

Eigendecomposition



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$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

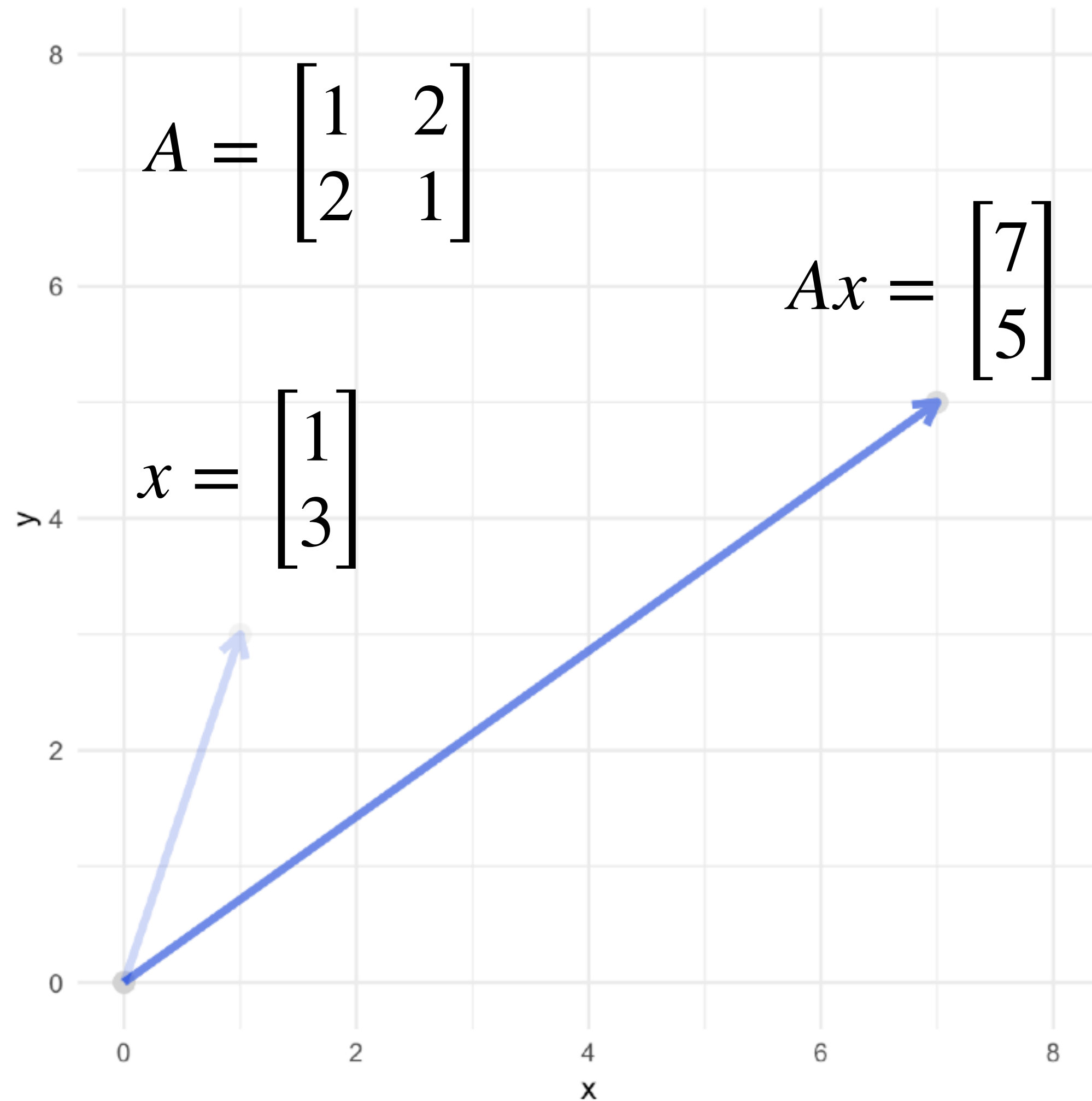
$$x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$Ax = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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For a given square matrix A , there are **special vectors** which refuse to stray from their path

