

# Matrix-Vector Equations

**Geometric Algorithms**

**Lecture 6**

# Practice Problem

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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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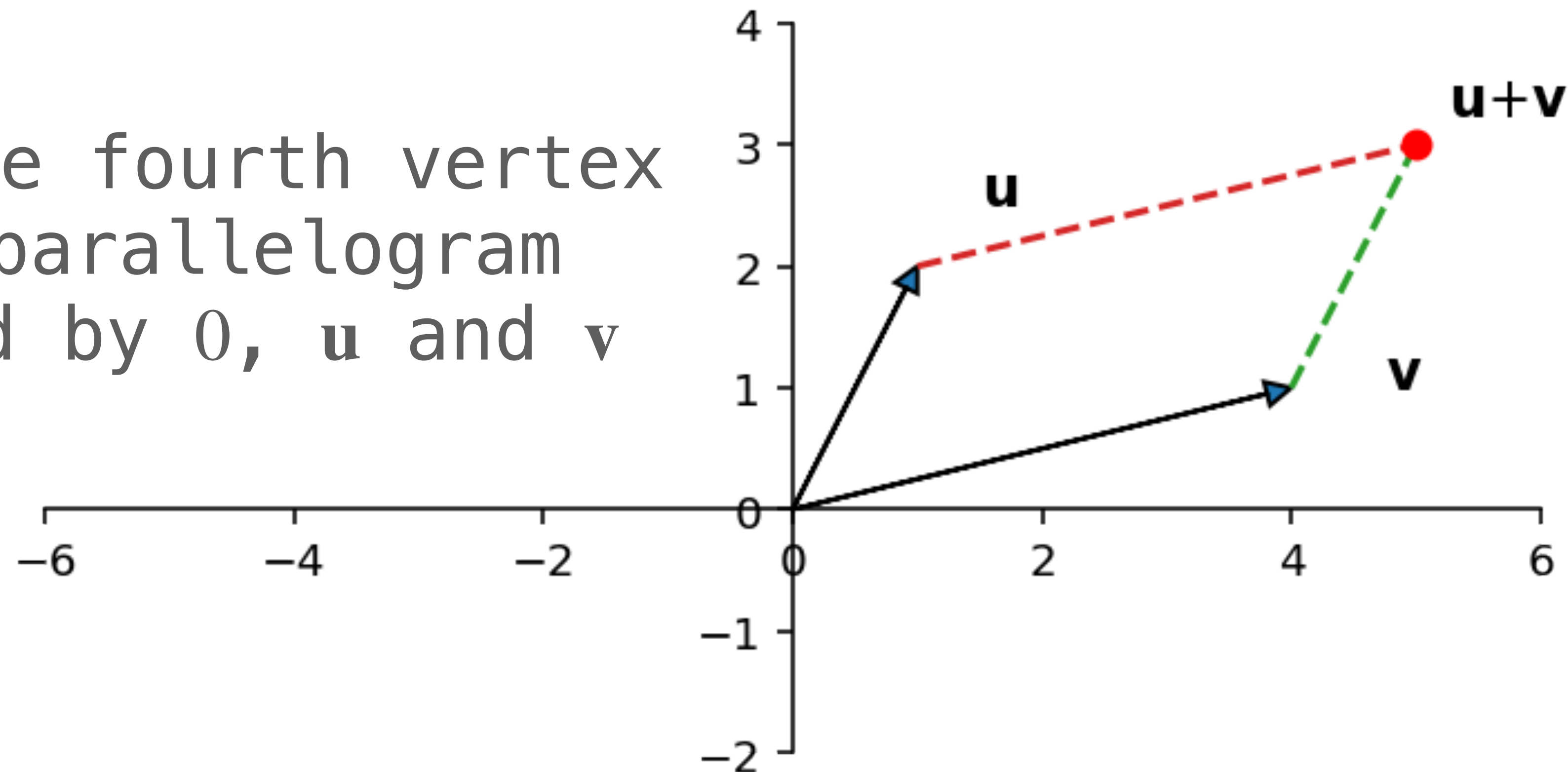
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What properties do they need to satisfy?

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

$\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}$  is the fourth vertex  
of the parallelogram  
generated by  $\mathbf{0}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$

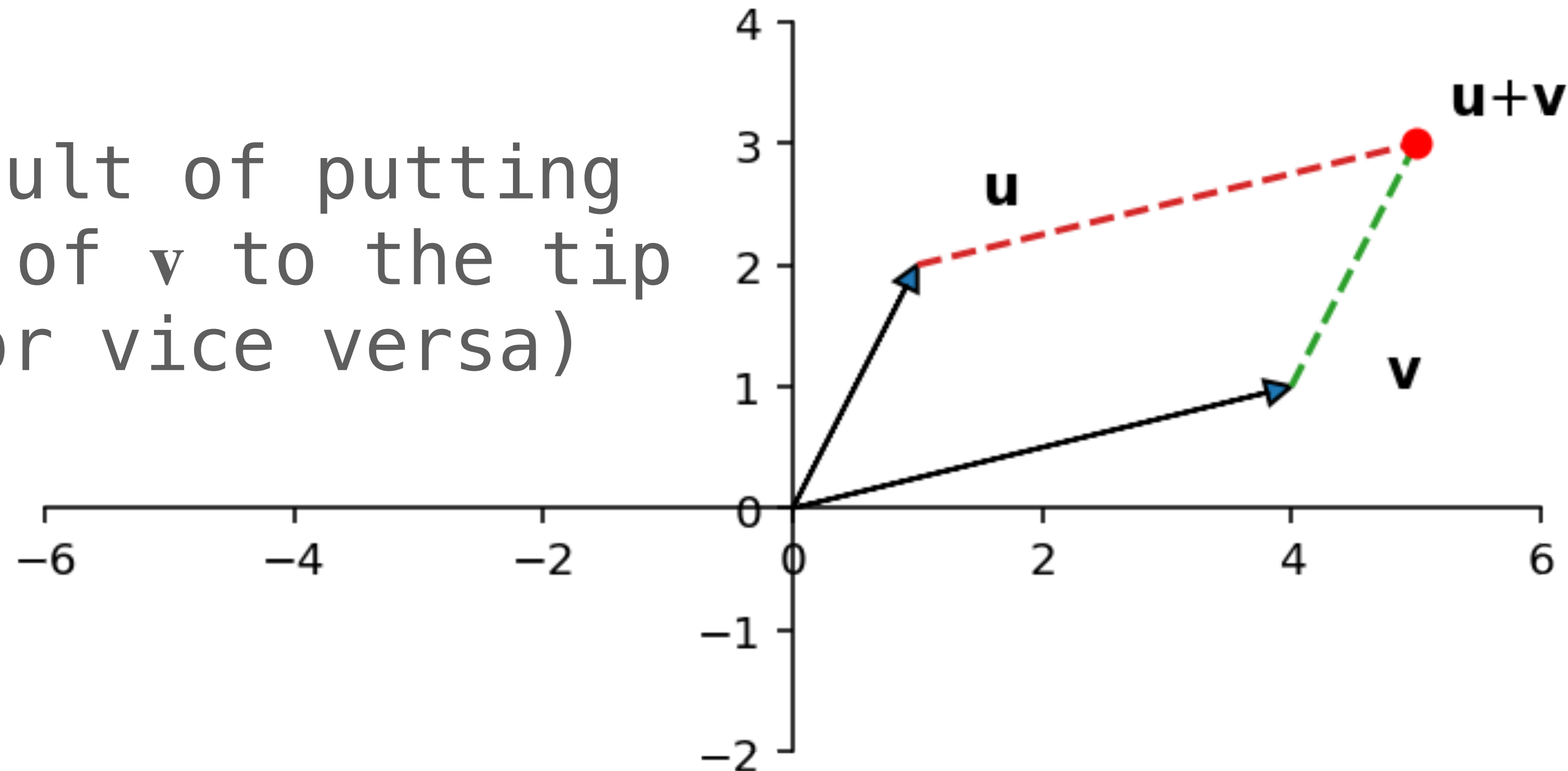




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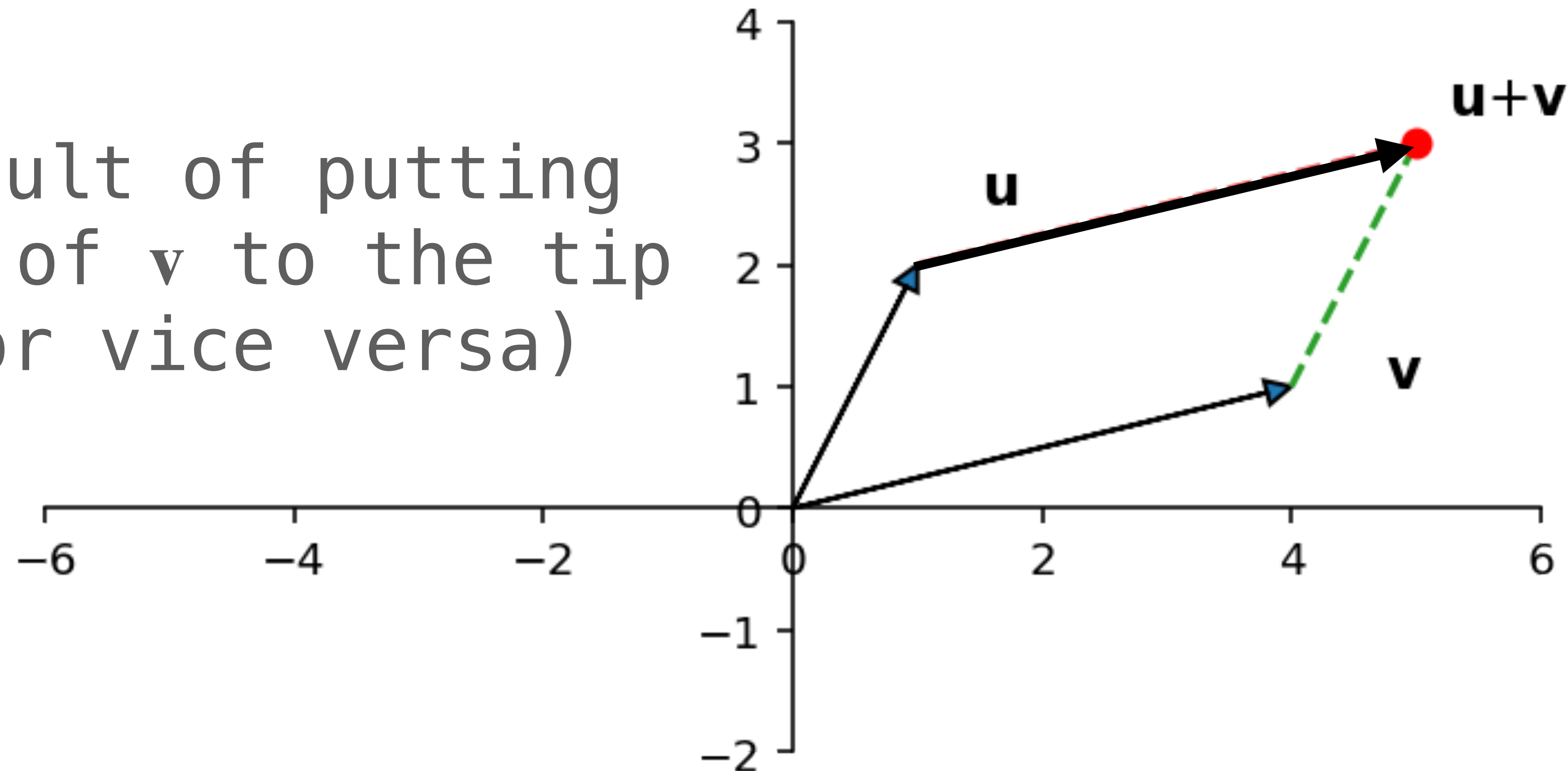
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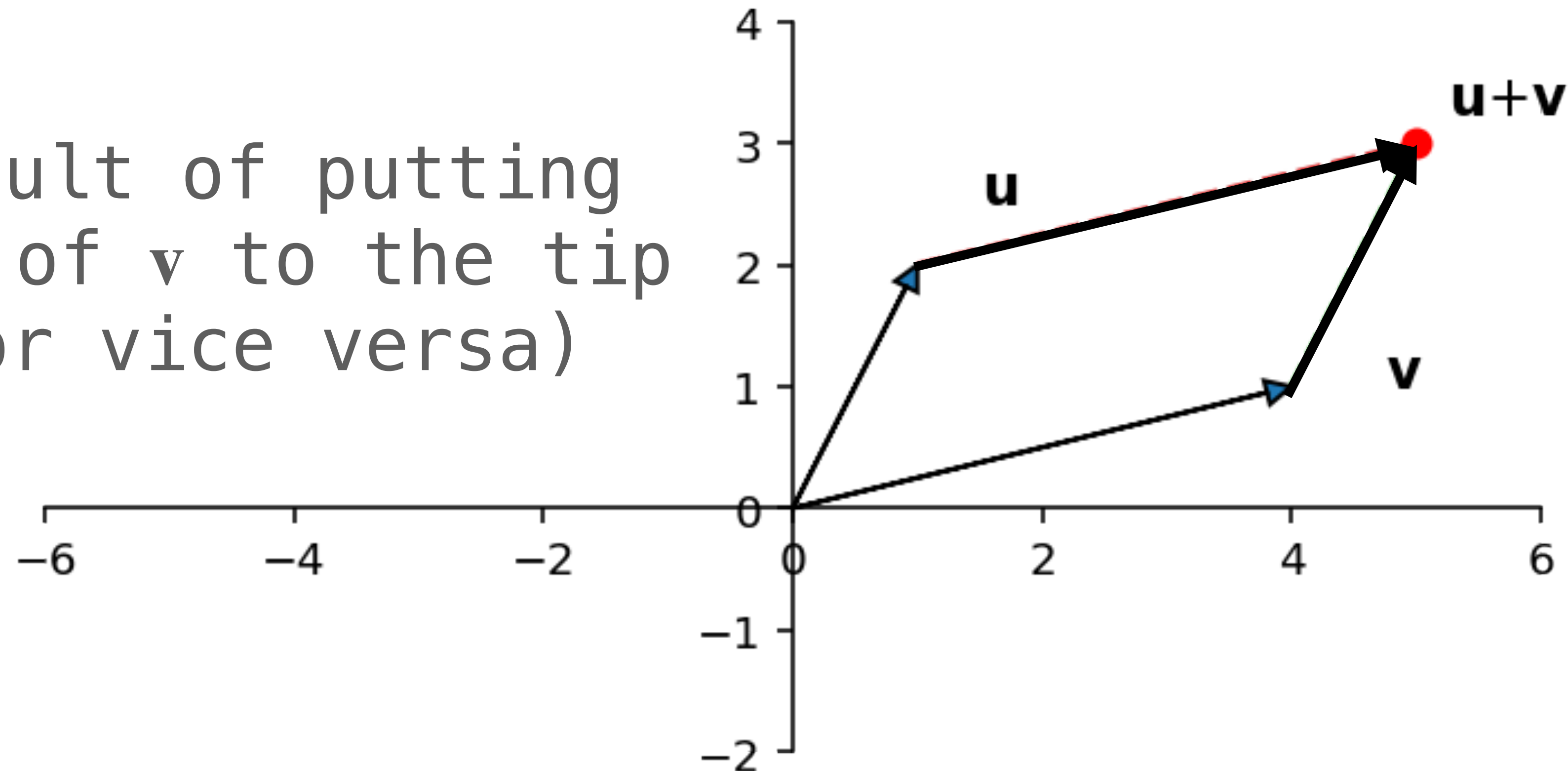
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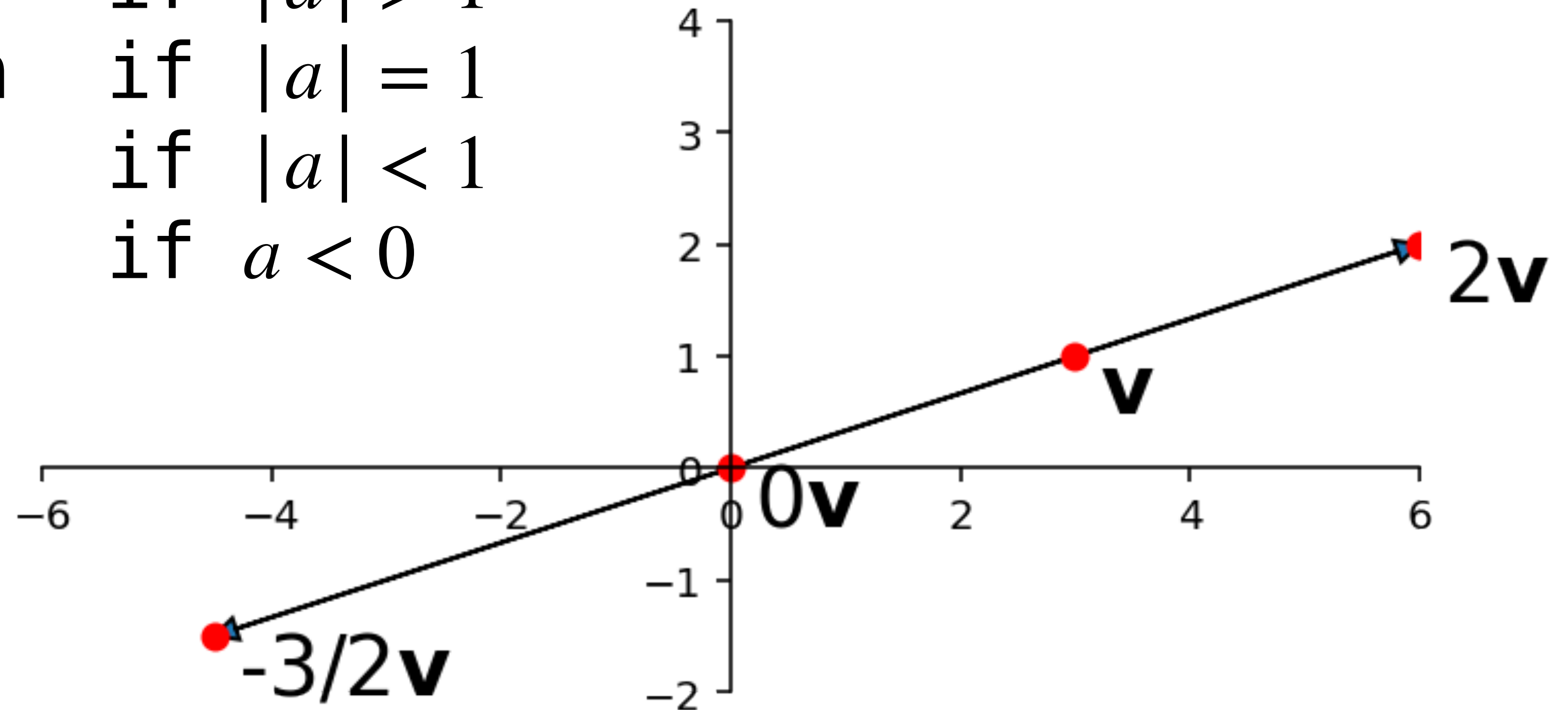
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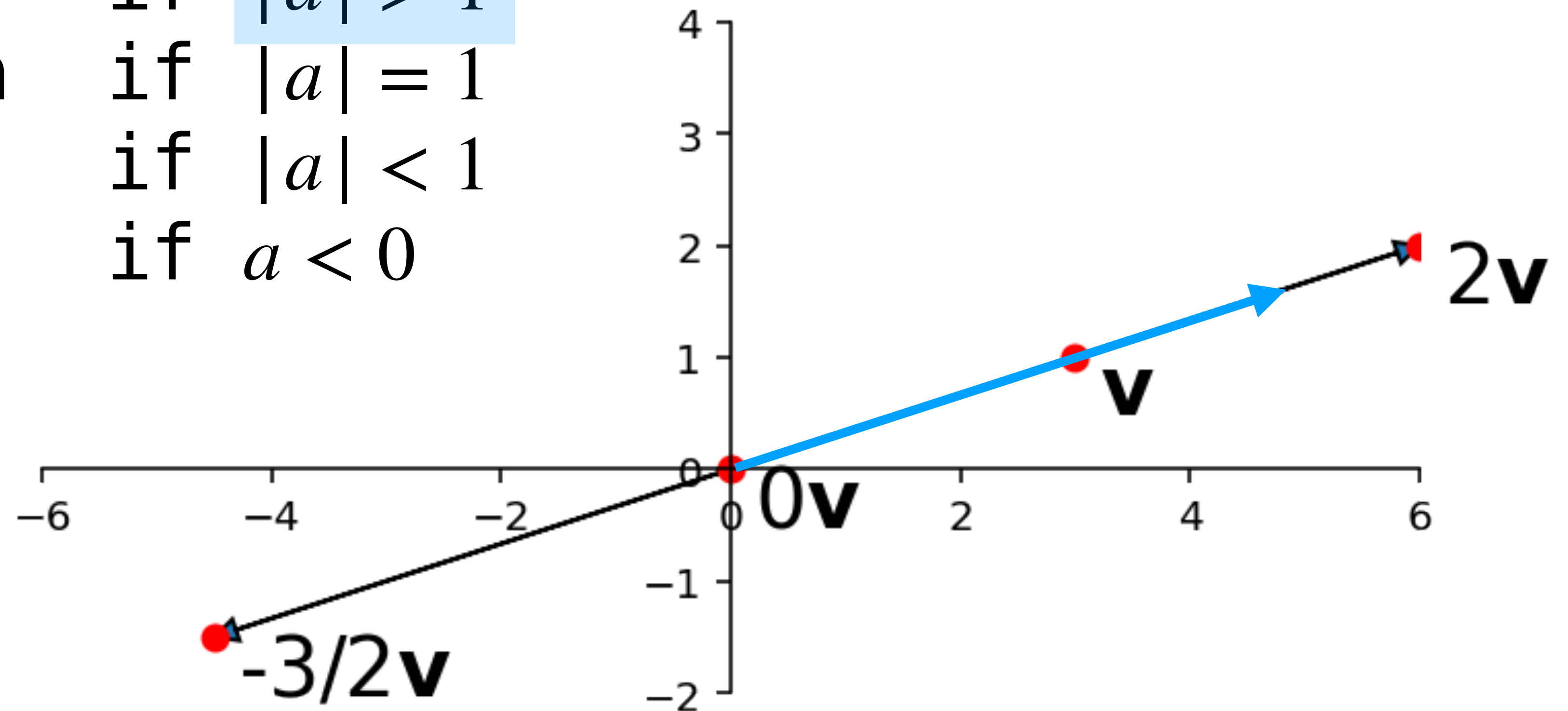
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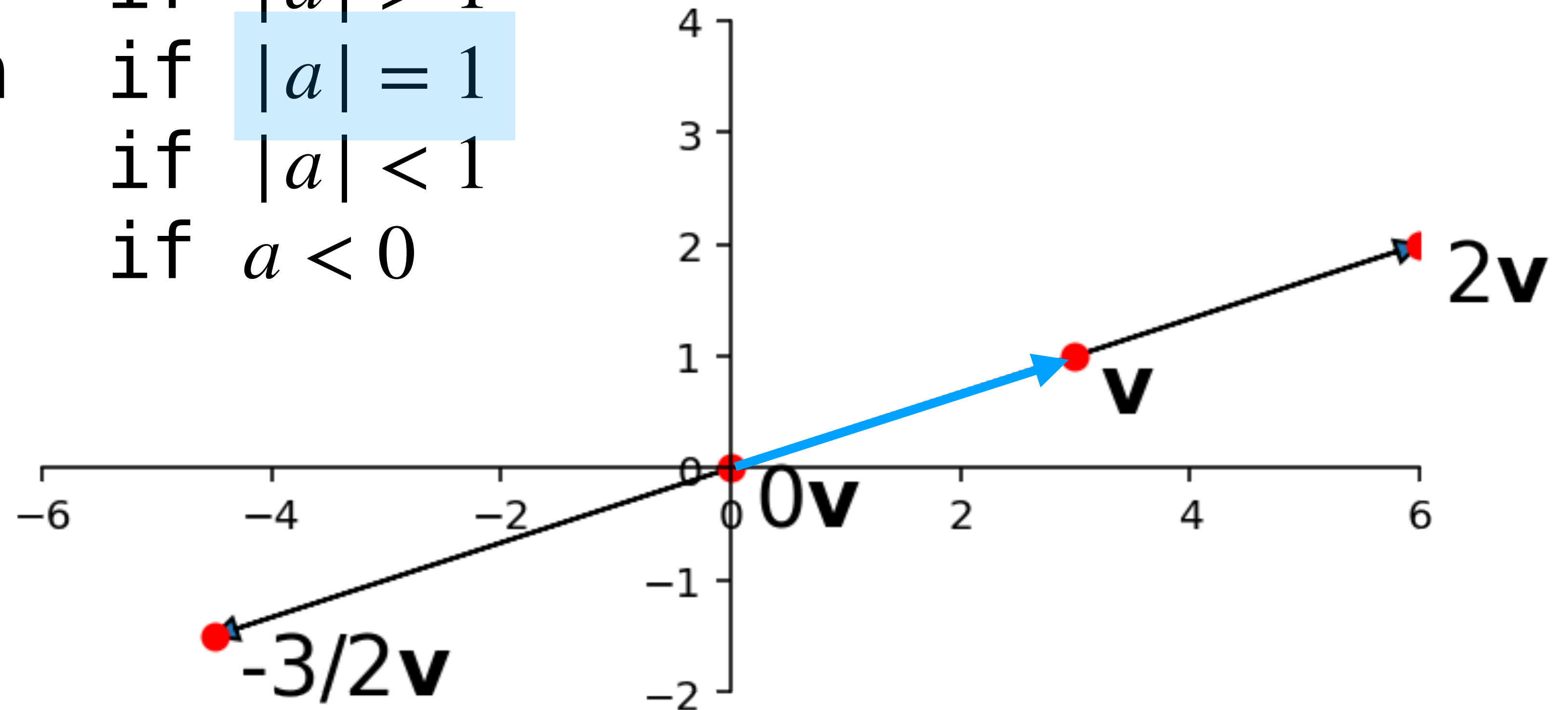
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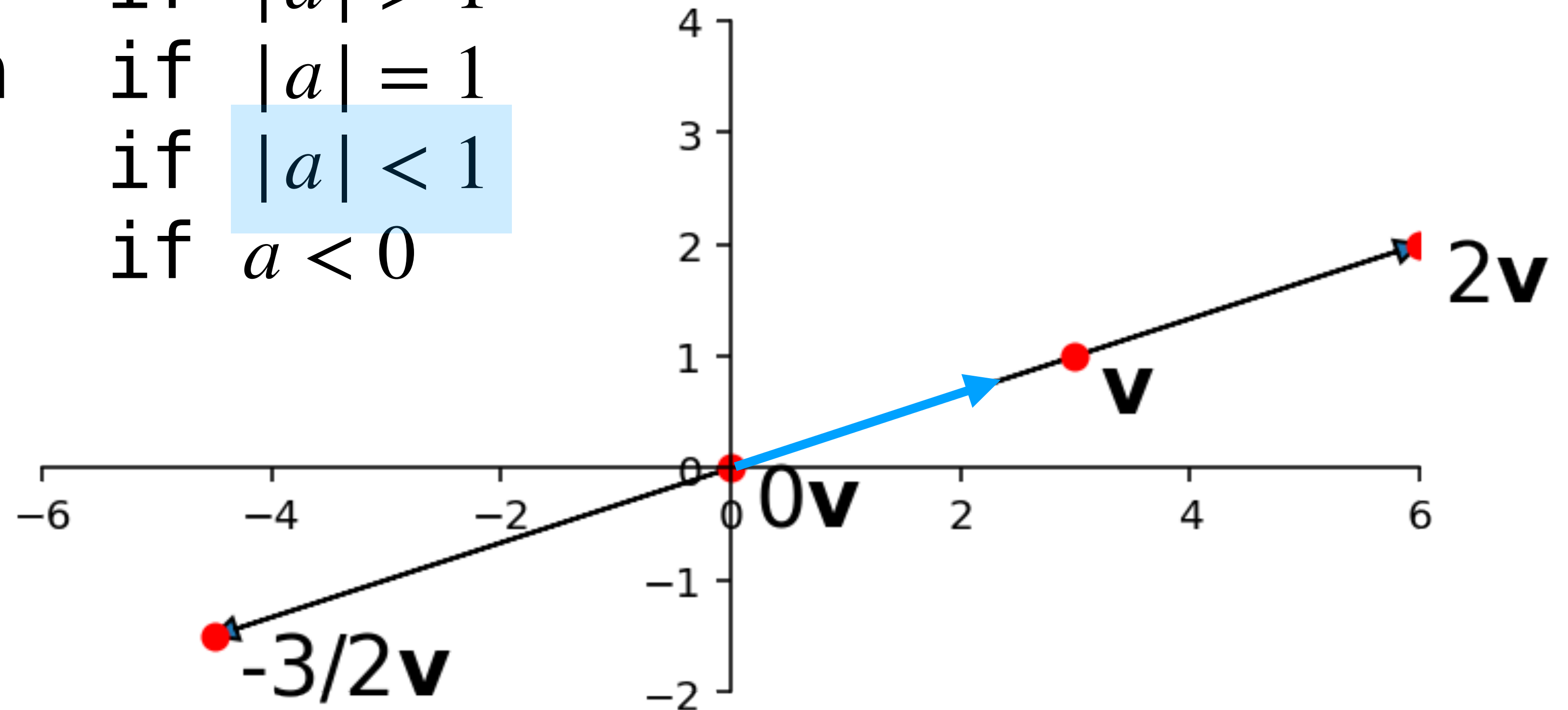
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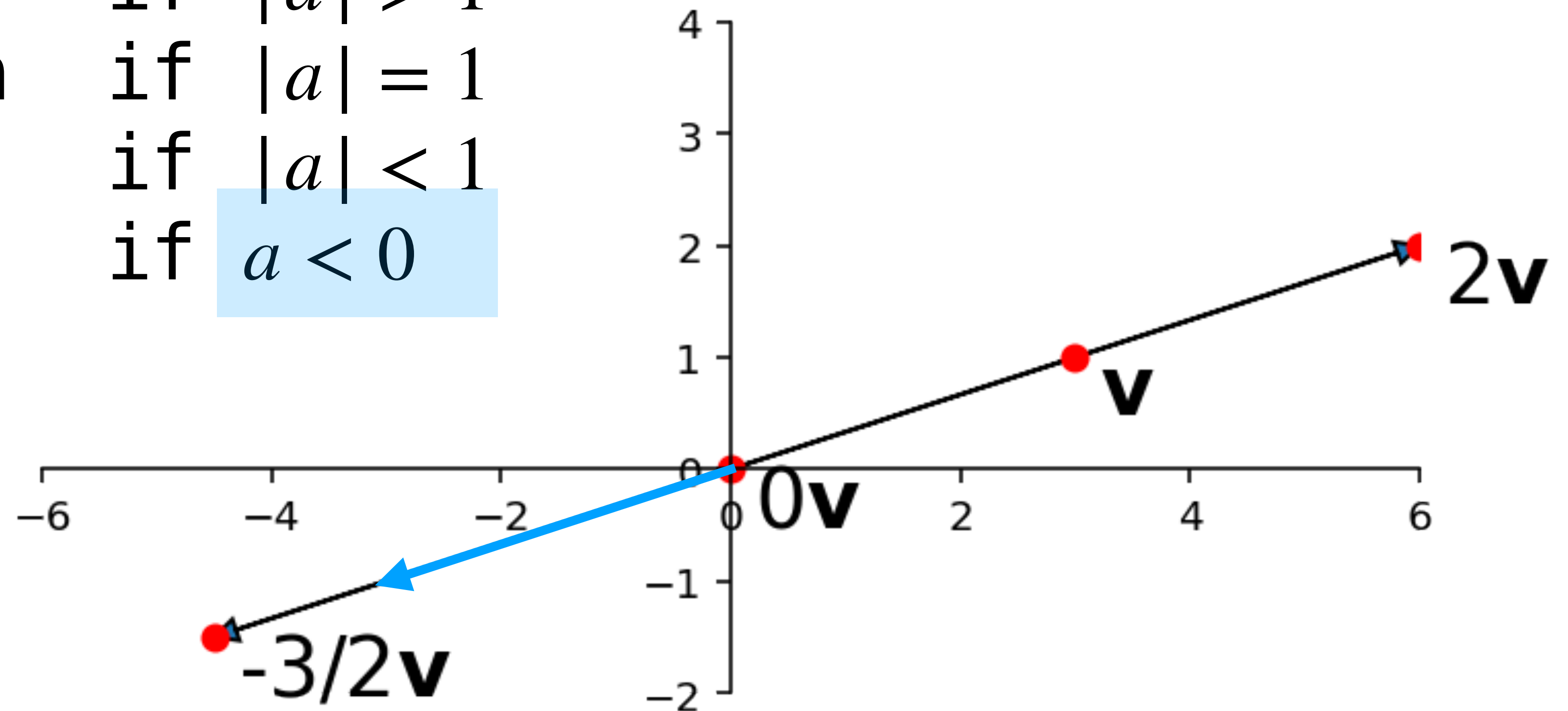
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# Recall: Linear Combinations (Example)

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

# 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

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# Question (Conceptual)

*What does it mean geometrically if  $\mathbf{b} \notin \text{span}\{\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n\}$ ?*

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is this consistent?

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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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The diagram illustrates the pictorial representation of matrix-vector multiplication. It shows a matrix with  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns, and a vector with  $n$  elements. The matrix elements are  $a_{11}, a_{12}, \dots, a_{1n}$  in the first row,  $a_{21}, a_{22}, \dots, a_{2n}$  in the second row, and  $a_{m1}, a_{m2}, \dots, a_{mn}$  in the  $m$ -th row. The columns are highlighted in red, and the vector elements  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  are highlighted in blue.

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a linear combination of the columns where  
s defines the weights



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THESE MATCH

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$(3 \times 2)$     $(2 \times 1)$     $(3 \times 1)$

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There are only two, please memorize them...



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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**

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

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -15 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 16 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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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)

**Spanning all of  $\mathbb{R}^2$**

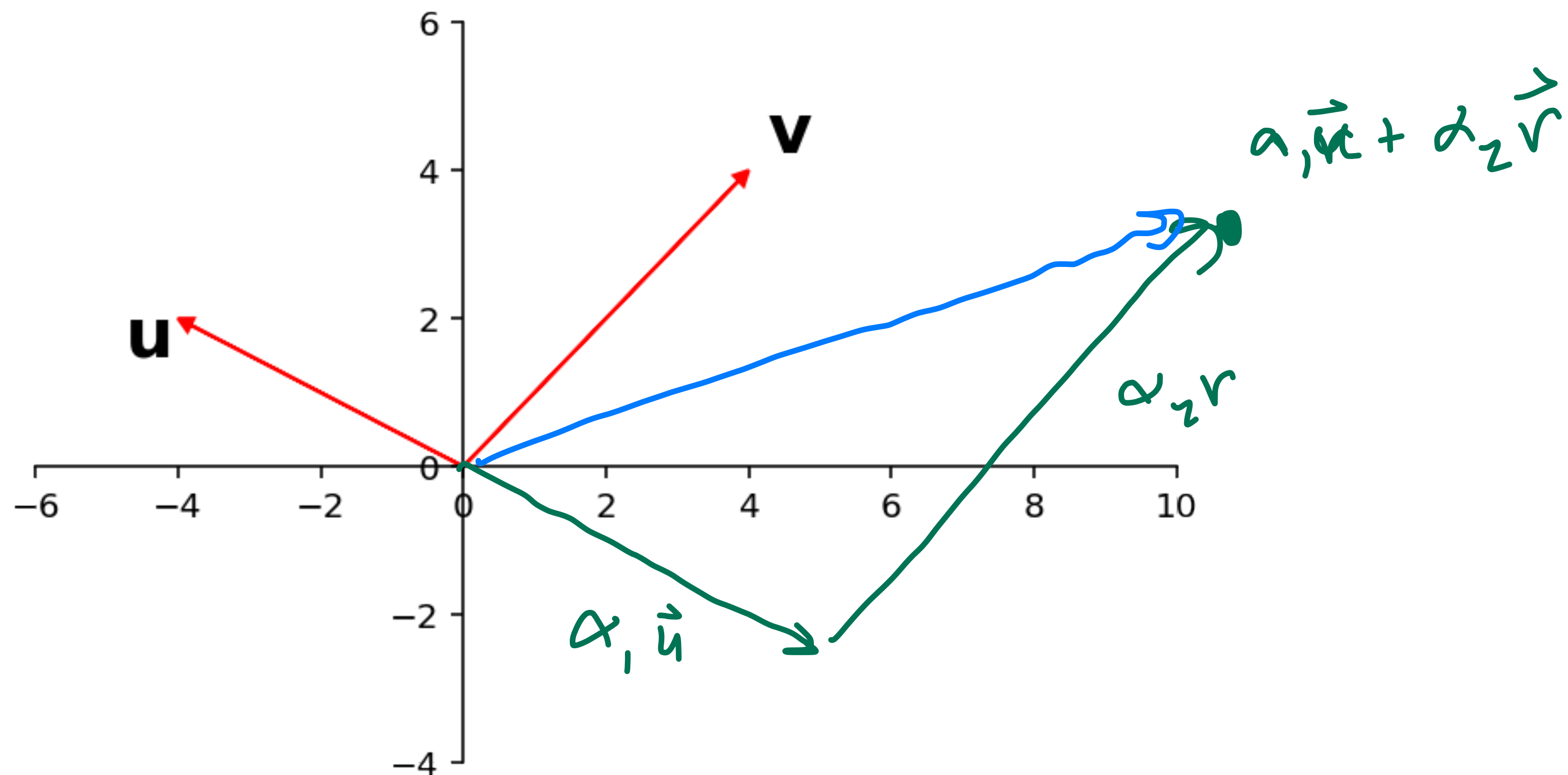
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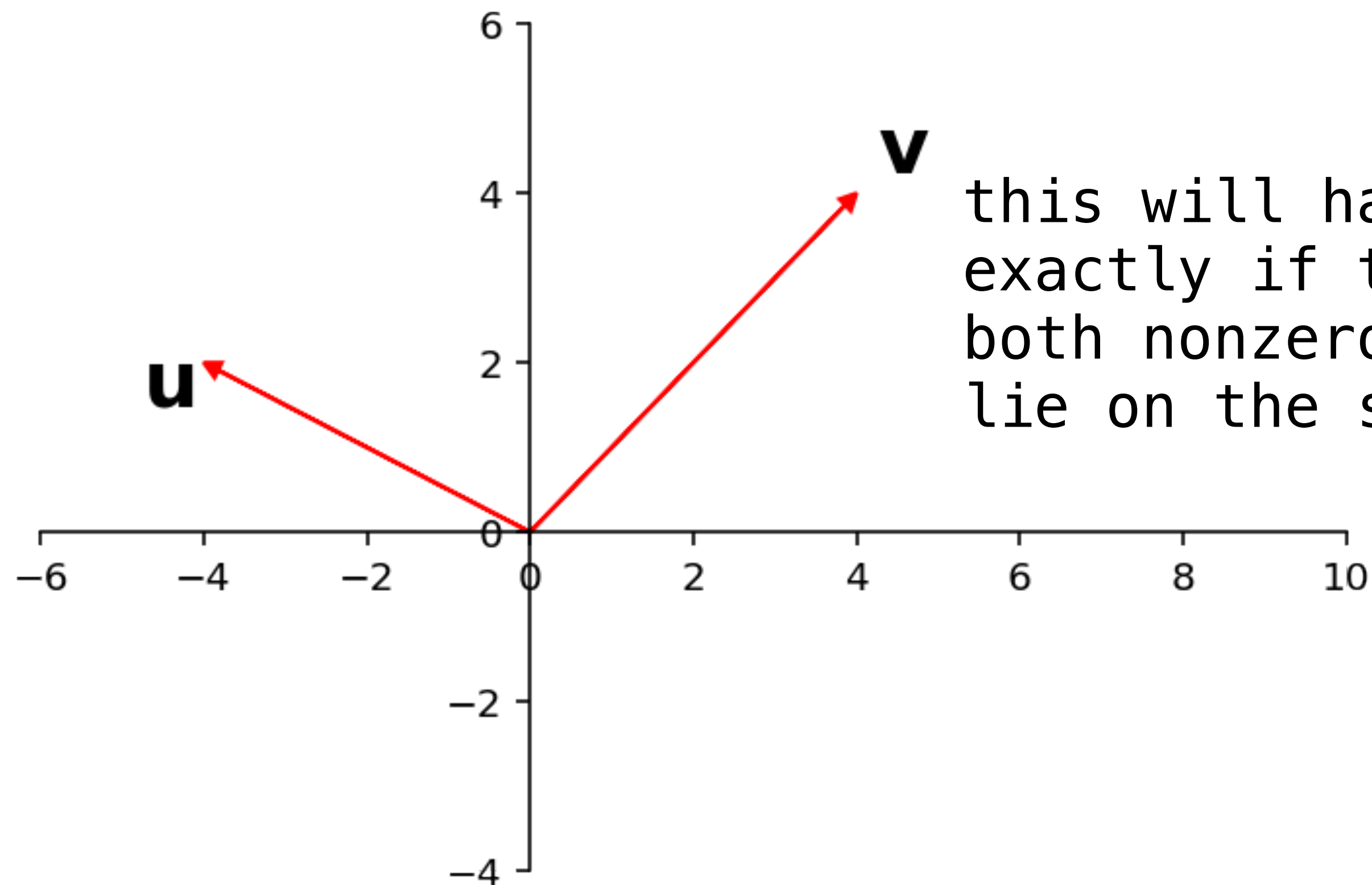
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this will happen exactly if they are both nonzero and don't lie on the same line

# 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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**every vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  can be written as a linear  
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**!! We only need the echelon form !!**

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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

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**this gives use a linear equation which describes the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$**

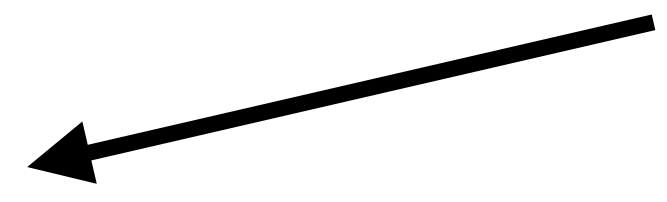
# Question (Understanding Check)

*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

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

leading entry not to the right



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**

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

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

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**Taking Stock**

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**they all have the same solution sets**

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# 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