Subspaces

Geometric Algorithms
Lecture 15

CAS CS 132

Introduction

Recap Problem

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$R_2 \leftarrow 2R_2$

swap(R_2, R_3)

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Consider the following pair of matrices A and B which are row equivalent. Write down a sequence of row operations from A to B and find a matrix E such that $EA = B$.

Answer

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Objectives

1. Introduce the fundamental notions of subspaces and bases.
2. Extend our intuitions about planes in $\mathbb{R}^3$ to subspaces in $\mathbb{R}^n$.
3. Connected subspaces to matrices so that we can use the techniques we been honing in this course.

Keywords

subspace

closed under addition

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column space

null space

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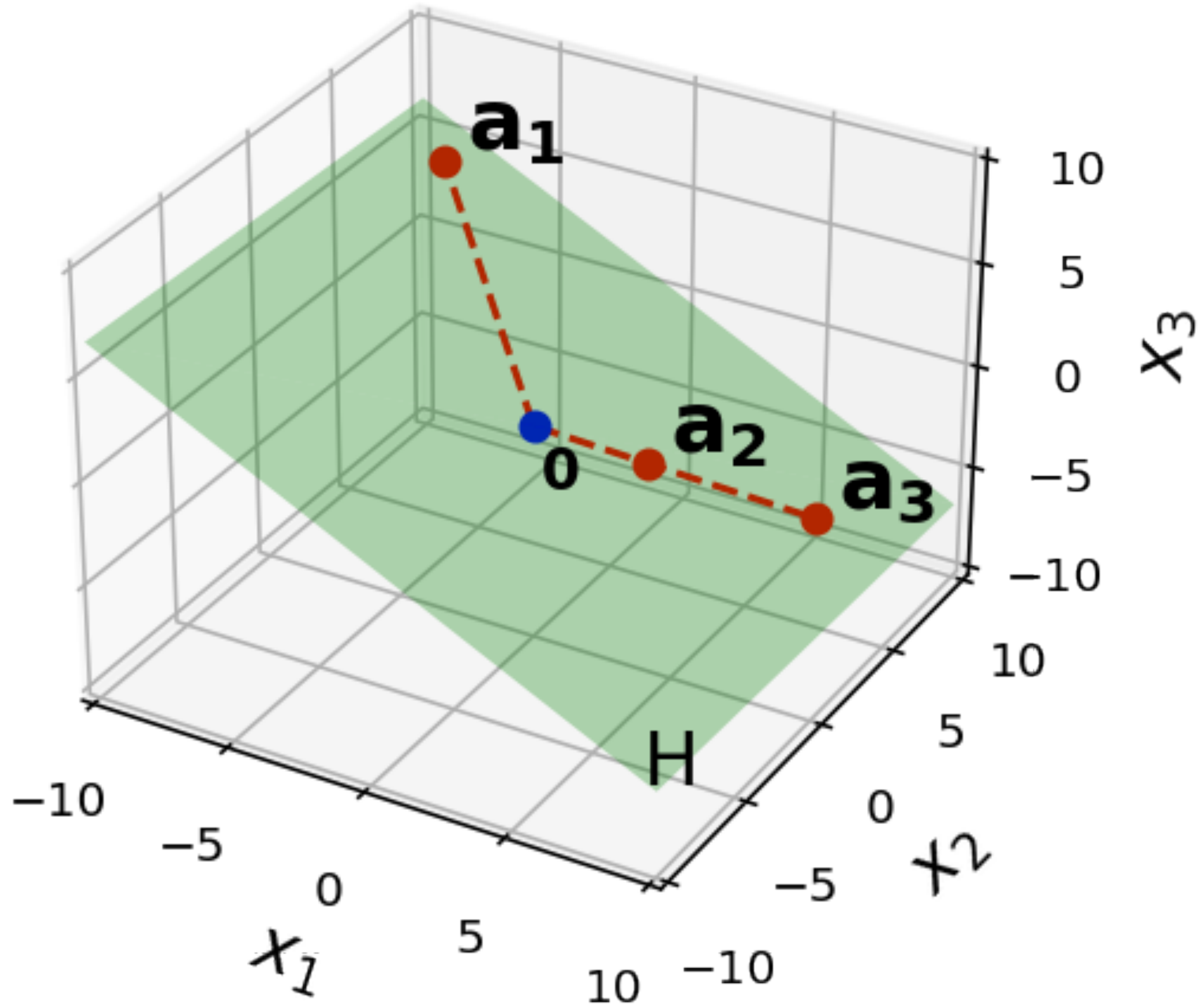

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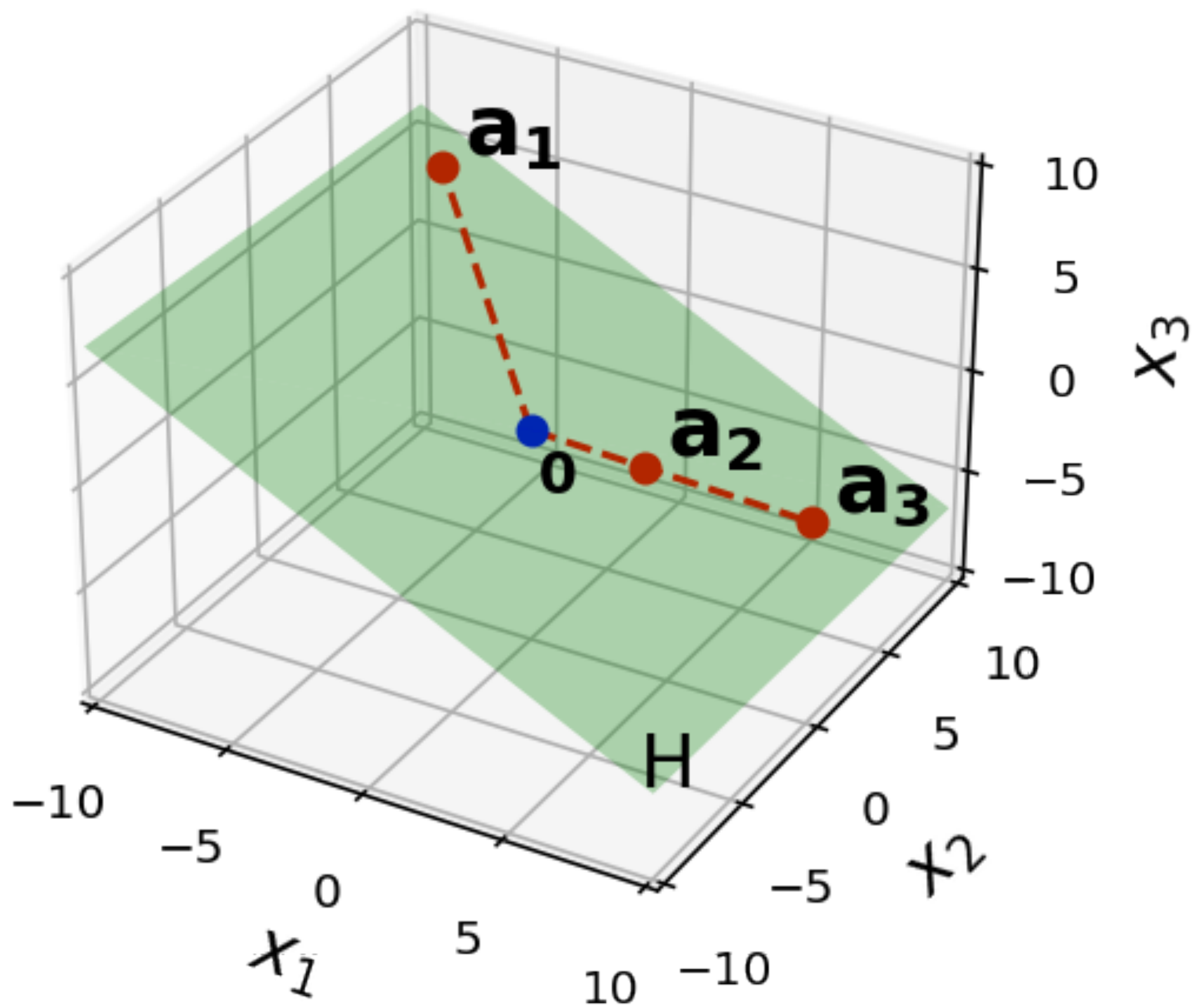

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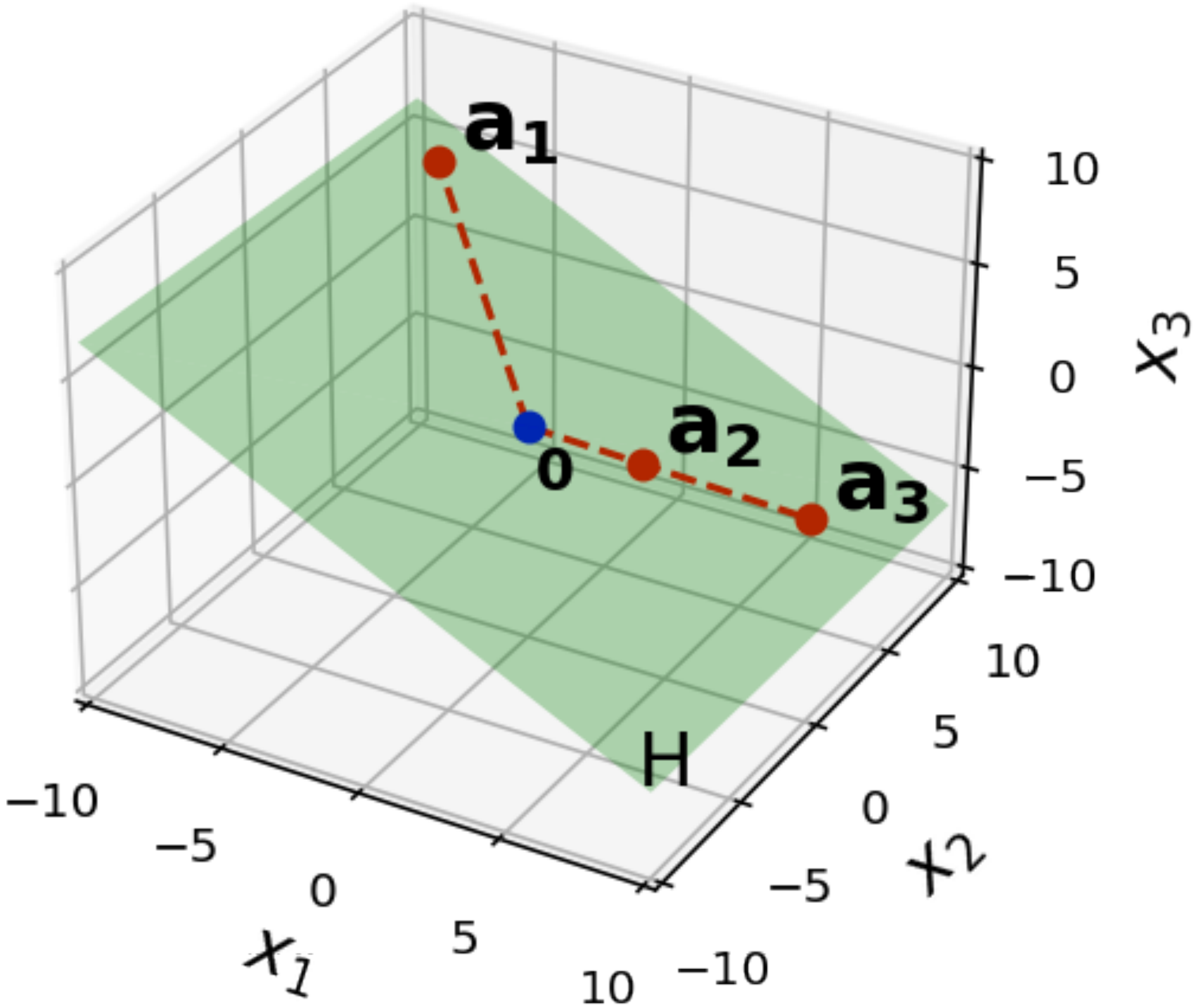

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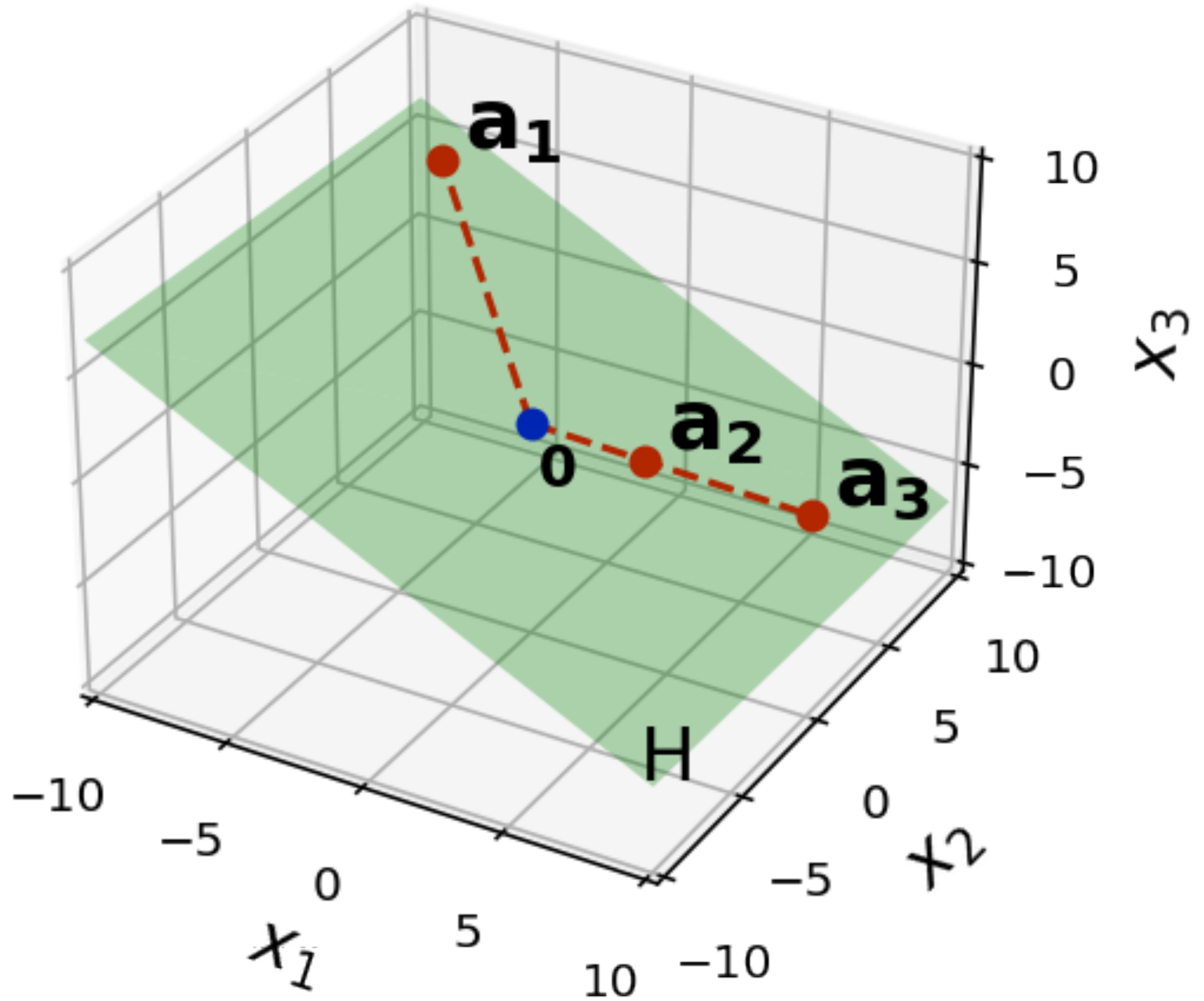

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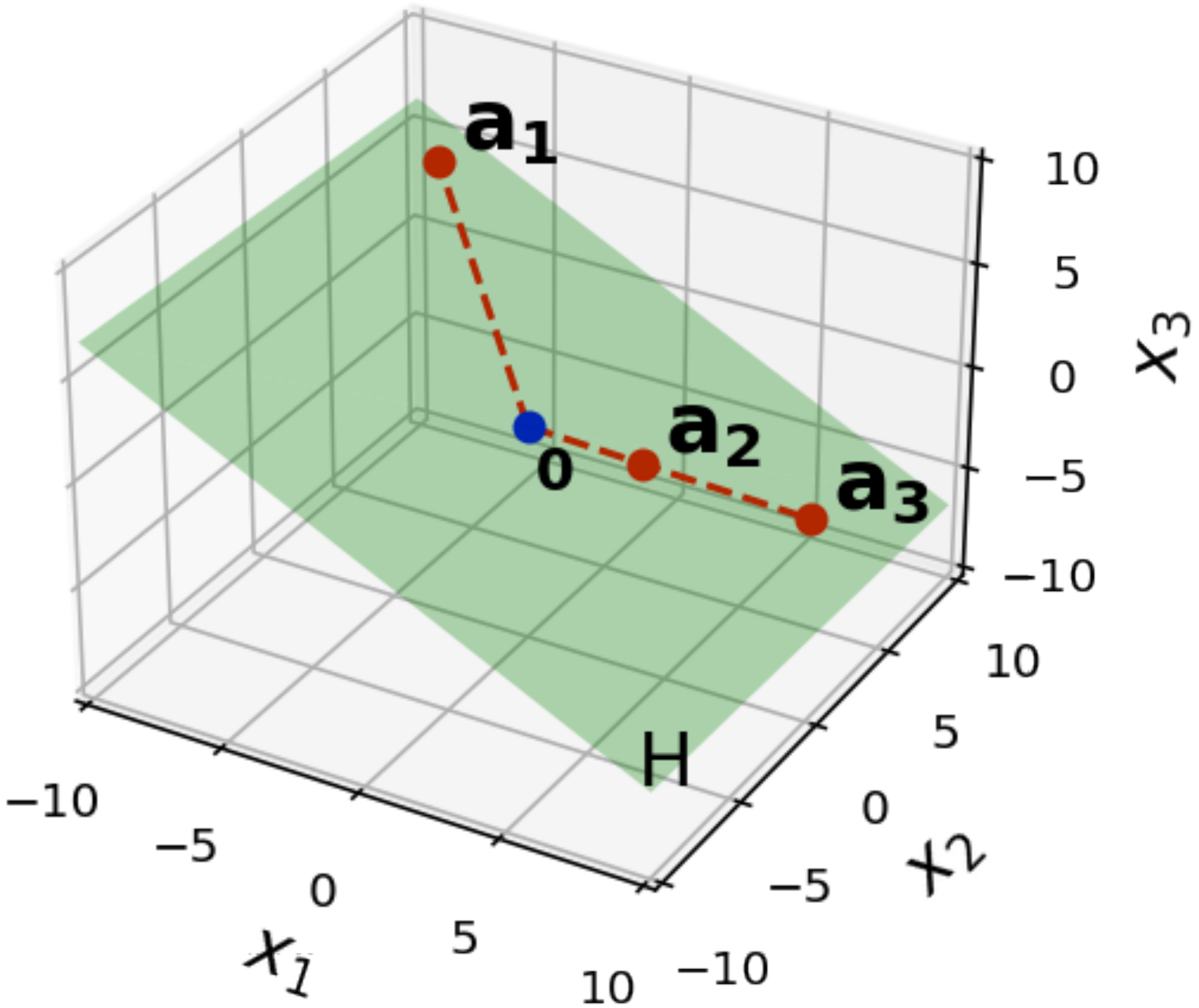

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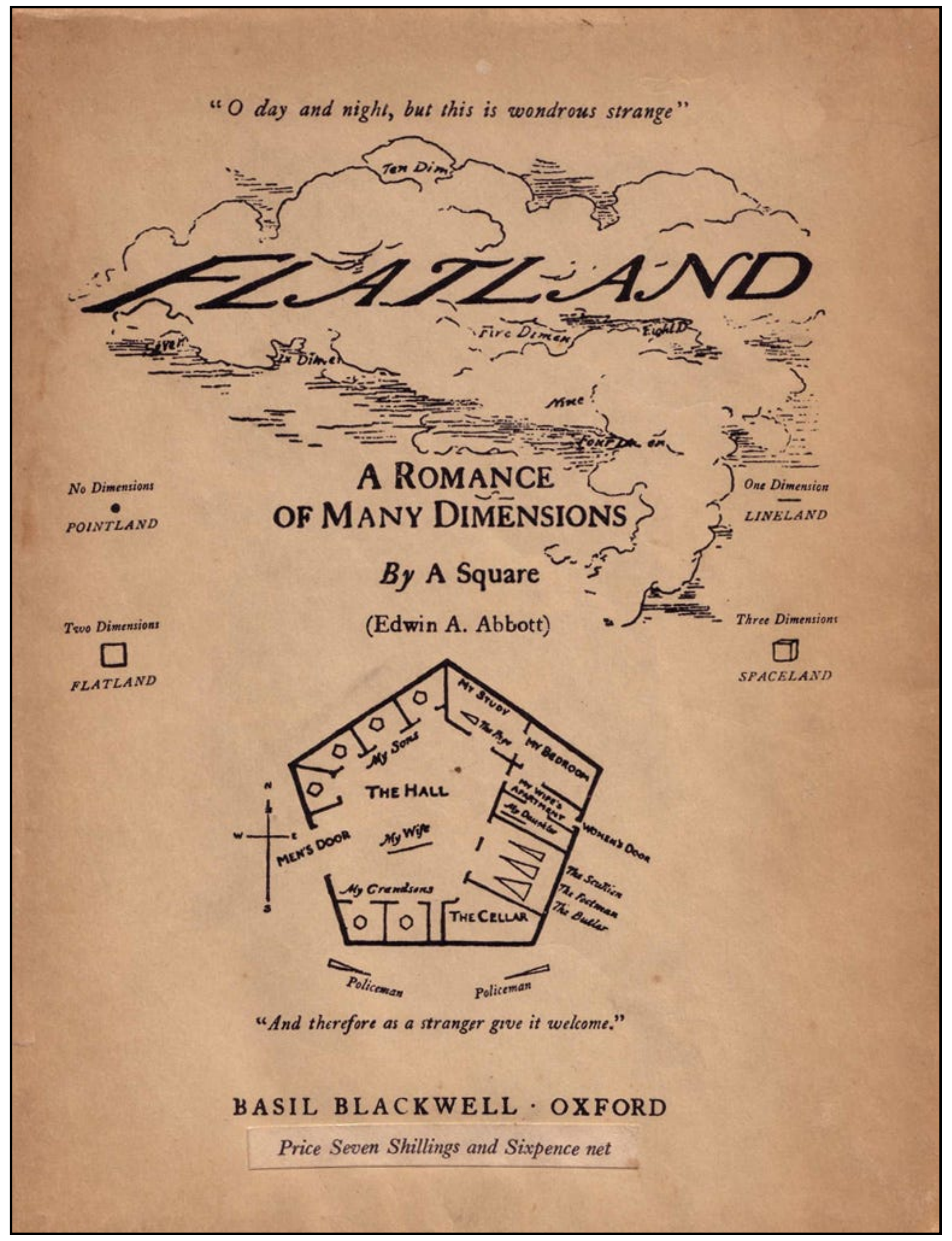

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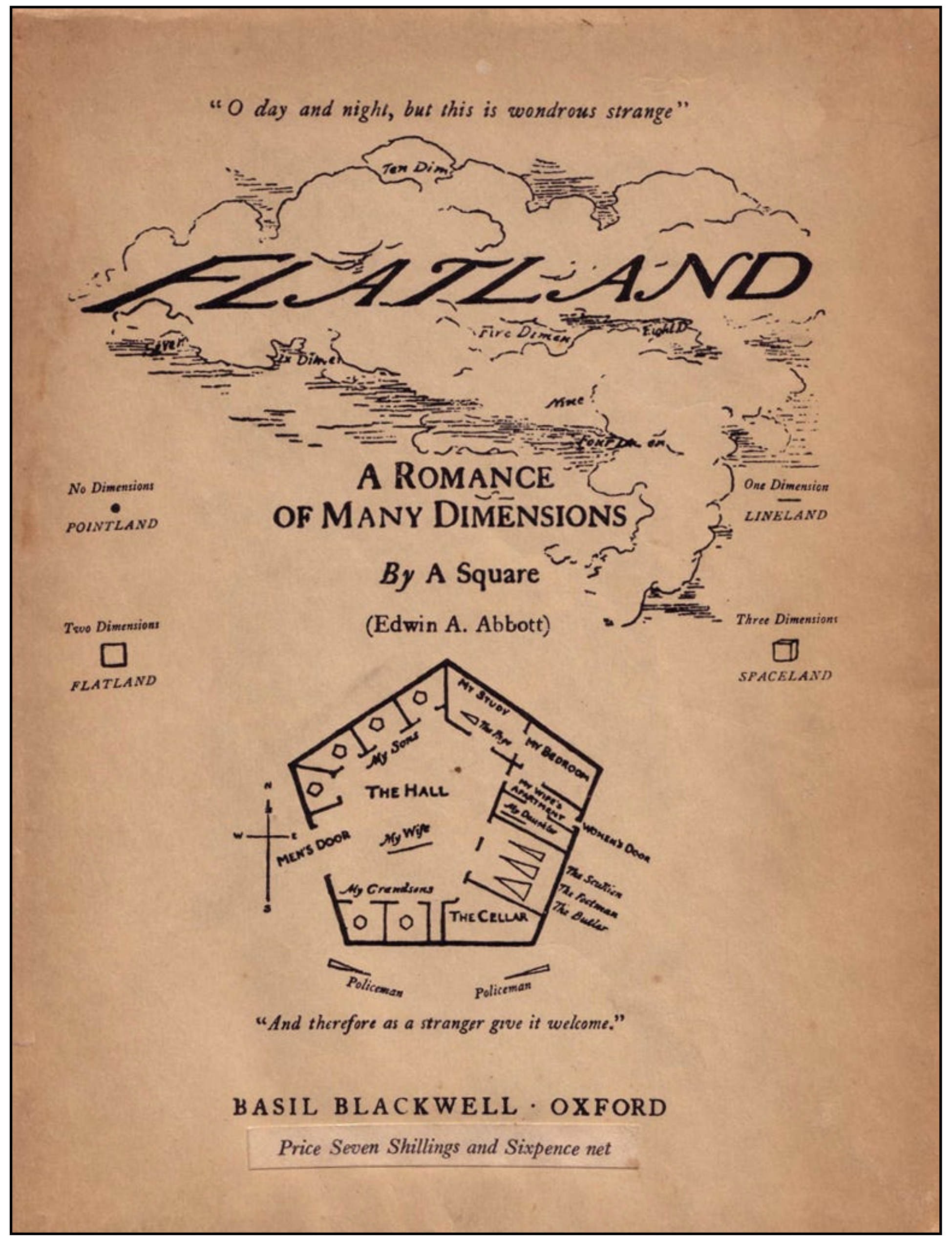

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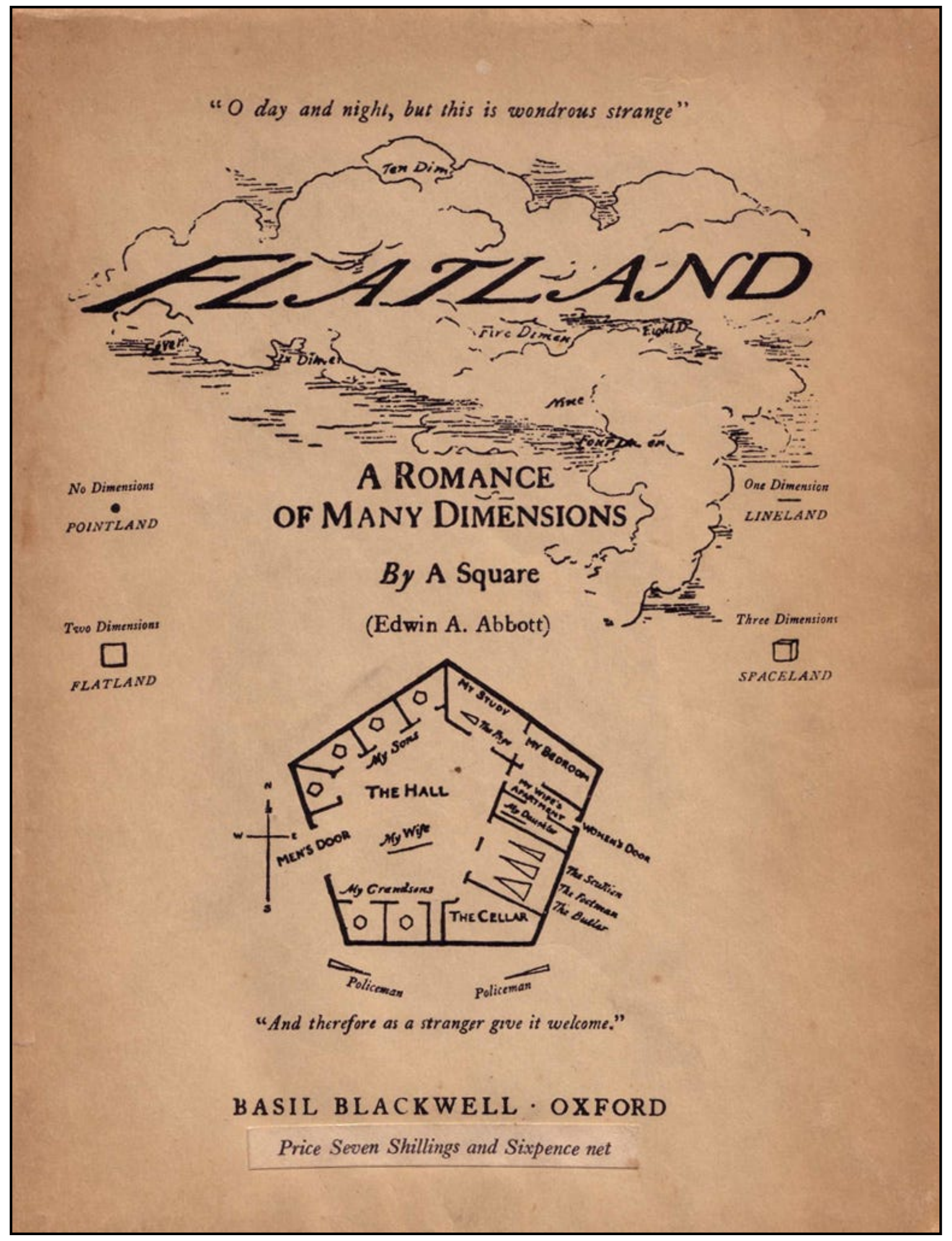

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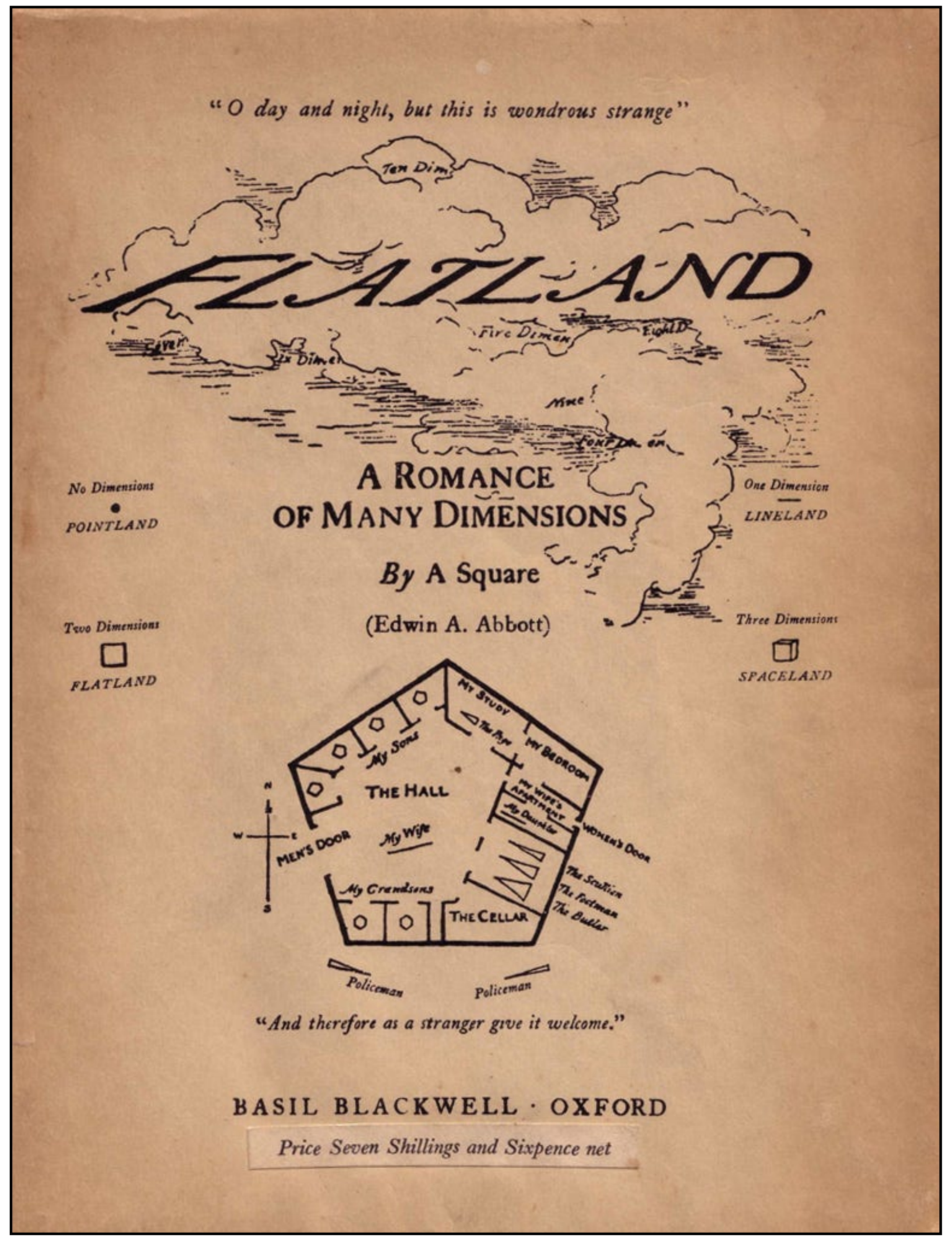
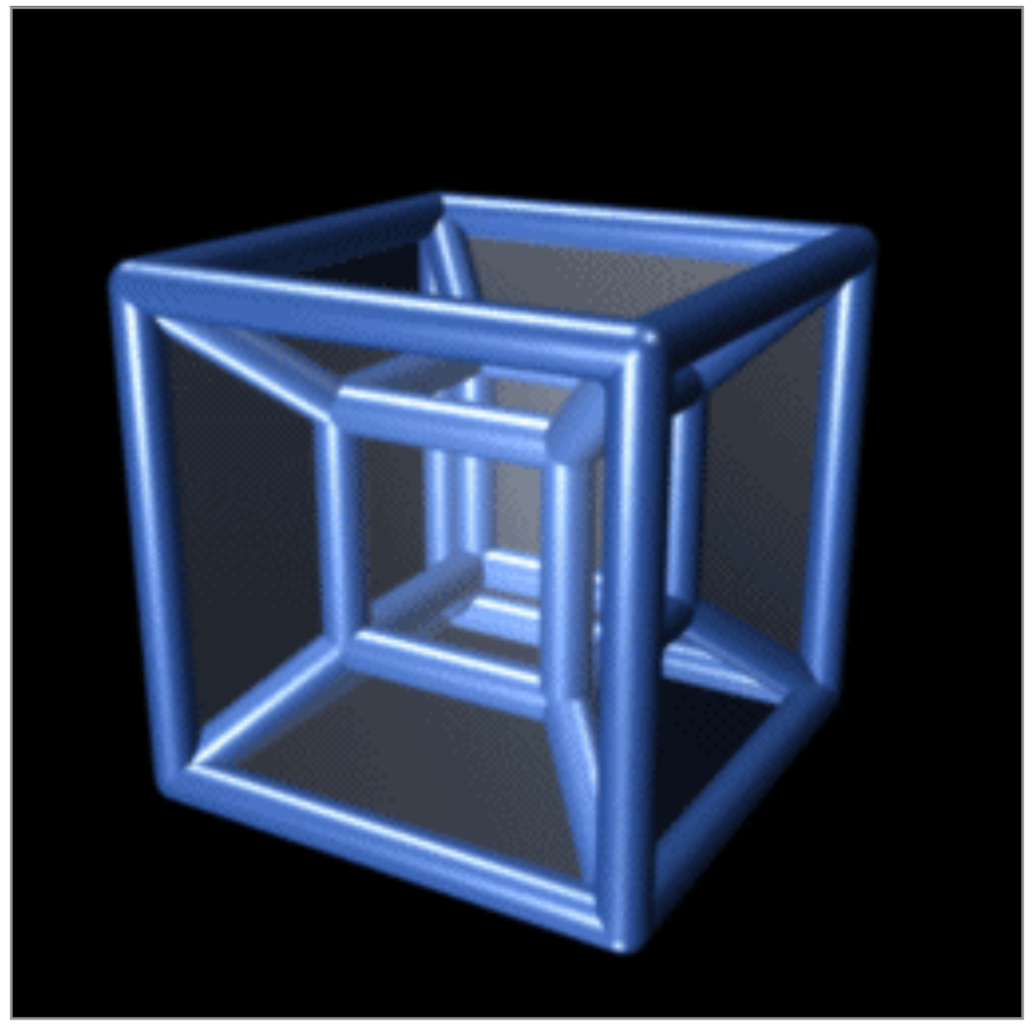


Projection of the 4D cube



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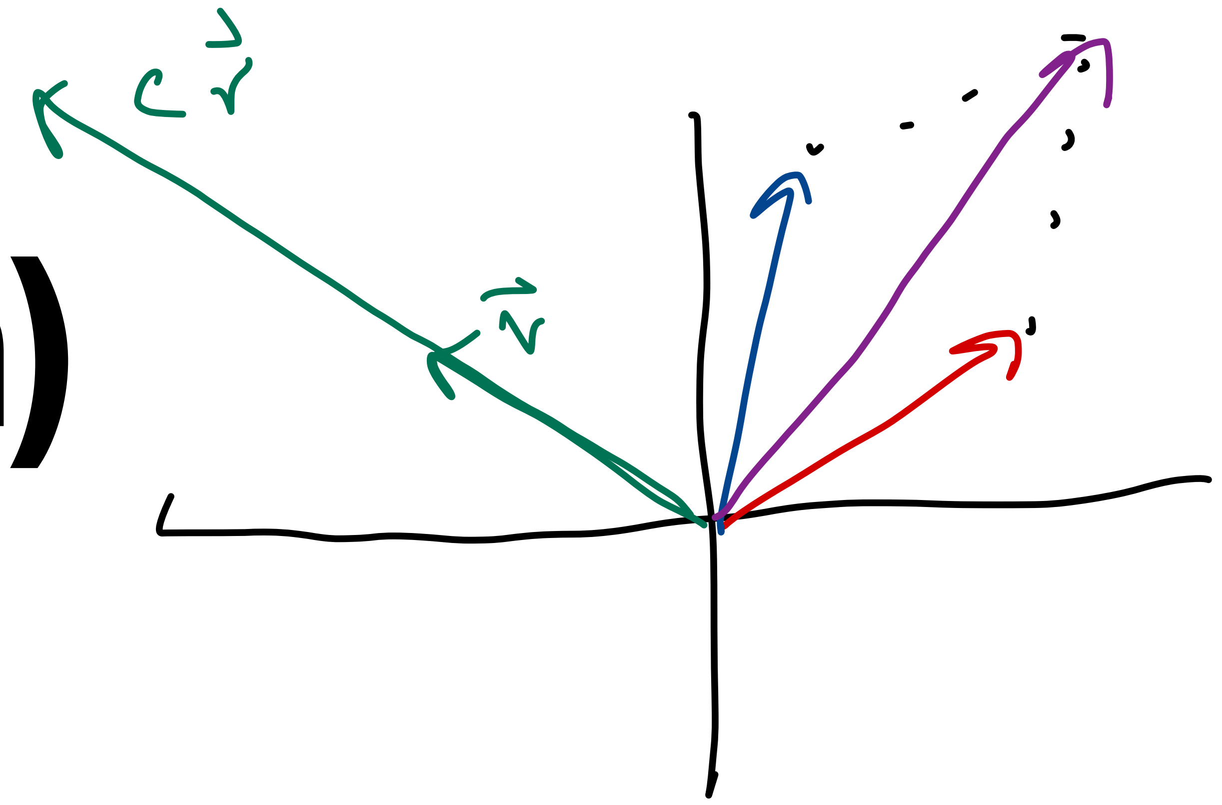

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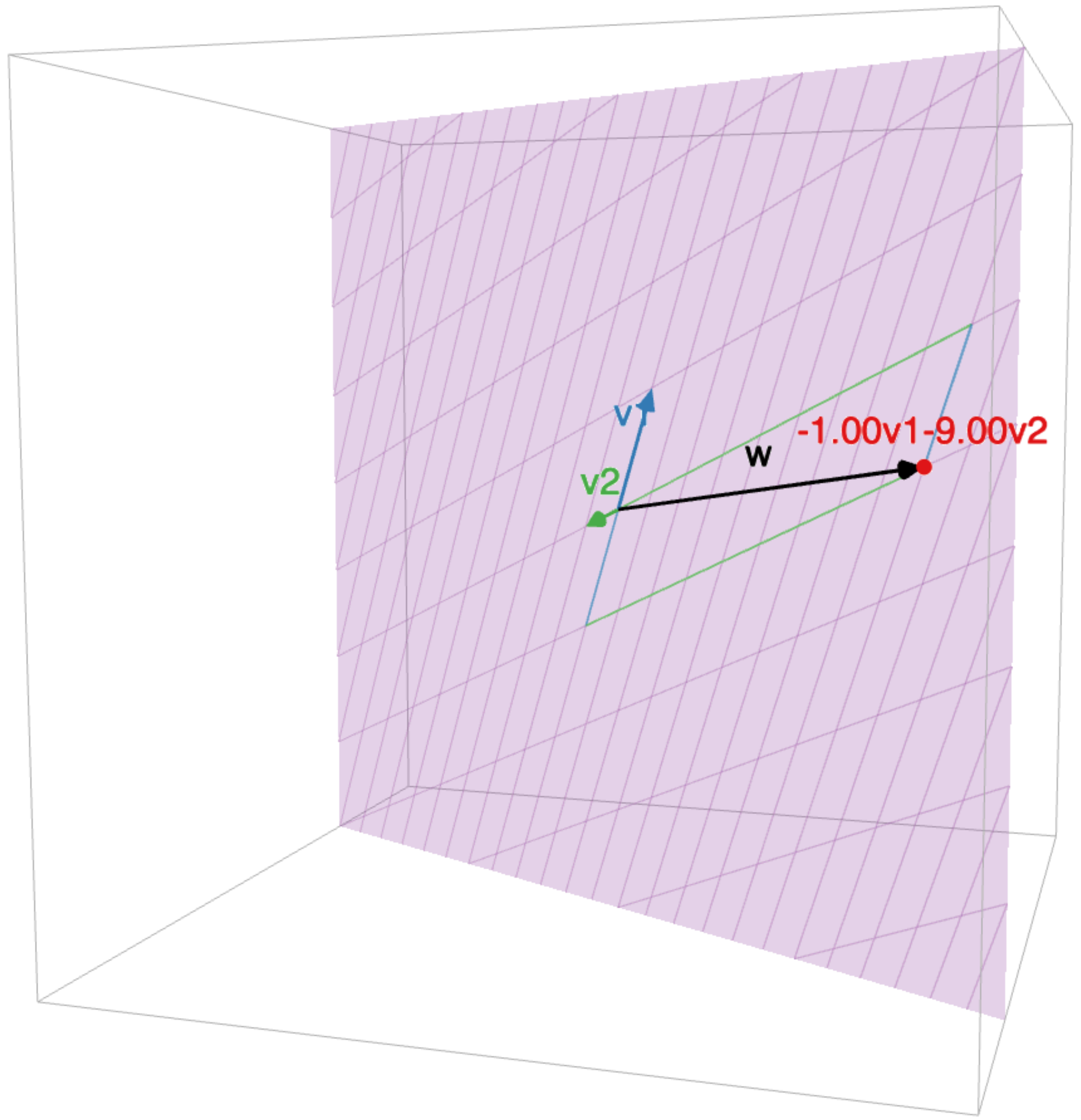
!! Subspaces must "live" somewhere !!

How to Think About this Definition

It's not possible to "leave" H by addition or scaling.

(recall this is also how we discussed spans)



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Subspaces must include the origin

$\vec{0} = 0\vec{r} \in H$

Fact. For any subspace H of $\mathbb{R}^n$, the zero vector is in H. In set notation: $\mathbf{0} \in H$

"in"
"is an element of"

Verify:

$\vec{v} \in H$ $(-1)\vec{r} \in H$ by closure under scaling

$\vec{v} + (-1)\vec{v} \in H$ by closure under add.

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Show that $\mathbf{0}$ is not in H.

Example: The Origin

Fact. The set $\{\mathbf{0}_n\}$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$

Verify:

① closure under addition: $u, v \in \{\vec{0}\}$ then $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$, $\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

$\vec{u} + \vec{v} = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0} \in \{\vec{0}\}$

② closure under scaling: $u \in \{\vec{0}\}$ $\vec{u} = \vec{0}$

$c\vec{0} = \vec{0} \in \{\vec{0}\}$

Example: $\mathbb{R}^n$

Fact. The set $\mathbb{R}^n$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$ (in other words, $\mathbb{R}^n$ is a subspace of itself).

① $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ then $\vec{u} + \vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ✓

② $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ then $c\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ✓

② exercise

Example: Spans

Fact. For any set of vectors $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_k$ of $\mathbb{R}^n$, the set $\text{span}\{\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{v}_k\}$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Verify: $k = 2$ case

① given $\vec{u}, \vec{w} \in \text{span}\{\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2\}$ we know

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

$\vec{w} = b_1\vec{v}_1 + b_2\vec{v}_2$

$\vec{u} + \vec{w} = a_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2 + b_1\vec{v}_1 + b_2\vec{v}_2$

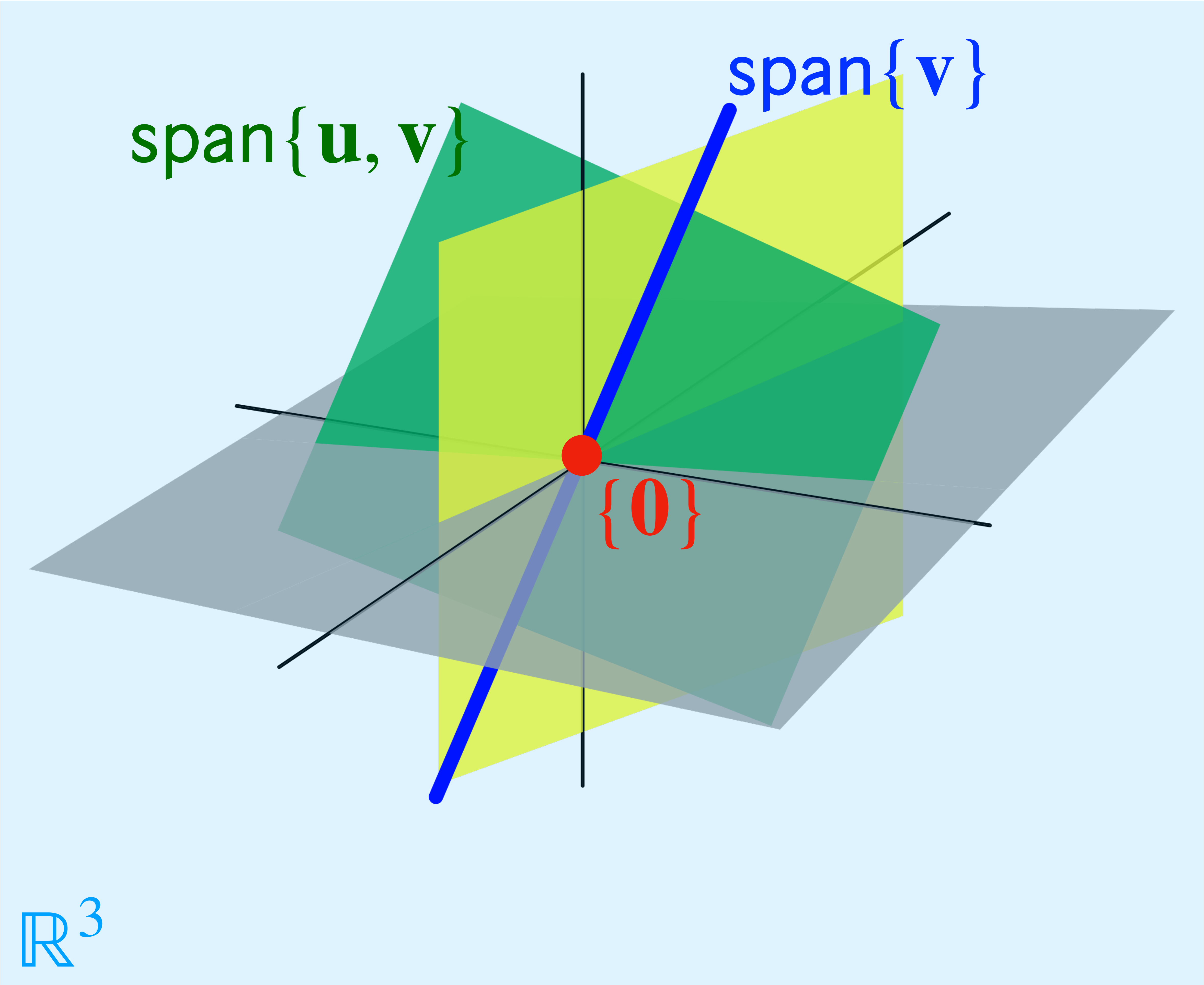
$= a_1\vec{v}_1 + b_1\vec{v}_1 + a_2\vec{v}_2 + b_2\vec{v}_2$

$= (a_1 + b_1)\vec{v}_1 + (a_2 + b_2)\vec{v}_2$

Subspace in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (Geometrically)

There are only 4 kinds of subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^3$:

1. $\{\mathbf{0}\}$ just the origin
2. lines (through the origin)
3. planes (through the origin)
4. All of $\mathbb{R}^3$



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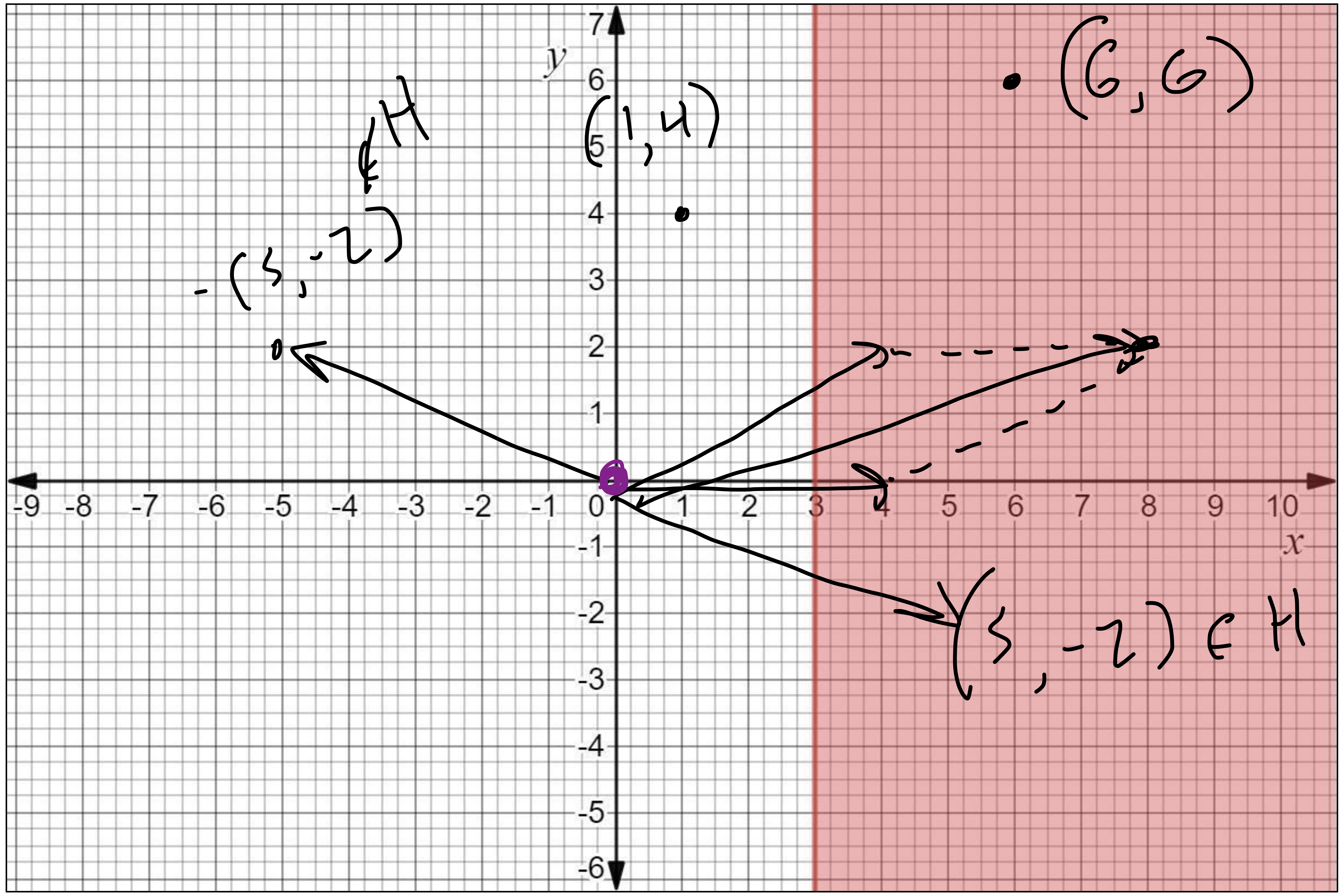
Non-Example: Bounded Sets

H =

Fact. The set $\{(x, y) : x \geq 3\}$ is *not* a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^2$.

Verify:

Does not contain origin



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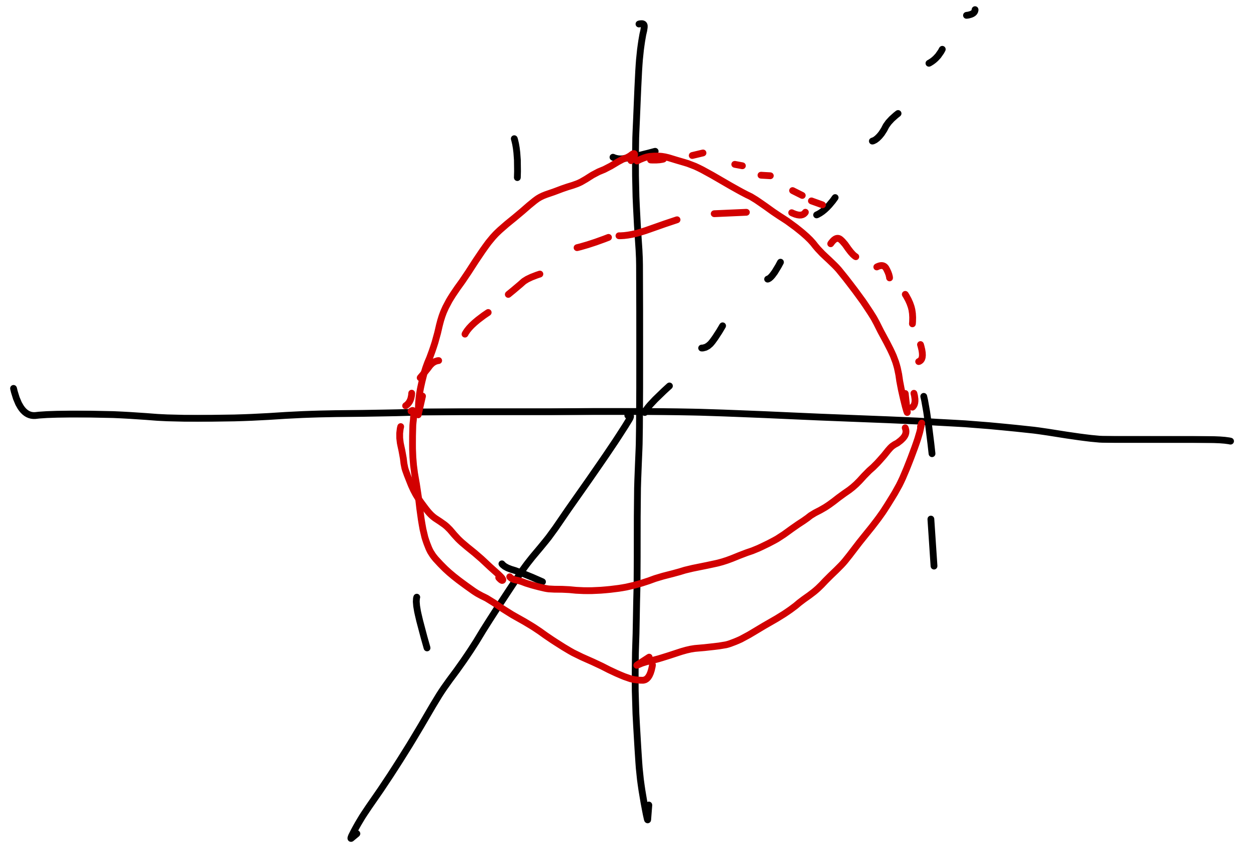

1. Show that the unit sphere $\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1\}$ is not a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^3$.

what about ≤ 1 ?

2. Show that the range of a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^2$$

$\text{rang}(T) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

Answer (1)

$\{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \neq 1\}$

$H = \{(x, y, z) : x^2 + y^2 + z^2 \leq 1\}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \notin H$$

H does not contain the origin

Answer (2)

$T : \mathbb{R}^m \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is a lin. trans.

Suppose A implements T

$x \mapsto Ax$ range(T) = span{columns of A}

(1) $\vec{u}, \vec{r} \in$ range(T), then there are $\vec{a}, \vec{b}$ s.t.

$T(\vec{a}) = \vec{u}$ $T(\vec{b}) = \vec{r}$

$\vec{a} \xrightarrow{T} \vec{u}$

$\vec{u} + \vec{r} = T(\vec{a}) + T(\vec{b}) = T(\vec{a}+\vec{b})$

(by linearity)

$\vec{b} \xrightarrow{T} \vec{r}$

$\vec{a}+\vec{b} \xrightarrow{T} \vec{u}+\vec{r}$

$$x \mapsto Ax$$

$$A\vec{r} = A\begin{bmatrix} r_1 \\ v_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \vec{a}_1 & \vec{a}_2 & \vec{a}_3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ r_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \boxed{r_1\vec{a}_1 + v_2\vec{a}_2 + v_3\vec{a}_3}$$

lin comb.
columns of A.

$$\in \operatorname{span}\{\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \vec{a}_3\}$$

How To: Subspaces and Span

Question. Show that $\mathbf{v}$ lies in the subspace generated by $\mathbf{u}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_k$.

Solution. Show that $\mathbf{v}$ is in $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_k\}$.

We will start using "subspace generated by" and "span of" interchangeably.

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The column space of a matrix is the <u>range</u> of the linear transformation it implements.

Subspace of What?

$$m \left\{ \overbrace{\begin{bmatrix} | & | & \cdots & | & | \\ \mathbf{a}_1 & \mathbf{a}_2 & \cdots & \mathbf{a}_{n-1} & \mathbf{a}_n \\ | & | & \cdots & | & | \end{bmatrix}}^{n} \right.$$

$c_1\mathbf{a}_1 + c_2\mathbf{a}_2 + \ldots c_n\mathbf{a}_n$ **is a vector in** $\mathbb{R}^m$

$\text{Col}(A)$

is a subspace of

$\mathbb{R}^m$

Examples

Lin. Ind.

$\vec{b}_1$ $\vec{b}_2$ $\vec{b}_2 = -\vec{b}_1$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 4 \\ 2 & -2 & 5 \\ 3 & -3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Col(A) is all of $\mathbb{R}^3$

Col(B) is just span $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$

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Subspace of What?

n columns

m rows

$$A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$$

$m \times n$ $n \times 1$ $m \times 1$

$\mathbf{v}$ **is a vector in** $\mathbb{R}^n$

$\text{Nul}(A)$

is a subspace of

$\mathbb{R}^n$

The Null Space is a Subspace

Fact. For any $m \times n$ matrix A, the set $\text{Nul}(A)$ is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Verify:

① $\vec{u}, \vec{v} \in \text{Nul}(A)$ so $A\vec{u} = \vec{0}$ $A\vec{v} = \vec{0}$

$\vec{u} + \vec{v}$ $A(\vec{u}+\vec{v}) = A\vec{u} + A\vec{v} = \vec{0} + \vec{0} = \vec{0}$ ✓

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Nul$(A) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$

Nul$(B) =$ span$\{[1\ 1\ 0]^T\}$

Verify: for A by IMT

$A\vec{x} = \vec{0} \Rightarrow \vec{x} = 0$

for (B)

$$B \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$x_1 = x_2$

x_2 is free

$x_3 = 0$

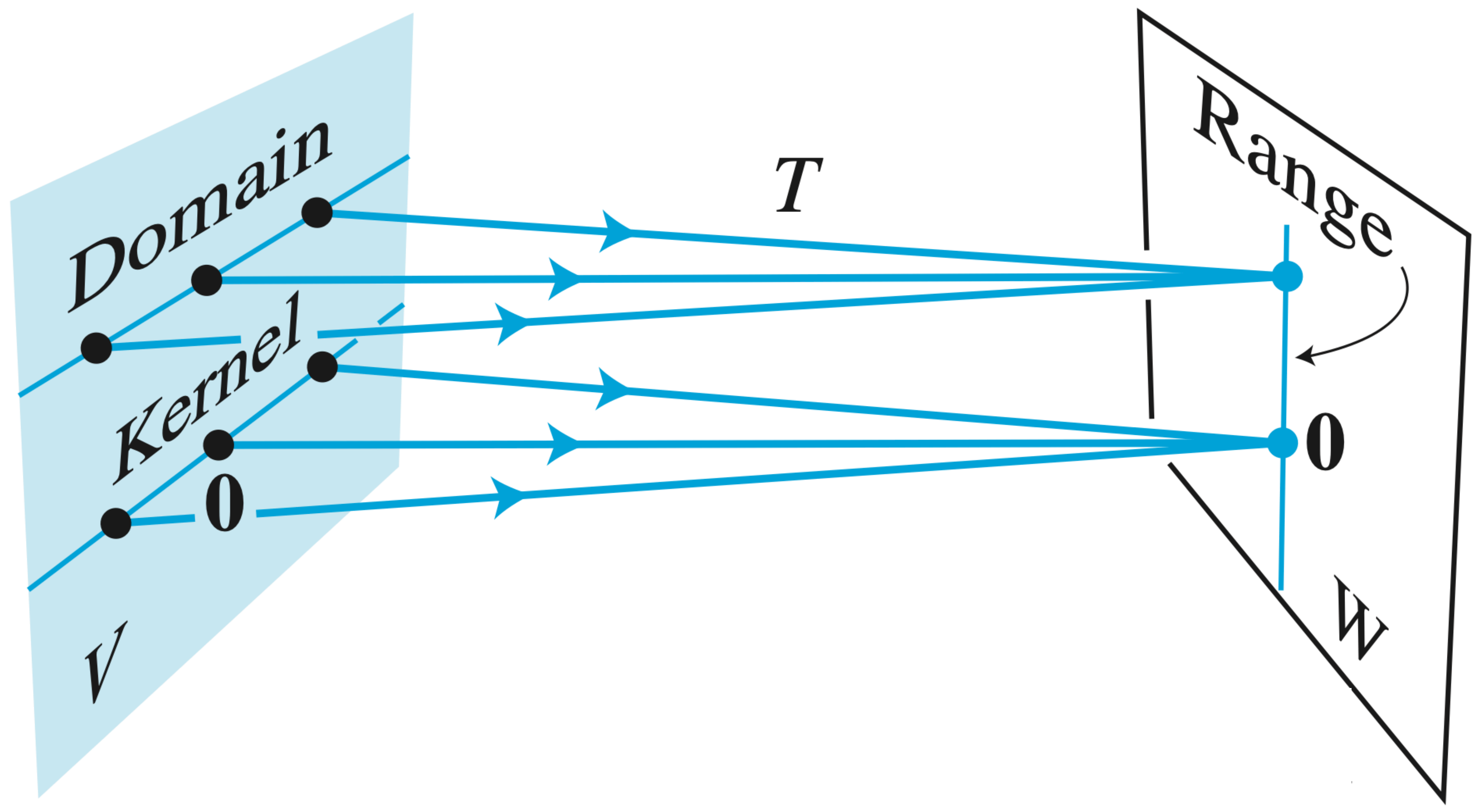
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Linear Transformations Perspective

If A implements the linear transformation T then:

» $\text{Col}(A)$ is the same as $\text{ran}(T)$, where vectors are "sent" by T

» $\text{Nul}(A)$ is the set of vectors "zeroed out" by T, which is sometimes called the **kernel** of T.



Linear Algebra and its Applications (Lay, Lay, McDonald)

Comparing Column Space and Null Space

The column space and the null space live can live in entirely different spaces.

The point. They are not easily comparable

Contrast Between Nul A and Col A for an m x n Matrix A

Nul A	Col A
1. Nul A is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^n$.	**1.** Col A is a subspace of $\mathbb{R}^m$.
2. Nul A is implicitly defined; that is, you are given only a condition ($A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$) that vectors in Nul A must satisfy.	**2.** Col A is explicitly defined; that is, you are told how to build vectors in Col A.
3. It takes time to find vectors in Nul A. Row operations on $[\,A \quad \mathbf{0}\,]$ are required.	**3.** It is easy to find vectors in Col A. The columns of A are displayed; others are formed from them.
4. There is no obvious relation between Nul A and the entries in A.	**4.** There is an obvious relation between Col A and the entries in A, since each column of A is in Col A.
5. A typical vector $\mathbf{v}$ in Nul A has the property that $A\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}$.	**5.** A typical vector $\mathbf{v}$ in Col A has the property that the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$ is consistent.
6. Given a specific vector $\mathbf{v}$, it is easy to tell if $\mathbf{v}$ is in Nul A. Just compute $A\mathbf{v}$.	**6.** Given a specific vector $\mathbf{v}$, it may take time to tell if $\mathbf{v}$ is in Col A. Row operations on $[\,A \quad \mathbf{v}\,]$ are required.
7. Nul $A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ if and only if the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution.	**7.** Col $A = \mathbb{R}^m$ if and only if the equation $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has a solution for every $\mathbf{b}$ in $\mathbb{R}^m$.
8. Nul $A = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ if and only if the linear transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ is one-to-one.	**8.** Col $A = \mathbb{R}^m$ if and only if the linear transformation $\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$ maps $\mathbb{R}^n$ *onto* $\mathbb{R}^m$.

(just for reference)

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A basis is a "minimal" choice of these vectors.

A basis is a "compact representation" of a subspace.

Recall: Standard Basis

Definition. The n***-dimensional standard basis vectors*** (or standard coordinate vectors) are the vectors $\mathbf{e}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{e}_n$ where

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ \vdots \\ i-1 \\ i \\ i+1 \\ \vdots \\ n-1 \\ n \end{matrix}$$

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Definition (Alternative). The n–dimensional standard basis vectors $\mathbf{e}_1, \ldots, \mathbf{e}_n$ are the columns of the $n \times n$ identity matrix.

$$I = [\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \mathbf{e}_2 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{e}_n]$$

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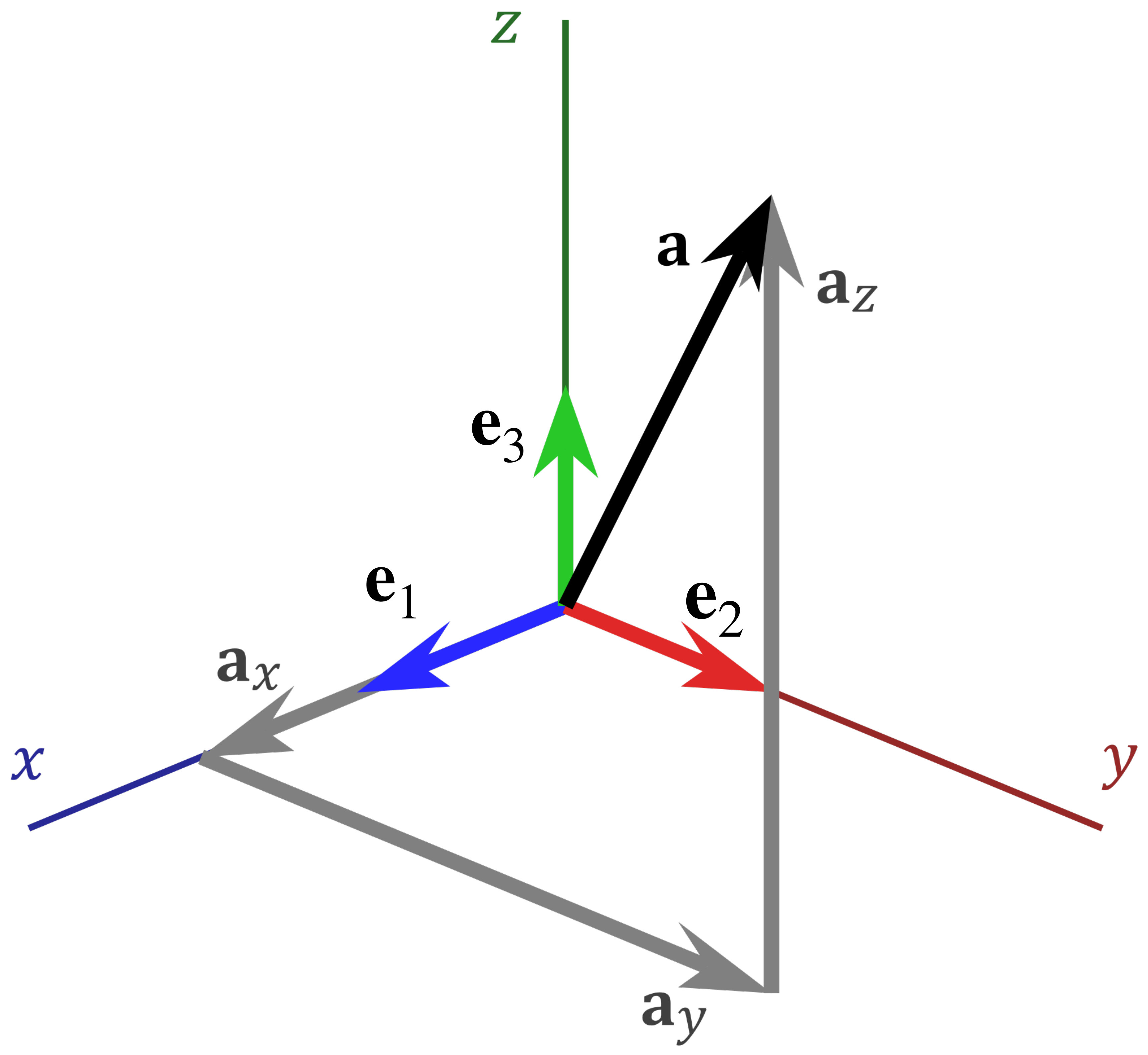

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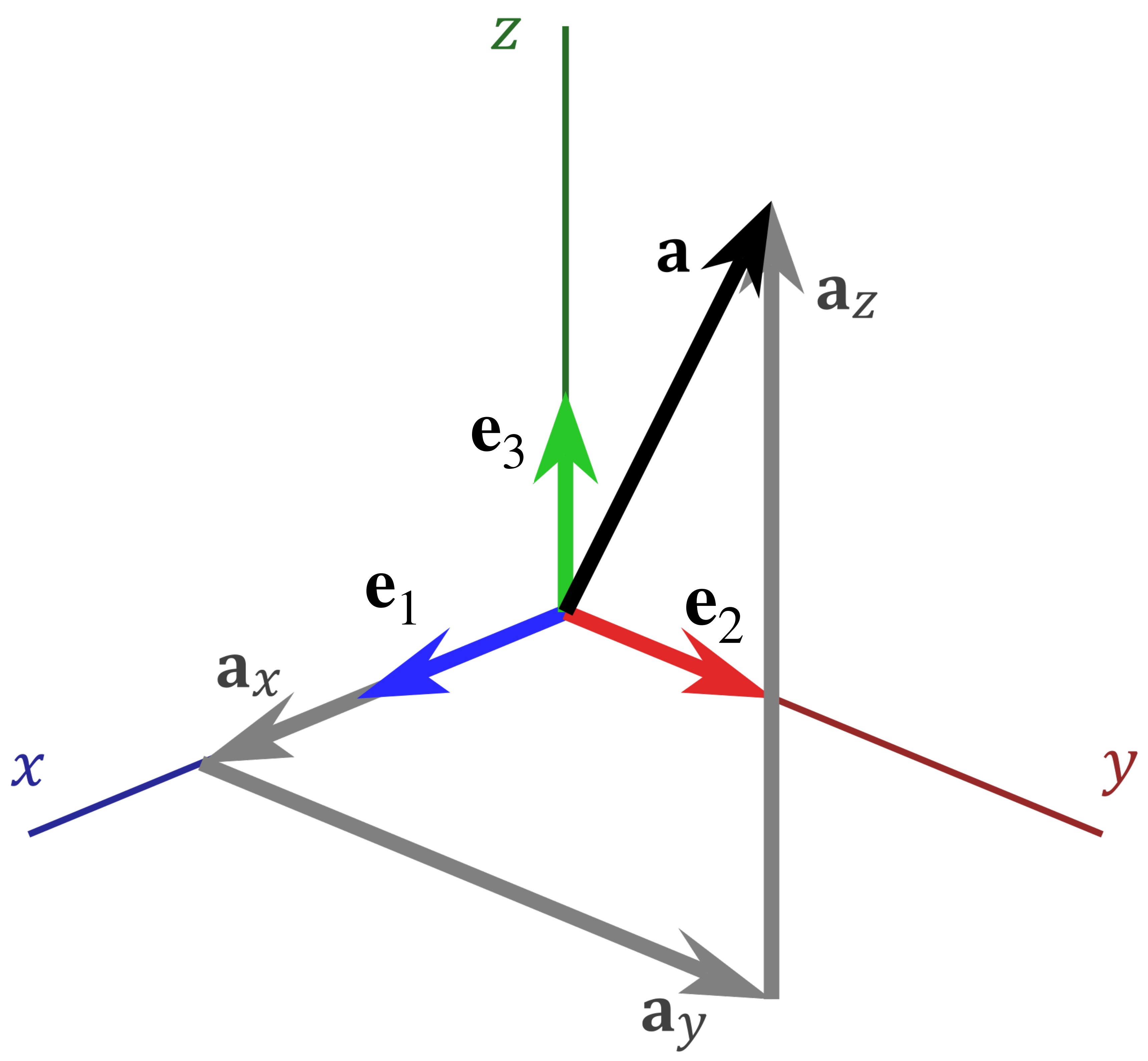

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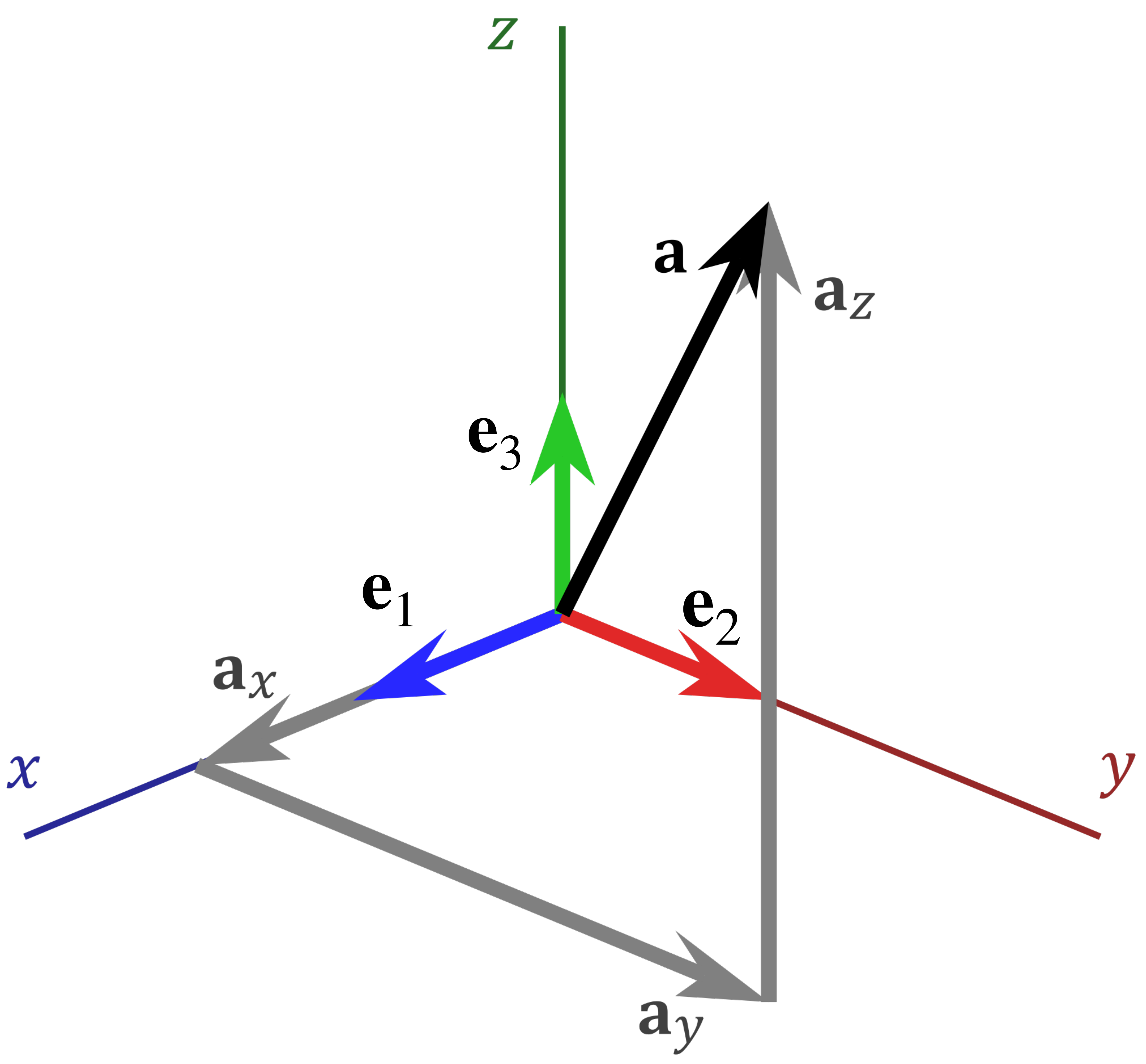

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A basis is a *minimal* set of vectors which spans all of H.

Example: Standard basis

The standard basis is a basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = v_1\mathbf{e}_1 + v_2\mathbf{e}_2 + \ldots + v_n\mathbf{e}_n$$

Column vectors are just weights for a linear combination of the standard basis

Example: Column Space of Invertible Matrices

Fact. The columns of an invertible $n \times n$ matrix form a basis of $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Verify:

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As usual, by connecting back to matrices.

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Is this set of vectors a basis for $\mathbb{R}^3$?

Answer

Solving tip. A set of vectors in $\mathbb{R}^n$ spans $\mathbb{R}^n$ if the standard basis is in their span.

Bases of Column Space and Null Space

The Goal of this Last Section

Determine how to find bases for the **column space** and the null space of a given matrix.

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The idea. Describe the solutions of $A\mathbf{x} = 0$ as linear combination of vectors

Example

$$A \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Suppose A has the above reduced echelon form.

Let's write down a general form solution for A:

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Alternatively, we can think of writing a general form solution so that it is a linear combination of vectors with free variables as weights:

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Solution.

1. Find a general form solution for $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$.
2. Write this solution as a linear combination of vectors <u>where the free variables are the weights</u>.
3. The resulting vectors form a basis for $\mathrm{Nul}(A)$.

An Observation

The *number* of vectors in the basis we found is the same as the number of <u>free variables</u> in a general form solution.

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Which vectors should we choose?

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!! IMPORTANT !!

Choose the columns <u>of A</u>.

($\mathbf{e}_1$ and $\mathbf{e}_2$ do not necessarily form a basis for Col(A))

How To: Finding a basis for the column space

Question. Given a $m \times n$ matrix A, find a basis for $\mathrm{Col}(A)$.

Solution.

1. Find the pivot columns in an echelon form of A.

2. The associated columns in A form a basis for $\mathrm{Col}(A)$.

General Tip

A lot of information can be gleaned from the (reduced) echelon form of a matrix.

You shouldn't do reductions without thinking, but when you're stuck, reduce and maybe you can find a solution in that matrix.

Question

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 19 & 0 & -4 \\ 1 & 0 & 9 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 14 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -5 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a bases for the column space and null space of A.

Answer

Summary

Subspaces define "tilted versions" of $\mathbb{R}^k$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ (where $k \leq n$).

Bases are compact representation of subspaces as minimal spanning sets.

Matrices have useful associated subspaces like the column space and null space.