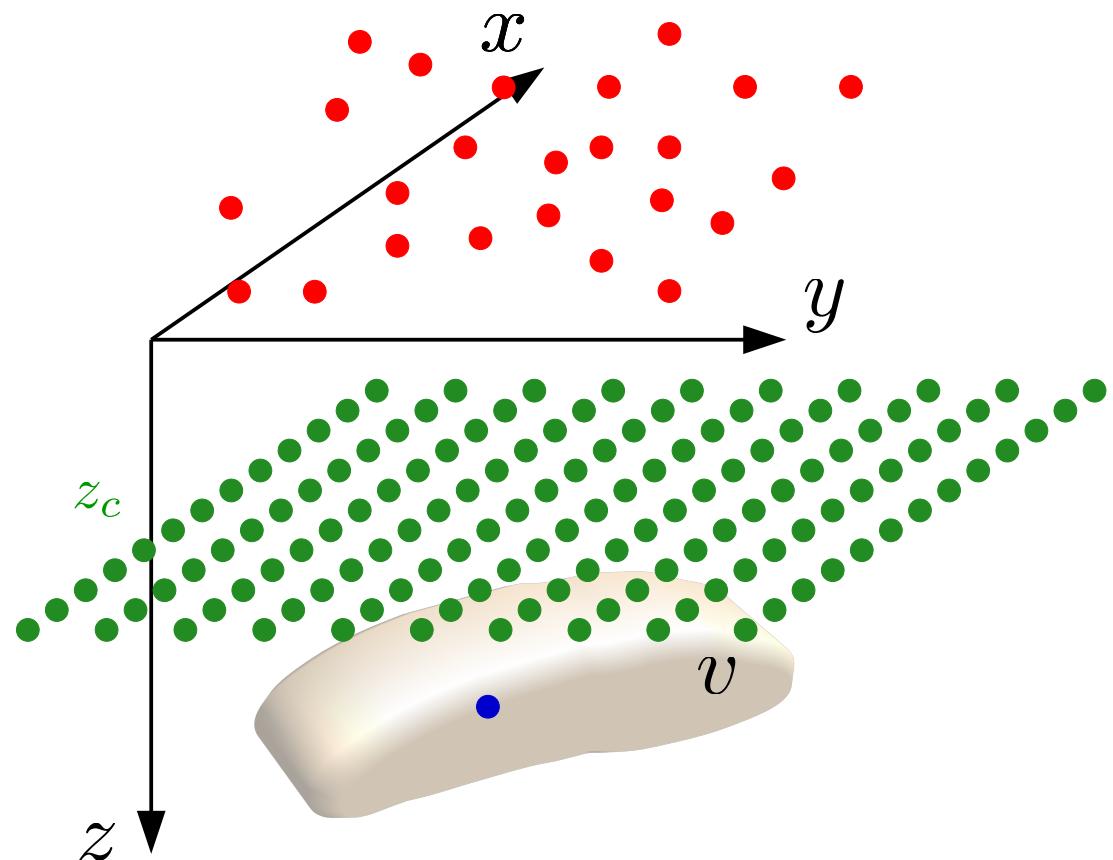
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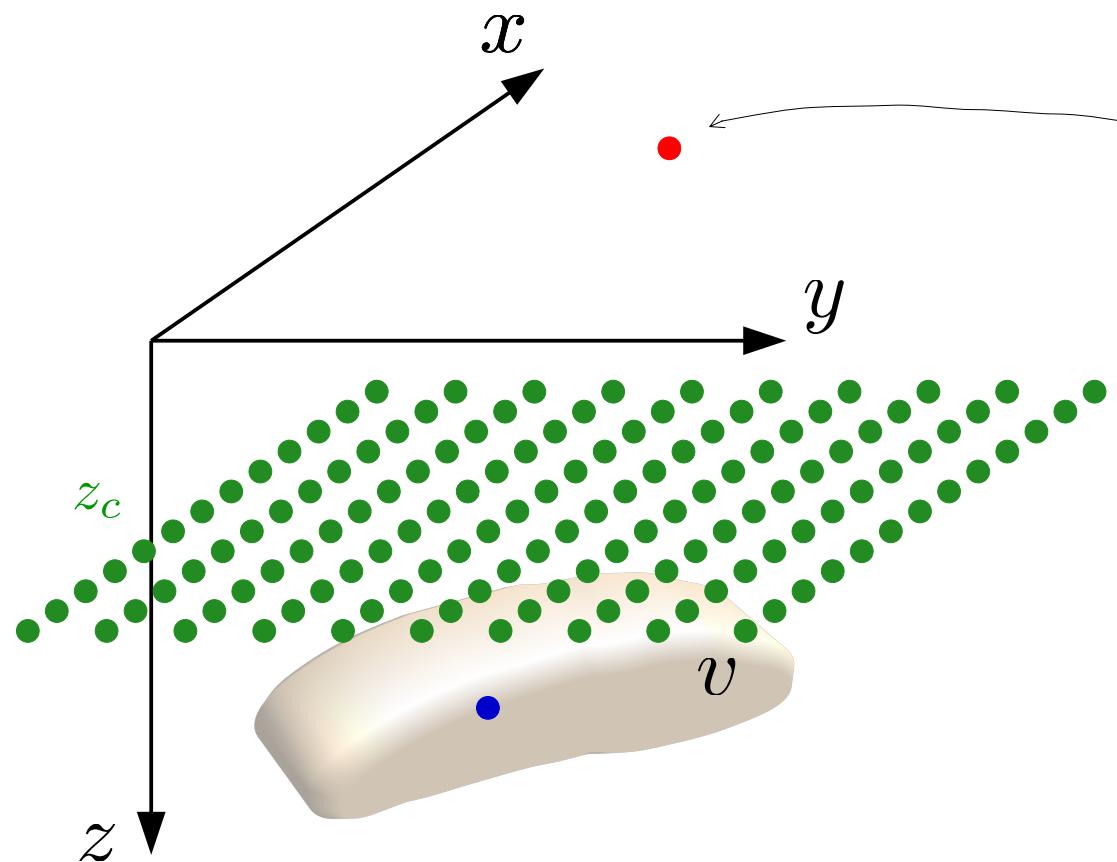
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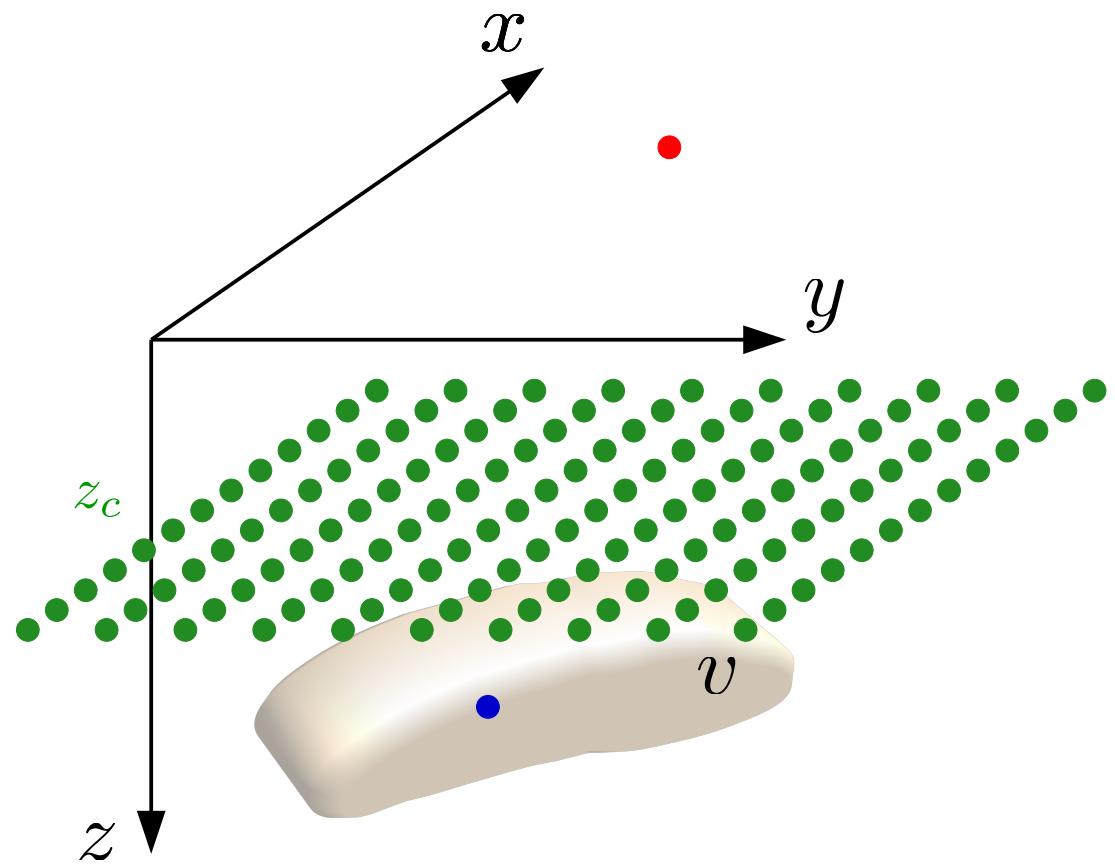
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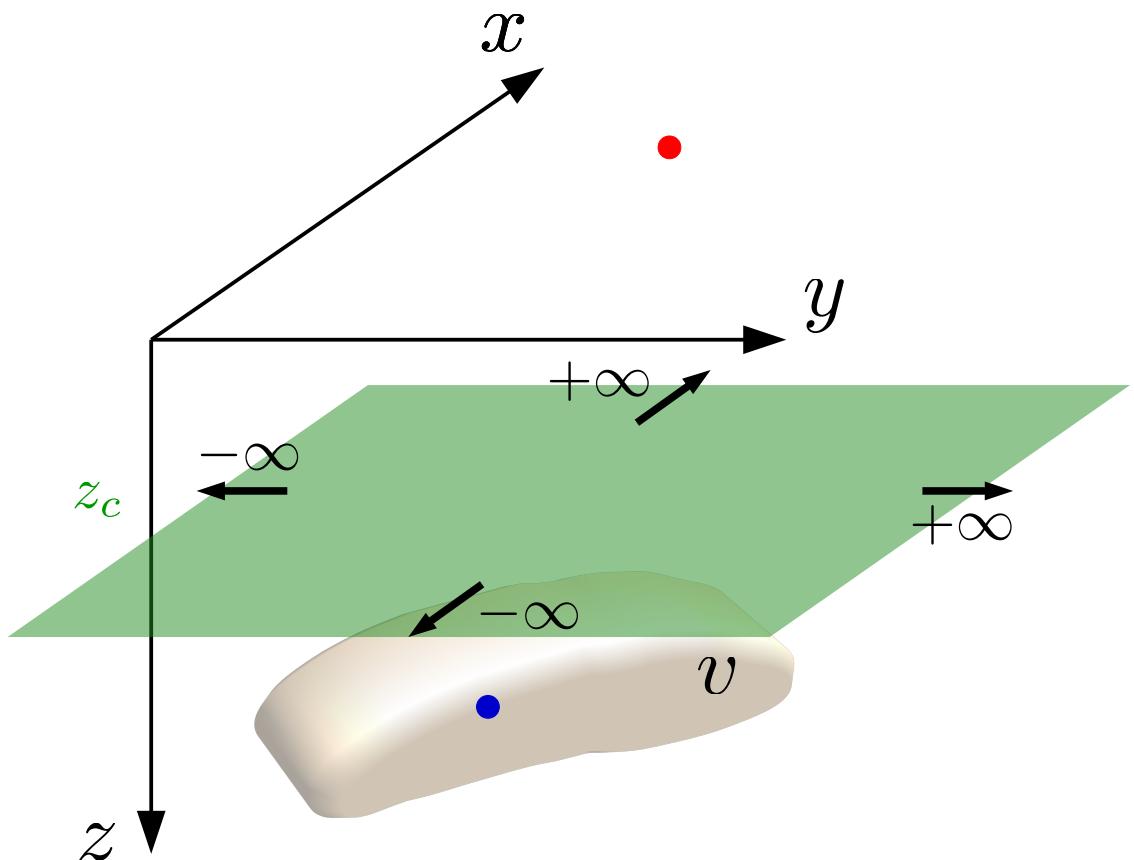




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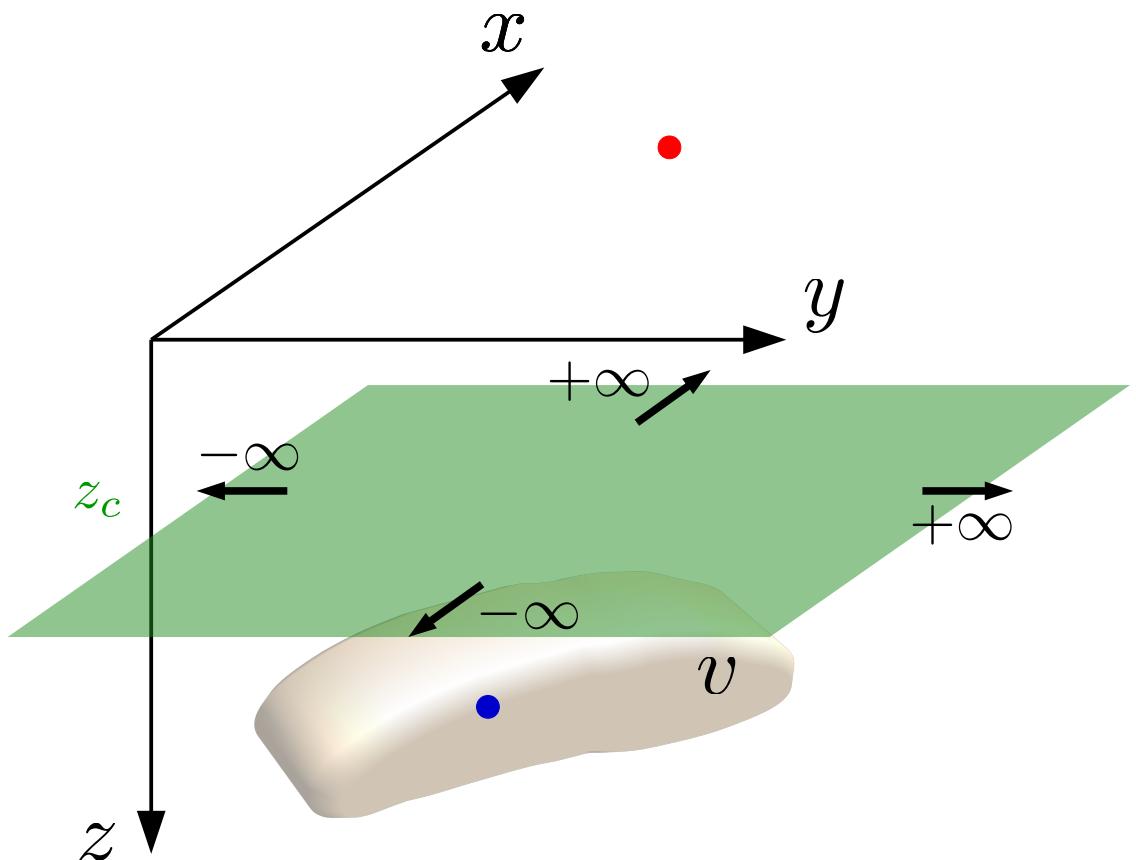
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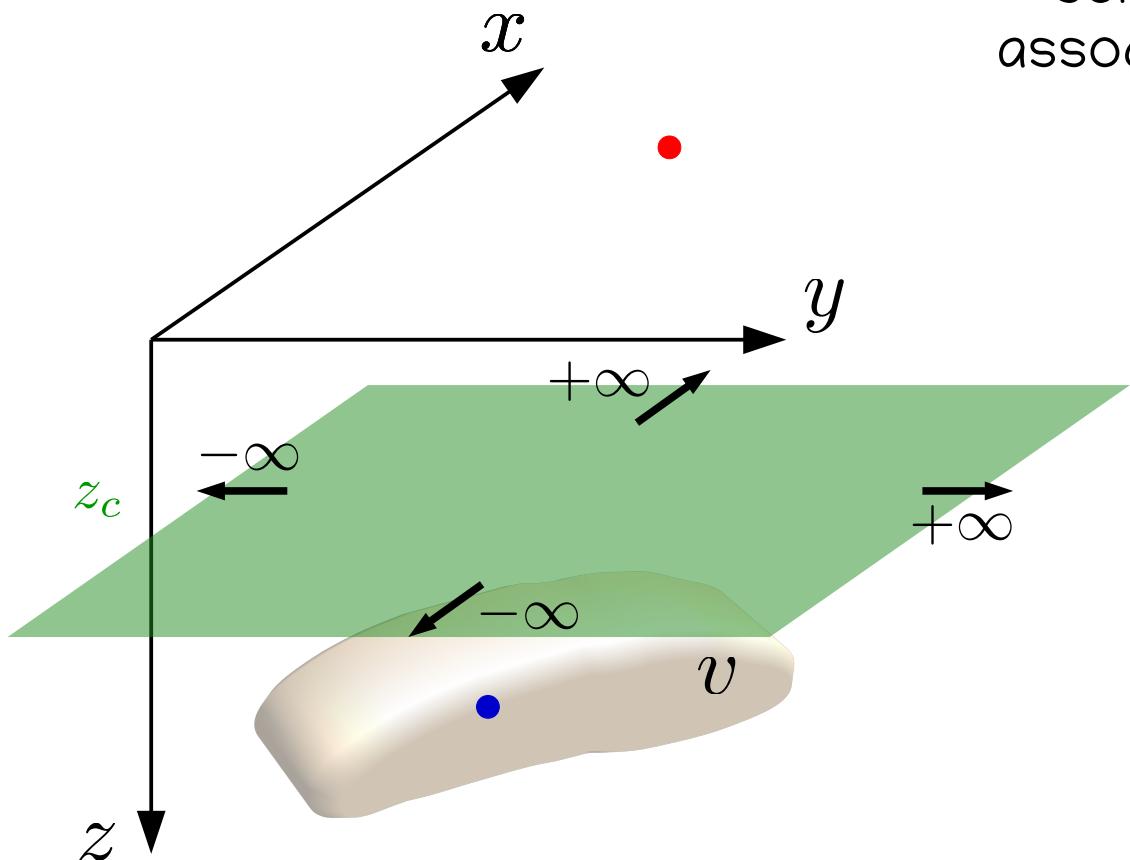


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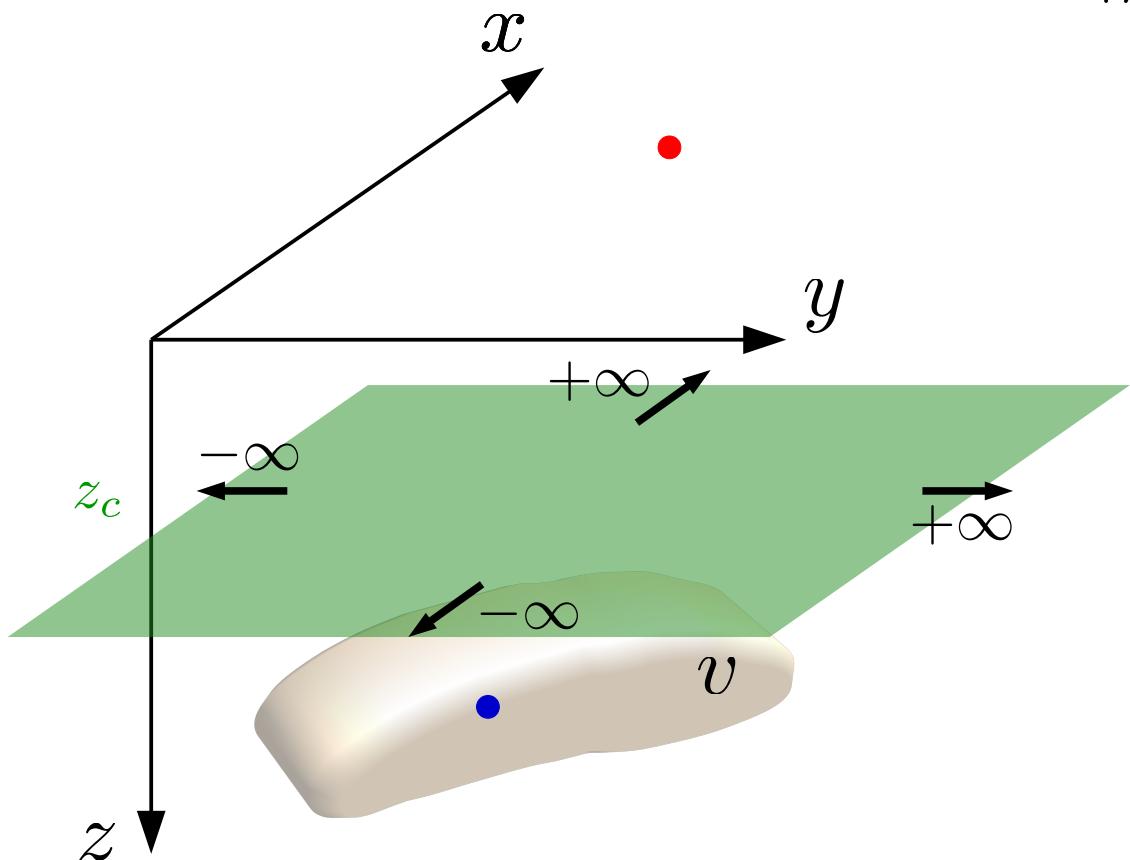


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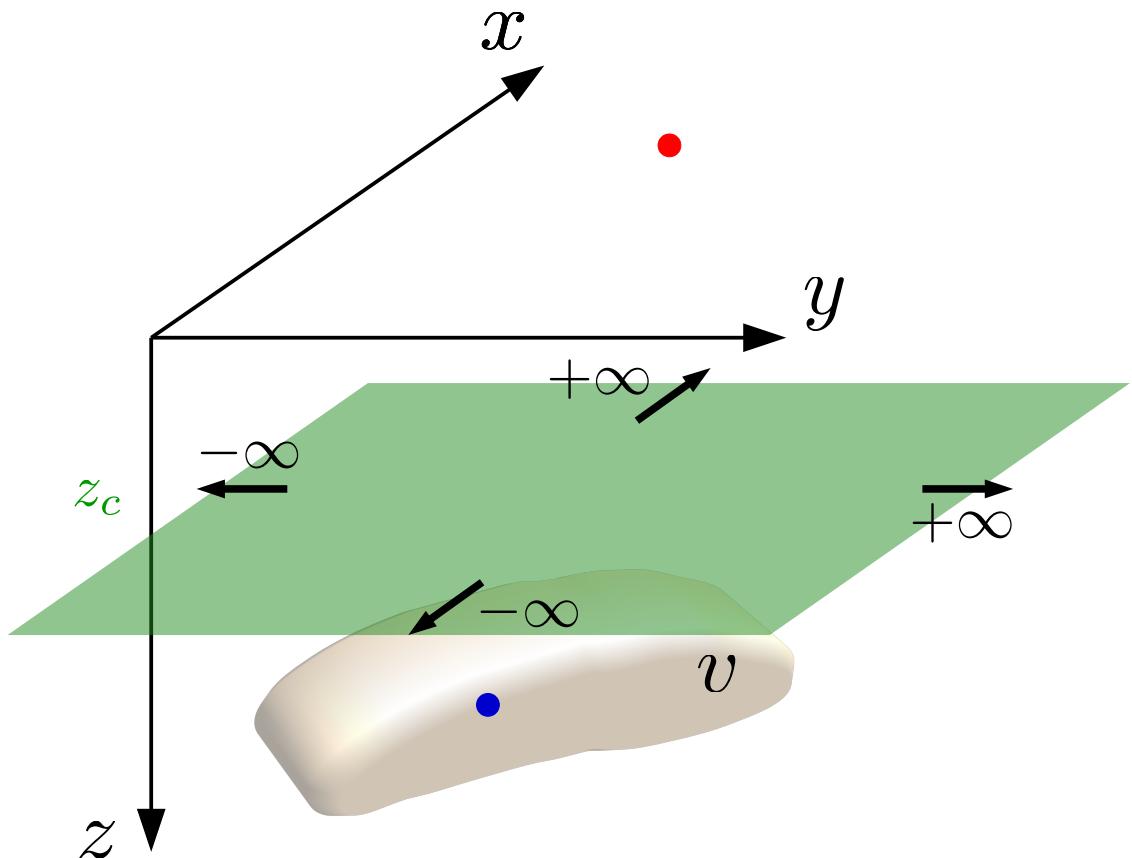
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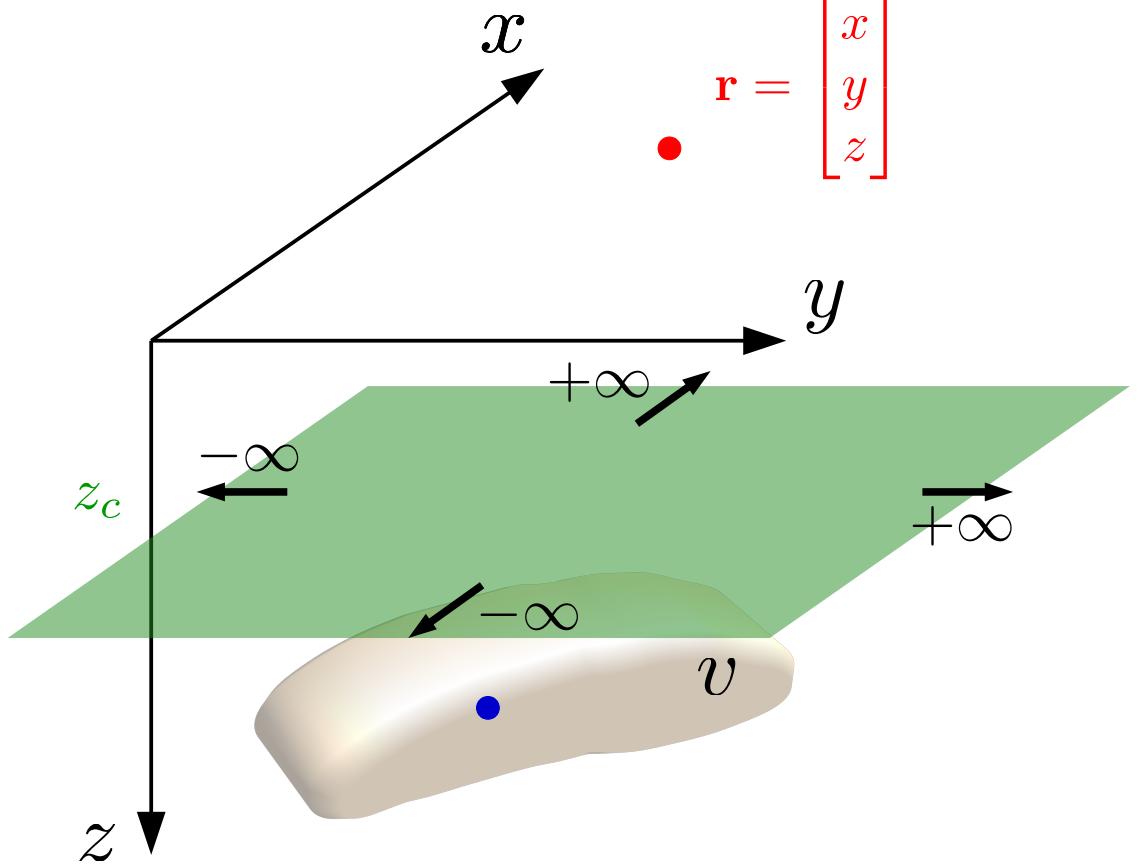
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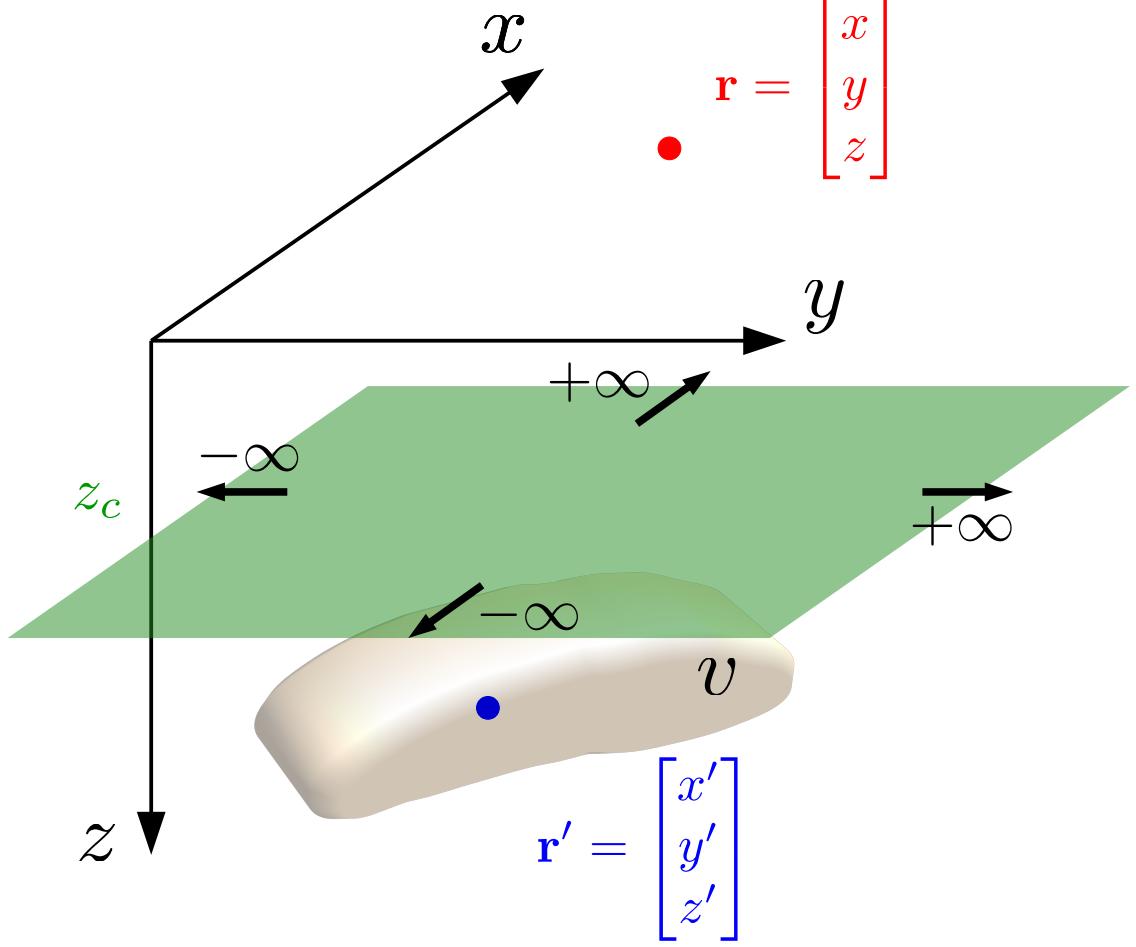
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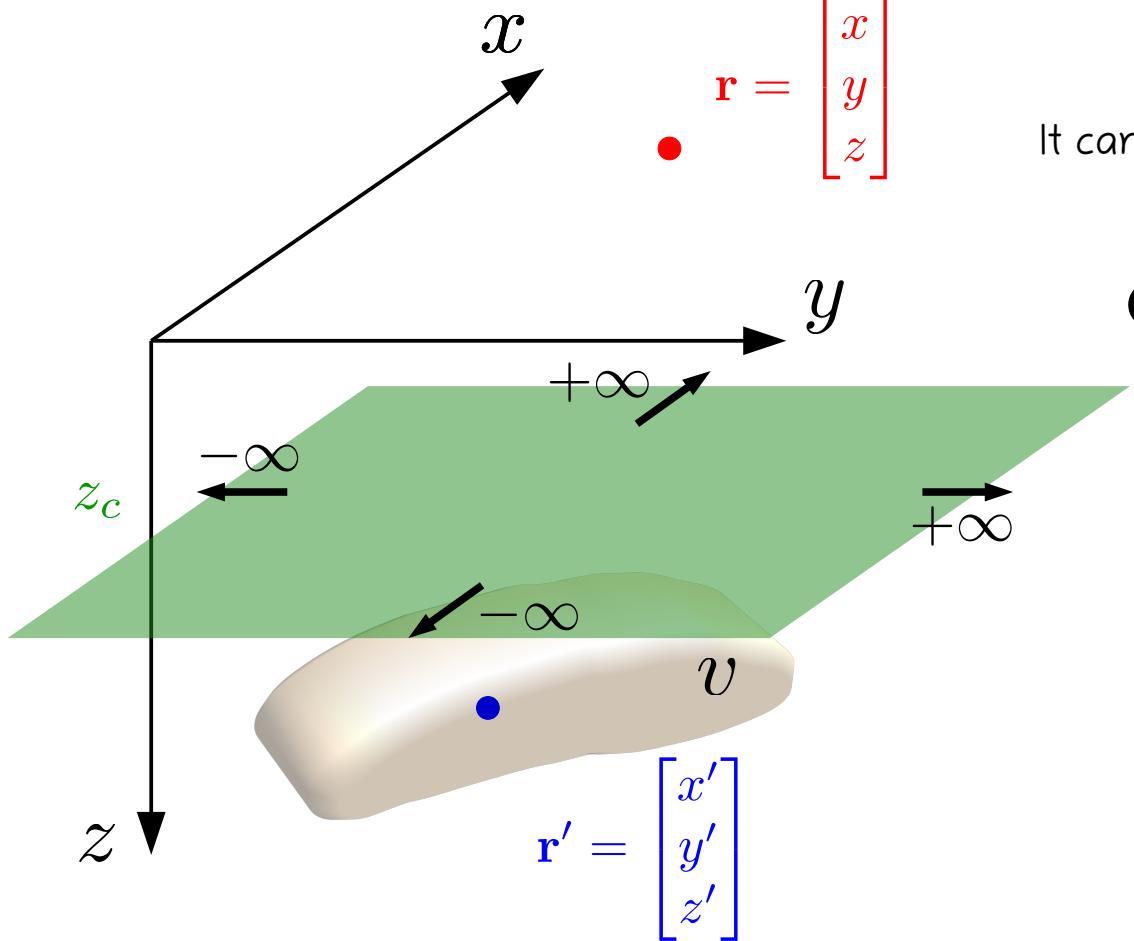




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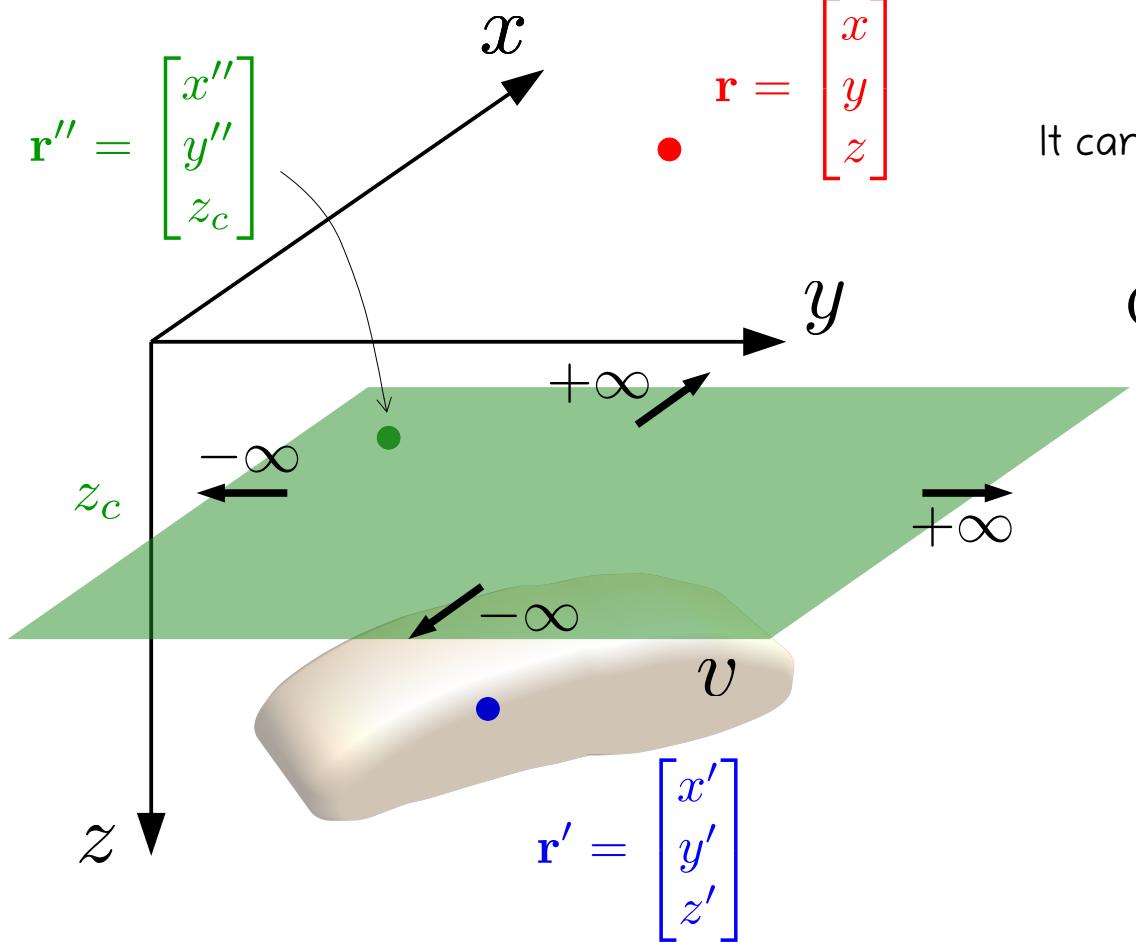


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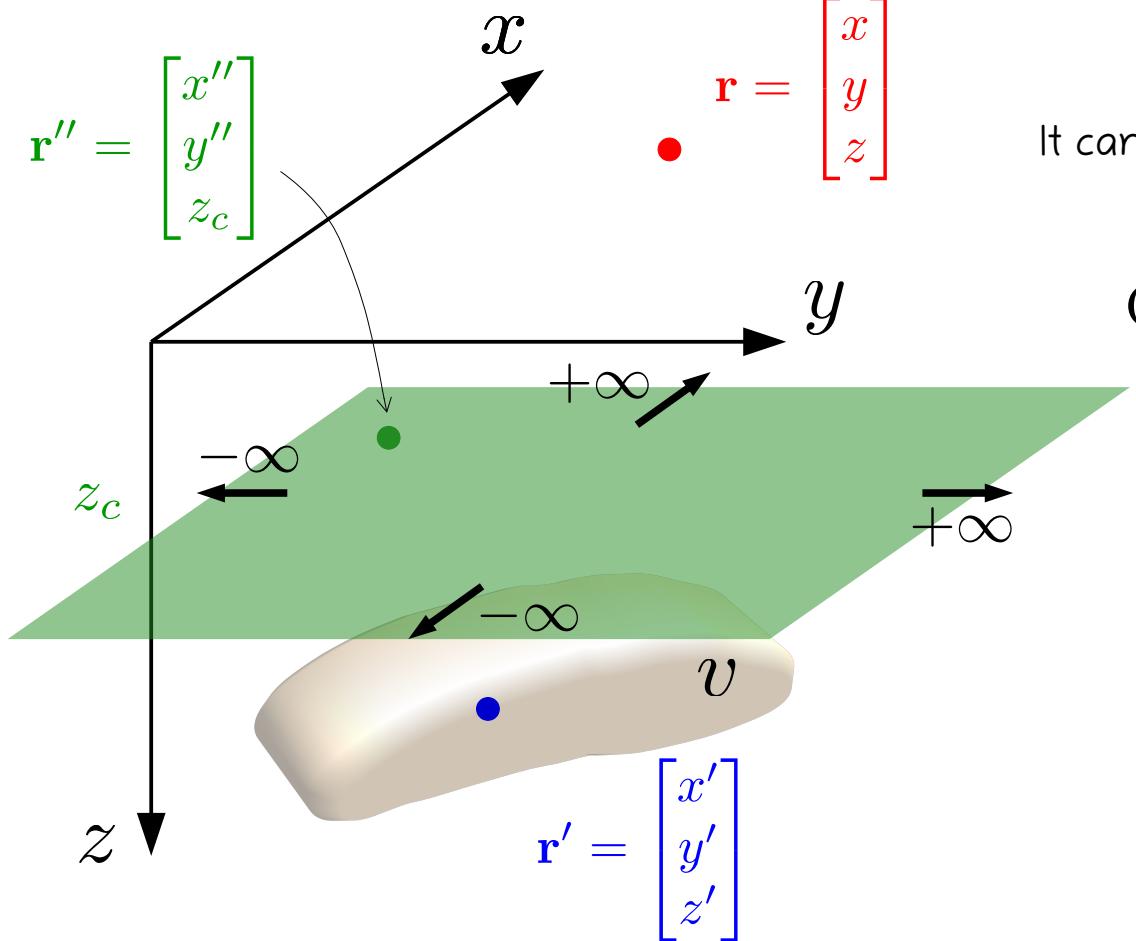


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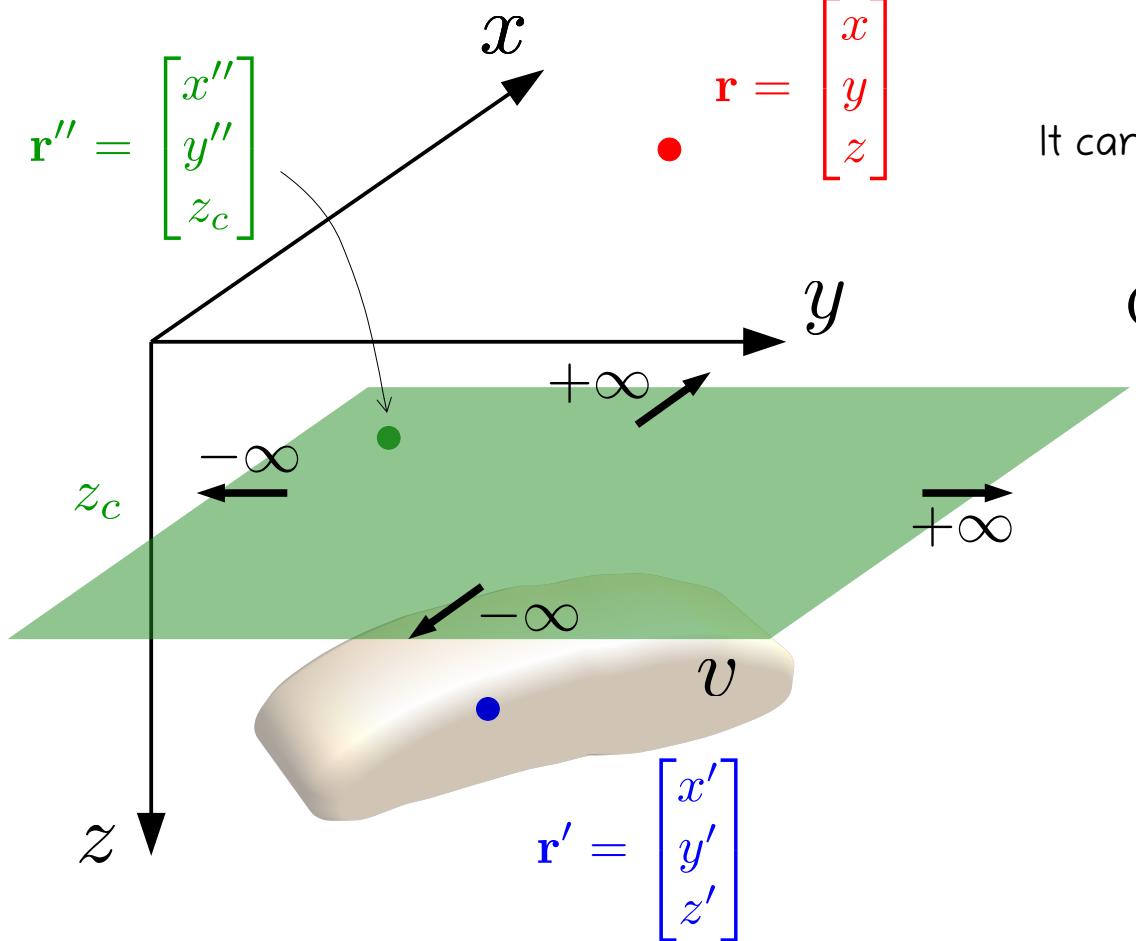
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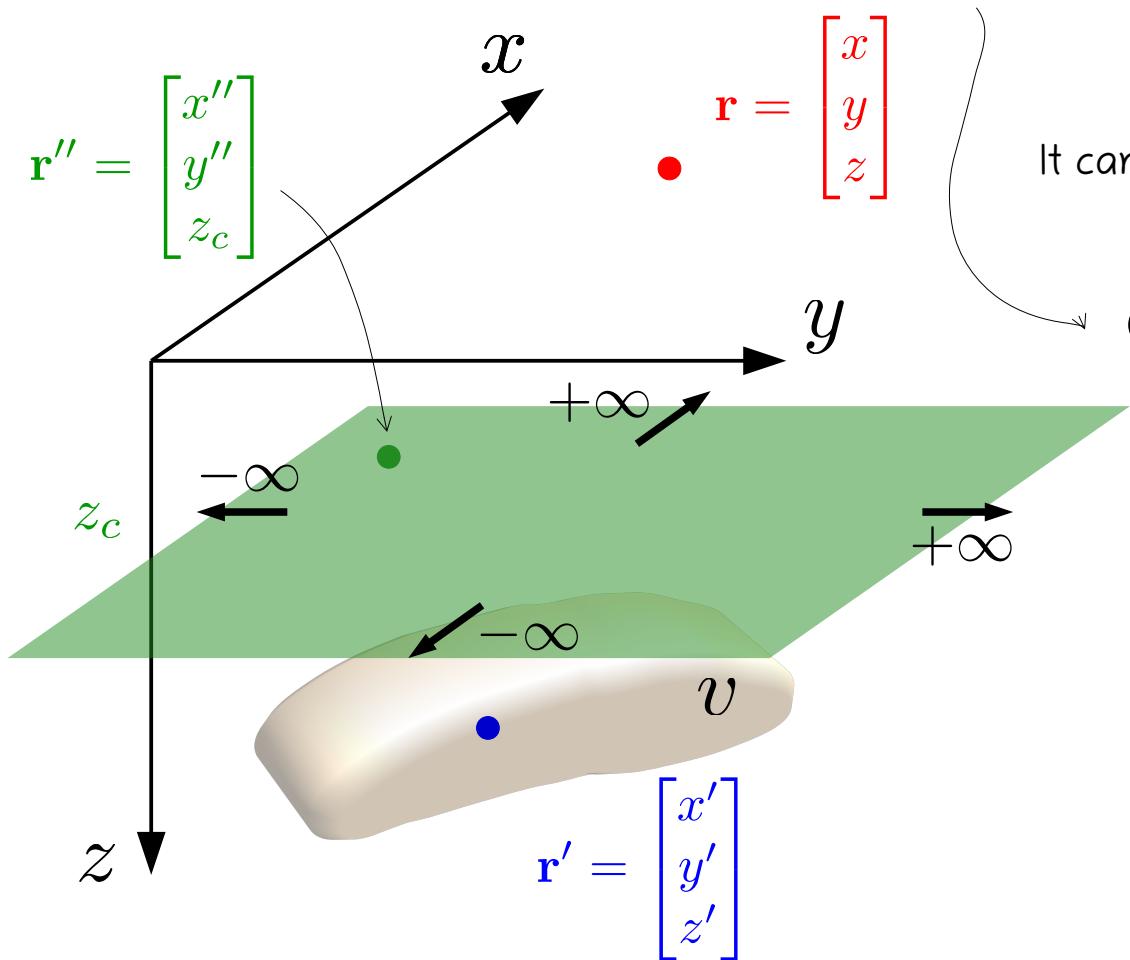
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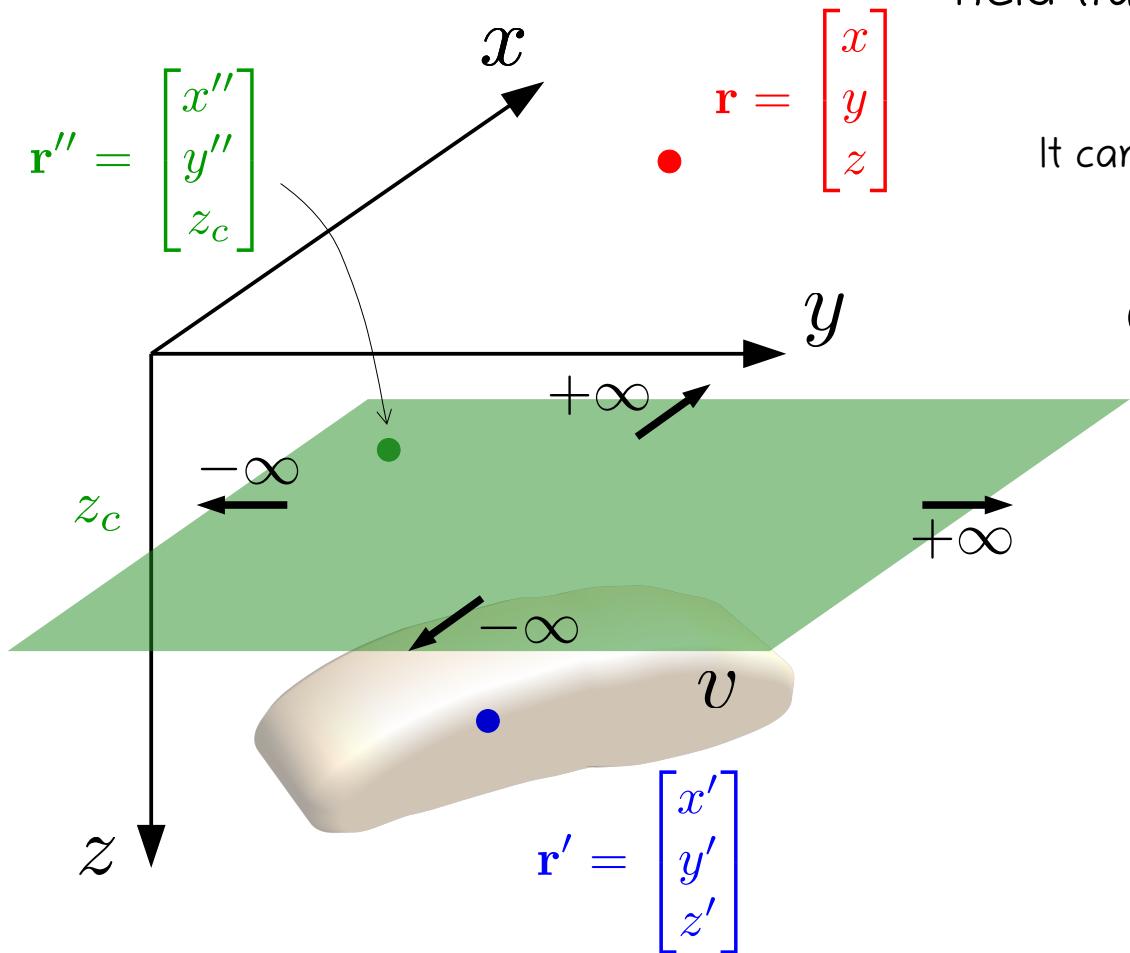
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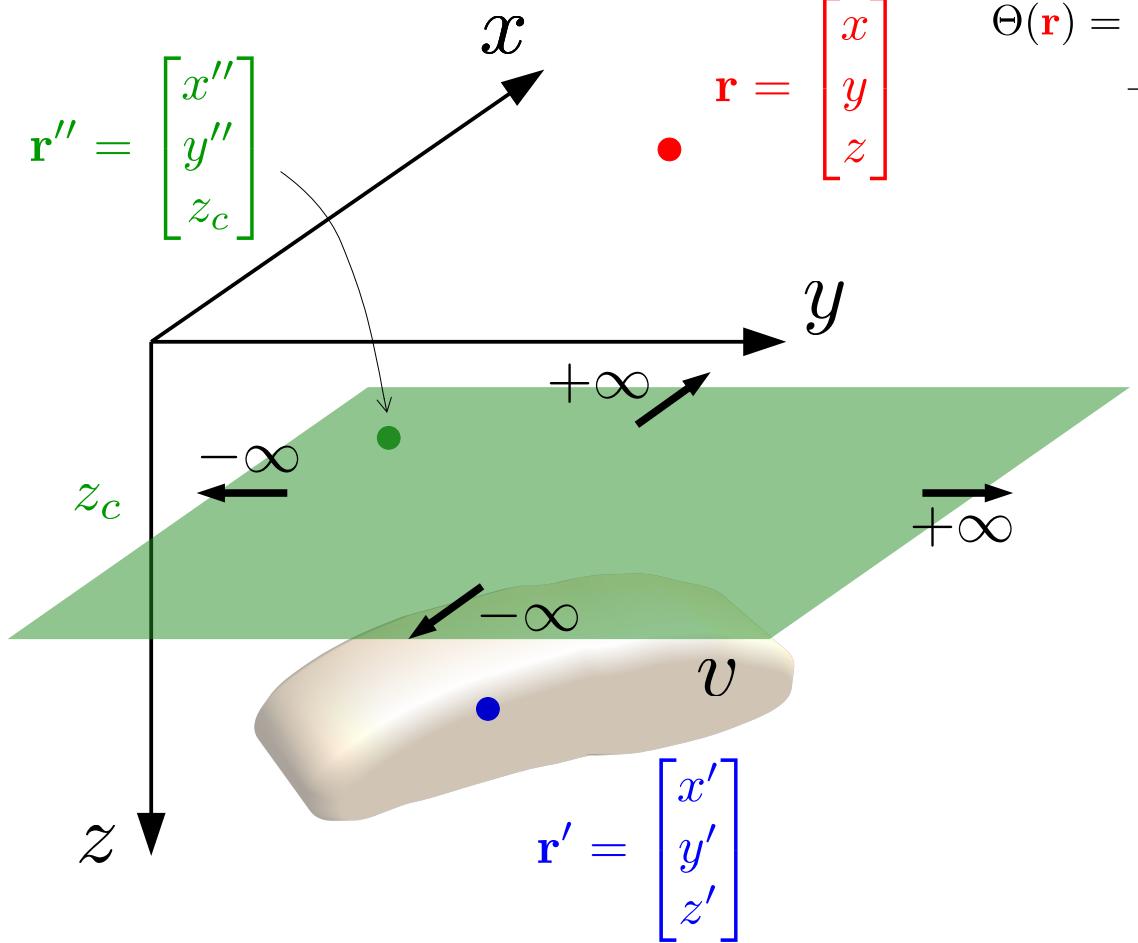
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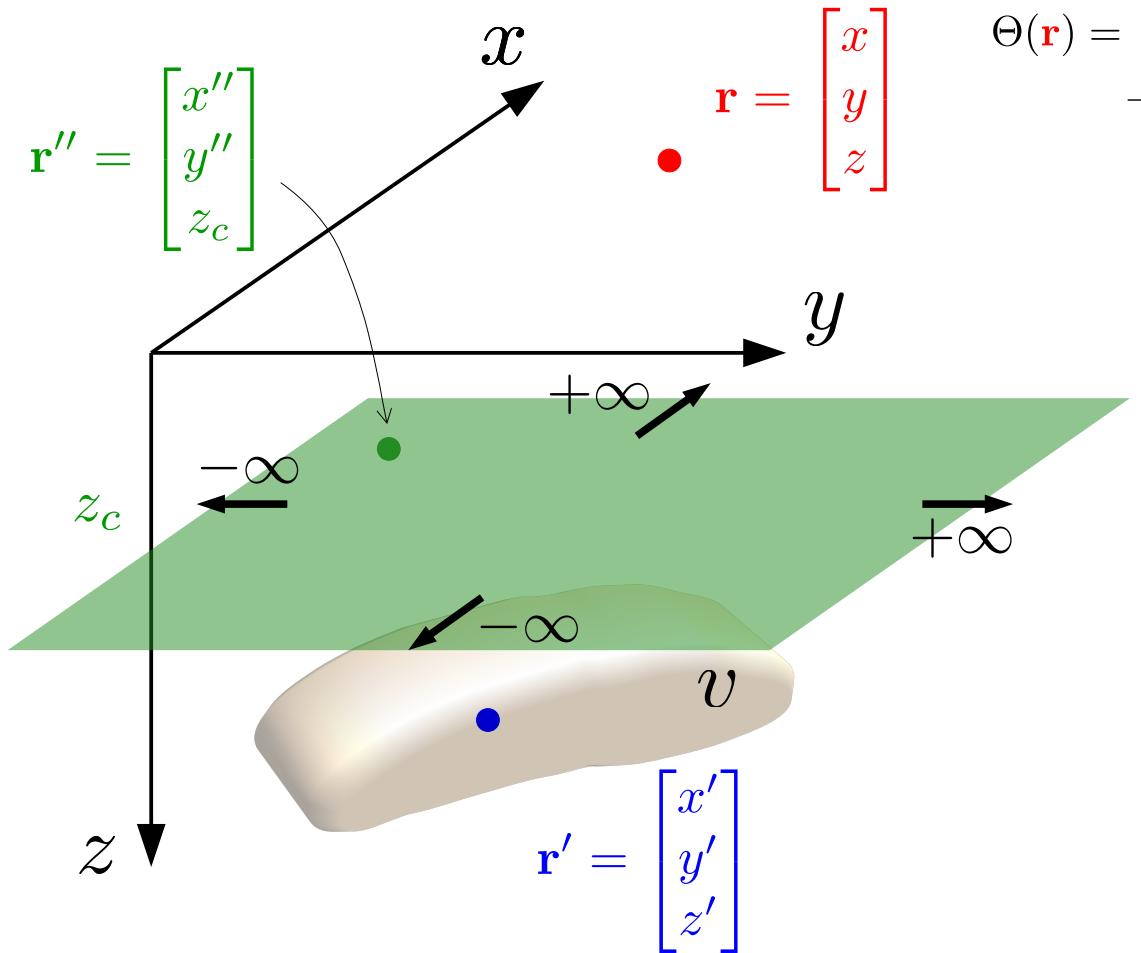
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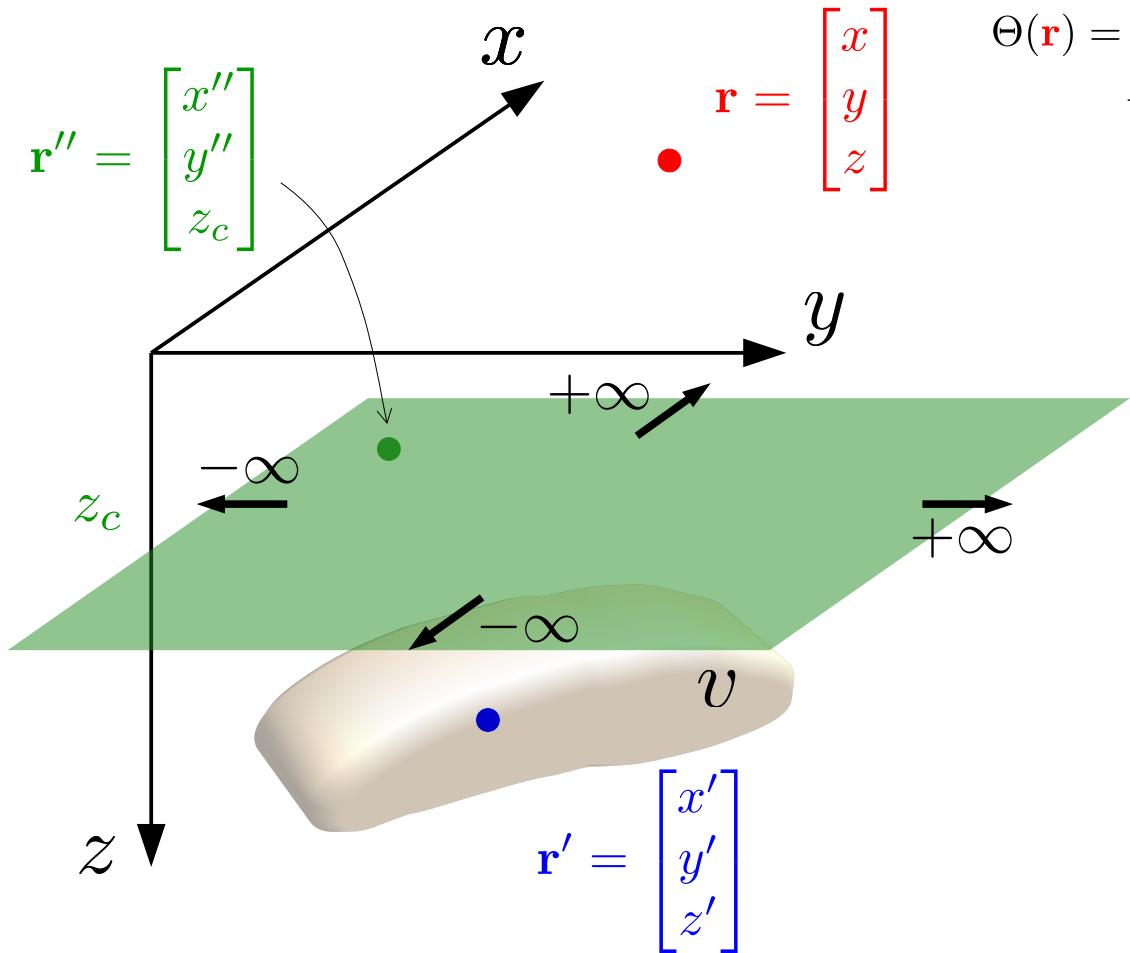
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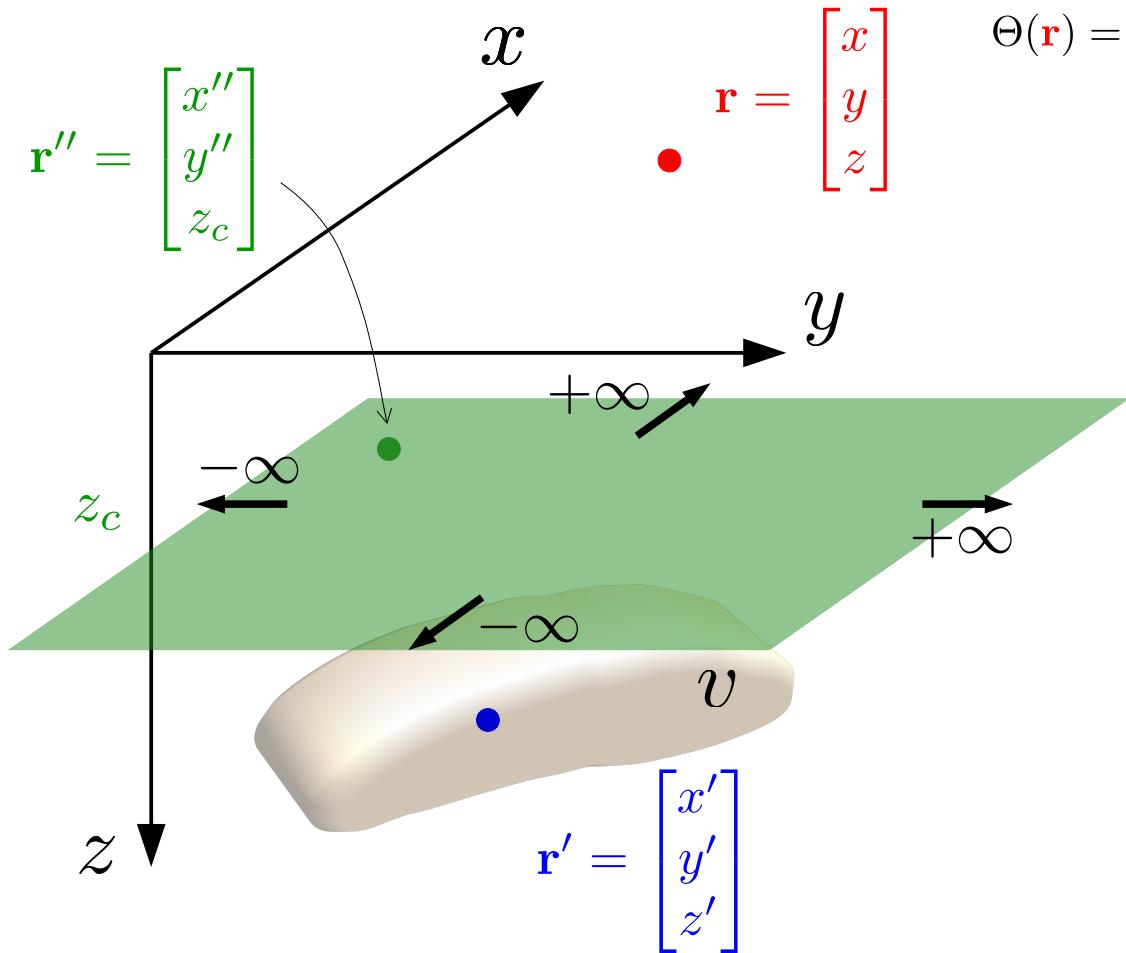


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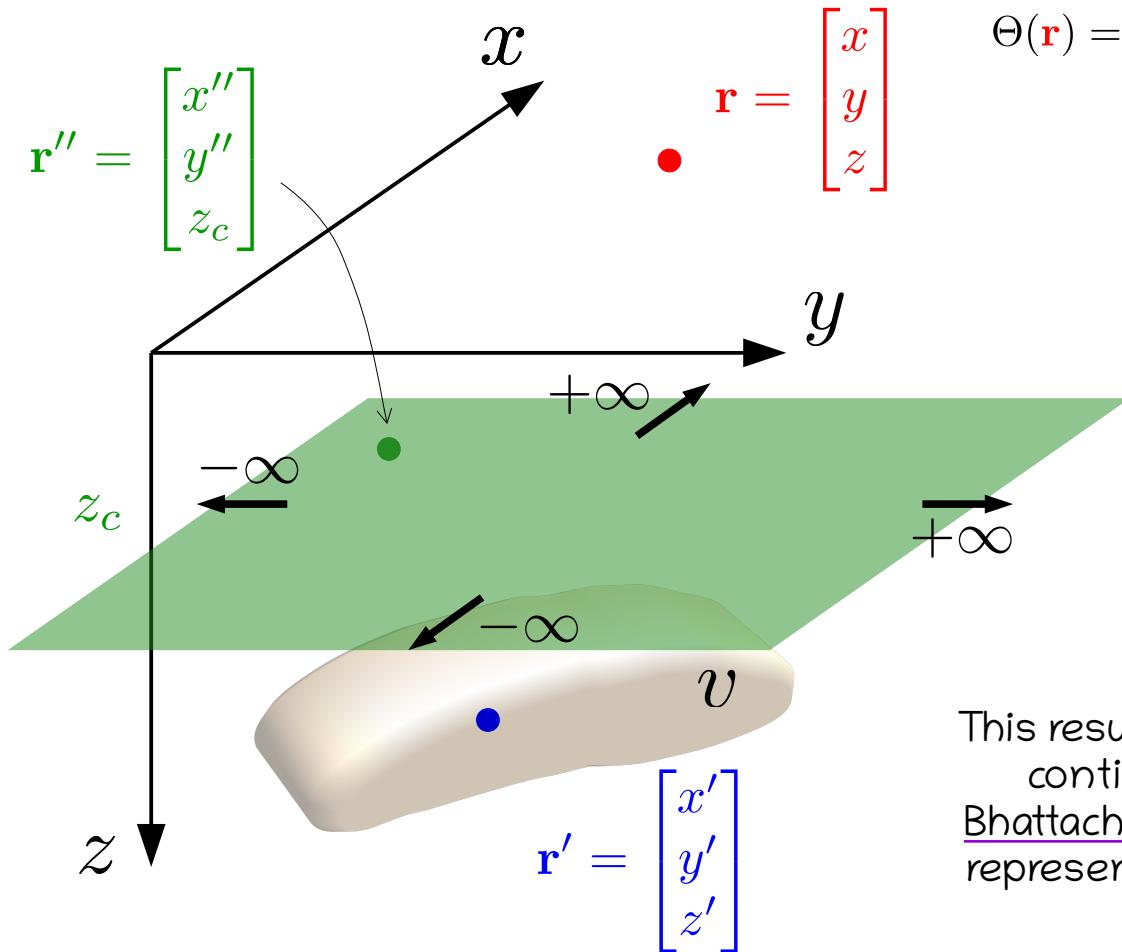
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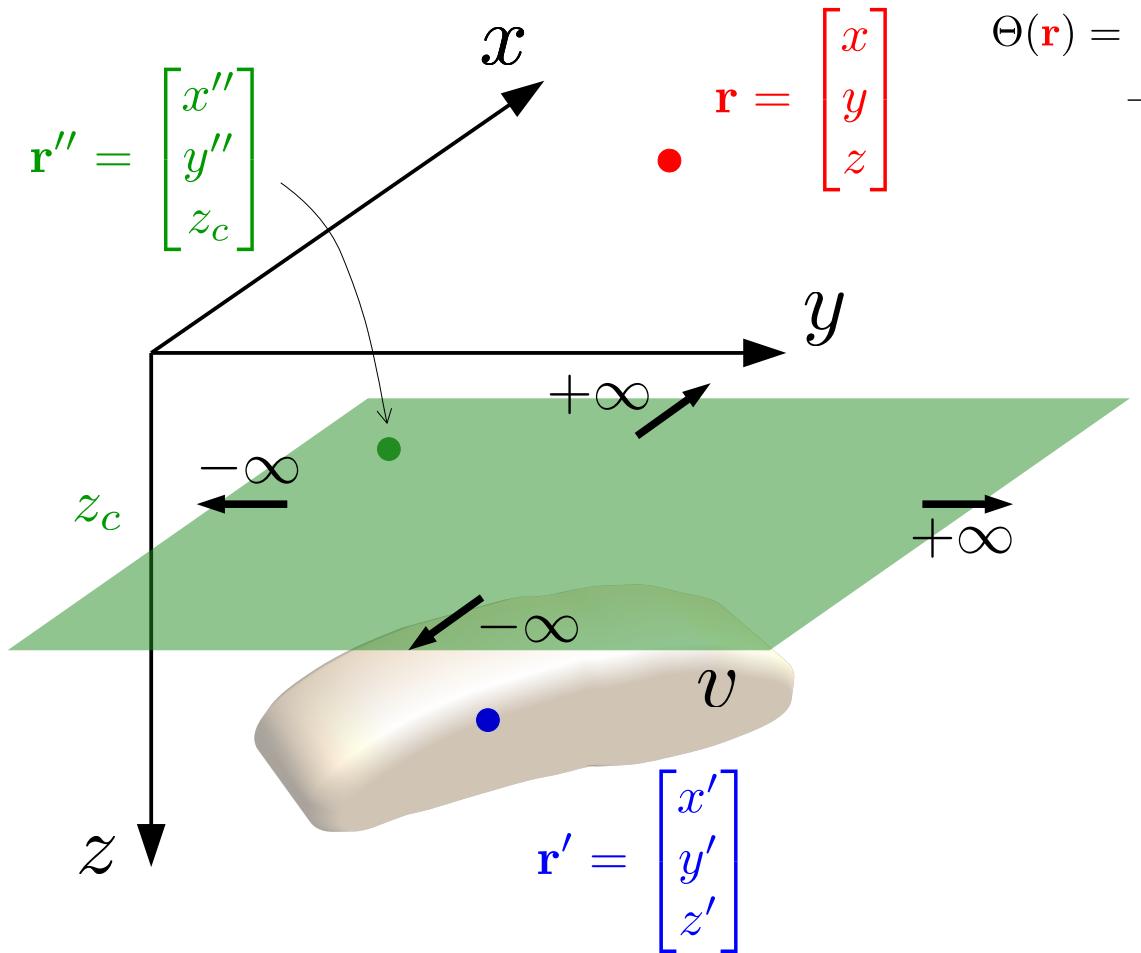
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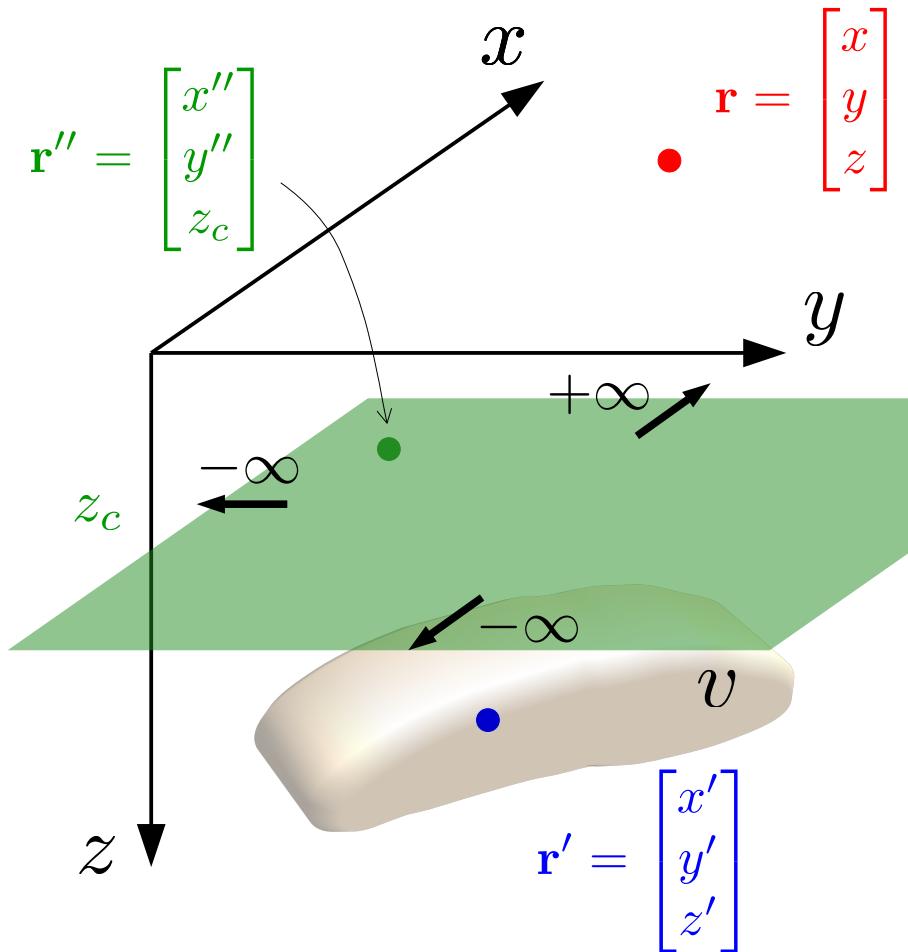
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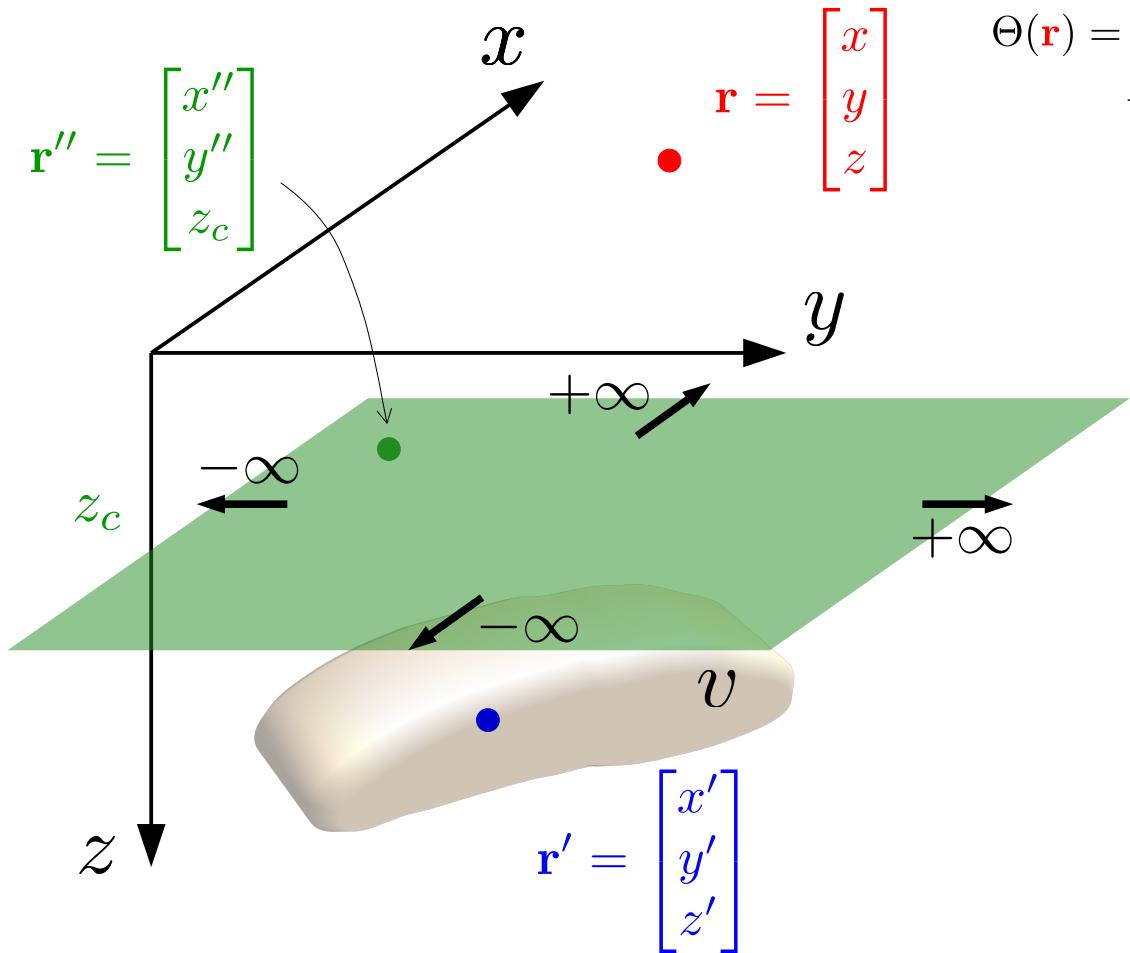
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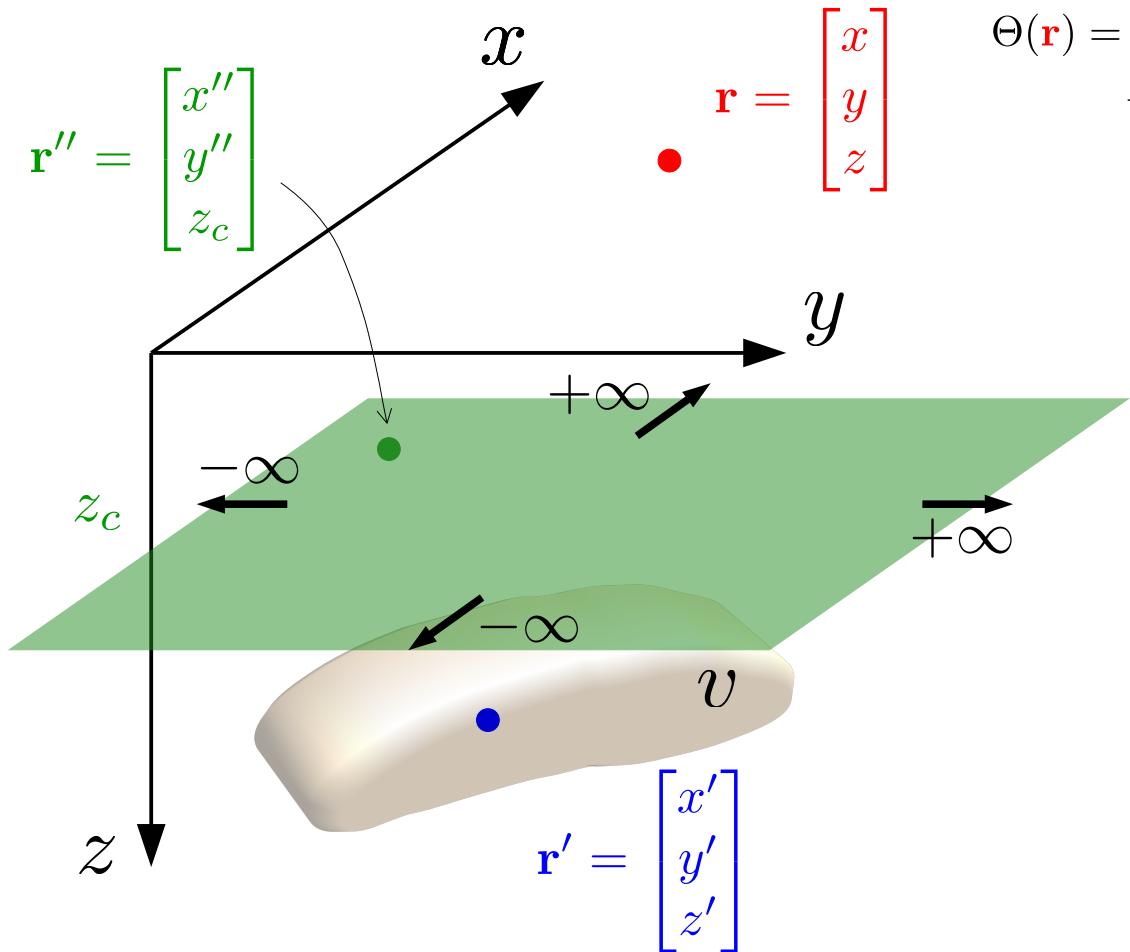
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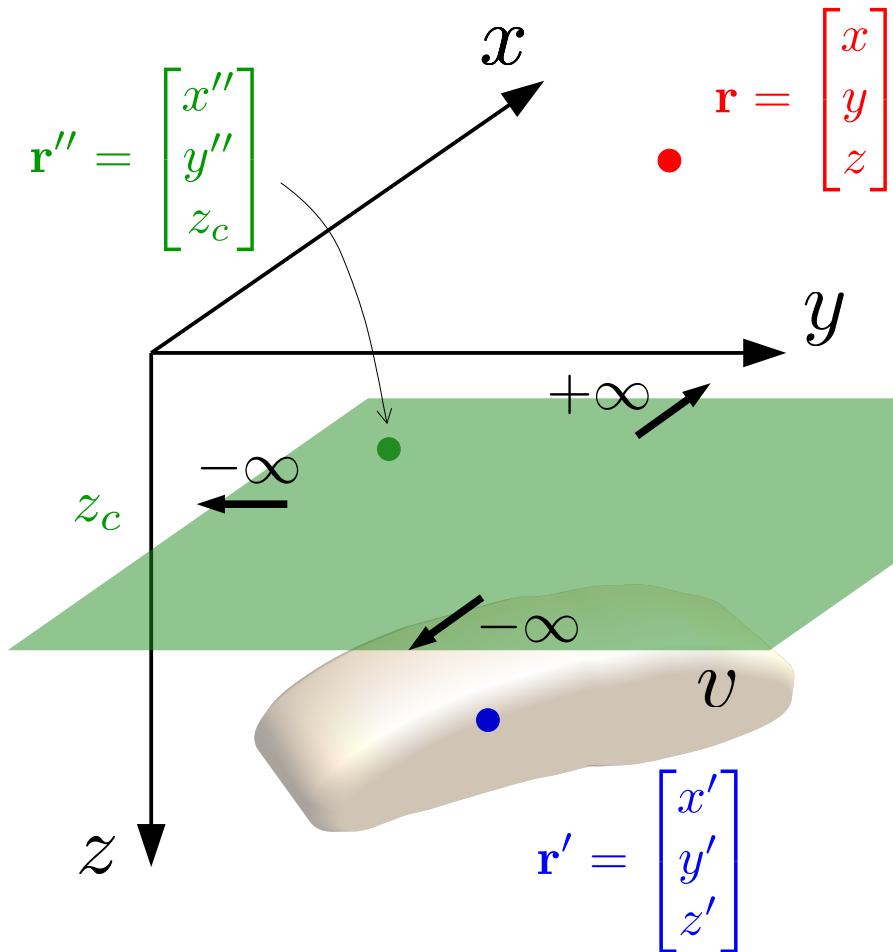
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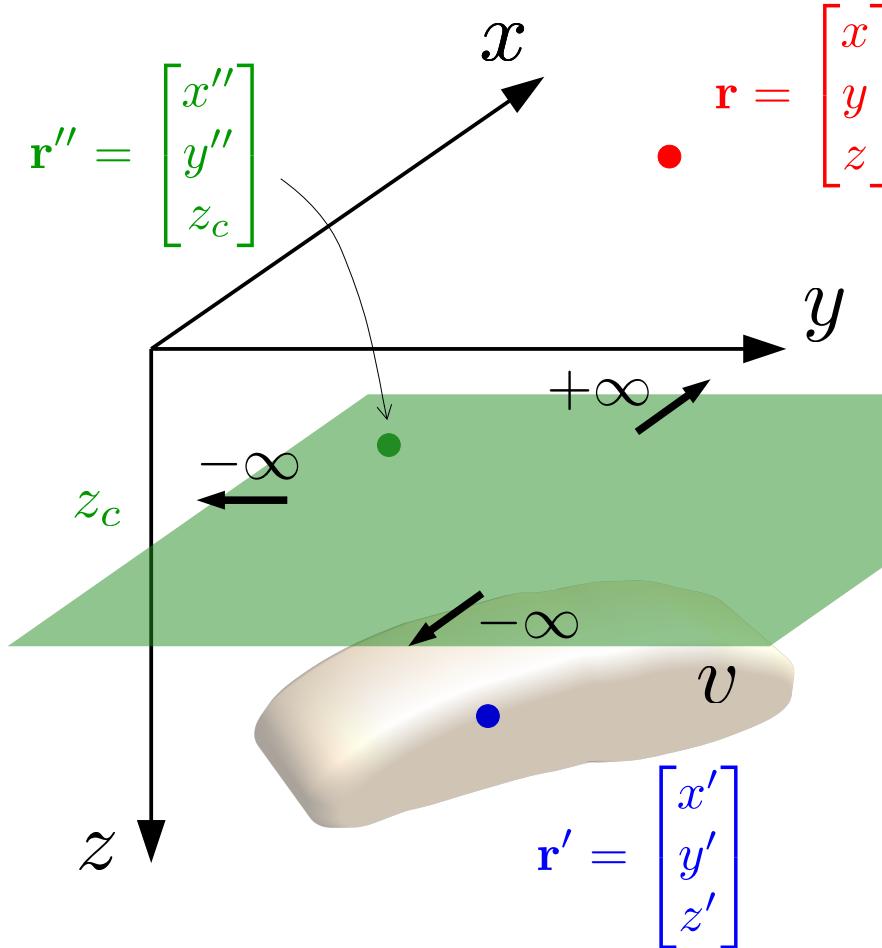
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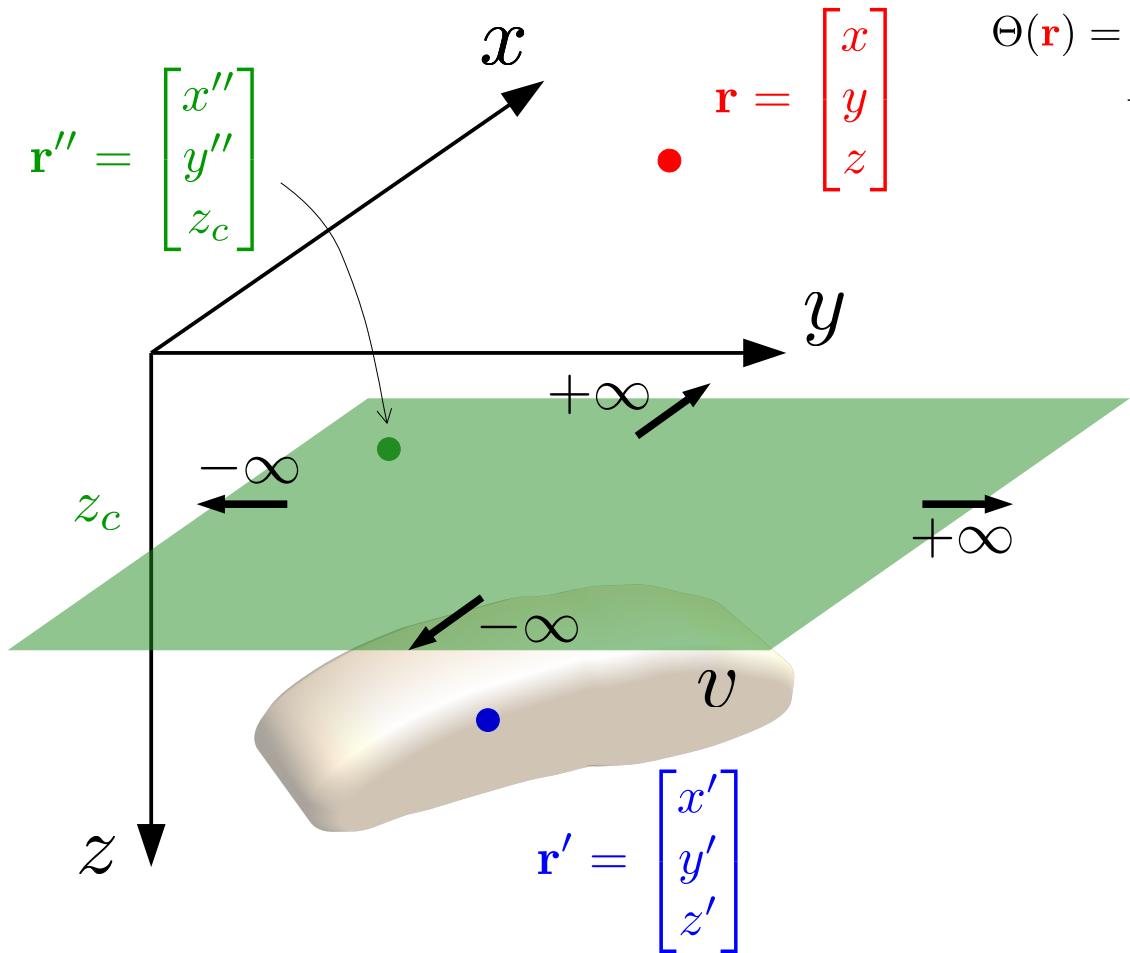
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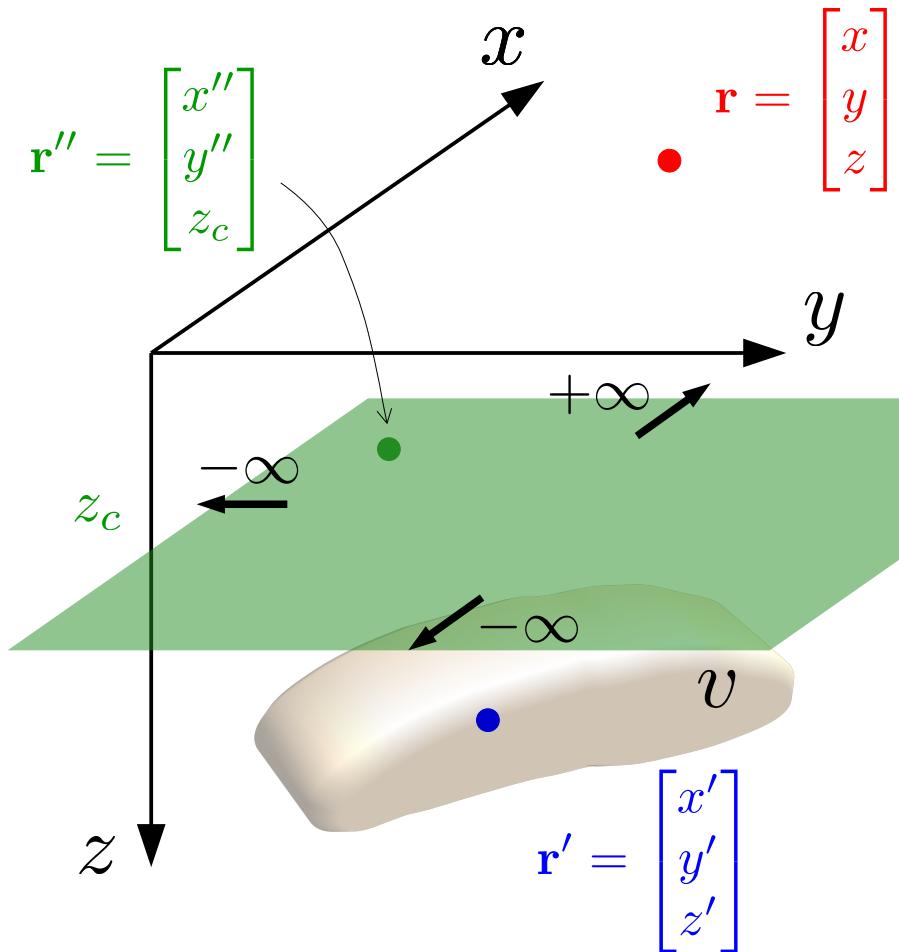
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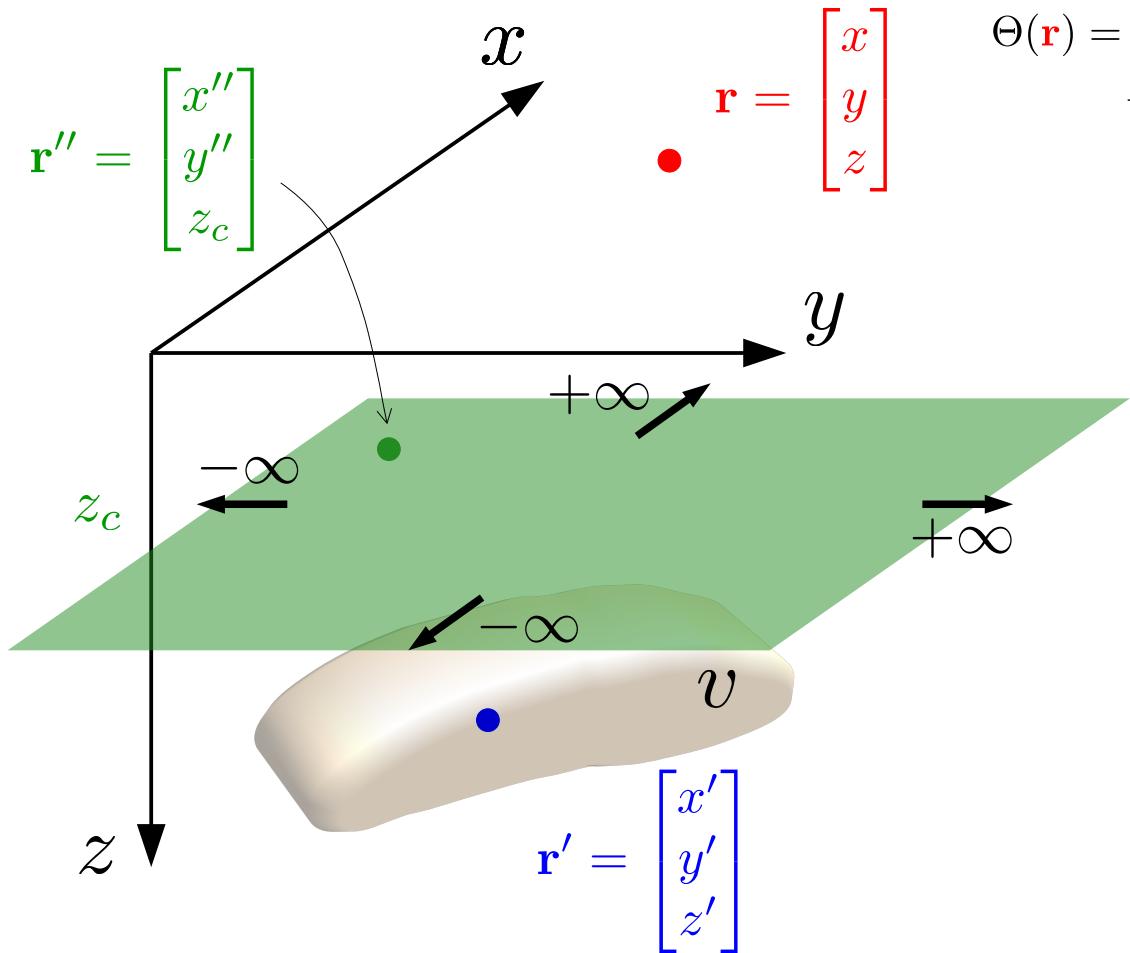
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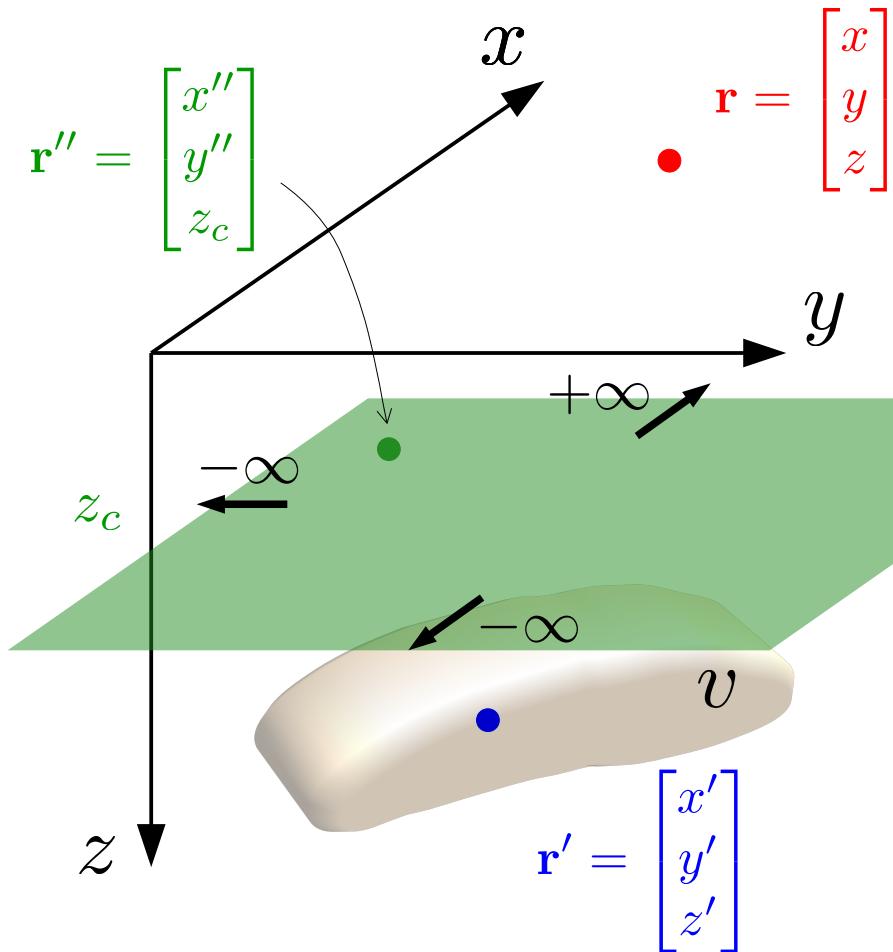
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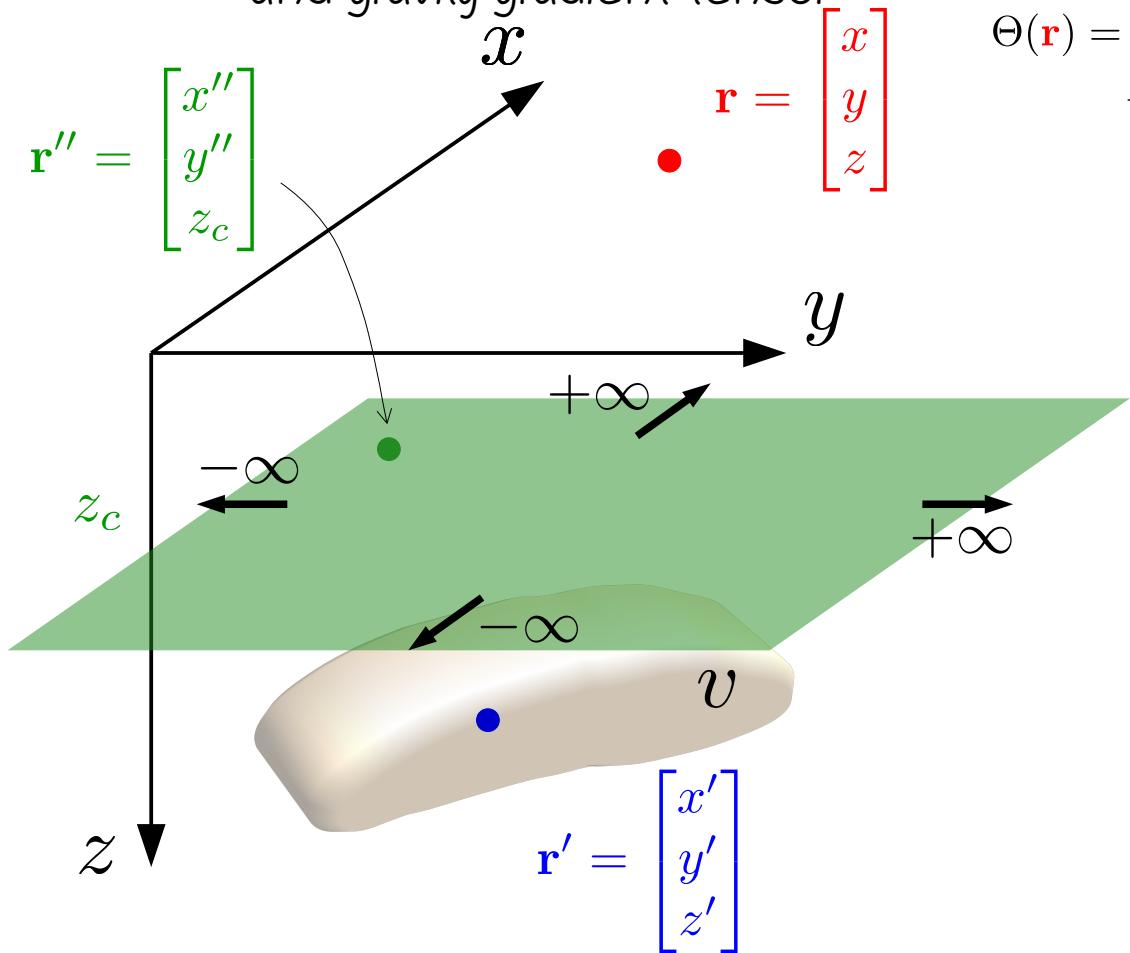
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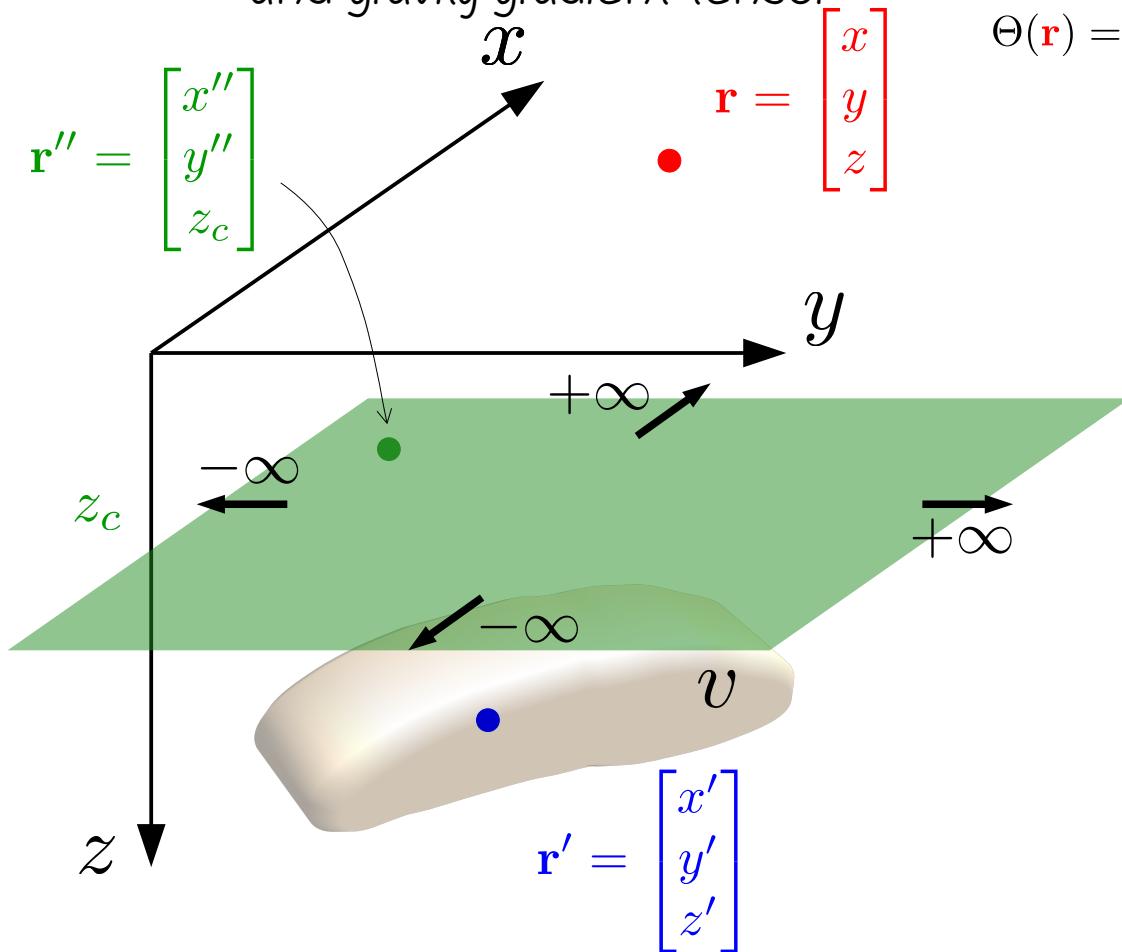
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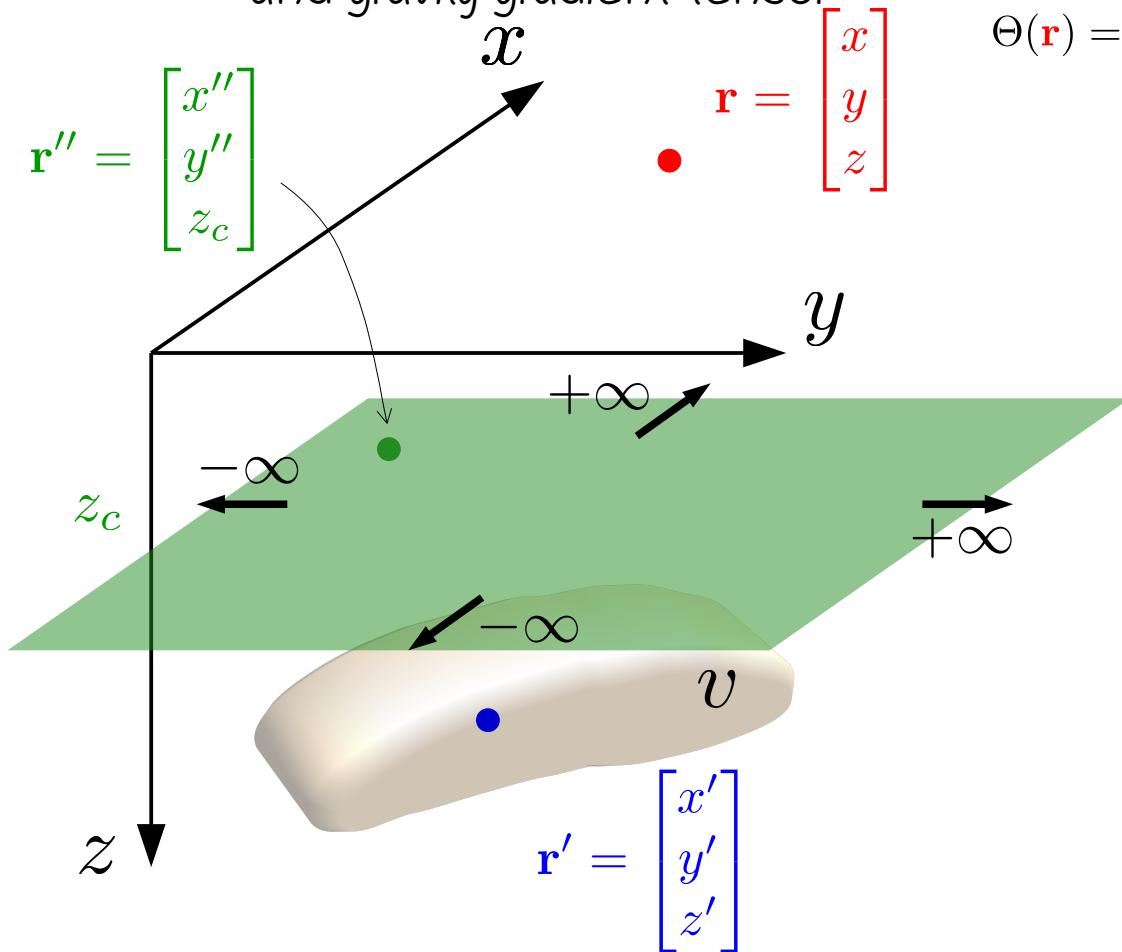


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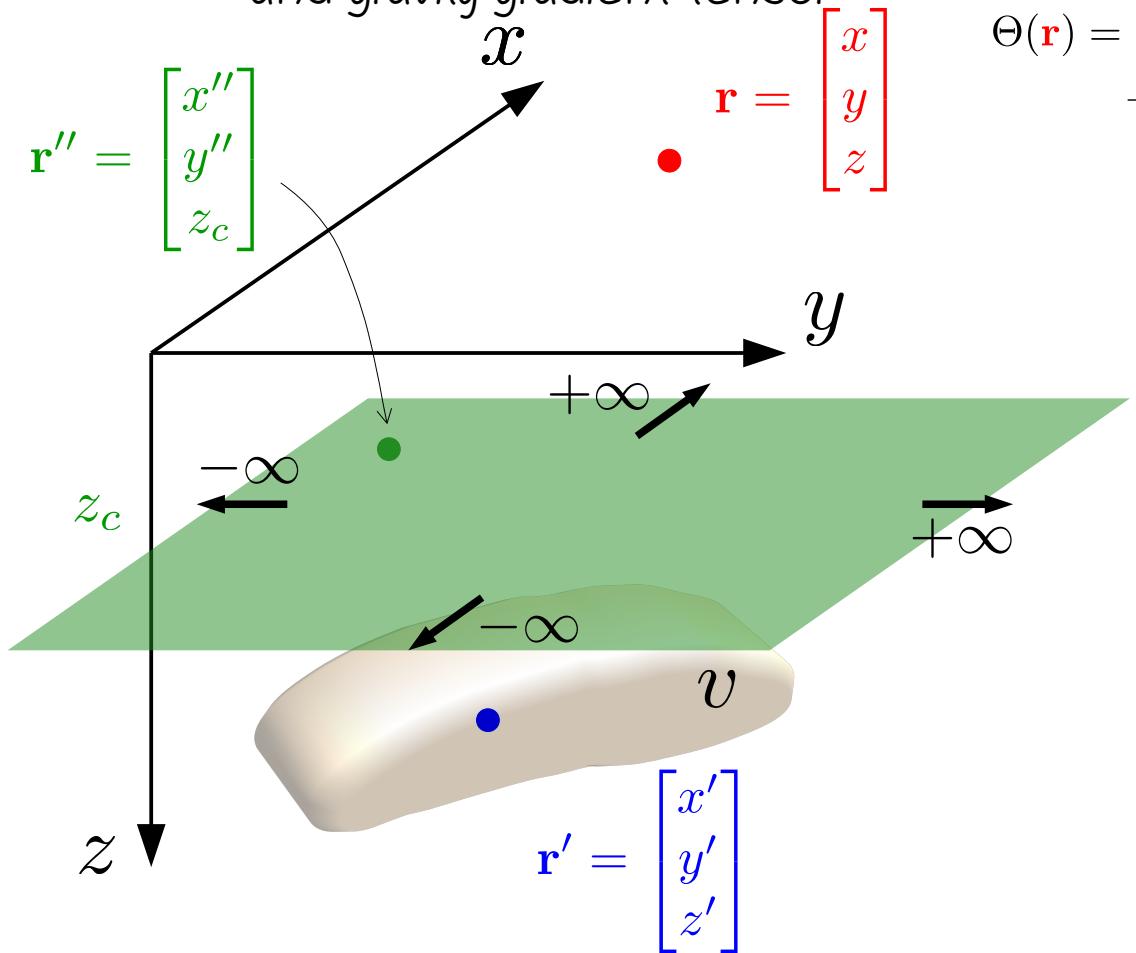
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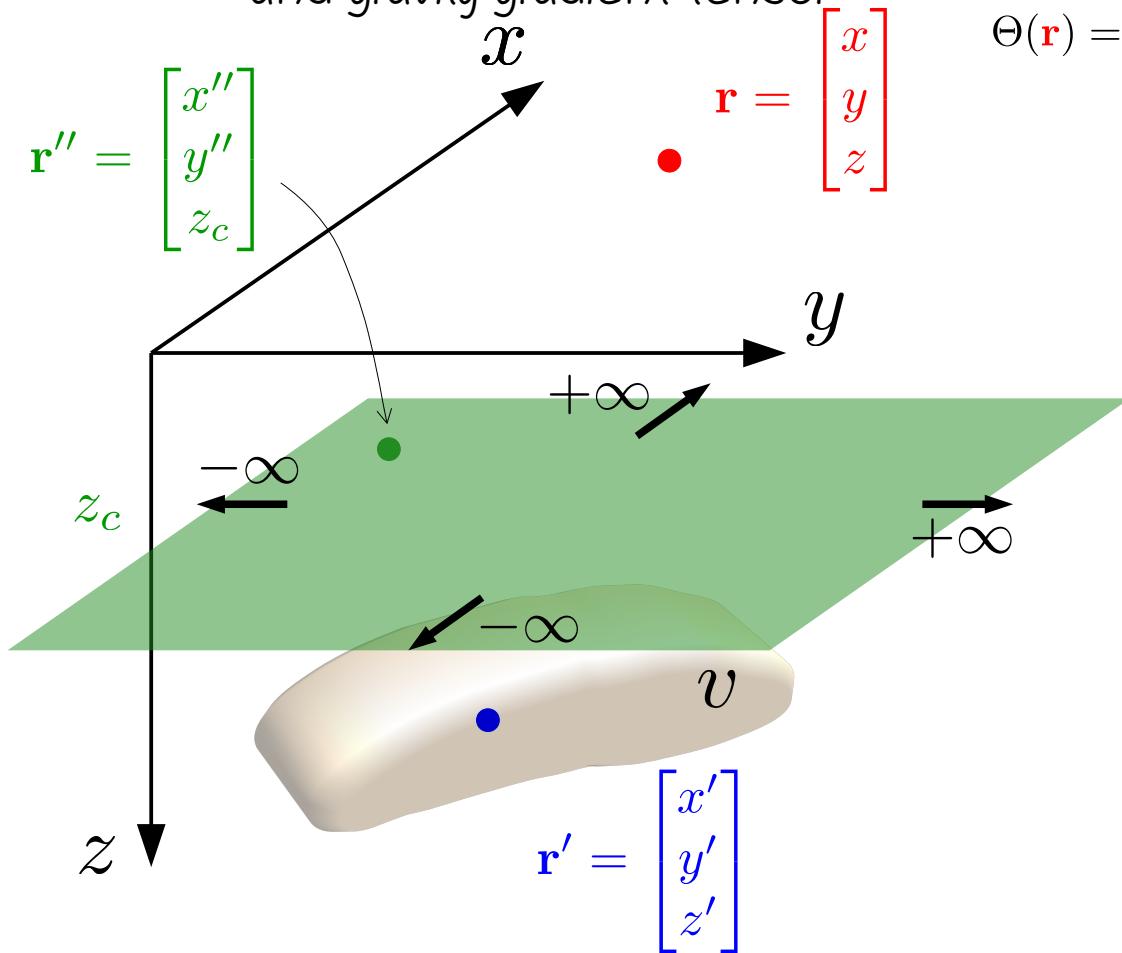
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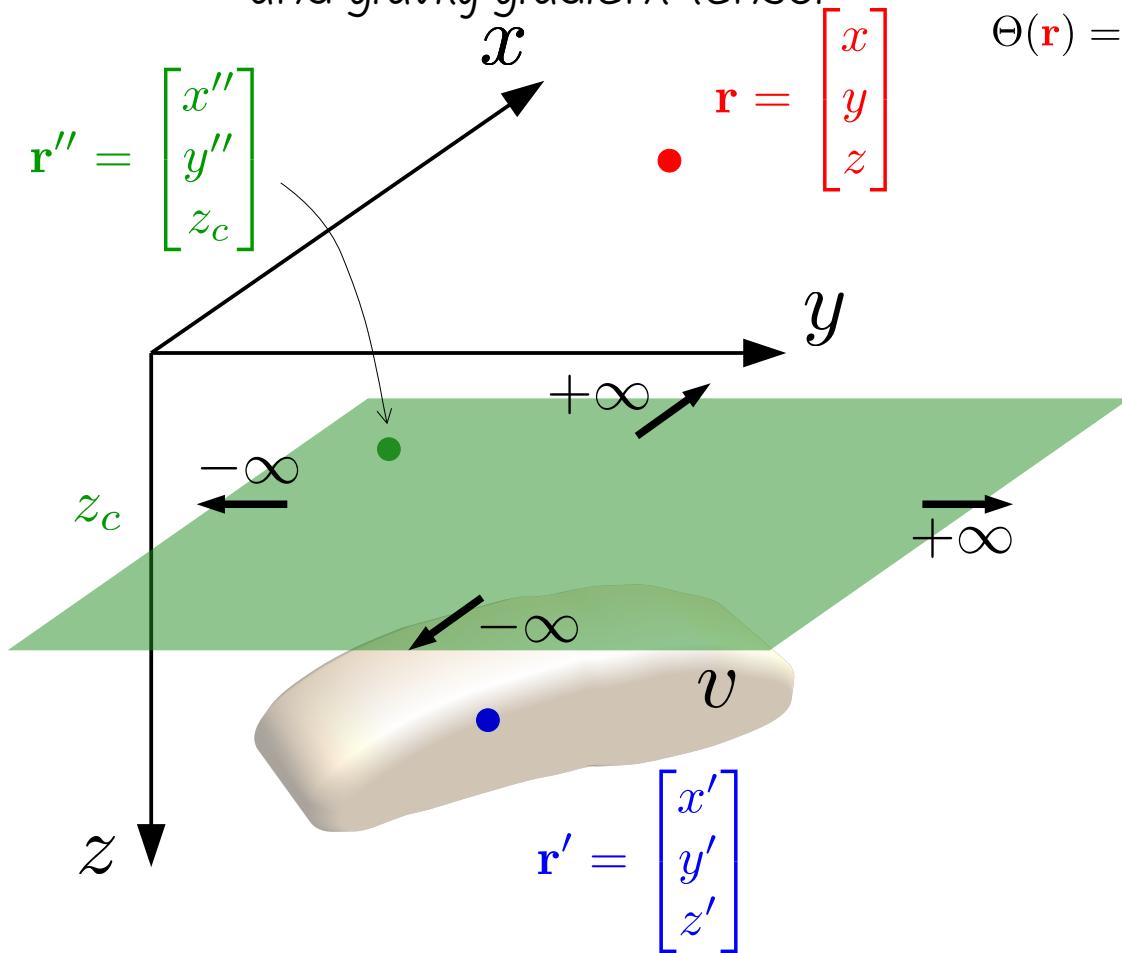
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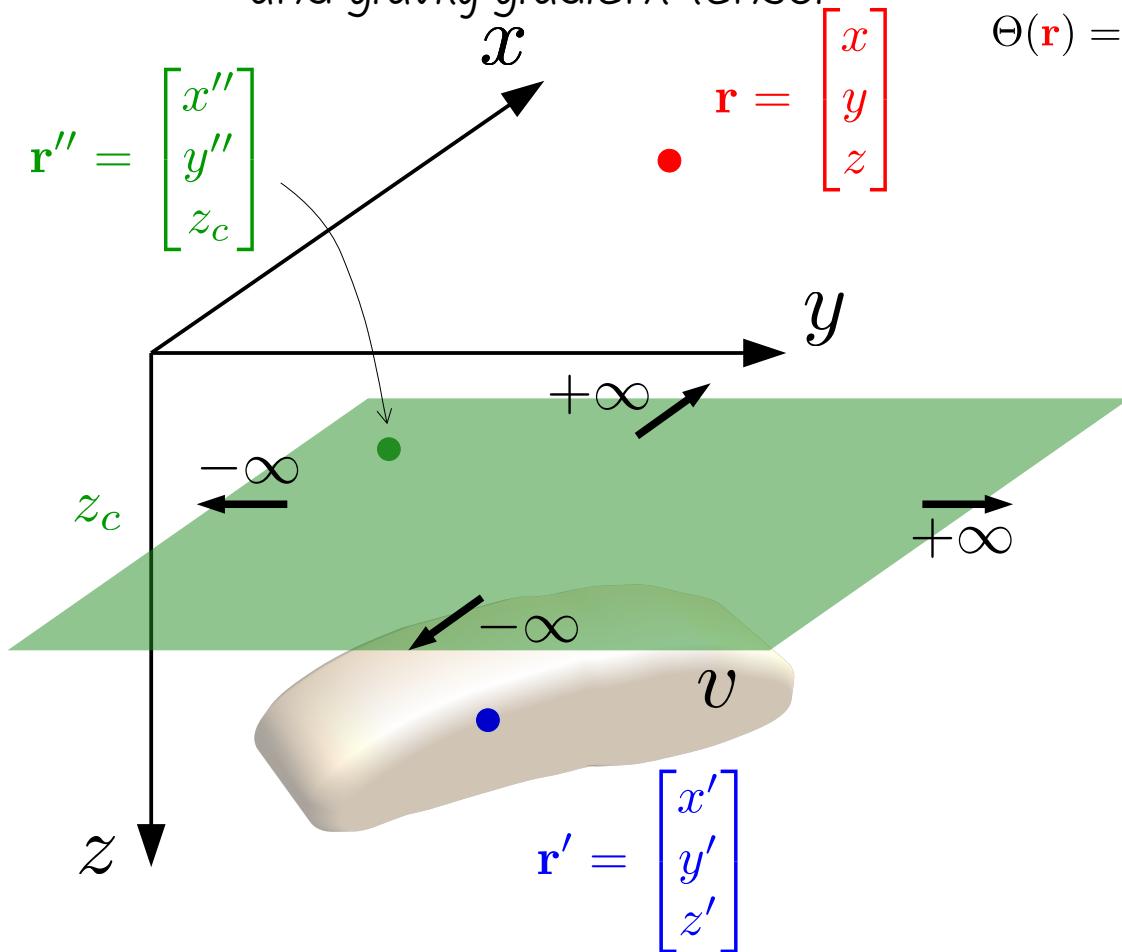
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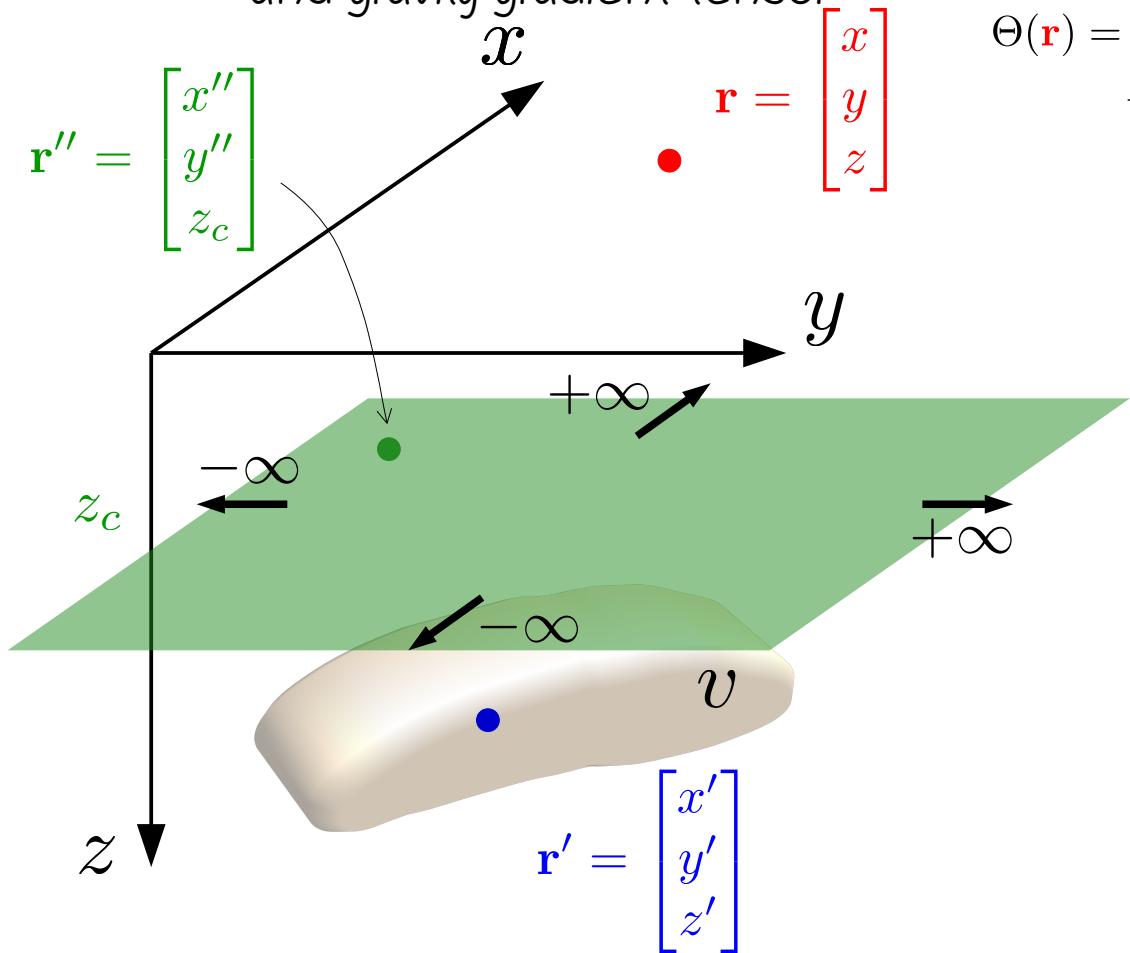
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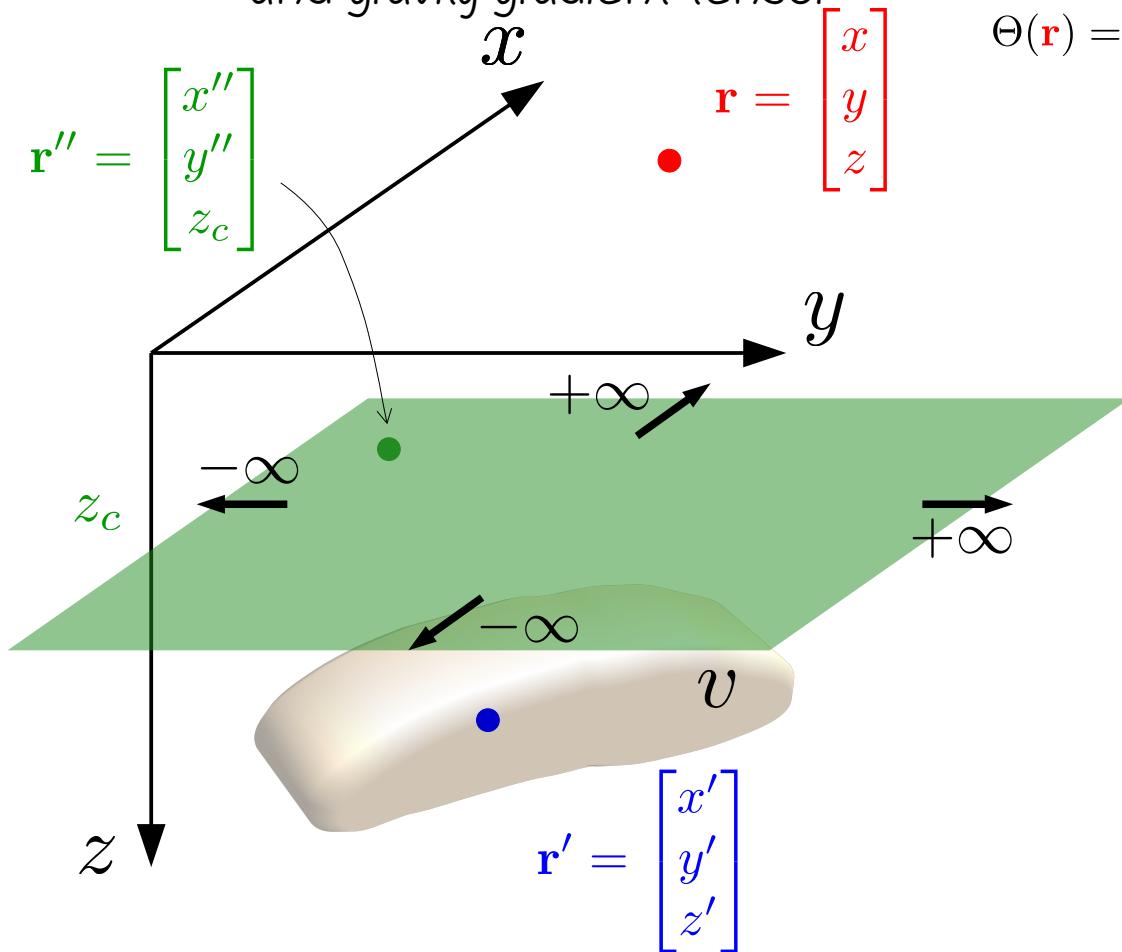
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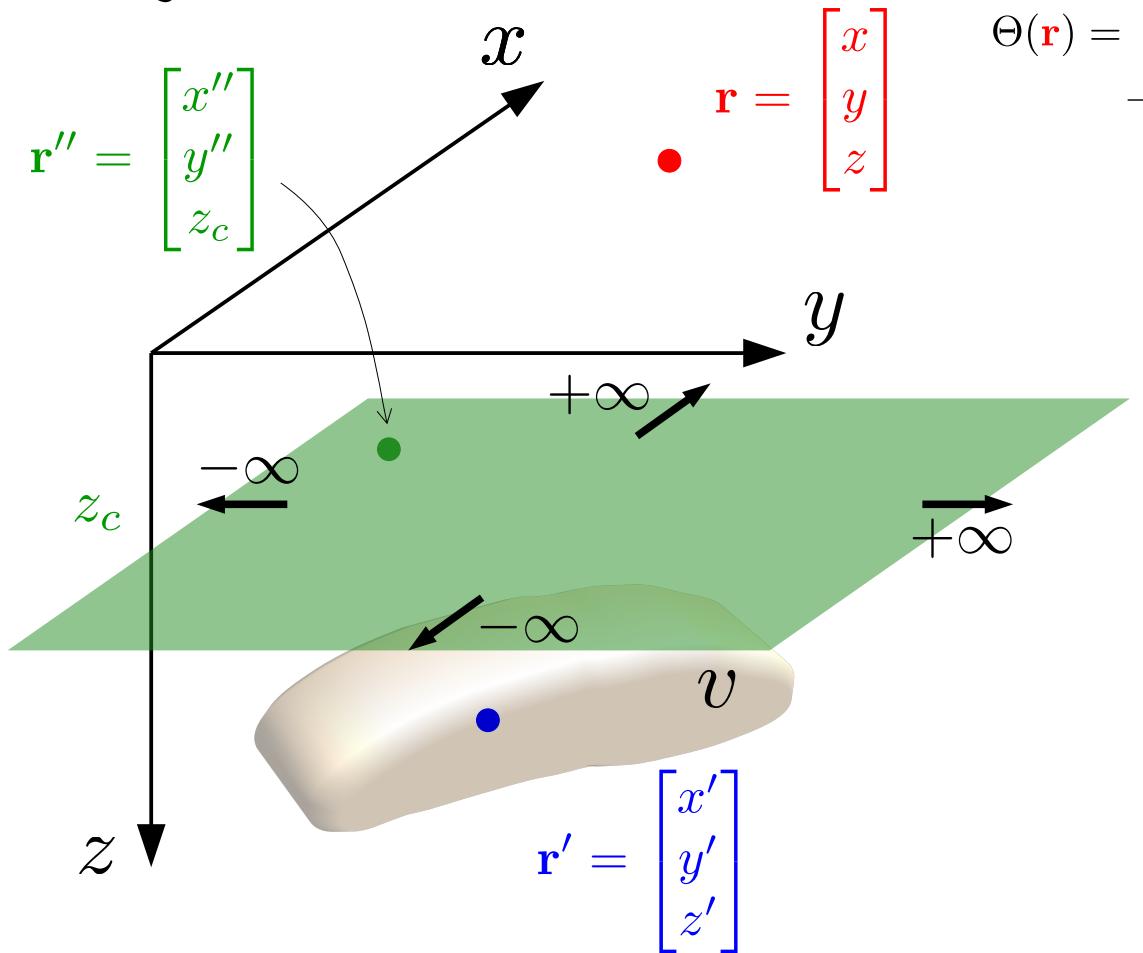
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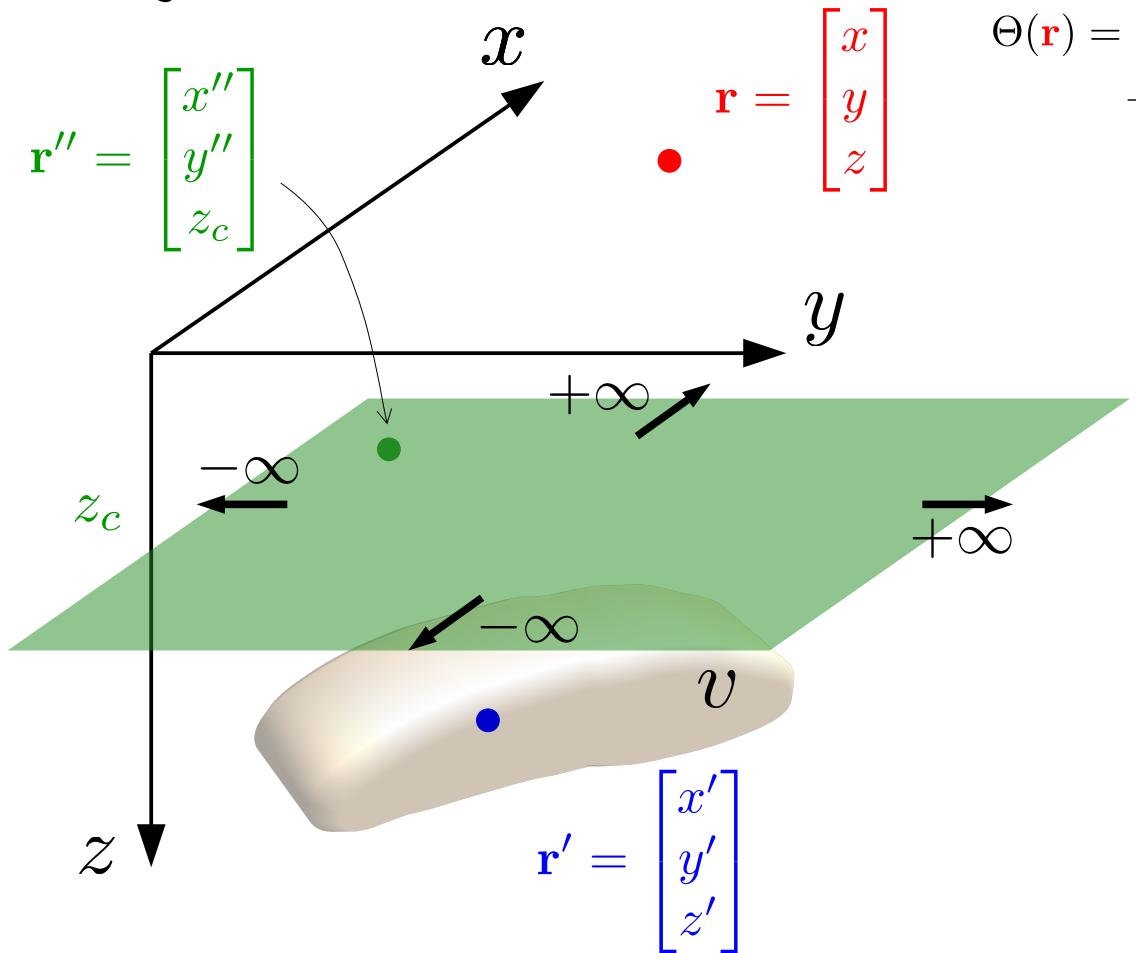
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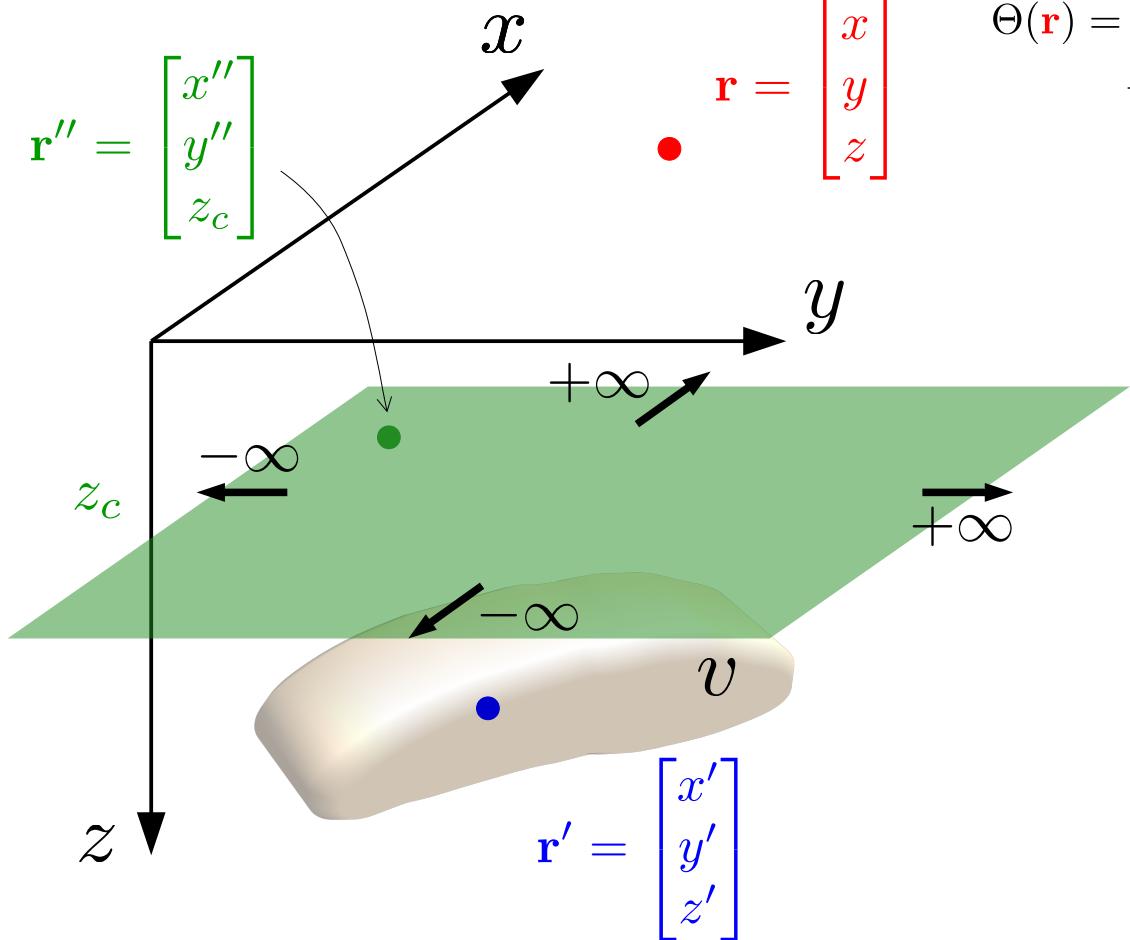
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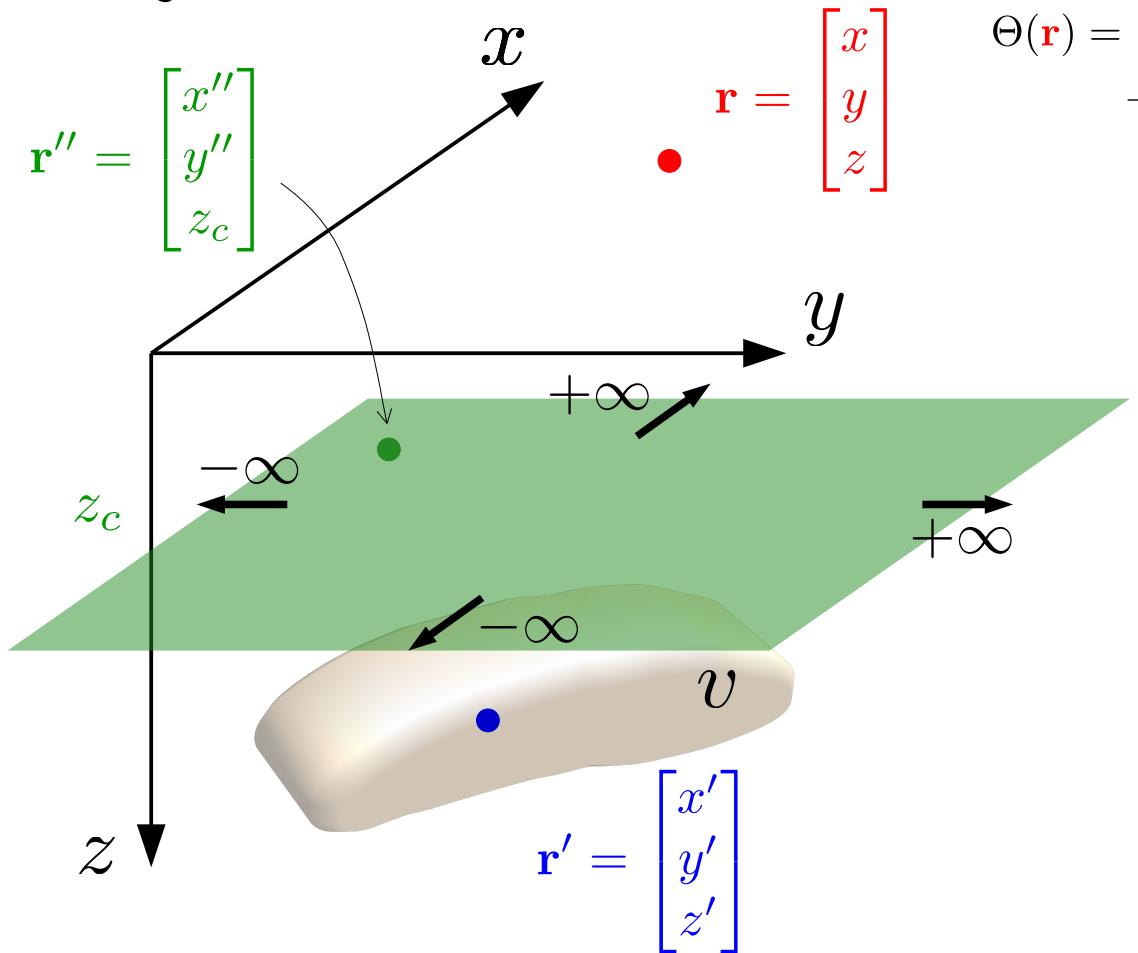
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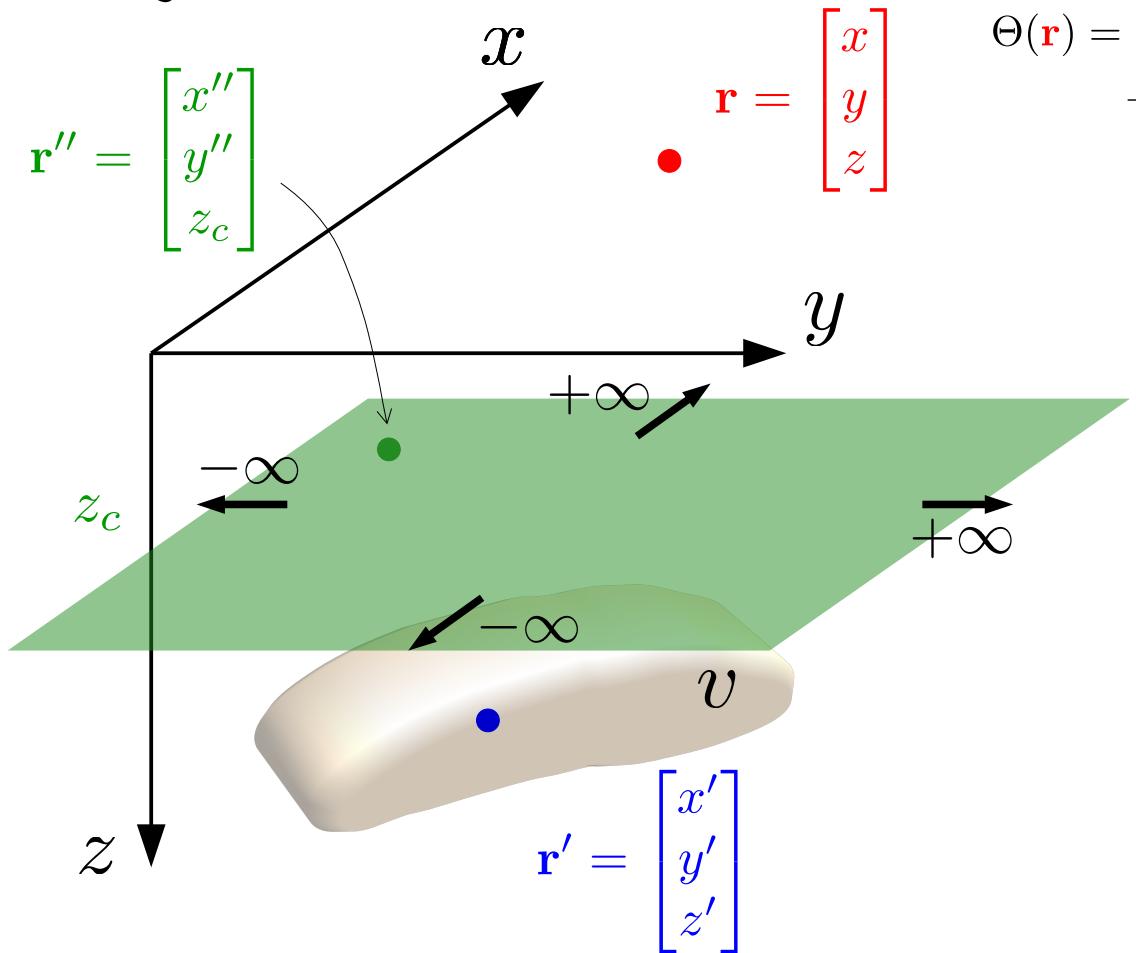
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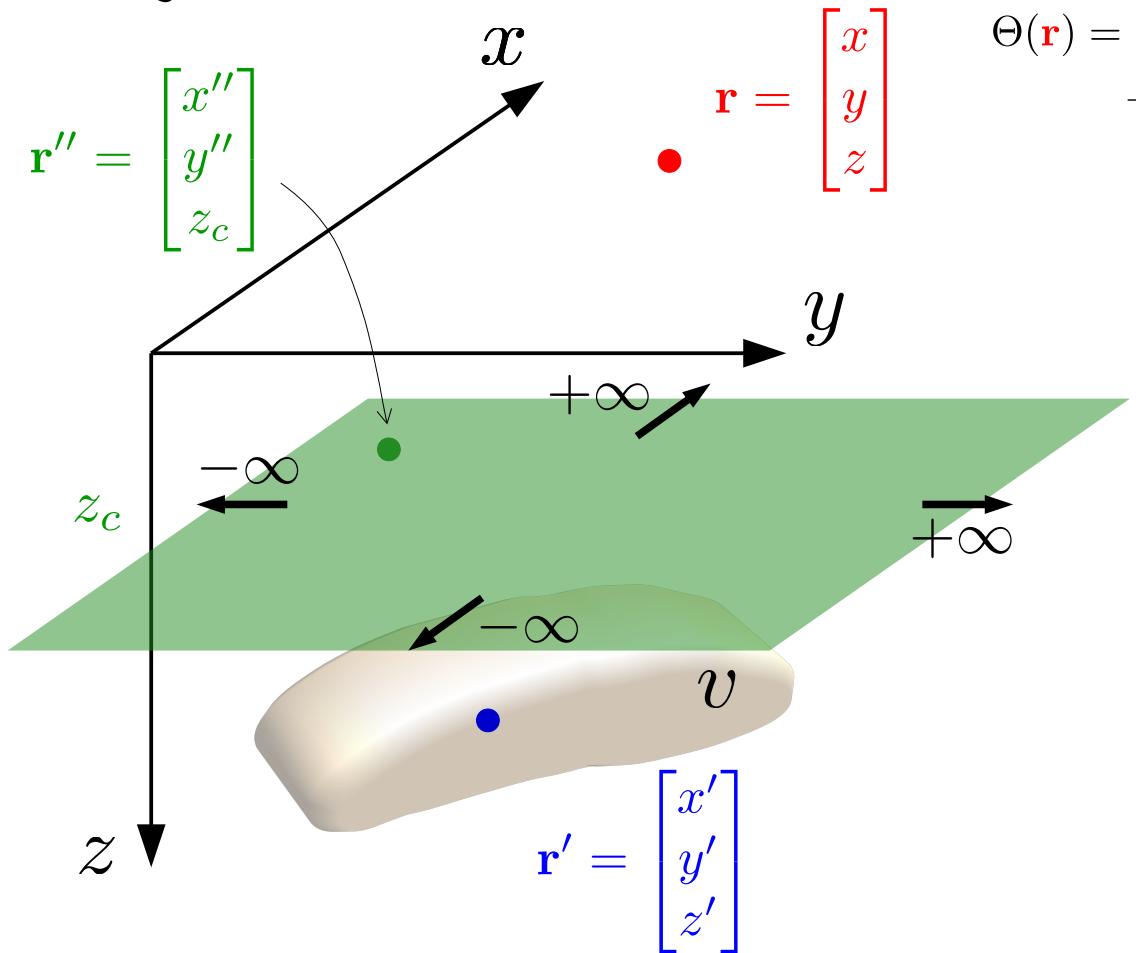
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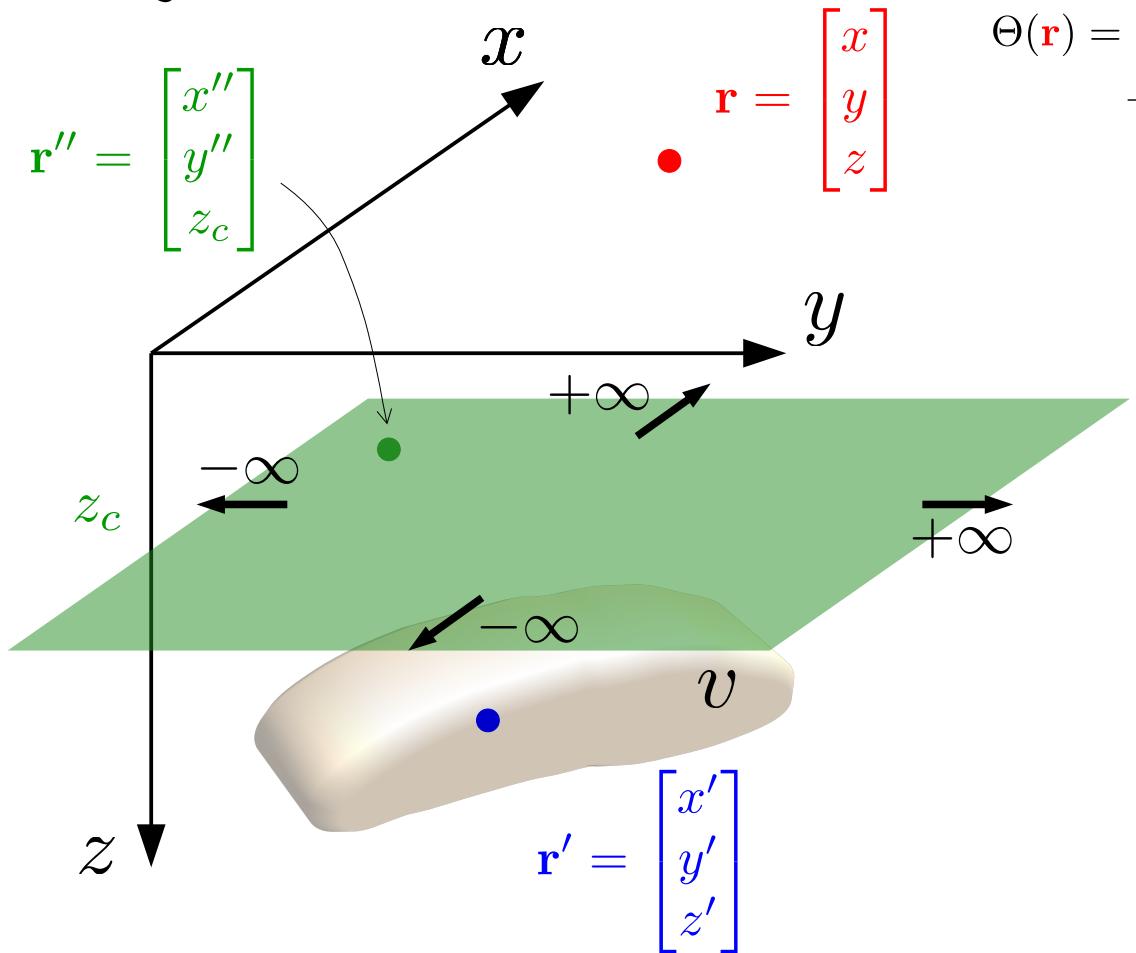
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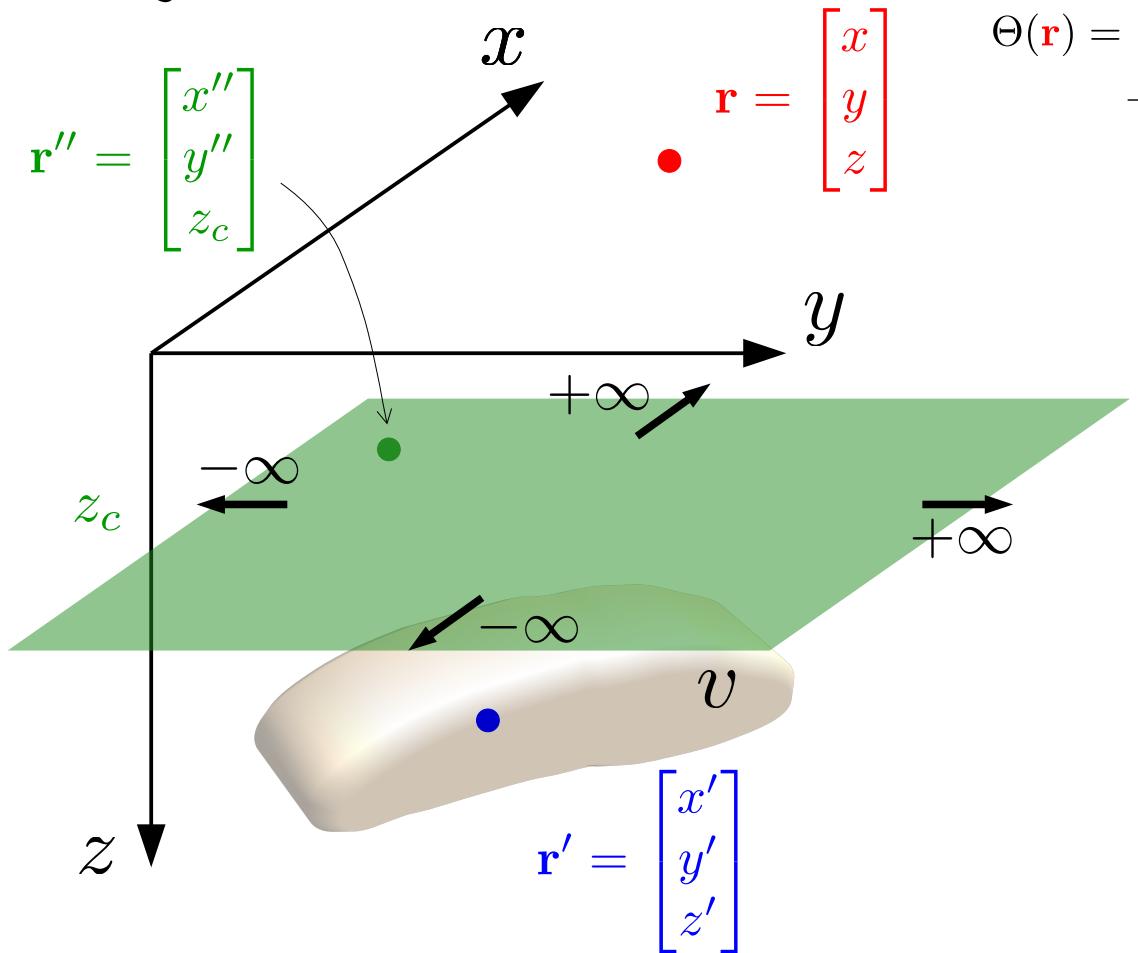
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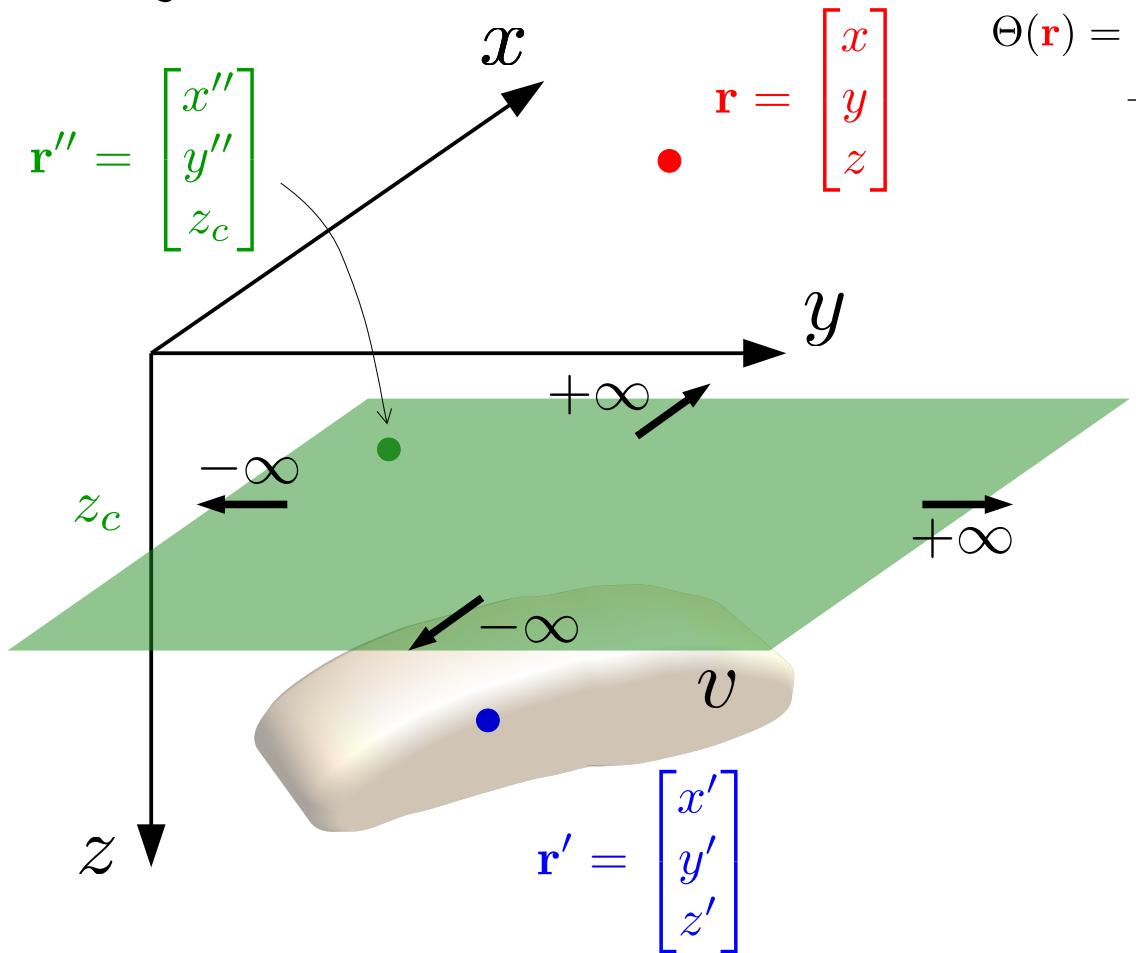
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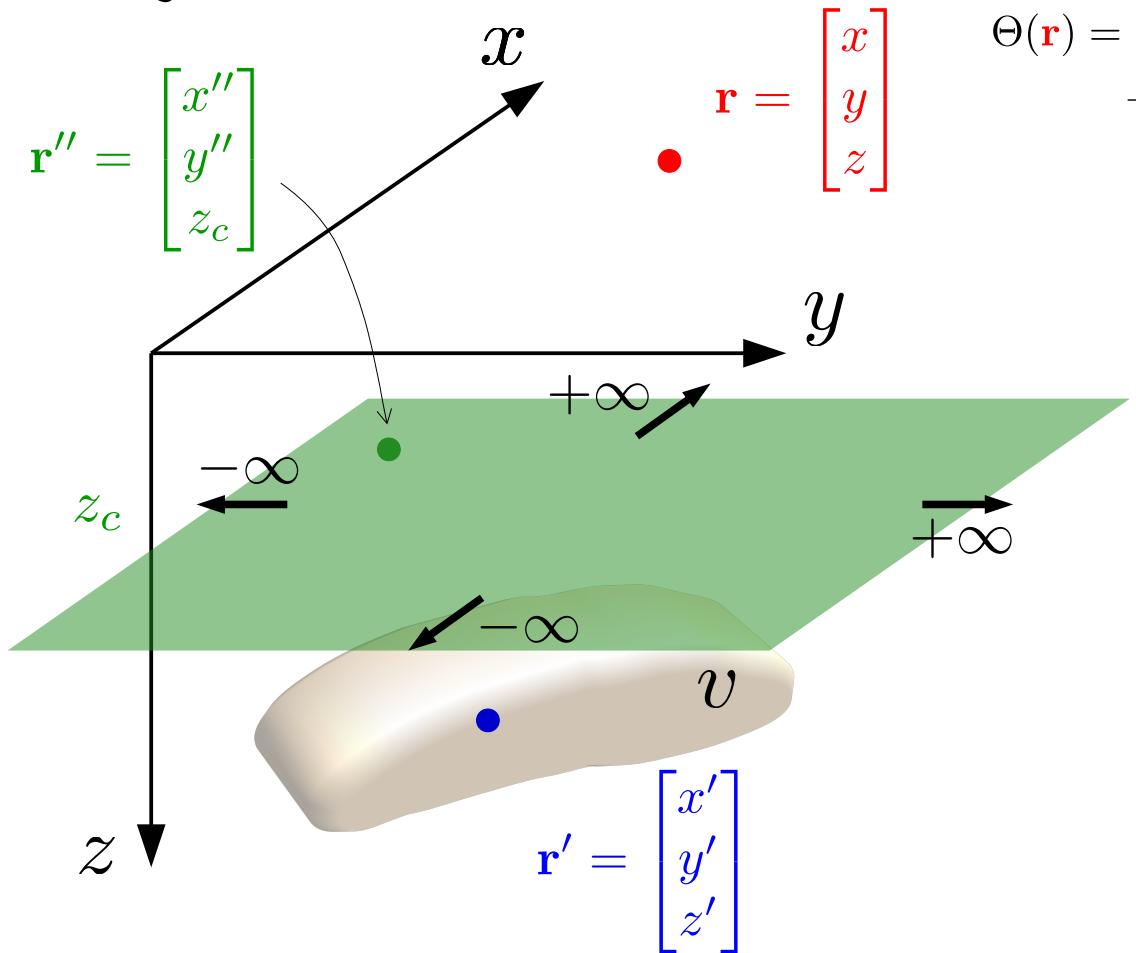
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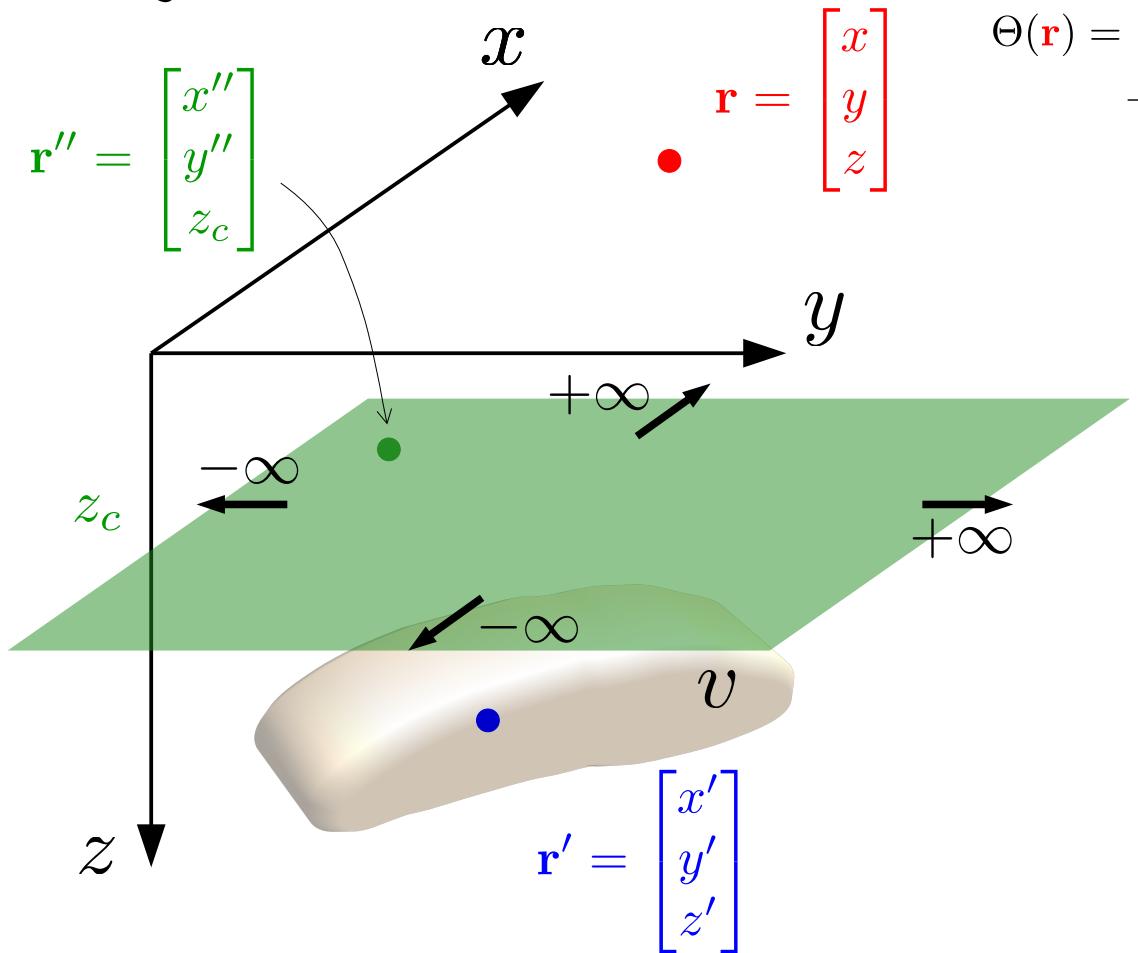
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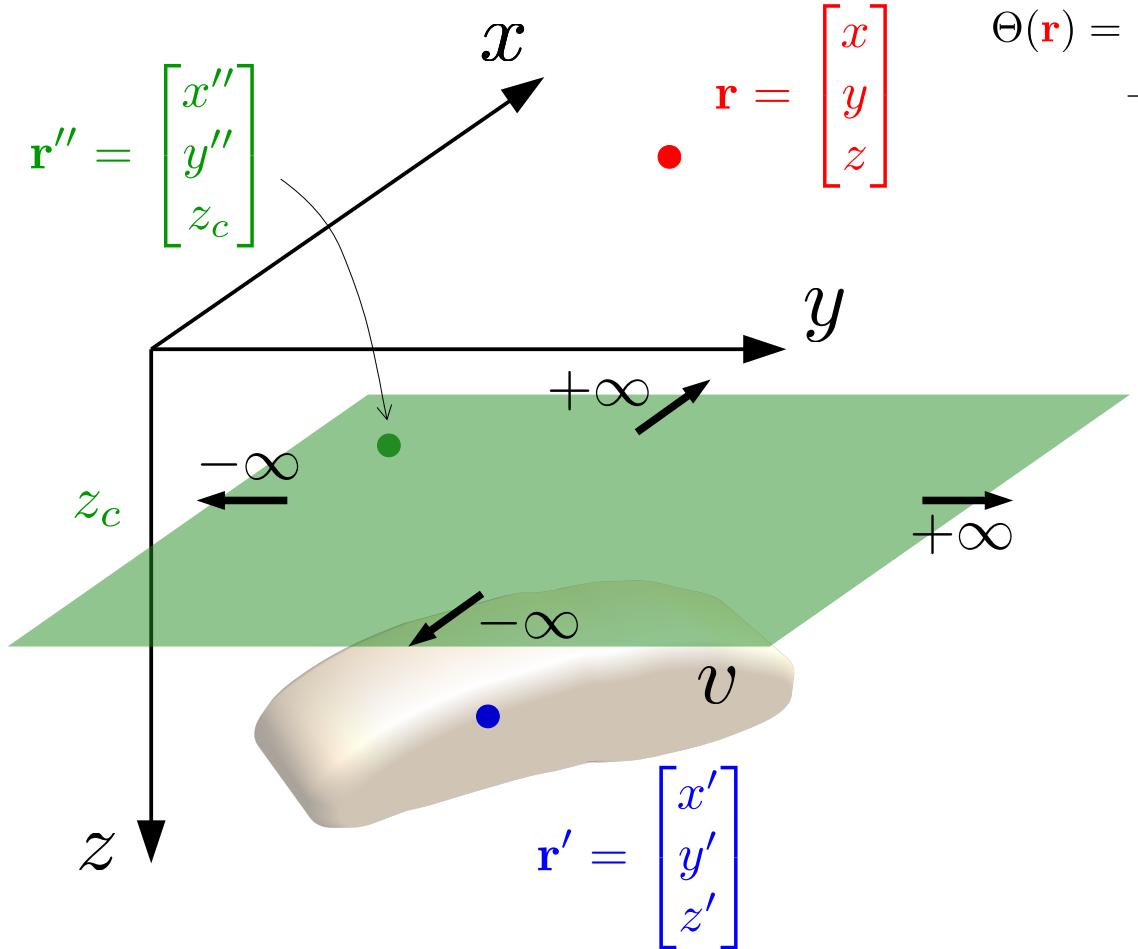
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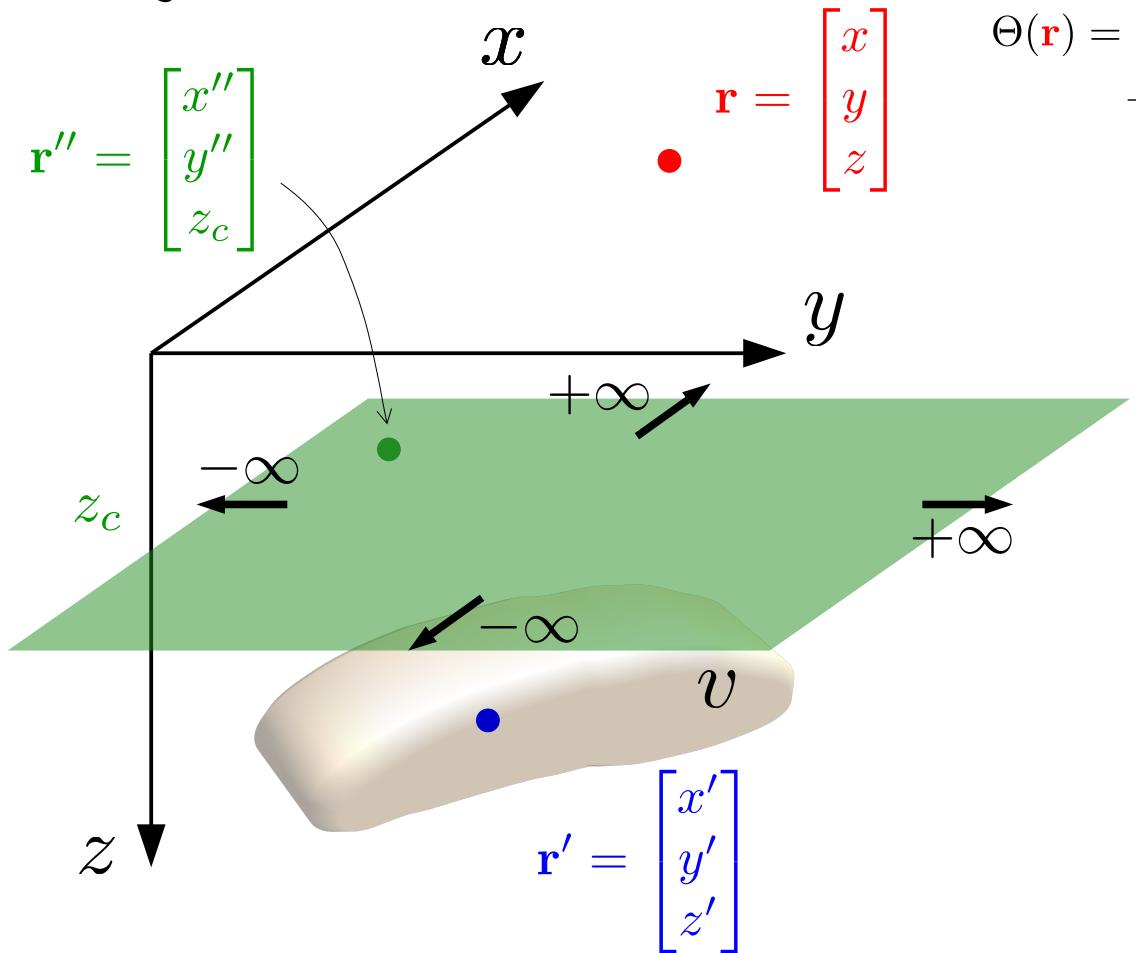
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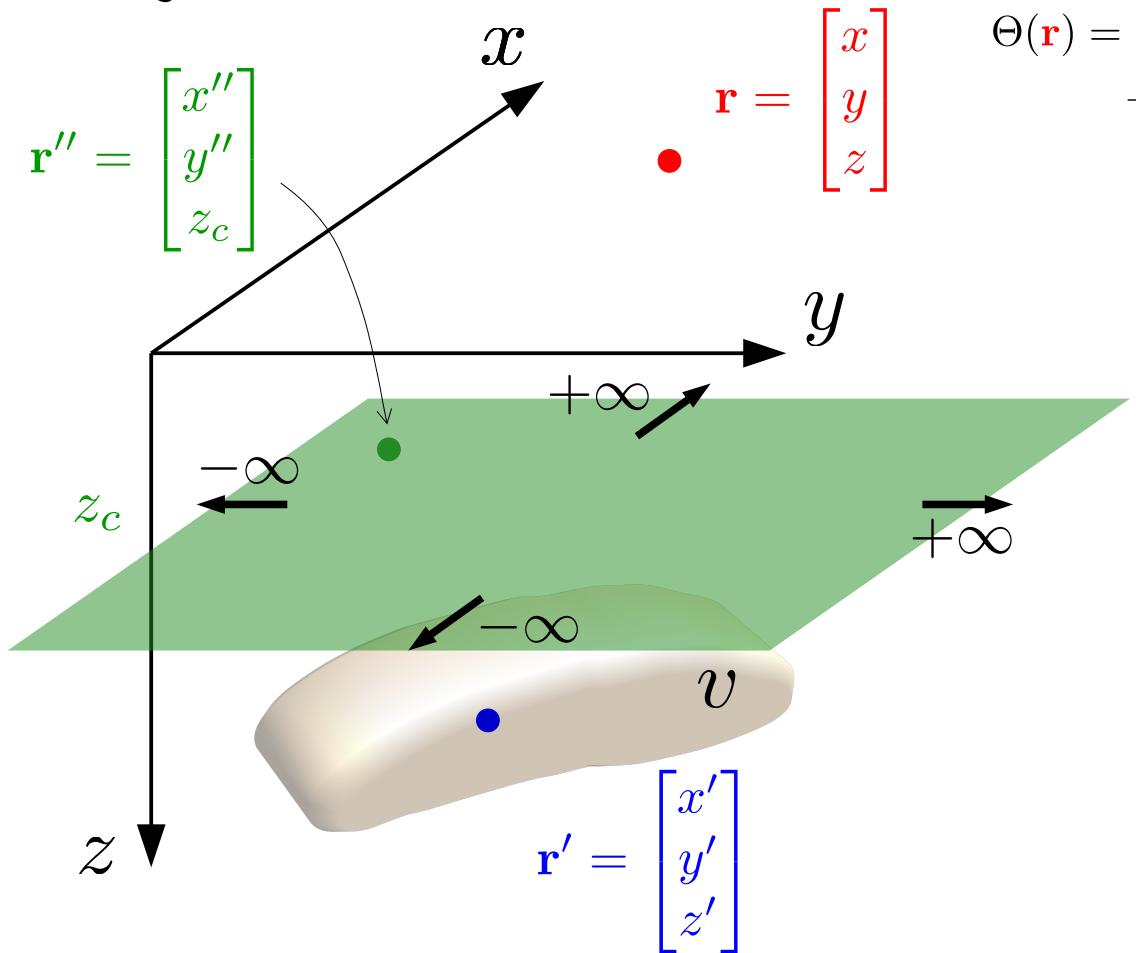
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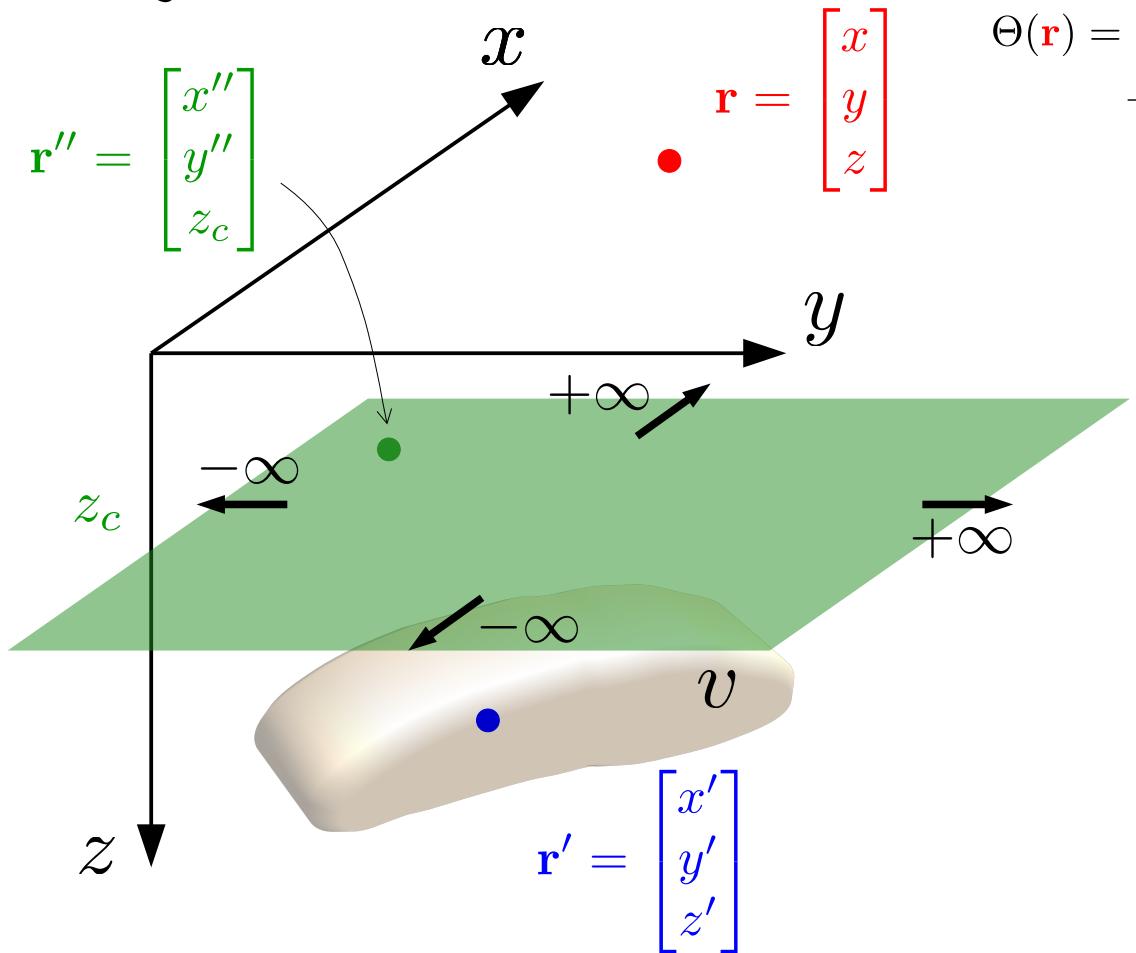
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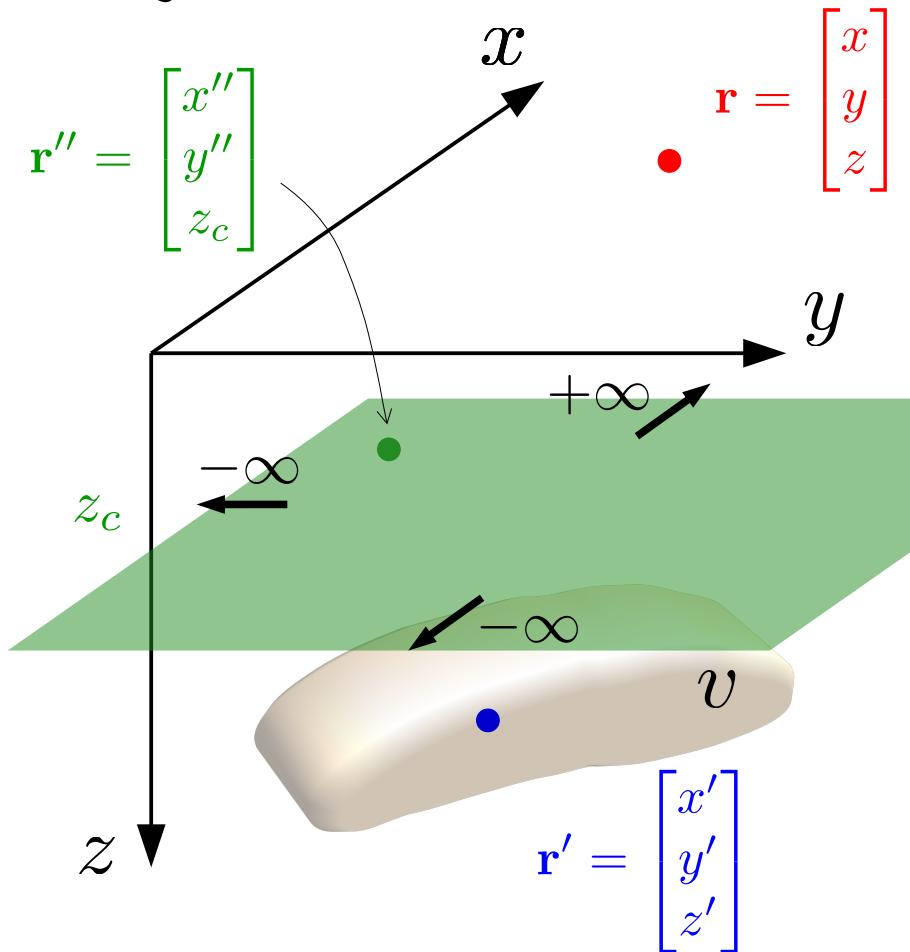
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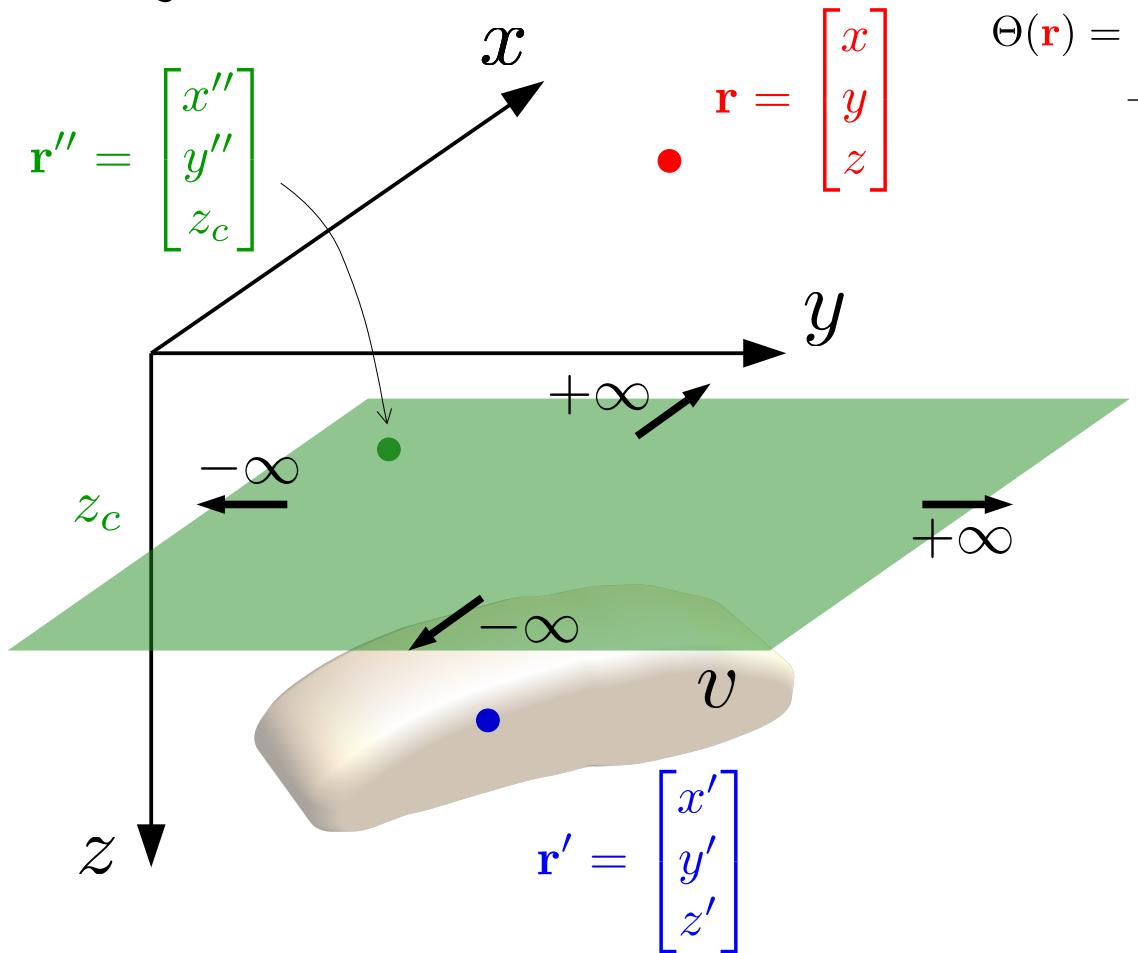
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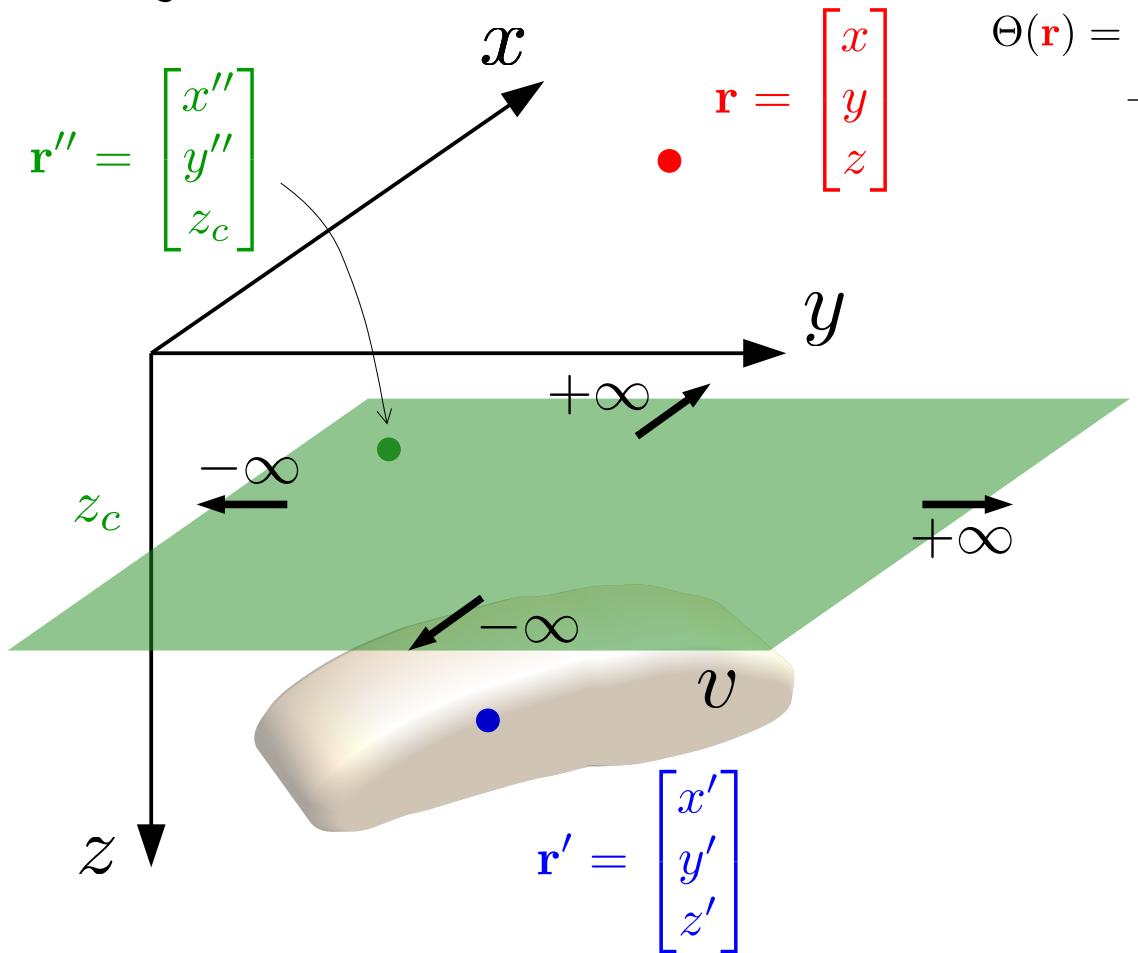
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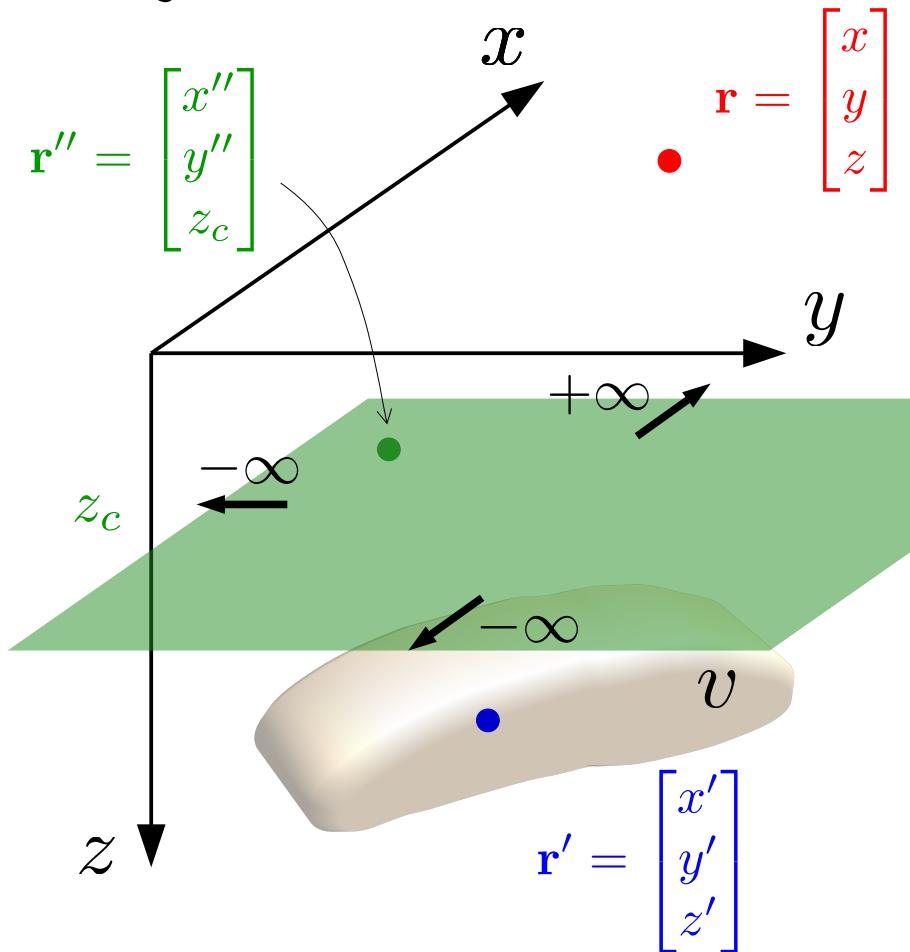
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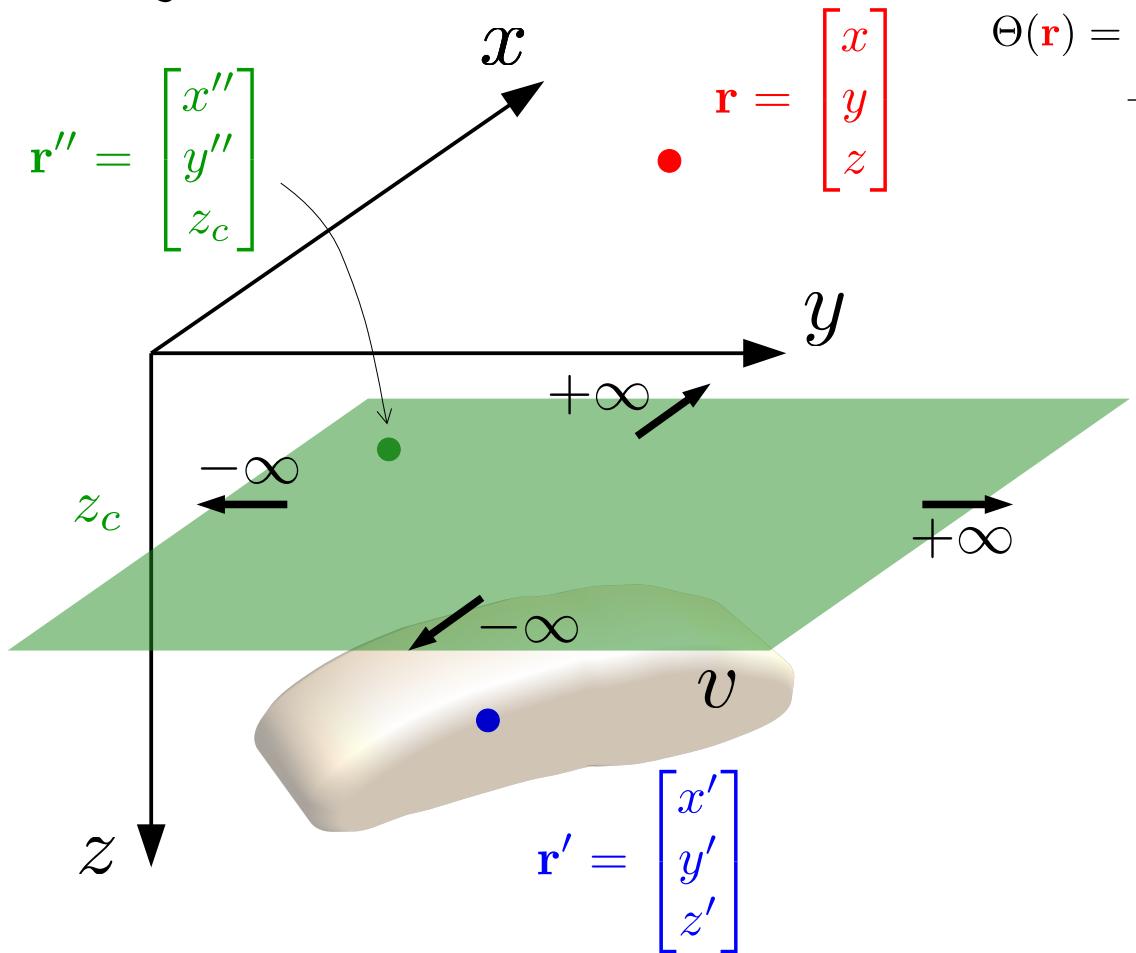
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classical EqI technique
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RTP anomaly

x

y

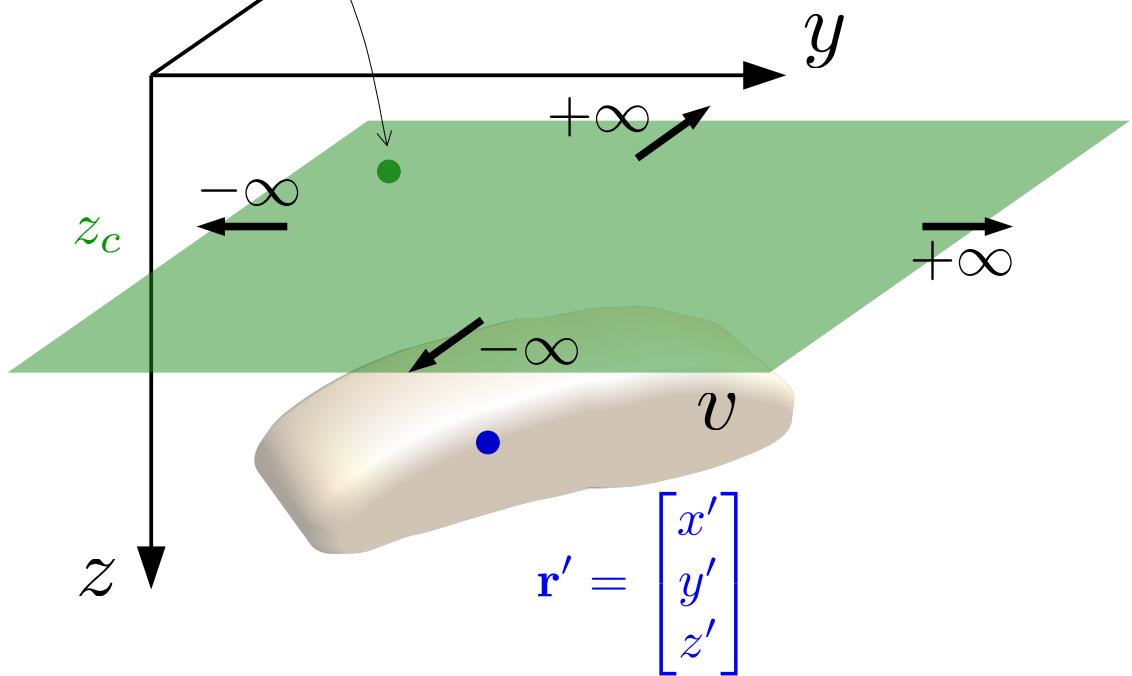
z

$$\mathbf{r} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

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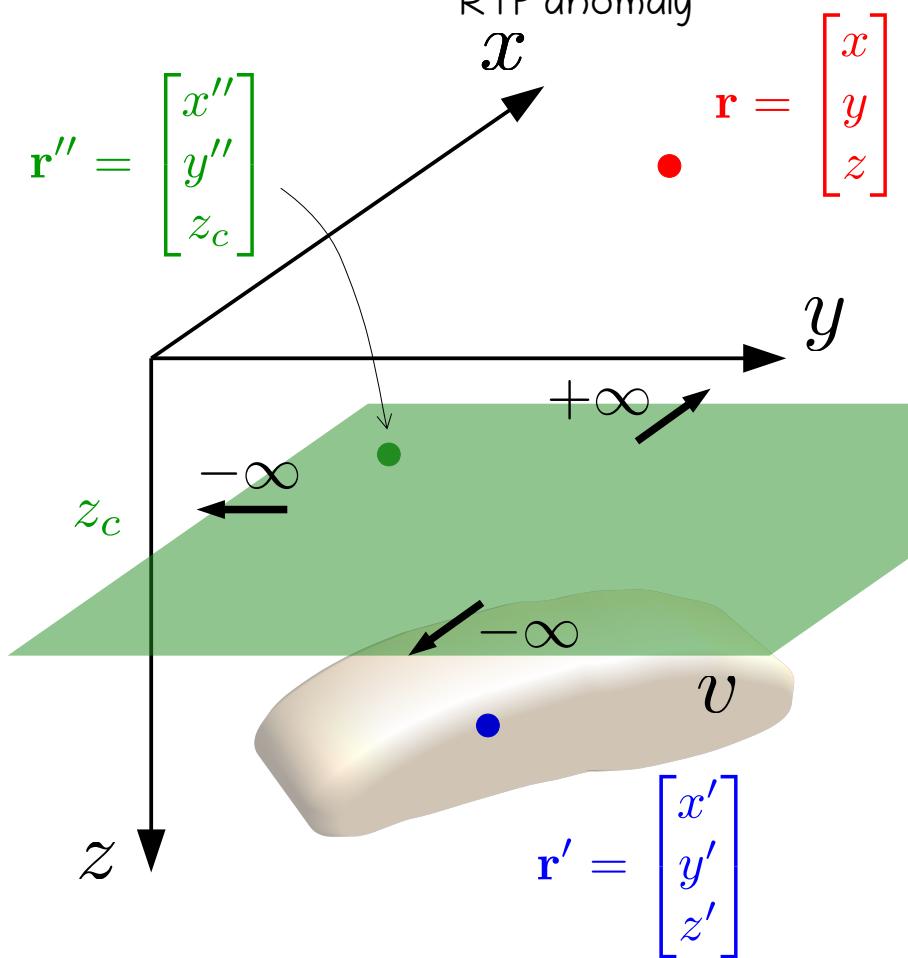
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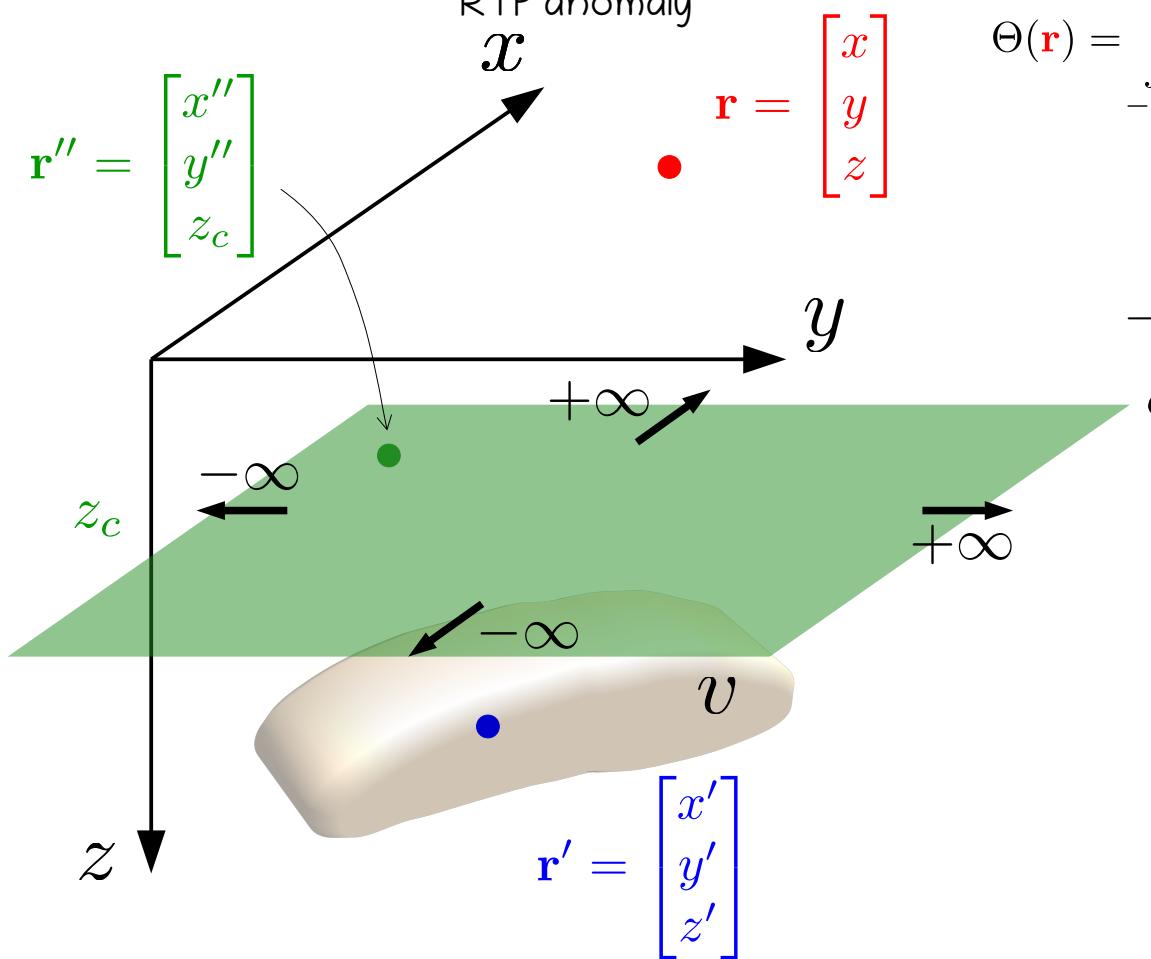
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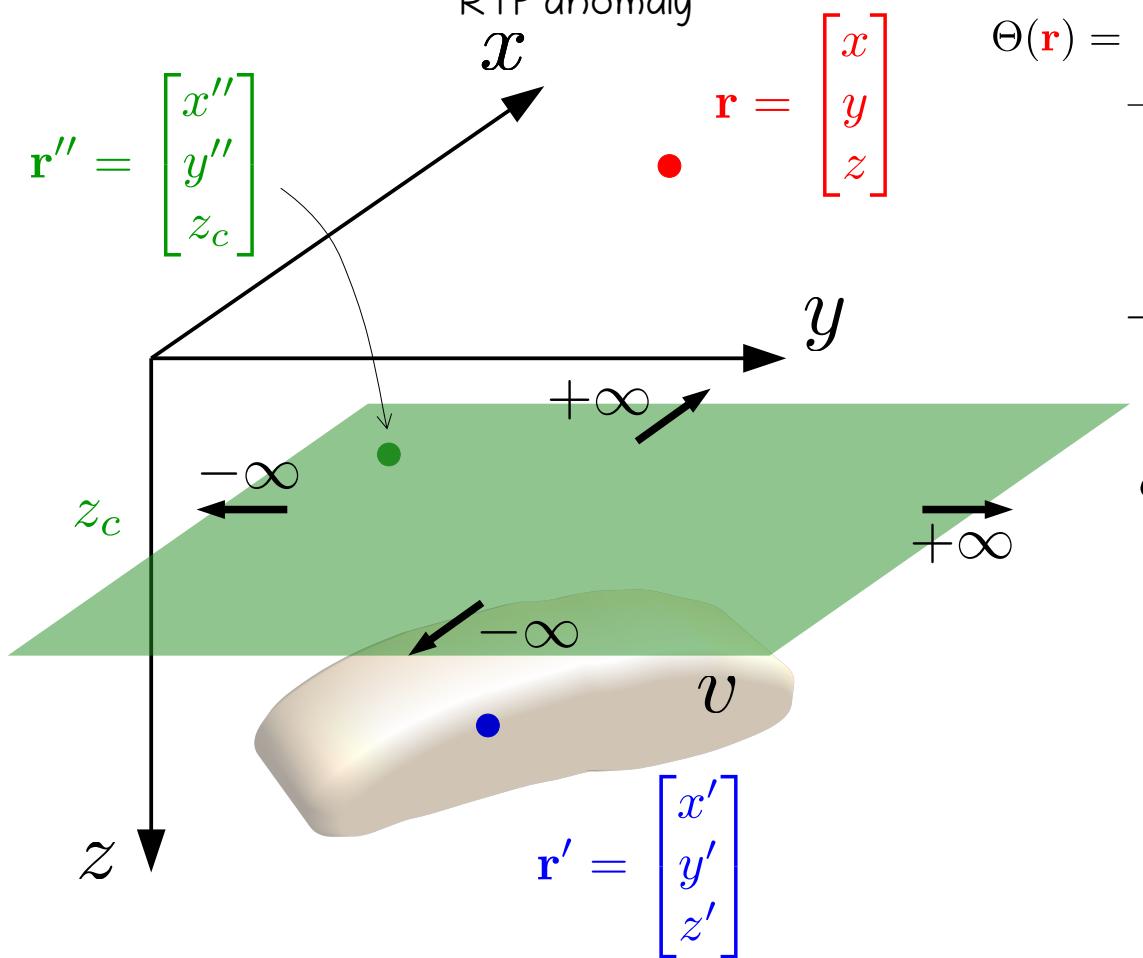
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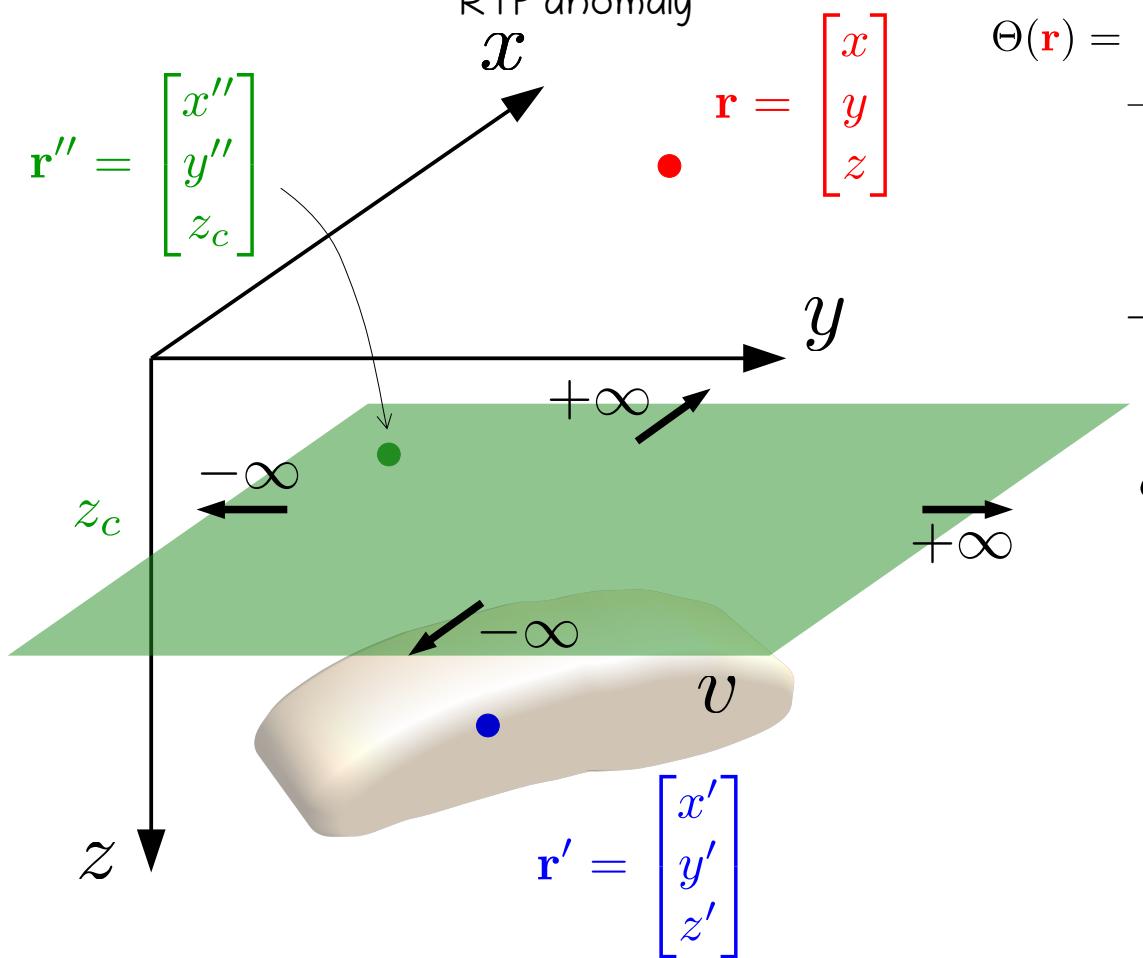
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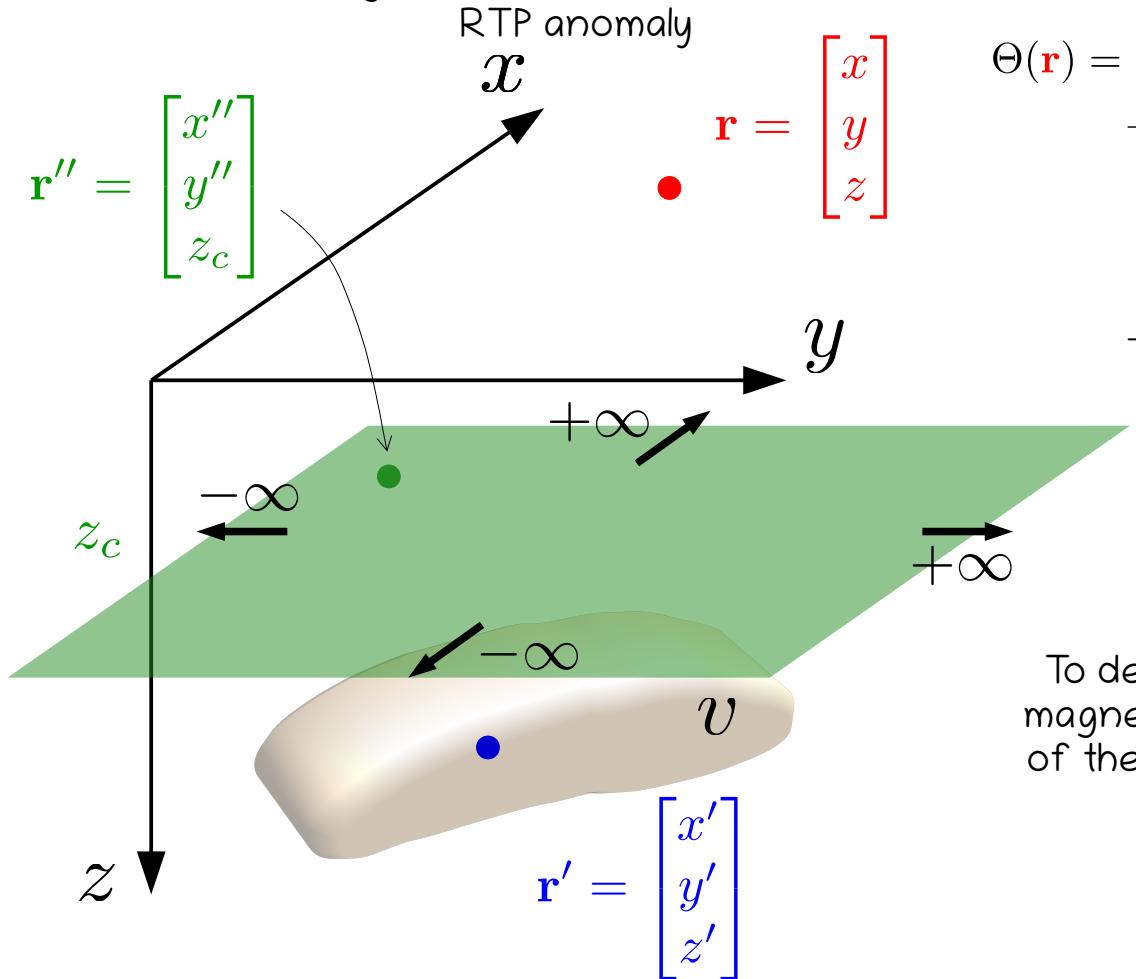
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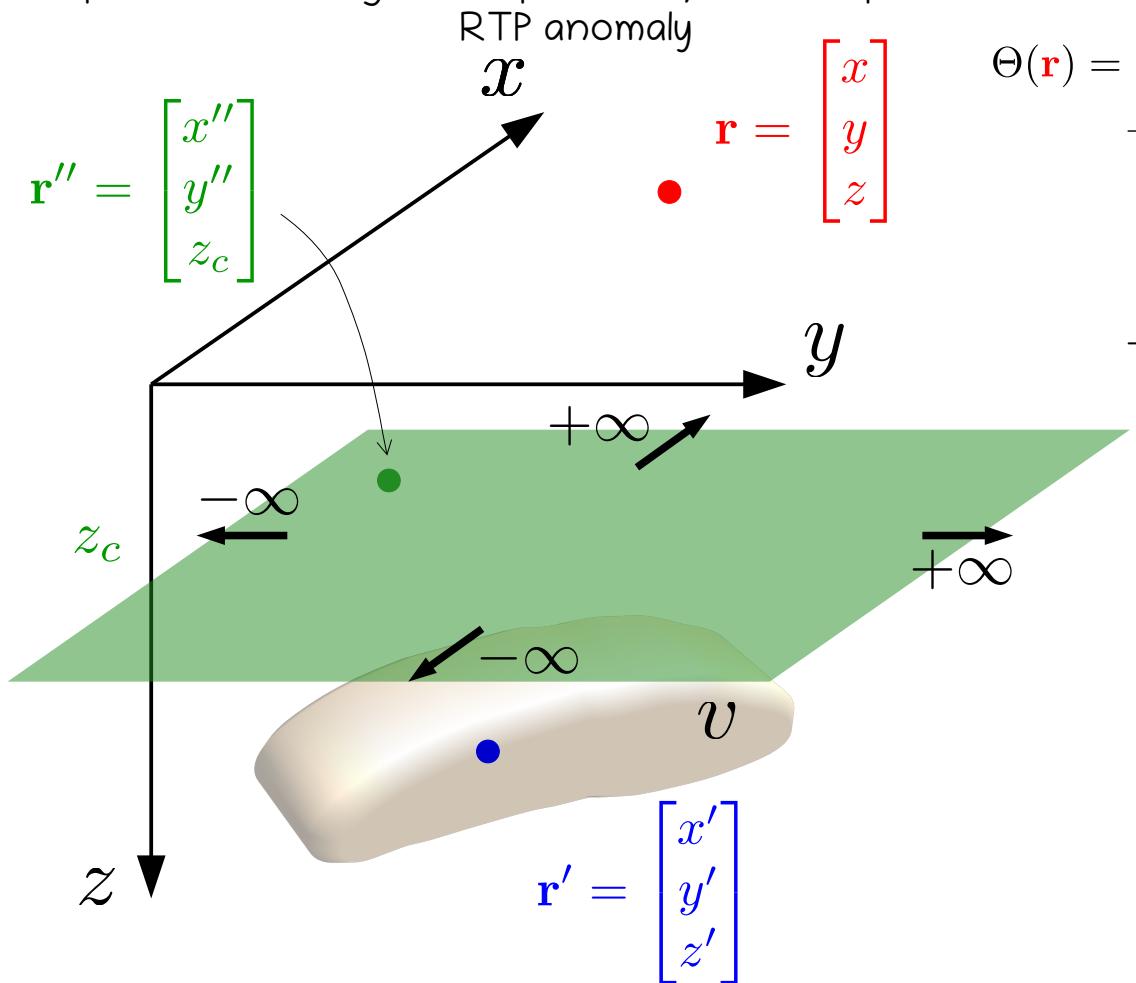
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To deduce the analytical eq. layer associated with these magnetic field quantities, we have to compute derivatives of the equation below with respect to the coordinates of the observation point \mathbf{r}

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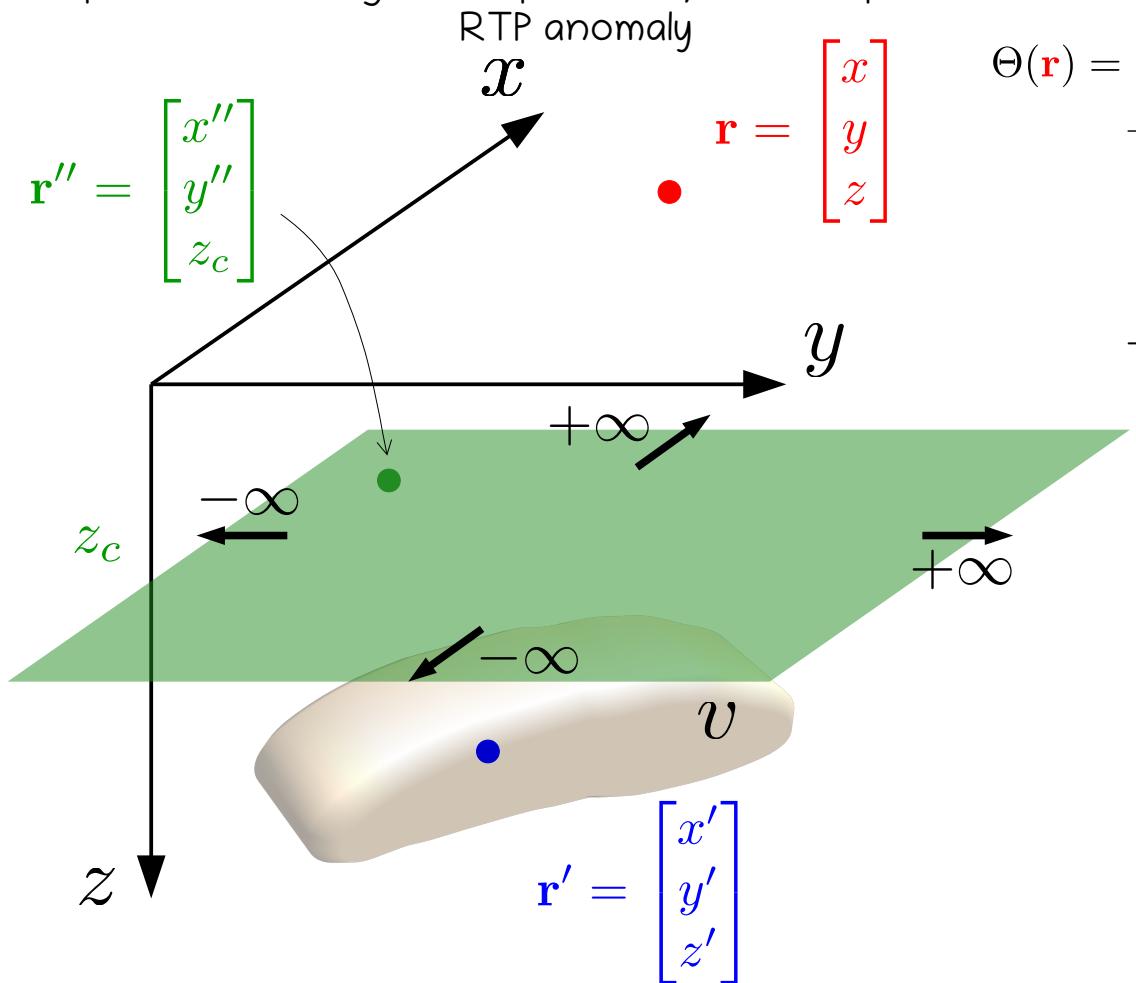
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These derivatives, however, affect only this term

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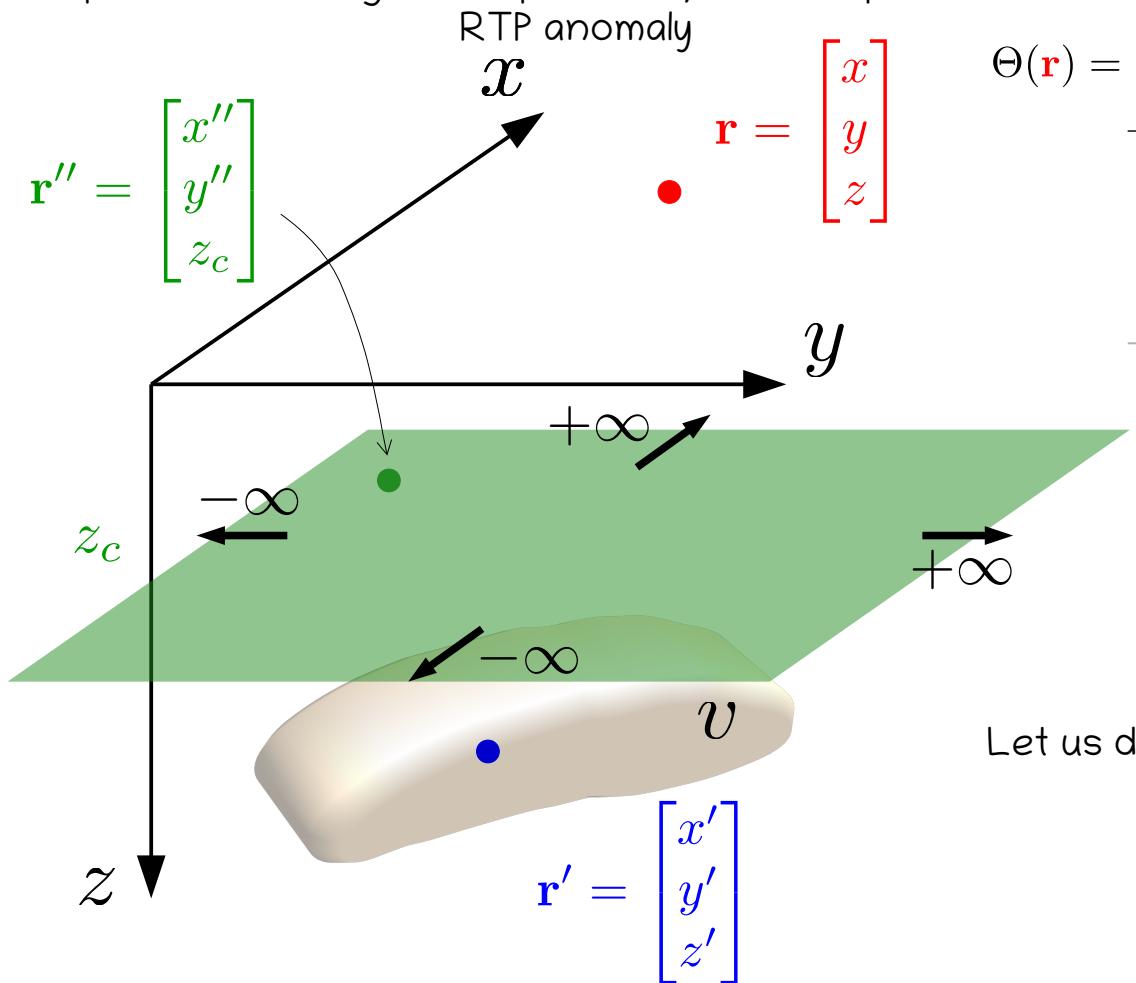
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Hence, all these quantities are defined in terms of the same eq. layer

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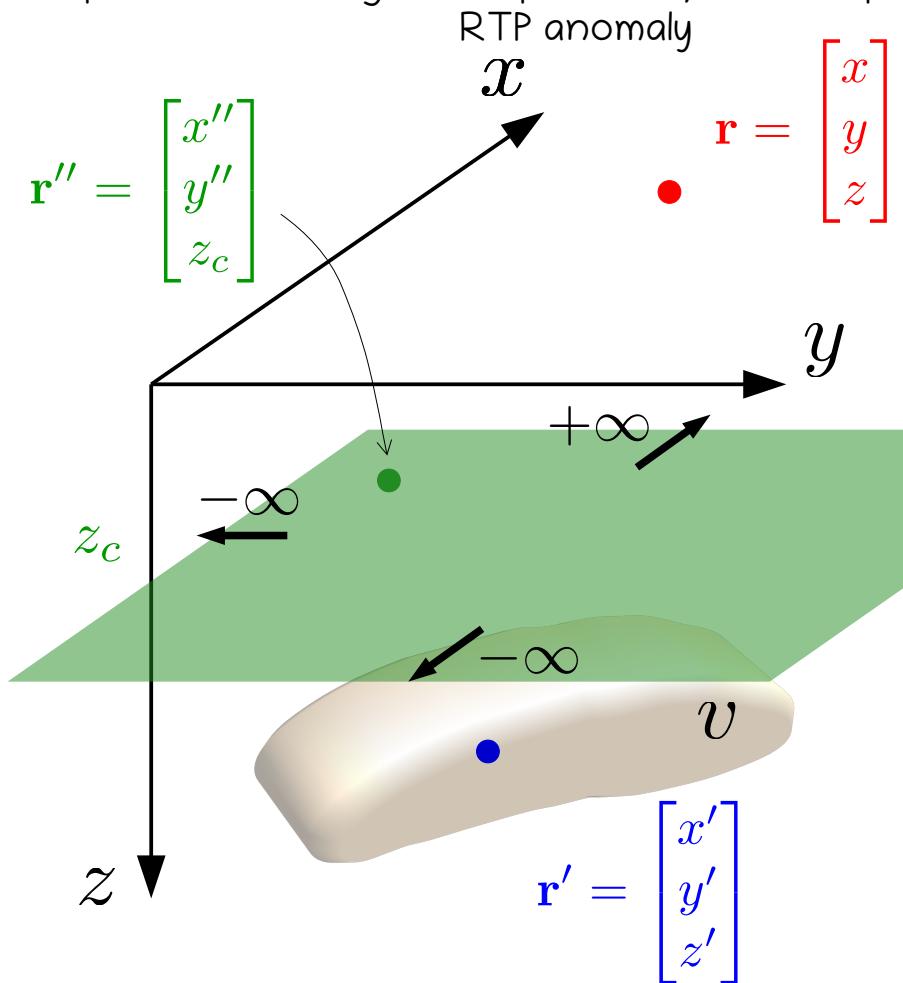
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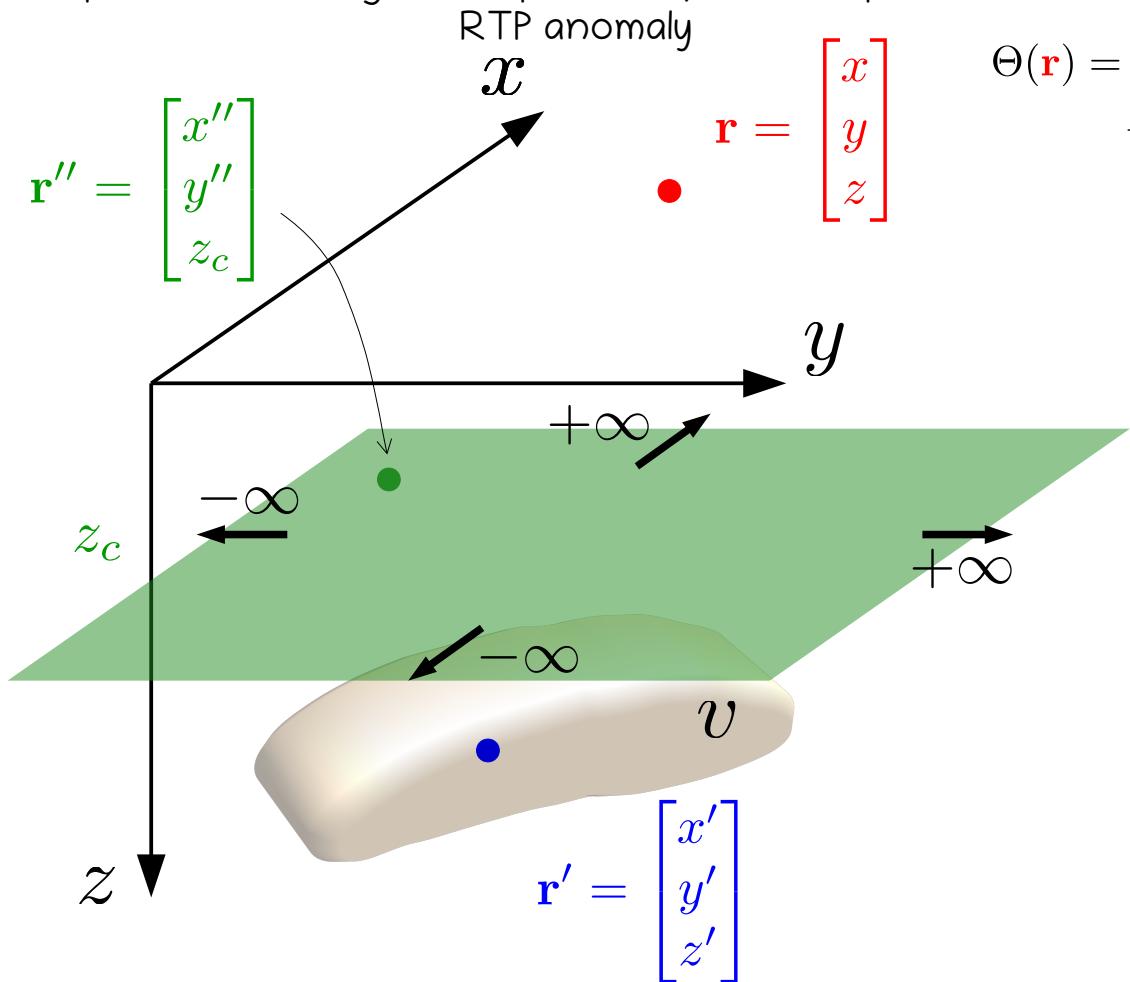
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