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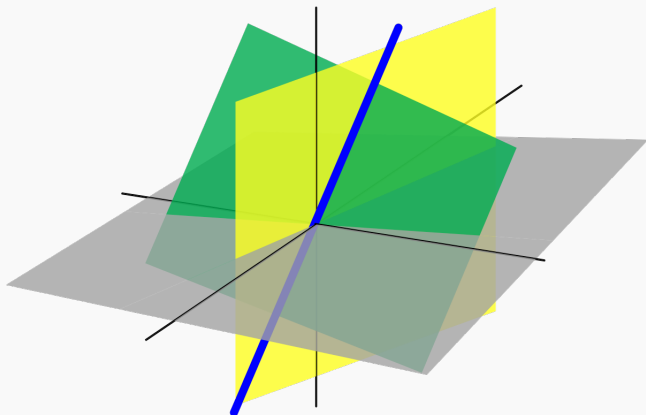
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# Joke fail

Yes, I did ask Sheldon to move my talk to the morning



# Once upon a time in Linear Algebra





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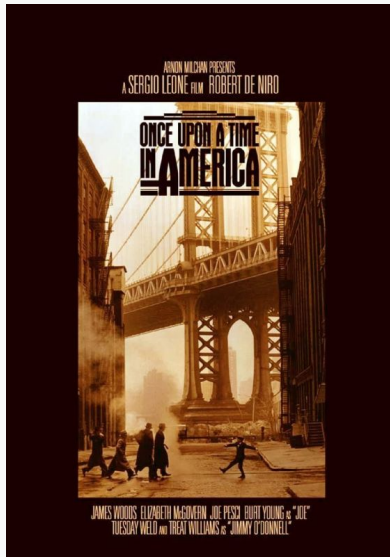
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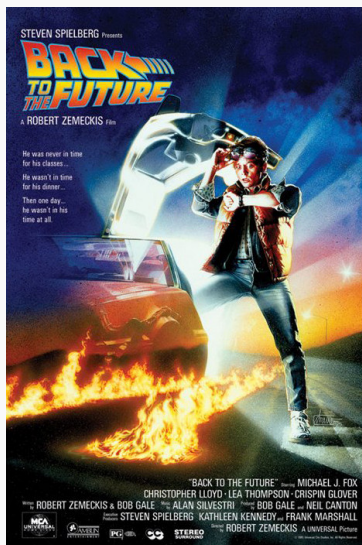


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So, in the end, norming or morning?



*Thank you for your attention!*

I came in to the office early and switched as many M and N keys on keyboards as I could. Some might say I'm a monster but others will say nomster.

