CSE4203: Computer Graphics
Chapter – 4 (part - B)
Ray Tracing

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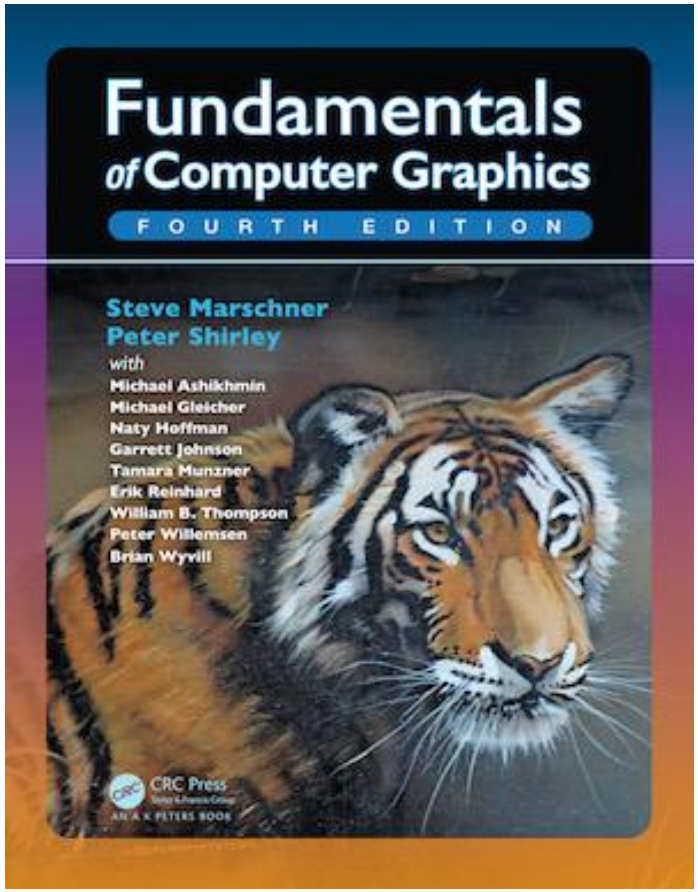
Outline

- Ray-tracing

Credit



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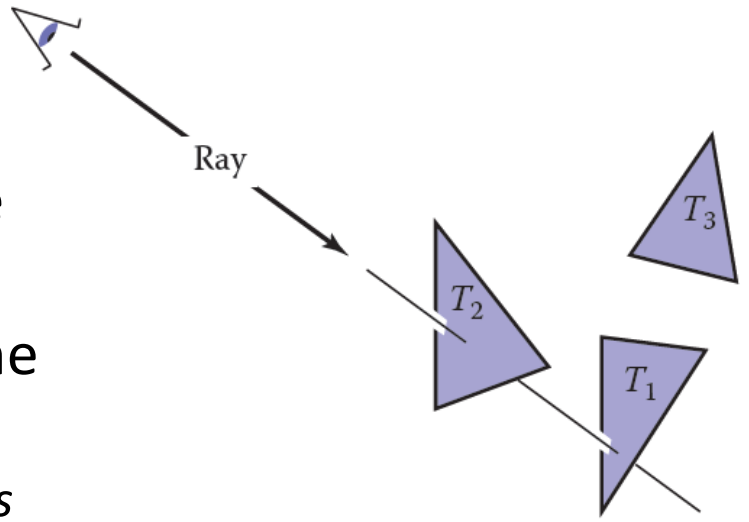
3D→2D

- Implementing projection: (3D → 2D)
  - Ray-tracing technique
- Motivation:
  - From how we see!
  - The **ray** is "**traced**" into the **scene**
  - the first **object** hit is the one seen.
    - In this case, the triangle *T2 is returned.*



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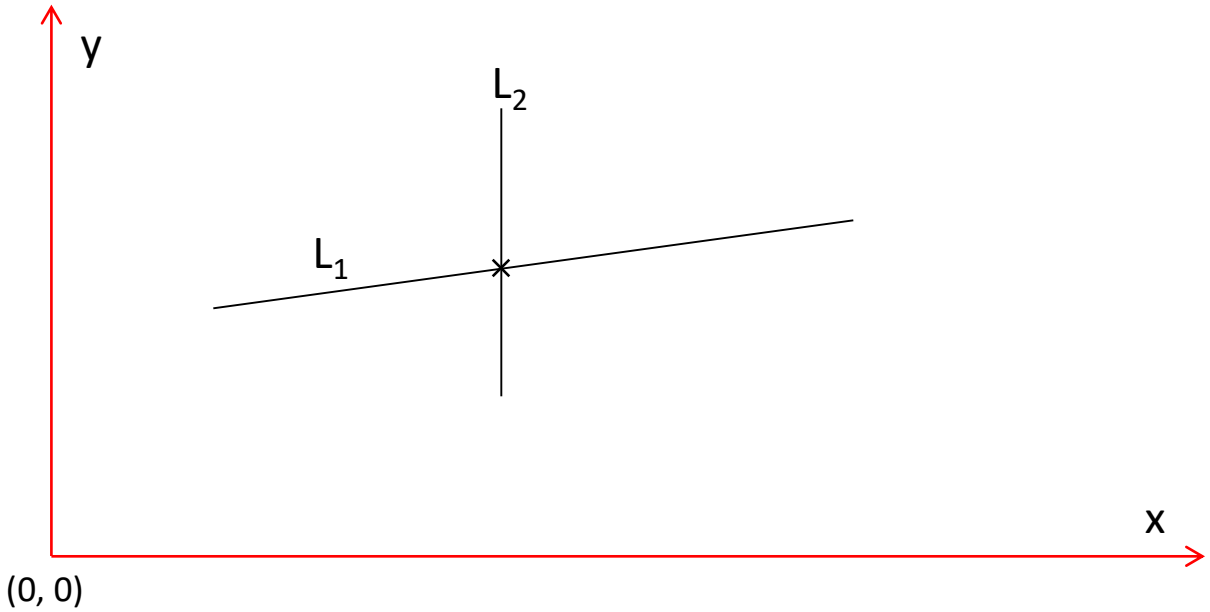

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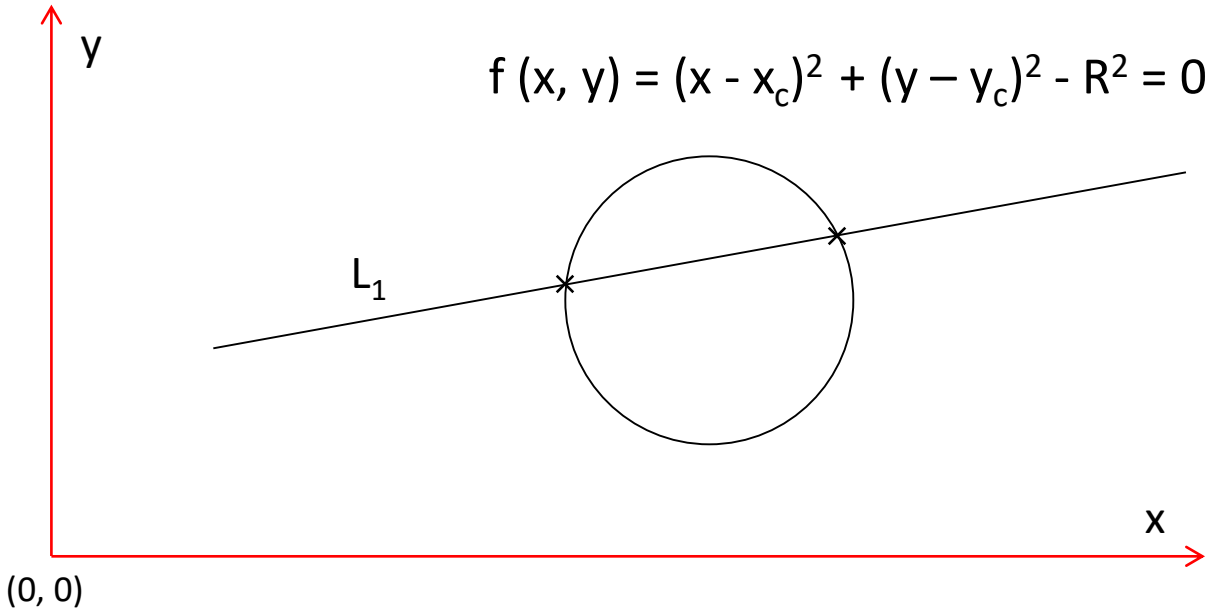

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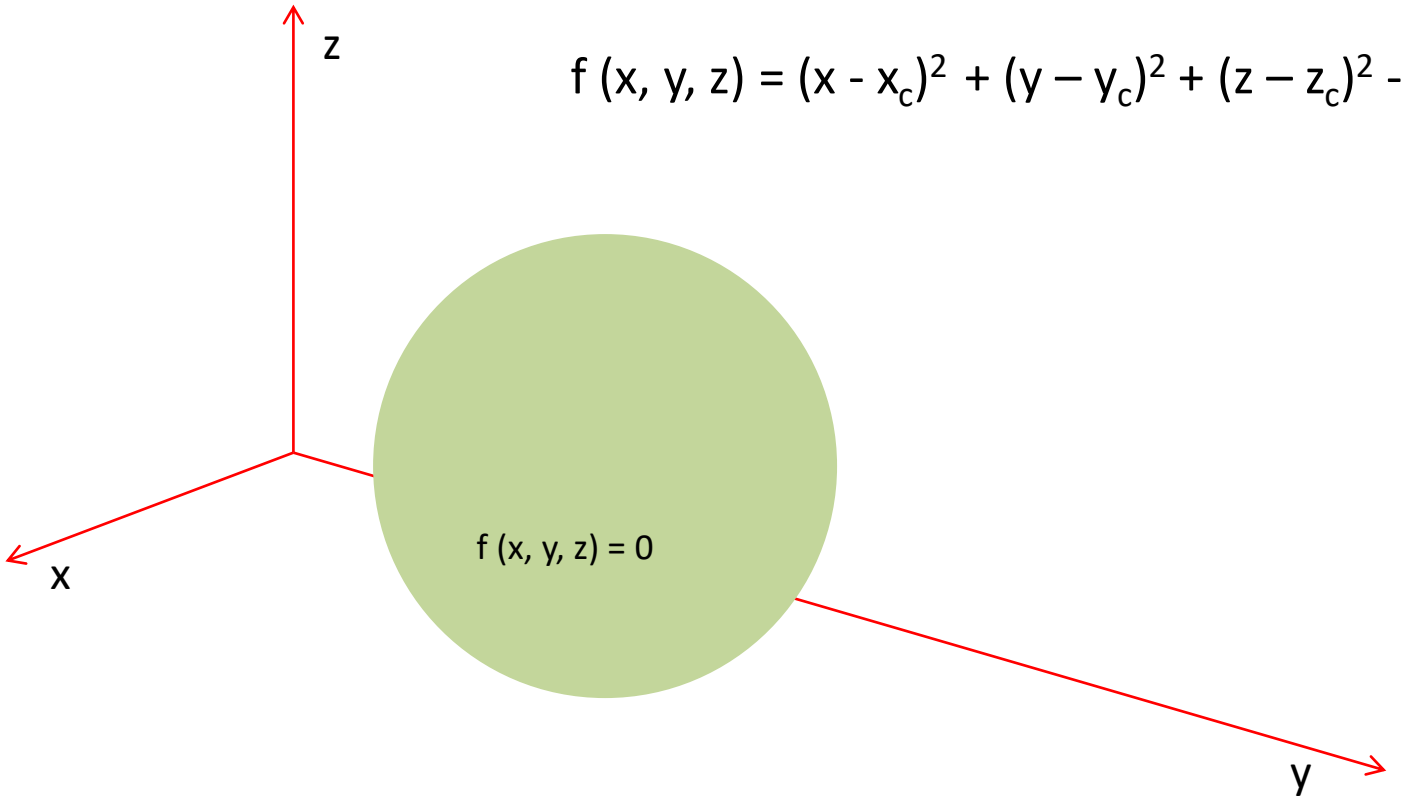

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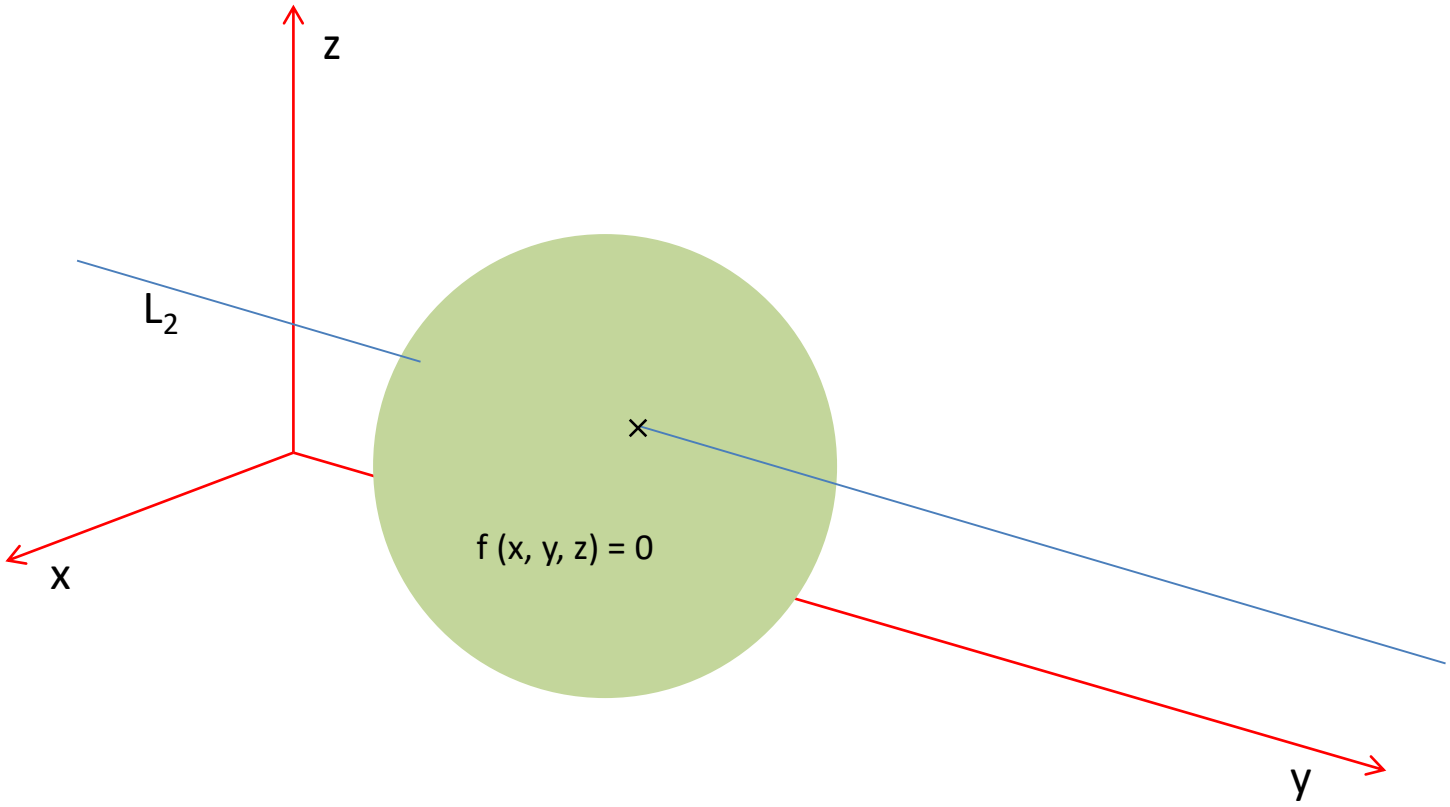

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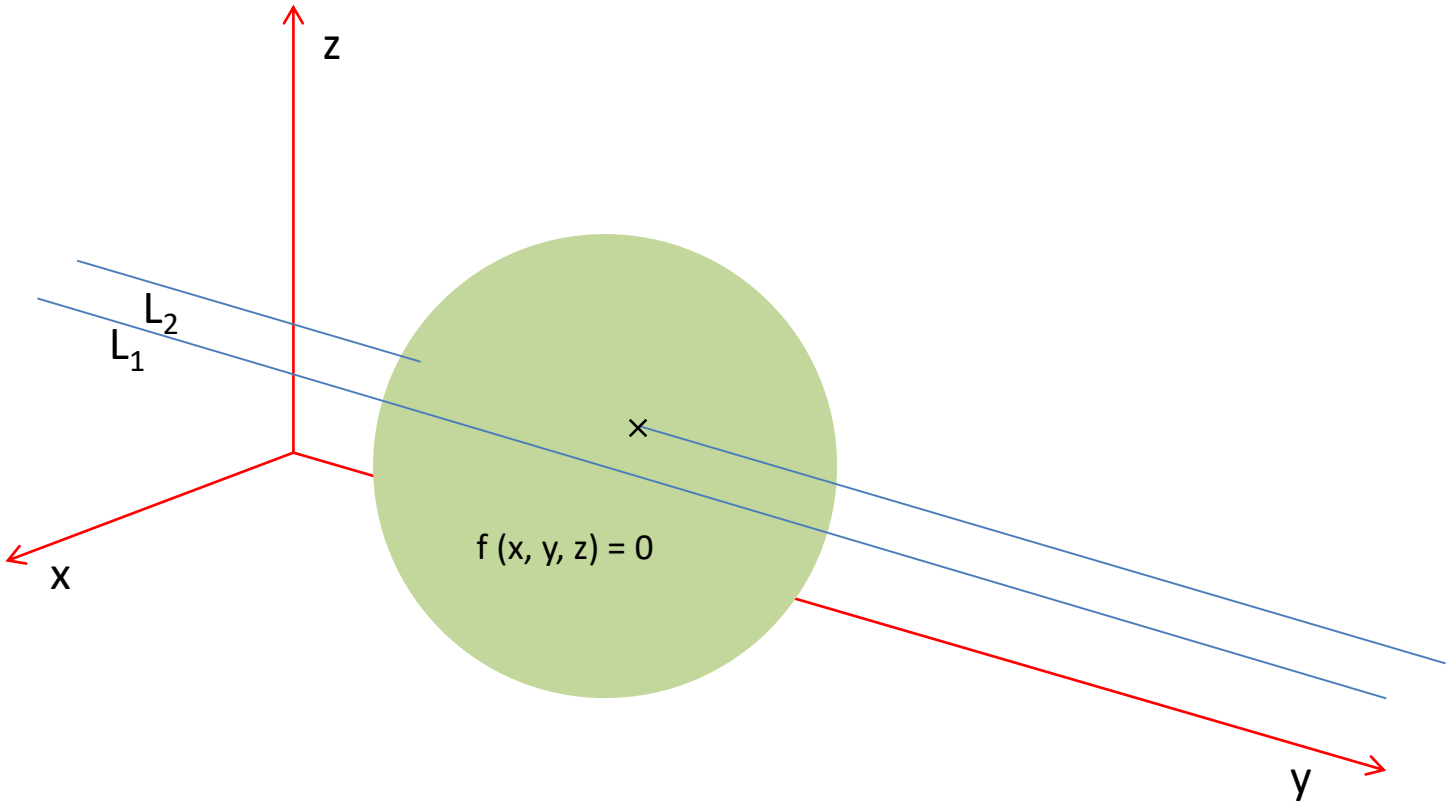

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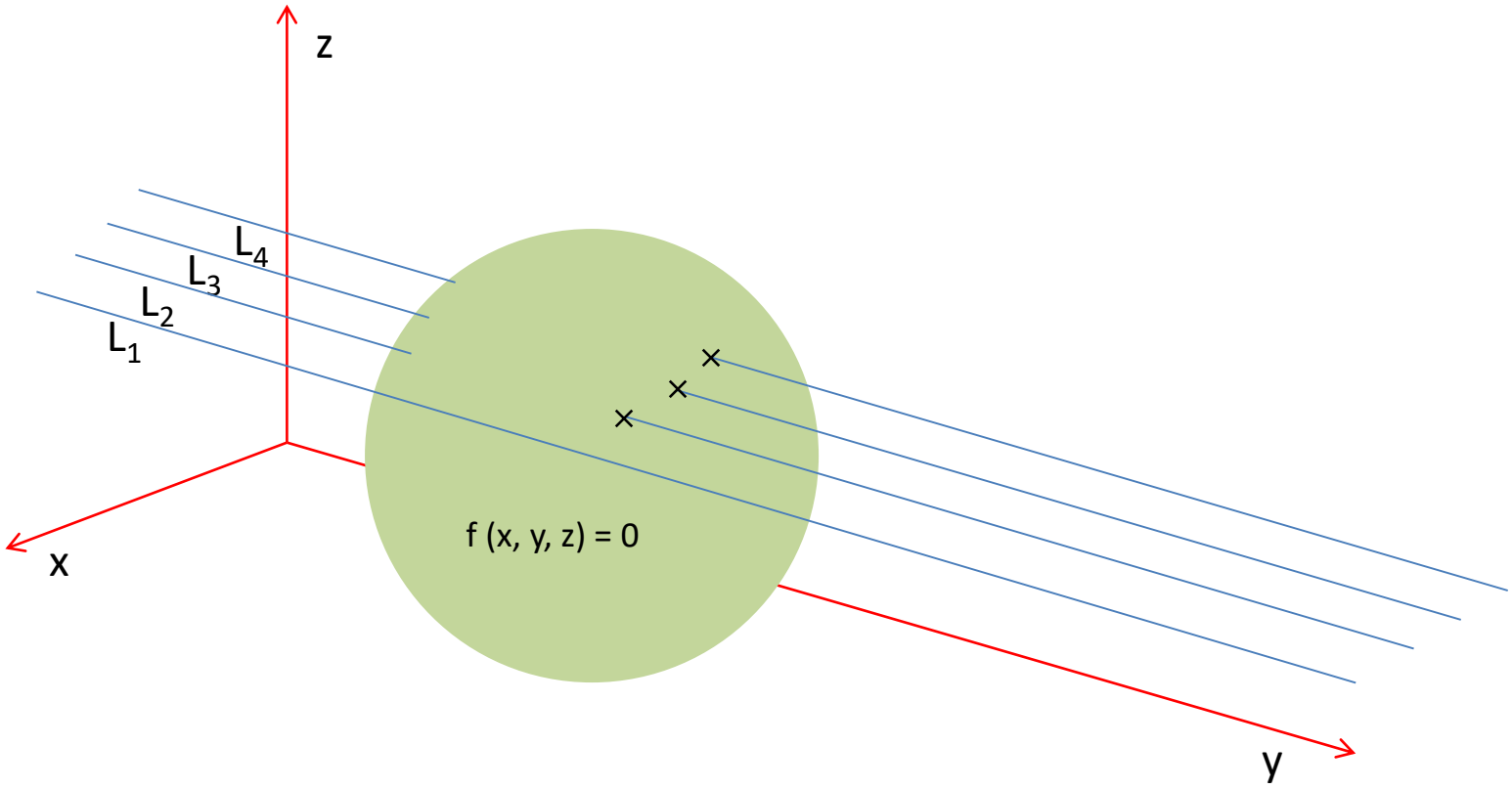

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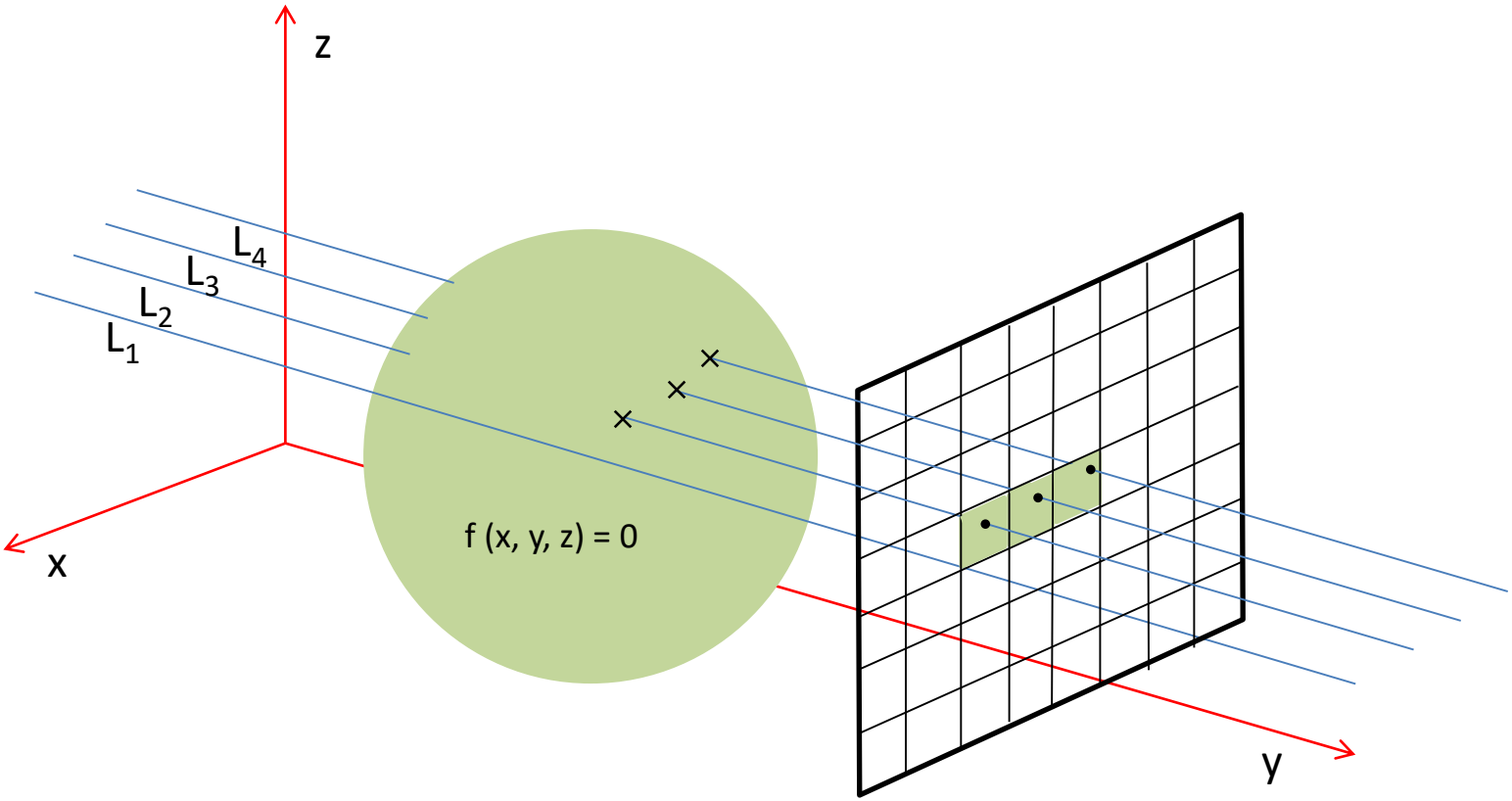

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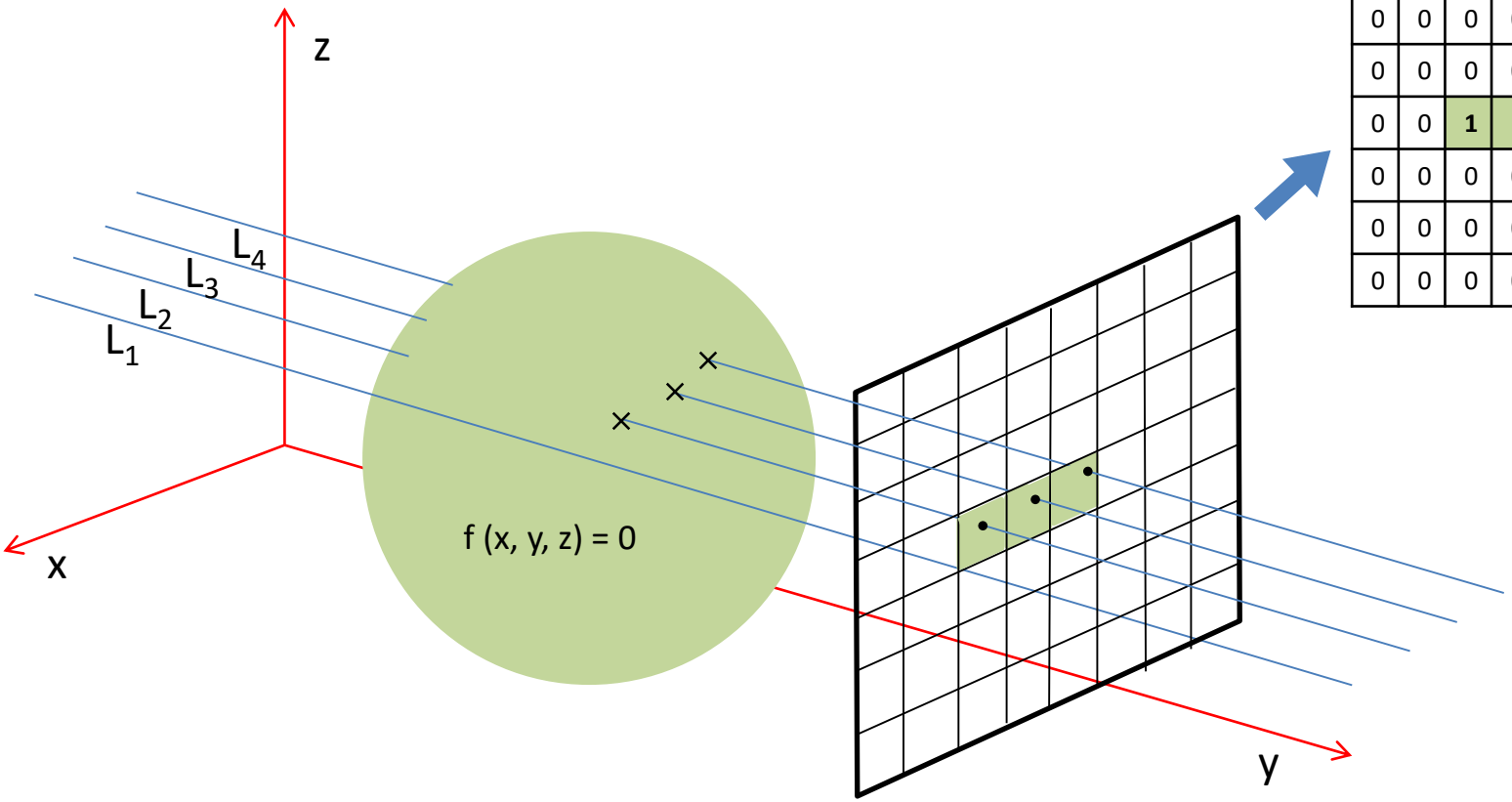

M (i, j)

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0	0	**1**	**1**	**1**	0	0	0
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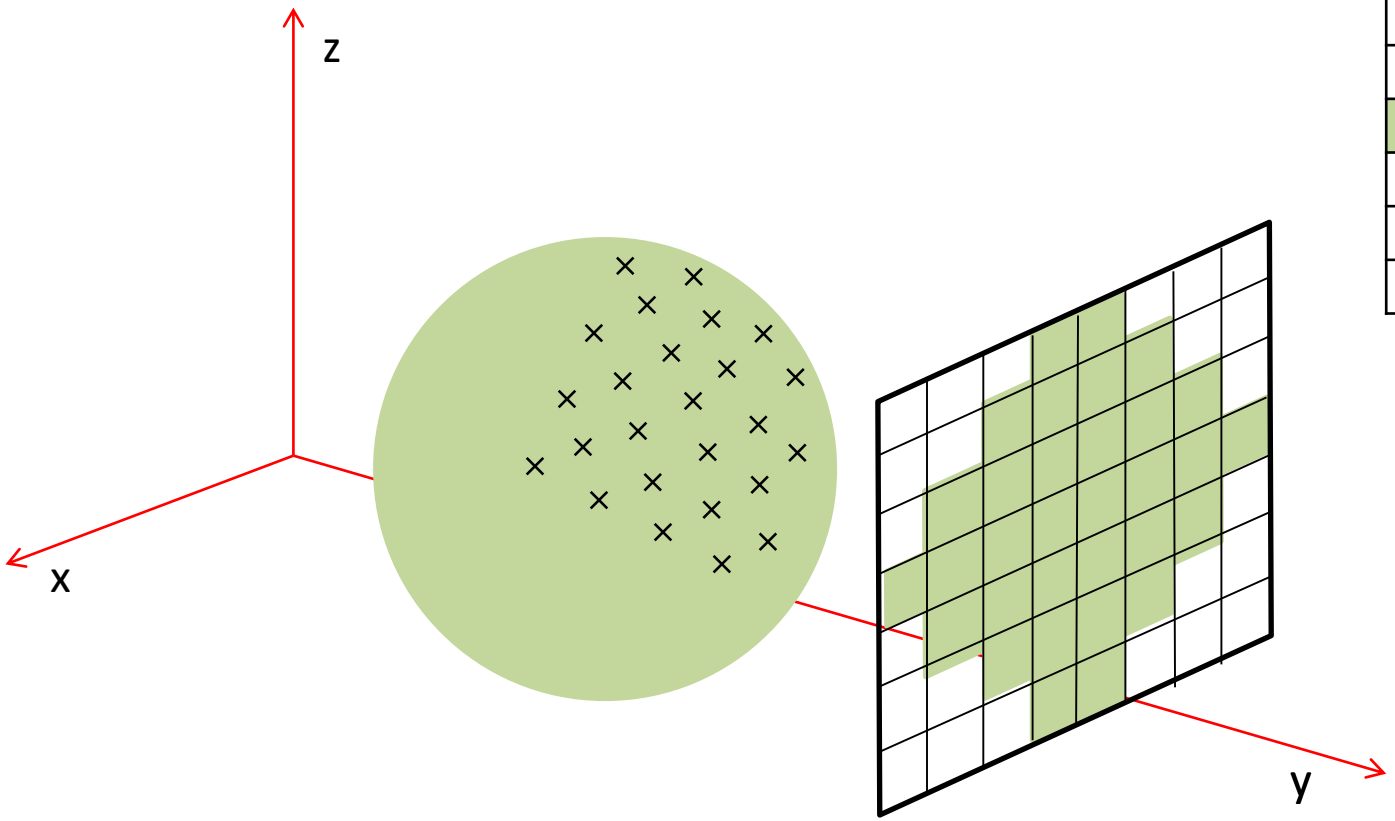

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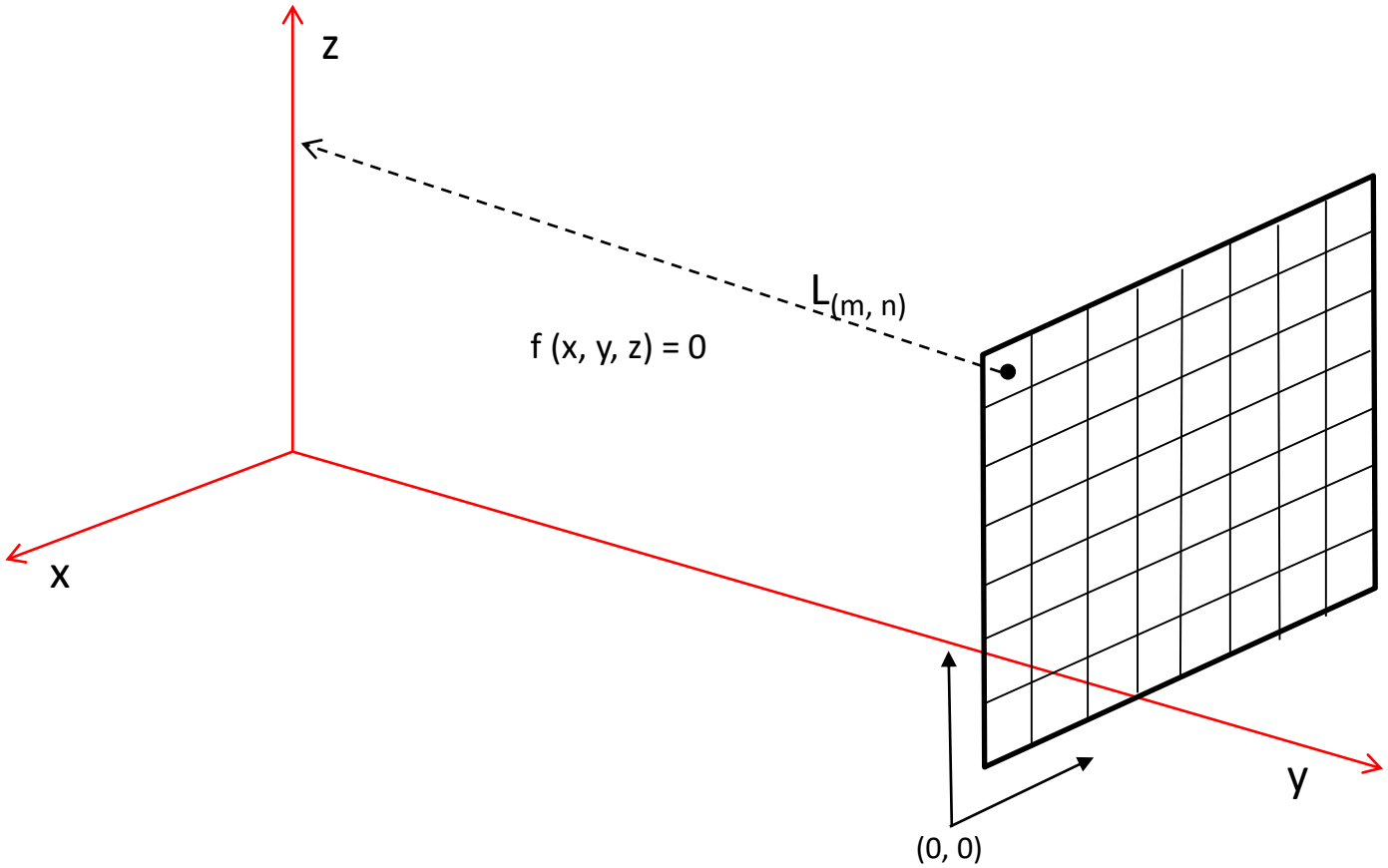
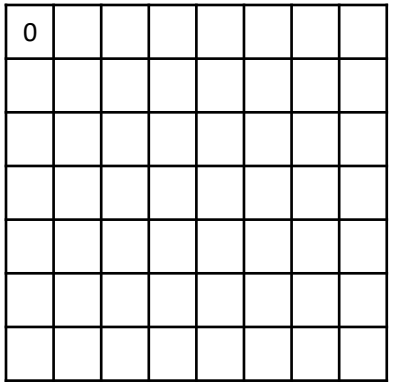
Ray-tracing Basics (1/15)





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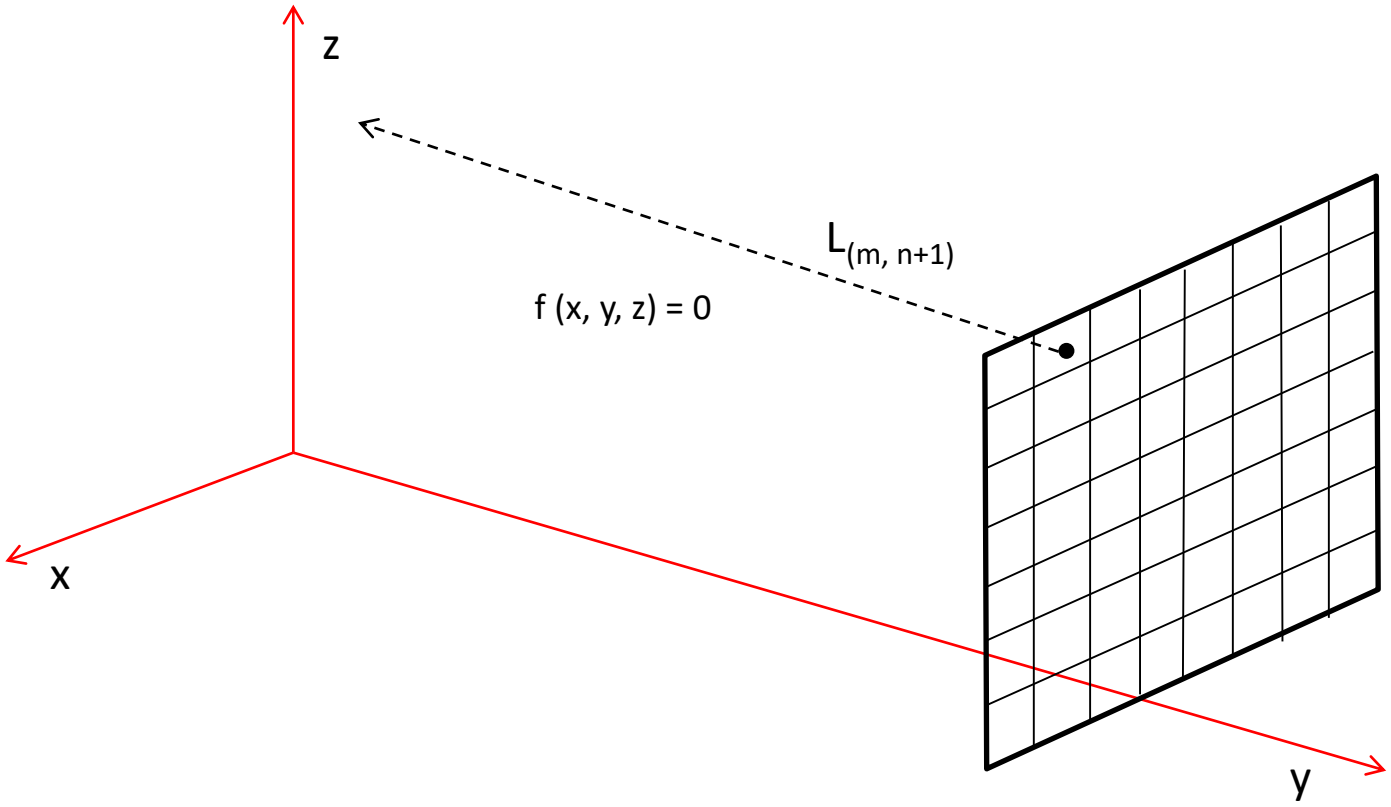

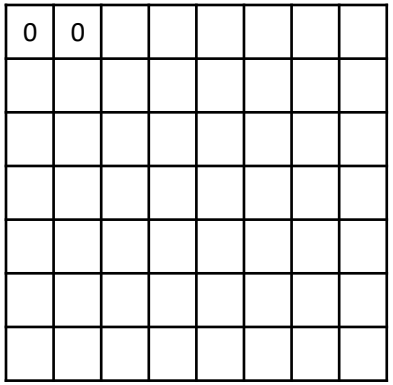

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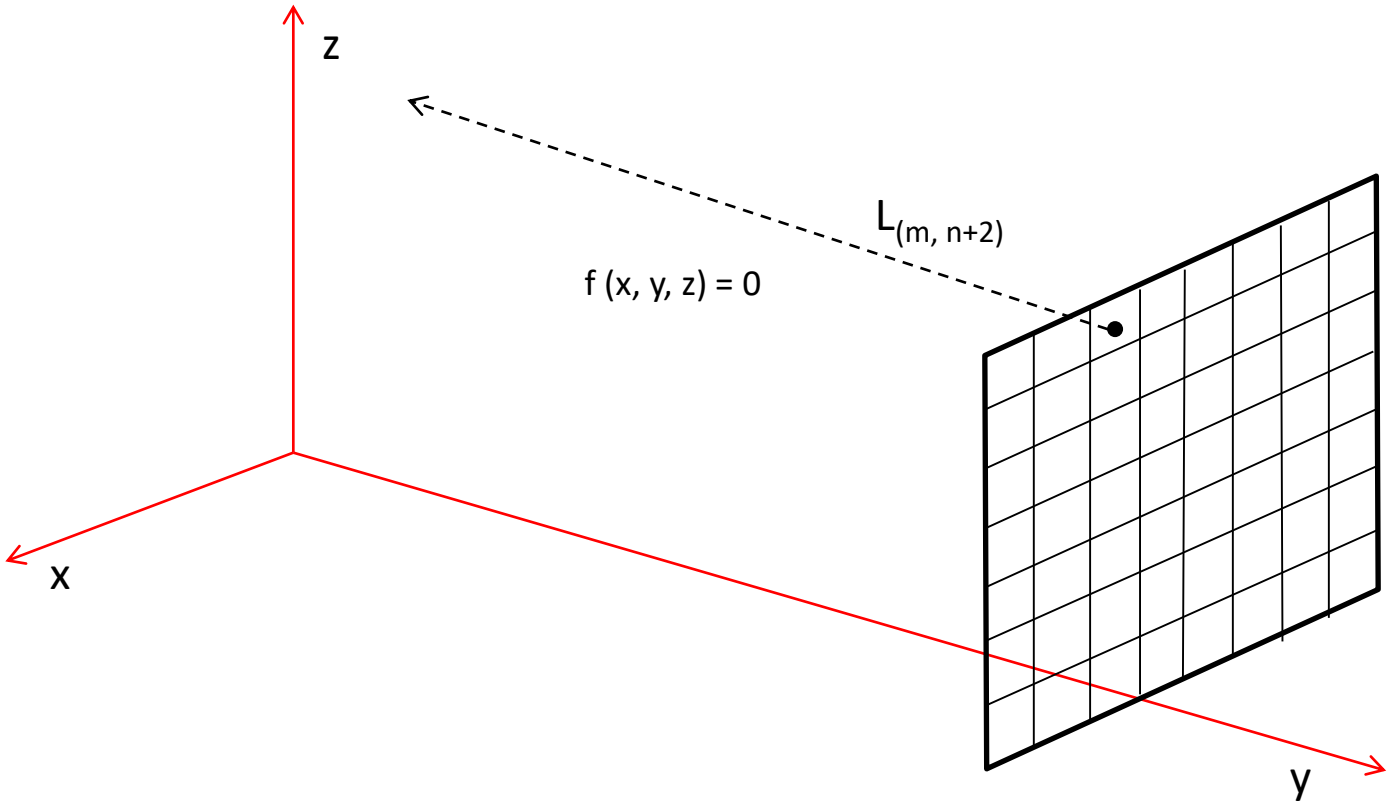

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M (i, j)

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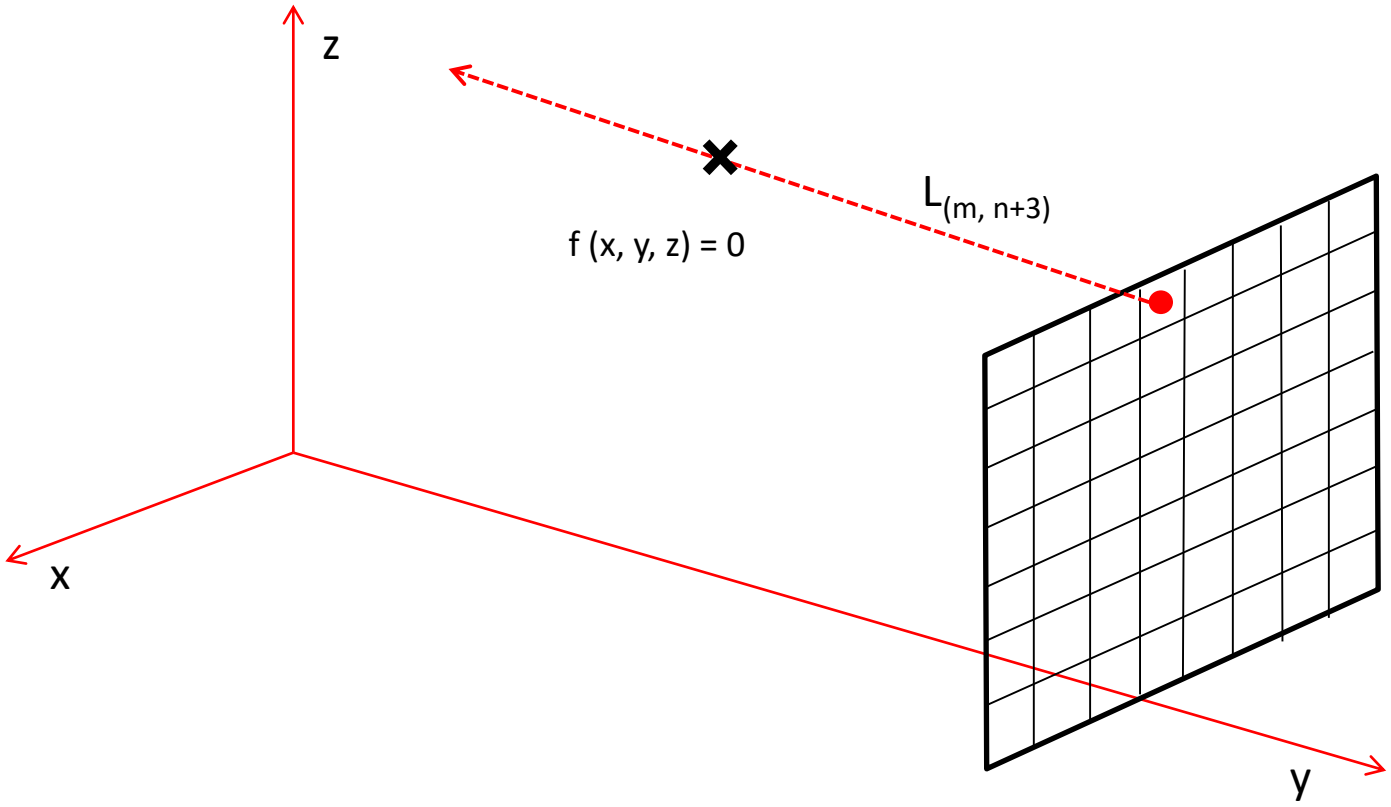

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M (i, j)

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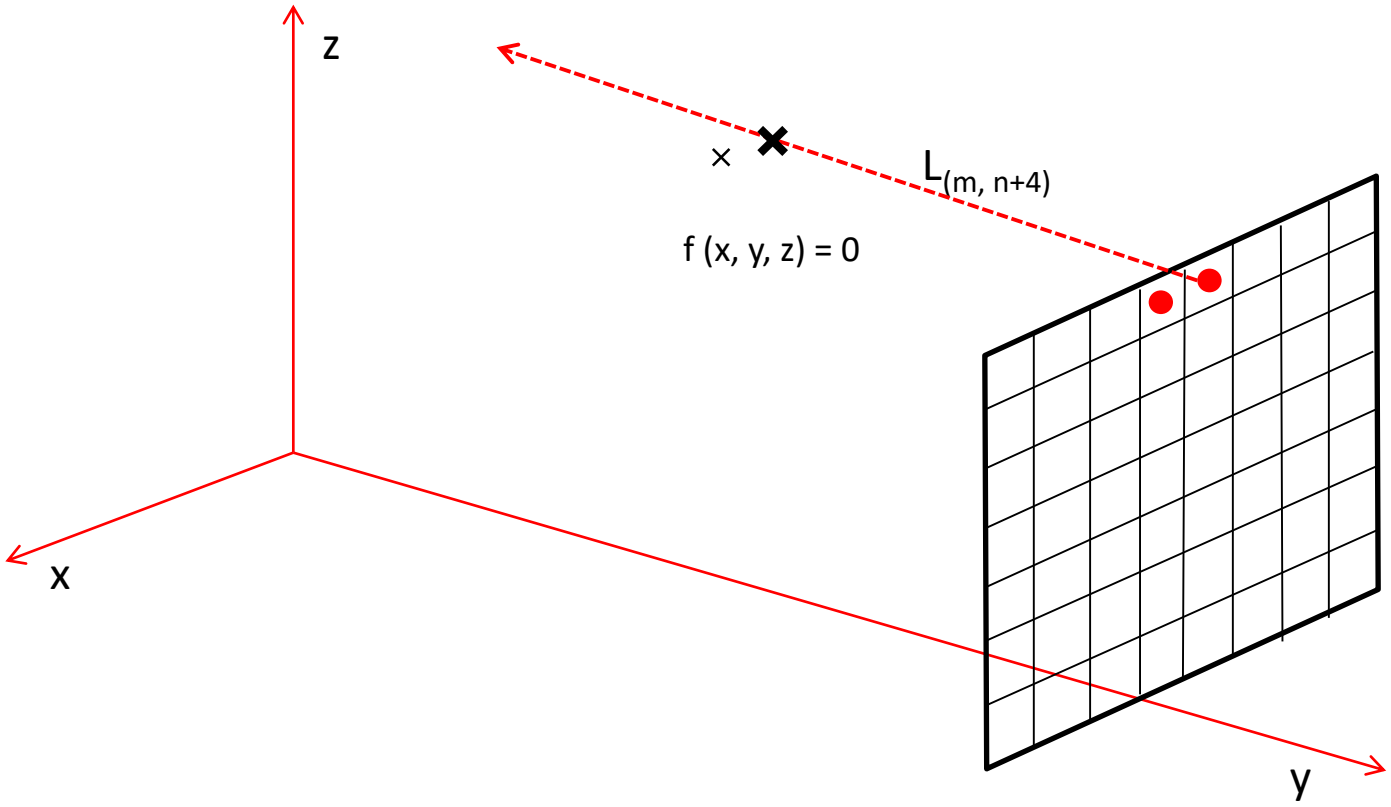

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M (i, j)

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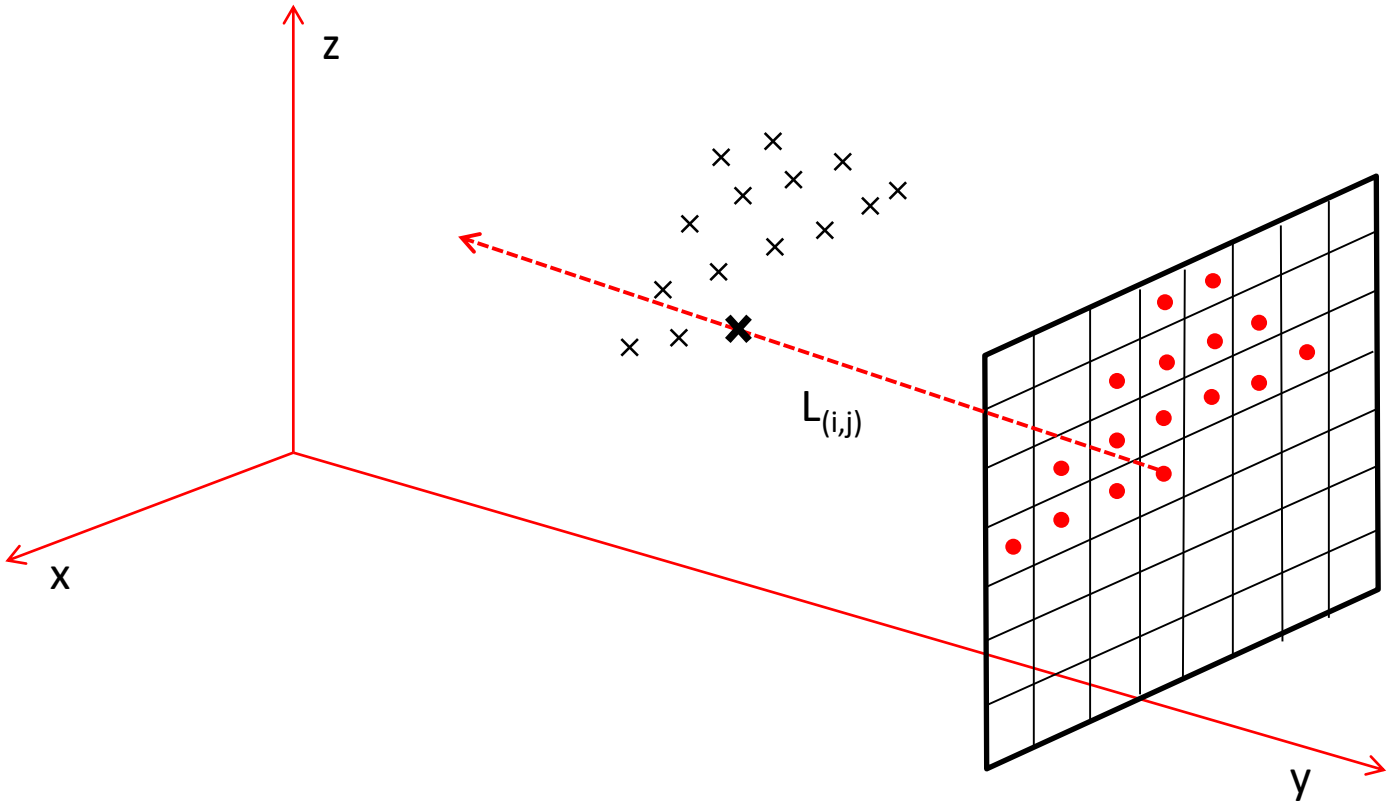

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M (i, j)

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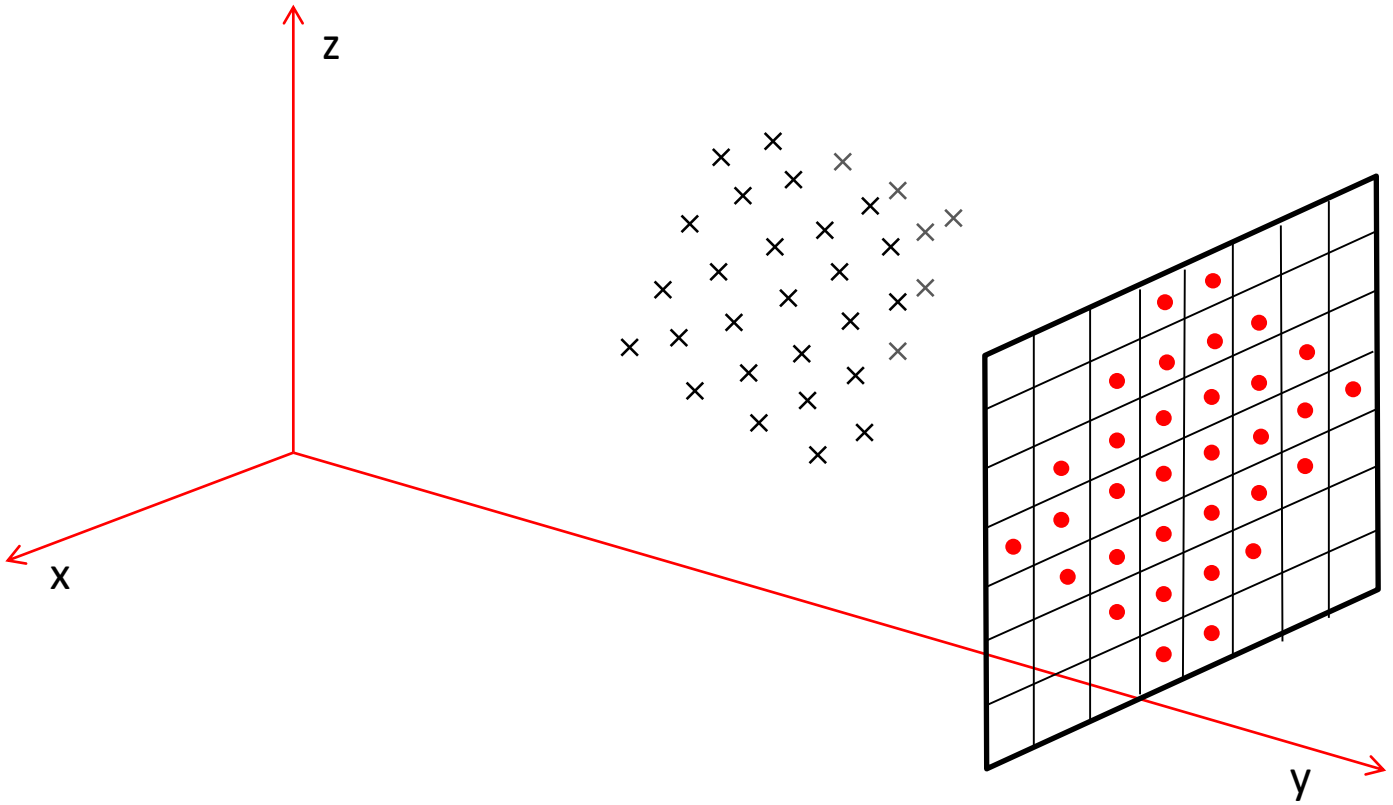

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M (i, j)

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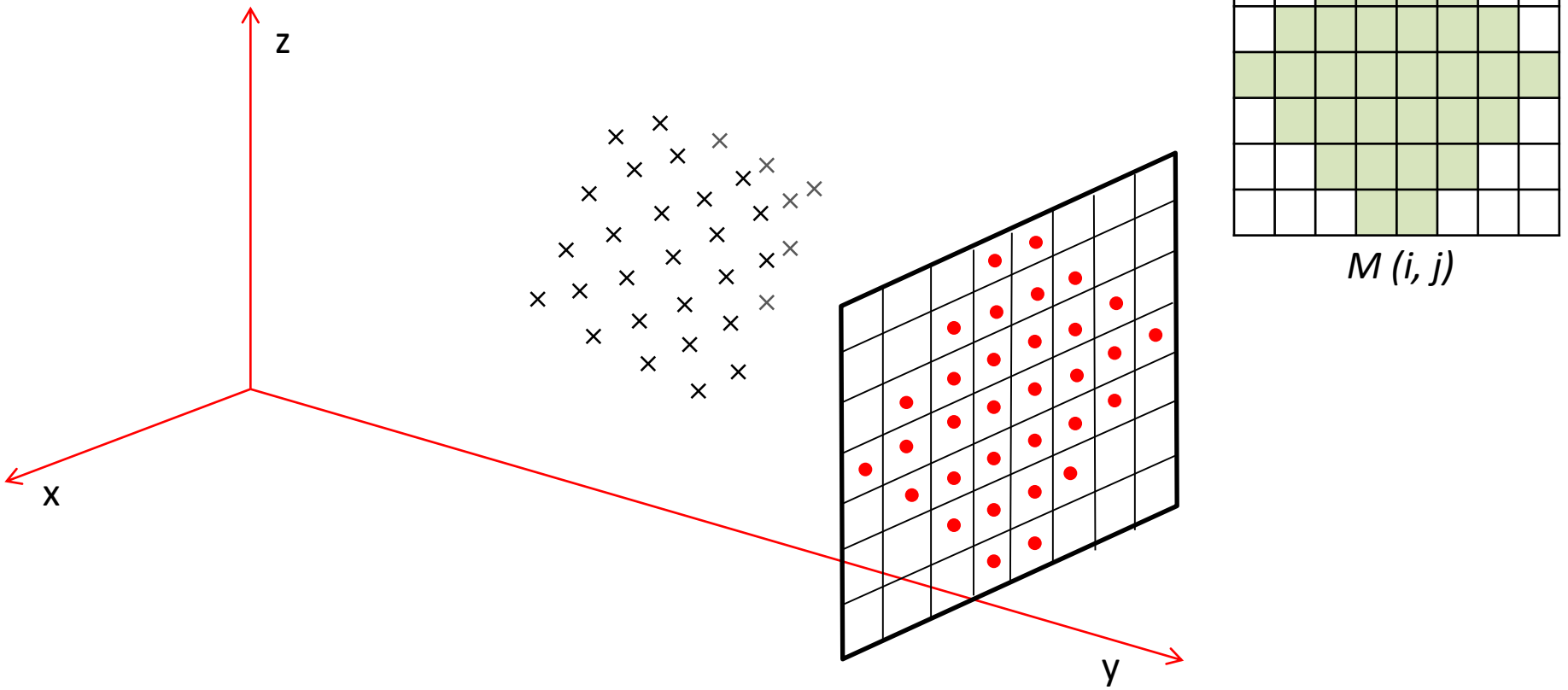
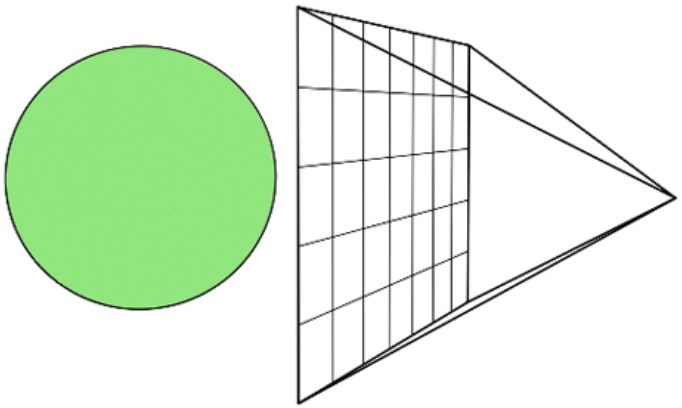


M (i, j)

Ray-tracing Basics (9/15)

- Computing one pixel at a time
  - Each pixel "**looks**" in a **direction**

- Any object that is seen by a pixel
  - intersect "***viewing ray***"
  - viewing ray: line through that pixel is looking



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Ray-tracing Basics (10/15)

- Once that object is found, determine the color of the pixel.
  - a **shading computation** is need, that uses
    - the intersection point
    - surface normal (*n*)
    - other information

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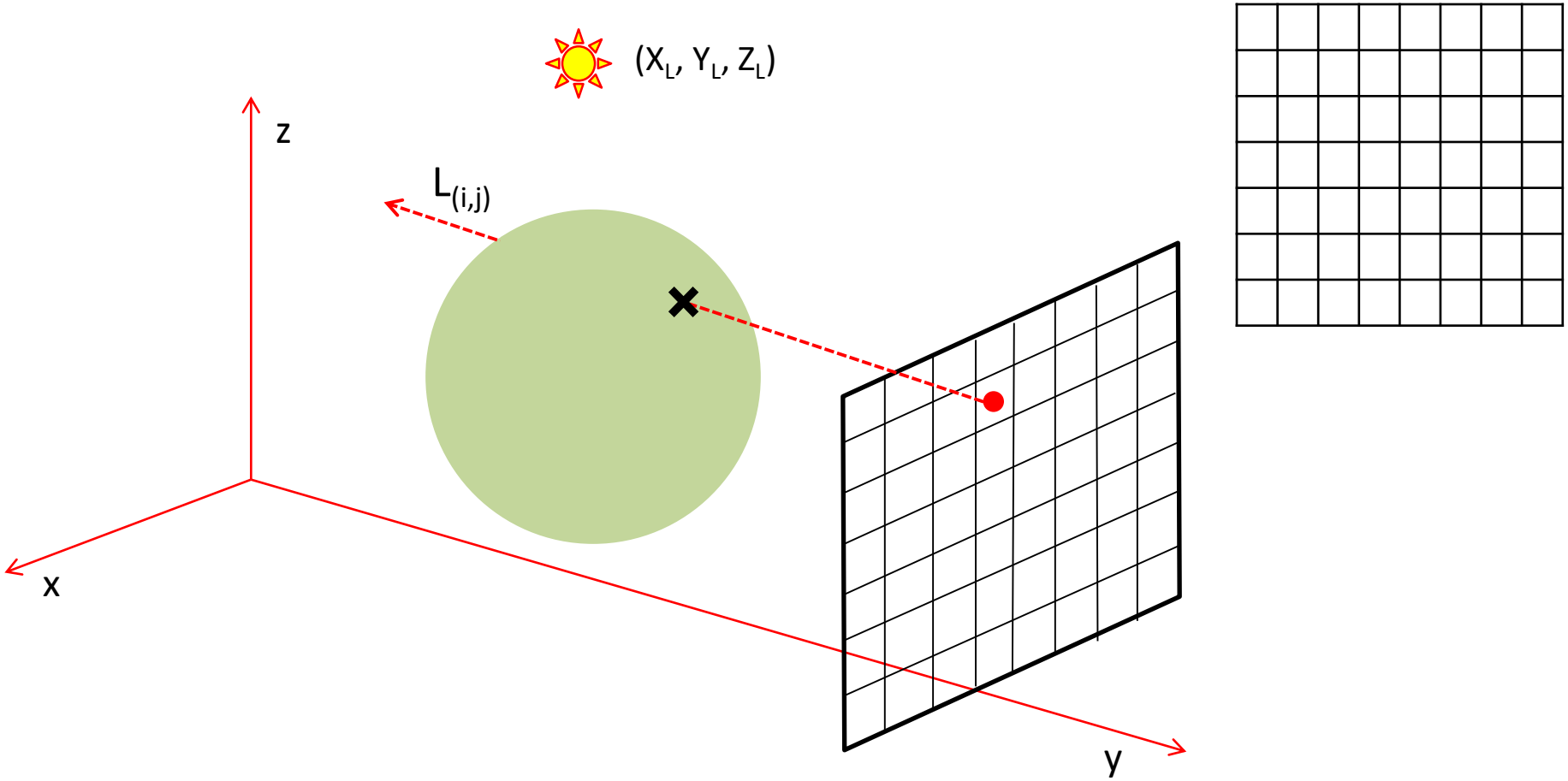

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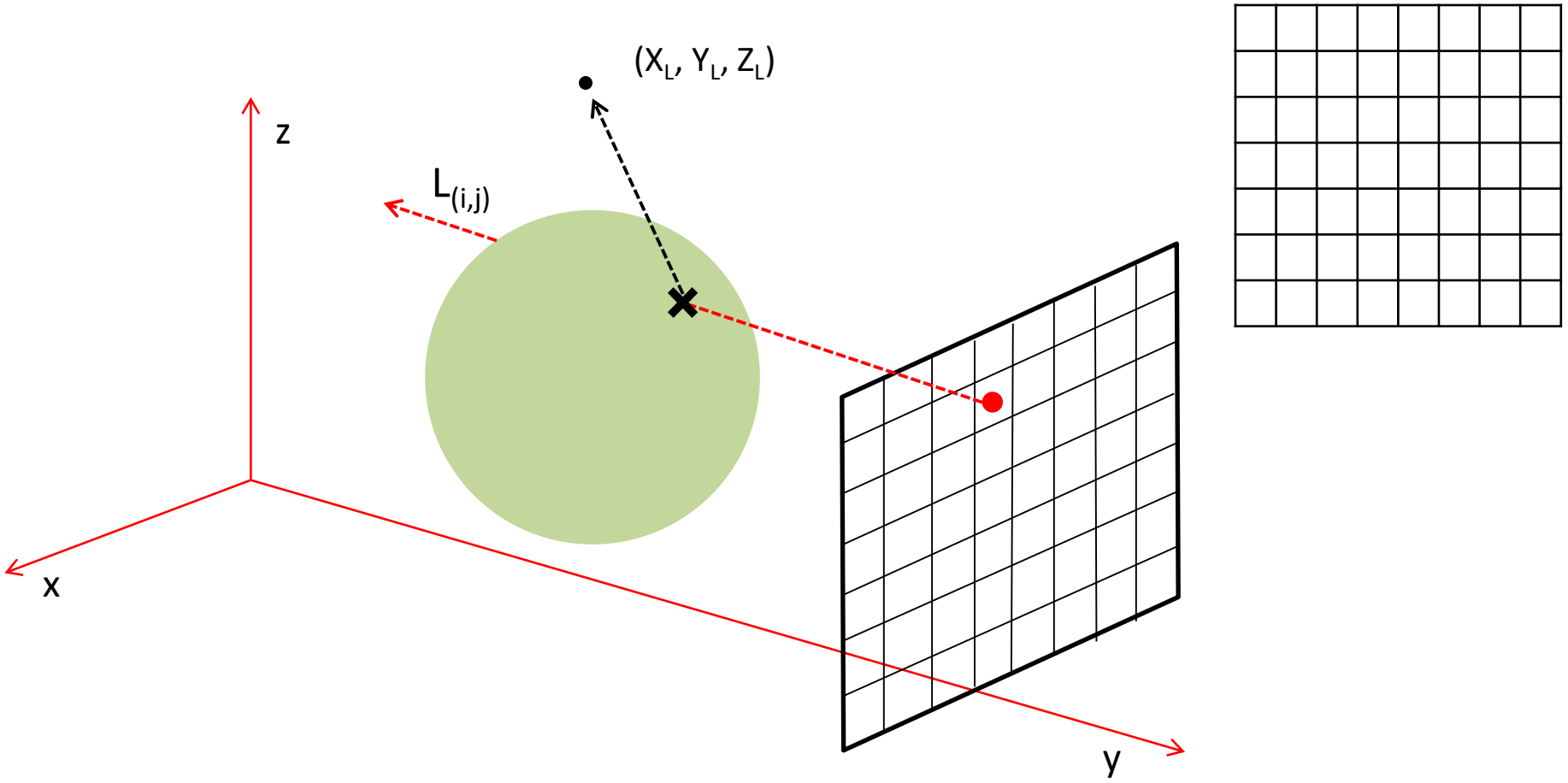

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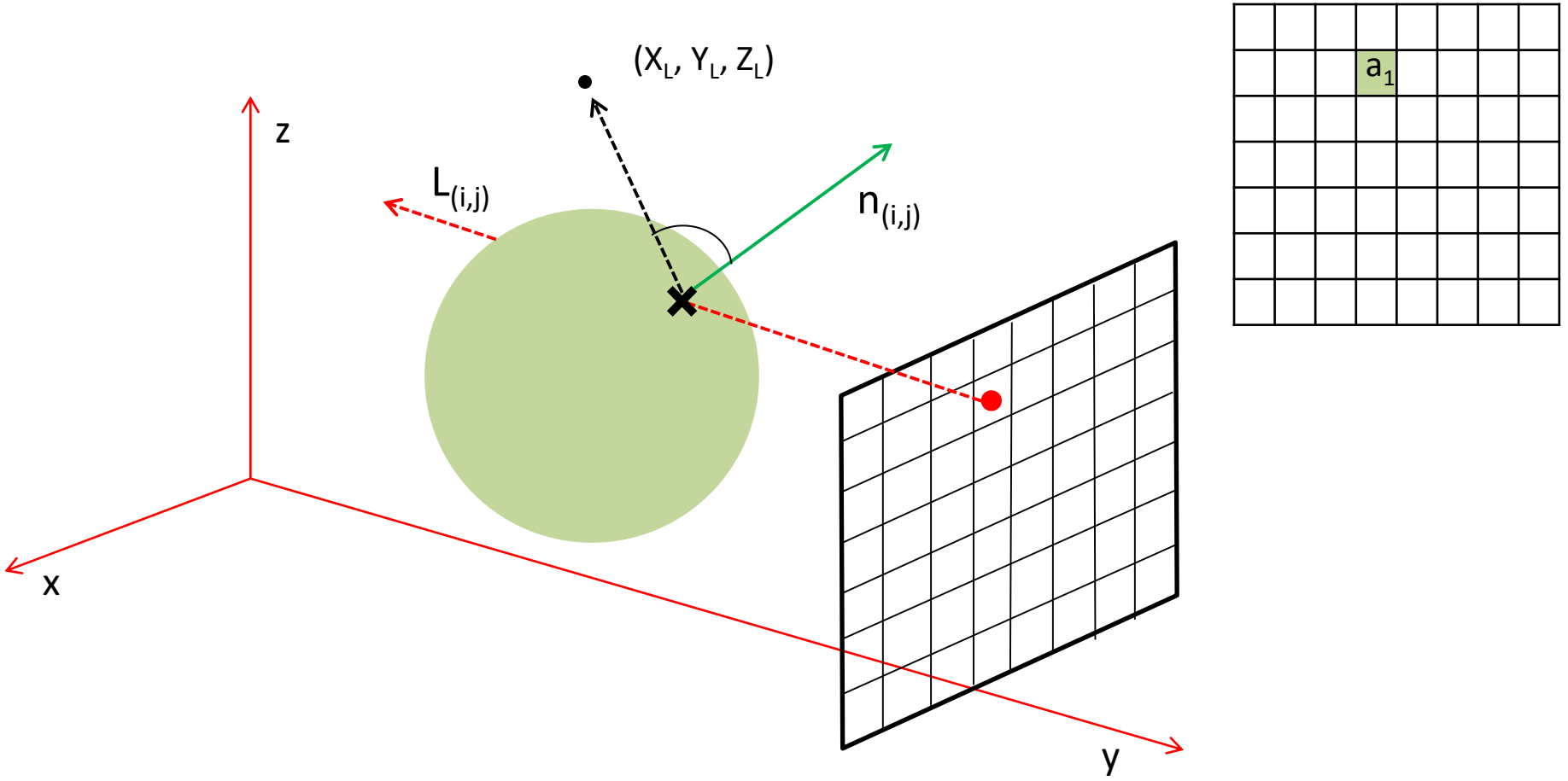

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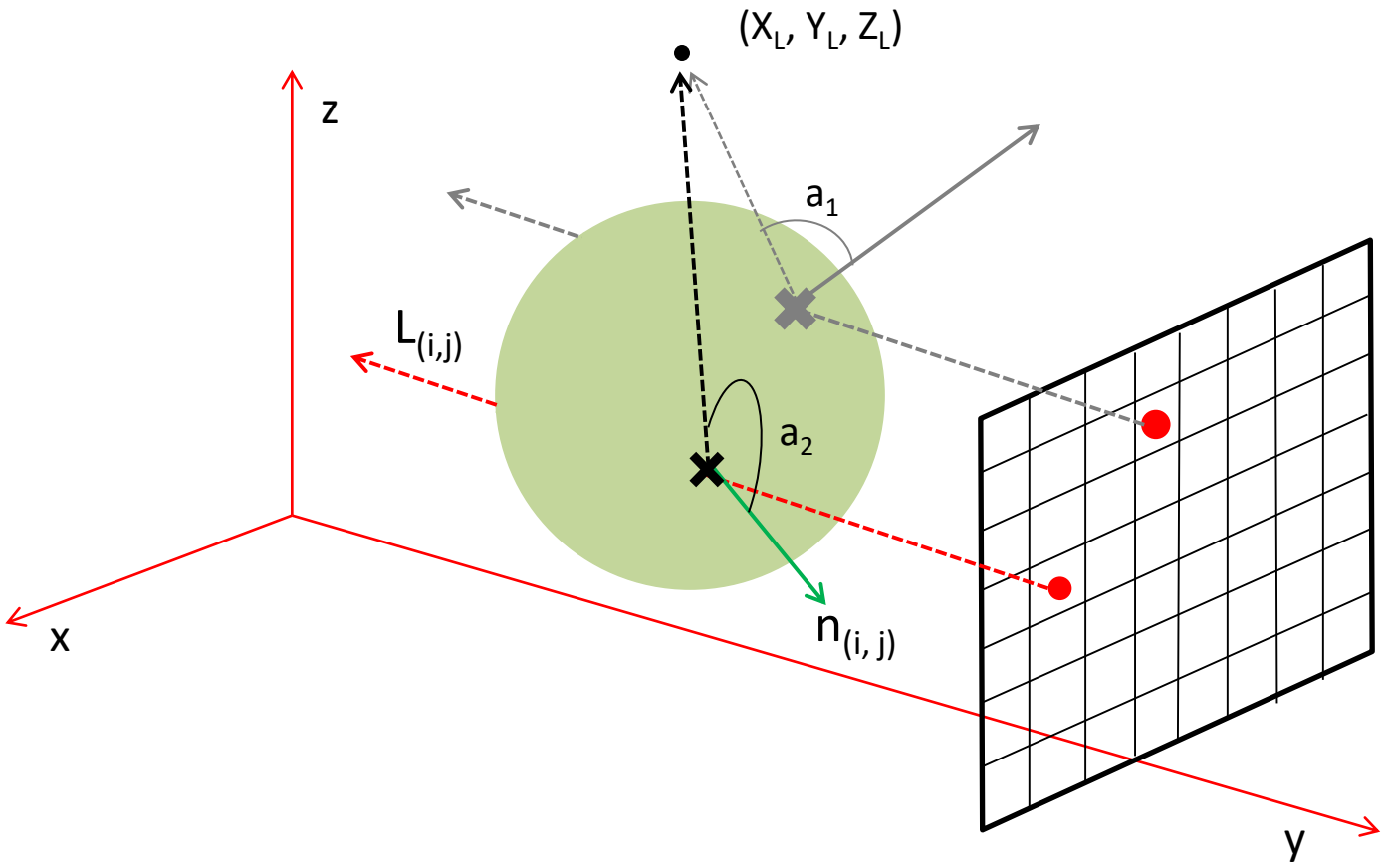

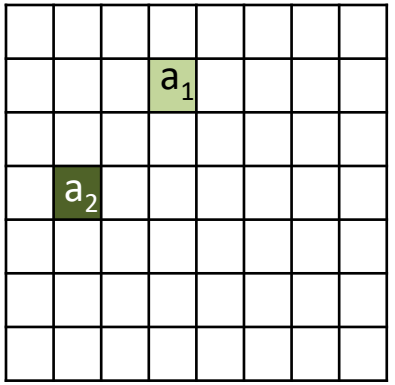

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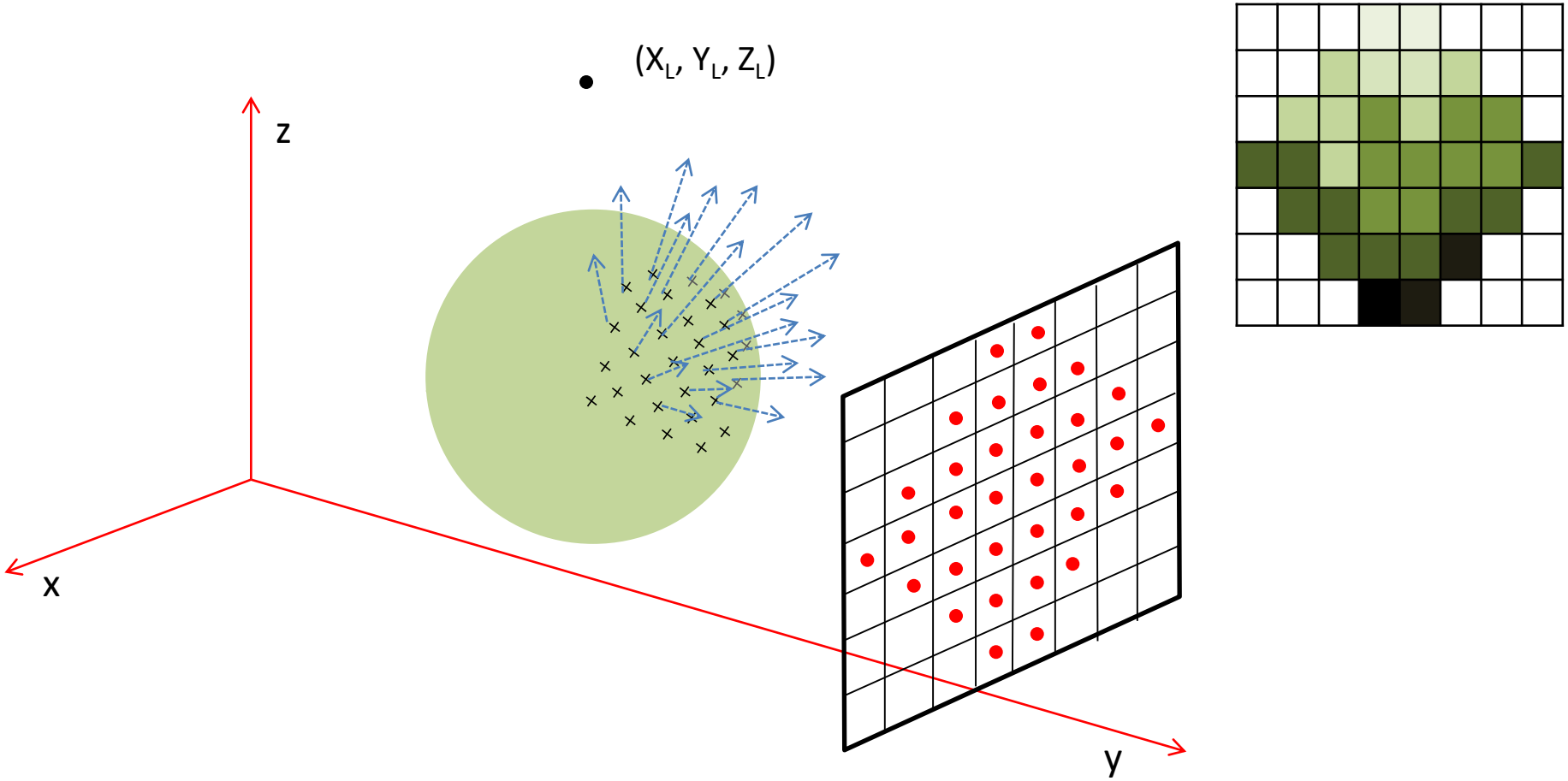

Ray-Tracing Algorithm (1/3)

- A basic ray tracer therefore has three parts:
  - **ray generation:**
    - computes the origin and direction of each pixel's viewing ray.
  - **ray intersection:**
    - finds the closest object intersecting the viewing ray.
  - **shading:**
    - computes the pixel color based on the results of ray intersection.

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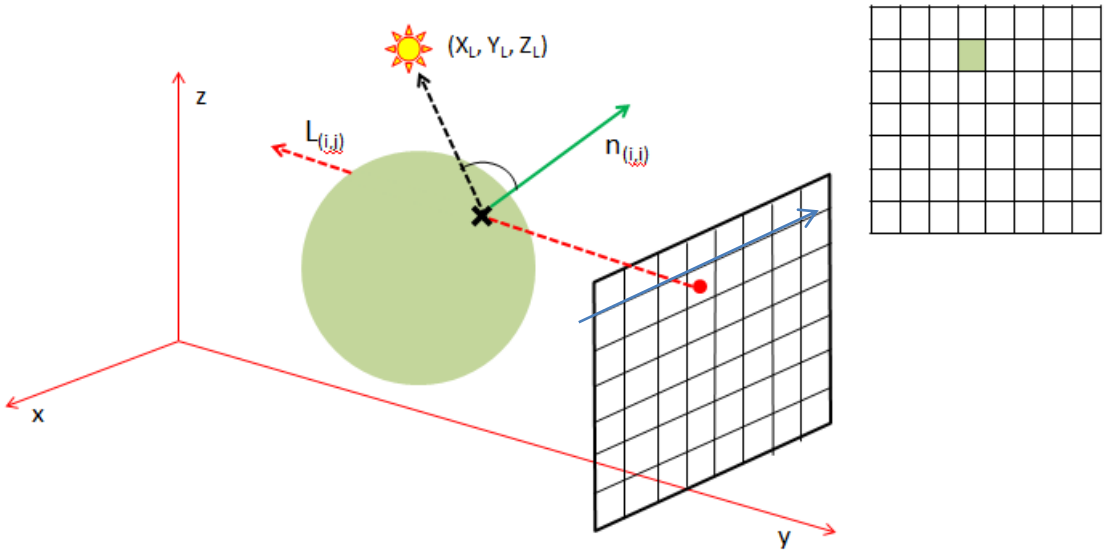
Ray-Tracing Algorithm (2/3)

- **for each pixel do:**
  - compute viewing ray
  - find first object hit by ray and its surface normal **n**
  - set pixel color computed from hit point, light, and **n**



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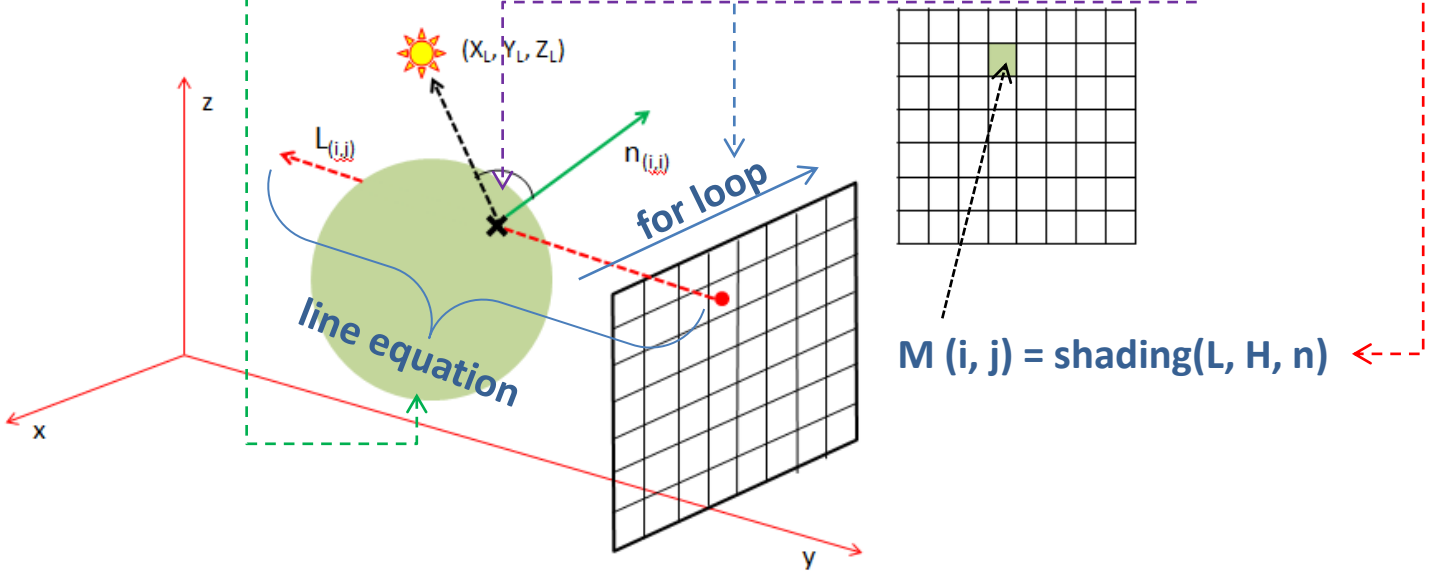

Practice Problems

1. Is the projected image on the image plane in the given example perspective?
2. Consider the following setup*:
   - Image plane: Situated at $y = 13$, parallel to ZX plane, (Resolution: 11×11), M is the corresponding array and Y-*axis* goes through $(6, 6)$.
   - Sphere: Center at $(0, 0, 0)$, *Radius* = 6.
   - Light: at $(0, 15, 0)$.

   Now –

   a) Draw the ray-tracing setup showing two viewing rays (one hitting, another missing).
   b) Fill up the array (pixel) with 1 (for hitting) and 0 (for missing). Show the hitting/ missing mathematically for at least one pixel.
   c) Fill up the array (pixel) with angles between surface normal and viewing ray. Show the angle calculation for at least one pixel.

* This problem can be helpful for understanding basic ray-tracing algorithm from the scratch.

Thank You