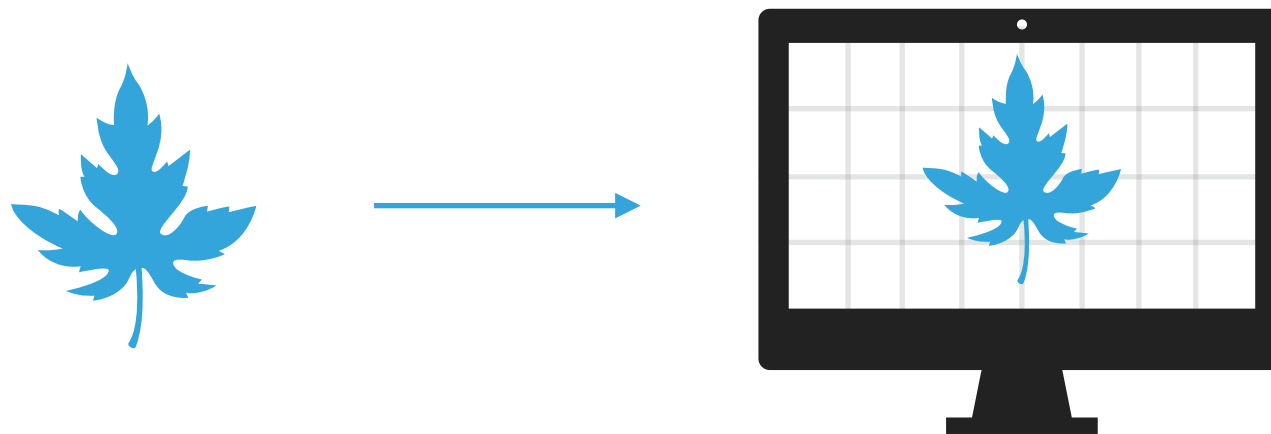


INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER GRAPHICS AND WEBGL

AUDIO VISUAL PROGRAMMING

GRAPHICS DEFINITION

A graphic is an image or visual representation of an object



Computer graphics are “simply” images displayed on a computer screen.

SOME EXAMPLES

Photograph



Logos



3D models



GRAPHICS DIMENSIONS

2D Graphics



3D Graphics



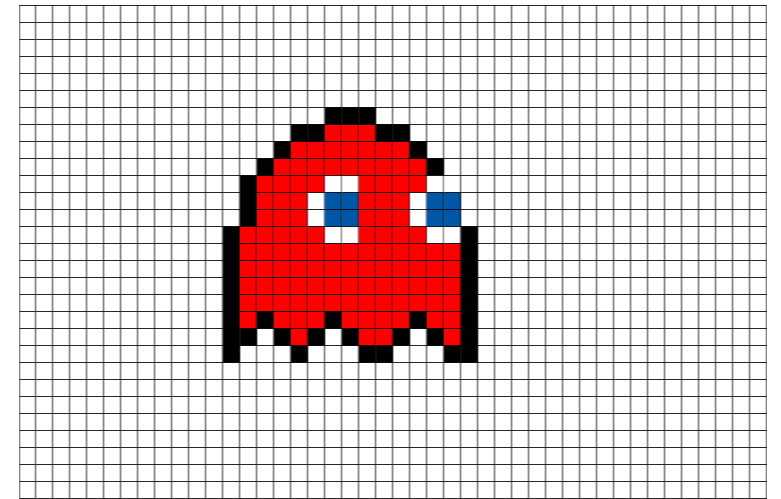
Wait, isn't the computer screen just a flat 2D surface?

How does it reproduce 3D visual representations?

2D GRAPHICS

Raster Graphics (JPEG,PNG, PSD)

- ▶ Most common
- ▶ Used for digital photos, Web graphics, and icons
- ▶ Composed of a simple grid of pixels

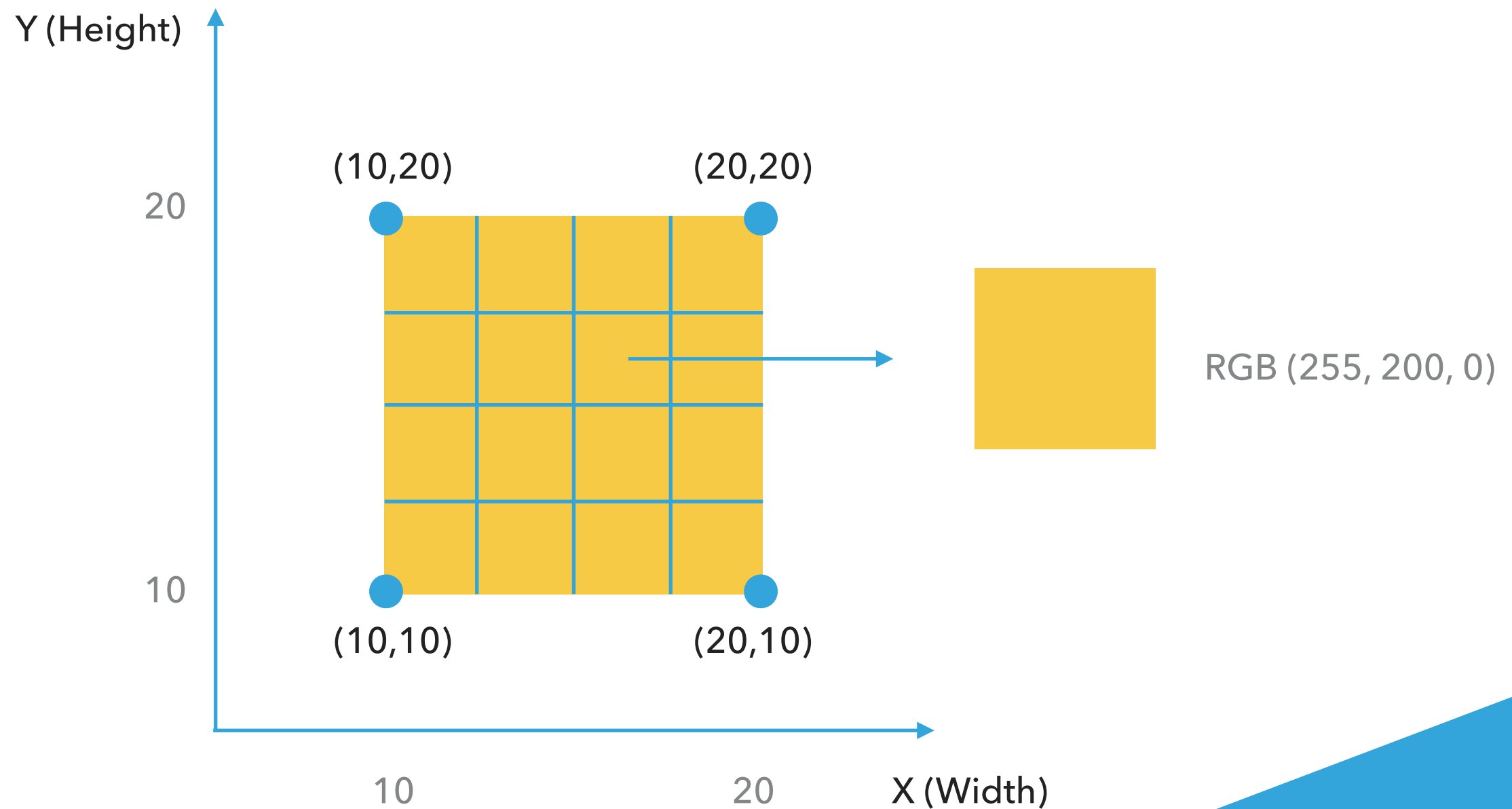


Vector Graphics (SVG, PDF, AI)

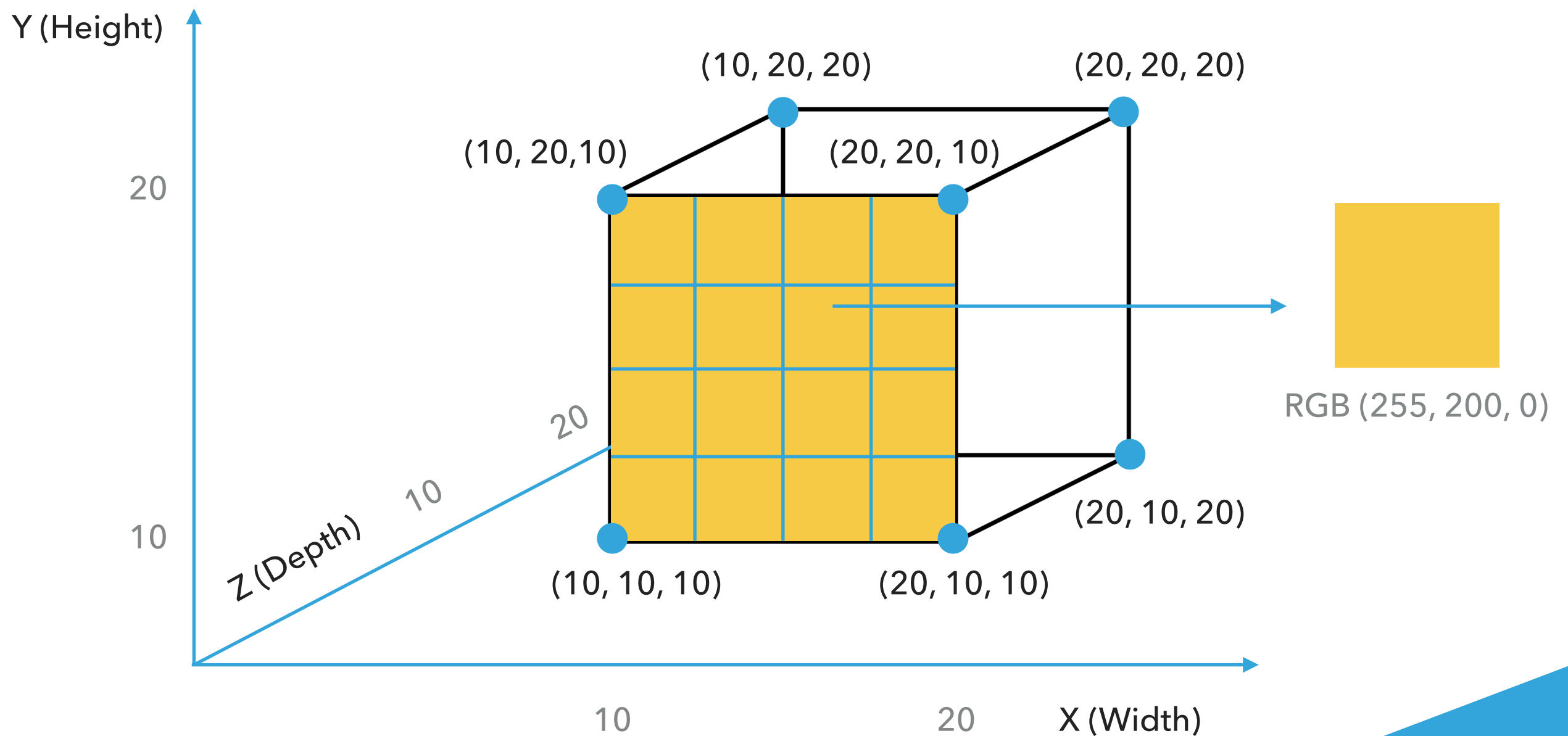
- ▶ Made of paths and mathematical formulas
- ▶ Used for logos, signs, and banners
- ▶ Can be scaled without losing quality



2D GRAPHICS AXIS



3D GRAPHICS

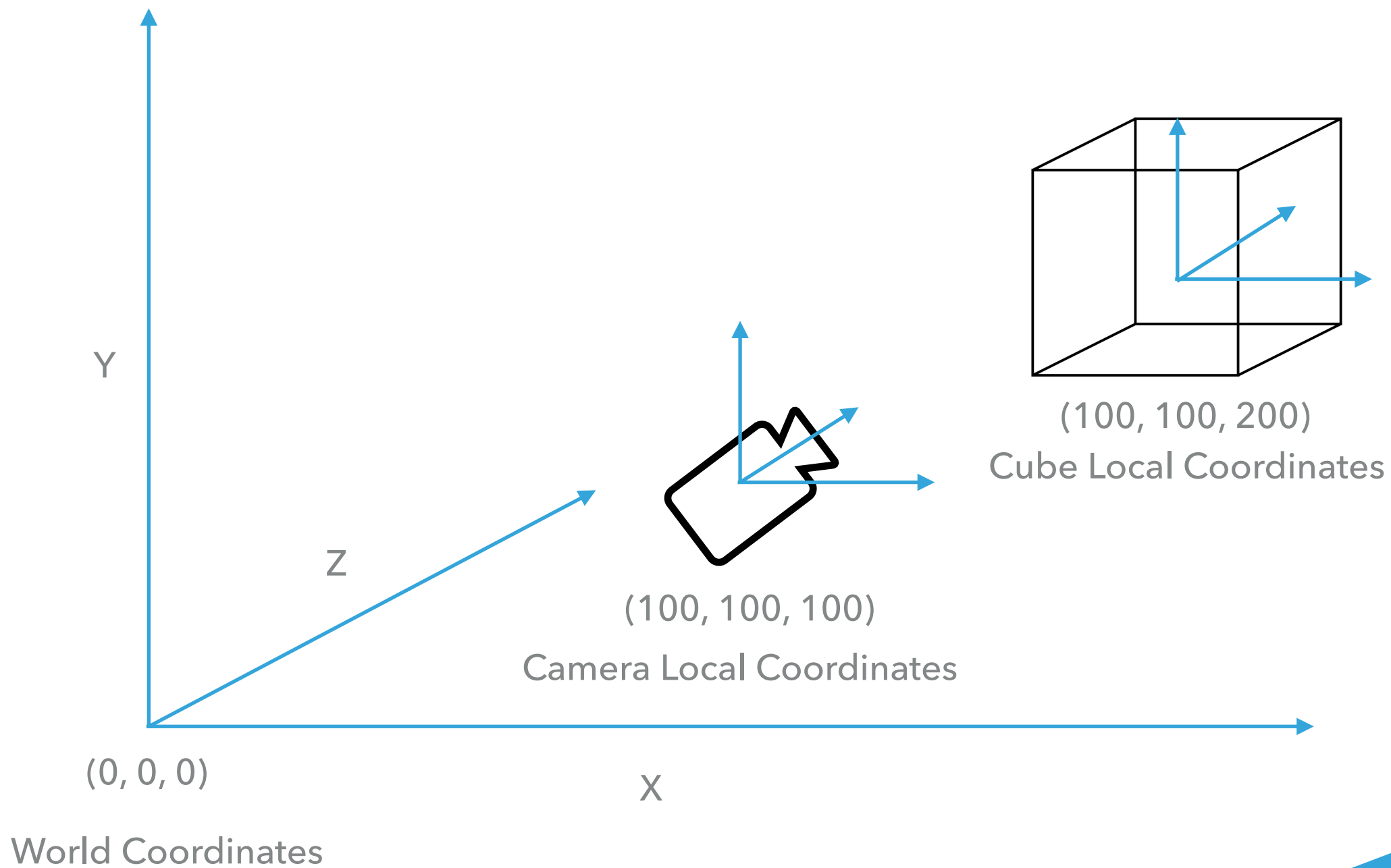


The main challenge of 3D computer graphics is to represent 3D objects into a 2D screen.

3D GRAPHICS TO 2D SCREEN

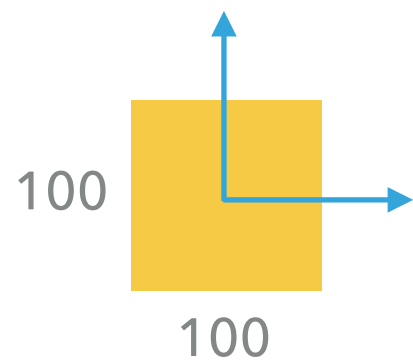
- ▶ The easiest way to think about the conversion from 3D world to 2D screen is with a camera.
- ▶ World coordinates VS Local/Object coordinates
- ▶ Transformations
- ▶ Decide what to show and what to hide
- ▶ Finally, since the end product will be a 2D representation of the 3D space, we can add some lighting to improve the 3D experience

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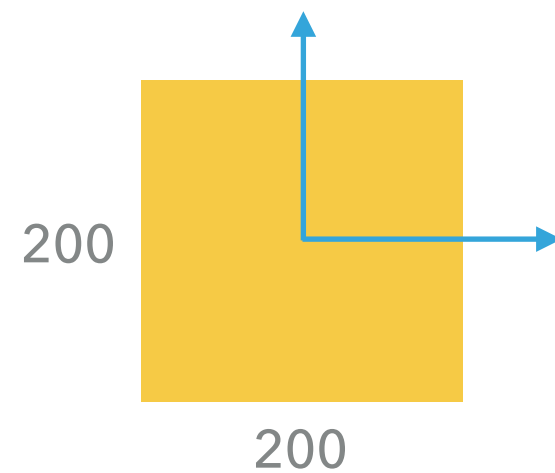


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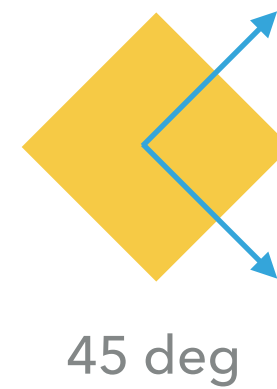
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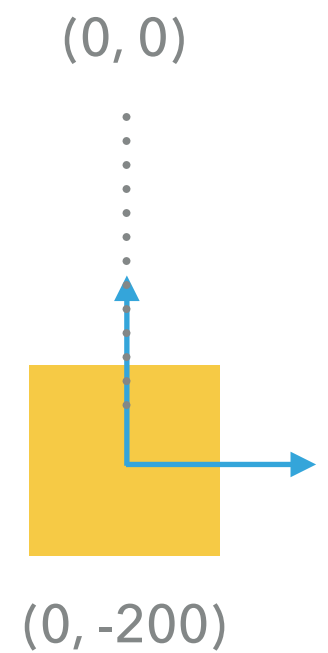
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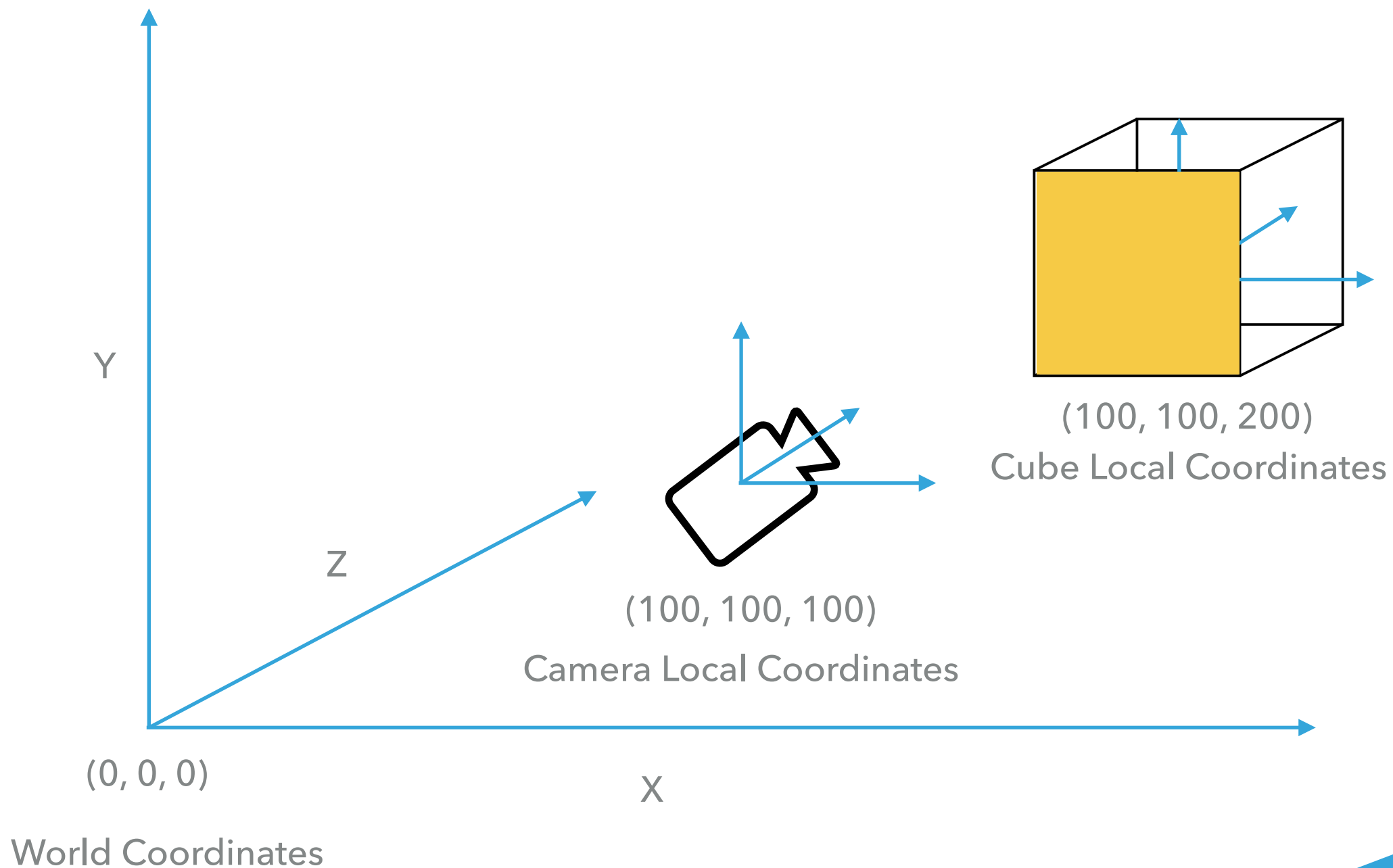
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Translate



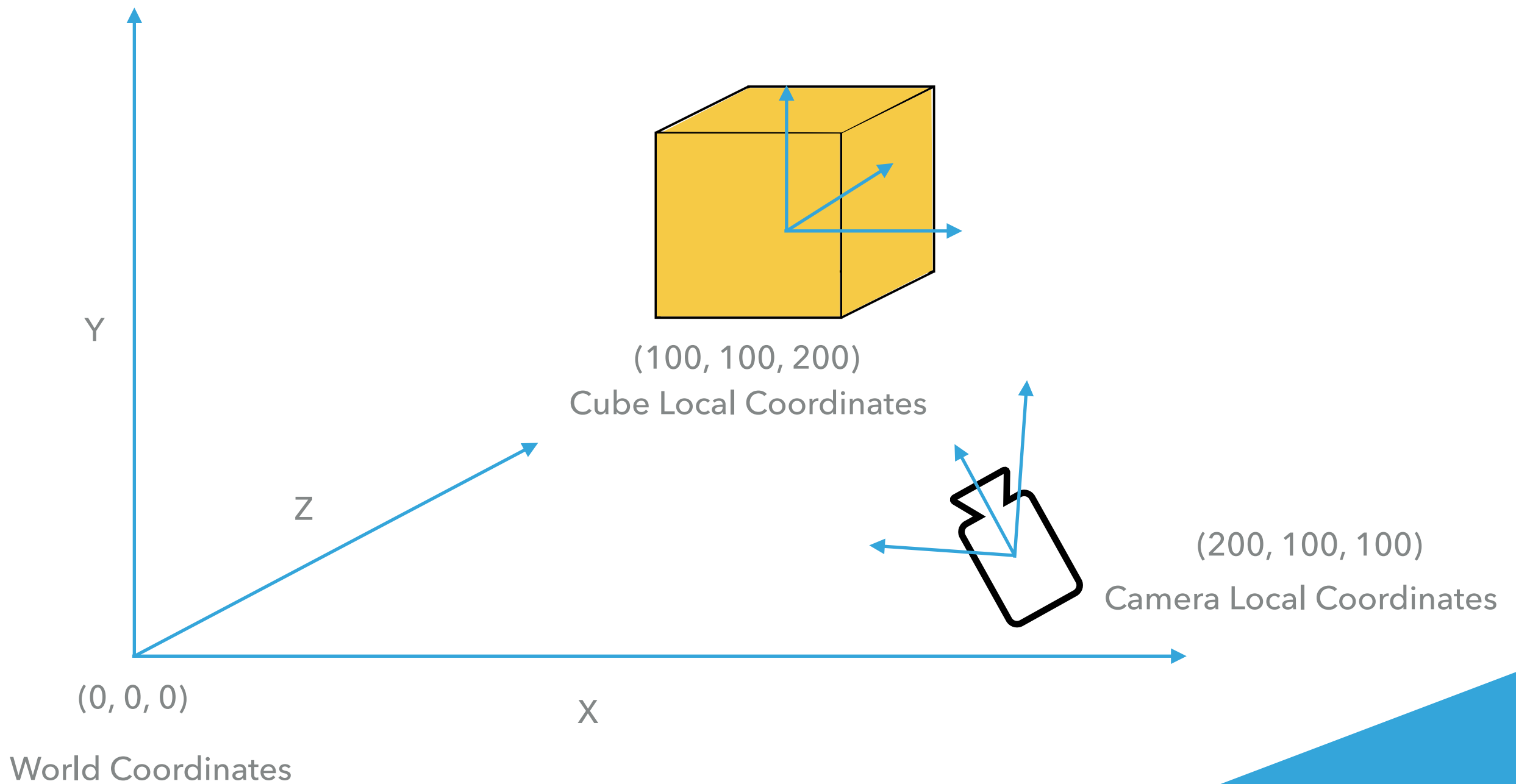
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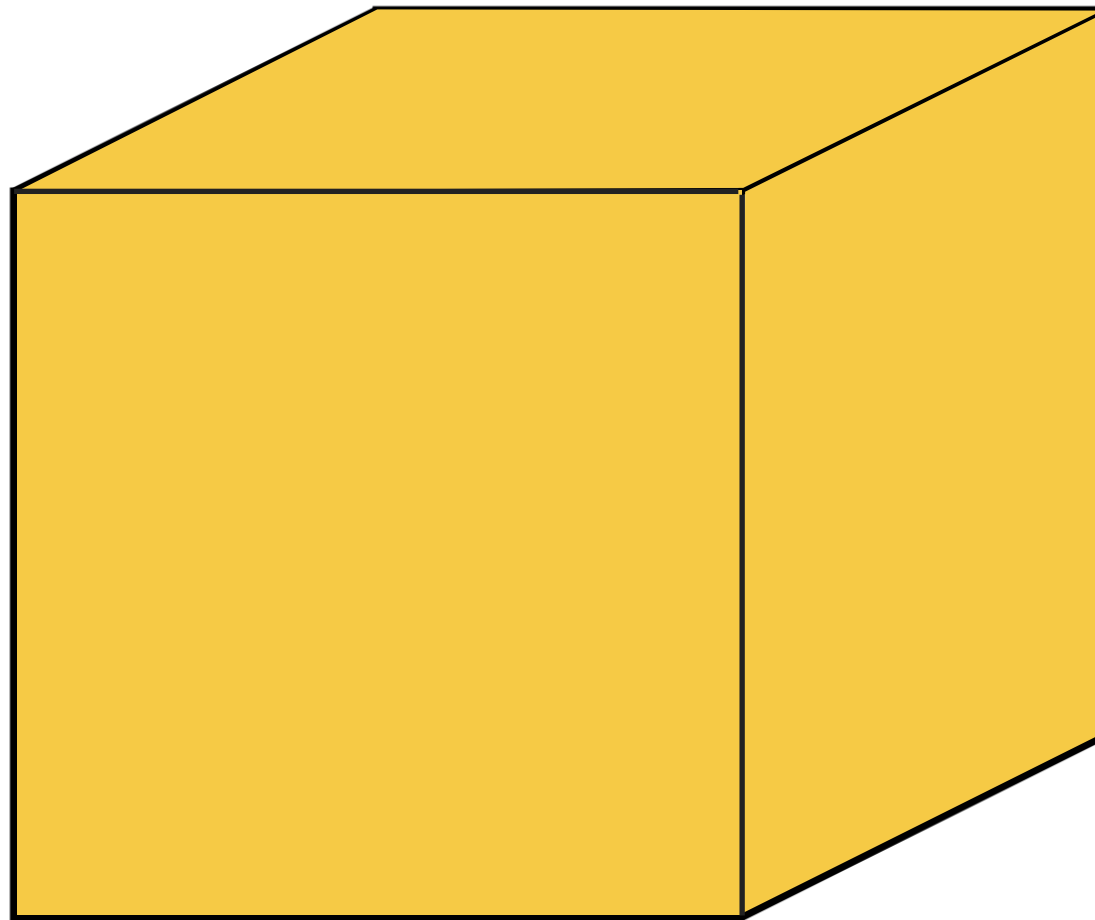
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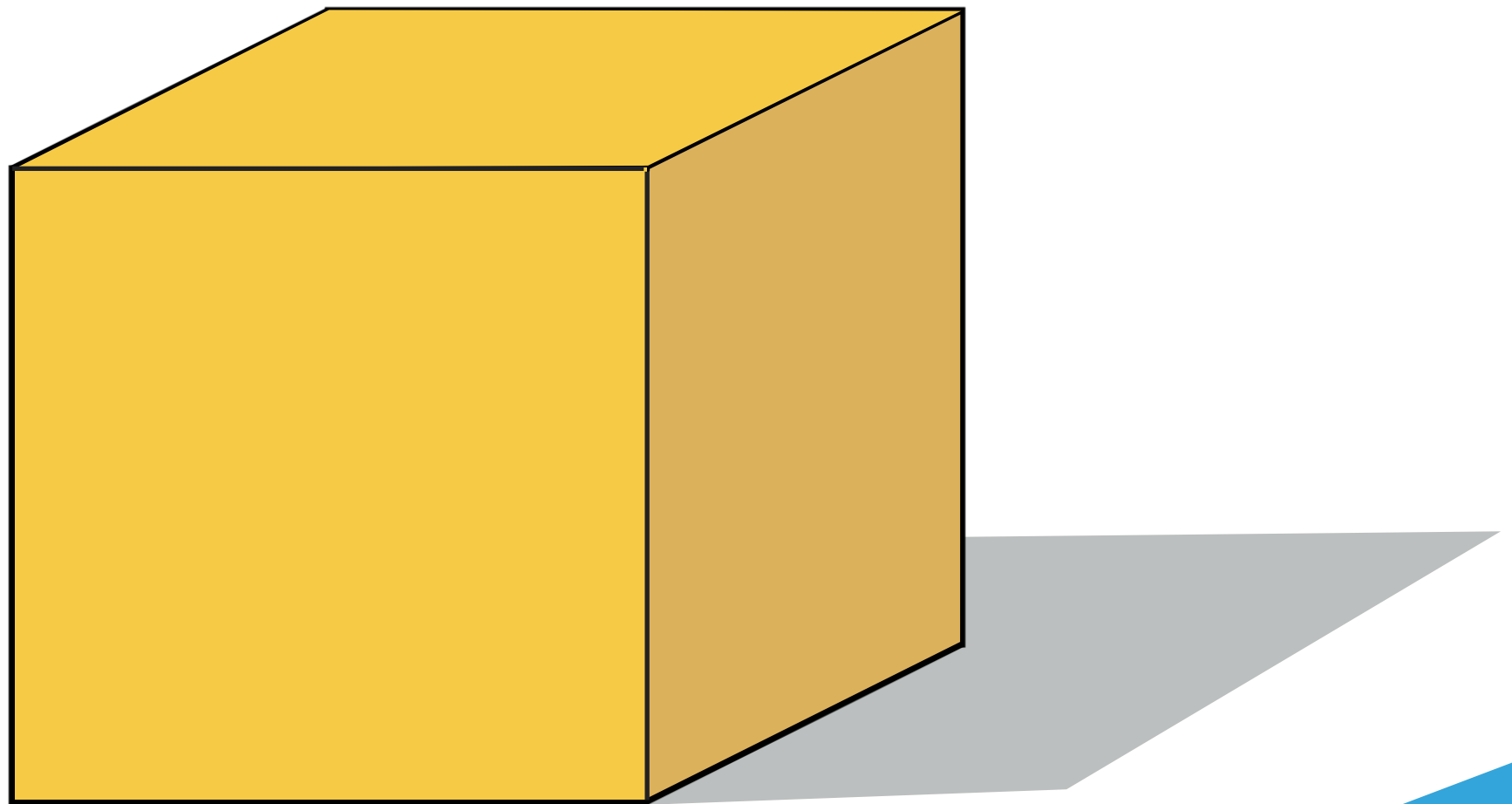
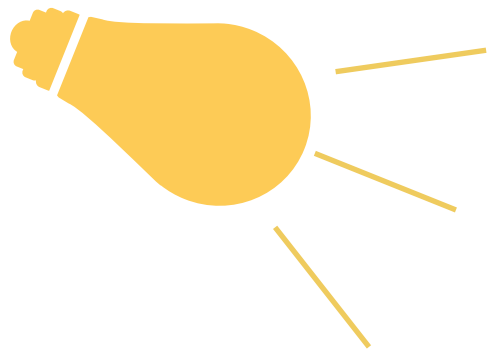
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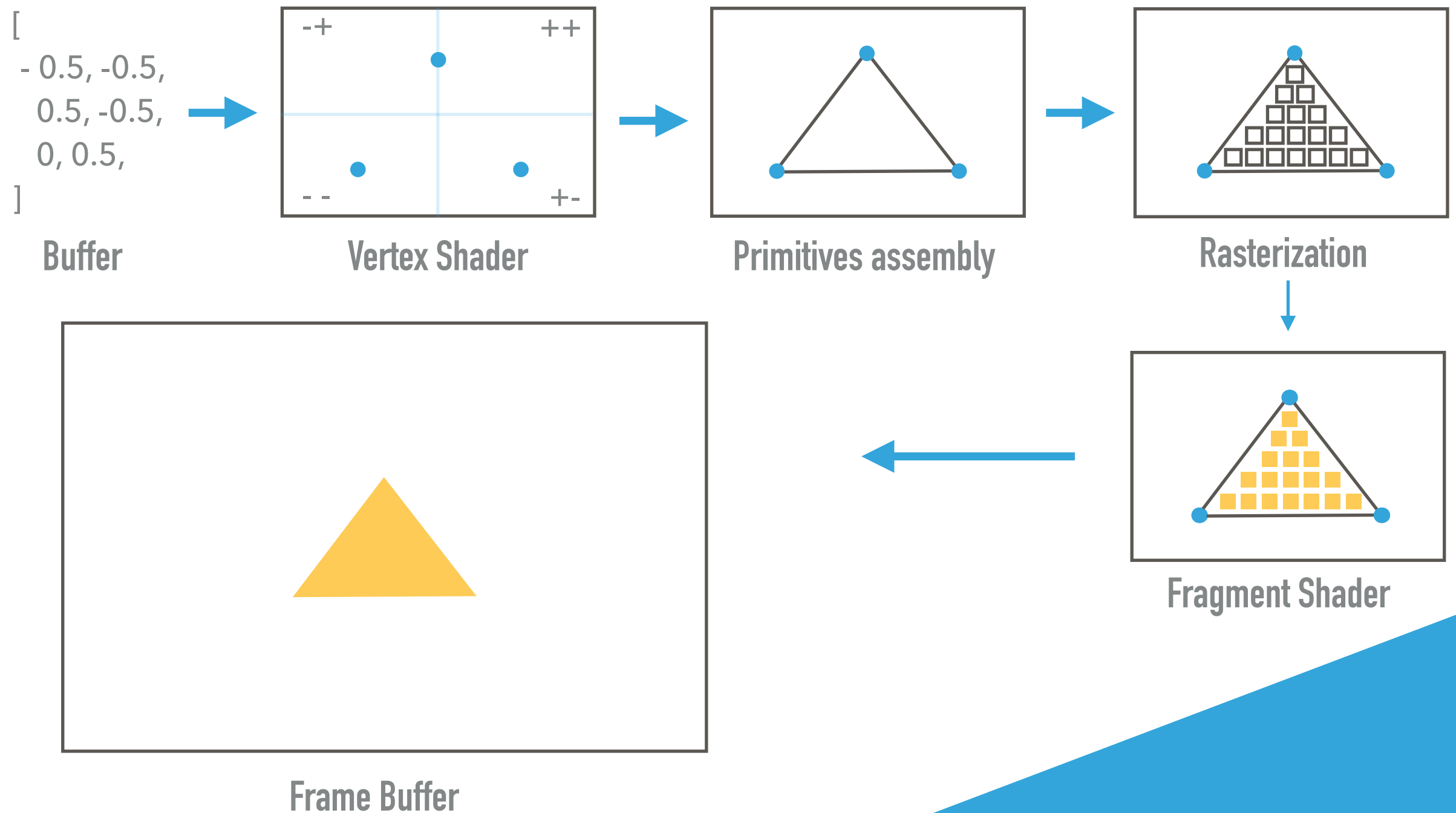
3D GRAPHICS TO 2D SCREEN



WEBGL

- ▶ Stands for Web Graphics Library
- ▶ JavaScript API that allows compatible web browsers to render 2D and 3D graphics
- ▶ Based on OpenGL
- ▶ Written in Javascript and executed by the GPU
- ▶ Uses the HTML5 Canvas element to render graphics

WEBGL PIPELINE



VERTEX SHADER

```
attribute vec2 position;

void main()
{
    gl_Position = vec4(position, 0.0, 1.0);
}
```

FRAGMENT SHADER

```
precision highp float;
uniform vec4 color;

void main()
{
    gl_FragColor = color;
}
```