

# Orthogonal Sets

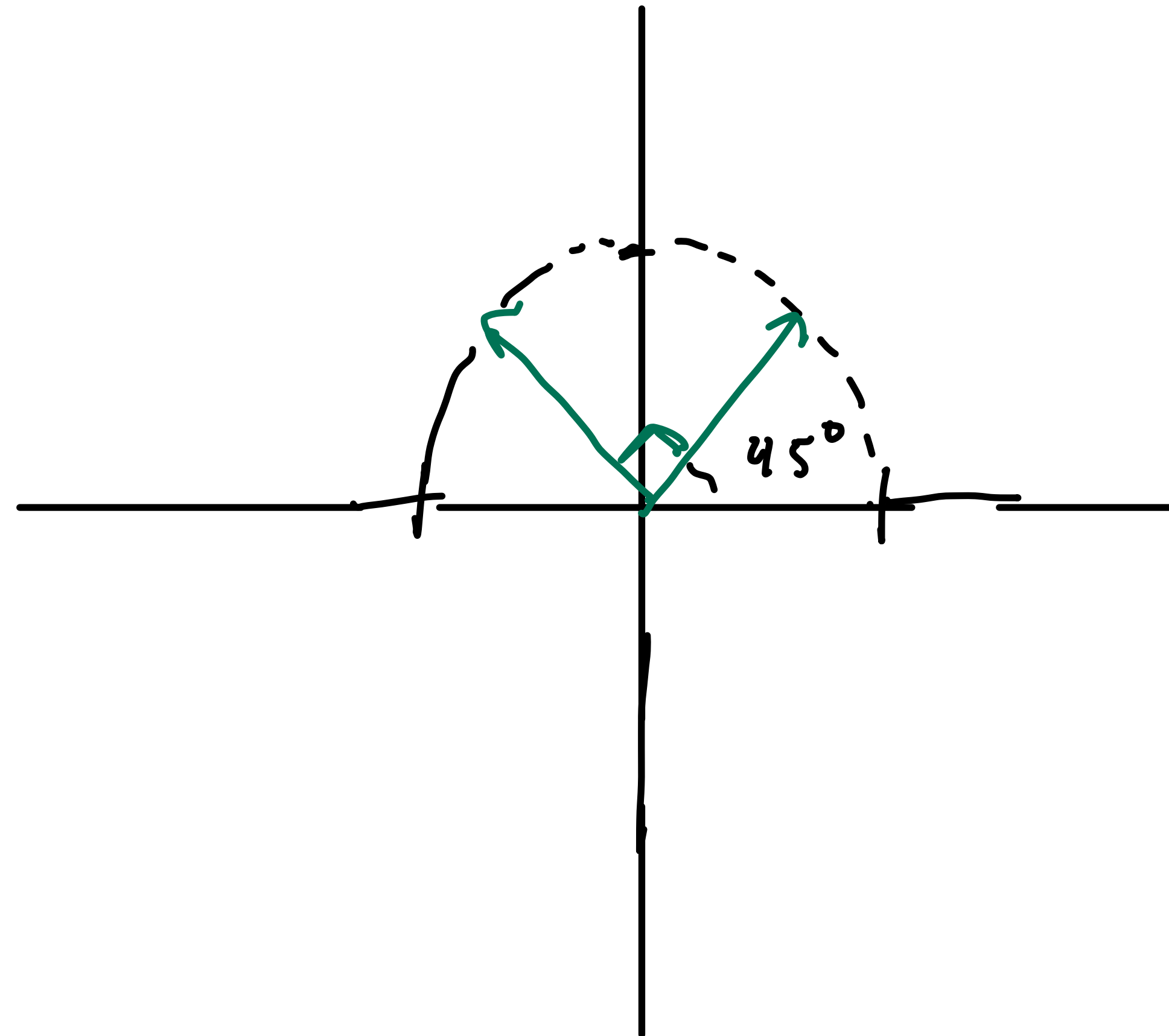
**Geometric Algorithms**

**Lecture 22**

# Practice Problem

$$\mathcal{B} = \left( \left[ \begin{array}{c} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{array} \right], \left[ \begin{array}{c} -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{array} \right] \right)$$

Determine  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}_{\mathcal{B}}$



# Answer

$$x_1 \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$
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$$\vec{x} \mapsto [\vec{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$\vec{x} \mapsto A^{-1} \vec{x}$$

$$A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} = 2 \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix} + 3 \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det A = \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 & \sqrt{2}/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Objectives

1. Recap analytic geometry in  $R^n$
2. Try to understand why it is useful to work with orthogonal vectors
3. Get a sense of how to compute orthogonal vectors
4. Start to connect orthogonality to matrices and linear transformations

# Keywords

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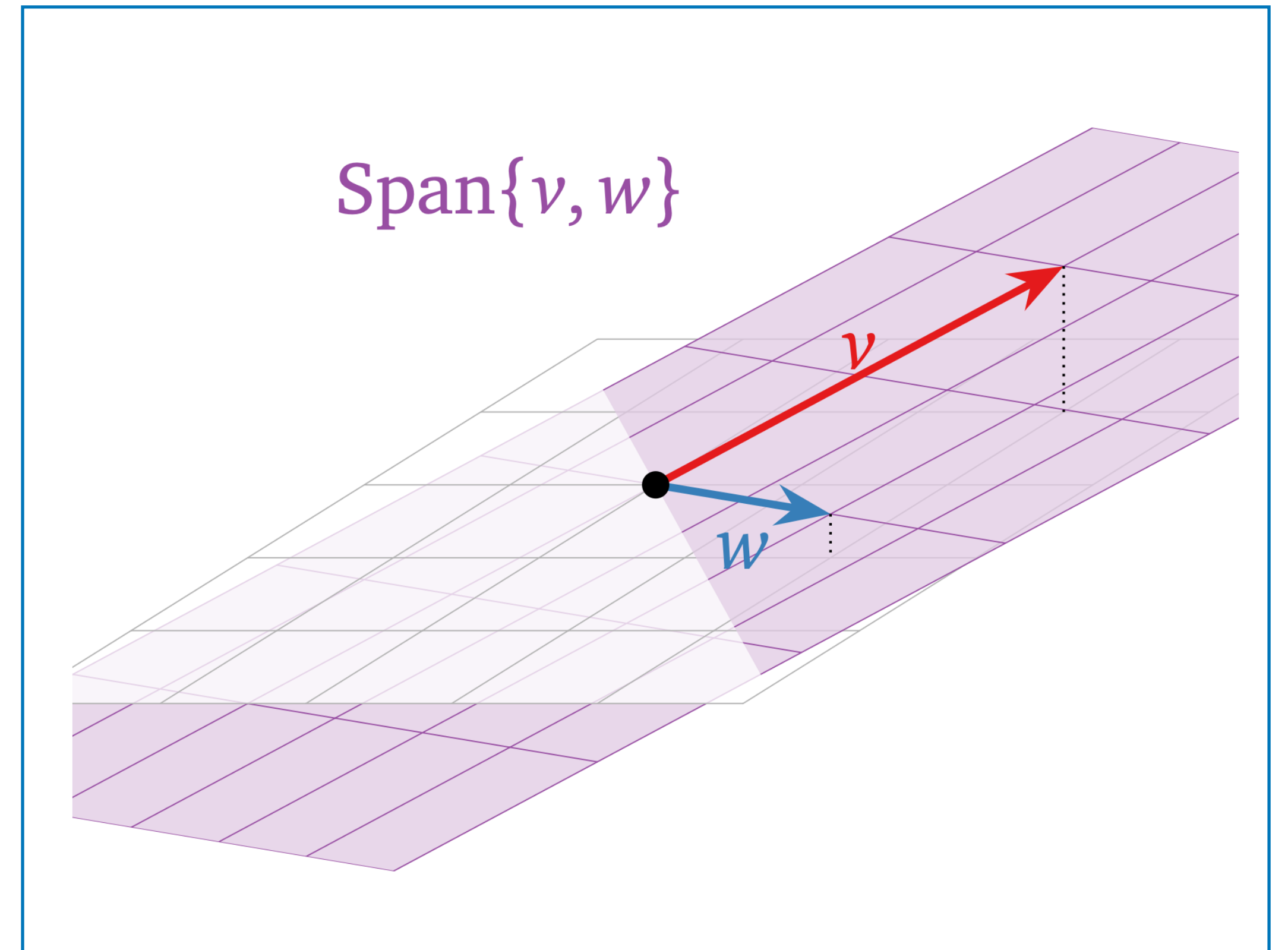
# Recap: Analytic Geometry

# Recall: The First Key Idea

Angles make sense in *any* dimension

**Any pair of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  span a (2D) plane**

*(We could formalize this via change of bases)*



# Recall: The Second Key Idea

All of the basic concepts of analytic geometry can be defined *in terms of inner products*

**Spaces with inner products (like  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) are places where you can do analytic geometry**



# Recall: Inner Products

$$[u_1 \quad u_2 \quad u_3 \quad u_4] \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ v_3 \\ v_4 \end{bmatrix} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + u_3 v_3 + u_4 v_4$$

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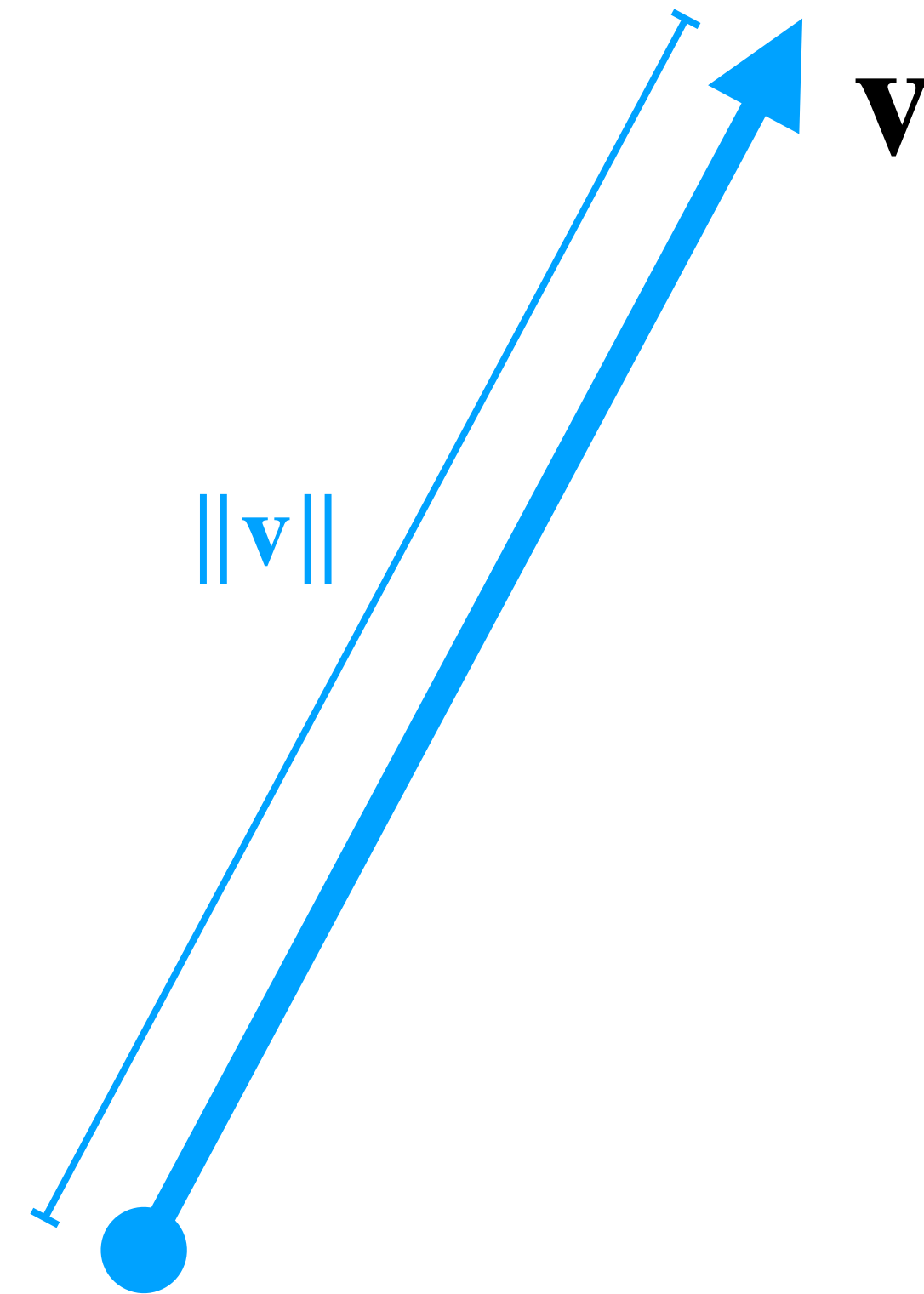
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**It's important that  $\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{v}$  is nonnegative.**

# Recall: Norms and Length

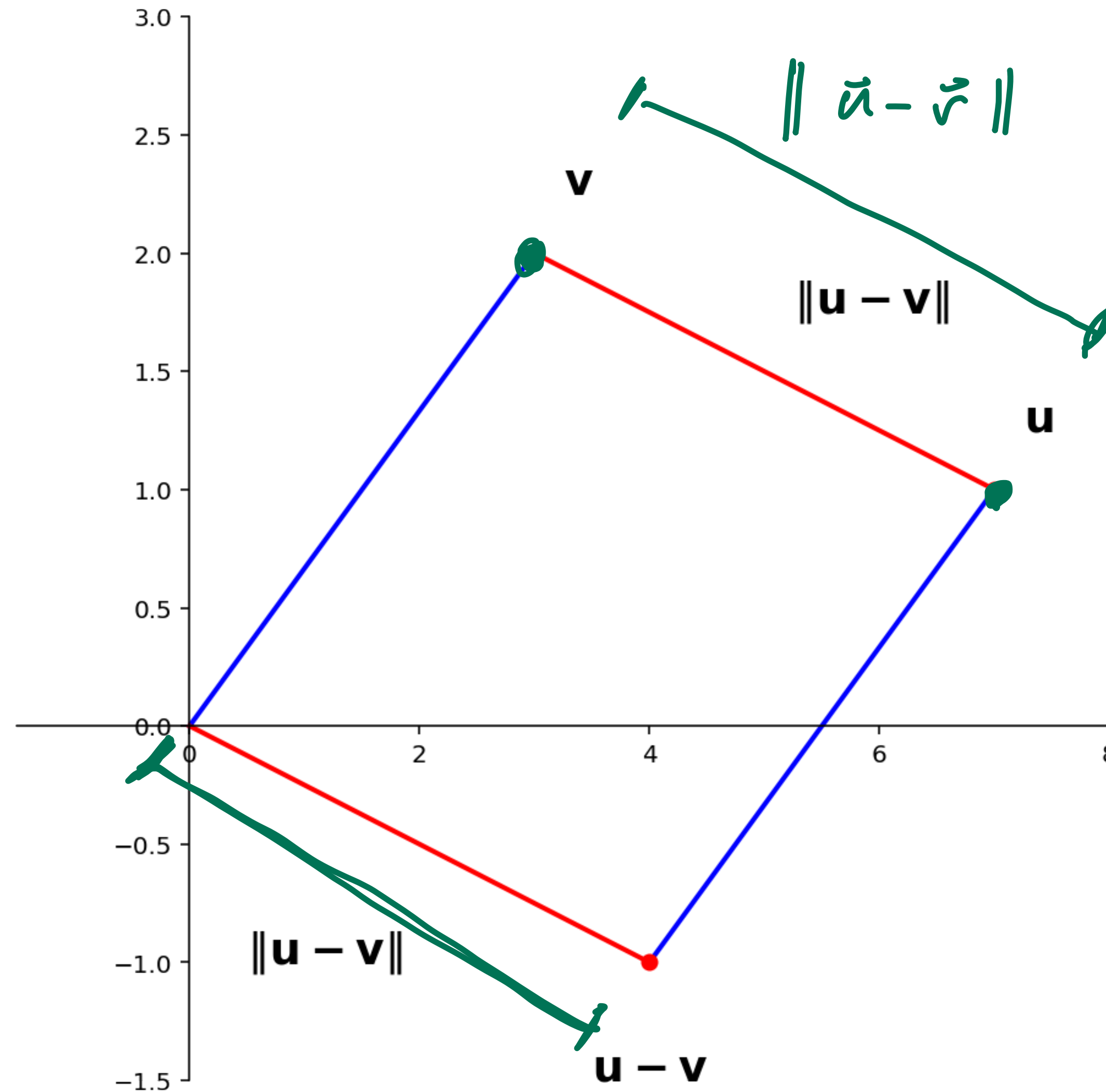
Norms give us a notion of length.

In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  this is our existing notion of length.



# Recall: Distance (Pictorially)

$\vec{w}$  s.t.  $\vec{v} + \vec{w} = \vec{u}$   
so  $\vec{w} = \vec{u} - \vec{v}$



~~$\vec{v}$~~  +  ~~$(\vec{u} - \vec{v})$~~  =  $\vec{u}$

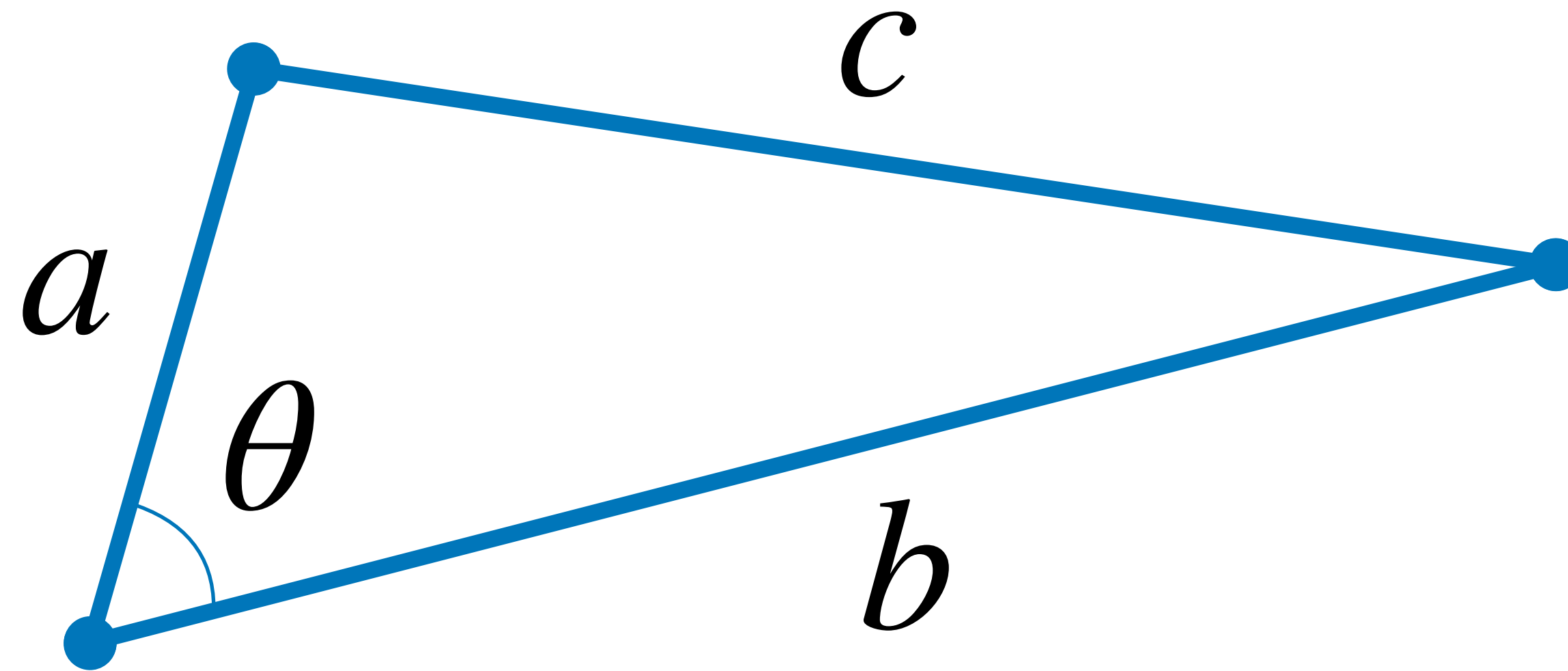
# Recall: Distance (Algebraically)

**Definition.** The distance between two points  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is given by

$$\text{dist}(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\| = \|\vec{v} - \vec{u}\|$$

e.g.,  $\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$        $\|\mathbf{v}\| = \|\vec{v}\|$

# Recall: Law of Cosines

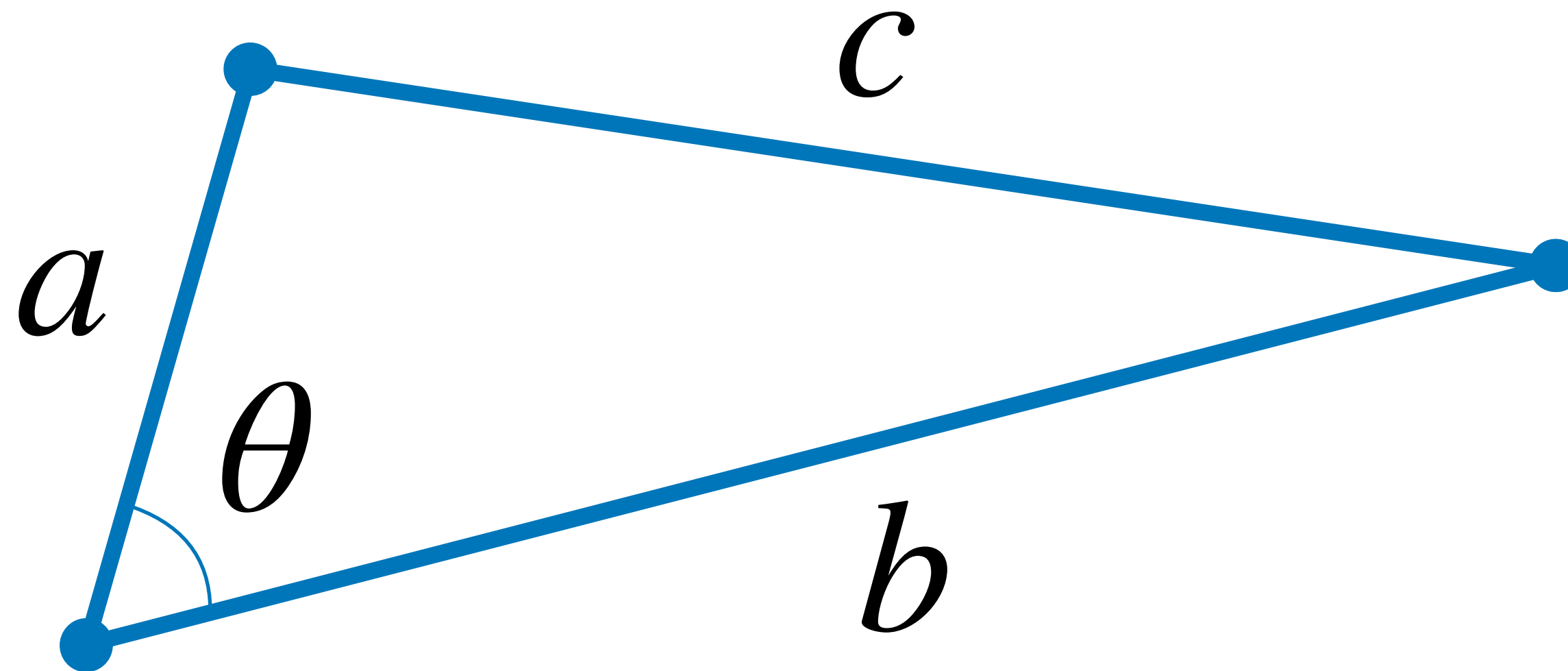


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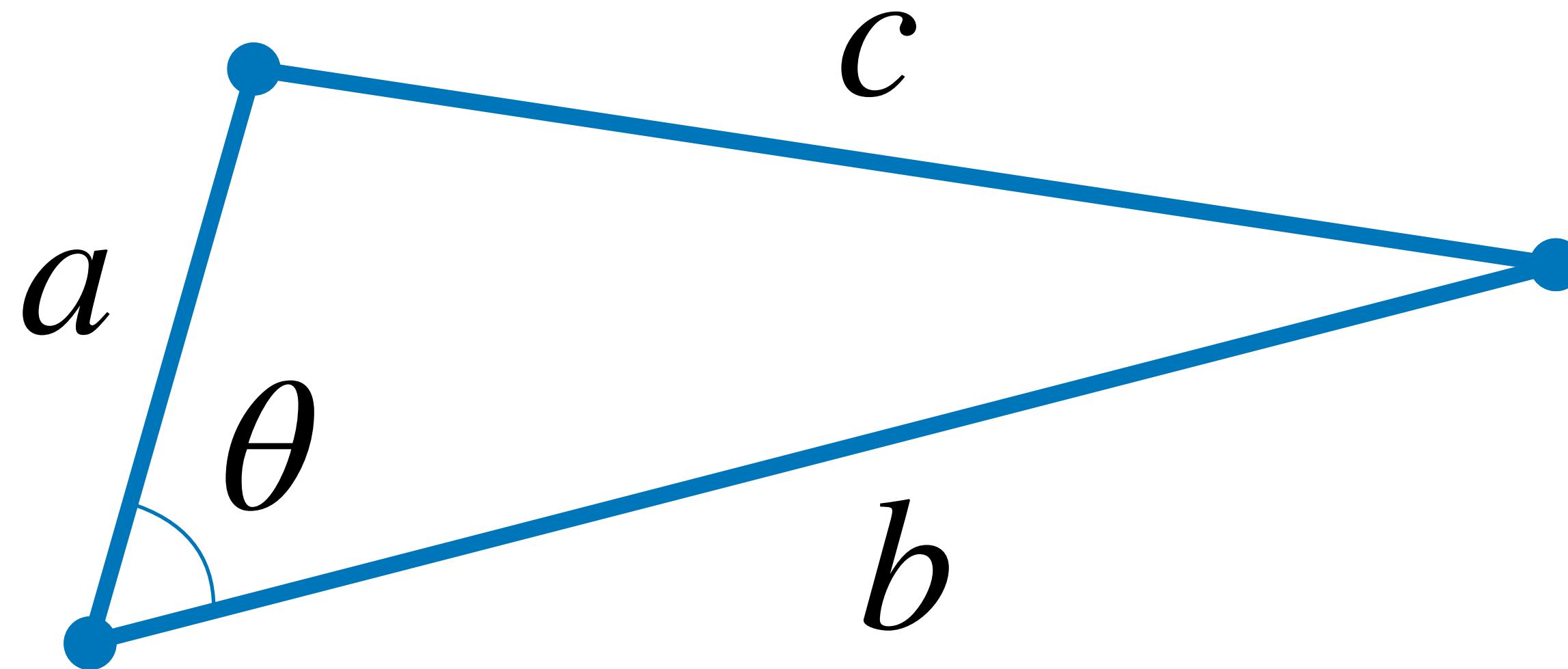


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# Recall: Cosines and Unit Vectors

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*The cosine of the angle between two vectors is the inner product of their  $\ell^2$  normalizations*

# Orthogonality (Perpendicularity)

# A Simpler Fundamental Question

How do we determine if angle  
between any two vectors is  $90^\circ$ ?

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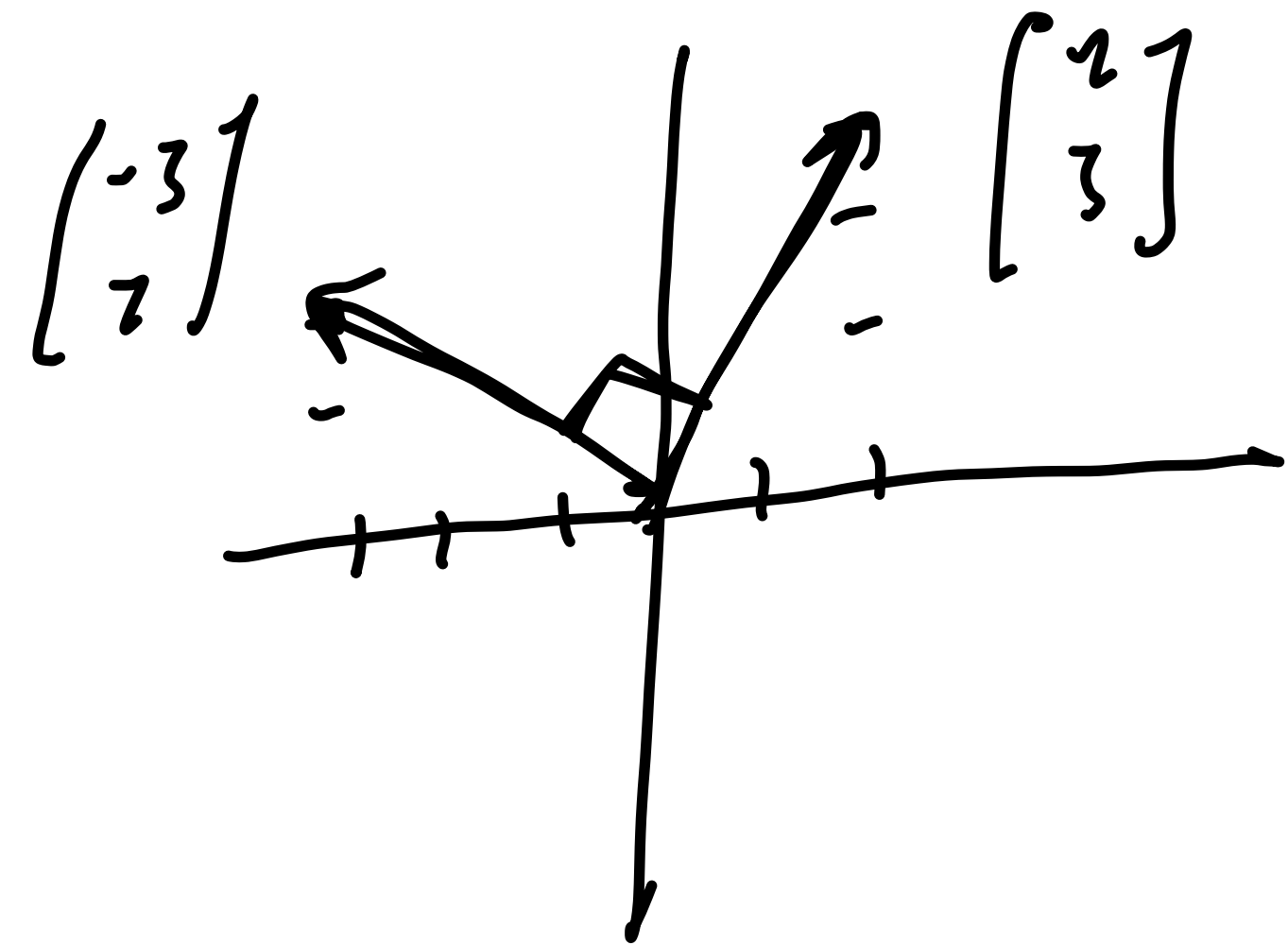
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**Definition.** Vectors  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are **orthogonal** if  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$ .

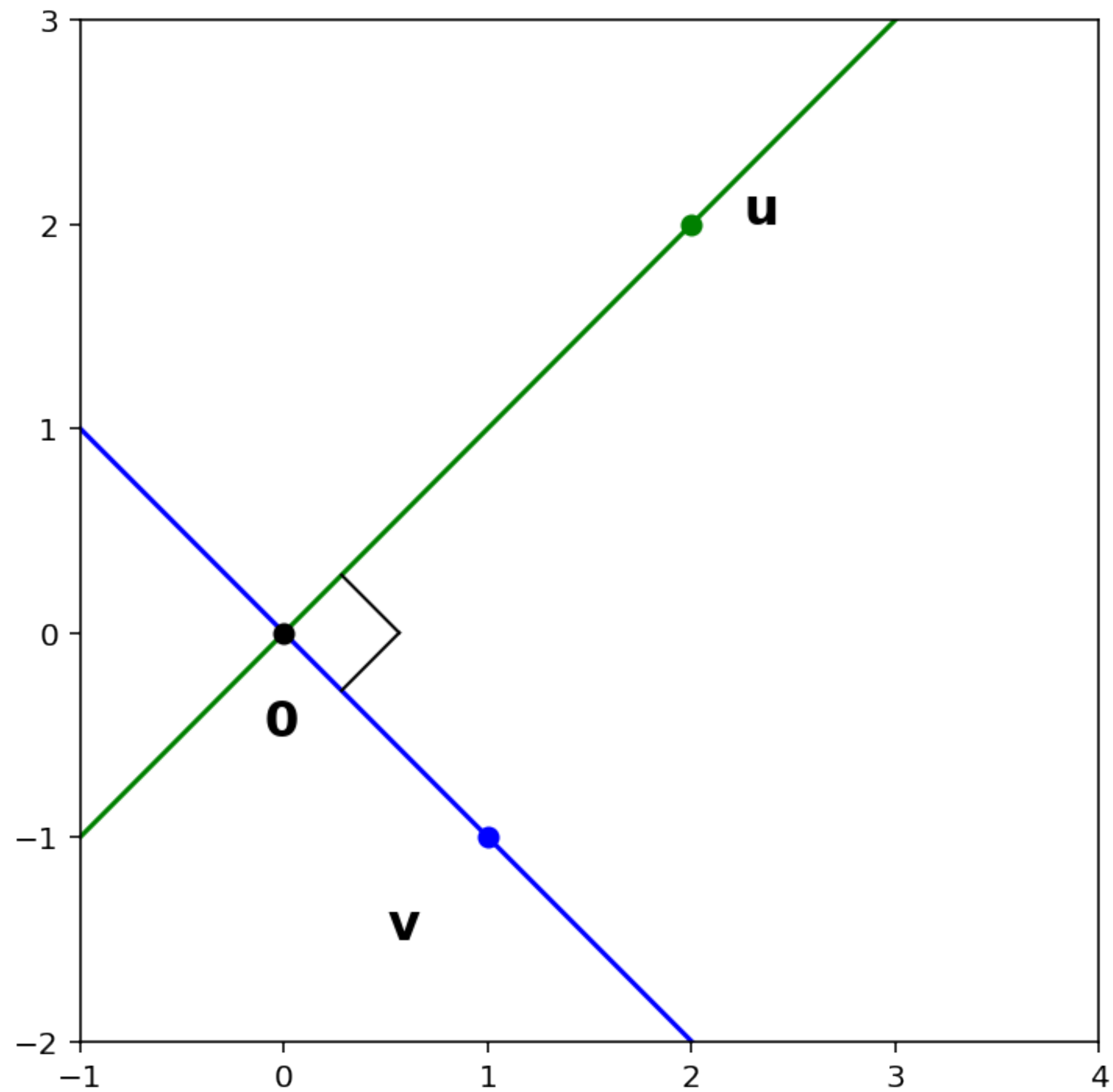
*This definition gives an easy computational way to determine orthogonality.*

Example.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

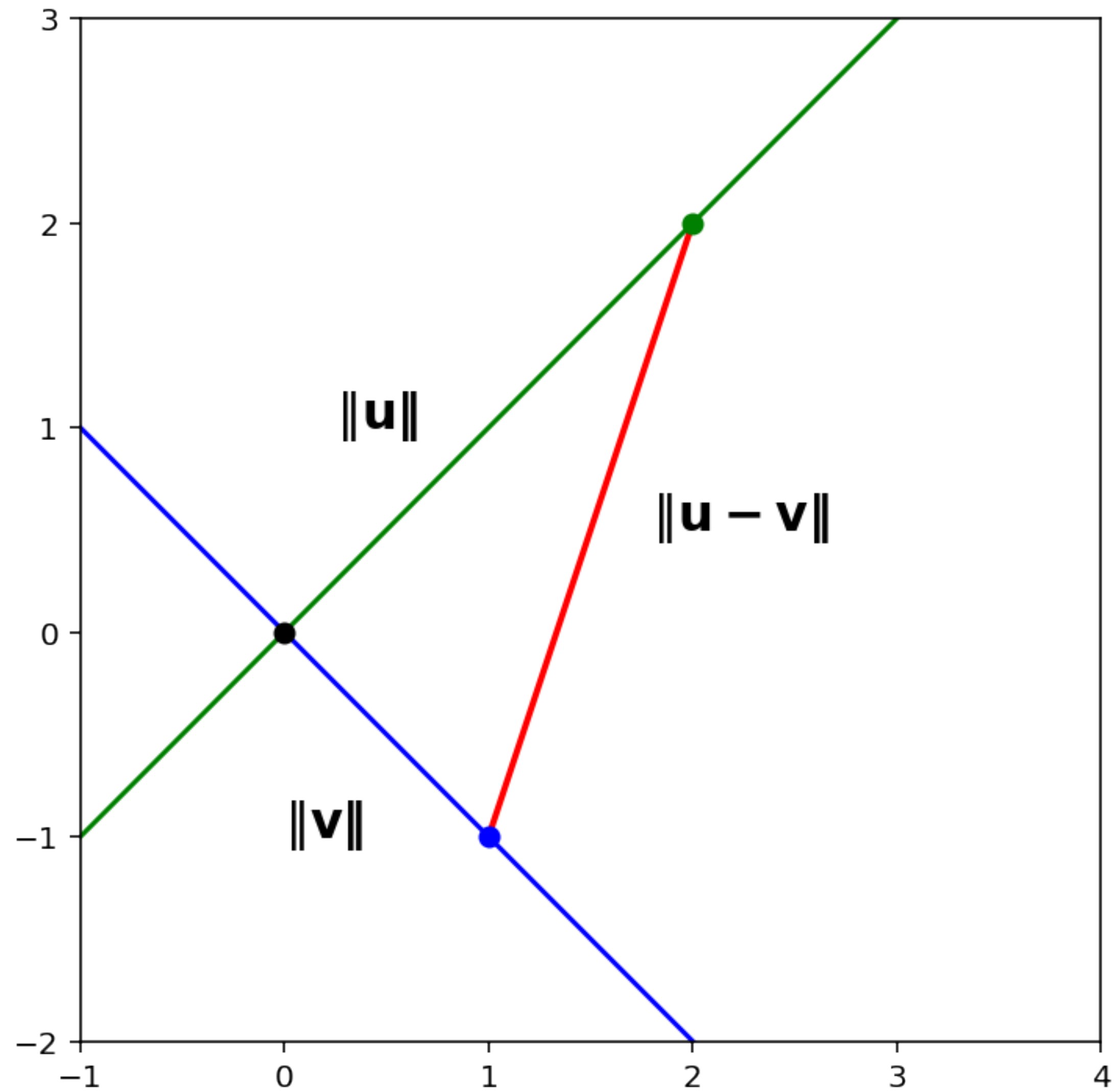


# Derivation by Picture

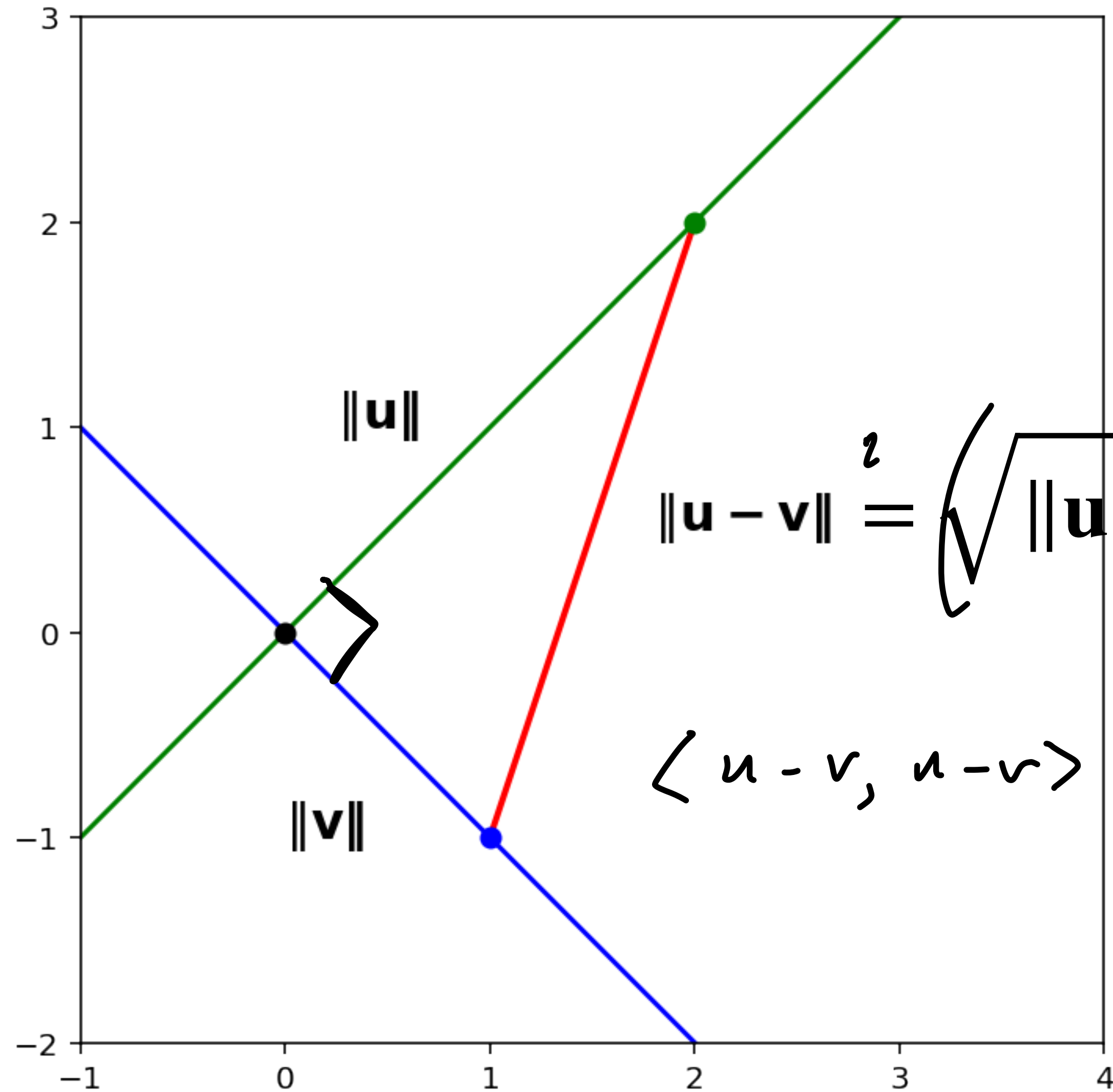




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$$\|u - v\|^2 = \left( \sqrt{\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2} \right)^2$$

(Pythagoras)

$$\langle u - v, u - v \rangle = \langle u, u \rangle + \langle v, v \rangle$$

# Derivation by Algebra

$\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  are orthogonal exactly when

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 + \|\mathbf{v}\|^2 = \|\mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}\|^2$$

Let's simplify this a bit:

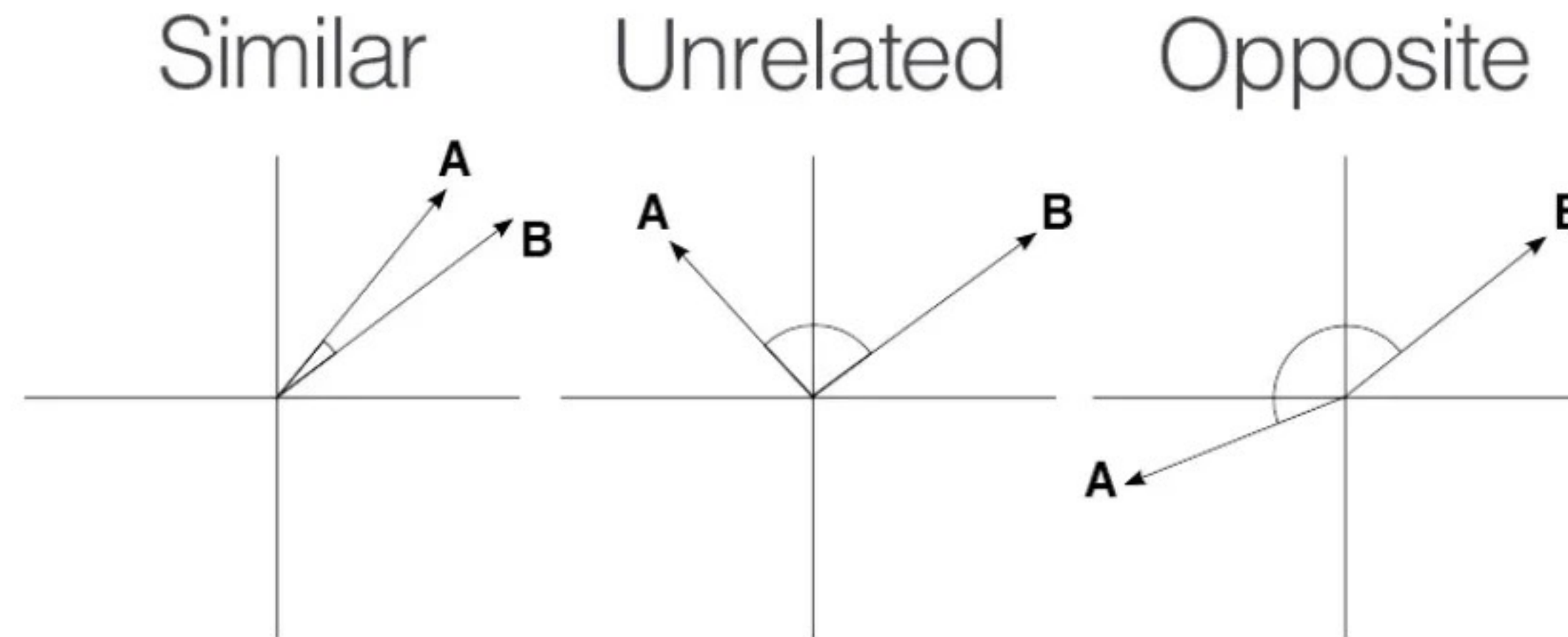
$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} + \cancel{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} &= \langle \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{v} \rangle \\ &= \cancel{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{u} \rangle} - \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle - \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{u} \rangle + \cancel{\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle} \end{aligned}$$

$$2\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$$

# Application: Cosine Similarity

# High Level



Data points are very big vectors.

Similar vectors "point in nearly the same direction."

# Example: Netflix Users

$$\text{user}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 10 \\ 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{user}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{user}_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 10 \\ 0 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{comedy} \\ \text{drama} \\ \text{horror} \\ \text{romance} \end{array}$$

A Netflix user might be represented as a vectors whose  $i$ th entry is the number of movies they've watched in a particular genre.

**Who are more likely to share similar interests in movies?**

# Cosine Similarity

**Definition.** The **cosine similarity** of two vectors is the cosine of the angle between them.

*If its close to 0, then two Netflix users watch very different movies.*

*If its close to 1, then two Netflix users watch very similar movies.*

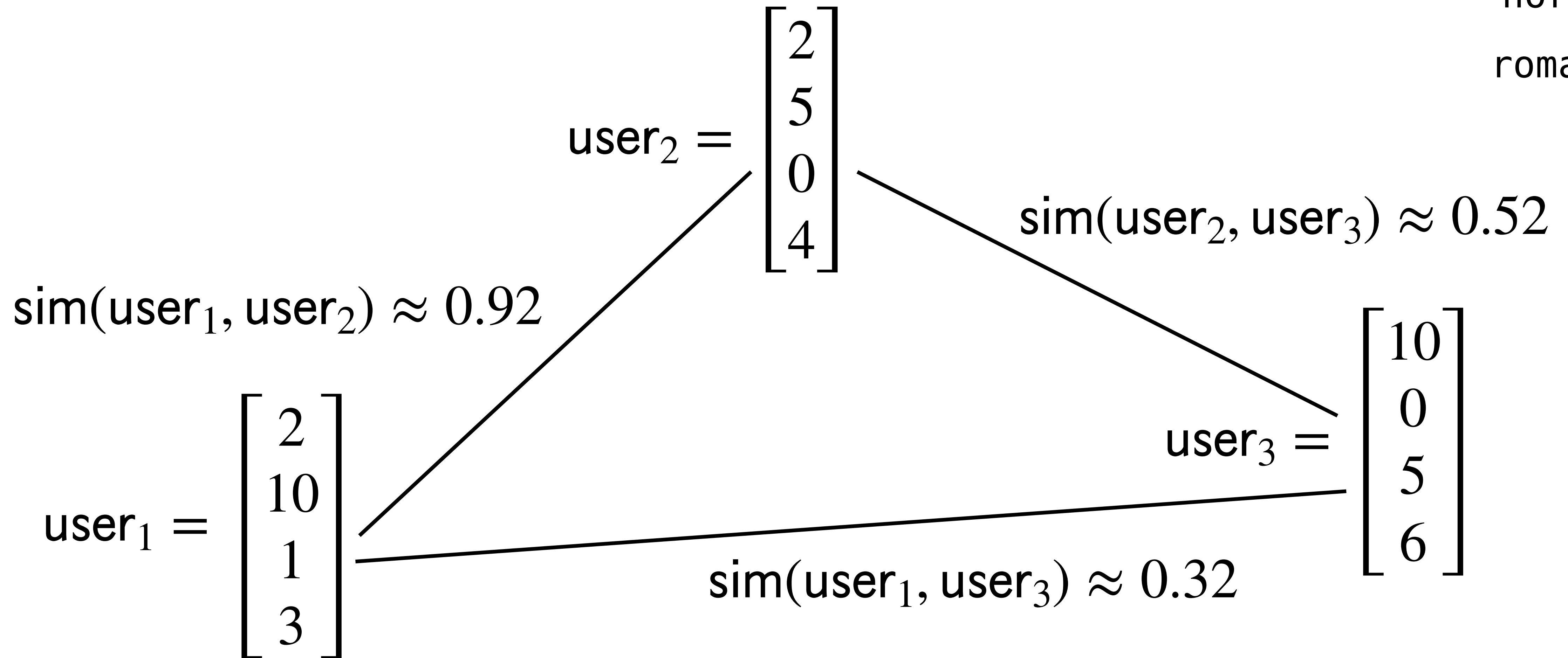
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# Other Examples

- ***Document similarity***
  - Documents  $\mapsto$  word count vectors
  - Similar documents should use similar words
- ***Word2Vec***
  - Words  $\mapsto$  vector *somehow*
  - This underlies modern natural language processing (NLP)

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**Orthogonal and perpendicular are the same thing.**

# With inner product we can...

- Given a vector we can determine its length
- Given two points (vectors) we can determine the distance between them
- Given two vectors we can determine the angle between them

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**Definition.** A set  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_p\}$  of vectors from  $R^n$  is an **orthogonal set** if every pair of distinct vectors is orthogonal: if  $i \neq j$  then

$$\langle u_i, u_j \rangle = 0$$

*Each vector is pairwise/mutually perpendicular*

# Example

$$u_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_2 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$u_3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 \\ -2 \\ 7/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Verify:

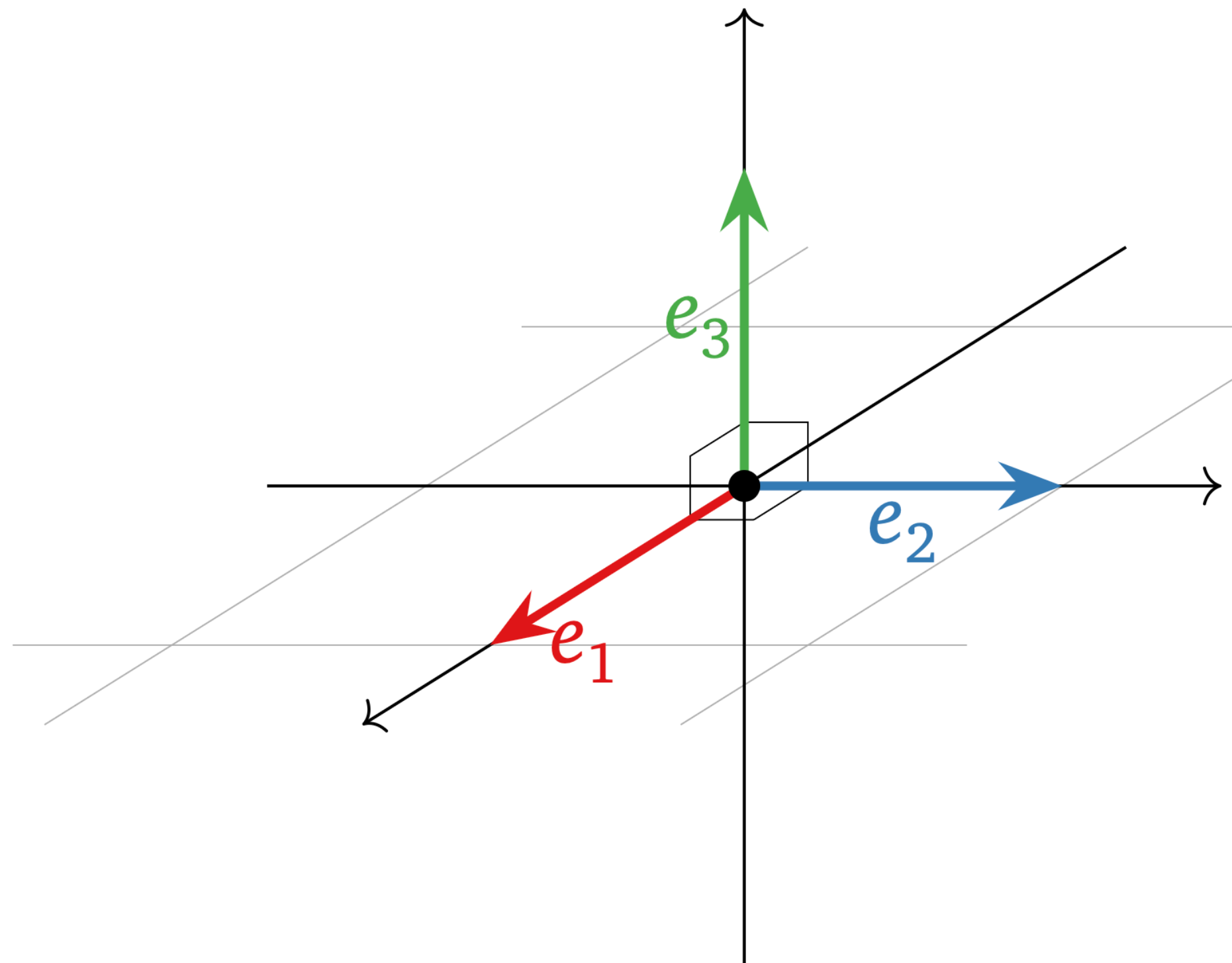
$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -3 + 2 + 1 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

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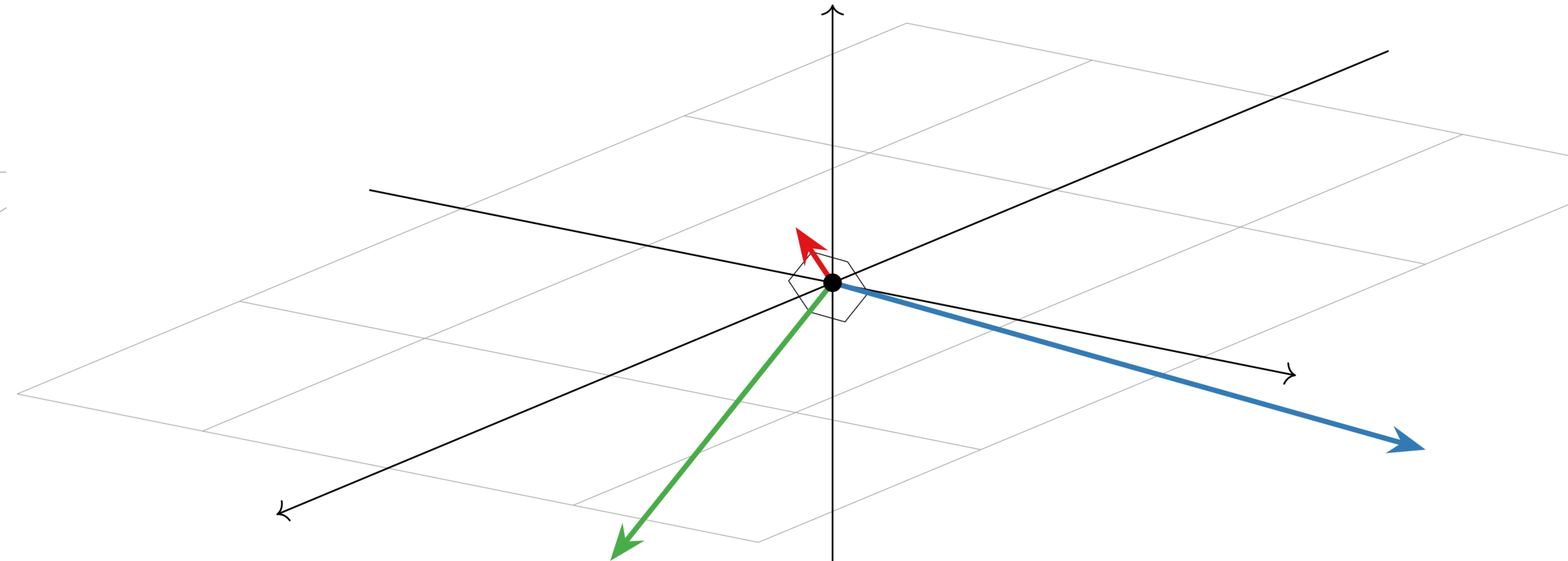
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What do orthogonal sets  
look like?

# The Picture



the standard basis forms a  
"centered" orthogonal set



an orthogonal set is like  
the standard basis *after*  
*some rotations and scalings*



# Orthogonal Sets and Independence

**Theorem.** If  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  is an orthogonal set of nonzero vectors from  $R^n$ , then it is linearly independent

Verify:  $\alpha_1 \vec{u}_1 + \alpha_2 \vec{u}_2 + \dots + \alpha_k \vec{u}_k = \vec{0}$

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \vec{u}_i, \vec{u}_1 \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \langle \vec{u}_i, \vec{u}_1 \rangle = \alpha_1 \langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_1 \rangle$$

$$= \vec{0}$$

$$\langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_1 \rangle > 0$$

$$\langle u_i, u_j \rangle = 0 \text{ if } i \neq j$$

so  $\alpha_1 = 0$ , generalizes to all  $\alpha_j$

# The Takeaway

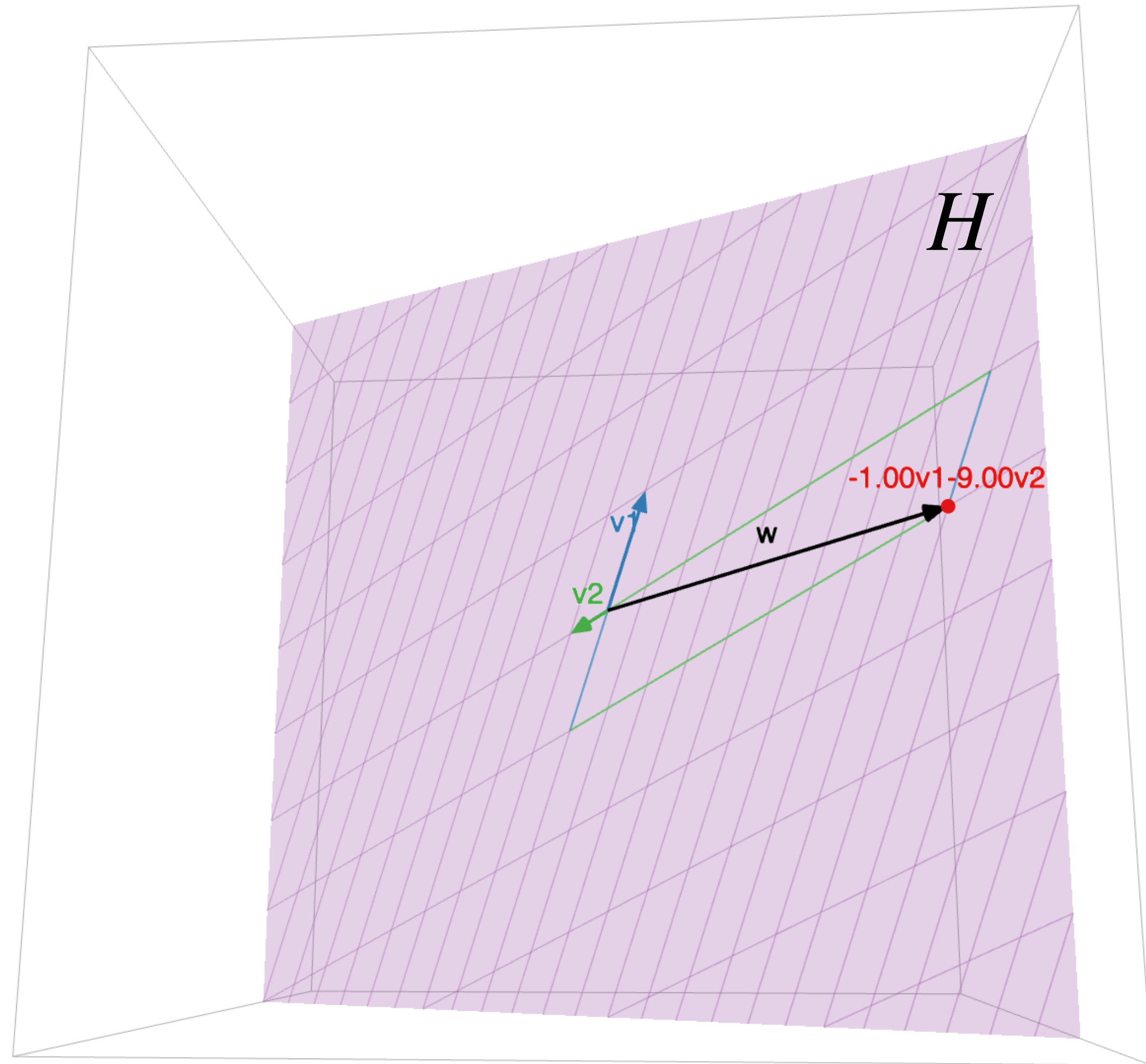
If  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$  is an orthogonal set,  
then it is a **basis** for  $\text{span}\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$

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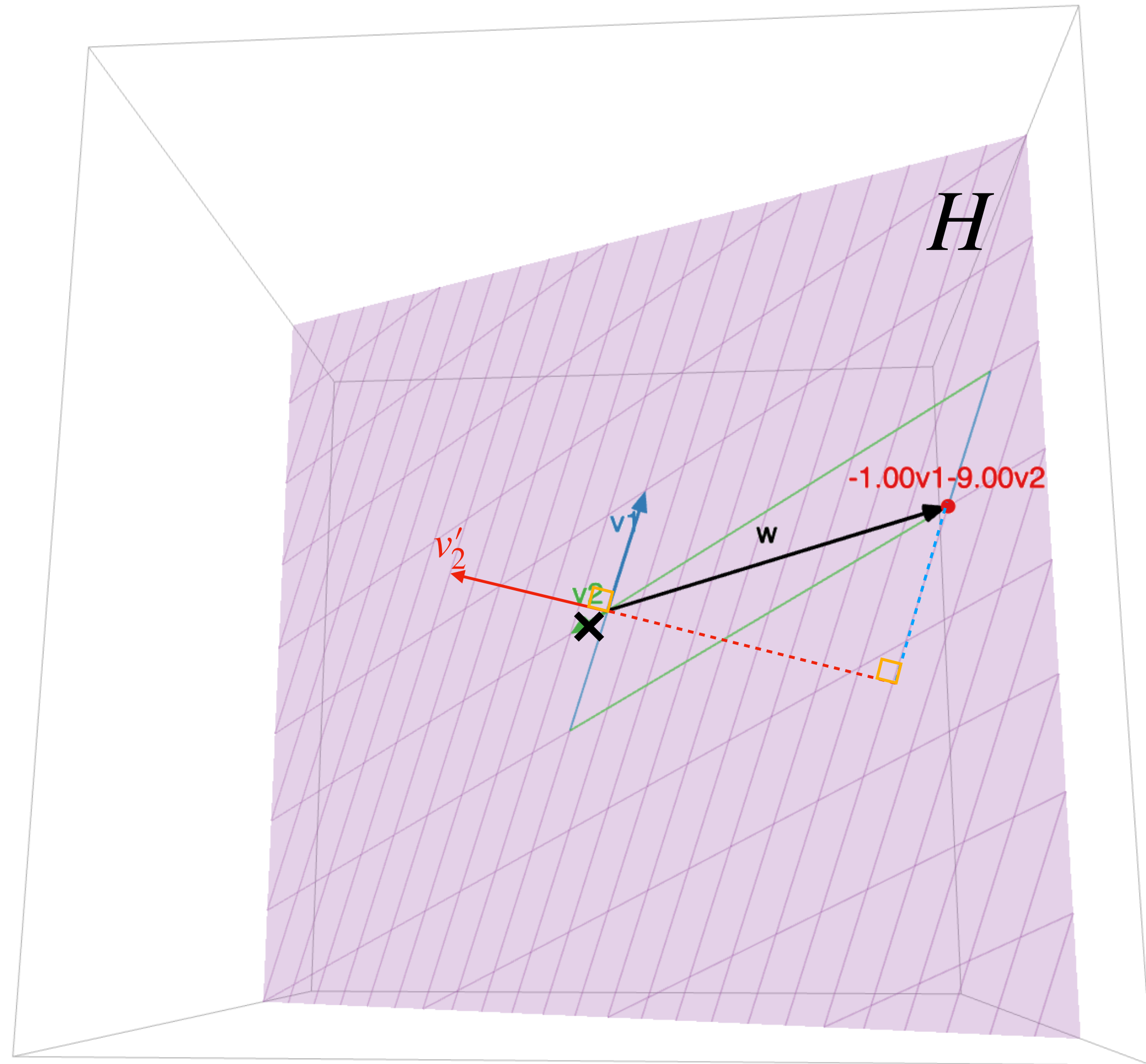
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What's nice about an  
orthogonal basis?

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**This takes work**

# Orthogonal Bases and Linear Combinations

**Theorem.** For an orthogonal set  $\{\mathbf{u}_1, \mathbf{u}_2, \dots, \mathbf{u}_p\}$ , if  $\mathbf{y} = c_1 \mathbf{u}_1 + \dots + c_p \mathbf{u}_p$  then for  $j = 1, \dots, p$

$$c_j = \frac{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{u}_j}{\mathbf{u}_j^T \mathbf{u}_j} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}_j, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle}$$

Verify:  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{u}_j \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^p c_i \vec{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^p c_i \langle \vec{u}_i, \vec{u}_j \rangle$   
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**Much easier to compute.**

# Question

*Express  $[6 \ 1 \ (-8)]^T$  as a linear combination of vectors in  $\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}$  where*

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**Answer:**  $u_1 - 2u_2 - 2u_3$

$$\vec{v} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{u}_1 \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 18 + 1 - 8 = 11$$

$$c_1 = 1$$

$$\langle \vec{u}_1, \vec{u}_1 \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 9 + 1 + 1 = 11$$

$$\langle \vec{v}, \vec{u}_2 \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 1 \\ -8 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = -6 + 2 - 8 = -12$$

$$c_2 = -2$$

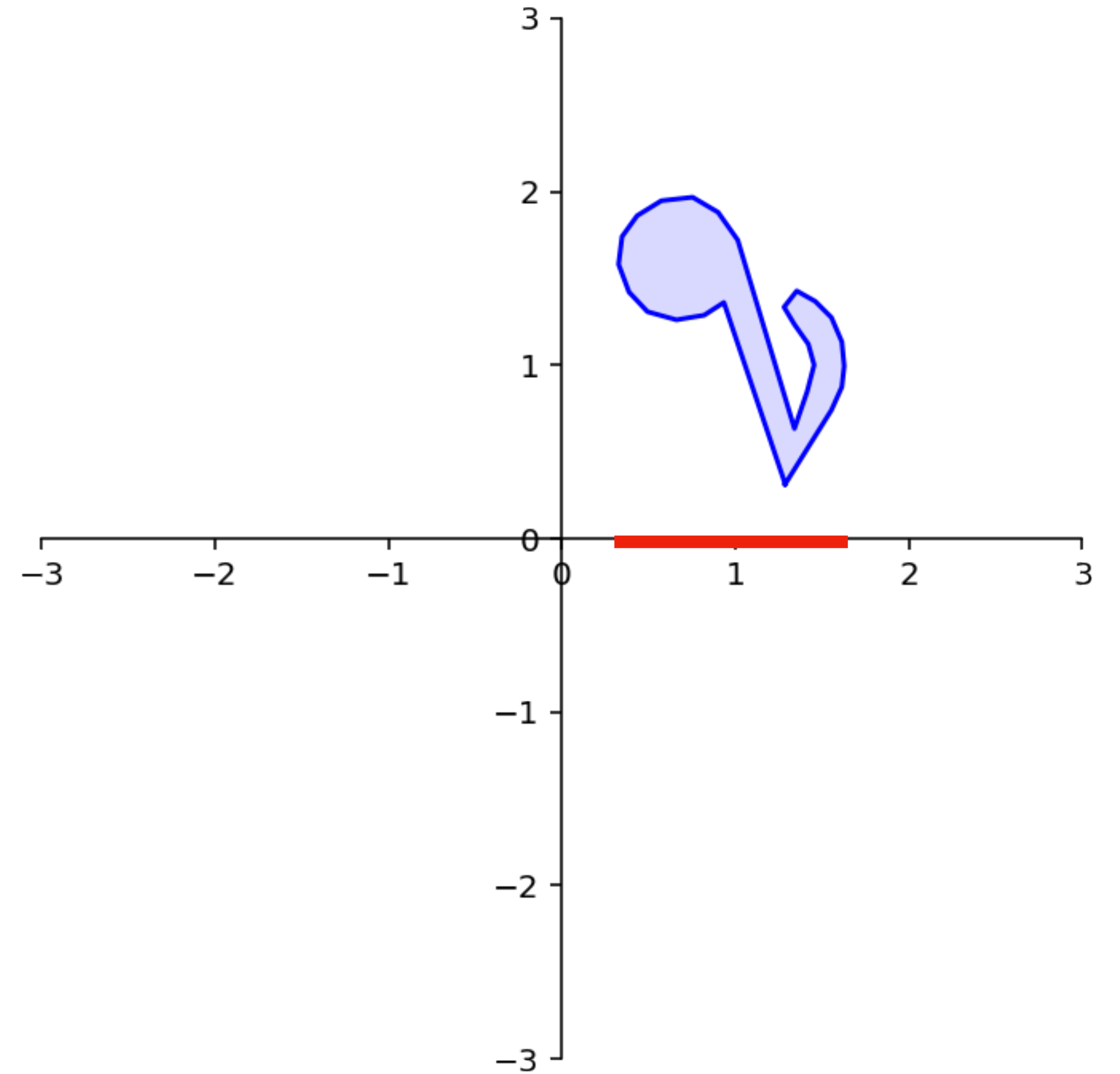
$$\langle \vec{u}_2, \vec{u}_2 \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1 + 4 + 1 = 6$$

and so on...

# Orthogonal Projection

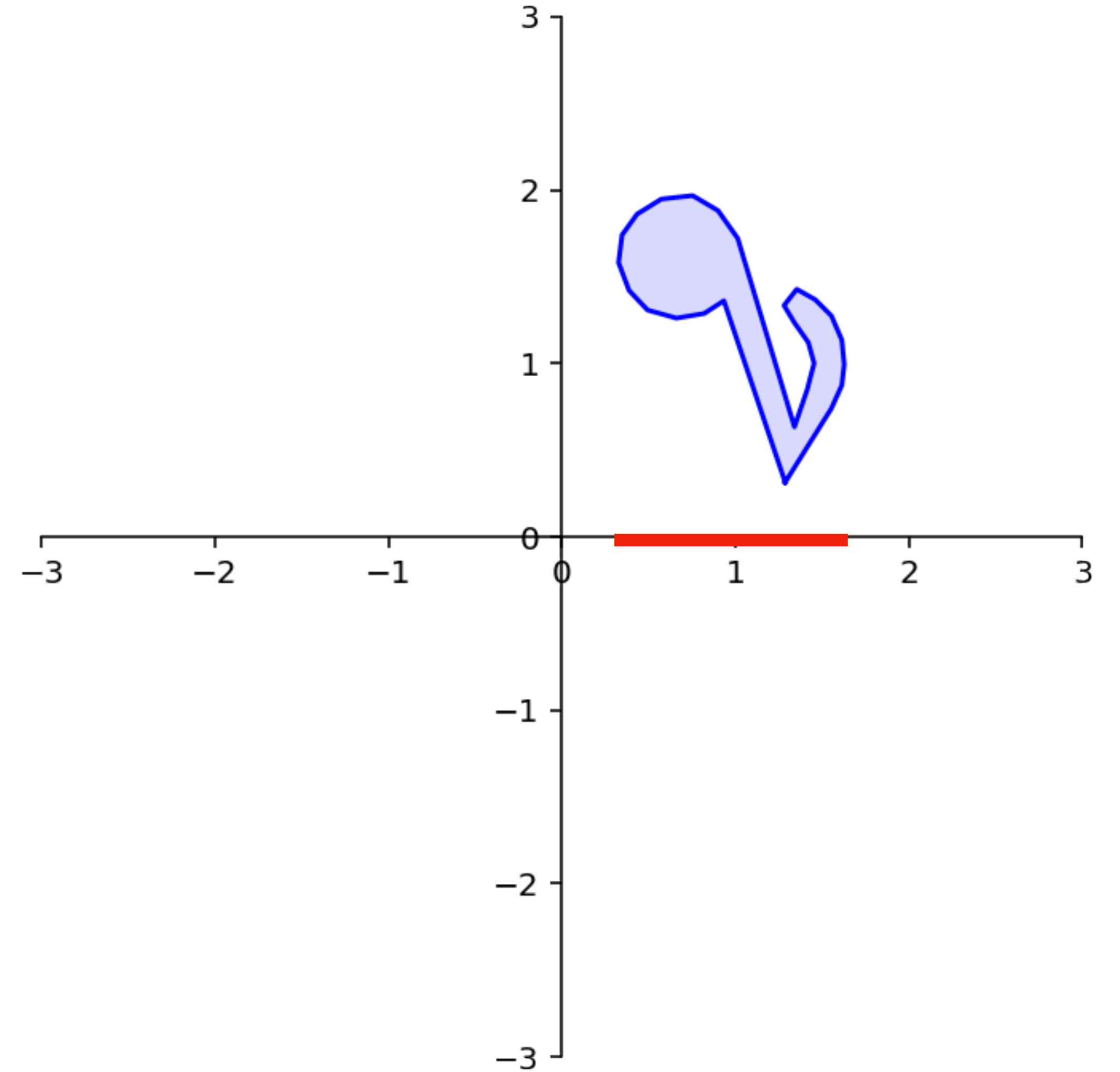
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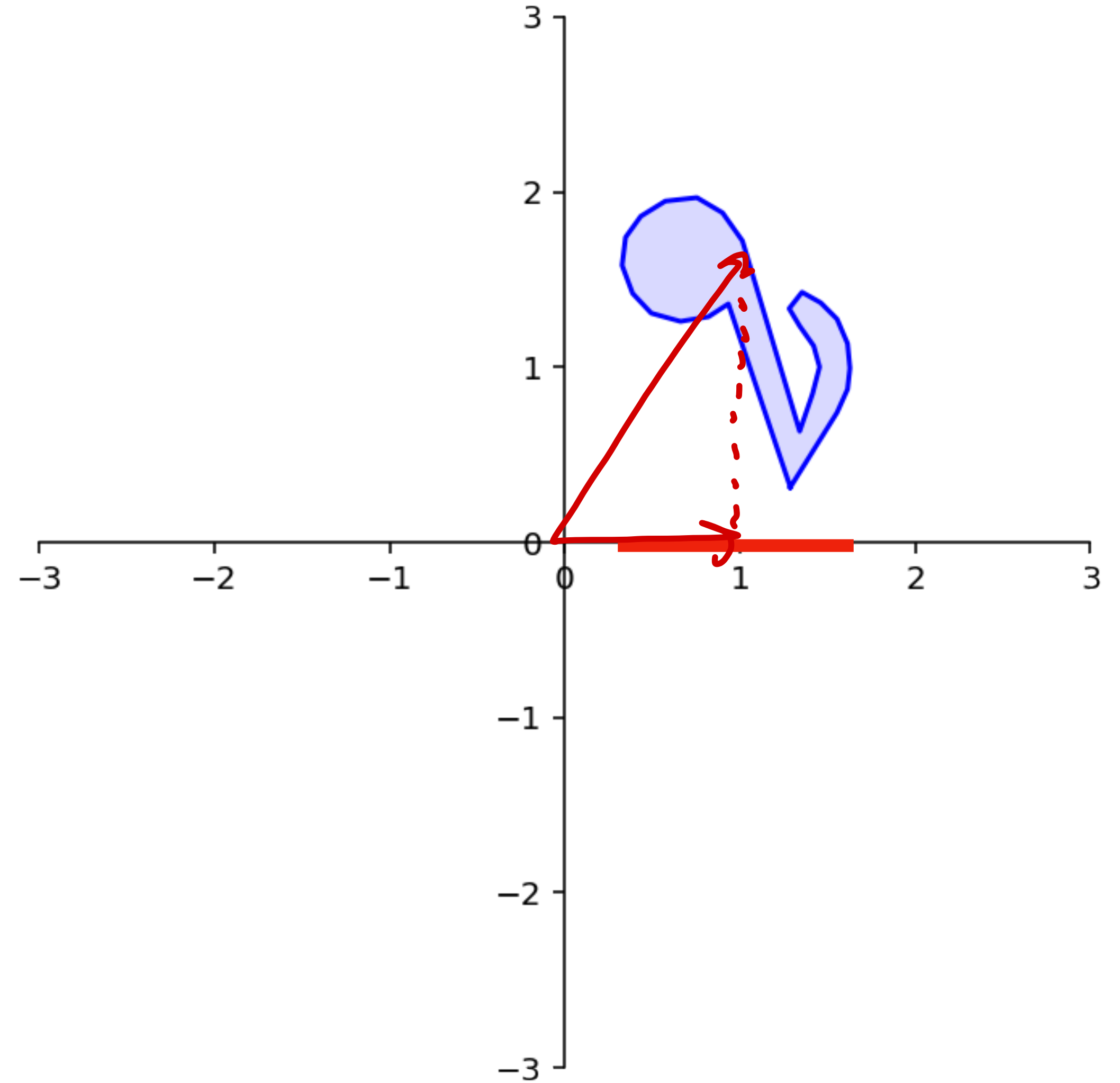
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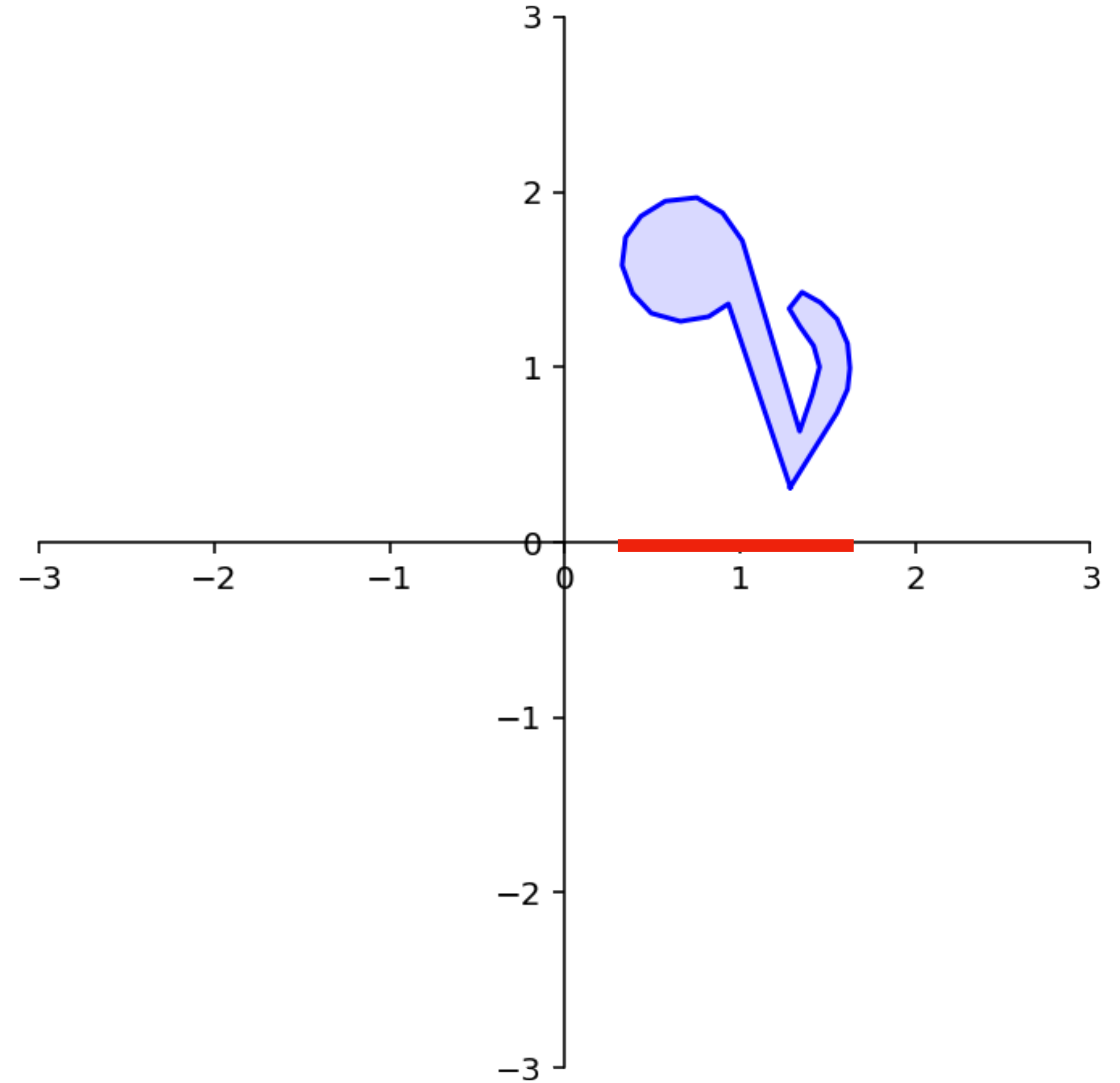


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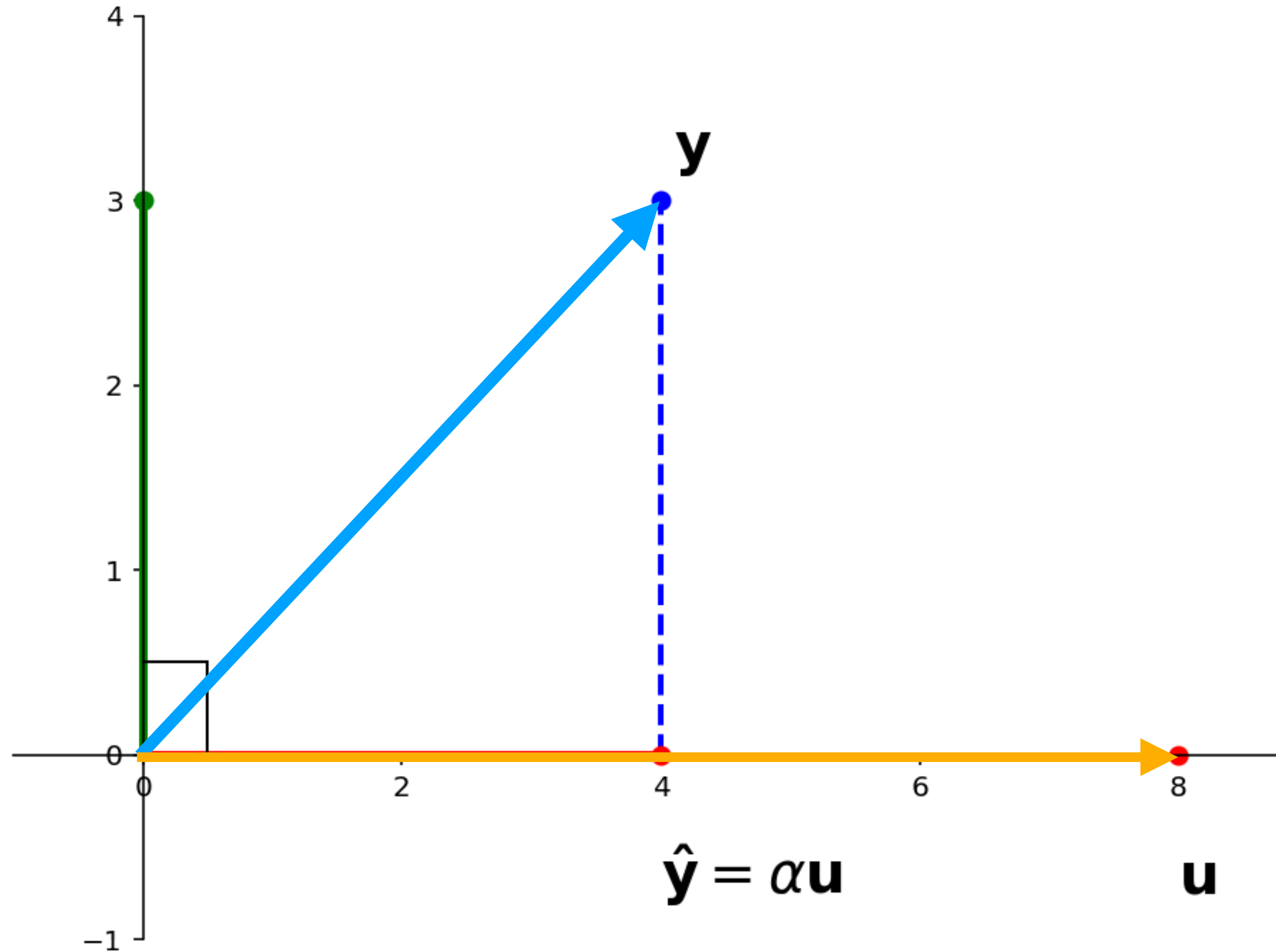
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**What we really did was a kind of projection onto the basis vectors**



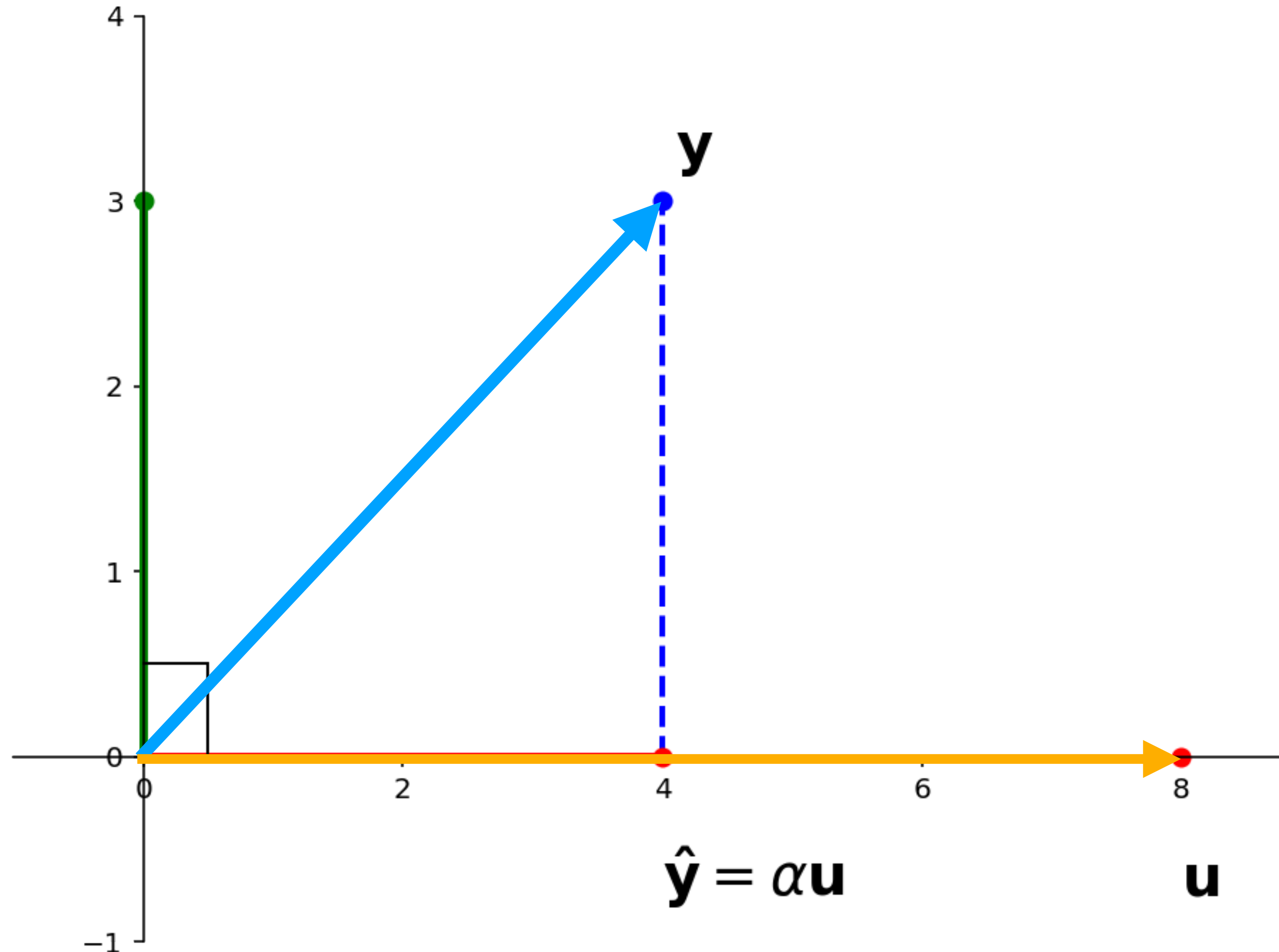
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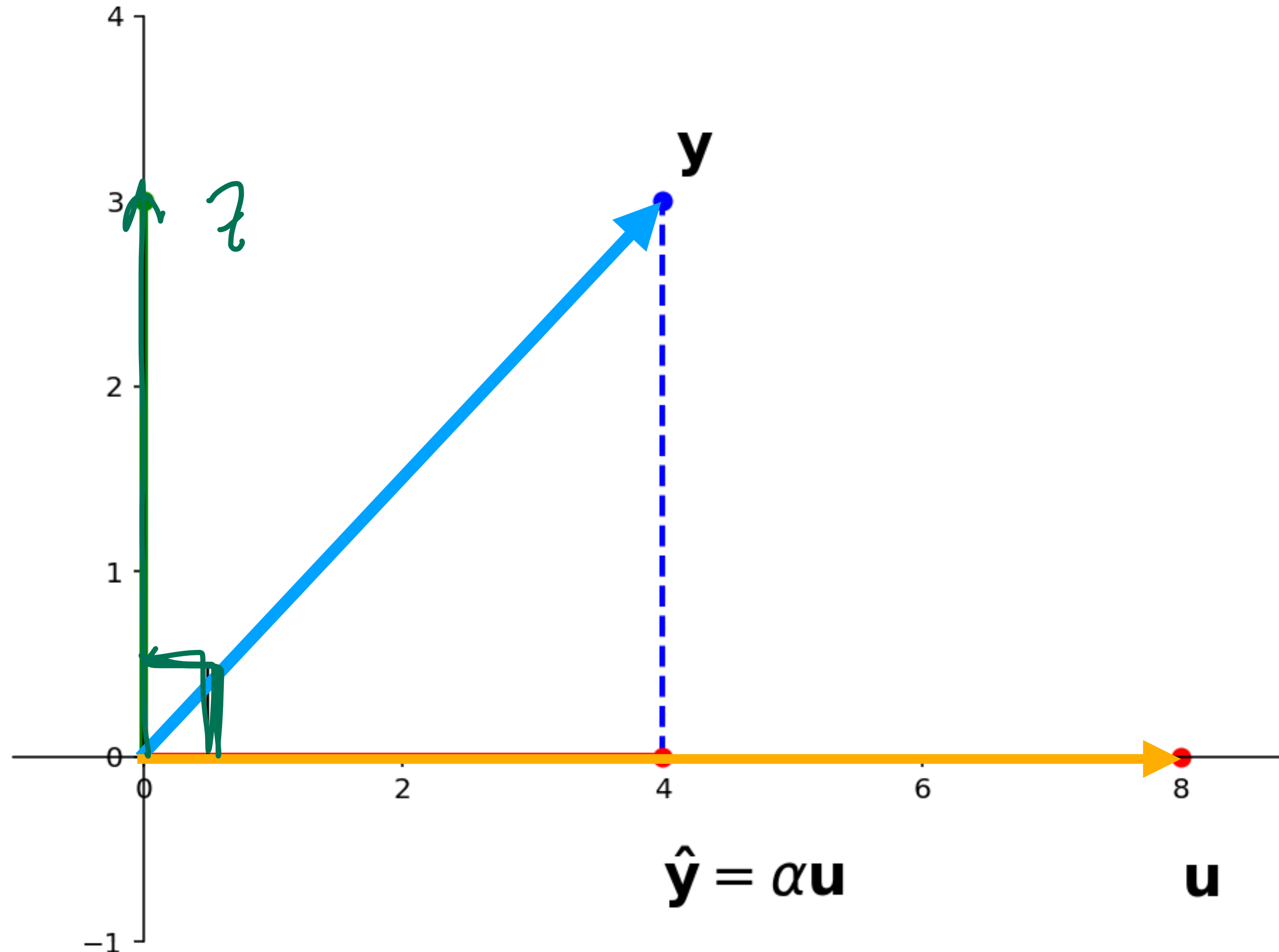
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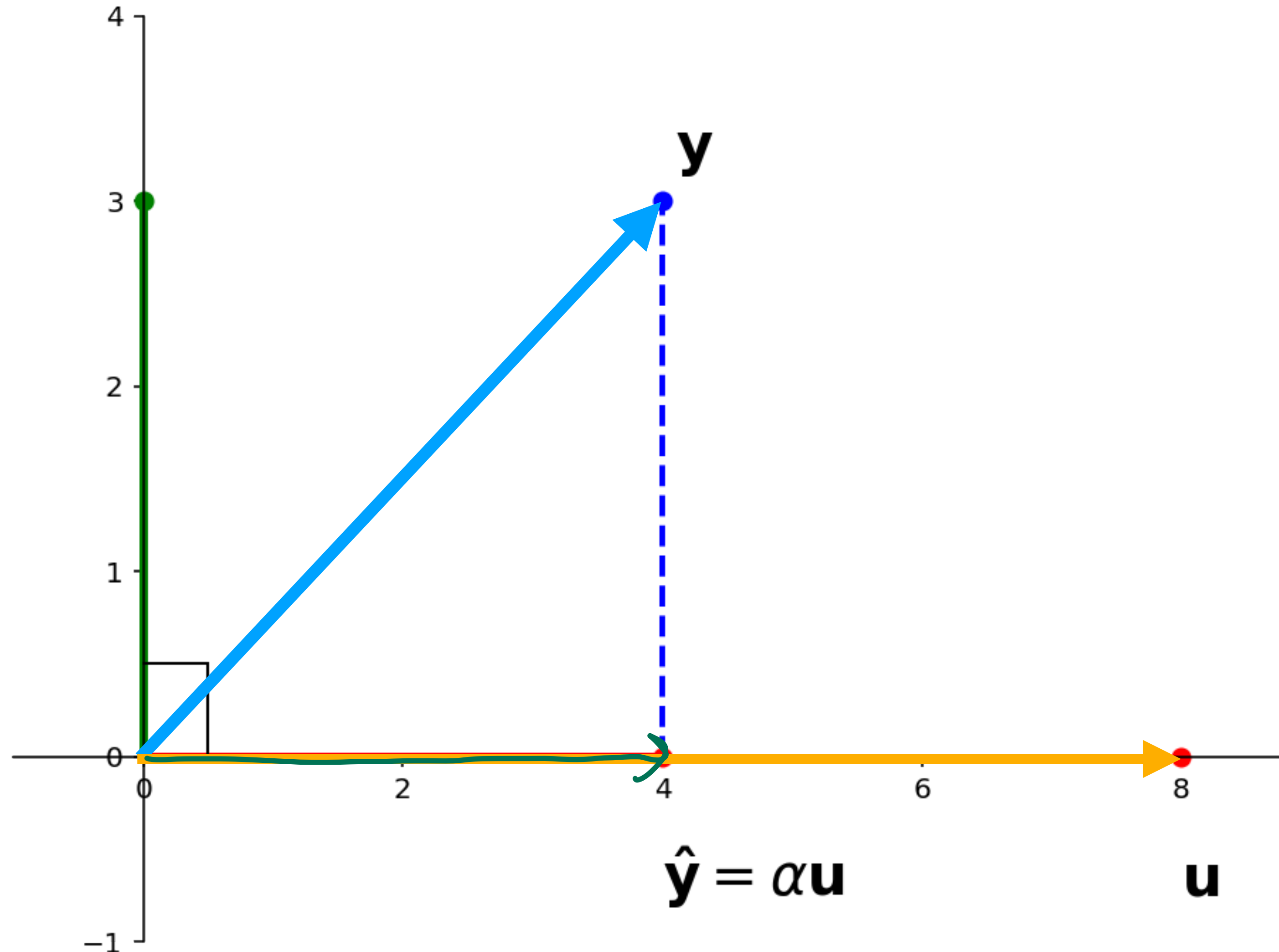


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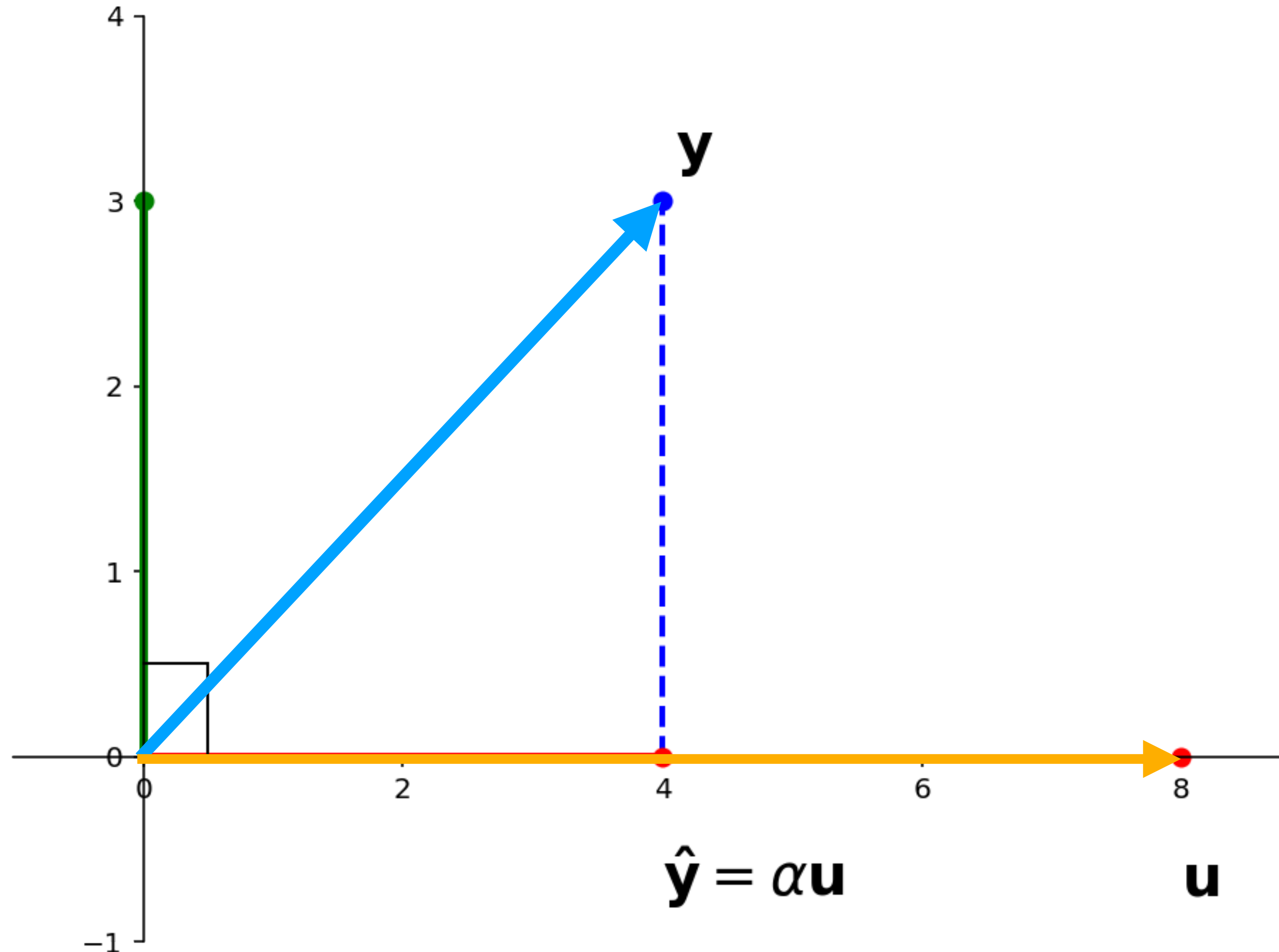
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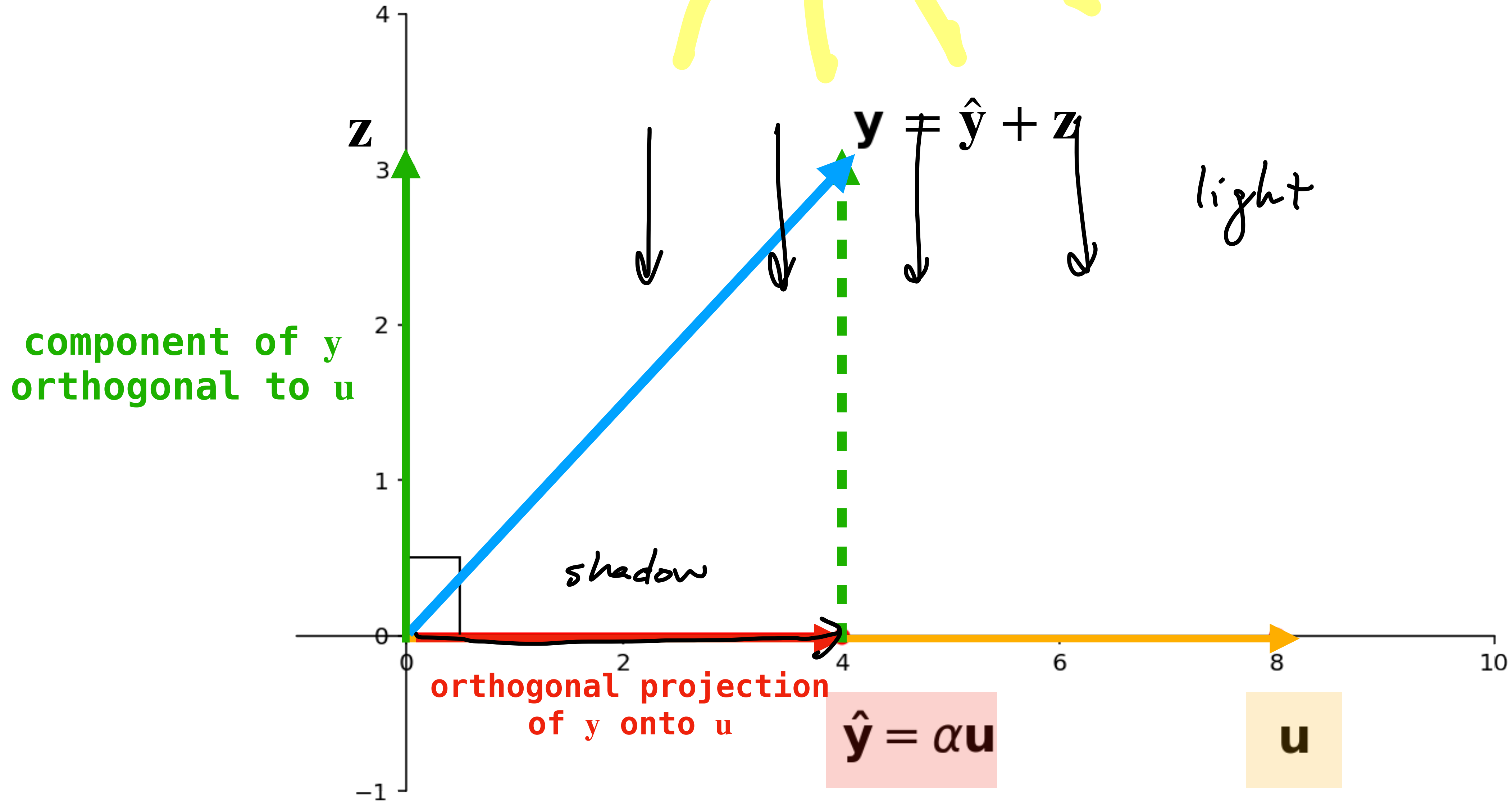
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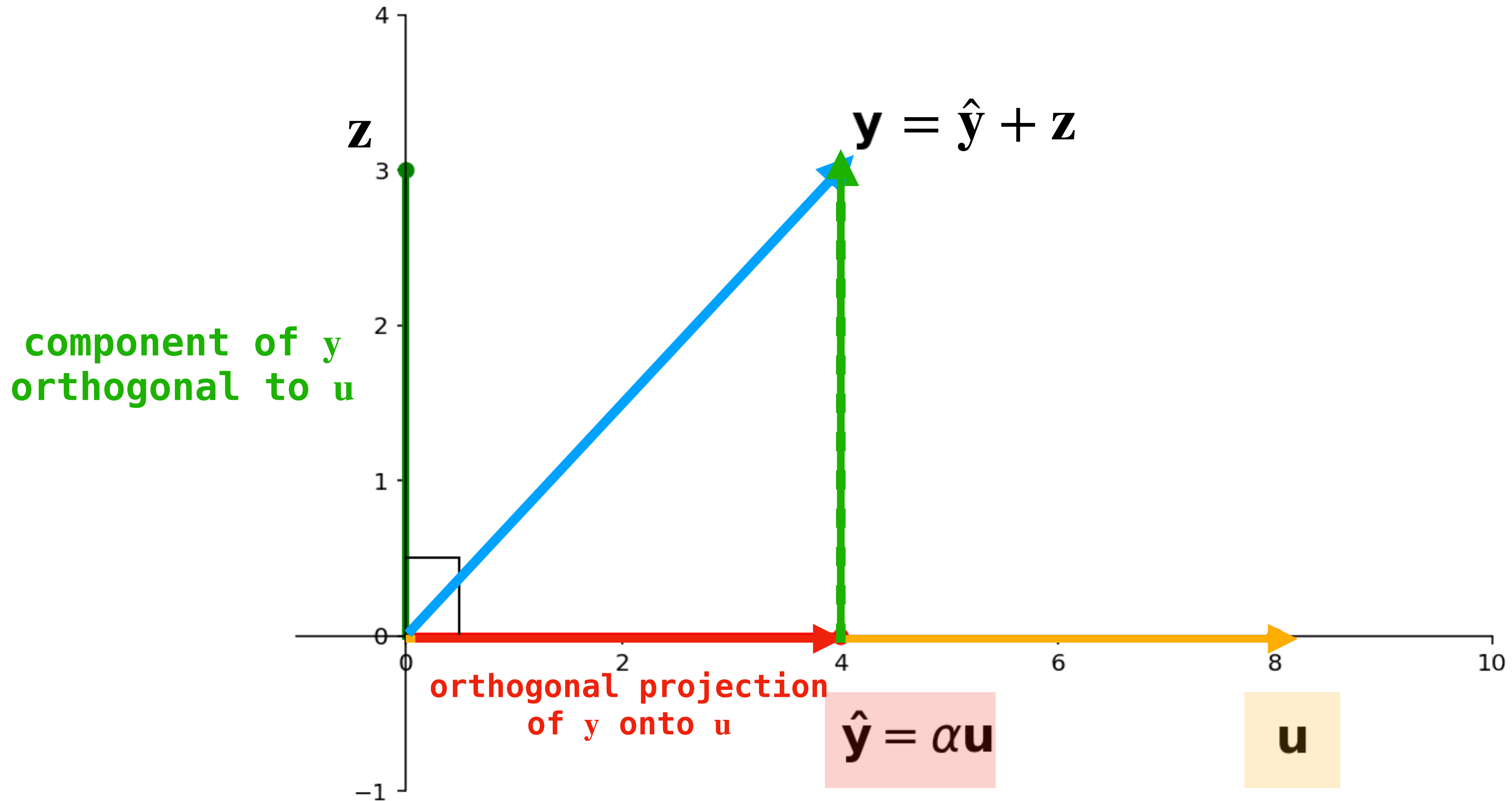
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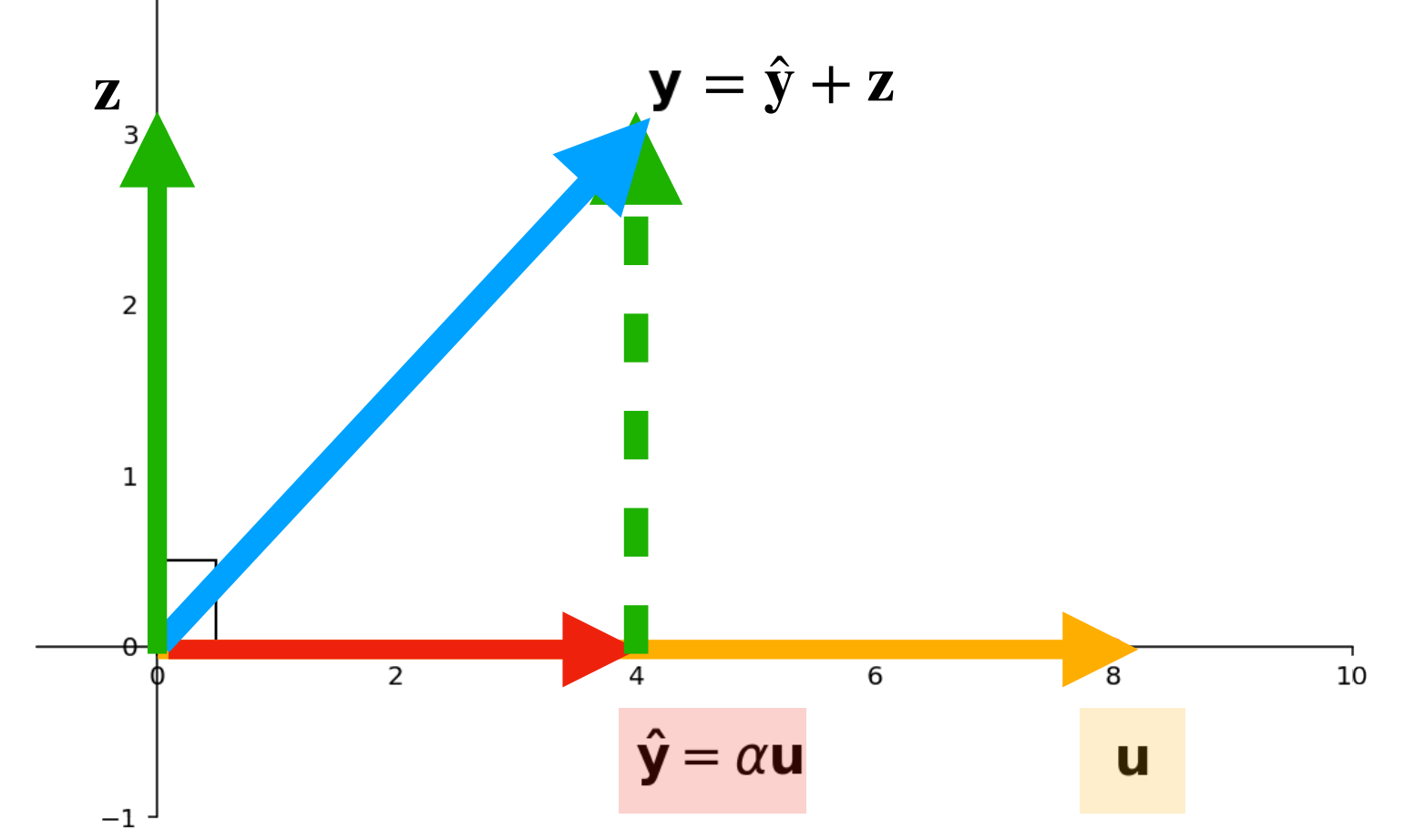


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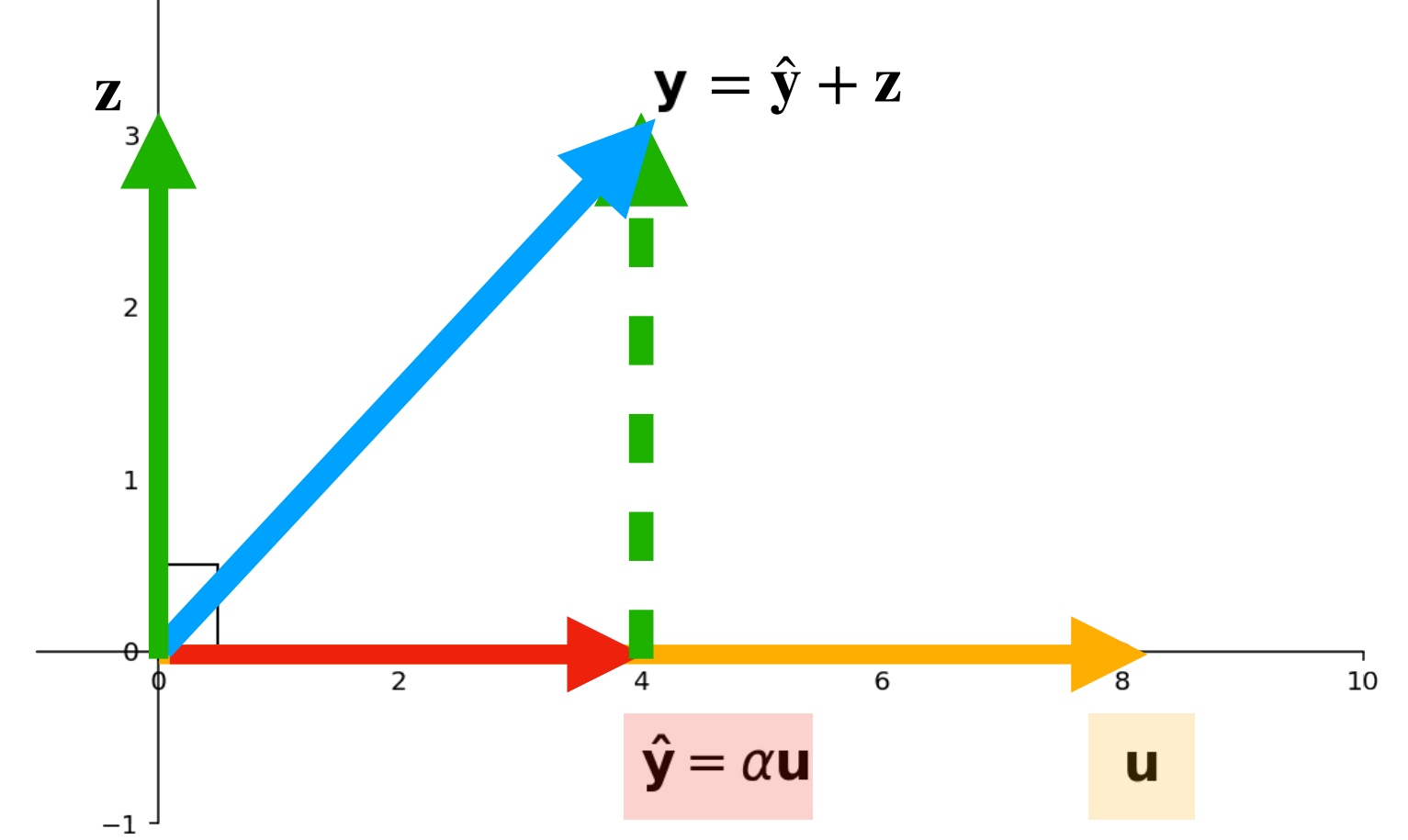
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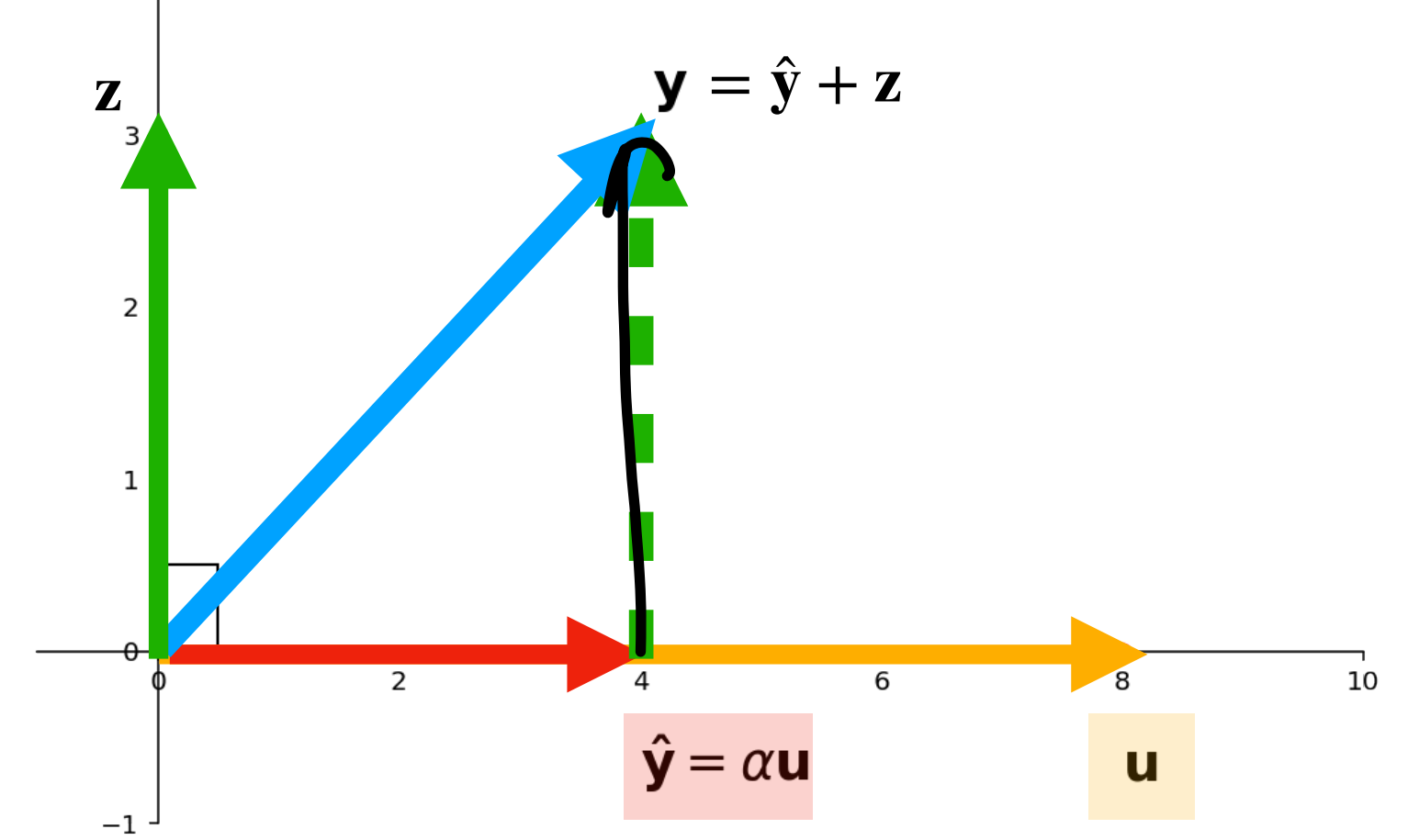


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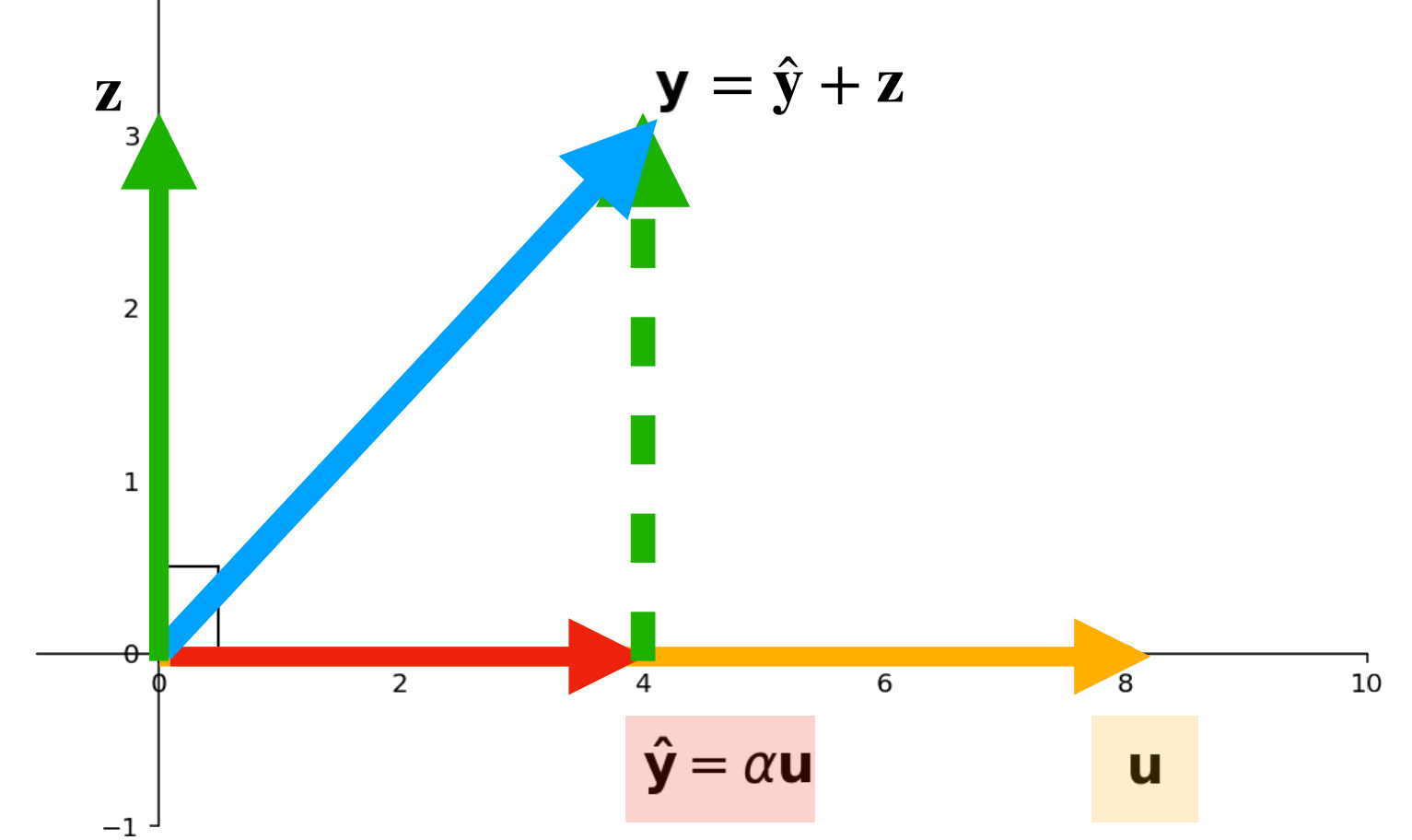
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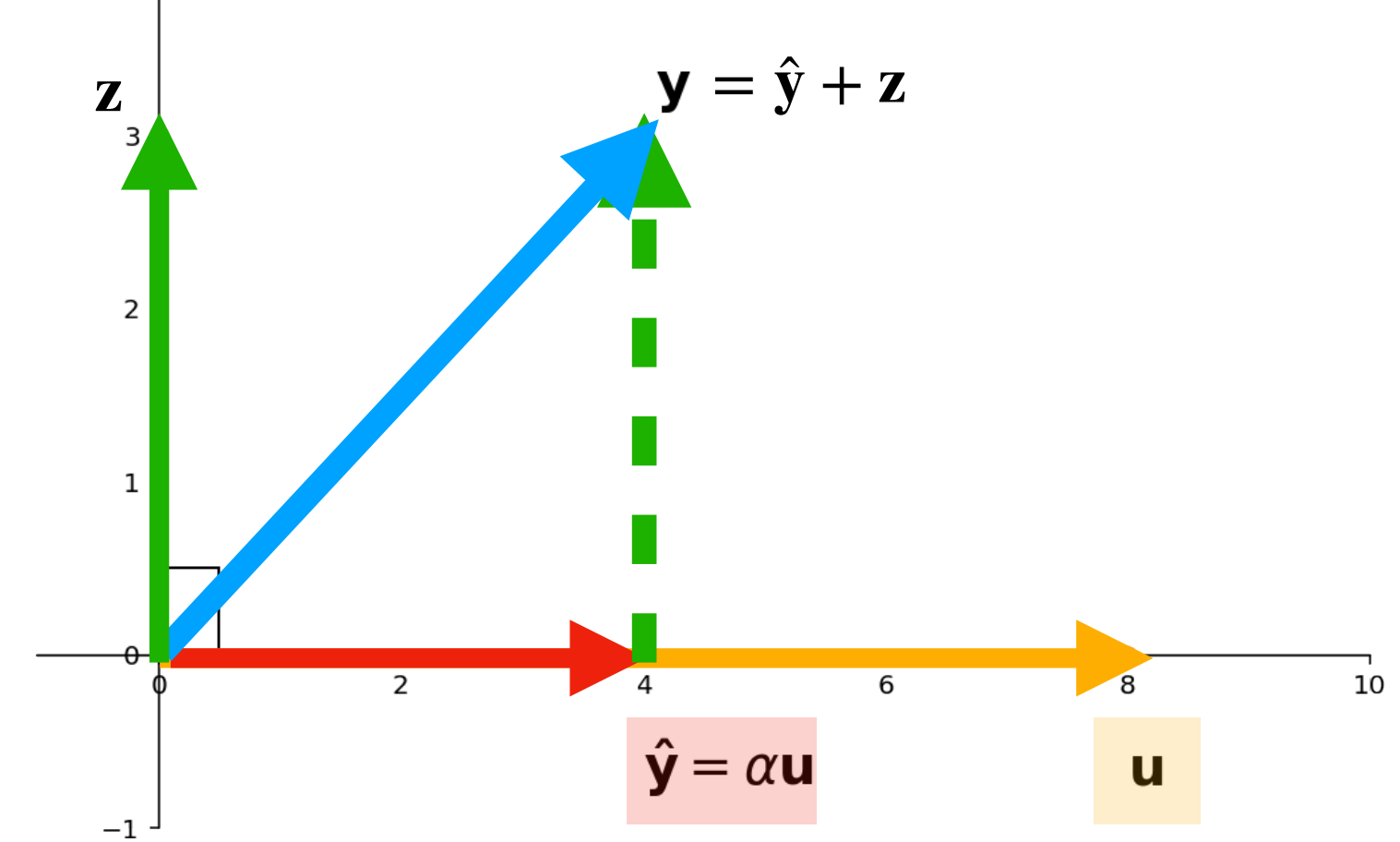
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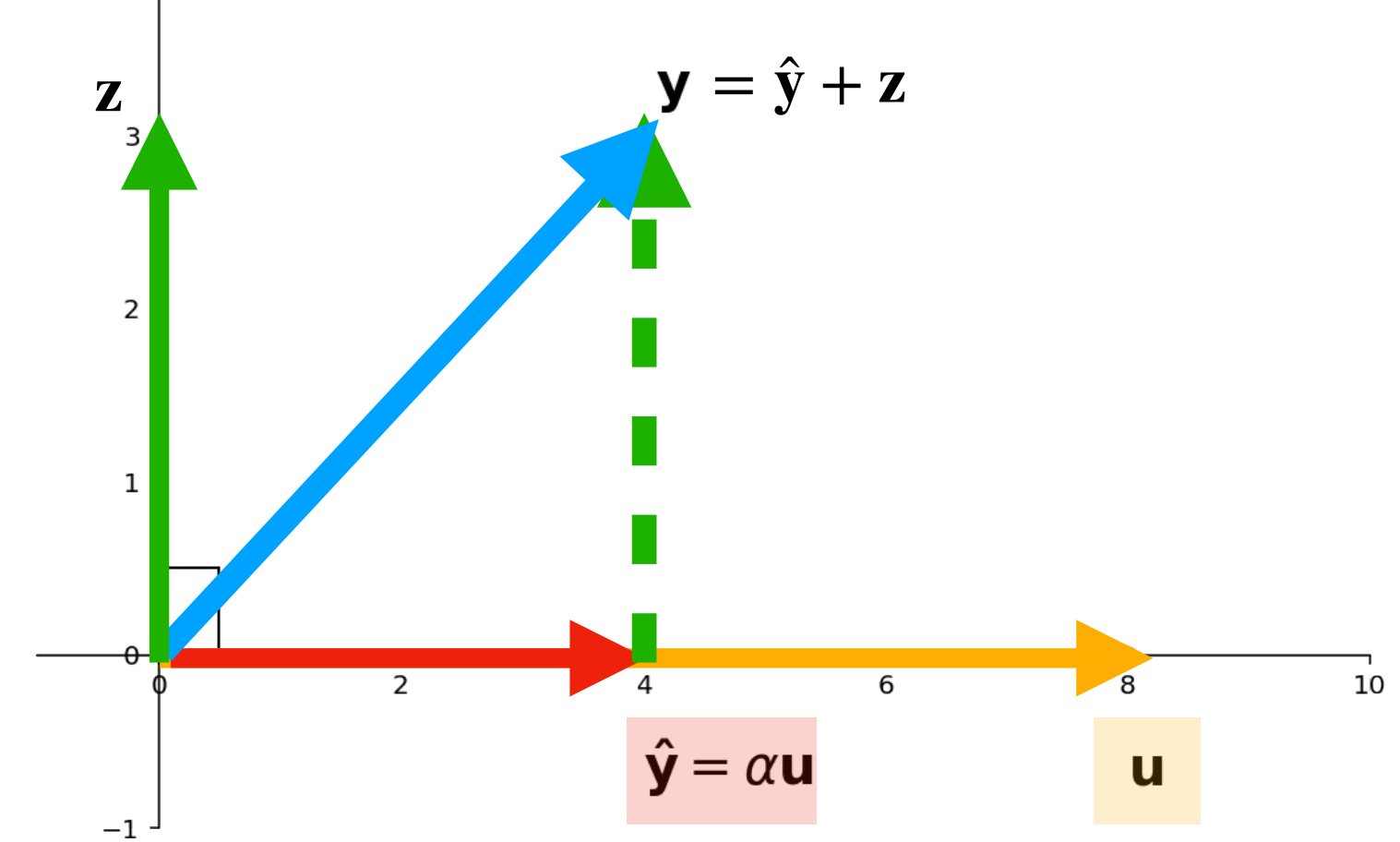


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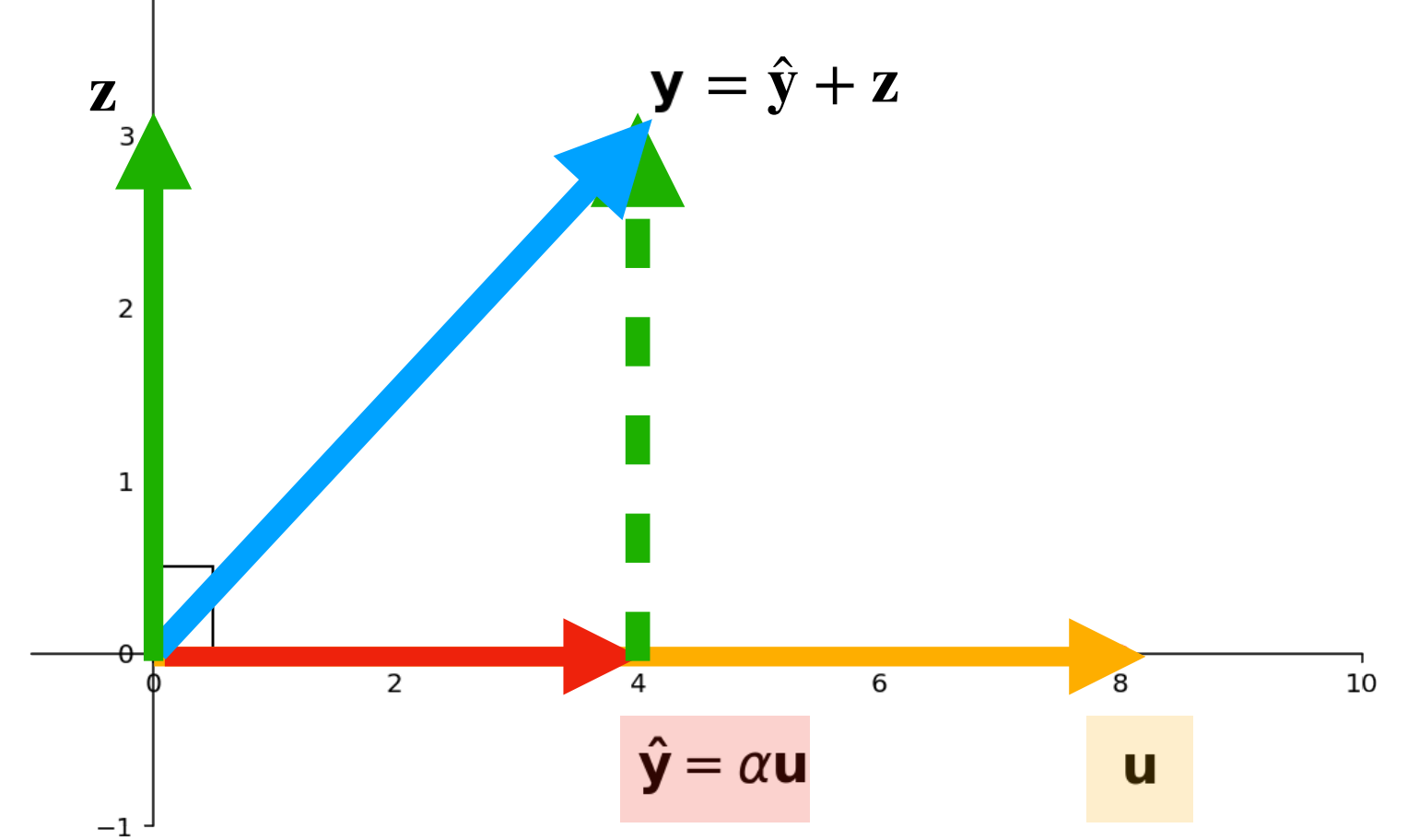
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Once we have  $\alpha$ , we can compute both  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$

# Step 1: Finding $\alpha$

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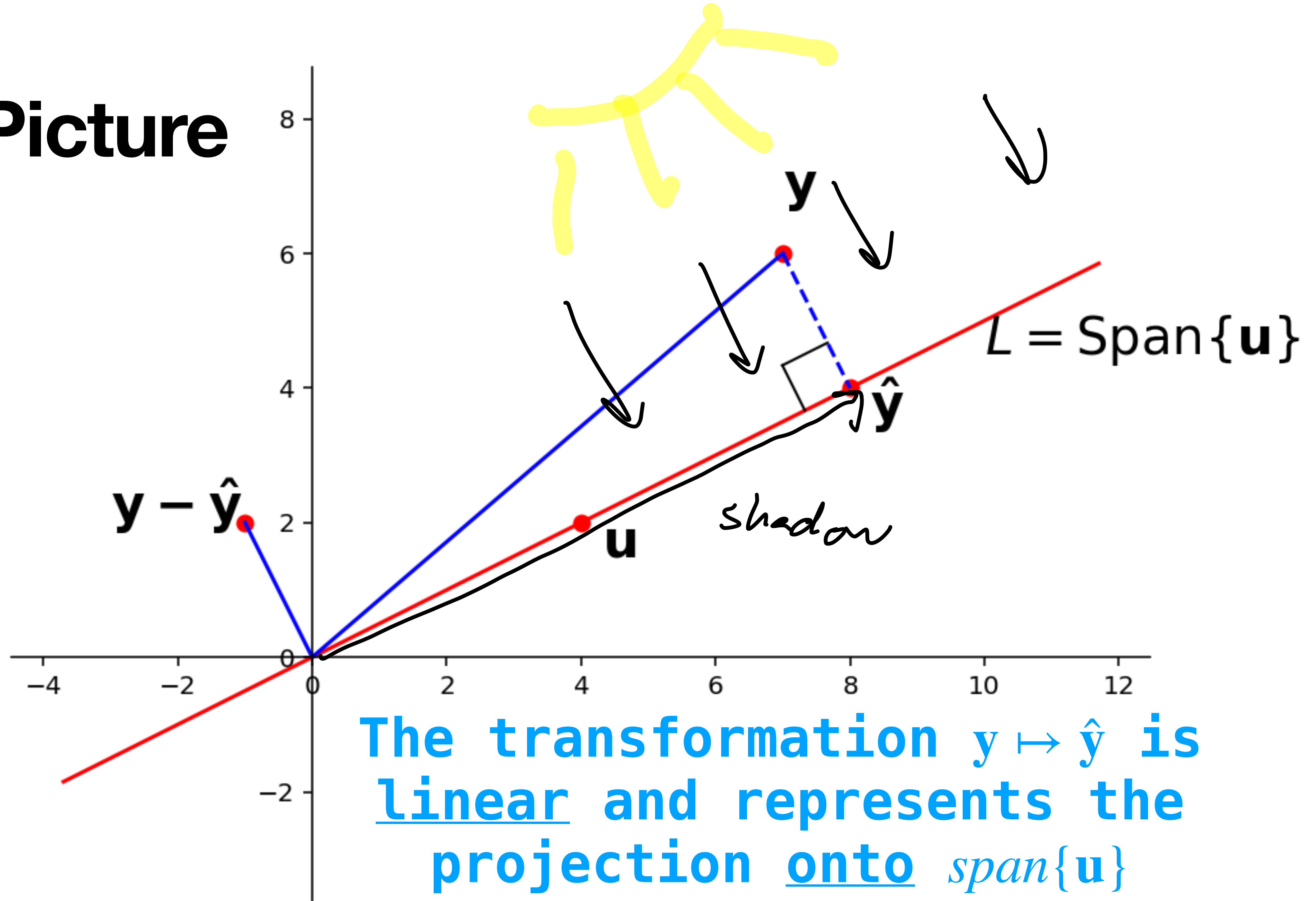
Let's solve for  $\alpha$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  and  $\mathbf{z}$ :

$$\langle \vec{y} - \alpha \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = \langle \vec{y}, \vec{u} \rangle - \alpha \langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle = 0$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\langle \vec{y}, \vec{u} \rangle}{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{u} \rangle}$$

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# The Picture

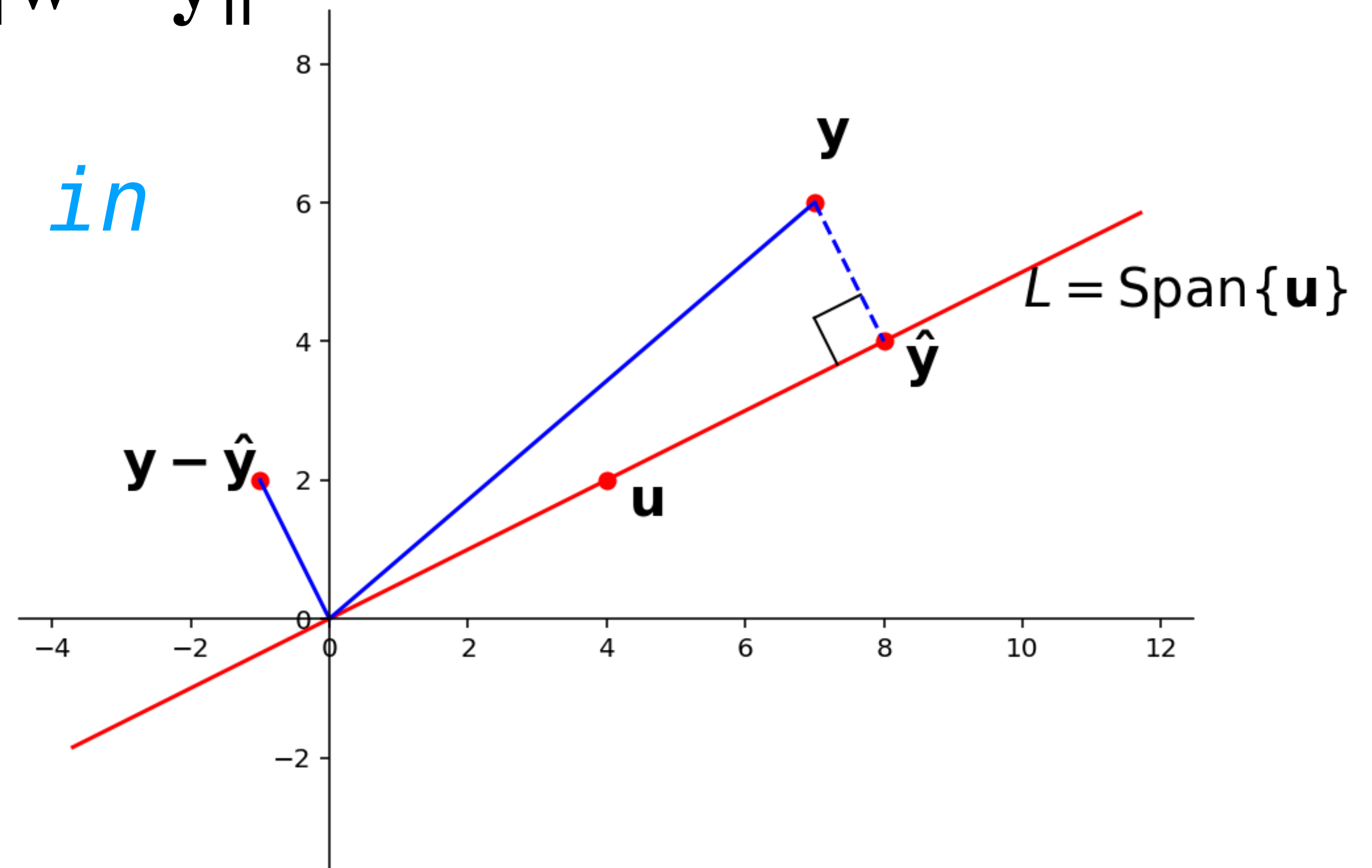


# $\hat{y}$ and Distance

**Theorem.**  $\|\hat{y} - y\| = \min_{w \in \text{span}\{\mathbf{u}\}} \|w - y\|$

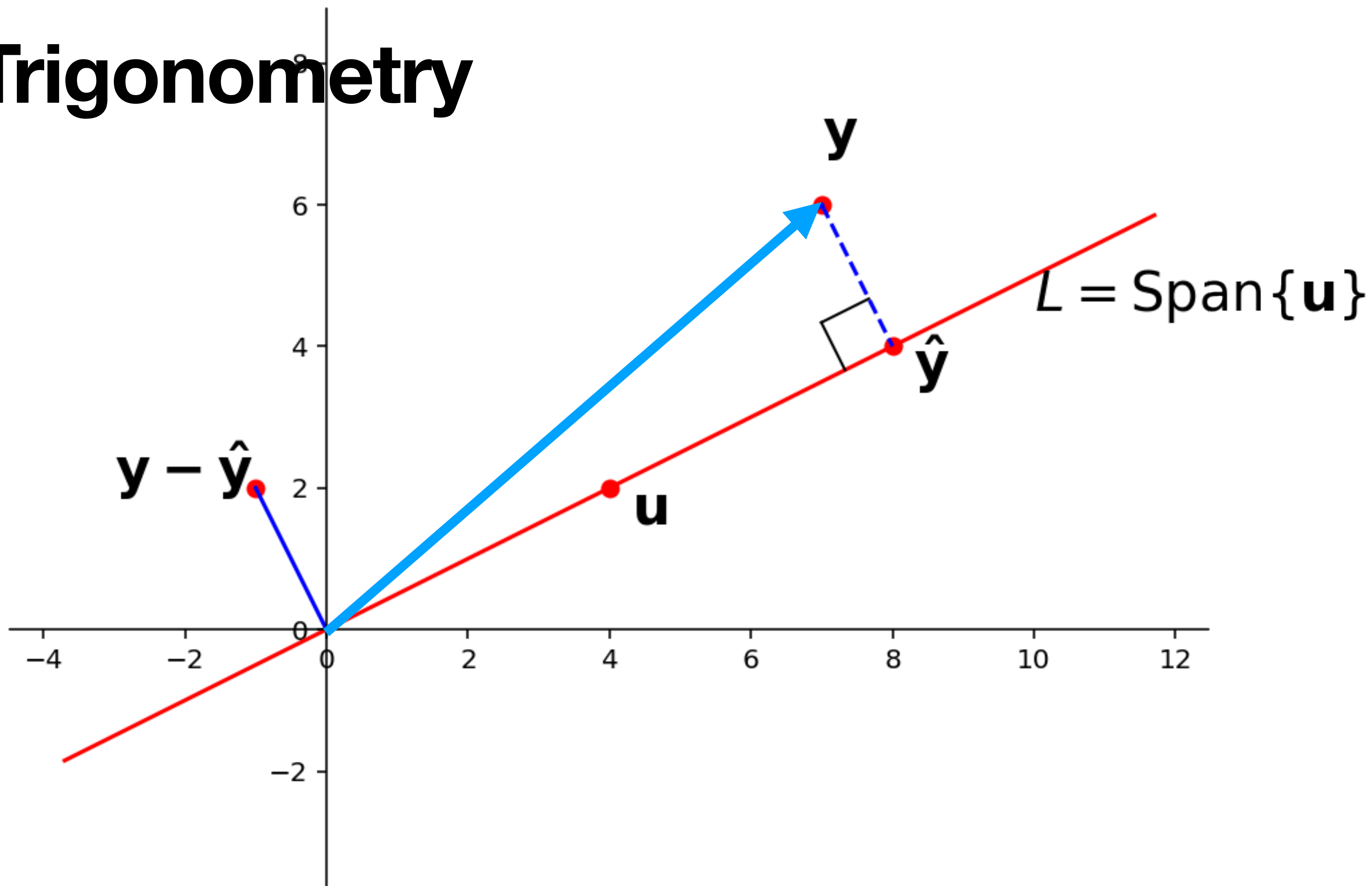
$\hat{y}$  is the closest vector in  $\text{span}\{\mathbf{u}\}$  to  $y$ .

"Proof" by inspection:

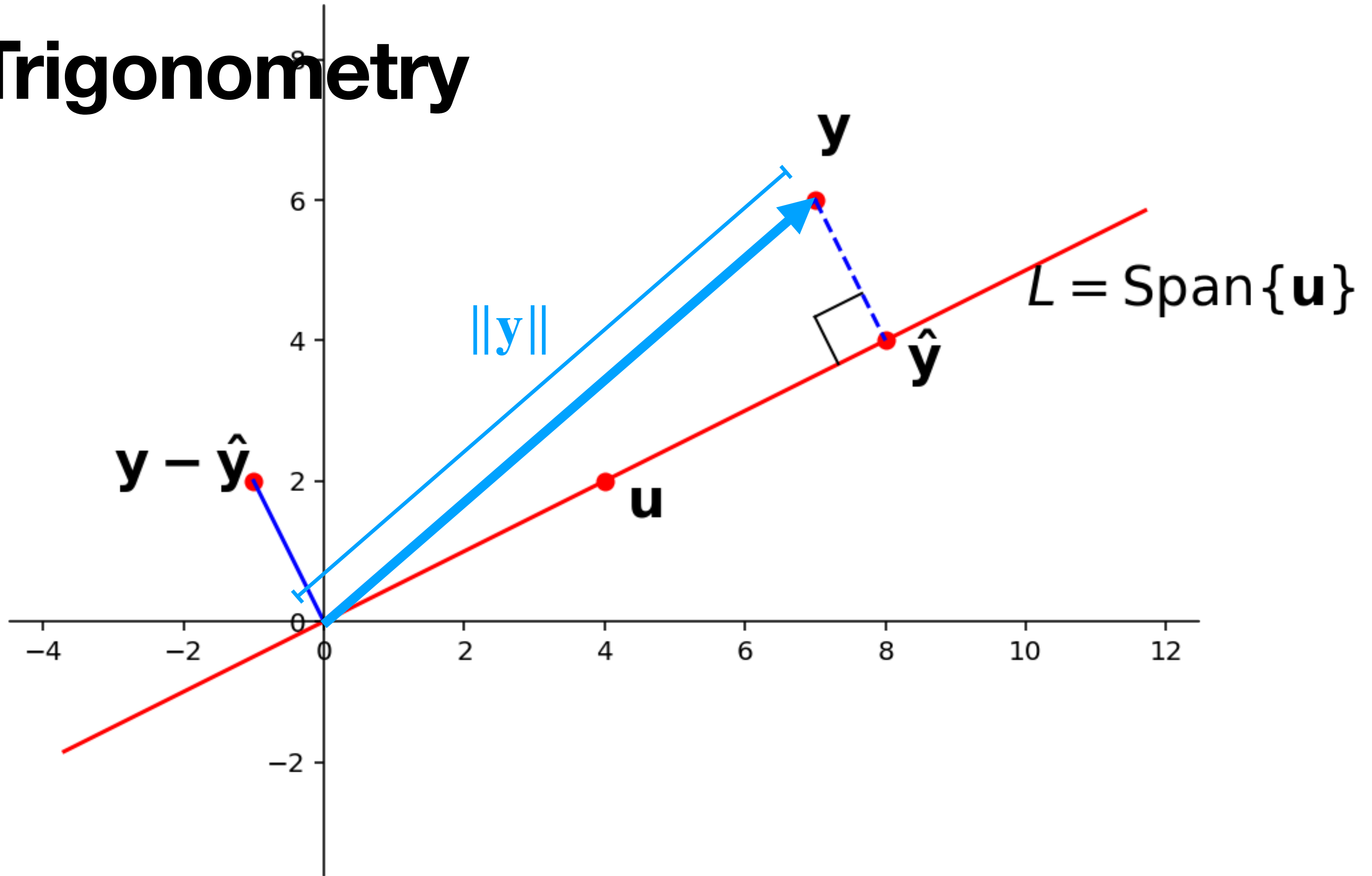




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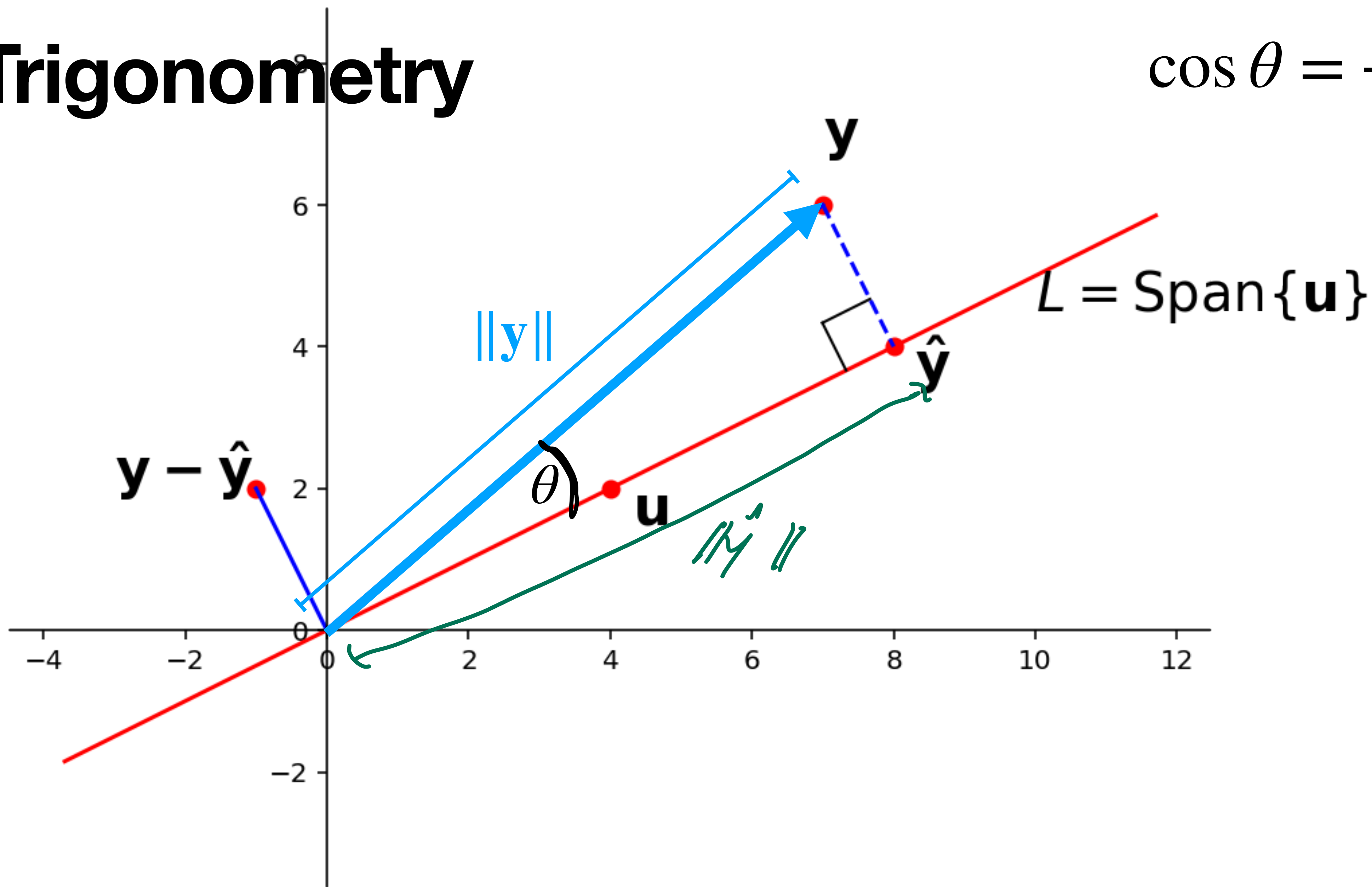


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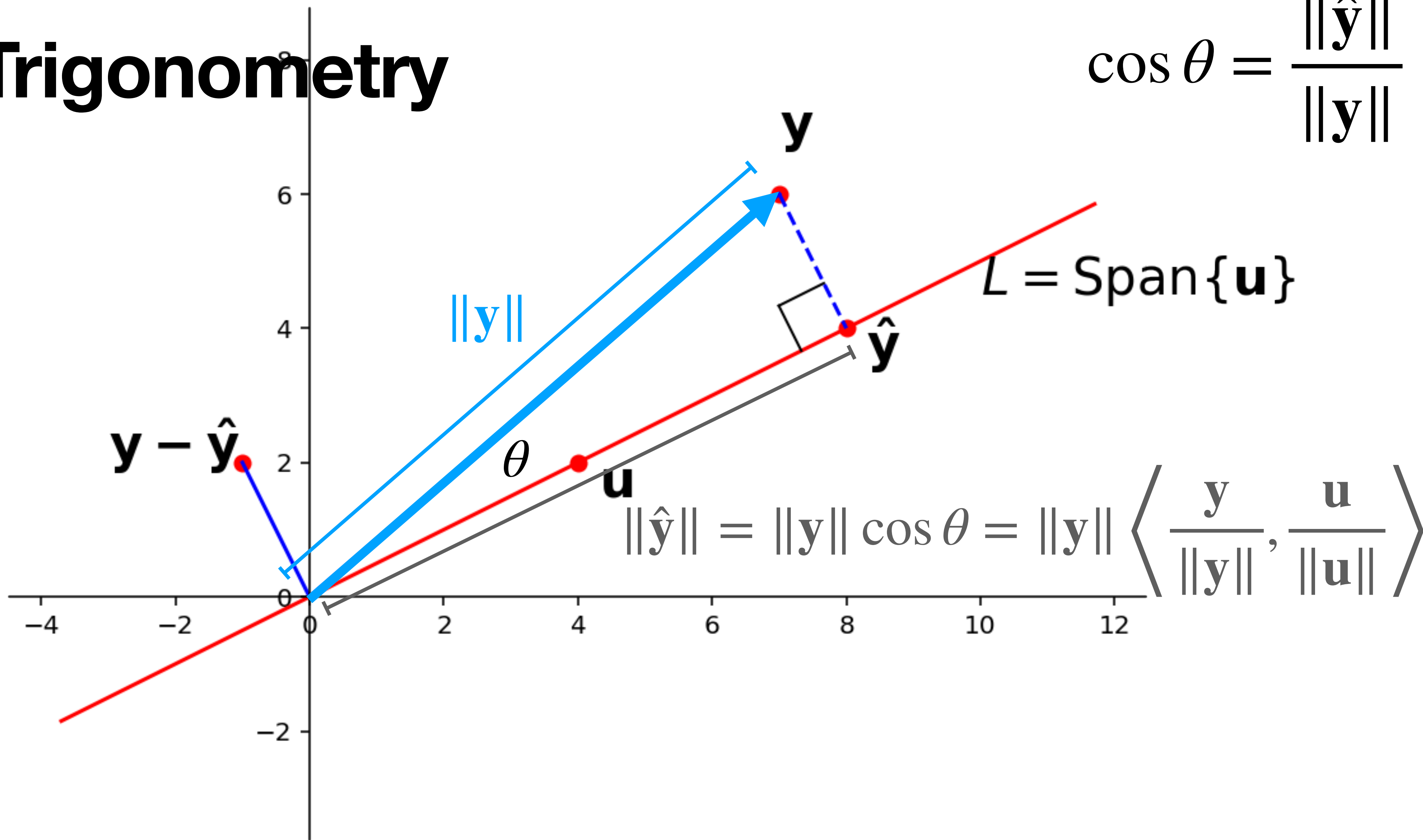
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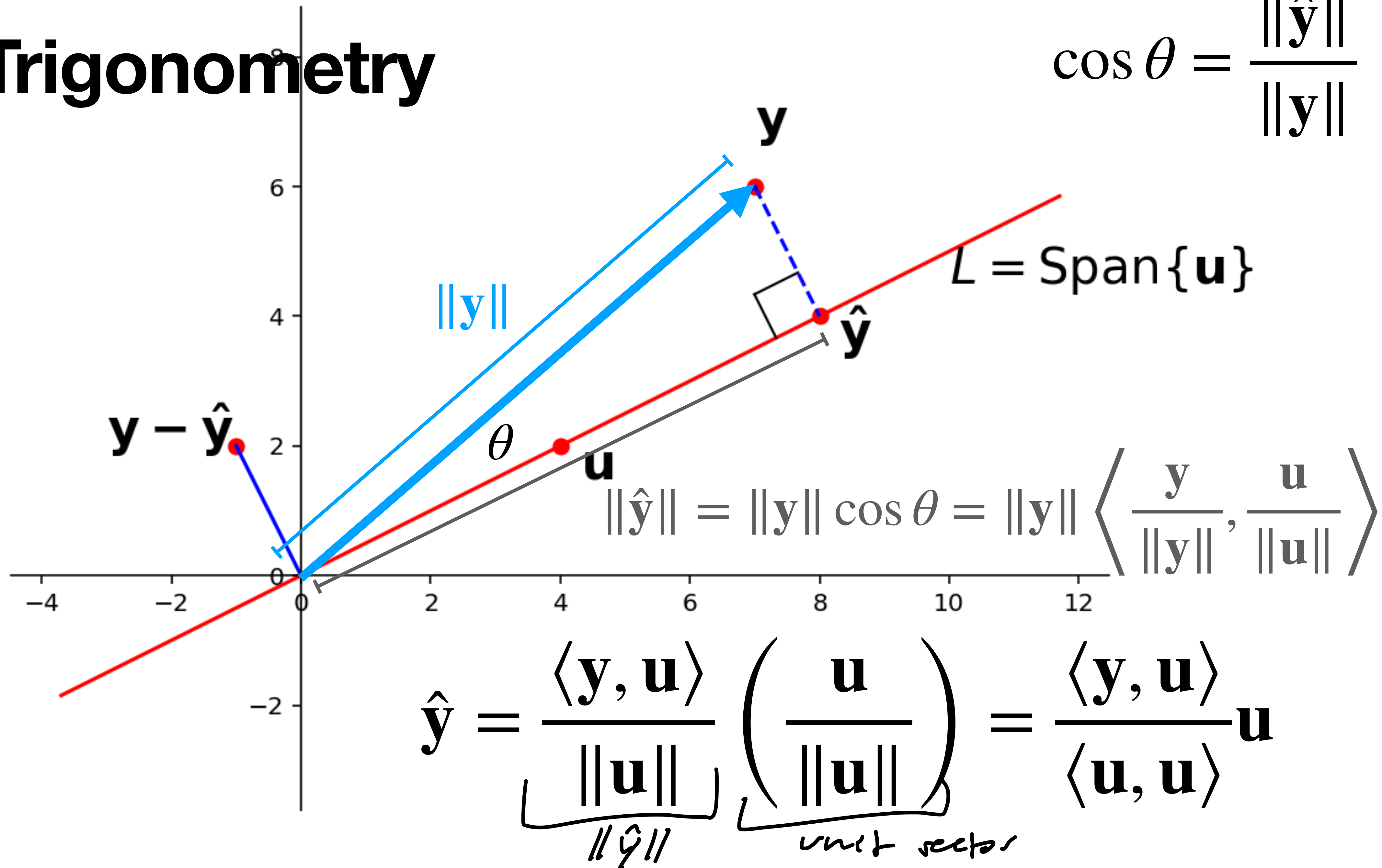
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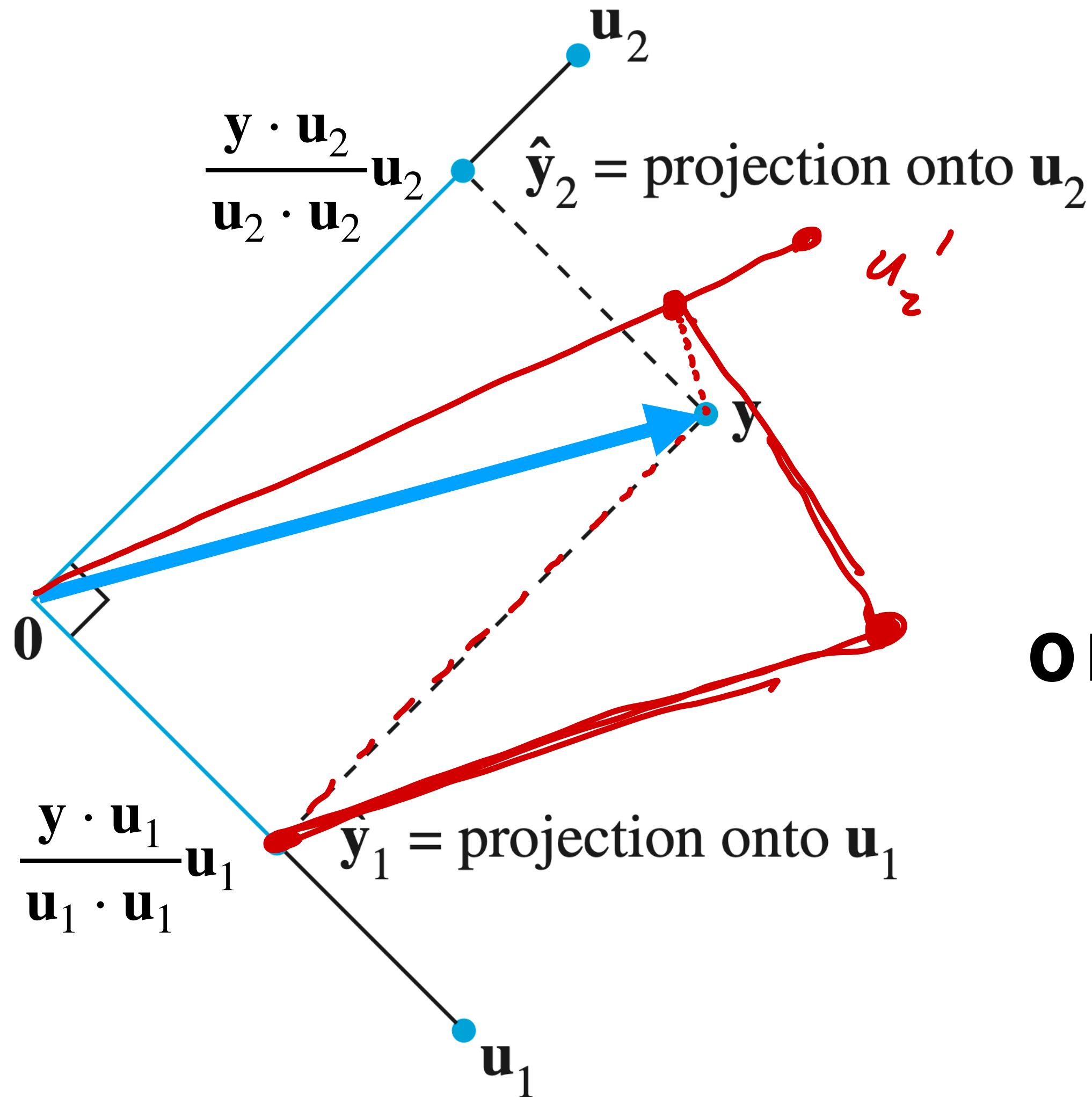


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# Orthogonal Projections and Orthogonal Bases



Each component of  $y$  written in terms of an *orthogonal* basis is an **orthogonal projection onto to a basis vector**

# How To:

**Question.** Find the projection of  $y$  onto the span of  $u$

**Solution.** Calculate  $\alpha = \frac{y \cdot u}{u \cdot u}$ , then the solution is  $\alpha u$

# Question

$$\alpha = \frac{\mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{u}}{\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{u}}$$

*Find the matrix which implements orthogonal projection onto the span of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$*



**Answer**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Orthonormal Matrices and Transposition

**Theorem.** For an  $m \times n$  orthonormal matrix  $U$

$$(U^T U)_{ij} = \langle u_i, u_j \rangle = \begin{cases} 1 & i=j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad U^T U = I_n$$

Verify:

$$\vec{u}_i^T \vec{u}_j = \langle u_i, u_j \rangle$$

The diagram shows the matrix multiplication  $(U^T U)_{ij}$ . On the left, a row vector  $\vec{u}_i^T$  (highlighted in green) is multiplied by a column vector  $u_j$  (highlighted in red). The result is shown as a single element in a matrix, which is 1, indicating that the dot product of the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column is 1. A checkmark is placed over the result.

# Inverses of Orthogonal Matrices

**Theorem.** If an  $n \times n$  matrix  $U$  is orthogonal (square orthonormal) then it is invertible and

$$U^{-1} = U^T$$

Verify:

$$U U^T = I$$

# Orthonormal Matrices and Inner Products

**Theorem.** For a  $m \times n$  orthonormal matrix  $U$ , and any vectors  $x$  and  $y$  in  $R^n$

$$\langle Ux, Uy \rangle = \langle x, y \rangle$$

*Orthonormal matrices preserve inner products*

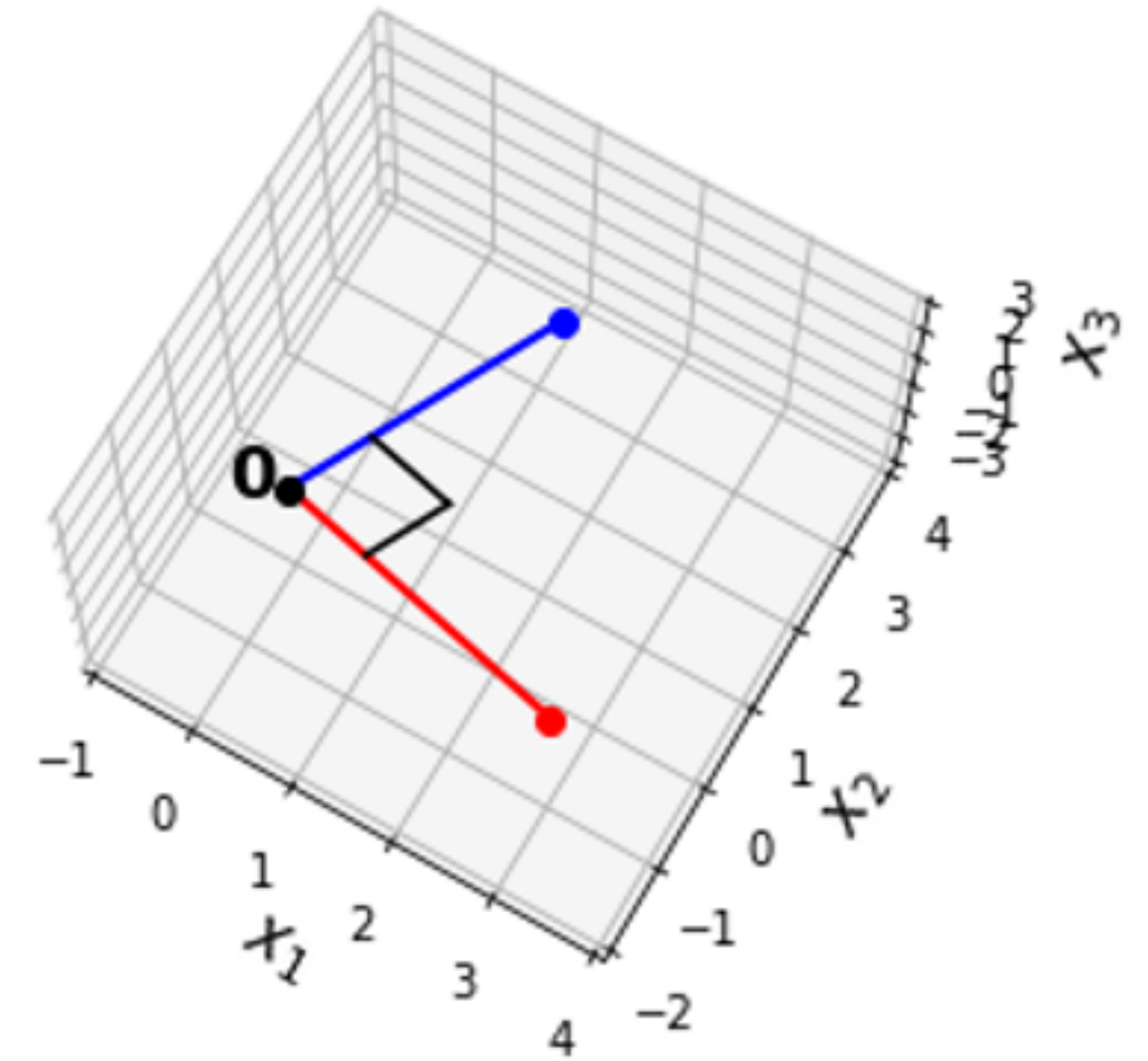
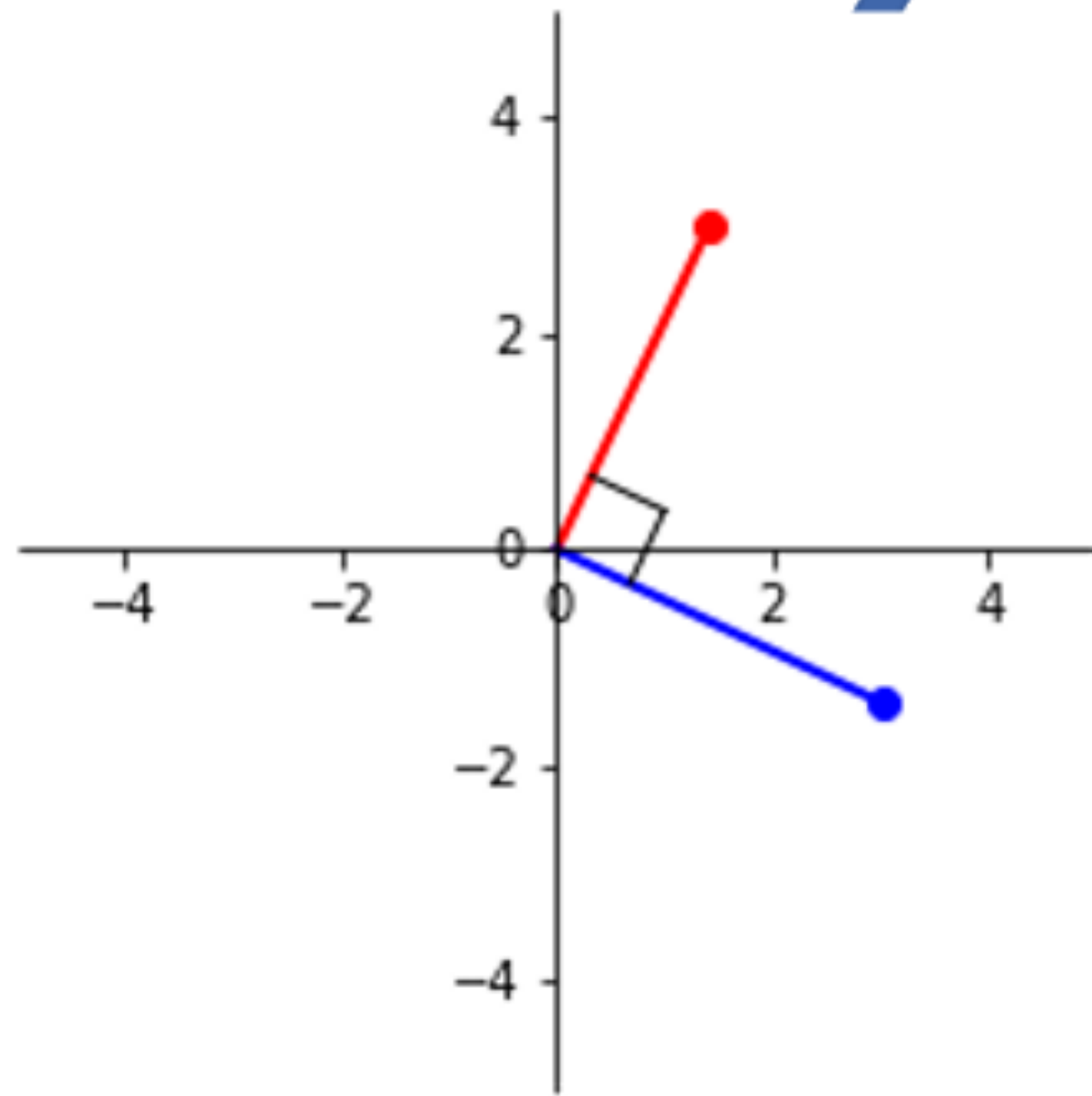
Verify:  $\langle Ux, Uy \rangle = (Ux)^T (Uy)$   
 $= x^T \cancel{U^T} \cancel{U} y = x^T y$

# Length, Angle, Orthogonality Preservation

Since lengths and angles are defined in terms of inner products, they are also preserved by orthonormal matrices:

# The Picture

Orthonormal U





# Example

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 2/3 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -2/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2} \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Question (Conceptual)

*Suppose  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with orthogonal but **not** orthonormal columns. What is  $A^T A$ ?*

# Answer

If  $A = [\mathbf{a}_1 \ \mathbf{a}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{a}_n]$  then  $A^T A$  is a diagonal matrix  $D$  where

$$D_{ii} = \|\mathbf{a}_i\|^2$$

# Summary

Orthogonal sets allow for simpler calculations of coordinates

Finding these coordinates is a really about find the orthogonal projections onto each vector in the orthogonal set

We can apply these ideas to matrices and describe a class of very well behaved transformations via orthonormal matrices