

Matrix-Vector Equations

Geometric Algorithms

Lecture 6

Practice Problem

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$+2 \quad +2 \quad +6 \quad +18$

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Objectives

1. motivate the study of matrix–vector equations
2. define matrix–vector multiplication
3. Revisit span
4. take stock of our perspectives on systems of linear equations

Keywords

matrix-vector multiplication

the matrix equation

inner-product

row-column rule

Recap

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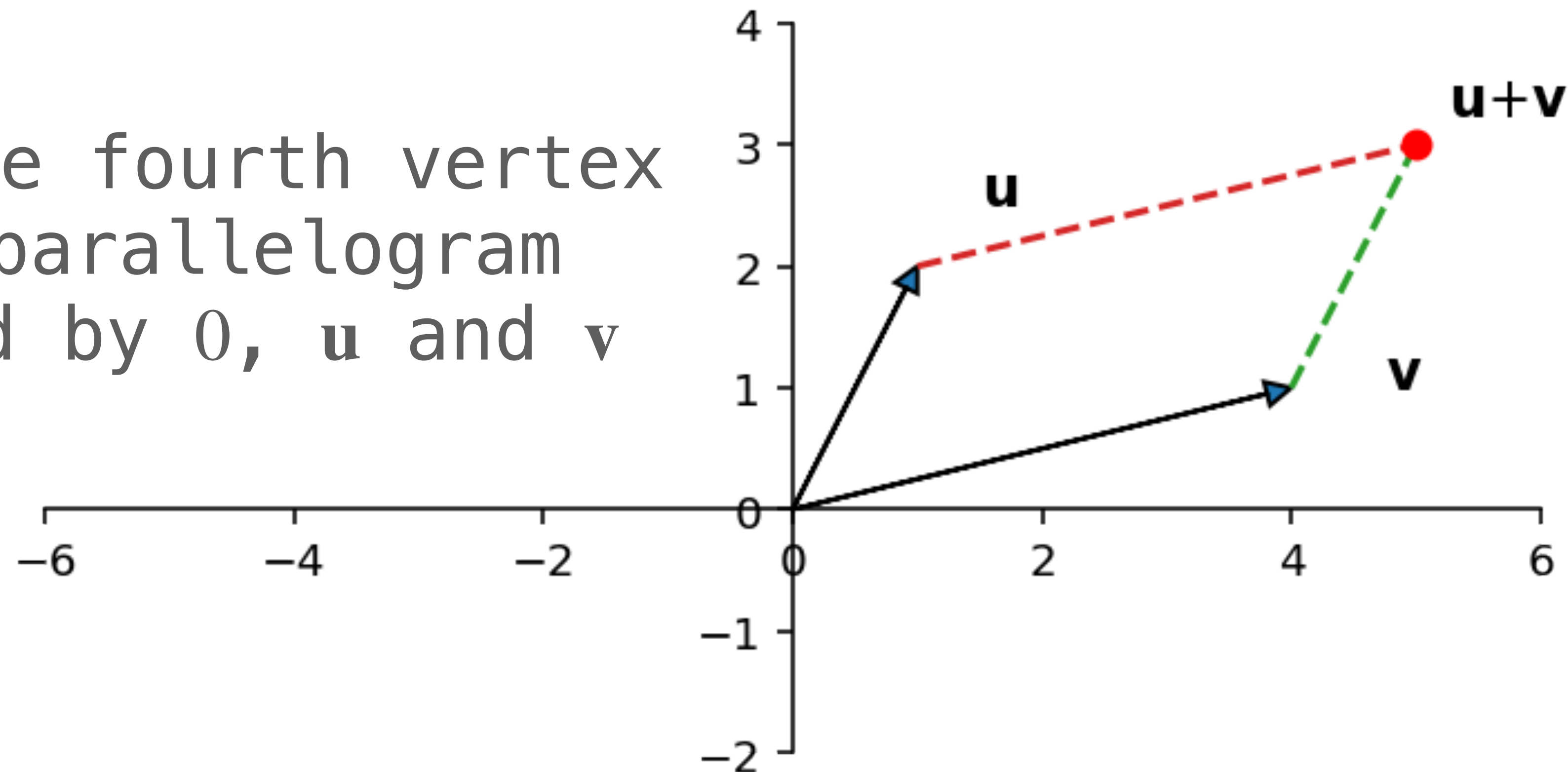
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What properties do they need to satisfy?

Recall: Vector Addition (Geometrically)

in \mathbb{R}^2 it's called the *parallelogram rule*

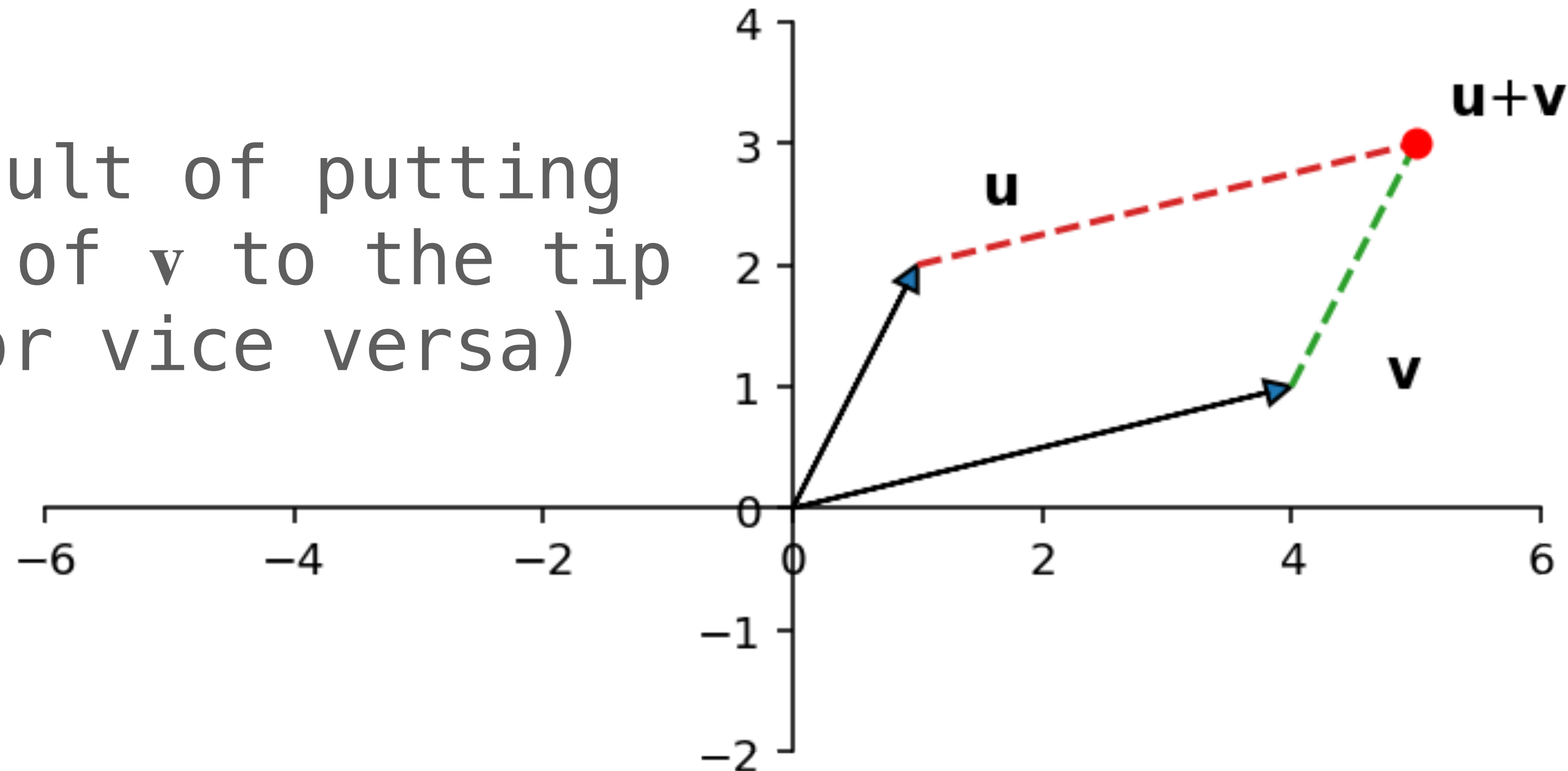
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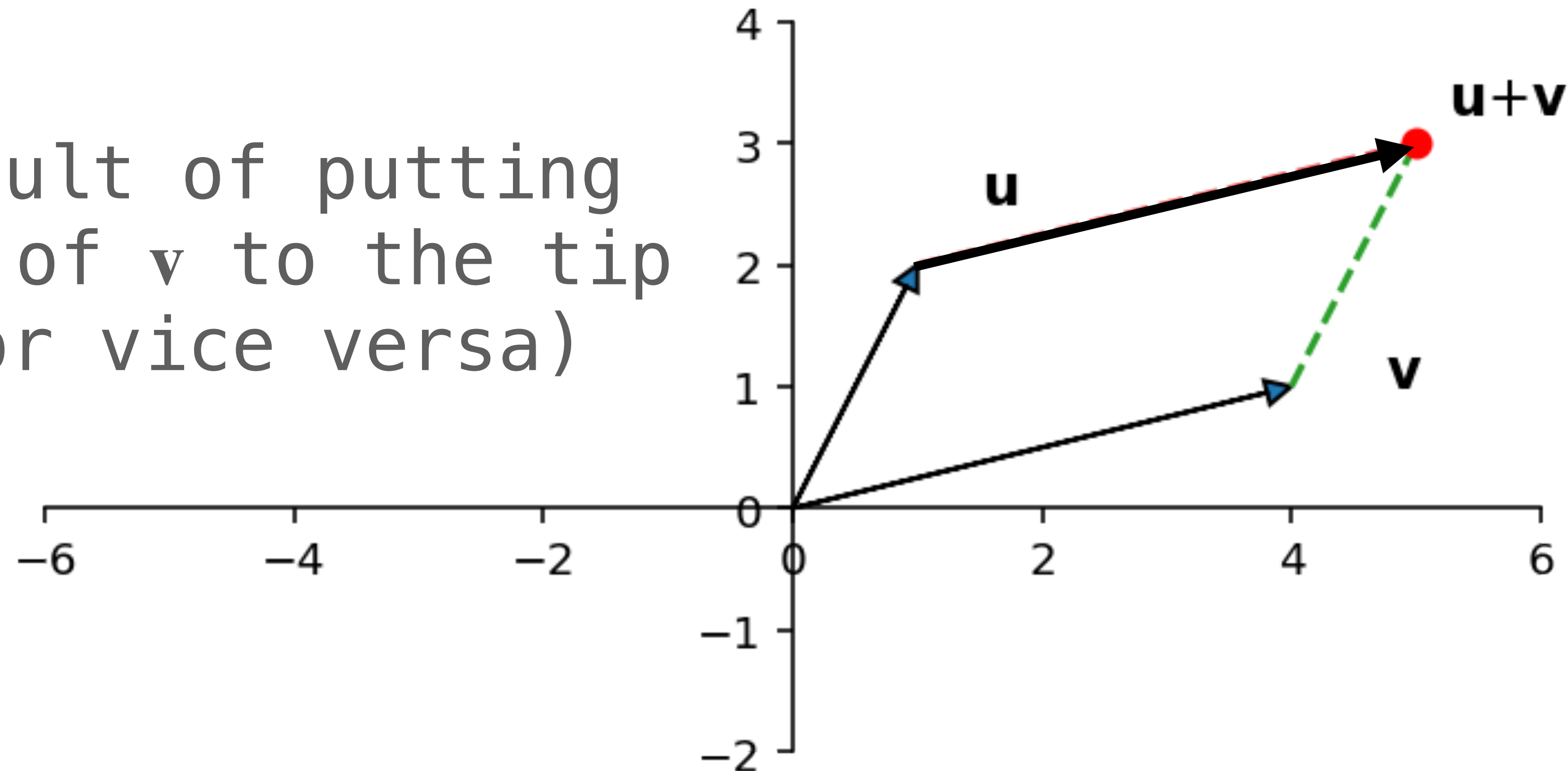
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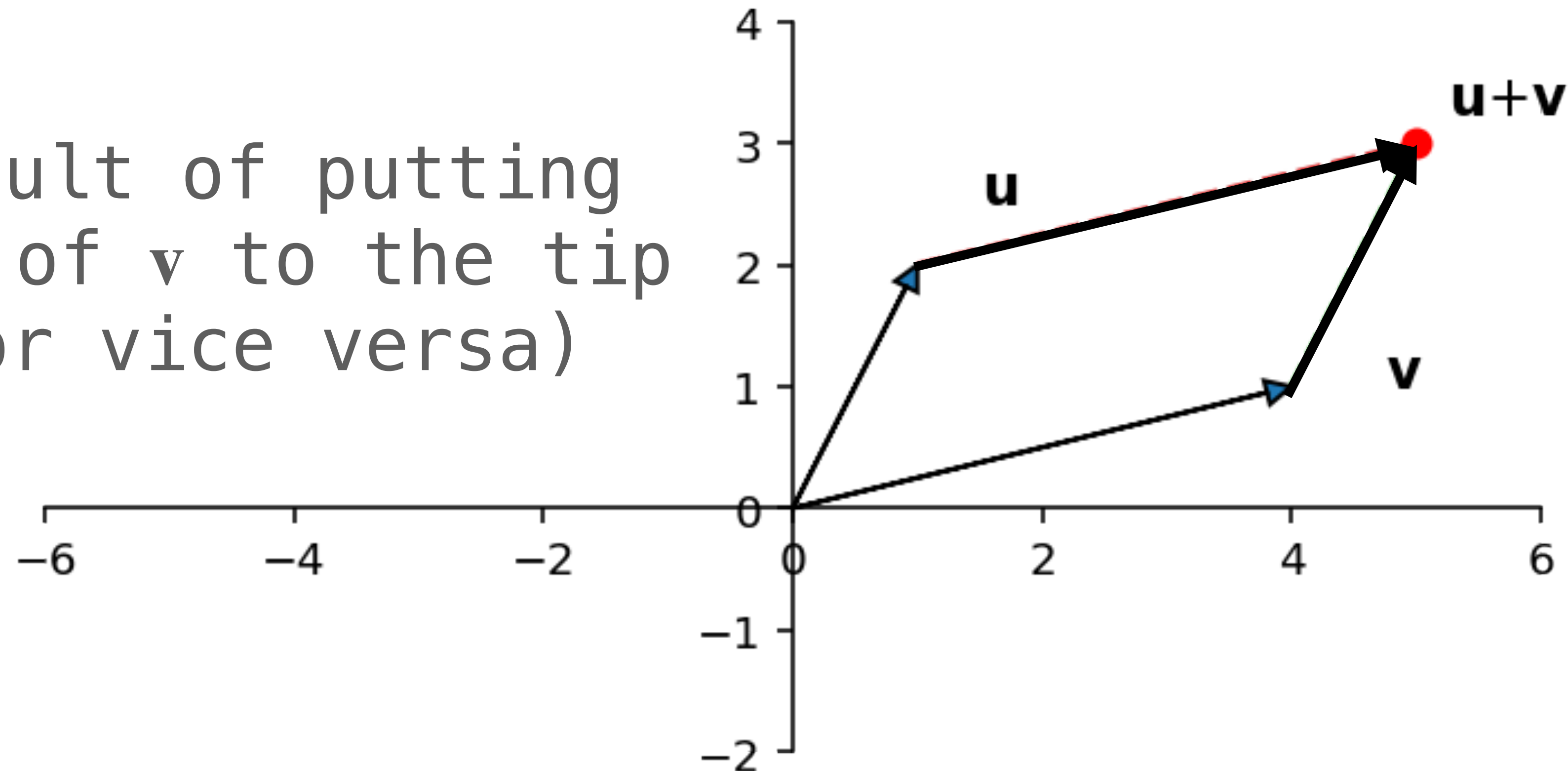
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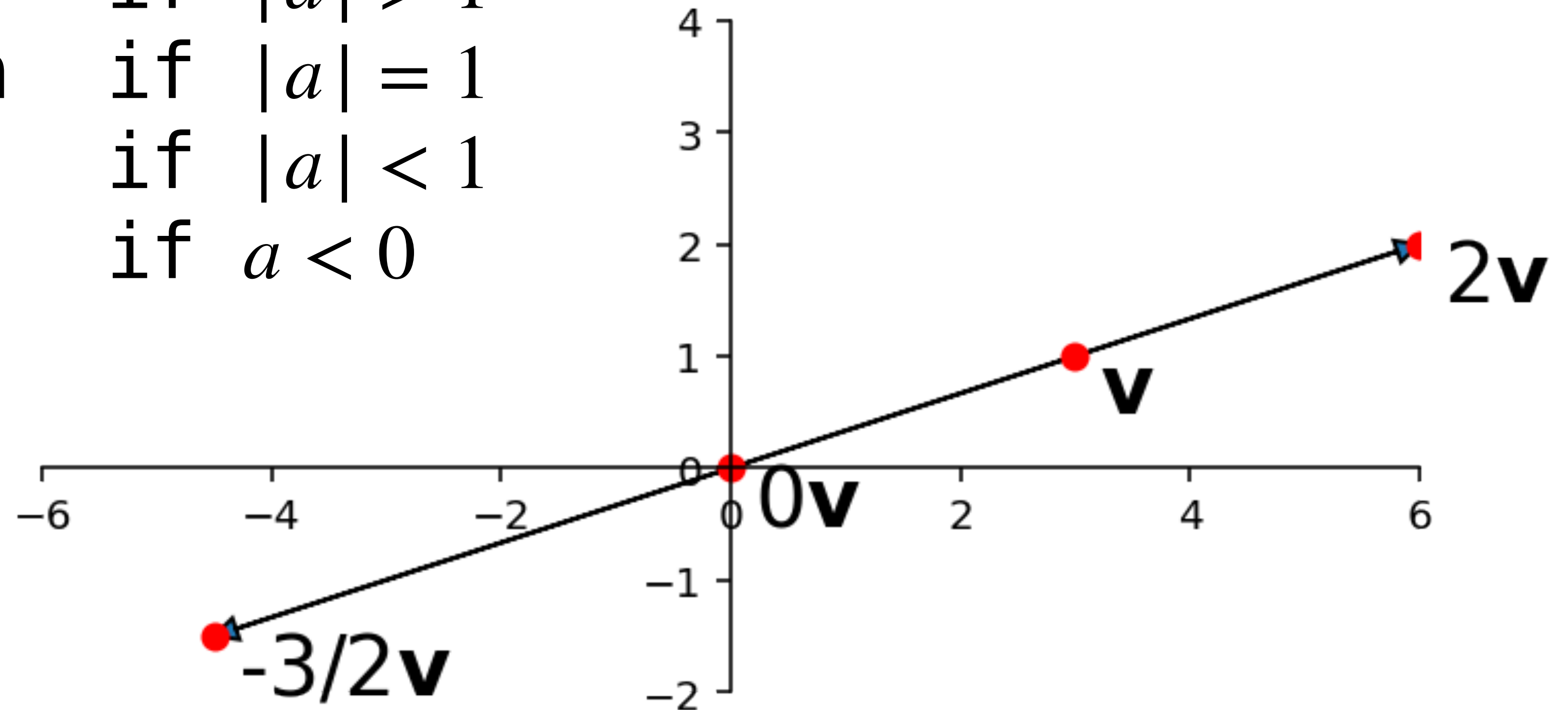
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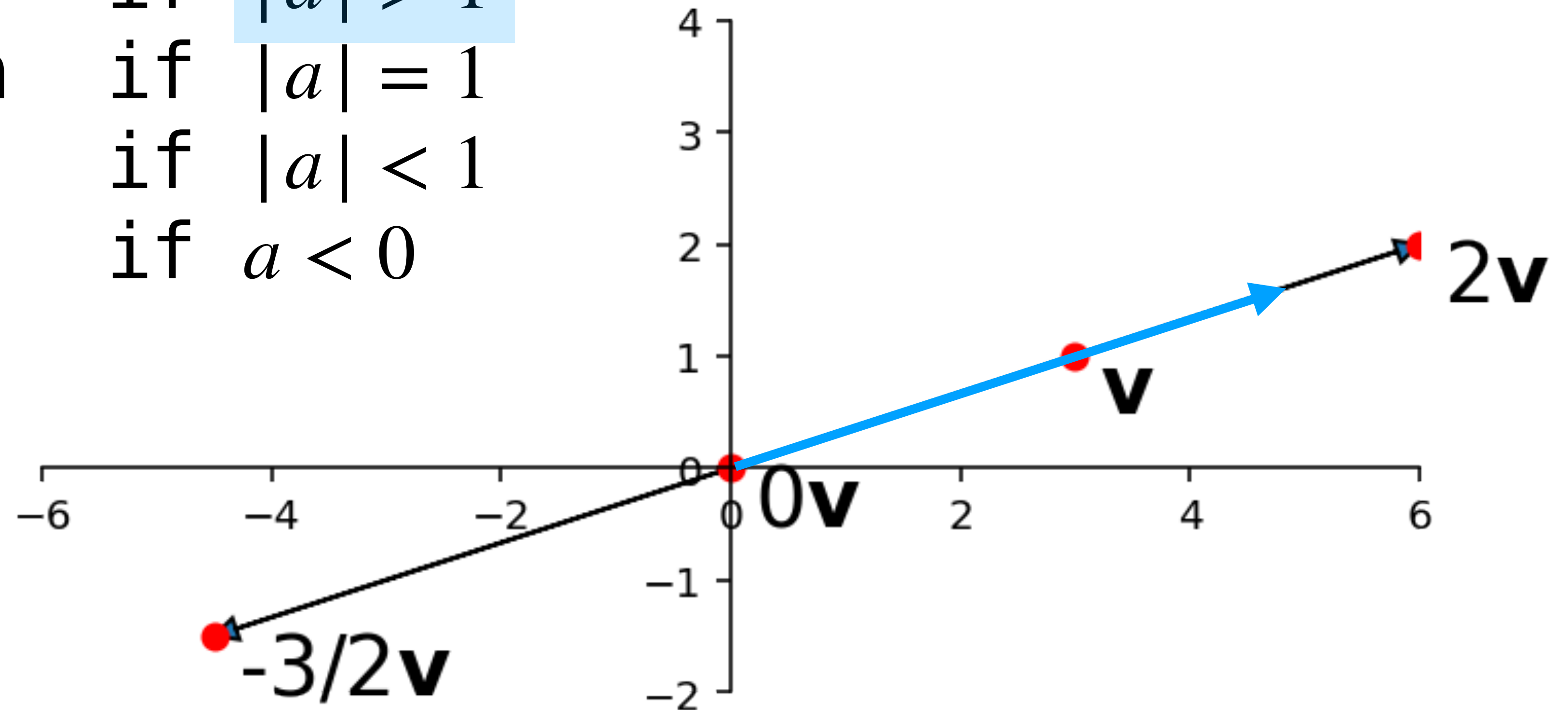
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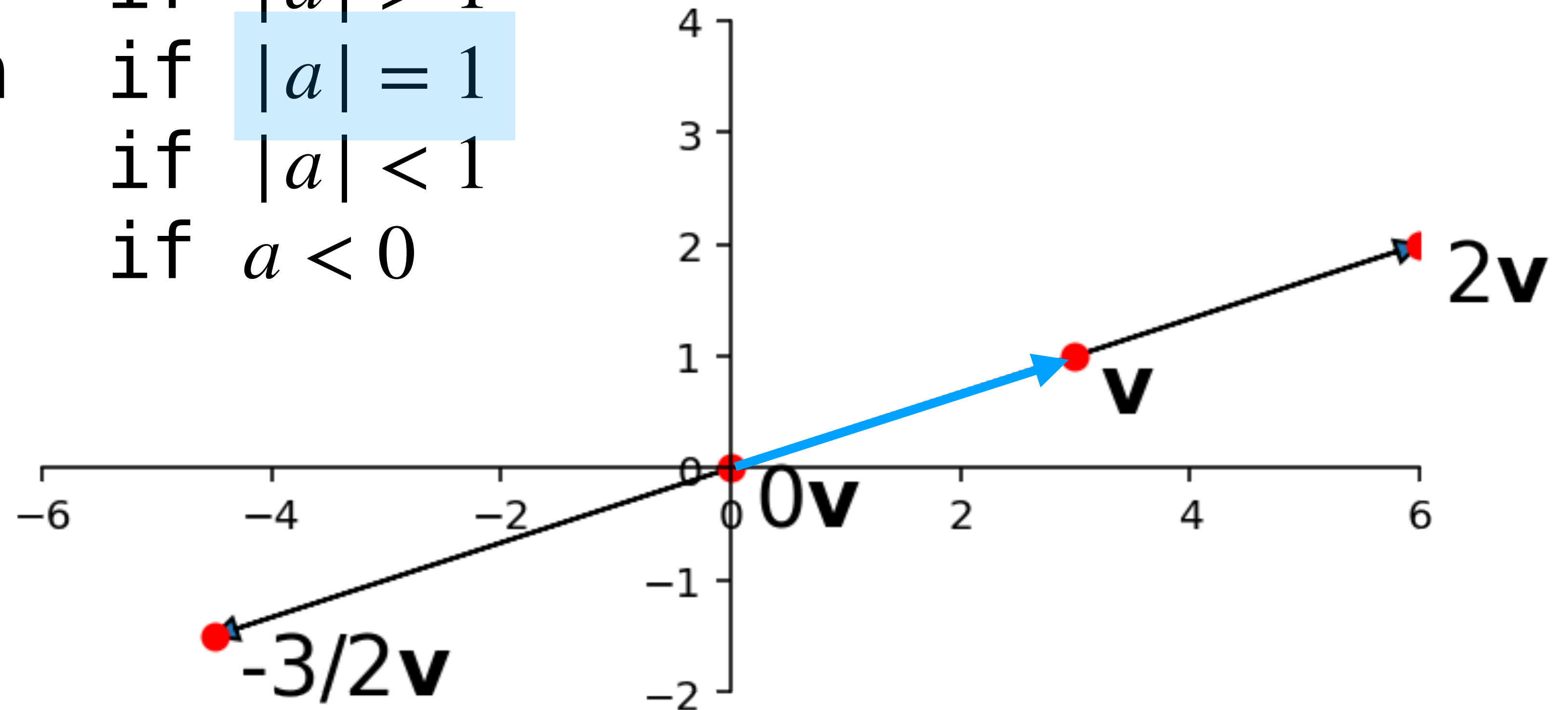
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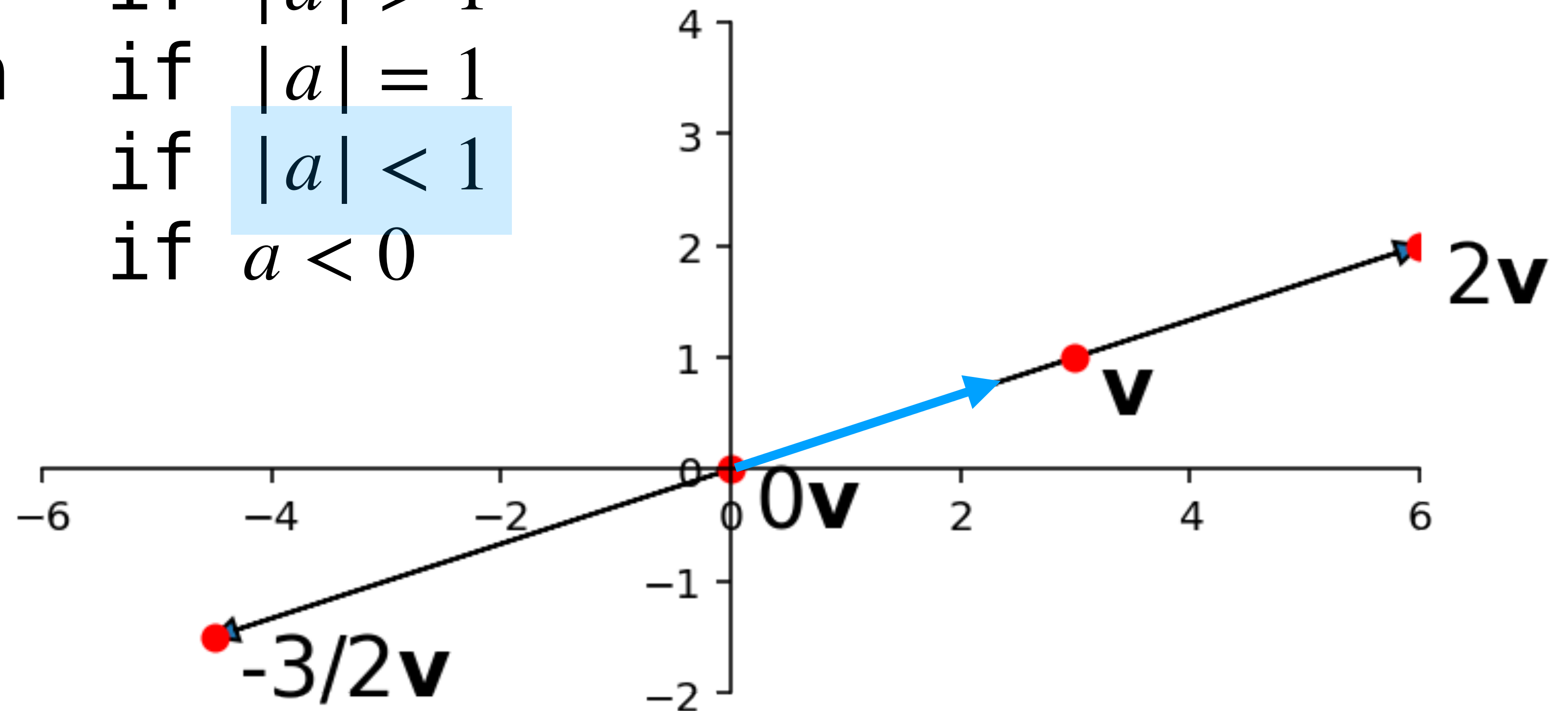
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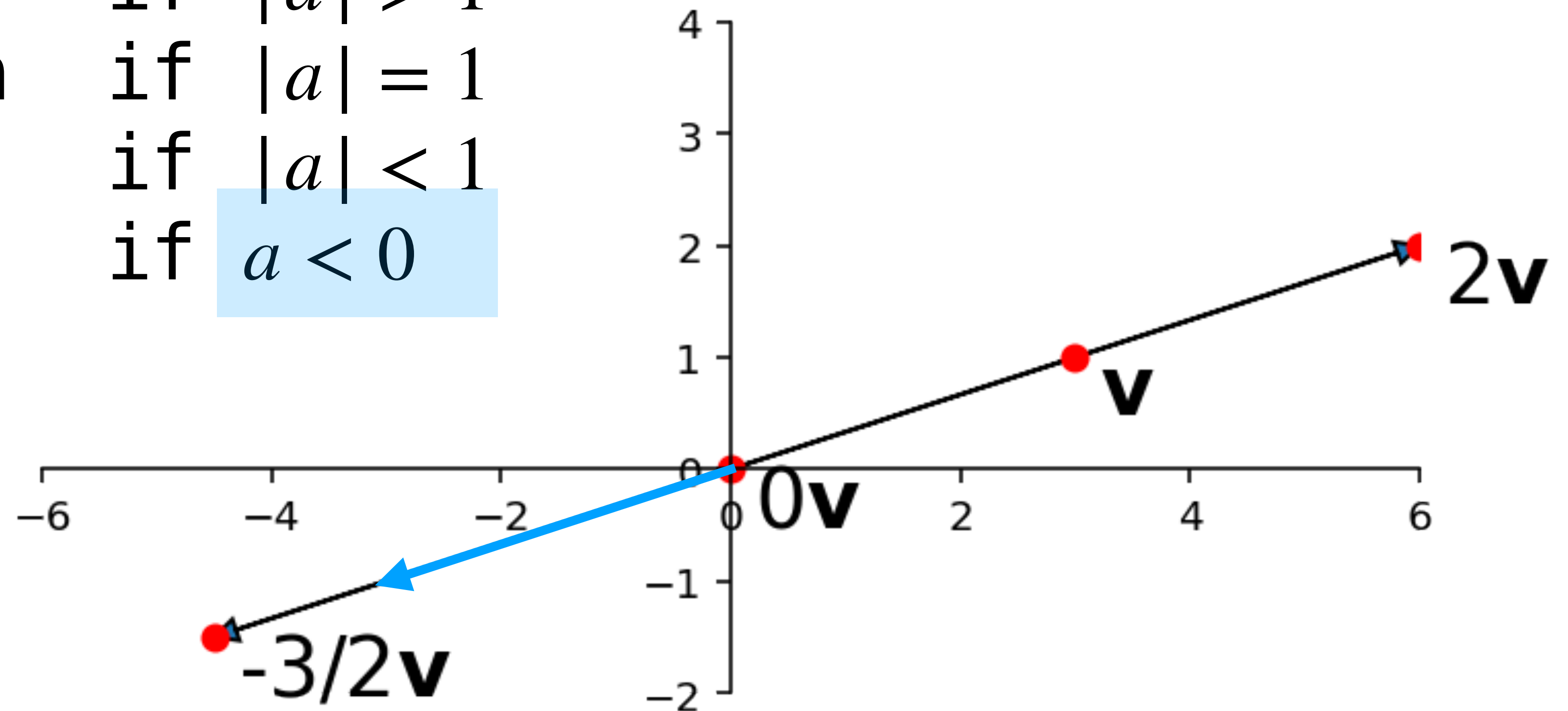
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Recall: Linear Combinations (Example)

$$3 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 2 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Recall: Linear Combinations (Geometrically)

demo
(from ILA)

Recall: The Fundamental Concern

Can \mathbf{u} be written as a linear combination of
 $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n$?

That is, are there weights $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ such that

$$\alpha_1 \mathbf{v}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{v}_2 + \dots + \alpha_n \mathbf{v}_n = \mathbf{u}?$$

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Question (Conceptual)

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There is **no way** to write \mathbf{b} as a linear combination

Example

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & b_1 \\ 1 & 3 & b_2 \\ 1 & 3 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Motivation (Very Short)

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Can we view a linear system as a single equation with matrices and vectors?

How do matrices and vectors "interface"?

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multiplication

what does $A\mathbf{v}$ mean when A is a matrix and \mathbf{v} is a vector?

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Non-Example

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3×2

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Looking forward a bit

Remember. column vectors are matrices with 1 column

Eventually we'll be able to view all of these as matrix operations

Question

Compute the following matrix–vector multiplication

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer

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use Gaussian elimination (or other means) to
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then read off a solution from the reduced
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(we will soon start thinking of A as a way of *transforming* vectors)

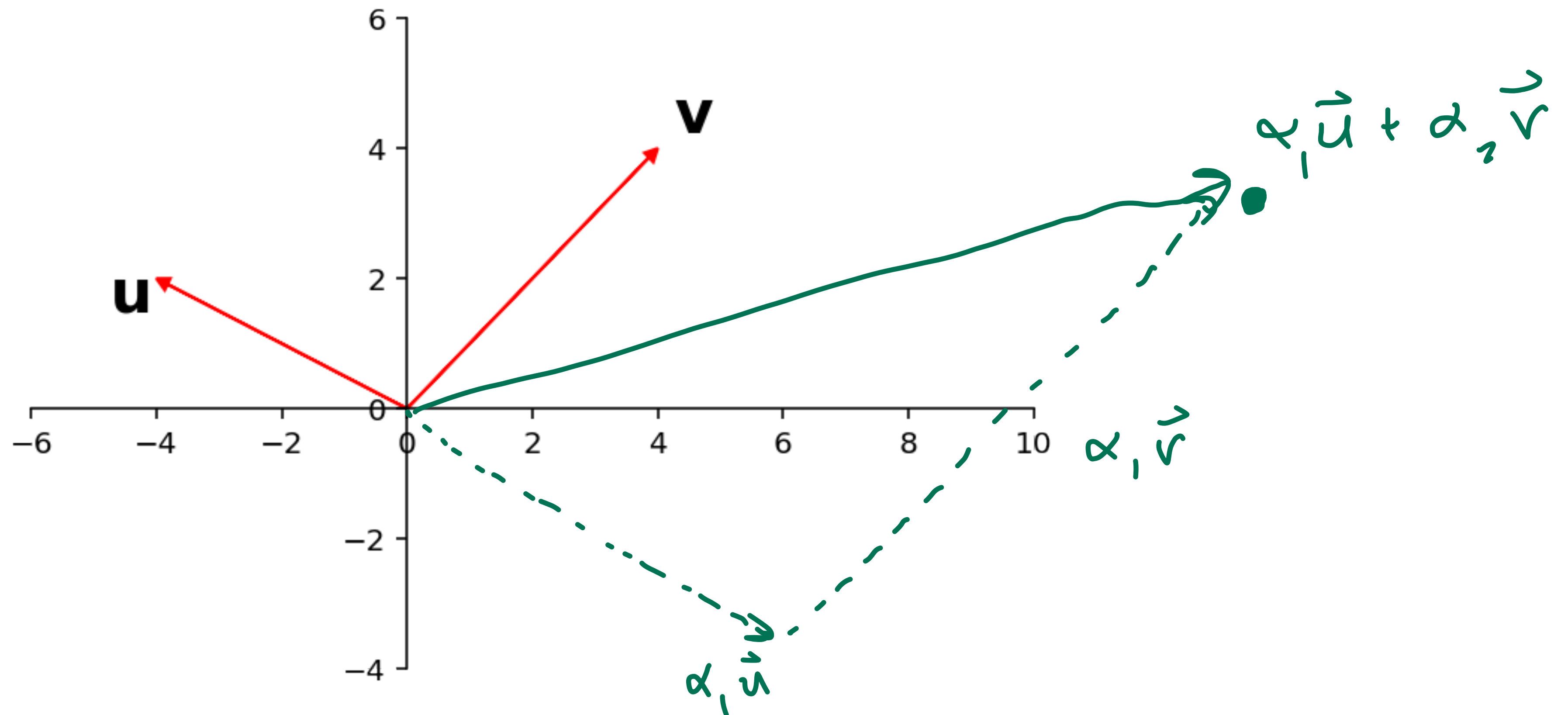
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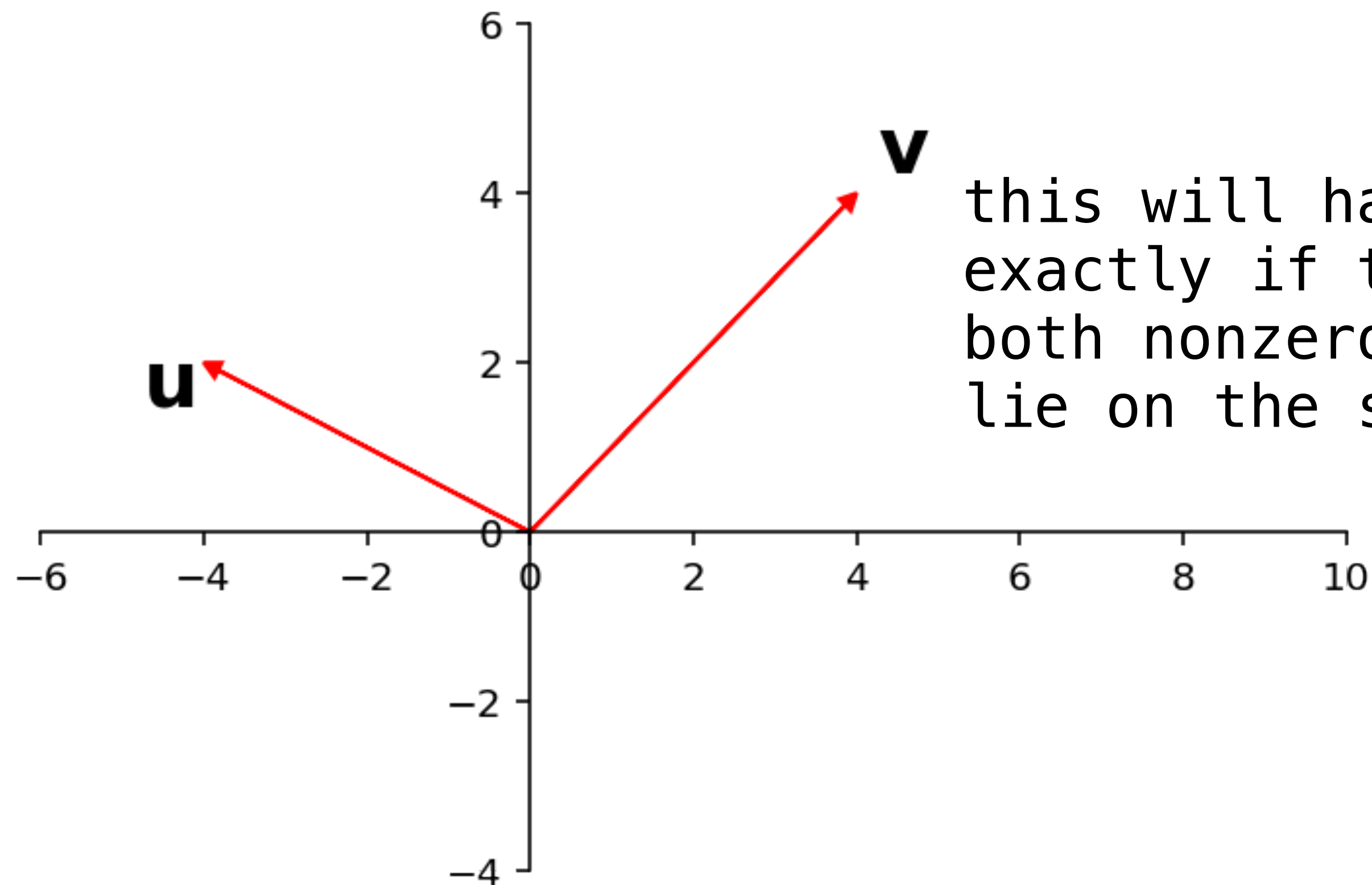
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this will happen exactly if they are both nonzero and don't lie on the same line

What about \mathbb{R}^n ?

When do a set of vectors span all of \mathbb{R}^n ?
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A Few Questions

Can two vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 span all of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Is it required that five vectors \mathbb{R}^3 span all of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

A Thought Experiment

suppose I give you the augmented matrix of a linear system but I cover up the last column

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Yes. It doesn't have an inconsistent row

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!! We only need the echelon form !!

Question

Do $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2023 \end{bmatrix}$ span all of \mathbb{R}^3 ?

Answer: No

the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2023 \end{bmatrix}$$

cannot have more than 2 pivot positions

Not spanning \mathbb{R}^m

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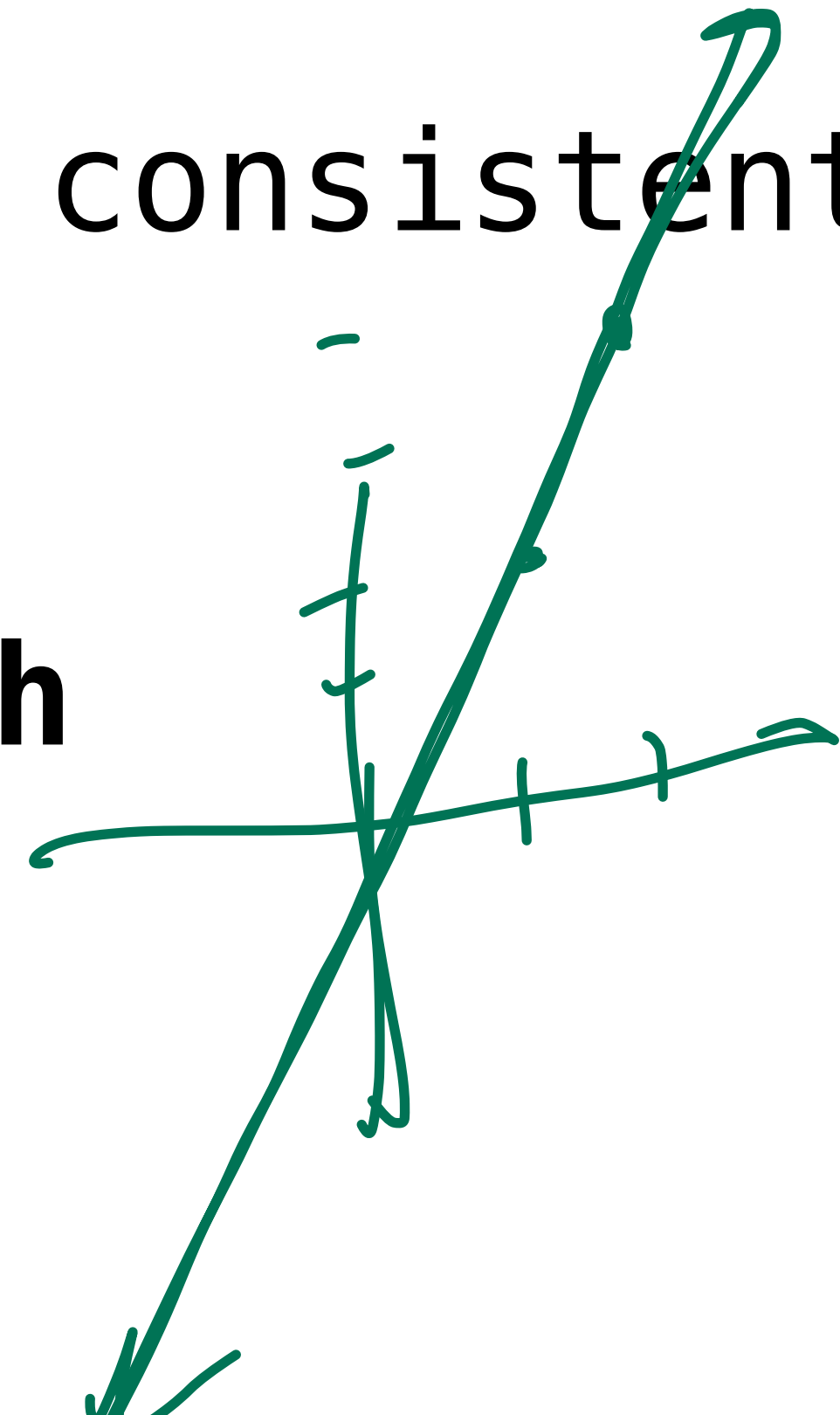
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$$-2x + y = 0 \quad y = 2x$$

this gives use a linear equation which

describes the span of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$



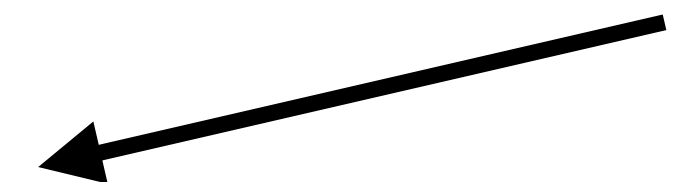
Question (Understanding Check)

True or False, the echelon form of any matrix has at most one row of the form $[0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ \blacksquare]$ where \blacksquare is nonzero.

Answer: True

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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this is not in echelon form

Question (More Challenging)

Give a linear equation for the span of the vectors $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$.

Answer

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & b_1 \\ 2 & -1 & b_2 \\ 0 & -1 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Answer

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 2 & b_2 - 2b_1 \\ 0 & -1 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Answer

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Answer

$$0 = b_3 + (1/2)(b_2 - 2b_1)$$

Answer

$$b_1 - (1/2)b_2 - b_3 = 0$$

Answer

$$x_1 - (1/2)x_2 - x_3 = 0$$

Taking Stock

Four Representations

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} & b_1 \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} & b_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} & b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

augmented matrix

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matrix equation

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system of linear equations

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \\ a_{21} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m1} \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} a_{12} \\ a_{22} \\ \vdots \\ a_{m2} \end{bmatrix} + \cdots + x_n \begin{bmatrix} a_{1n} \\ a_{2n} \\ \vdots \\ a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_m \end{bmatrix}$$

vector equation

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matrix equation

they all have the same solution sets

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vector equation

Summary

Matrix and vectors can be multiplied together to get new vectors

The matrix equation is another representation of systems of linear equations

Looking forward: Matrices *transform* vectors