

# Expressing array programs

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# Purely functional array languages/libraries

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- Combinator based (map, fold, scan, filter, etc..)
- High-level
- Declarative
- Data-parallel
- Accelerate is a good example

# Accelerate

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An Accelerate computation

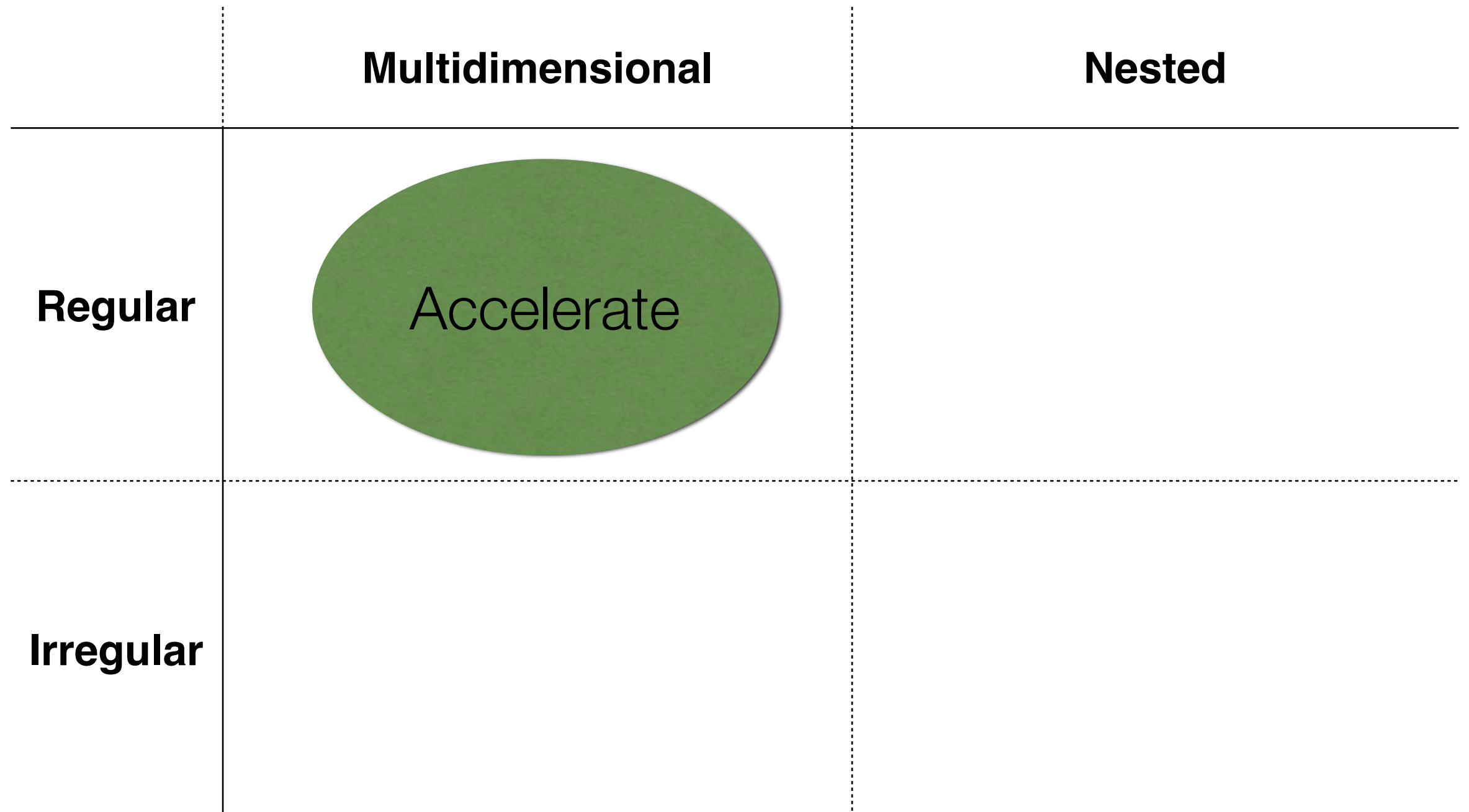
```
type Vector e = Array (Z::Int) e
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type Scalar e = Array Z e
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```
dotp :: Acc (Vector Float) -> Acc (Vector Float) -> Acc (Scalar Float)  
dotp xs ys = fold (+) 0 (zipWith (*) xs ys)
```

# Array languages

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# Modularity

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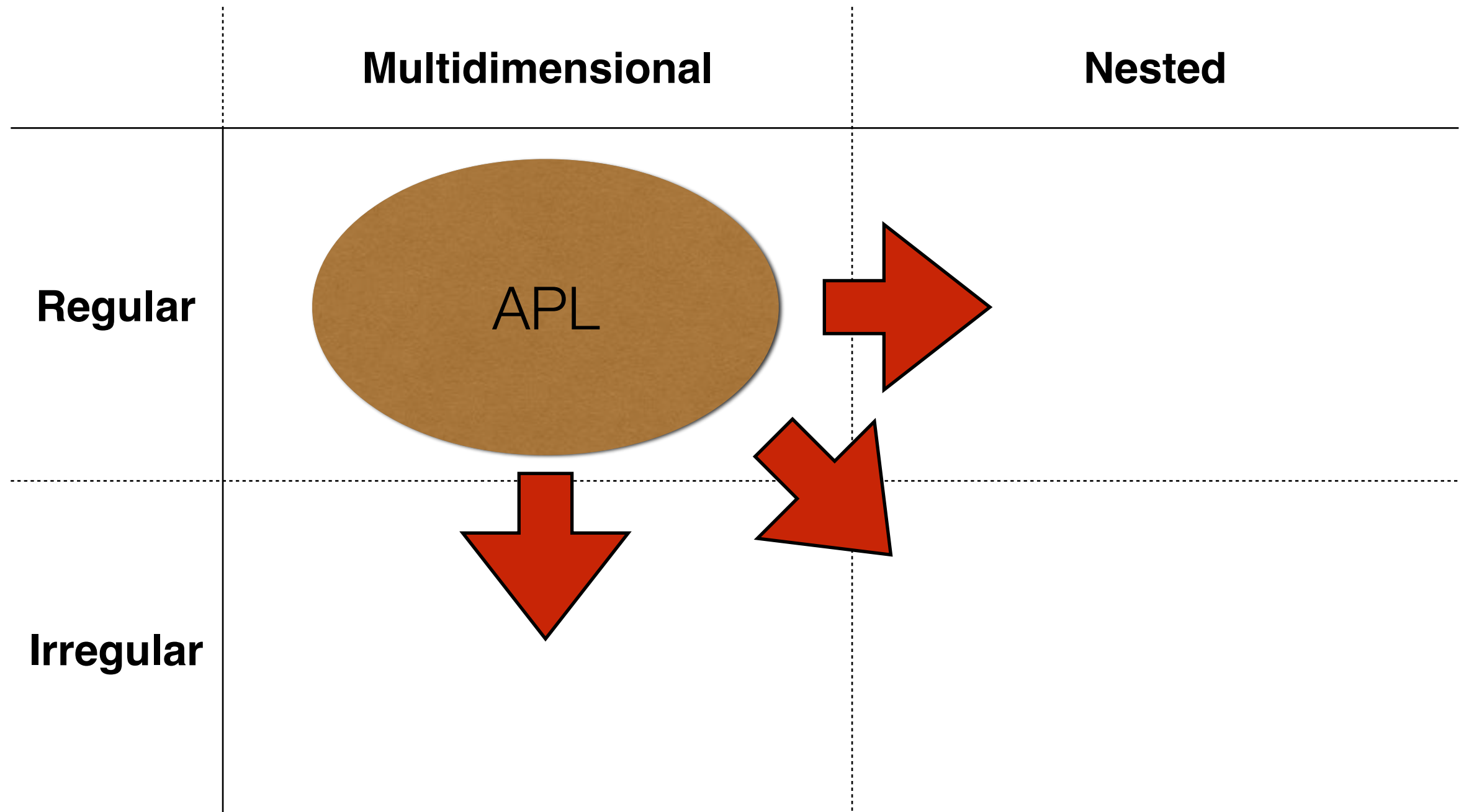
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type Matrix e = Array (Z::Int::Int) e
```

```
mvm :: Acc (Matrix Float) -> Acc (Vector Float) -> Acc (Vector Float)
mvm m v = fold (+) 0 (zipWith (*) m (replicate (Z:: height m :: All) v))
```

```
mvmapl m v = dotp m v*
```

\* Not actual APL

# Arrays



# Modularity

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type Matrix e = Array DIM2 e
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~~$mvm_{apl} m v = dotp m v^*$~~

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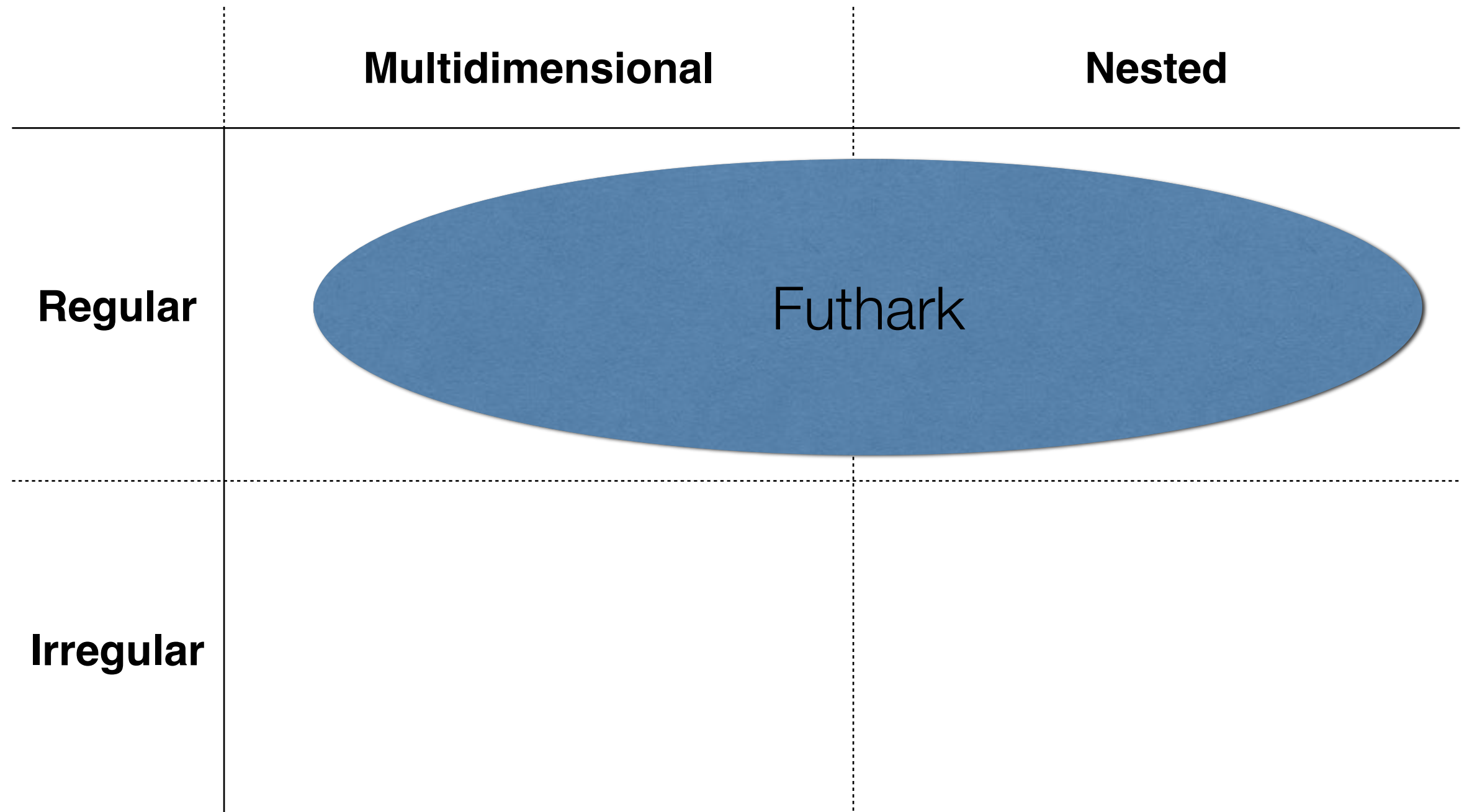
```
mvmn :: Acc (Matrix Float) -> Acc (Vector Float) -> Acc (Vector Float)
mvmn m v = concatz (map (dotp v) (rows m))
```

```
rows :: Acc (Array (sh:.Int) e) -> Acc (Array sh (Vector Int))
```

```
concatz :: Acc (Array sh (Scalar e)) -> Acc (Array sh e)
```

# Modularity

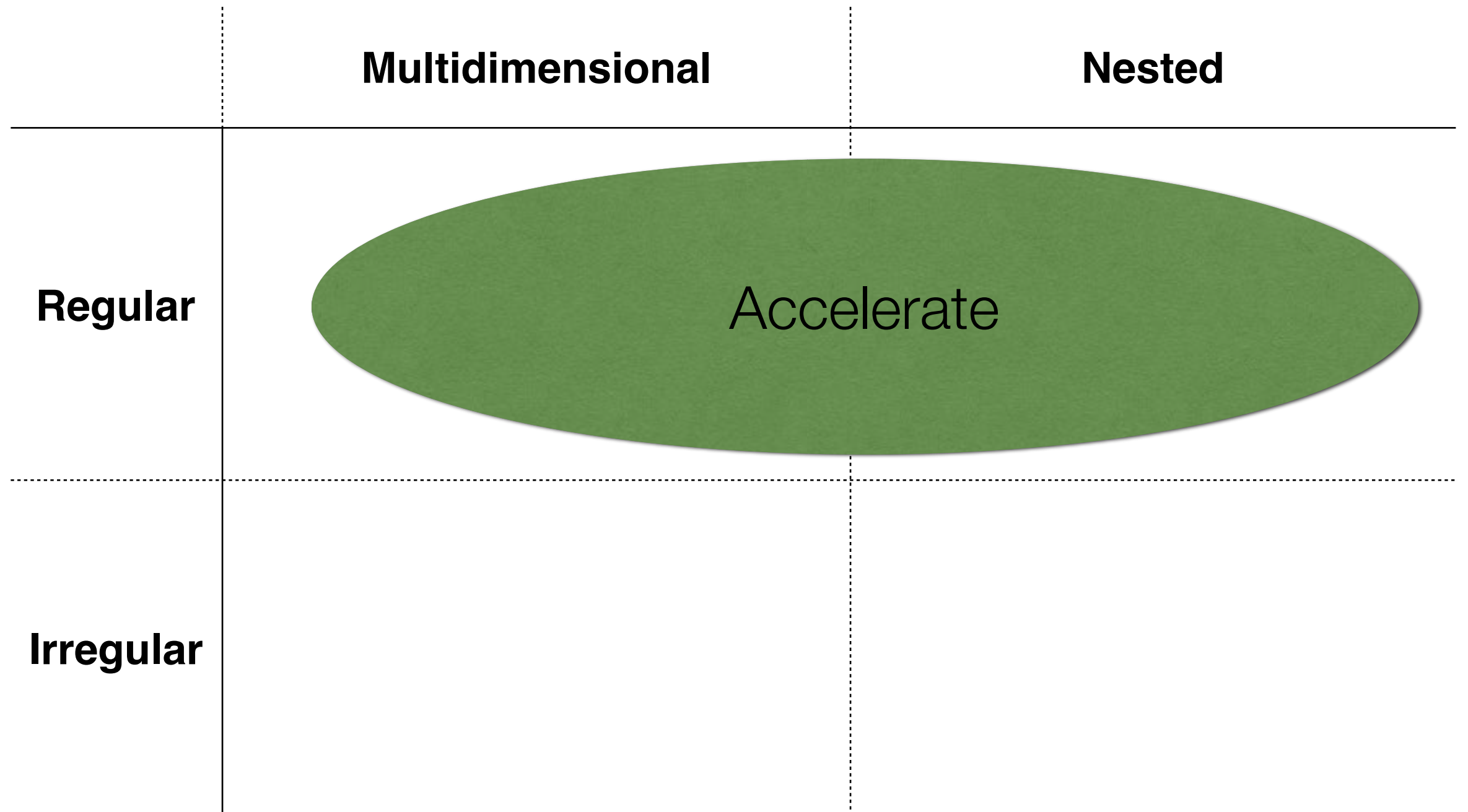
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# Modularity

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# Irregularity

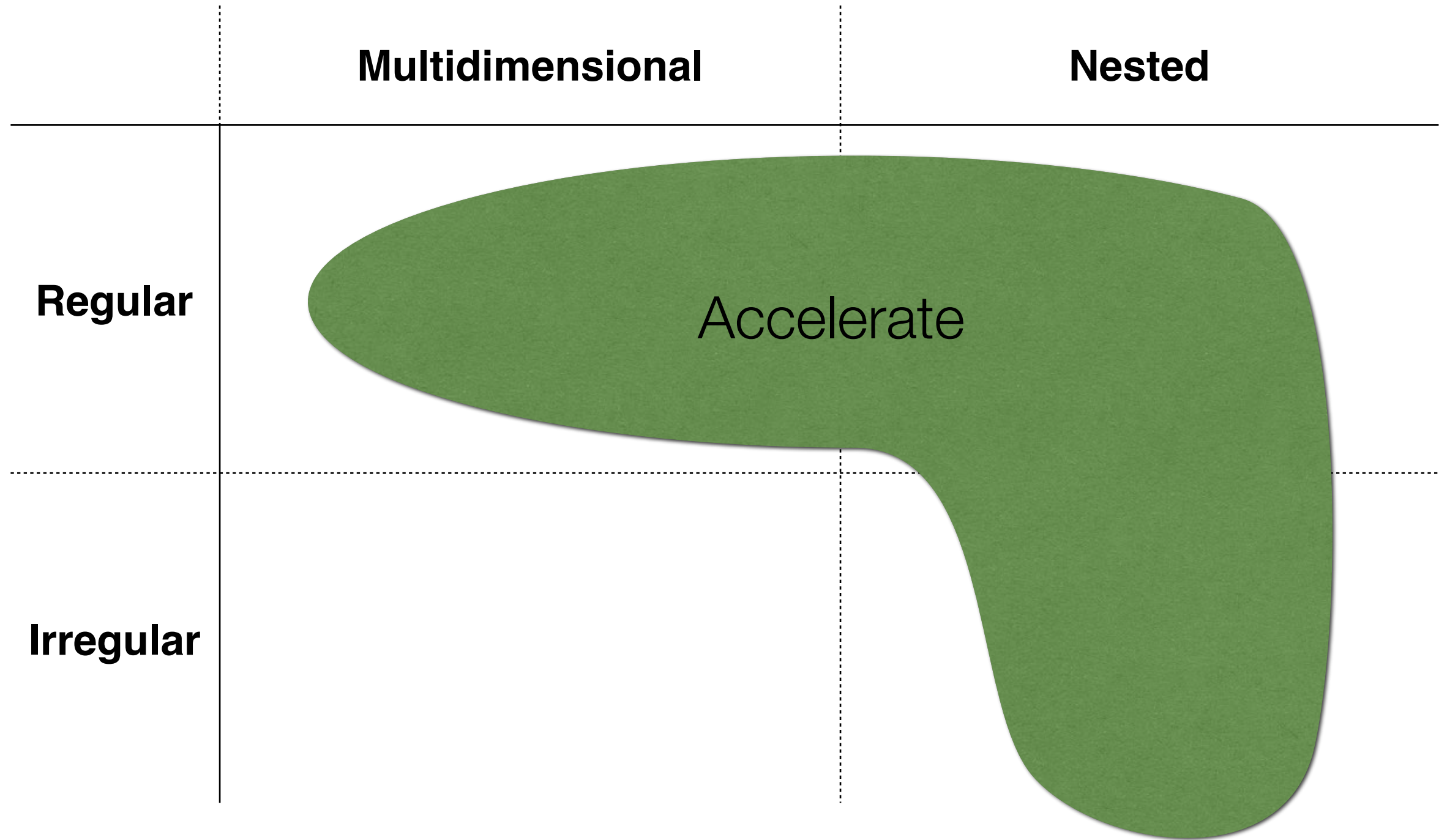
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```
type SparseVector e = Vector (Int, Vector e)
type SparseMatrix e = Vector (SparseVector e)

smvm :: SparseMatrix e -> Vector e -> Vector e
smvm m v = map (\sv -> let (ixs, vals) = unzip sv
                        in dotp vals (gather ixs v))
```

# Two camps

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# Array representation


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- Big topic
- The basics

`Vector (Vector e)  $\implies$  (Vector Int, Vector e)`

# Two camps

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	<b>Multidimensional</b>	<b>Nested</b>
<b>Regular</b>		
<b>Irregular</b>		

# Array representation

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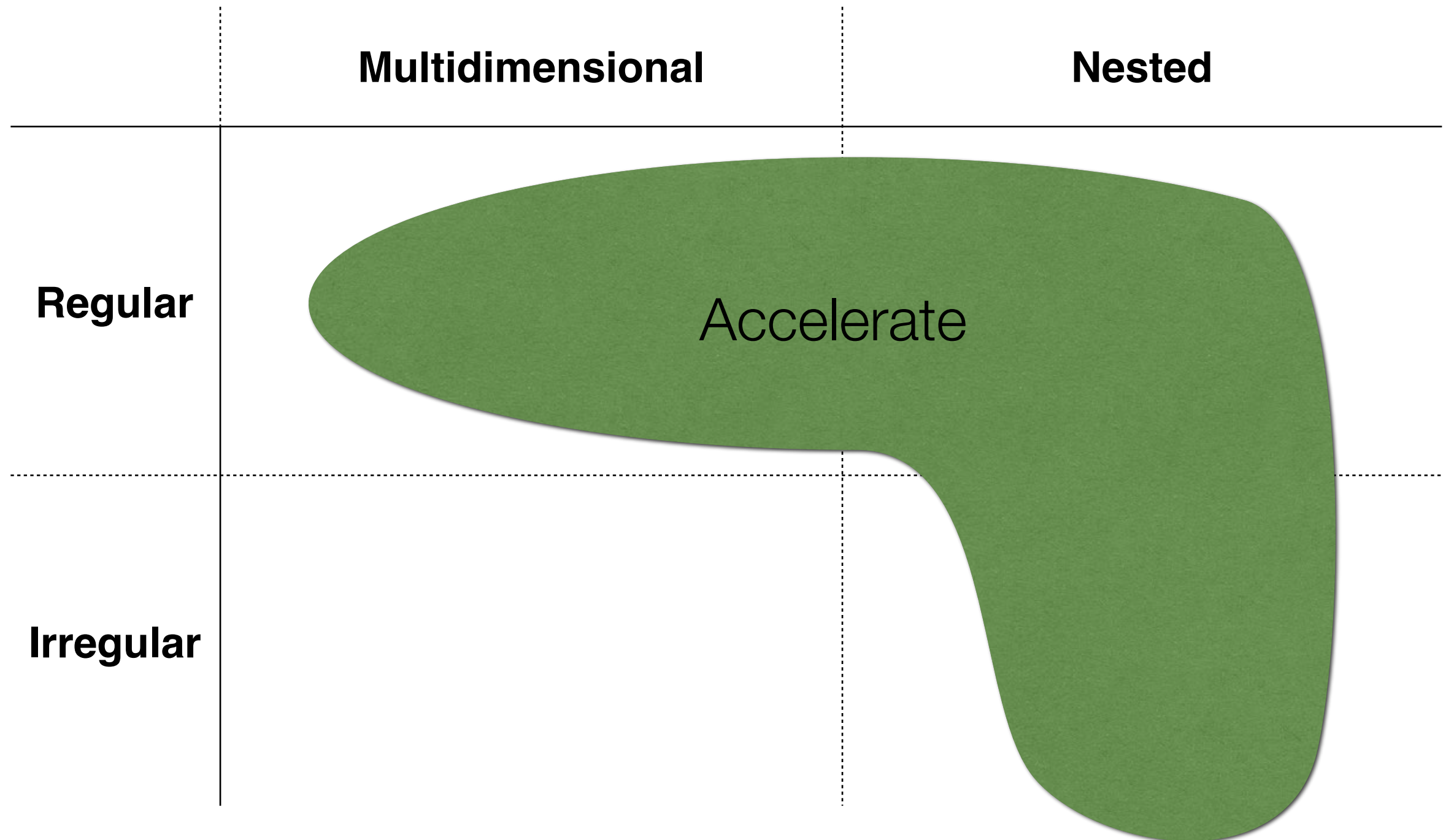
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- Not so good for regular
- Two representations?
- What about one for both?

# Array representation

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# Irregular multidimensional arrays

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```
type Ints ≈ Vector Int
```

```
Array (Z:.Int:.Ints) e
```

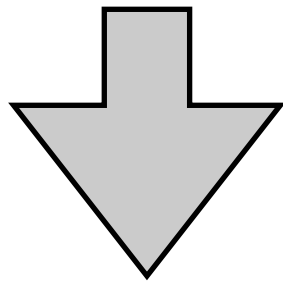
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Array (Z:.Int:.Ints:.Int) e
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# Regularity aware flattening

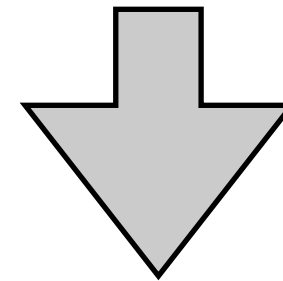
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```
rows m :: Vector (Vector Float)
```



```
Array (Z::Int::Int) Float
```

```
map (filter (>0)) rows m  
  :: Vector (Vector Float)
```



```
Array (Z::Int::Ints) Float
```

# MVM again

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```
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mvmn m v = concatz (map (dotp v) (rows m))
```

```
mvmn m v = (dotp v)↑ m
```

```
dotp v :: Acc (Vector Float) -> Acc (Scalar Float)
```

```
(dotp v)↑ :: Acc (Array (sh:.i) Int) -> Acc (Array sh Int)
```

```
(dotp v) ys = let sh :: _ = shape ys
               in fold (+) 0 (zipWith (replicate (sh:.All) v) ys)
```

# This approach

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- Advantages

- Only pay for irregularity when it's really needed
- Defers scheduling decisions

`Array (Z::Int::Ints::Int)`

- Disadvantages

- Requires a richer implementation
- The result type of a transformed function is unknown till after transformation