Symmetric Matrices

Geometric Algorithms

Lecture 25

CAS CS 132

Recap Problem

$$\{(0,3),(1,1),(-1,1),(2,3)\}$$

Find the matrices X as in the previous example to find the least squares best fix parabola <u>and the least squares best fit cubic</u> for this dataset.

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Answer

Objectives

1. Talk about about symmetric matrices and eigenvalues.
2. Describe an application to constrained optimization problems.

Keywords

linear models

design matrices

general linear regression

symmetric matrices

the spectral theorem

orthogonal diagonalizability

quadratic forms

definiteness

constrained optimization

Symmetric Matrices

Recall: Symmetric Matrices

Definition. A square matrix A is **symmetric** if $A^T = A$.

Orthogonal Eigenvectors

Theorem. For a symmetric matrix A, if $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ are eigenvectors for *distinct* eigenvalues, then $\mathbf{u}$ and $\mathbf{v}$ are orthogonal.

Verify:

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Diagonalizable matrices are the same as scaling matrices up to a change of basis.

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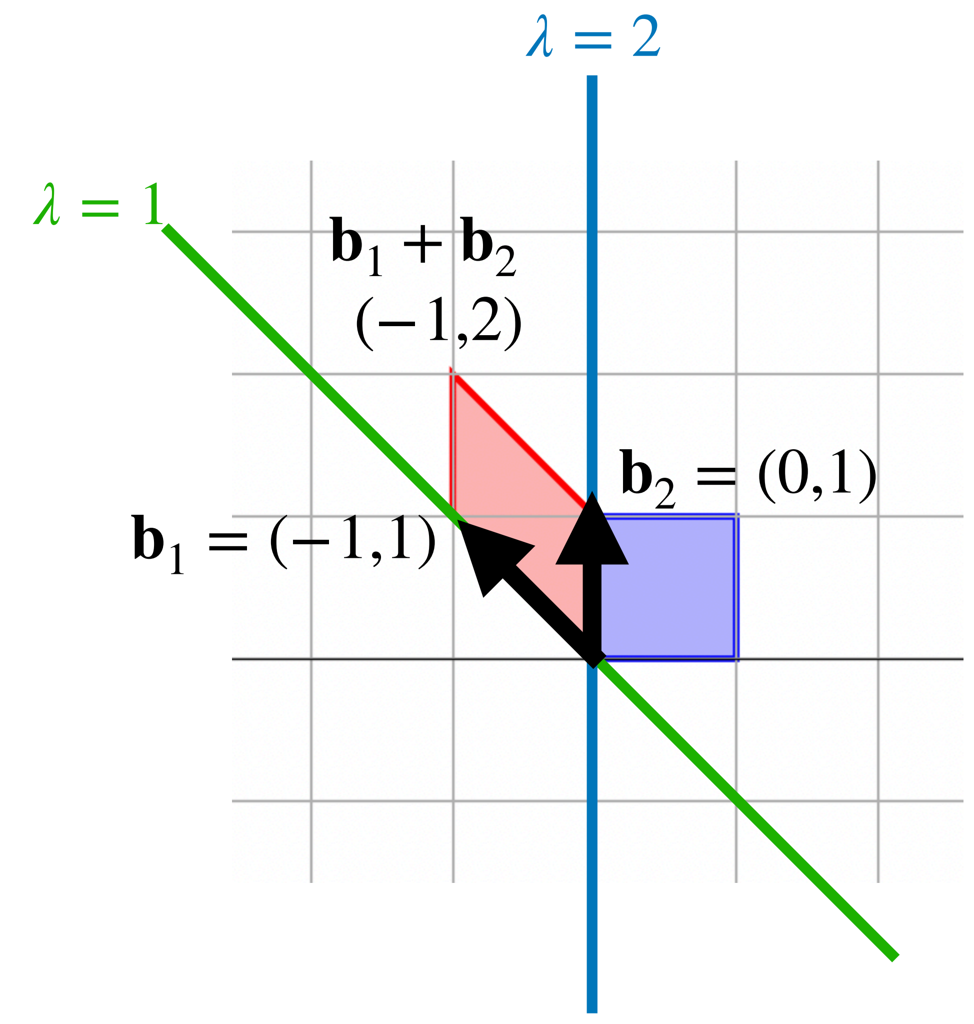

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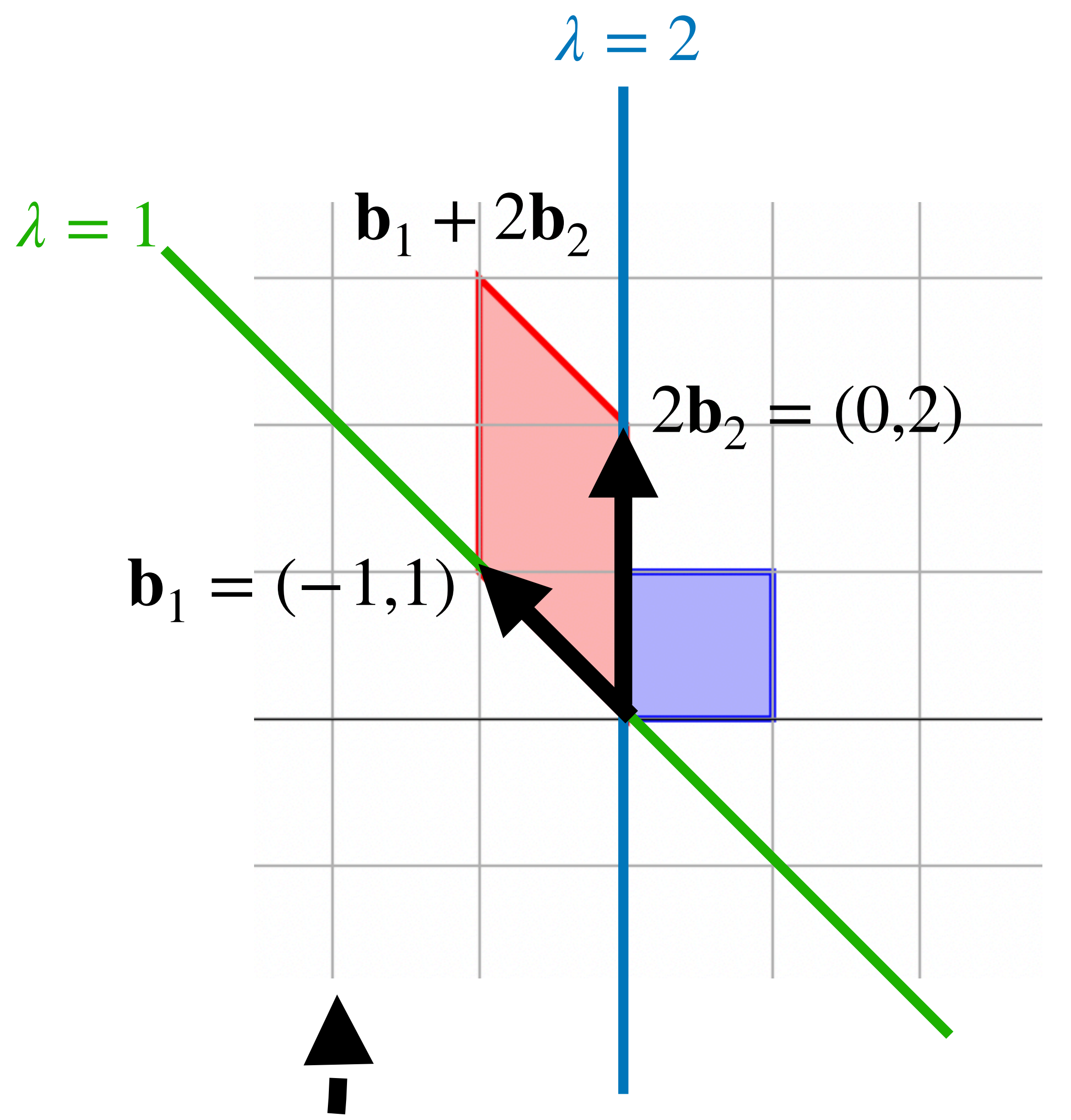
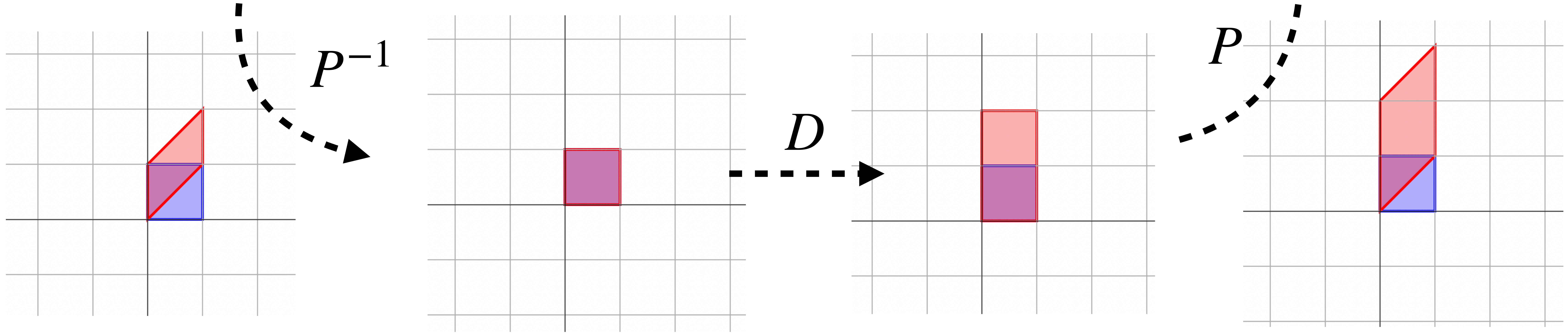
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$





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The matrix P^{-1} is a change of basis to this eigenbasis of A.

The Spectral Theorem

Theorem. If A is symmetric, then it has an ***orthonormal*** eigenbasis.

(we won't prove this)

Symmetric matrices are <u>diagonalizable</u>.

But more than that, we can choose P to be ***orthogonal***.

Recall: Orthonormal Matrices

Definition. A matrix is **orthonormal** if its columns form an orthonormal set.

The notes call a square orthonormal matrix an **orthogonal** matrix.

Recall: 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:

Orthogonal Diagonalizability

Definition. A matrix A is **orthogonally diagonalizable** if there is a diagonal matrix D and matrix P such that

$$A = PDP^T = PDP^{-1}$$

P must be an <u>orthonormal matrix</u>.

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Orthogonal Diagonalizability and Symmetry

Fact. All orthogonally diagonalizable matrices are symmetric.

Verify:

Orthogonal Diagonalizability and Symmetry

Theorem. A matrix is orthogonally diagonalizable if and only if it is symmetric.

(We'll usually just use NumPy)

Practice Problem

Find an orthogonal diagonalization of $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Answer

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Quadratic Forms

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Definition. A **quadratic form** is an function of variables $x_1, \ldots, x_n$ in which every term has degree two.

Examples:

Quadratic Forms and Symmetric Matrices

Fact. Every quadratic form can be represented as

$$\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$$

where A is symmetric.

Example:

Example: Computing the Quadratic Form for a Matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ -2 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

This means, given a symmetric matrix A, we can compute its corresponding quadratic form:

Quadratic forms and Symmetric Matrices (Again)

Furthermore, we can generally say

$$\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} A_{ij} x_i x_j = \sum_{i=1}^{n} A_{ii} x_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} (A_{ij} + A_{ji}) x_i x_j$$

Verify:

A Slightly more Complicated Example

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

Let's expand $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$:

Matrices from Quadratic Forms

$$Q(\mathbf{x}) = 5x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 + 2x_3^2 - x_1x_2 + 8x_2x_3$$

We can also go in the other direction. Let's express this as $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$:

How To: Matrices of Quadratic Forms

Problem. Given a quadratic form $Q(\mathbf{x})$, find the symmetric matrix A such that $Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$.

Solution.

» if $Q(\mathbf{x})$ has the term αx_i^2 then $A_{ii} = \alpha$

» if $Q(\mathbf{x})$ has the term $\alpha x_i x_j$, then $A_{ij} = A_{ji} = \dfrac{\alpha}{2}$

Practice Problem

$$Q(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = x_1^2 + 3x_2^2 - 2x_3x_4 - 6x_4^2 + 7x_1x_3$$

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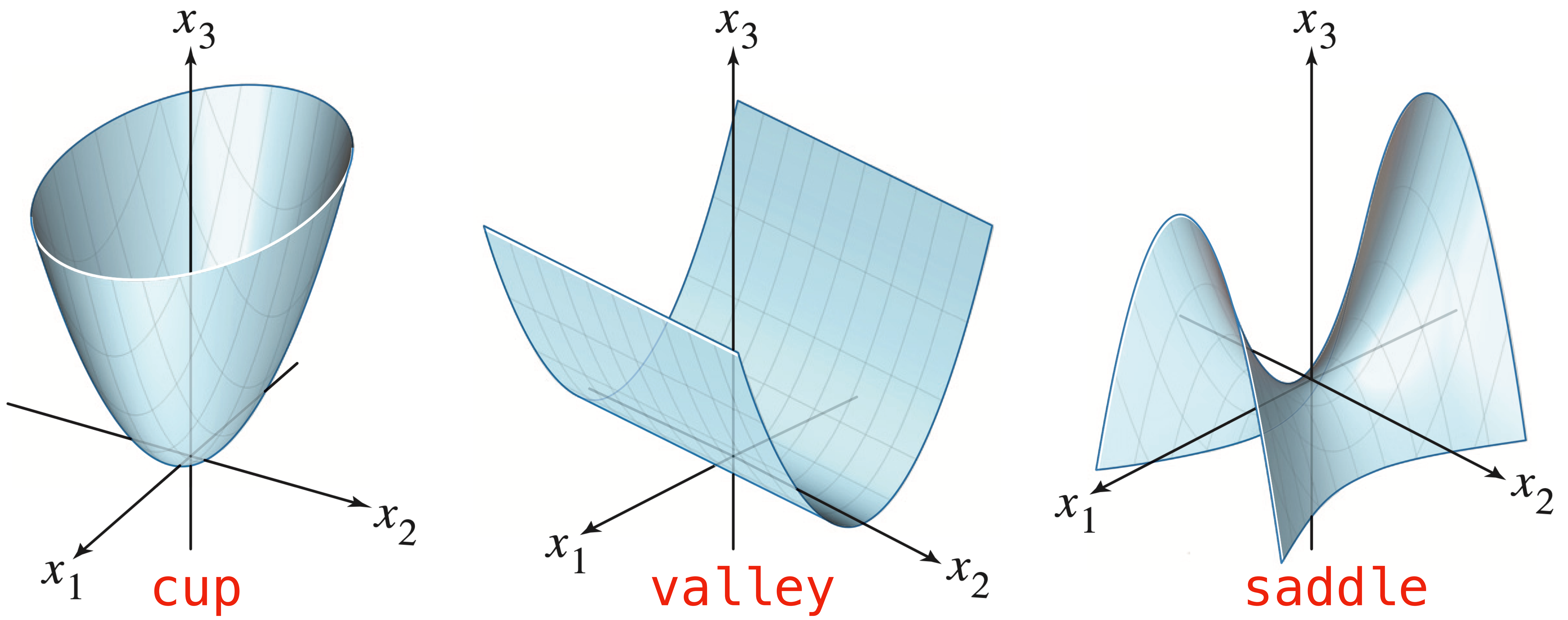

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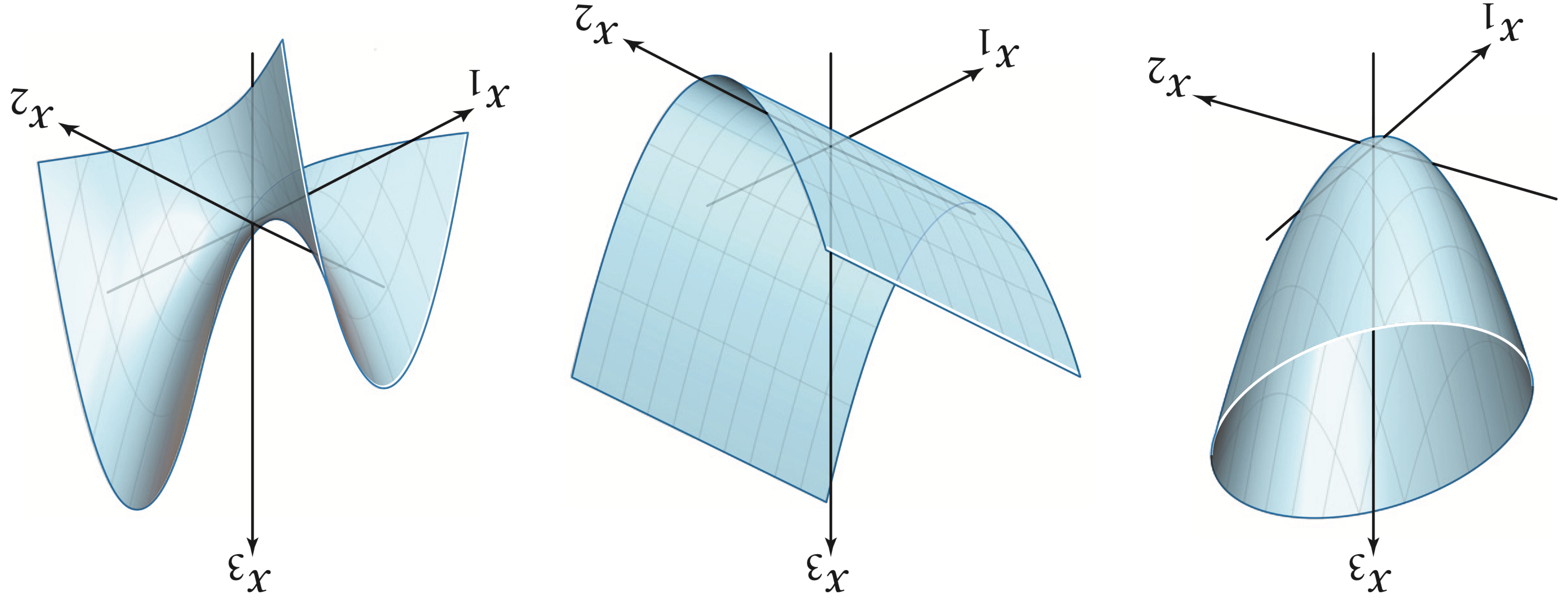

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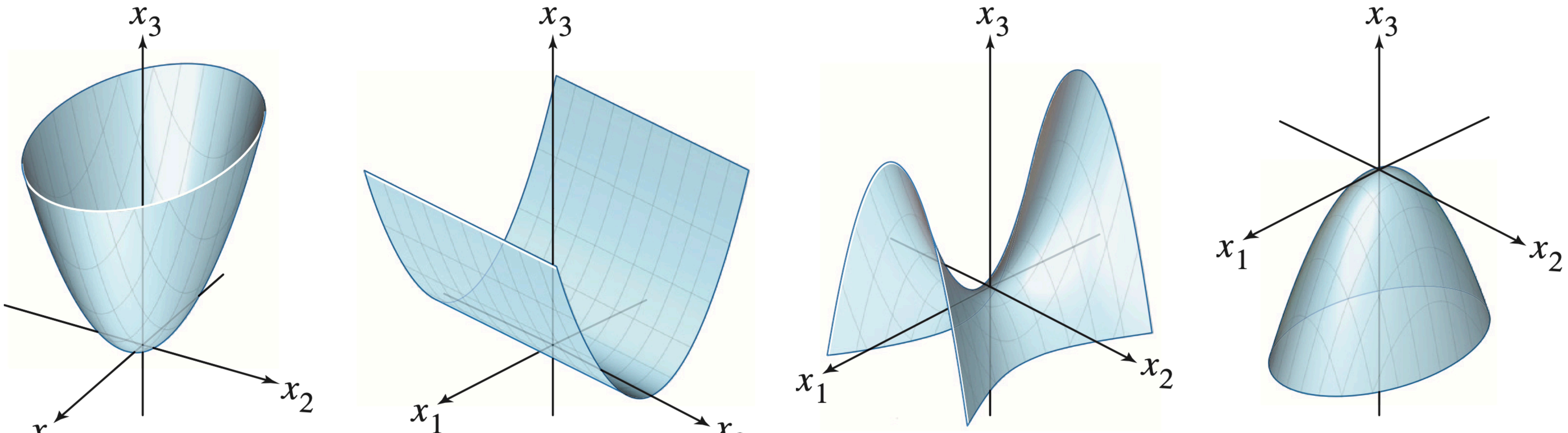

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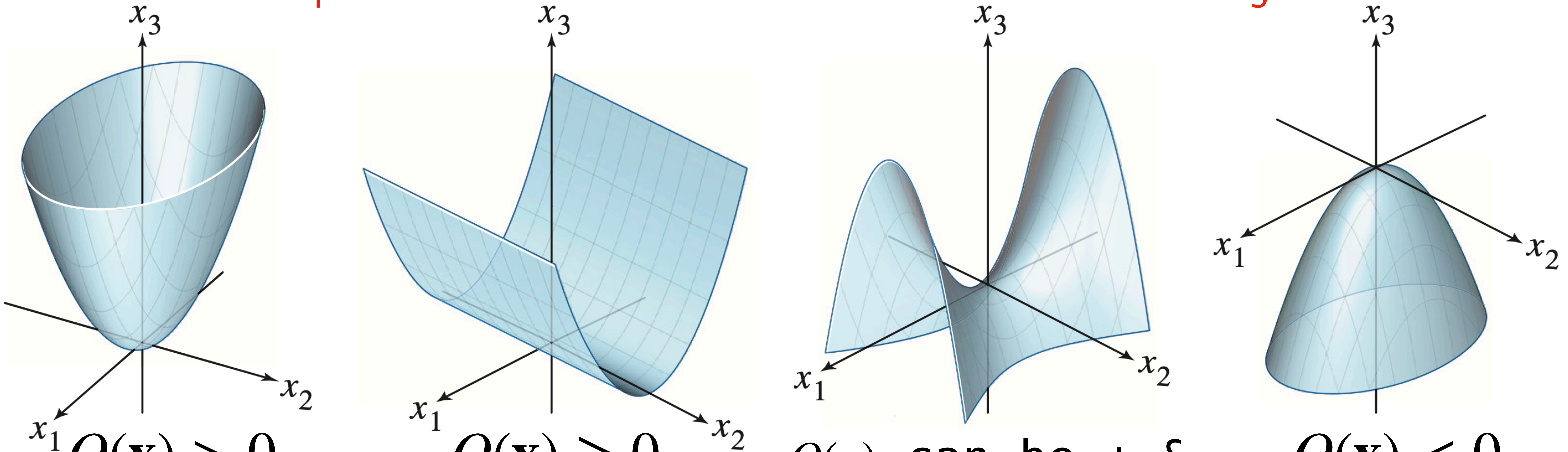

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Definiteness and Eigenvectors

Theorem. For a symmetric matrix A, the quadratic form $\mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x}$

- **positive definite** ≡ all positive eigenvalues
- **positive semidefinite** ≡ all nonnegative eigenvalues
- **indefinite** ≡ positive and negative eigenvalues
- **negative definite** ≡ all negative eigenvalues

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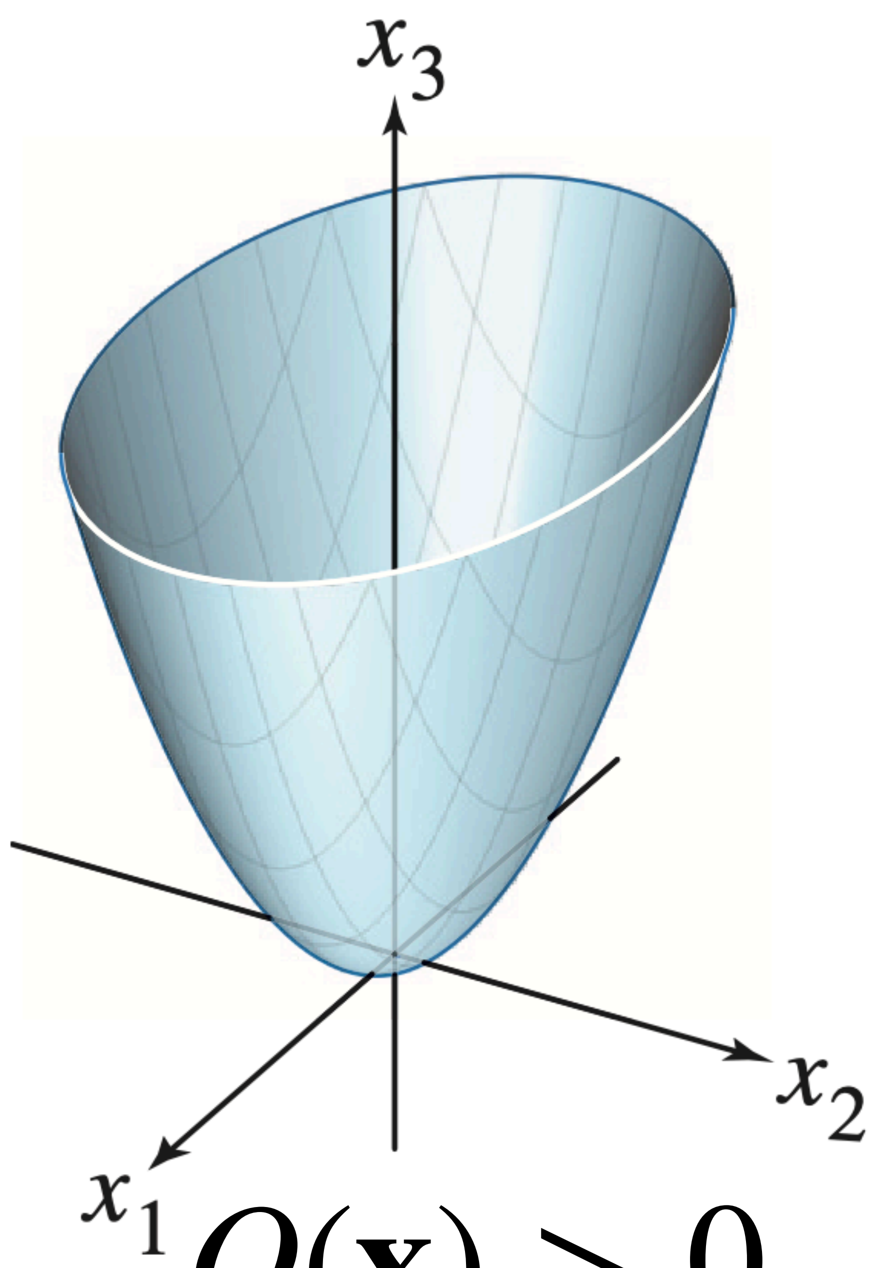

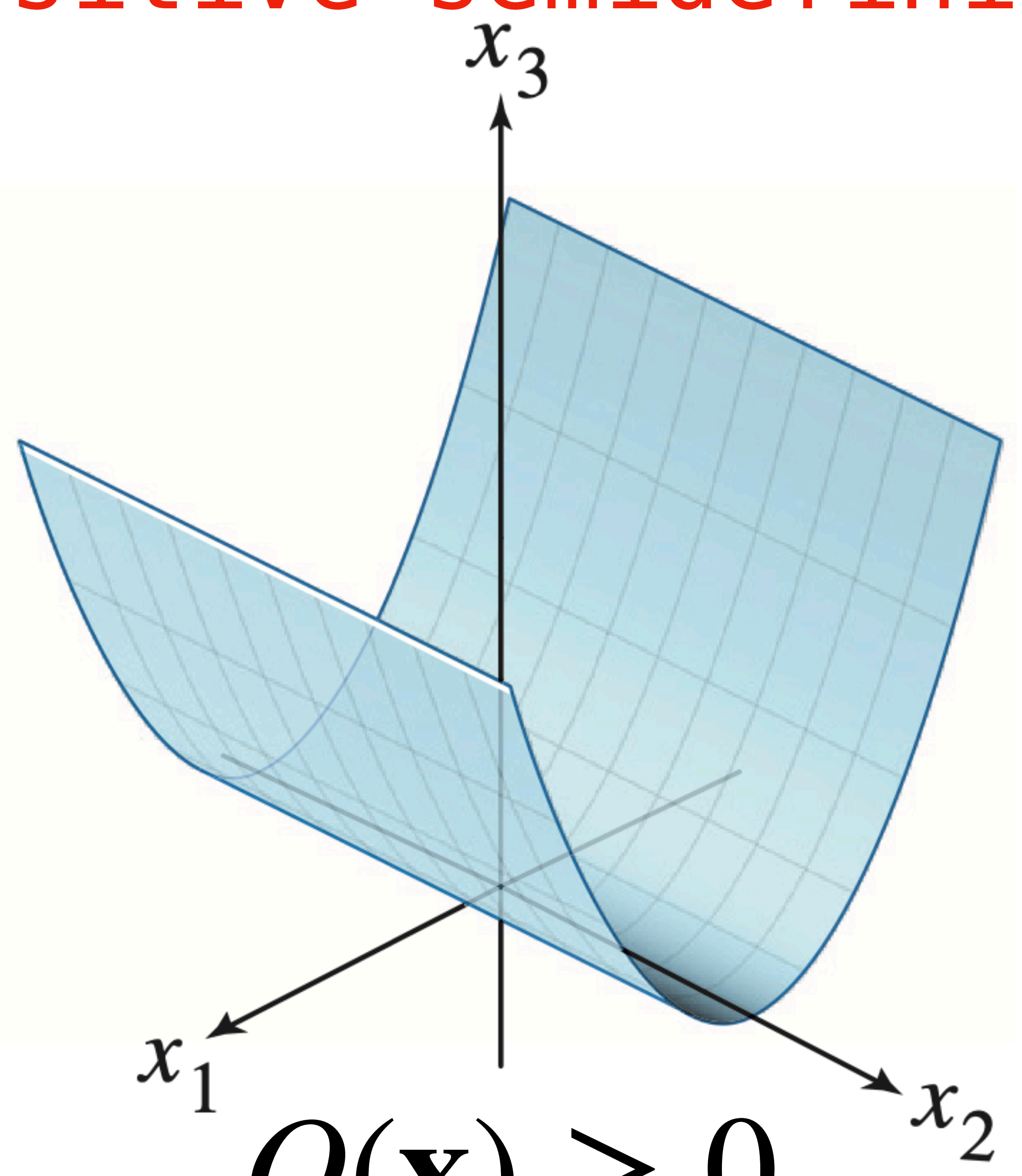

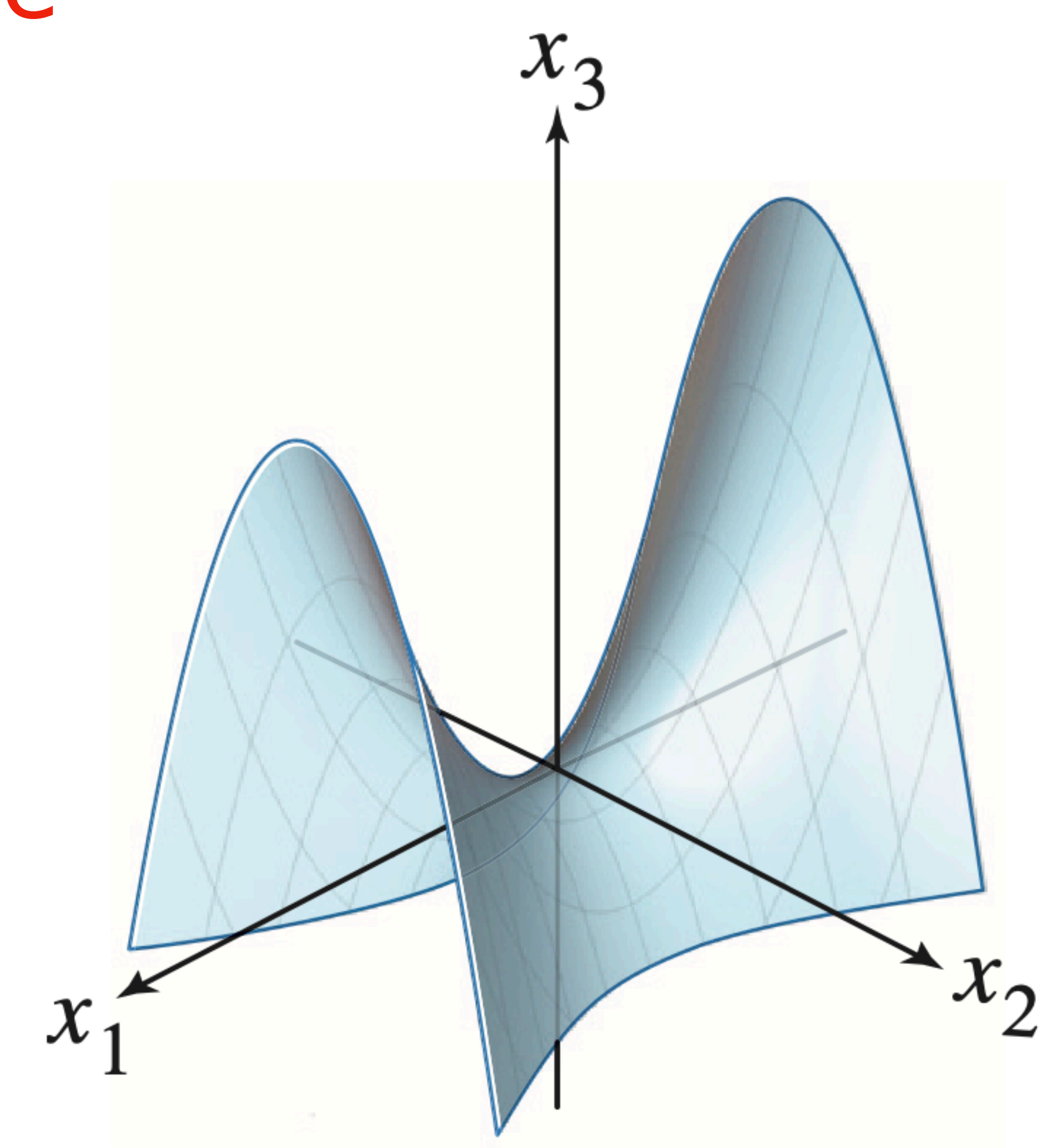

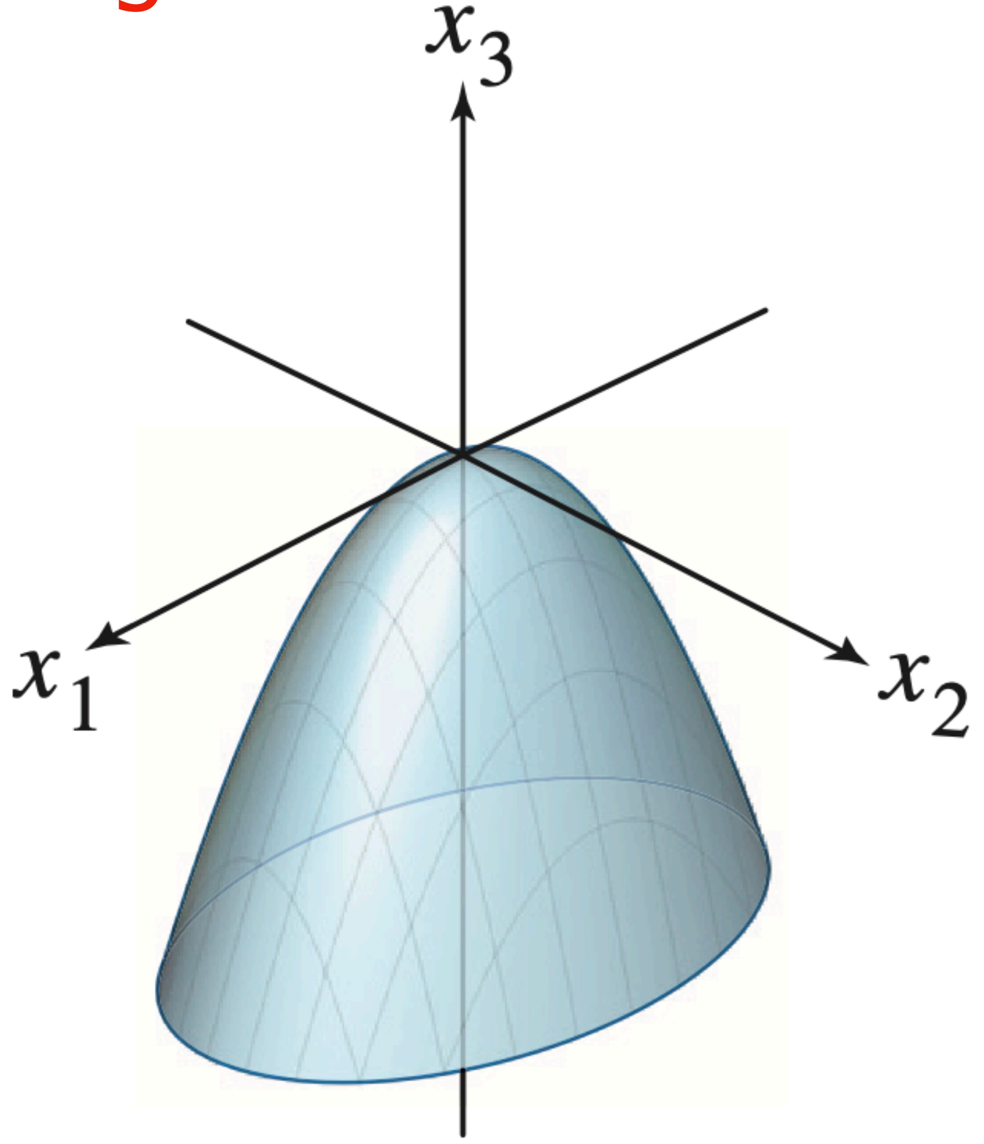

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Let's determine which case this is:
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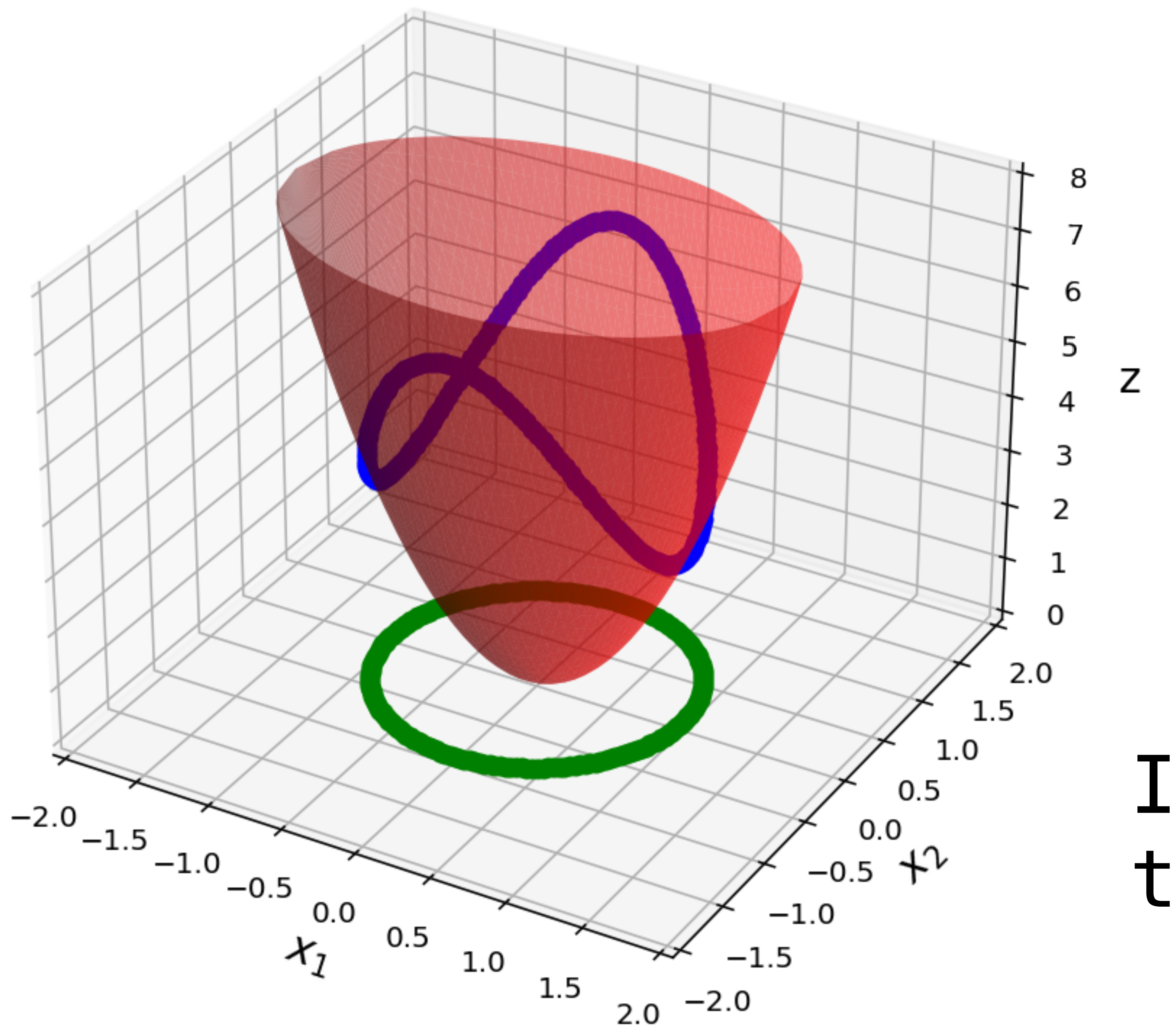
Find the smallest value of $f(\mathbf{v})$ subject to choosing a vector in X

Constrained Optimization for Quadratic Forms and Unit Vectors

mini/maximize $\mathbf{x}^T A\mathbf{x}$ subject to $\|\mathbf{x}\| = 1$



It's common to constraint to unit vectors.

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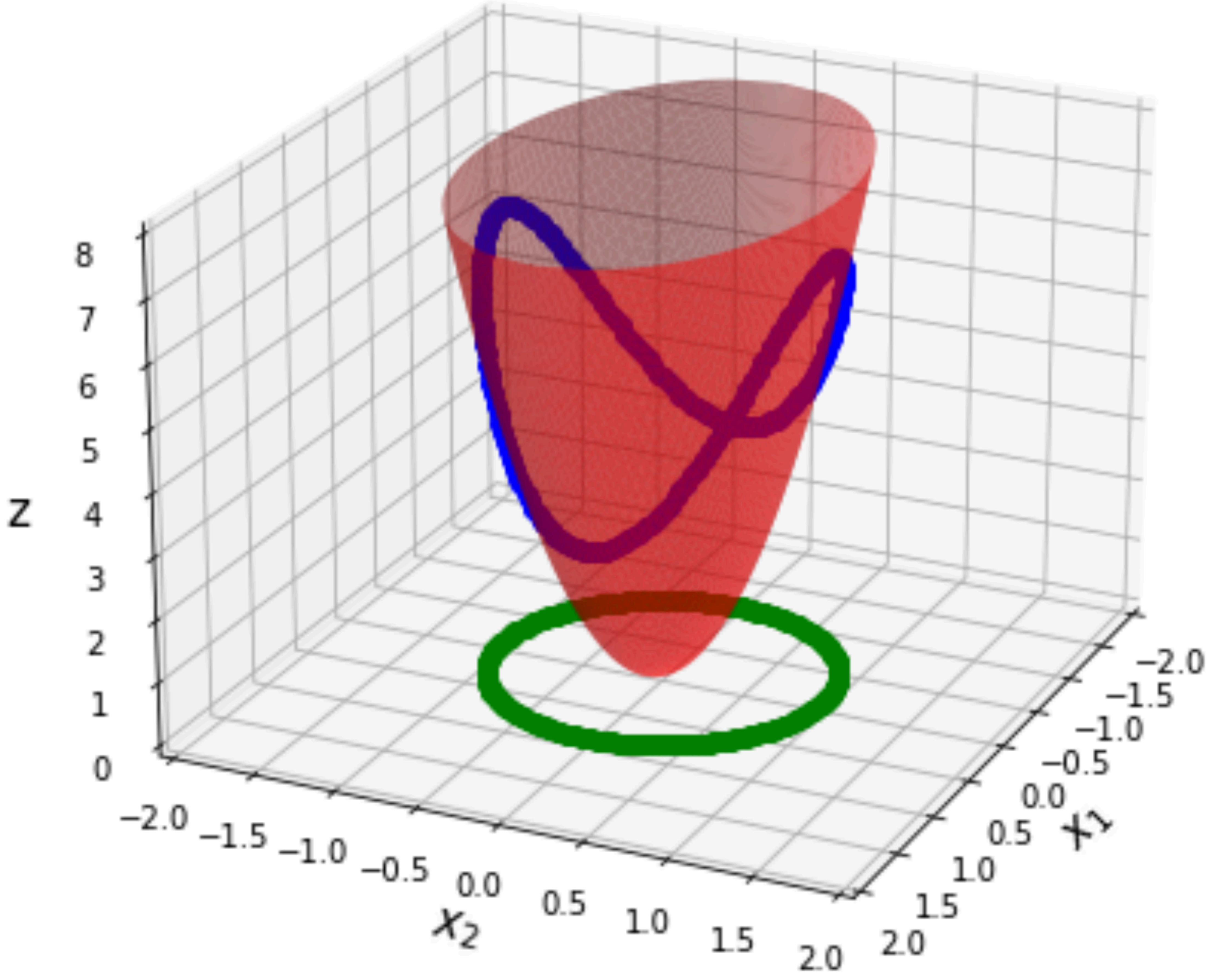

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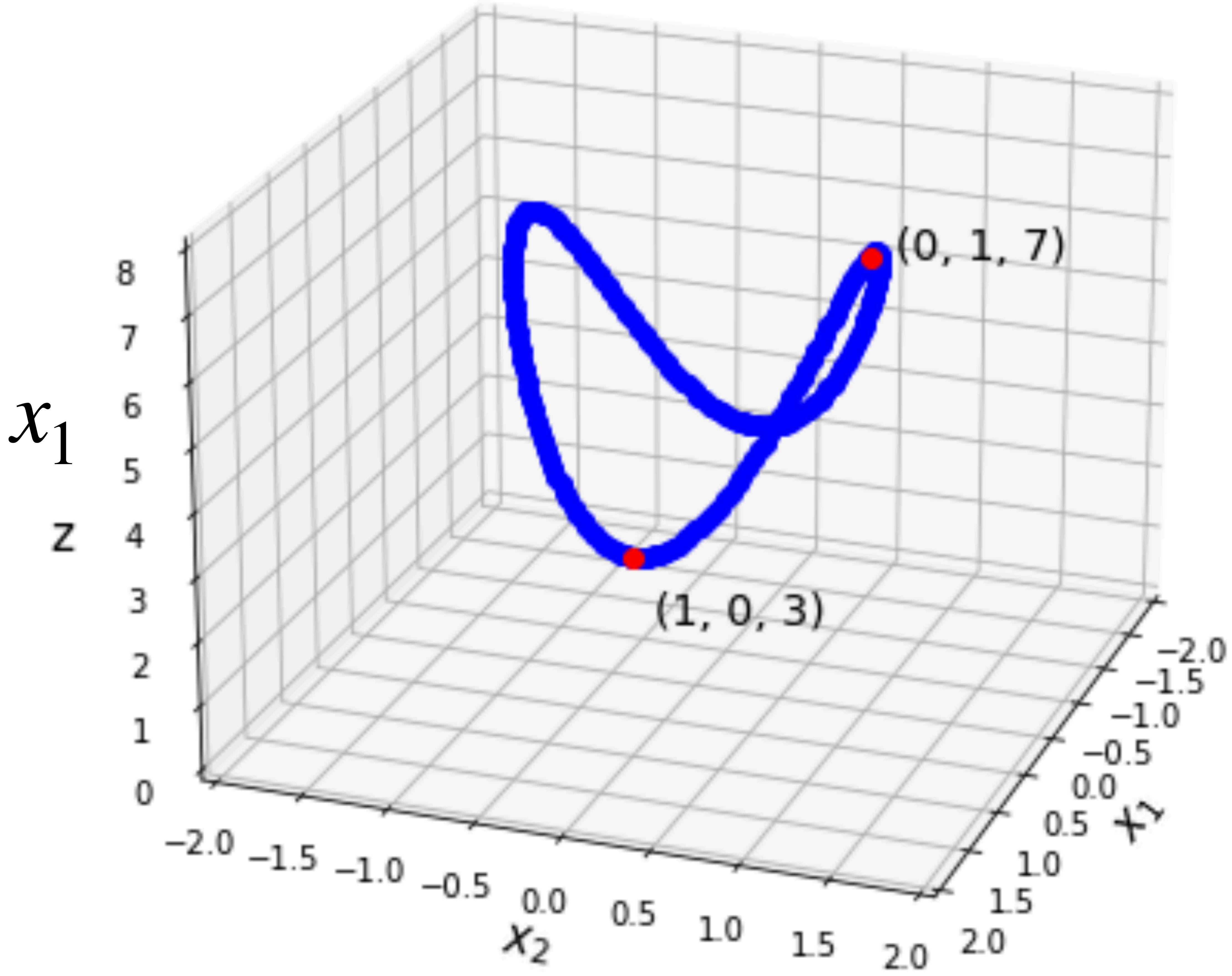

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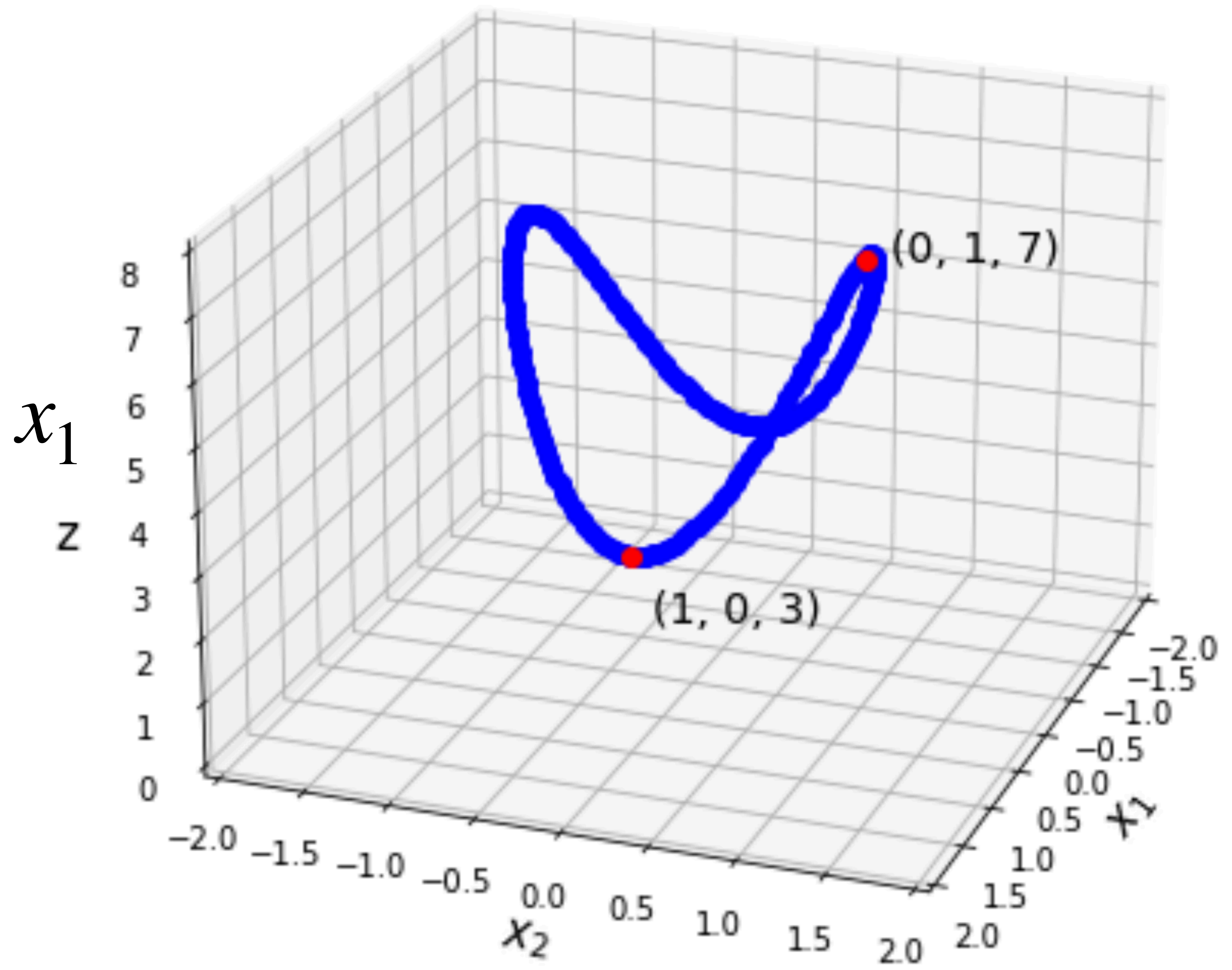

Constrained Optimization and Eigenvalues

Theorem. For a symmetric matrix A, with *largest* eigenvalue λ_1 and *smallest* eigenvalue λ_n

$$\max_{\|\mathbf{x}\|=1} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \lambda_1 \qquad \min_{\|\mathbf{x}\|=1} \mathbf{x}^T A \mathbf{x} = \lambda_n$$

No matter the shape of A, this will hold.

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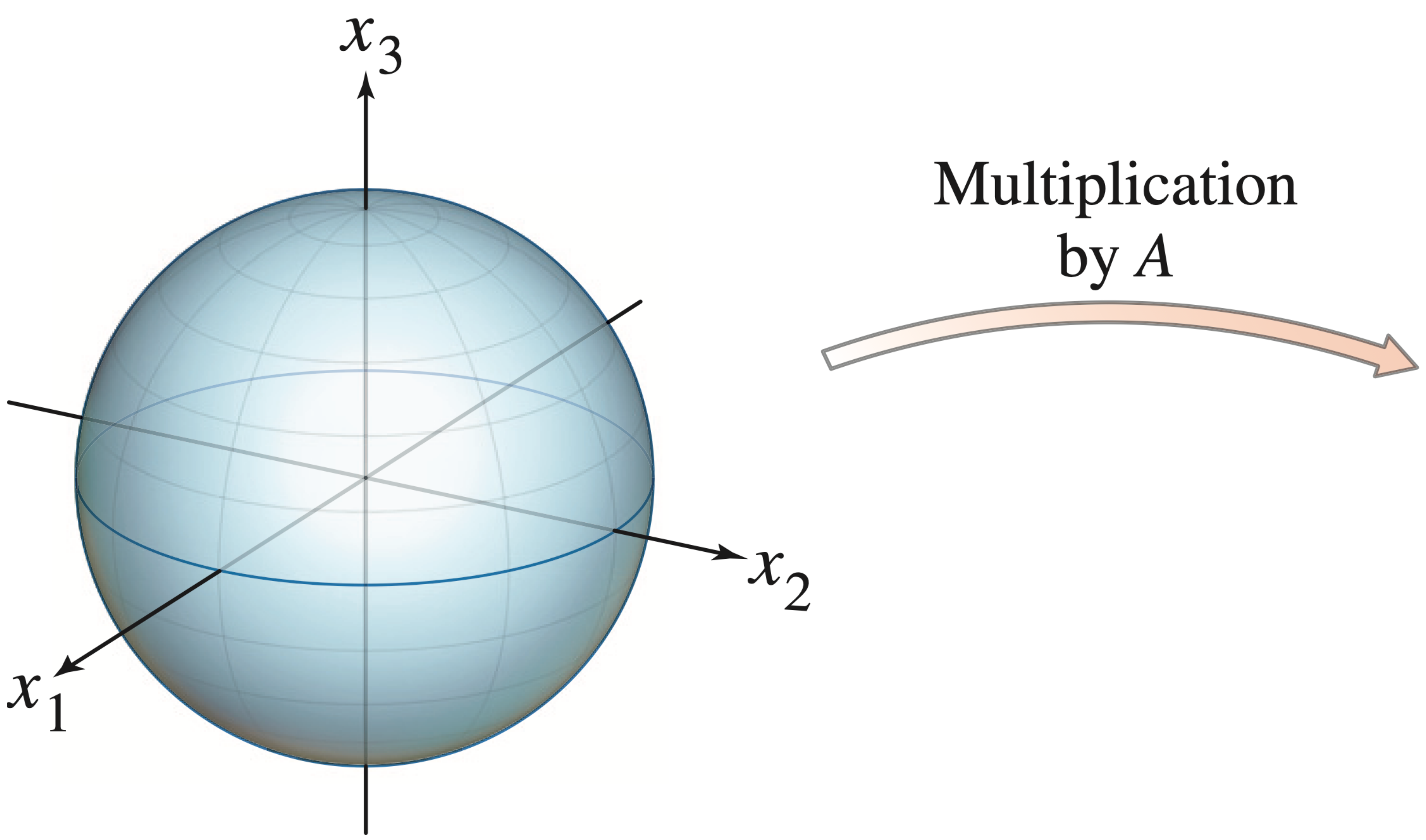
Singular Value Decomposition (Looking Ahead)

Question

What shape is a the unit sphere after a linear transformation?



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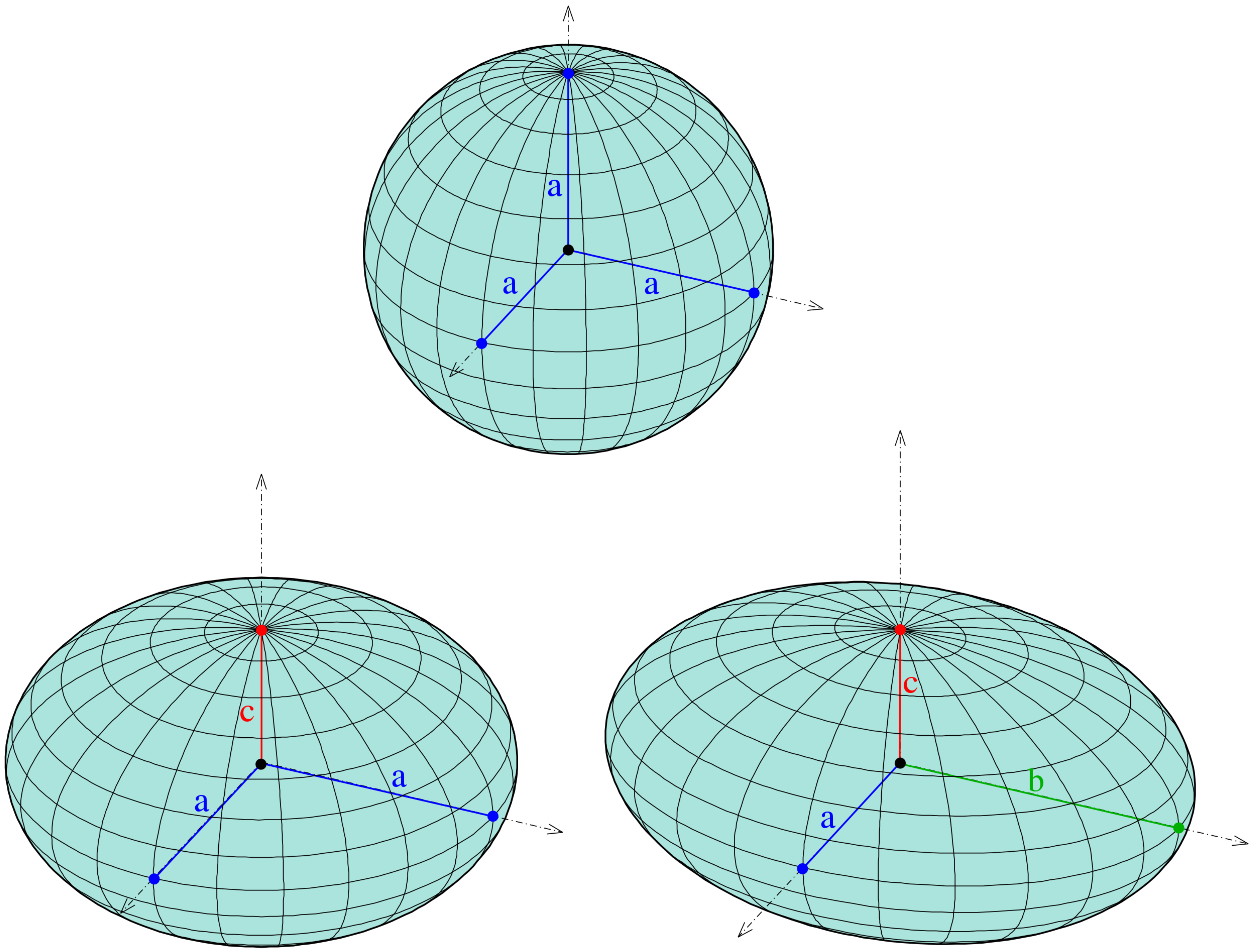
Ellipsoids

Ellipsoids are spheres "stretched" in orthogonal directions called the **axes of symmetry** or the **principle axes.**

Linear transformations maps <u>spheres</u> to <u>ellipsoids</u>.



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Simple Example : Scaling Matrices

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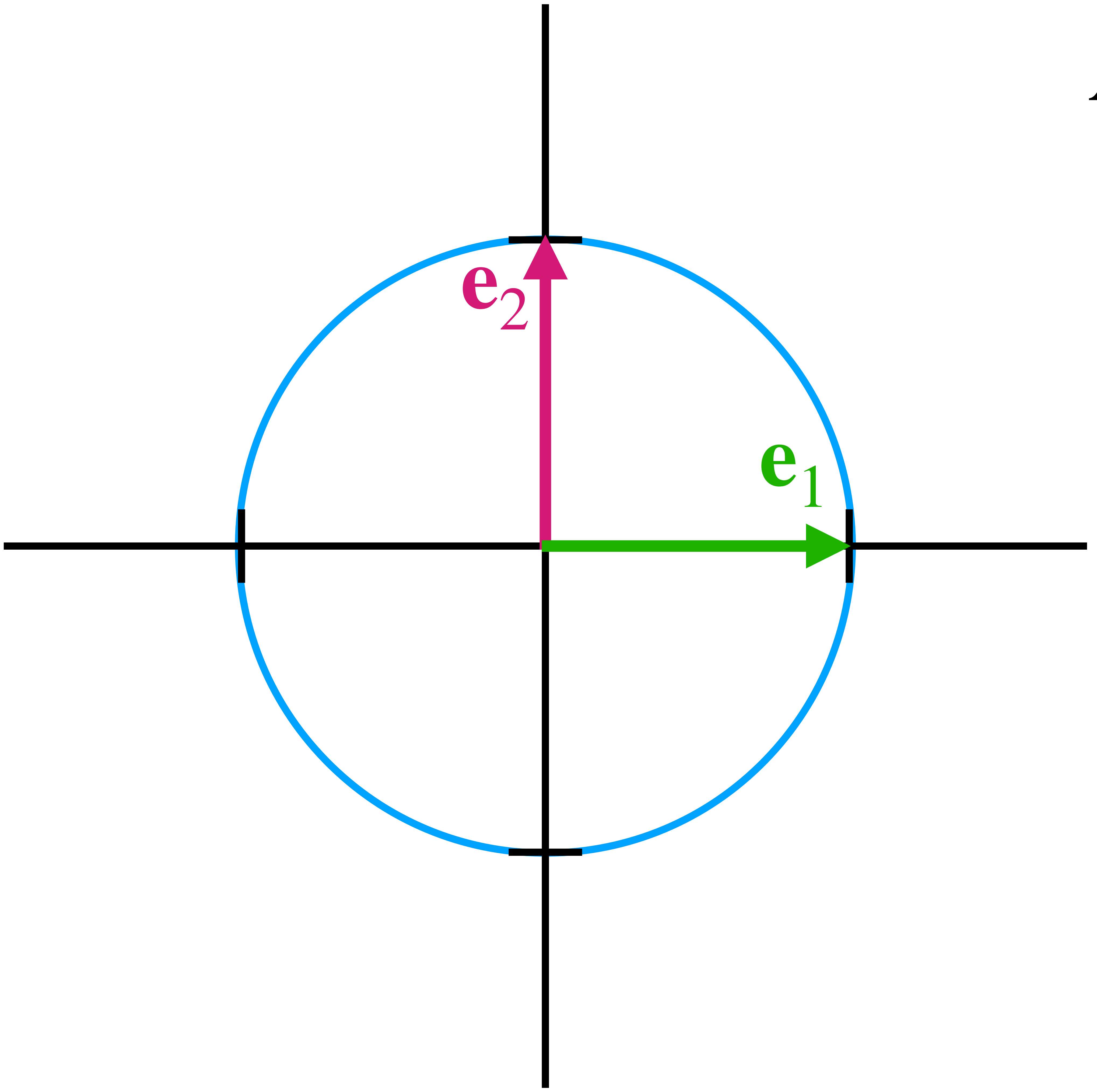

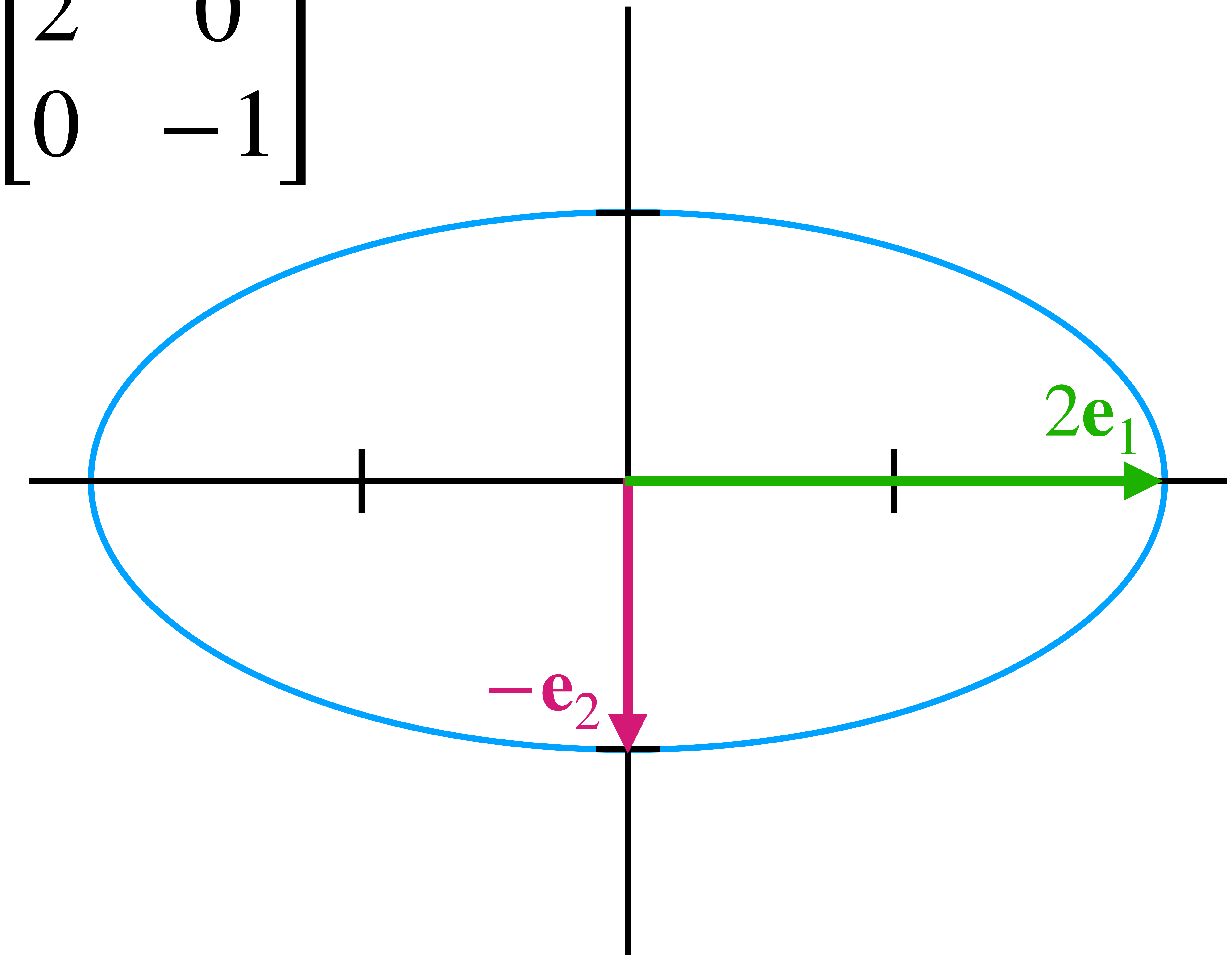

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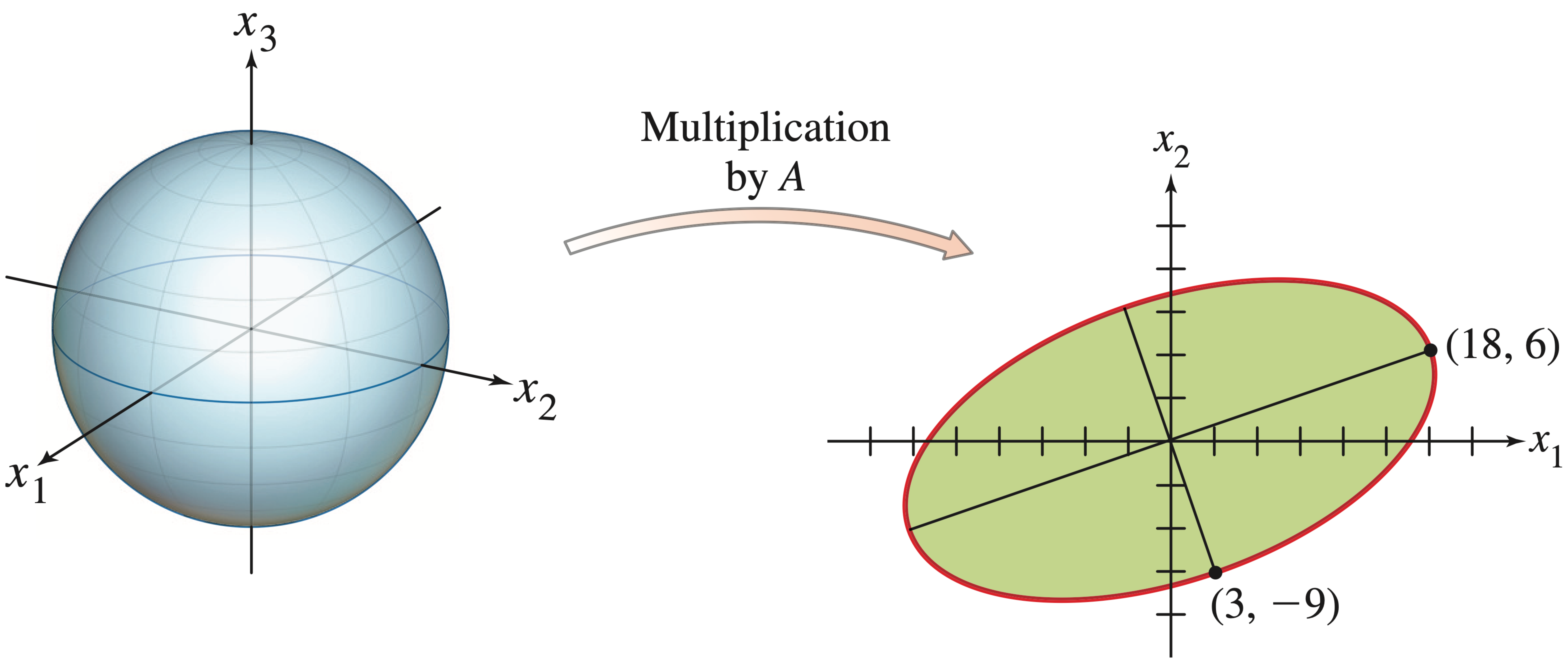

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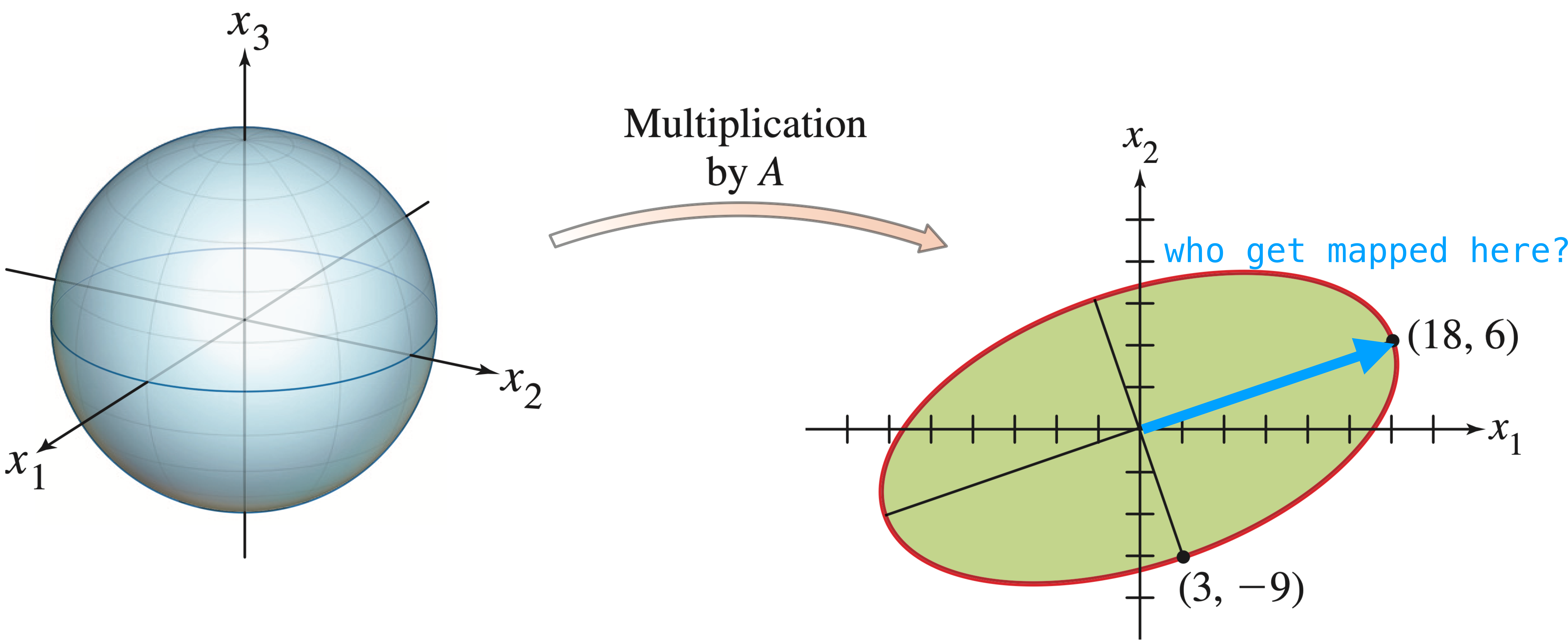

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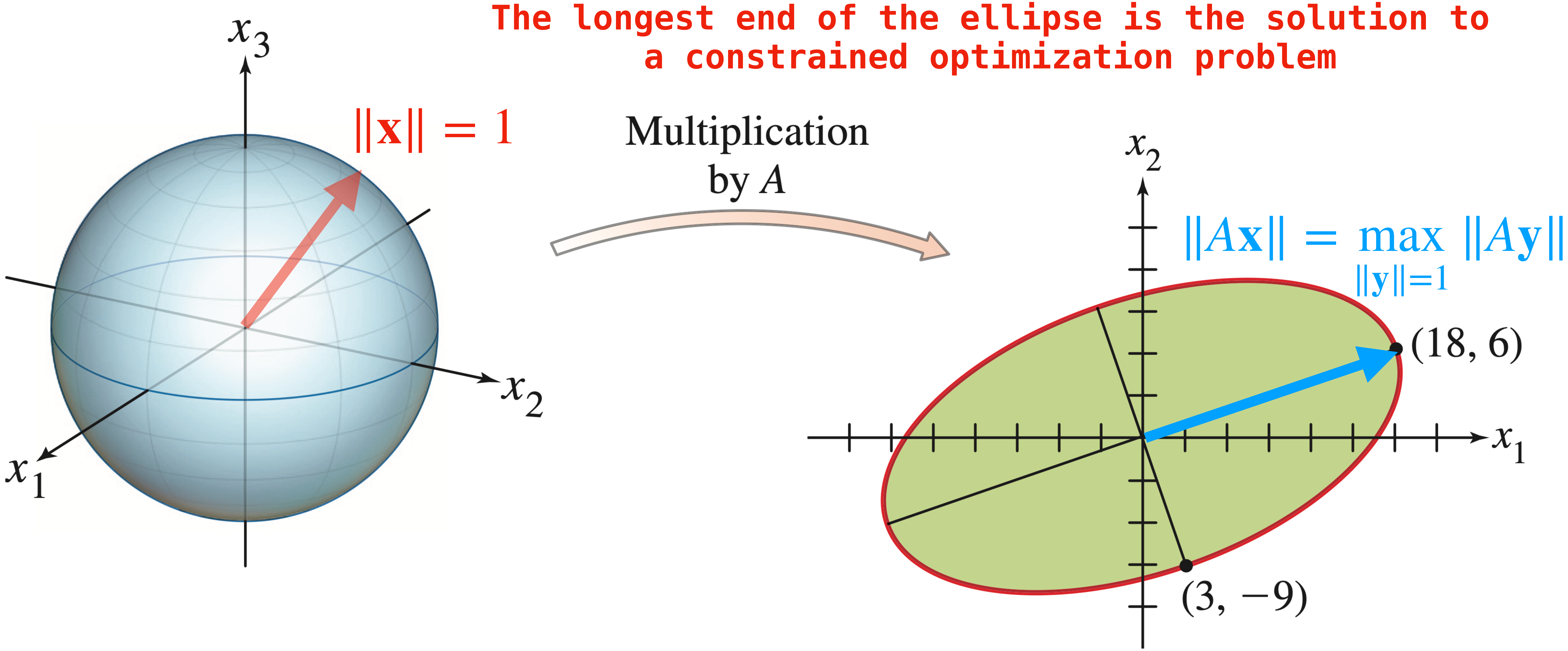
The longest end of the ellipse is the solution to a constrained optimization problem



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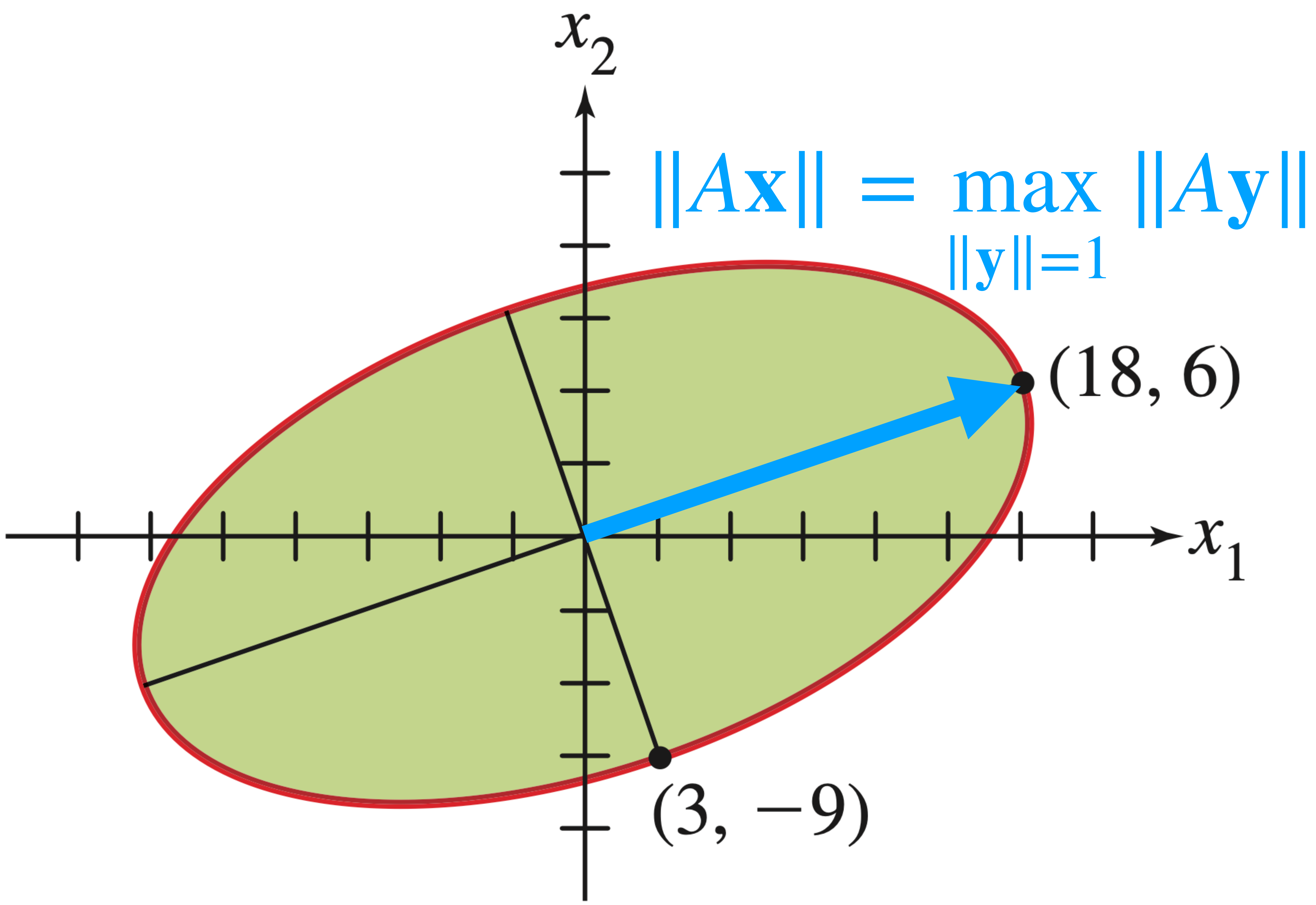


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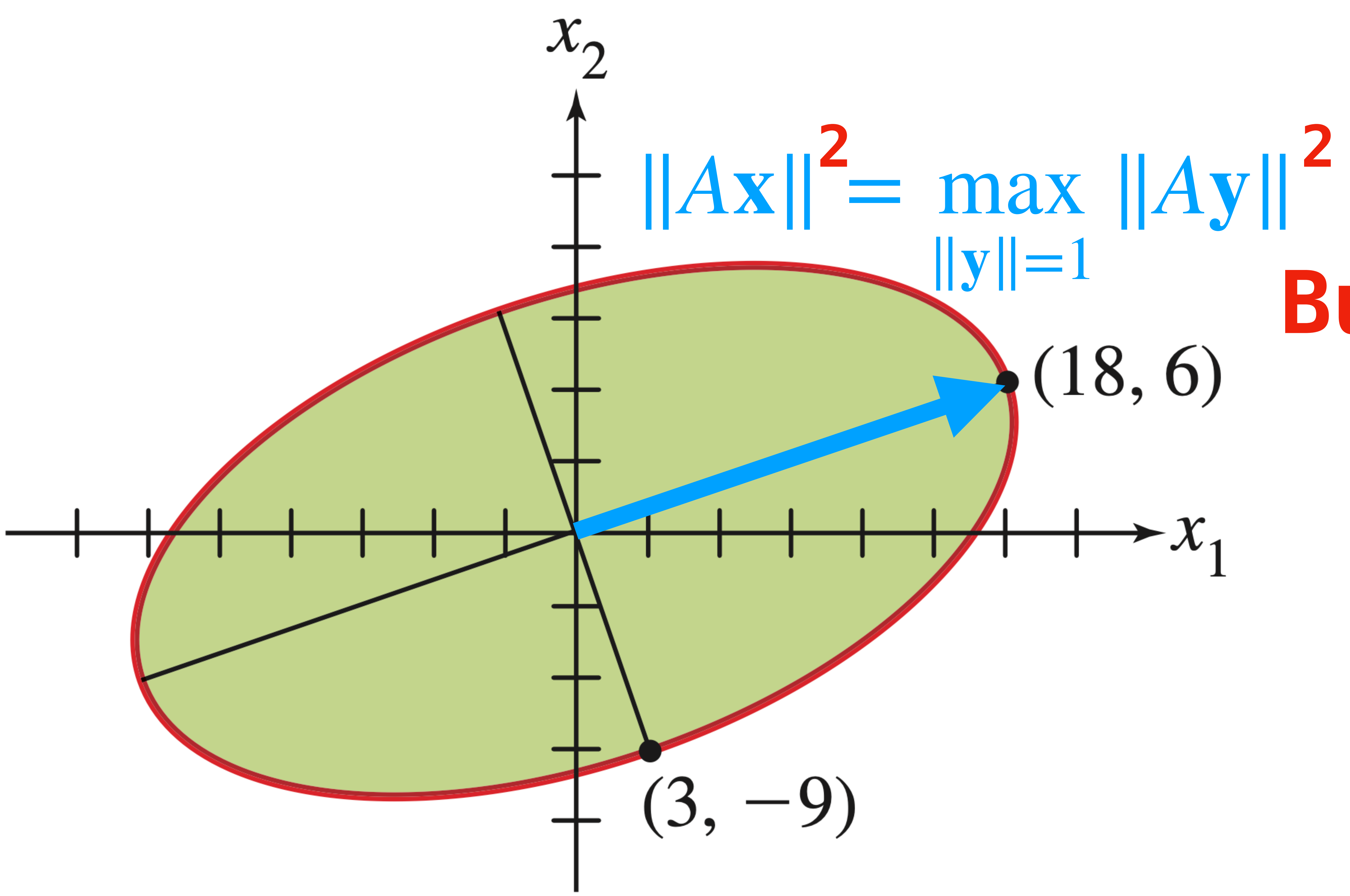

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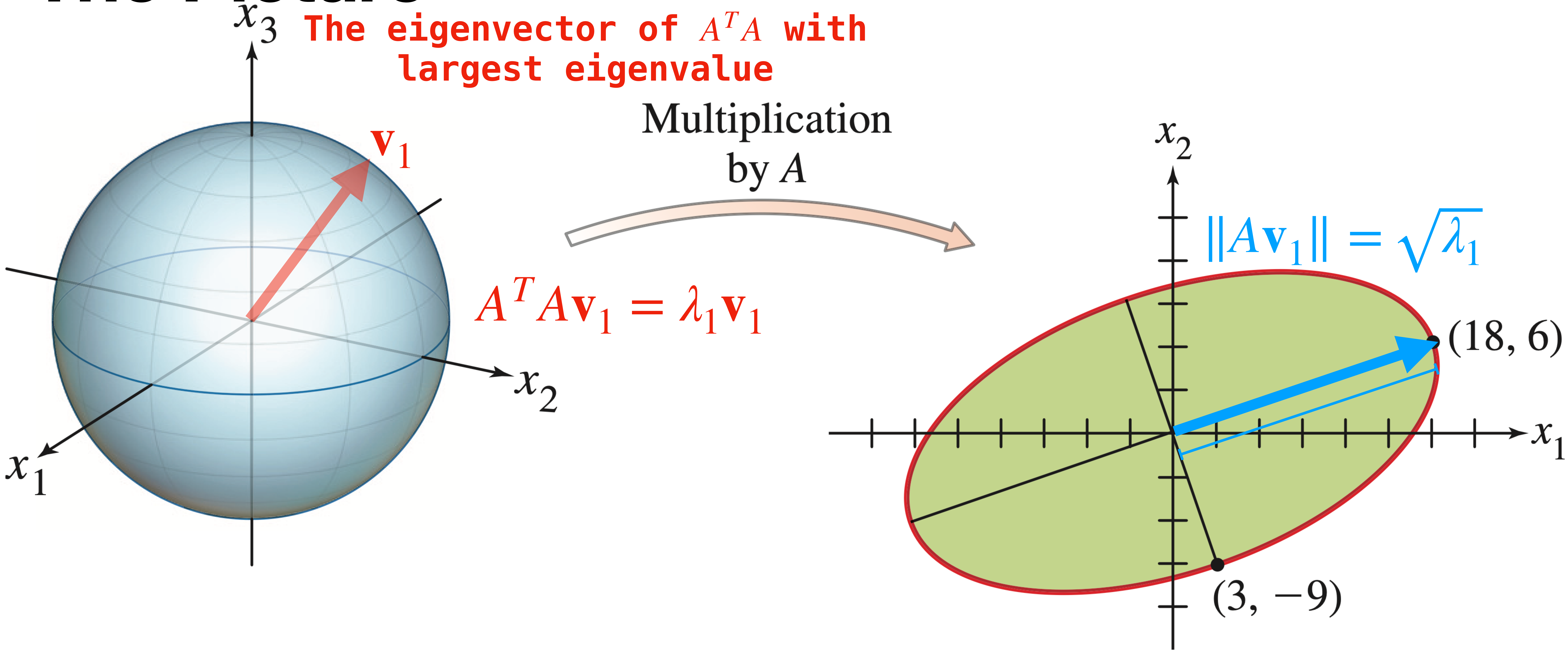
A Quadratic Form

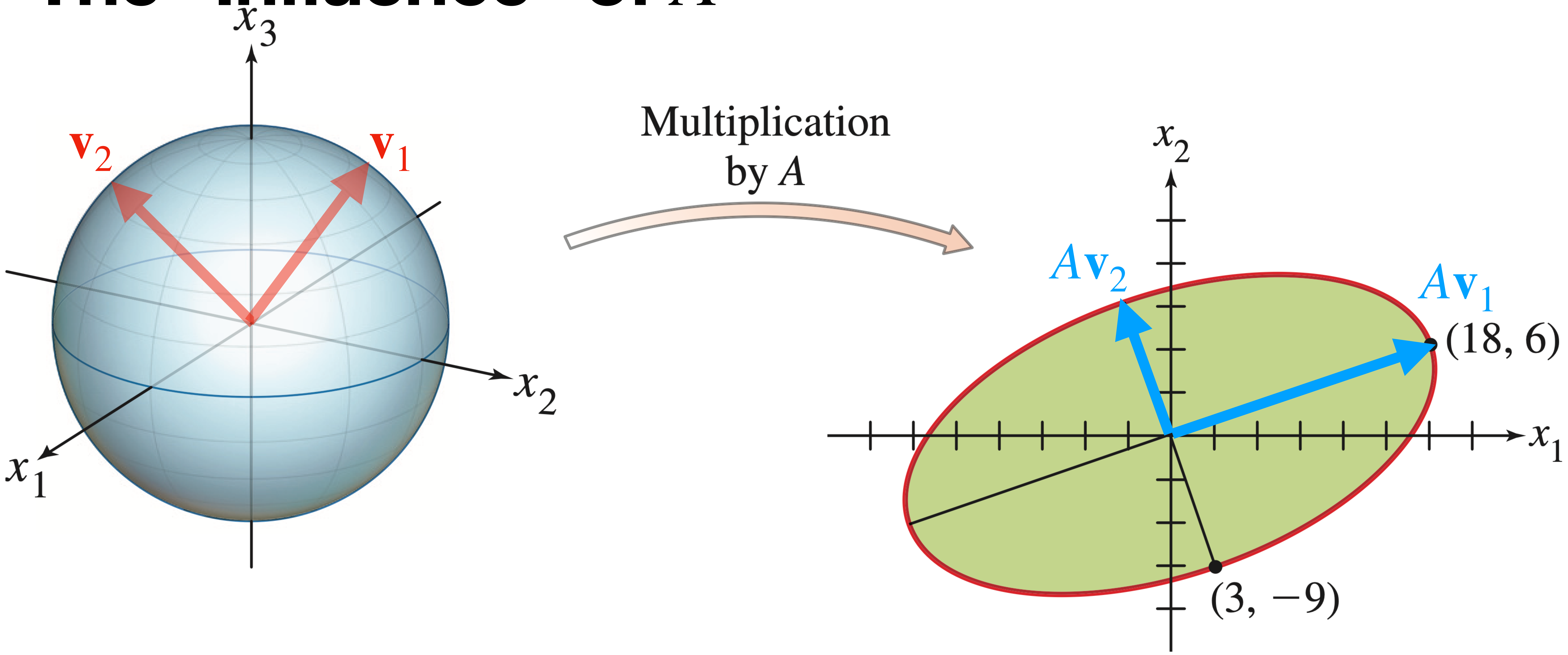
What does $\|A\mathbf{x}\|^2$ look like?:

The Picture



$\mathbf{v}_1$ solves the constrained optimization problem.

The "Influence" of A



$\mathbf{v}_1$ is "most affected" by A and $\mathbf{v}_2$ is "least affected"

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- **It's positive semidefinite.**

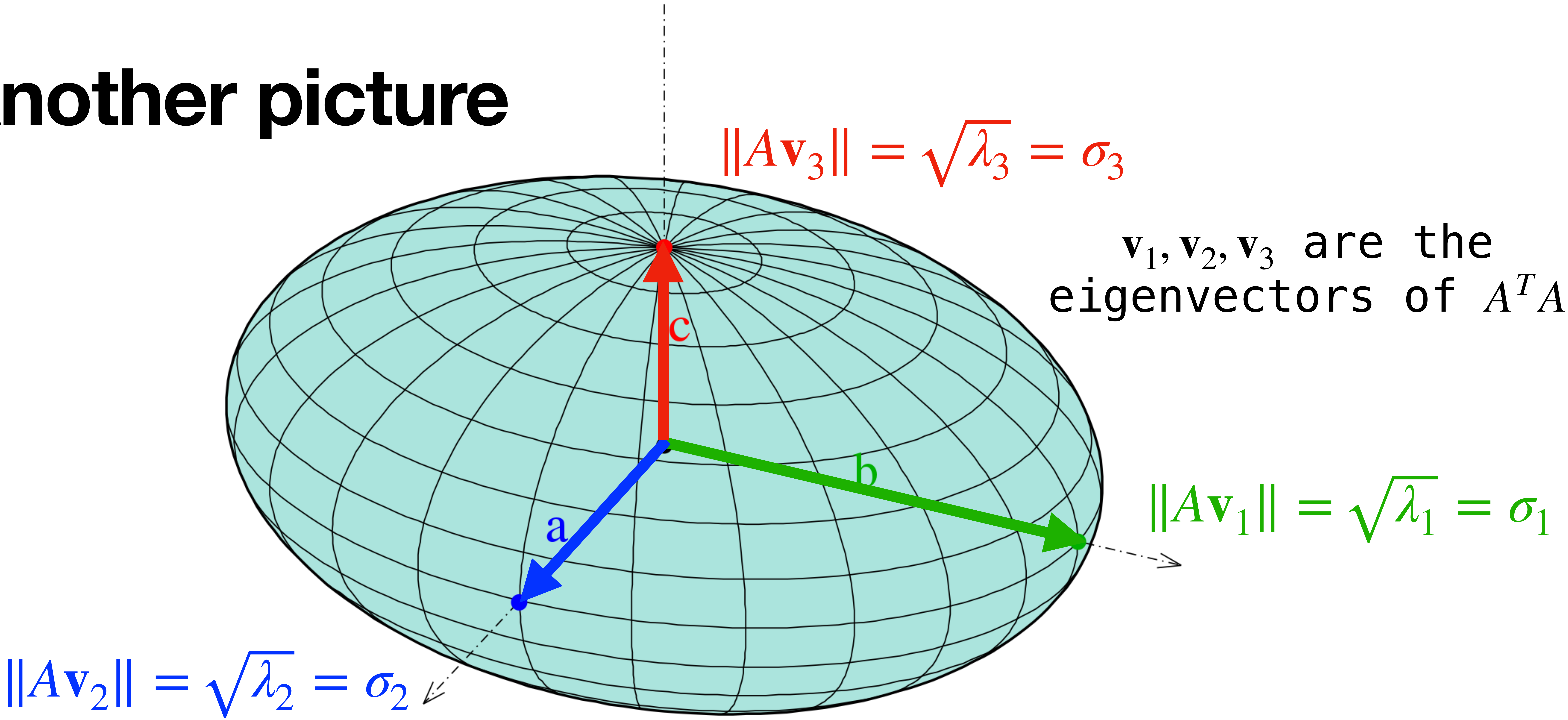
Singular Values

Definition. For an $m \times n$ matrix A, the **singular values** of A are the n values

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \ldots \geq \sigma_n \geq 0$$

where $\sigma_i = \sqrt{\lambda_i}$ and λ_i is an eigenvalue of $A^T A$.

Another picture



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The **singular values** are the lengths of the *axes of symmetry* of the ellipsoid after transforming the unit sphere.

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Every $m \times n$ matrix transforms the unit m–sphere into an n–ellipsoid.

So <u>every</u> $m \times n$ matrix has n singular values.