

Math 4300

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Theorem: Let  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, d)$  be a metric geometry.

Let  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  be a line and  $f: l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a ruler/coordinate system for  $l$ .

Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$ .

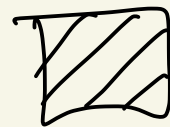
Define  $h_{a,\varepsilon}: l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$h_{a,\varepsilon}(P) = \varepsilon (f(P) - a)$$

↑ shifts  $f$  by  $a$   
 $\varepsilon = 1$  does nothing  
 $\varepsilon = -1$  flips  $f$

Then,  $h_{a,\varepsilon}$  will be a ruler for  $l$ .

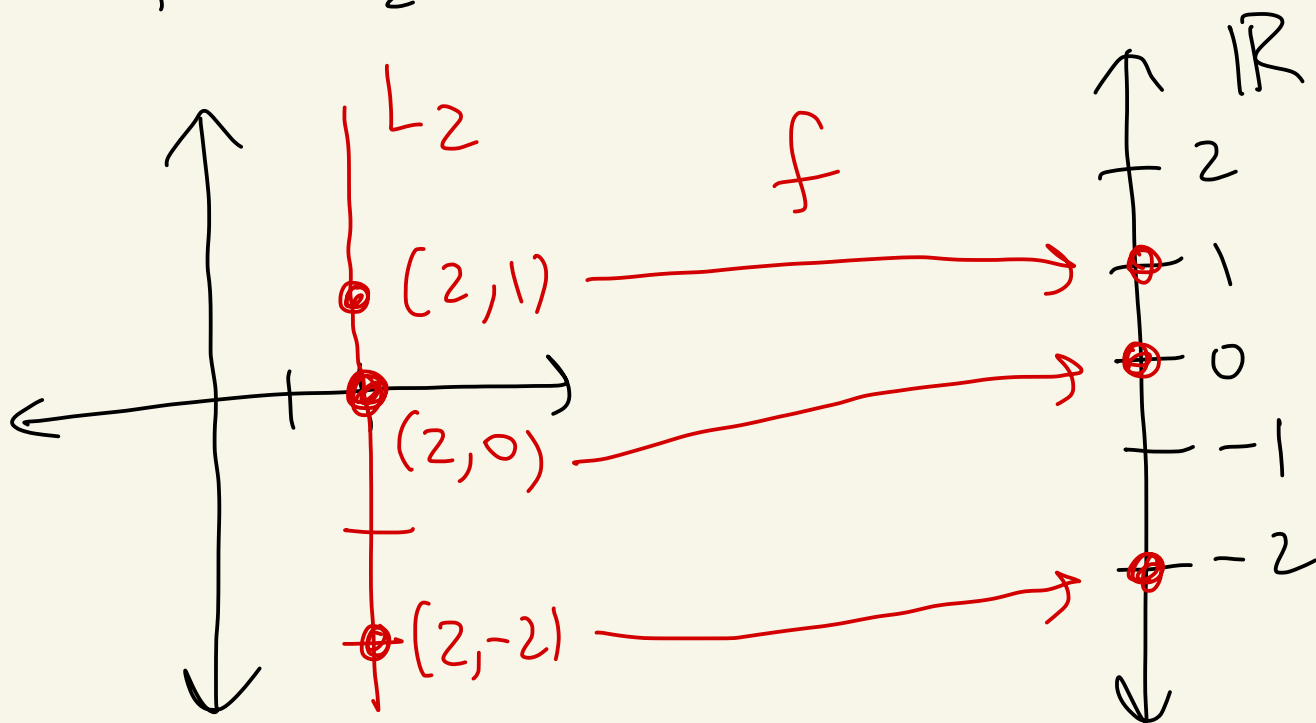
proof: See notes.



Ex: Consider the Euclidean plane. Let  $l = L_2$ .

The standard ruler is

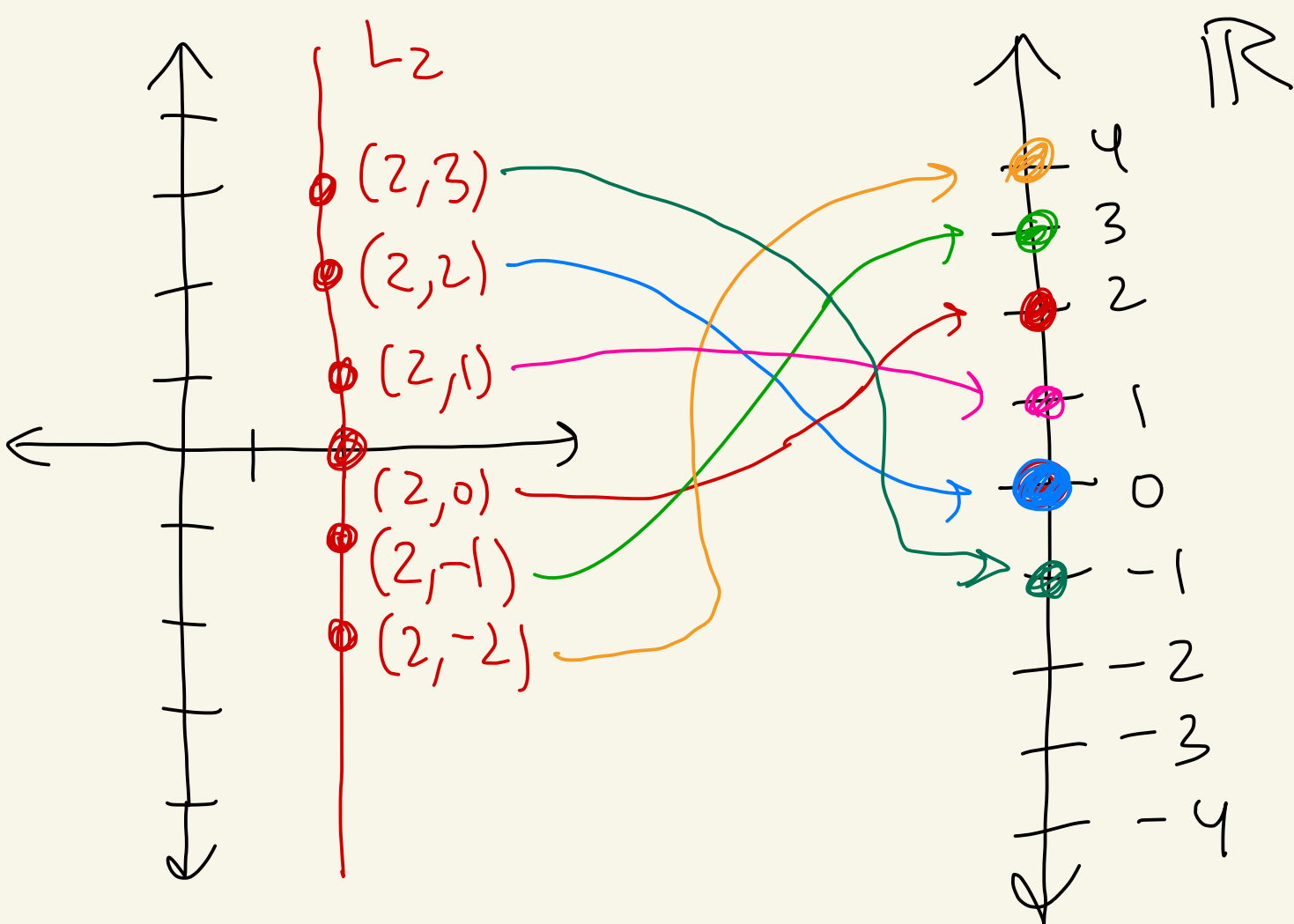
$$f: L_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ is } f(x, y) = y$$



Let's make a new ruler using the above theorem with  $a = 2$  and  $\varepsilon = -1$ .

Let  $h = h_{a, \varepsilon} = h_{2, -1}$  be as above.

$$\text{So, } h(P) = (-1) \cdot [f(P) - 2]$$



$$h(2,0) = -[f(2,0) - 2] = -[0 - 2] = 2$$

$$h(2,2) = -[f(2,2) - 2] = -[2 - 2] = 0$$

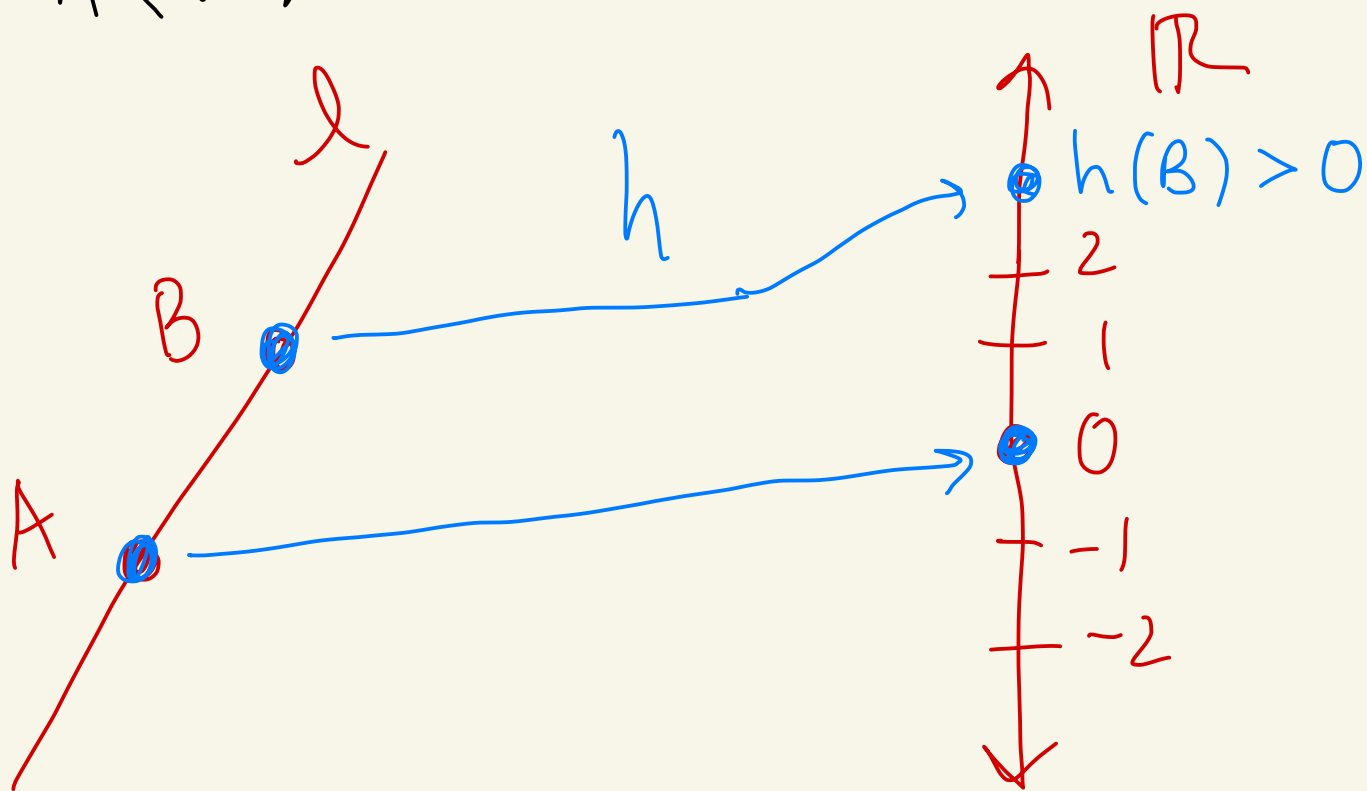
Theorem: (Ruler placement theorem)

Let  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, d)$  be a metric geometry. Let  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  be a line. Let  $A, B \in l$ .

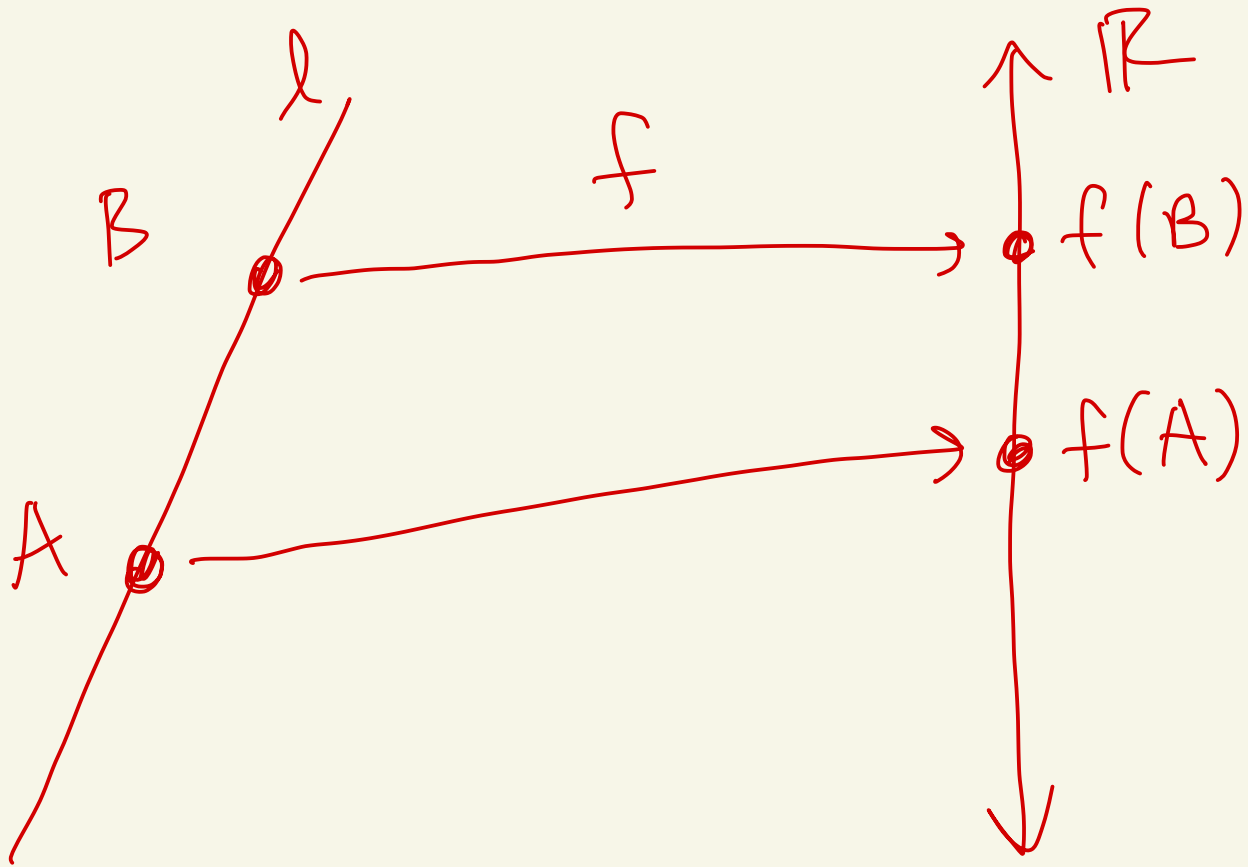
Then there exists a ruler

$h: l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where

$h(A) = 0$  and  $h(B) > 0$ .



proof: We are in a metric geometry. Thus there exists a ruler  $f: l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for  $l$ .



Case 1: Suppose  $f(B) > f(A)$

Then define

$$h(P) = \underbrace{1}_{\epsilon=1} \cdot \underbrace{(f(P) - f(A))}_{\text{shift } f \text{ by } f(A)}$$

Then  $h$  is a ruler by the previous theorem and

$$h(A) = f(A) - f(A) = 0$$

$$h(B) = f(B) - f(A) > 0$$

$$\uparrow \boxed{f(B) > f(A)}$$

Case 2: Suppose  $f(B) < f(A)$

Then define

$$h(P) = (-1) \cdot [f(P) - f(A)]$$

$$\boxed{\xi = -1}$$

shift  $f$  by  $f(A)$

Then  $h$  is a ruler by the previous theorem and

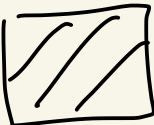
$$h(A) = (-1) \cdot [f(A) - f(A)] = 0$$

$$h(B) = (-1) \cdot [f(B) - f(A)] = f(A) - f(B) > 0$$

since  $f(B) < f(A)$



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Example: Consider the Euclidean plane. Let  $A = (1, 0)$  and  $B = (-1, 2)$ .

Let  $l = \overleftrightarrow{AB}$

Find a ruler  $h: l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

where  $h(A) = 0$  and  $h(B) > 0$ .

Solution:

A and B lie on

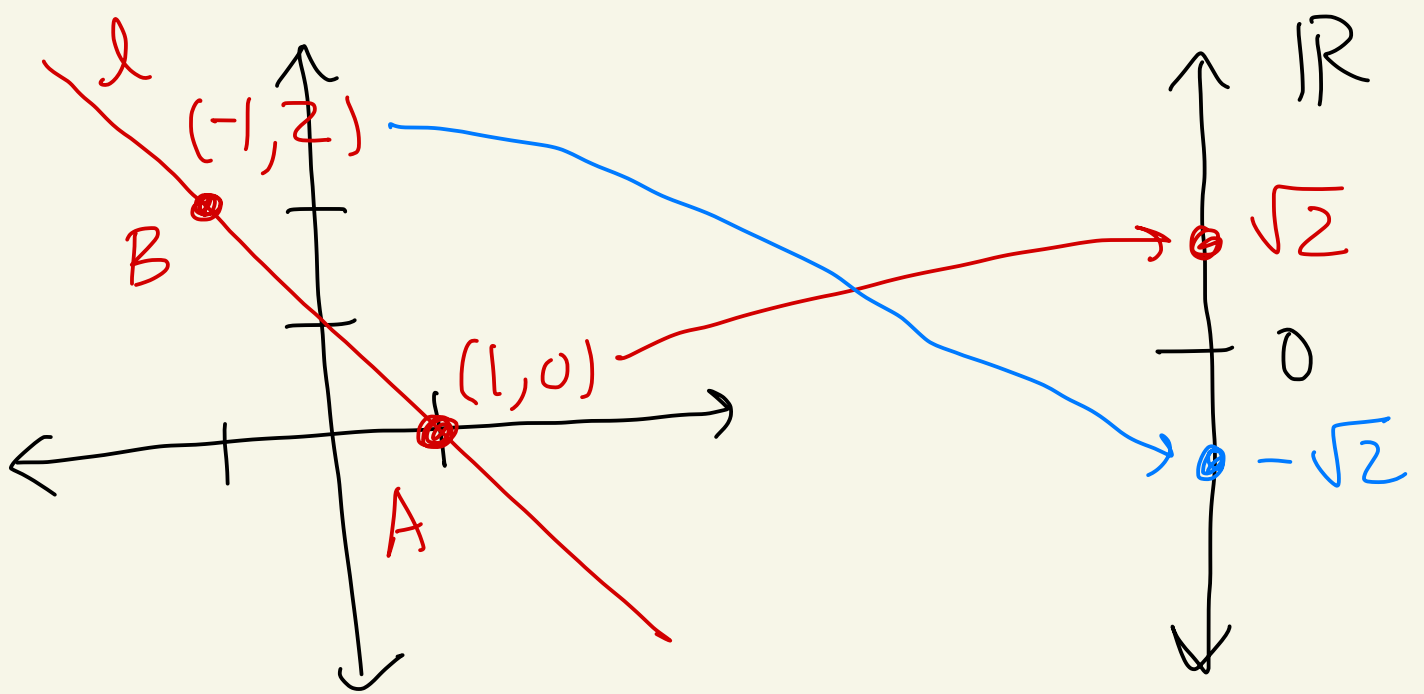
$$l = L_{-1,1} = \{ (x, y) \mid y = -x + 1 \}$$

The standard is  $f: l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

where  $f(x, y) = \sqrt{2} x$

$m = -1$

standard ruler on  $L_{m,b}$   
 $f(x, y) = x \sqrt{1 + m^2}$

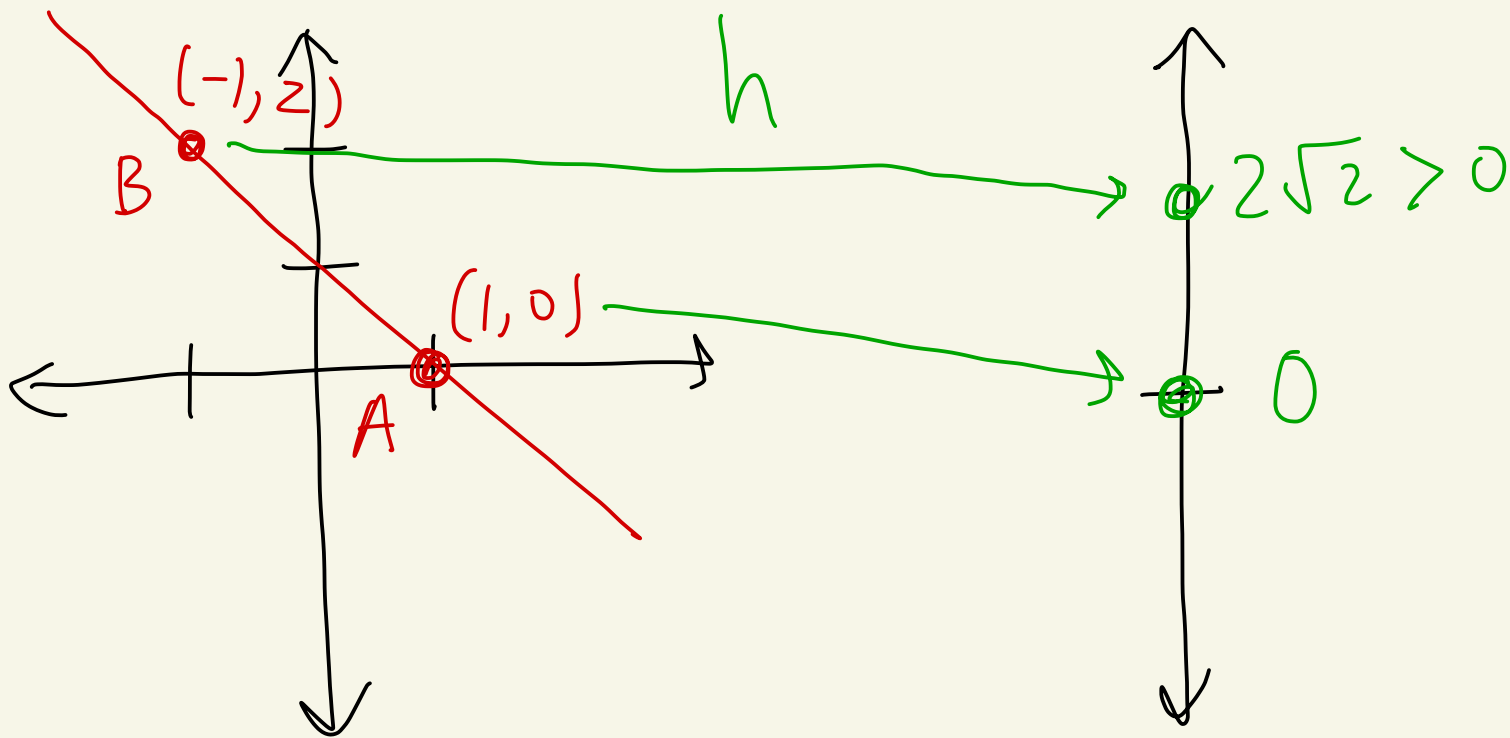


In this case  $f(B) < f(A)$   
 so we need to both shift +  
 and flip!

The formula for  $h$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(P) &= \underbrace{(-1)}_{\substack{\text{flip} \\ \xi = -1 \\ \text{to make} \\ h(B) > 0}} \cdot \underbrace{[f(P) - f(A)]}_{\substack{\text{shift to make} \\ h(A) = 0}} \\
 &= f(A) - f(P)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } h(x,y) &= f(A) - f(x,y) \\
 &= \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}x
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{So, } h(x,y) &= f(A) - f(x,y) \\ &= \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}x \end{aligned}} \right] P=(x,y)$$



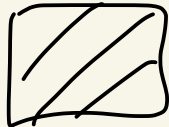
$$h(A) = h(1,0) = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}(1) = 0$$

$$h(B) = h(-1,2) = \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}(-1) = 2\sqrt{2} > 0$$

Theorem: Let  $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{L}, d)$  be a metric geometry. Let  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $f: l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a ruler. If  $g: l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is another ruler for  $l$ , then there exists  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varepsilon = \pm 1$  where

$$g(P) = \varepsilon (f(P) - a)$$

for all  $P \in l$ .

proof: See Millman/Parker  
page 39. 

# Topic 3 - More on the Euclidean plane

Def: Let  $A = (x_1, y_1)$   
and  $B = (x_2, y_2)$  be in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Define the following:

$$(i) \quad A + B = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$$

$$(ii) \quad \alpha A = (\alpha x_1, \alpha y_1)$$

$$(iii) \quad A - B = (x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2)$$

$$(iv) \quad \langle A, B \rangle = x_1 x_2 + y_1 y_2$$

$$(v) \quad \|A\| = \sqrt{\langle A, A \rangle}$$

$$= \sqrt{x_1^2 + y_1^2}$$

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Ex: Let  $A = (1, 2)$  and  
 $B = (-1, 5)$

Then,

$$A + B = (1 - 1, 2 + 5) = (0, 7)$$

$$3A = (3(1), 3(2)) = (3, 6)$$

$$A - B = (1 - (-1), 2 - 5) = (2, -3)$$

$$\langle A, B \rangle = (1)(-1) + (2)(5) = 9$$

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

