The concepts about space and coordinate are very different. Space is object and coordinate is the description of the object. This situation looks like the relation between tiger and that large fierce animal. Tiger is just the name or label of that kind of animal, not the essence of animal itself. Coordinates are just the label of points in the space.

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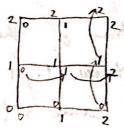
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Space is a very simple concept. This It can be equal with the the concept of set. And point can be equal with the concept of element. Coordinates are the labels of or names of these elements.

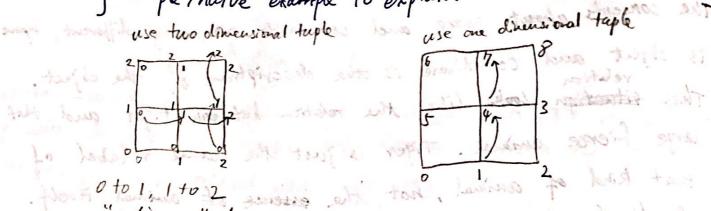
Cartesian space and Cartesian coordinates are the basic concepts of analytical geometry. This kind of space can be labeled by continuous real number interval or the tuple of this kind of intervals. We know real number interval is a complicated mosthematical object and the basic property of real continuous real number interval is continuity. That means Cartesian space is a text kind of continuous space and we can do calculus on it.

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continuous space by lower dimensional real number tuple. We use a very simil use a very simple/naive example to explain this.



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We must pay attention to a the truth that Cartesian space is just a kind of set and nothing except a set. The tet cleanents of the set can be takeld labeled by continuous real number. Except that, Cartesian space does not have any kind of other structure. This means there is no geometry on the pure Cartesian space.

There is no geometry on a pure Cartesian space, because the centre concept of a geometry has been bost. The lost concept is estent the distance between two point in the space (i.e. the measurement on the space). On the one hand, We need define the distance of any two points on of the space. On the other hand, this The lost concept is the length of continuous curve on the space (i.e., the measurement on the space). We also know that we can calculate the length of any care curve if we have defined the distance of two points which are infinitely close

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If a metric matrix (recisely speaking, metric tensor) is

positive defined definite at every any point of the space, this kind of space is called Riemannian space. Ulteriorly, is the positive definite matrices change to identity matrix matrices under one coordinates, the space is called Euclidean space. Similarly, we can provide the concepts about pseudo-Riemannian Space and Minkowski space.