

Diagonalization

Geometric Algorithms

Lecture 20

Objectives

1. Finish our discussion on the characteristic polynomial
2. Motivate diagonalization via linear dynamical systems and changes of coordinate systems
3. Describe how to diagonalize a matrix

Keywords

multiplicity

similar matrices

diagonalizable matrices

change of basis

eigenbasis

Recap: Characteristic Polynomial

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We'll also use

`numpy.linalg.eig(A)`

Example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 7 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Example: Triangular matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

The characteristic polynomial of a triangular matrix comes pre-factored:

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Is the multiplicity meaningful in this context?

Multiplicity and Dimension

Theorem. The dimension of the eigenspace of A for the eigenvalue λ is at most the multiplicity of λ in $\det(A - \lambda I)$ (and at least 1)

The multiplicity is an upper bound on "how large" the eigenspace is

Example

Let A be a 5×5 matrix with characteristic polynomial $(x - 1)^3(x - 3)(x + 5)$

» *What is $\text{rank}(A)$?*

» *What is the minimum possible rank of $A - I$?*

Practice Problem

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

Determine the eigenvalues and an eigenbasis for the above matrix

Answer

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

Motivating Diagonalization via Linear Dynamical Systems

(briefly)

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What we're really doing is changing our coordinate system to expose a behavior of A .

~~Recap:~~ Change of Basis

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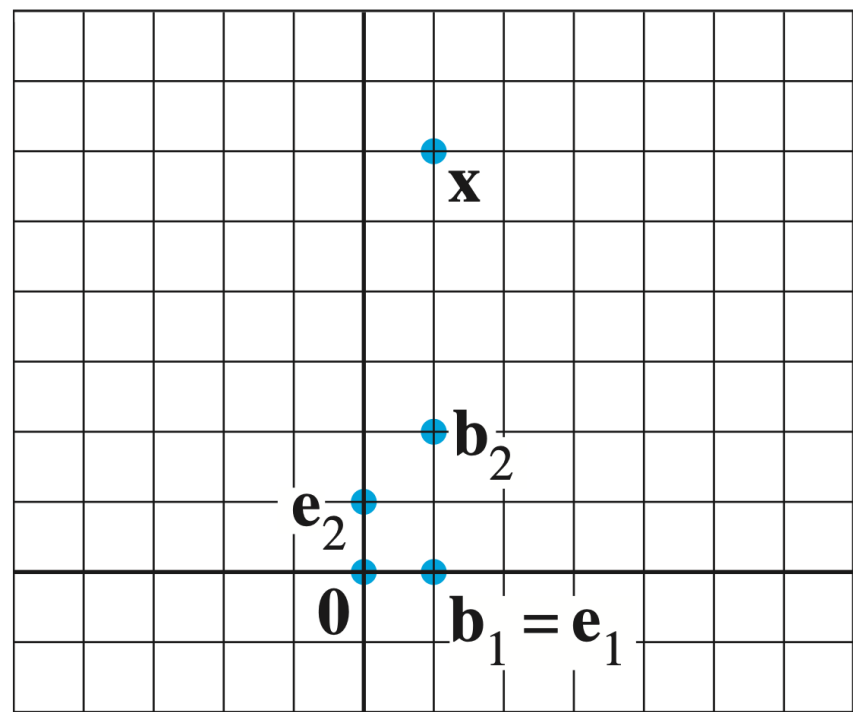


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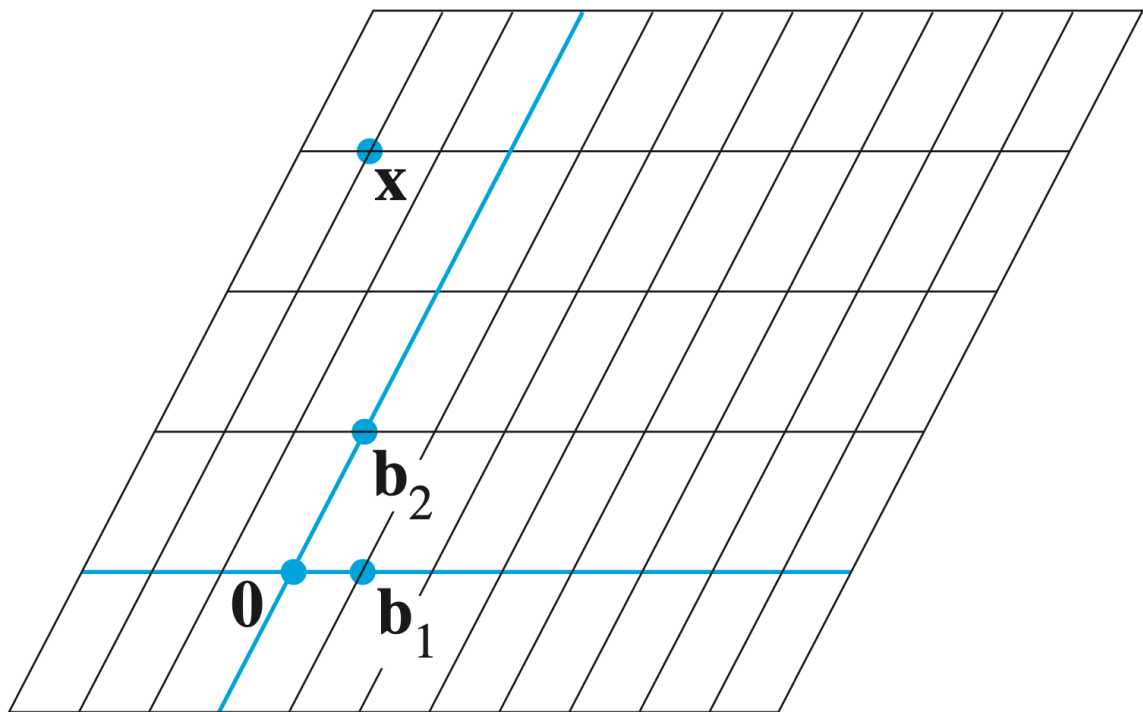


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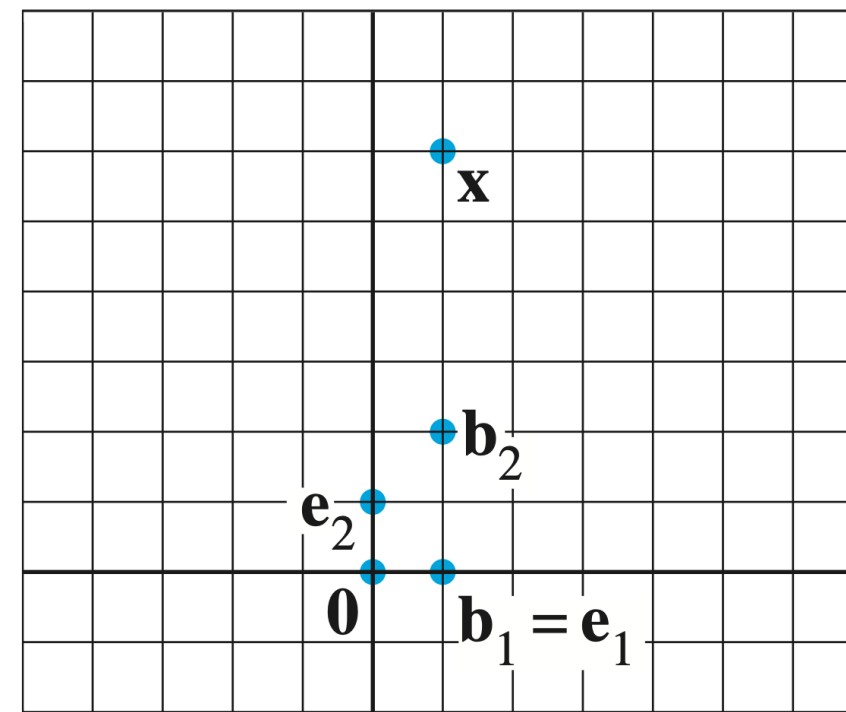


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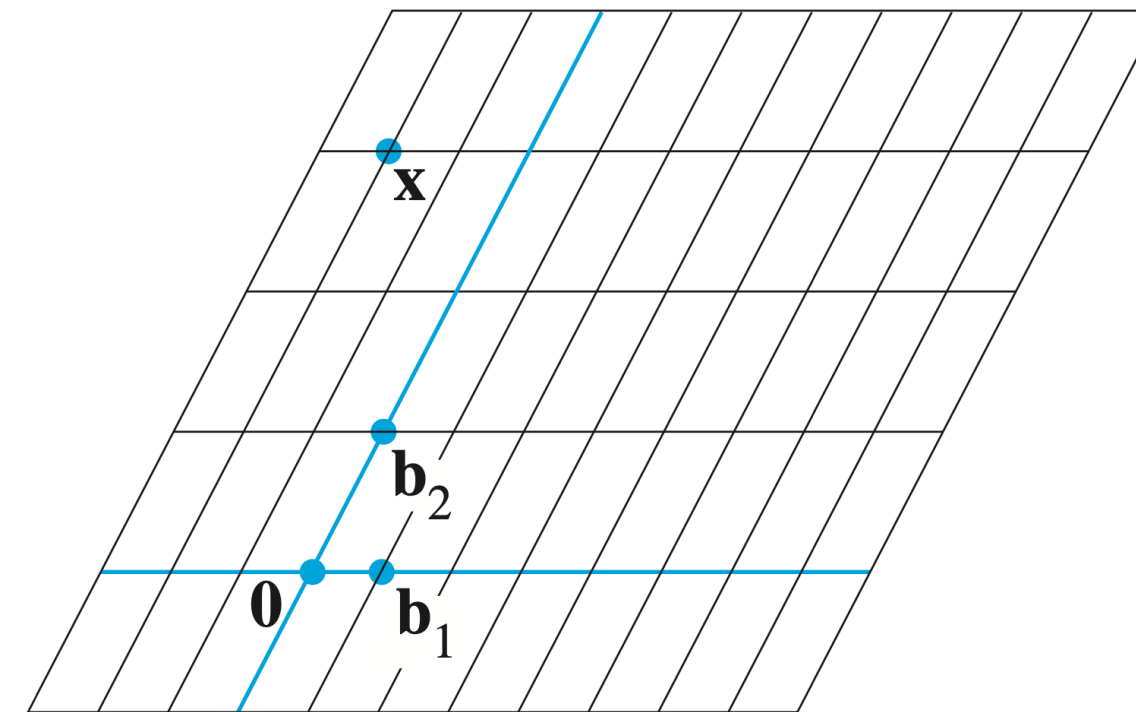


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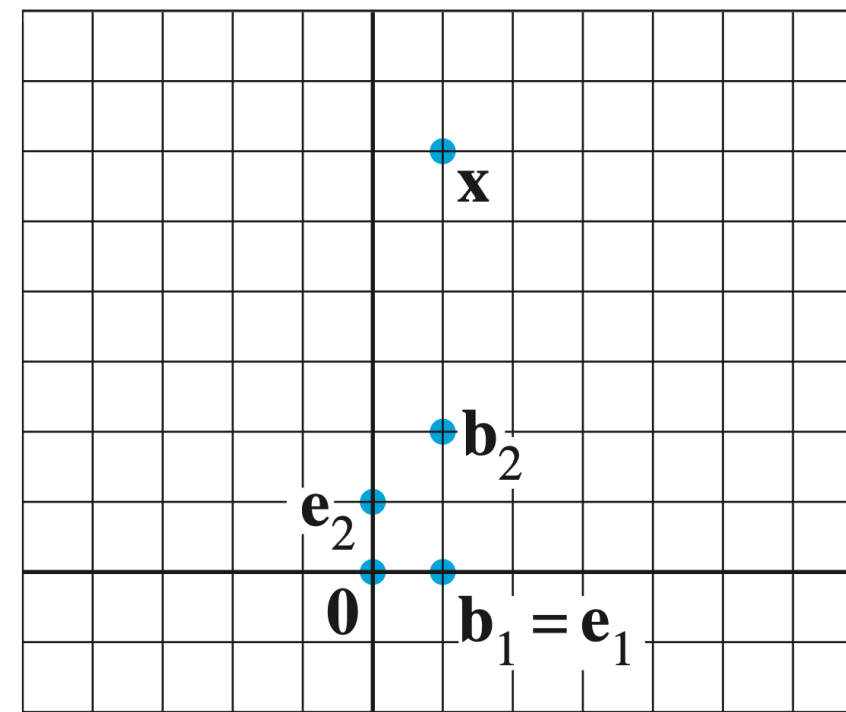


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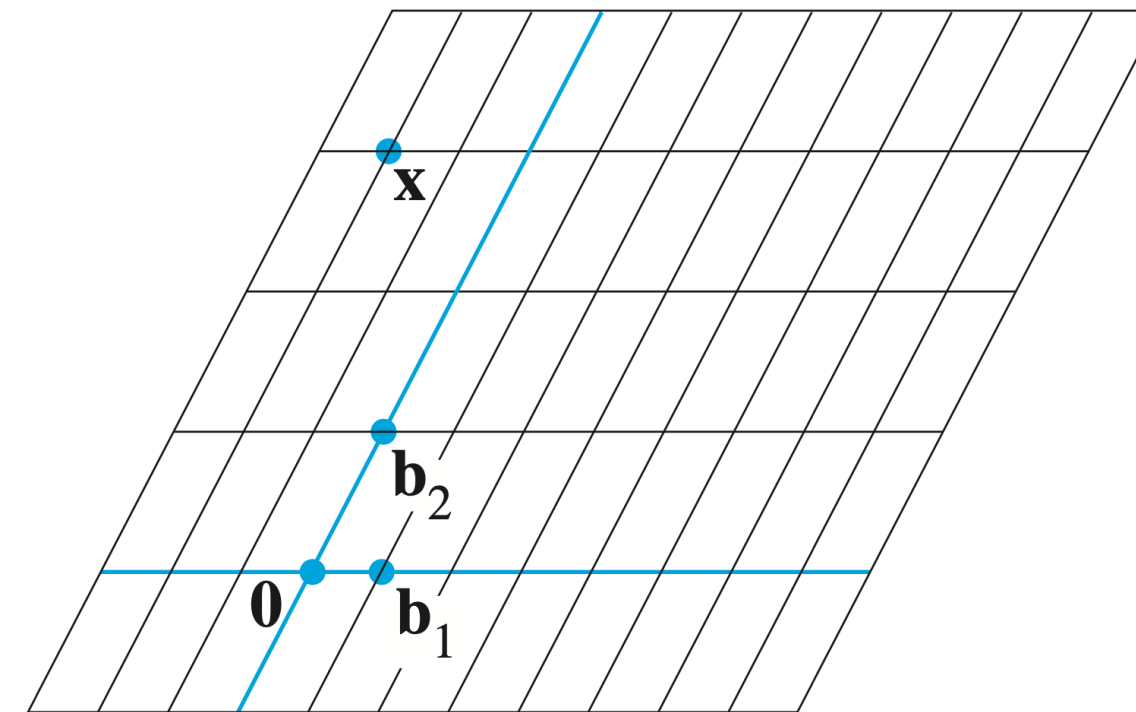


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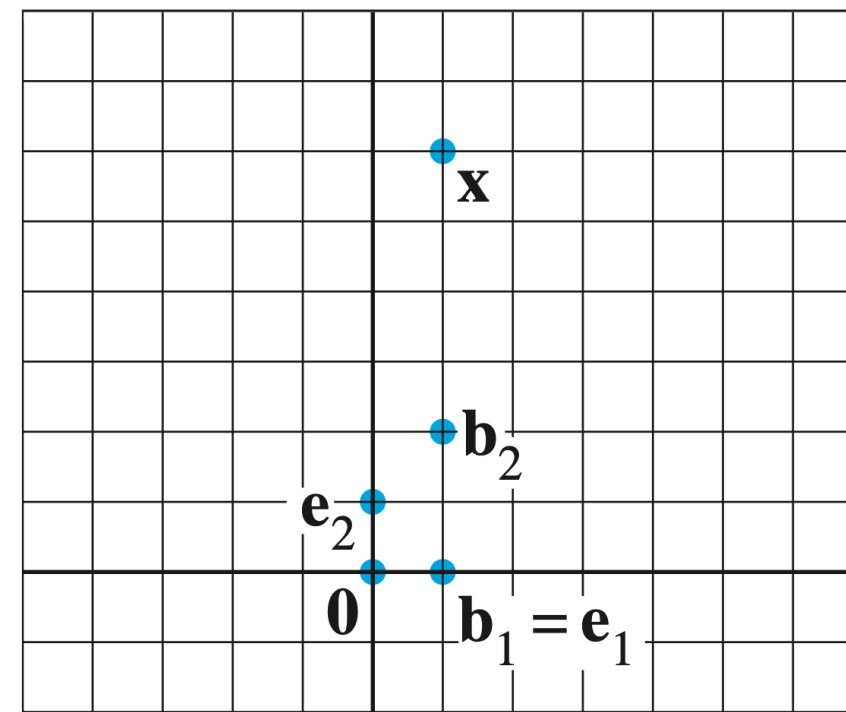


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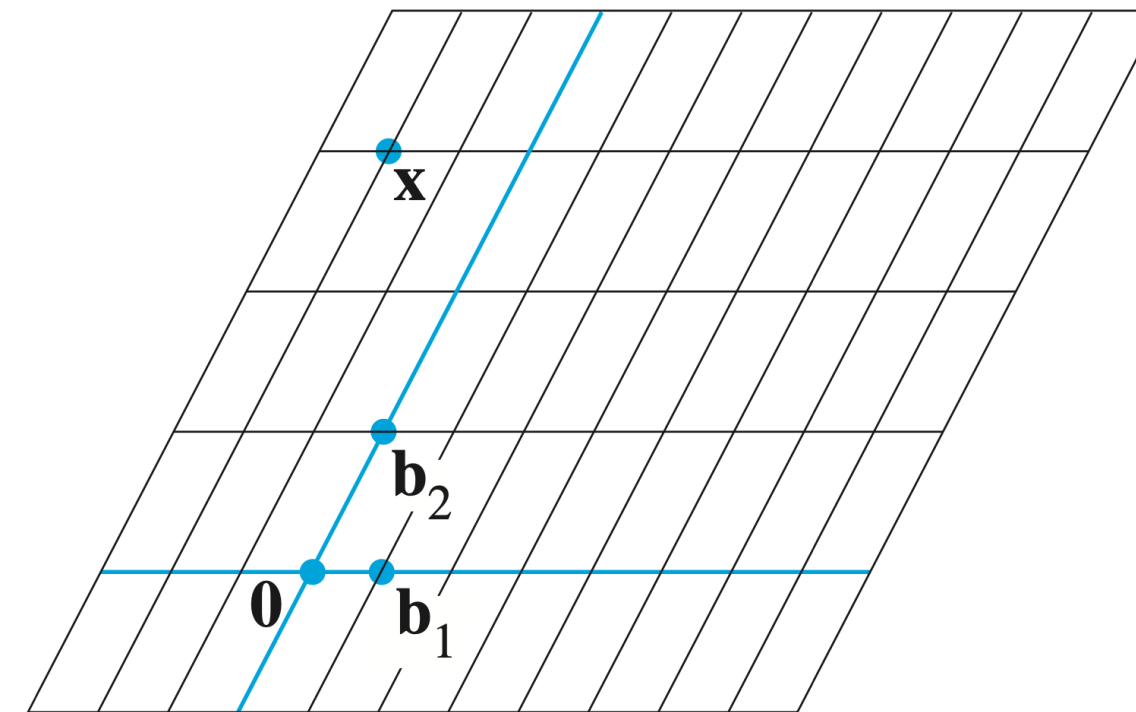


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\mathcal{B} defines a "different grid for our graph paper"

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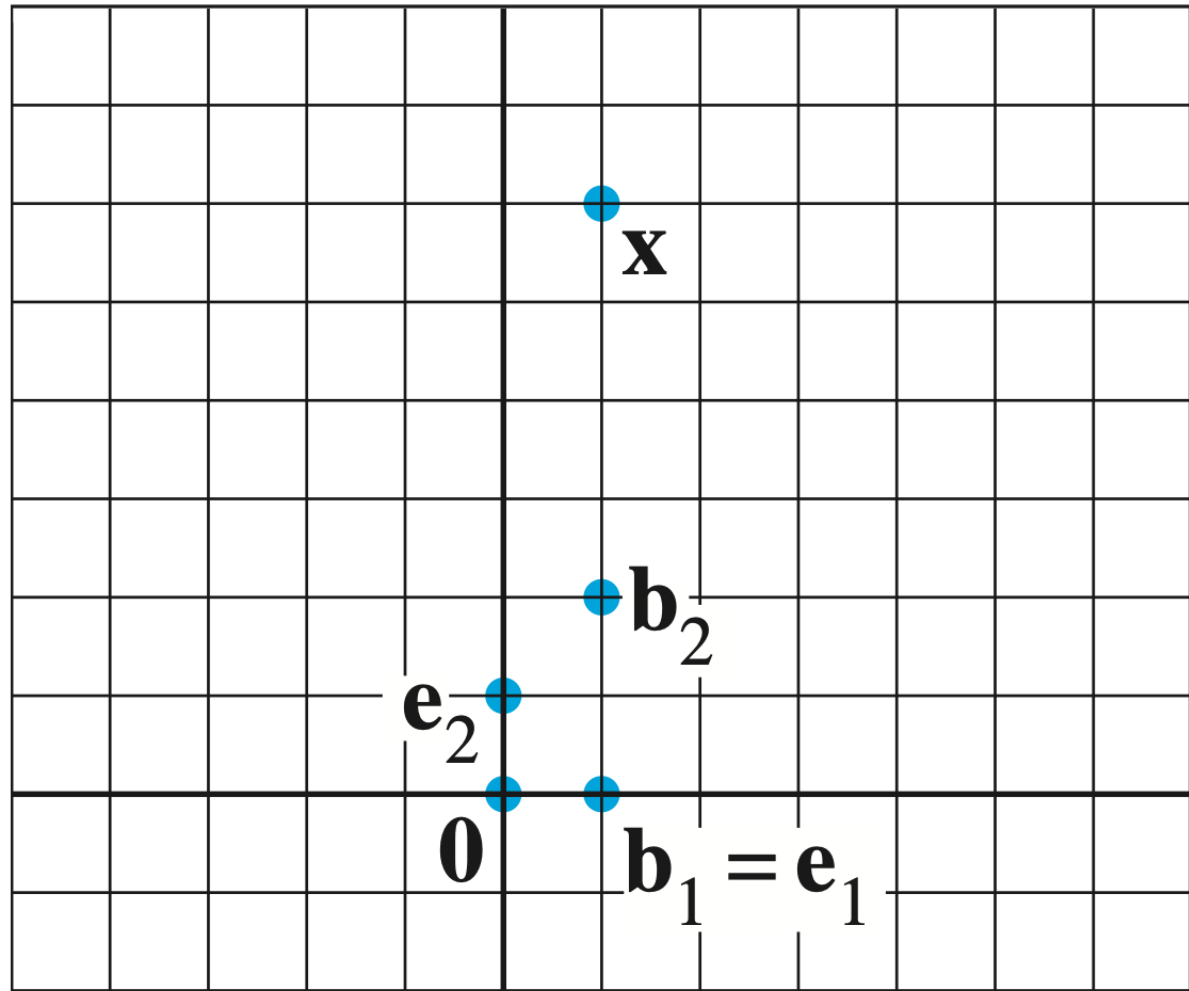


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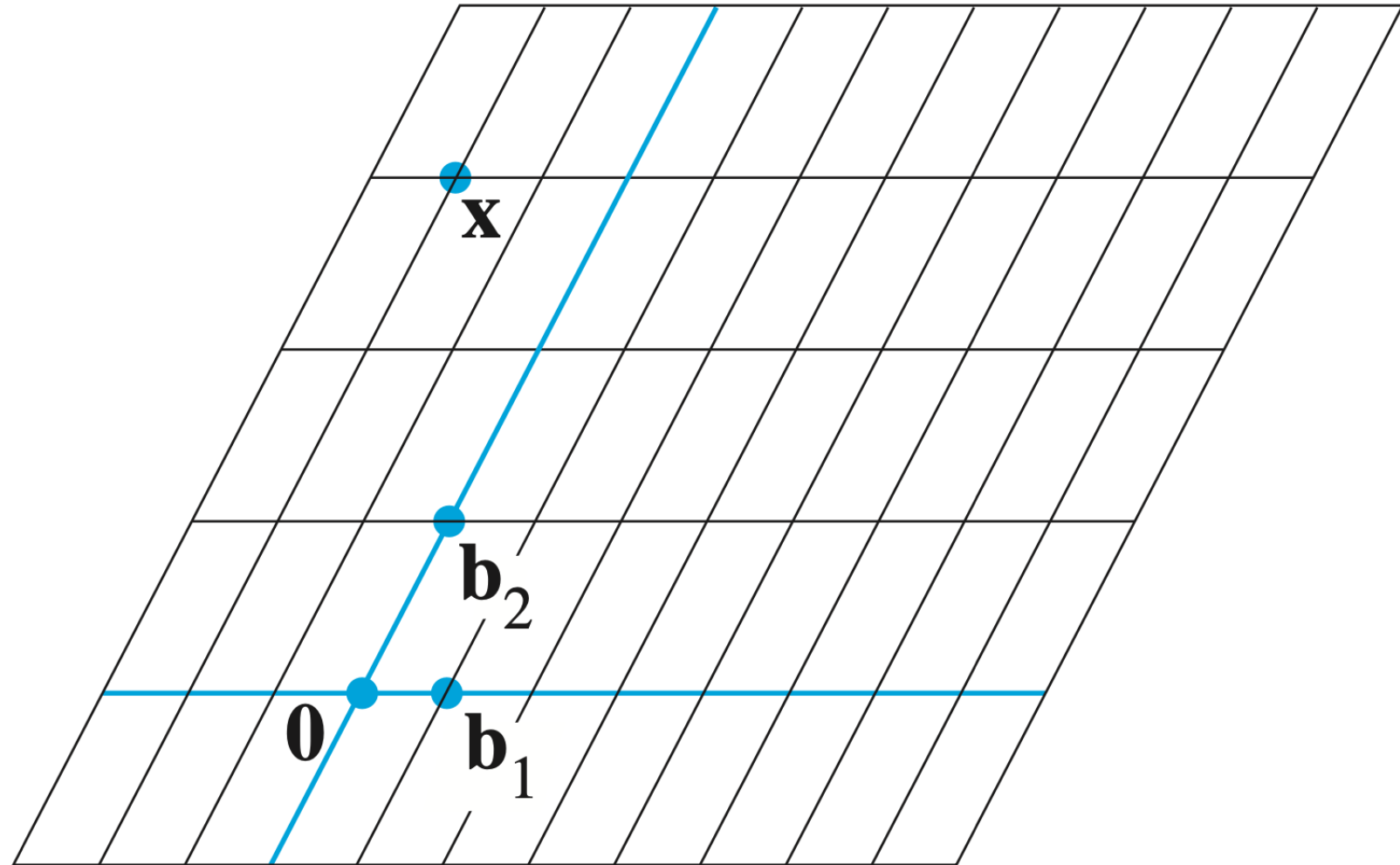


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Question (Conceptual)

We know that if a $n \times n$ matrix $B = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{b}_n]$ is invertible, then the columns of B form a basis \mathcal{B} of \mathbb{R}^n

What is the matrix that implements the transformation

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\mathbf{x} = c_1 \mathbf{b}_1 + c_2 \mathbf{b}_2 + \dots + c_n \mathbf{b}_n$?

Change of Basis Matrix

Theorem. If $\mathcal{B} = \{\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n\}$ form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n , then

$$[\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}} = [\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{b}_n]^{-1} \mathbf{x}$$

Matrix inverses perform changes of bases.

How To: Change of Basis

Question. Given a basis $\mathcal{B} = (\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n)$ of \mathbb{R}^n , find the matrix which implements $\mathbf{x} \mapsto [\mathbf{x}]_{\mathcal{B}}$.

Solution. Construct the matrix $[\mathbf{b}_1 \ \mathbf{b}_2 \ \dots \ \mathbf{b}_n]^{-1}$.

Example

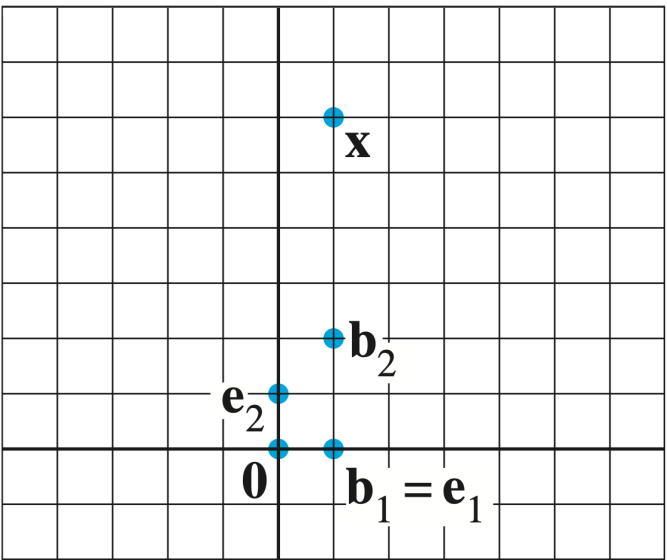


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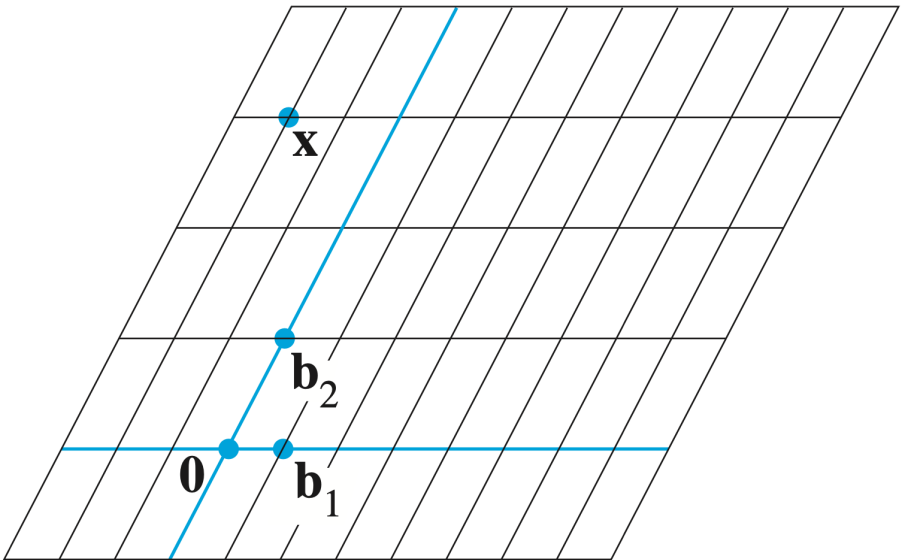


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Write the change-of-bases matrix for the basis $\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$

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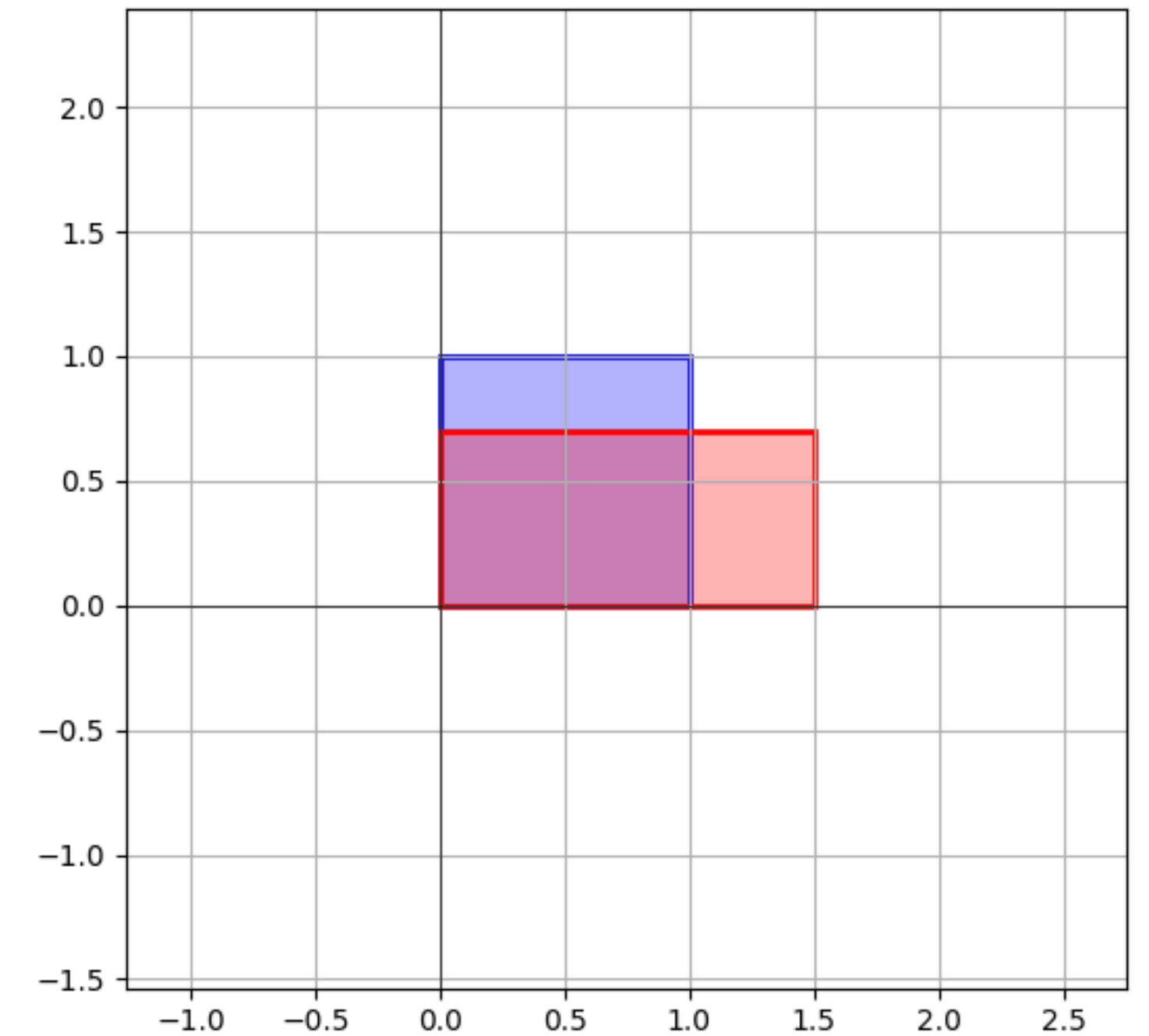
Diagonal matrices are scaling matrices

Recall: Unequal Scaling

The scaling matrix *affects each component of a vector in a simple way*

The diagonal entries scale each corresponding entry

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.5x \\ 0.7y \end{bmatrix}$$



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High level question: *unequal*
When do matrices "behave" like scaling
matrices "up to" change of basis?

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The fundamental question:

Can we expose this behavior in
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Factorizations can:

- » make working with A easier
- » expose important information about A

Similar Matrices

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Definition. A matrix A is **similar** to a matrix B if there is some invertible matrix P such that $A = PBP^{-1}$

A and B are the same up to a change of basis

Similar Matrices and Eigenvalues

Theorem. Similar matrices have the same eigenvalues.

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Important: Not all Matrices are Diagonalizable

This is very different from the LU factorization

We will need to figure out which matrices are diagonalizable

Question. *Is the zero matrix diagonalizable?*

Application: Matrix Powers

Theorem. If $A = PBP^{-1}$, then $A^k = P$ ^{only take the power of B} B^kP^{-1}

It may be easier to take the power of B (as in the case of diagonal matrices)

Verify:

How To: Matrix Powers

Question. Given A is diagonalizable, determine A^k

Solution. Find it's diagonalization PDP^{-1} and then compute PD^kP^{-1}

Remember that

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c \end{bmatrix}^k = \begin{bmatrix} a^k & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & b^k & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c^k \end{bmatrix}$$

But how do we find the
diagonalization...

Diagonalization and Eigenvectors

Suppose we have a diagonalization

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

What do we know about it?

^(space)
Columns of P are eigenvectors

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Diagonalizing a Matrix

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

Step 1: Eigenvalues

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

Find all the eigenvalues of A

Find the roots of $\det(A - \lambda I)$

e.g.

$$\det(A - \lambda I) = -(\lambda - 1)(\lambda + 2)^2$$

Step 2: Eigenvectors

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

$$\lambda_1 = 1$$

Find **bases** of the corresponding eigenspaces $\lambda_2 = -2$

e.g.

$$\text{Nul}(A - I) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\text{Nul}(A + 2I) = \text{span} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Step 3: Construct P

If there are n eigenvectors from the previous step they form an **eigenbasis**

Build the matrix with these vectors as the columns

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Step 5: Construct D

Build the matrix with eigenvalues as diagonal entries

Note the order. It should be the same as the order of columns of P

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$$\lambda_1 = 1$$

$$\lambda_2 = -2$$

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

Step 6: Invert P

Find the inverse of P (we know how to do this)

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

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

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

Putting it Together

A

P

D

P^{-1}

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

How to: Diagonalizing a Matrix

Question. Find a diagonalization of $A \in \mathbb{R}^n$, or determine that A is not diagonalizable

Solution.

1. Find the eigenvalues of A , and bases for their eigenspaces. If these eigenvectors don't form a basis of \mathbb{R}^n , then A is **not diagonalizable**
2. Otherwise, build a matrix P whose columns are the eigenvectors of A
3. Then build a diagonal matrix D whose entries are the eigenvalues of A *in the same order*
4. Invert P
5. The diagonalization of A is PDP^{-1}

We know how to do every step, its
a matter of putting it all
together

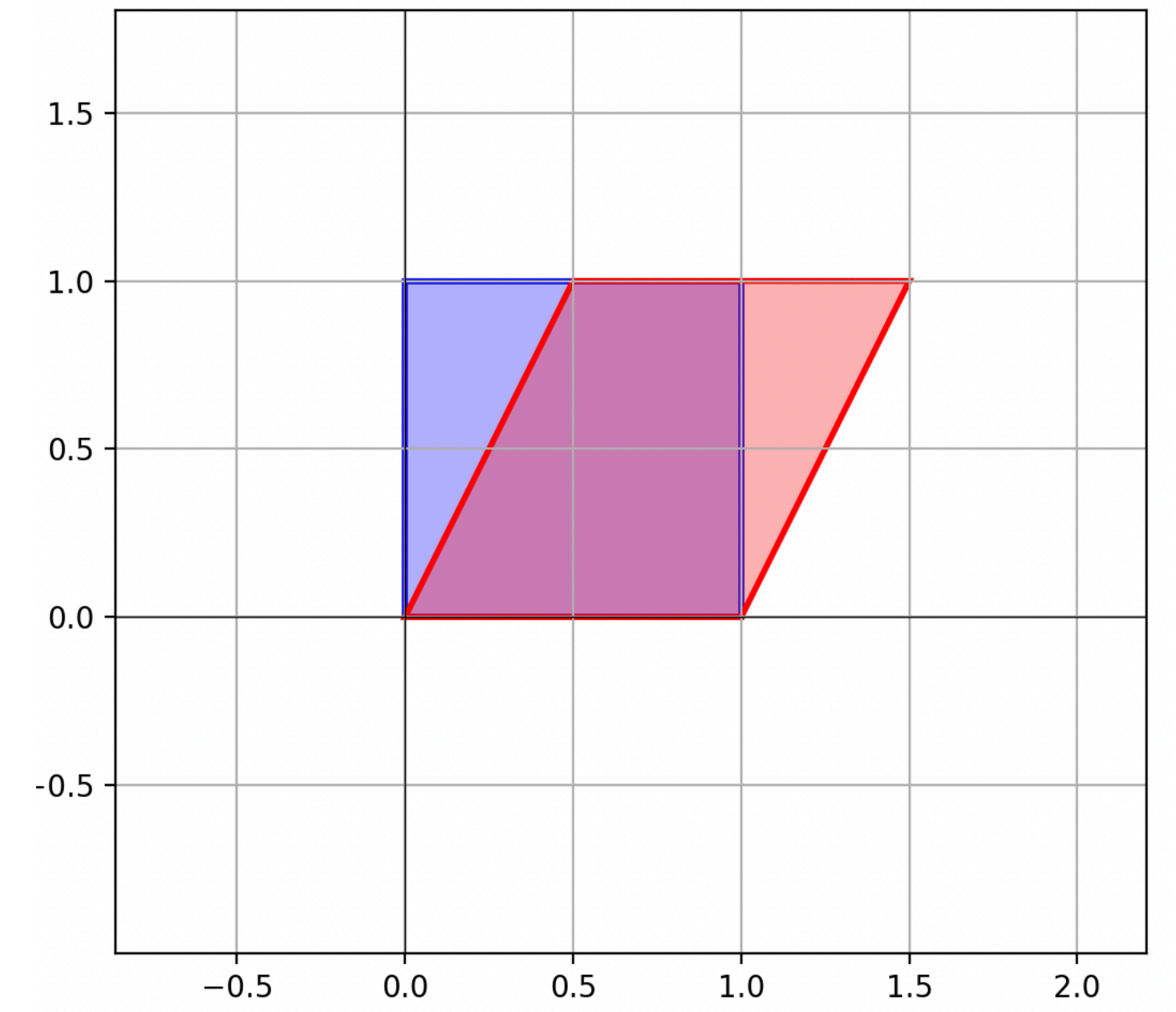
Example of Failure: Shearing

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The shearing matrix has a single eigenvalue with an eigenspace of dimension 1

We can't build an eigenbasis of \mathbb{R}^2 for A

In other words, A is not diagonalizable



Important case: Distinct Eigenvalues

ex.
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 4 & 2 \\ 0 & -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

Theorem. If an $n \times n$ matrix has n distinct eigenvalues, then it is diagonalizable

This is because eigenvectors with distinct eigenvalues are *linearly independent*

Example

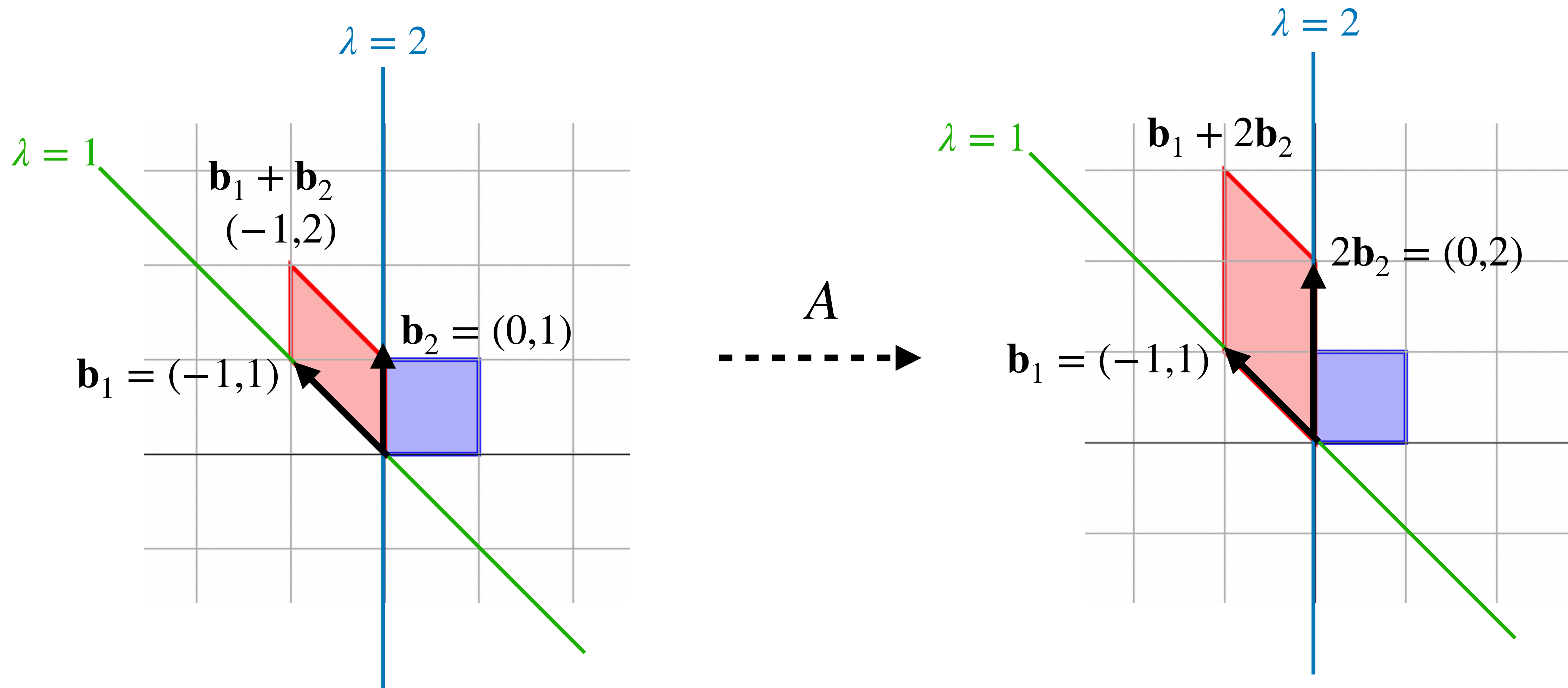
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find a diagonalization of the above matrix

The Picture

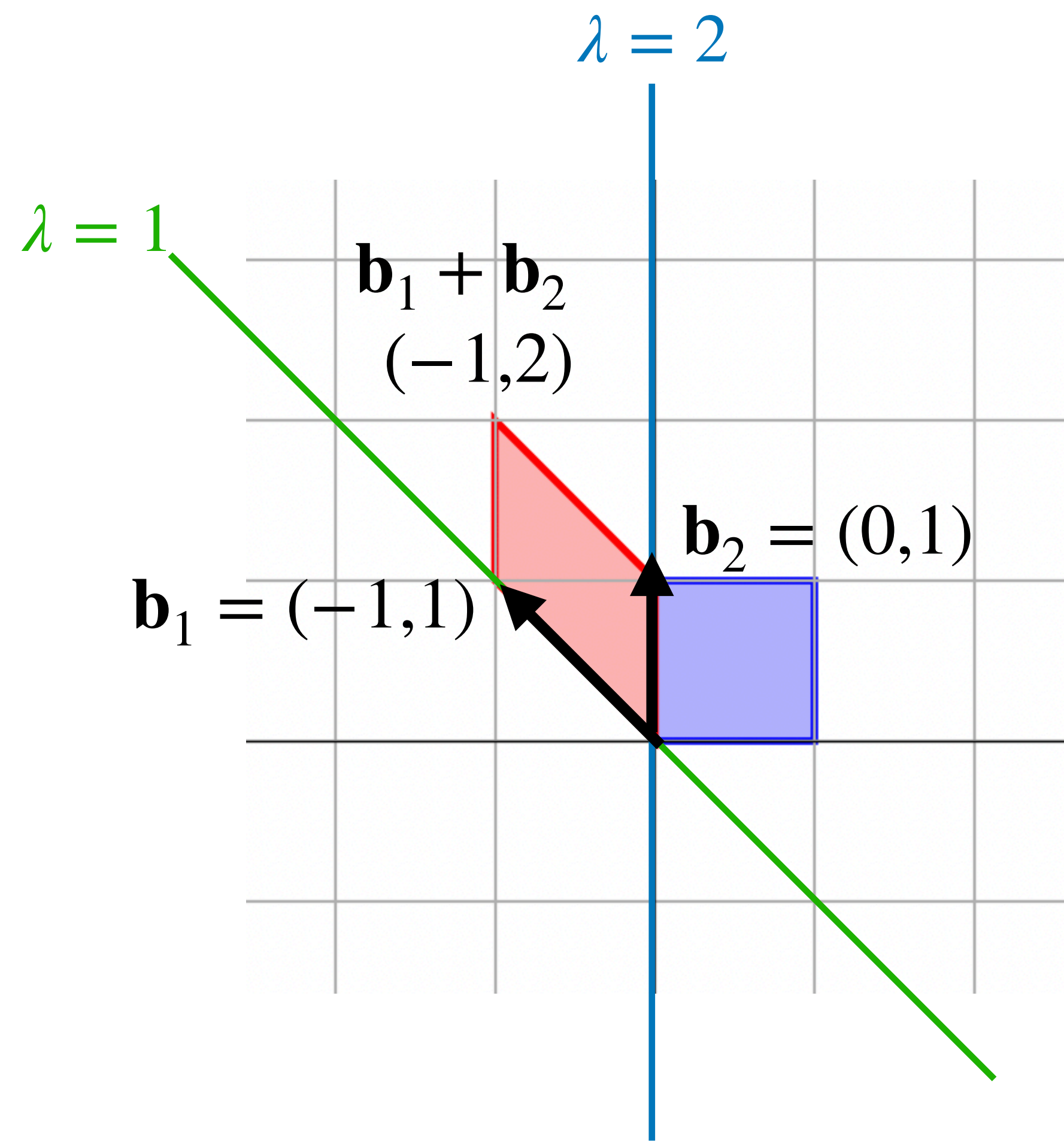
Example (Geometric)

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

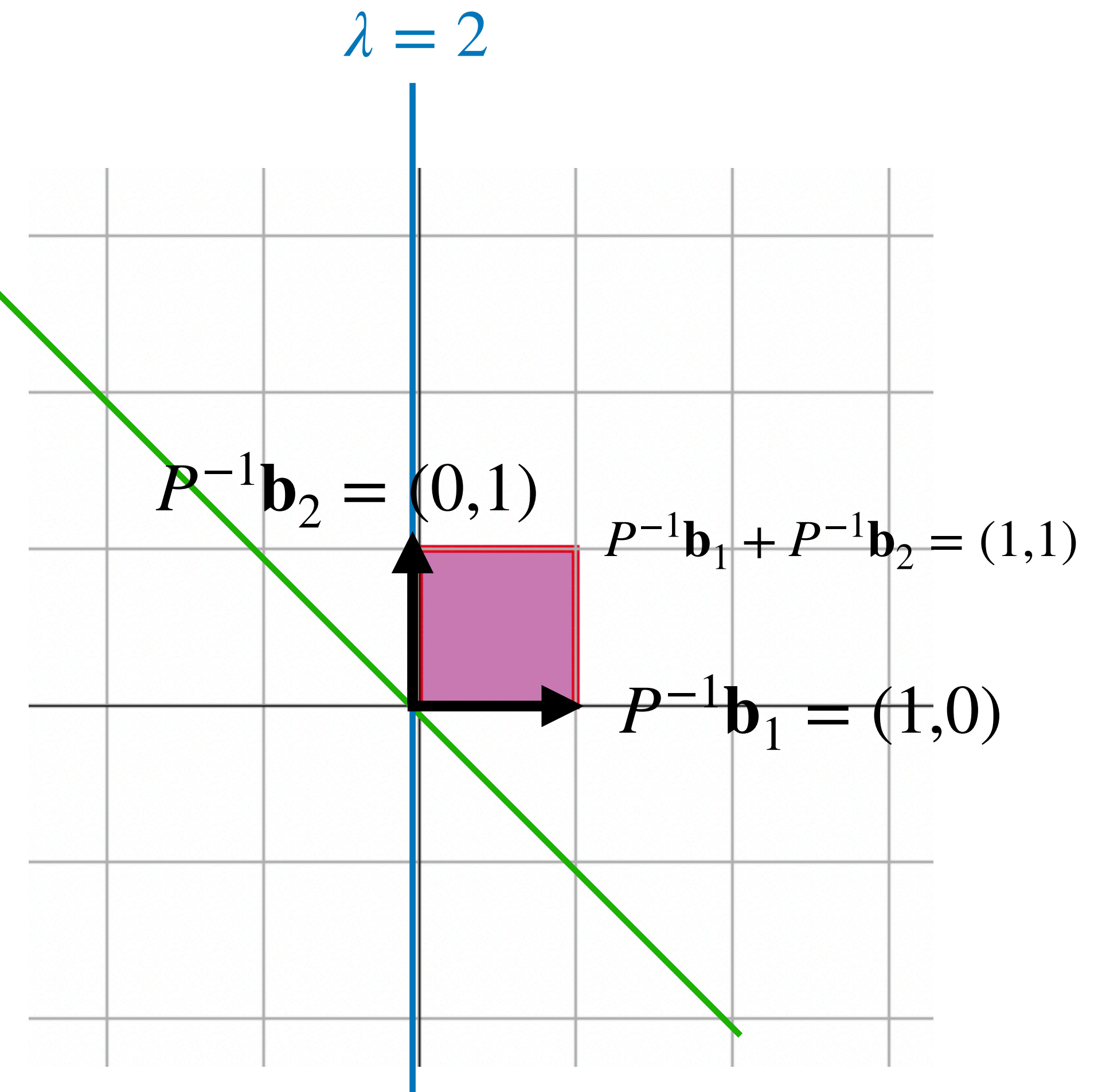


Example (Geometric)

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

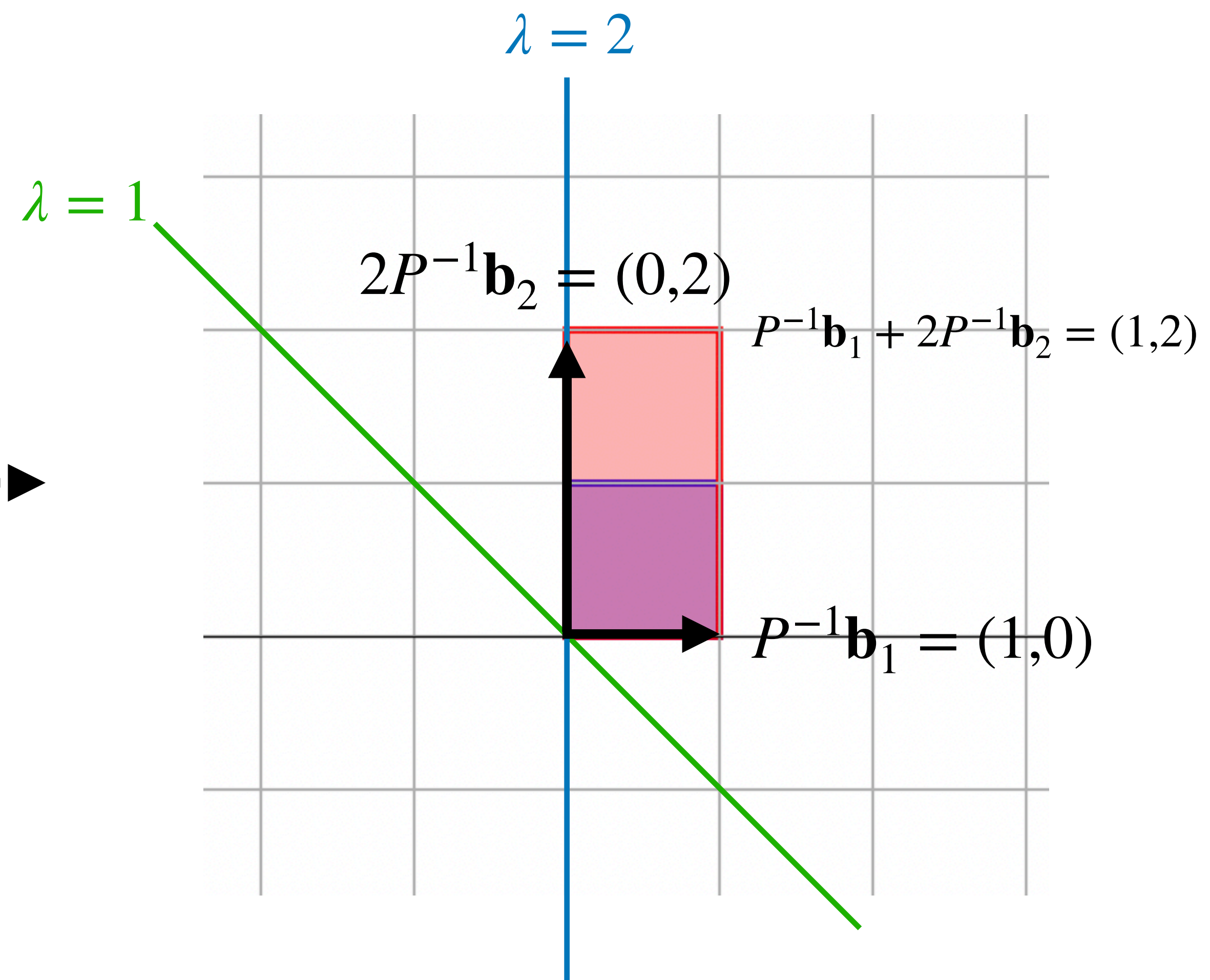
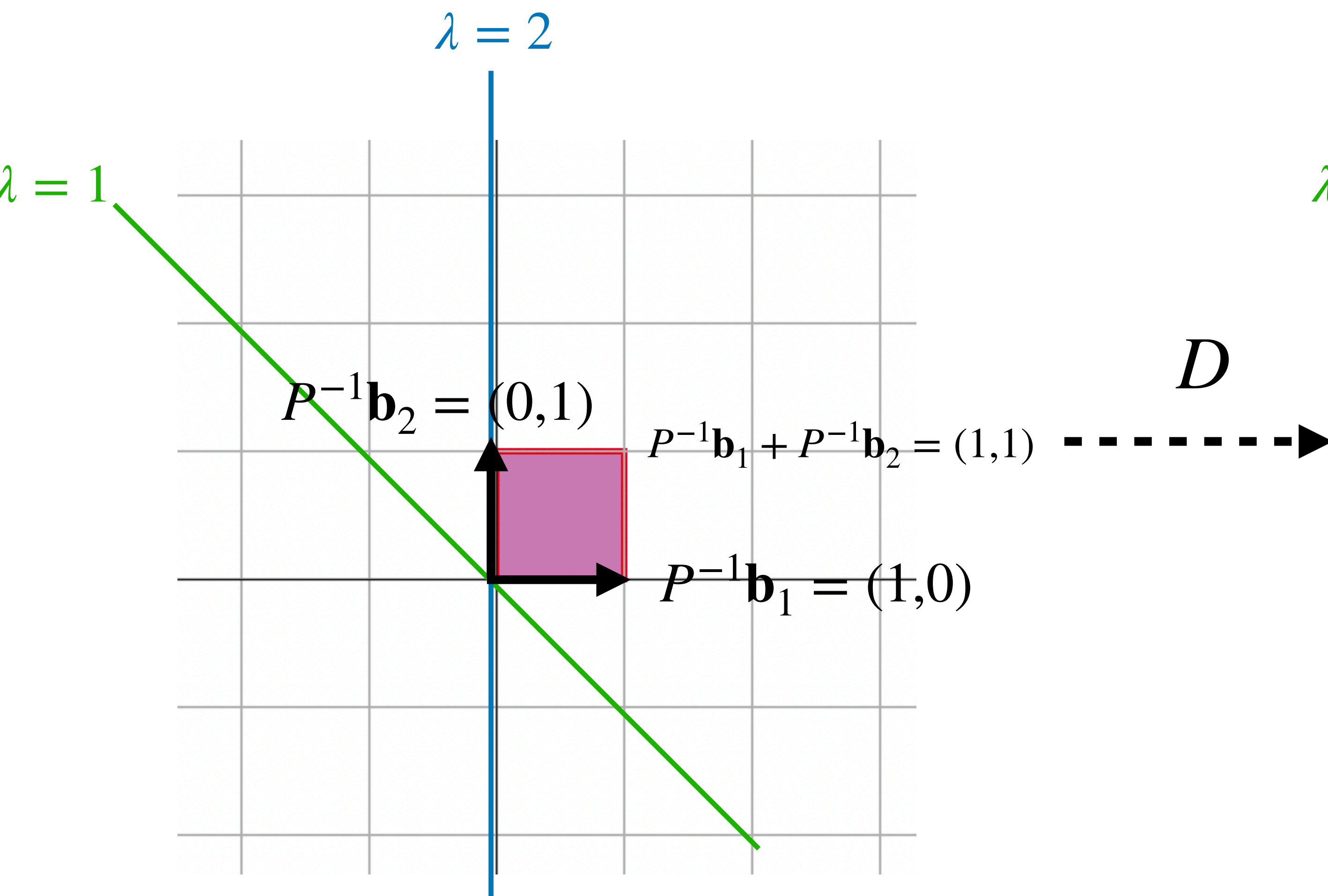


P^{-1}



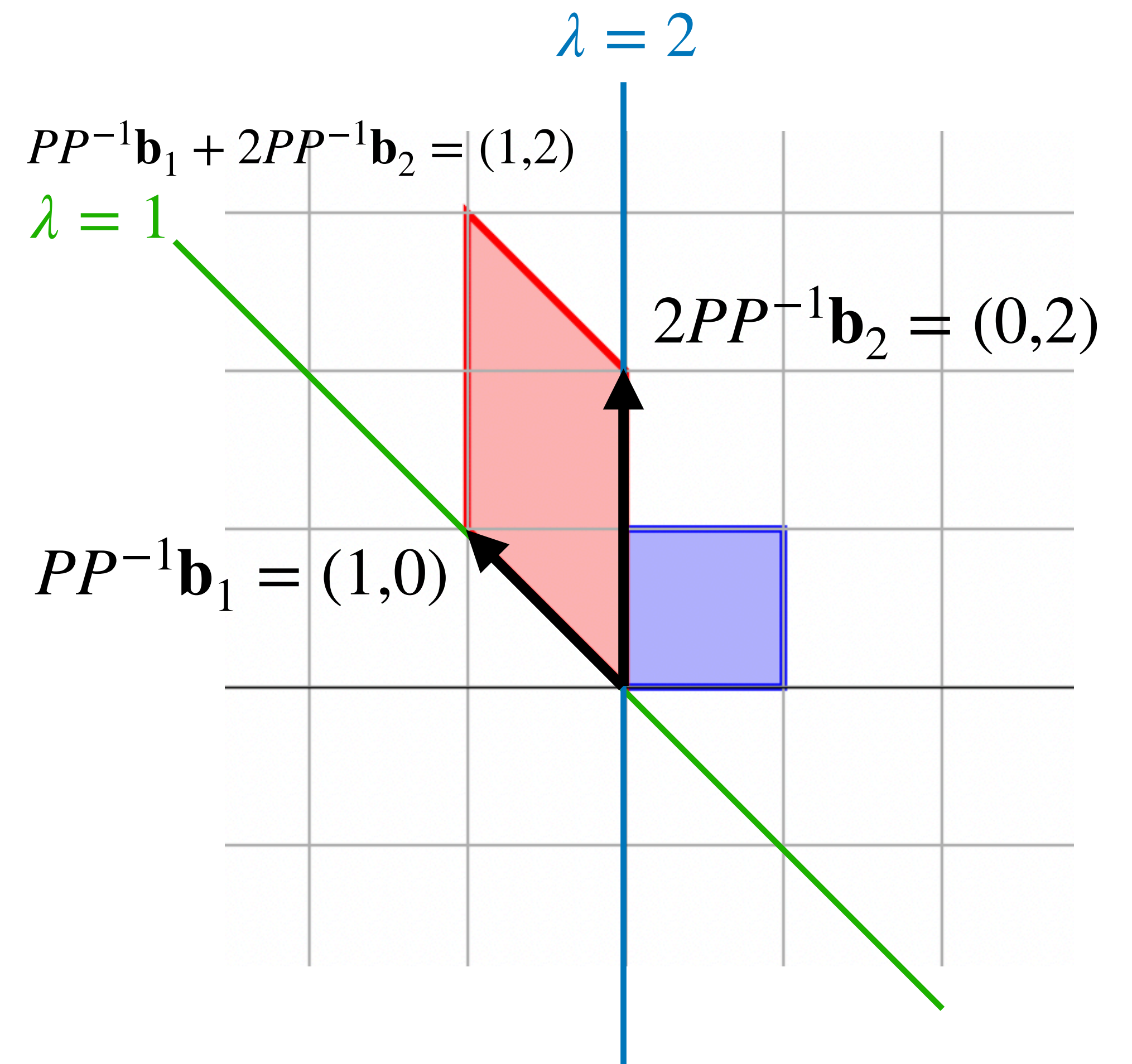
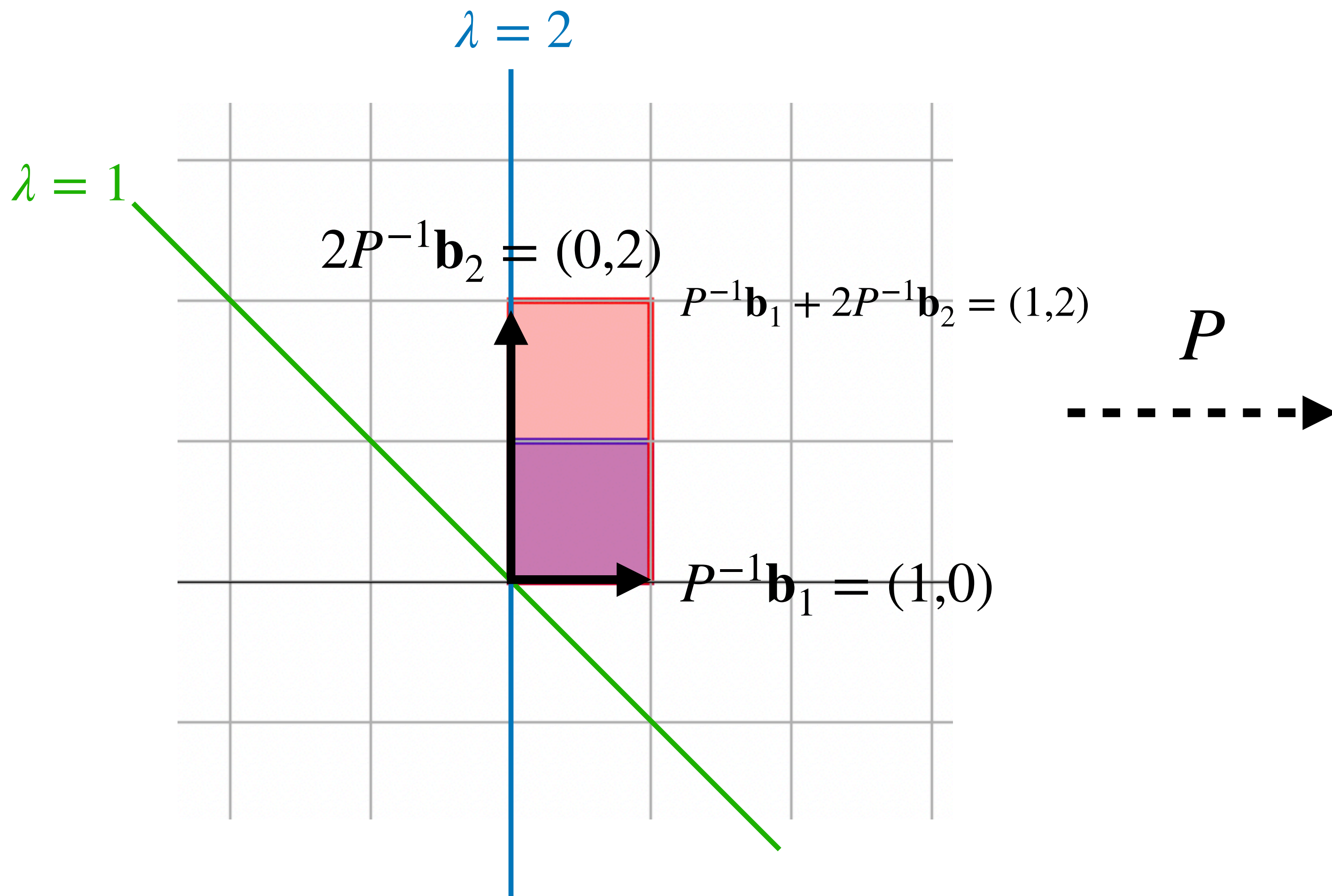
Example (Geometric)

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

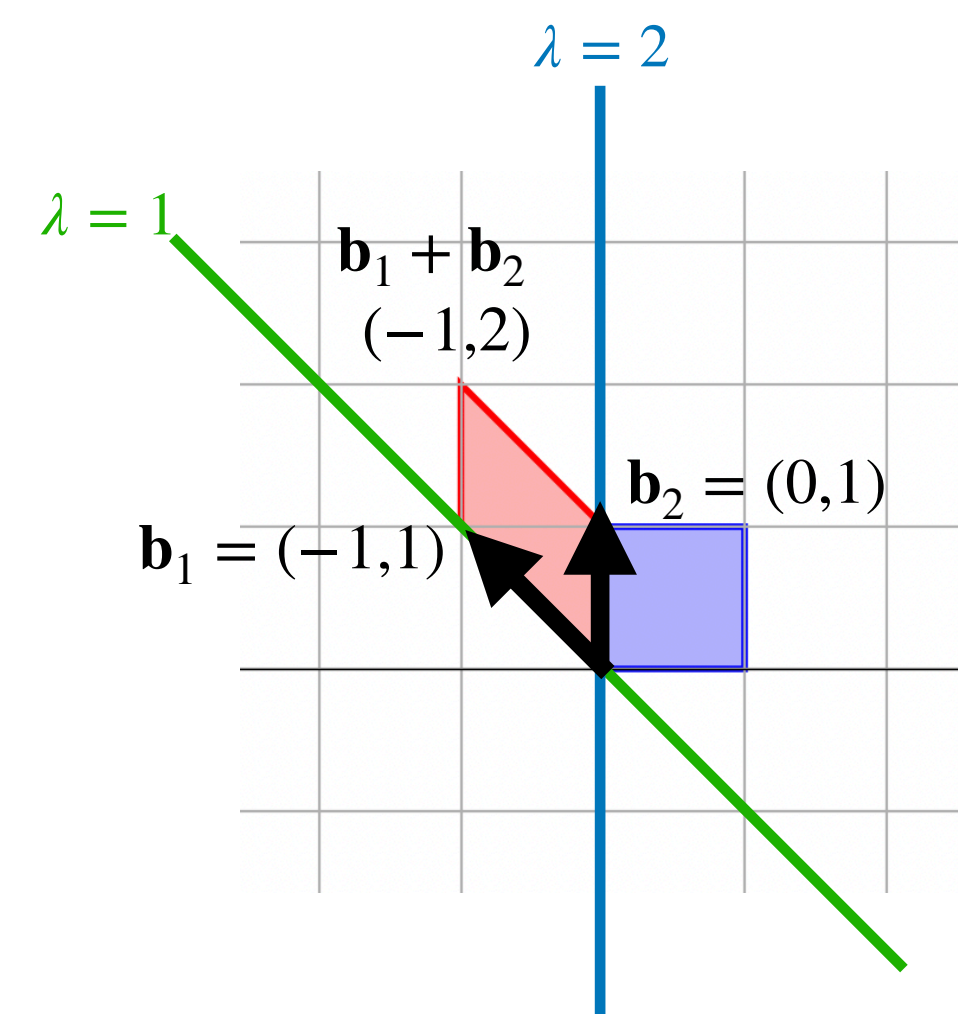


Example (Geometric)

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



Example (Geometric)



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

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

