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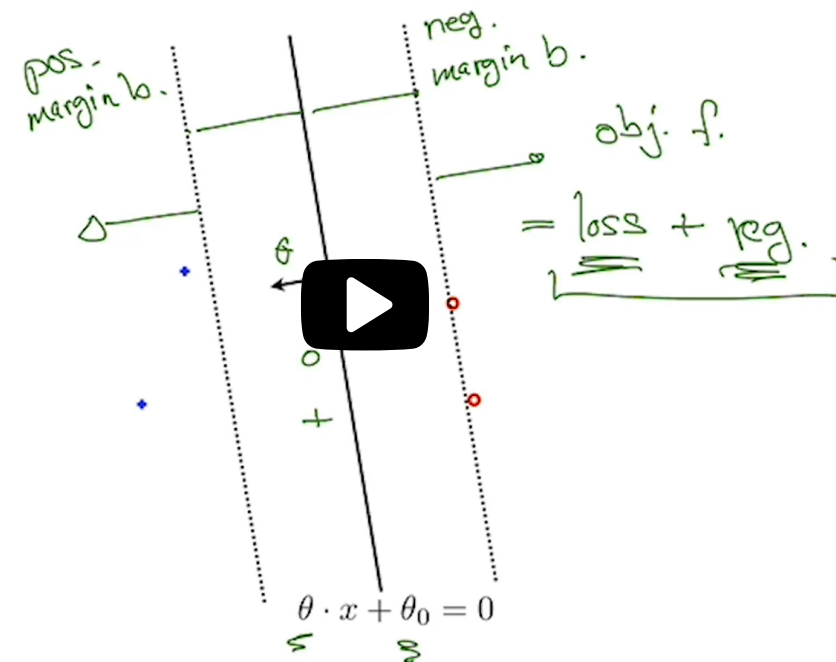
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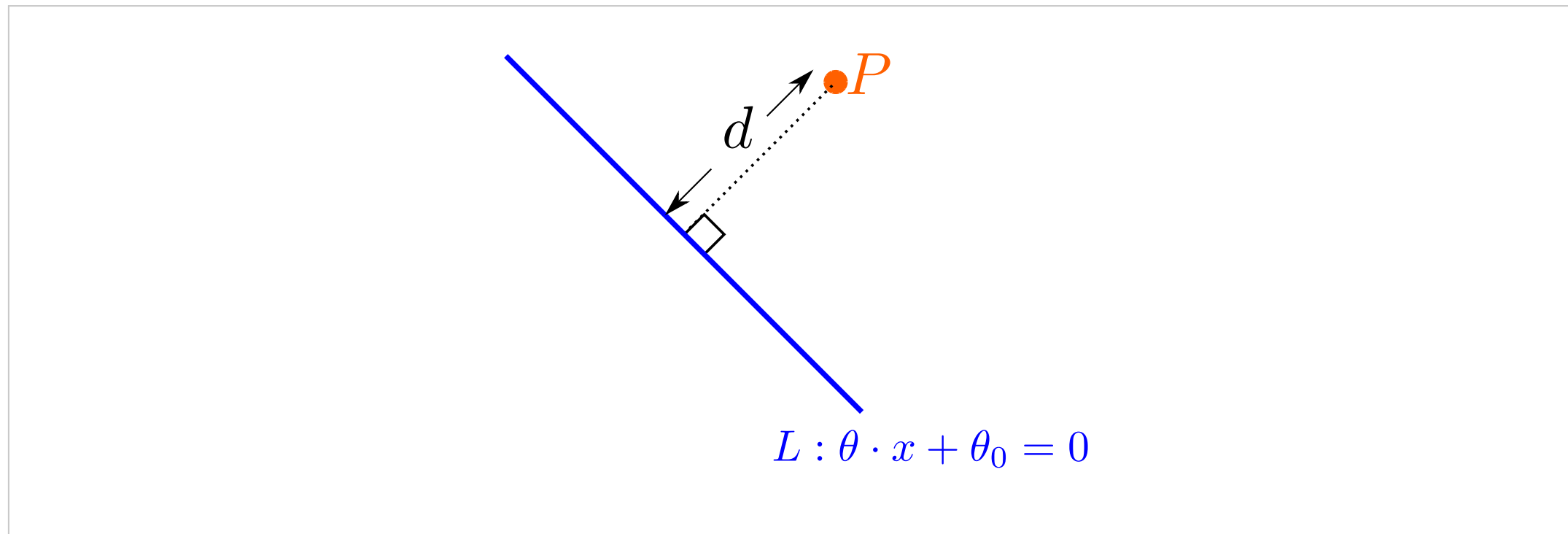
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Consider a line L in \mathbb{R}^2 given by the equation

$$L : \theta \cdot x + \theta_0 = 0$$

where θ is a vector normal to the line L . Let the point P be the endpoint of a vector x_0 (so the coordinates of P equal the components of x_0).

What is the shortest distance d between the line L and the point P ? Express d in terms of θ, θ_0, x, x_0 .



$d =$

☐ $\frac{|\theta \cdot x + \theta_0|}{\|\theta\|}$

☒ $\frac{|\theta \cdot x_0 + \theta_0|}{\|\theta\|}$ ✓

☐ $\frac{|\theta \cdot \theta_0 + \theta_0|}{\|\theta\|}$

$|\theta \cdot x_0 + \theta_0|$

Solution:

If there is no offset θ_0 , The distance d is the projection from x_0 to θ , which is $\frac{|x_0 \cdot \theta|}{||\theta||}$ (definition of projection). With the offset θ_0 added, d is $\frac{|x_0 \cdot \theta + \theta_0|}{||\theta||}$. Thus the distance from a $L : \theta \cdot x + \theta_0 = 0$ to the point $P = x_0$ is given by $\frac{|\theta \cdot x_0 + \theta_0|}{||\theta||}$.

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