Computer Graphics

Geometric Algorithms
Lecture 15

CAS CS 132

Practice Problem

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ -2 & 0 & -4 \\ 6 & 3 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

`Find the LU decomposition of the above matrix.`

Answer

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Objectives

1. Look at linear algebraic methods in graphics
2. Briefly discuss Homework 8

Keywords

elementary matrices

LU factorization

wireframe objects

homogeneous coordinates

translation

perspective projections

Recap: Solving Systems using the LU Factorization

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What does the LU factorization give us?

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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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$$U\mathbf{x} = L^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

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Multiply by L^{-1} on both sides

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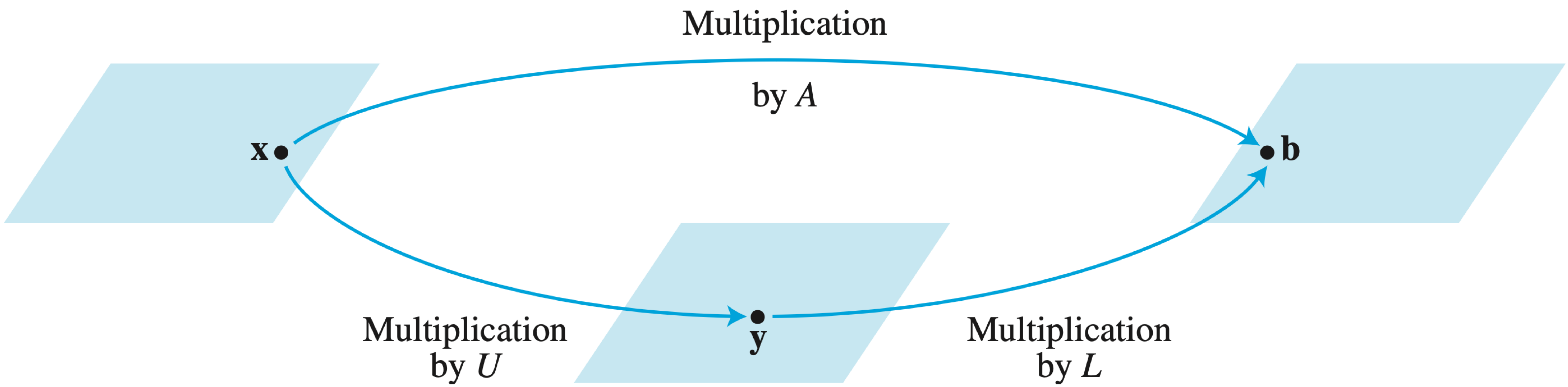
A solution to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ is the same as a solution to $U\mathbf{x} = L^{-1}\mathbf{b}$

Solving systems with the LU (Pictorially)



$$U\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} = L^{-1}\mathbf{b}$$

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.

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.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \blacksquare & * & * & * & * & | \\ 0 & \blacksquare & * & * & * & \mathbf{v} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \blacksquare & * & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\texttt{back substitution}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & * & 0 & * & | \\ 0 & 1 & * & 0 & * & \mathbf{w} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & * & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & | \end{bmatrix}$$

FLOP Comparison

	Preprocessing	Solving
Gaussian Elimination	0	$\sim \frac{2}{3}n^3$
Matrix Inversion	$\sim 2n^3$	$\sim 2n^2$
LU Factorization	$\sim \frac{2}{3}n^3$	$\sim 2n^2$

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...

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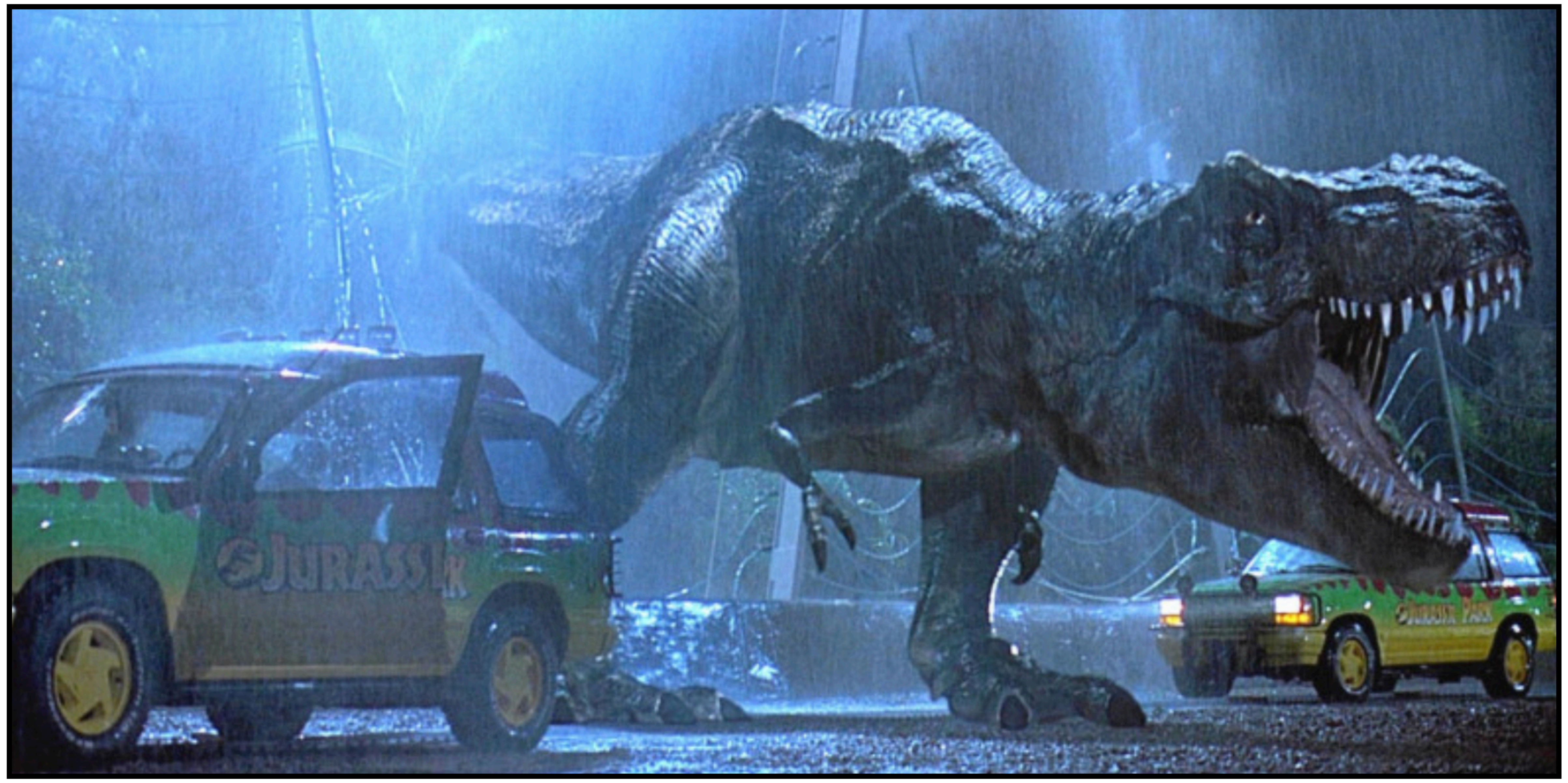
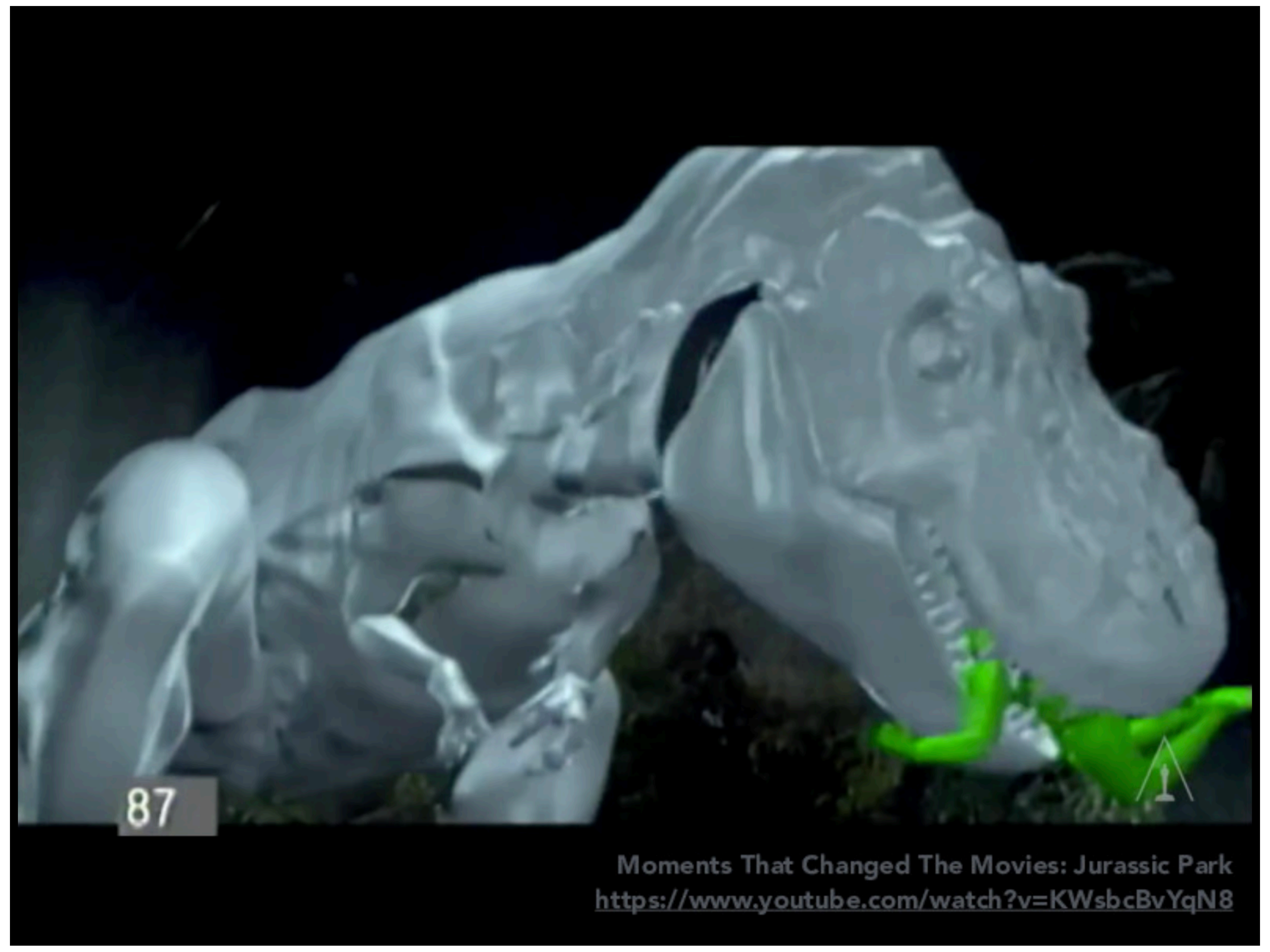
Movies

Jurassic Park (1993)





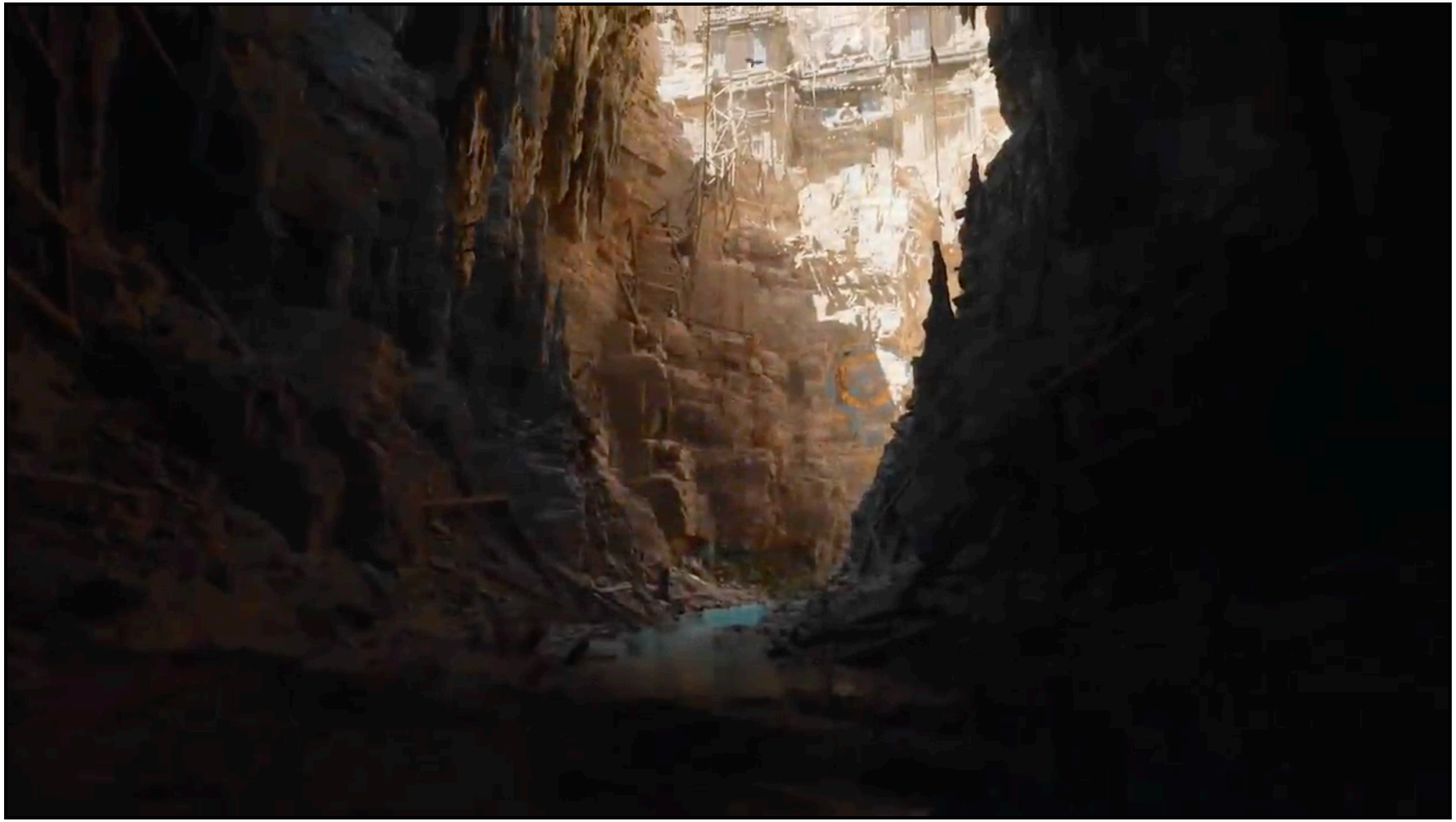
Alice in Wonderland (2010)

Motion Capture

Two Towers (2002)

Video Games

Unreal Engine 5 (2020)

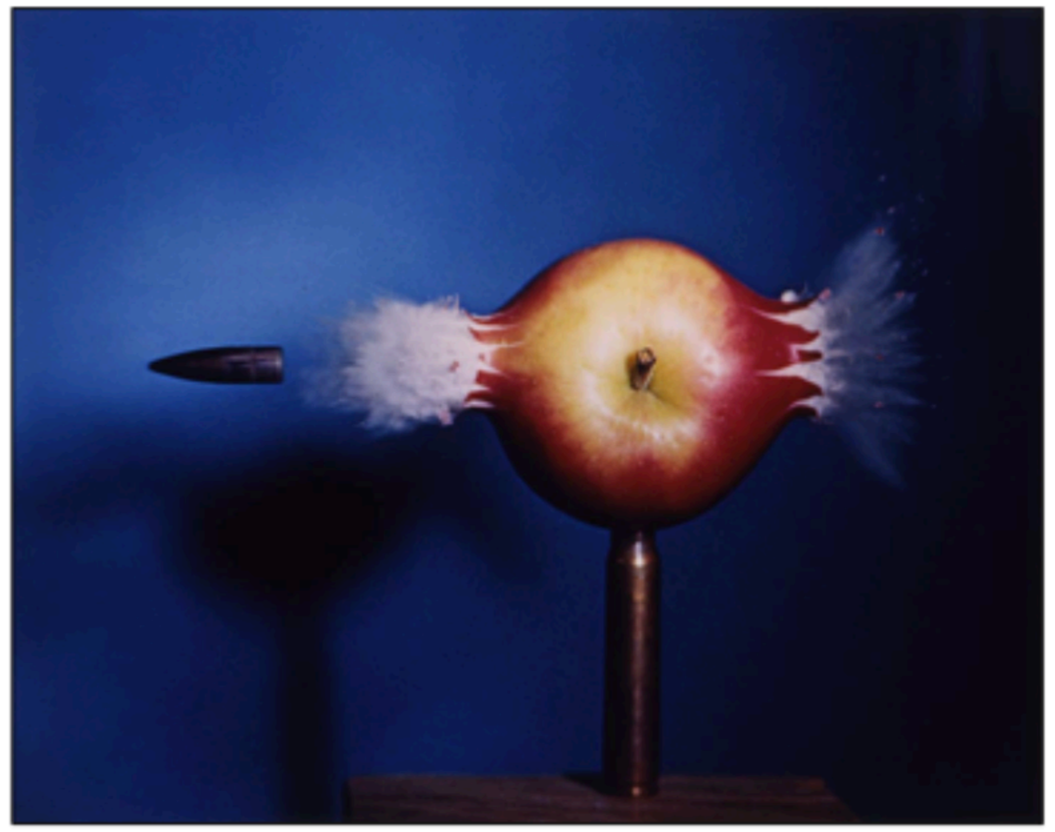


Scientific Visualization

First image of a black hole (2022)

Photography





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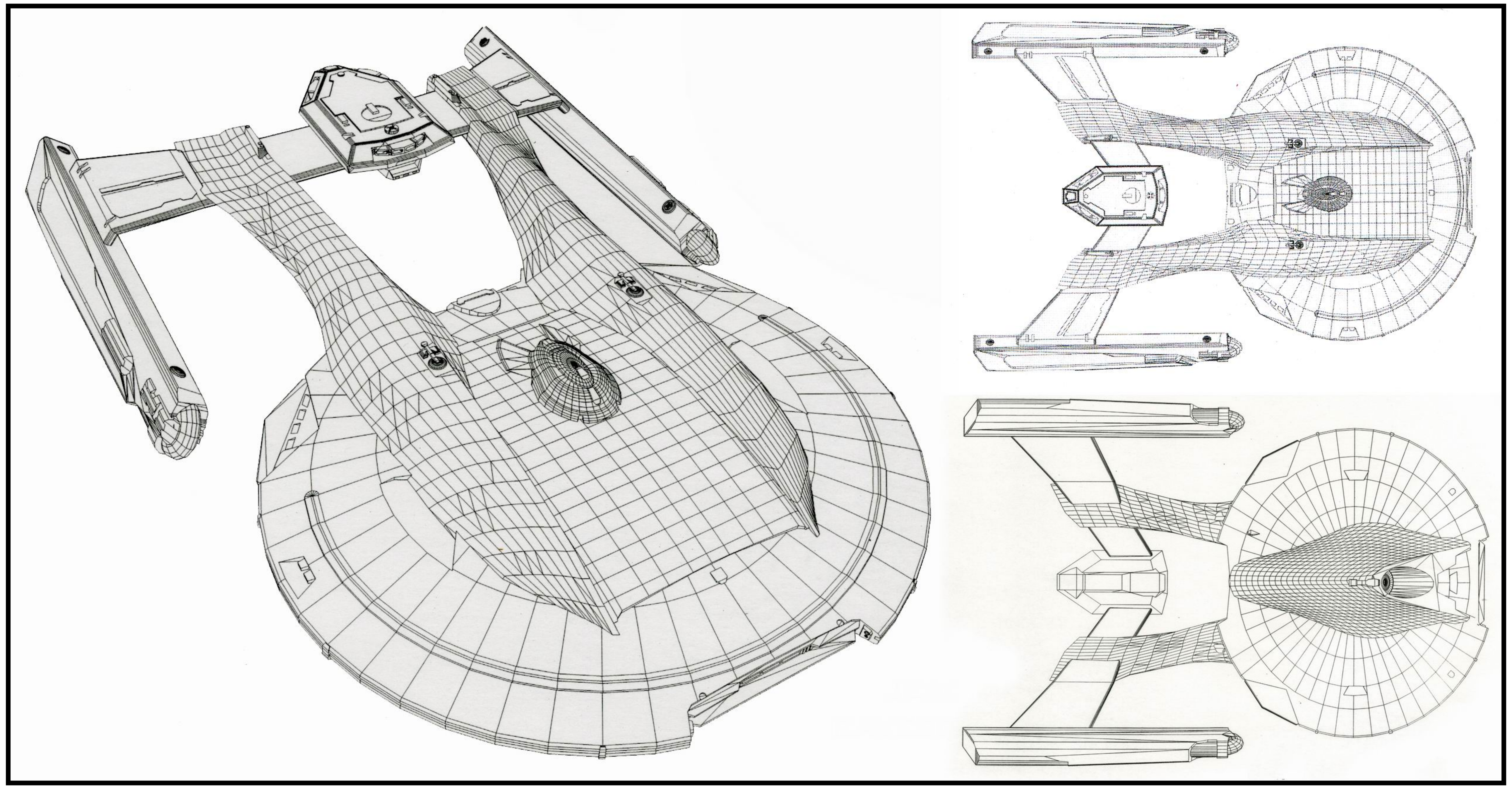
Graphics and Linear Algebra

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**.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Wireframe_Render_of_Digital_Clothing_Bathingrobe_3D_Model.jpg

Transformations

We've seen many 2D transformations

» Reflections
» Expansion
» Shearing
» Projection

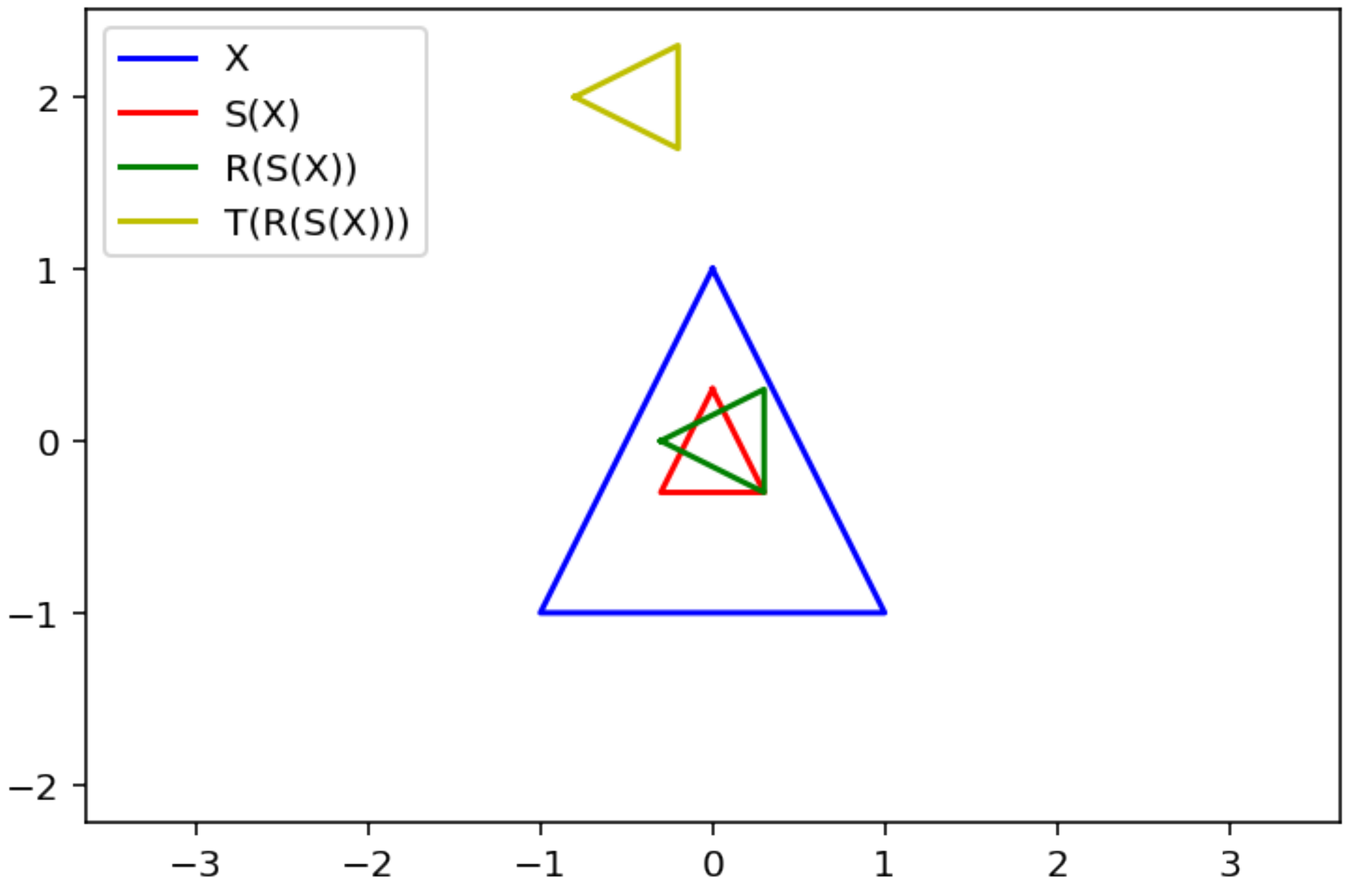
We've seen some 3D transformations

» Rotations
» Projections

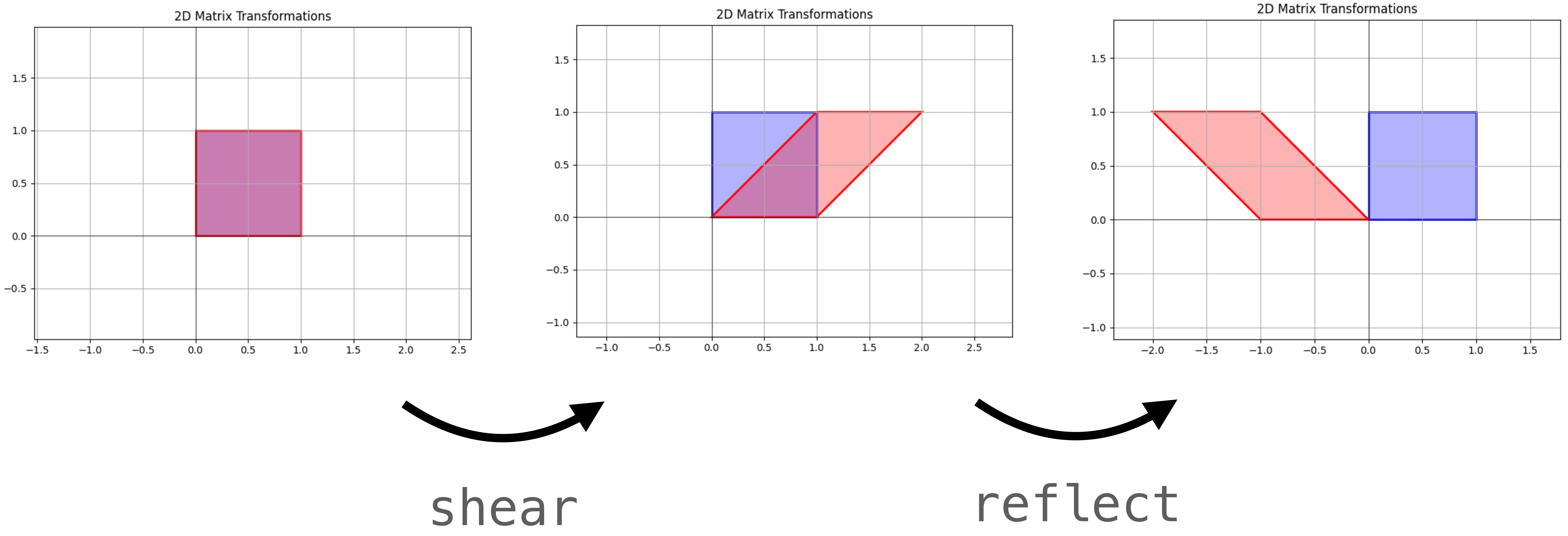
Composing Transformations

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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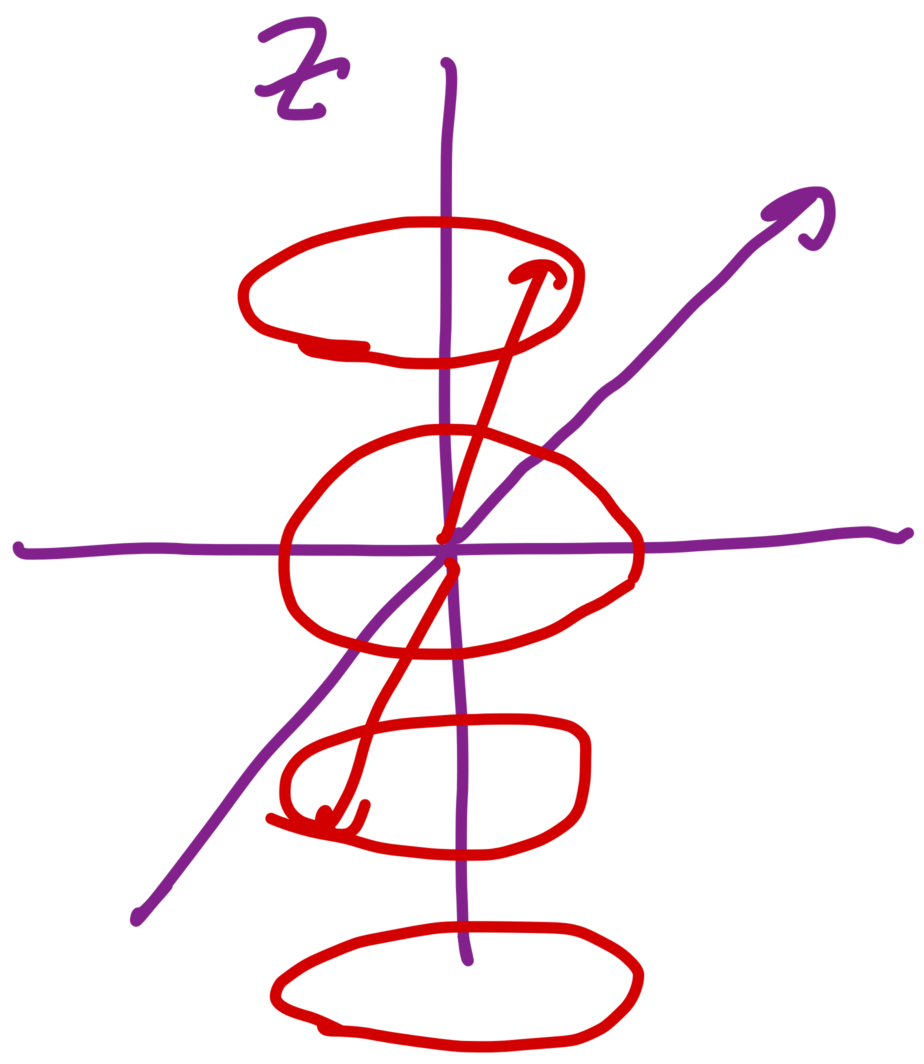

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Fact. Any rotation can be done by some matrix of the form

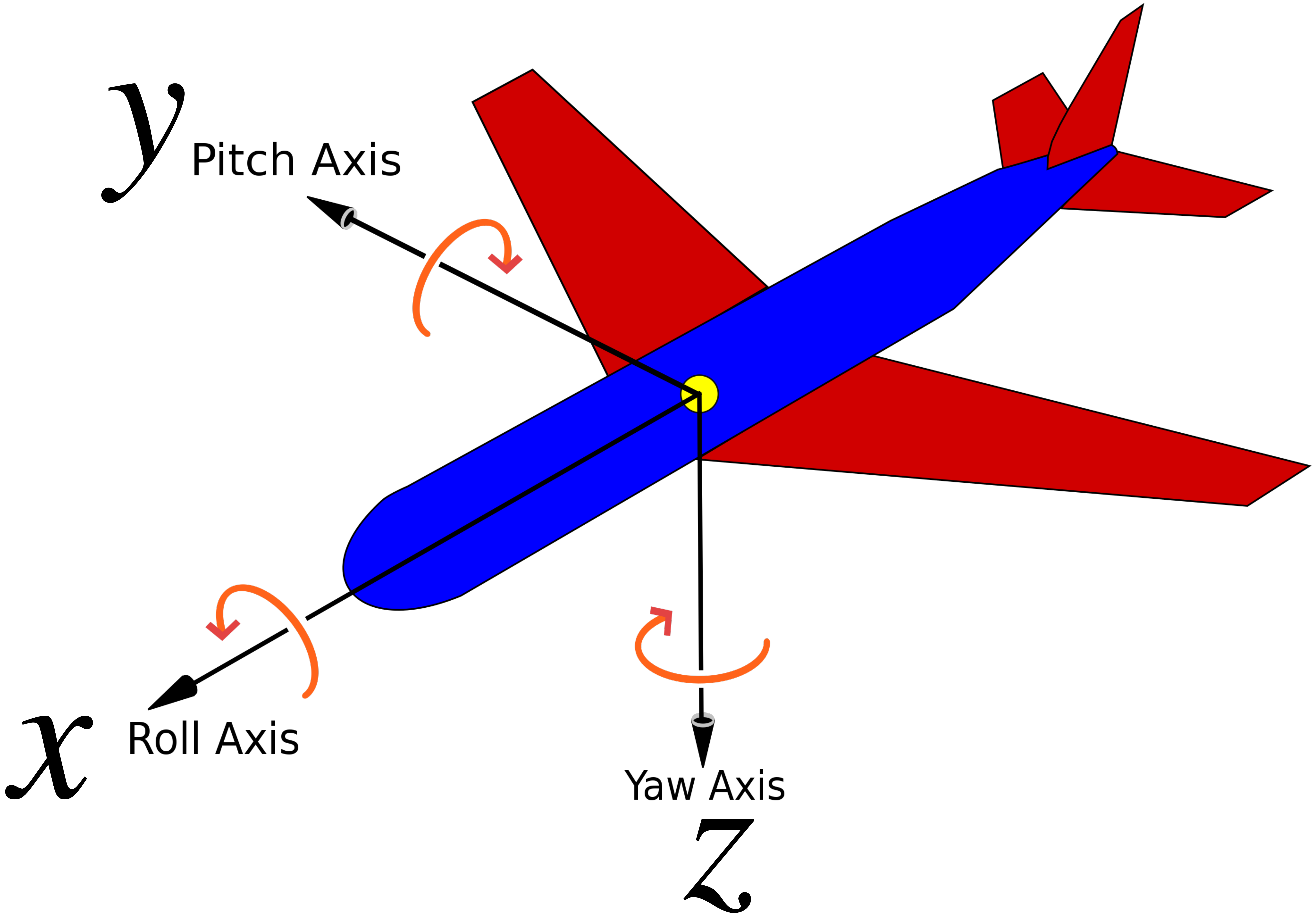
$$R_z^\theta R_y^\gamma R_x^\eta$$

Roll, Pitch and Yaw

roll changes the side-to-side tilt

pitch changes the up-down tilt

yaw changes direction



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demo

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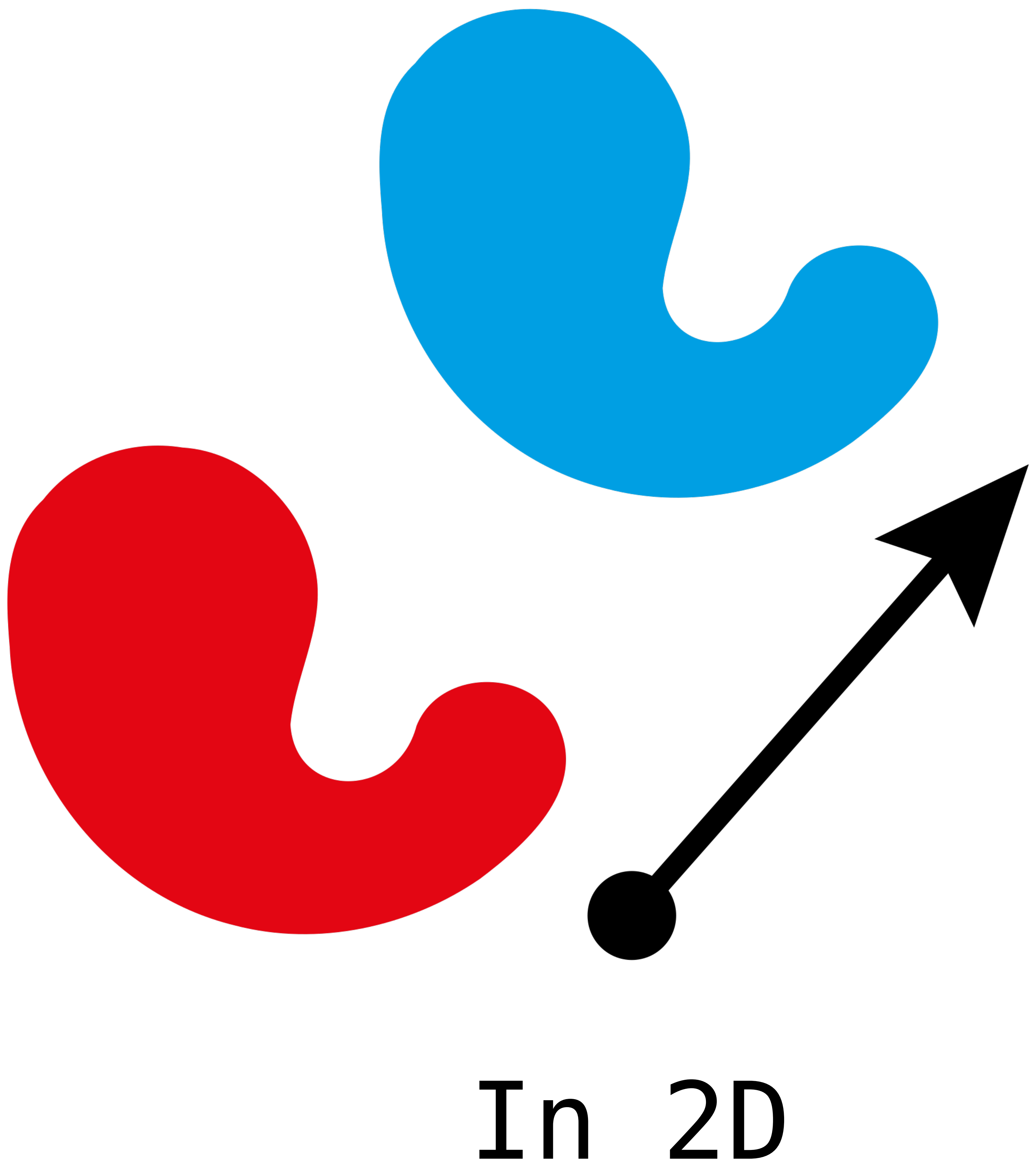

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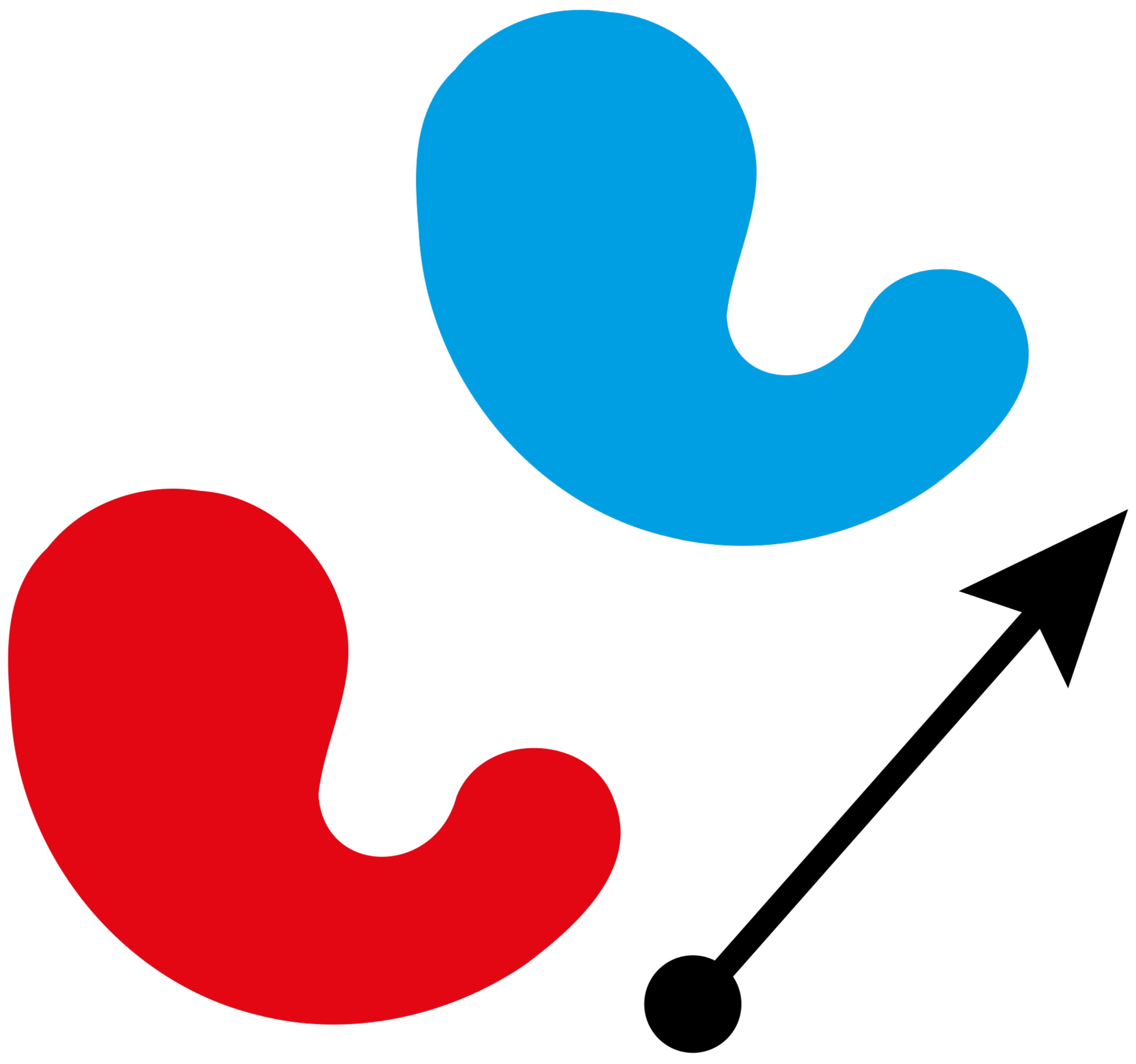

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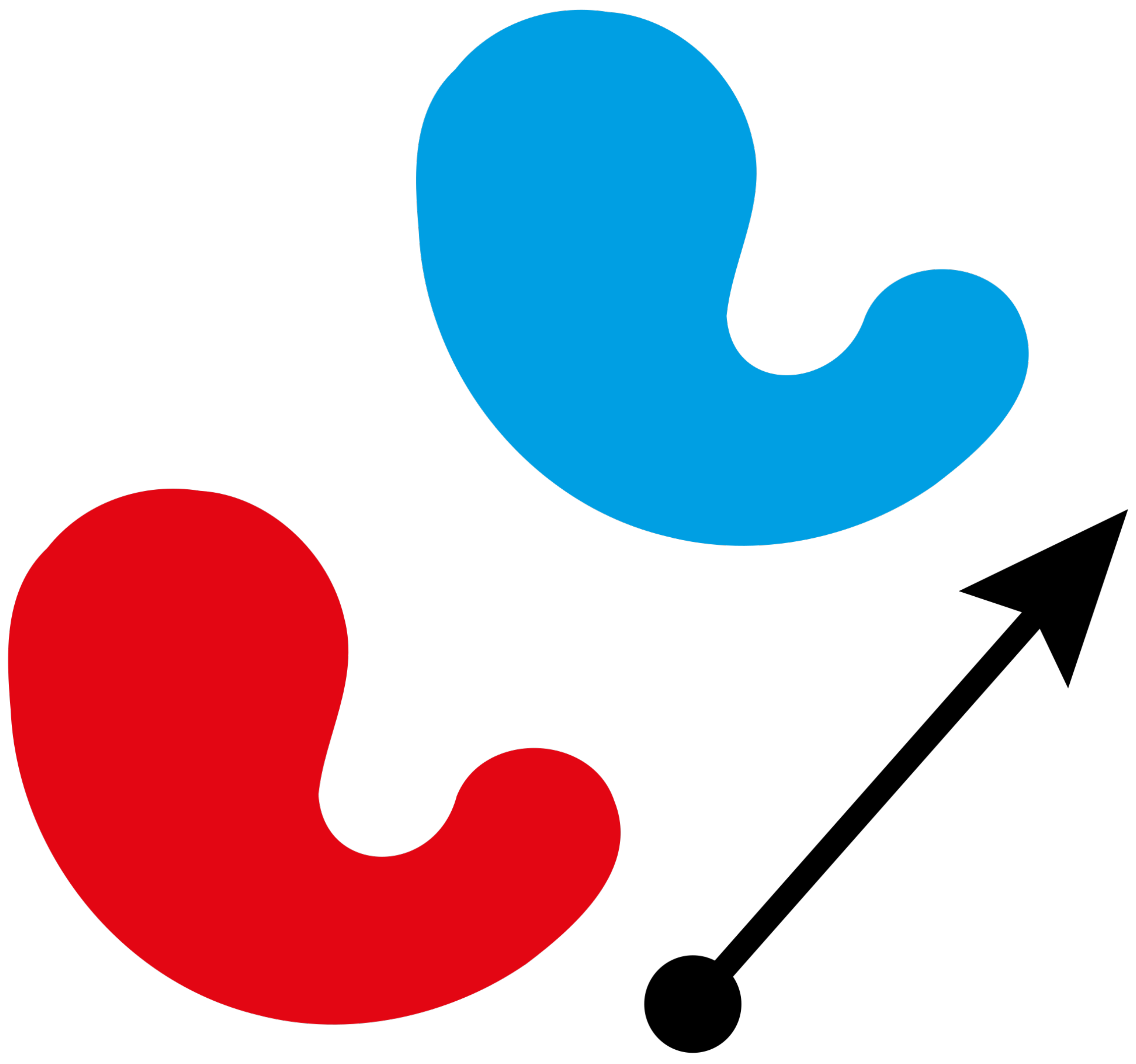

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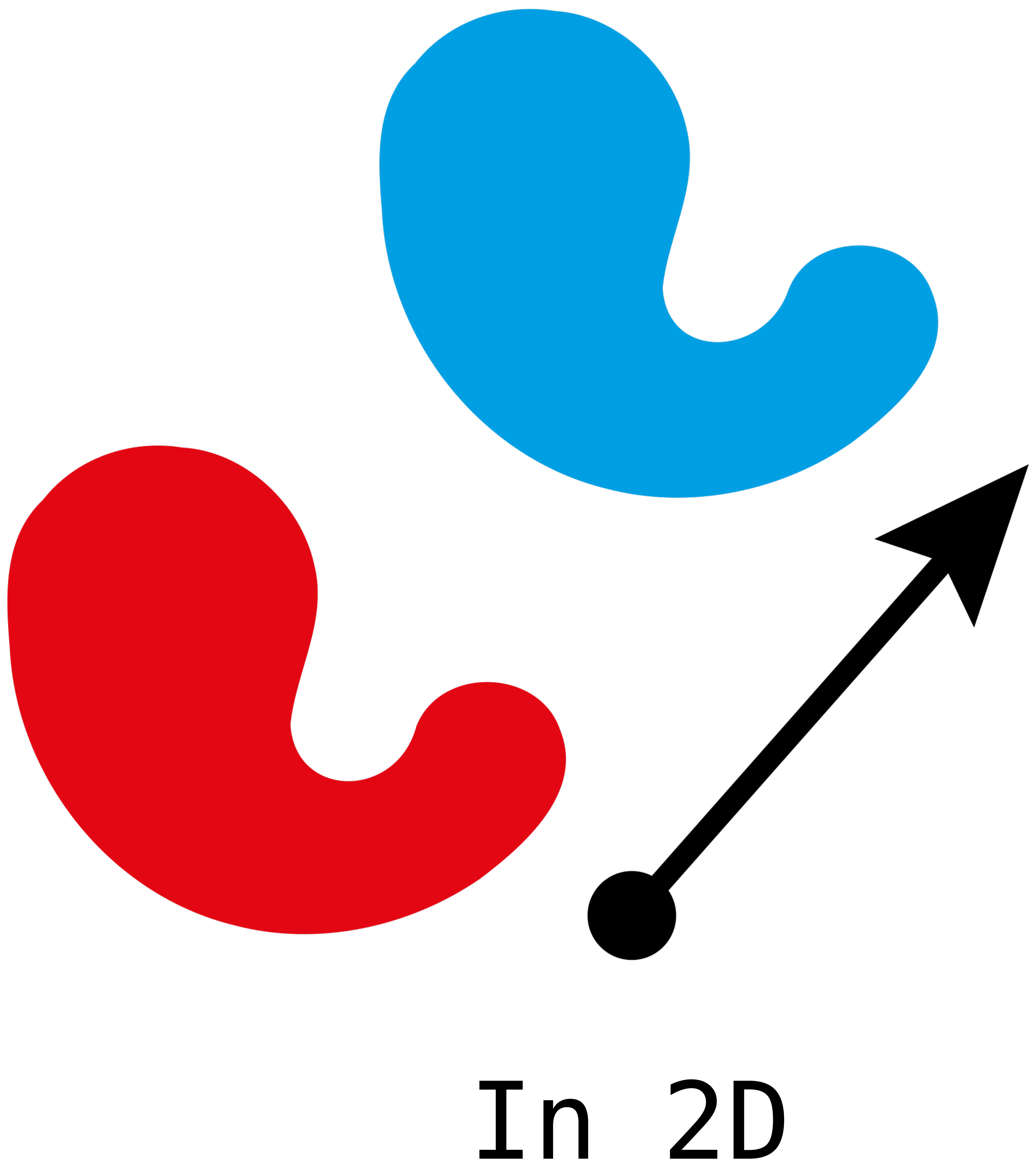

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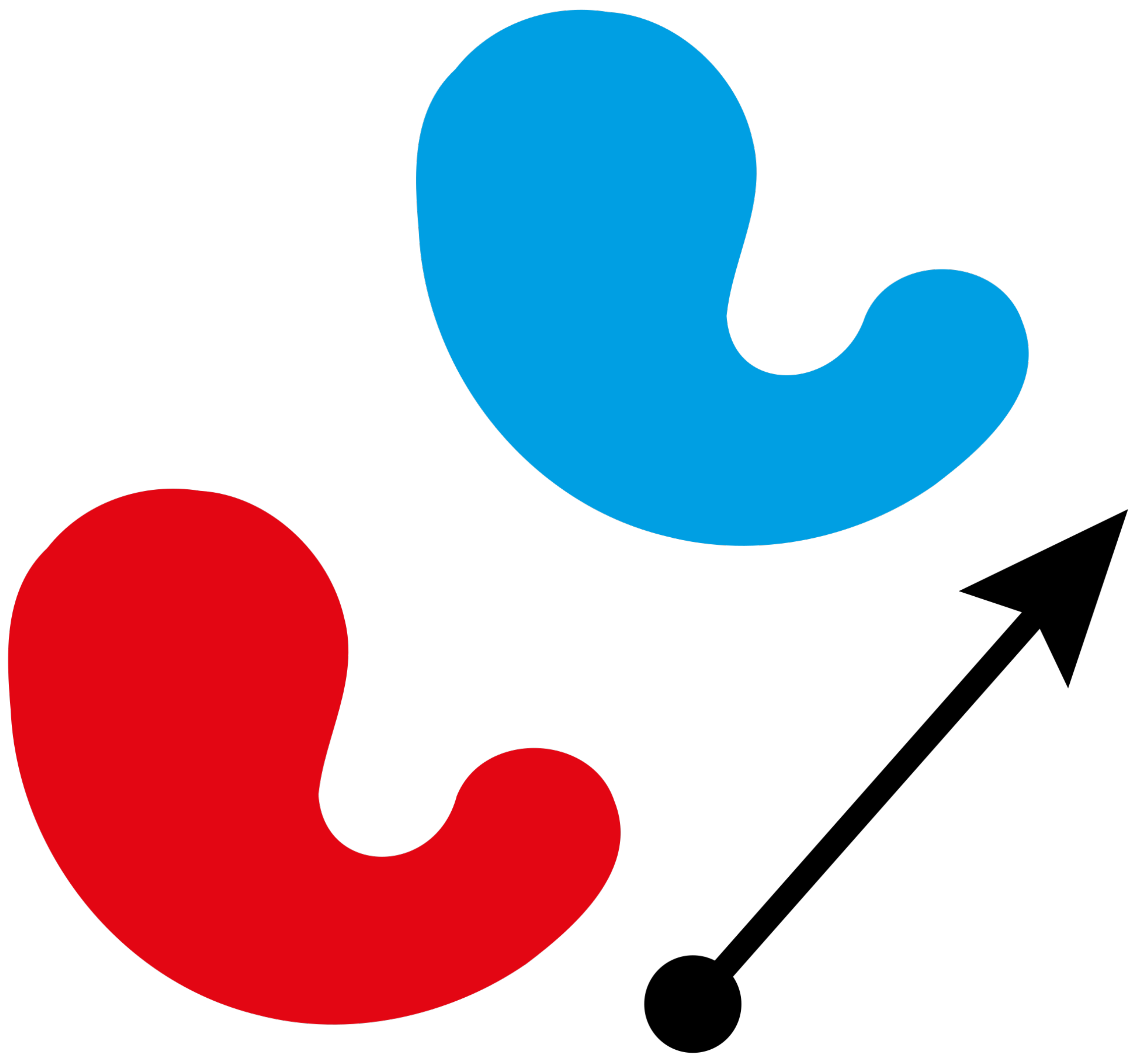

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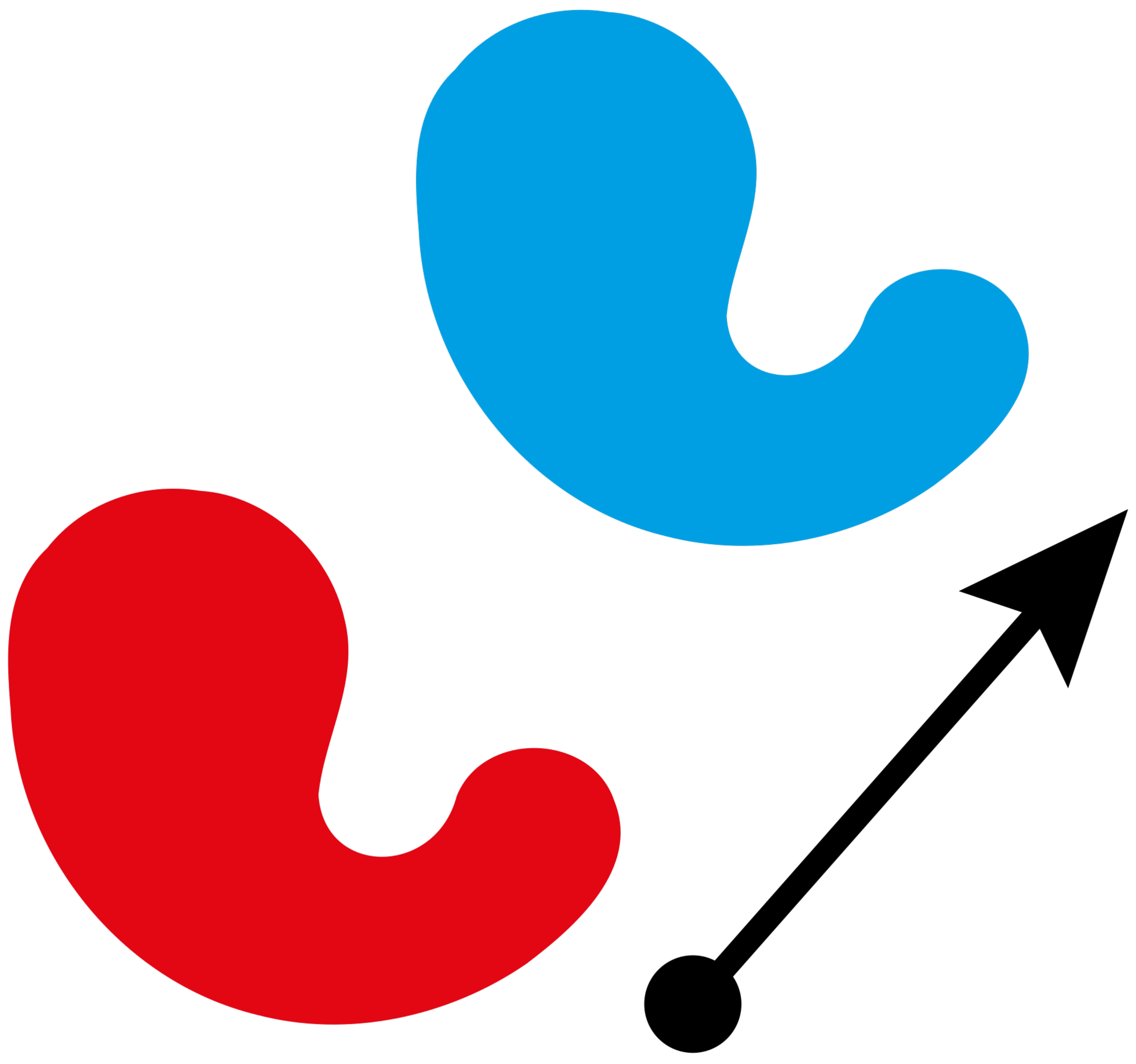

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Translation (3D)

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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.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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

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Perspective Projections

Vanishing Points

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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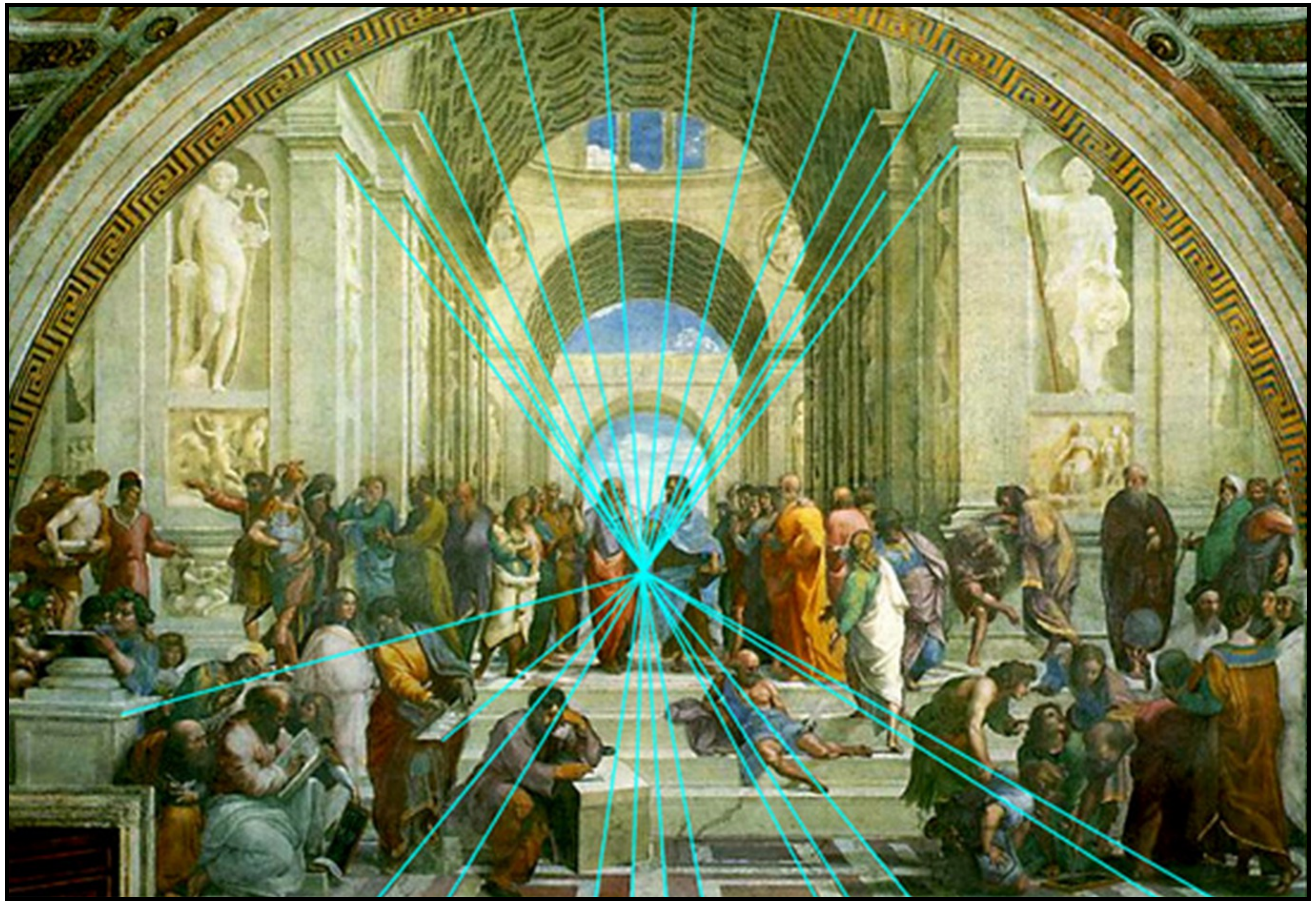
Vanishing Point

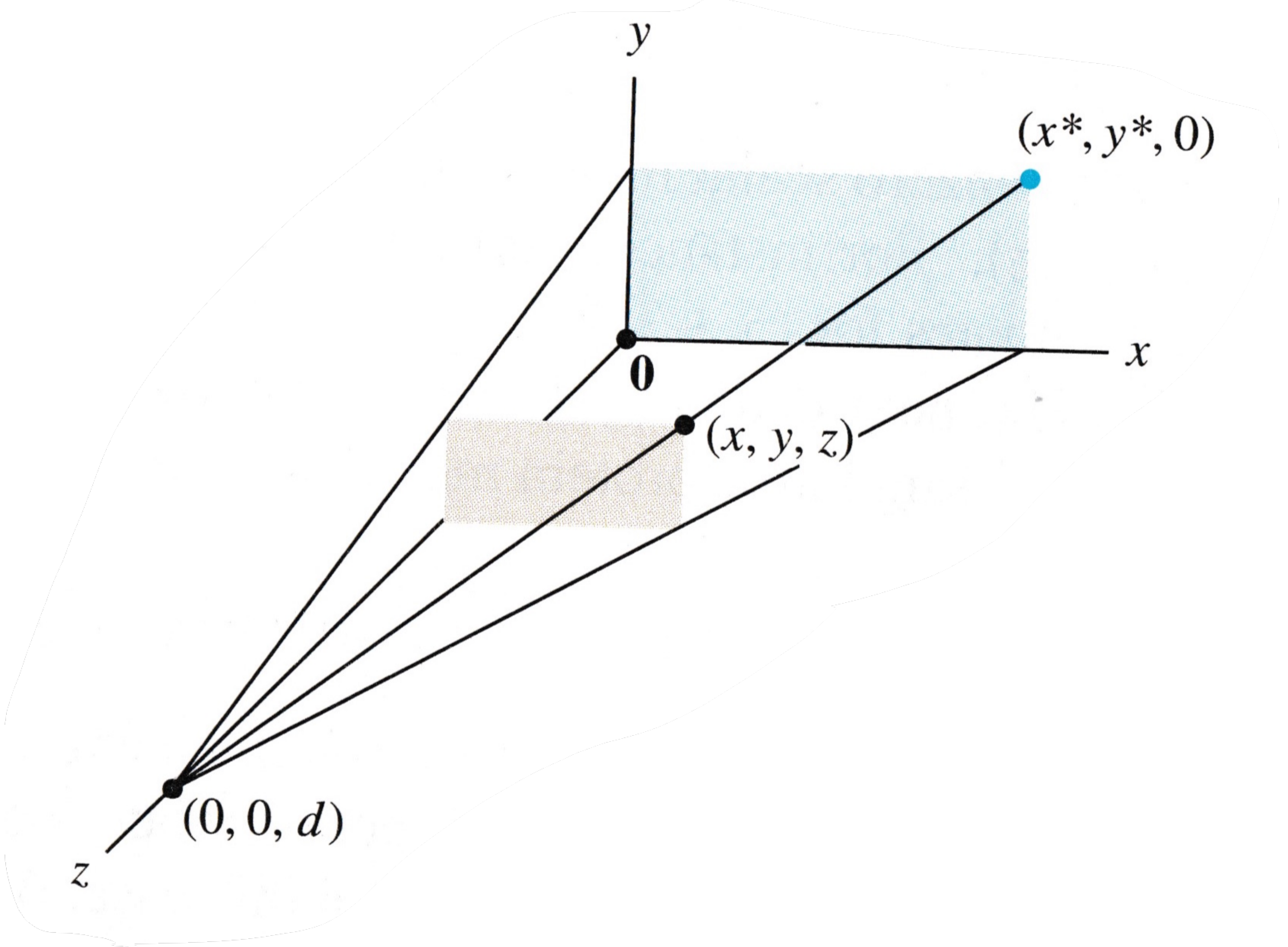
The School of Athens (~1510)



Computing Perspective

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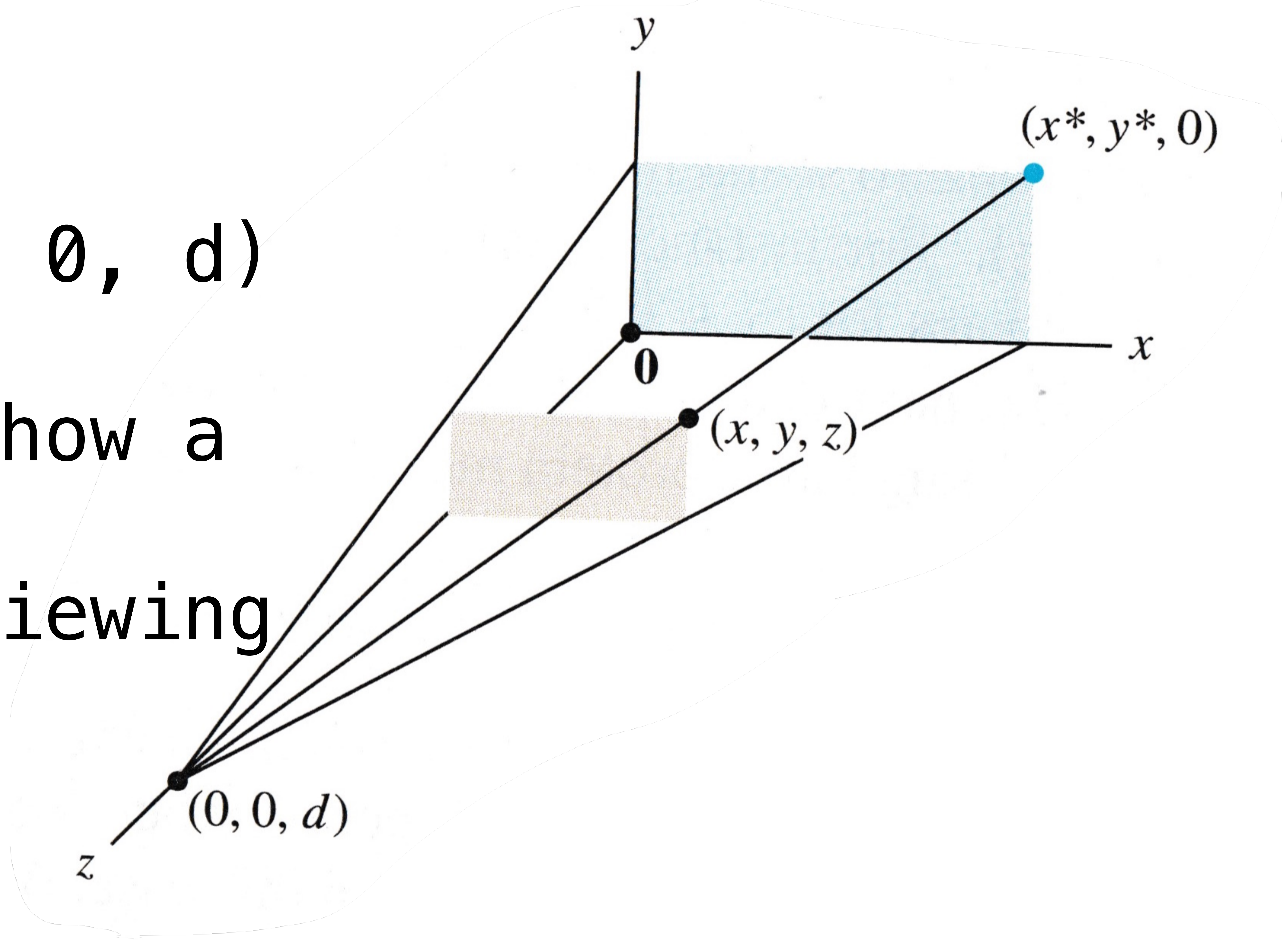
Problem. Given a **viewing position** (0, 0, d) and a **viewing plane** (xy–axis) determine how a point (x, y, z) is *projected* onto the viewing plane.



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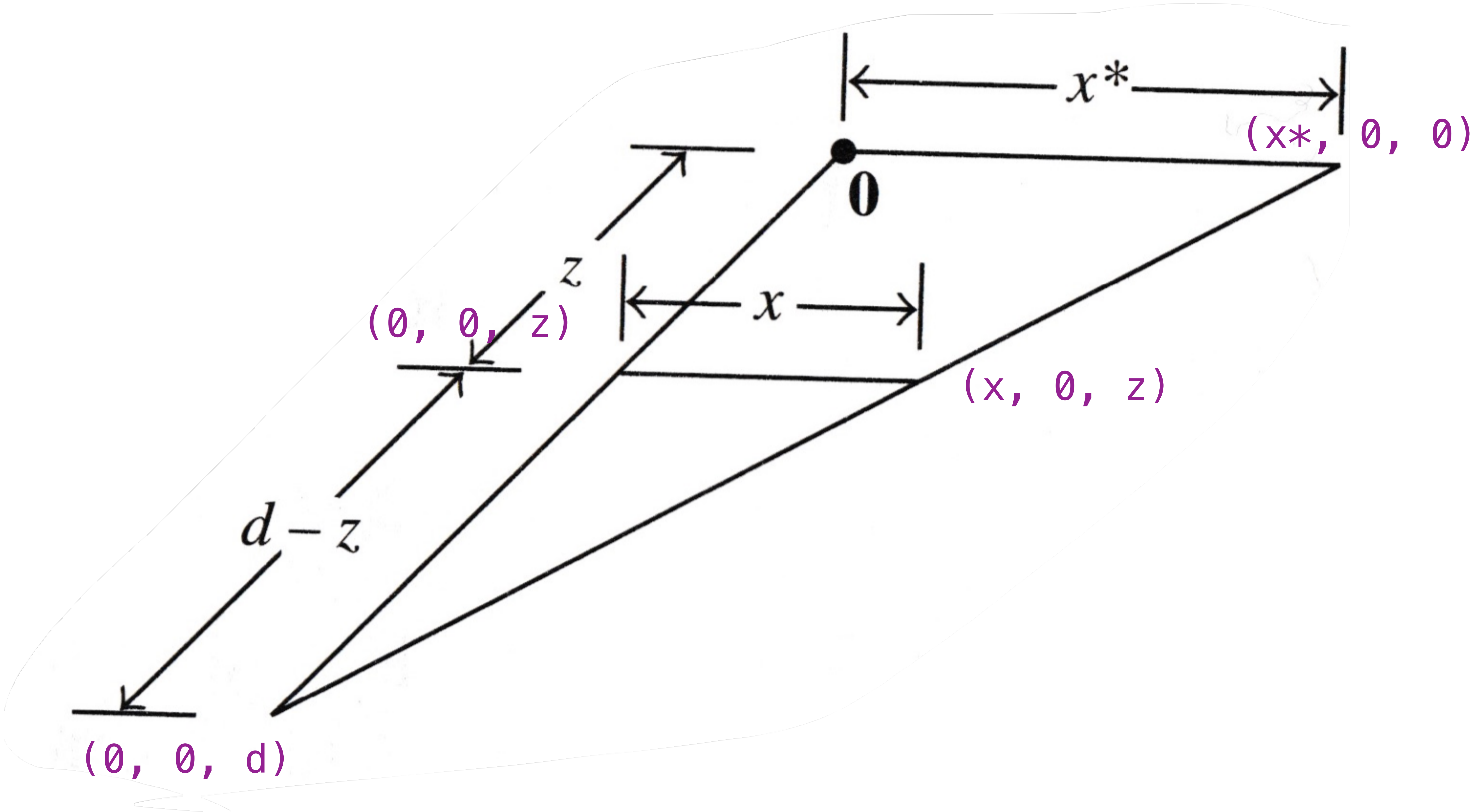

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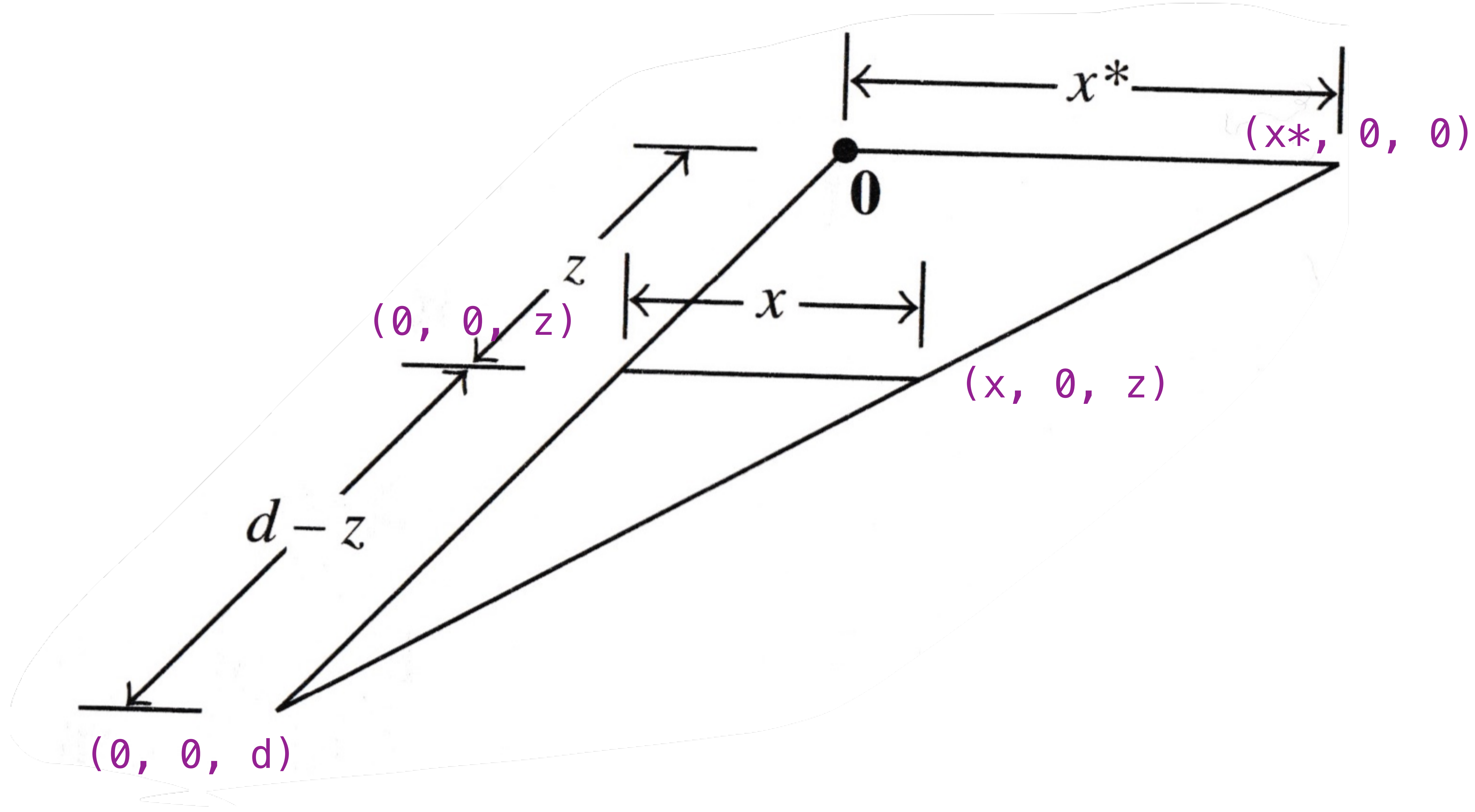

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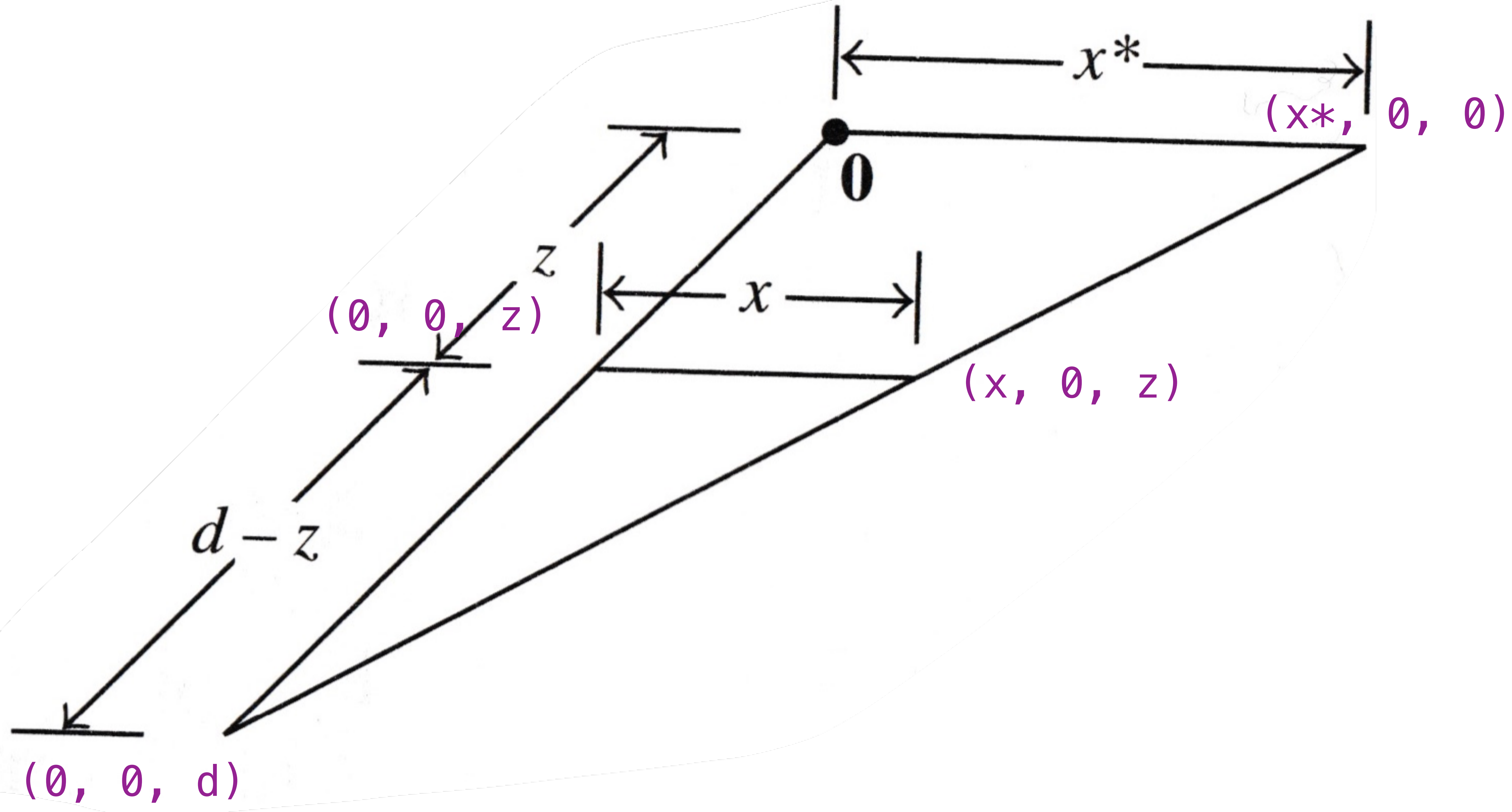

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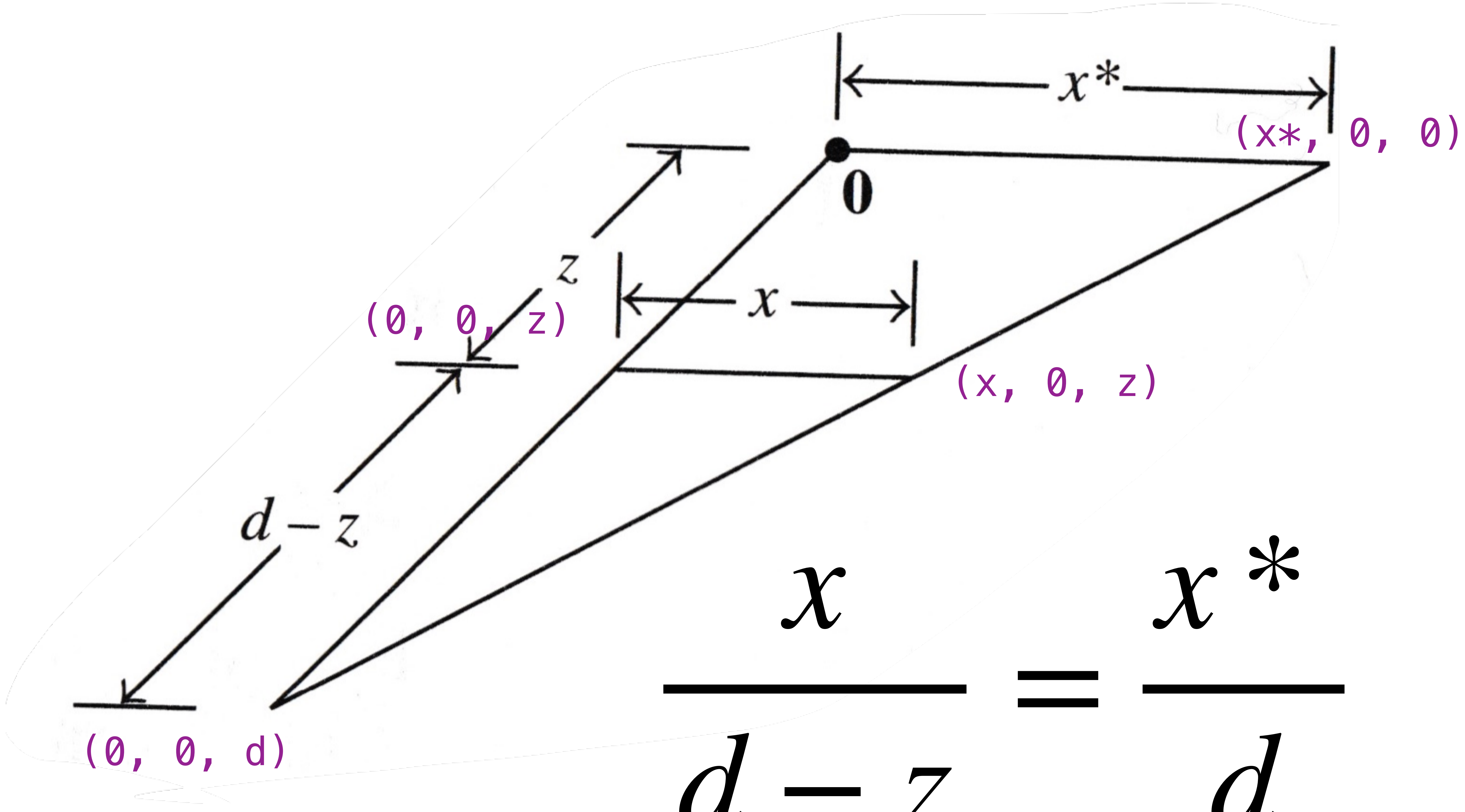

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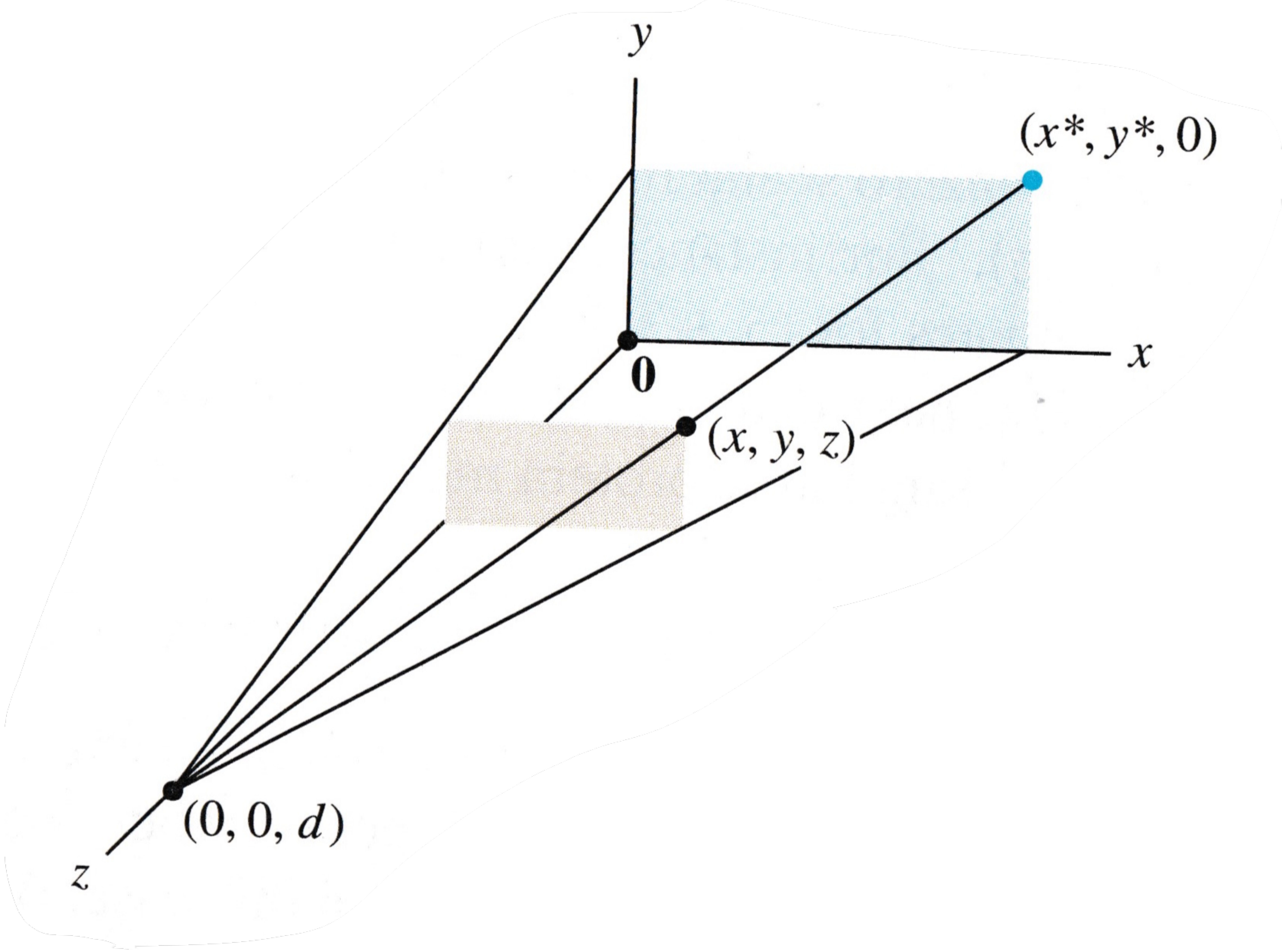

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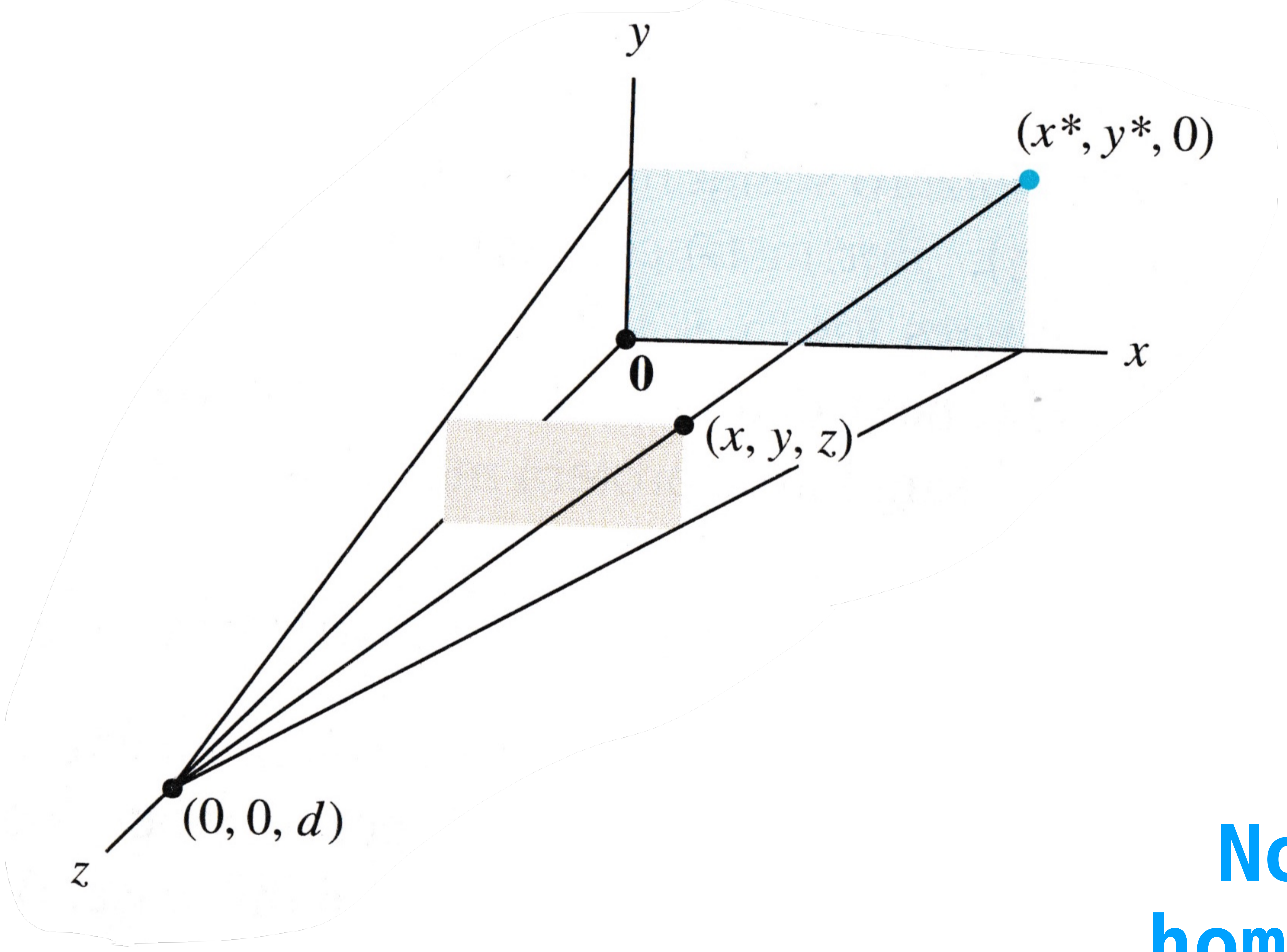

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When we convert back to normal coordinates, we divide by the extra entry (this is consistent with before).

Perspective Projection

point on the screen

$$\begin{bmatrix} x/1-z/d \\ y/1-z/d \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition. The **perspective projection** (and matrix) is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1/d & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ 0 \\ 1 - z/d \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} x/1-z/d \\ y/1-z/d \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

always zero

When we convert back to usual coordinates, we divide by $1 - z/d$ as desired.

Homework 8

The Rough Outline

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5. Draw the resulting image on the screen.

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A Couple Words of Warning

Check your system now. Make sure you can run matplotlib (in particular matplotlib widgets).

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