

# Rasterization



**CS 148: Summer 2016**  
**Introduction of Graphics and Imaging**  
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# Render [ren-der]:

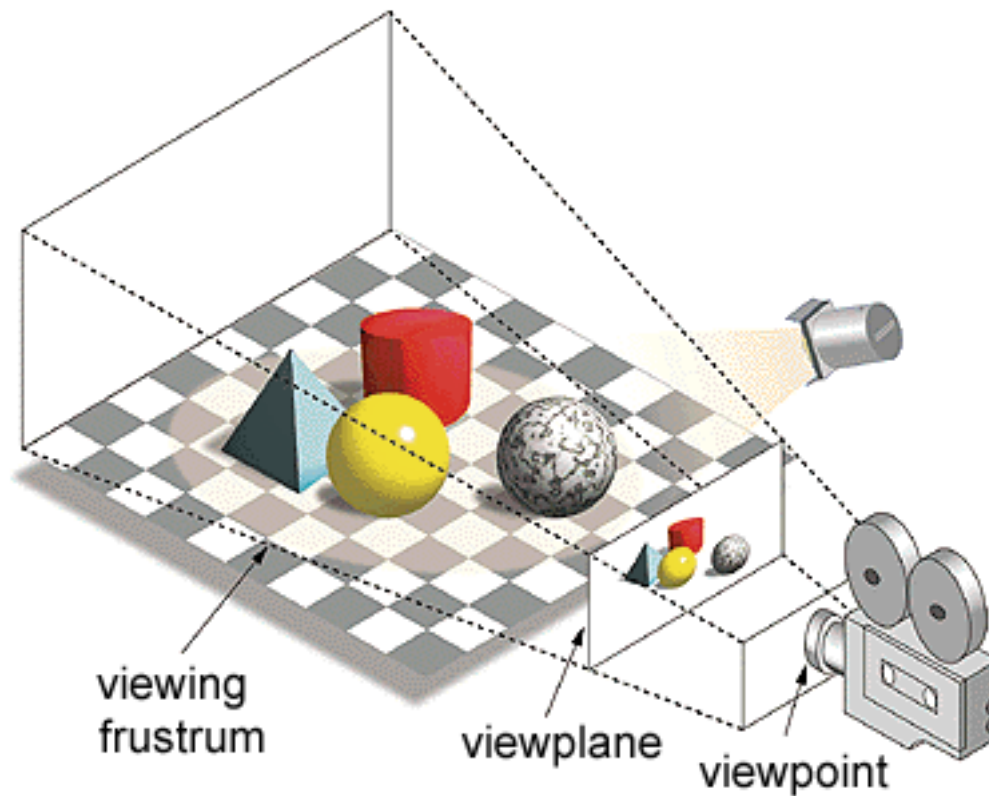
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*The process of generating an image from a description of a scene by means of a computer program*

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rendering\\_\(computer\\_graphics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rendering_(computer_graphics))

# Two Ways to Render an Image

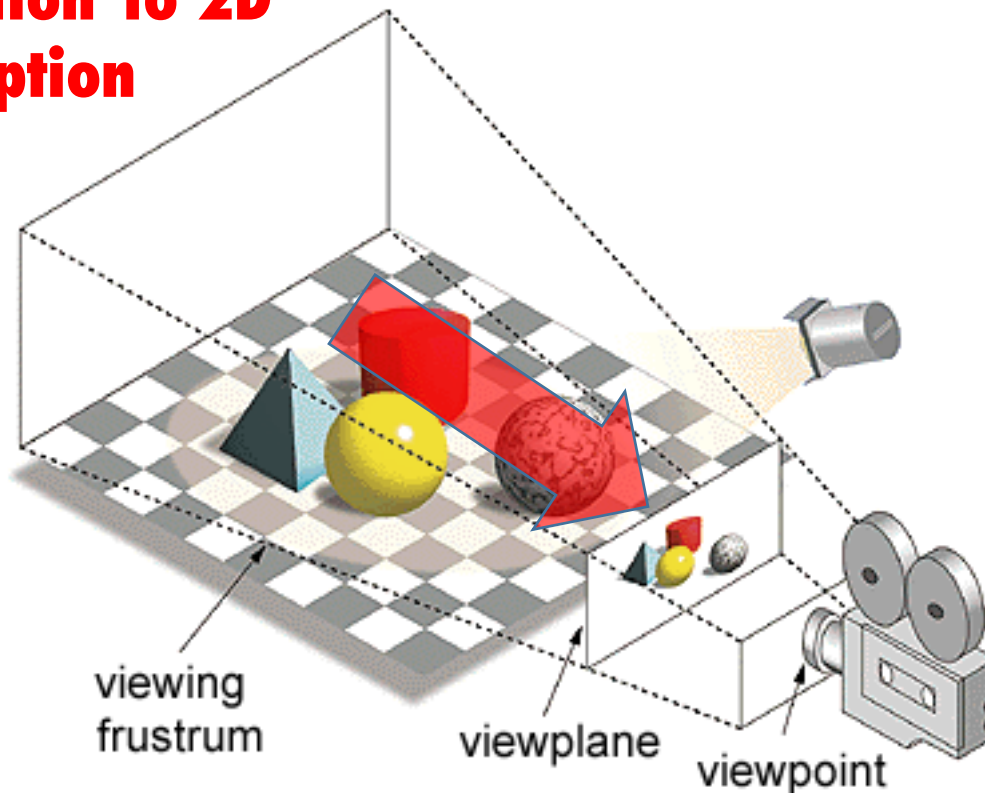
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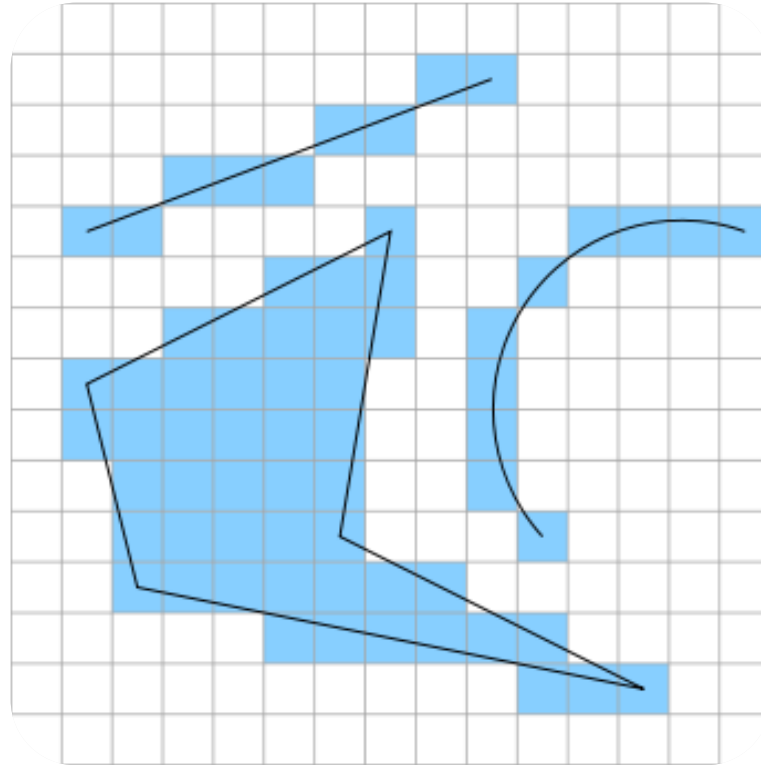
# Two Ways to Render an Image

**Projection:  
3D description to 2D  
description**

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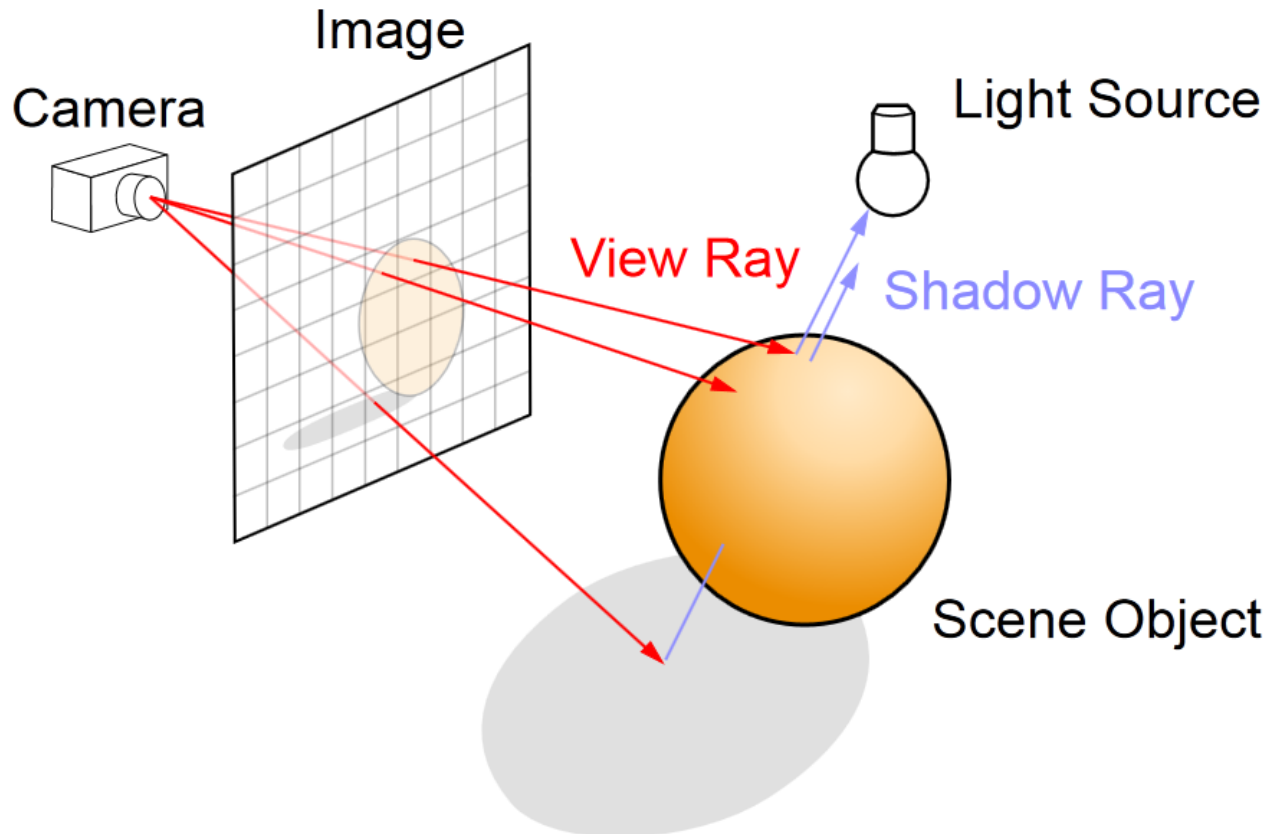
# Two Ways to Render an Image



## Rasterization

<http://iloveshaders.blogspot.com/2011/05/how-rasterization-process-works.html>

# Two Ways to Render an Image



## Raytracing

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/83/Ray\\_trace\\_diagram.svg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/83/Ray_trace_diagram.svg)

# Rasterization

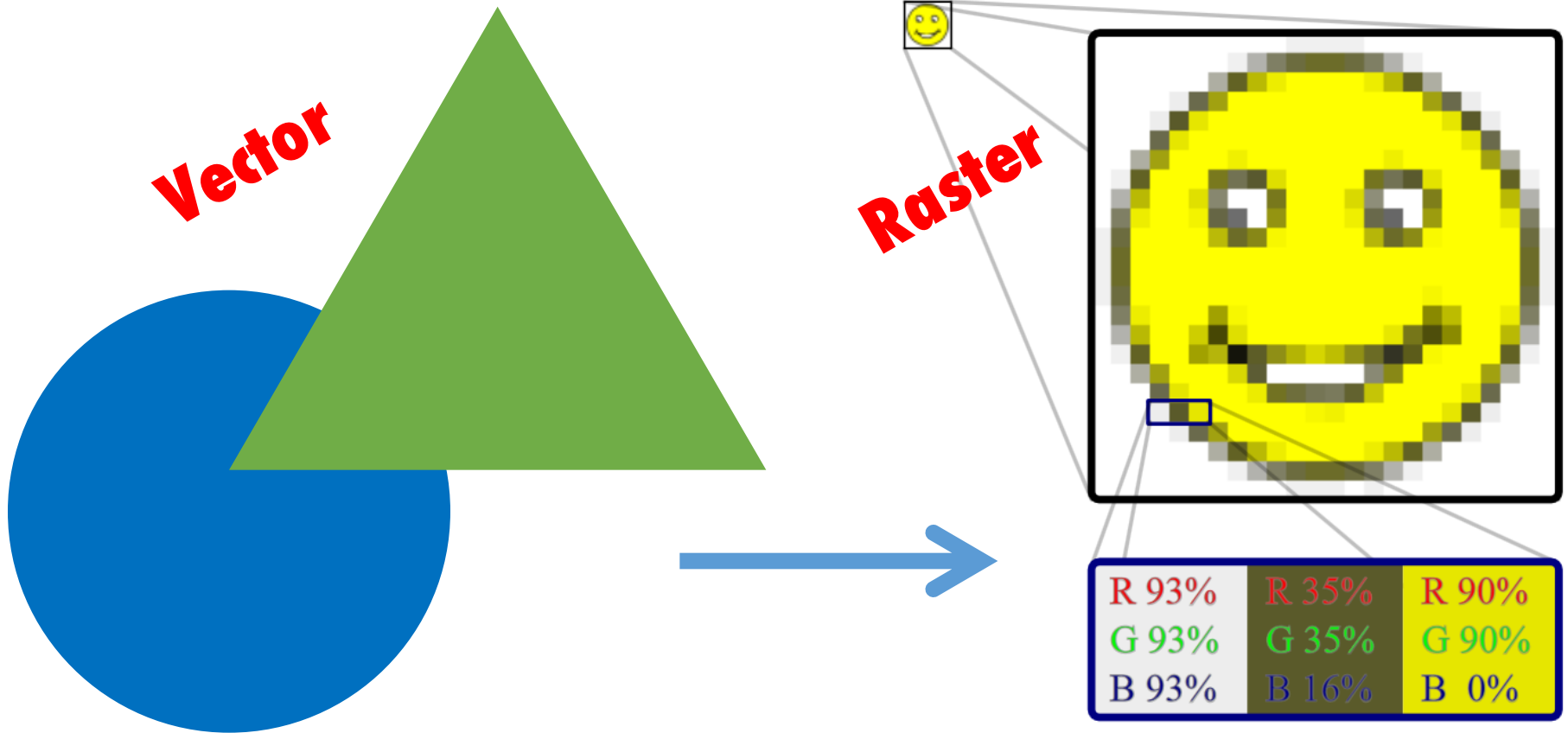
# Rasterize [rastərɪz]:

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*To convert vector data to raster – pixel or dot – format.*



# Rasterization Process



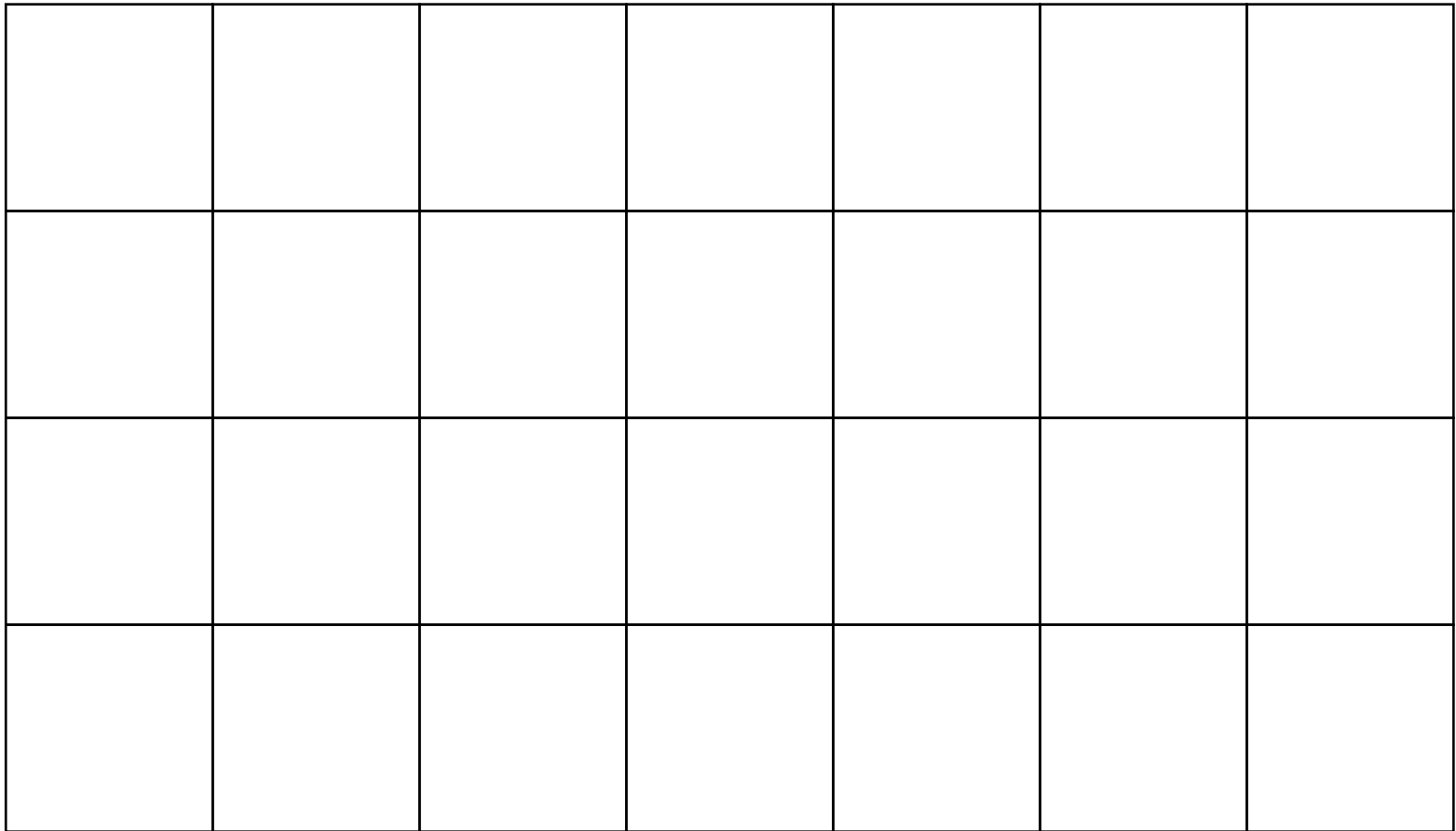
“A triangle is here, a circle is there, ...”

“This pixel is yellow...”

# Scan Conversion

Figuring out which  
pixels to shade.

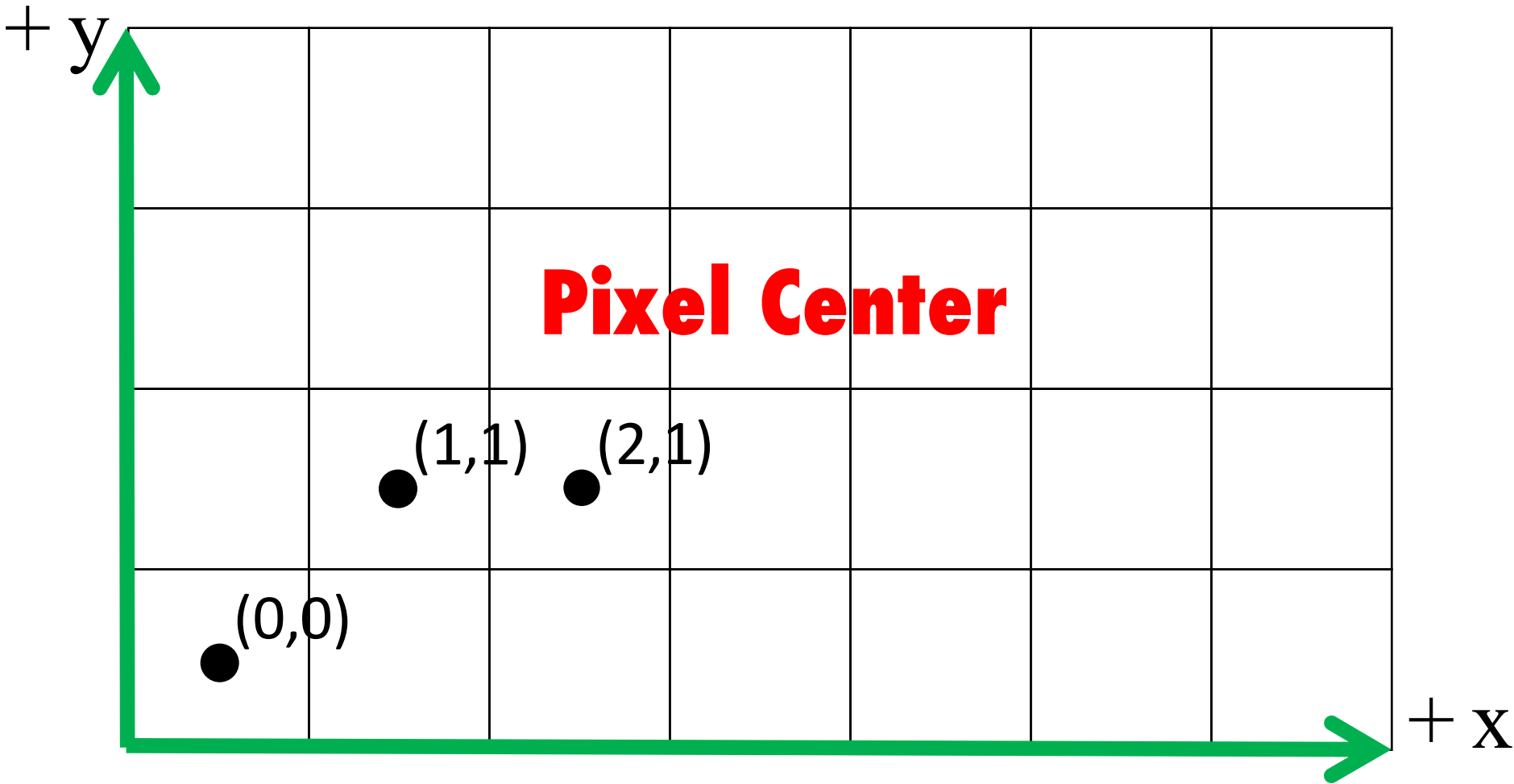
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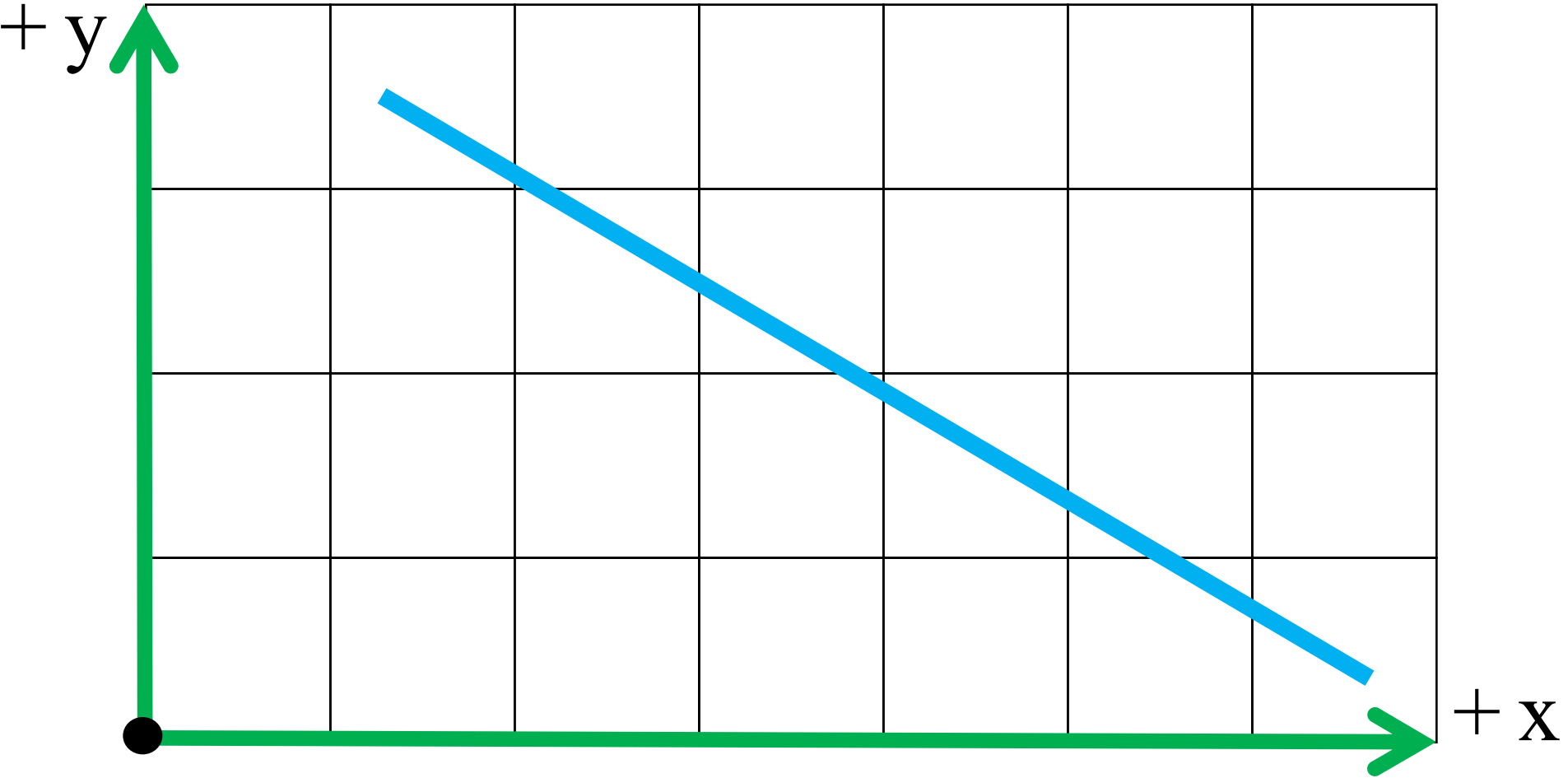
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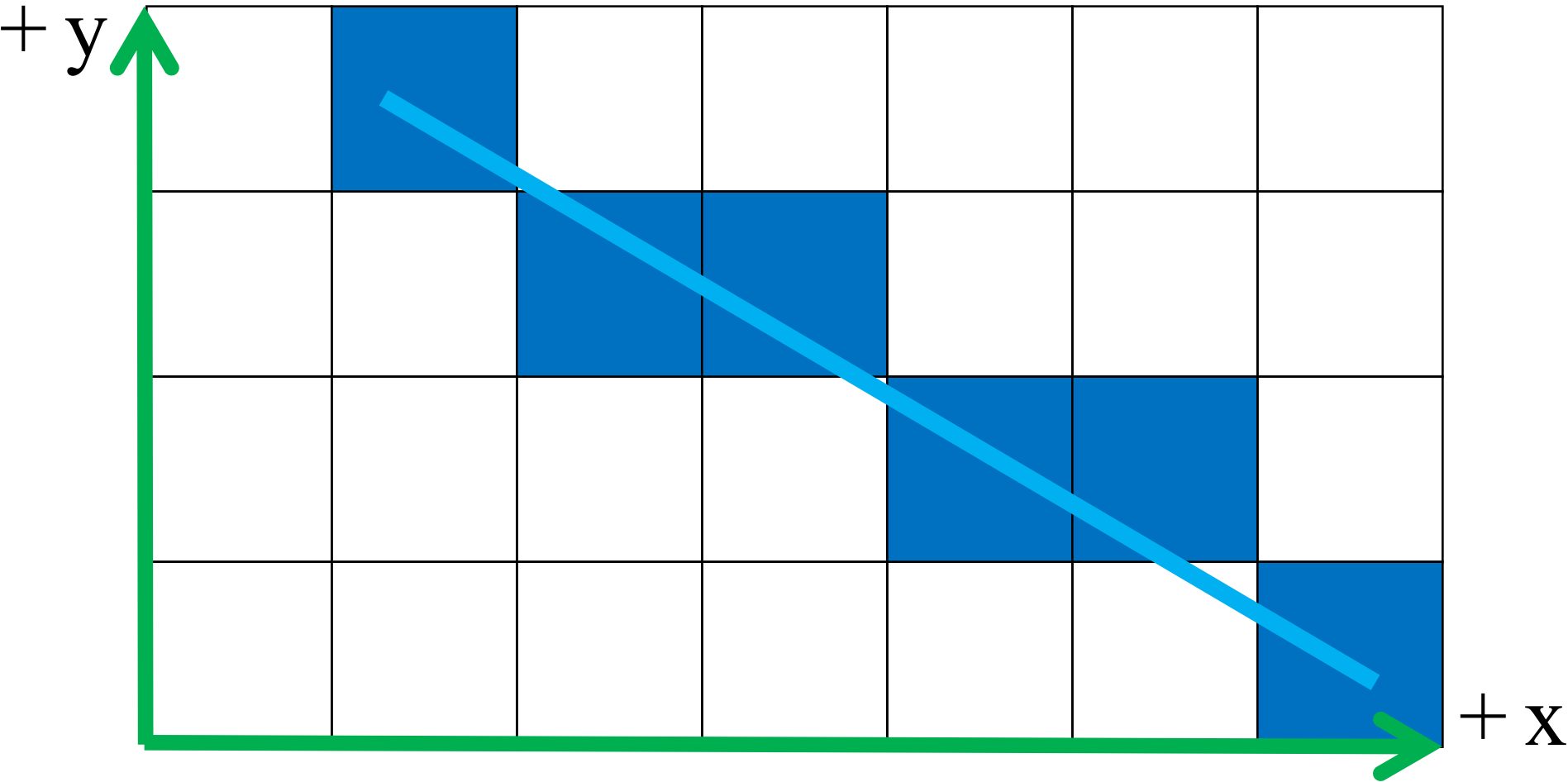
# Framebuffer Coordinates



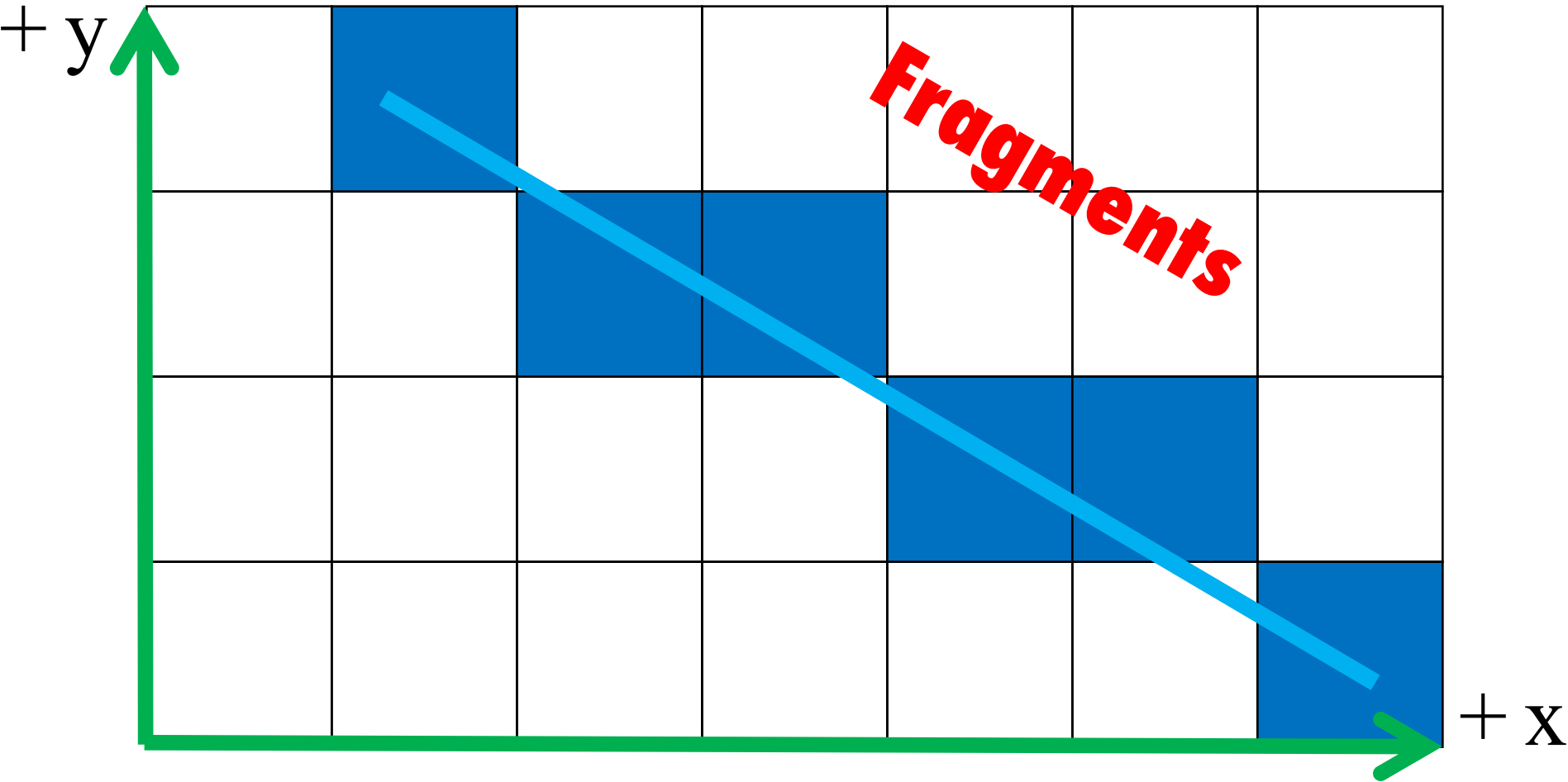
# Problem



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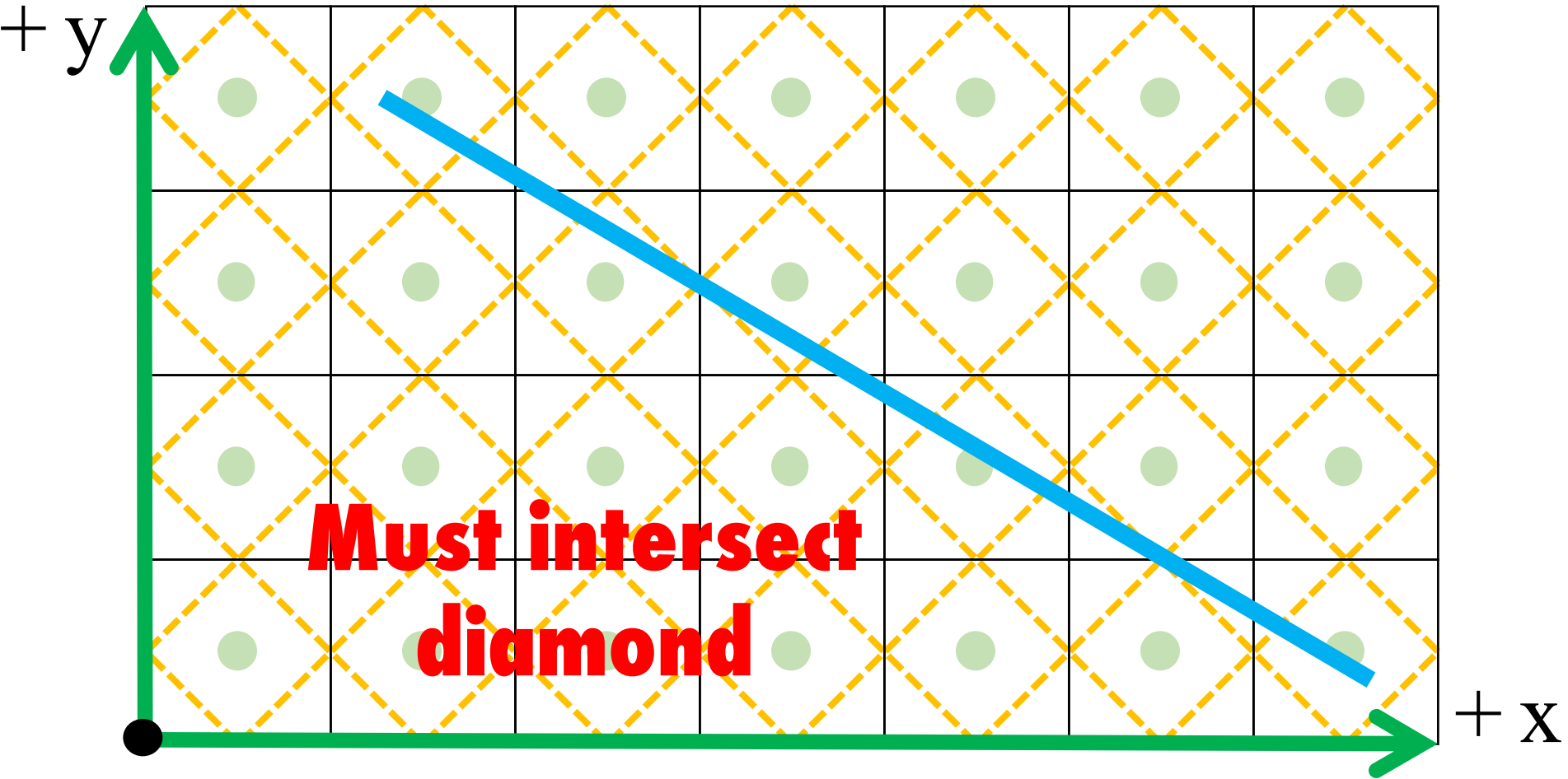


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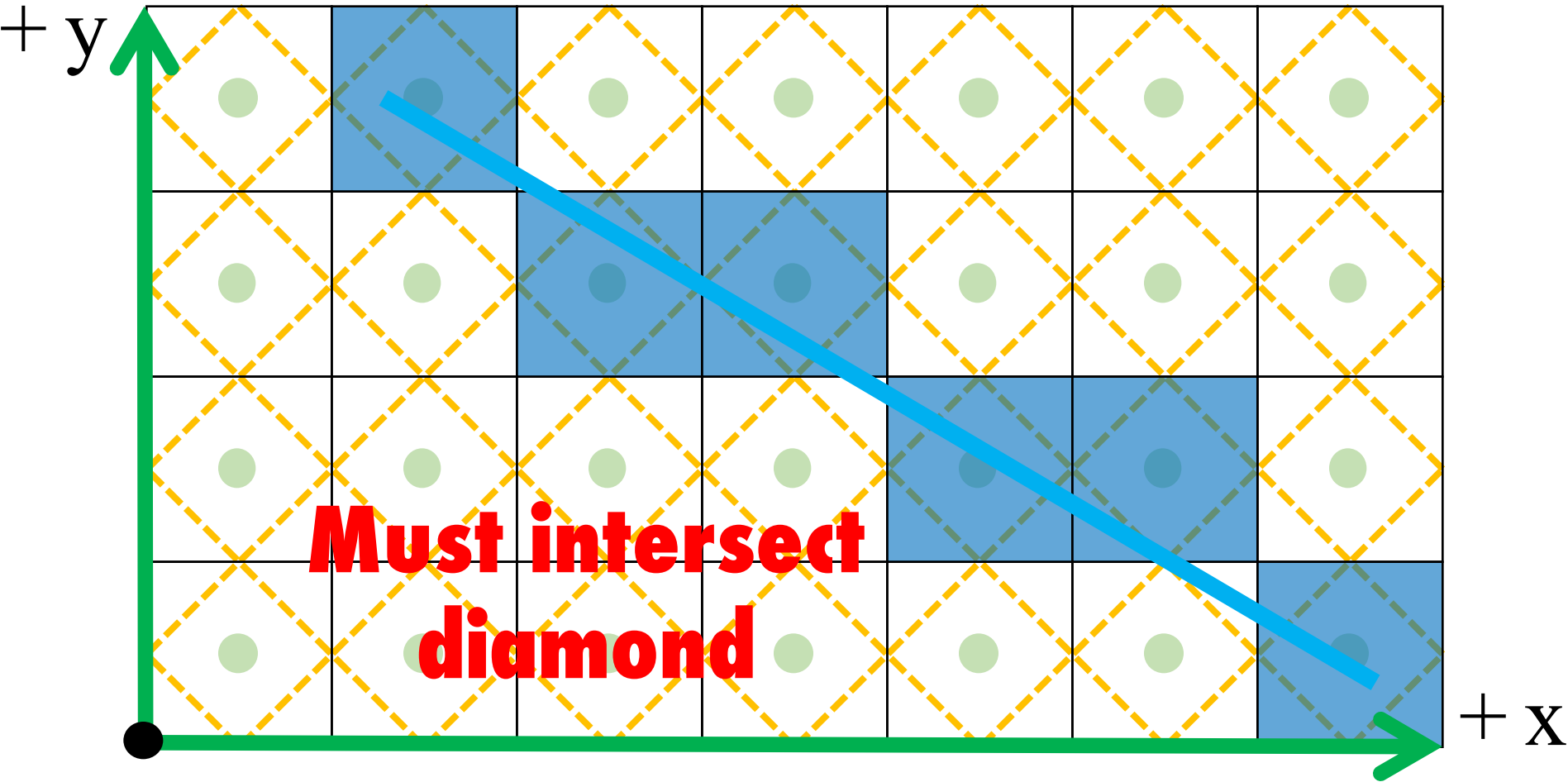




# Convention



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# Desirable Properties

- Fast
- Simple
- Integer arithmetic

# Bresenham's Algorithm

- Introduced in 1967
- Best-fit approximation under some conditions

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**Variation by Pitteway (1967)  
"Midpoint Algorithm"**

- Best-fit approximation under some conditions

# Bresenham's Algorithm

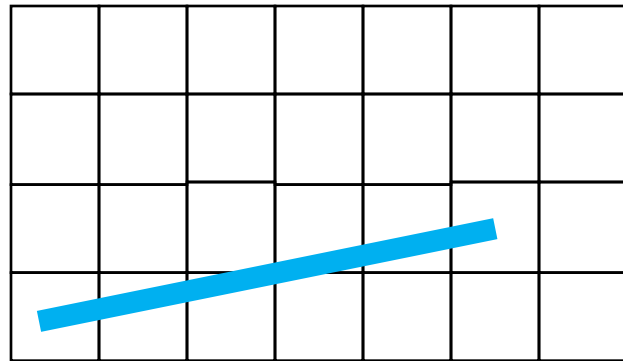
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$$y = mx + b$$

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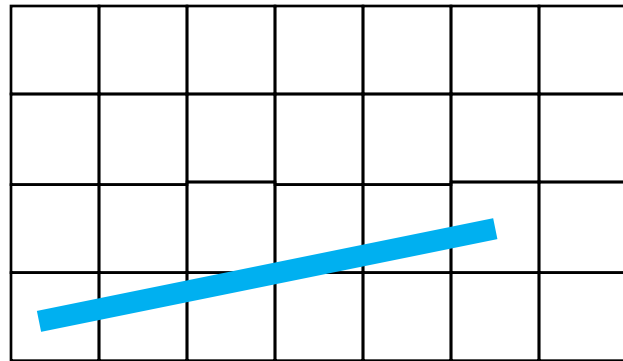


**Assumption:**  $0 \leq m < 1$

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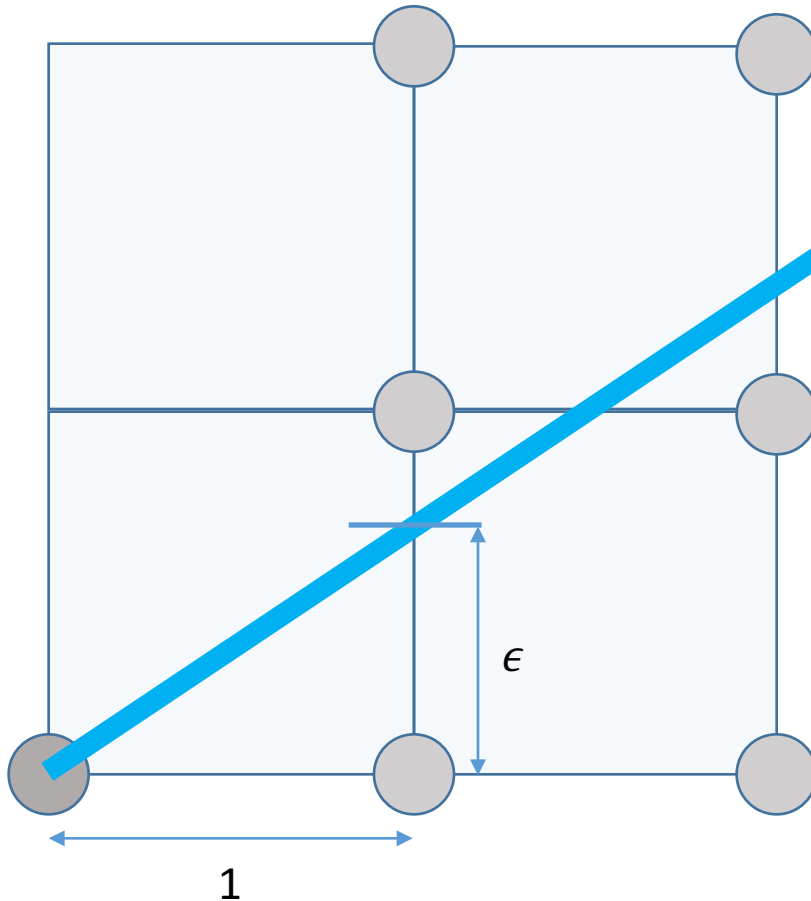
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**Easy fix via rotation/reflection**



# Bresenham's Algorithm

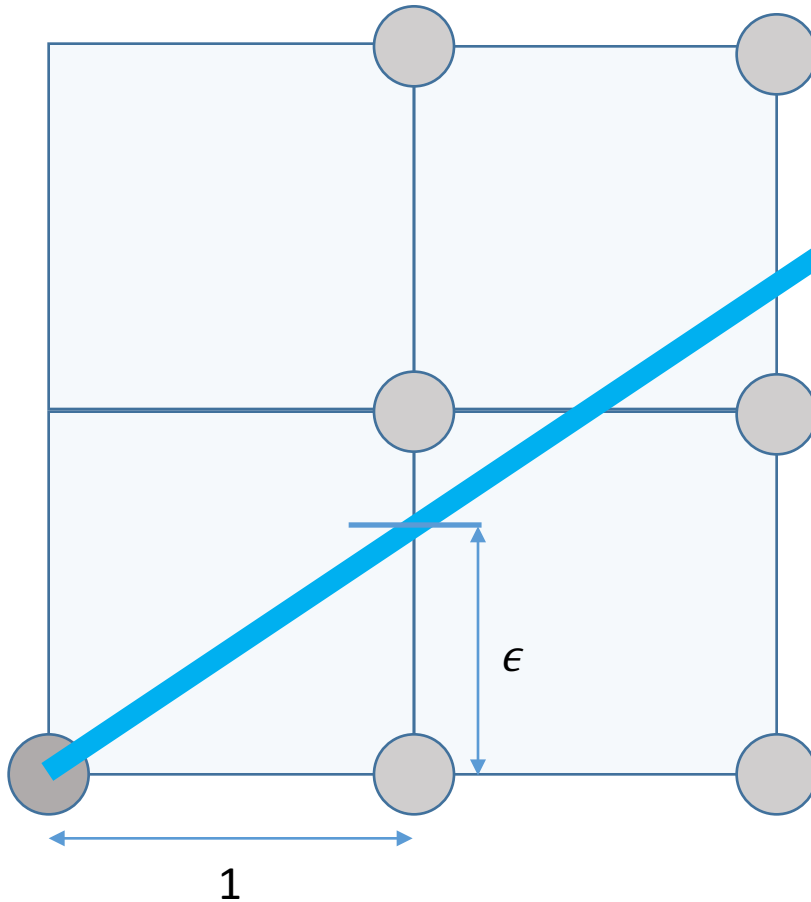


$$y = mx + b$$

## Strategy

- Every step: increment x
- Keep track of “error”  $\epsilon$
- At every step accumulate
  - $\epsilon \leftarrow \epsilon + m$
- If  $\epsilon \geq \frac{1}{2}$ 
  - Increment y
  - Reset  $\epsilon \leftarrow \epsilon + m - 1$
- Start with  $\epsilon = m$

# Bresenham's Algorithm

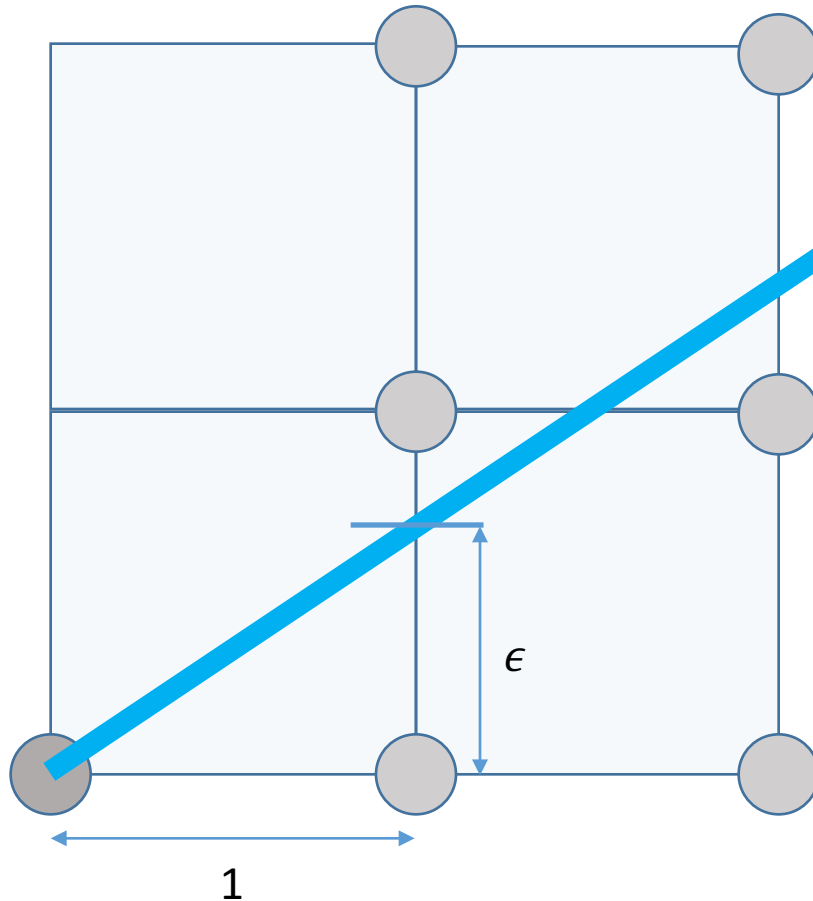


$$y = mx + b$$

**Algorithm**

```
line(x0,y0,x1,y1)
  x ← x0
  y ← y0
  ε = m
  while x < x1
    pixel(x,y)
    if ε >  $\frac{1}{2}$ 
      y ← y + 1
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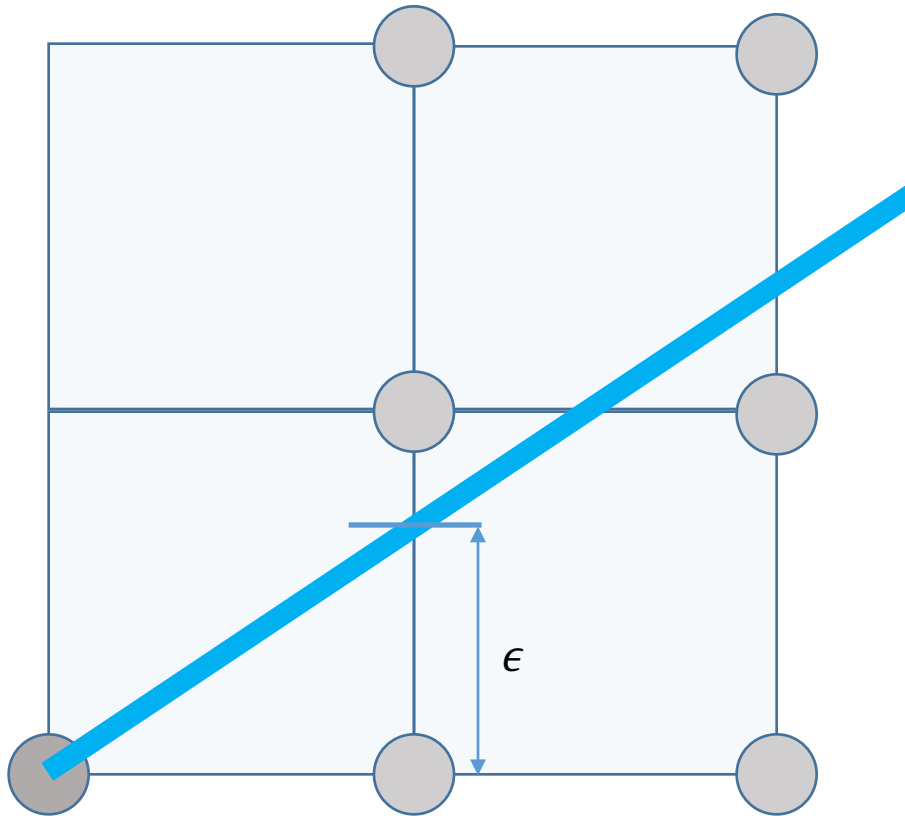


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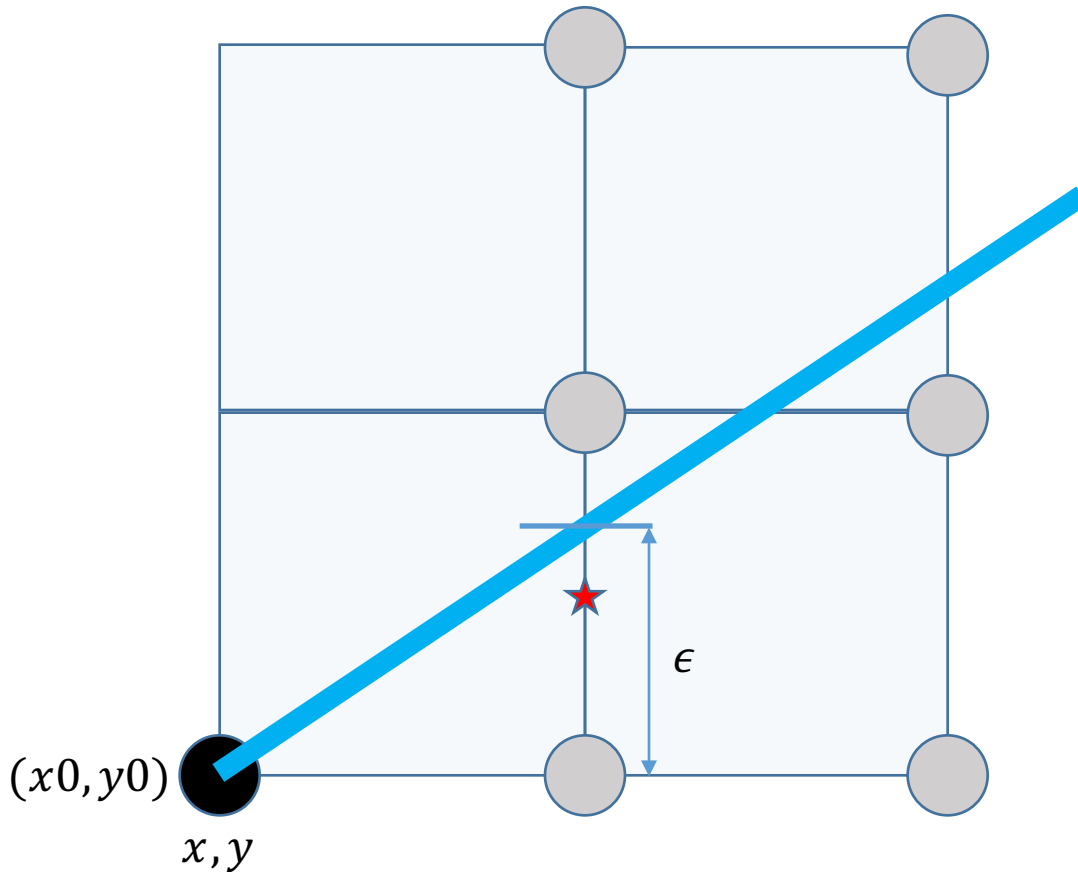
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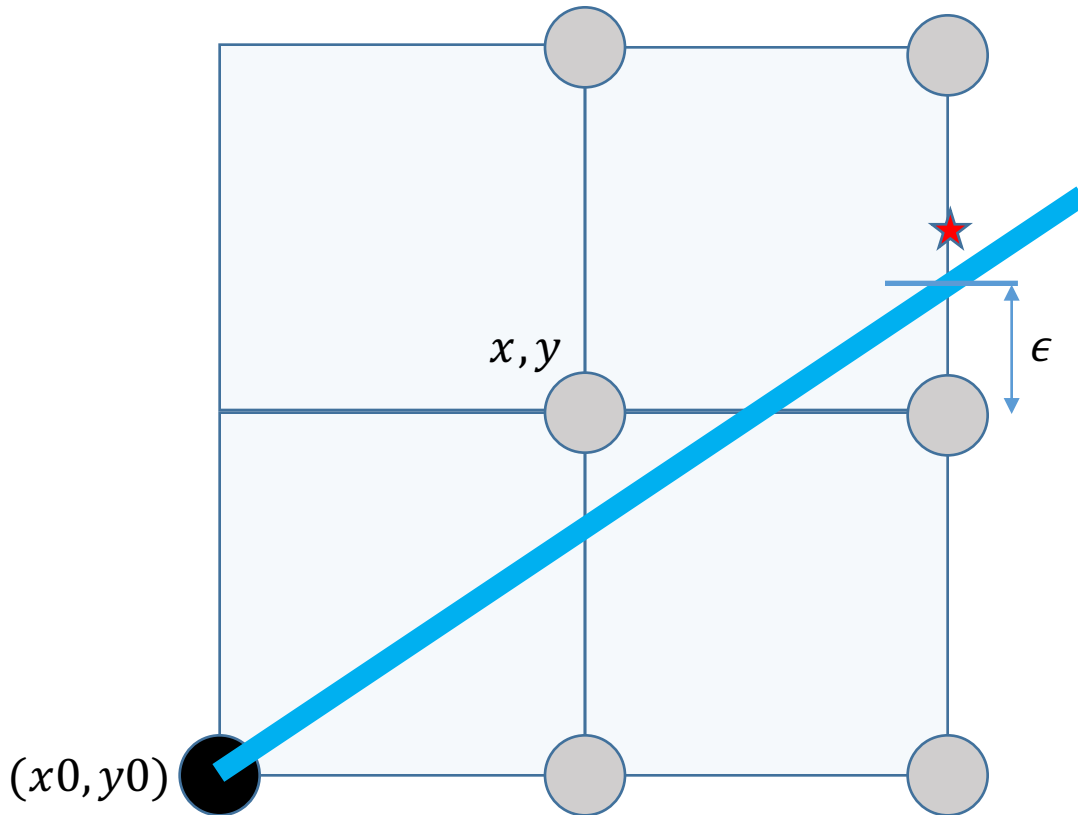


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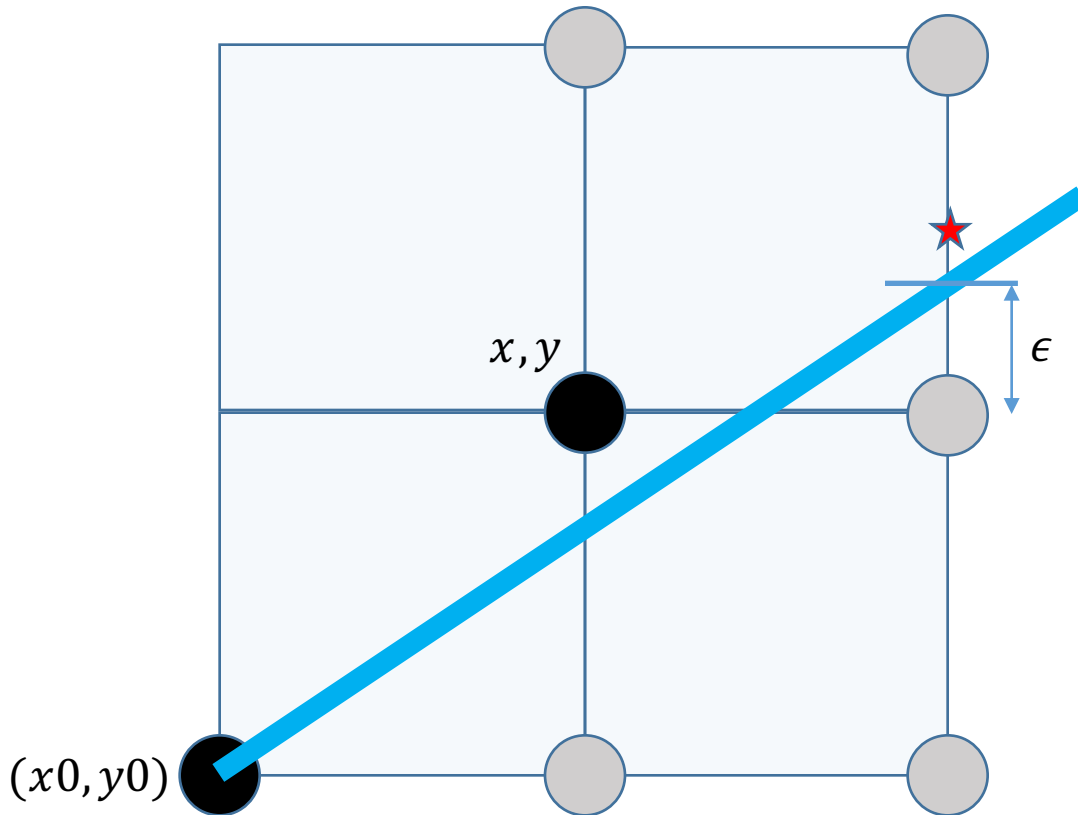


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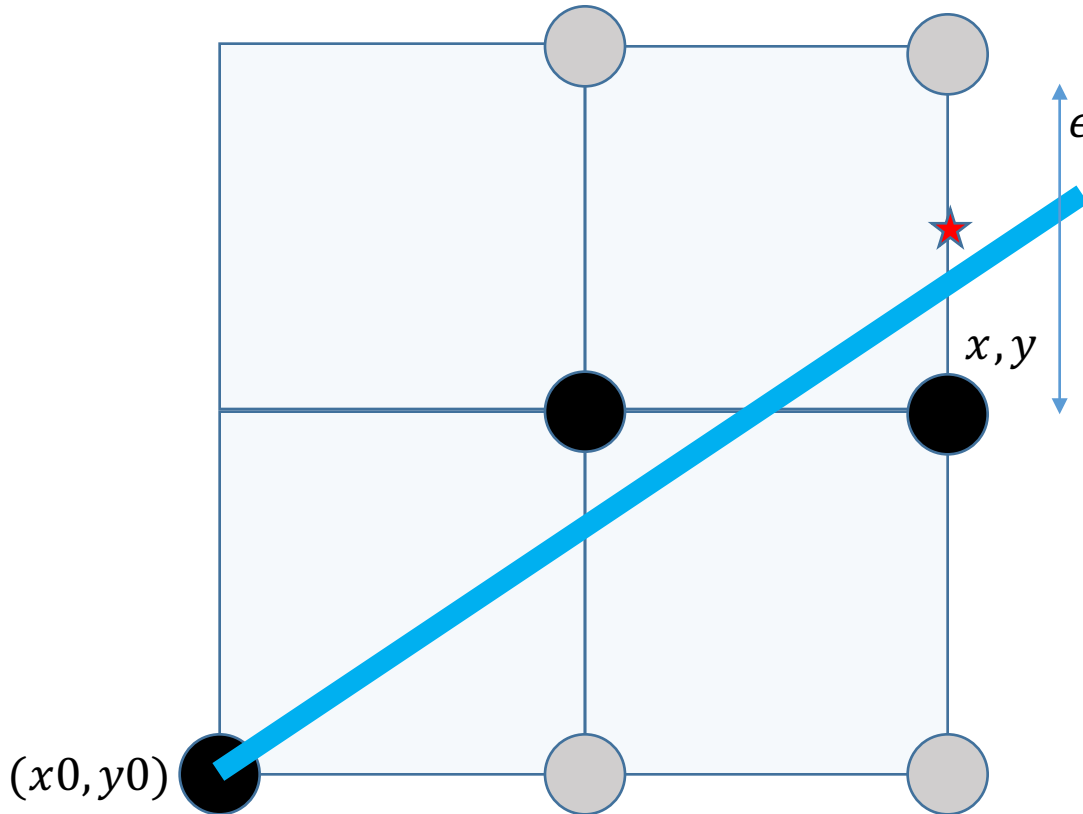


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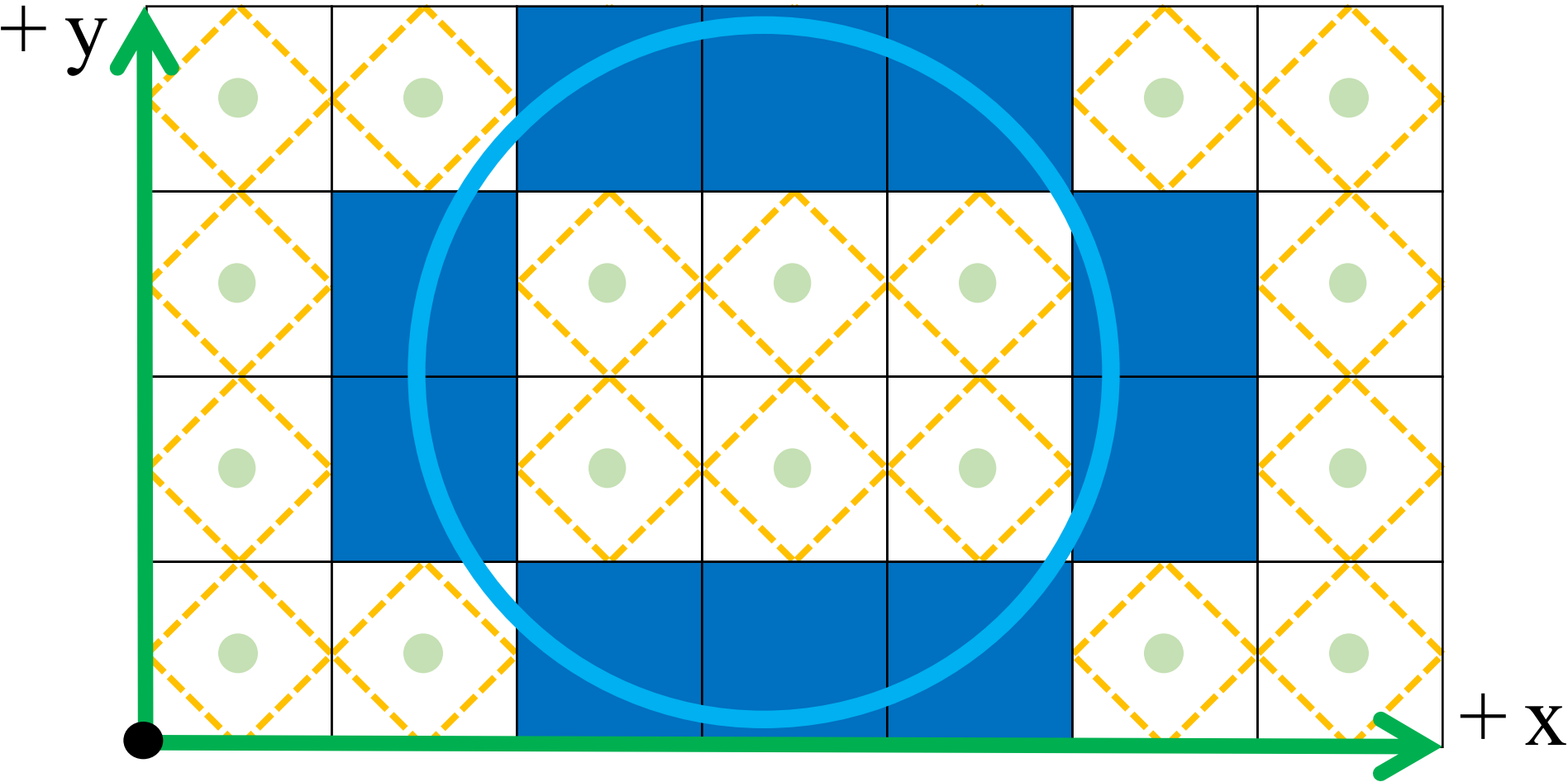
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line(x0, y0, x1, y1)  
  x ← x0  
  y ← y0  
   $\Delta y$  ← y1 - y0  
   $\Delta x$  ← x1 - x0  
  twoDY ←  $\Delta y \ll 1$   
  twoDX ←  $\Delta x \ll 1$   
  d = twoDY  
  while x < x1  
    pixel(x, y)  
    if d >  $\Delta x$   
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      d ← d - twoDX  
    d ← d + twoDY  
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```

# Different Method: Same Output

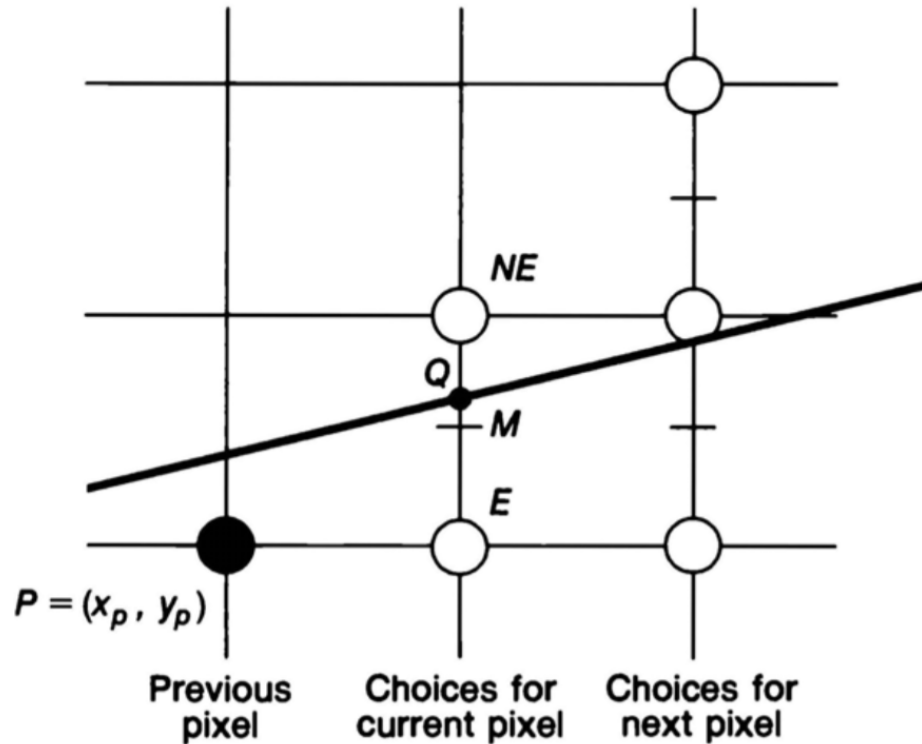
**Pitteway (1967)**  
**“Midpoint Algorithm”**

**READING ASSIGNMENT !**

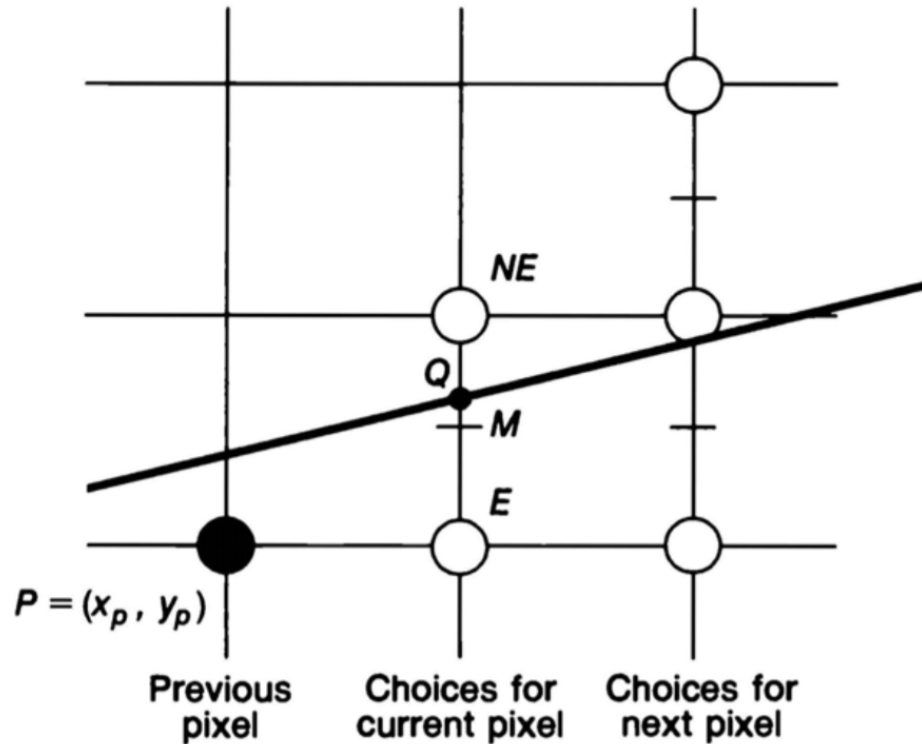
# Rasterizing Circle



# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea



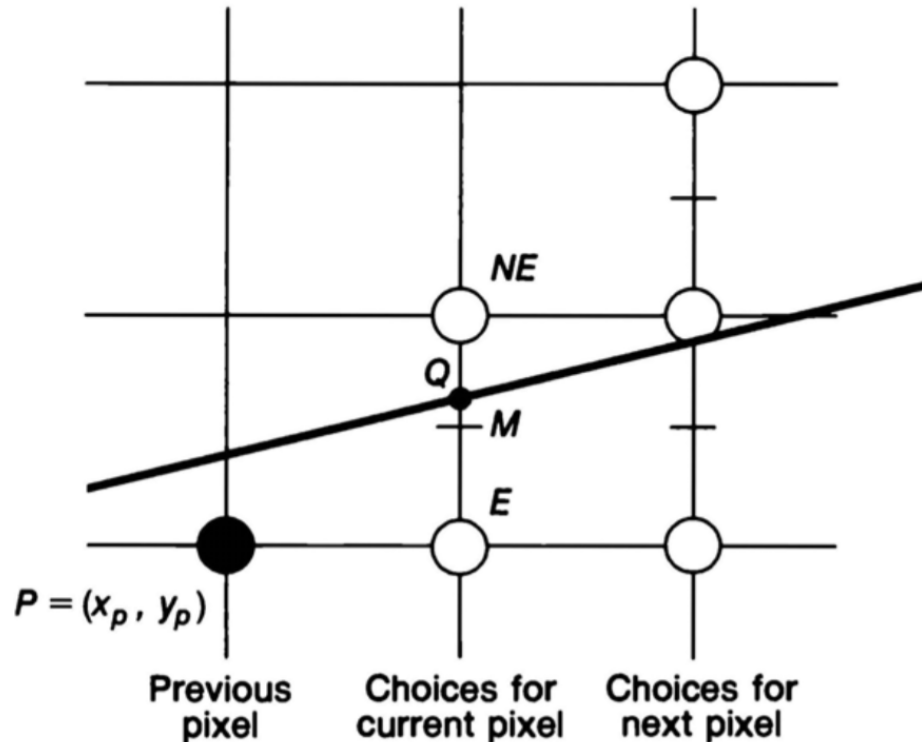
# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea



Equation of a line:

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea



Equation of a line: Implicit Form

$$F(x, y) = ax + by + c$$

# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea

$$y = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} x + B$$

$$\implies \Delta x \cdot y = \Delta y \cdot x + \Delta x \cdot B$$

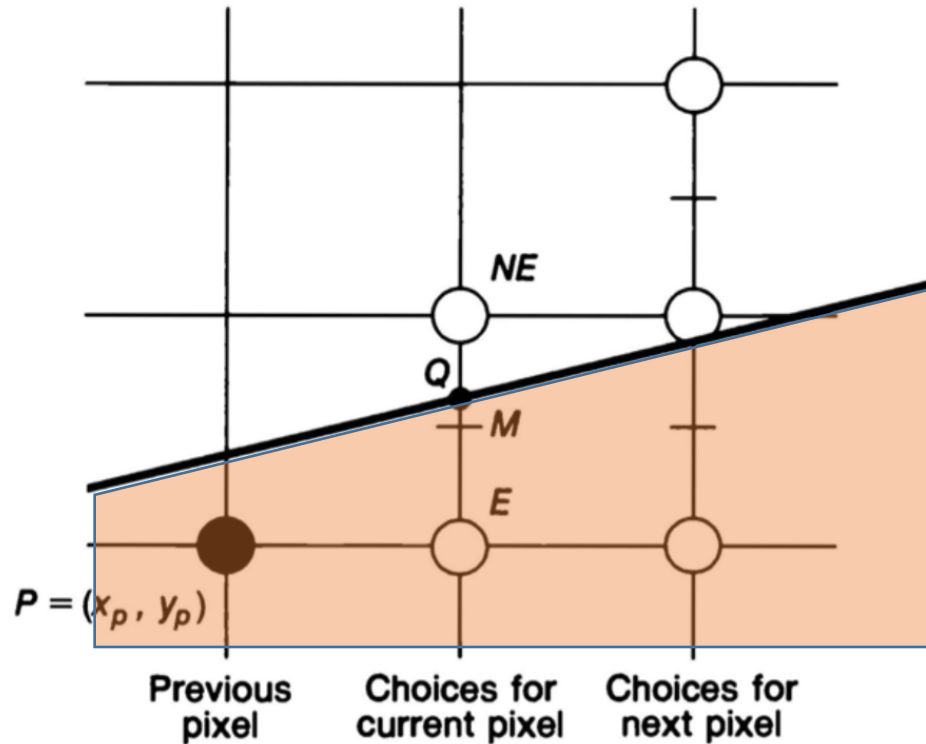
$$\implies 0 = \Delta y \cdot x - \Delta x \cdot y + \Delta x \cdot B$$

**Equation of a line: Implicit Form**

$$F(x, y) = \underbrace{\Delta y}_a \cdot x + \underbrace{(-\Delta x)}_b \cdot y + \underbrace{\Delta x \cdot B}_c$$



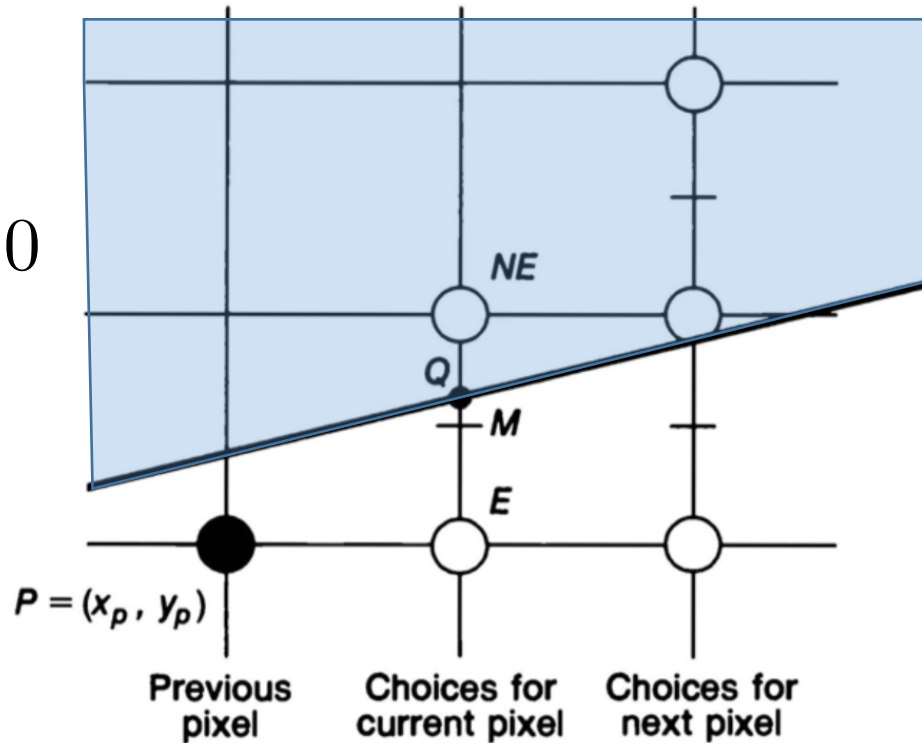
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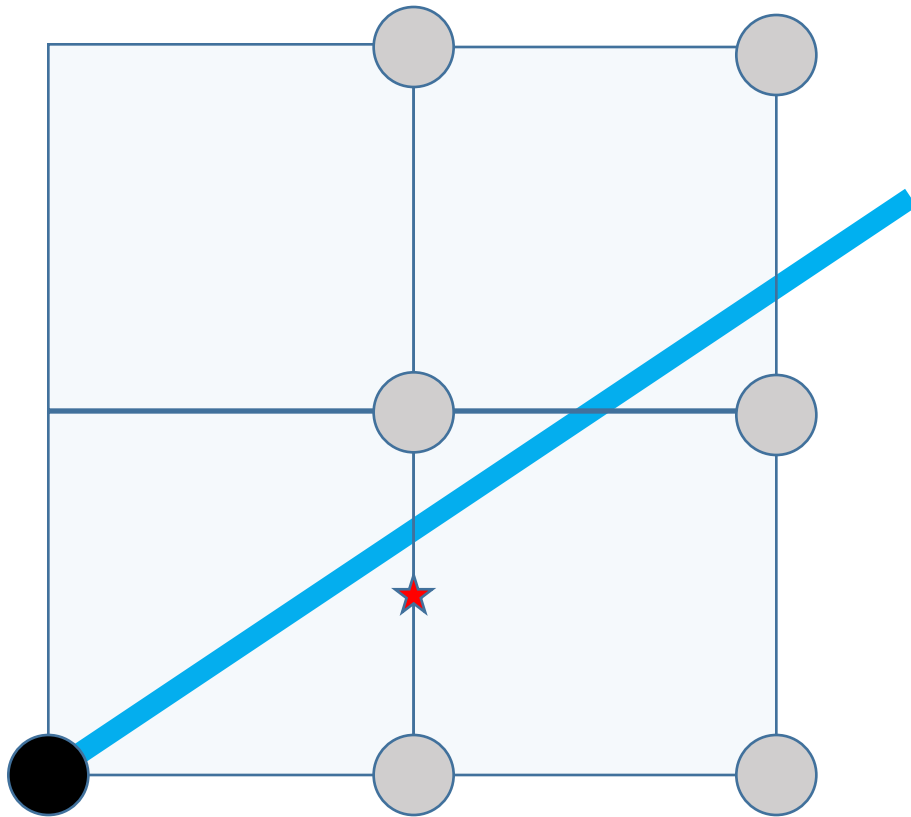
$$F(x, y) > 0$$

# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea

$$F(x, y) < 0$$



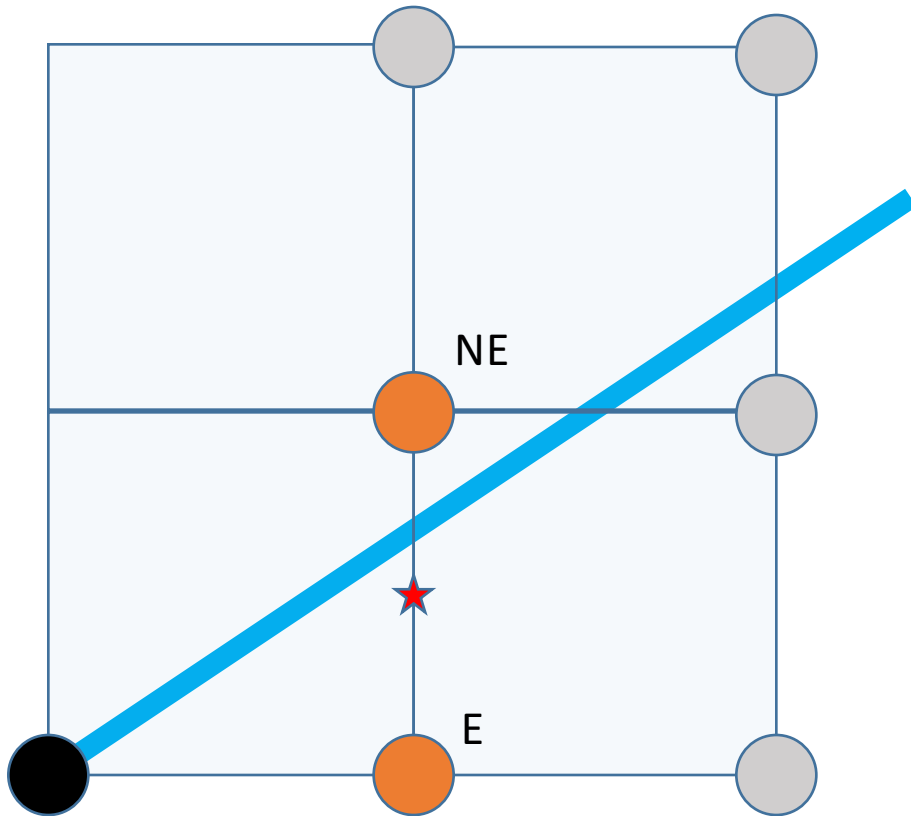
# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea



**Assume**

$$0 \leq m < 1$$

# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea

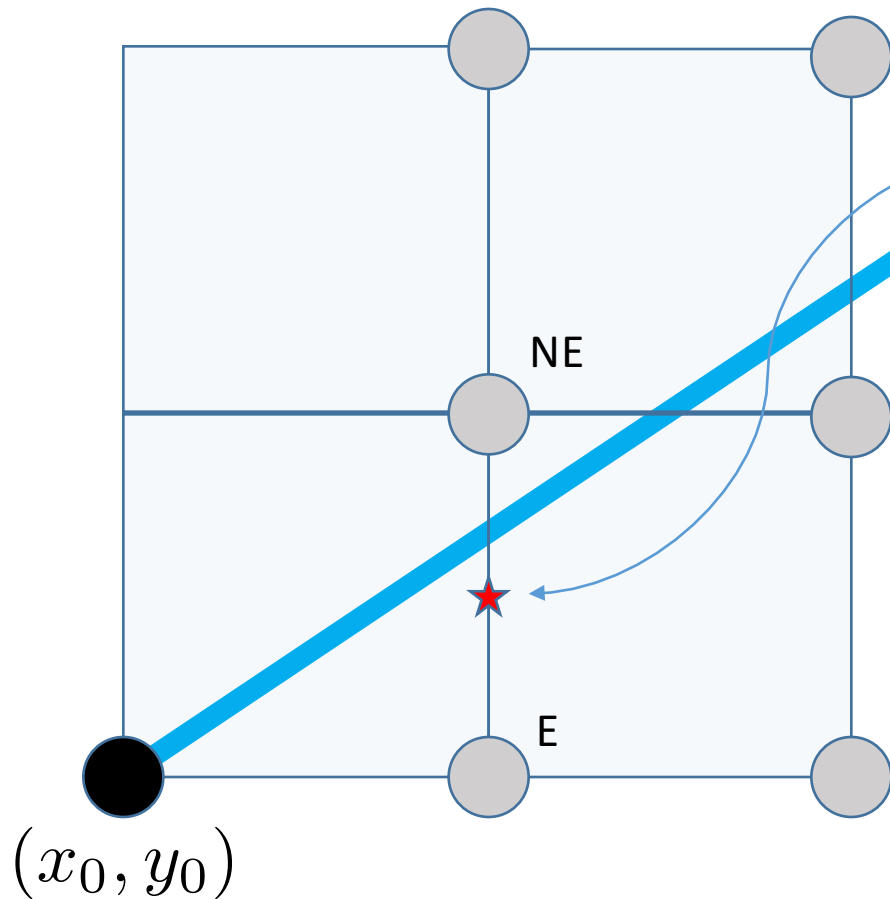


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**Choose between  
E and NE**

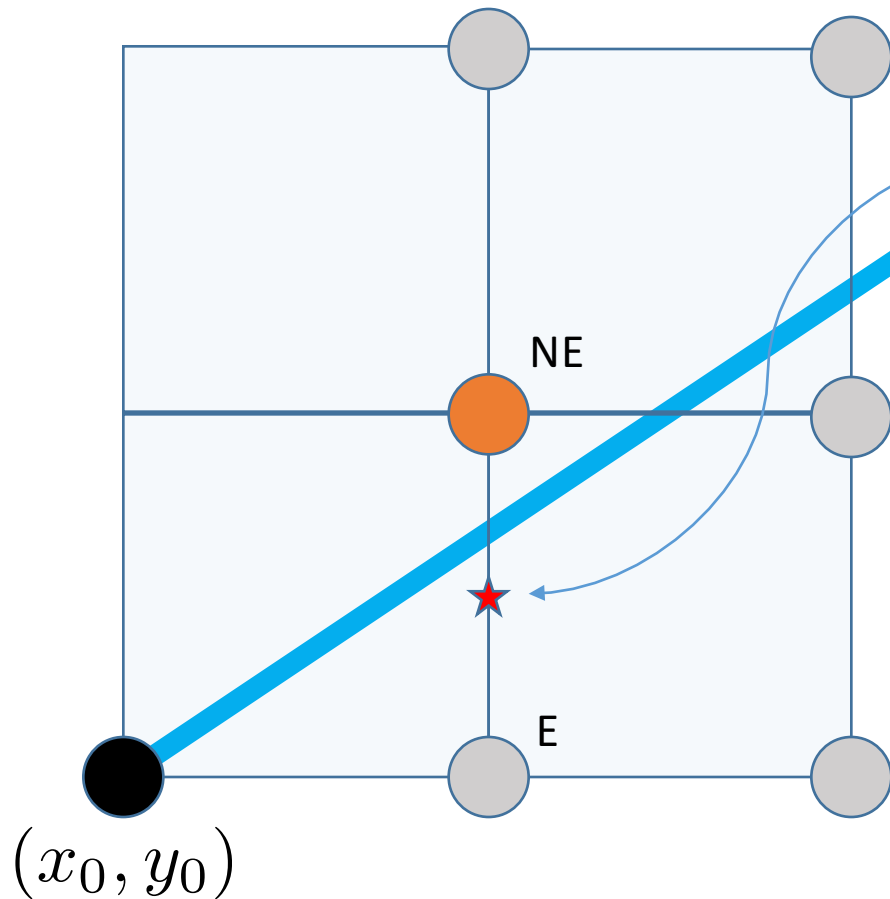
# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea



**Decision variable:** for next move

$$\begin{aligned}d &= F\left(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}\right) \\&= a \cdot (x_0 + 1) + b \cdot \left(y_0 + \frac{1}{2}\right) + c \\&= F(x_0, y_0) + a + \frac{b}{2} \\&= a + \frac{b}{2}, \quad (x_0, y_0) \text{ is on the line}\end{aligned}$$

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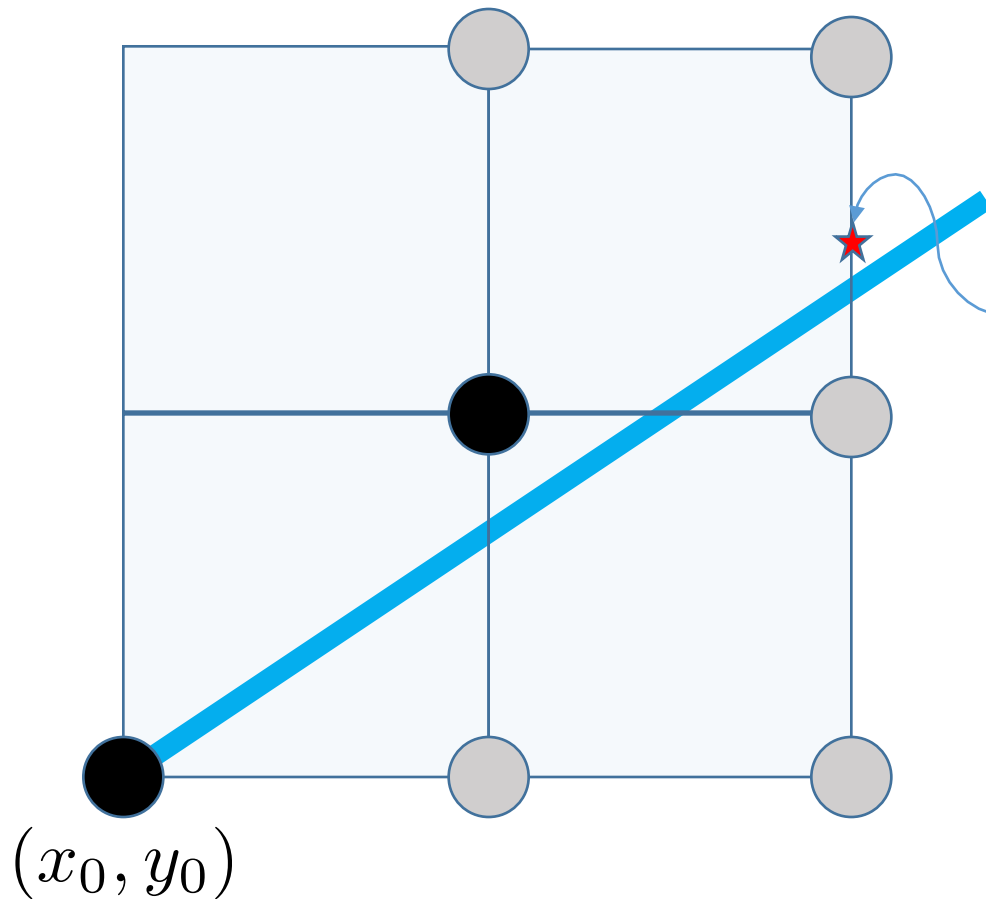
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**In this case**

$$d > 0$$

**Choose NE**

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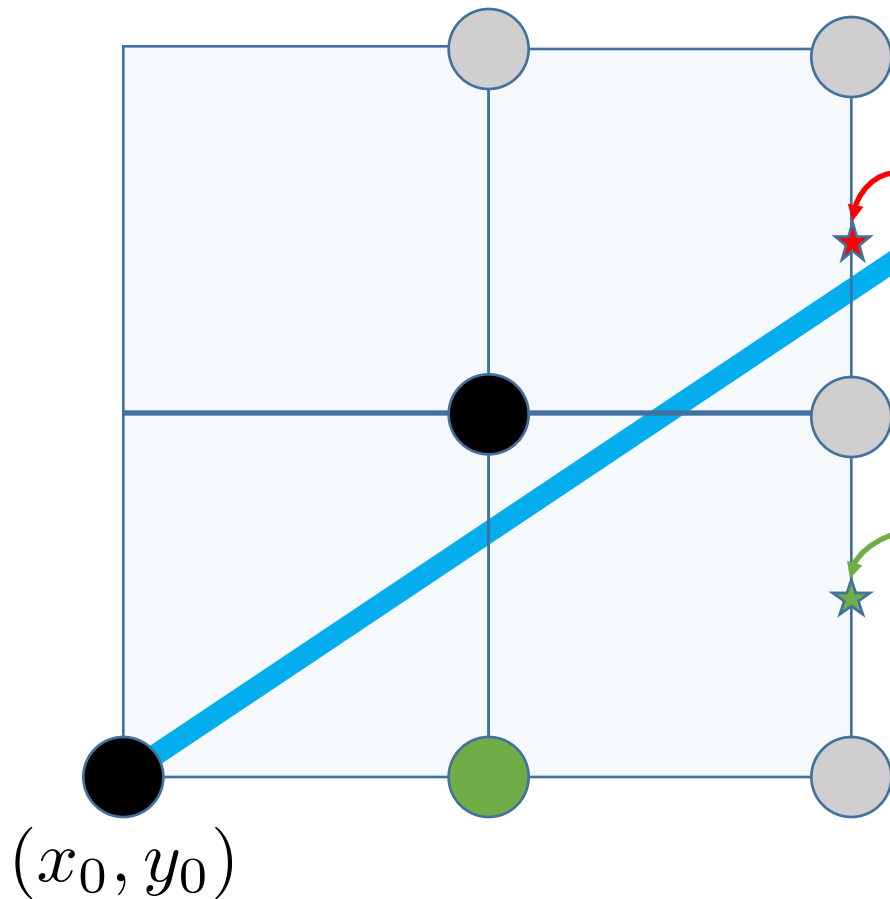


**Decision variable update**

**When NE was chosen**

$$\begin{aligned}d &= F\left(x_0 + 2, y_0 + \frac{3}{2}\right) \\&= a \cdot (x_0 + 2) + b \cdot \left(y_0 + \frac{3}{2}\right) + c \\&= d_{old} + \underbrace{(a + b)}_{\Delta d_{NE}}\end{aligned}$$

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**Decision variable update**

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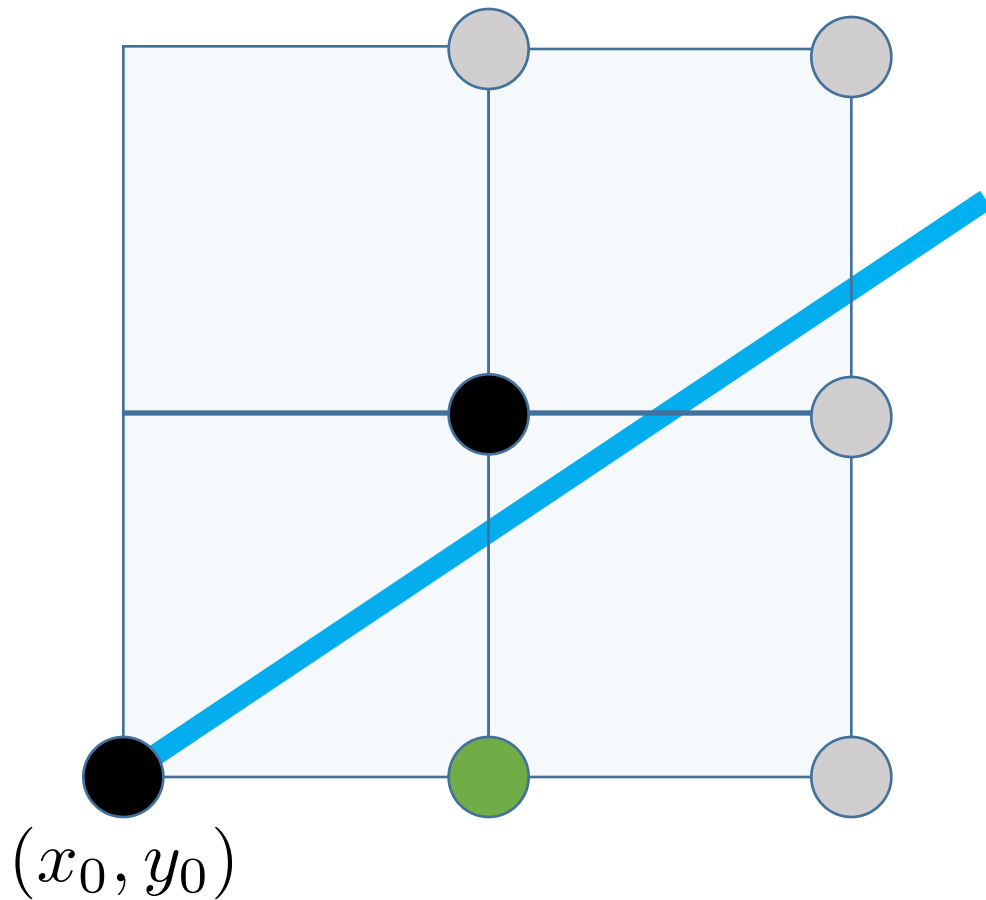
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 &= a \cdot (x_0 + 2) + b \cdot \left(y_0 + \frac{3}{2}\right) + c \\
 &= d_{old} + \underbrace{(a + b)}_{\Delta d_{NE}}
 \end{aligned}$$

**If E were chosen instead**

$$d = d_{old} + \underbrace{a}_{\Delta d_E}$$



# Midpoint Algorithm: Idea

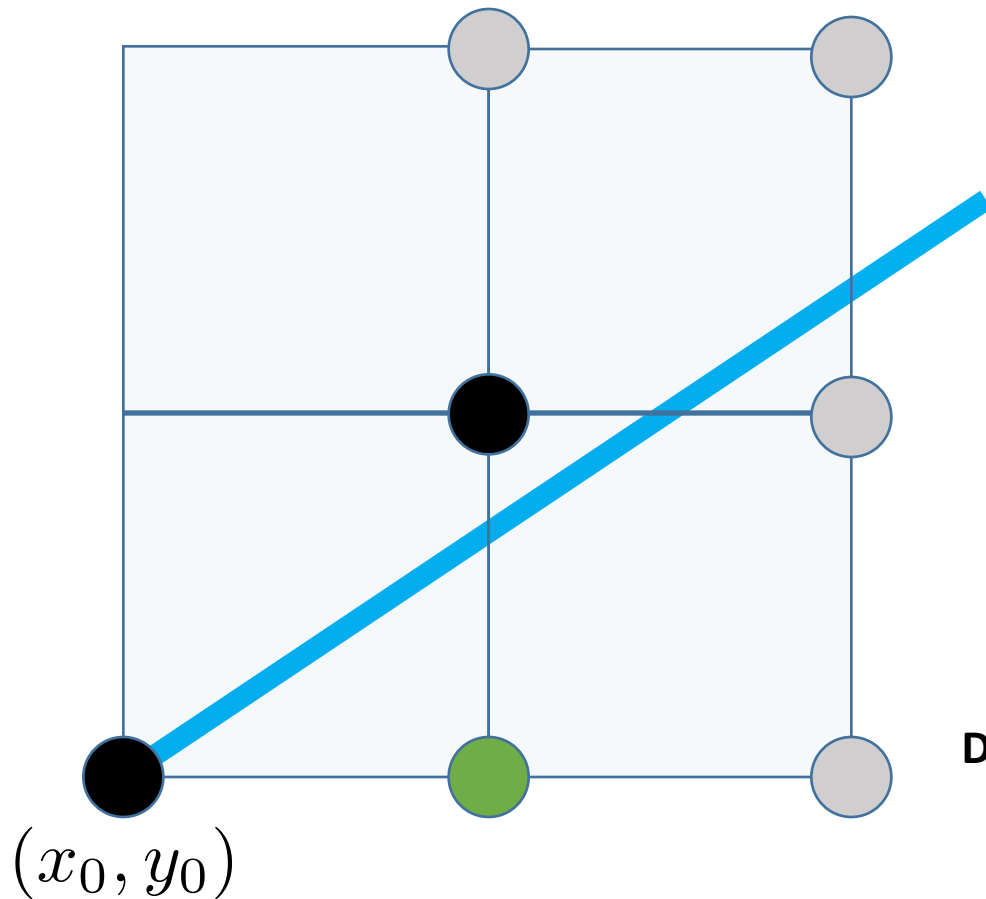


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**Define Implicit Function as:**

$$F(x, y) = 2(ax + by + c)$$

# Midpoint Algorithm: Summary

$$y = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} x + B$$

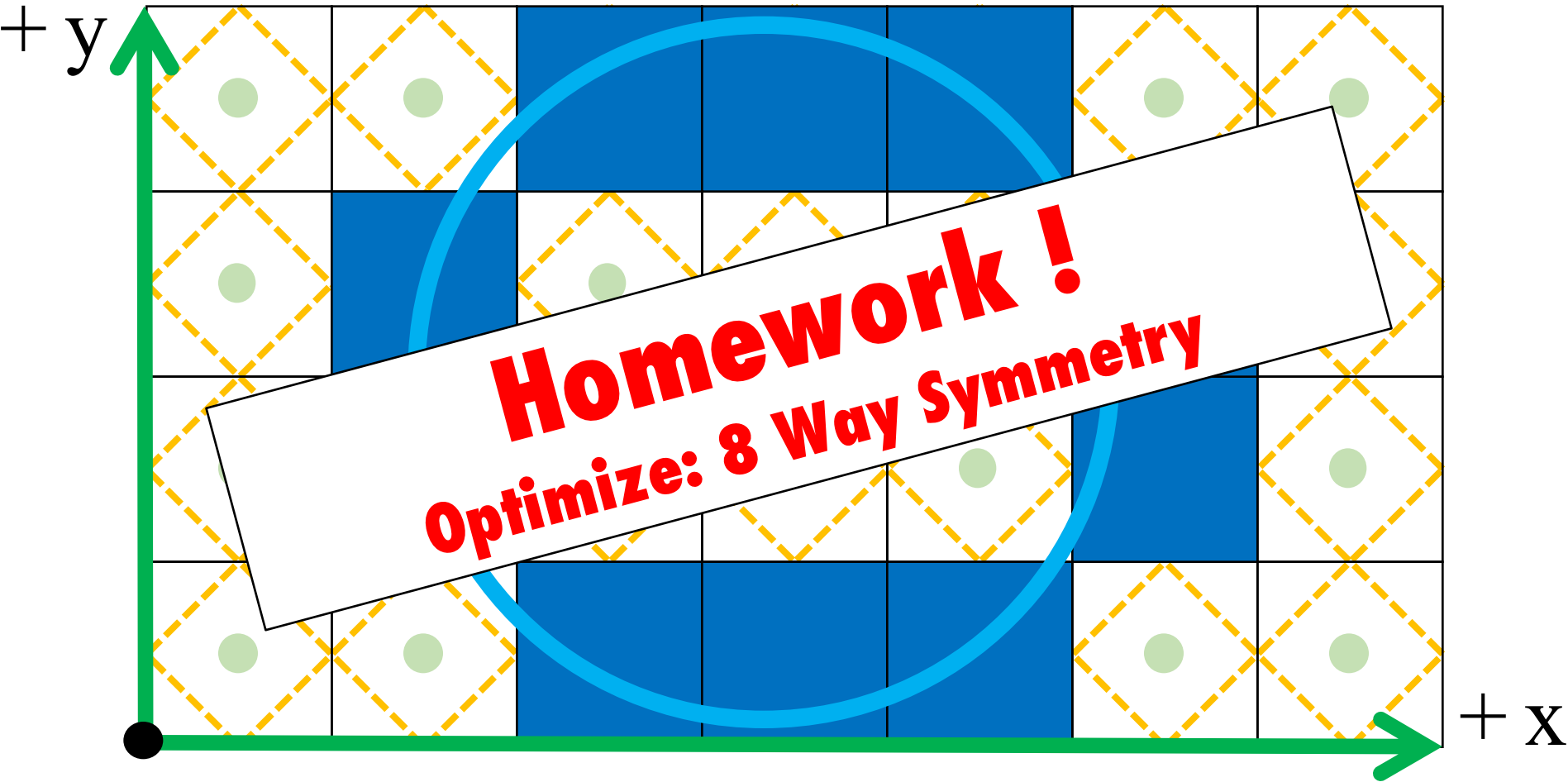
$$a = \Delta y, \quad b = -\Delta x, \quad c = \Delta x \cdot B$$

$$d_0 = 2a + b$$

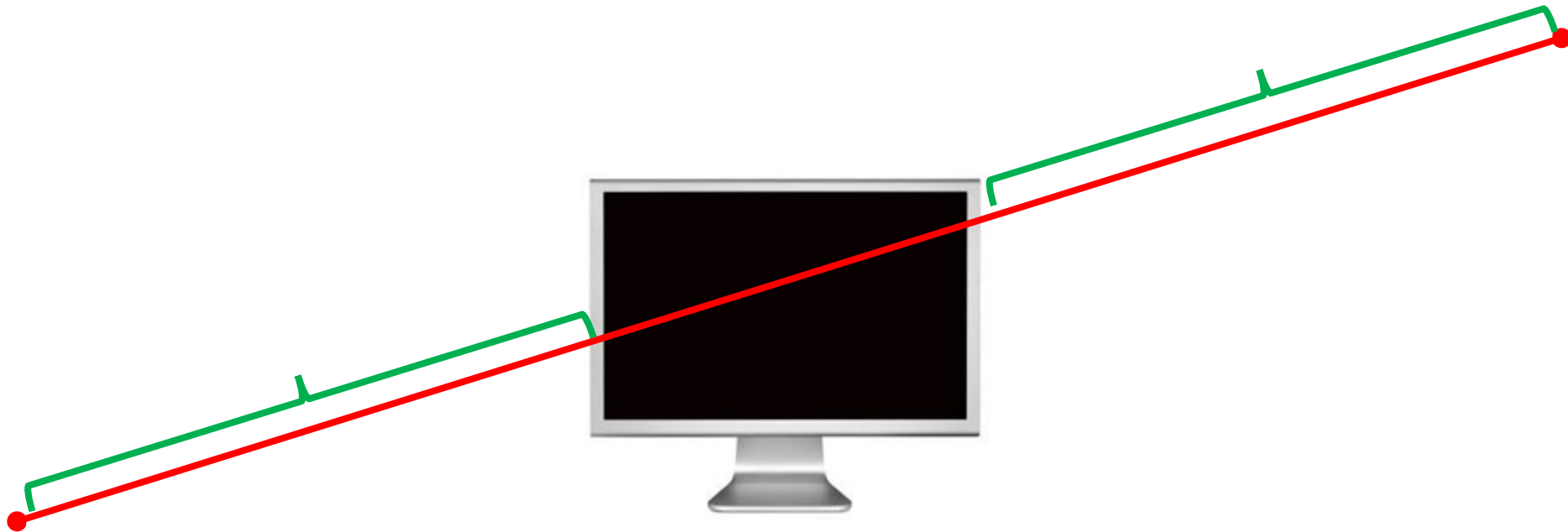
if  $d_i \leq 0$  Choose E and  $d_{i+1} = d_i + 2a$

if  $d_i > 0$  Choose NE and  $d_{i+1} = d_i + 2(a + b)$

# Circle with Midpoint Algorithm



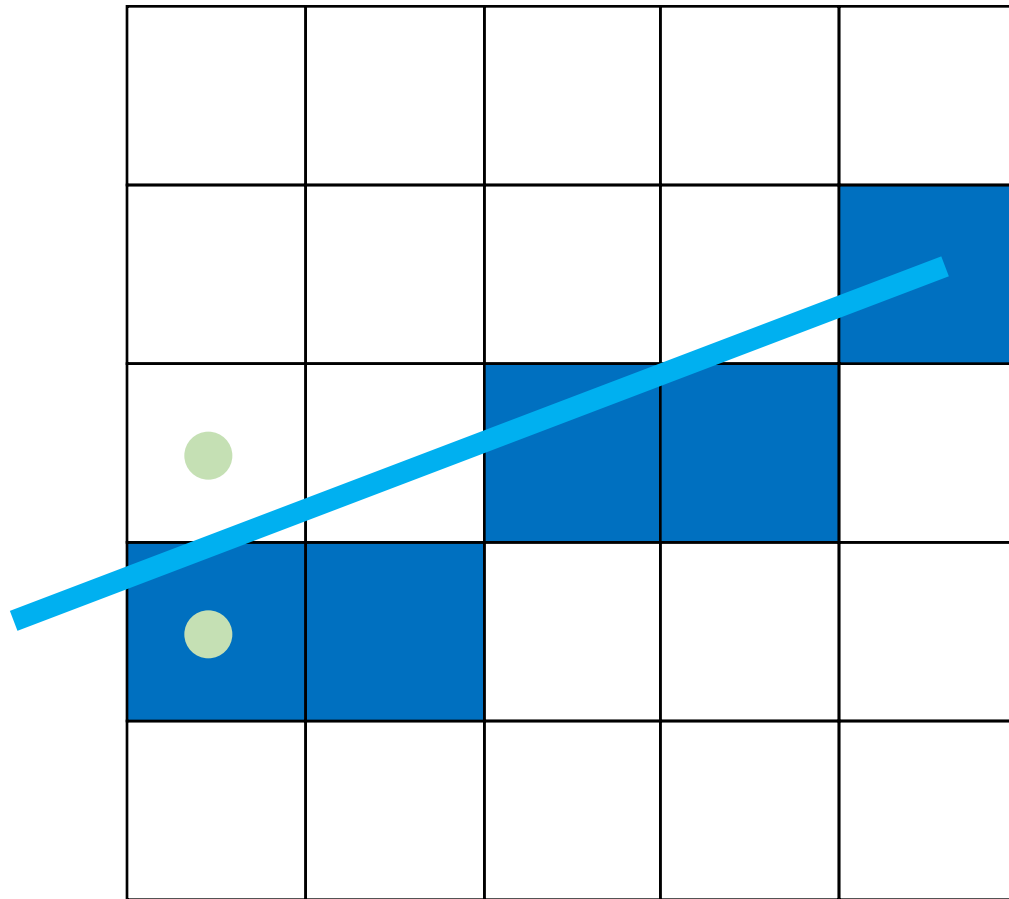
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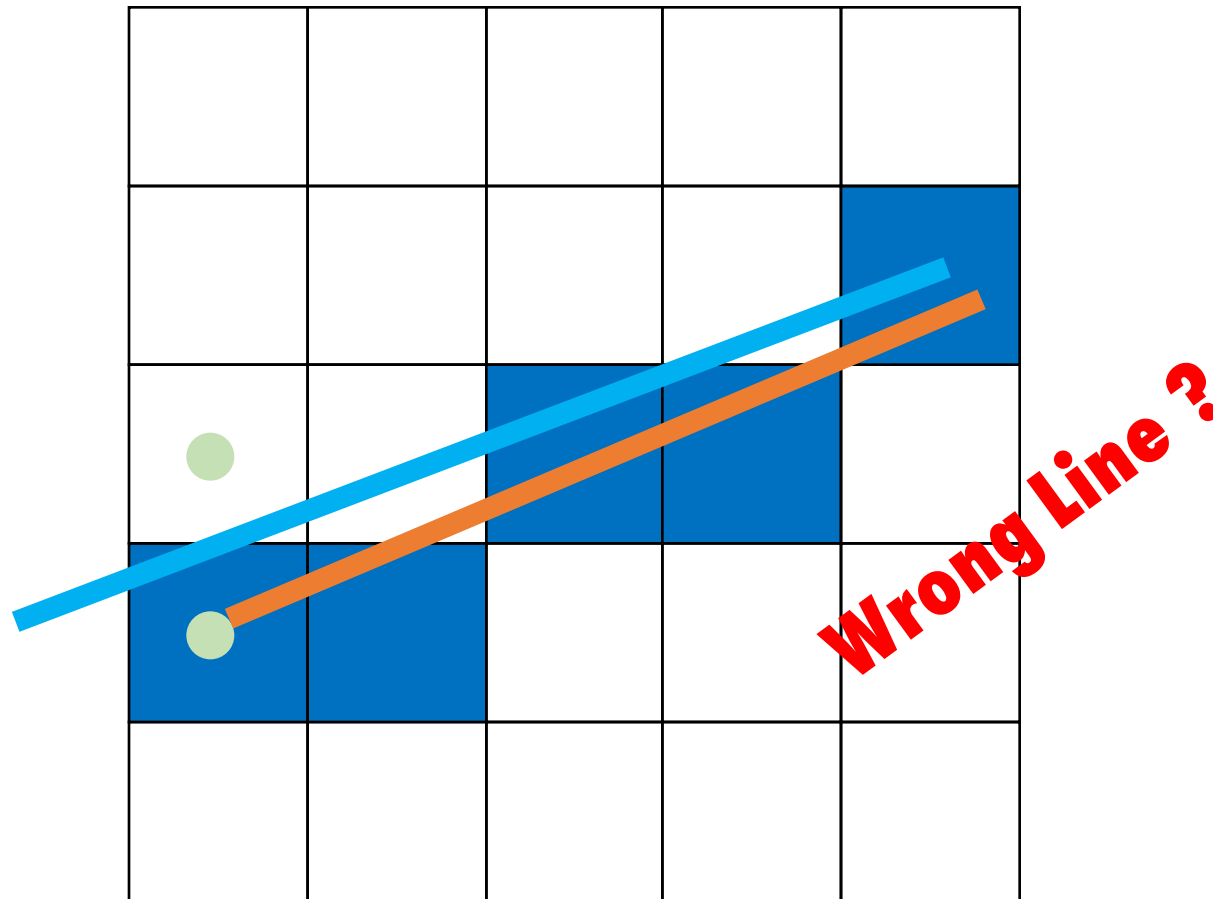
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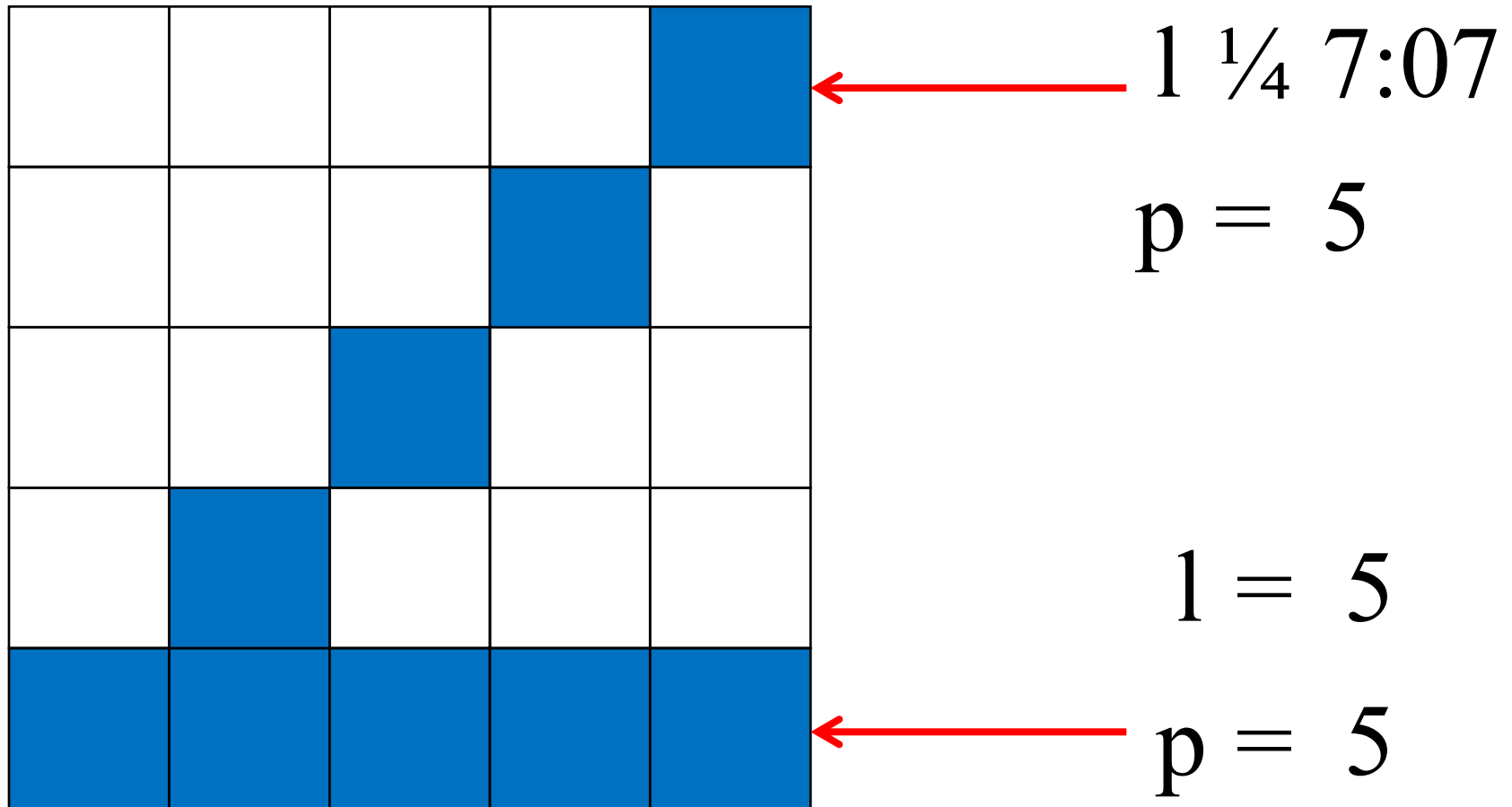
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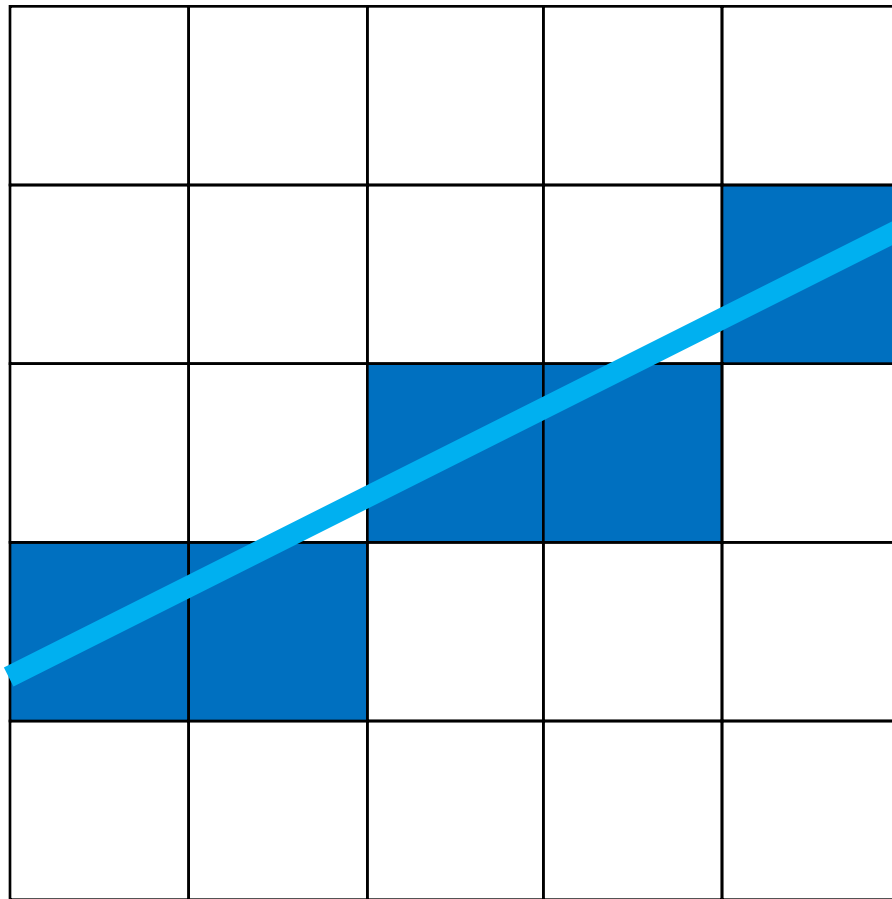


**Line intensity**



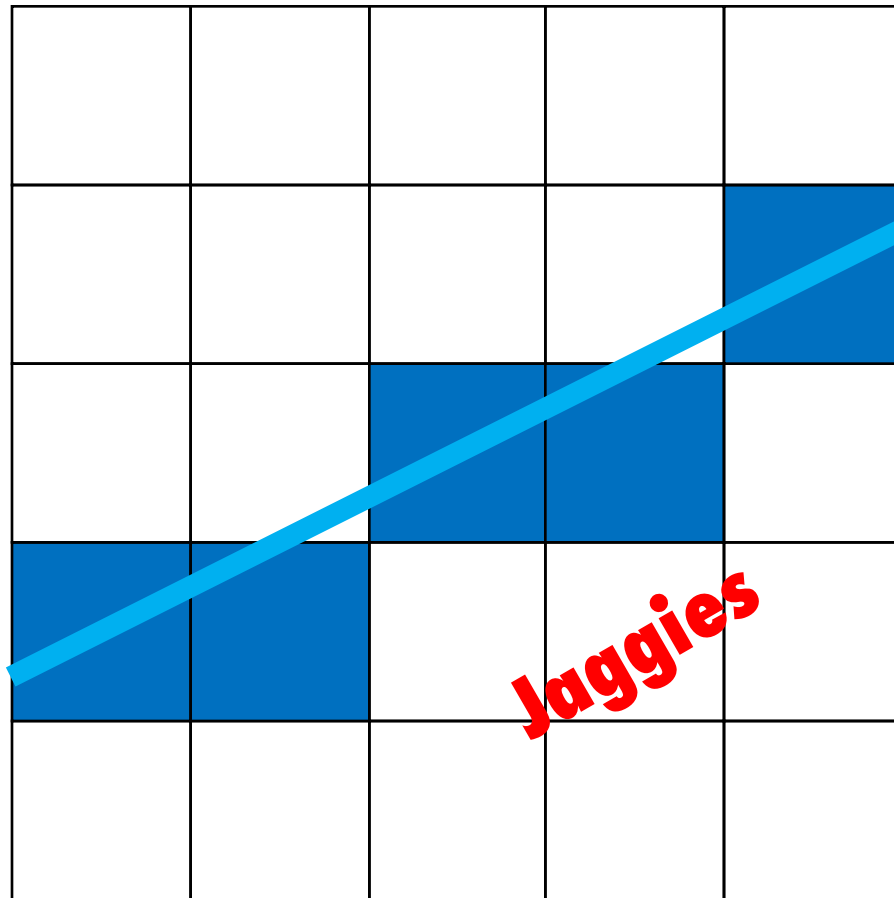


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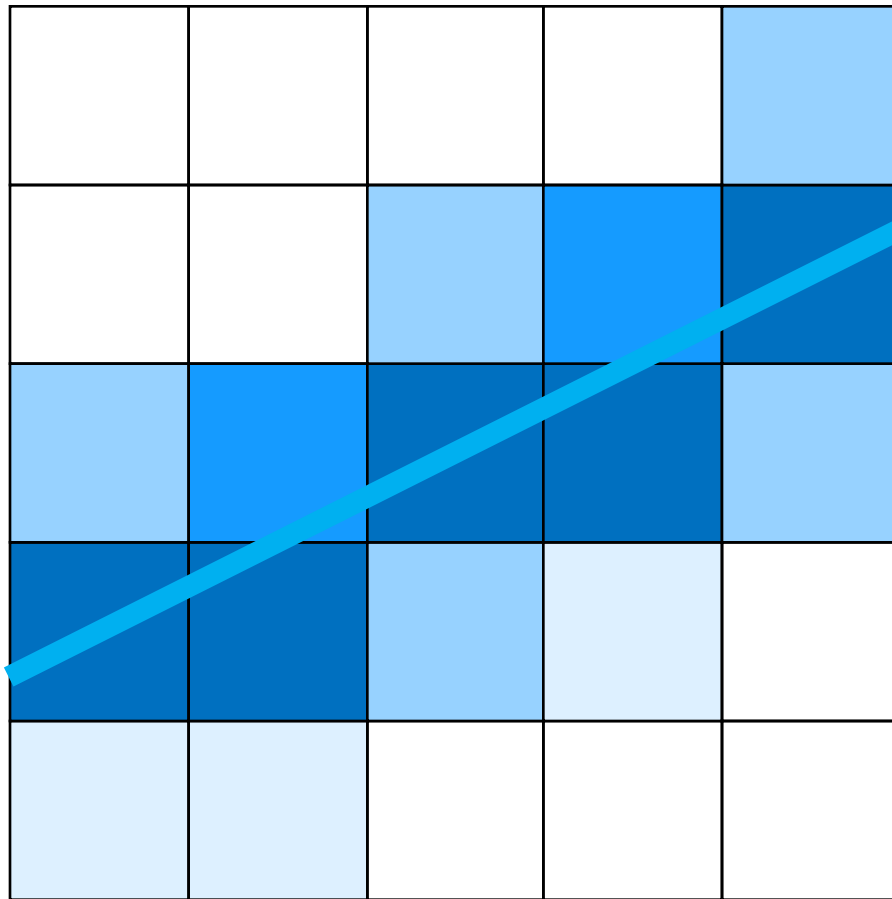
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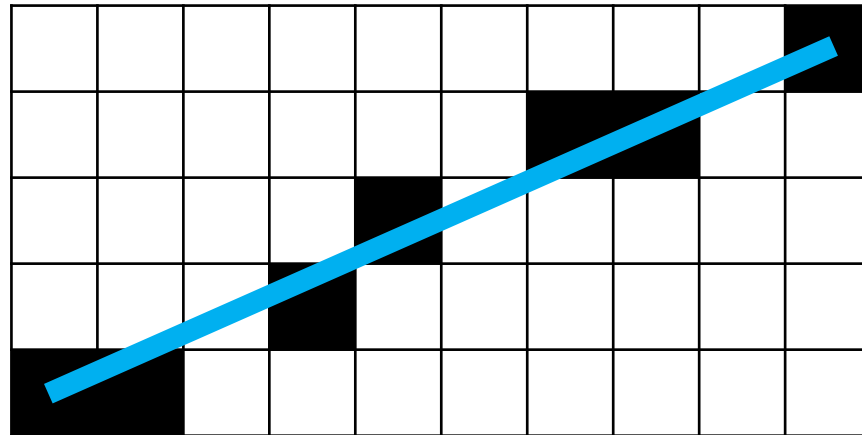
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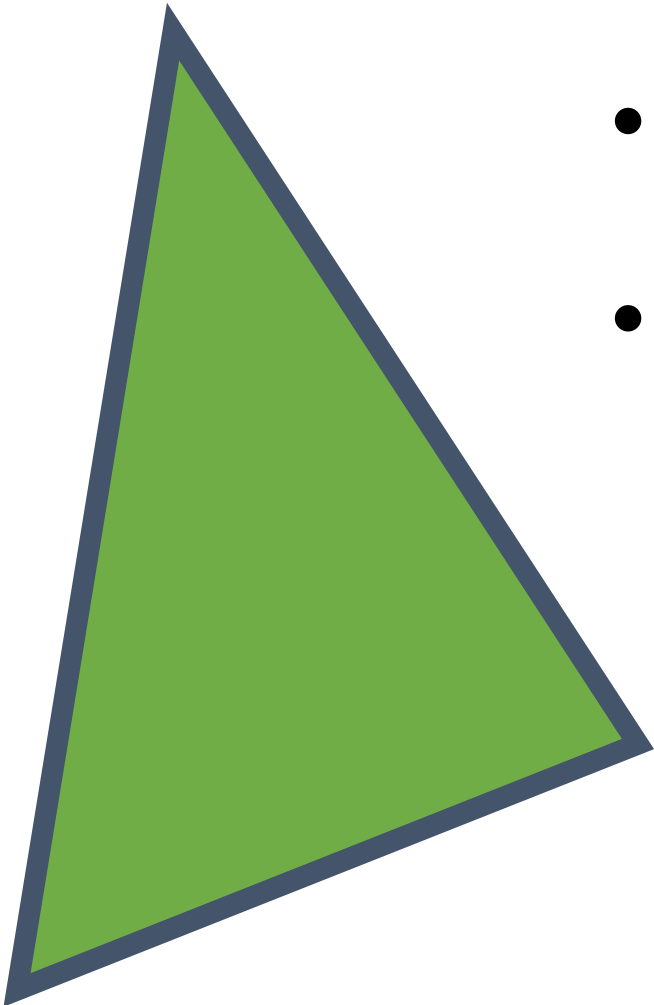
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**Problems with drawing in reverse ?**

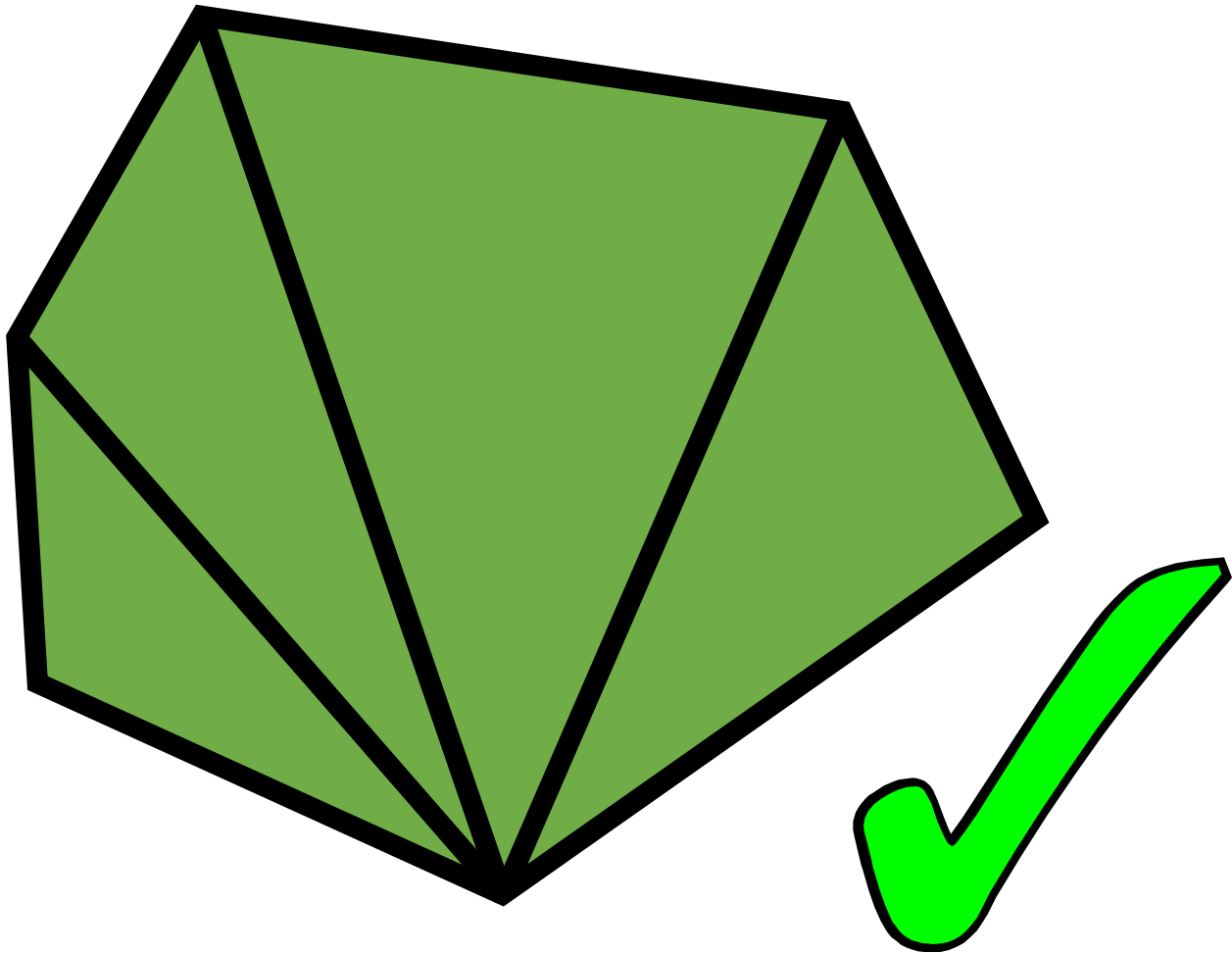
## **Stippling Patterns**

# Filling Triangles

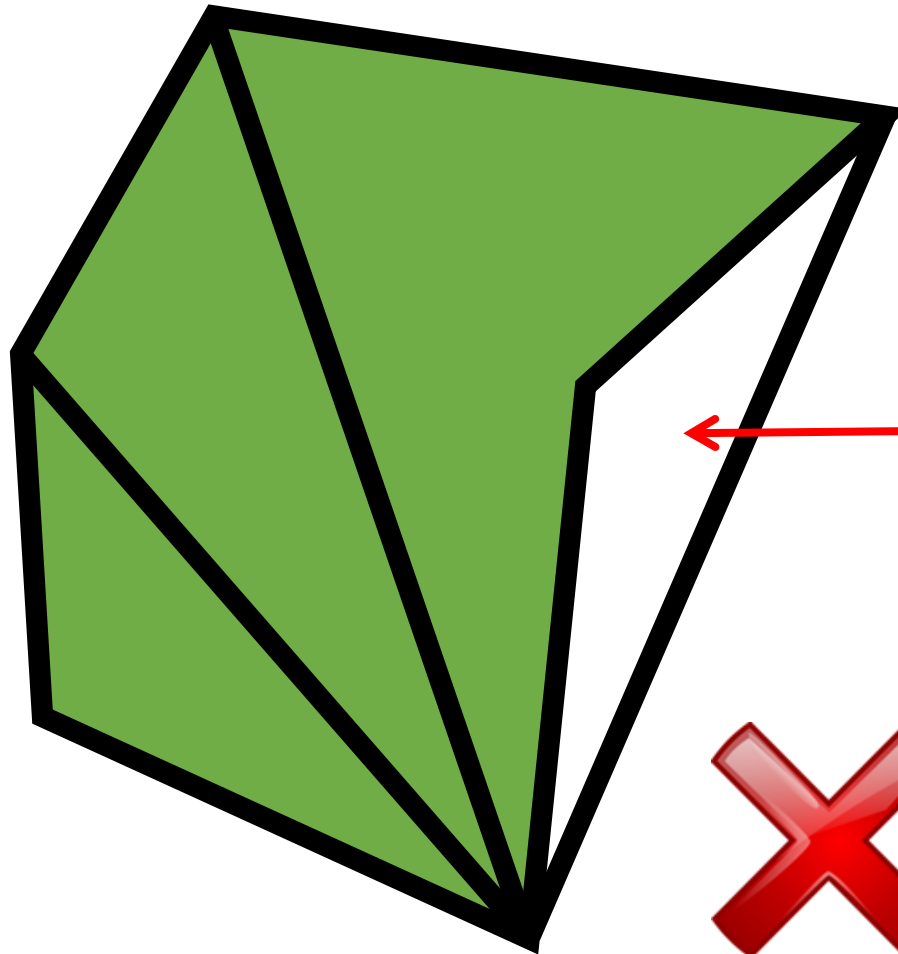


- Optimize a single primitive
- Nice properties:
  - Planar
  - “Inside” well-defined
  - Straightforward shading

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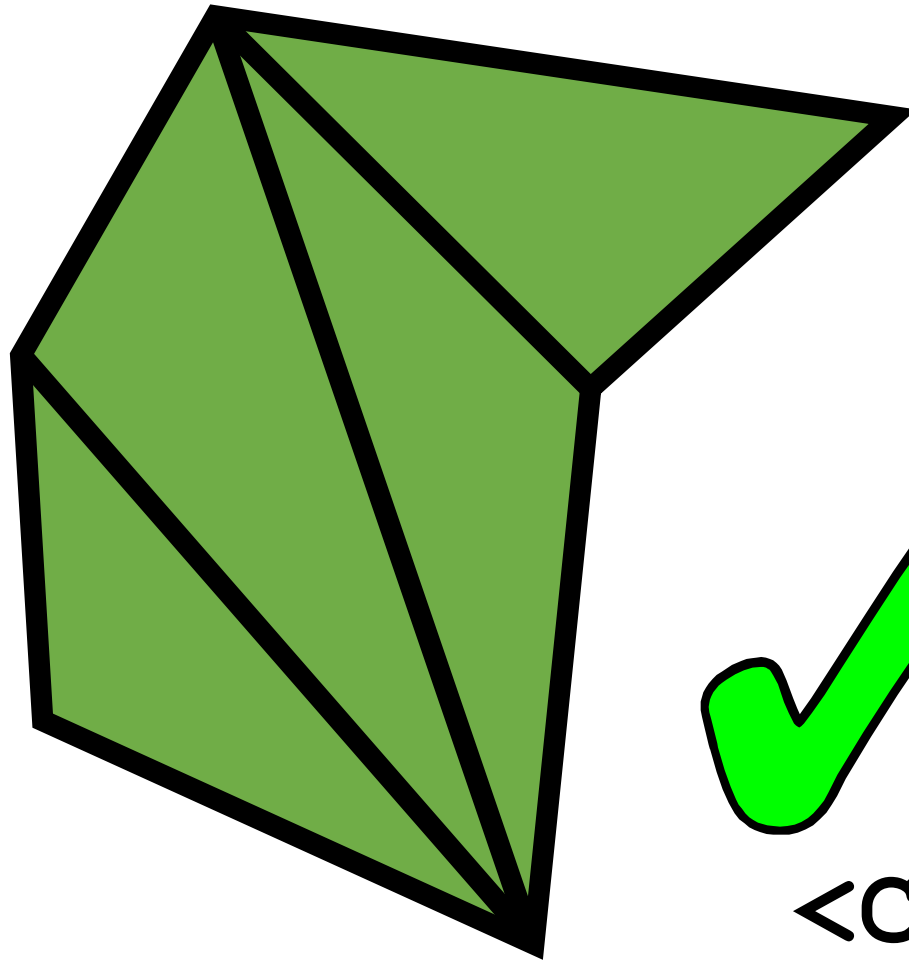


← **Non-convex!**



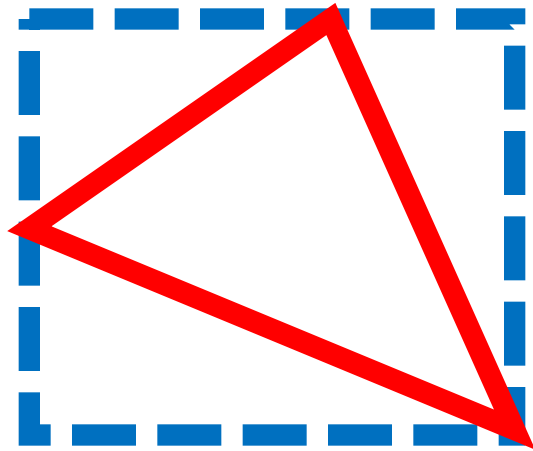


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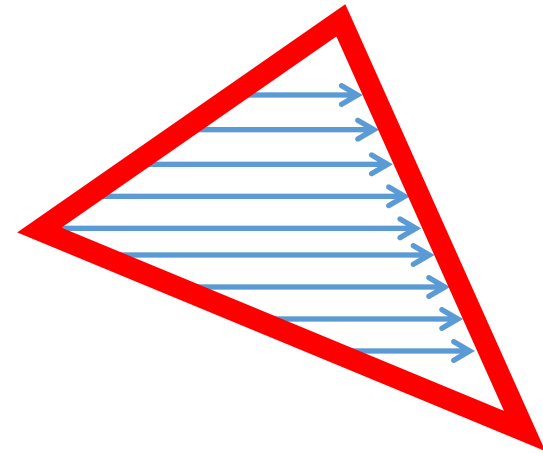
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# Two Methods for Filling



Check if each pixel in bounding box is inside the triangle.

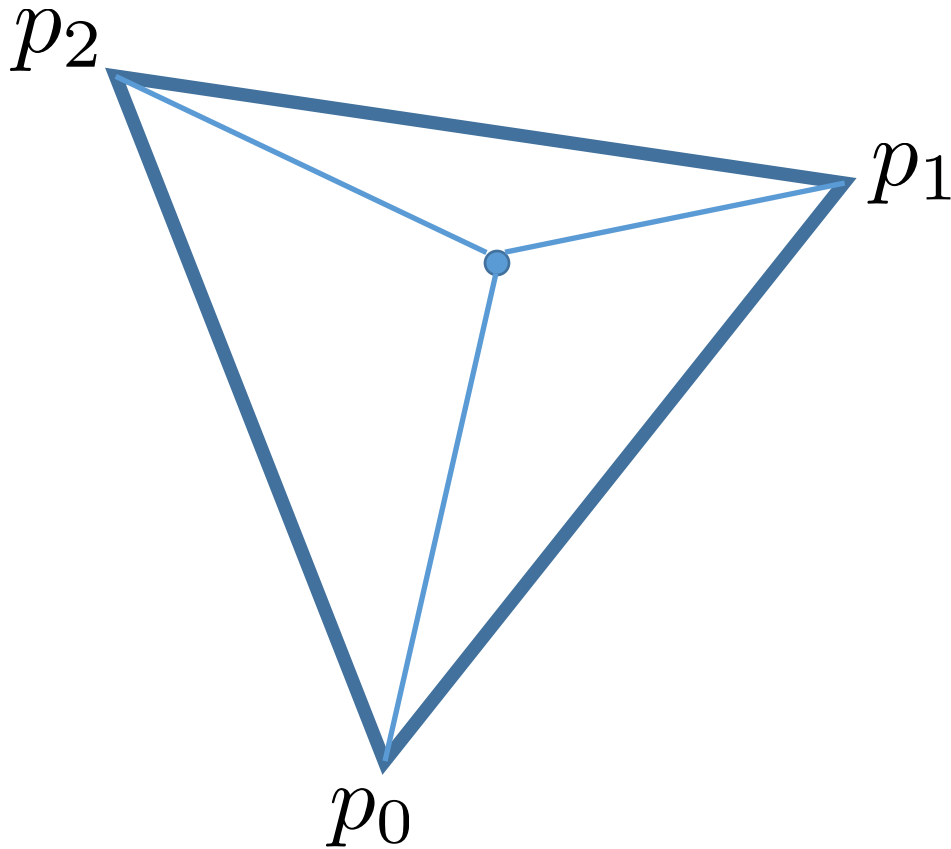
**Parallelizable**



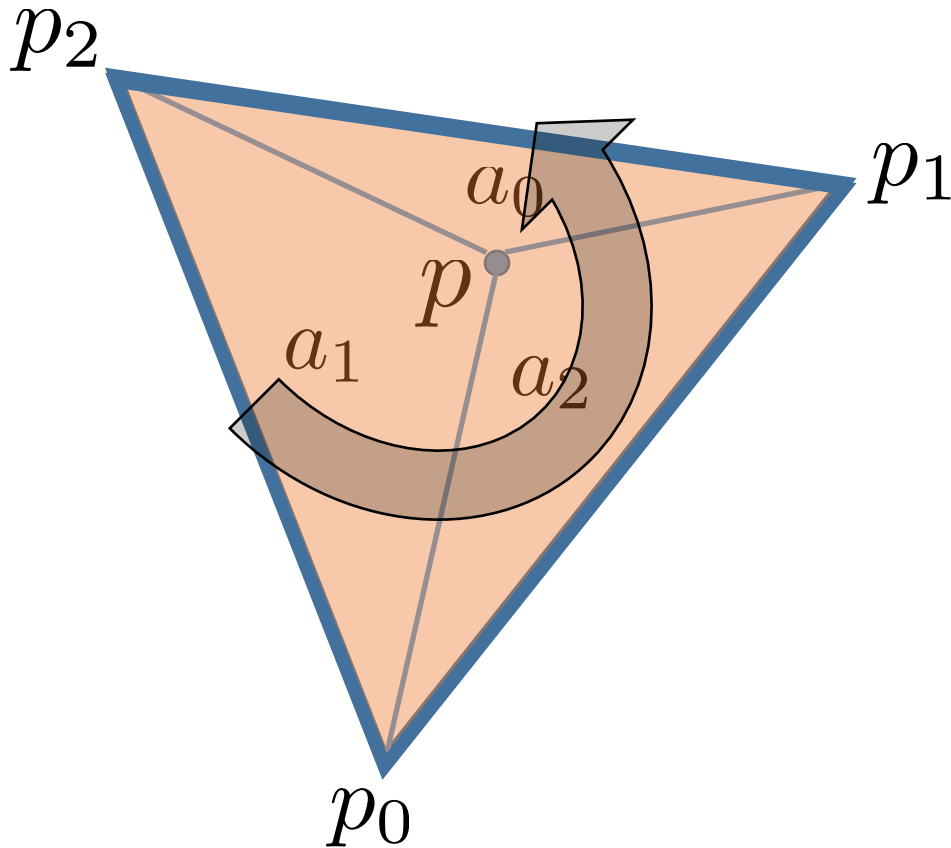
Rasterize border; sweep from left to right.

**Less Computation**

# Barycentric Coordinates

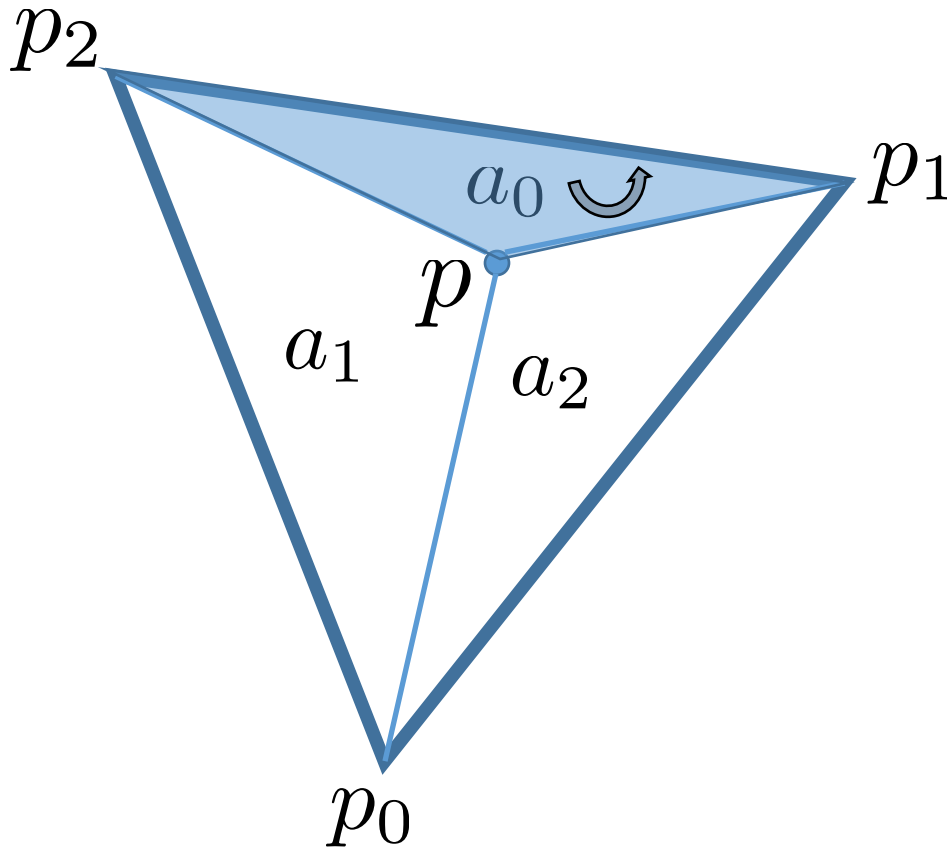


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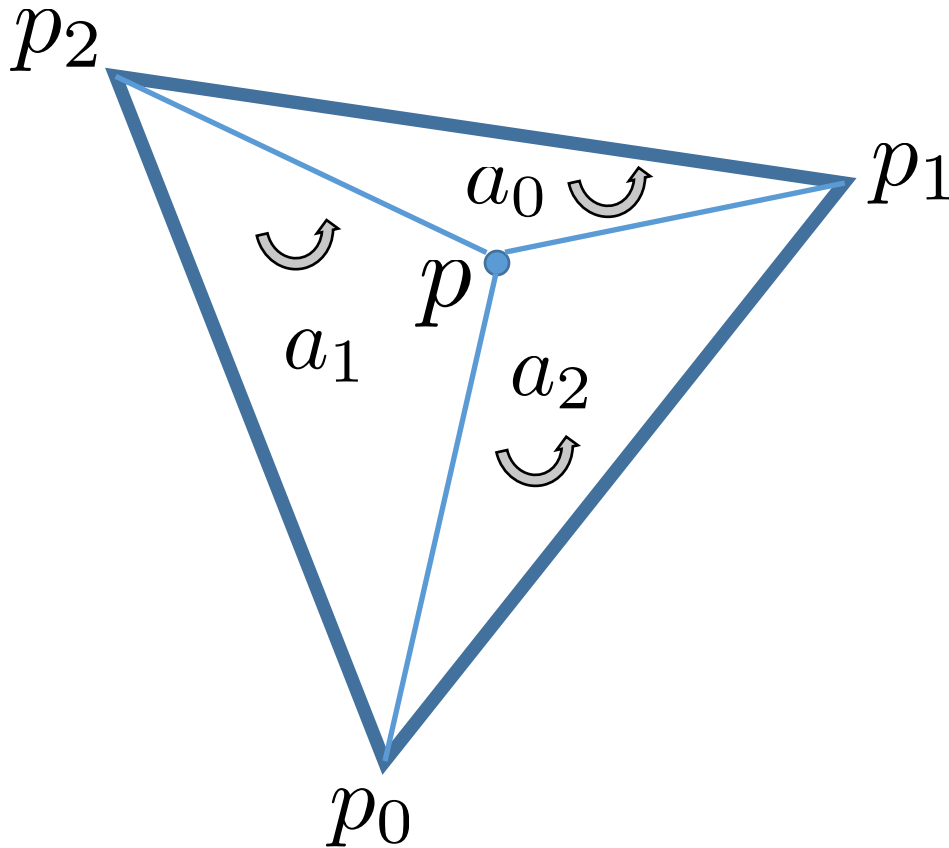
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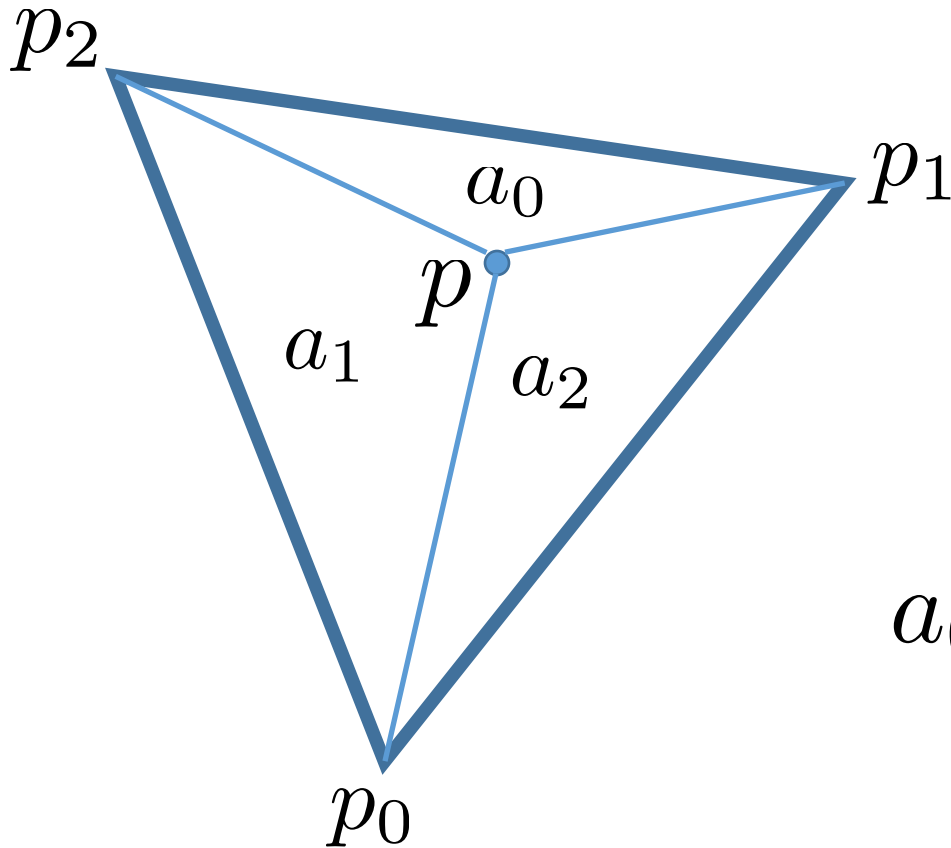
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$$a_2 = \frac{\text{Area}(p, p_0, p_1)}{A}$$

$$a_0 + a_1 + a_2 = 1$$

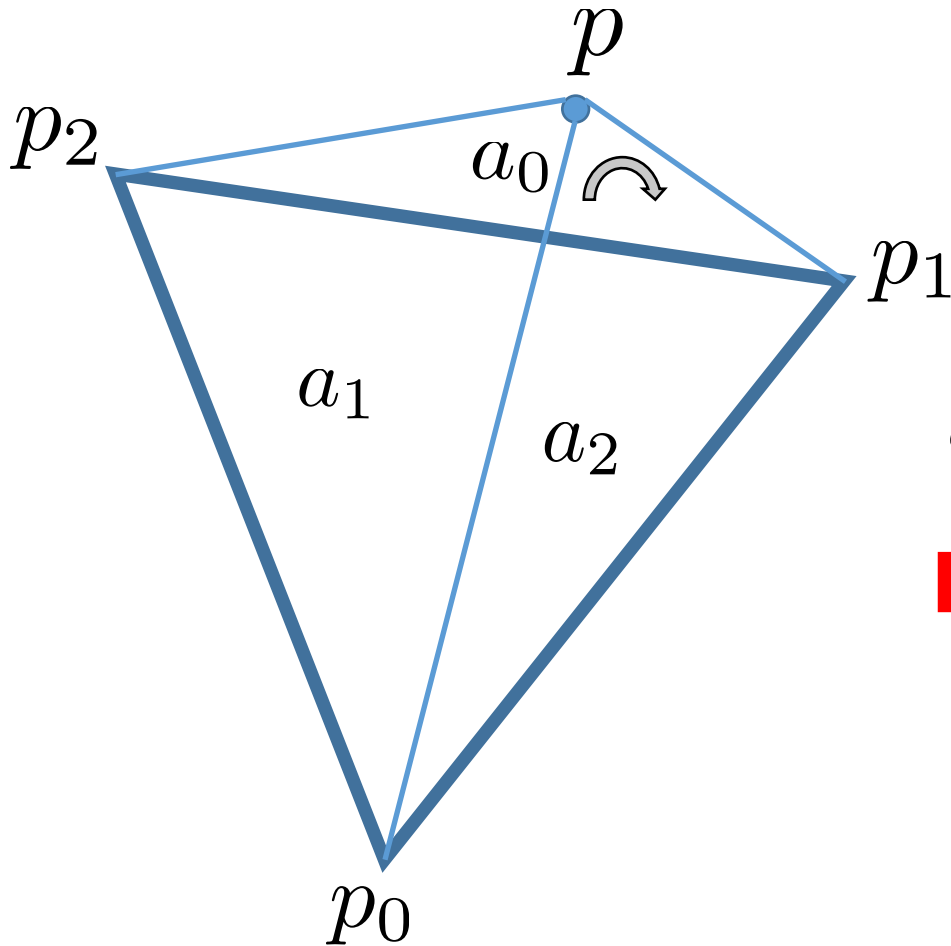
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**Point inside**

$$a_0, a_1, a_2 \geq 0$$

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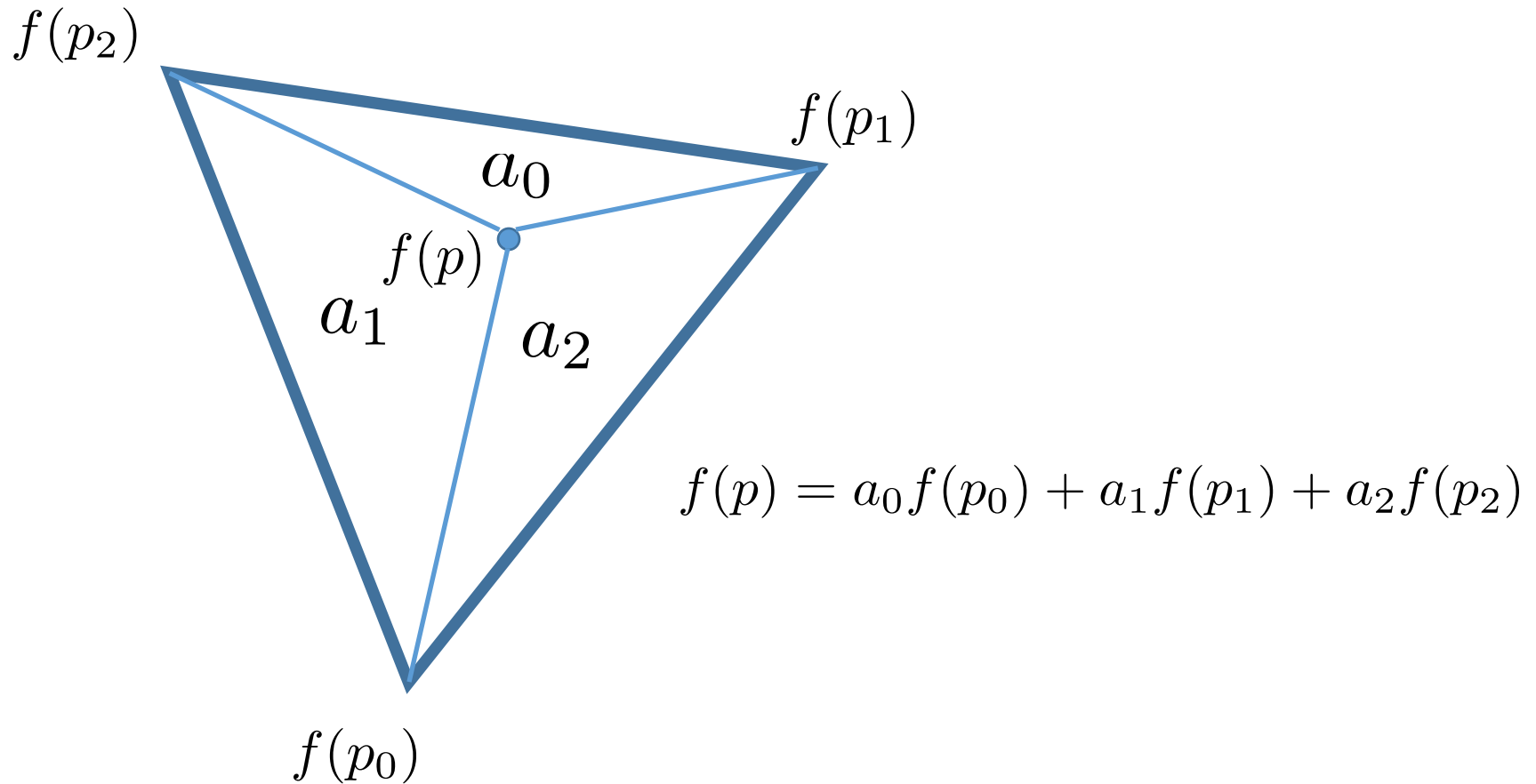
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**Point outside**

$$\exists i : a_i < 0$$

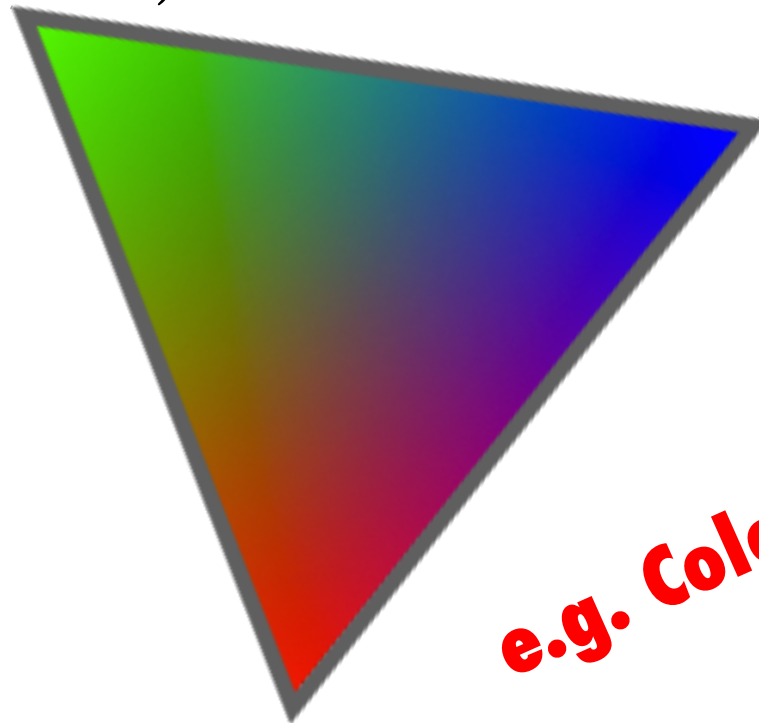


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$(0, 1, 0)$

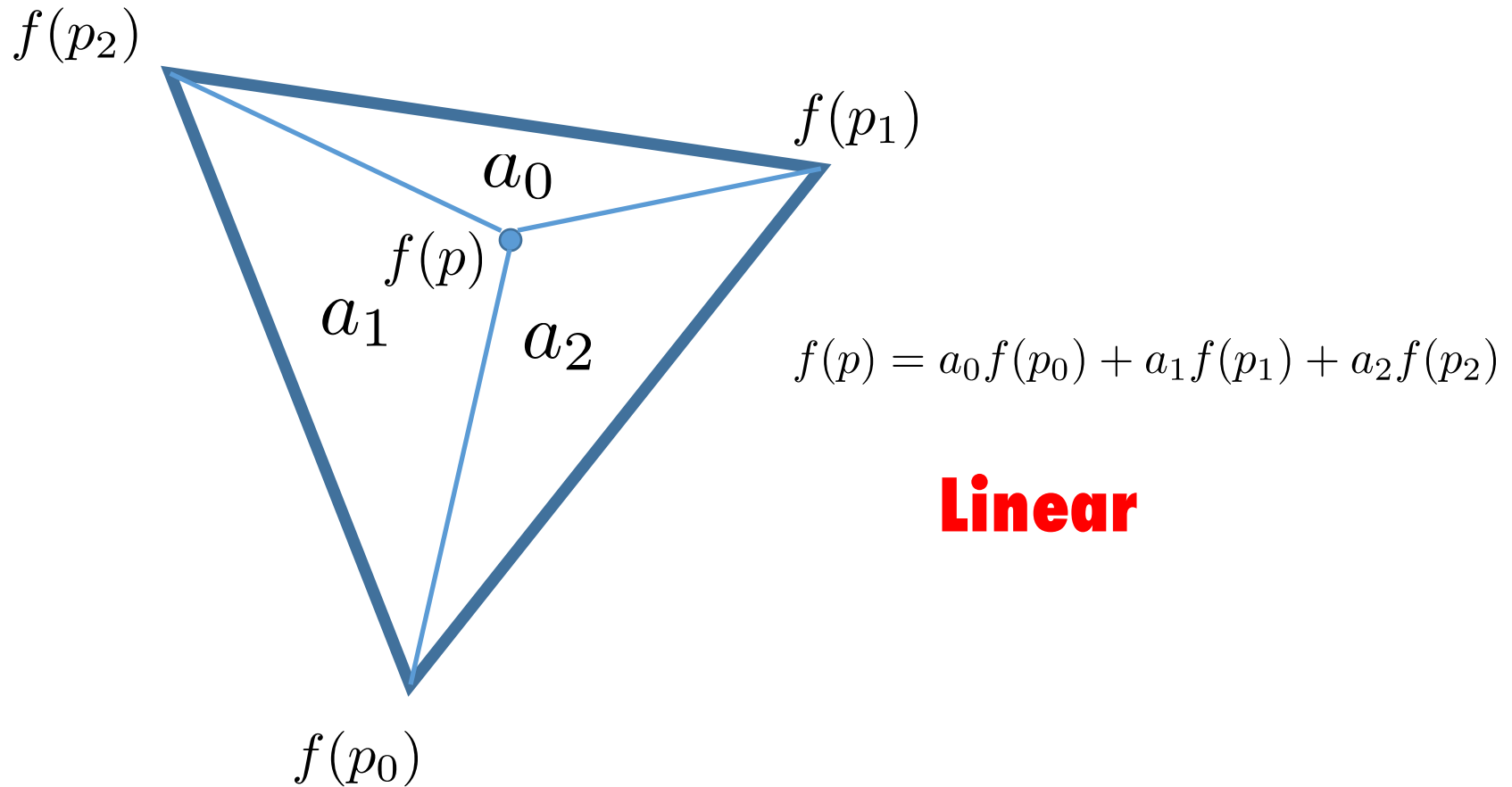


$(0, 0, 1)$

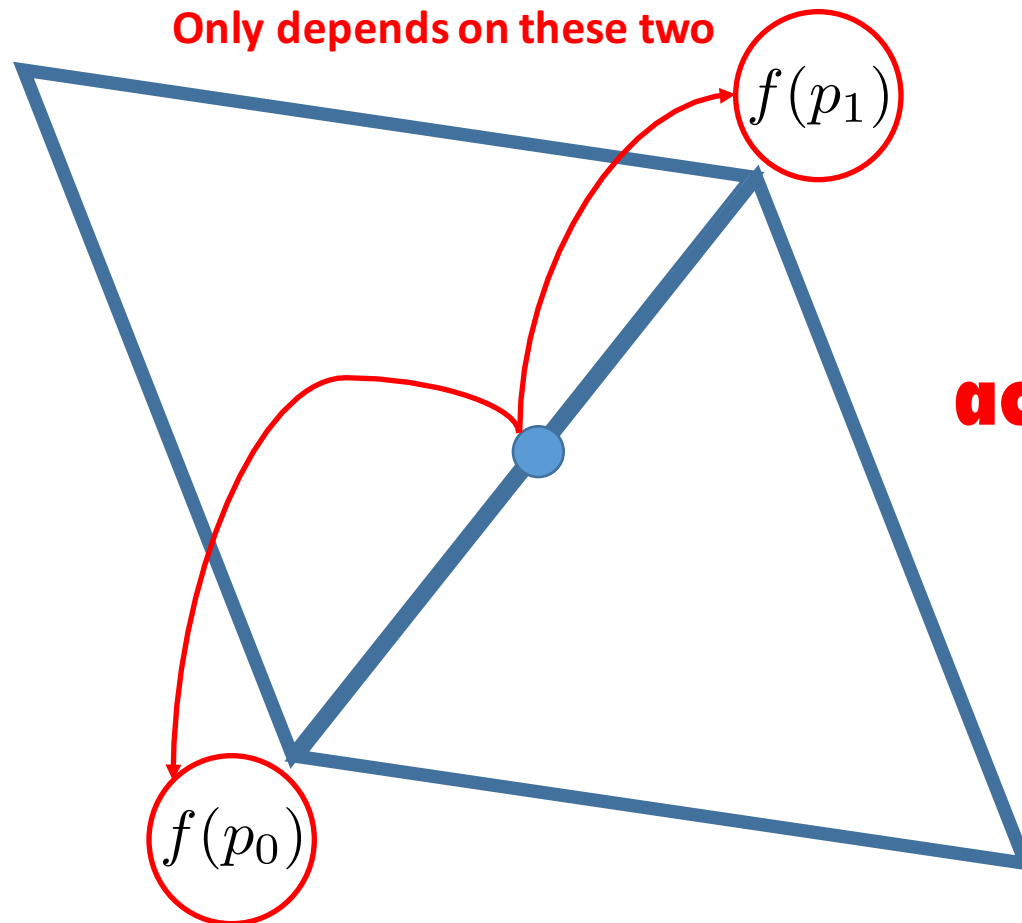
**e.g. Color Interpolation**

$(1, 0, 0)$

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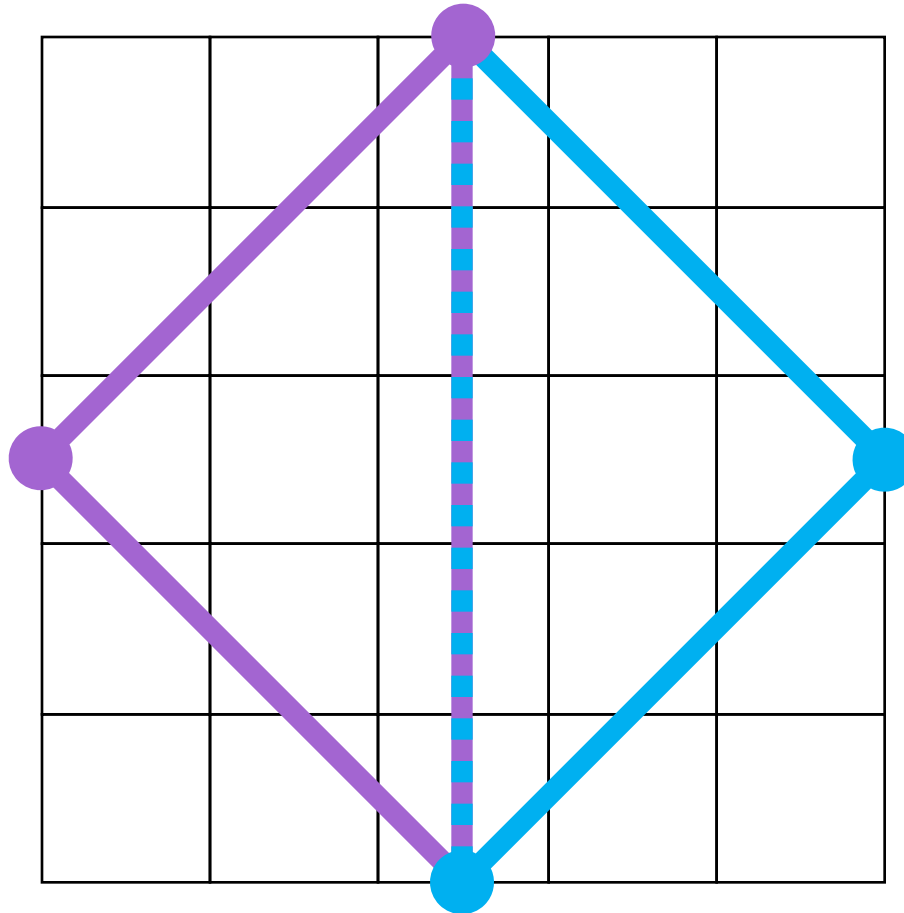


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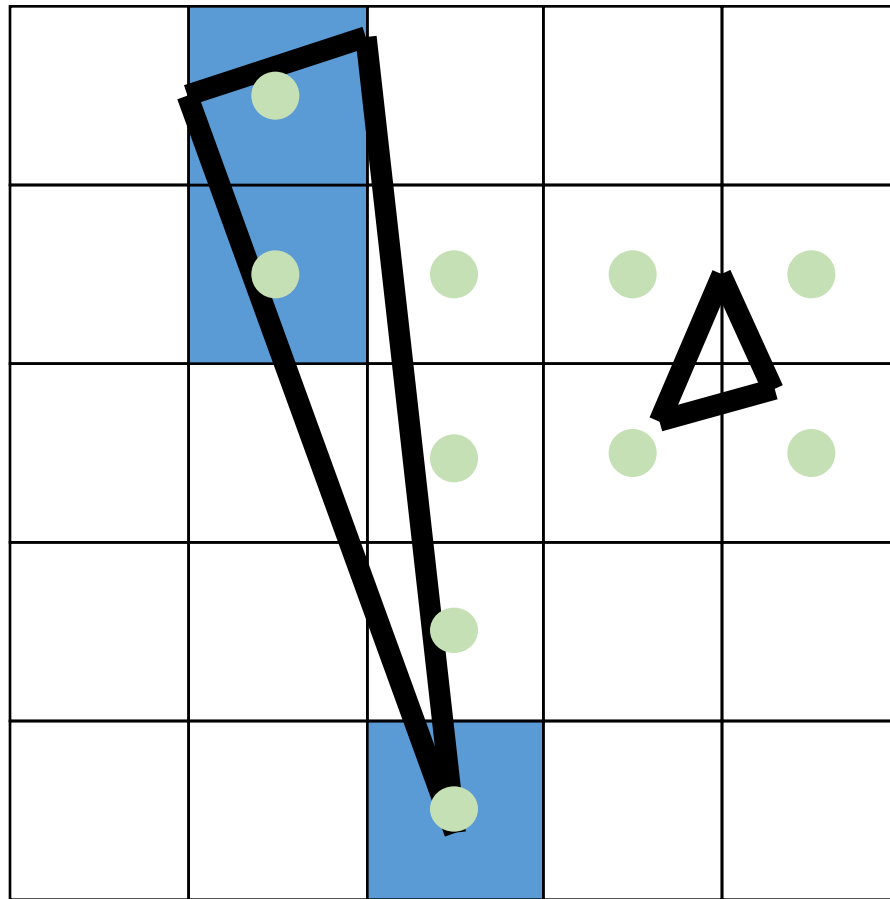
**Continuous  
across boundaries**

# Issues

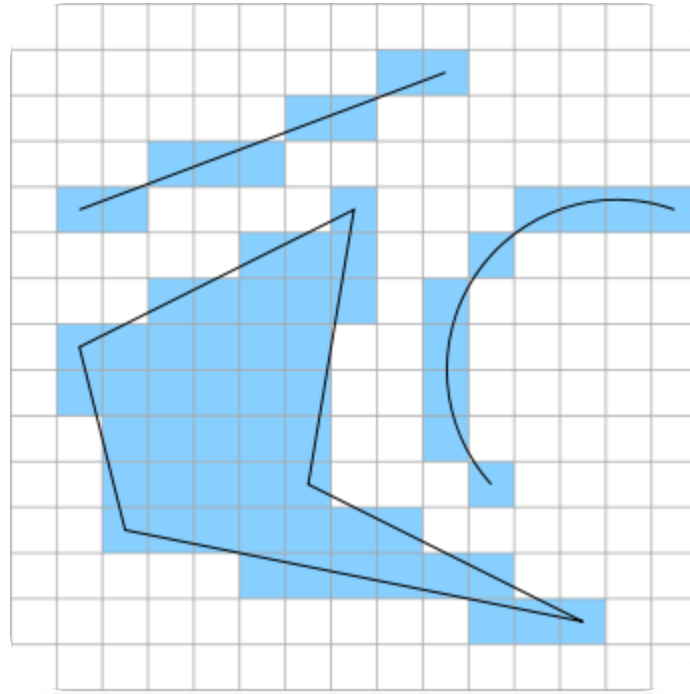


## Adjacency and Singularity

# More Issues



**Small triangle and slivers**



# Rasterization



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