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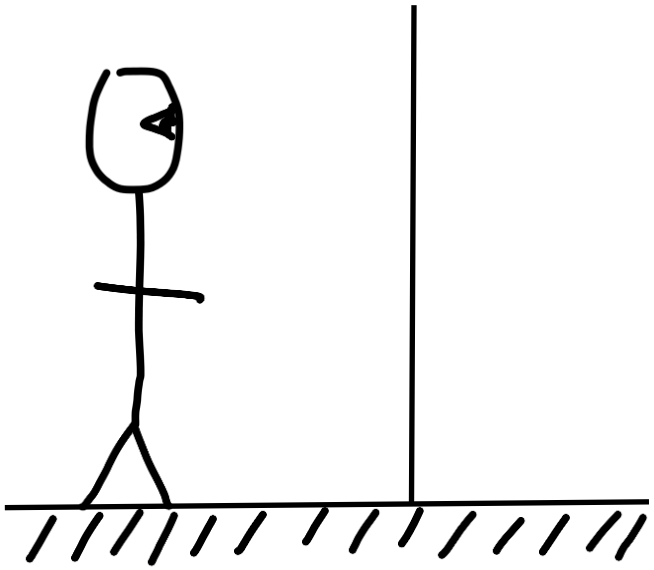

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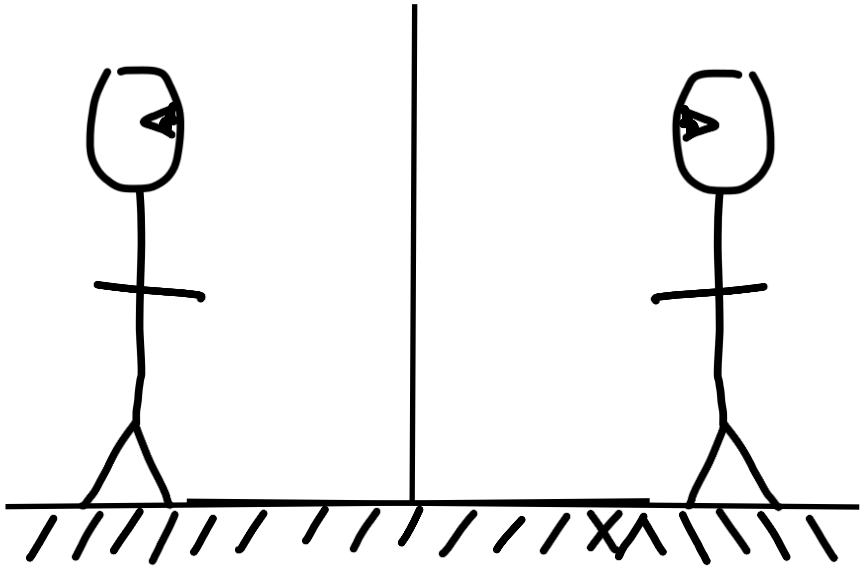

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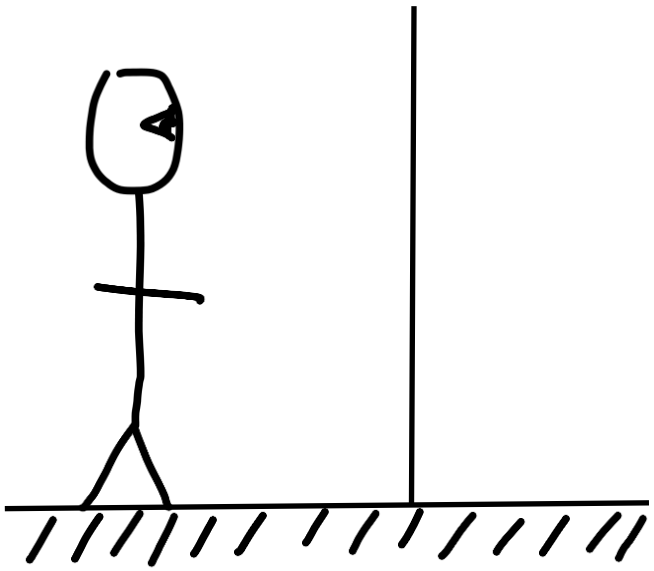

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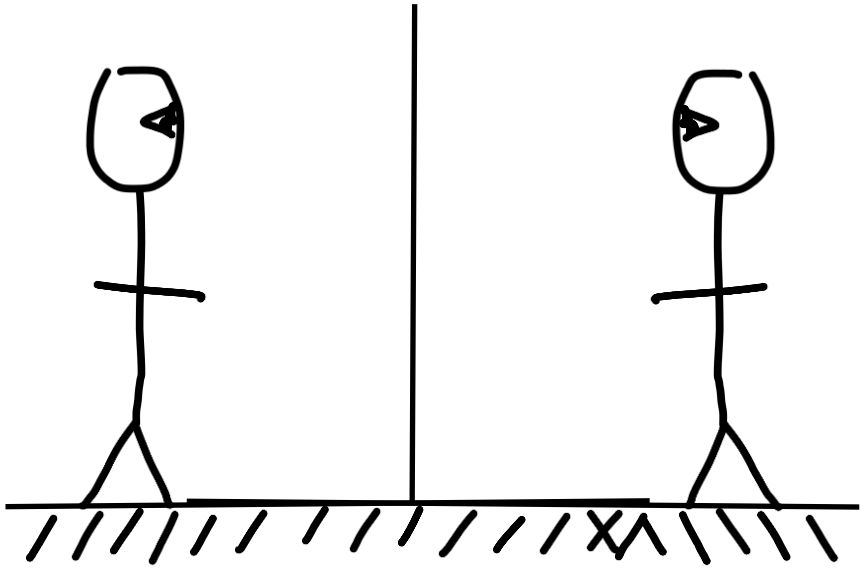

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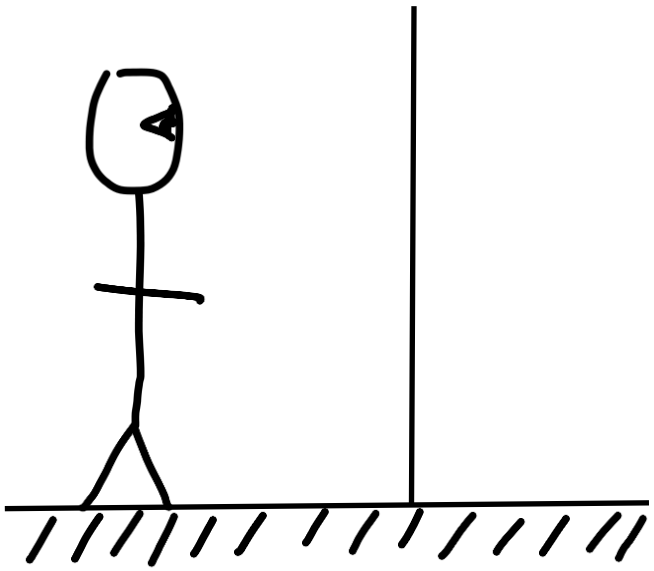

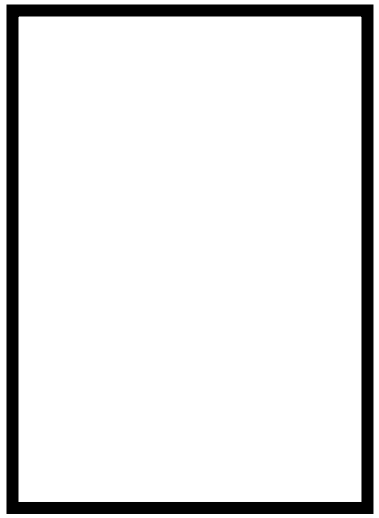

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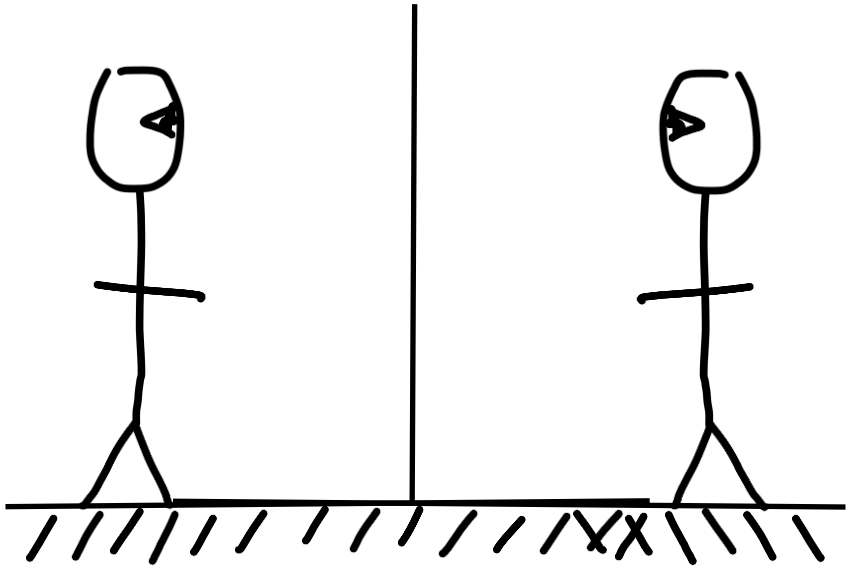

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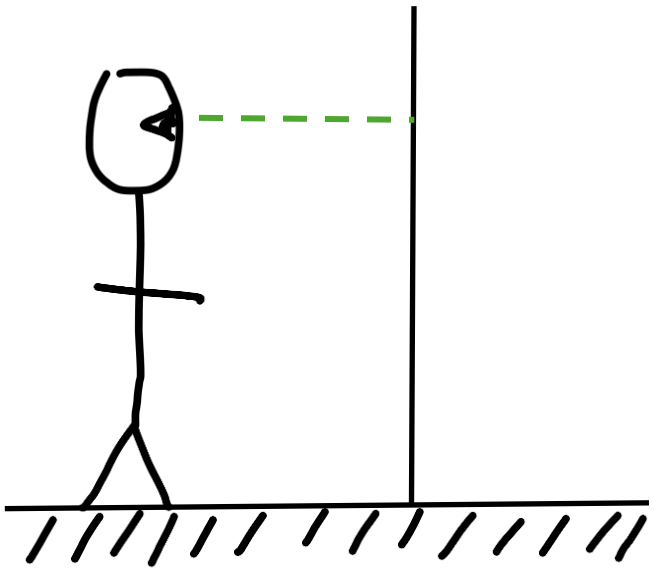

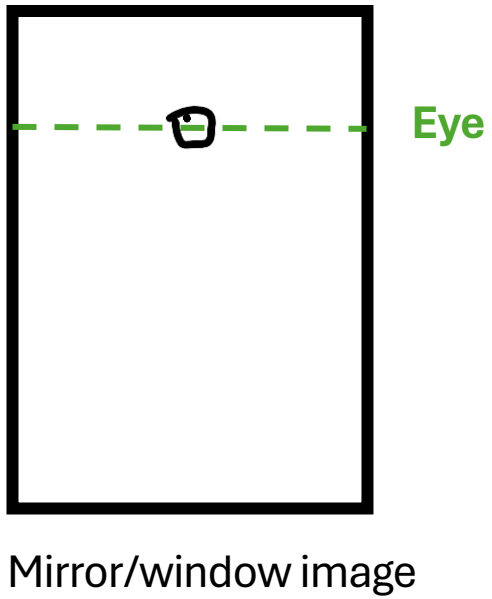

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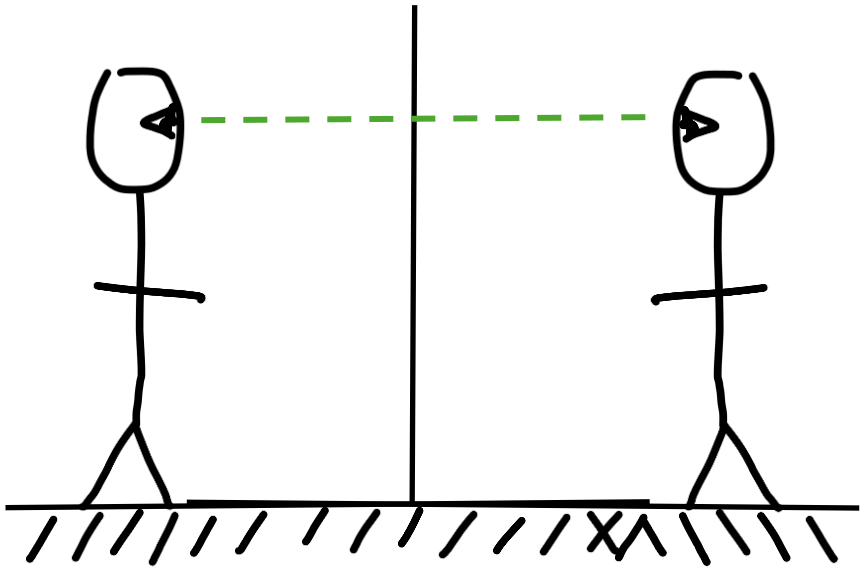

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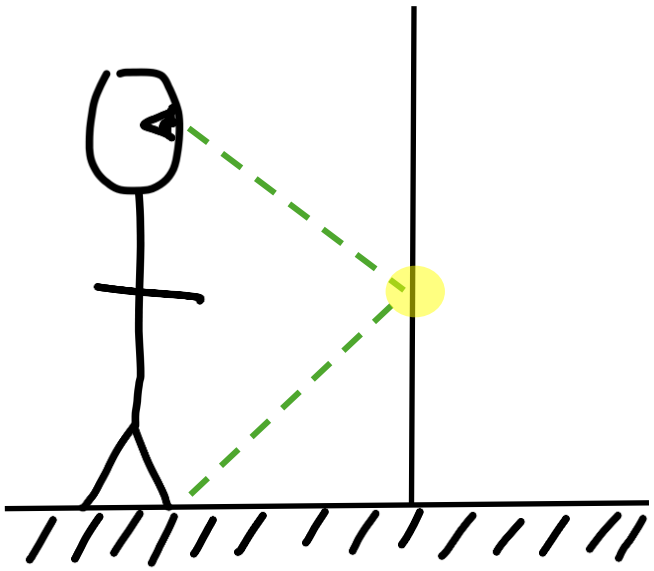

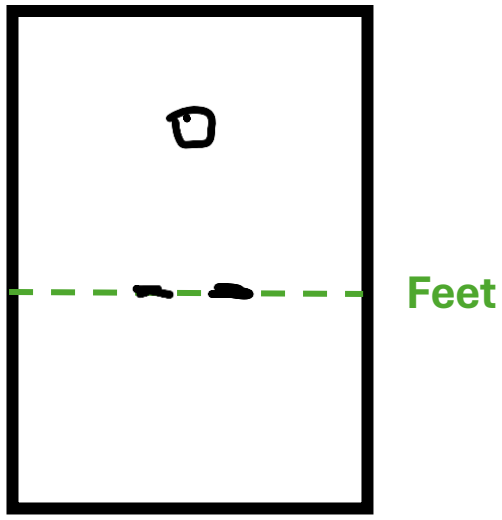

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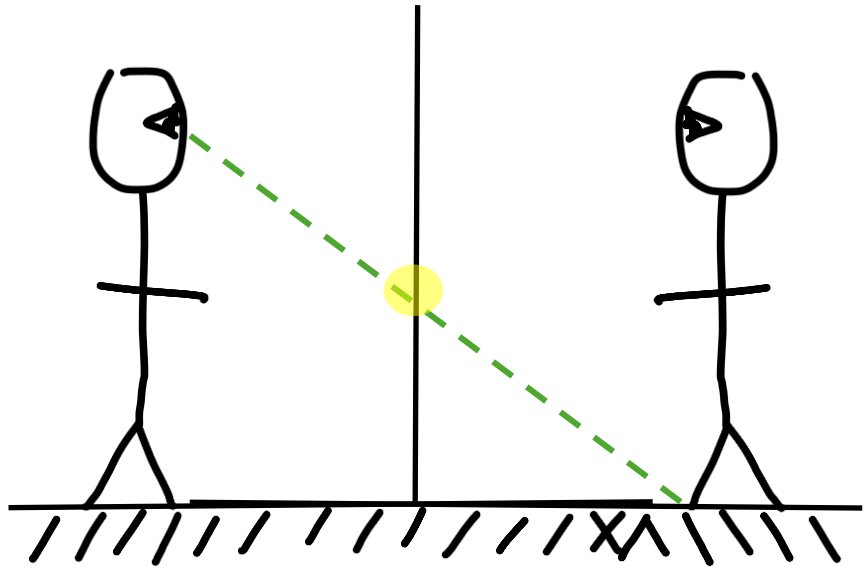

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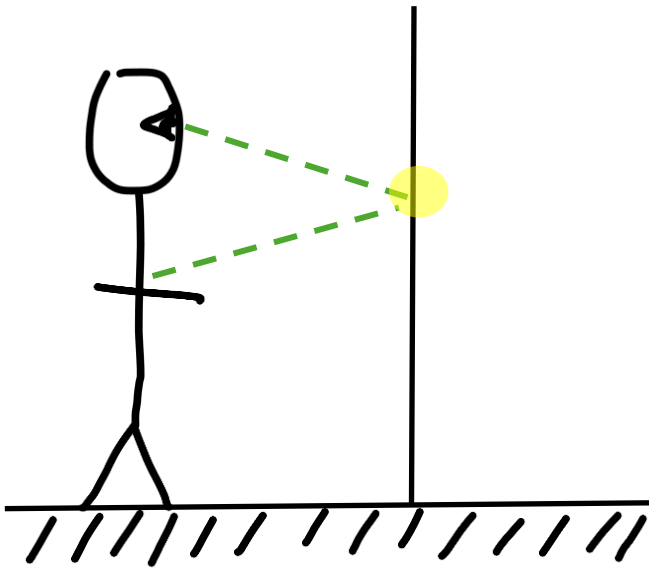

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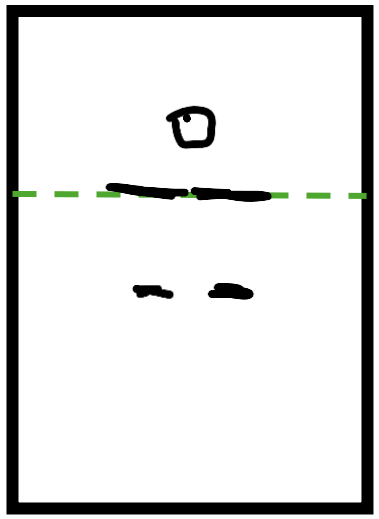

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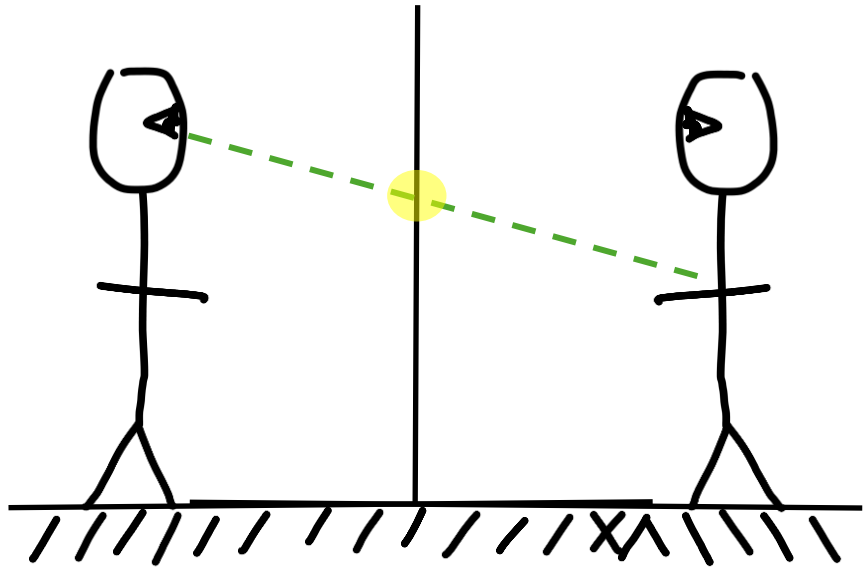

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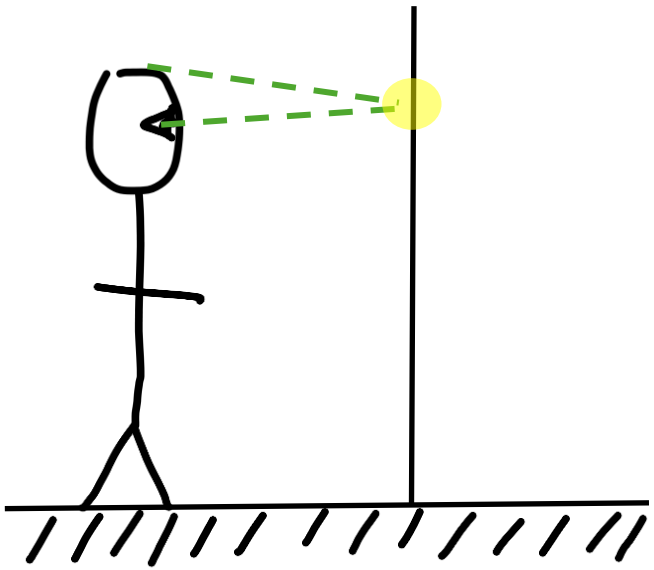

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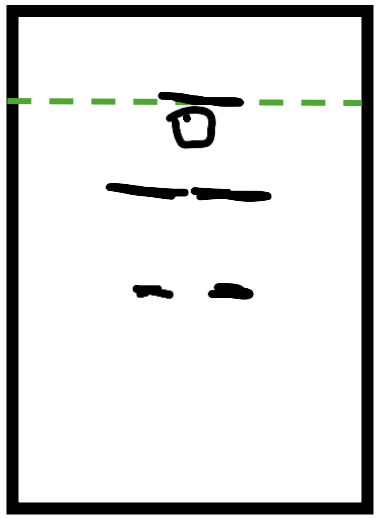

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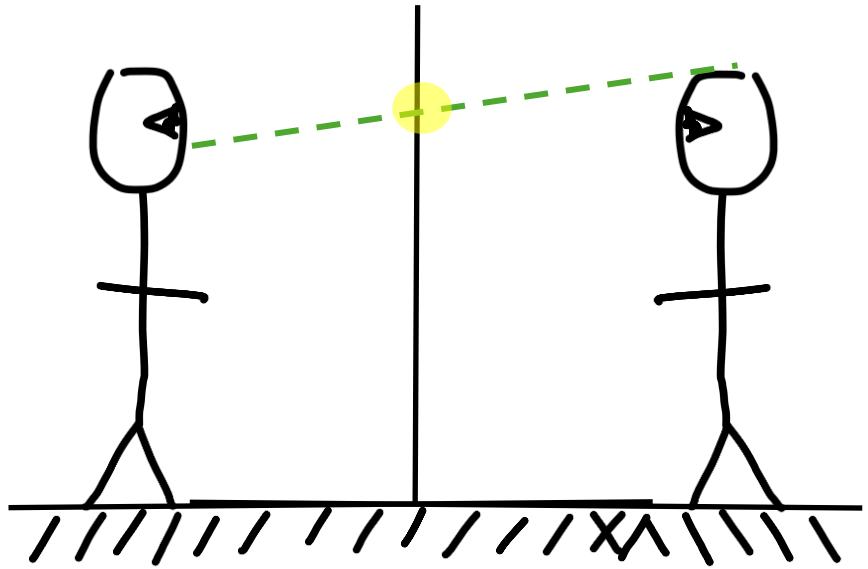

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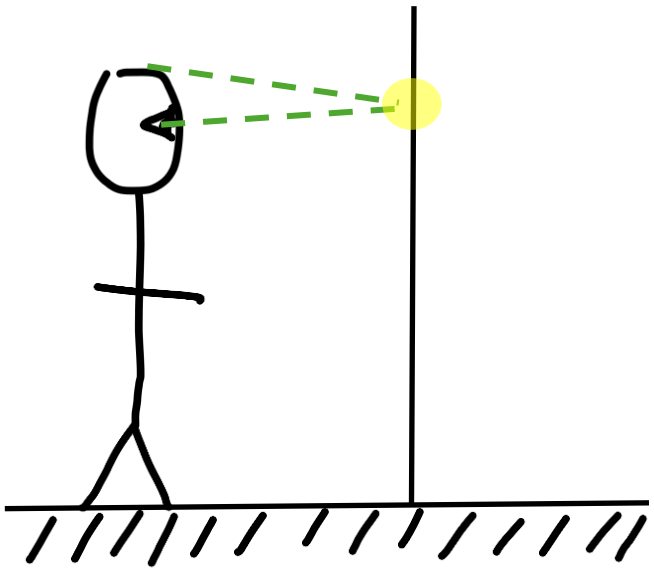

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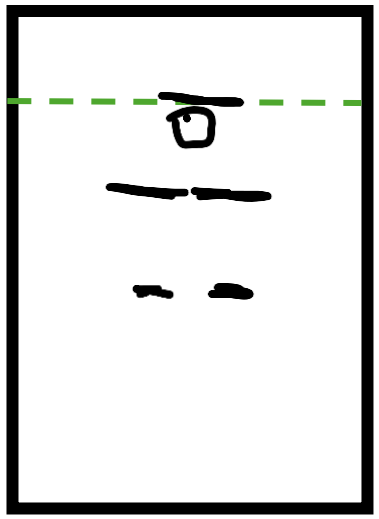

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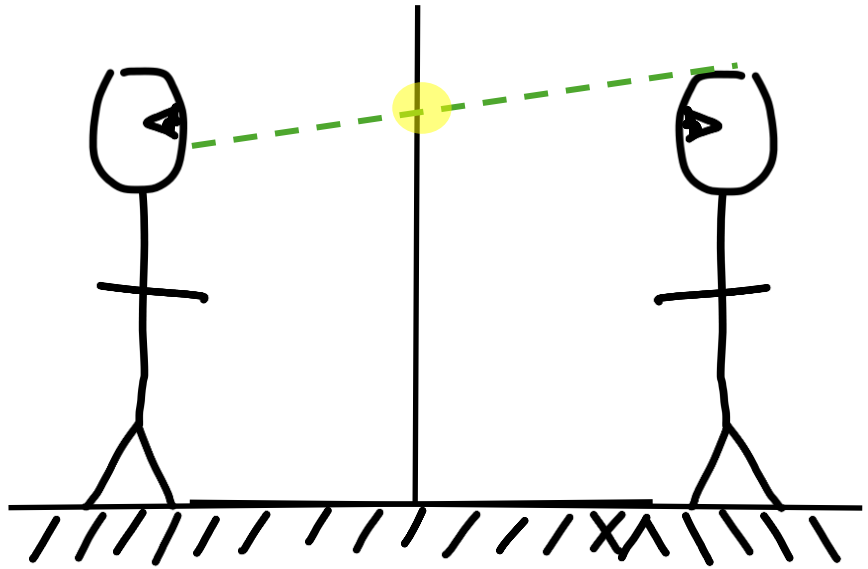

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The mirror image of each body part is always midway up or down to the actual physical body part.

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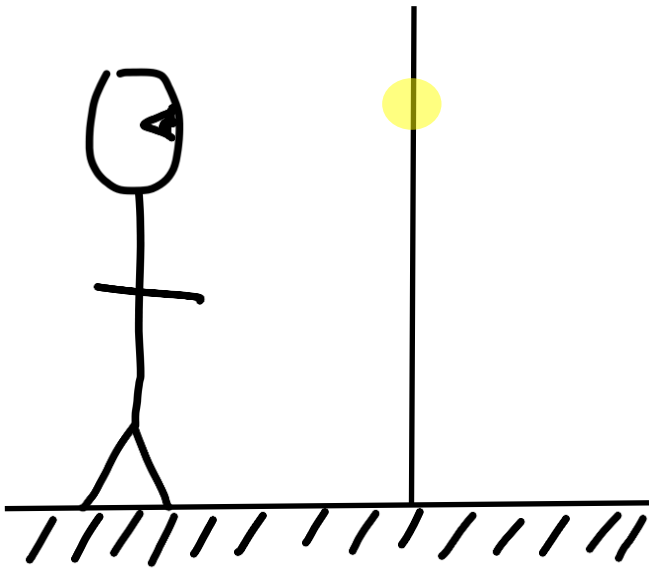

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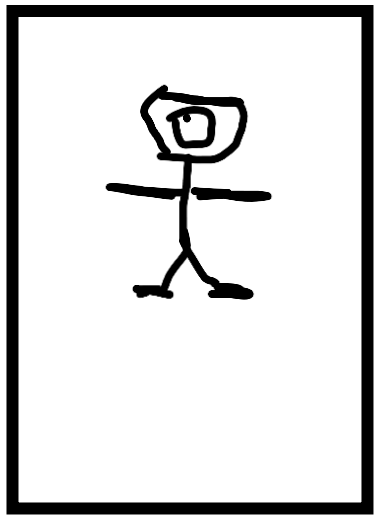

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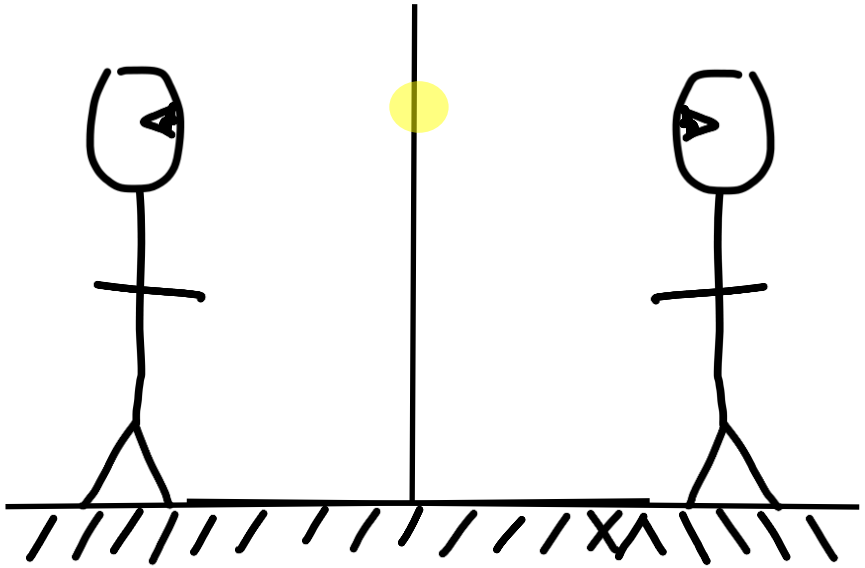

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Rest of the picture

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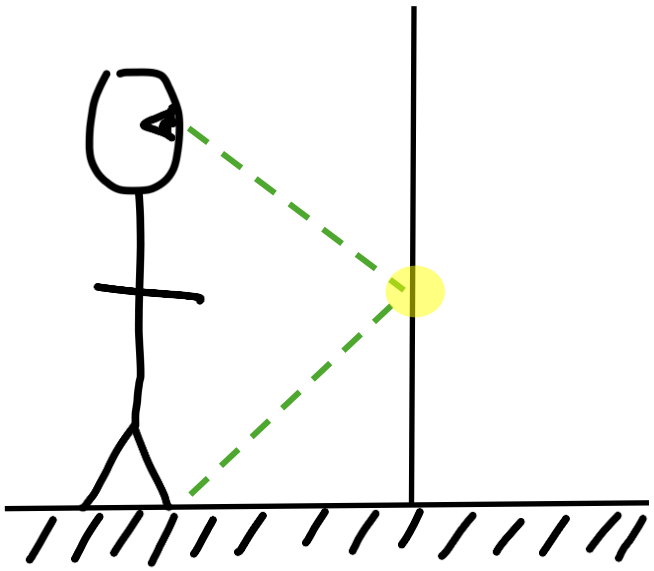

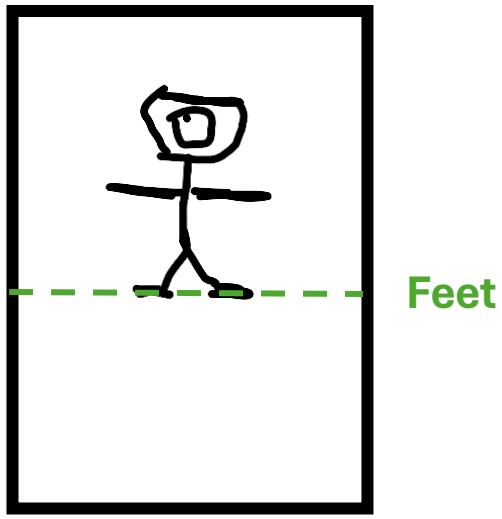

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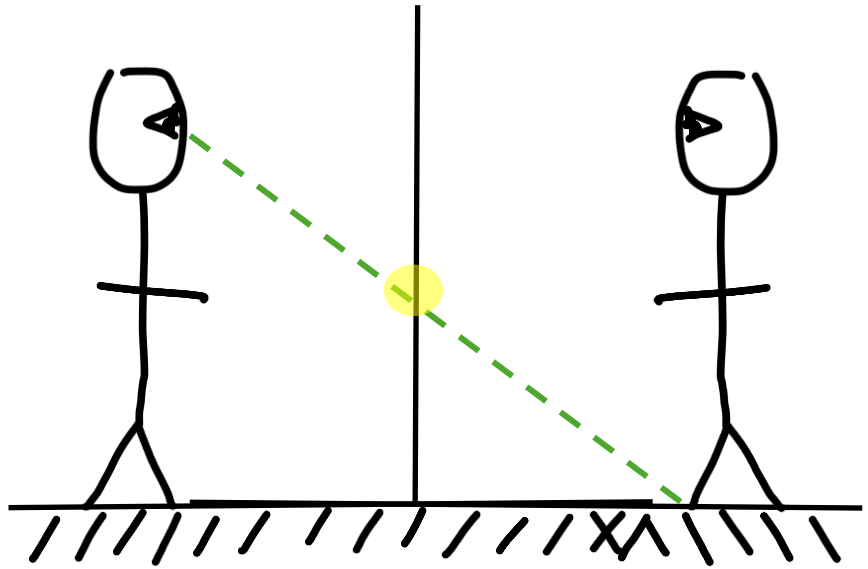

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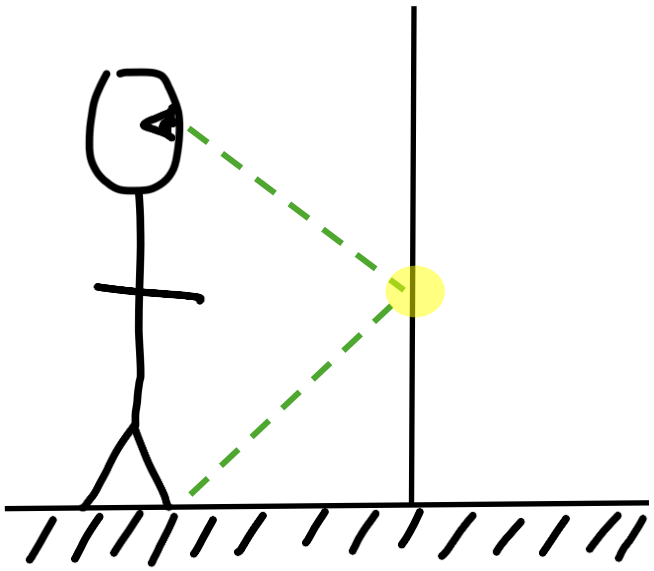

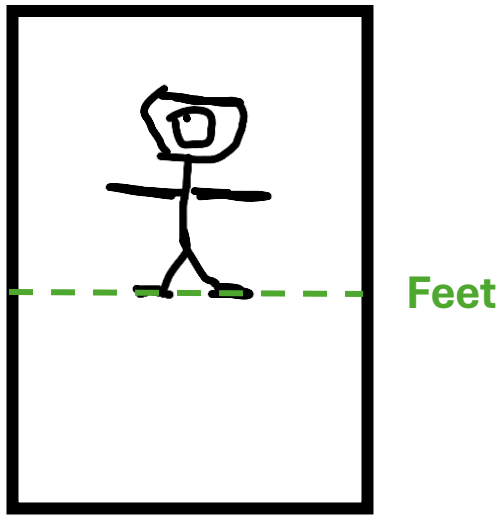

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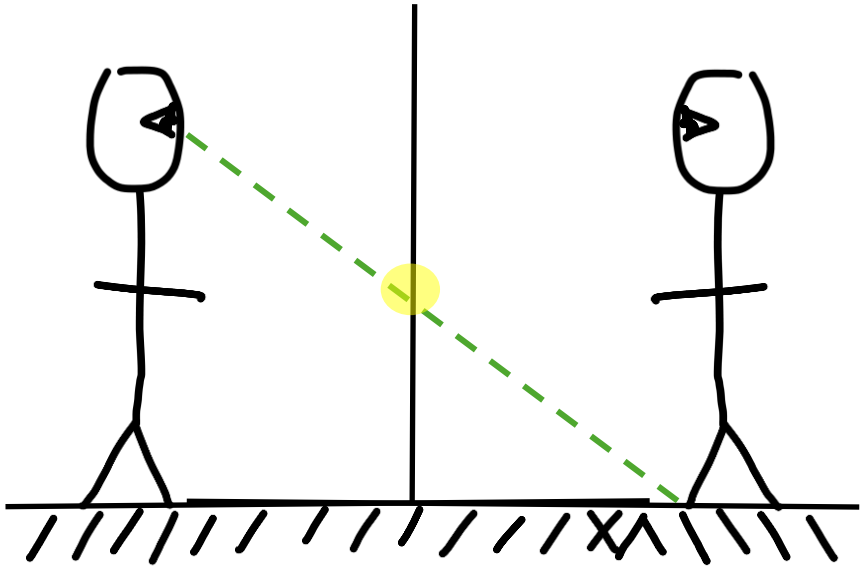

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The Awesome Reflection Principle:
Don't reflect the light ray.
Reflect the scene across mirror instead.

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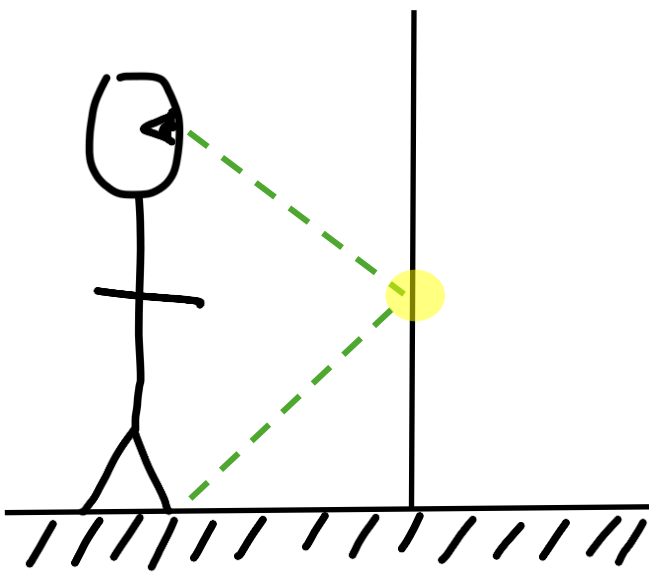

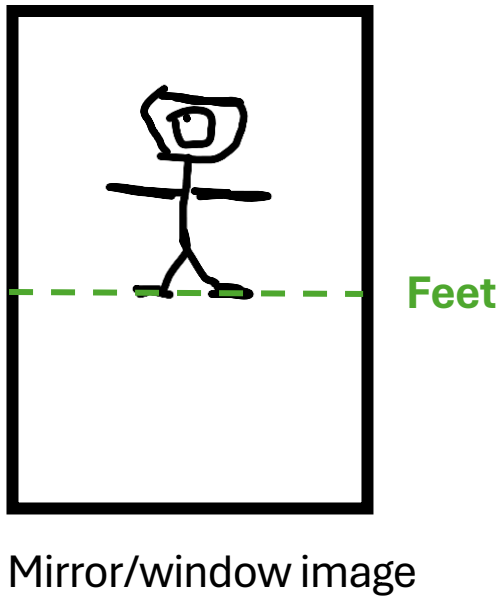

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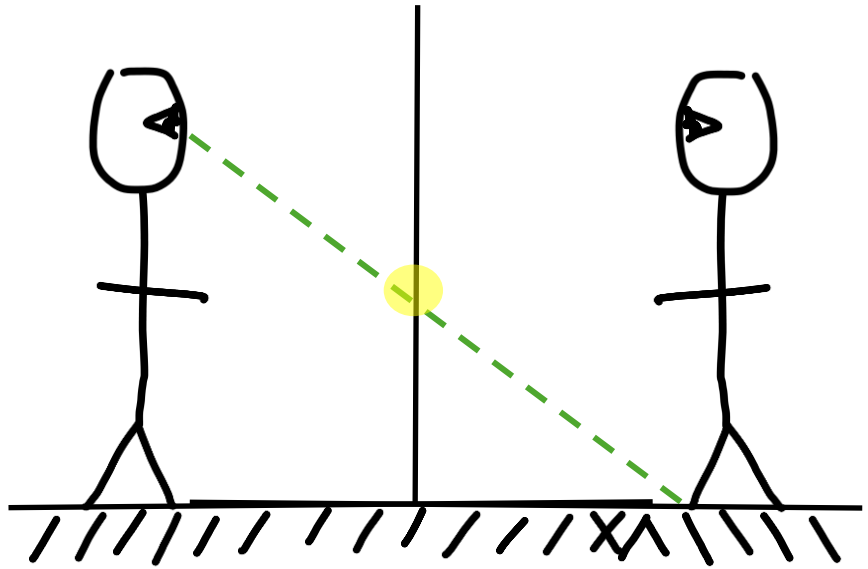
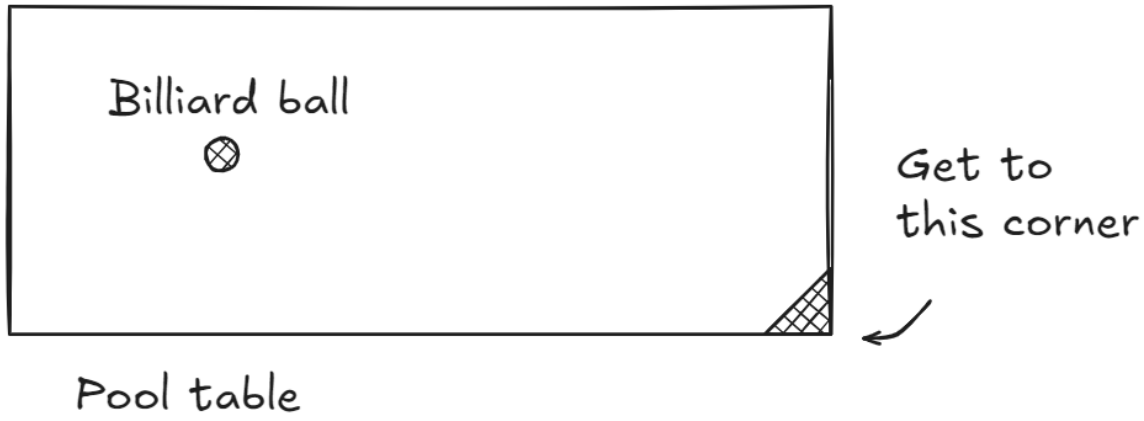


Reflection Principle.

When a light ray (billiard ball, etc.) hits a mirror or wall, don't reflect the ray, reflect the scene across the mirror or wall instead.

Application

To hit a billiard ball



You could eye the angle...

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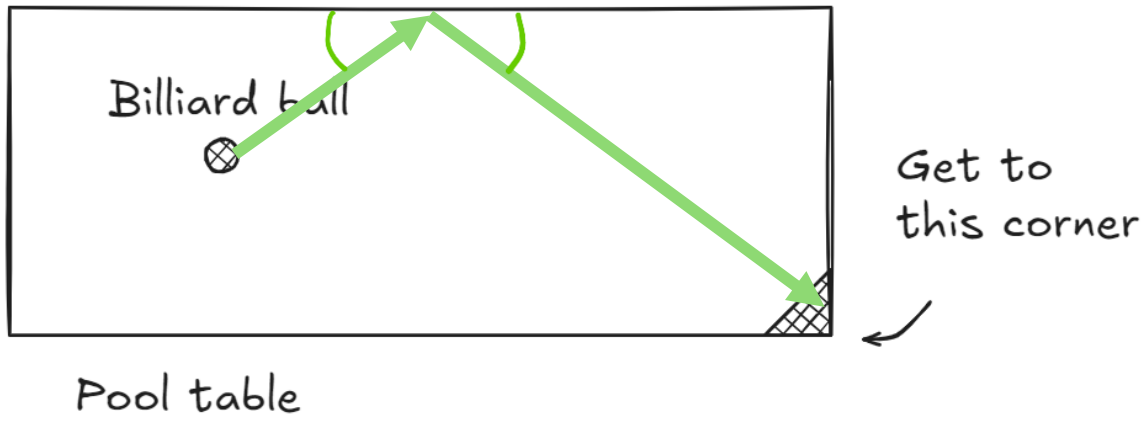

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Reflect the line
Scene stays the same

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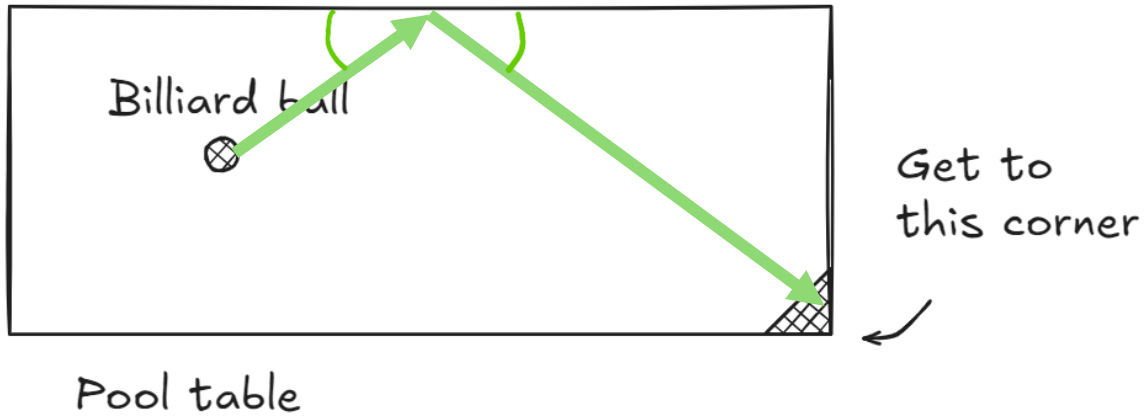

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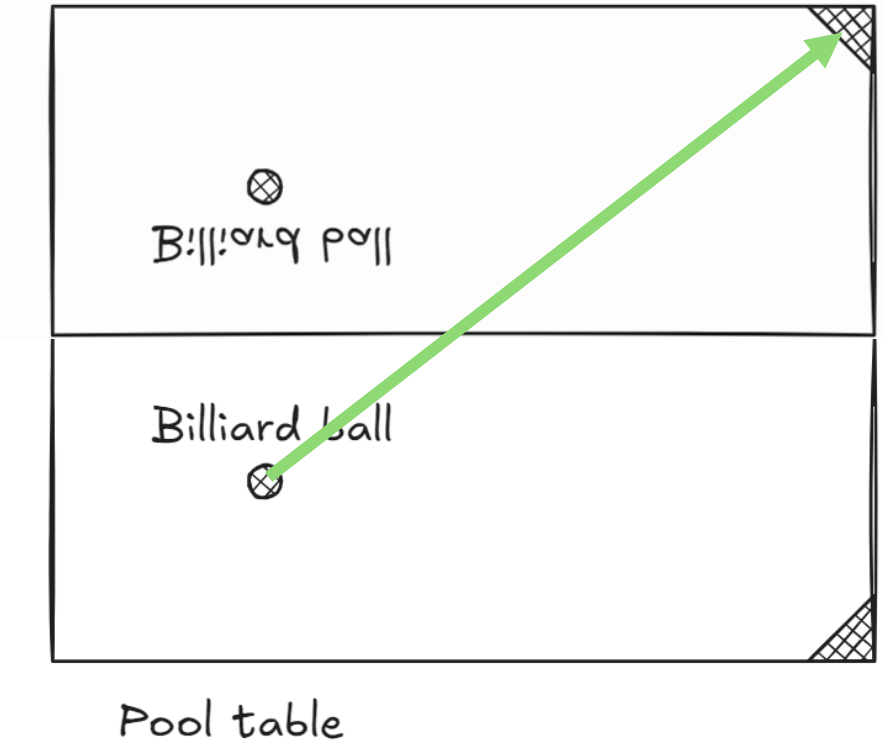

Or you could reflect the scene

Reflect the scene
Continue the line

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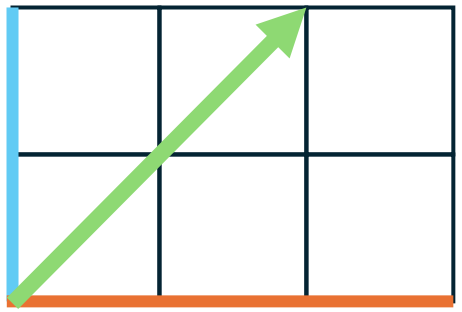

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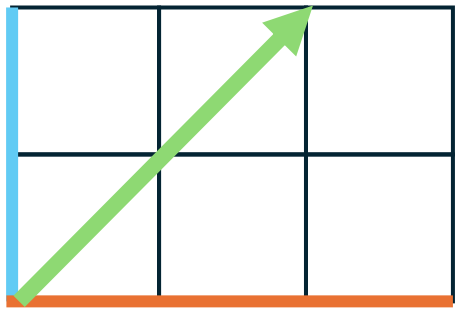

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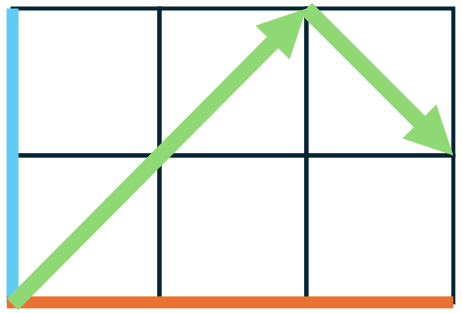

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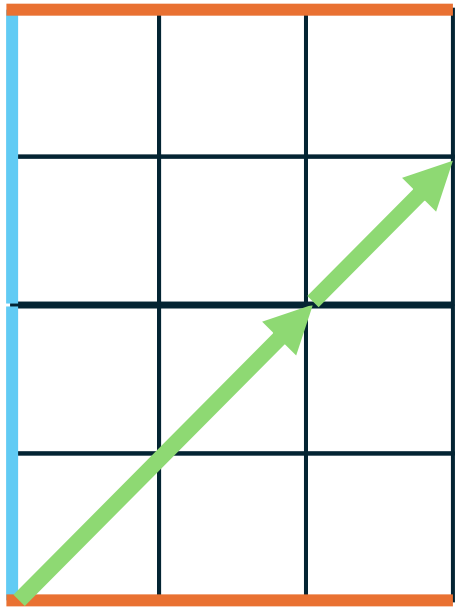

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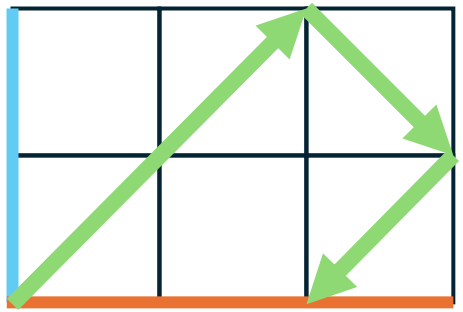

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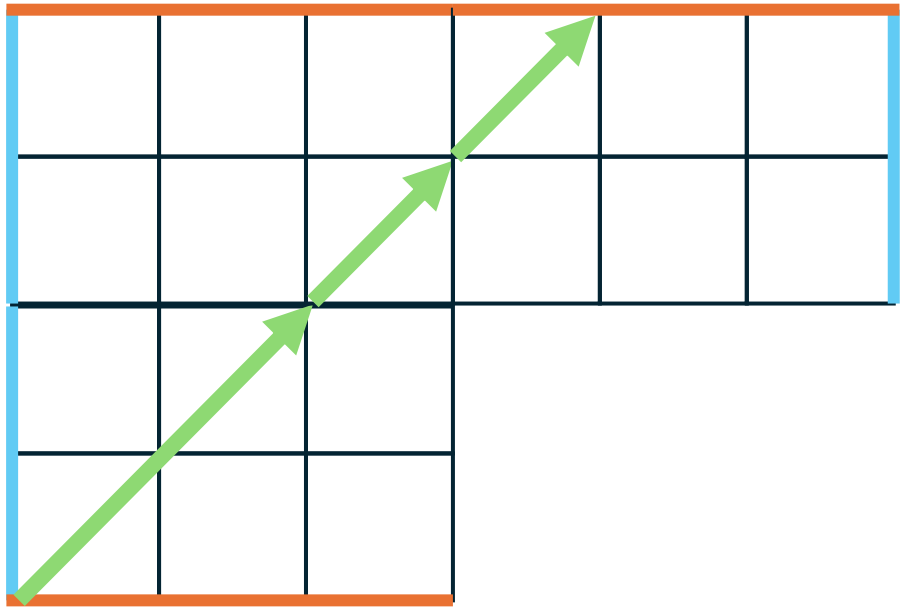
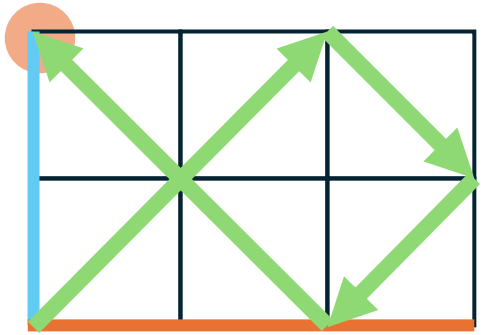


Reflect the scene

So for Problem 2:

Hits corner after 3 bounces



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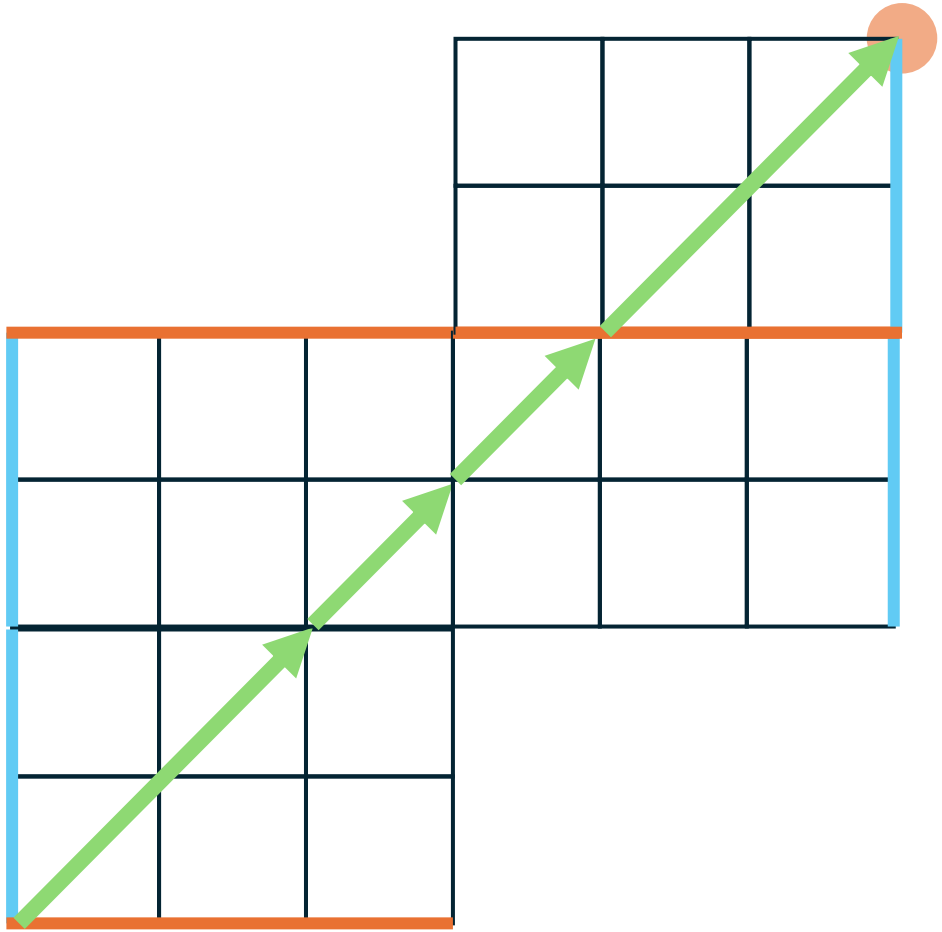

Reflect the scene