Matrices of Linear Transformations

Geometric Algorithms
Lecture 9

CAS CS 132

Practice Problem

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\0\end{bmatrix}\right) = 9 \qquad\qquad T\left(\begin{bmatrix}0\\1\end{bmatrix}\right) = 2$$

Suppose that T is a linear transformation with the above input–output behavior.

What is the domain of T? What is the codomain of T?

What is the value of $T\left(\begin{bmatrix}2\\-3\end{bmatrix}\right)$***?***

Answer

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Objectives

1. Look at more examples of linear transformations
2. Show that matrix transformations and linear transformations are really the same thing
3. See more the geometry of linear transformations
4. Relate the properties of matrix equations to properties of linear transformations

Keywords

matrix of a linear transformation

standard basis vectors (standard coordinate vectors)

2D linear transformations

the unit square

one-to-one

onto

Recap

Recall: Matrices as Transformations

Matrices allow us to *transform* vectors.

The transformed vector lies in the span of its columns.

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto A\mathbf{x}$$

map a vector $\mathbf{x}$ to the vector $A\mathbf{v}$

Recall: Transformation of a Matrix

The ***transformation of a*** $(m \times n)$ ***matrix*** A is the function $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ such that

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$$

given $\mathbf{v}$, return A multiplied by $\mathbf{v}$

e.g. $T(\mathbf{v}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}$

Recall: Motivating Questions

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It's often easiest to show this single condition.

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Example: Identity

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$$

Example: Zero

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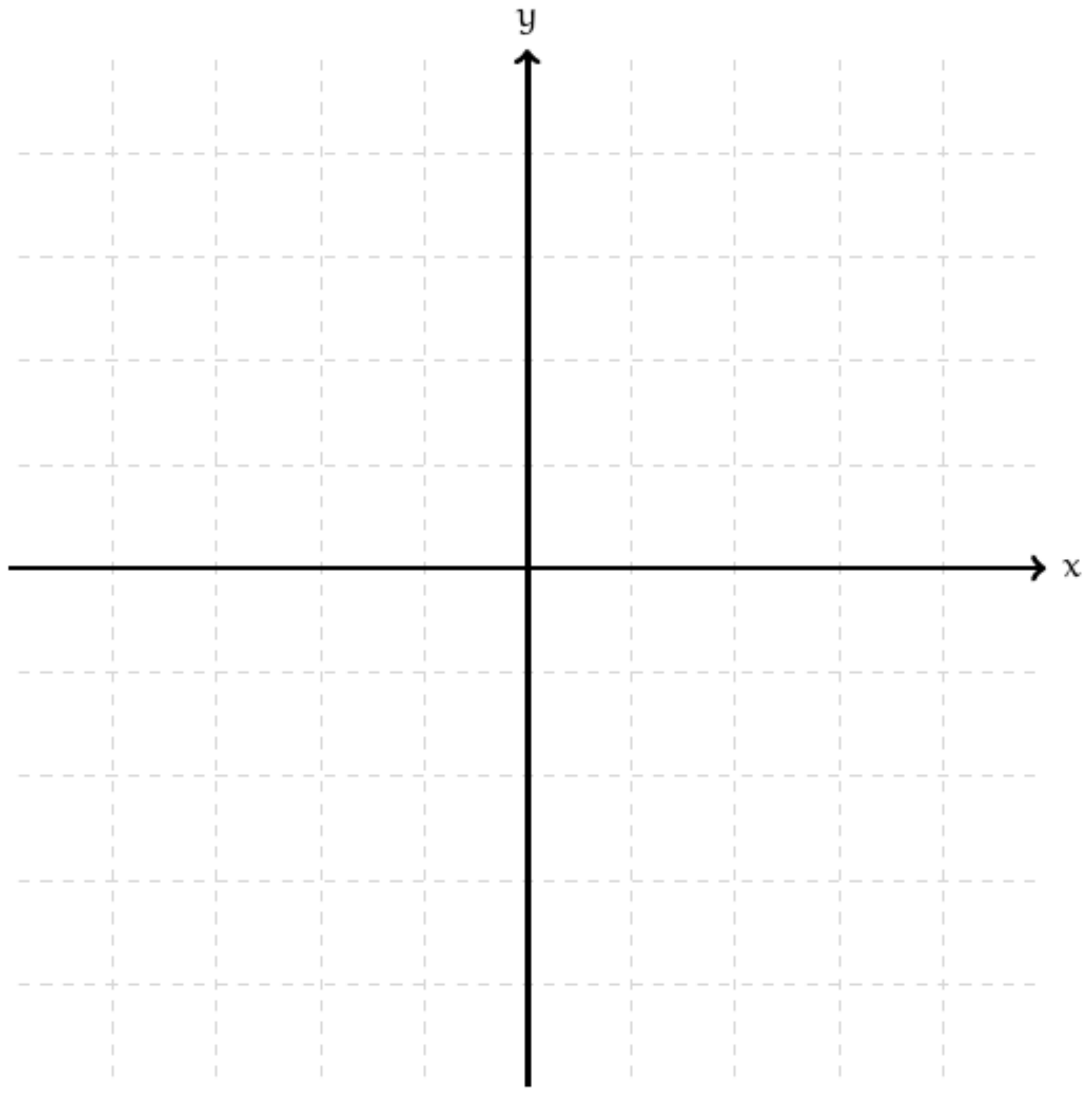
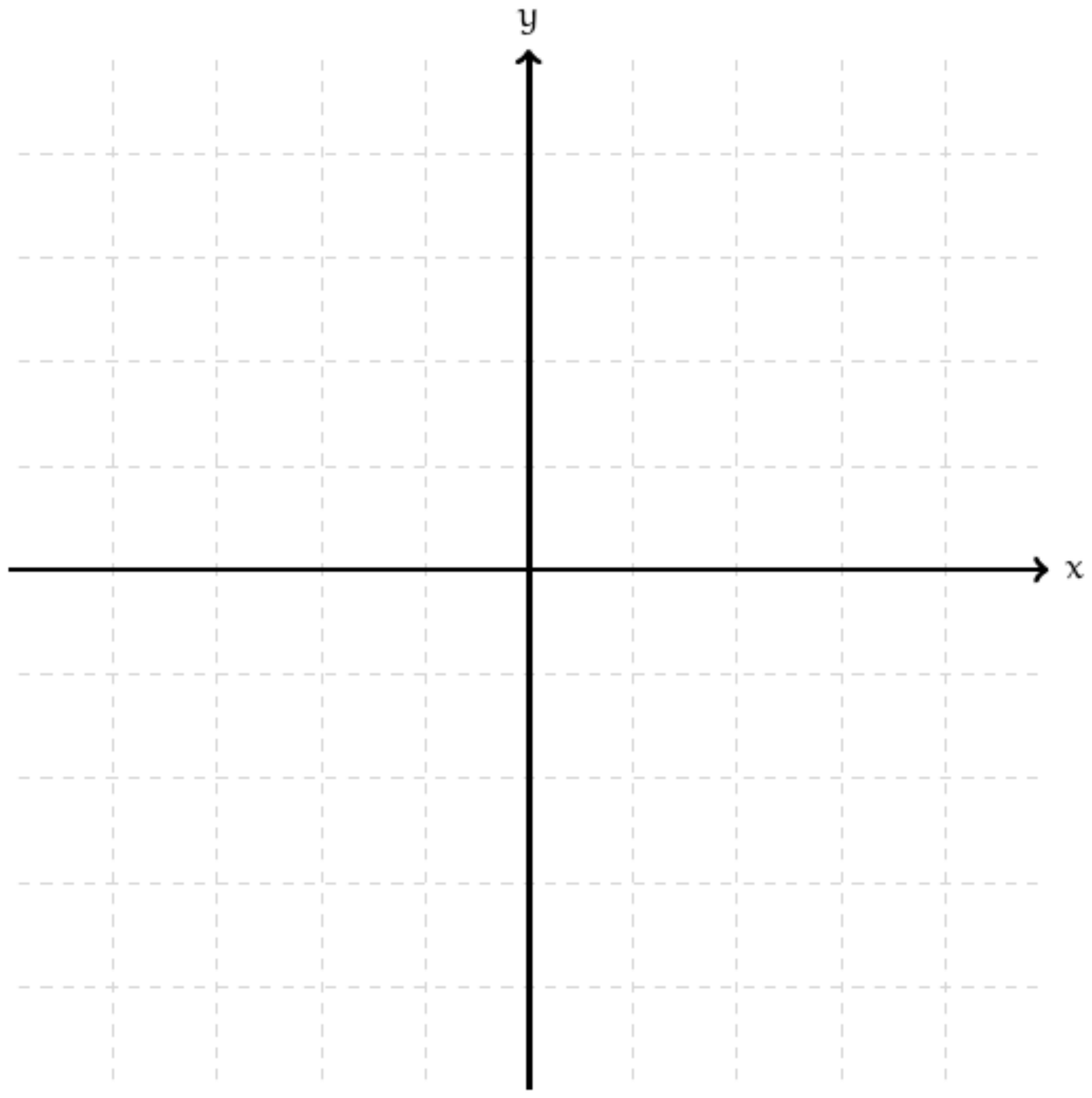
Example: Rotation

We'll see this on Thursday, but we can reason about it geometrically for now.



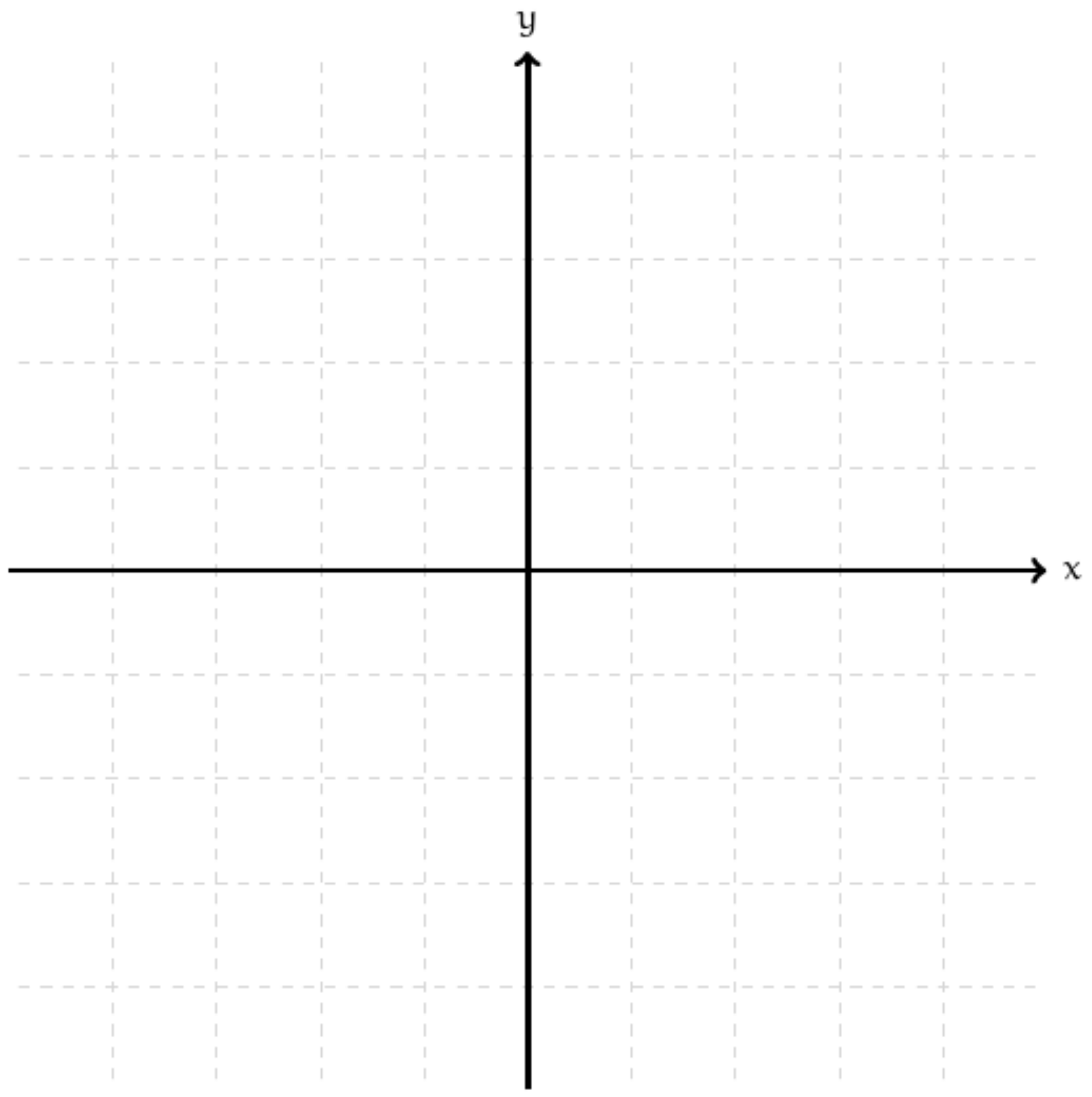


Non-Example: Squares

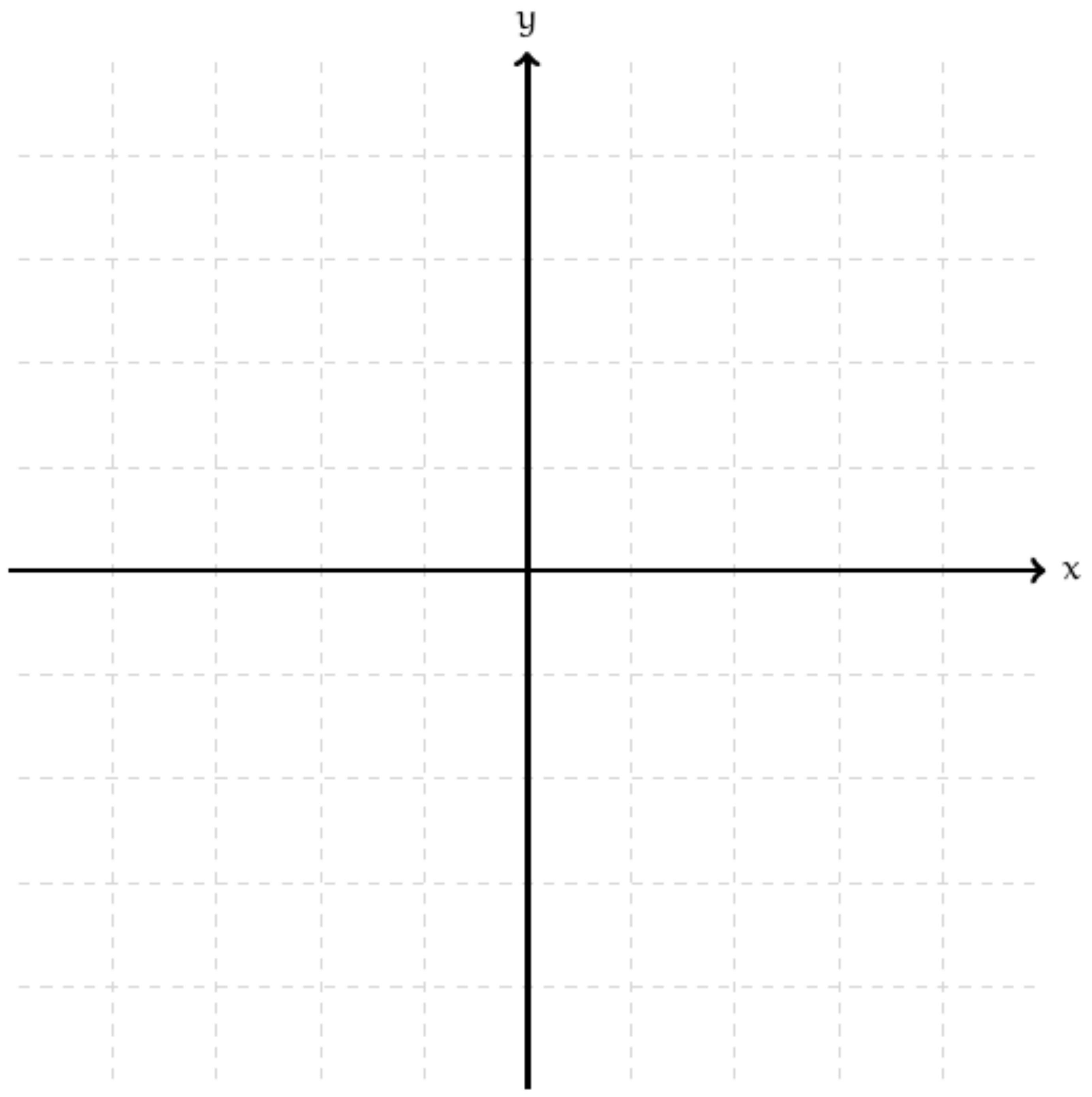
$$T(x) = x^2$$

Note that $T : \mathbb{R}^1 \to \mathbb{R}^1$

Non-Example: Translation



$$\mathbf{x} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow$$



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`any matrix transformation:`

`rotation about the origin:`

`translation` *`(non-example)`*`:`

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Linear transformations are **exactly** matrix transformations.

A Fundamental Concern

Given a linear transformation T, how do we find the matrix A such that

$$T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}?$$

A Thought Experiment

Suppose I tell you T is a linear transformation and

$$T\left(\begin{bmatrix}1\\2\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}3\\4\end{bmatrix} \qquad T\left(\begin{bmatrix}3\\4\end{bmatrix}\right) = \begin{bmatrix}5\\6\end{bmatrix}$$

Do we know what $T\left(\begin{bmatrix}4\\6\end{bmatrix}\right)$ is?

Answer: Yes

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The Takeaway

Linearity is a **very** strong restriction.

If we know the values of $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$ on **any** set of vectors which spans all of $\mathbb{R}^n$, then we know T.

why?:

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This is basically linear algebraic battleship.

Recall: Calculating $A\mathbf{v}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} & a_{m2} & \cdots & a_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ? \\ ? \\ \vdots \\ ? \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b_1 = a_{11}v_1 + a_{12}v_2 + \ldots + a_{1n}v_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{1i}v_i$$

Recall: Matrix-Vector Multiplication

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$A\mathbf{v}$ is a linear combination of the columns of A with weights given by $\mathbf{v}$

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We actually get the whole column $\mathbf{a}_1$

So its like battleship, but you get to choose one column at a time.

The Takeaway

We can learn the first column of the matrix implementing T by looking at $T\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}\right)$

Matrix of a Linear Transformation

Standard Basis

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

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

Standard Basis

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.

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

Standard Basis and the Matrix Equation

The key points: $[\mathbf{a}_1 \ \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \ \cdots \ \ \mathbf{a}_n]\,\mathbf{e}_i = \mathbf{a}_i$

The standard basis vectors gives us a way to "look into" a matrix.

Standard Basis and Vector Coordinates

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

Column vectors can be viewed as describing how to write a vector as a linear combination of the standard basis.

Example:

Standard Basis and Linear Transformations

Theorem. For any linear transformation $T: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$, the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} T(\mathbf{e}_1) & T(\mathbf{e}_2) & \dots & T(\mathbf{e}_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

is the unique matrix such that $T(\mathbf{v}) = A\mathbf{v}$ for all $\mathbf{v}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$.

More Formally

$$T(\mathbf{v}) =$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} T(\mathbf{e}_1) & T(\mathbf{e}_2) & \dots & T(\mathbf{e}_n) \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}$$

How To: Matrices of Linear Transformations

Question. Find the matrix which implements the transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^m$.

Solution. Determine the images of standard basis under T. Then write down

$$\begin{bmatrix} T(\mathbf{e}_1) & T(\mathbf{e}_2) & \dots & T(\mathbf{e}_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

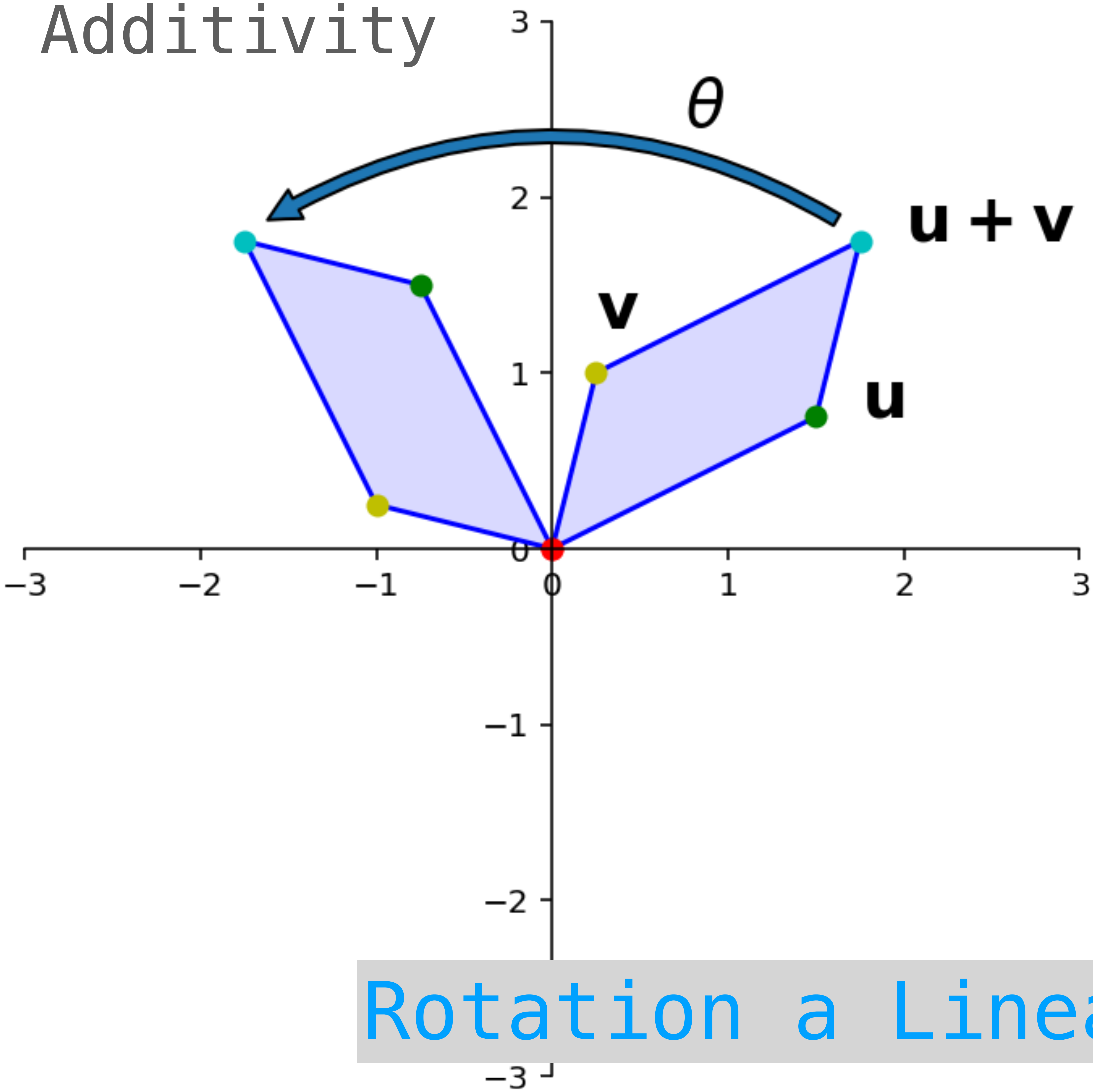
Question

*Write done the matrix which implements the linear transformation T which **rotates** vectors by 90 degrees clockwise.*

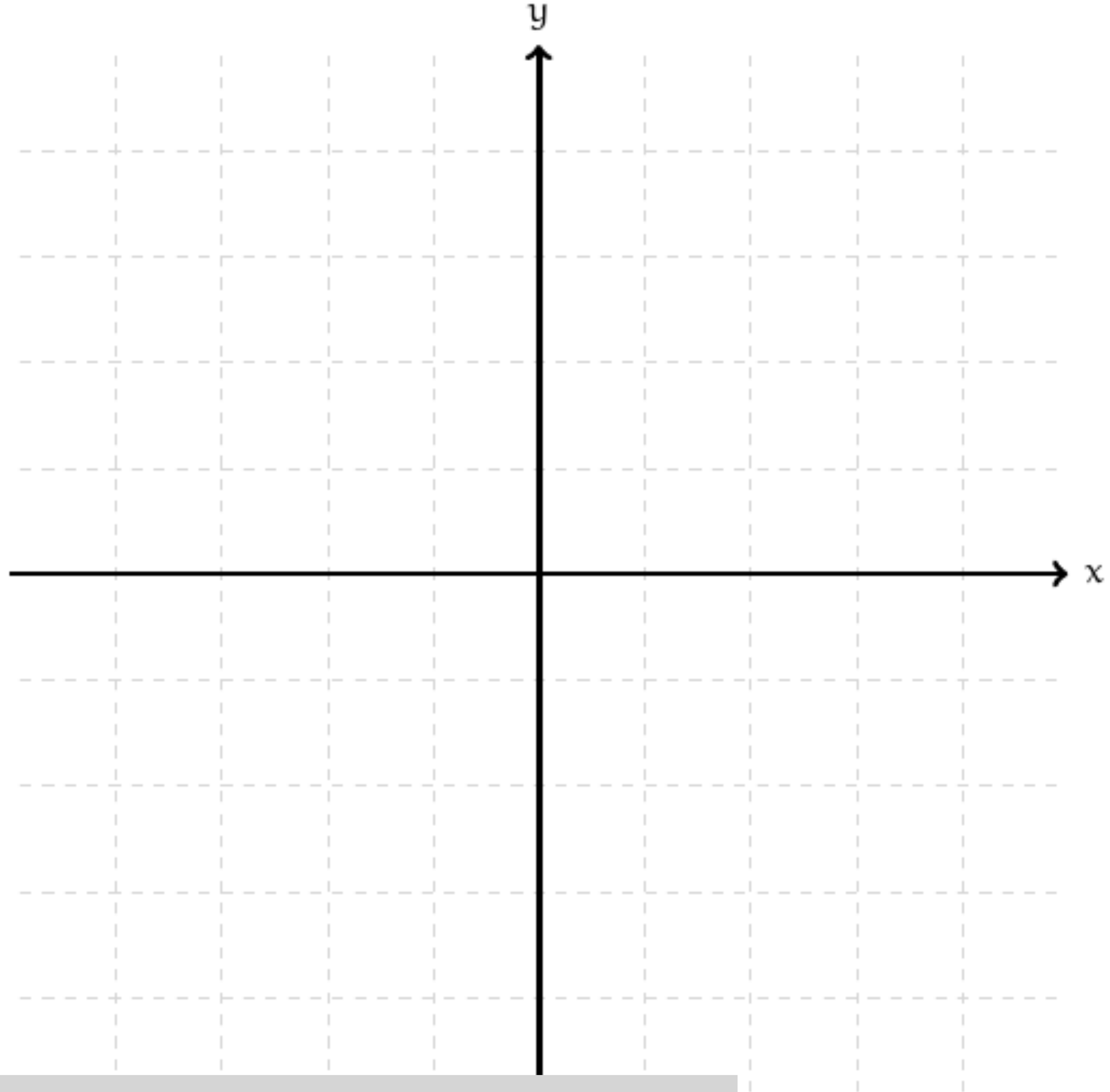
Answer

General Rotation

Additivity



Homogeneity



Rotation a Linear Transformation

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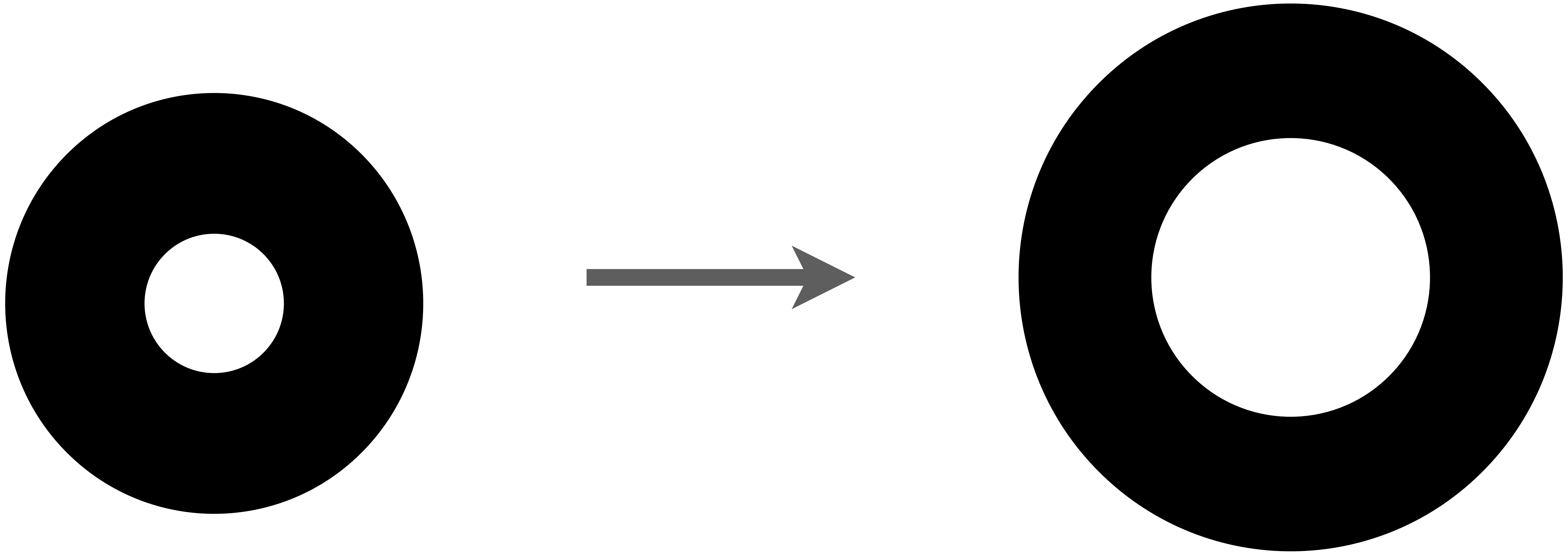
Motto

Matrix transformations change the "shape" of a set of set of vectors (points).

Example: Dilation



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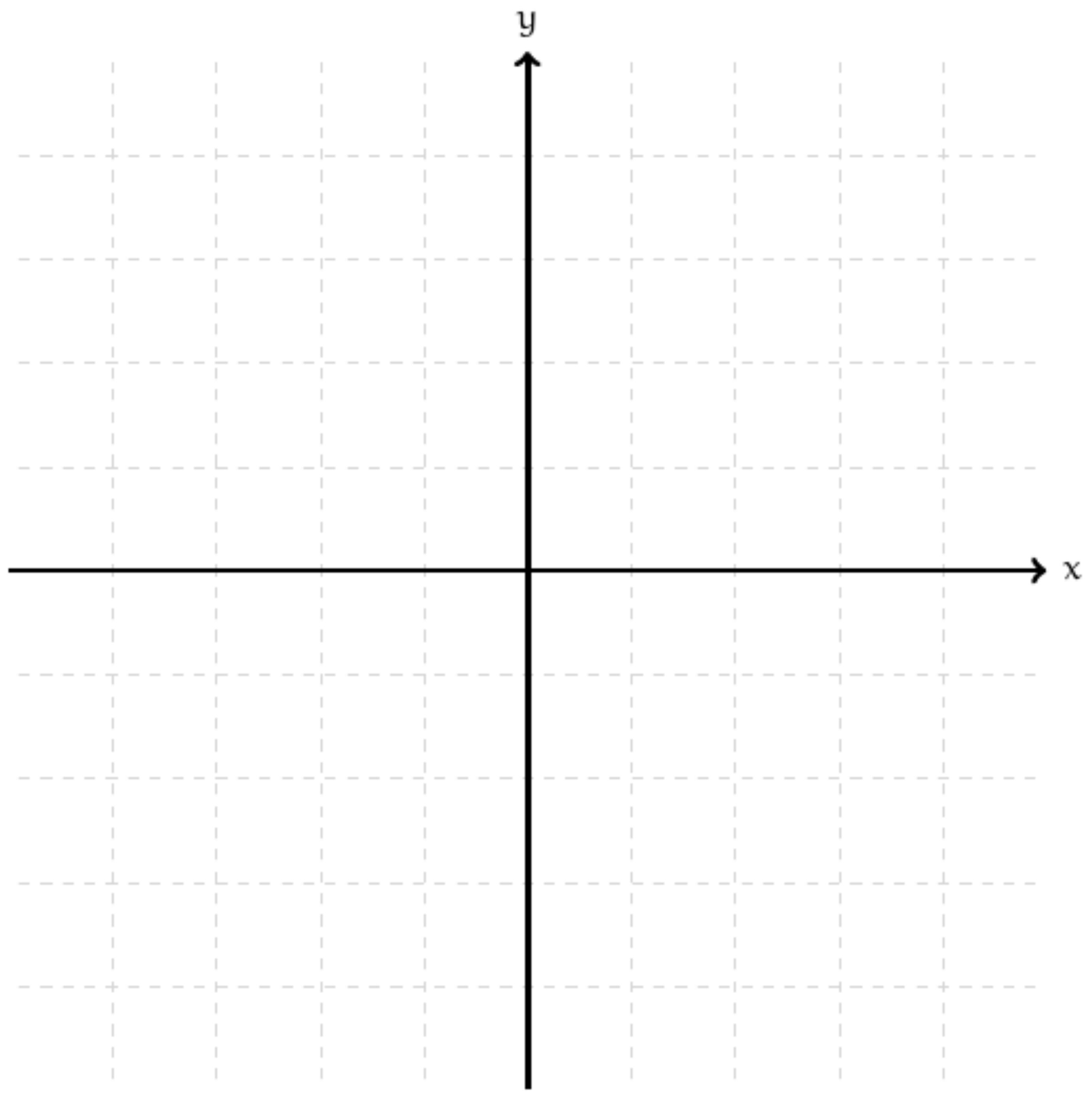
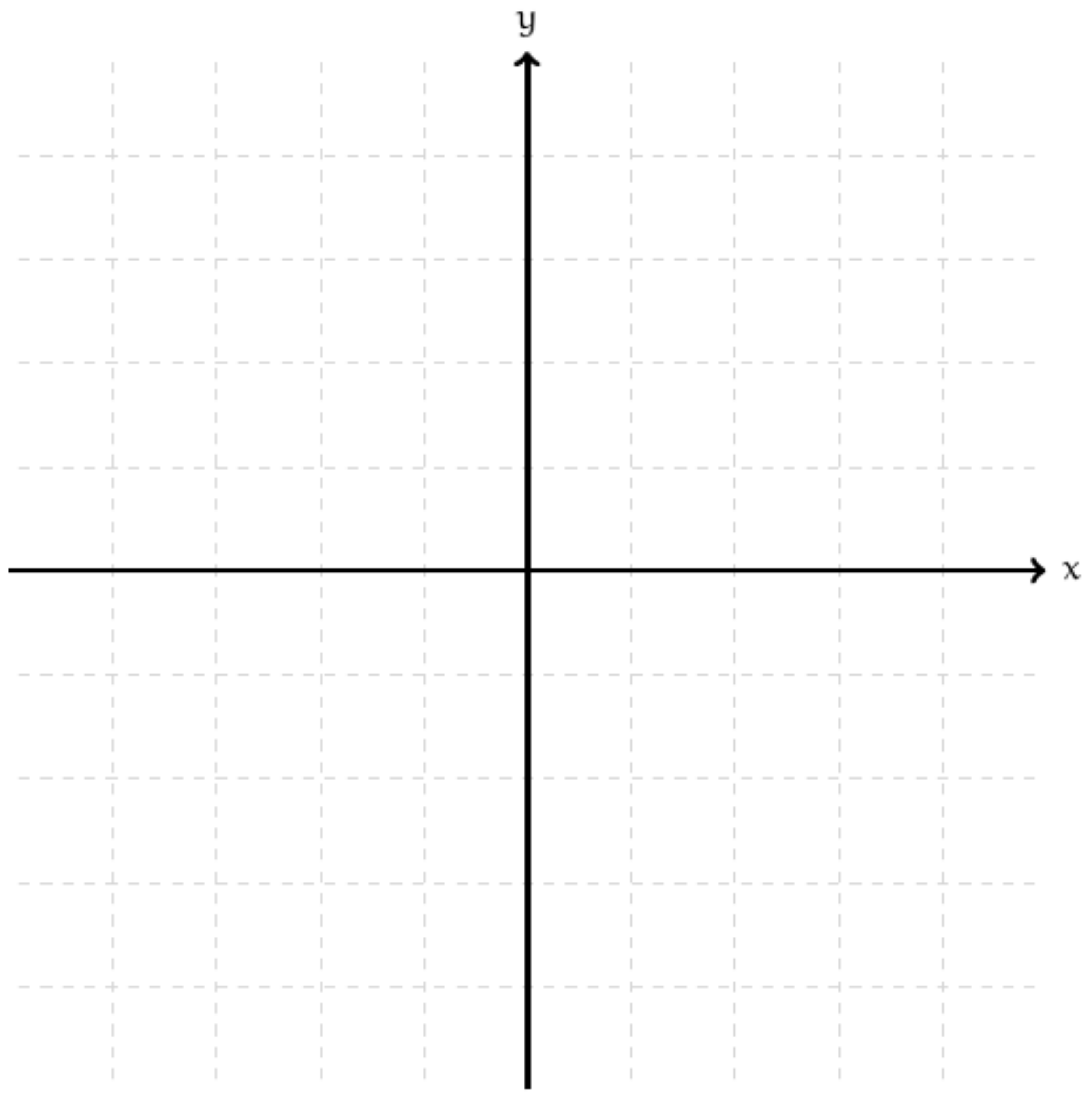


$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$



if $r > 1$, then the transformation pushes points away from the origin.

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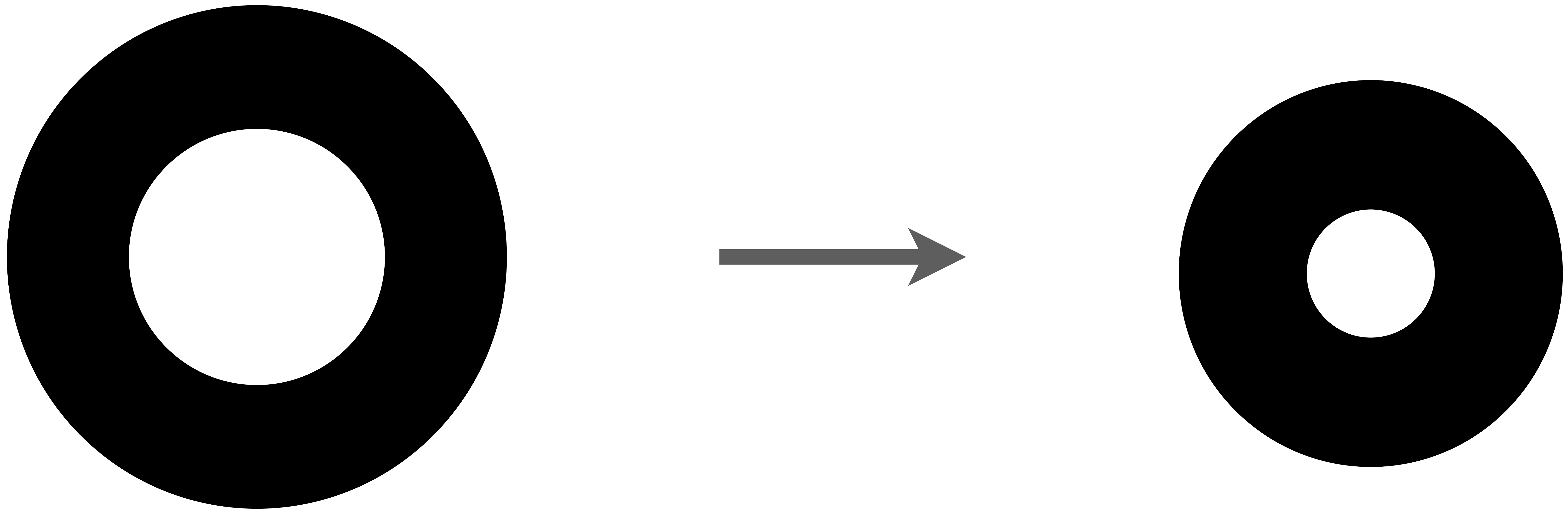

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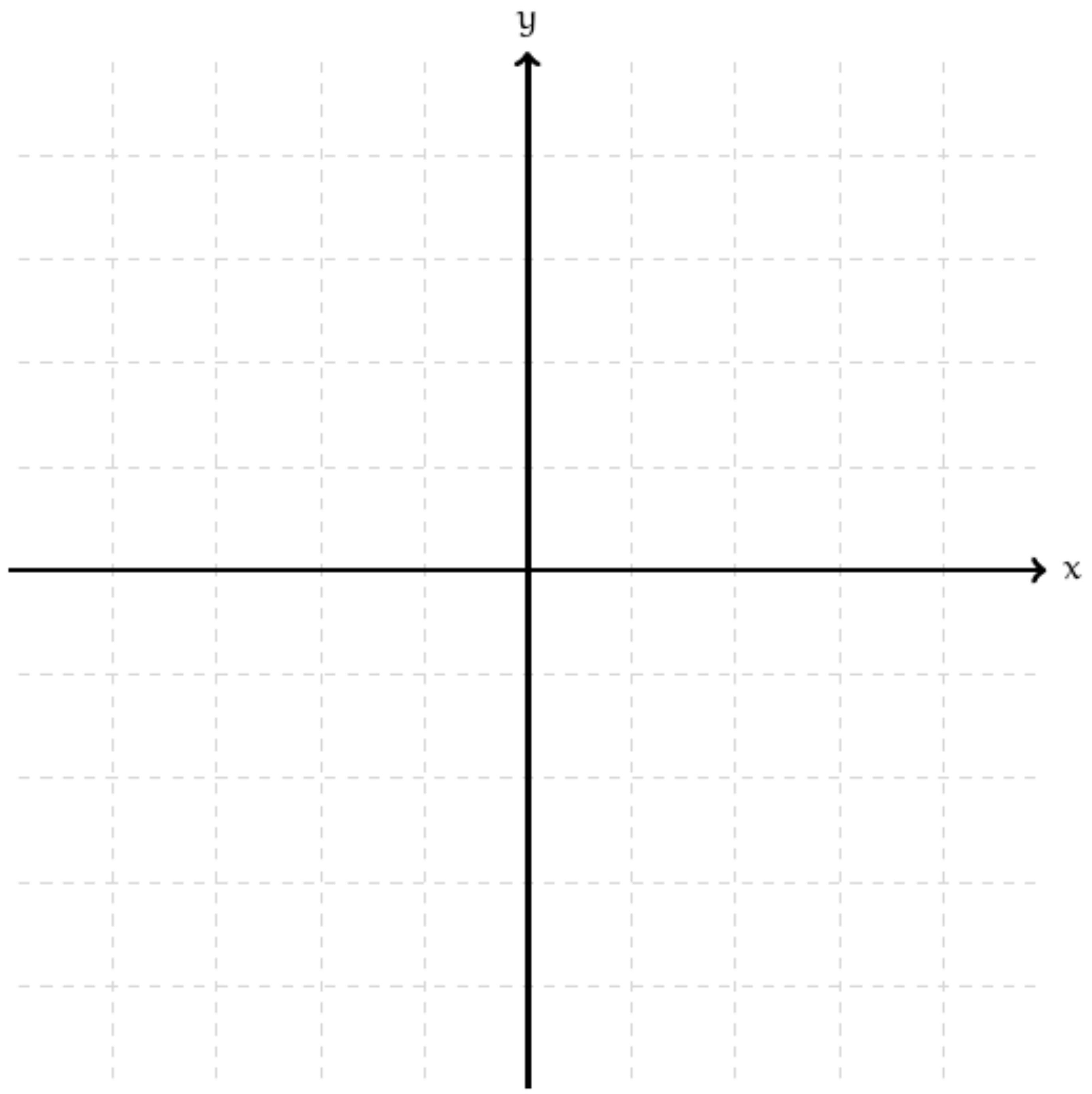

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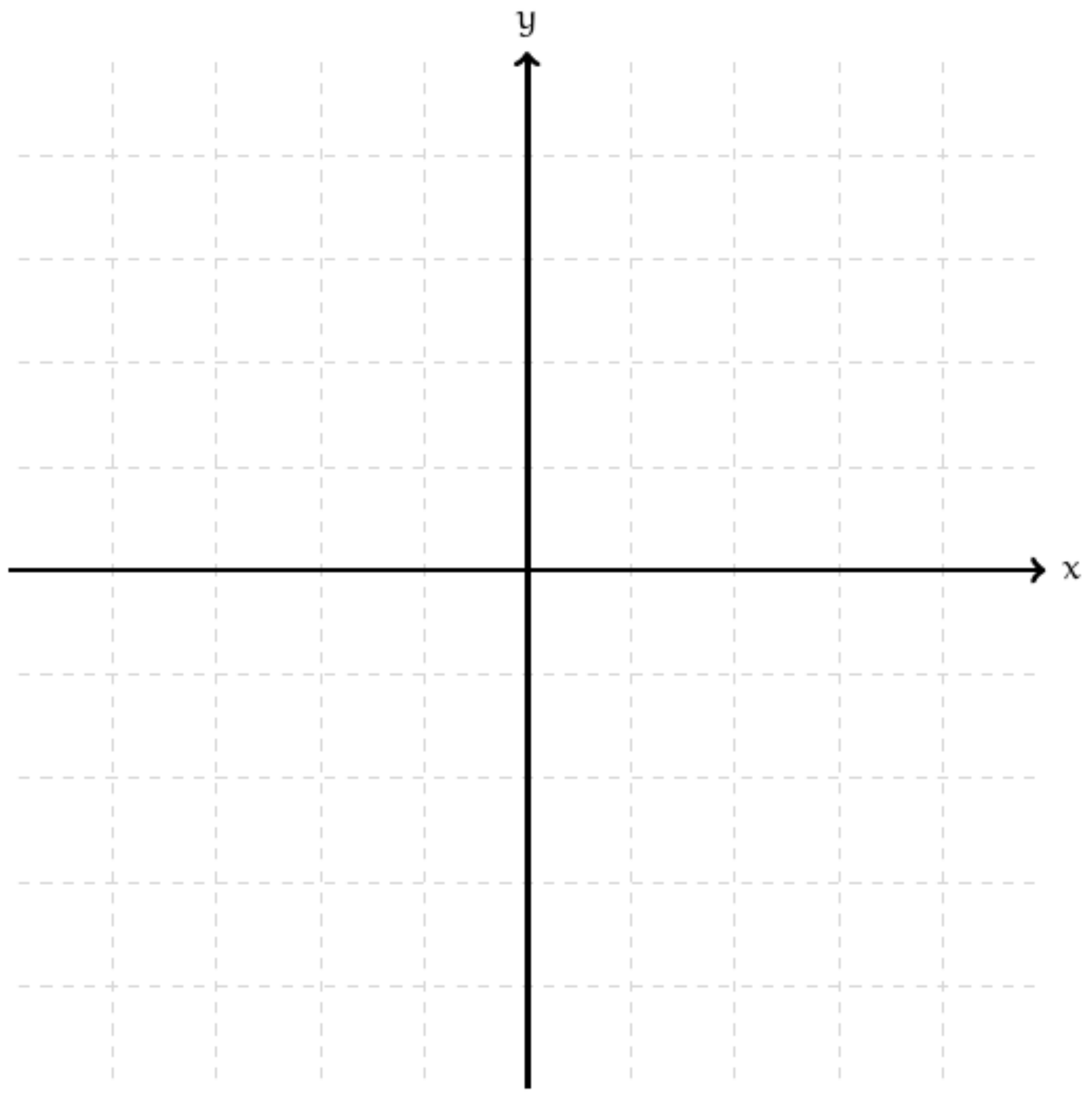

if $0 \leq r \leq 1$, then the transformation pulls points towards the origin.

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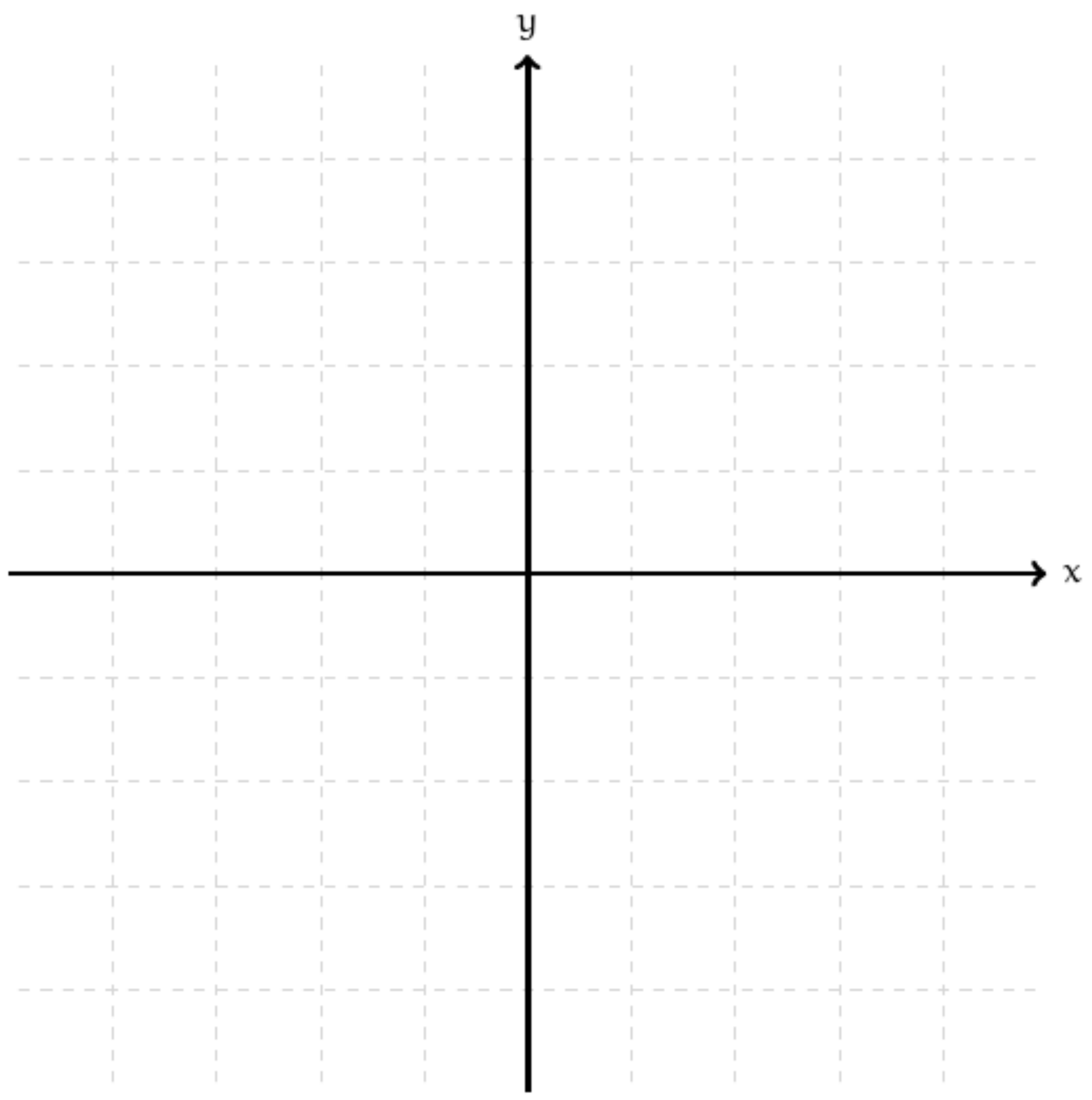
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



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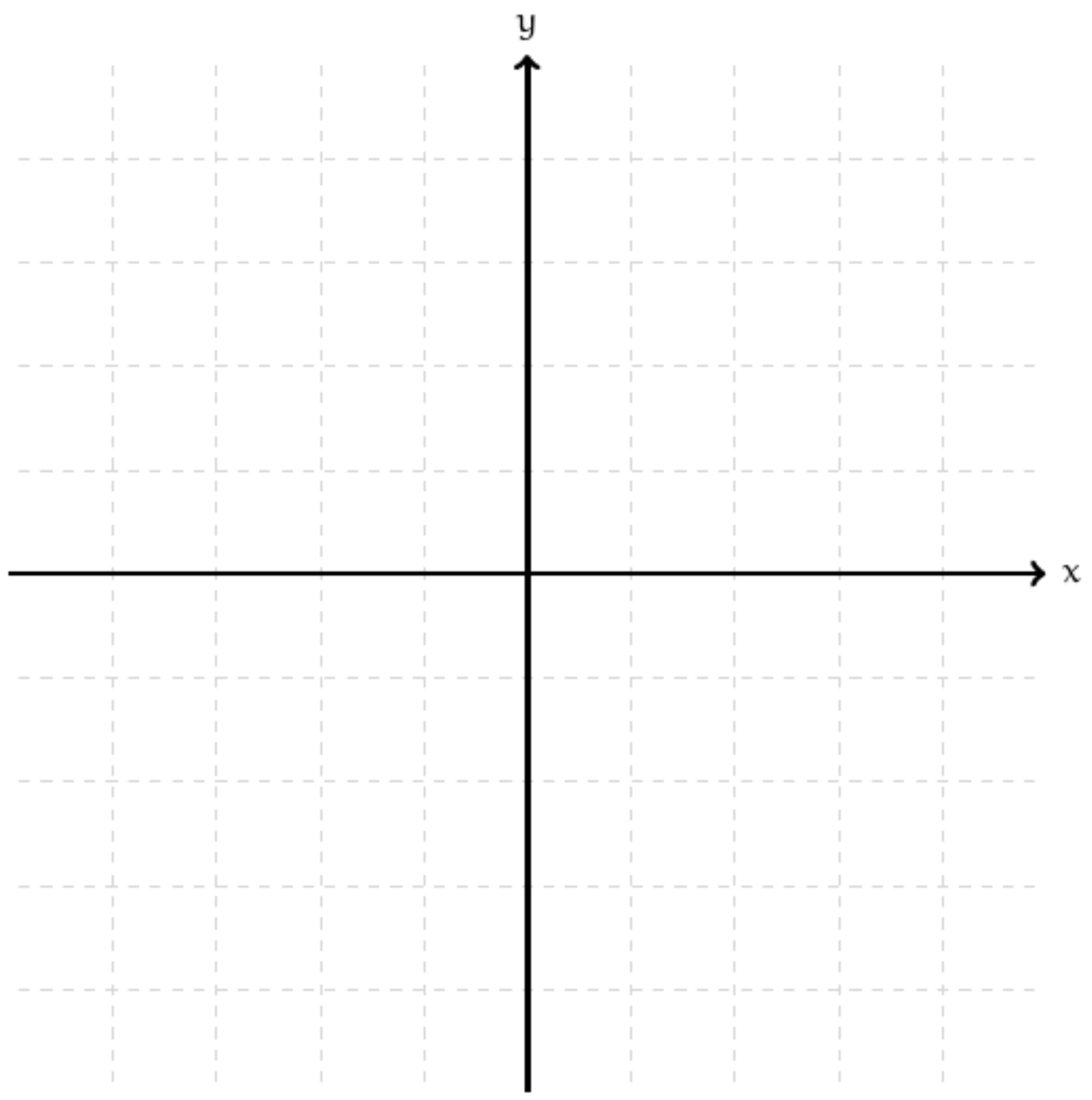
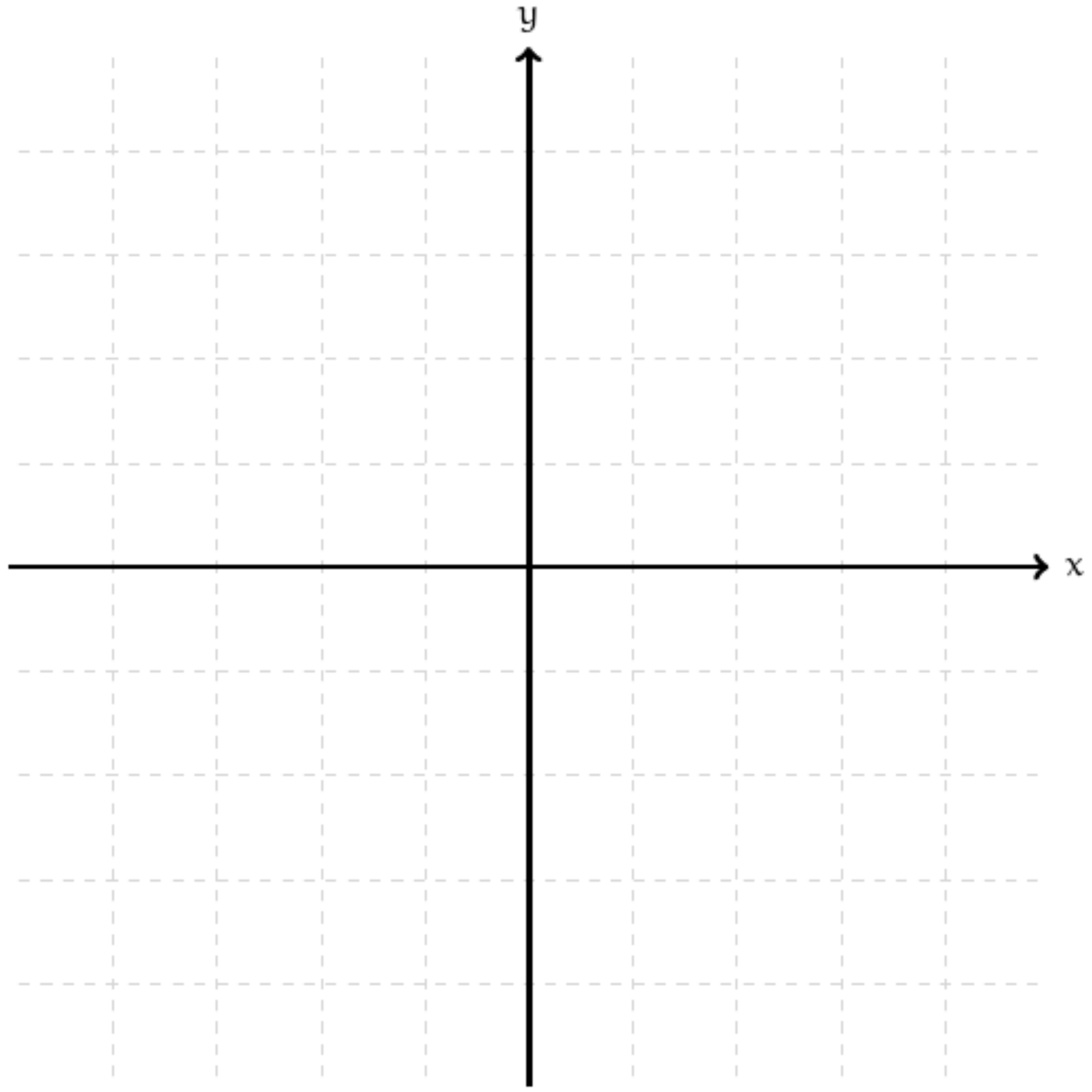
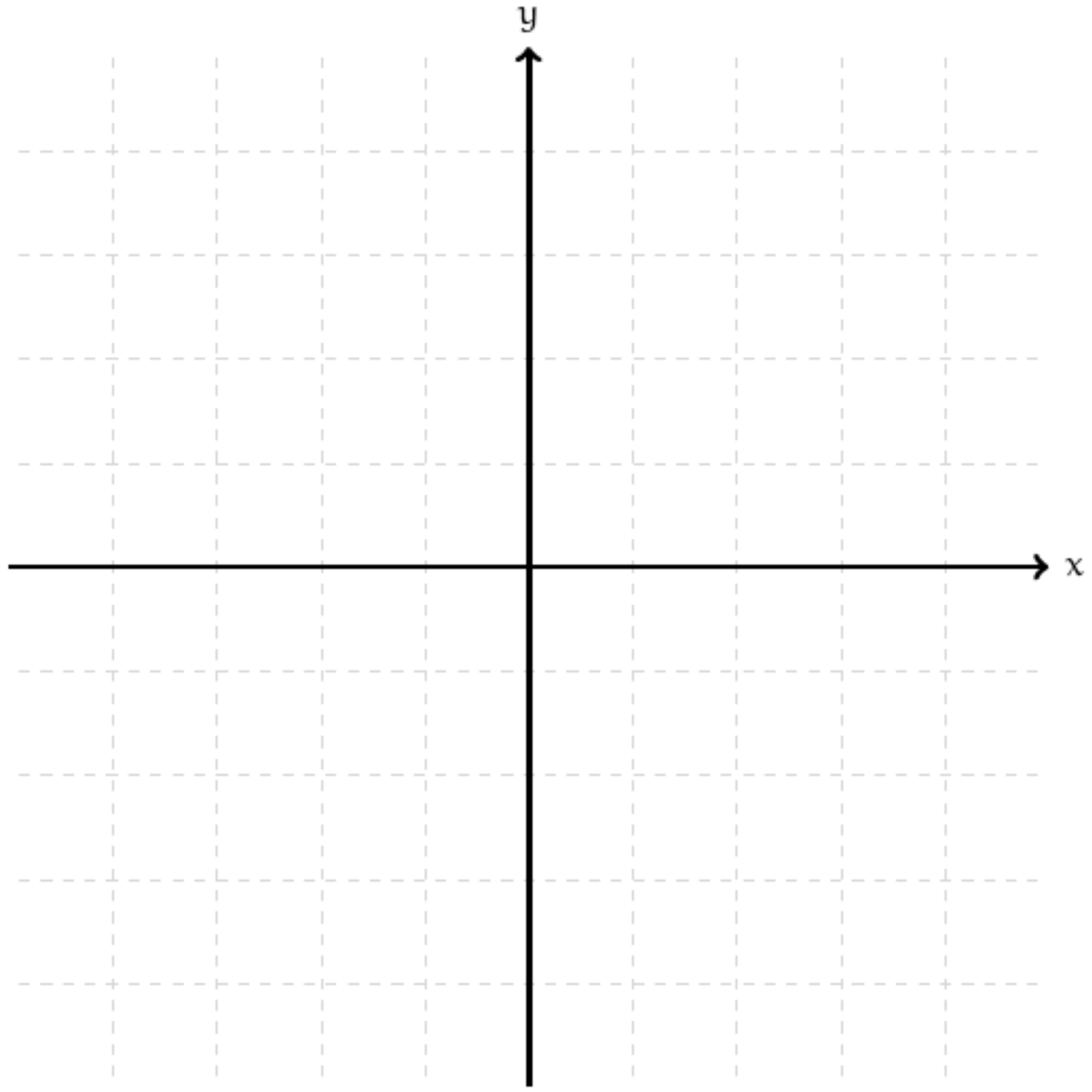


Imagine shearing like with rocks or metal.

Question

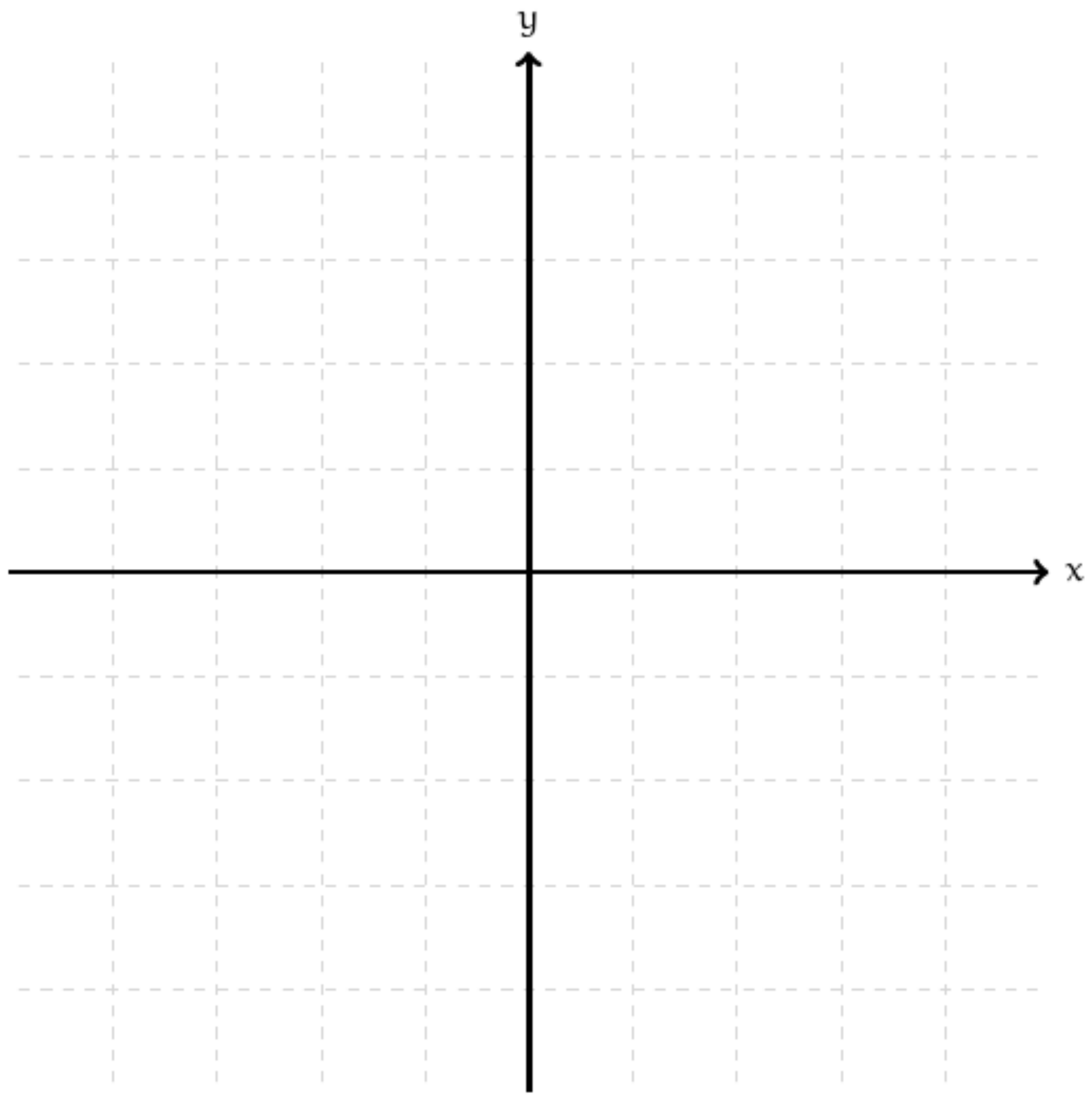


$$\begin{bmatrix}1 & 0\\0 & -1\end{bmatrix}\mathbf{x}$$



Draw how this matrix transforms points. What kind of transformation does it represent?

Answer: Reflection



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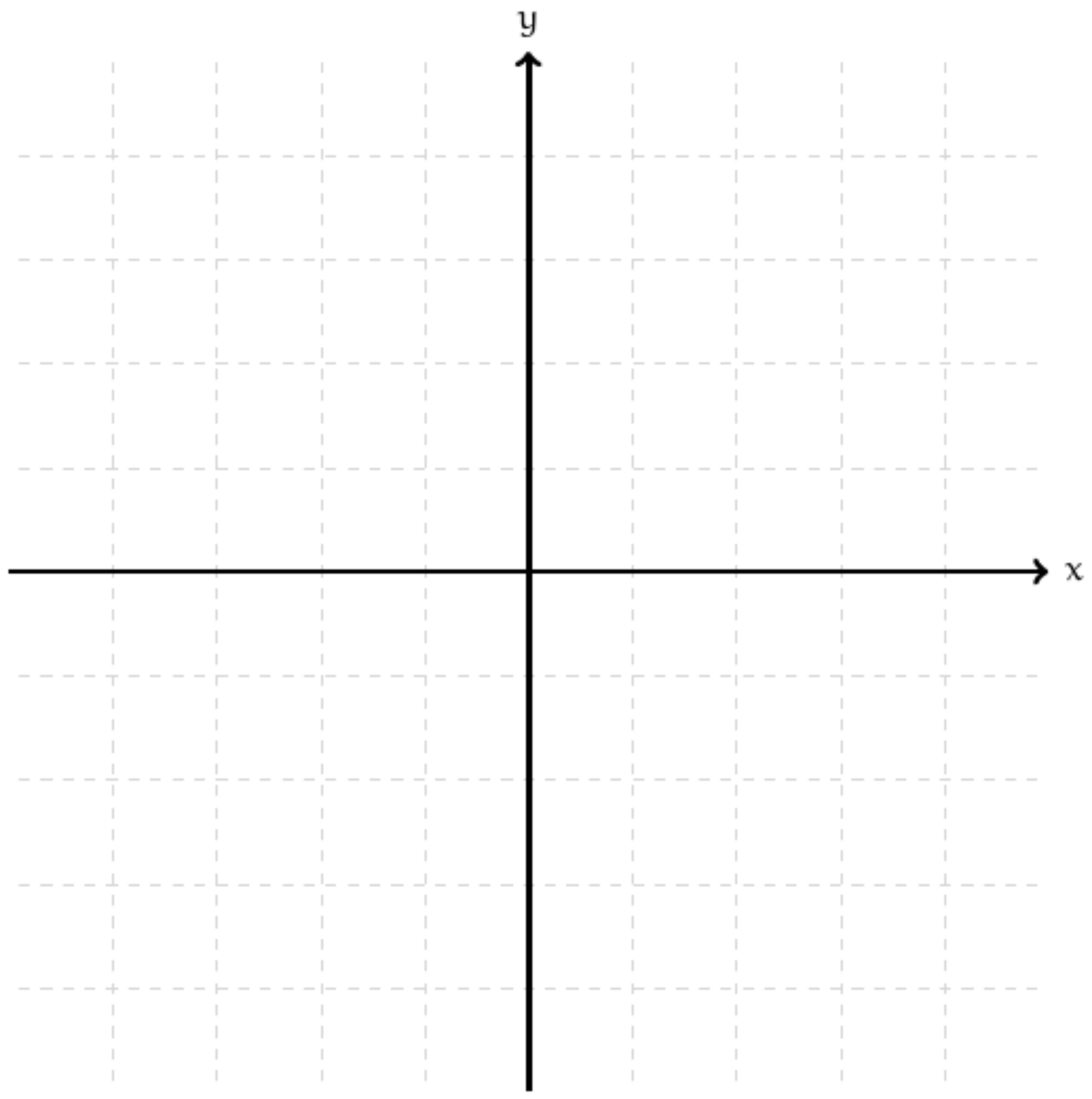
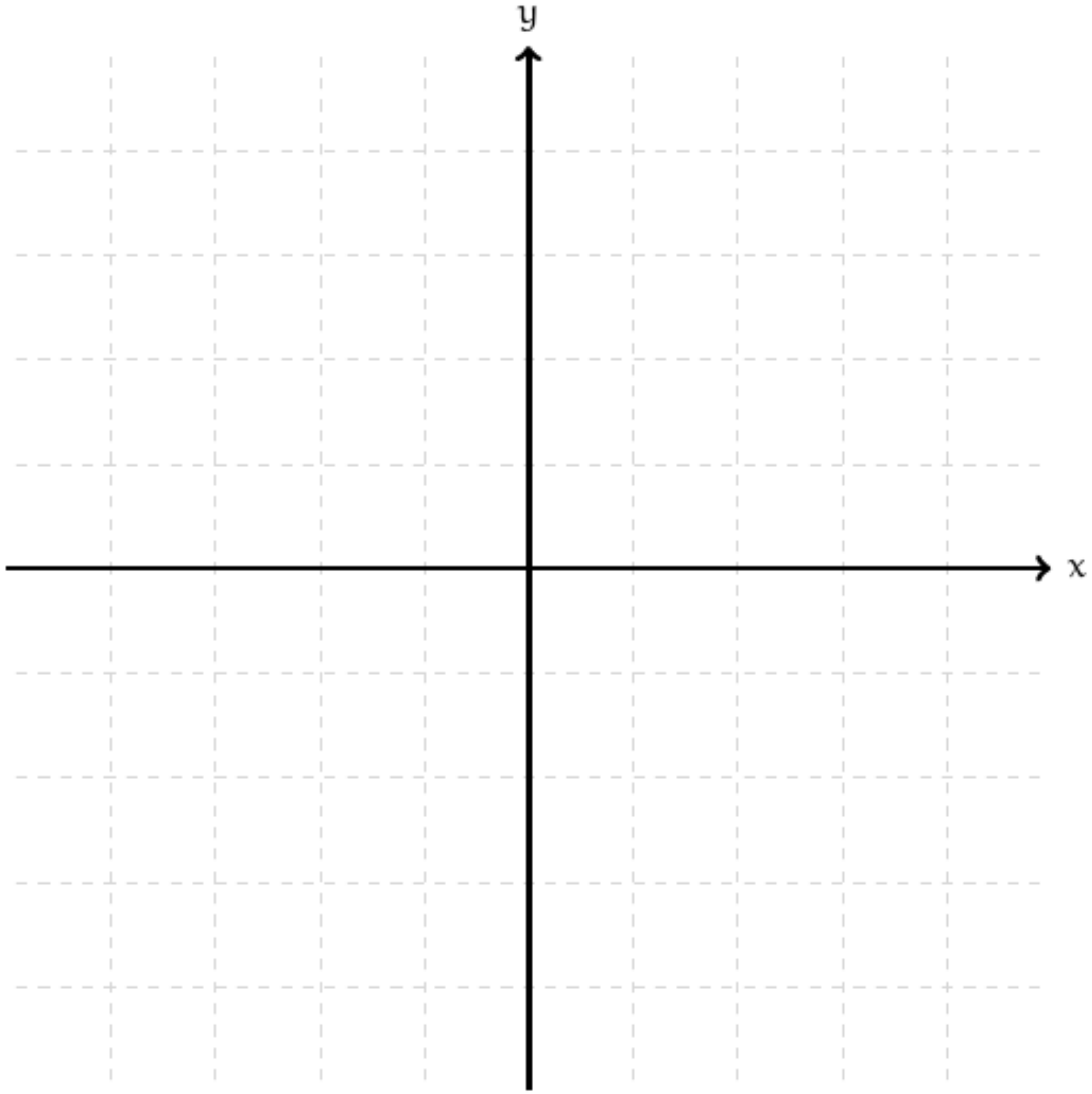


General Rotation

How does rotation affect the standard basis?



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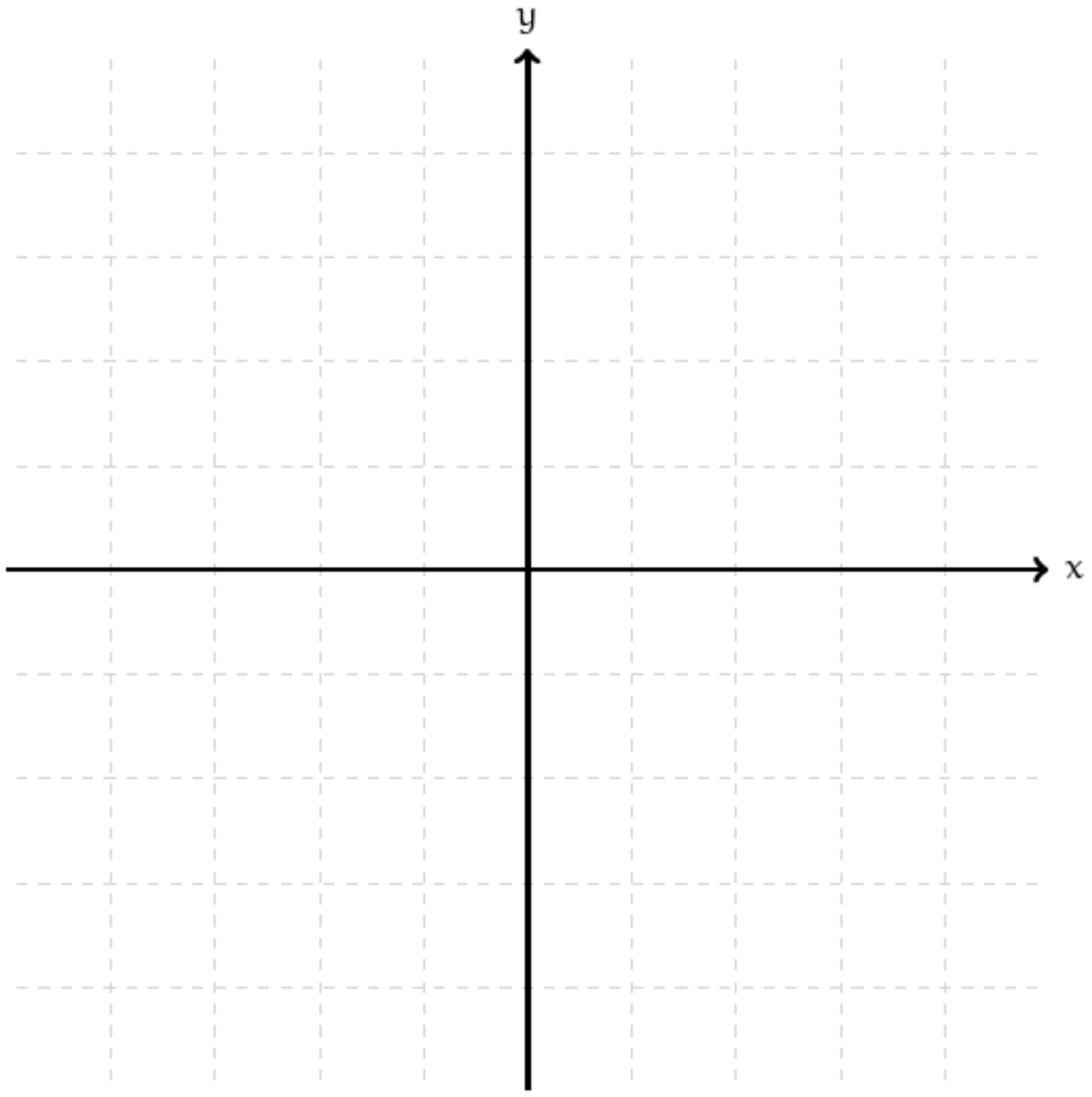
The Takeaway: We can figure out the matrices which implement complex linear transformations by understanding what they do to the standard basis.

Question (Conceptual)

Is rotation about a point other than the origin a linear transformation?

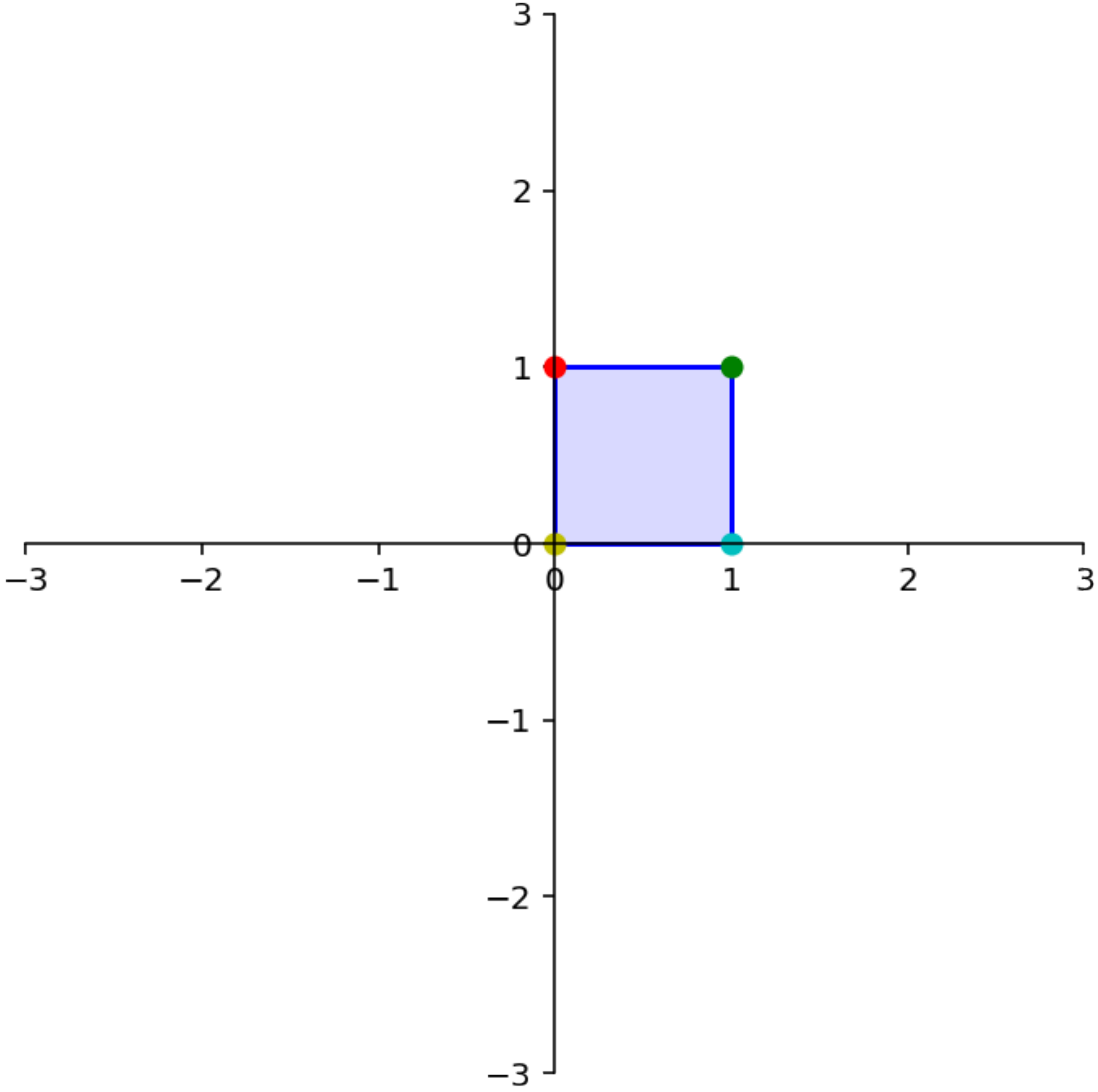
Answer: No

The origin is not fixed by this transformation.



The Unit Square

The ***unit square*** is the set of points in $\mathbb{R}^2$ enclosed by the points $(0,0)$, $(0,1)$, $(1,0)$, $(1,1)$.



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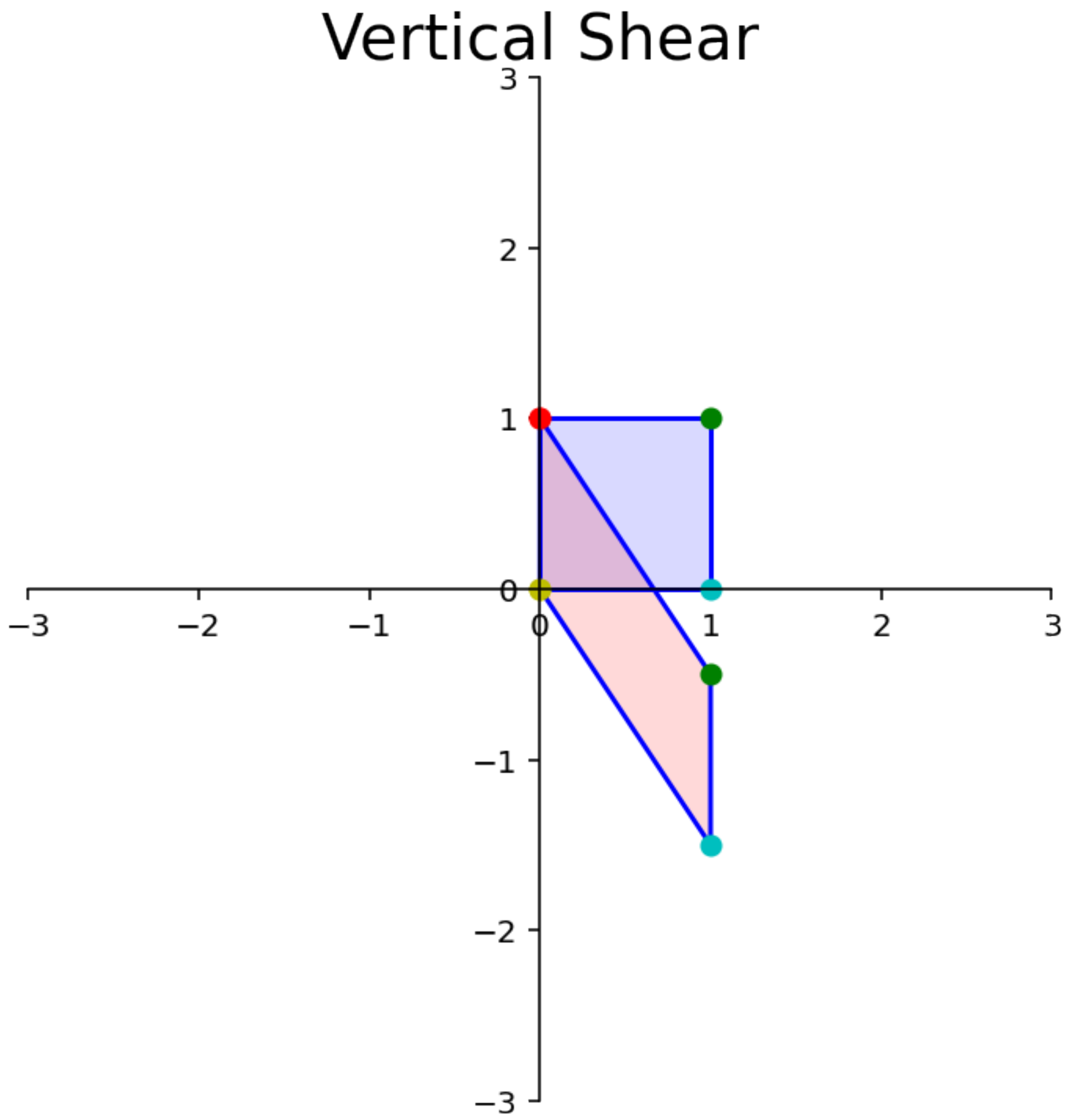
Solution. Find where the standard basis vectors go.

Question

Write down the matrix for the following shearing operation using this method.



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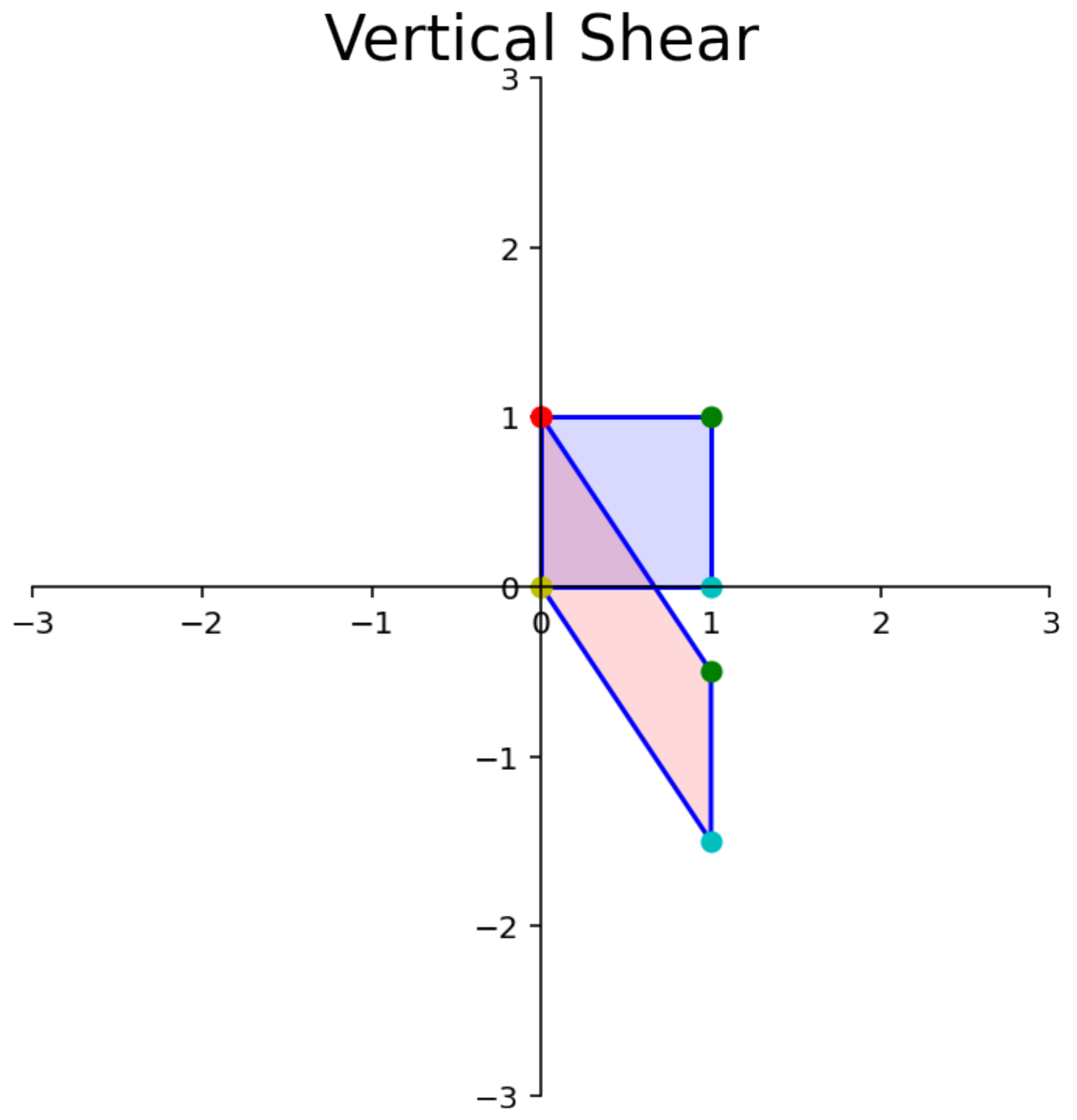
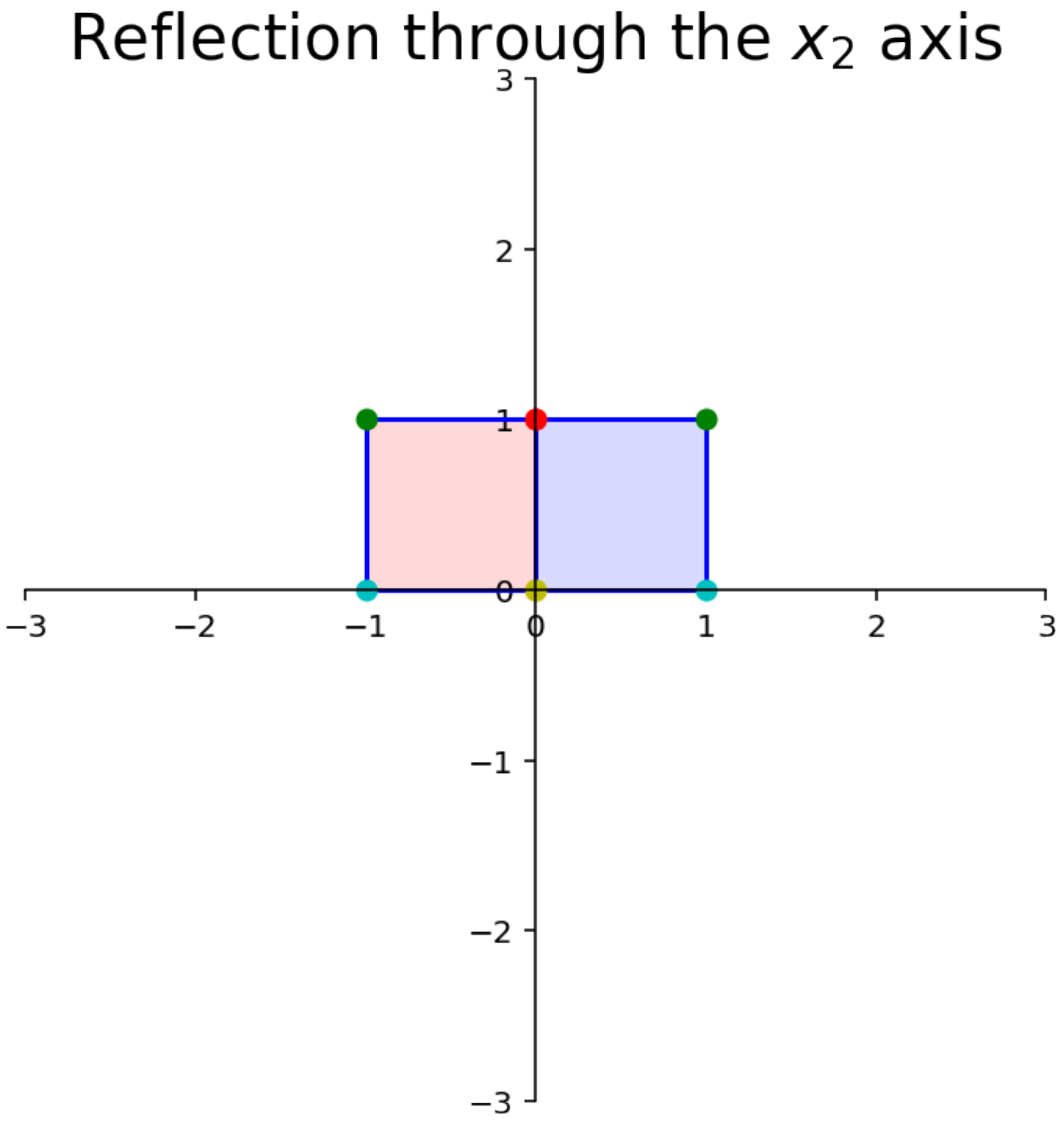


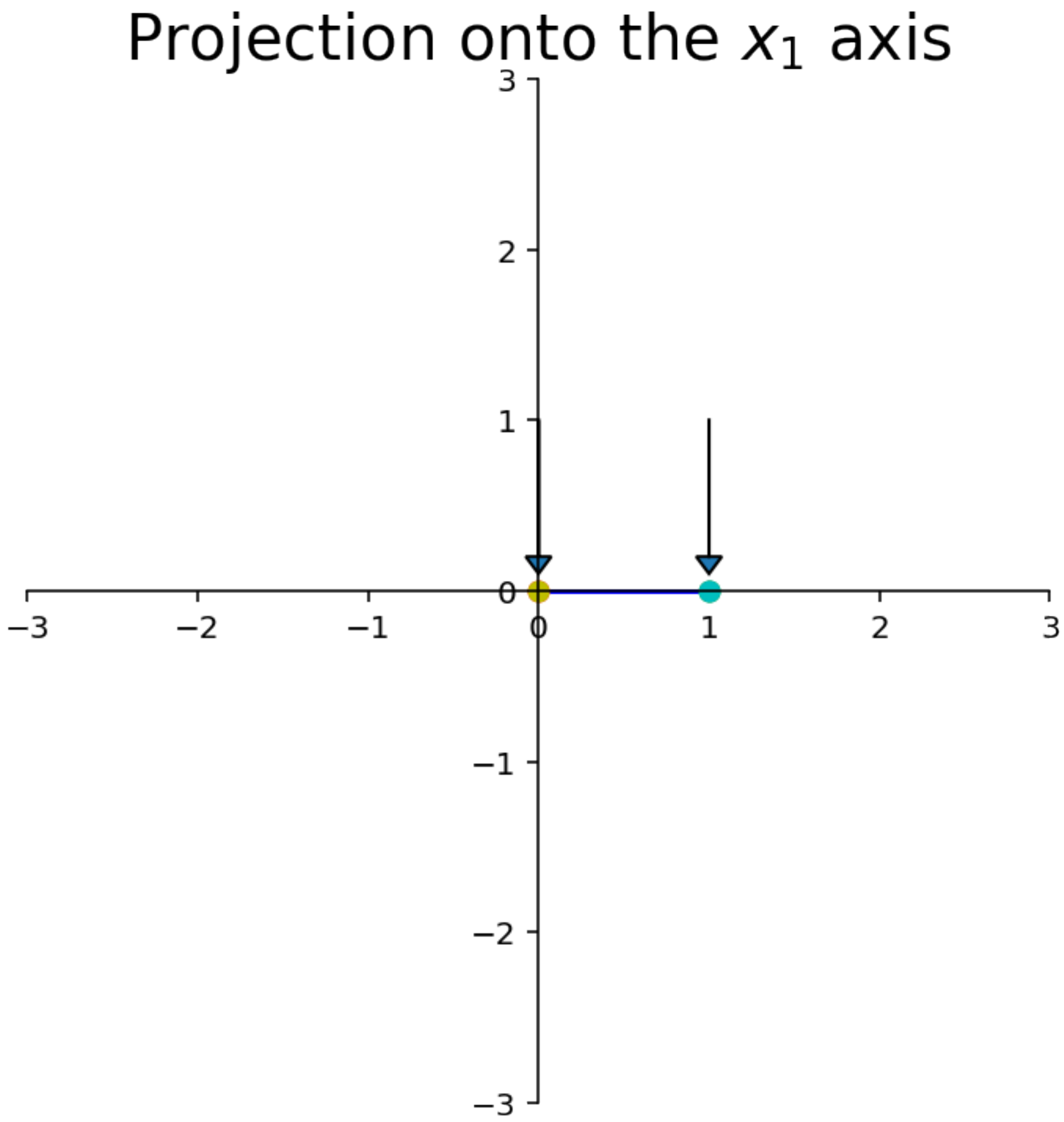
You need to **know** these matrices, but you don't need to memorize them.

Remember: What does this matrix do to the unit square? Then build the matrix from there.

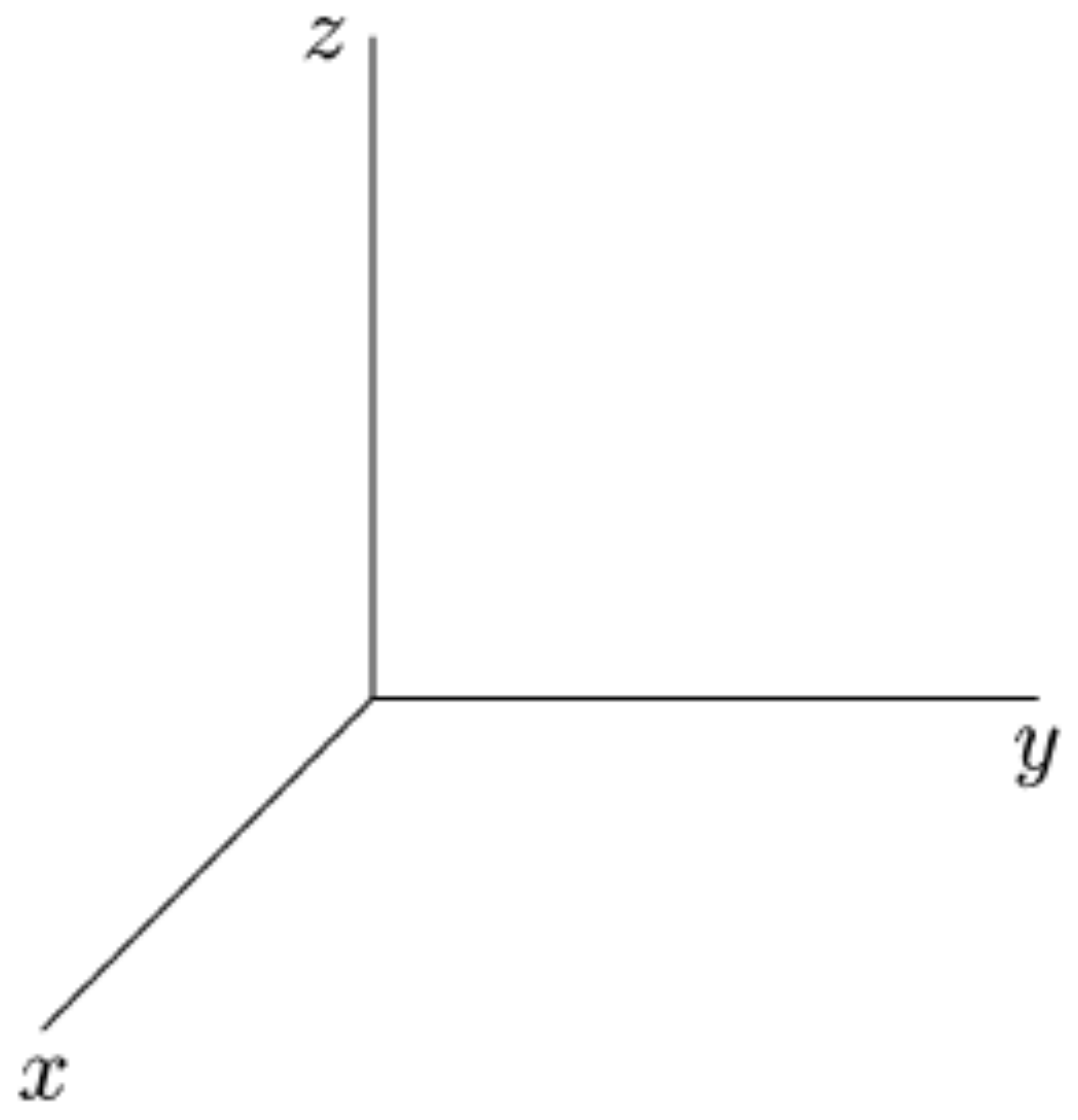
Reflection through the x_2-axis

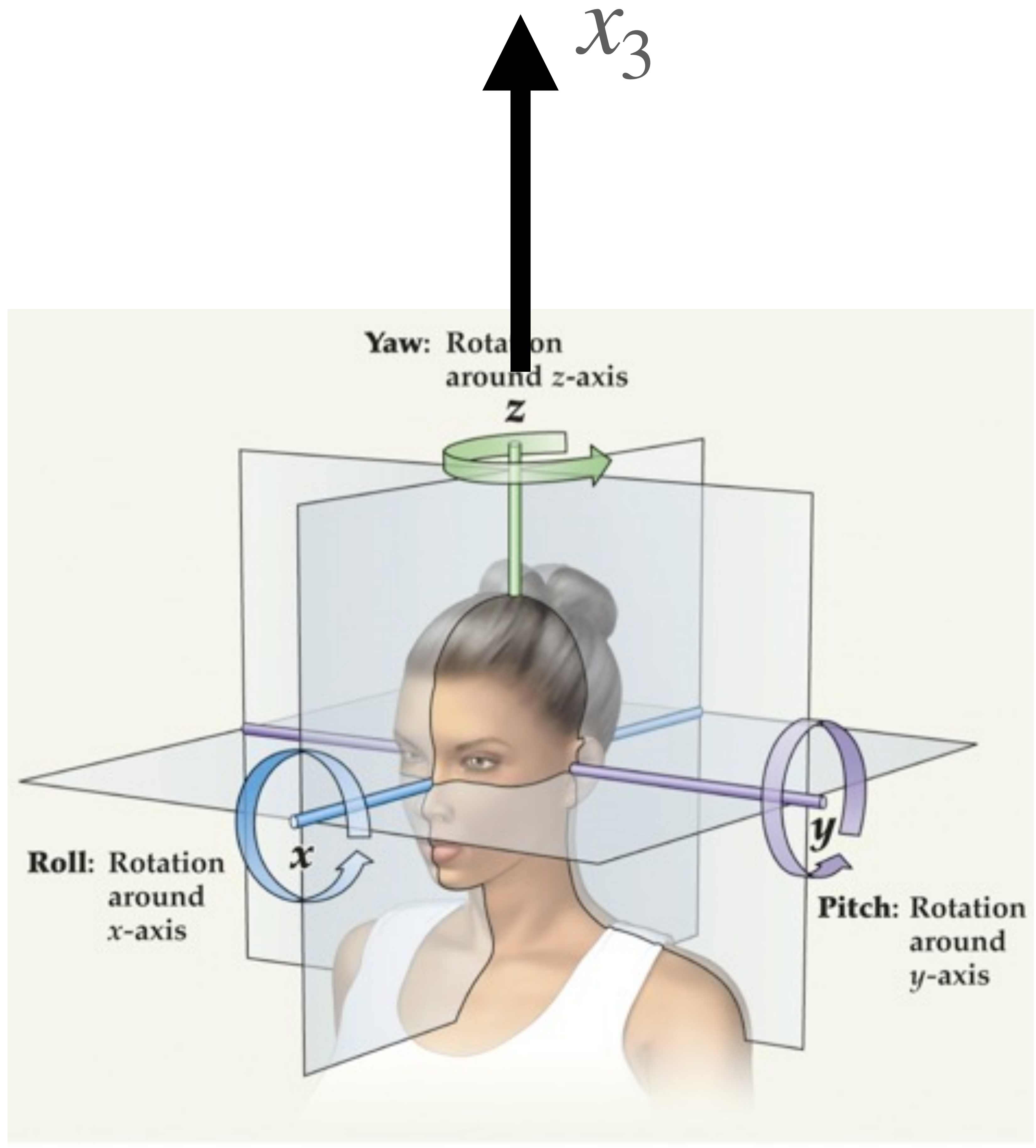


Projections



A 3D Example: Rotation about the x_3-Axis (z-Axis)





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List of Important 2D Linear Transformations

- dilation, contraction
- reflections
- projections
- horizontal/vertical contractions
- horizontal/vertical shearing

Look through the notes for a comprehensive collection of pictures or...

demo

One-to-One and Onto

Recall: Motivating Questions

What kind of functions can we define in this way?

How do we interpret what the transformation does to a set of vectors?

How does this relate back to matrix equations?

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Does $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ have at most one solution for any choice of $\mathbf{b}$?

Wait

$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has a unique solution $\equiv$ $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has at most one solution

why?:

Onto and One-to-One

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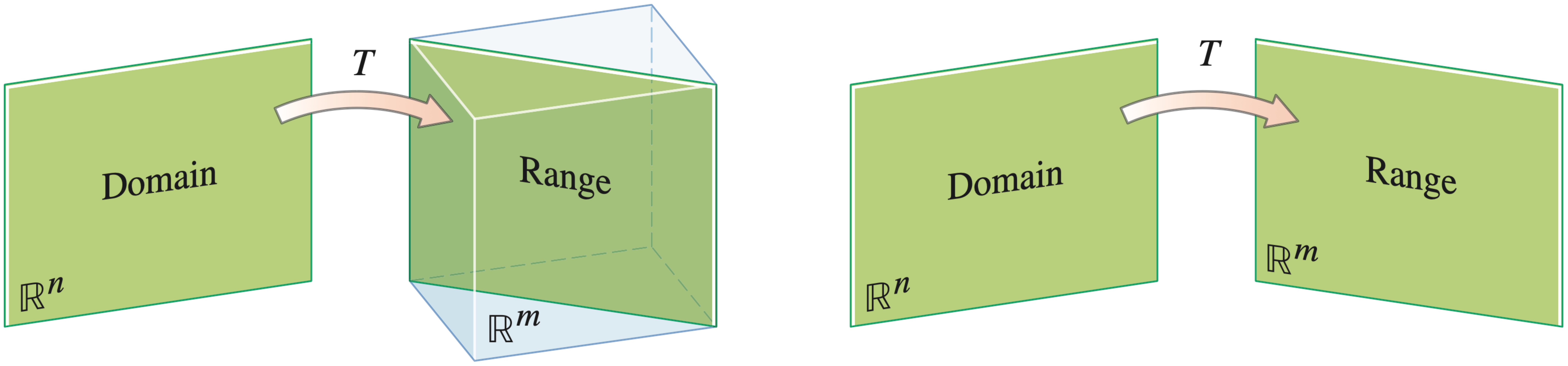

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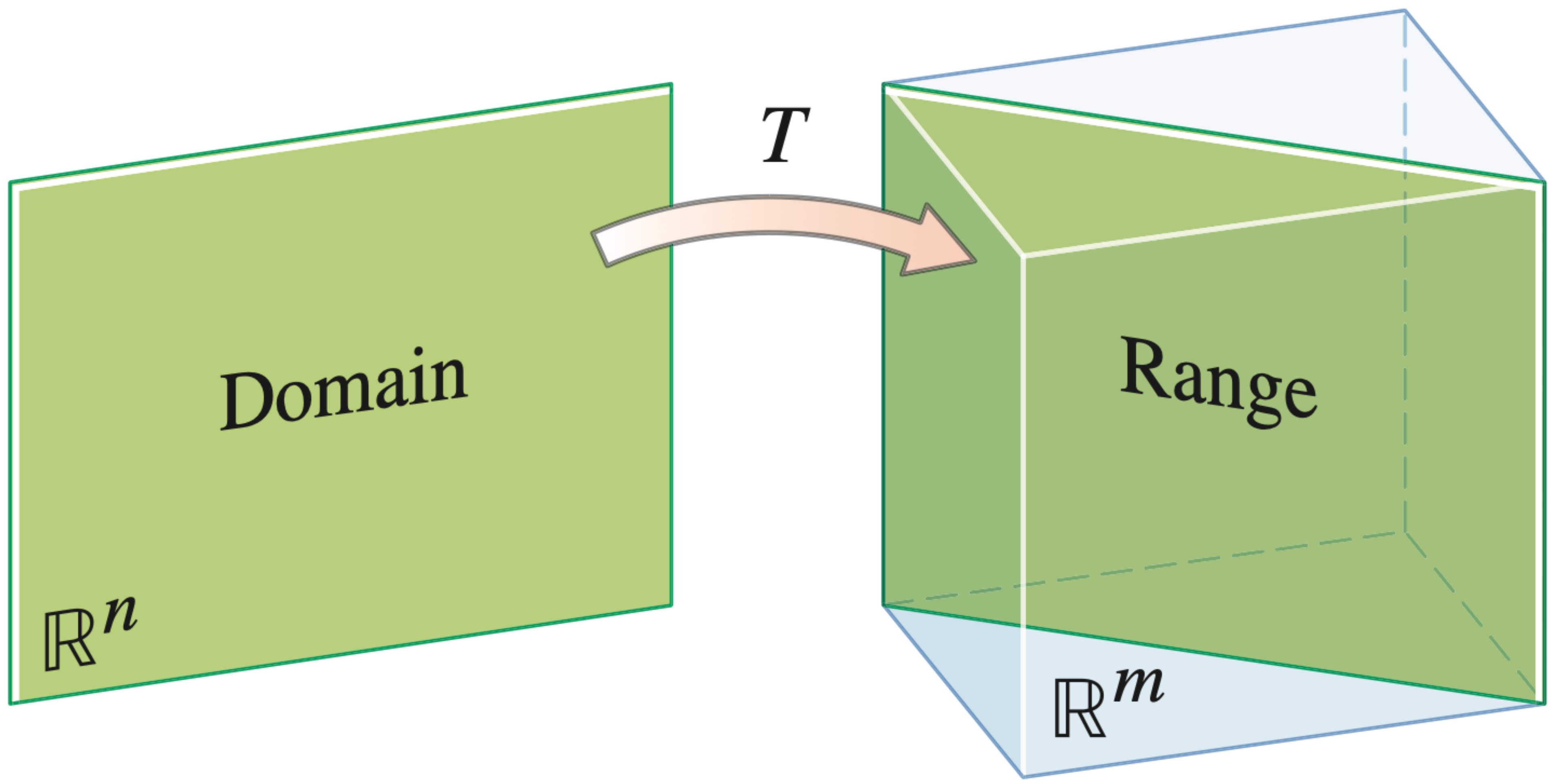

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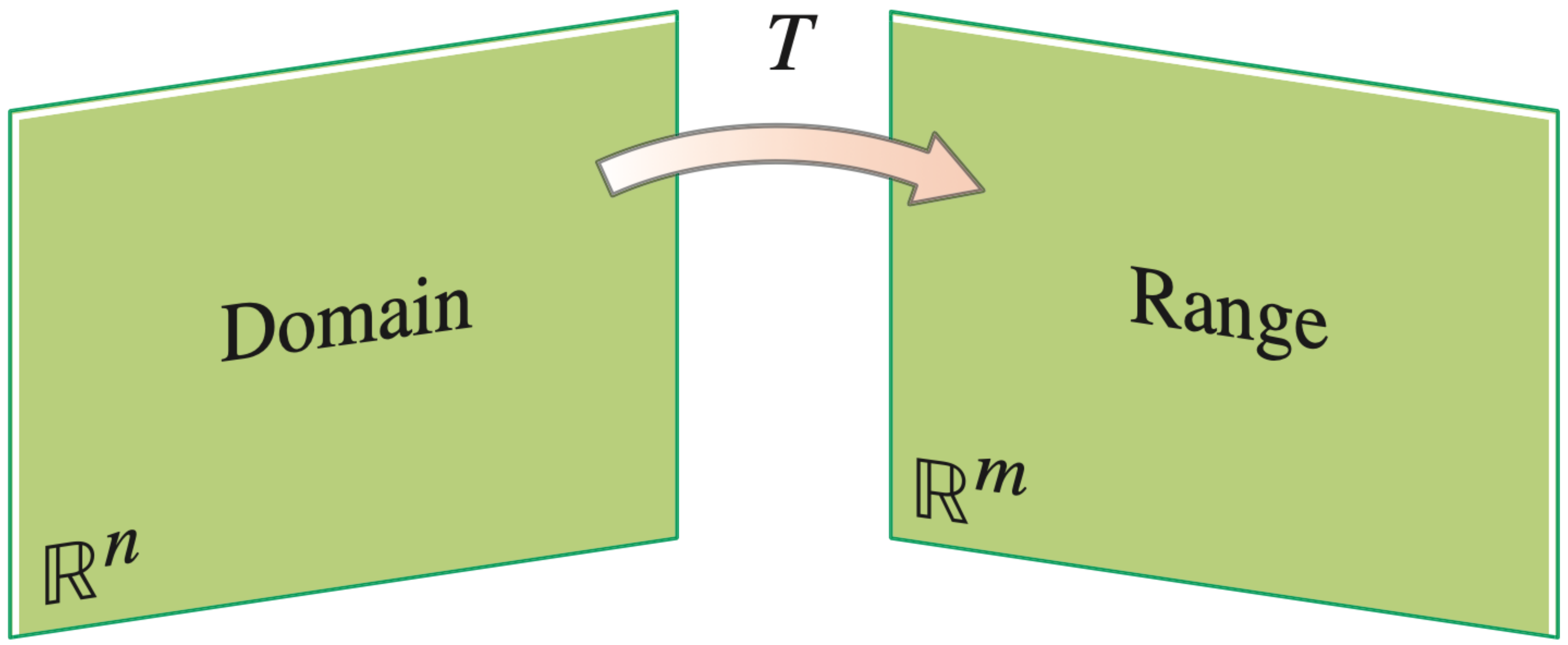

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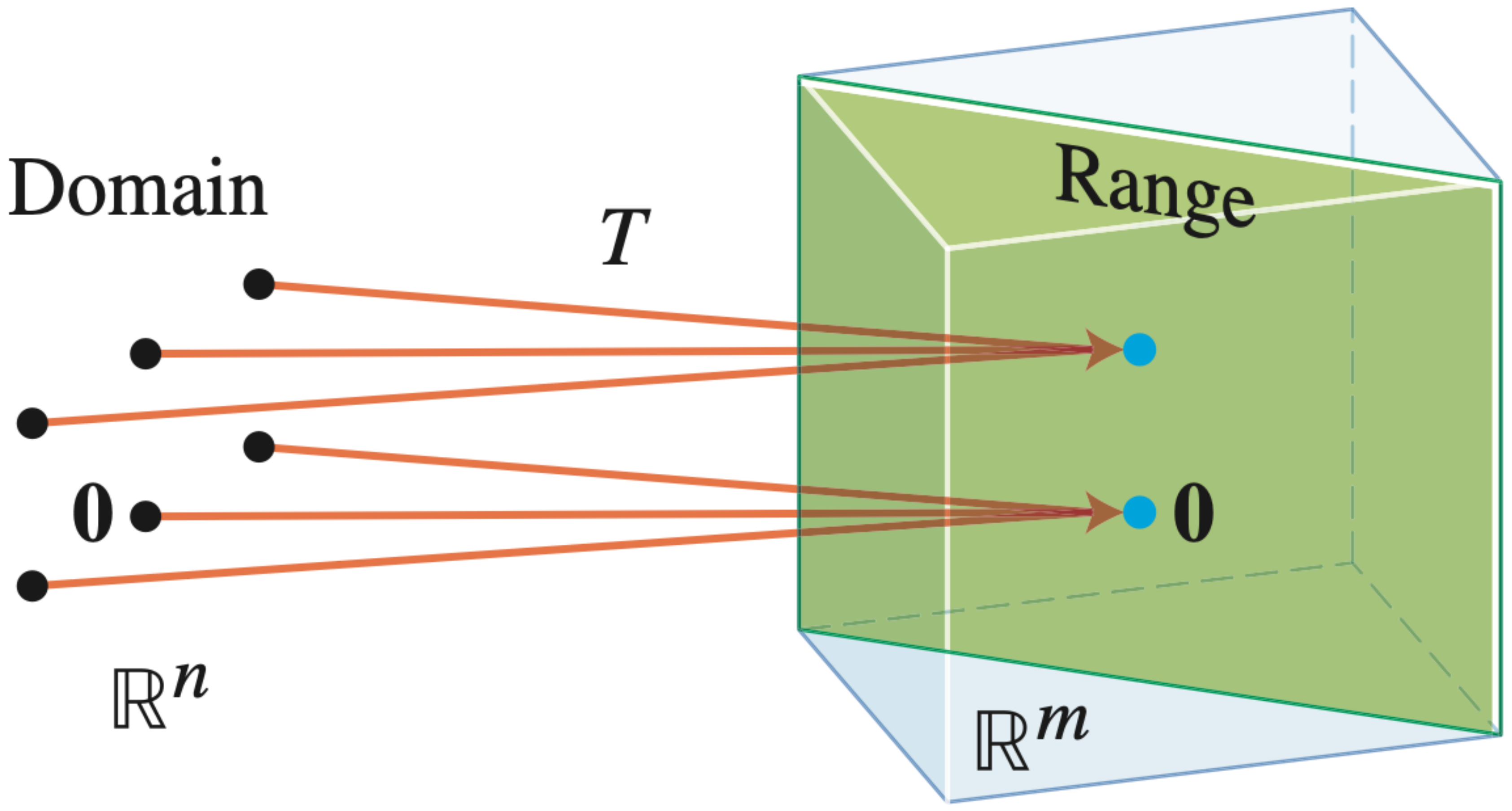
One-to-One (Pictorially)



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Taking Stock: Onto

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» $\text{range}(T) = \text{codomain}(T)$
» the columns of A span $\mathbb{R}^m$
» A has a pivot position in every <u>row</u>

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» $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ has at most one solution for any $\mathbf{b}$
» $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ has only the trivial solution
» The columns of A are linearly independent
» A has a pivot position in every column

How To: One-to-One and Onto

Question. Show that the linear transformation T is one-to-one/onto.

Solution. (one approach) Find the matrix which implements T and see if it has a pivot in every column/row.

Warning: this is not the only way. Always try to think if you can solve it using *any* of the perspectives

Example: both 1-1 and onto

Rotation about the origin:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

why?:

Example: 1-1, not onto

Lifting:

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_1 + x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

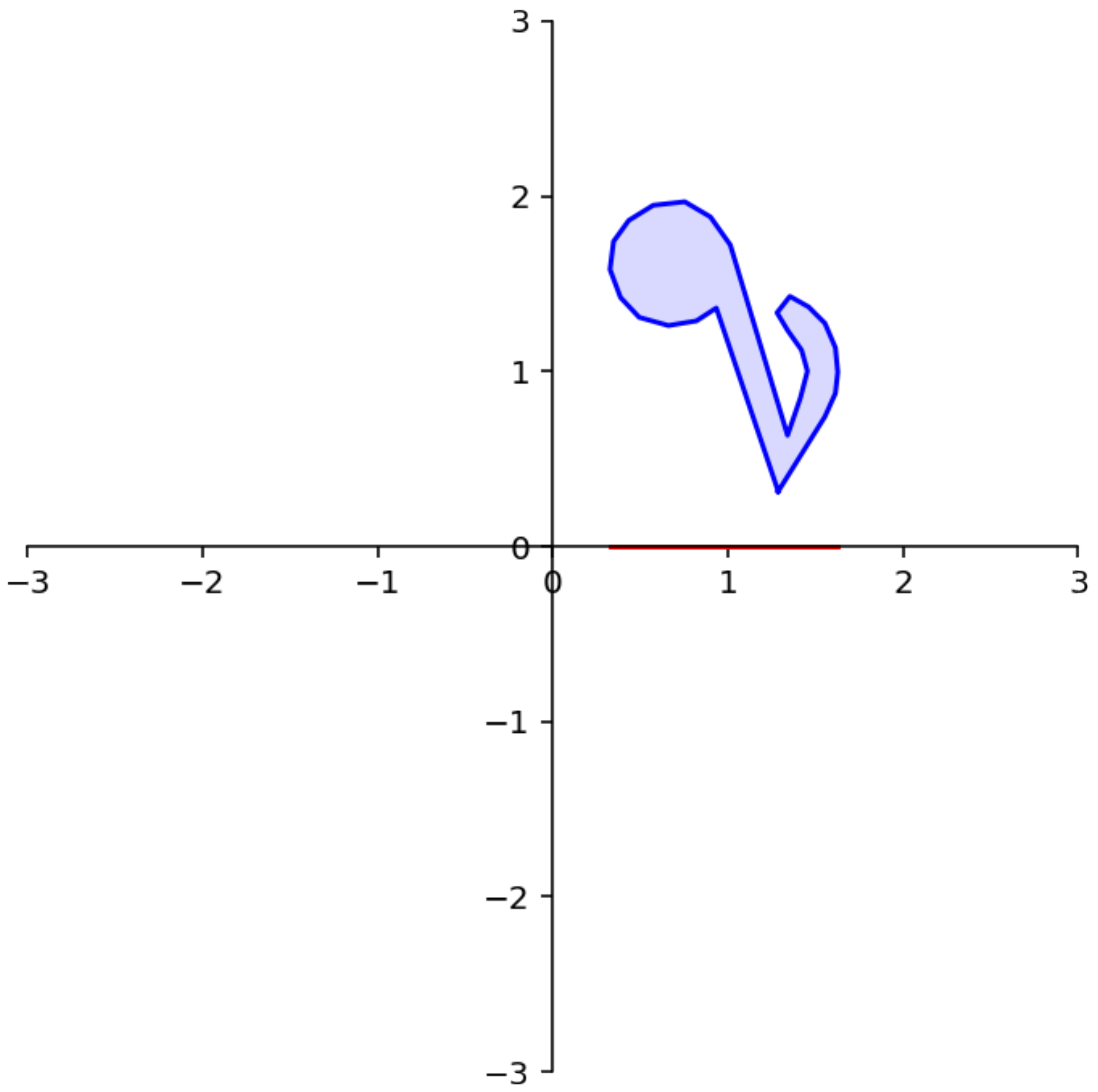
why?:

Example: not 1-1, not onto

Projection onto the x_1 axis:

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

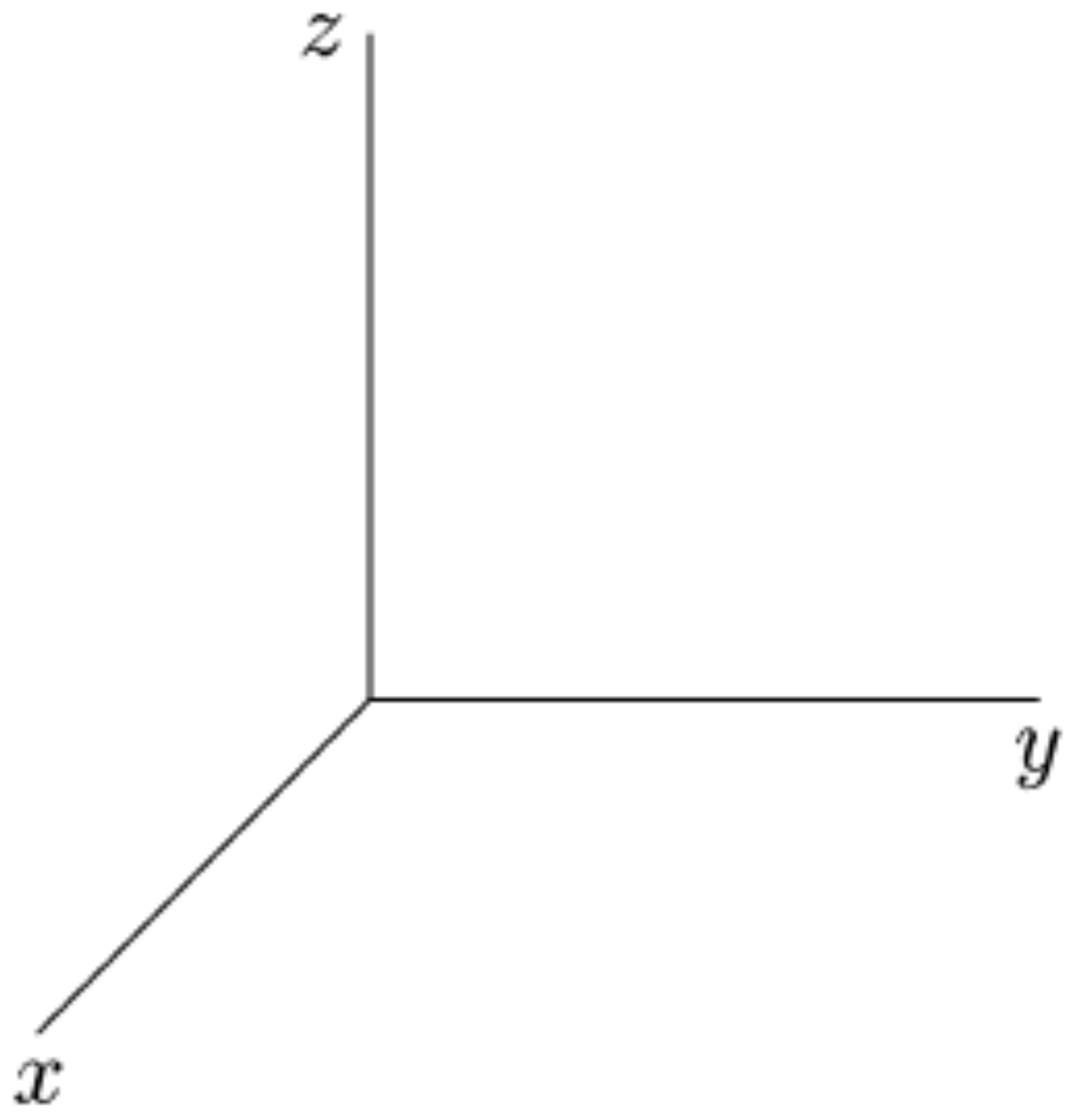
why?:



Example: onto, not 1-1

Projection from $\mathbb{R}^3$ to $\mathbb{R}^2$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



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Summary

Matrix transformations and linear transformations are the same thing.

We can find these matrices by looking at how the transformation behaves on the standard basis.

We can reason about matrix equations by directly reasoning about the linear transformations.