

# **LU Factorization + Graphics**

**Geometric Algorithms  
Lecture 14**

# Introduction

# Recap Problem

*Consider the matrix*

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -4 & 2 \\ -1 & -4 & 1 \\ 2 & 8 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Find a general form solution for the equation*  
 **$A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .**

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echelon form

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$$\begin{array}{c} x_1 \quad x_2 \quad x_3 \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

step 3: find the **pivot** positions and  
determine what variables to make  
basic and **free**

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = -4x_2$$

$x_2$  is free

$$x_3 = 0$$

step 4: write down the general form  
solution by the procedure from  
Lecture 3

# Objectives

1. Finish discussion of LU factorization, with an eye towards performance
2. Look at linear algebraic methods in graphics
3. Briefly discuss Homework 7



# Keywords

elementary matrices

LU factorization

wireframe objects

homogeneous coordinates

translation

perspective projections

**Recap**

# Recall: LU Factorization at a High Level

Given a  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$ , we are going to factorize  $A$  as

Echelon form of  $A$

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# Recall: A New Perspective on Gaussian Elimination

The forward part of Gaussian  
elimination is matrix  
factorization

# Recall: Elementary Matrices and Row Operations

**Definition.** An **elementary matrix** is a matrix obtained by applying a single row operation to the identity matrix  $I$ .

**Example.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + 3R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Fact.** Any elementary row can be implemented by an elementary matrix.

# Recall: Gaussian Elimination and Elementary Matrices

$$A \sim A_1 \sim A_2 \sim \dots \sim A_k$$

Consider a sequence of elementary row operations from  $A$  to an echelon form.

Each step can be represent as a **product with an elementary matrix.**

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# LU Factorization Algorithm

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1  FUNCTION LU_Factorization(A):  
2      L ← identity matrix  
3      U ← A  
4      convert U to an echelon form by GE forward step # without swaps  
5      FOR each row operation OP in the prev step:  
6          E ← the matrix implementing OP  
7          L ← L @ E-1      # note the multiplication on the right  
8      RETURN (L, U)      this isn't actually how this implemented
```

demo

# How To: LU Factorization by hand

**Question.** Find a LU Factorization for the matrix  $A$  (assuming no swaps).

**Solution.**

- » Start with  $L$  as the identity matrix.
- » Find  $U$  by the forward part of GE.
- » For each operation  $R_i \leftarrow R_i + kR_j$ , set  $L_{ij}$  to  $-k$ .

# Solving Systems using the LU Factorization

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**Substitute  $LU$  for  $A$**

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$$L(U\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{b}$$

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**Rearrange matrix-vector multiplications**

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**Multiply by  $L^{-1}$  on both sides**

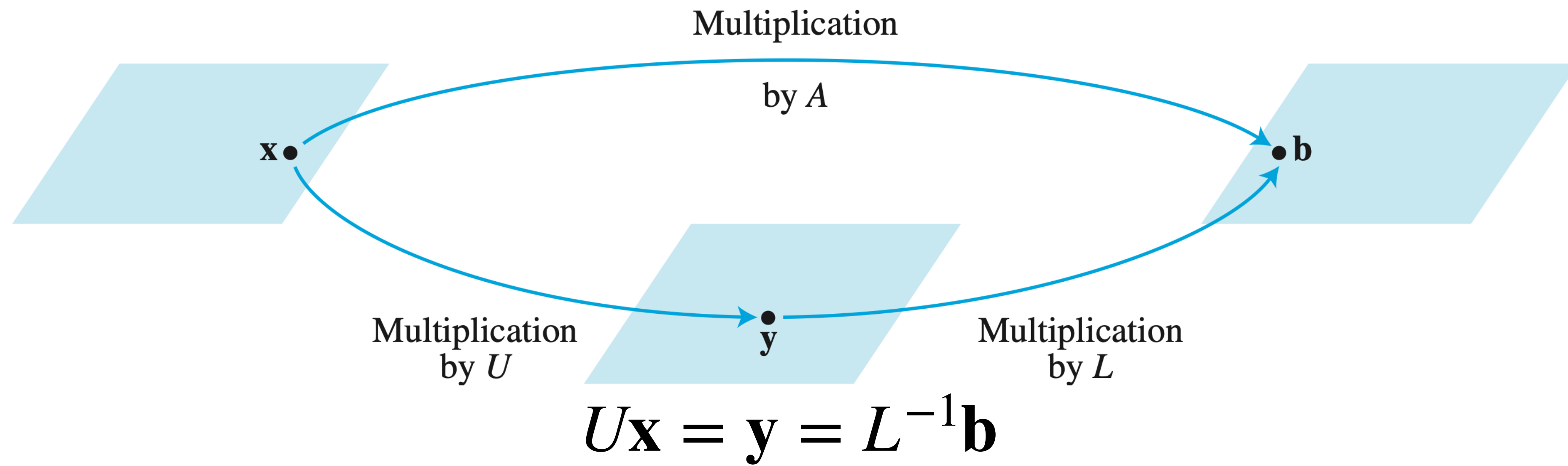
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**A solution to  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$  is the same as a solution to  $U\mathbf{x} = L^{-1}\mathbf{b}$**

# Solving systems with the LU (Pictorially)



If  $A$  maps  $\mathbf{x}$  to  $\mathbf{b}$ , then  $U$  maps  $\mathbf{x}$  to some vector  $\mathbf{y}$  which is mapped to  $\mathbf{b}$  by  $L$ .

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**Solving  $Ax = b$  takes  $\sim \frac{2}{3}n^3$  FLOPS**



# FLOPS for $L\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$

$L$  is a **lower triangular** matrix. The system can be solved in  $\sim n^2$  FLOPS by forward substitution.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ a_{21} & 1 & 0 \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = b_1$$

$$x_2 = b_2 - a_{21}x_1$$

$$x_3 = b_3 - a_{31}x_1 - a_{32}x_2$$

# FLOPS for $U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v}$

$U$  is in *echelon form*. We only need to perform back substitution, which can be done in  $\sim n^2$  FLOPS.

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline & & & & & \mathbf{v} \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{back substitution}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 0 & * & 0 & * & \\ 0 & 1 & * & 0 & * & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \\ \hline & & & & & \mathbf{w} \end{array} \right]$$

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# FLOP Comparison

	Preprocessing	Solving
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<b>Matrix Inversion</b>	$\sim 2n^3$	$\sim 2n^2$
<b>LU Factorization</b>	$\sim \frac{2}{3}n^3$	$\sim 2n^2$

If you solve several matrix equations for the same matrix, **LU factorization** is faster than **matrix inversion** on the *first* equation, and the same (in the worst case) in later equation.



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Sparse matrices are faster to compute with and better with respect to storage.

( switching gears . . . )

**Graphics**

# Disclaimer

I am not an expert in this field.



# Motivation (or Pretty Pictures)

Graphics doesn't need much motivation.

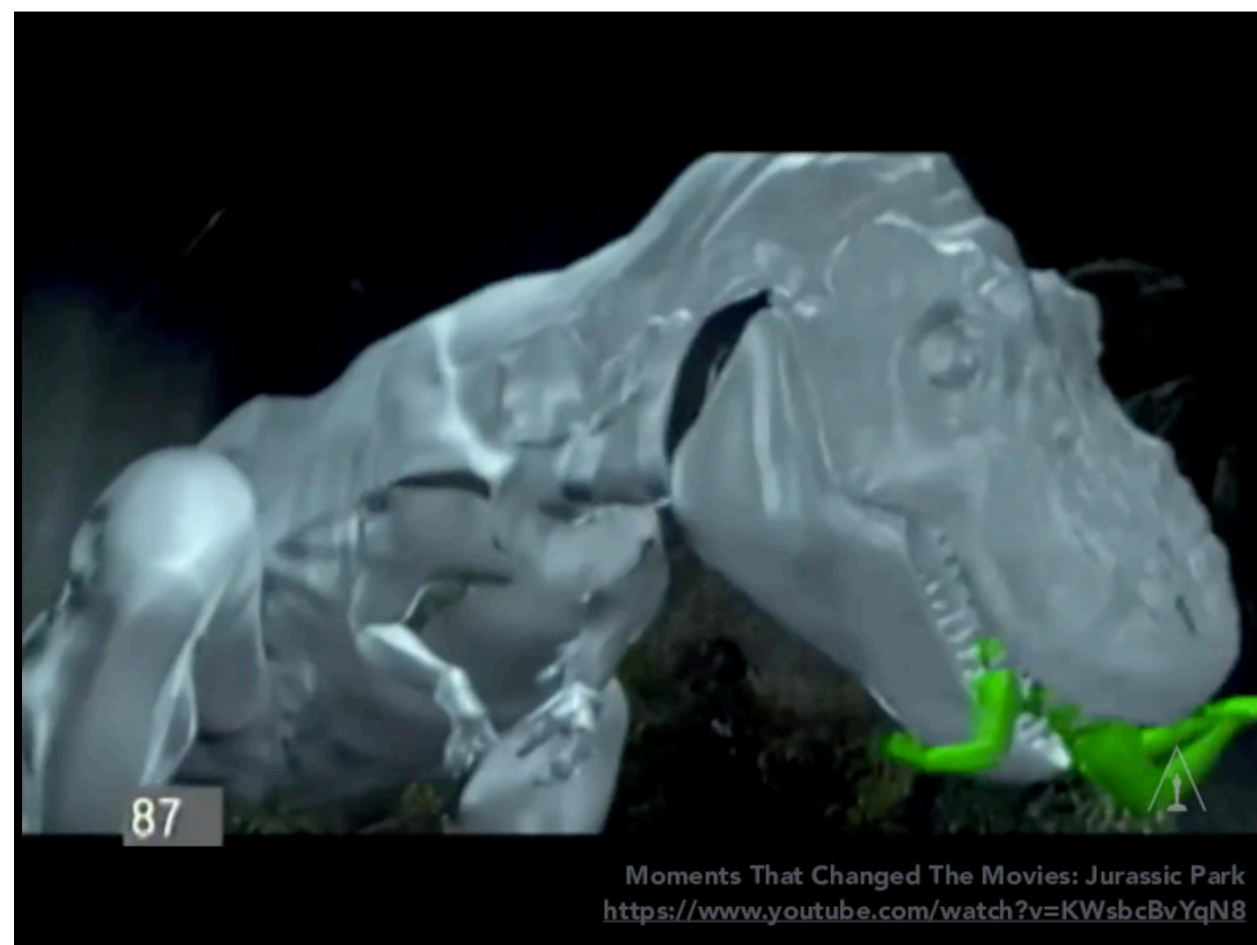
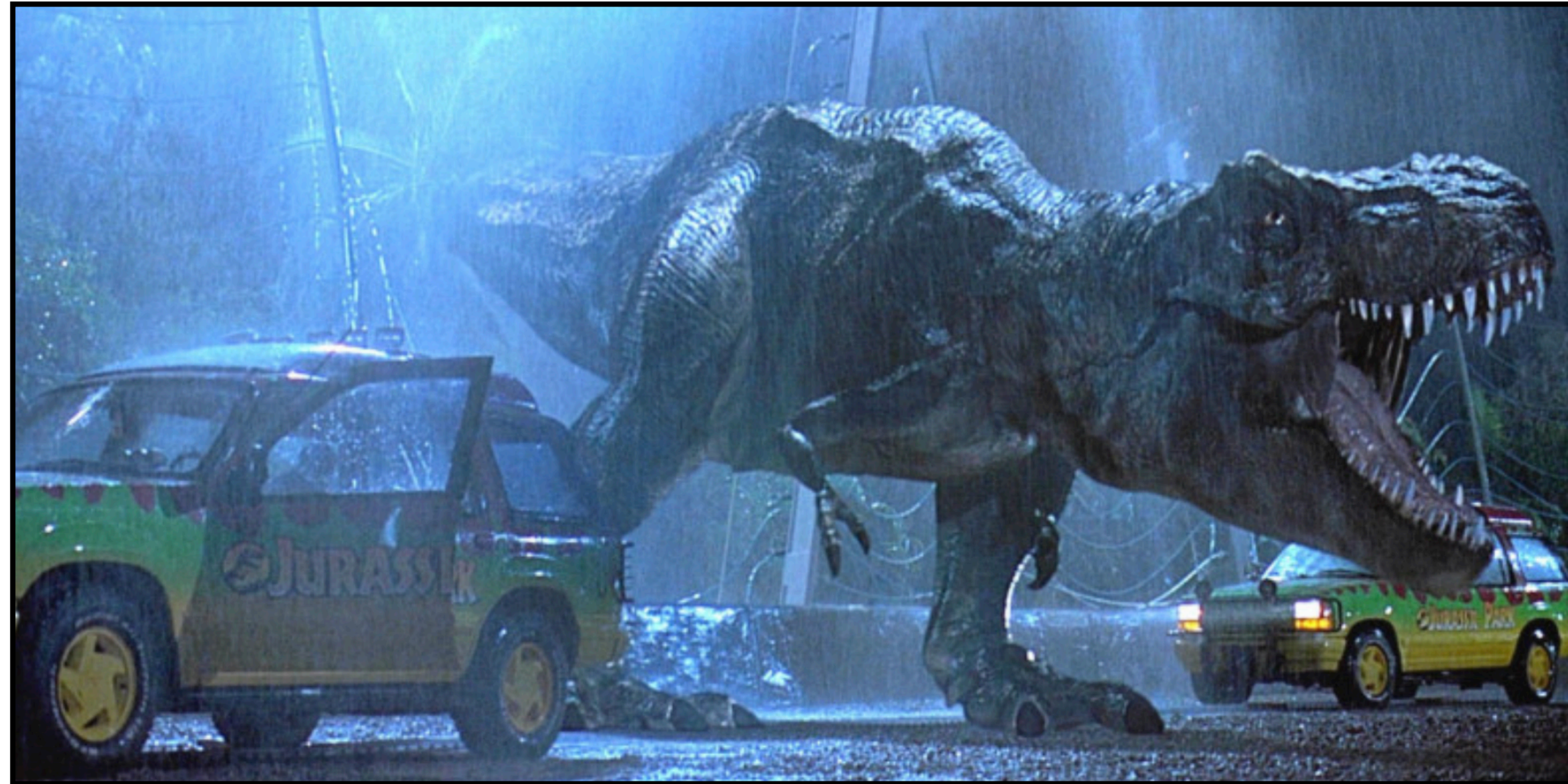
We spend so much time interacting graphics in one form or another.

But in case you haven't thought too much about it, some examples...

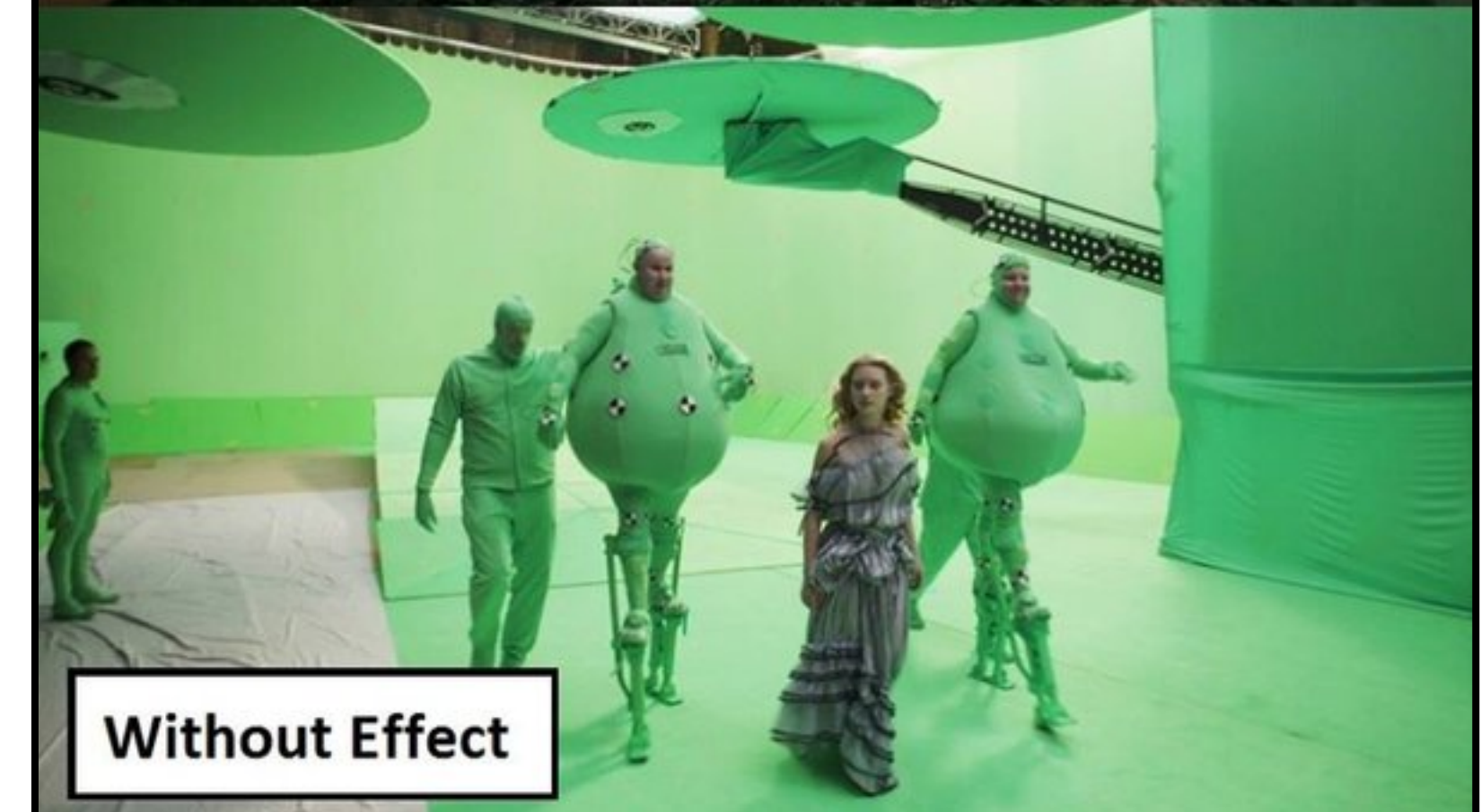


# Movies

Jurassic Park (1993)



Alice in Wonderland (2010)





# Motion Capture

Two Towers (2002)





# Video Games

Unreal Engine 5 (2020)



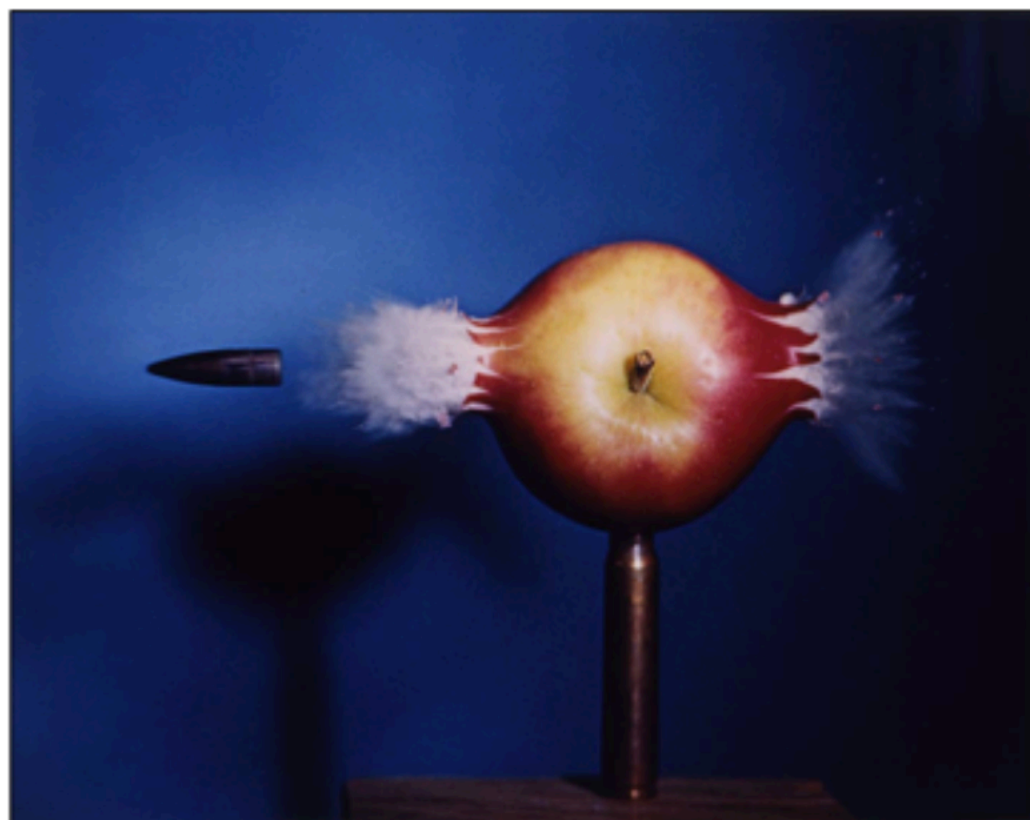
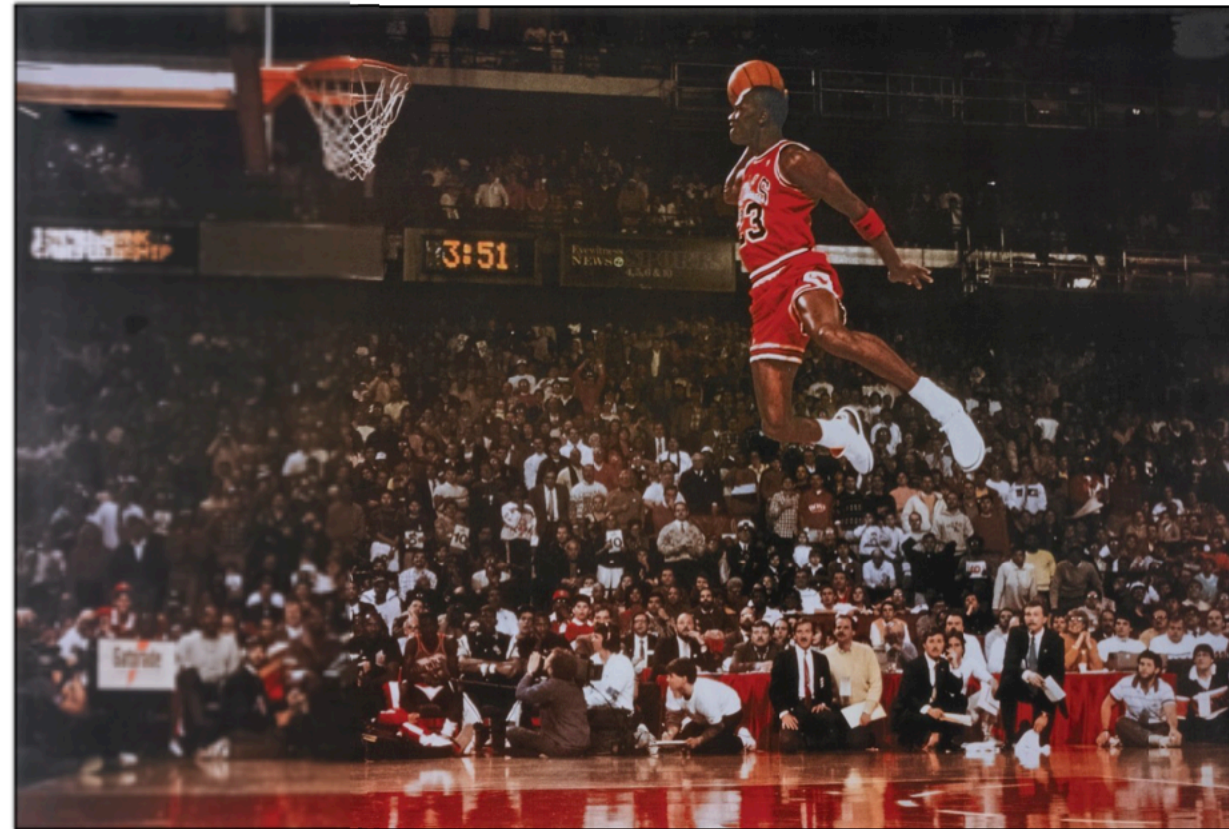
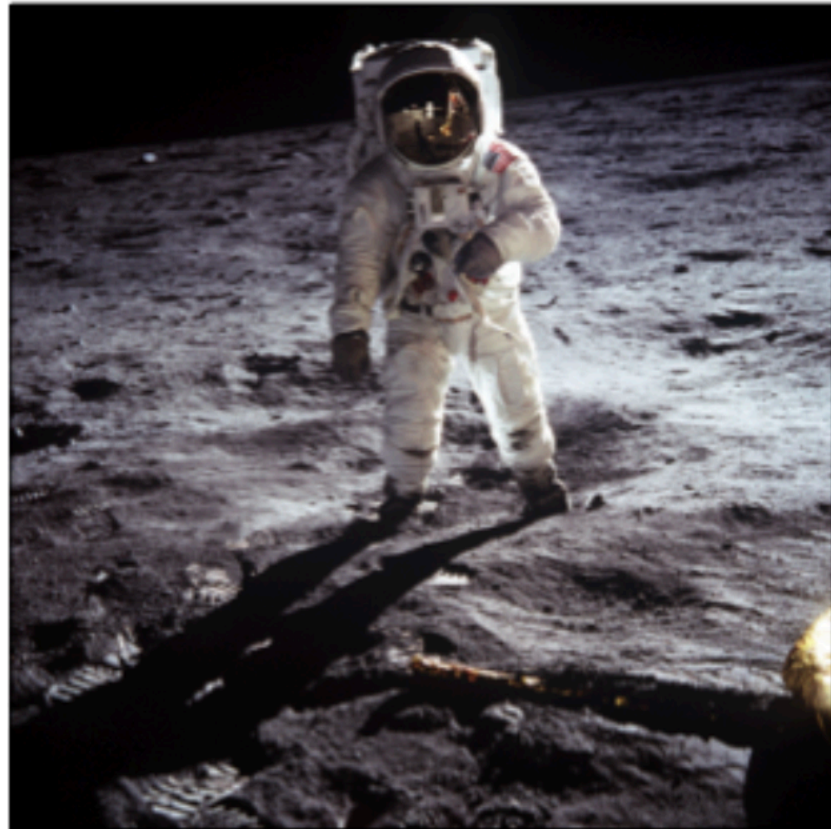
# Scientific Visualization

First image of a black hole (2022)





# Photography



NASA | Walter Iooss | Steve McCurry  
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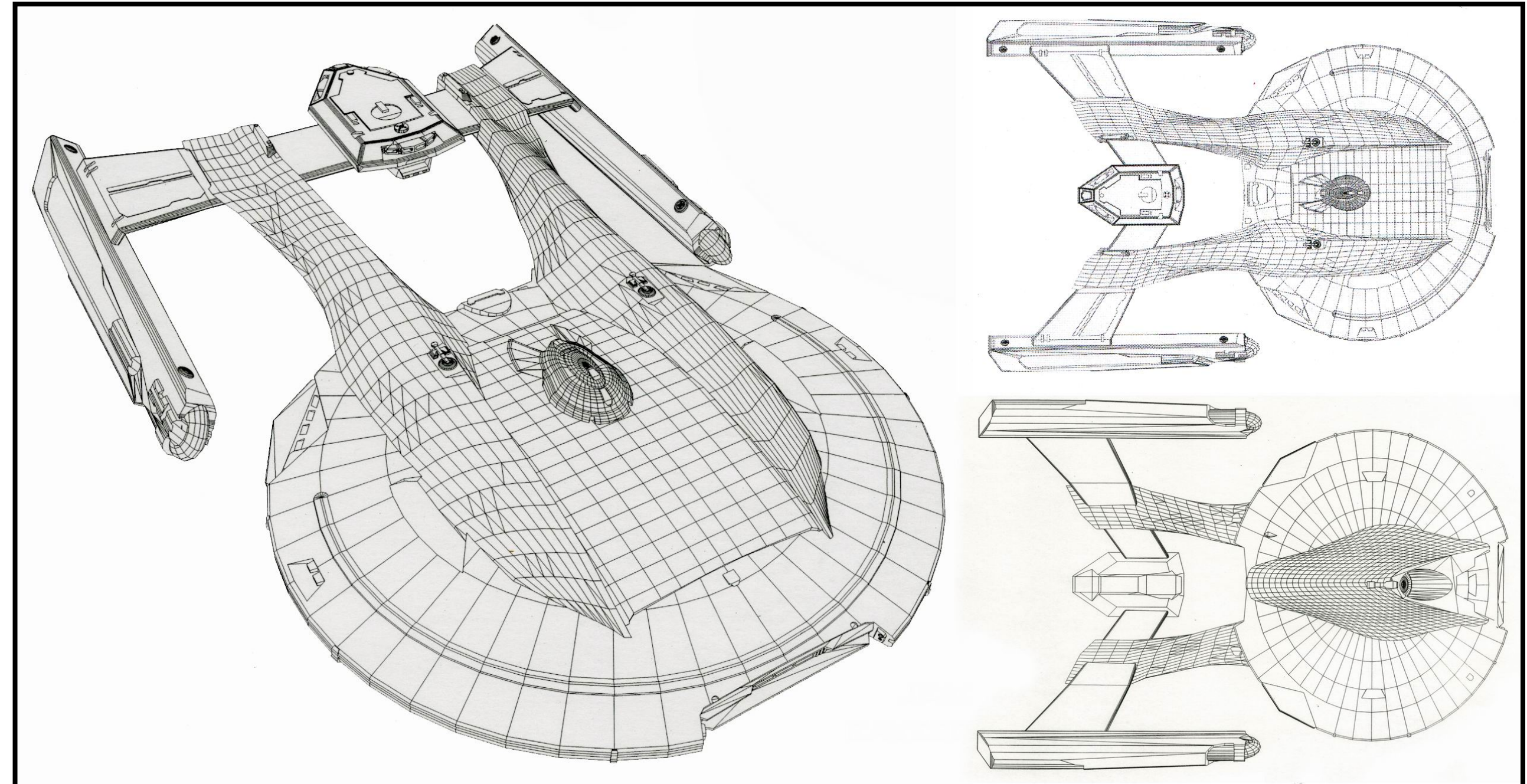


# Graphics and Linear Algebra

# 3D Graphics

There are many facets of computer graphics, but we will be focusing on one problem today:

*Manipulating and Transforming 3D objects and rendering them on a screen.*





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# Wire Frames

A **wire frame** is representation of a surface as a collection of polygons and line segments.

Transformations on line segments and polygons are **linear**.



# Transformations

We've seen many 2D transformations

- » Reflections
- » Expansion
- » Shearing
- » Projection

We've seen some 3D transformations

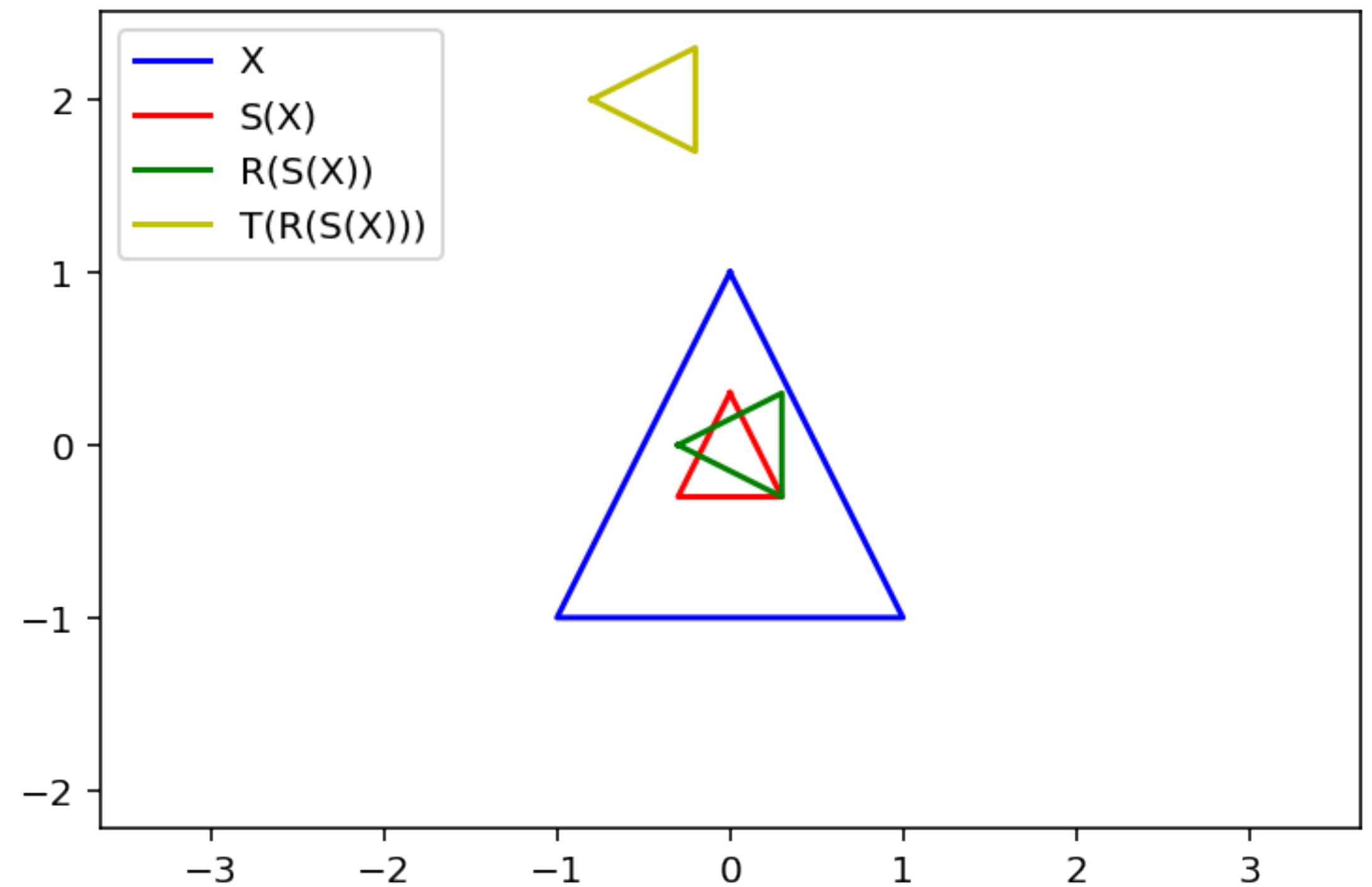
- » Rotations
- » Projections



# Composing Transformations

**Recall.** Multiplying matrices **composes** their associated transformations.

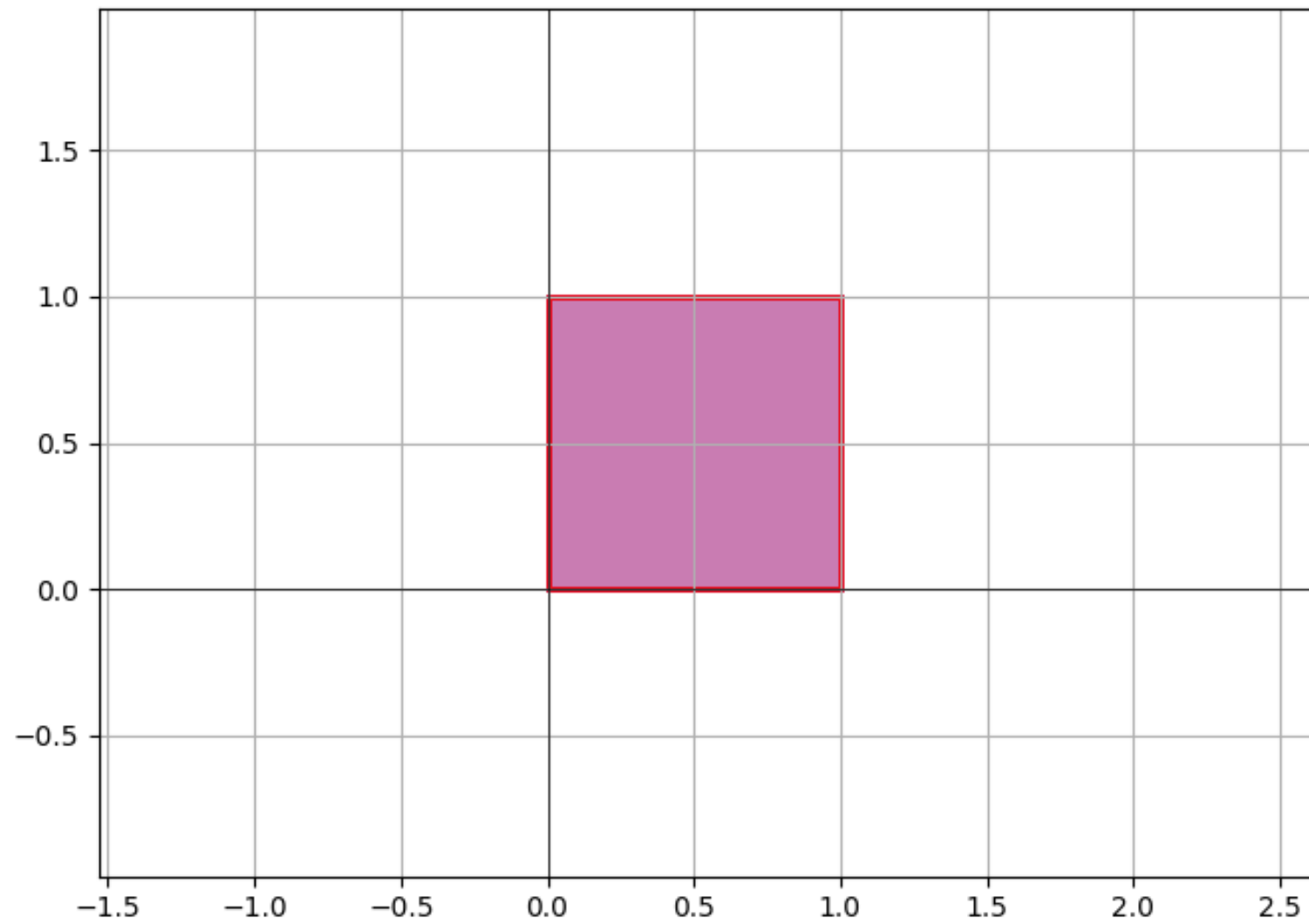
So complex graphical transformations can be combined into a single matrix.



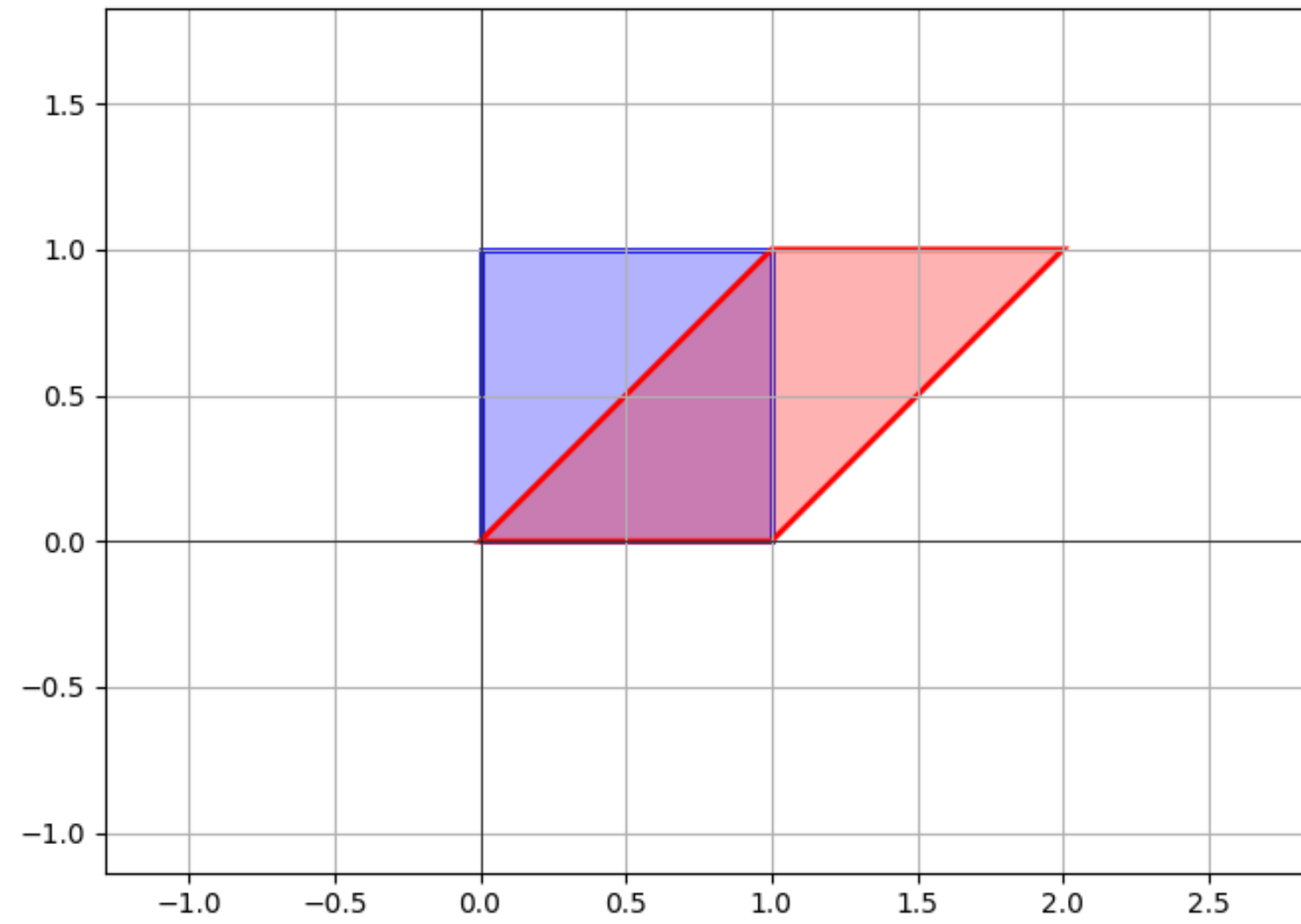


# Shearing and Reflecting (Geometrically)

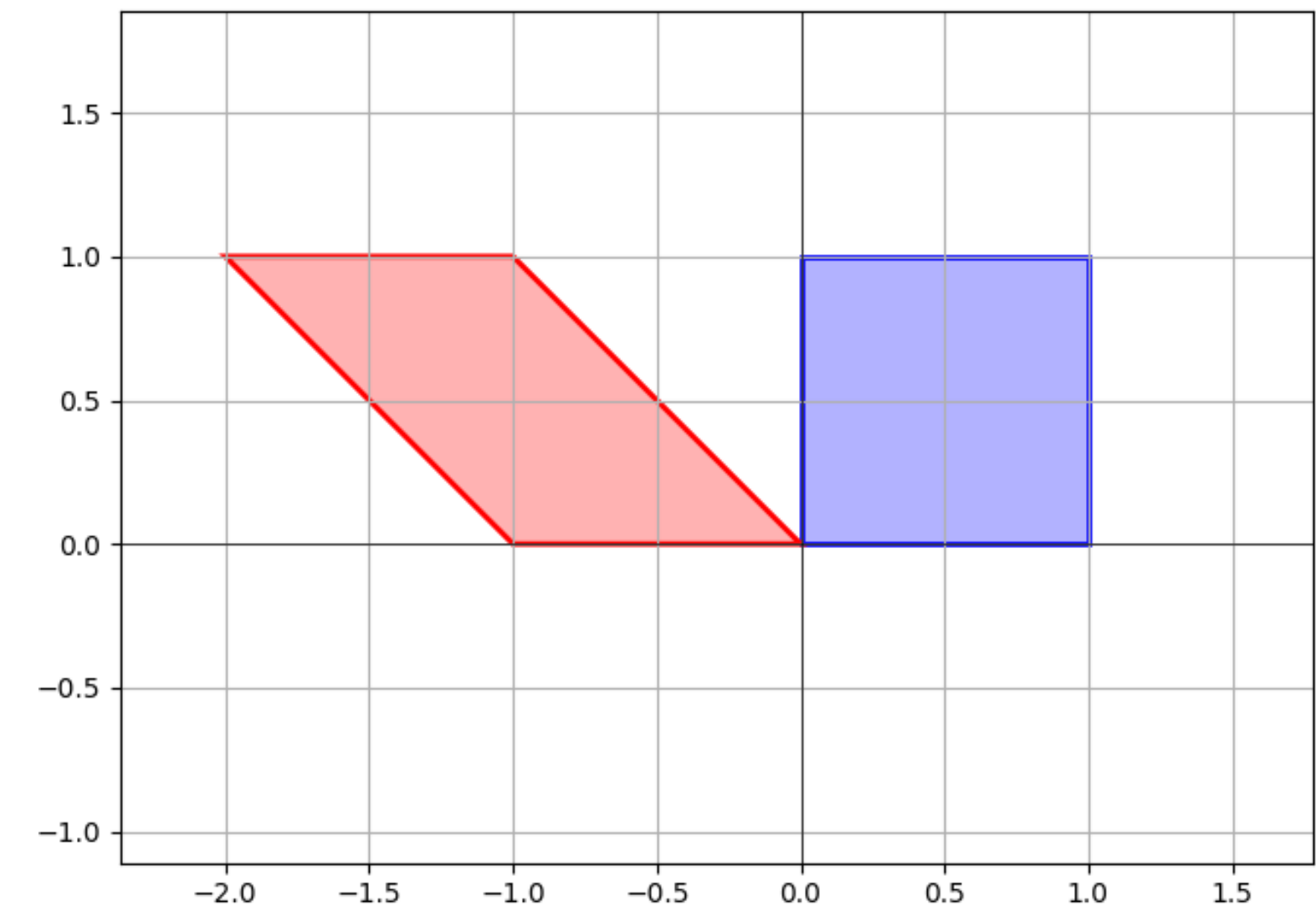
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**These aren't linear, but they are incredibly important so we have to address them.**

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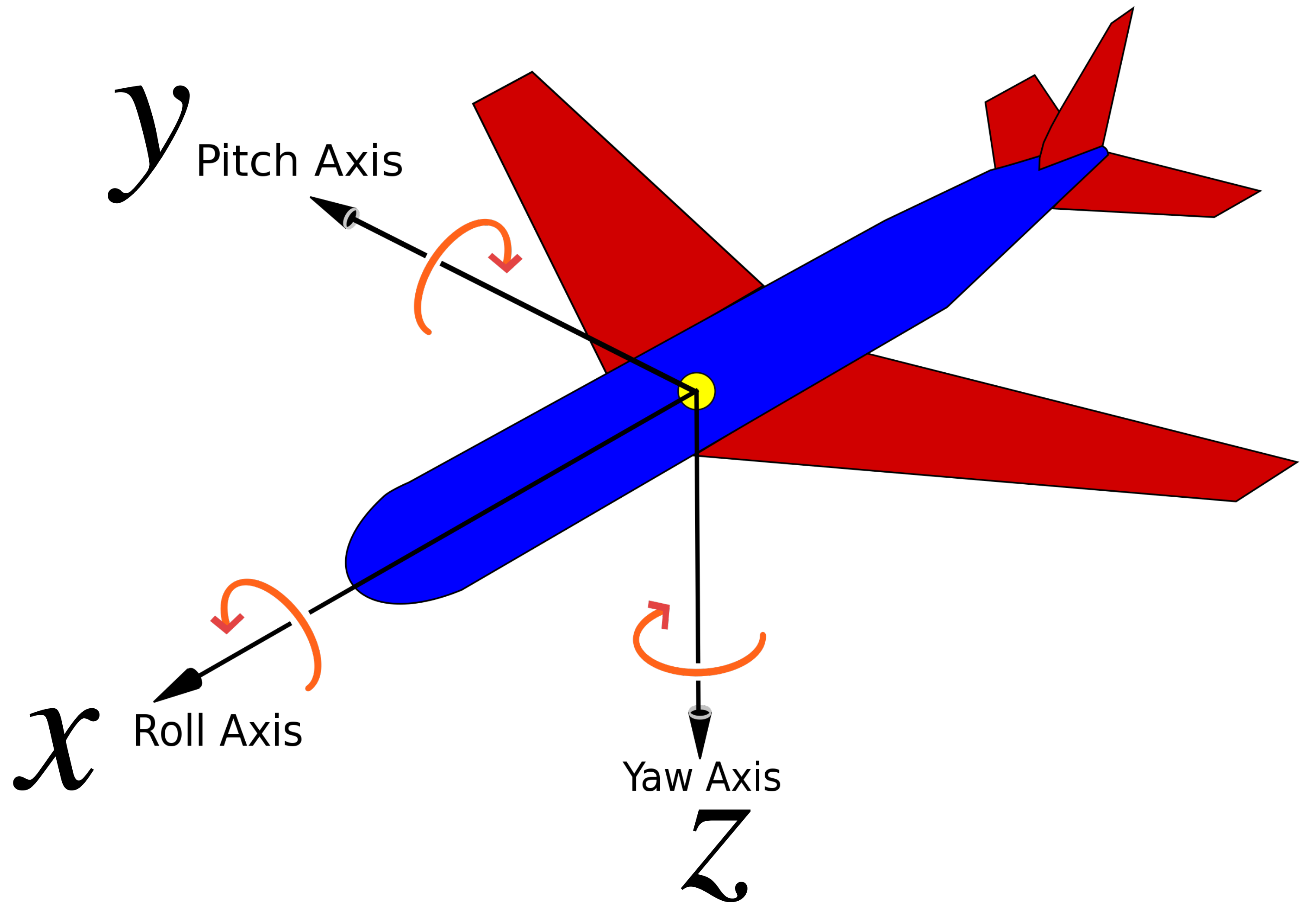
$$R_z^\theta R_y^\gamma R_x^\eta$$

# Roll, Pitch and Yaw

**roll** changes the side-to-side tilt

**pitch** changes the up-down tilt

**yaw** changes direction





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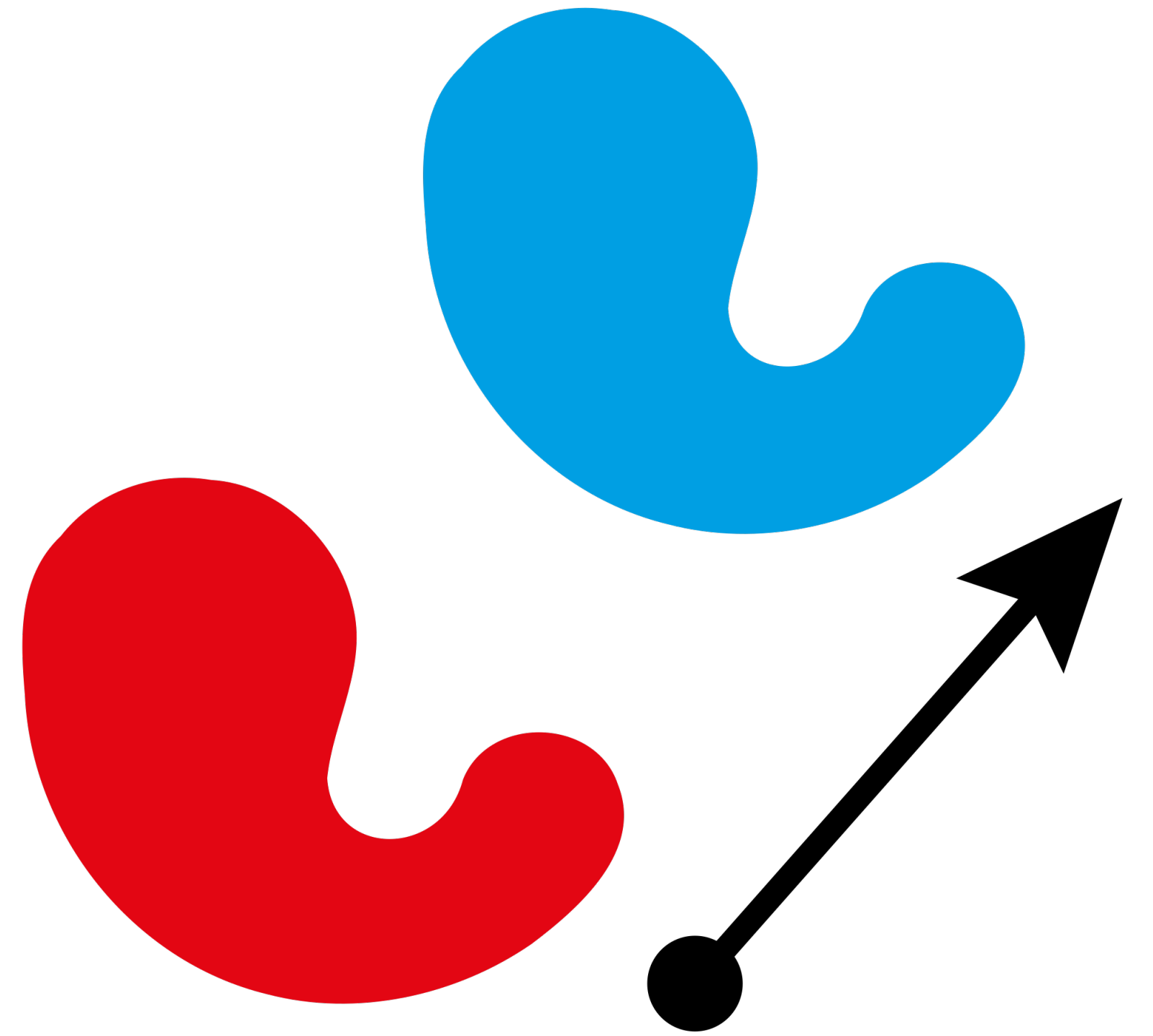
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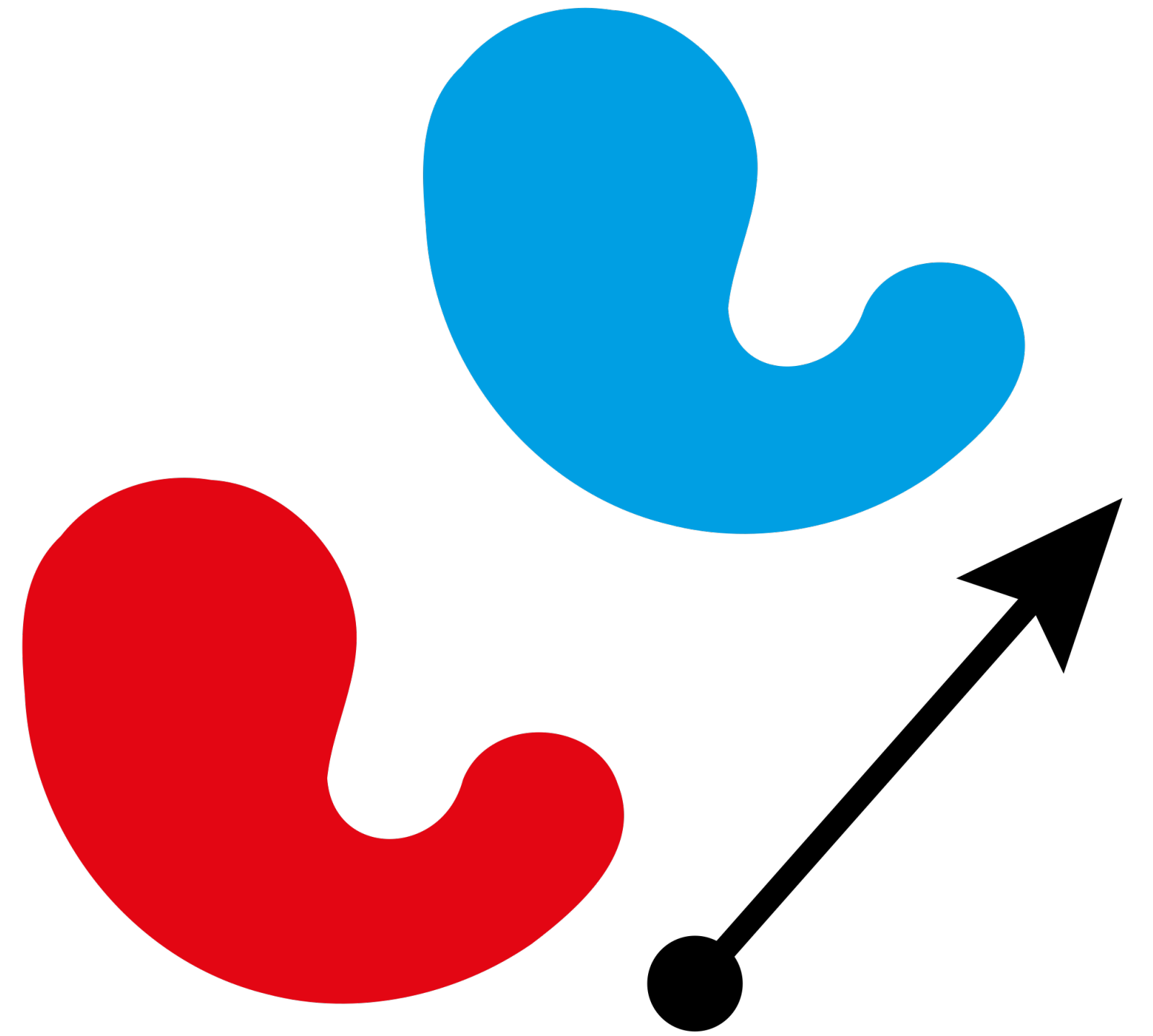
# Translation



In 2D

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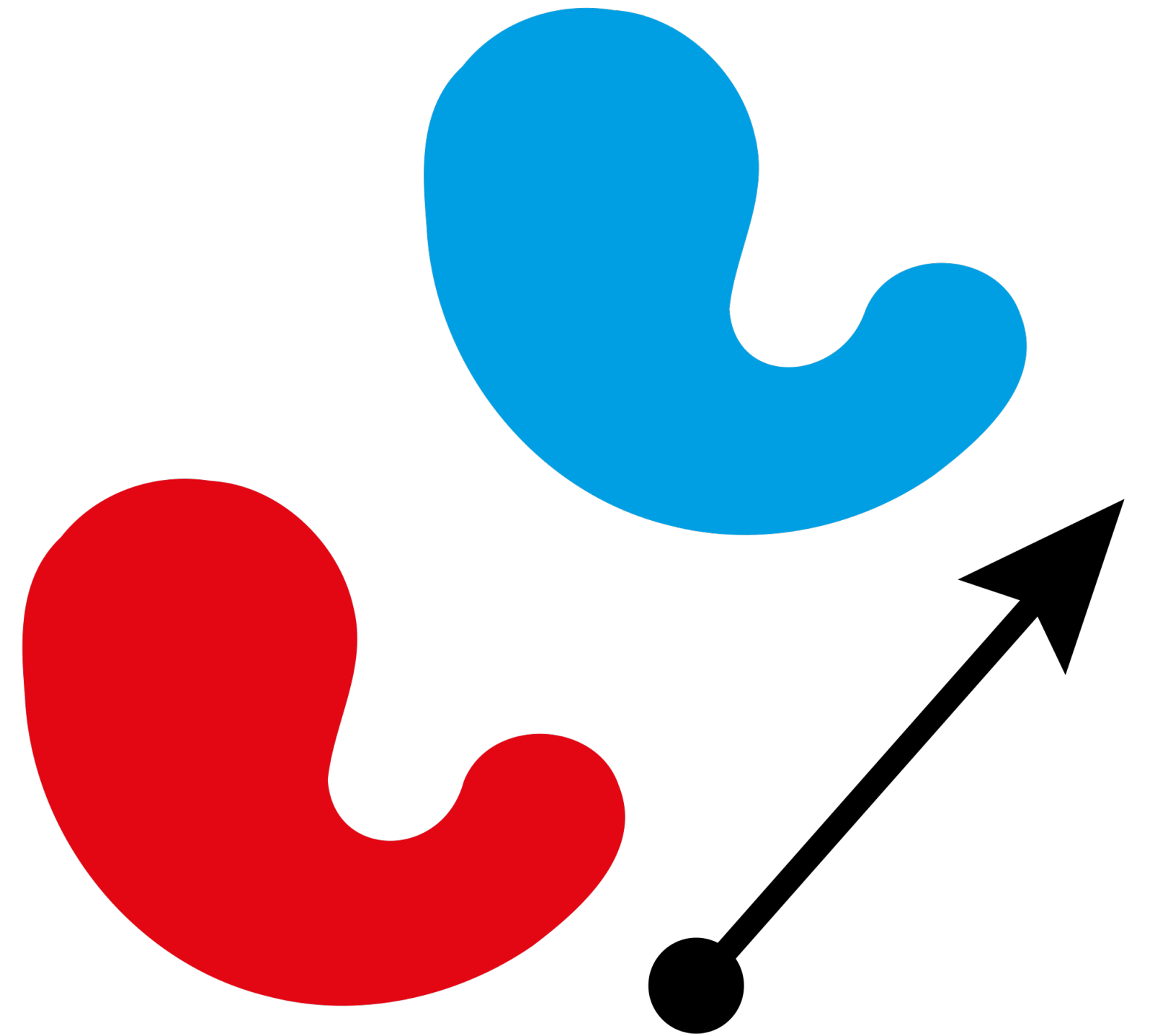


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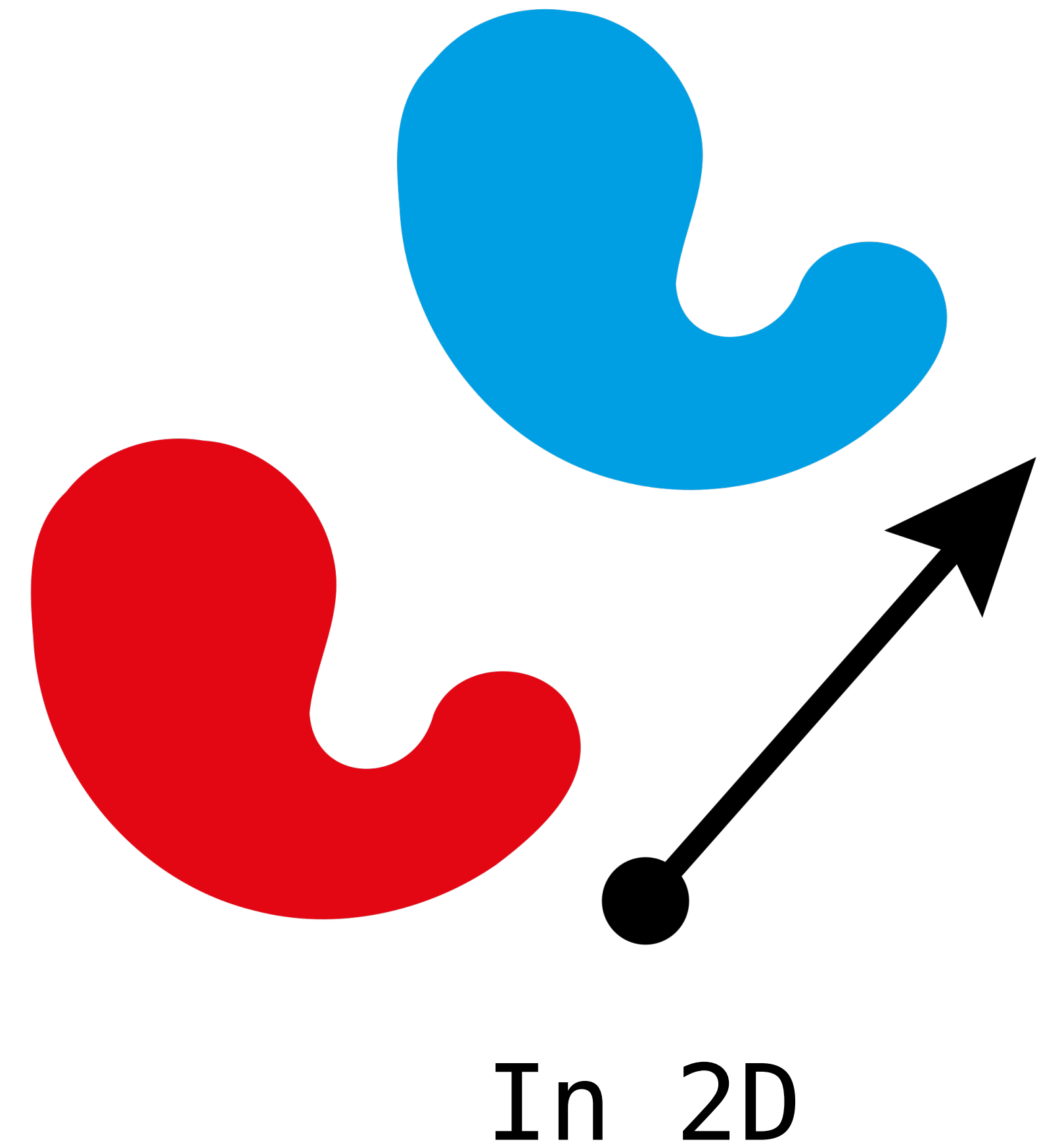


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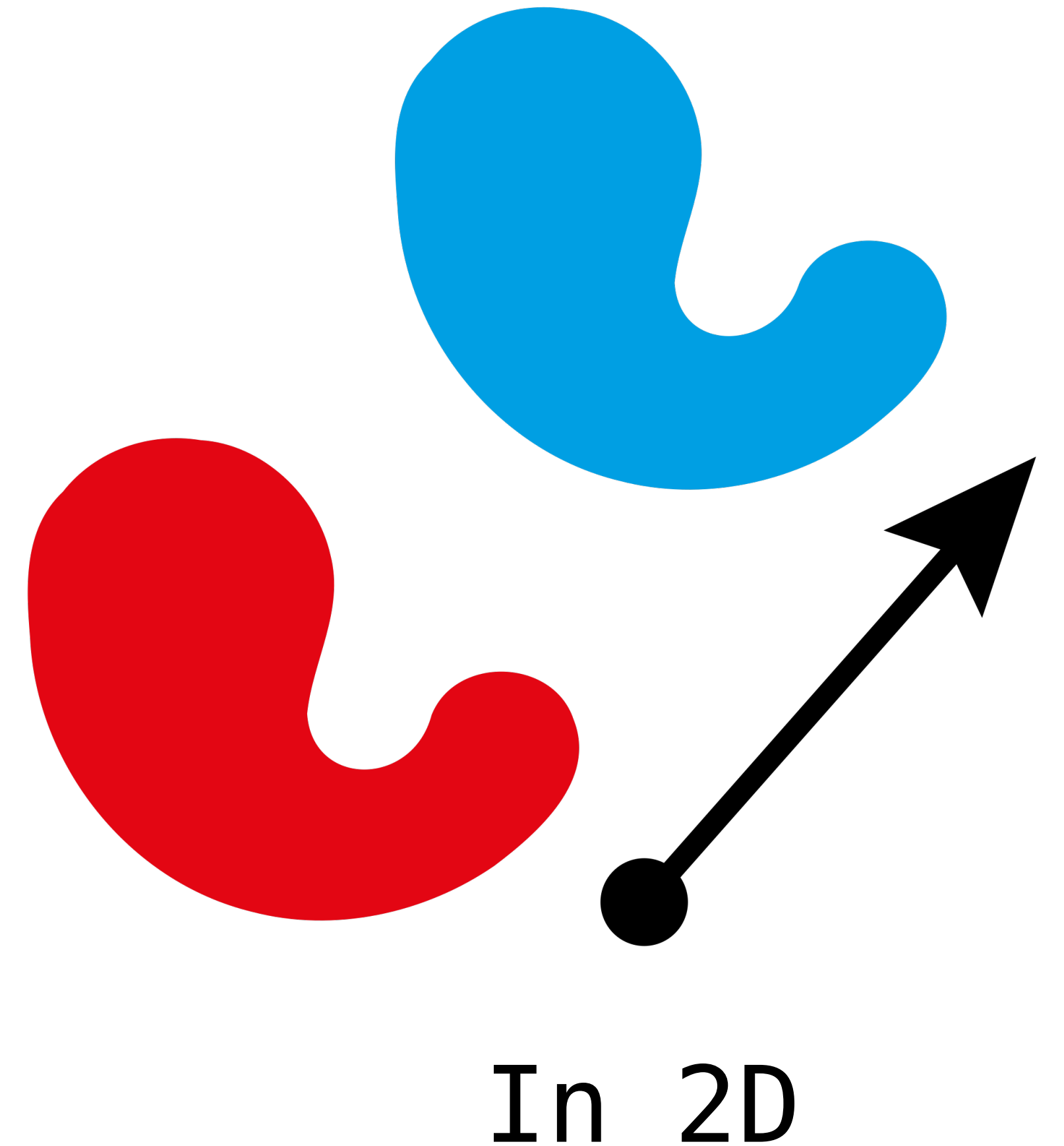
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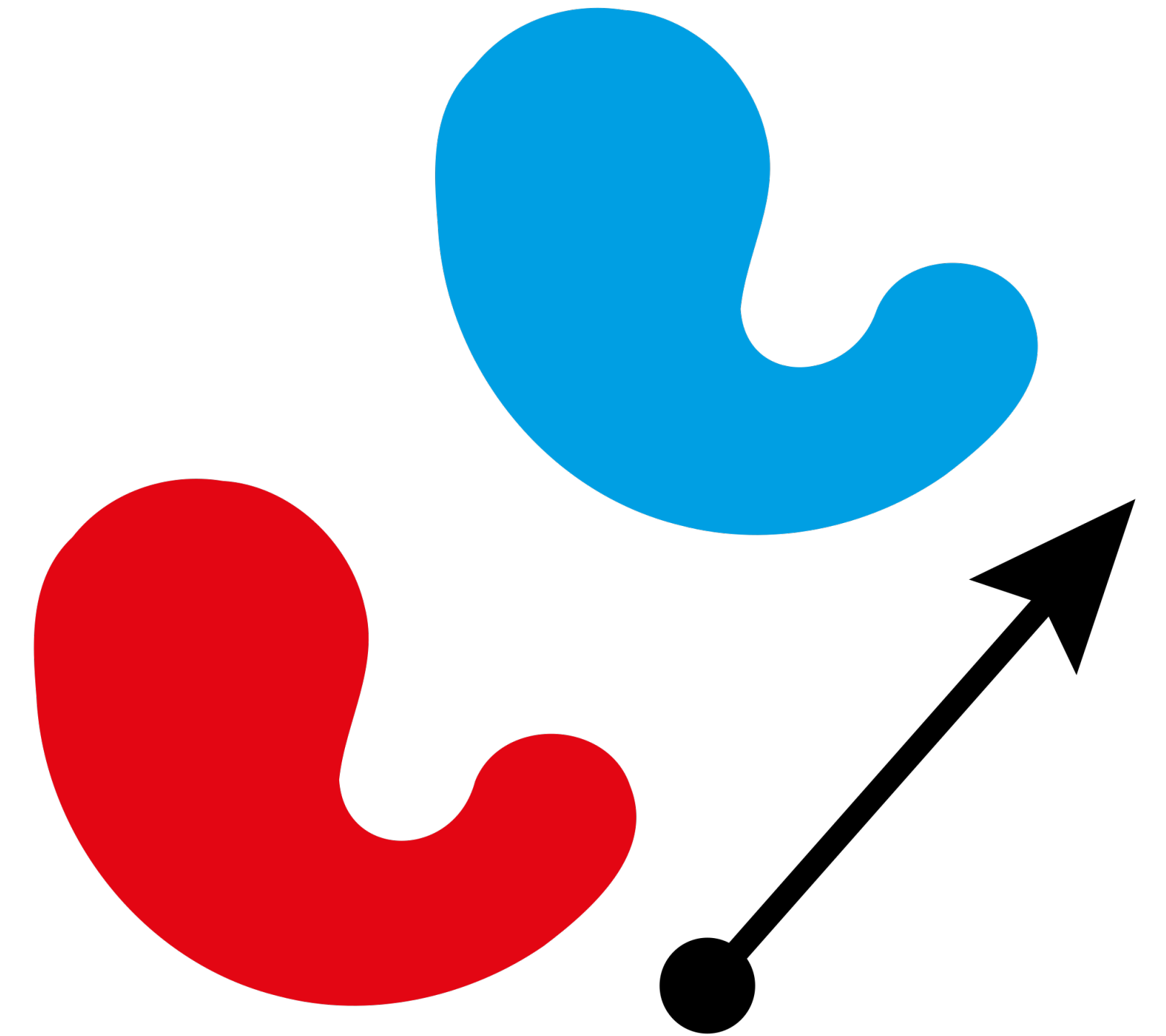
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So if we are willing to keep around an extra entry, we can do translation **linearly**.

# Homogeneous Coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For initializing to homogeneous coordinates, we set this to 1

Cartesian to homogeneous

The **homogeneous coordinate** for vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is the same except "sheared" into the 4th dimension.

We use the extra entry to perform simple nonlinear transformations in a linear setting.



# Translation (3D)

**Definition.** The 3D translation matrix for homogeneous coordinates which translates by  $(a, b, c)^T$  is the following.

**Example.**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x + 2 \\ y + 2 \\ z + 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Example: Homogeneous Rotation

Rotating counterclockwise about the  $x$ -axis in homogeneous coordinates is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Parallel lines in space don't necessarily look parallel at a distance, they angle towards a point in the distance.

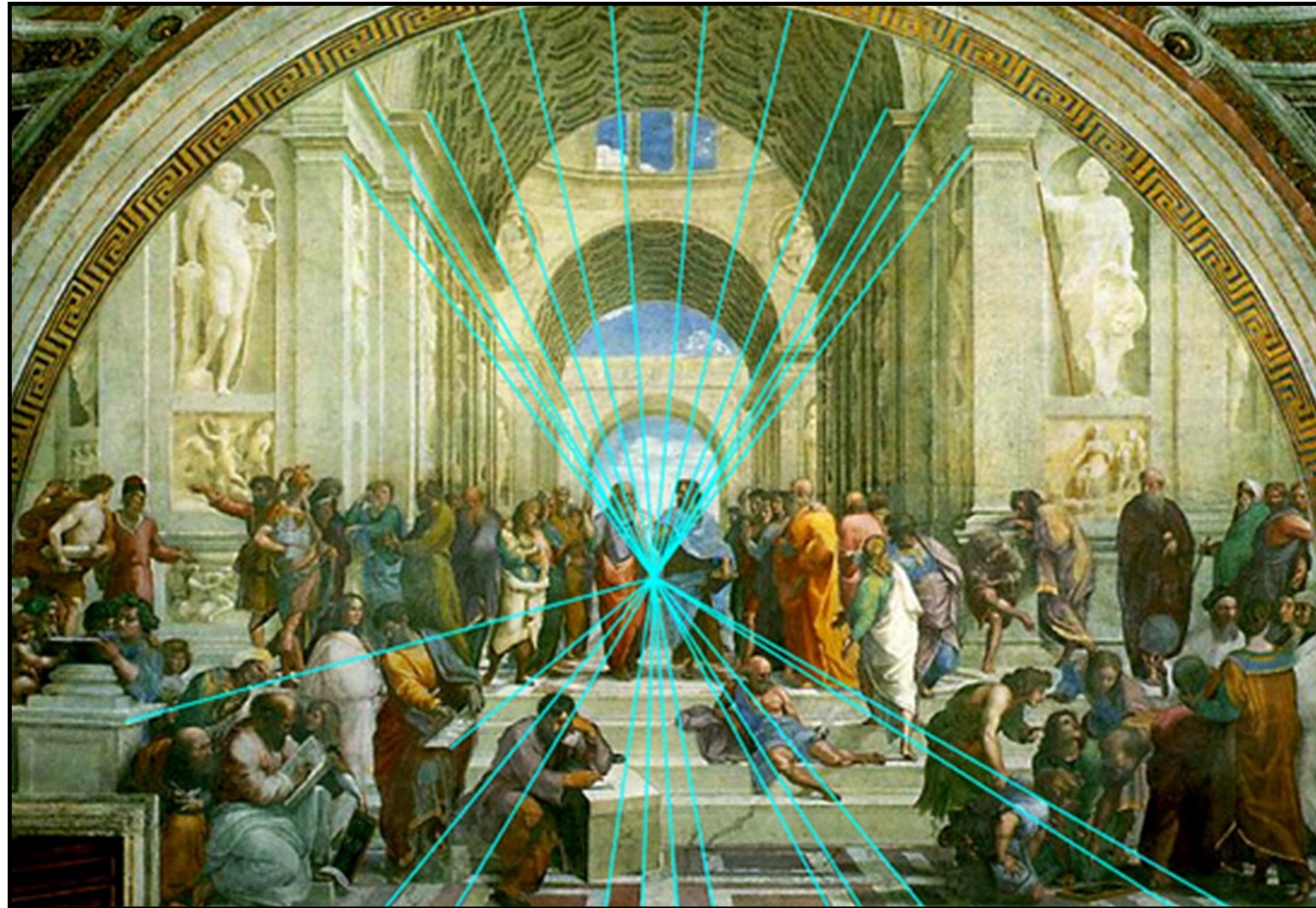
This is a side effect of **perspective projection**.





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The School of Athens (~1510)

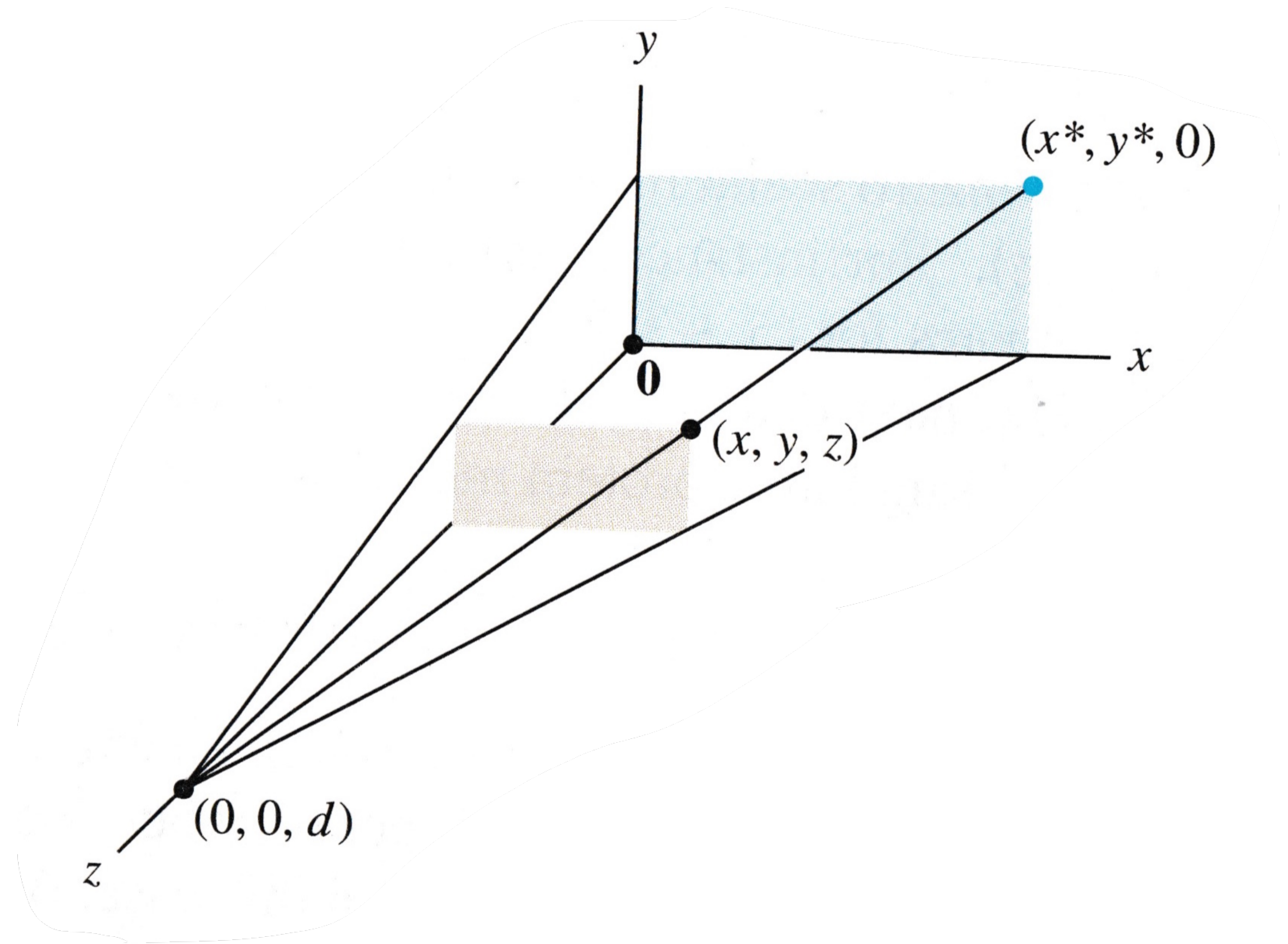




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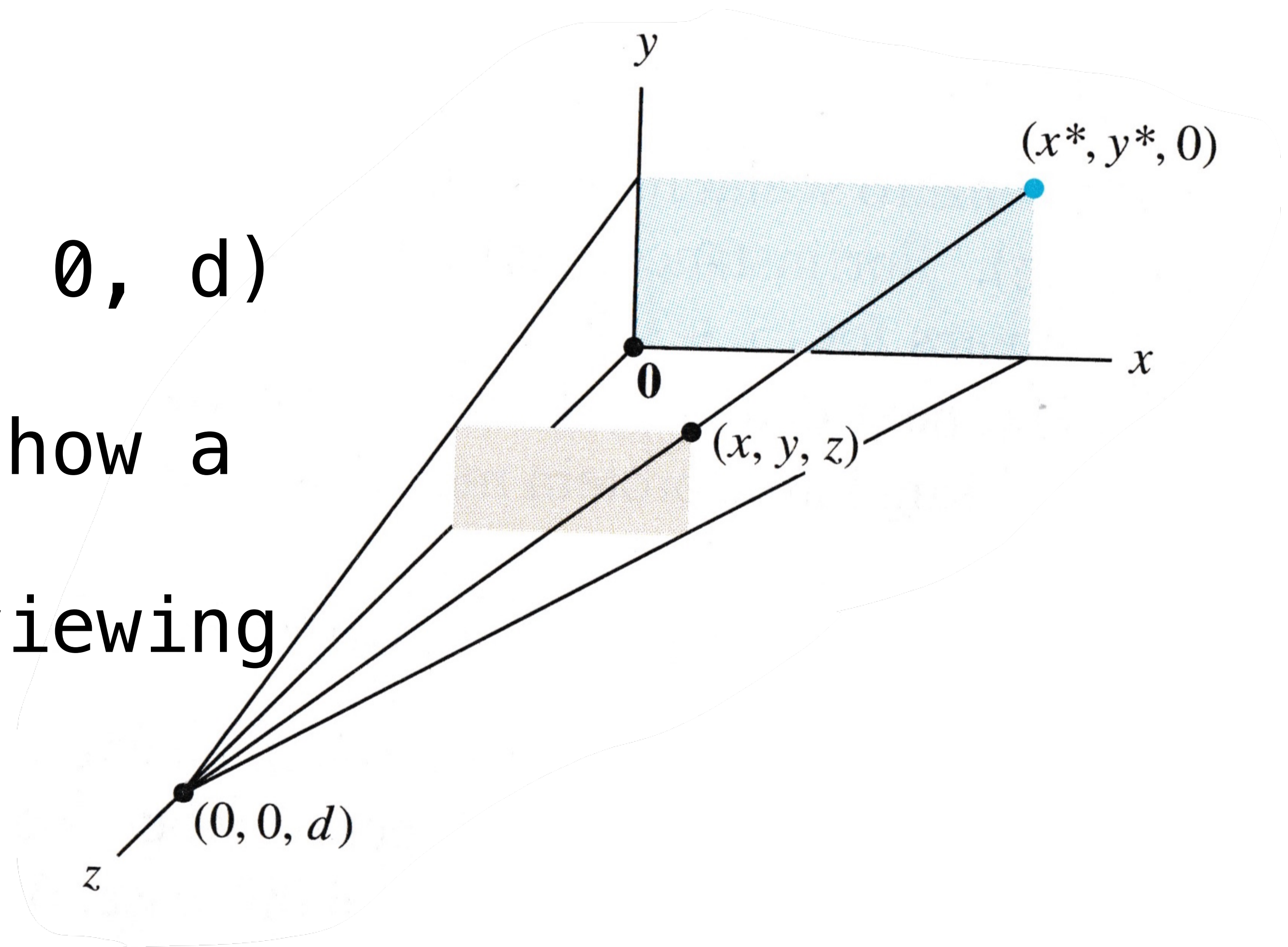
Light enters our eyes (or camera) at a single point from all directions.

Closer things "appear bigger" in our field of vision.

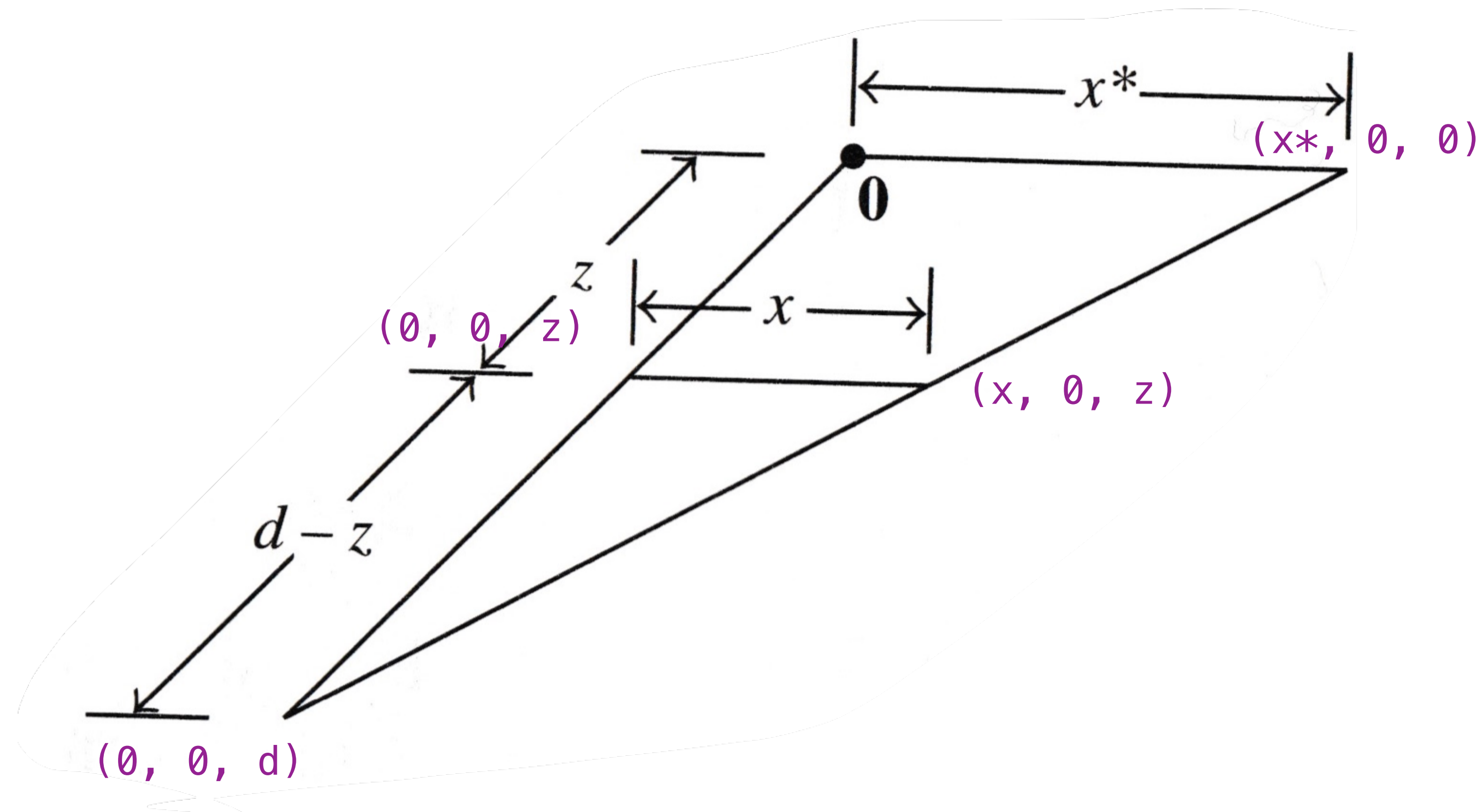


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**Problem.** Given a **viewing position**  $(0, 0, d)$  and a **viewing plane** ( $xy$ -axis) determine how a point  $(x, y, z)$  is *projected* onto the viewing plane.



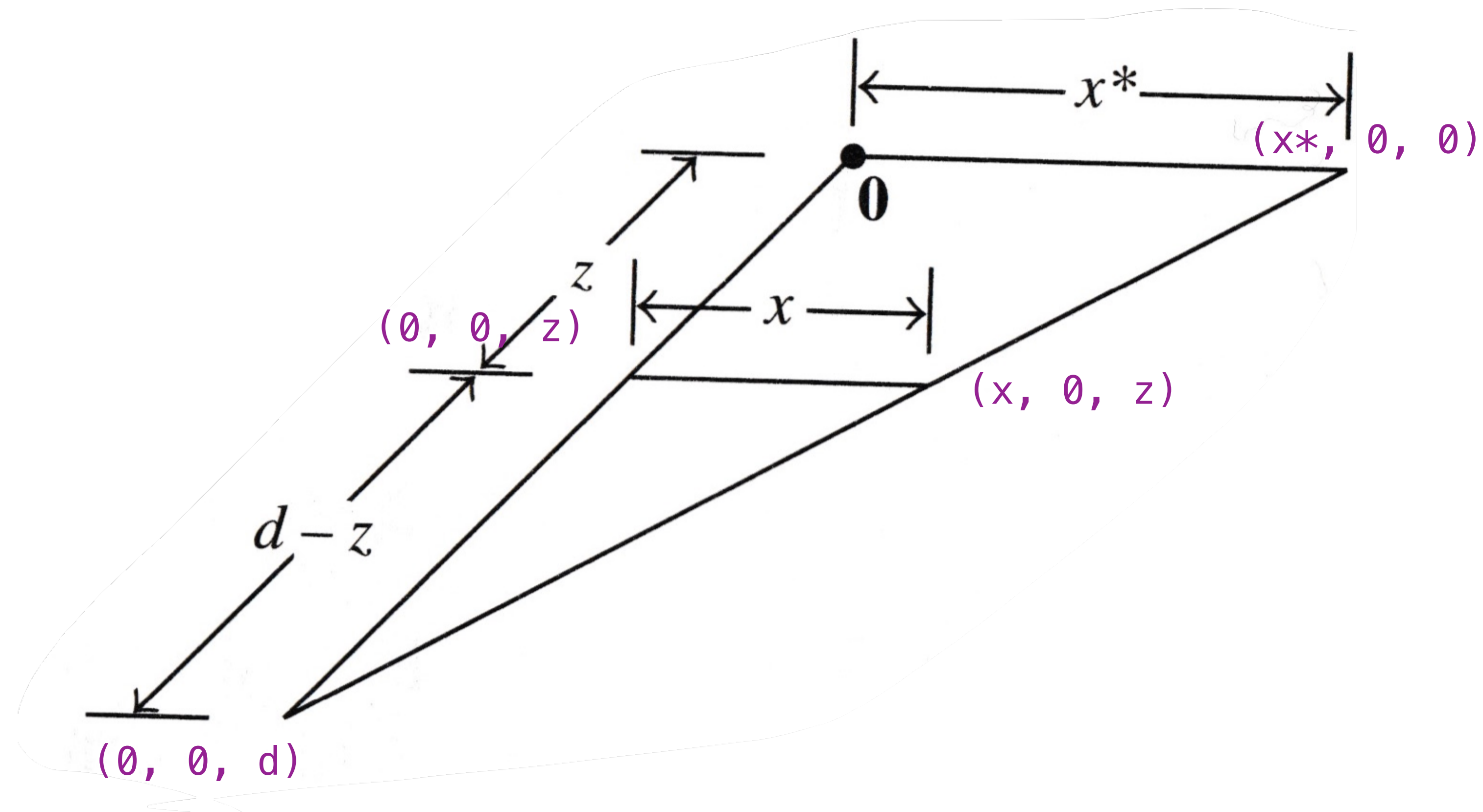
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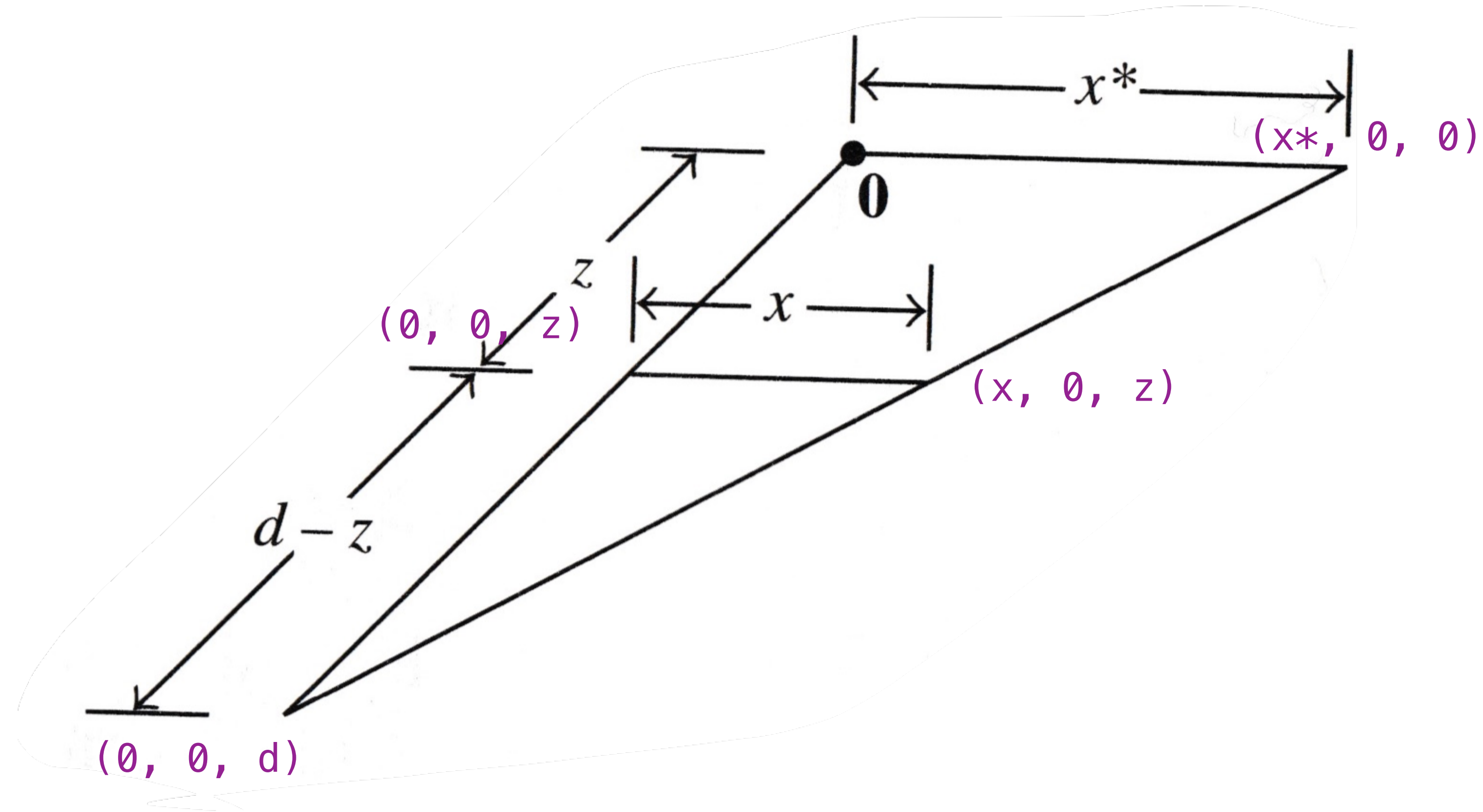
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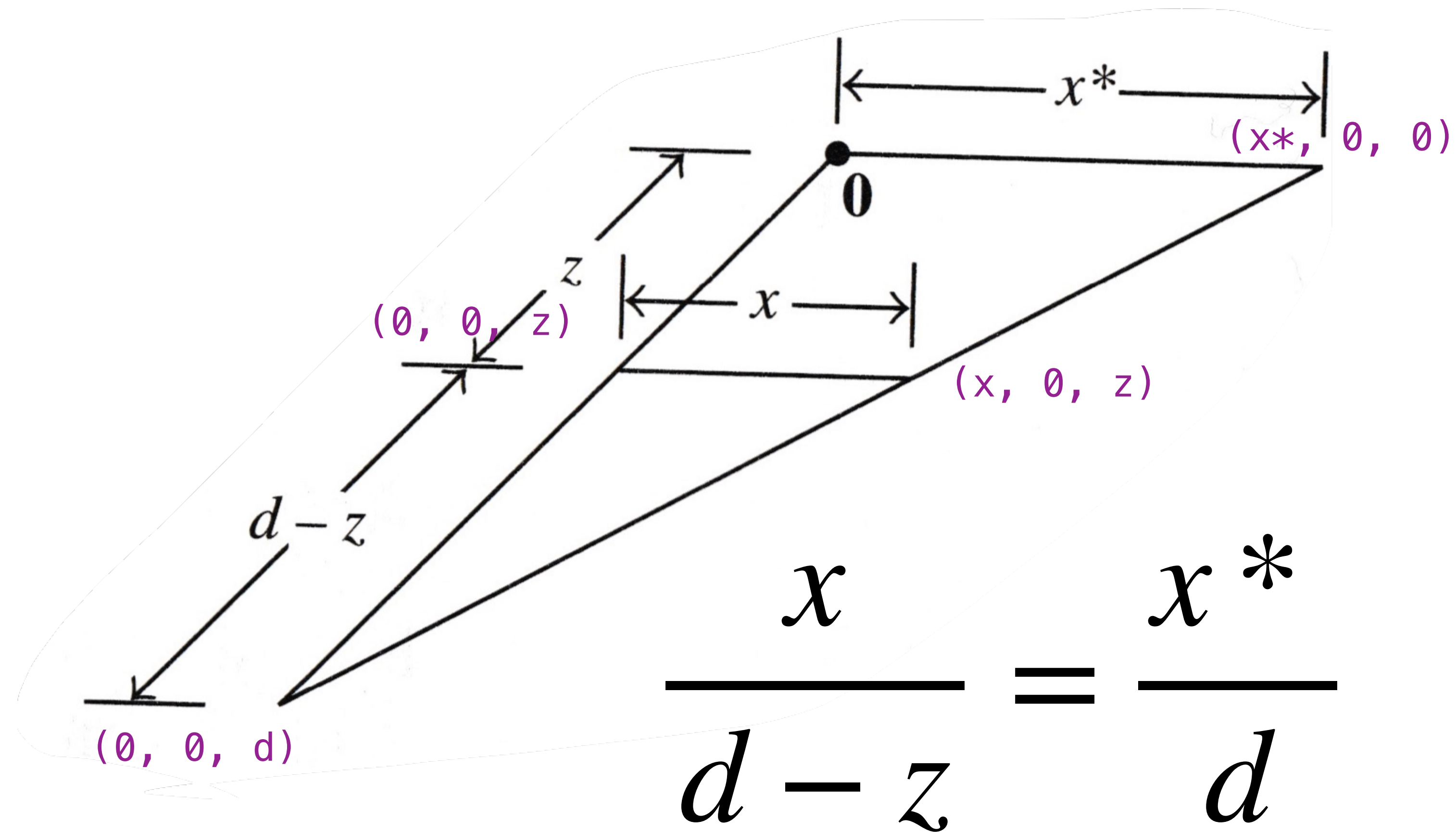
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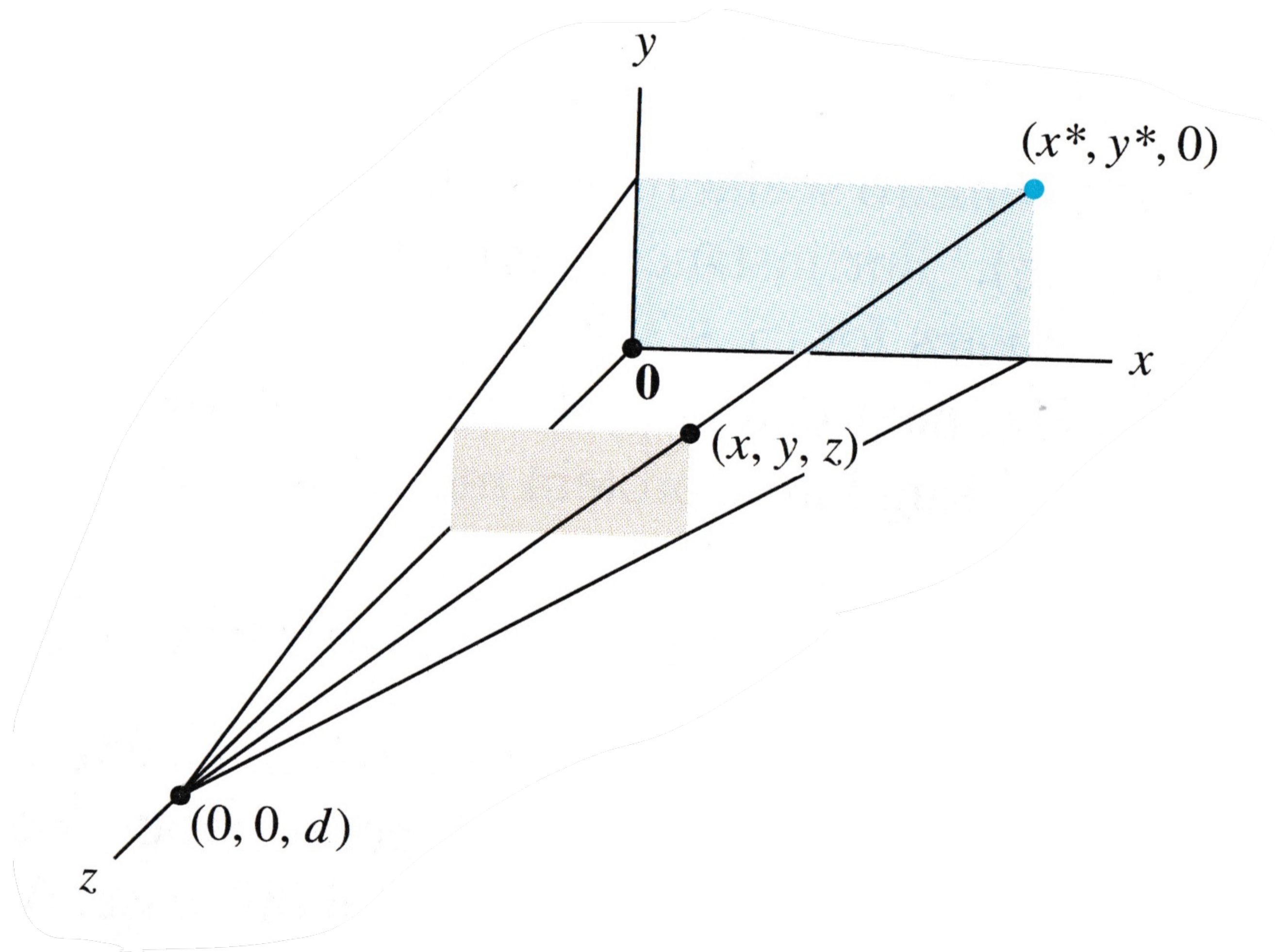
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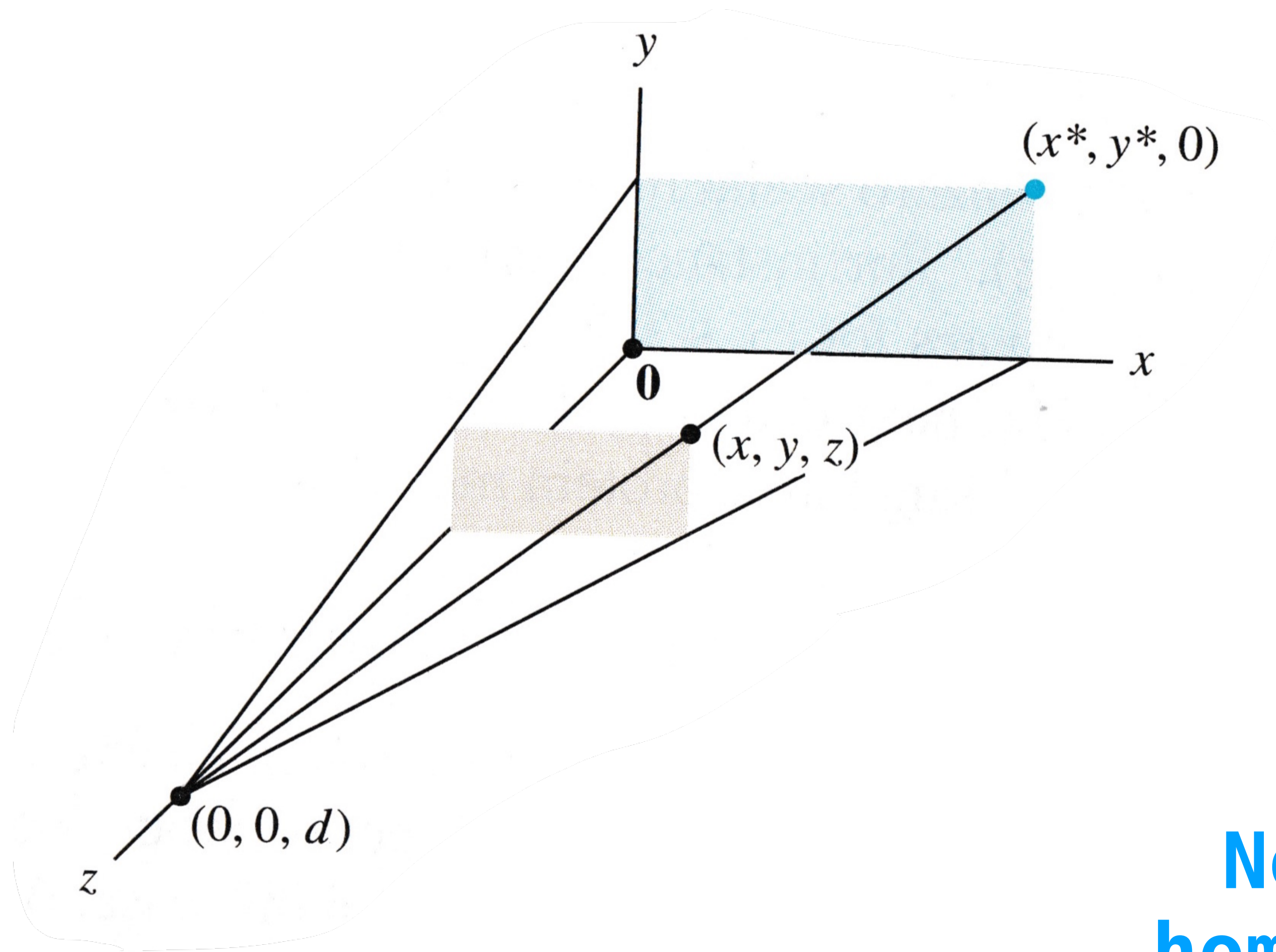


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# Homework 7

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5. Draw the resulting image on the screen.

demo

# A Couple Words of Warning

Check your system early. Make sure you can run matplotlib widgets.

Post on piazza if there seems to be a platform dependent issue.