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Raytracing

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Introduction

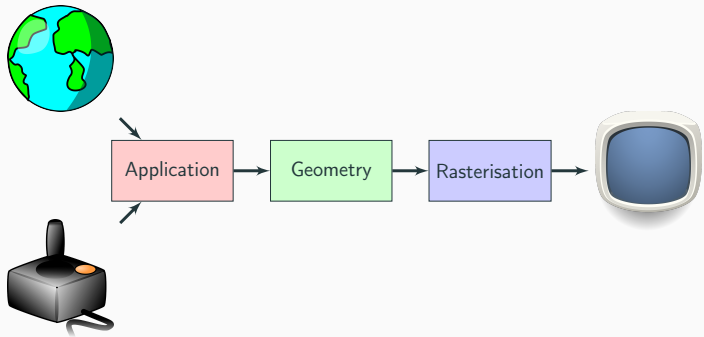
Today

- First rendering method
 - Raytracing/Raycasting
- Cameras
- Intersection calculations
- After today you should be able to start with Lab 1

- Introduction to Ray Tracing: a Simple Method for Creating 3D Images
- An Overview of the Ray-Tracing Rendering Technique

Raytracing

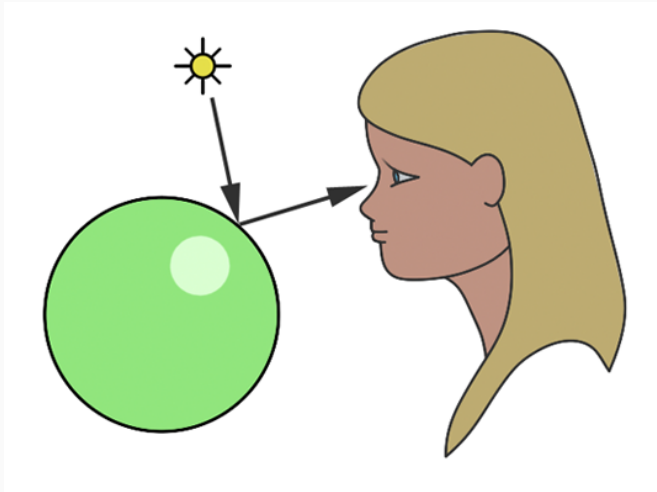
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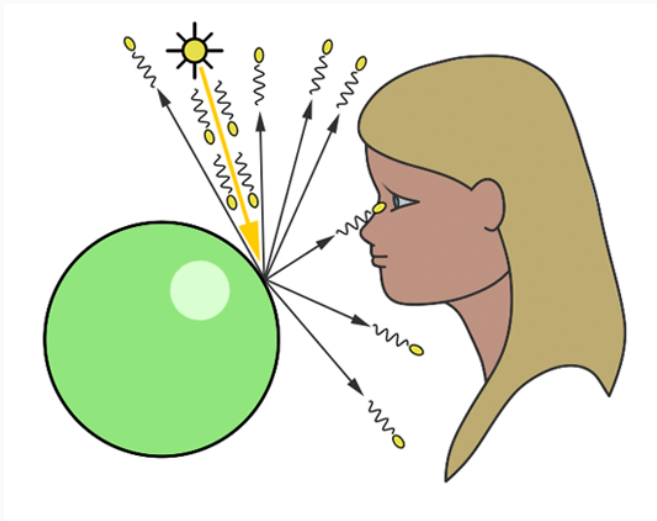
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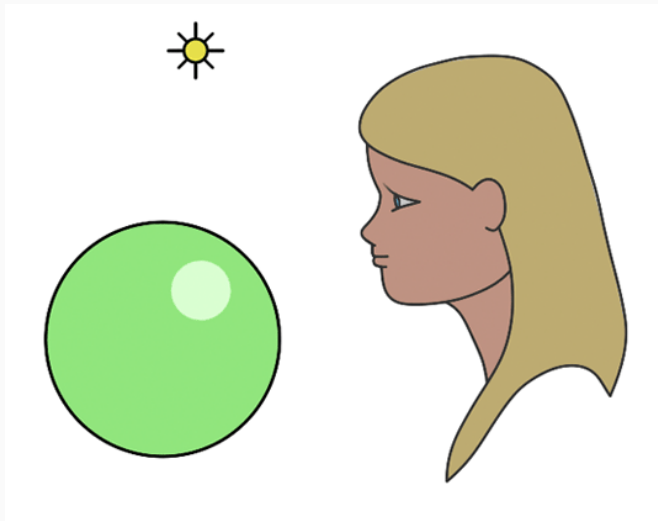
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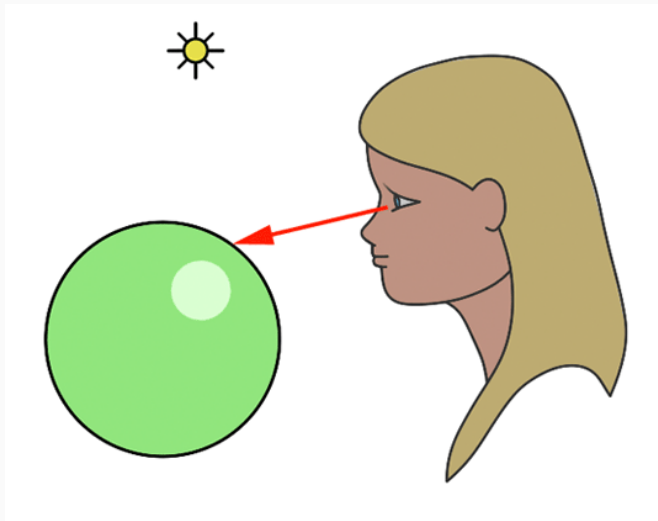
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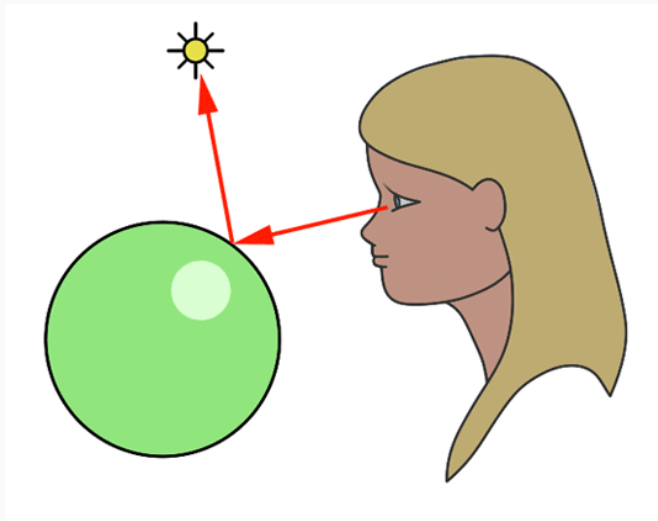
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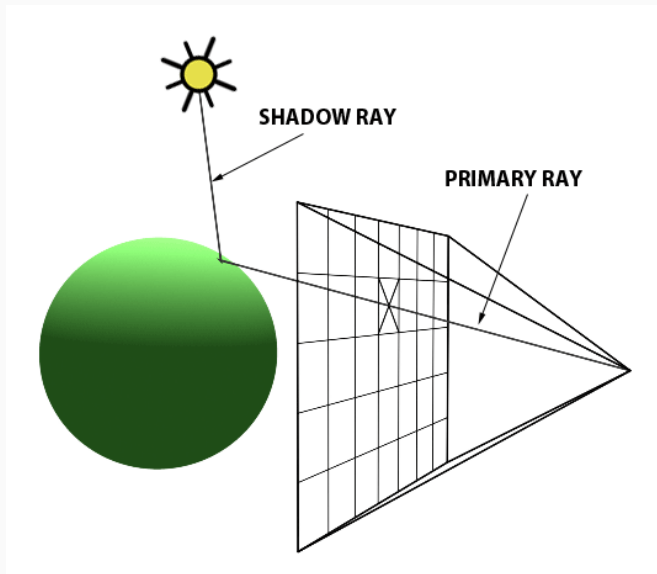
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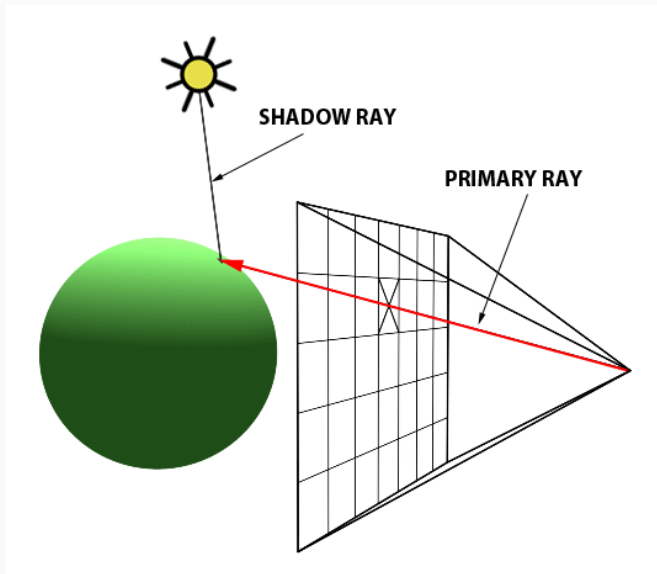
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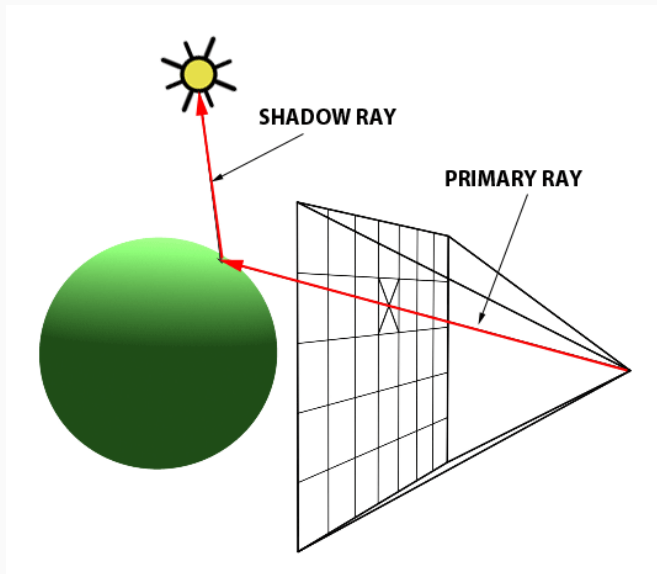
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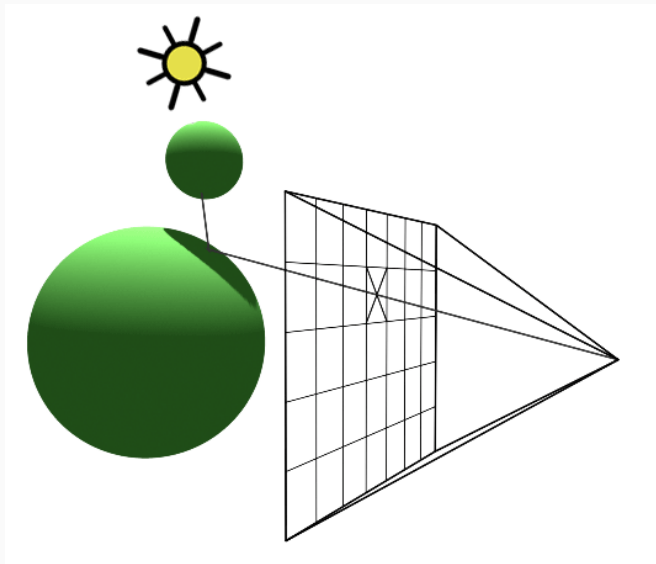
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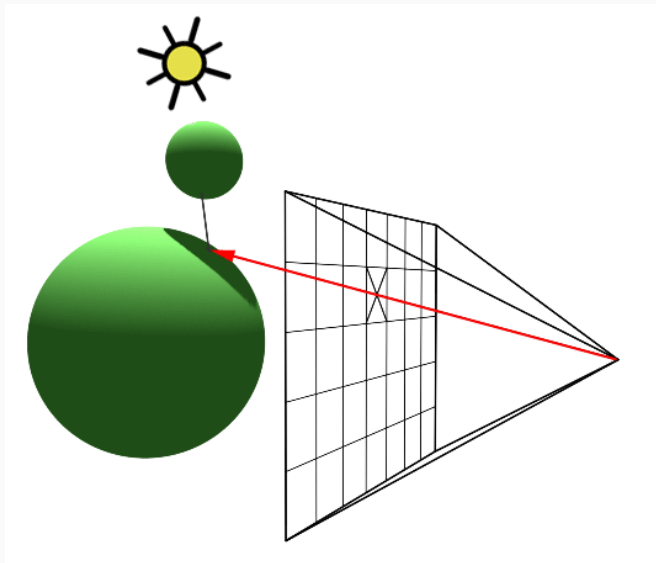
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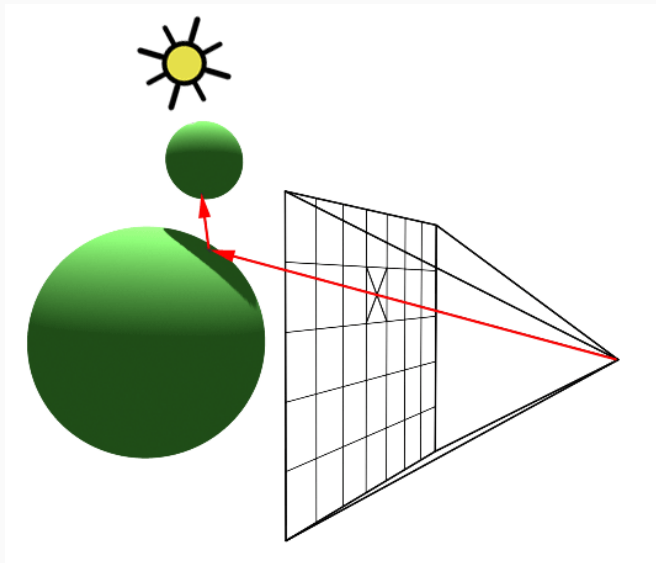
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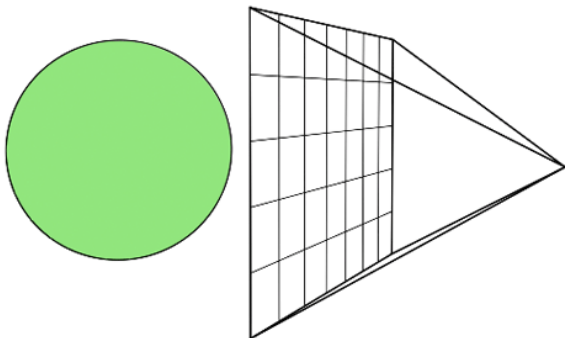
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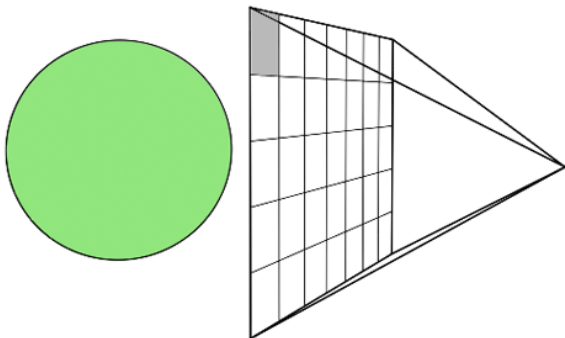
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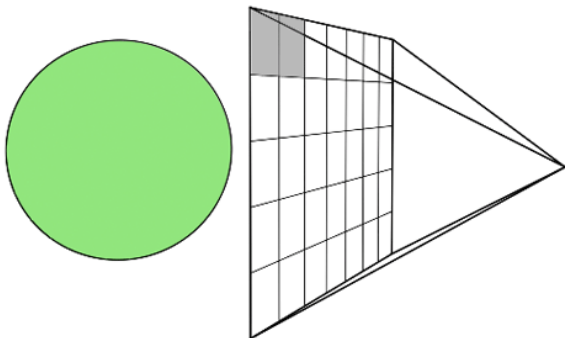
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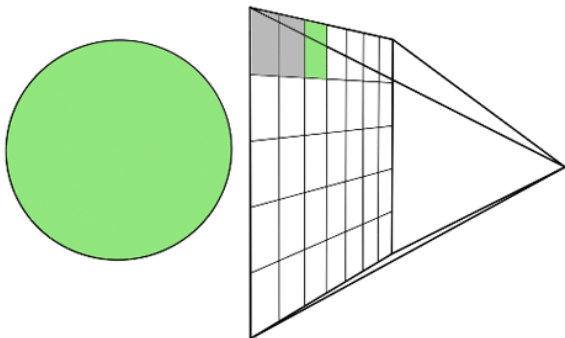
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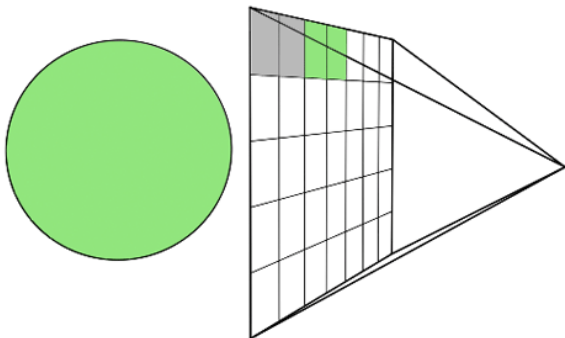
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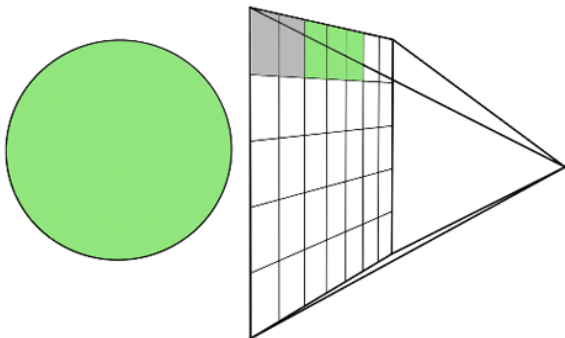
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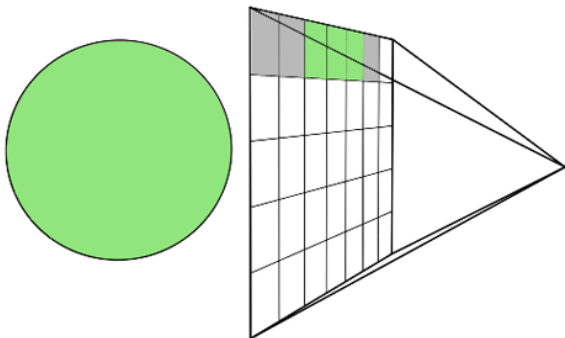
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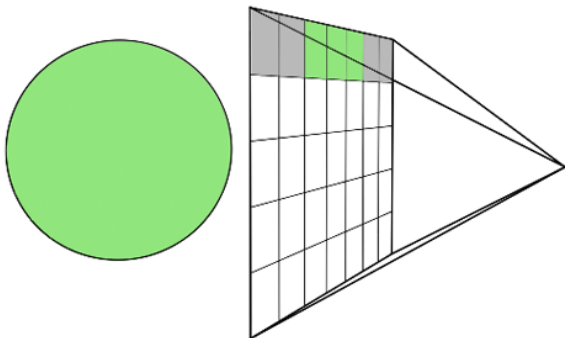
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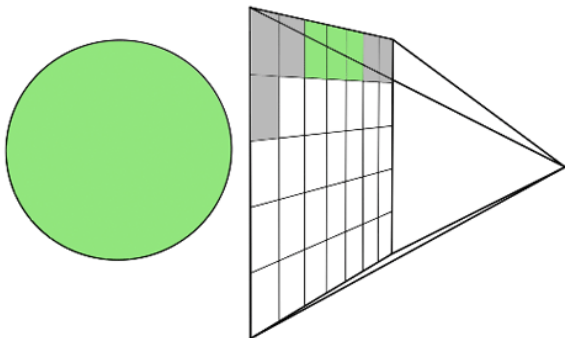
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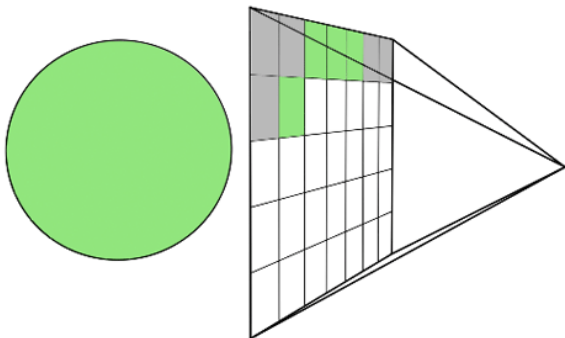
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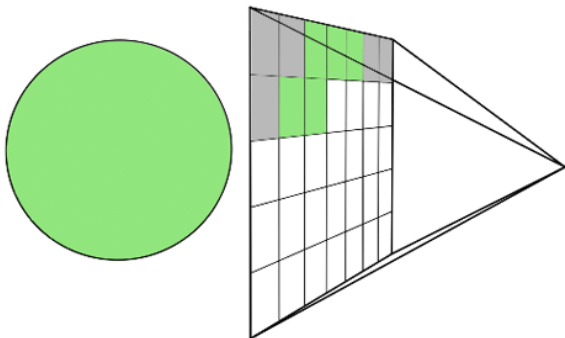
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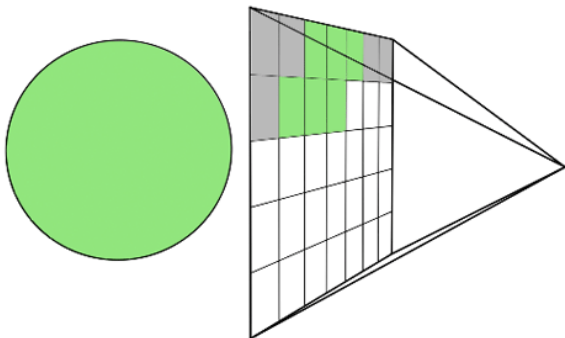
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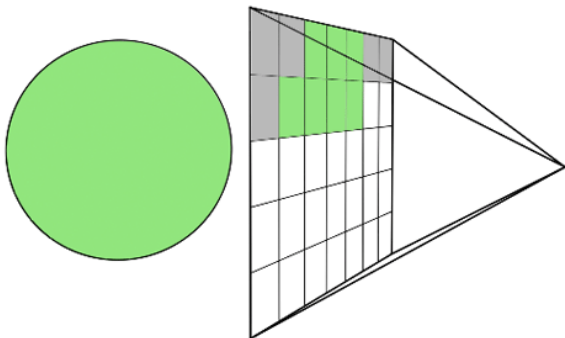
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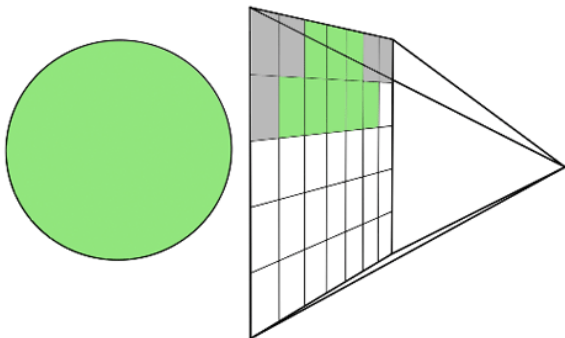
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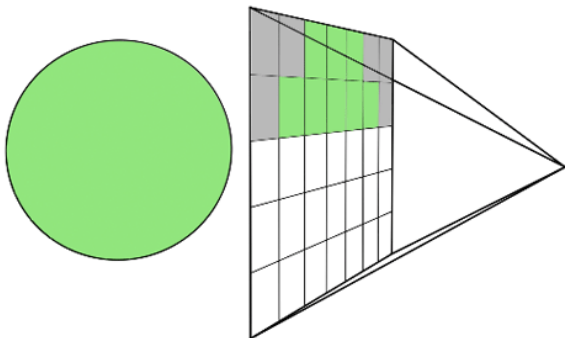
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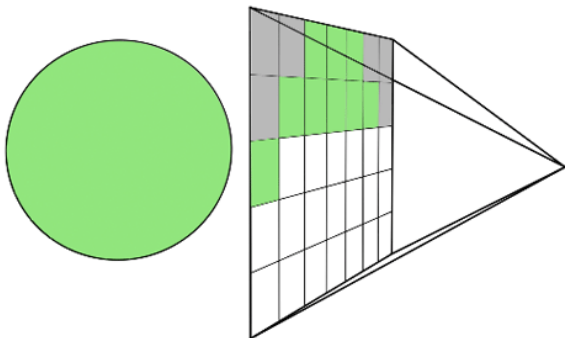
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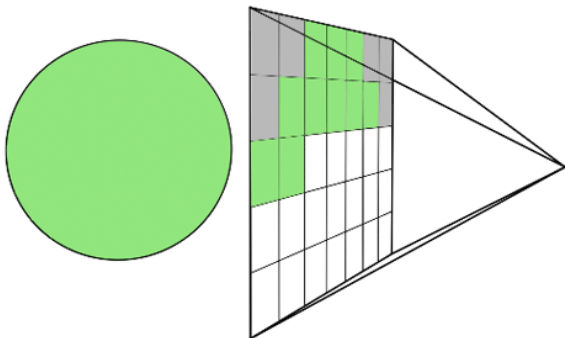
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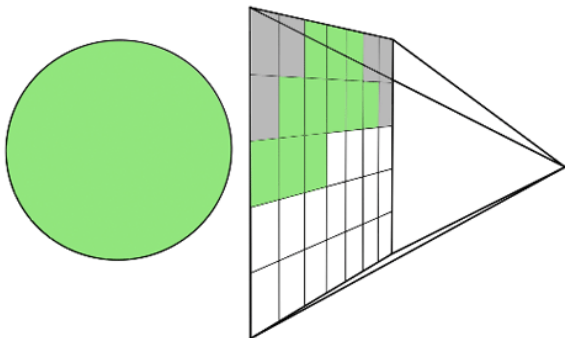
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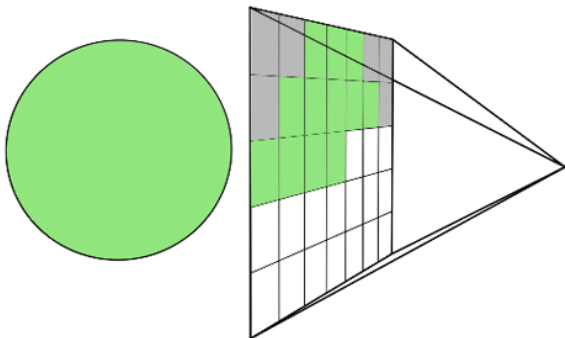
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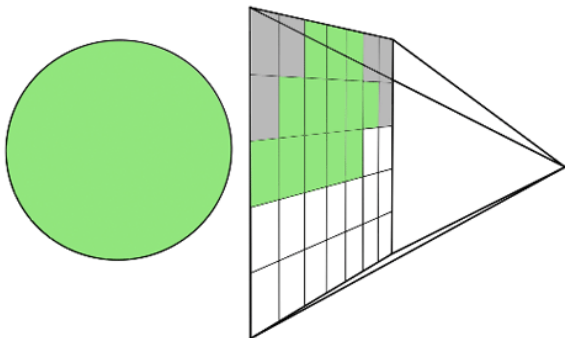
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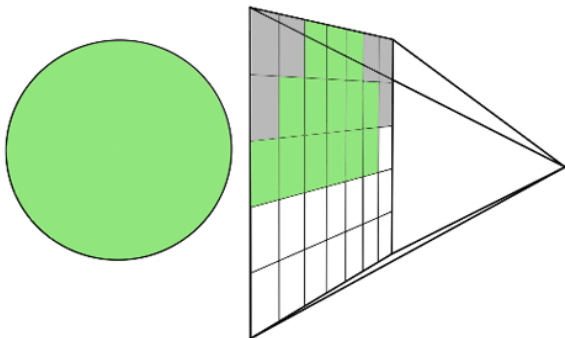
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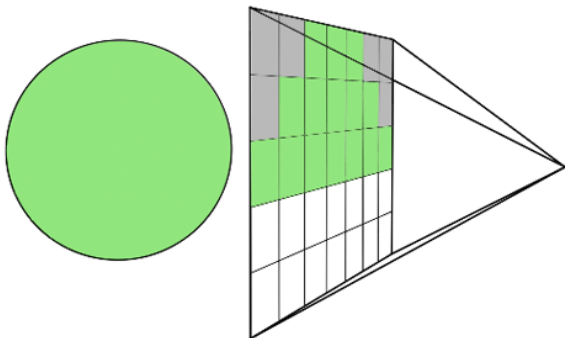
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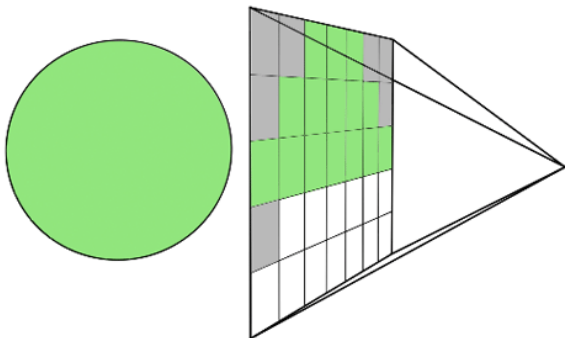
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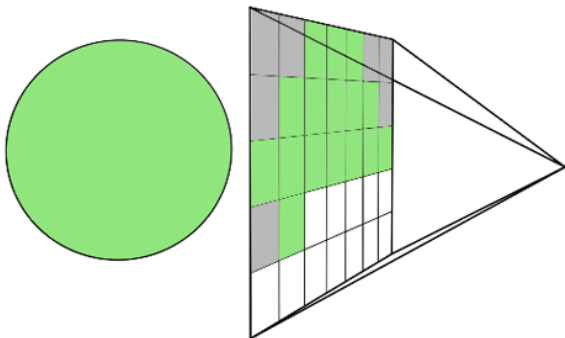
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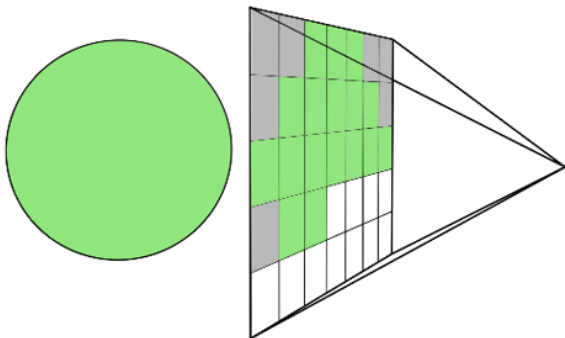
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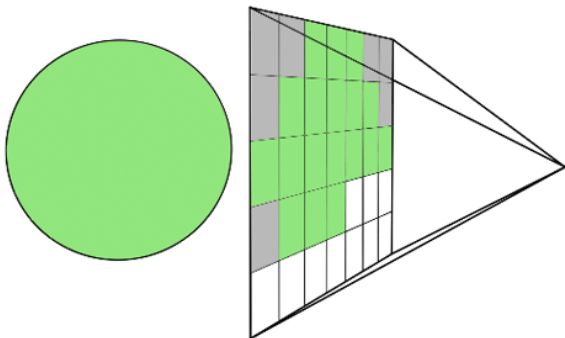
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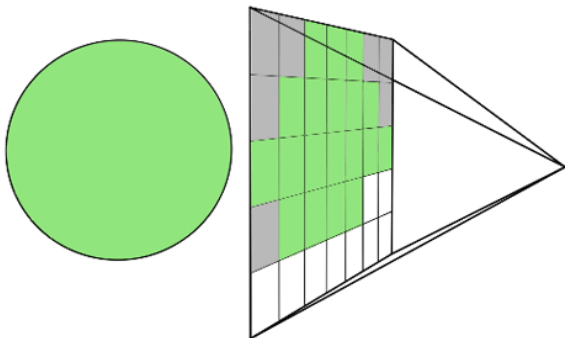
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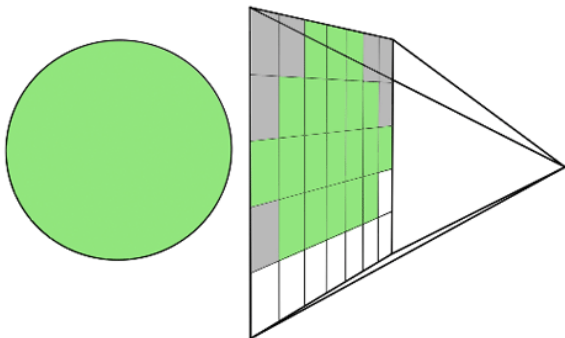
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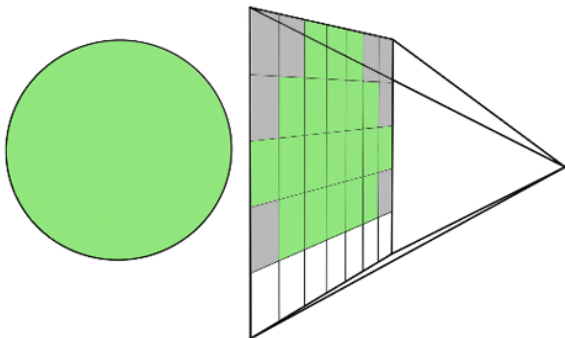
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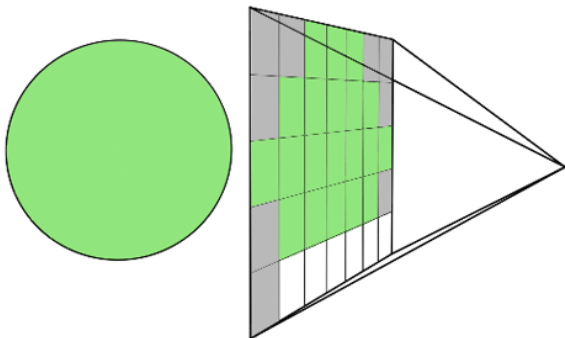
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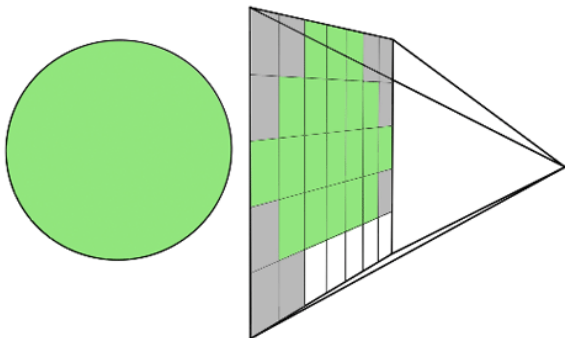
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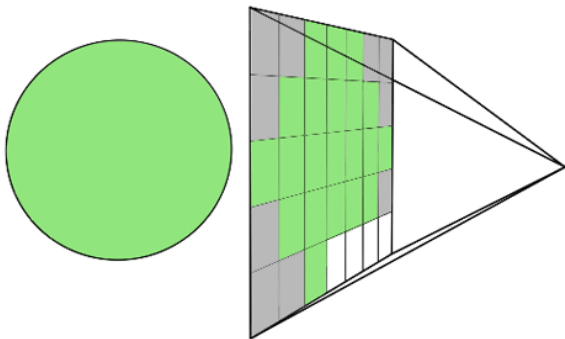
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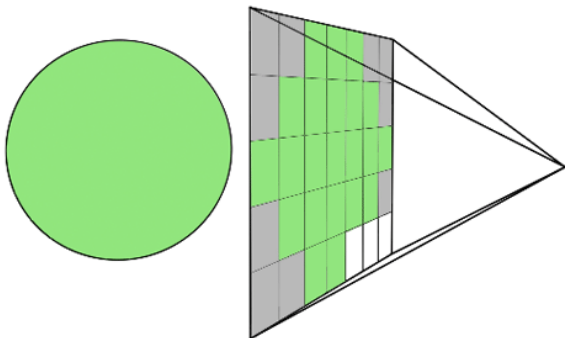
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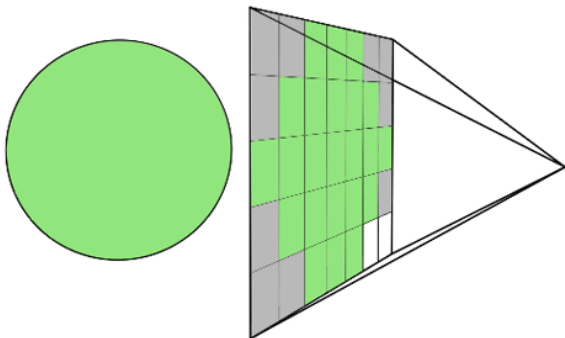
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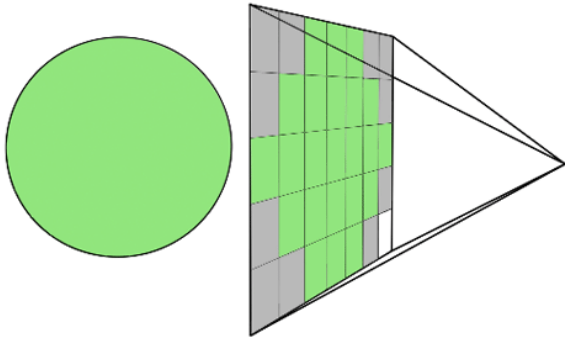
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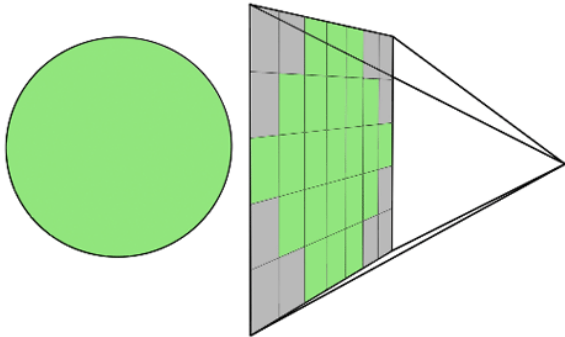
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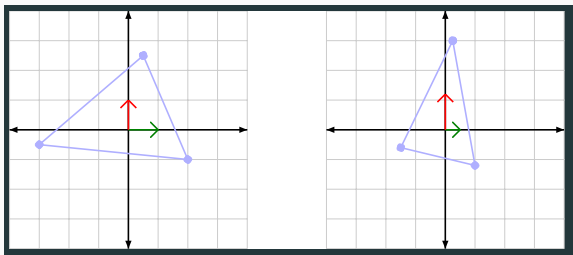


Linear Algebra

Point in vector space does not make sense without basis

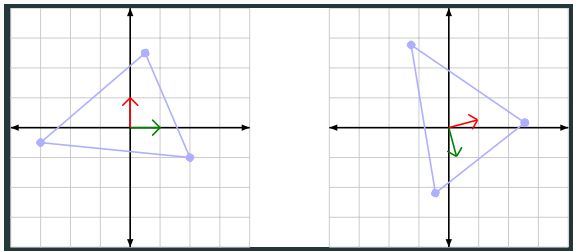
$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Scaling



$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = [v_x \mathbf{e}_1, v_y \mathbf{e}_2, v_z \mathbf{e}_3] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & v_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & v_z \end{bmatrix} [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

Rotation



$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{R}[\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3] \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{bmatrix}$$

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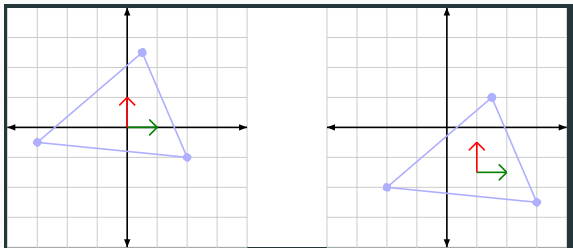
$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad R_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad R_z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Matrix multiplication is not commutative
 - **$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA}$**
 - Need to determine order convention
- Pick an order and stick with it

$$R_{xyz} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_y \cos \theta_z & -\cos \theta_x \sin \theta_z + \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y \cos \theta_z & \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_z + \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y \cos \theta_z \\ \cos \theta_y \sin \theta_z & \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_z + \sin \theta_x \sin \theta_y \sin \theta_z & -\sin \theta_x \cos \theta_z + \cos \theta_x \sin \theta_y \sin \theta_z \\ -\sin \theta_y & \sin \theta_x \cos \theta_y & \cos \theta_x \cos \theta_y \end{bmatrix}$$

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Translation



$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \mathbf{e}_3] \begin{bmatrix} x + dx \\ y + dy \\ z + dz \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogenous Coordinates¹

- We do not want to deal with translation differently compared to other transformations
- We can work in *projective* or *homogenous* coordinate representations instead
- We will append the space with one dimension and specify an equivalence class of all projections

¹https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homogeneous_coordinates

Homogenous Coordinates

- Perspective Projection

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{x}{z} \\ \frac{y}{z} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Specify equivalence class between all projected points

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 6 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Homogenous coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{4}{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{8} \\ \frac{6}{8} \\ \frac{8}{8} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Homogenous Coordinates

- Cartesian 3D space

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

- Allows for representing points in infinity

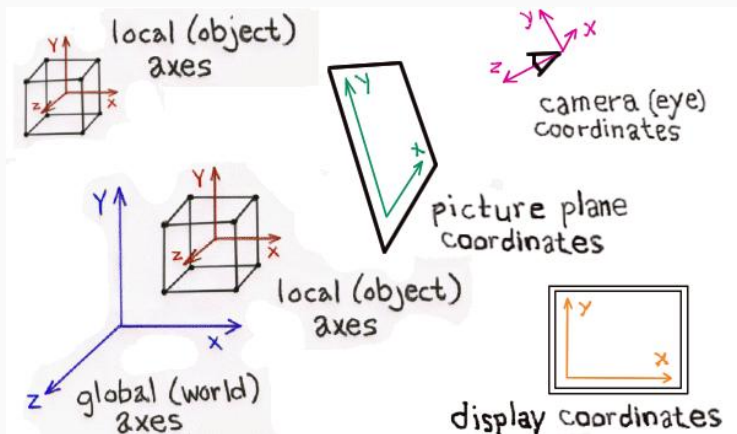
$$\lim_{d \rightarrow \infty} \begin{bmatrix} x + d \\ y + d \\ z + d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

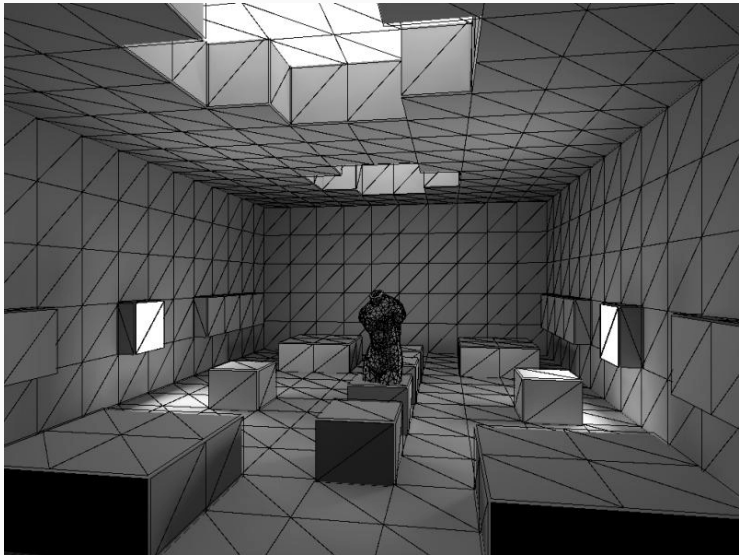
- For example, under projection two parallel lines will meet

Homogenous Coordinates

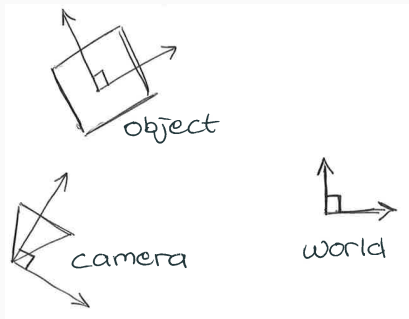
$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \cdot R_{11} & R_{12} & R_{13} & dx \\ R_{21} & v_y \cdot R_{22} & R_{23} & dy \\ R_{31} & R_{32} & v_z \cdot R_{33} & dz \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Coordinate Transforms





View Transformations



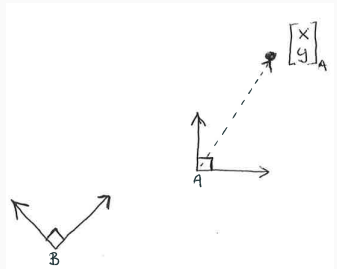
View Transformations

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$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}_A - \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}_{O_B}$$

2. Rotate (negative)

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}_B = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(-\theta) & -\sin(-\theta) \\ \sin(-\theta) & \cos(-\theta) \end{bmatrix}_B \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$$



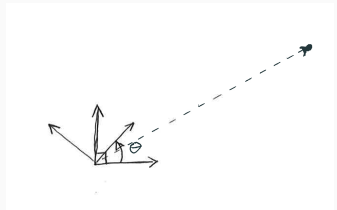
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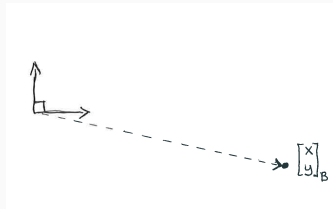
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Transformation

Always the same order for every transformation of coordinate systems

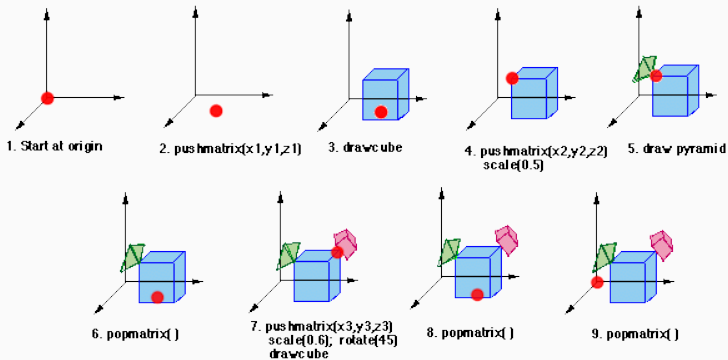
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Transformation Homogenous Coordinates

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} R_{11}(\theta) & R_{12}(\theta) & R_{13}(\theta) & a \\ R_{21}(\theta) & R_{22}(\theta) & R_{23}(\theta) & b \\ R_{31}(\theta) & R_{32}(\theta) & R_{33}(\theta) & c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -a \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Rotate θ degrees around x-axis at $[a, b, c]^T$
- Remember that matrix multiplications are not commutative

Transformation Stack



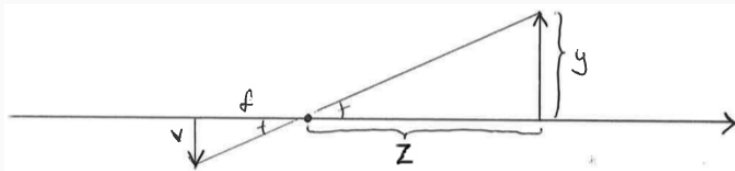
Raytracing

Camera

- Cameras create images
- Lens
 - captures rays
- Focal length
- Shutter opening

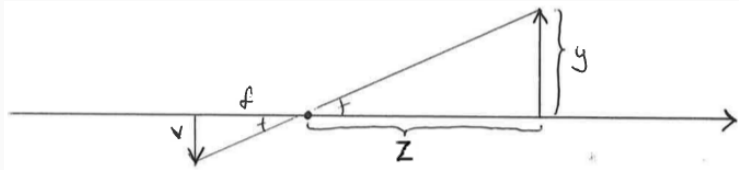


Pinhole camera



- Simplest form camera, where one ray of light lits up each pixel
- Defined by a *location*, *focal length*, *view-direction* and *up-direction*
- is this a realistic camera?

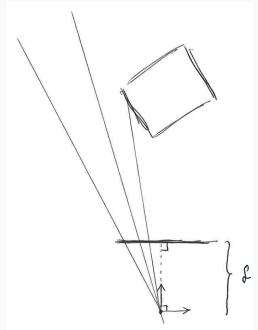
Pinhole camera



$$\frac{v}{f} = \frac{y}{z}$$
$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{f}{z}y$$

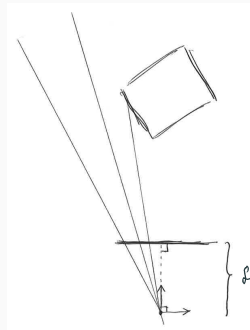
Raycasting

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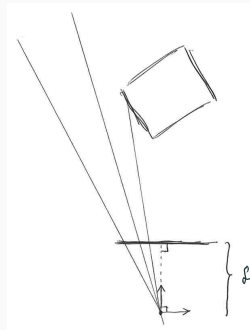
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Raycasting

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3. Image plane

$$\{[u, v, f]^T \mid -\frac{W}{2} \leq u < \frac{W}{2}, -\frac{H}{2} < v < \frac{H}{2}, f\}$$



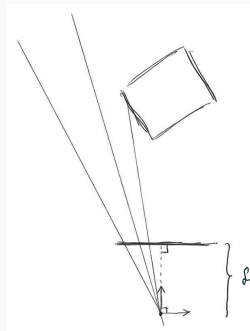
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4. Compute normalised vector from origin to image-plane

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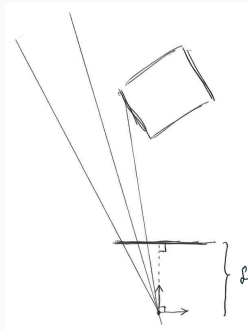
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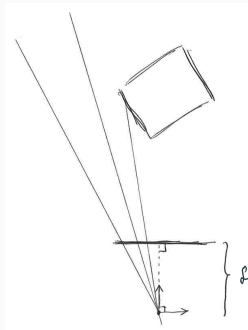
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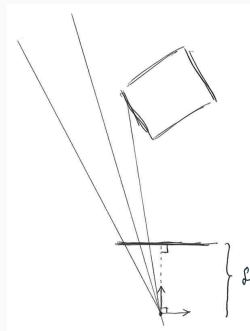
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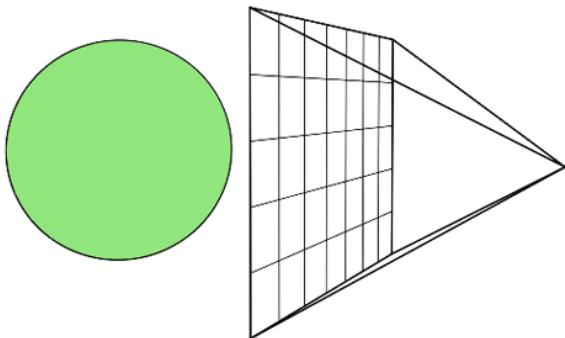


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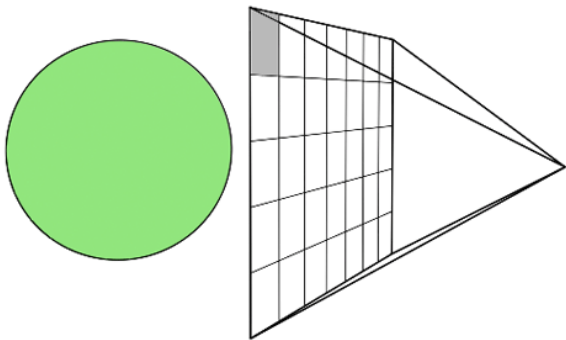
- Trace a ray for each pixel
- Compute intersection with all objects in world
- Plot colour of intersecting surface
- No "lighting" often called Raycaster



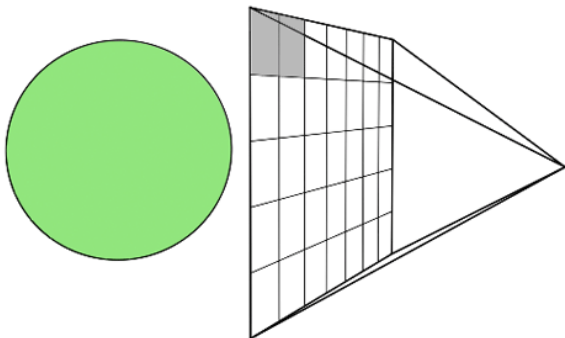
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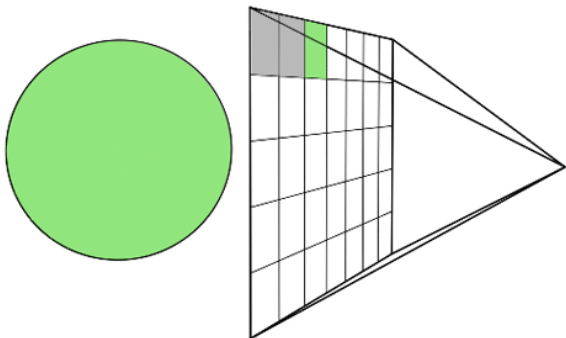
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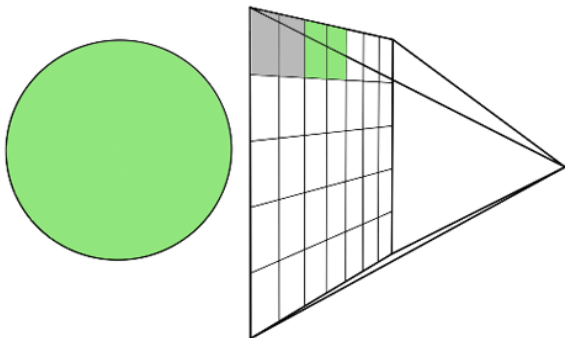
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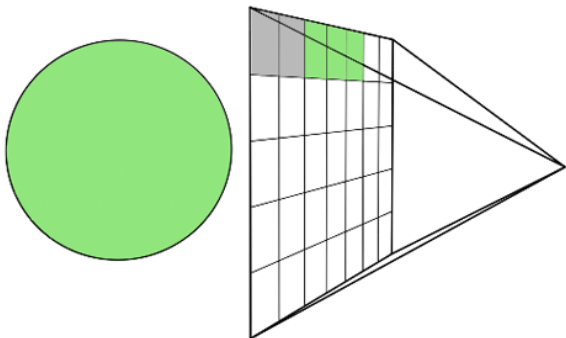
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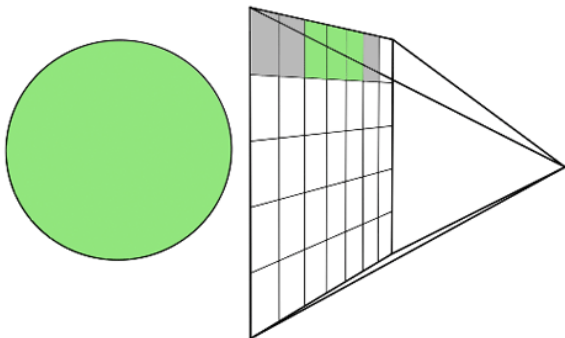
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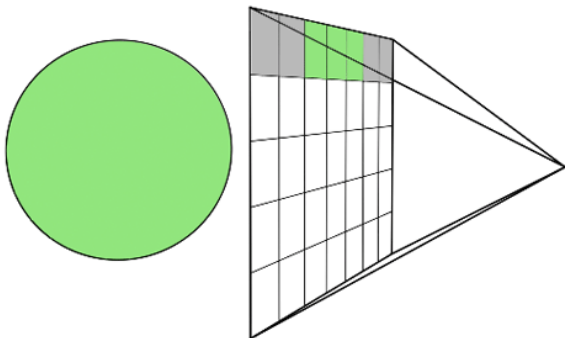
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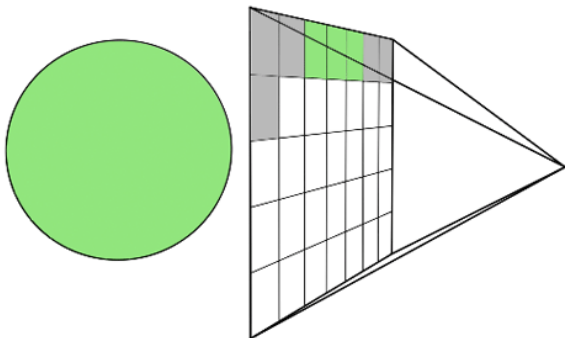
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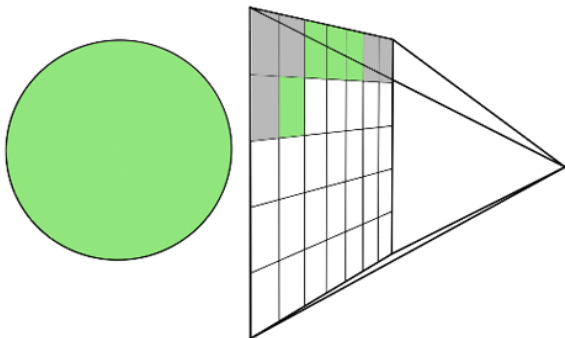
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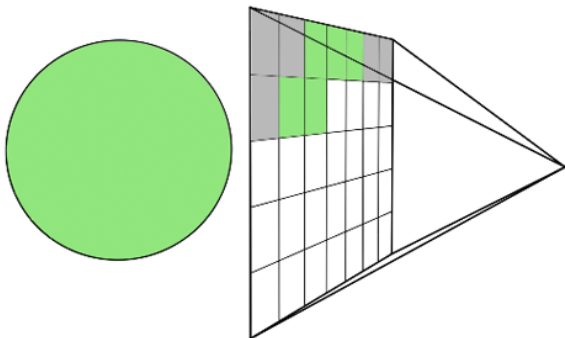
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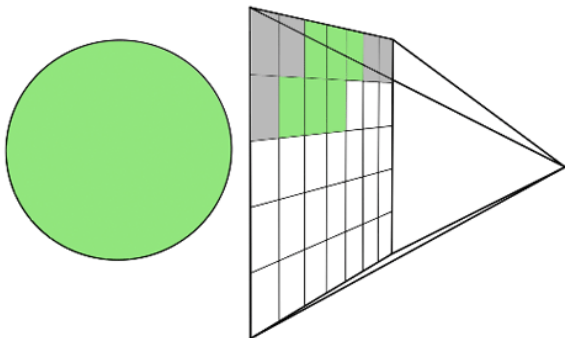
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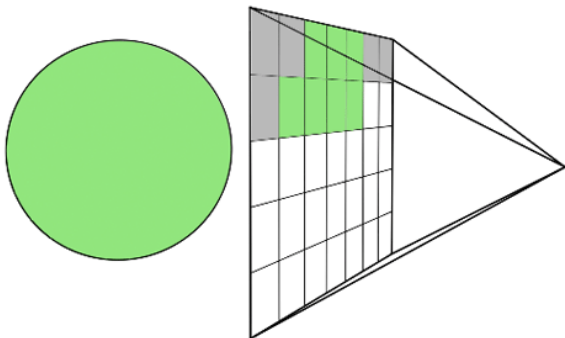
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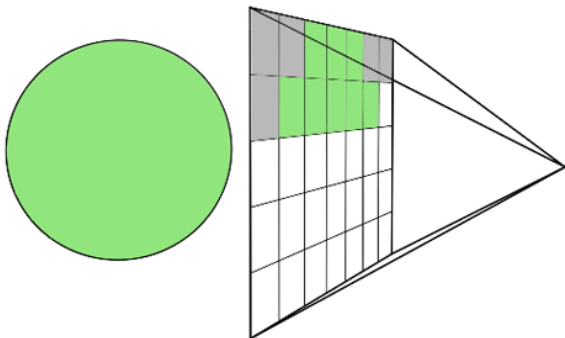
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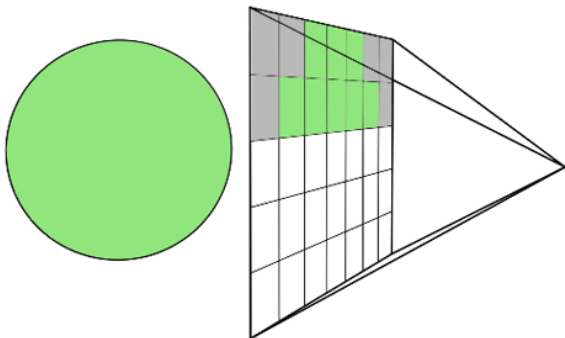
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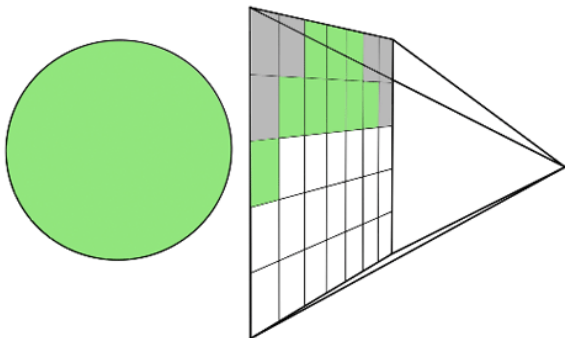
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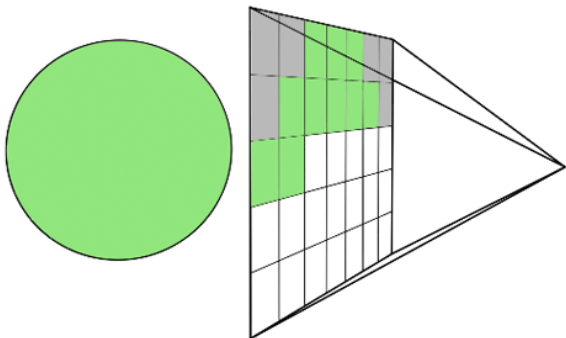
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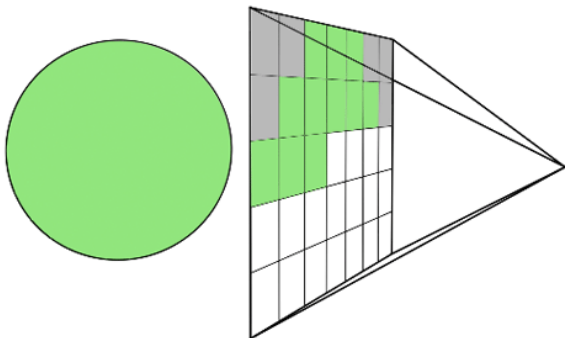
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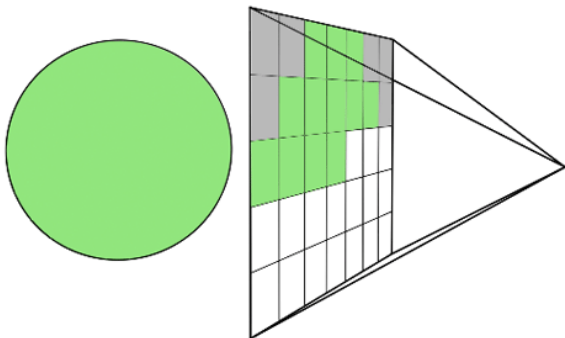
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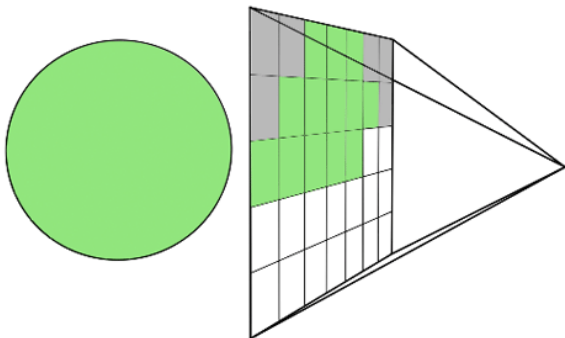
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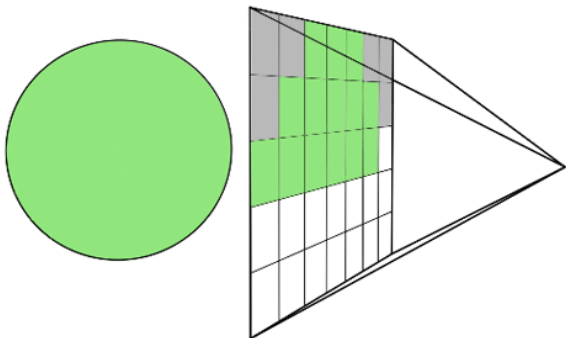
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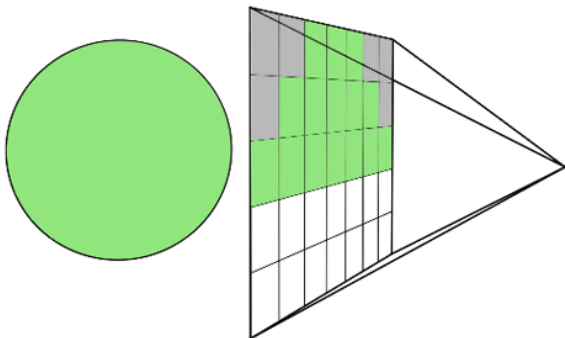
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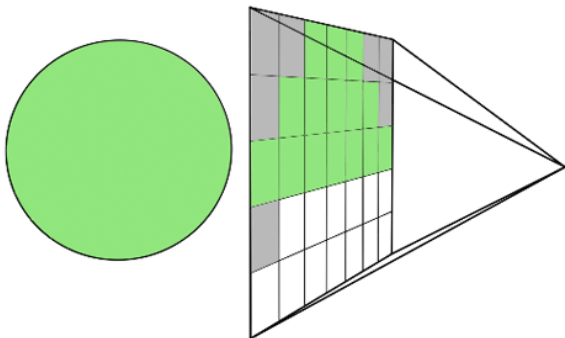
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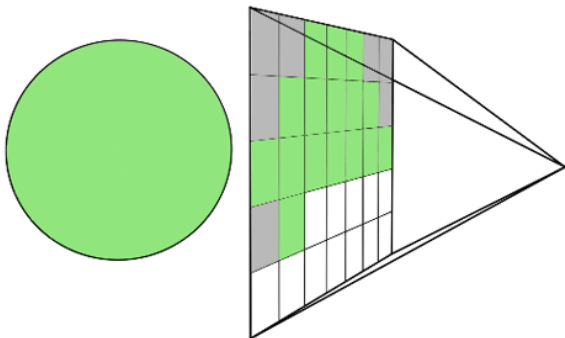
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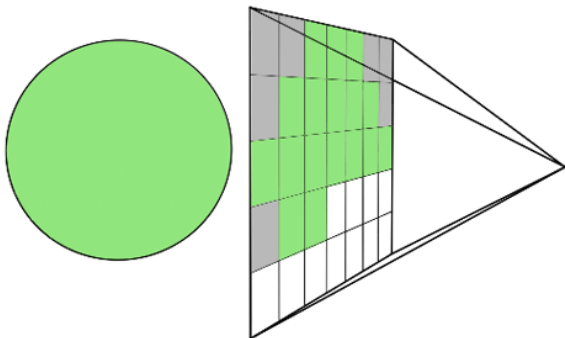
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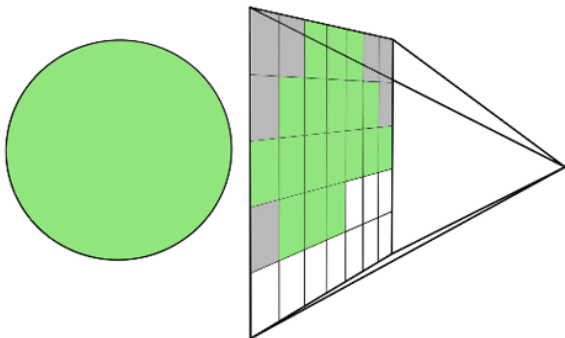
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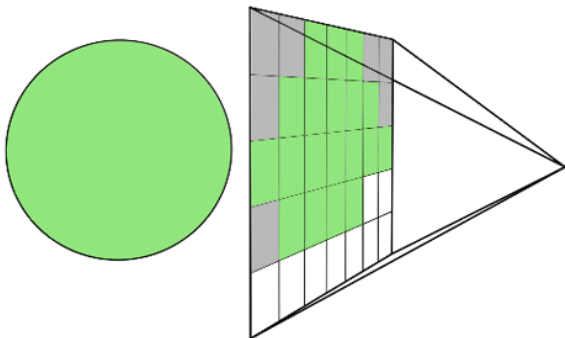
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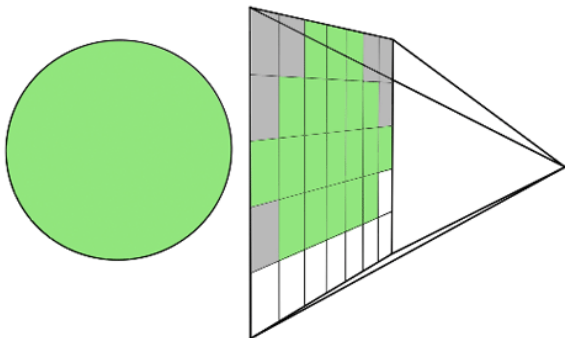
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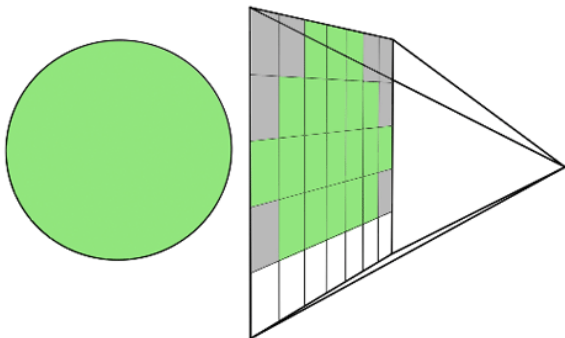
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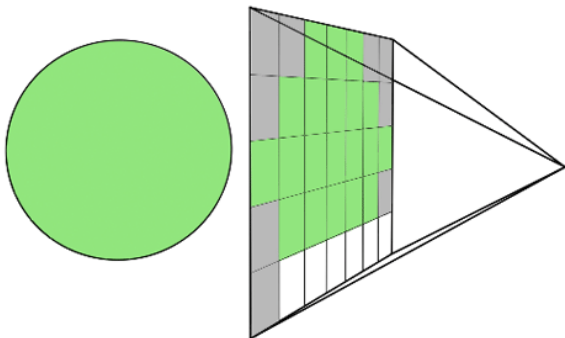
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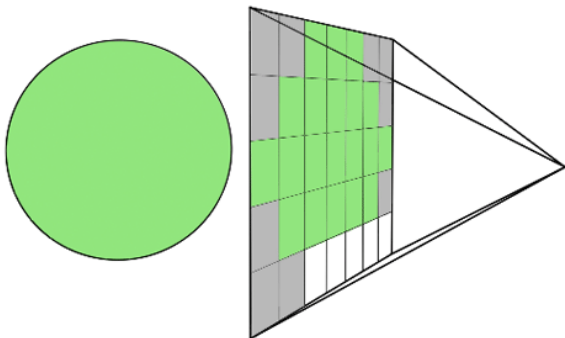
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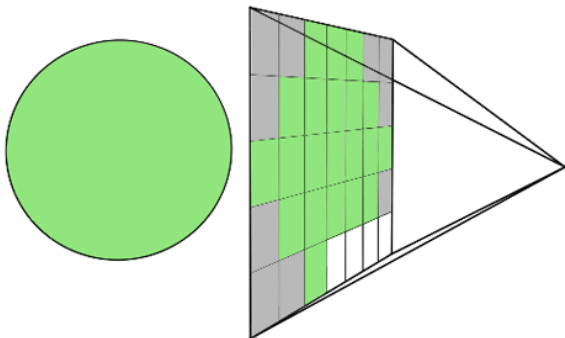
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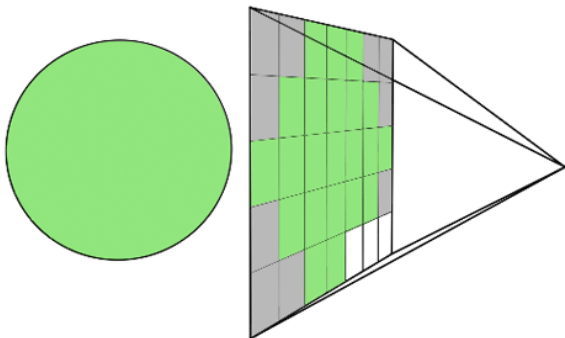
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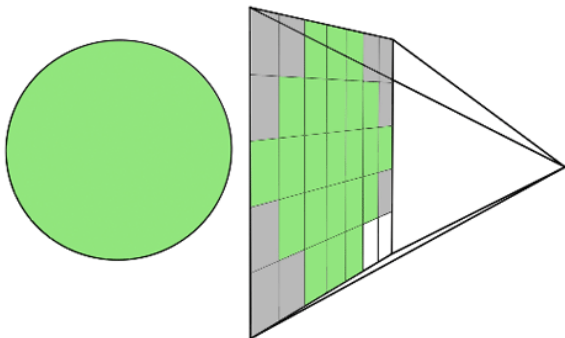
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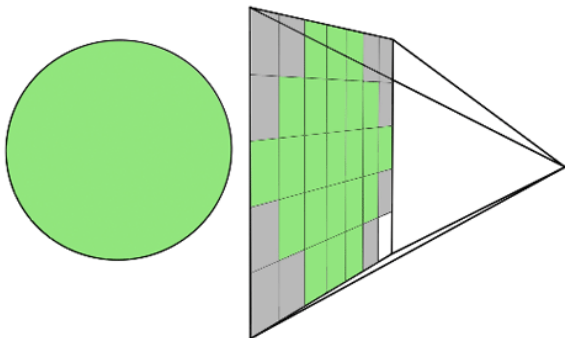
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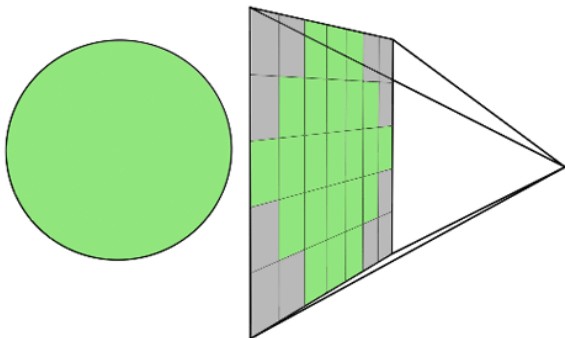
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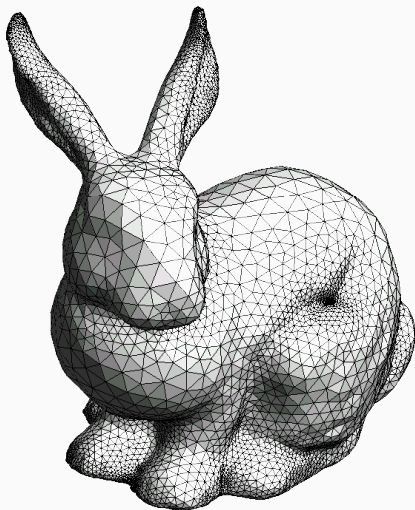


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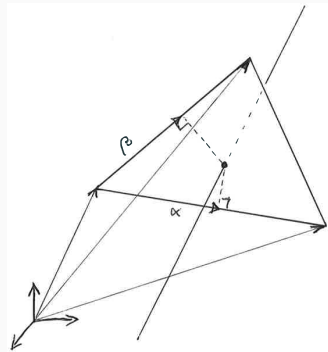


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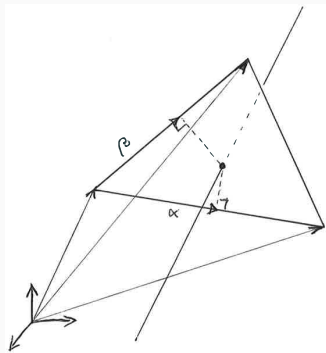
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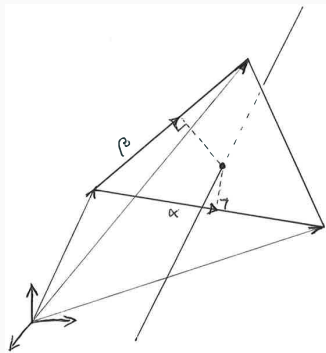
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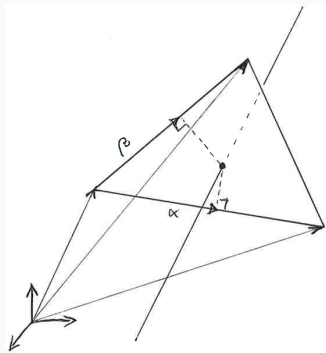
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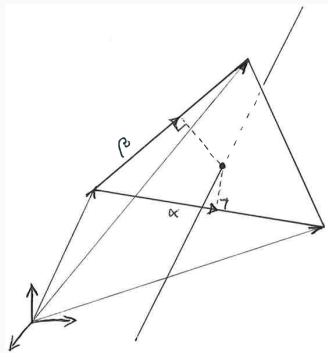
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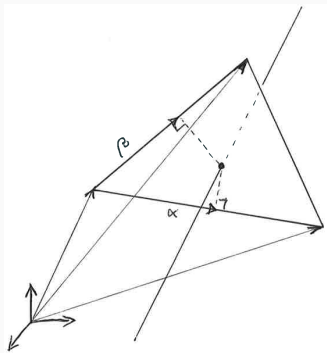
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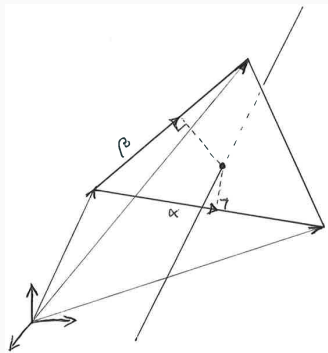
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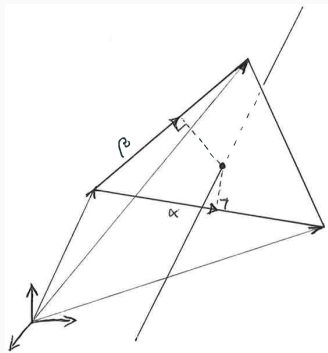
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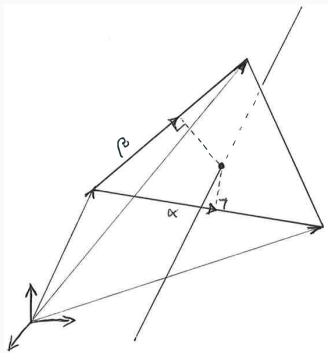
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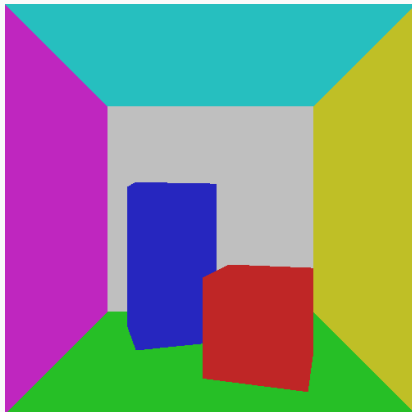
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- *silliest solution*

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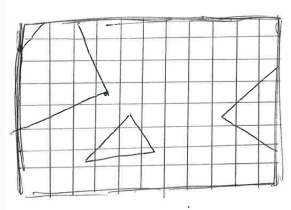
Raytracer Pipeline

Pipeline



Clipping and Screen Mapping

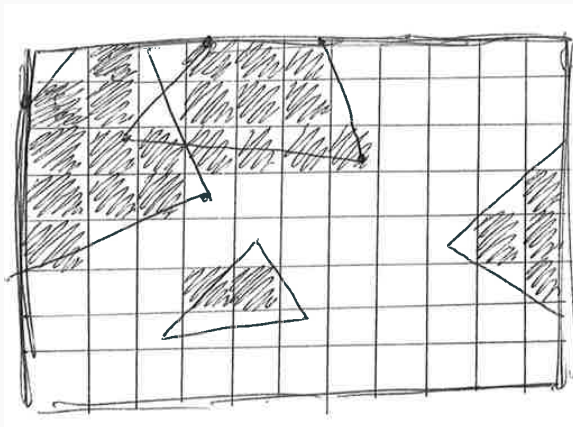
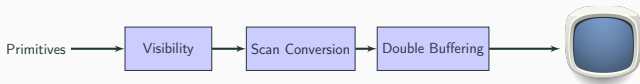
- Clip primitives to fit onto image
- Discretise visible primitives to pixels
- Our primitives are discrete pixels
- Trivial for a Raytracer



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Rasterisation



Raycaster

```
for (int y=-h/2;y<h/2;y++)
{
    for(int x=-w/2;x<w/2;x++)
    {
        /*compute primary ray*/
        for(int i=0;i<N_primitives;i++)
        {
            /*1. compute intersection  

             2. check closest*/
        }
    }
}
```

Next Time

Lab Start with Lab 1

- Implement a camera structure and infrastructure to deal with transformations

Lecture Thursday 2nd of February

- 11-12 WMB 3.31
- Illumination: Light I
- How to decide colour of pixel

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