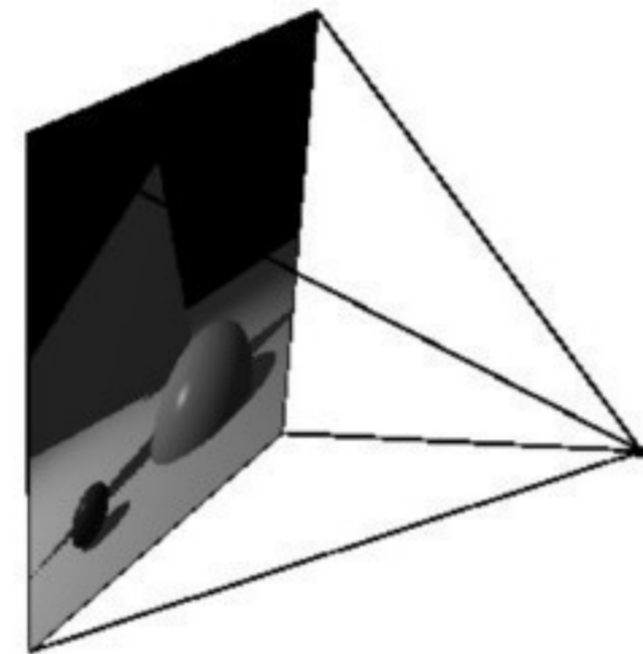
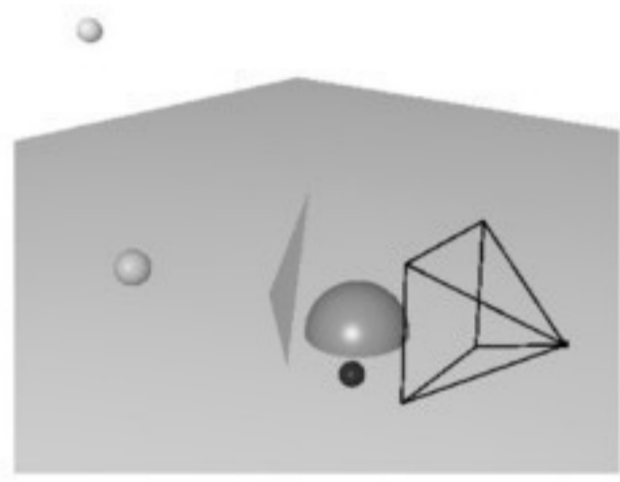


# Ray tracing



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# Context

Rendering: 3D Model → Image

Ex. 3D Sphere:

$$x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$$

?



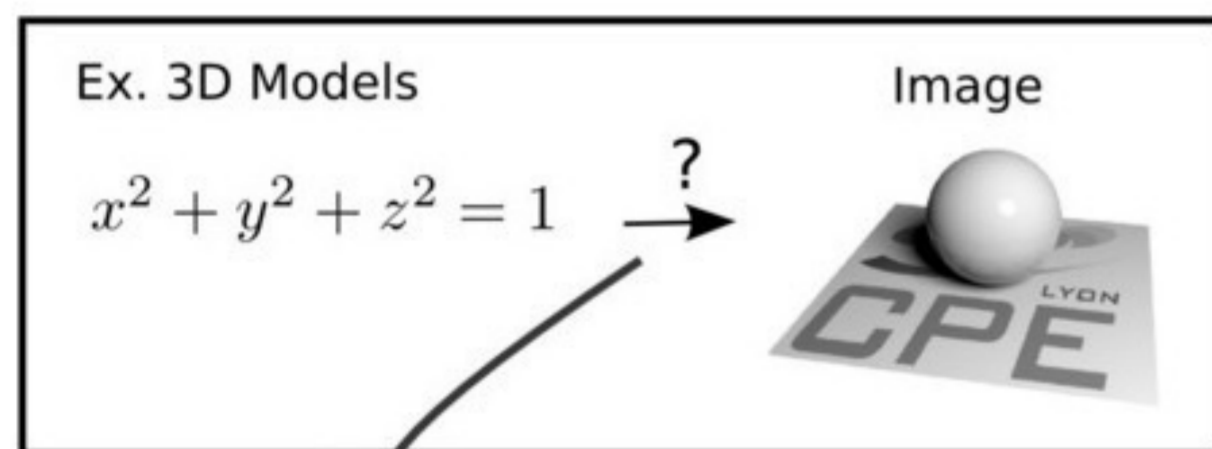
Model

Image

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# Context

Rendering: 3D Model → Image



Multiples solutions  
(+/-)

- Projective rendering
- Reye
- Ray tracing

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# Overview

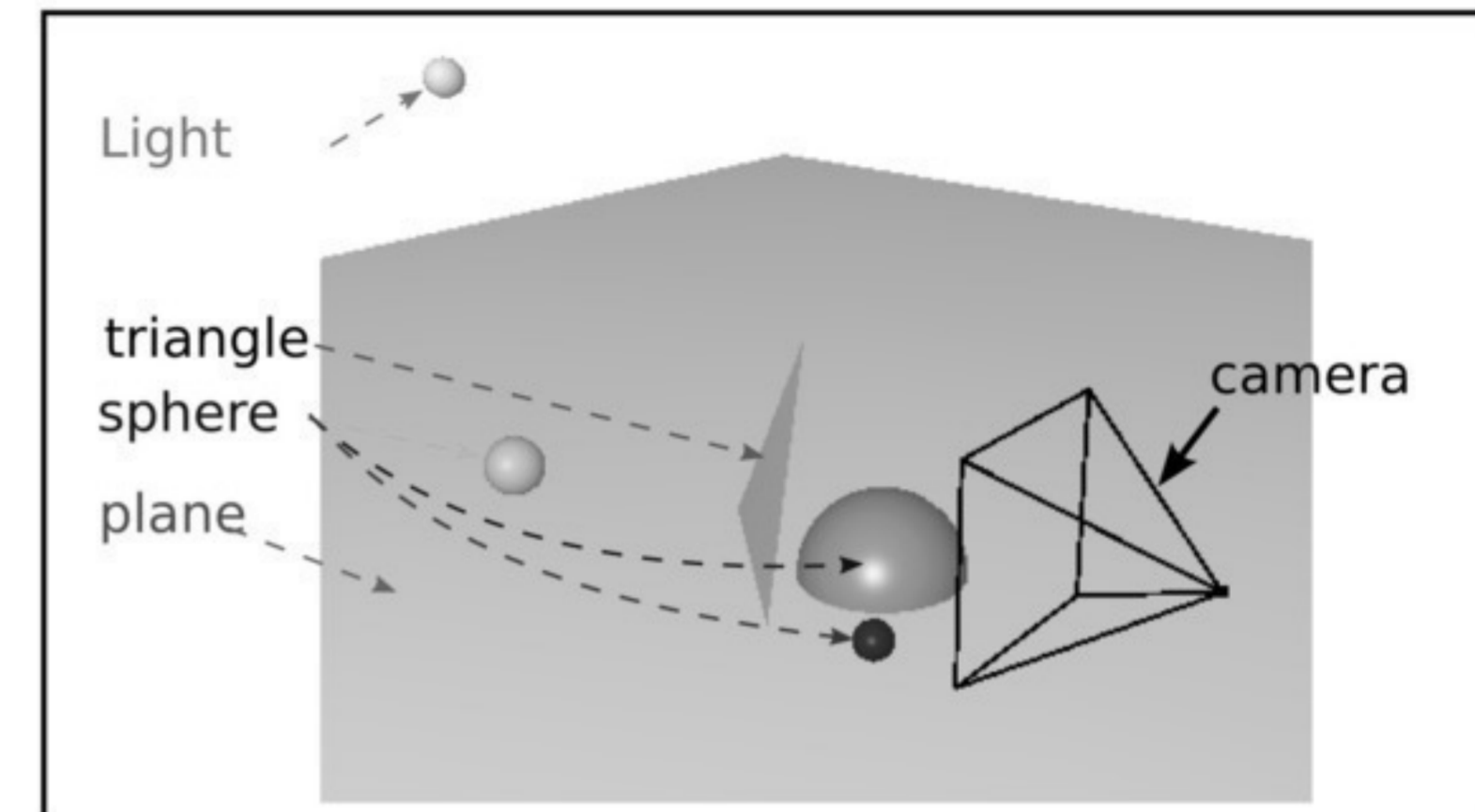
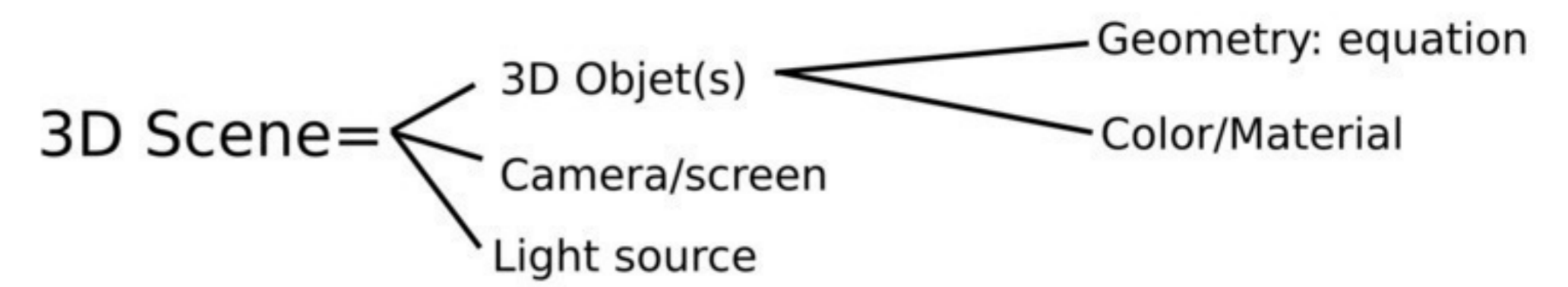
- 1/ General algorithm for ray tracing
- 2/ Simple scene application  
=> *See objects*
- 3/ Shading  
=> *3D aspect*
- 4/ Physical model  
=> *Toward photorealism*

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# 1/ General algorithm for ray tracing

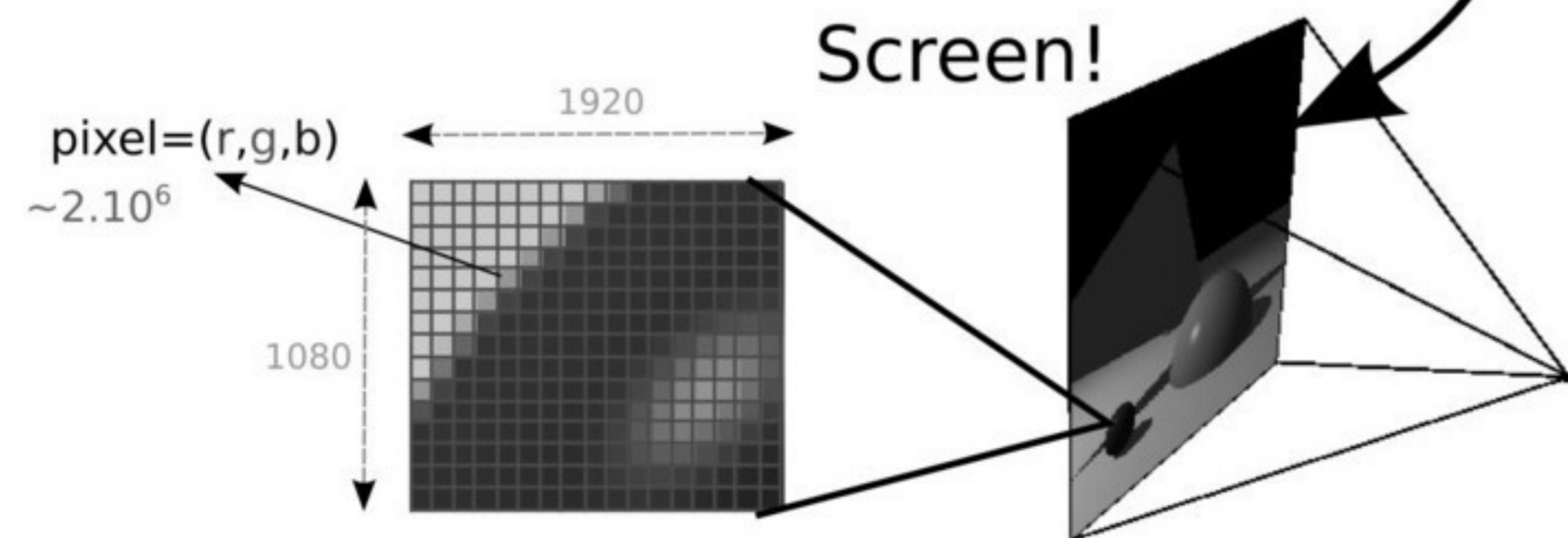
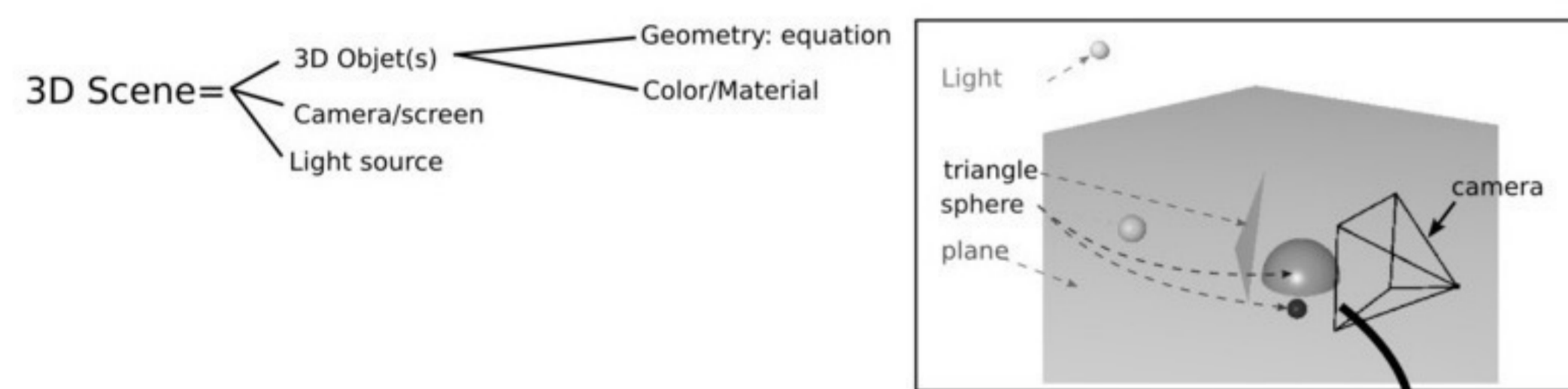
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## 3D Scene



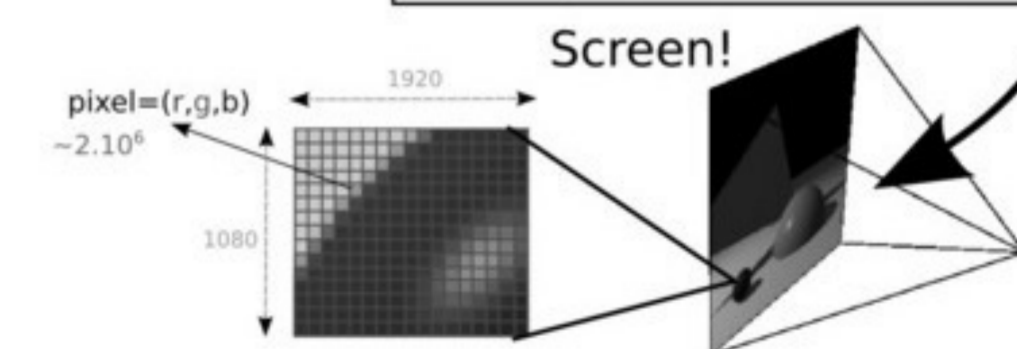
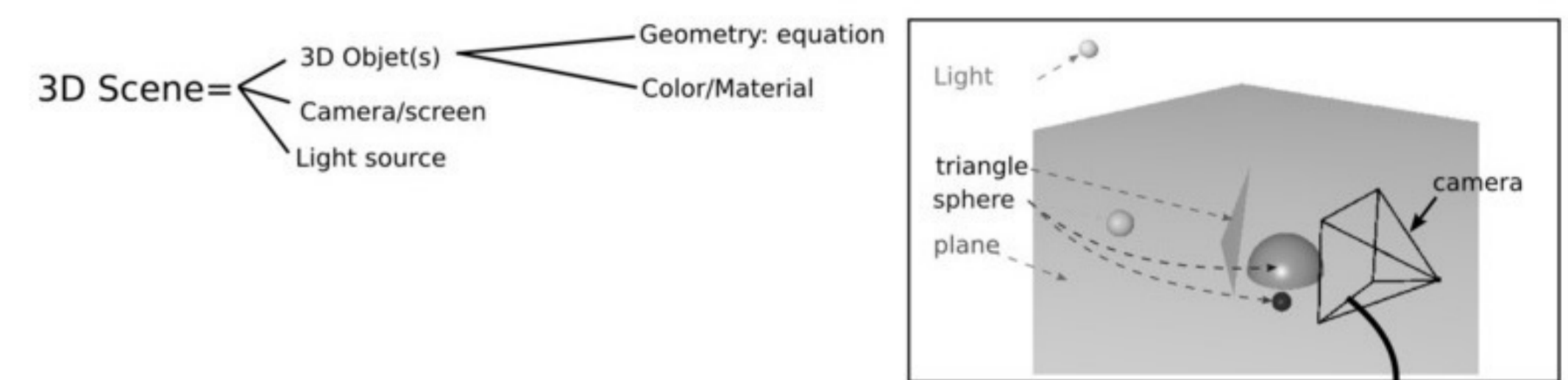
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## 3D Scene



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## 3D Scene

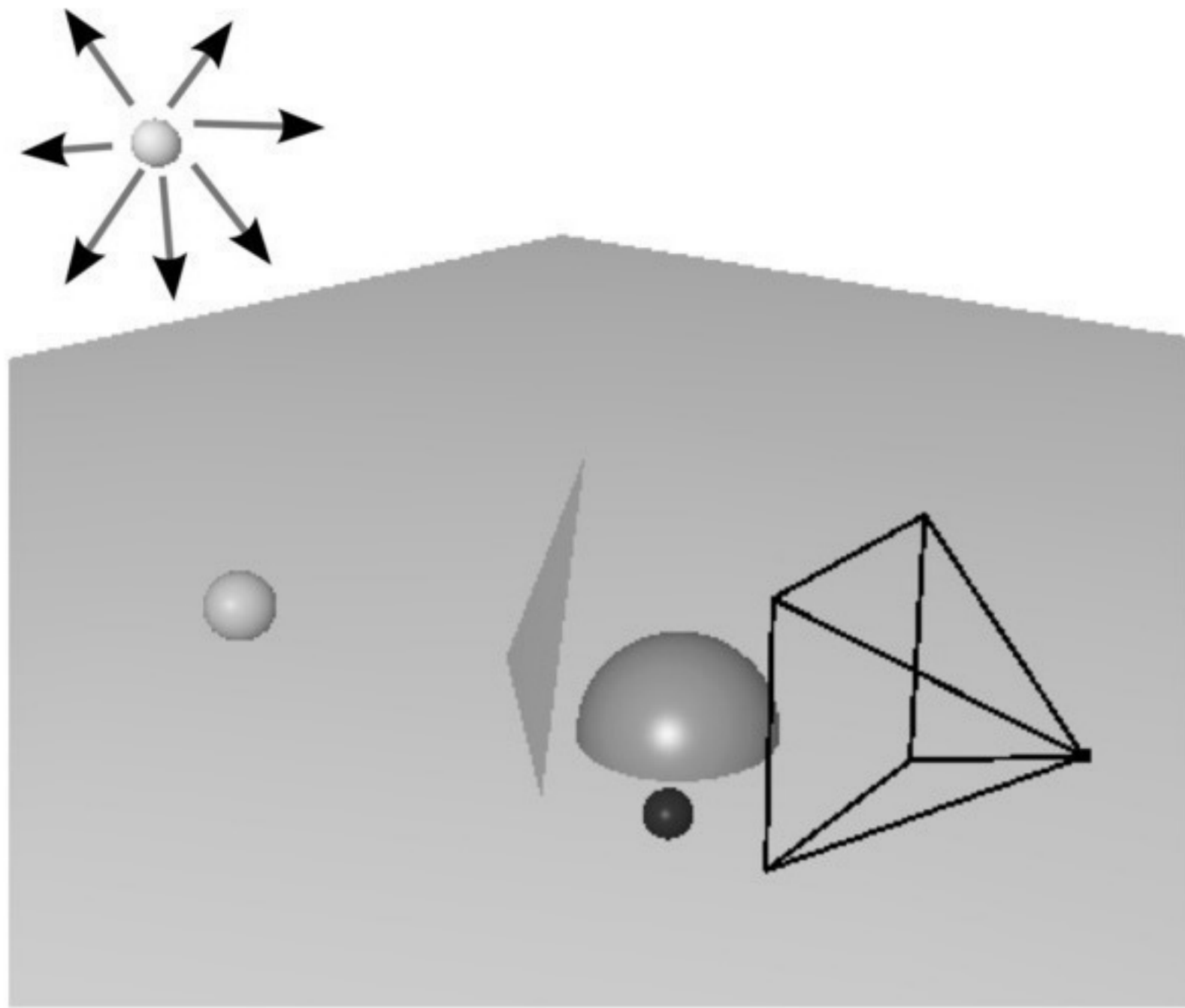


Question:

What color should we give to each pixel?

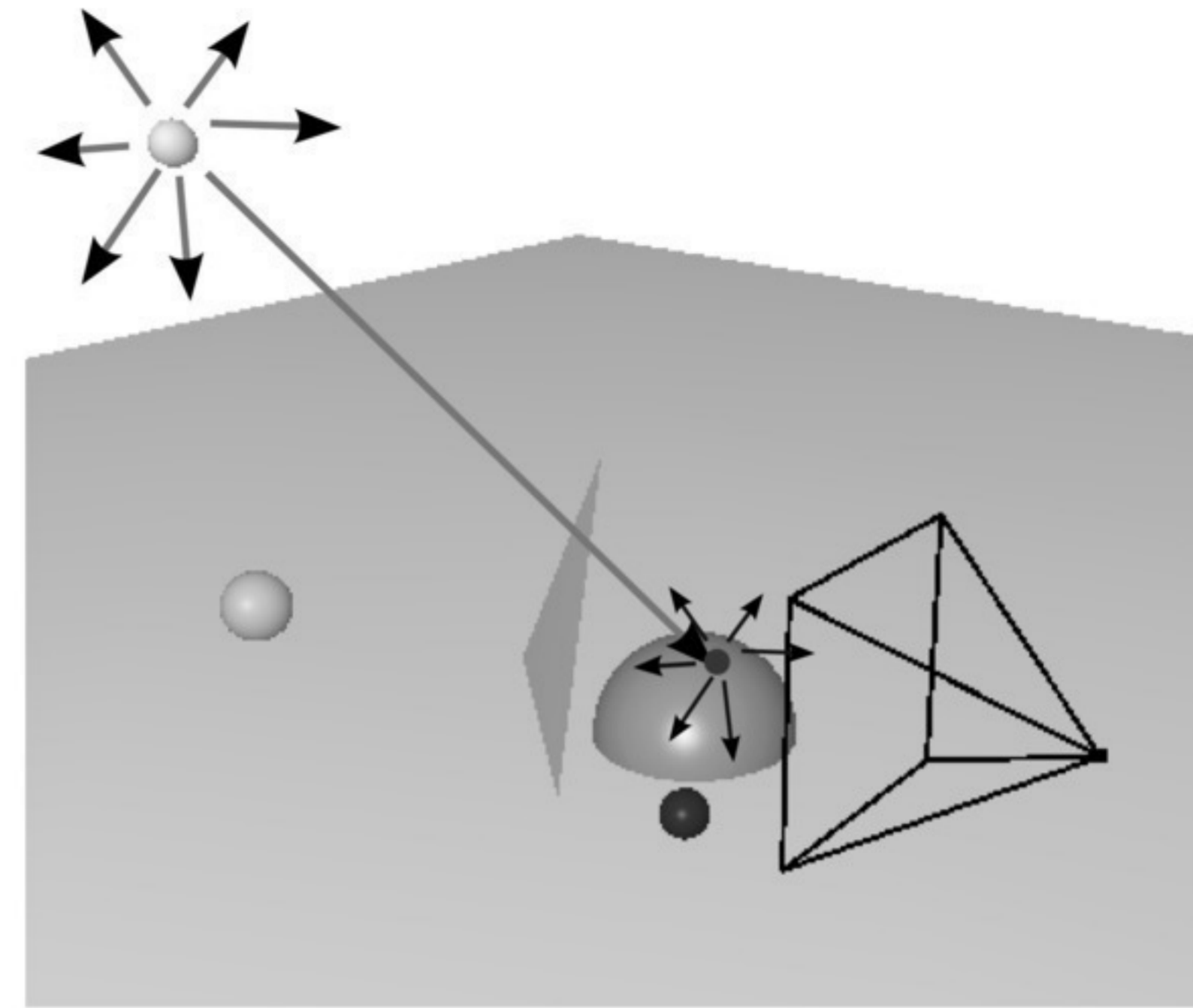
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**In the real world**



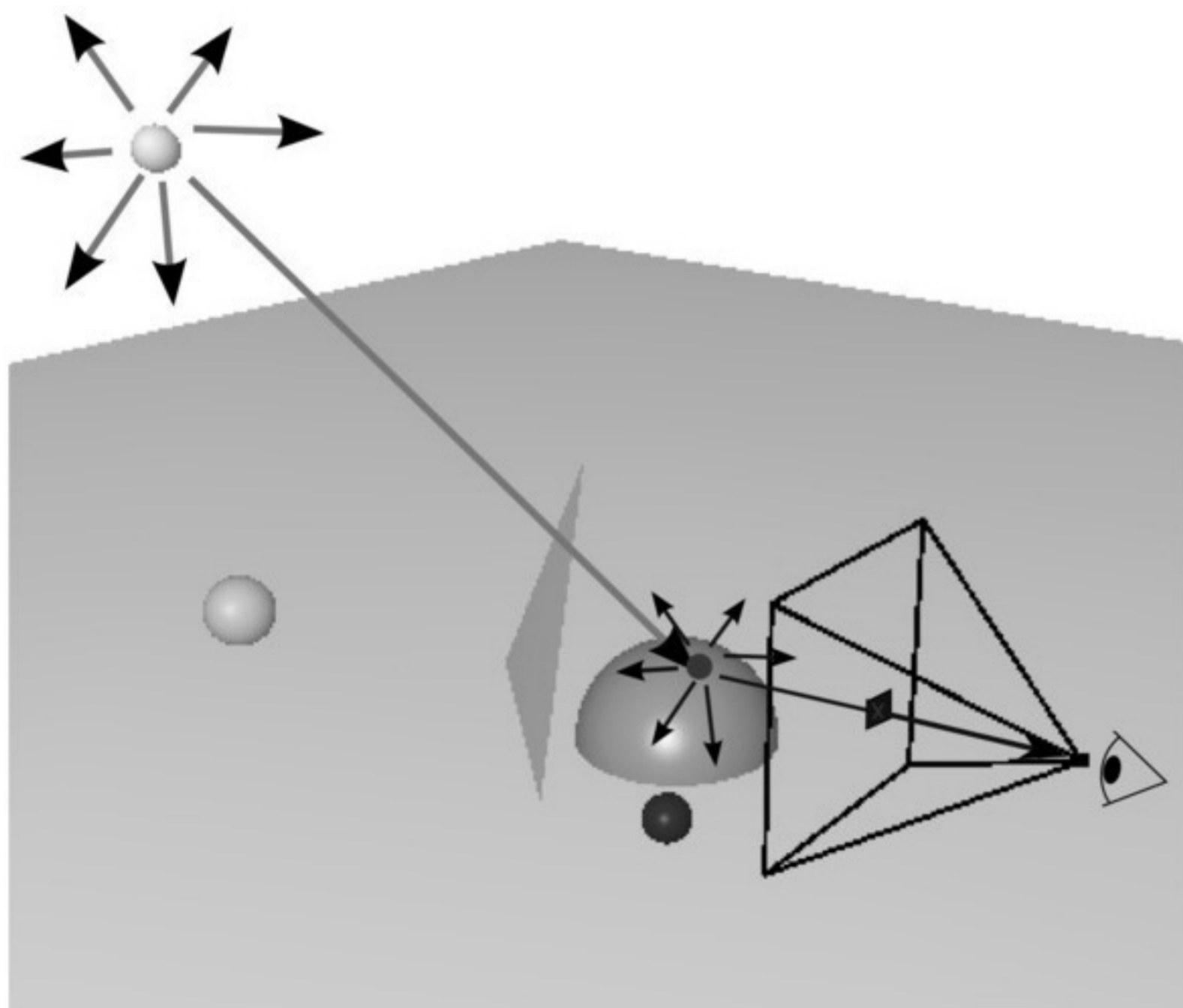
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**In the real world**



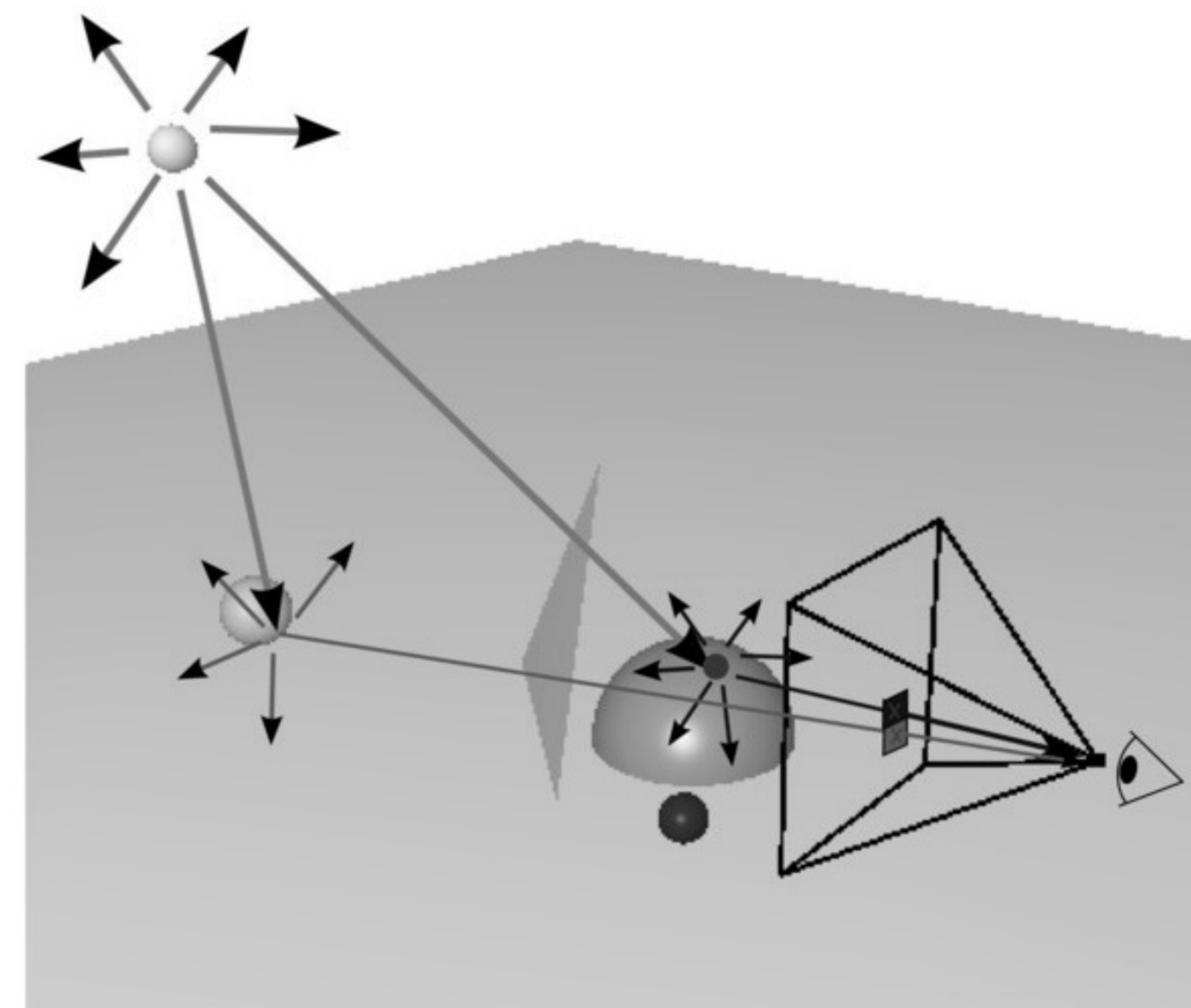
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**In the real world**



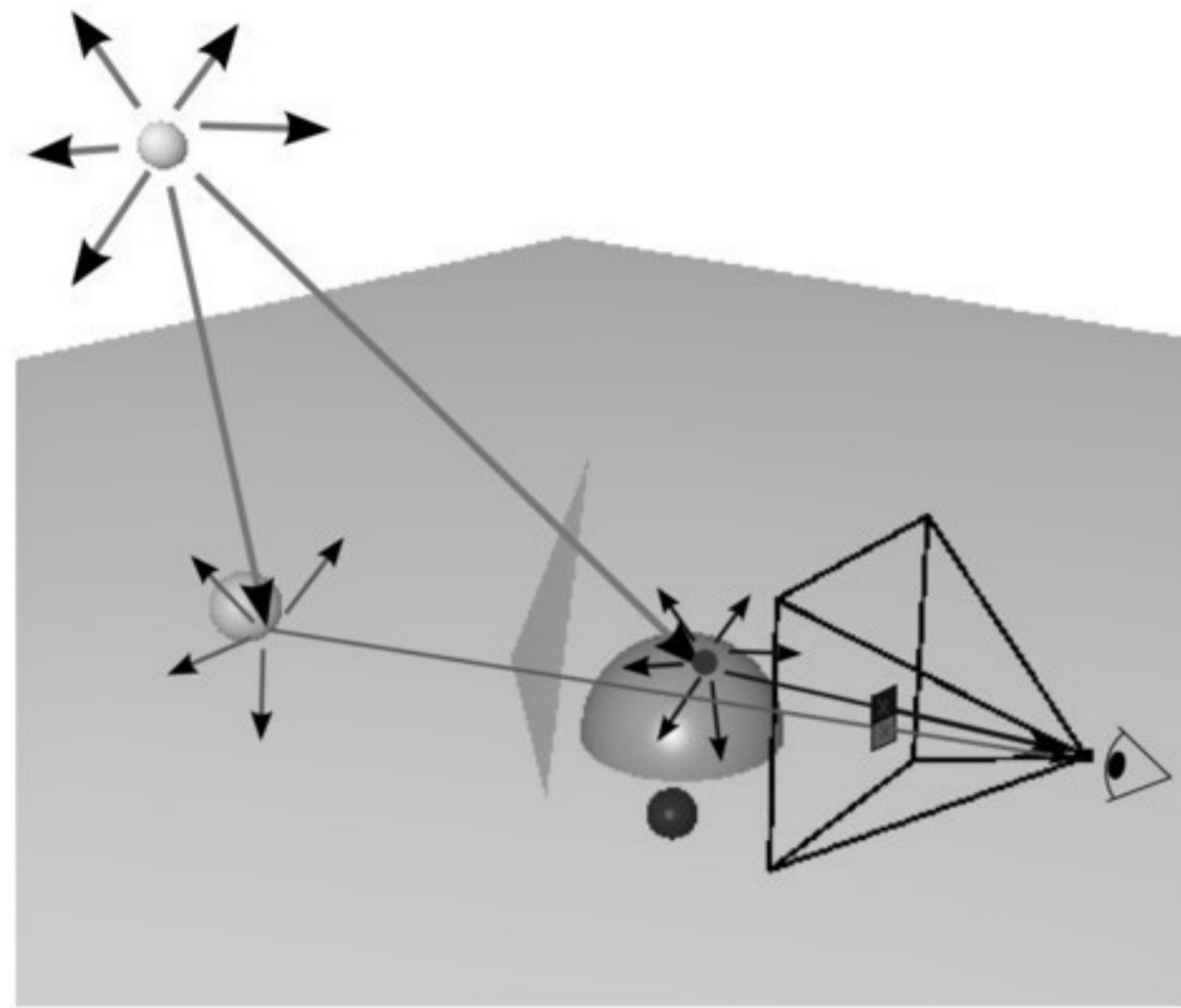
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**In the real world**



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## In the real world



### First algorithm

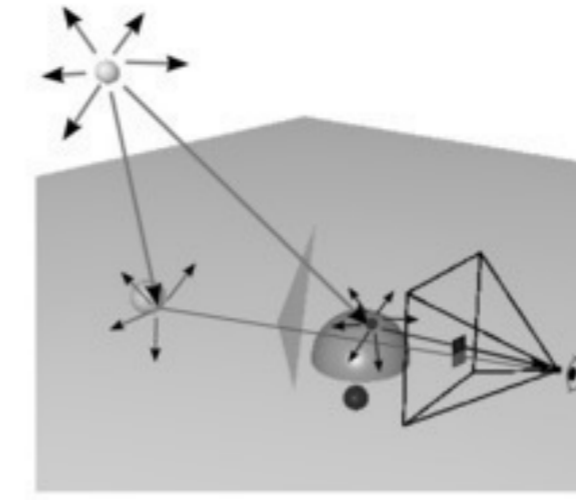
```

For all light sources
  For all direction d1
    Throw_ray(d1)

Throw_ray(d)
| If d intersect any object
|   Save Color
|   For all direction d2
|     Throw_ray(d2)
|
| If d intersect screen
|   Set current Color to pixel
    
```

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## Our 1st model

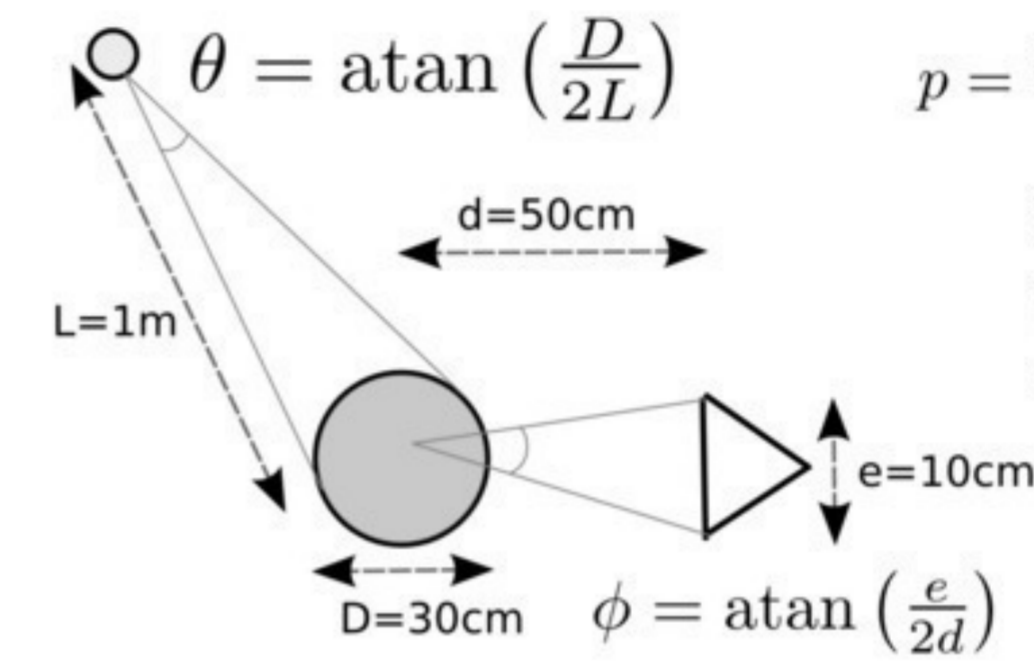


- + Simple
- + Physically accurate

- Algorithmic complexity

↪ Infinite number of recursions

ex.



$$p = \frac{2\pi(1-\cos(\theta))}{4\pi} \times \frac{2\pi(1-\cos(\phi))}{4\pi}$$

p touch object=0.0015%

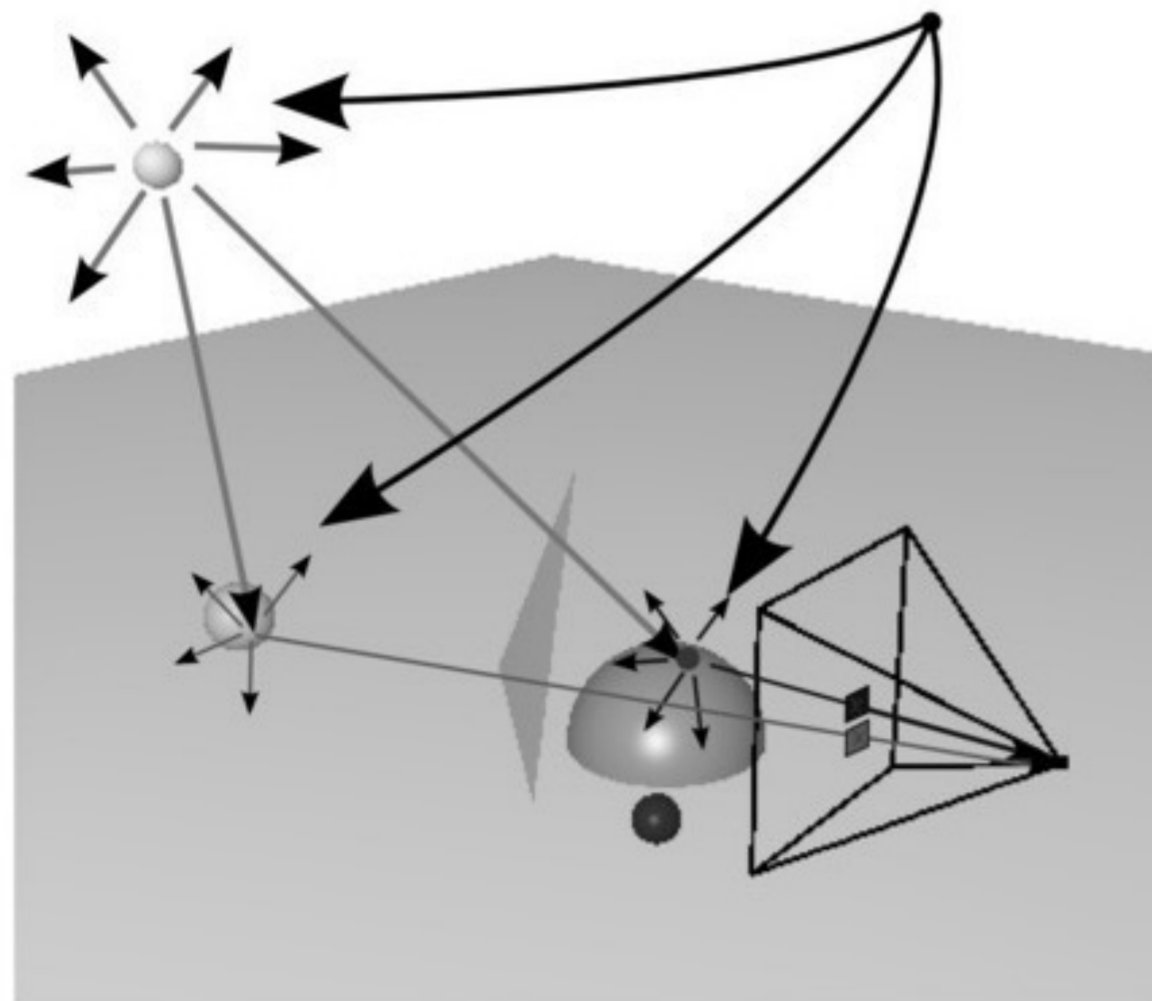
p touch pixel=0.000000007%

send 130 000 000 000 rays

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## Accelerating the rendering

Problem : lot of useless rays

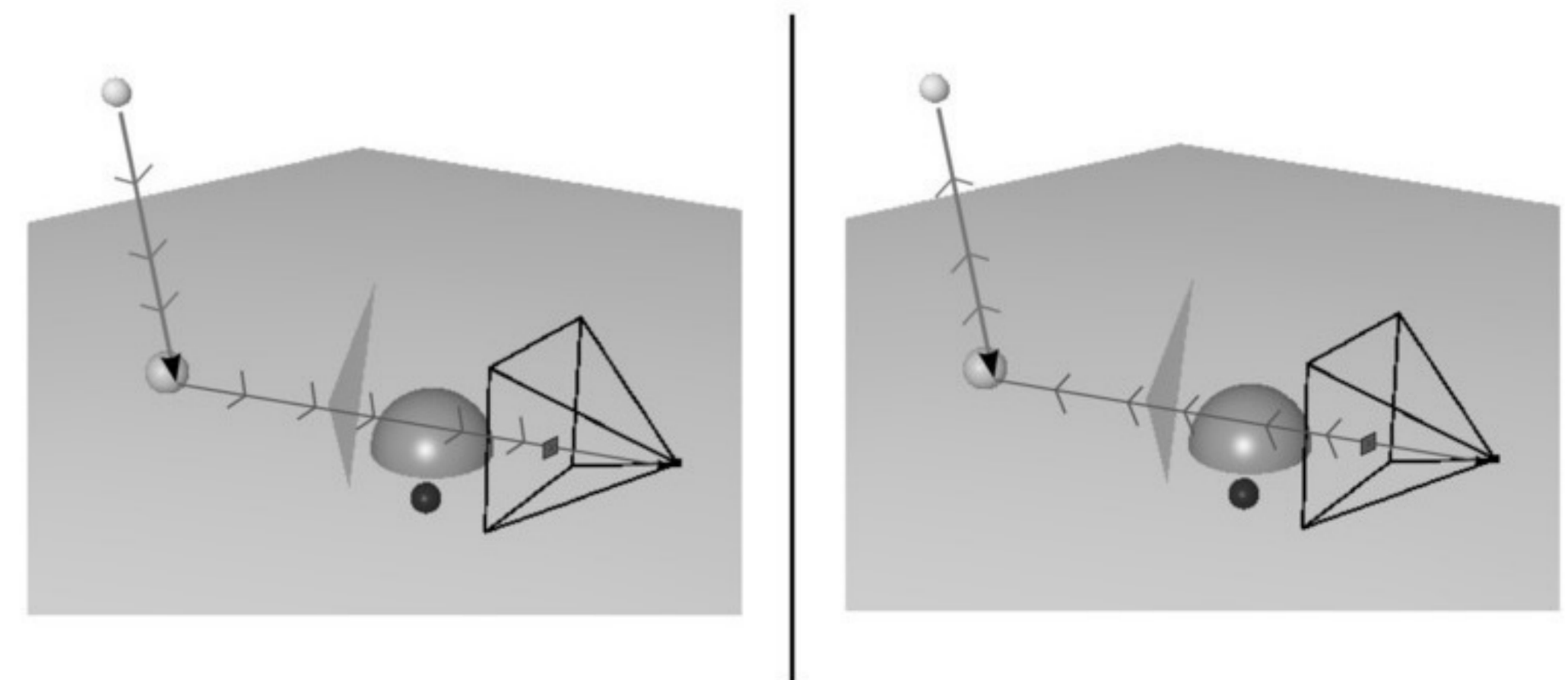


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## Accelerating the rendering

Fermat principle:

Same light path in both directions

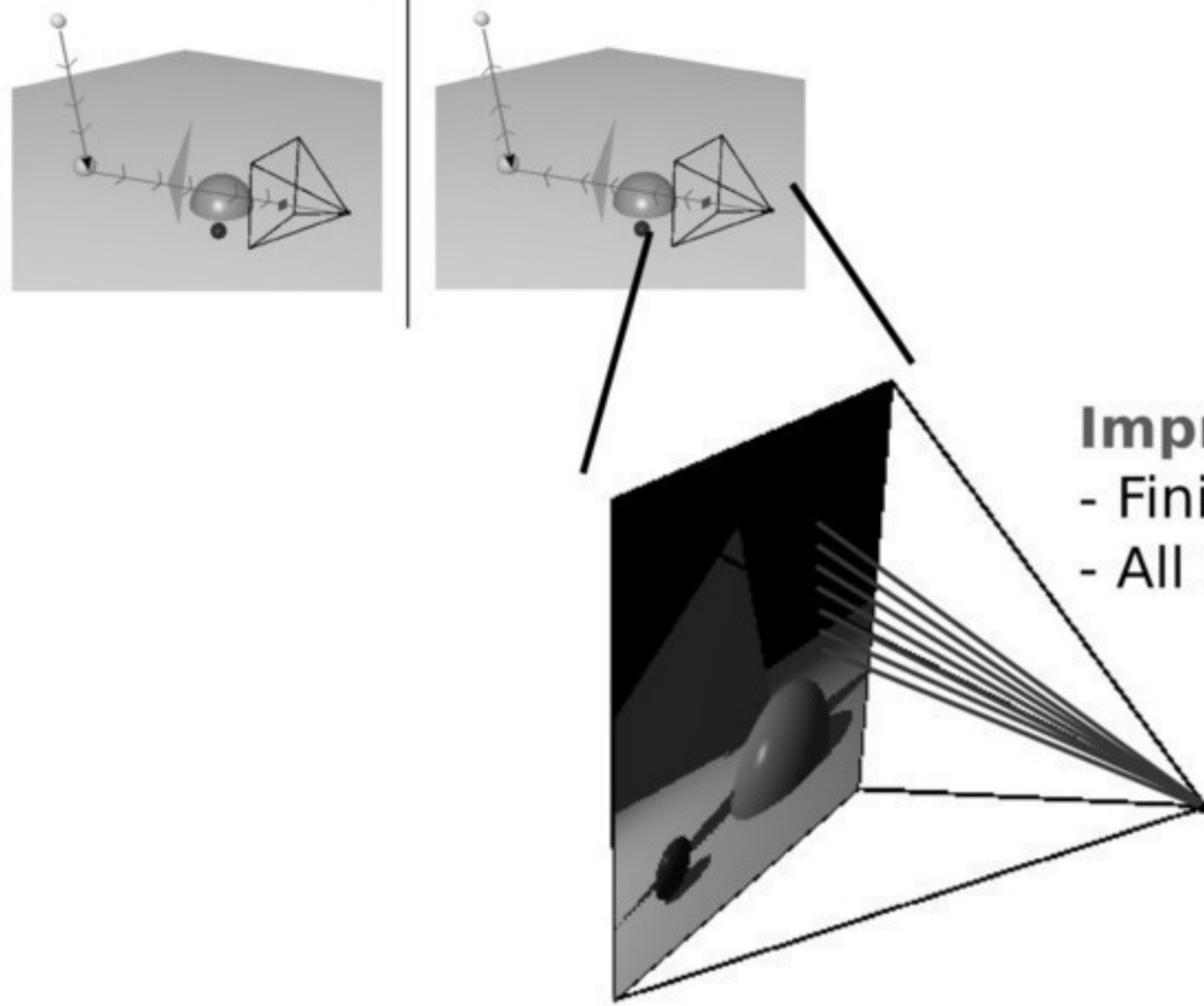


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## Accelerating the rendering

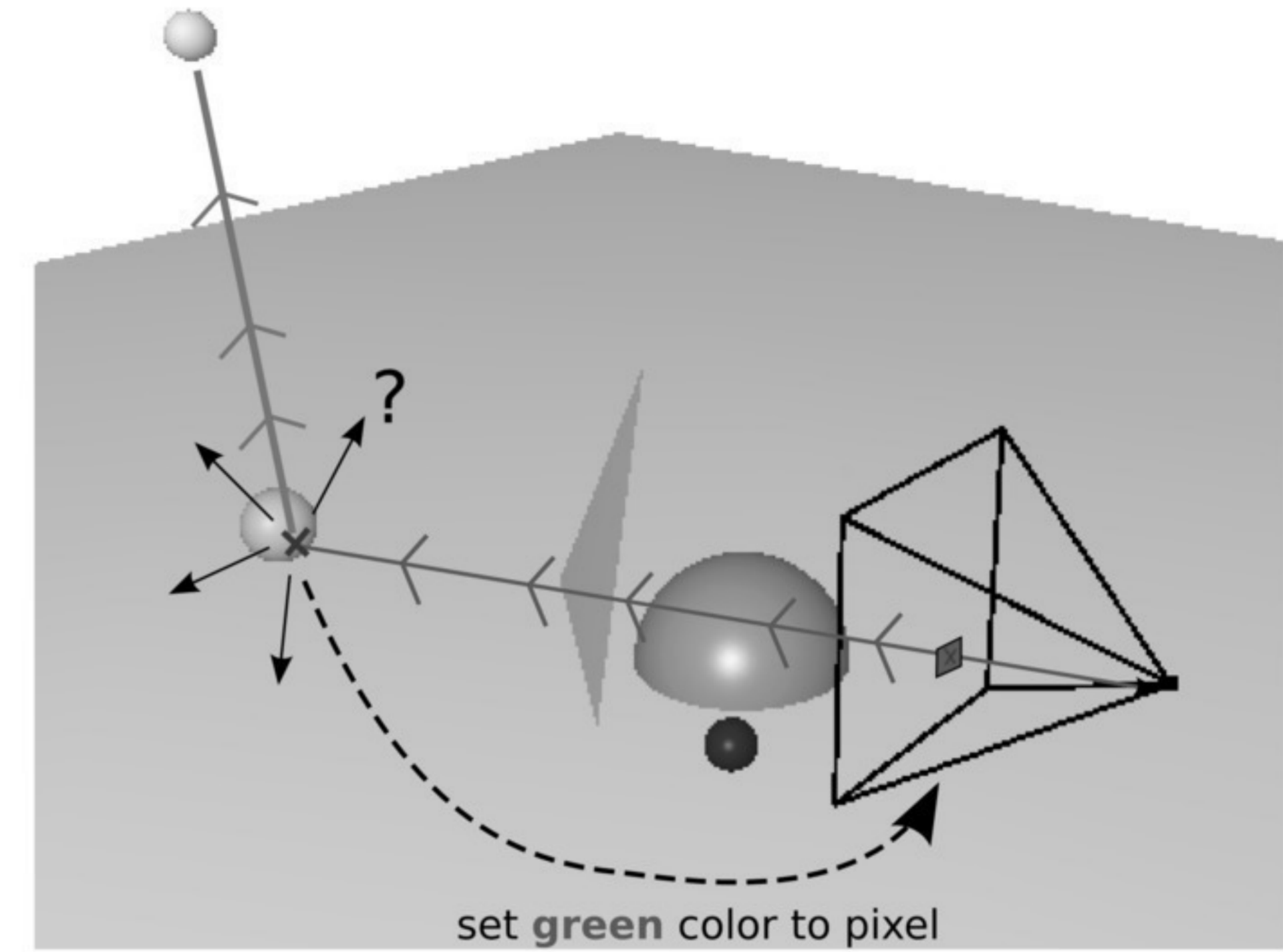
Fermat principle:  
Same light path in both directions



**Improvement:**  
- Finite number of rays  
- All useful

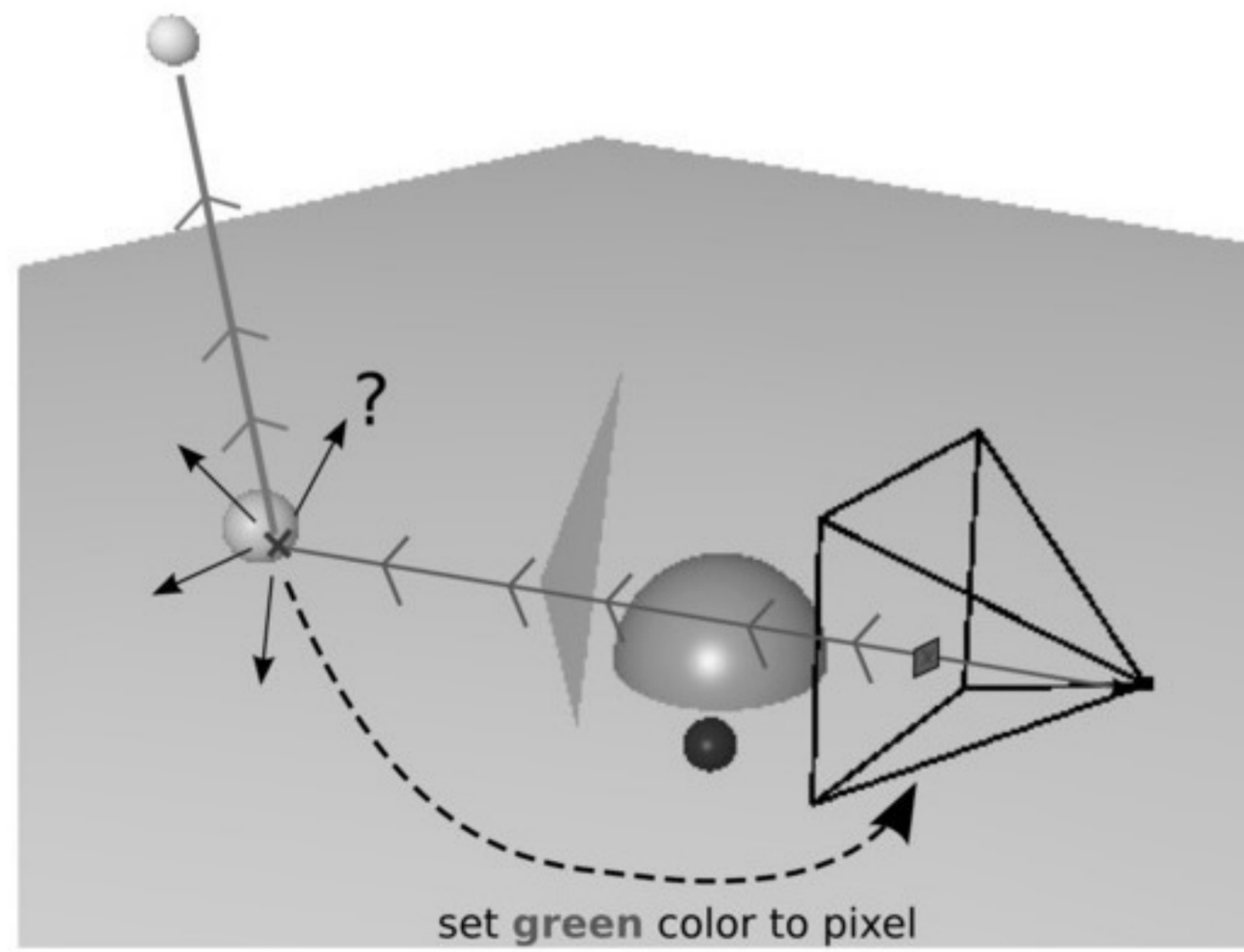
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## Ray tracing algorithm



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## Ray tracing algorithm

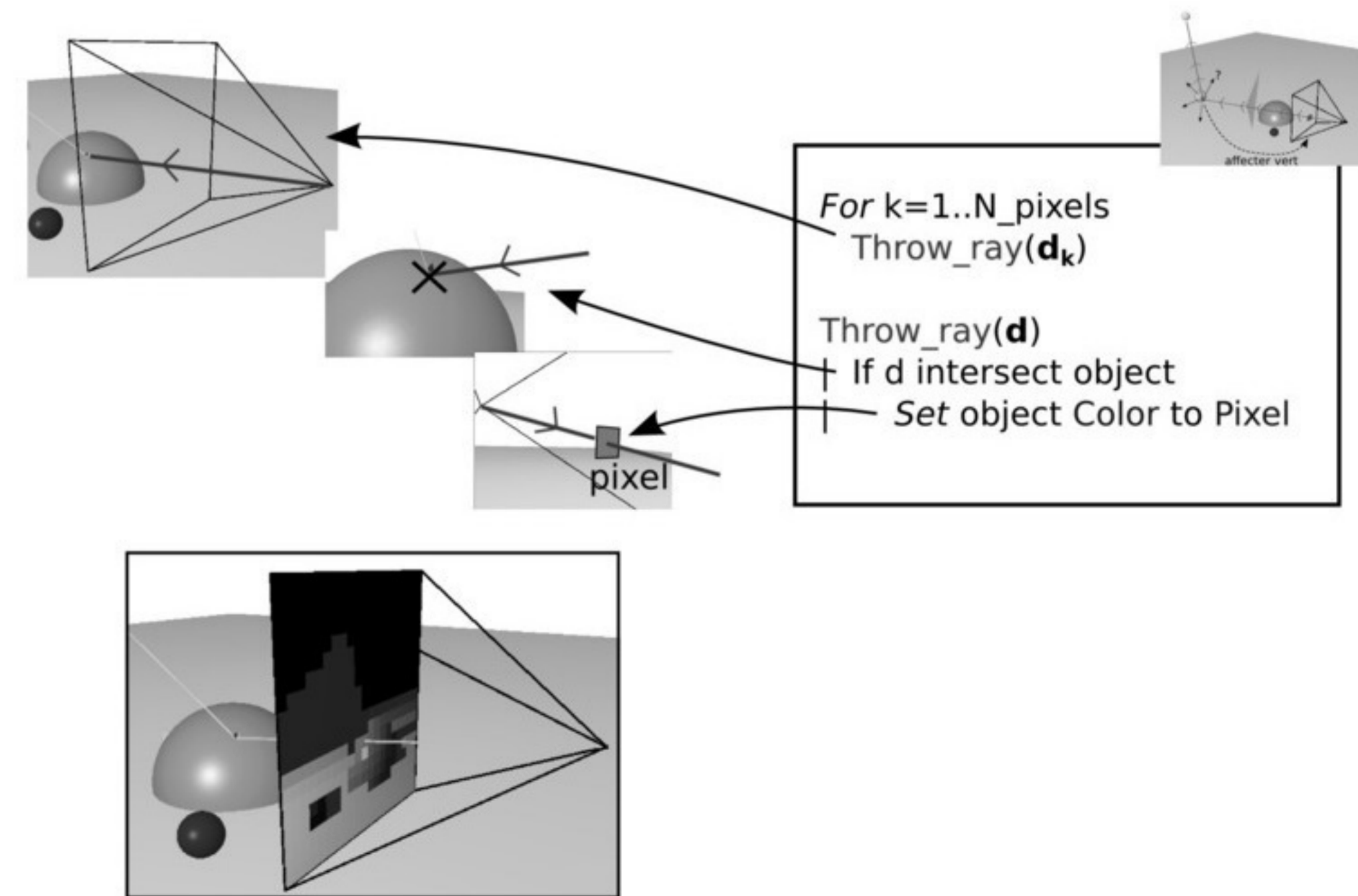


- 1/ Fermat principle  
+ Physically OK
- 2/ No secondary diffusion  
- Loss of physics

quantification:  
~2 000 000 rays  
0.1 ms/rays :  
3 min/pic  
VS 150 days/pic

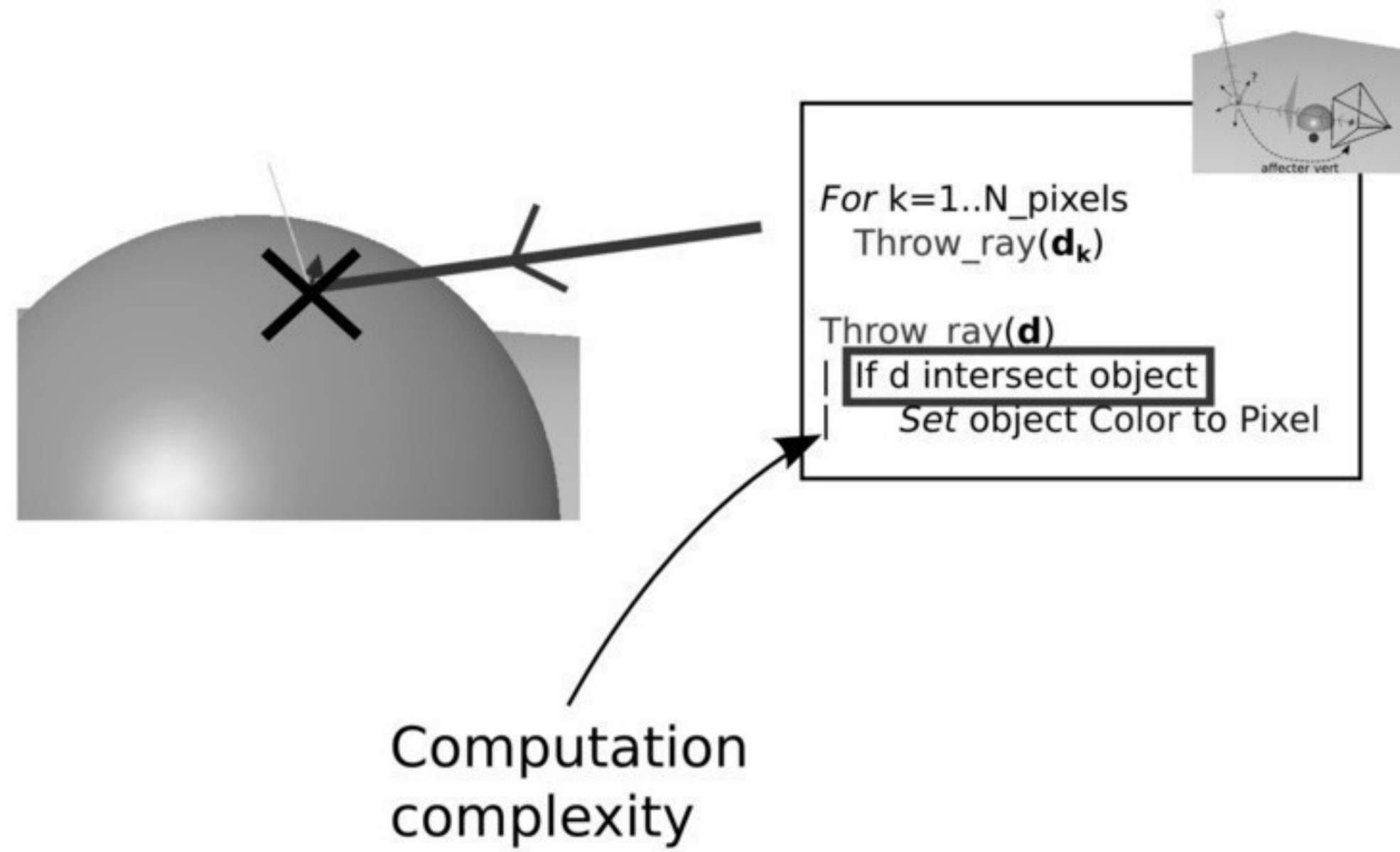
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## Ray tracing algorithm



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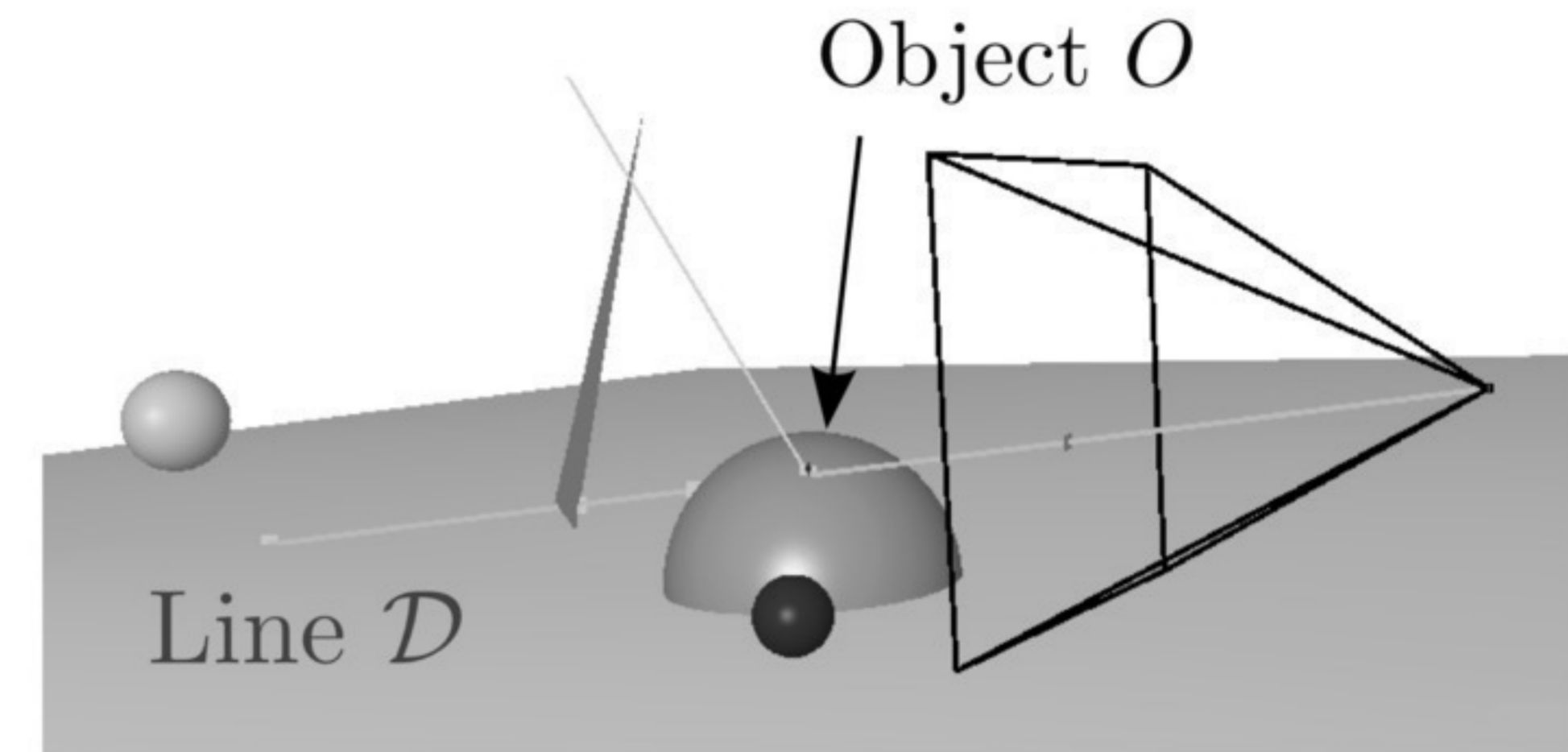
## Ray-tracing summary



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## Formalization

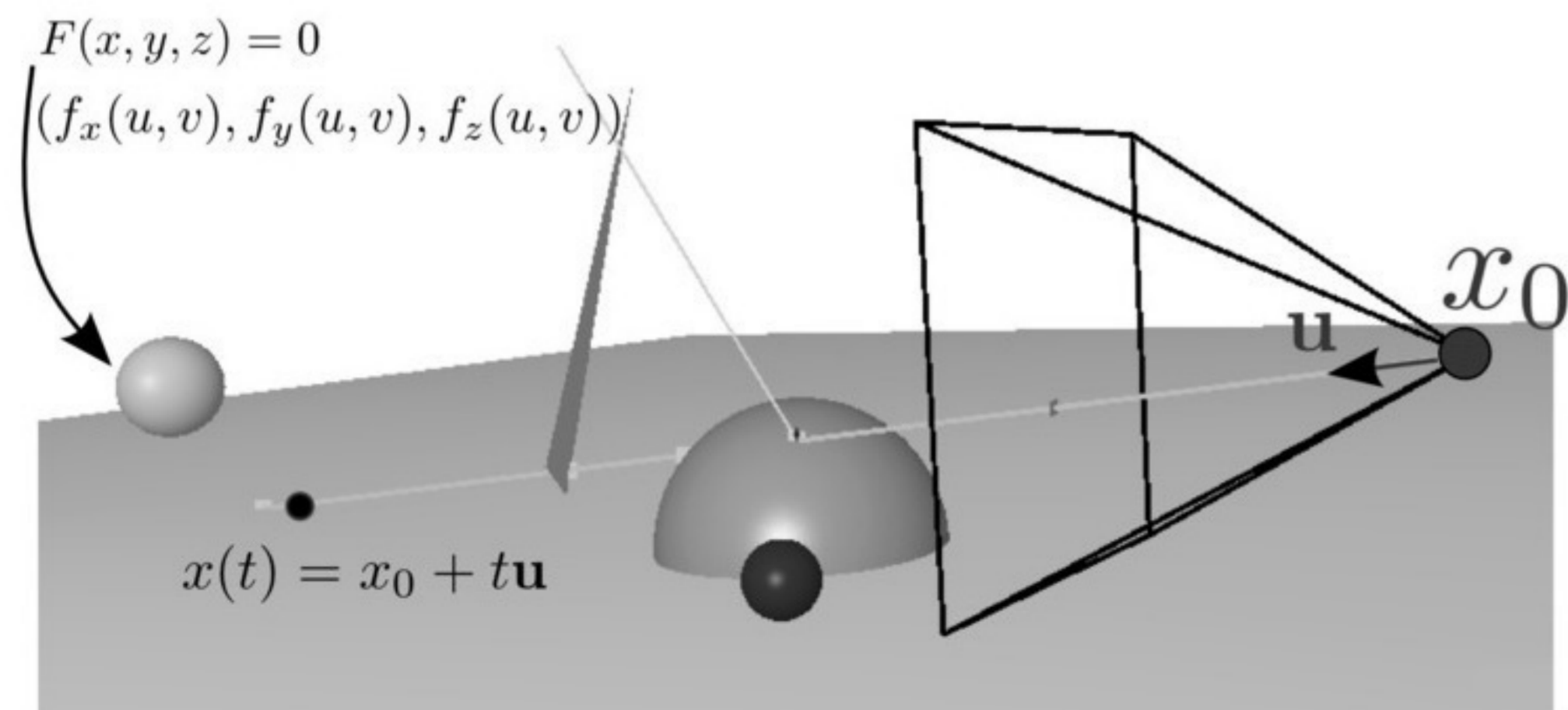
For all lines  $\mathcal{D}$   
 Compute  $D \cap O$



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## Formalization

For all lines  $\mathcal{D}$   
 Compute  $D \cap O$



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## Formalization

1: We search

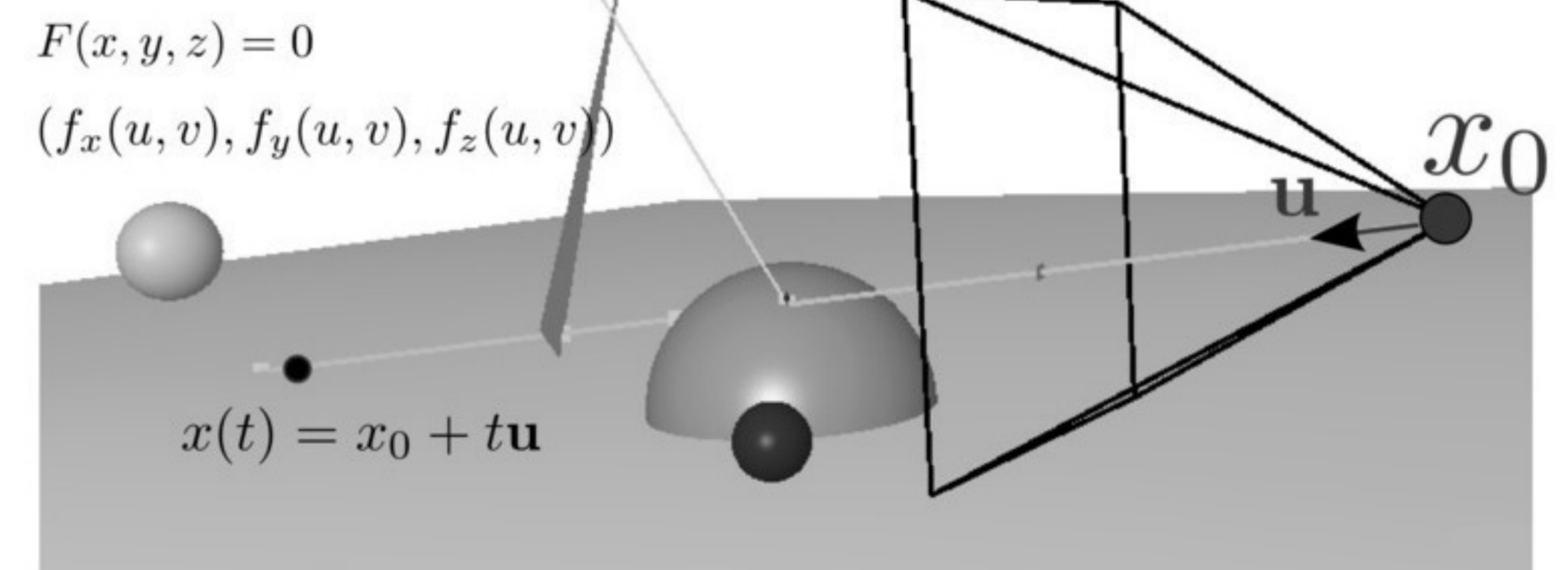
$$\begin{cases} F(x, y, z) = 0 \\ x(t) = x_0 + t\mathbf{u} \end{cases}$$

2: Solve for  $t$

Deduce:  
 $x(t)$  et  $\mathbf{n}(t)$

Keep only  $t > 0$

Shading  
 (local properties)

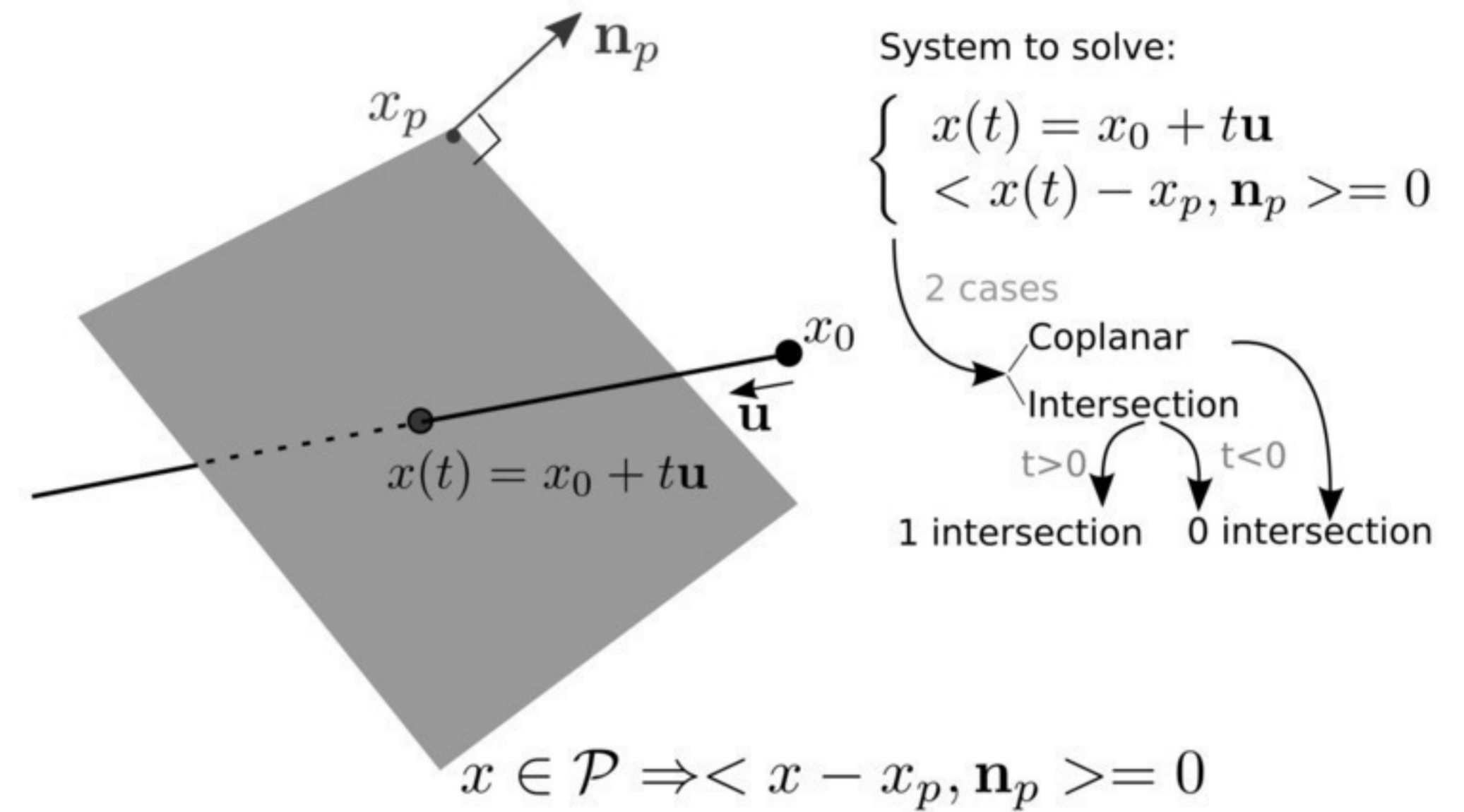


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## 2/ Application for simple 3D scenes

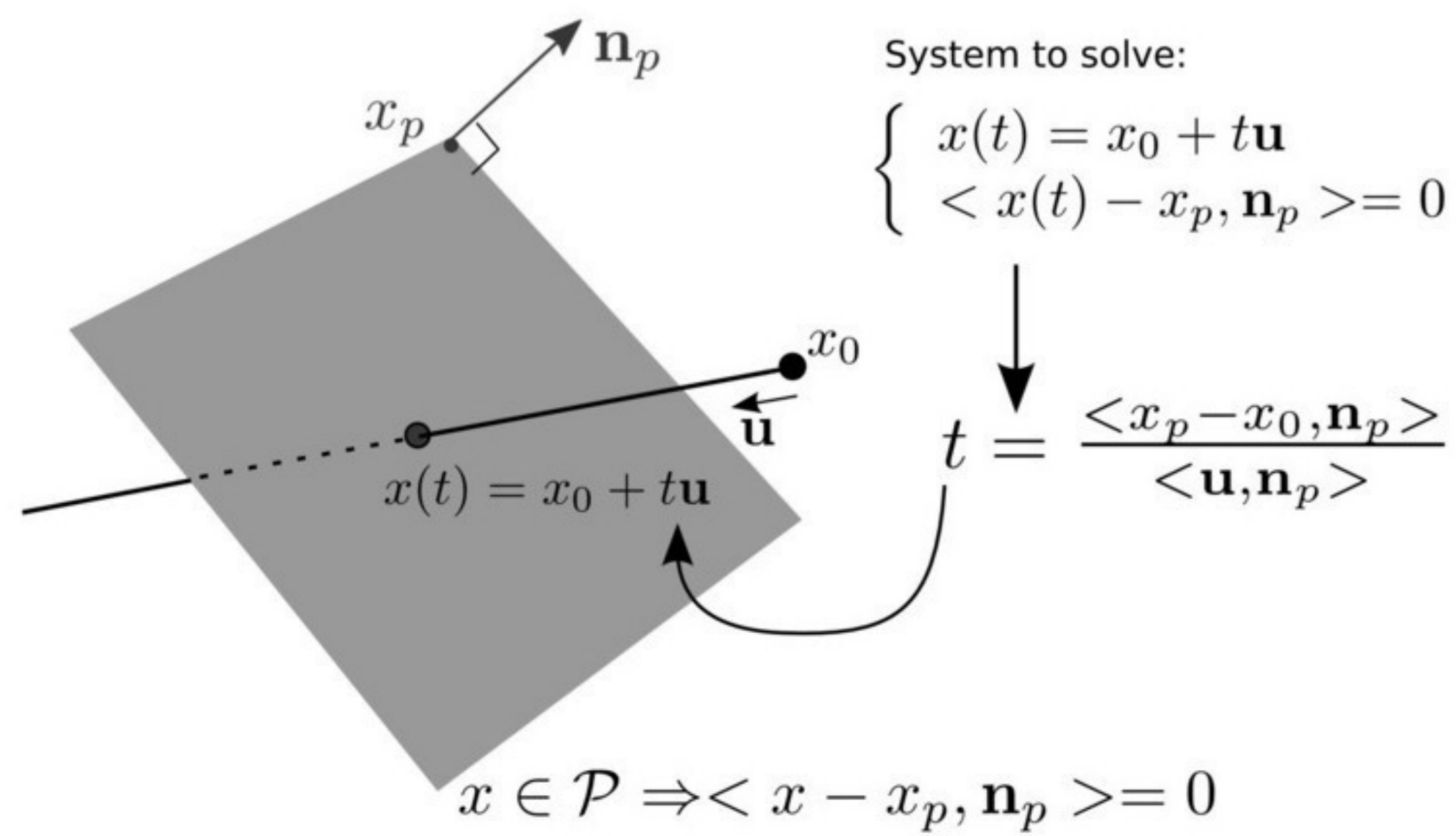
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## Plane



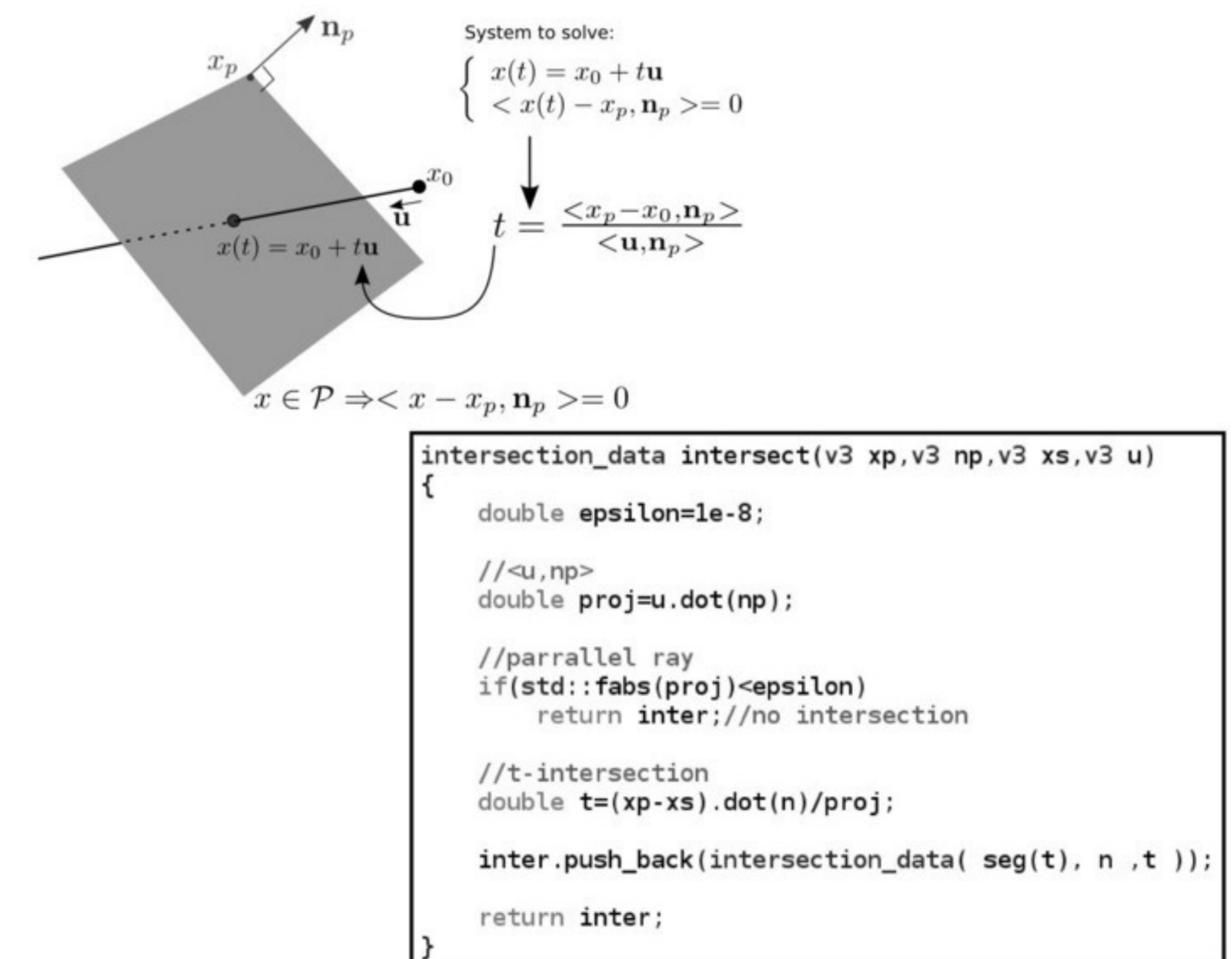
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## Plane



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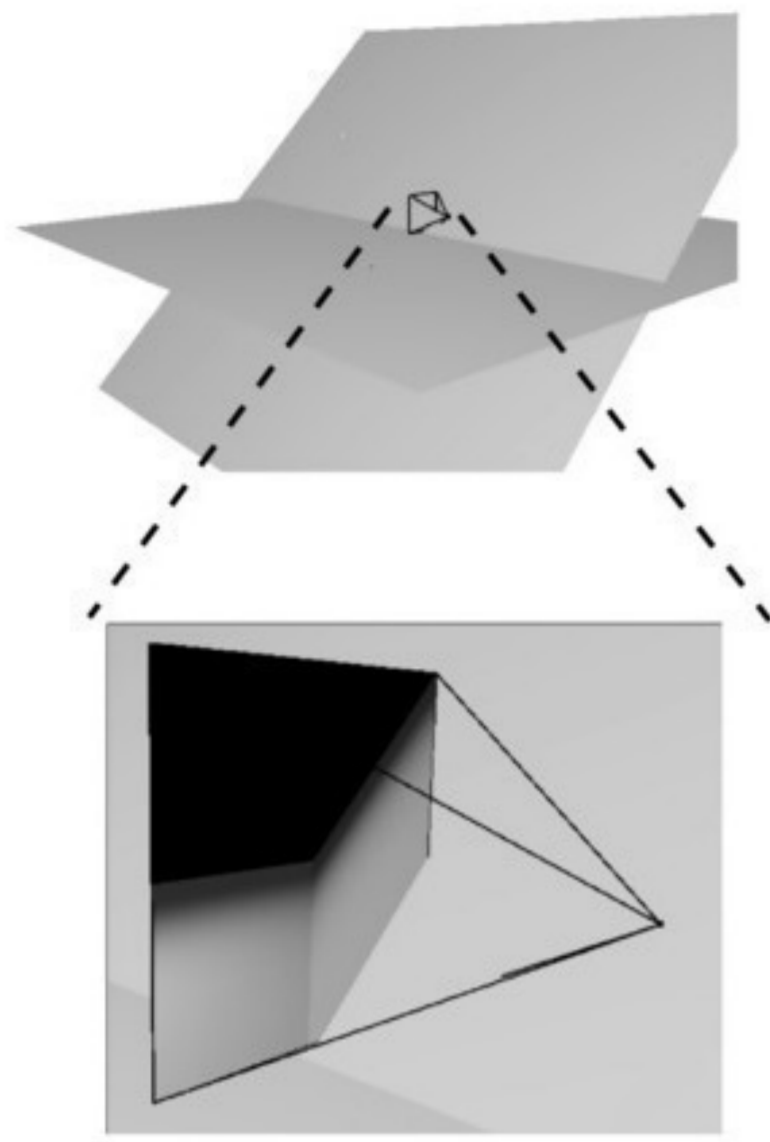
## Plane



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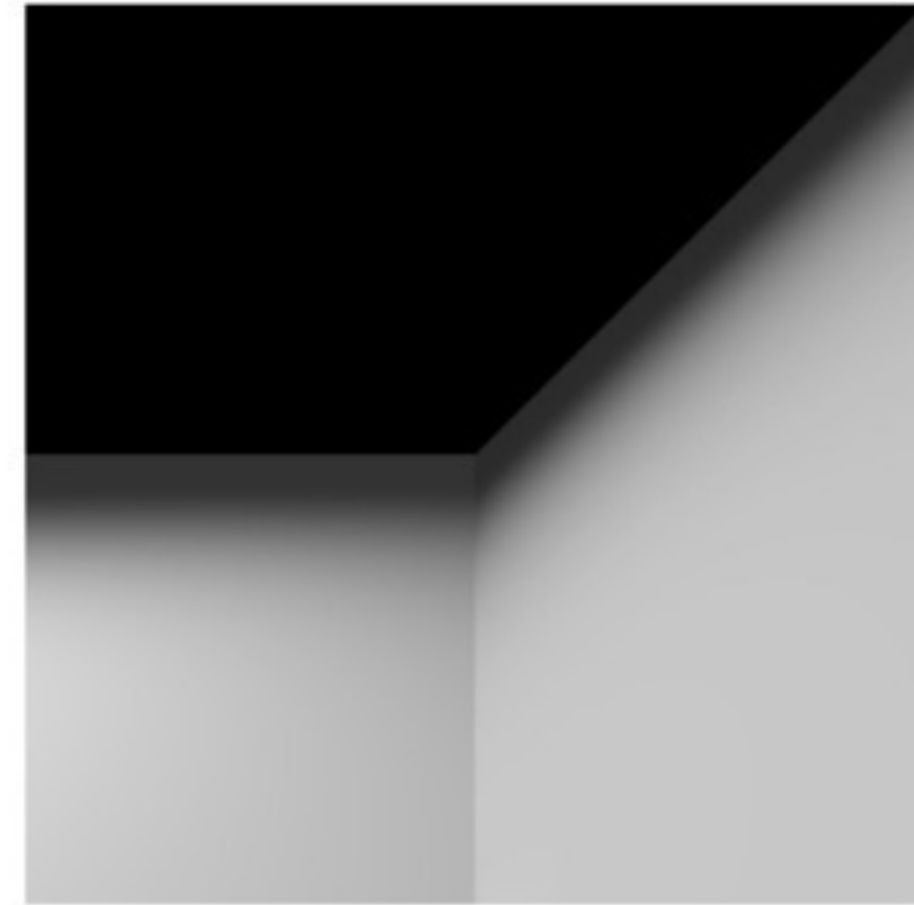


# Plane



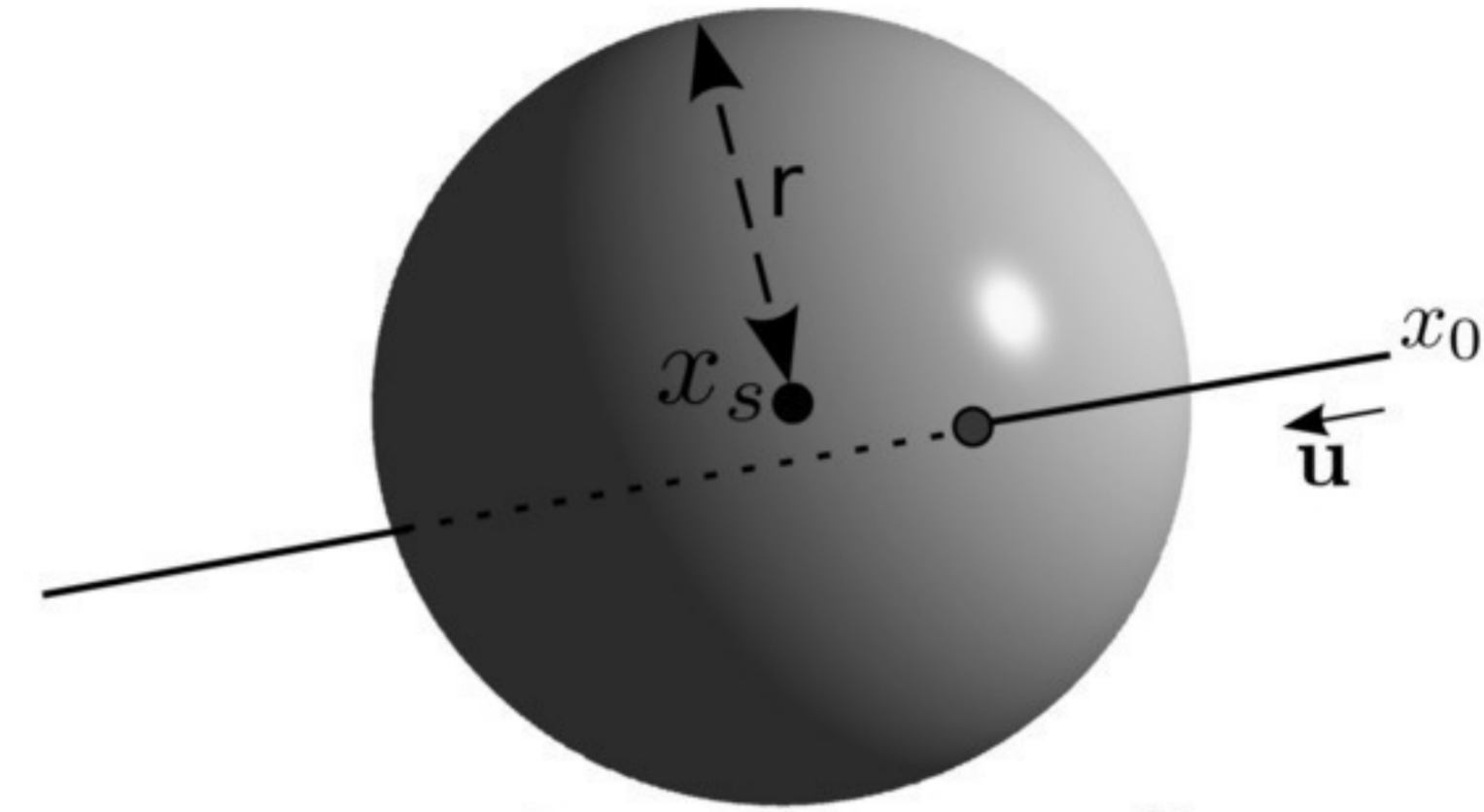
```

intersection_data intersect(v3 sp, v3 sp2, v3 n, v3 u)
{
    double epsilon=0;
    //no sp
    double proj=dot(sp, n);
    //parallel ray
    if(fabs(proj)>epsilon)
        return Inter;//no intersection
    //t-intersection
    double t=(sp2-sp).dot(n)/proj;
    Inter.push_back(intersection_data(sp+t*n, n, t));
    return Inter;
}
    
```



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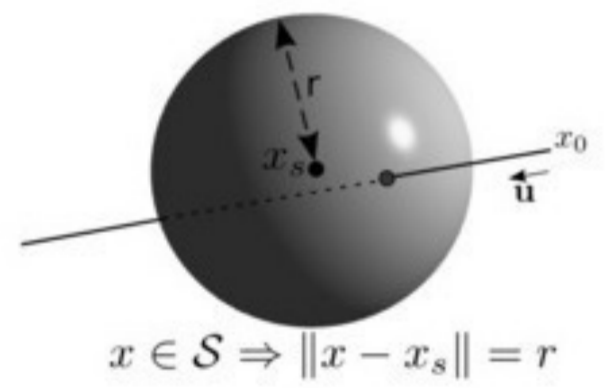
# Sphere



$$x \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow \|x - x_s\| = r$$

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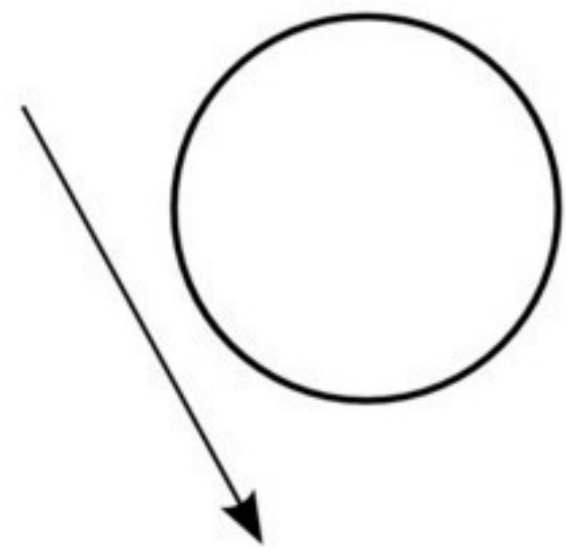
# Sphere



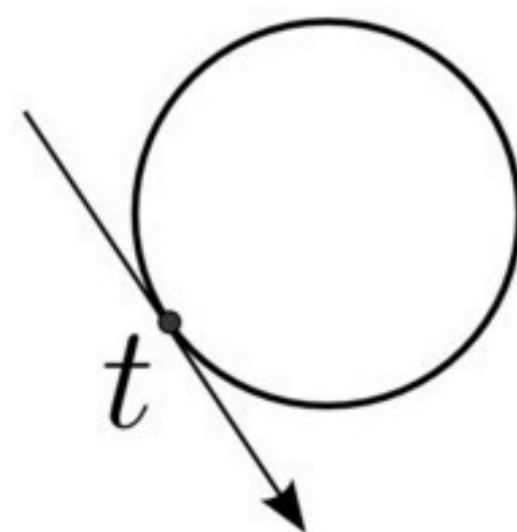
$$x \in \mathcal{S} \Rightarrow \|x - x_s\| = r$$

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = x_0 + t\mathbf{u} \\ \|x(t) - x_s\| = r \end{cases}$$

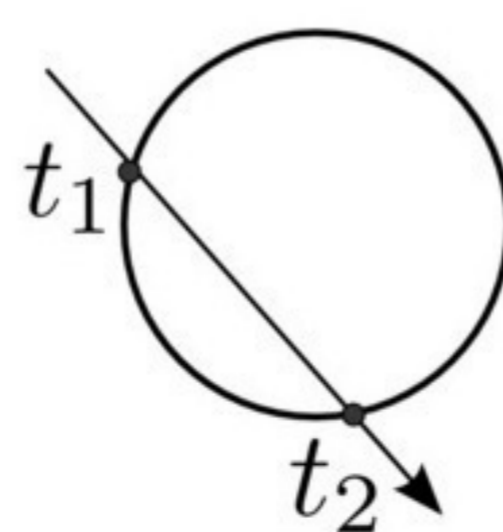
Case 1:



Case 2:

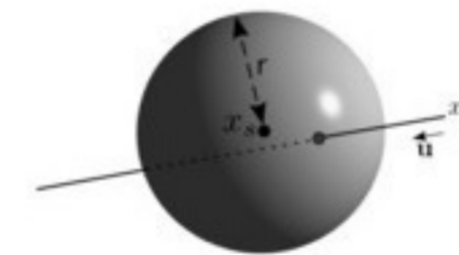


Case 3:



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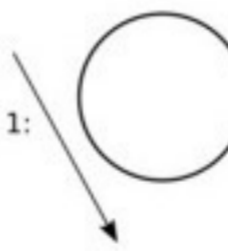
# Sphere



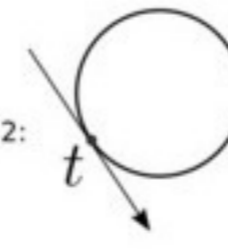
$$\begin{cases} x(t) = x_0 + t\mathbf{u} \\ \|x(t) - x_s\| = r \end{cases}$$

$$t^2 + 2t \langle x_0 - x_s, \mathbf{u} \rangle + (\|x_0 - x_s\|^2 - r^2) = 0$$

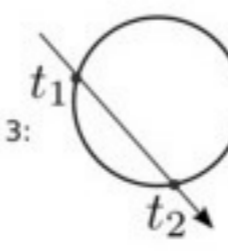
Case 1:



Case 2:



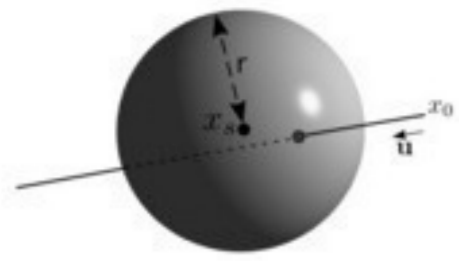
Case 3:



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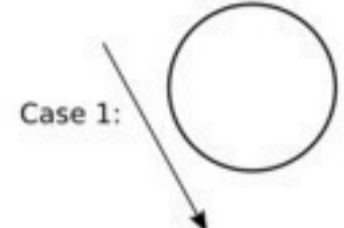


# Sphere

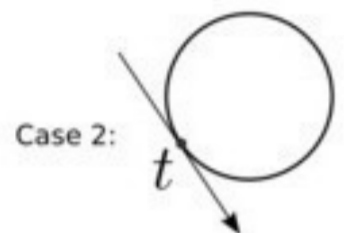


$$\begin{cases} x(t) = x_0 + tu \\ \|x(t) - x_s\| = r \end{cases}$$

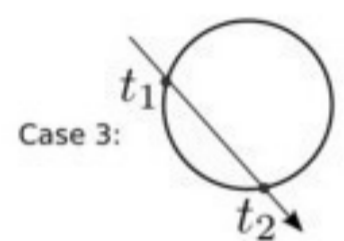
$$t^2 + 2t \langle x_0 - x_s, \mathbf{u} \rangle + (\|x_0 - x_s\|^2 - r^2) = 0$$



$$\Delta' = \langle x_0 - x_s, \mathbf{u} \rangle^2 - (\|x_0 - x_s\|^2 - r^2)$$



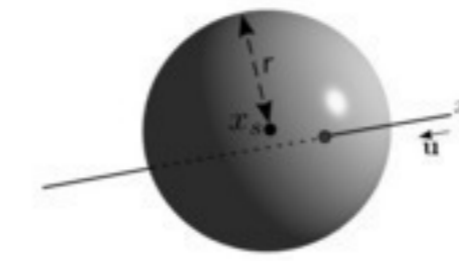
$$t_{1/2} = - \langle x_0 - x_s, \mathbf{u} \rangle \pm \sqrt{\Delta'}$$



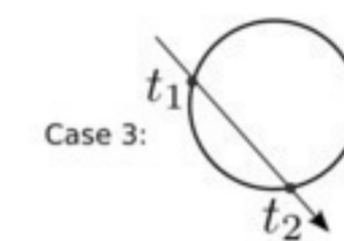
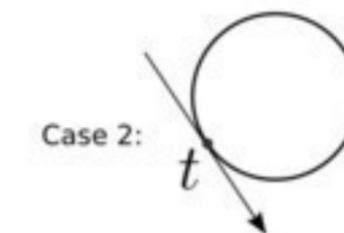
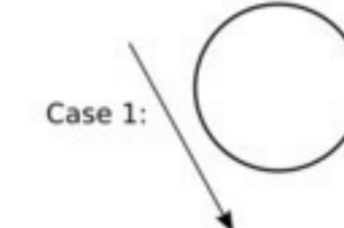
$$\mathbf{n}(t) = \frac{x(t) - x_s}{\|x(t) - x_s\|}$$

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# Sphere



$$\begin{cases} x(t) = x_0 + tu \\ \|x(t) - x_s\| = r \end{cases} \quad t_{1/2} = - \langle x_0 - x_s, \mathbf{u} \rangle \pm \sqrt{\Delta'}$$



```
std::vector<intersection_data> sphere::intersect(const ray& seg) const
{
    std::vector<intersection_data> inter;

    v3 v=seg.x()-x0;
    double a=seg.u().dot(seg.u());
    double b=2*v.dot(seg.u());
    double c=v.dot(v)-r*r;

    double delta=b*b-4*a*c;

    //no intersection
    if(delta<0)
        return inter;

    double epsilon=1e-8;

    if(std::fabs(delta)<epsilon) //1-intersection points
    {
        double t=-b/(2*a);
        v3 x_inter=seg(t);
        v3 n_inter=(x_inter-x0).normalized();
        inter.push_back(intersection_data(x_inter,n_inter,t));
    }
    else //2-intersection points (keep the first one)
    {
        double sqrt_delta=std::sqrt(delta);
        double t1=(-b-sqrt_delta)/(2*a);
        double t2=(-b+sqrt_delta)/(2*a);

        v3 x1_inter=seg(t1);
        v3 x2_inter=seg(t2);

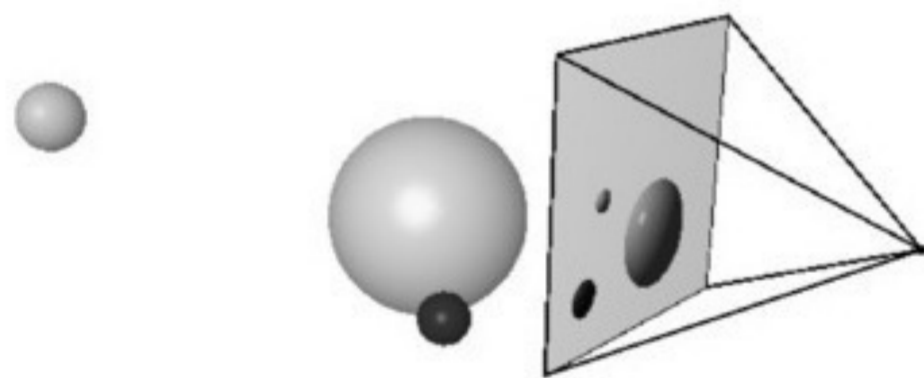
        v3 n1_inter=(x1_inter-x0).normalized();
        v3 n2_inter=(x2_inter-x0).normalized();

        inter.push_back(intersection_data(x1_inter,n1_inter,t1));
        inter.push_back(intersection_data(x2_inter,n2_inter,t2));
    }

    return inter;
}
```

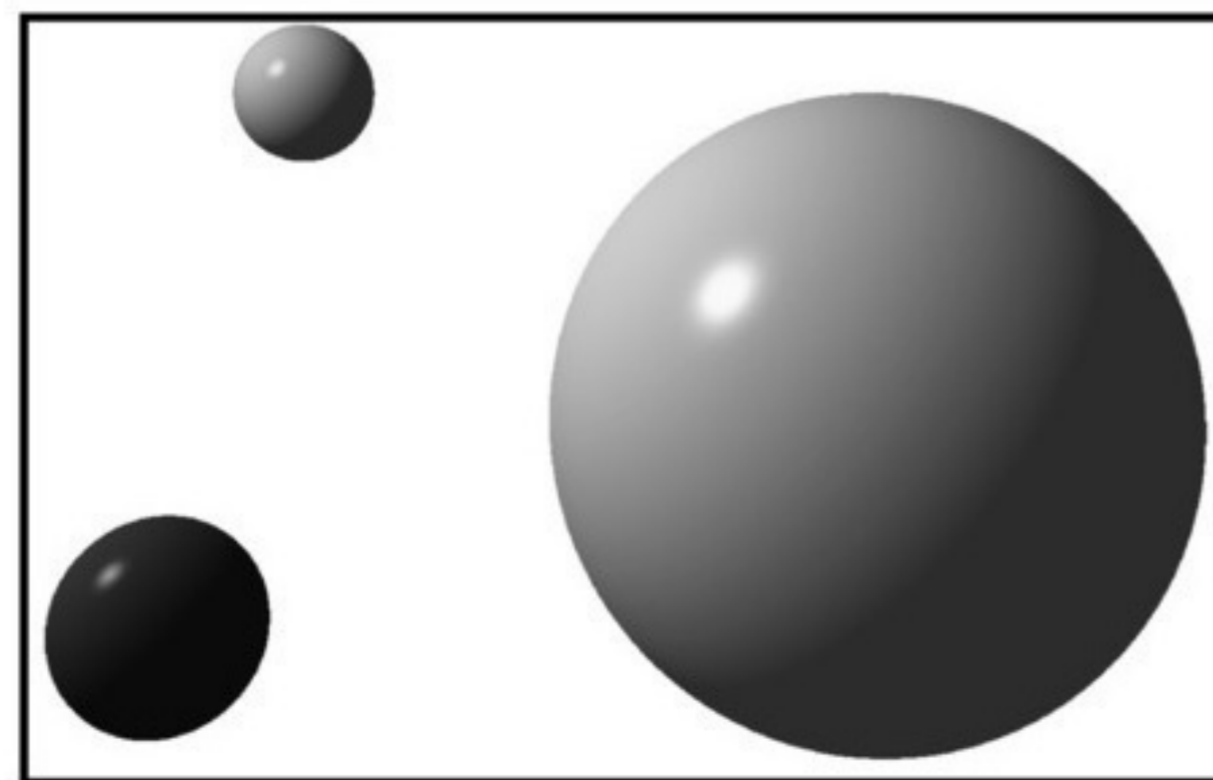
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# Sphere



$$\Delta' = \langle x_0 - x_s, \mathbf{u} \rangle^2 - (\|x_0 - x_s\|^2 - r^2)$$

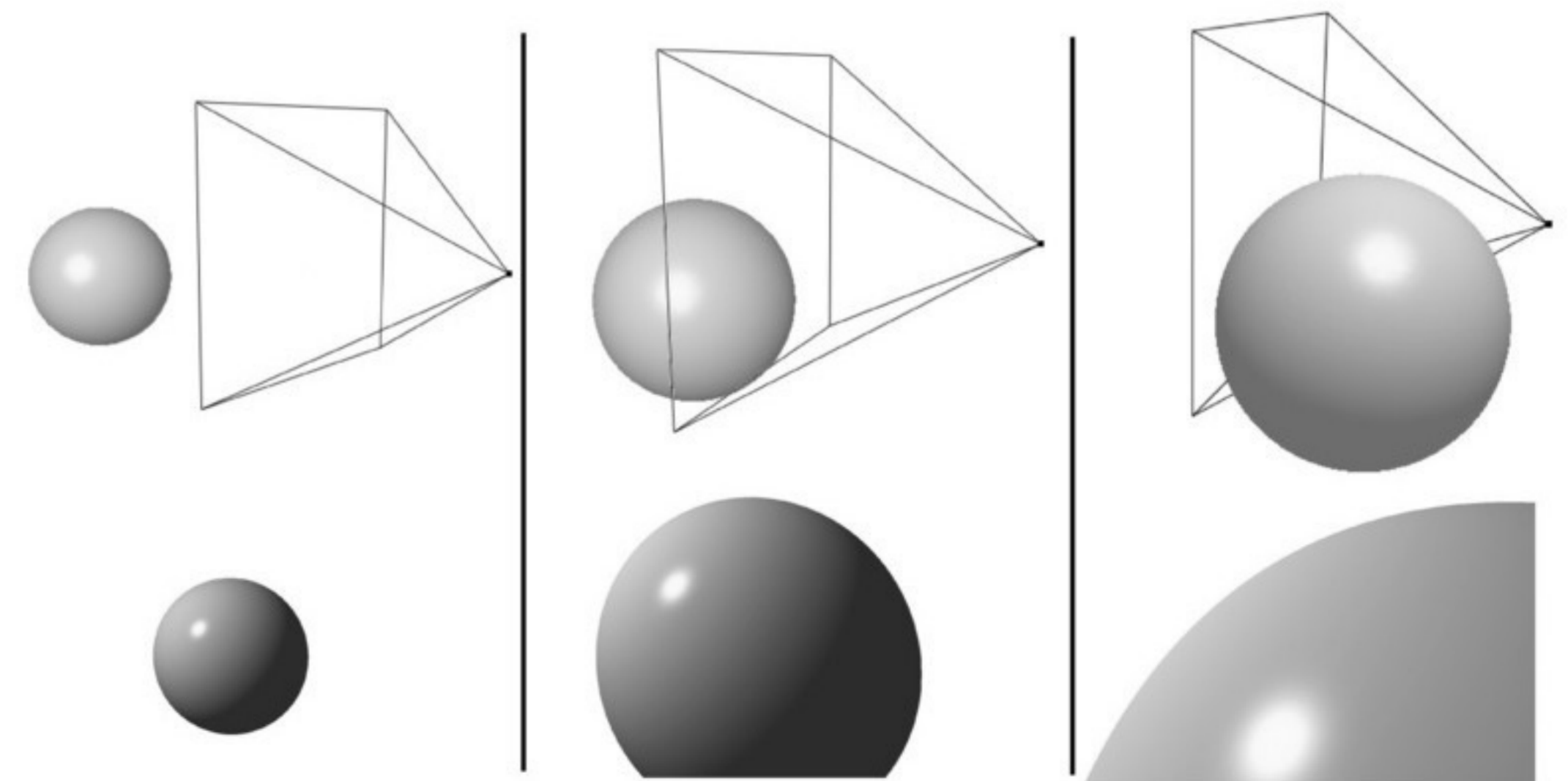
$$t_{1/2} = - \langle x_0 - x_s, \mathbf{u} \rangle \pm \sqrt{\Delta'}$$



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# Sphere

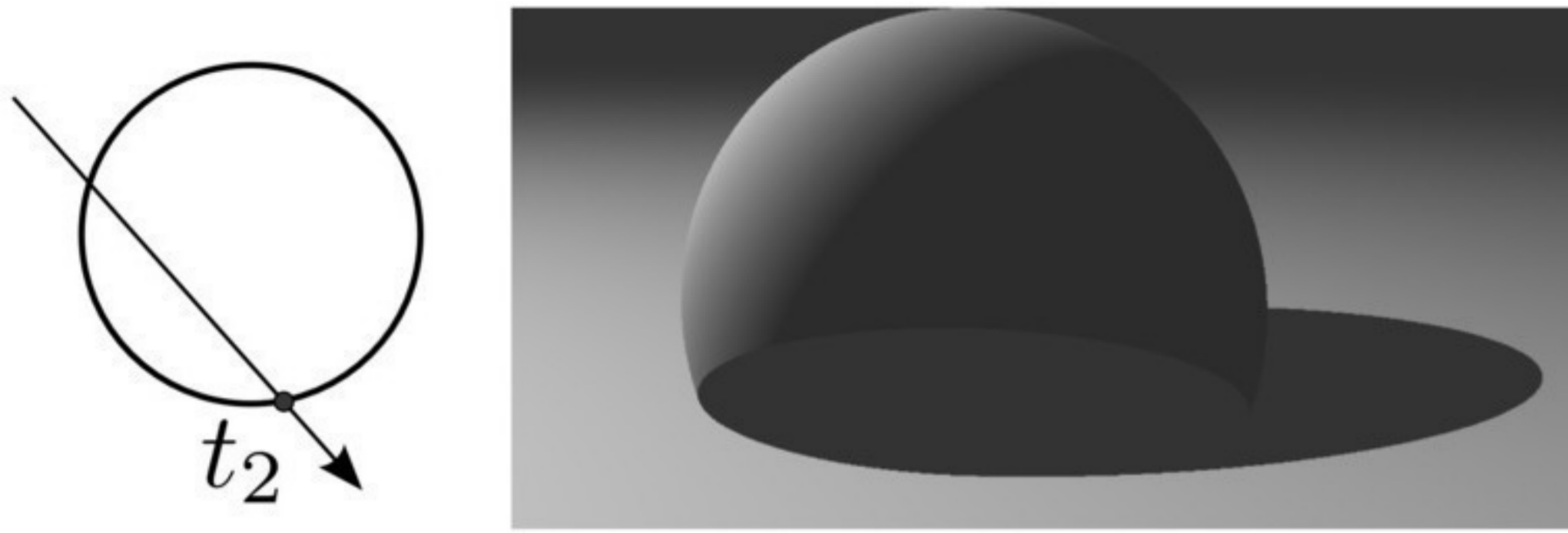
Real sphere model: no discretization



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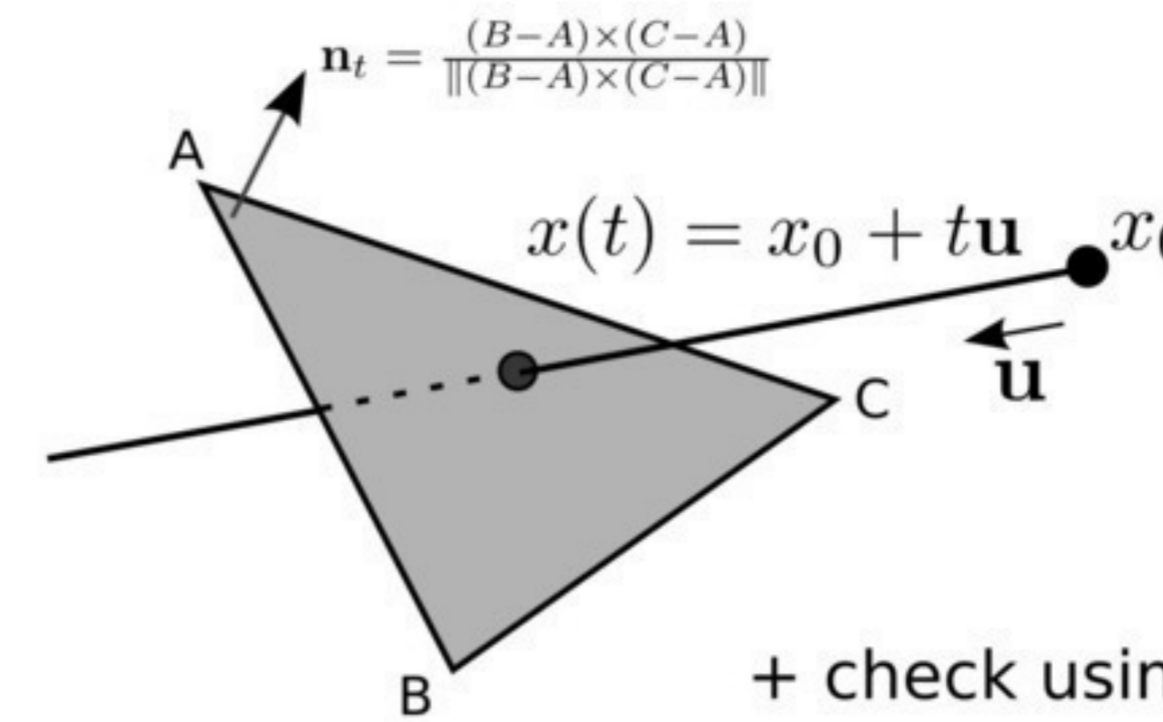
# Sphere

Note: Using the wrong intersection



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# Triangle



Same as plane

$$t = \frac{\langle A - x_0, \mathbf{n}_t \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{n}_t \rangle}$$

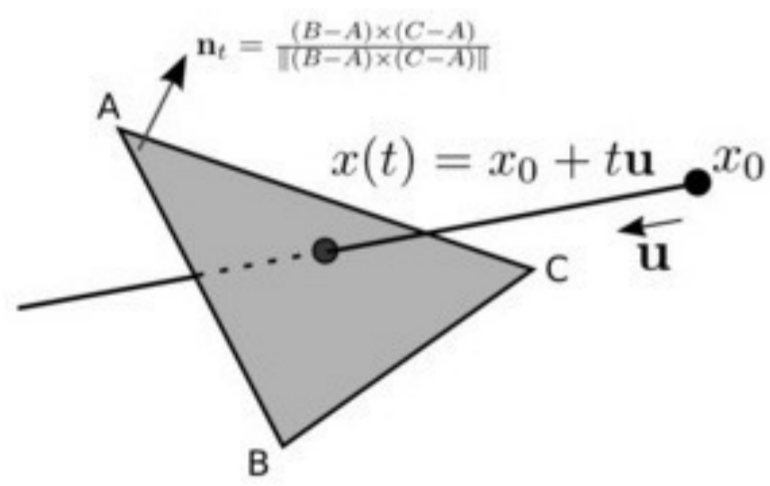
+ check using barycentric coordinates

$$x = \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$$

$$x \in \mathcal{T} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1 \\ 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq \beta \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq \gamma \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

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## Triangle: barycentric coordinates



$$x = \alpha A + \beta B + \gamma C$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1 \\ 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq \beta \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq \gamma \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

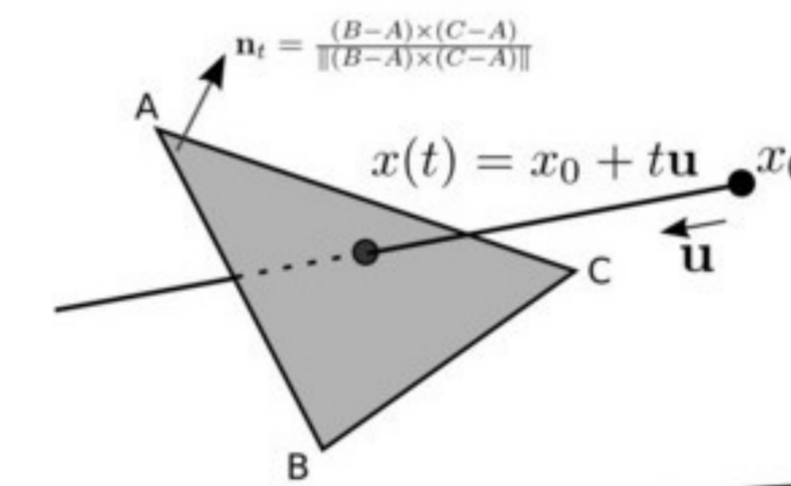
$$\begin{cases} A = \text{area}(\mathbf{x}_B - \mathbf{x}_A, \mathbf{x}_C - \mathbf{x}_A) \\ A_1 = \text{area}(\mathbf{x}_C - \mathbf{x}_B, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_B) \\ A_2 = \text{area}(\mathbf{x}_A - \mathbf{x}_C, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_C) \\ A_3 = \text{area}(\mathbf{x}_B - \mathbf{x}_A, \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_A) \end{cases}$$

with  $\text{area}(\mathbf{v}_0, \mathbf{v}_1) = 1/2 \|\mathbf{v}_0 \times \mathbf{v}_1\|$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = A_1/A \\ \beta = A_2/A \\ \gamma = A_3/A \end{cases}$$

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## Triangle: barycentric coordinates



$$t = \frac{\langle A - x_0, \mathbf{n}_t \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{n}_t \rangle}$$

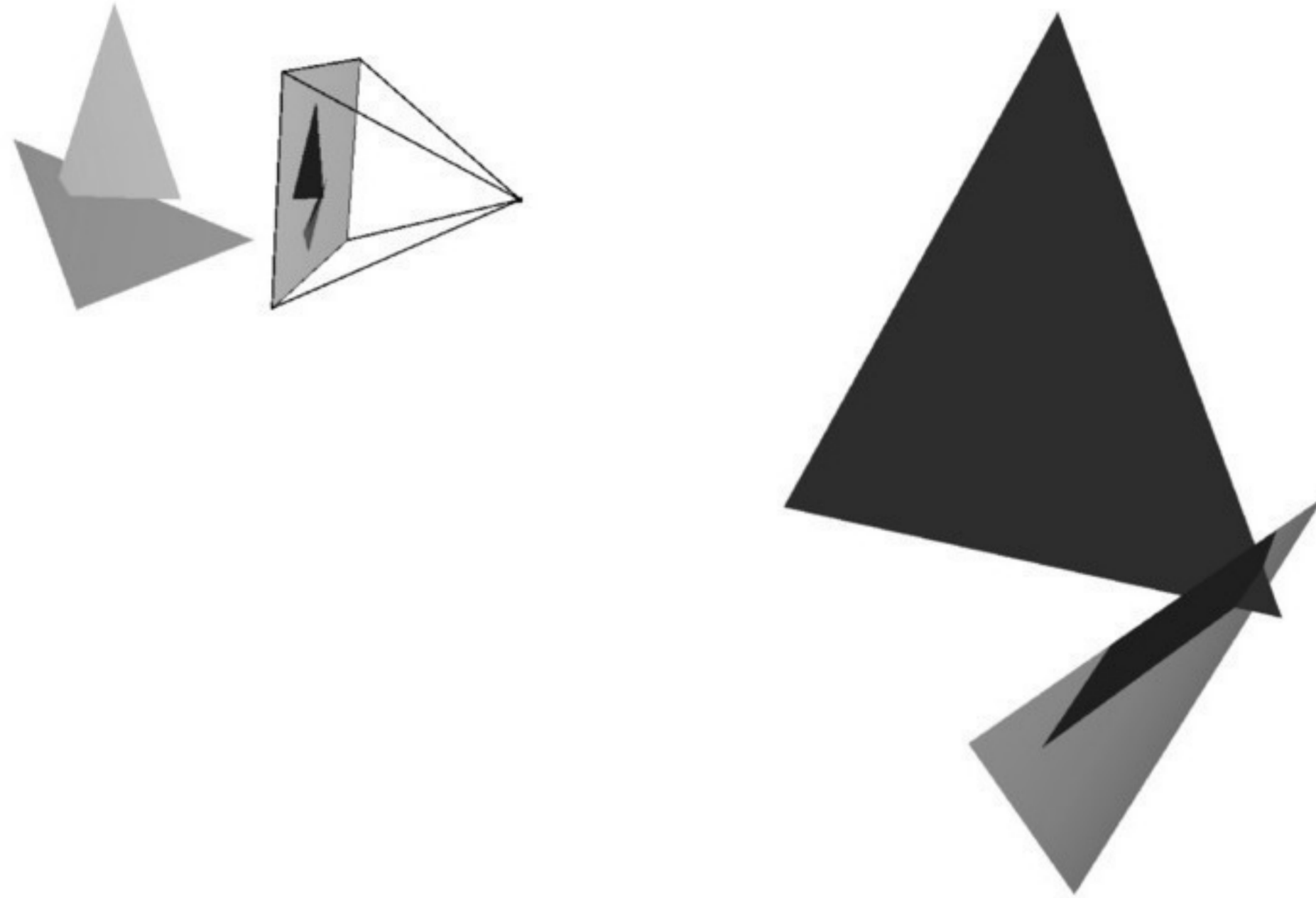
$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1 \\ 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq \beta \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq \gamma \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

```

v3 x10=internal_x1-internal_x0;
v3 x20=internal_x2-internal_x0;
v3 u10=x10.normalized();
v3 u20=x20.normalized();
v3 n=u10.cross(u20).normalized();
const v36 u=seg.u();
double proj=u.dot(n);
double epsilon=1e-8;
if(std::fabs(proj)<epsilon)
    return inter;
double t=(internal_x0-seg.x0()).dot(n)/proj;
v3 xi=seg(t);
double area_0=(internal_x2-internal_x1).cross(xi-internal_x1).norm()/2.0;
double area_1=(internal_x0-internal_x2).cross(xi-internal_x2).norm()/2.0;
double area_2=(internal_x1-internal_x0).cross(xi-internal_x0).norm()/2.0;
double area =x10.cross(x20).norm()/2.0;
double a=area_0/area;
double b=area_1/area;
double c=area_2/area;
if((a>=0 && b>=0 && c>=0 && a<=1 && b<=1 && c<=1)
    if(std::fabs(a+b+c-1.0)<epsilon)
        inter.push_back(intersection_data(xi,n,t));
return inter;
    
```

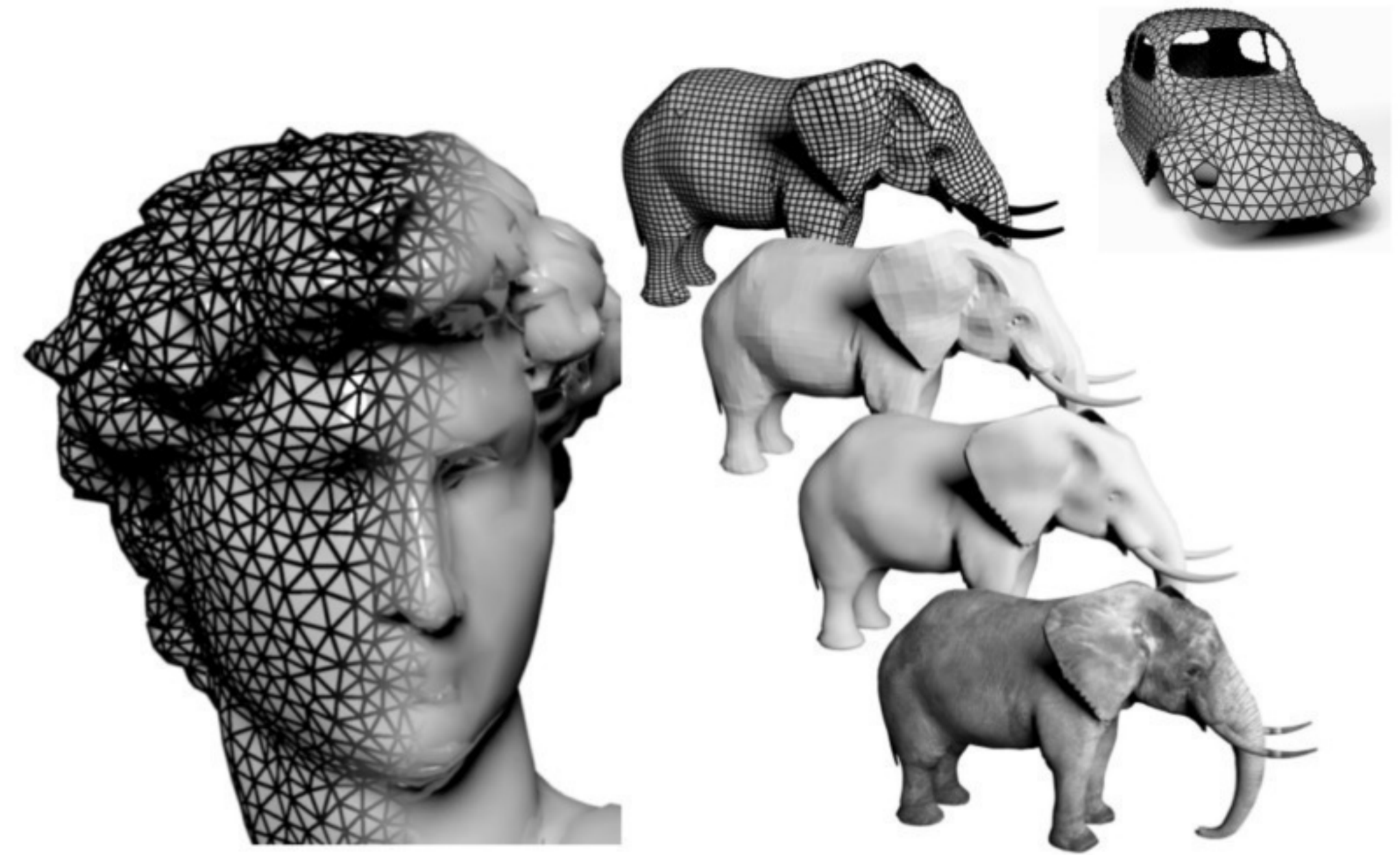
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## Triangle



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## Triangle => Mesh rendering

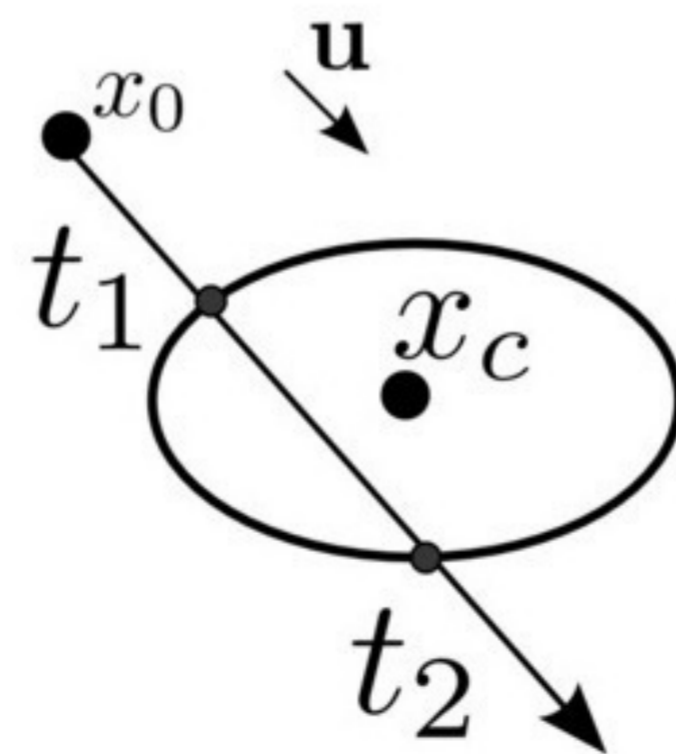


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## Ellipsoid

$$(x - x_c)^T D (x - x_c) = 1$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C \end{pmatrix}$$

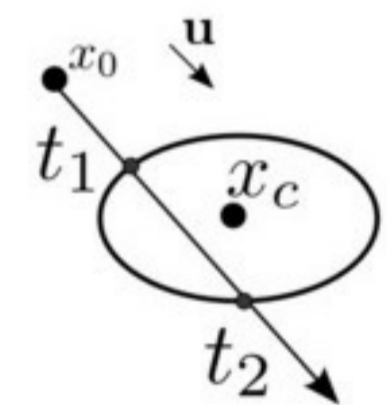


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## Ellipsoid

$$(x - x_c)^T D (x - x_c) = 1$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C \end{pmatrix}$$



$$(\mathbf{u}^T D \mathbf{u}) t^2 + (\mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T D \mathbf{y}) t + \mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{y} - 1 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{y} = x_0 - x_c$$

$$\Delta = (\mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T D \mathbf{y})^2 - 4(\mathbf{u}^T D \mathbf{u})(\mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{y} - 1)$$

$$t_{1/2} = -\frac{\mathbf{y}^T D \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{u}^T D \mathbf{y} \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2 \mathbf{u}^T D \mathbf{u}}$$

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## Implicit surfaces

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid F(x, y, z) = 0\}$$

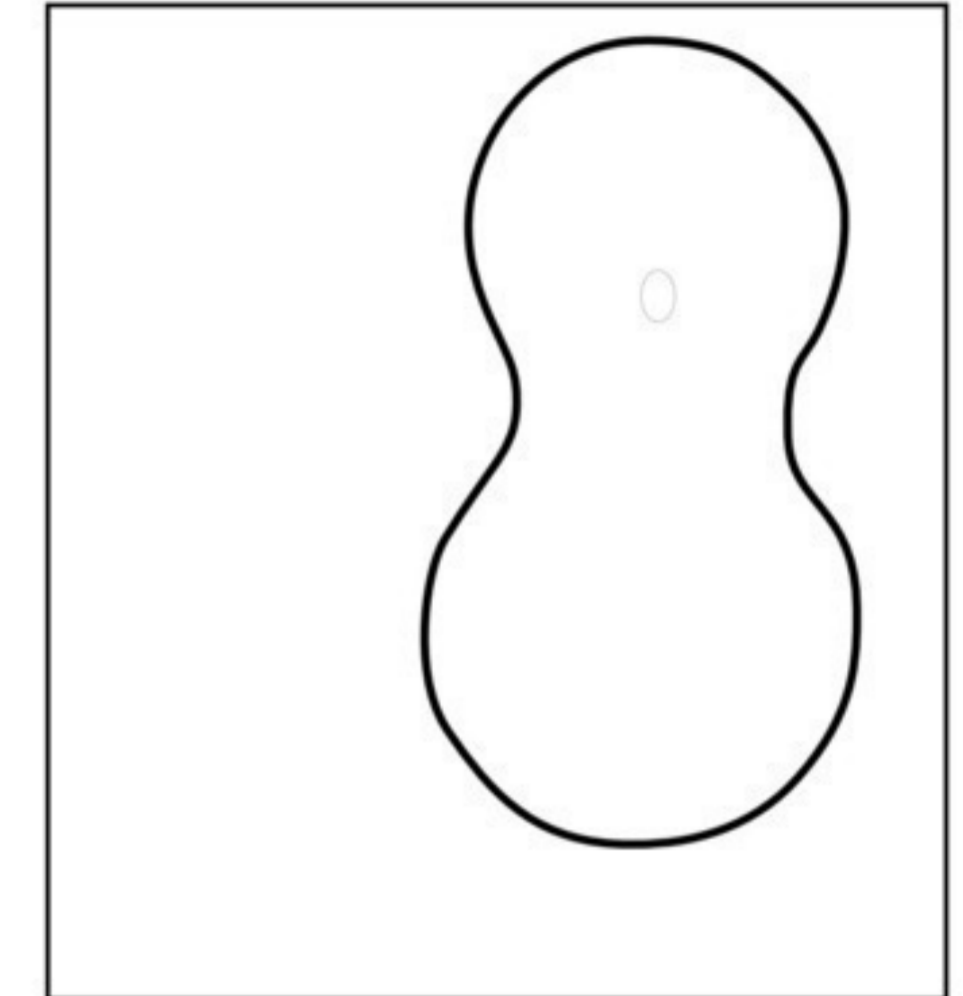
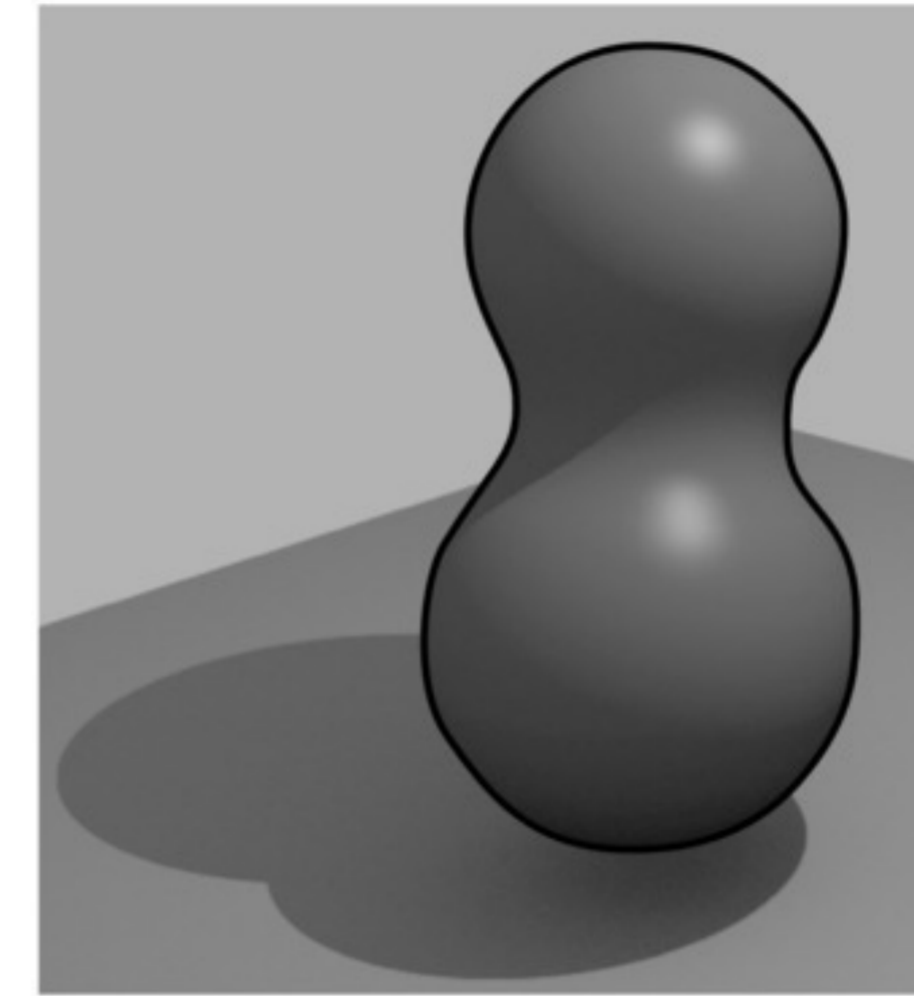
We generally don't know the analytical solution of  $S \cap \mathcal{D}$

We look for an approximation

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## Implicit surfaces

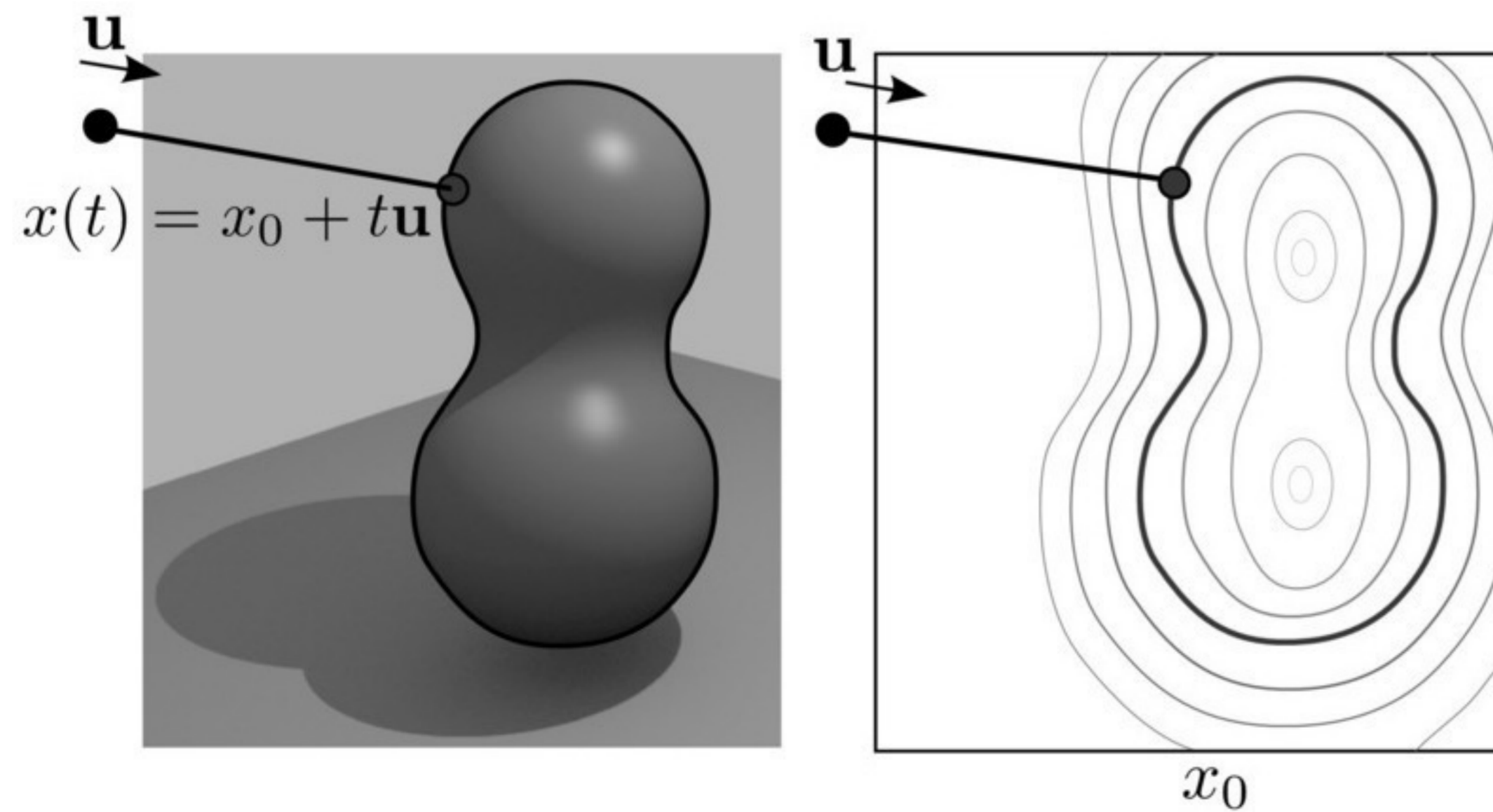
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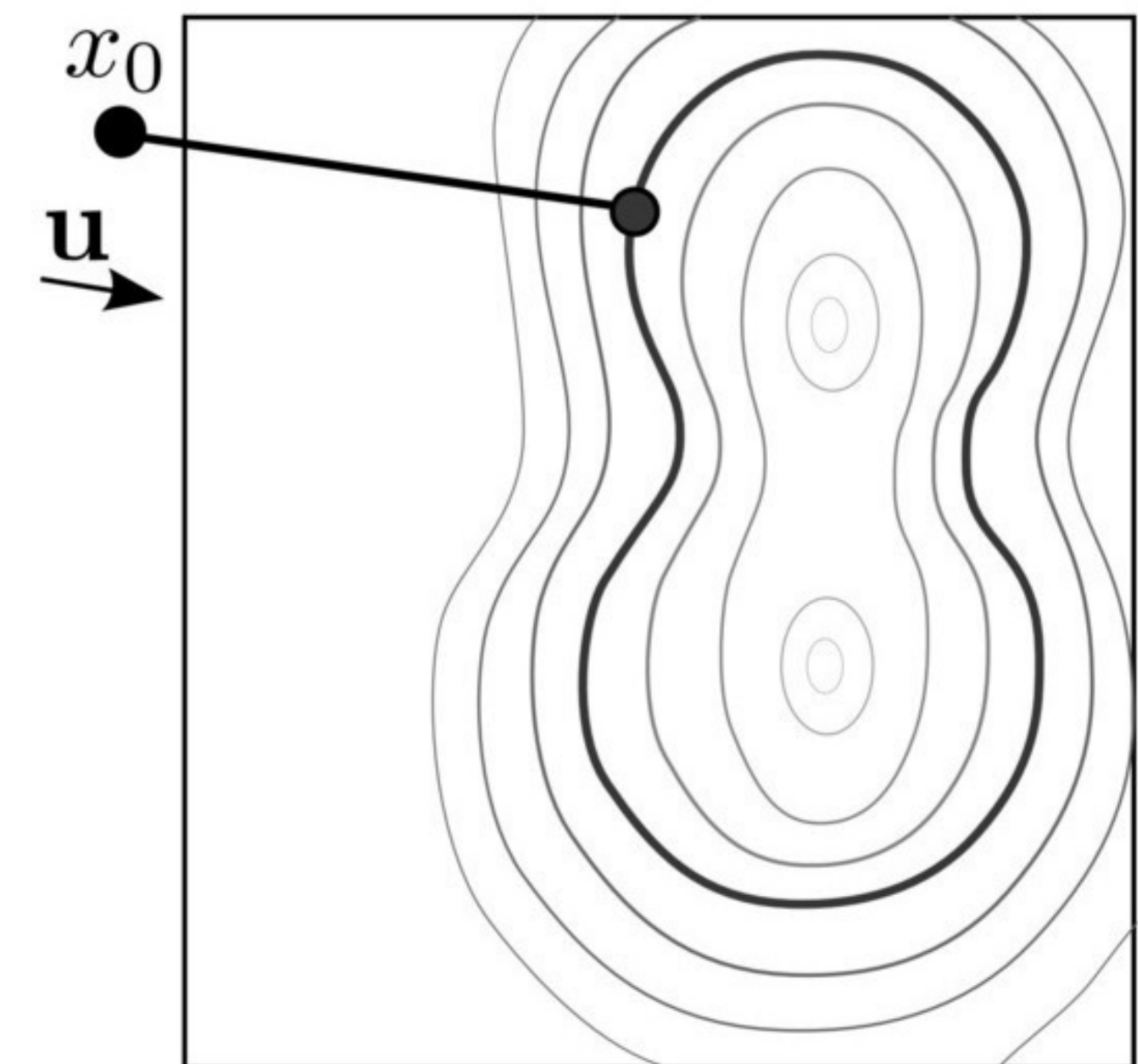
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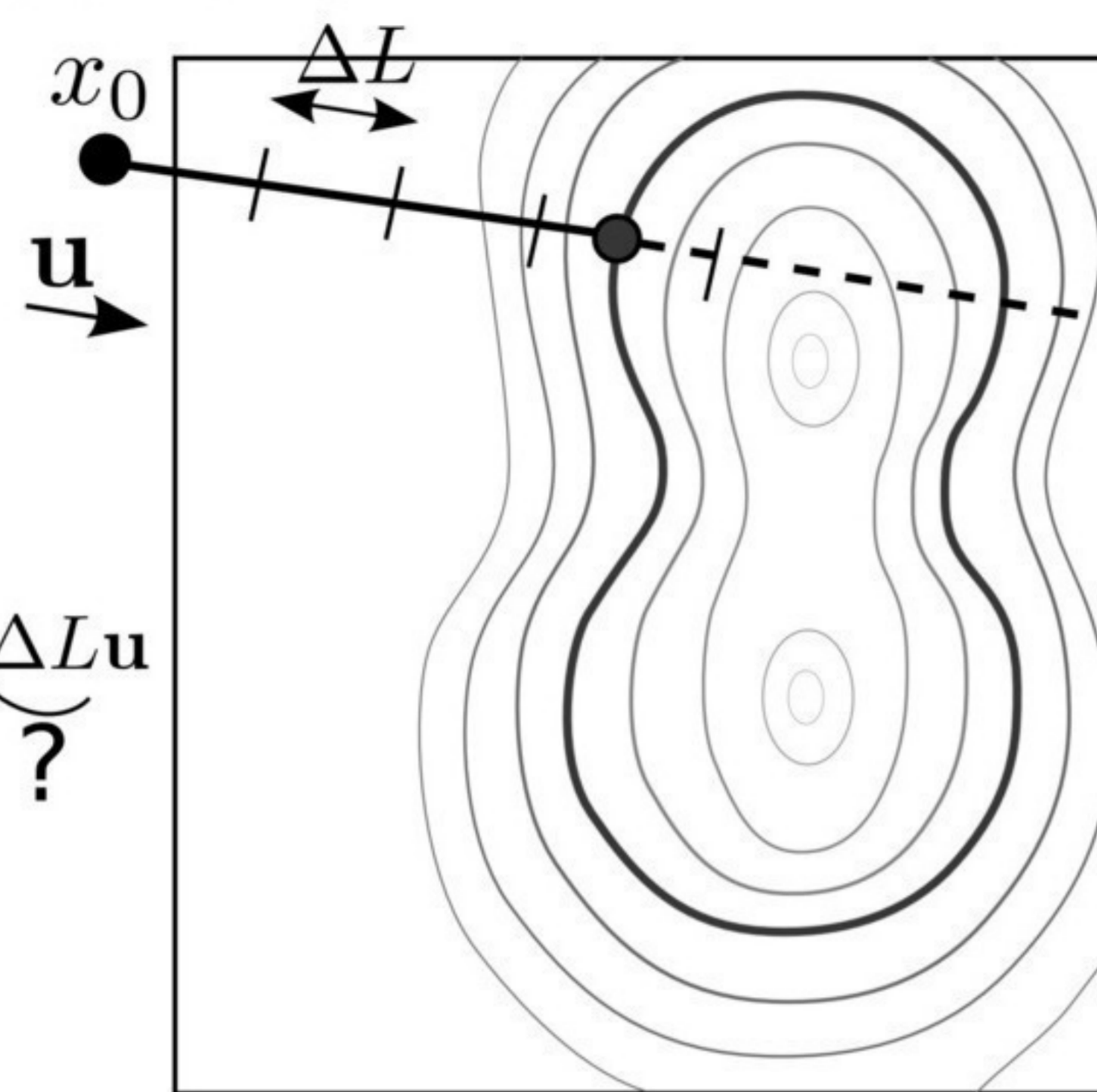
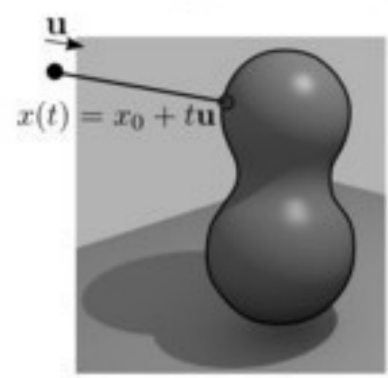


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## Implicit surfaces

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | F(x, y, z) = 0\}$$



1st Solution:

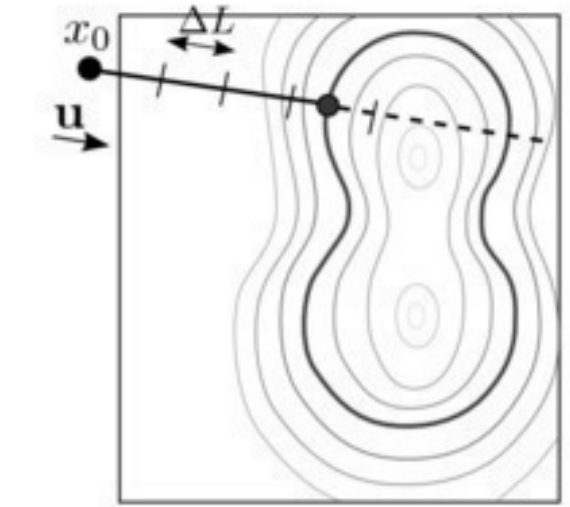
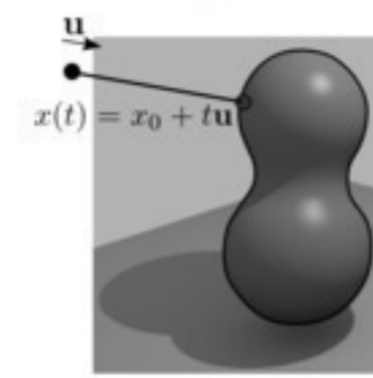
$$x^{i+1} = x^i + \Delta L \mathbf{u}$$

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## Implicit surfaces

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | F(x, y, z) = 0\}$$

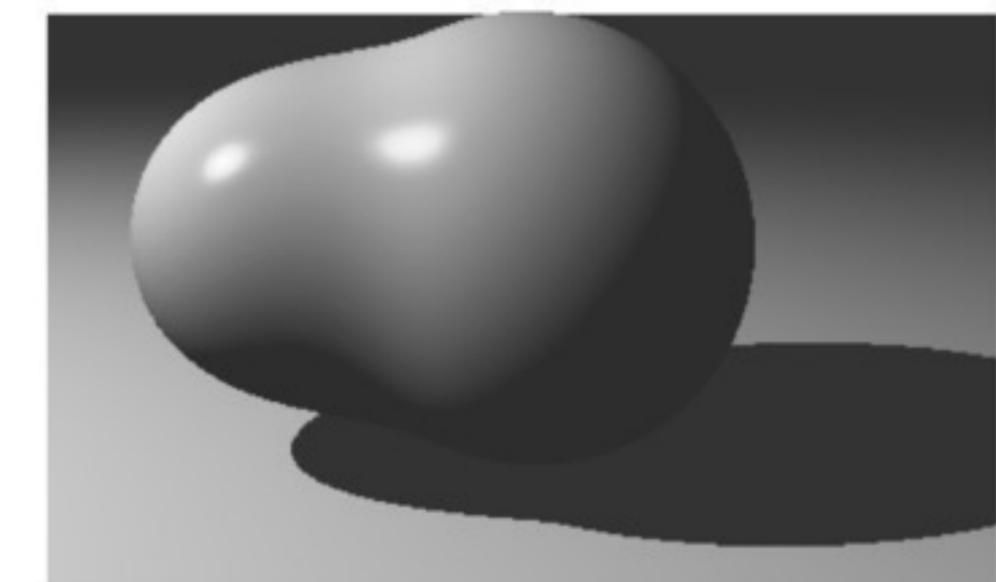
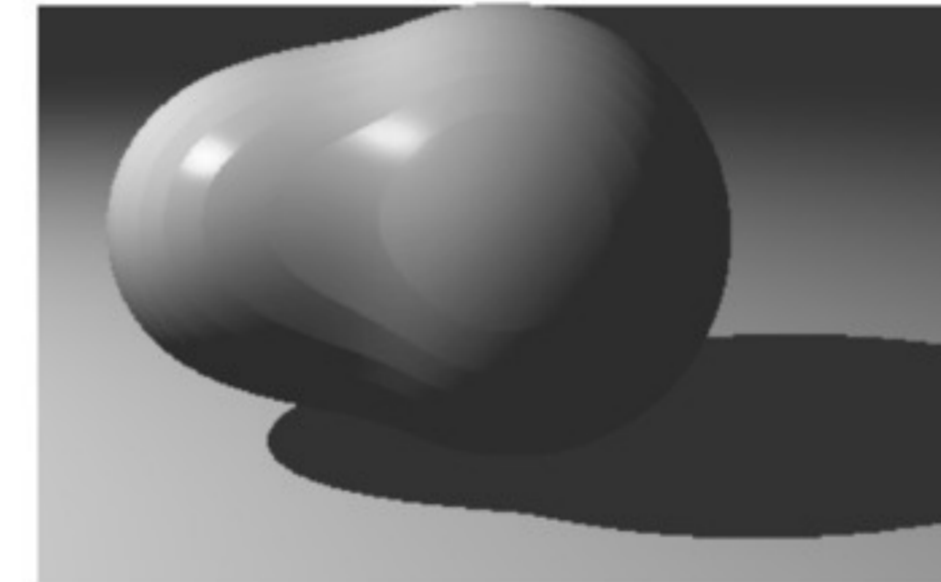


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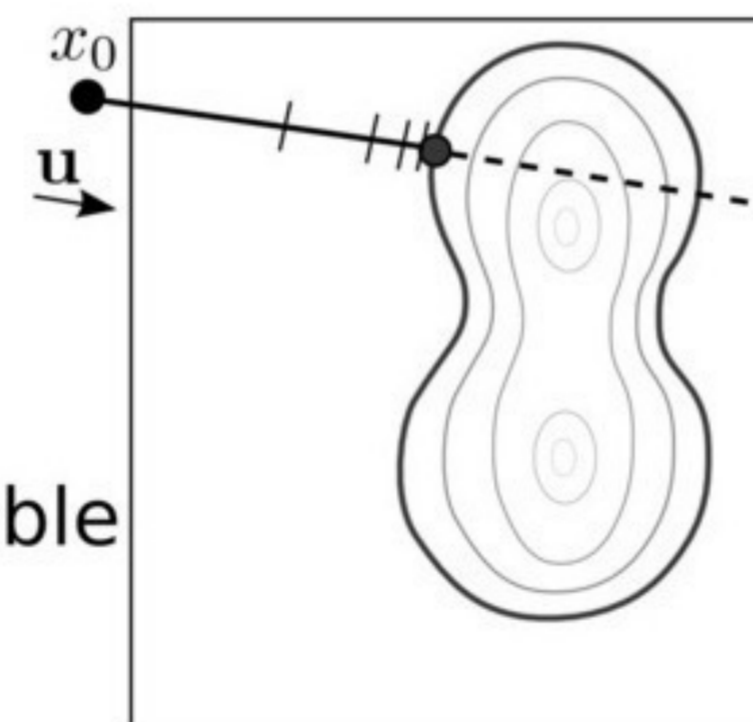
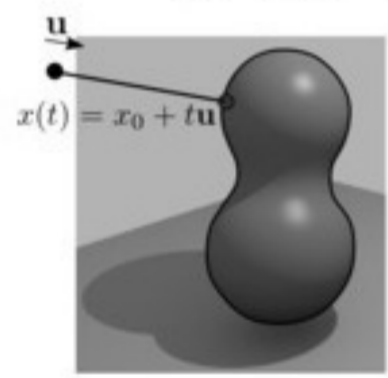
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## Implicit surfaces

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F: differentiable

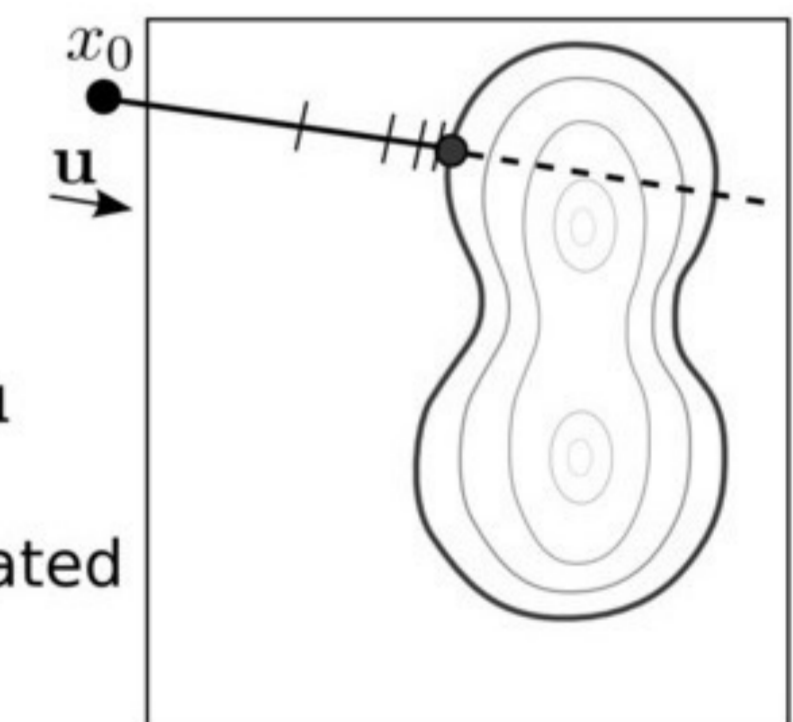
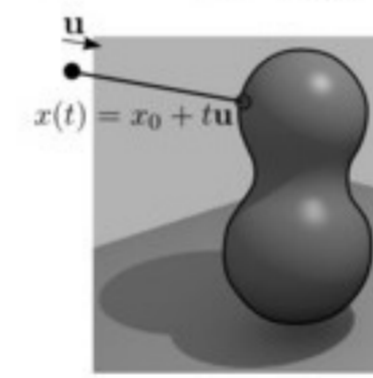
2nd Solution:

$$x^{i+1} = x^i + \frac{|F(x^i)|}{\|\nabla F\|_{\max}} \mathbf{u}$$

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## Implicit surfaces

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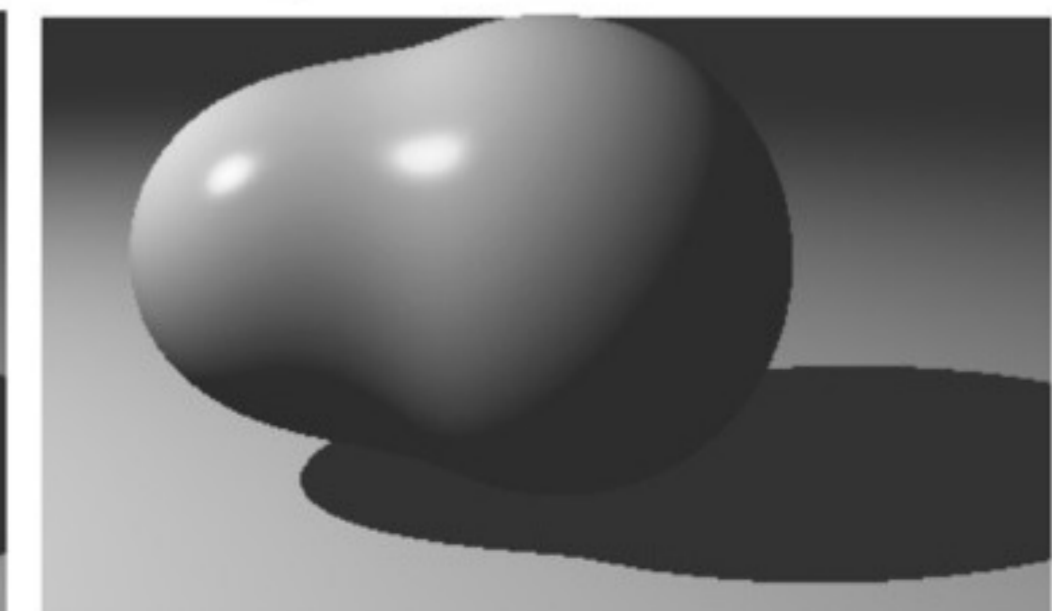
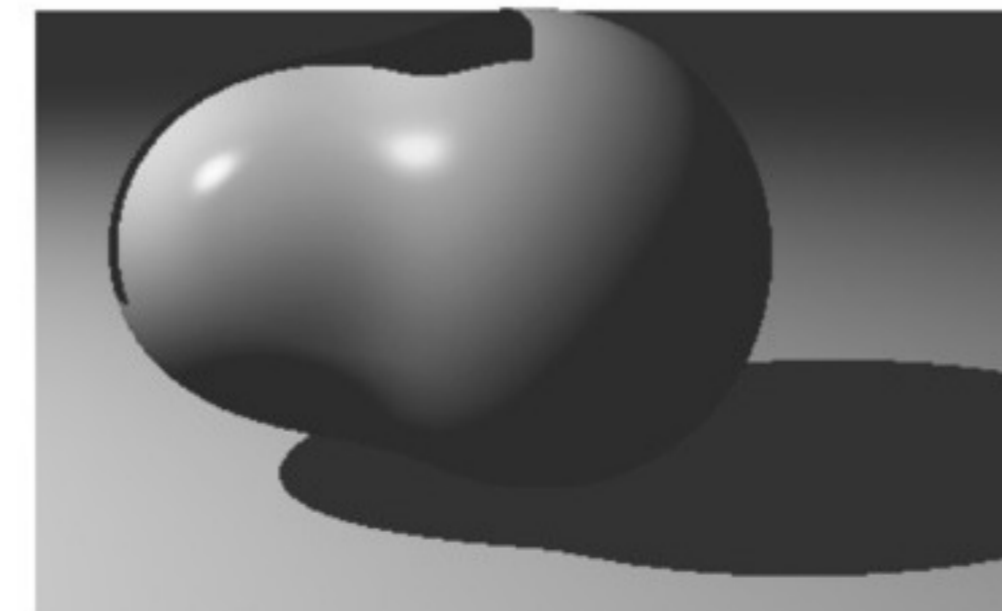


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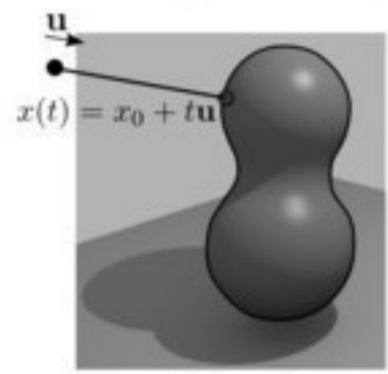
estimated  
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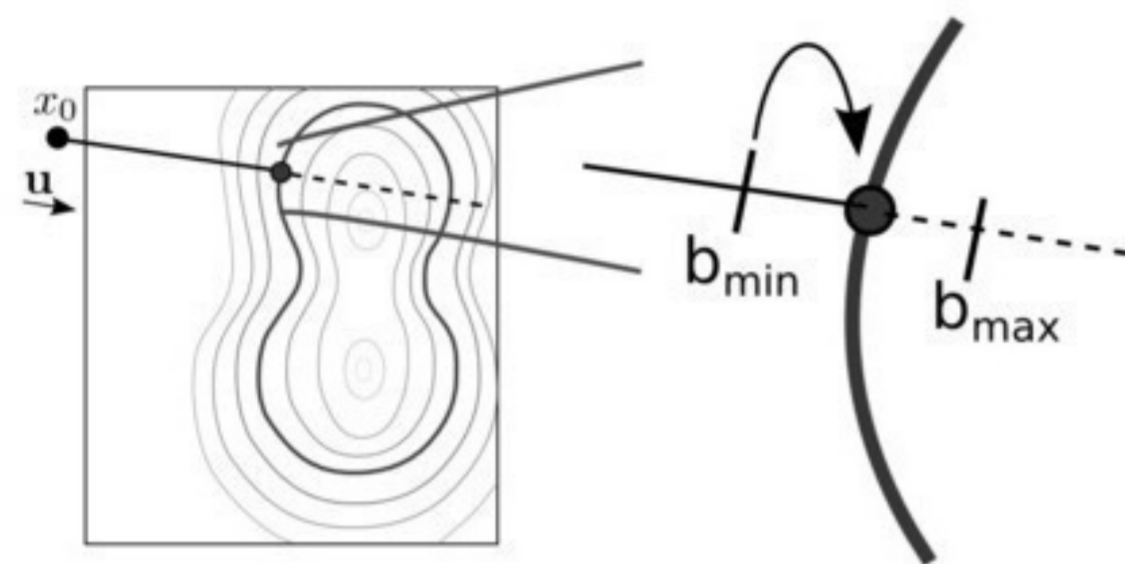
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## Implicit surfaces

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | F(x, y, z) = 0\}$$



Acceleration of the convergence:



1: Binary search

2: Newton  
at the end

$$x^{i+1} = x^i - \frac{F(x^i)}{\langle \nabla F(x^i), \mathbf{u} \rangle}$$

quadratic convergence

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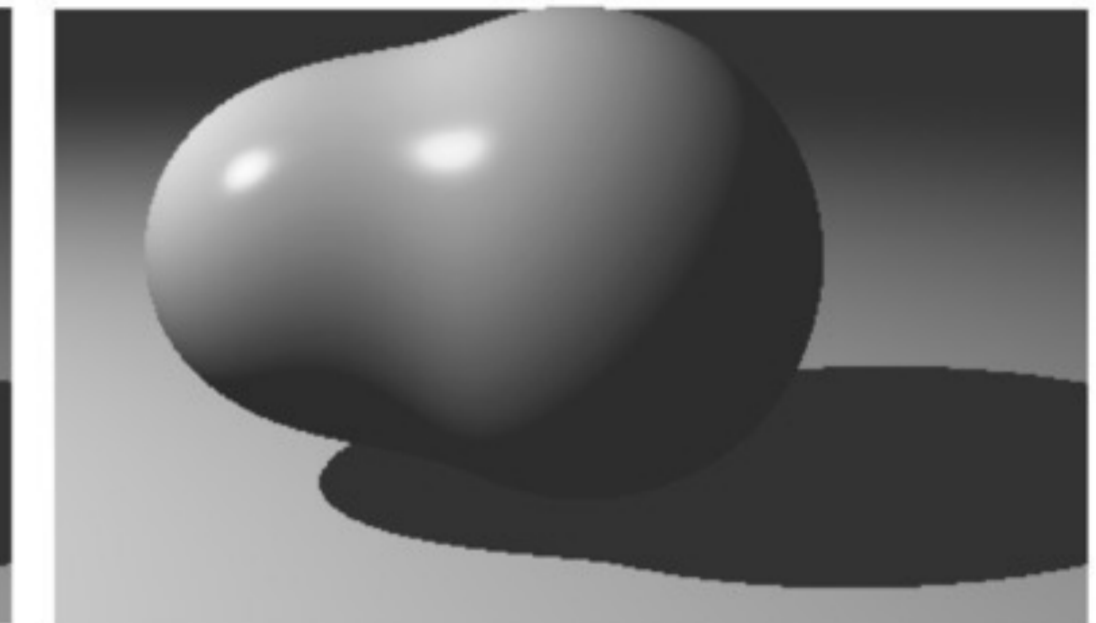
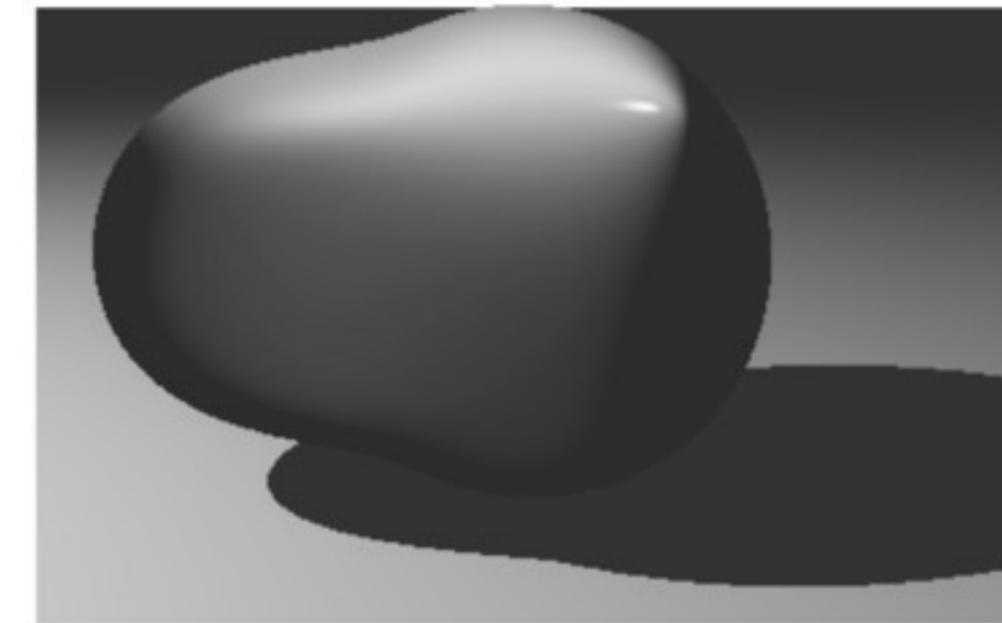
## Implicit surfaces

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The gradient is important:

$$\frac{F(x+h) - F(x)}{h}$$

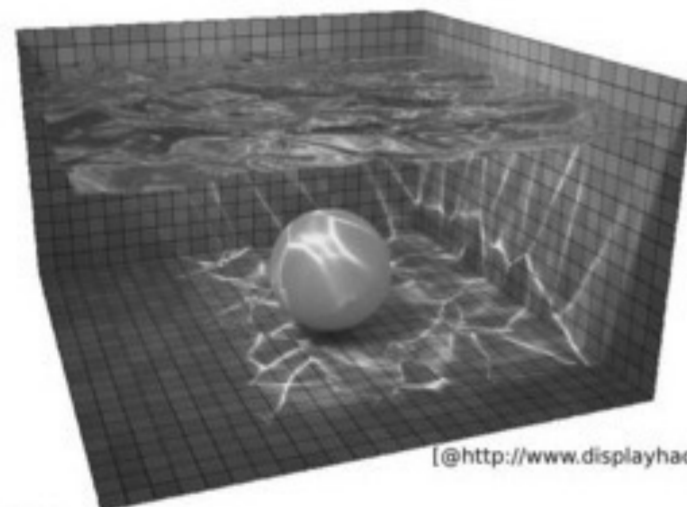
$\nabla F$  analytical



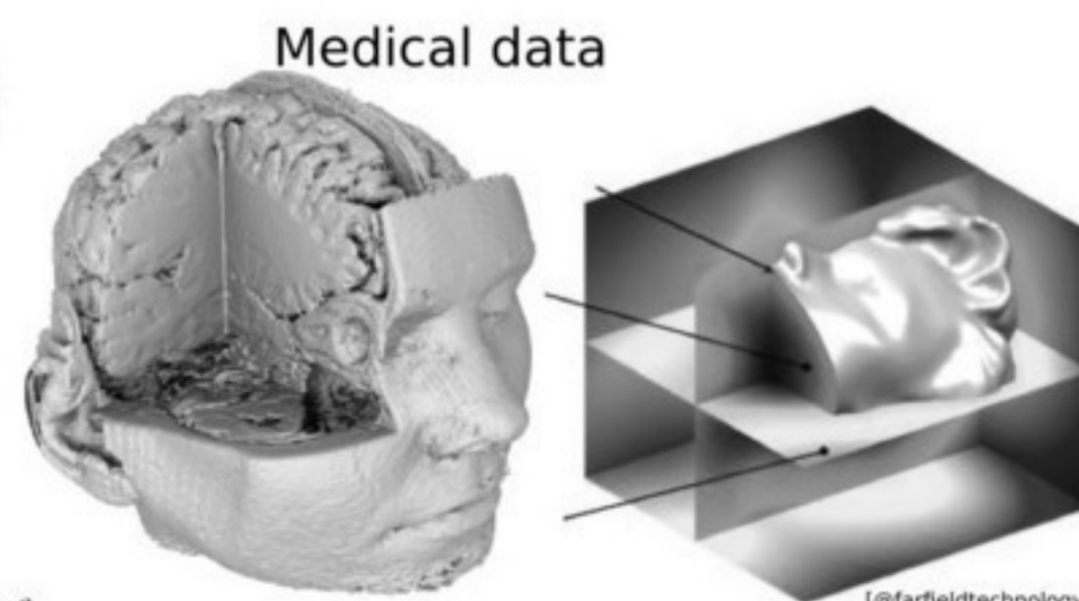
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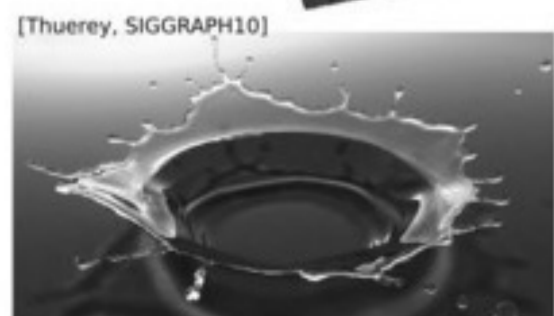


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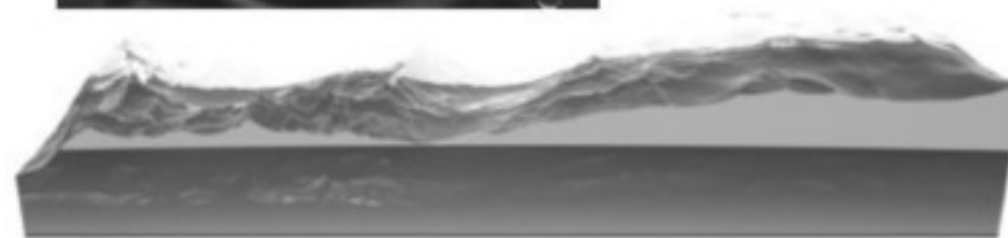


Medical data

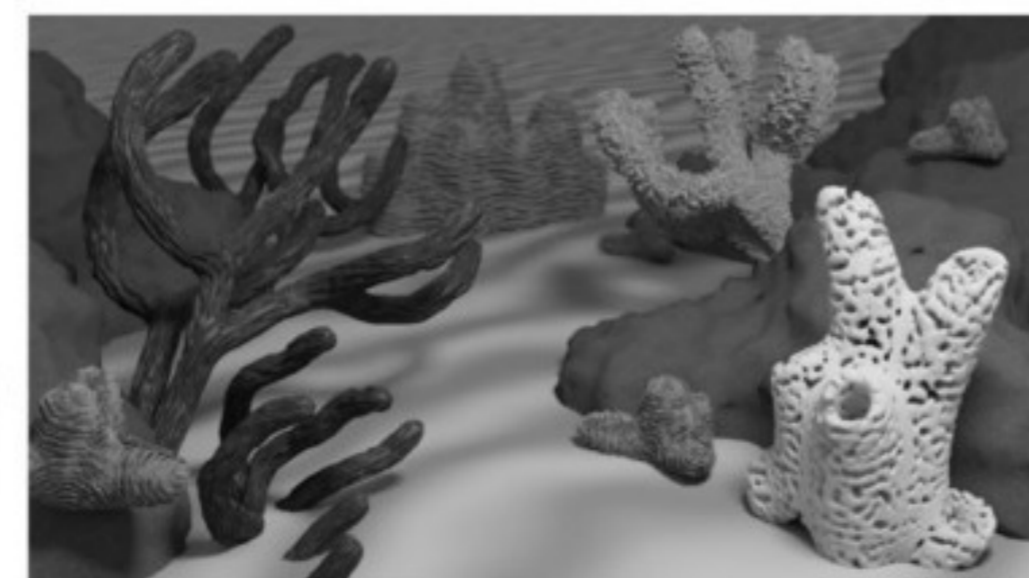
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[Thurey, SIGGRAPH10]



Fluid simulations



Modeling

[Zanni, EG12]

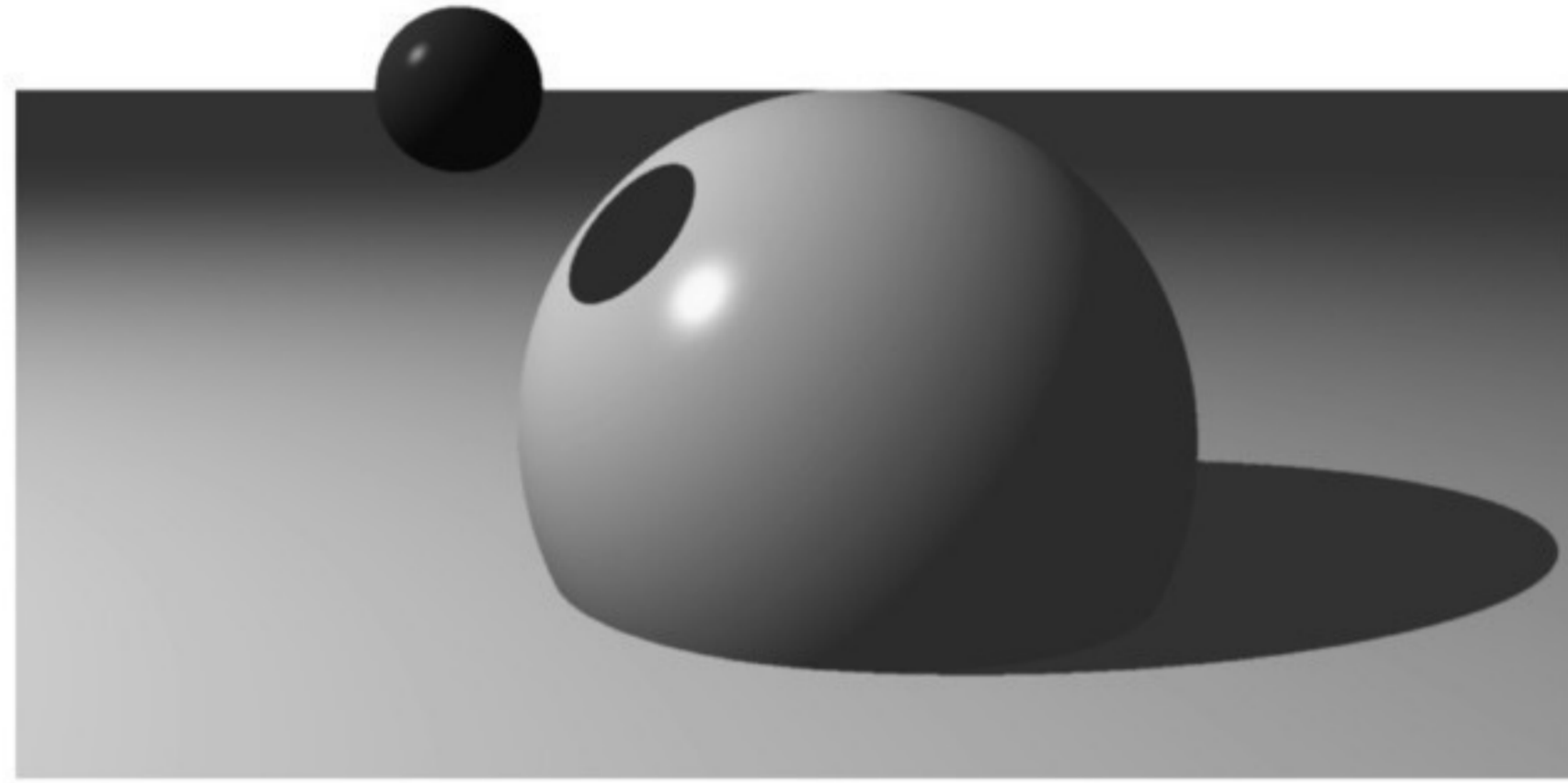
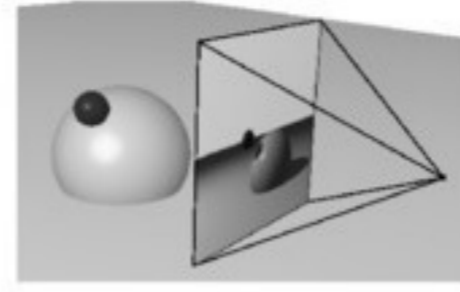
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## Visual effects

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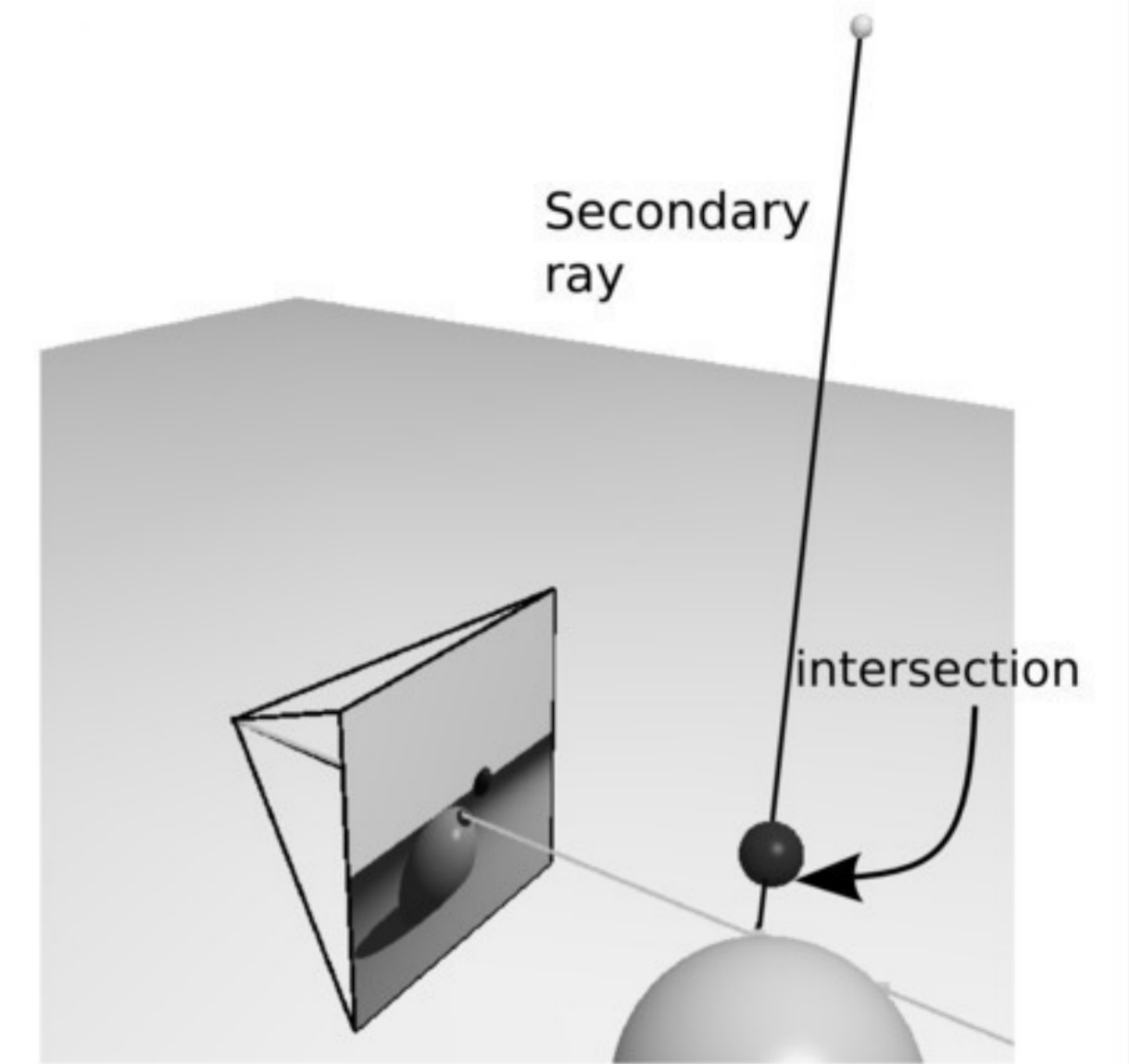
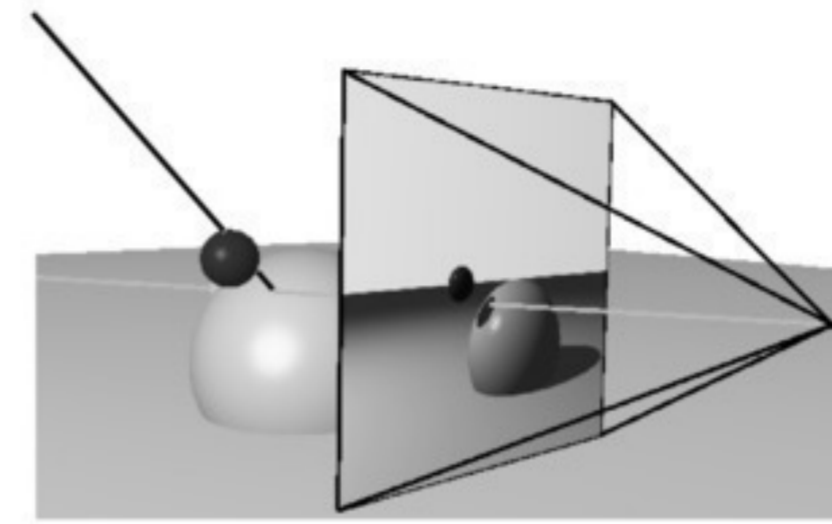
## Shadows

Obvious in ray-tracing



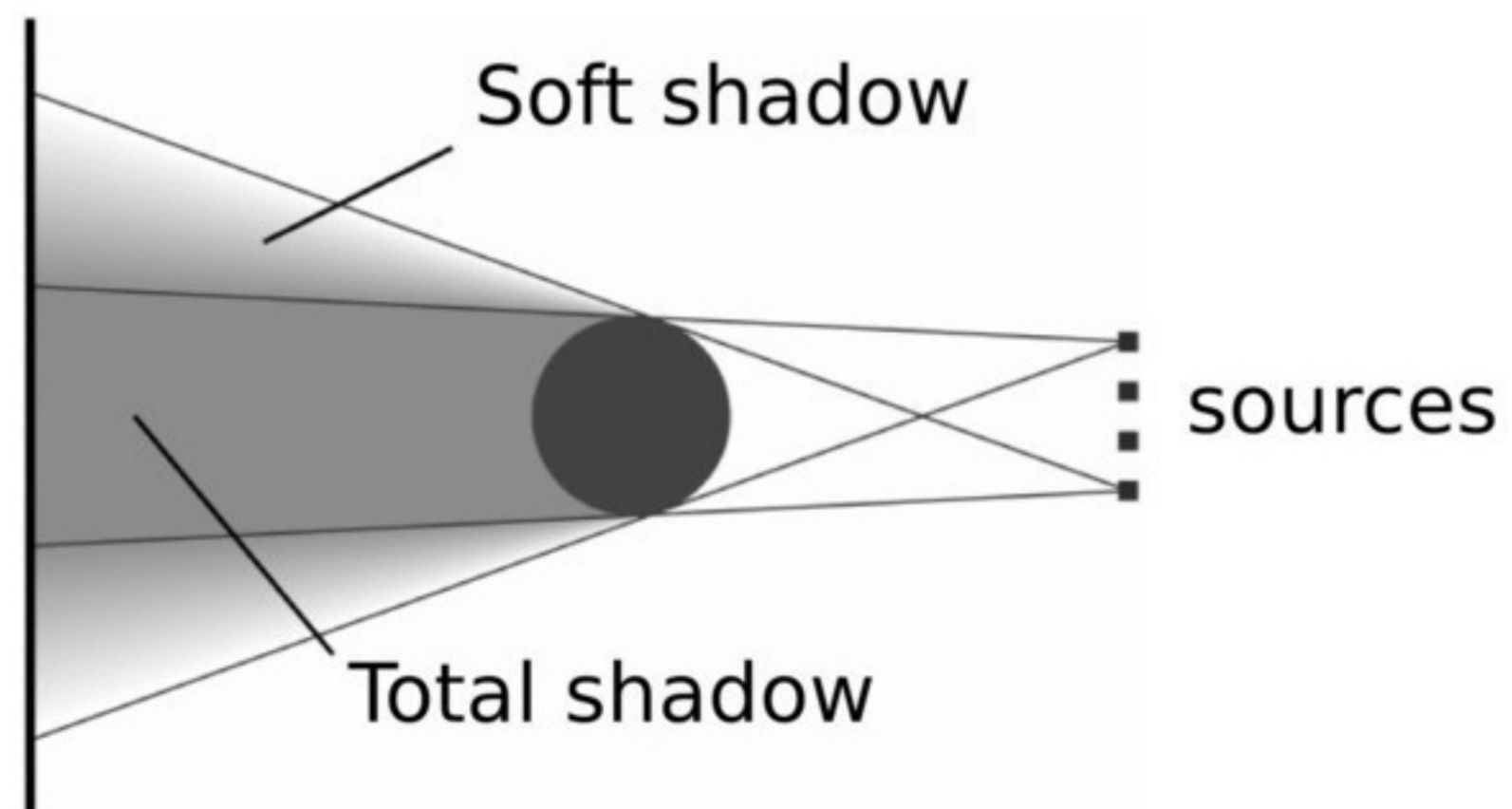
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## Shadows



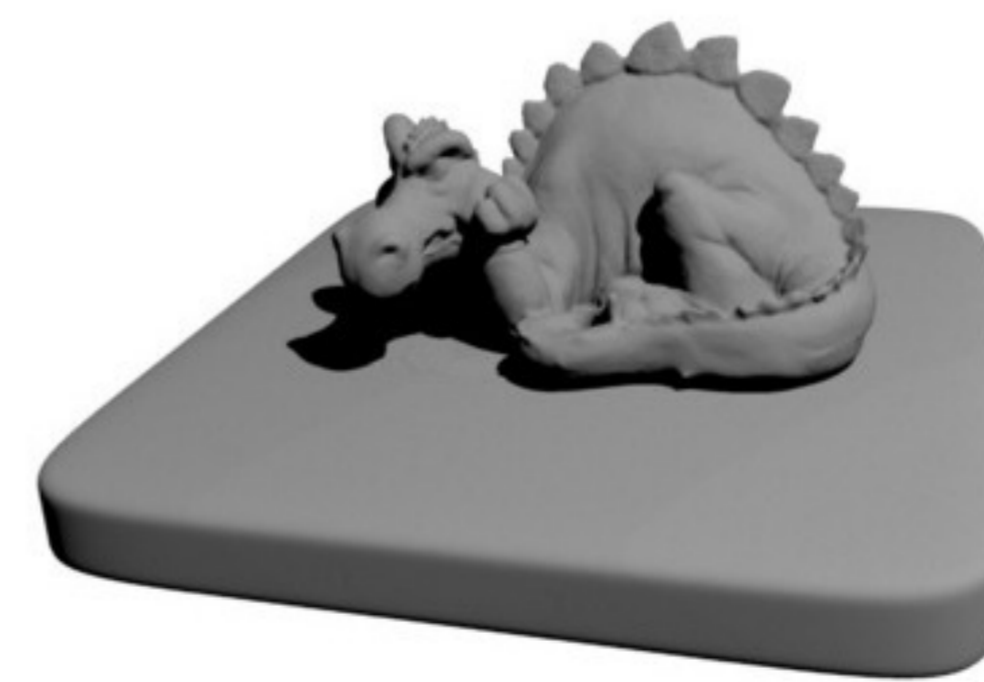
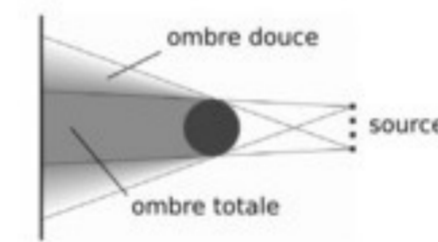
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## Soft shadows

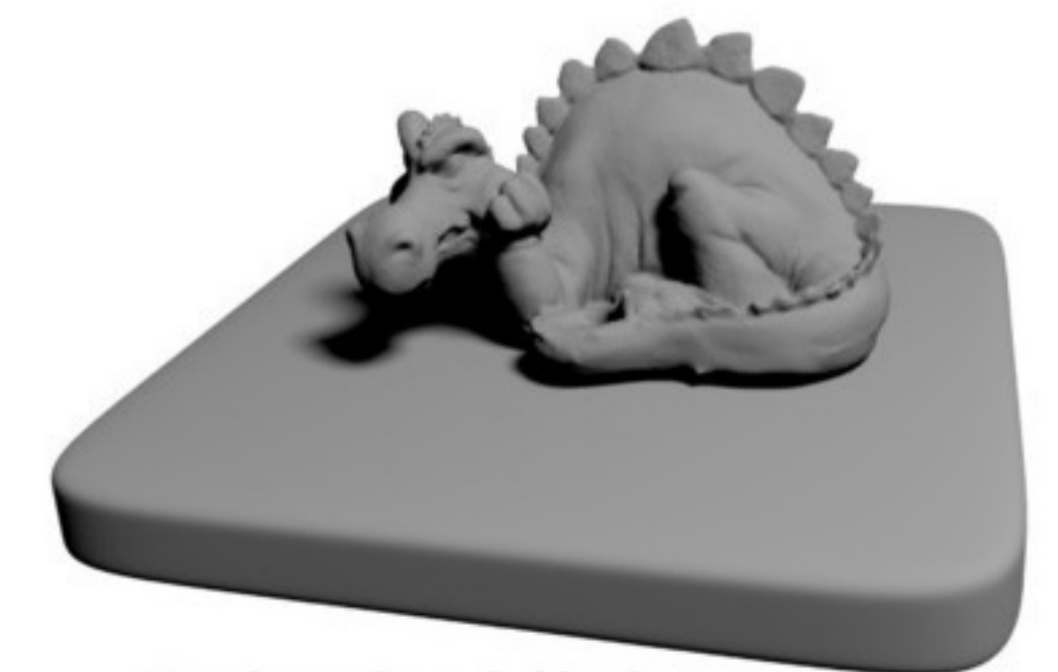


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## Soft shadows



Point light source

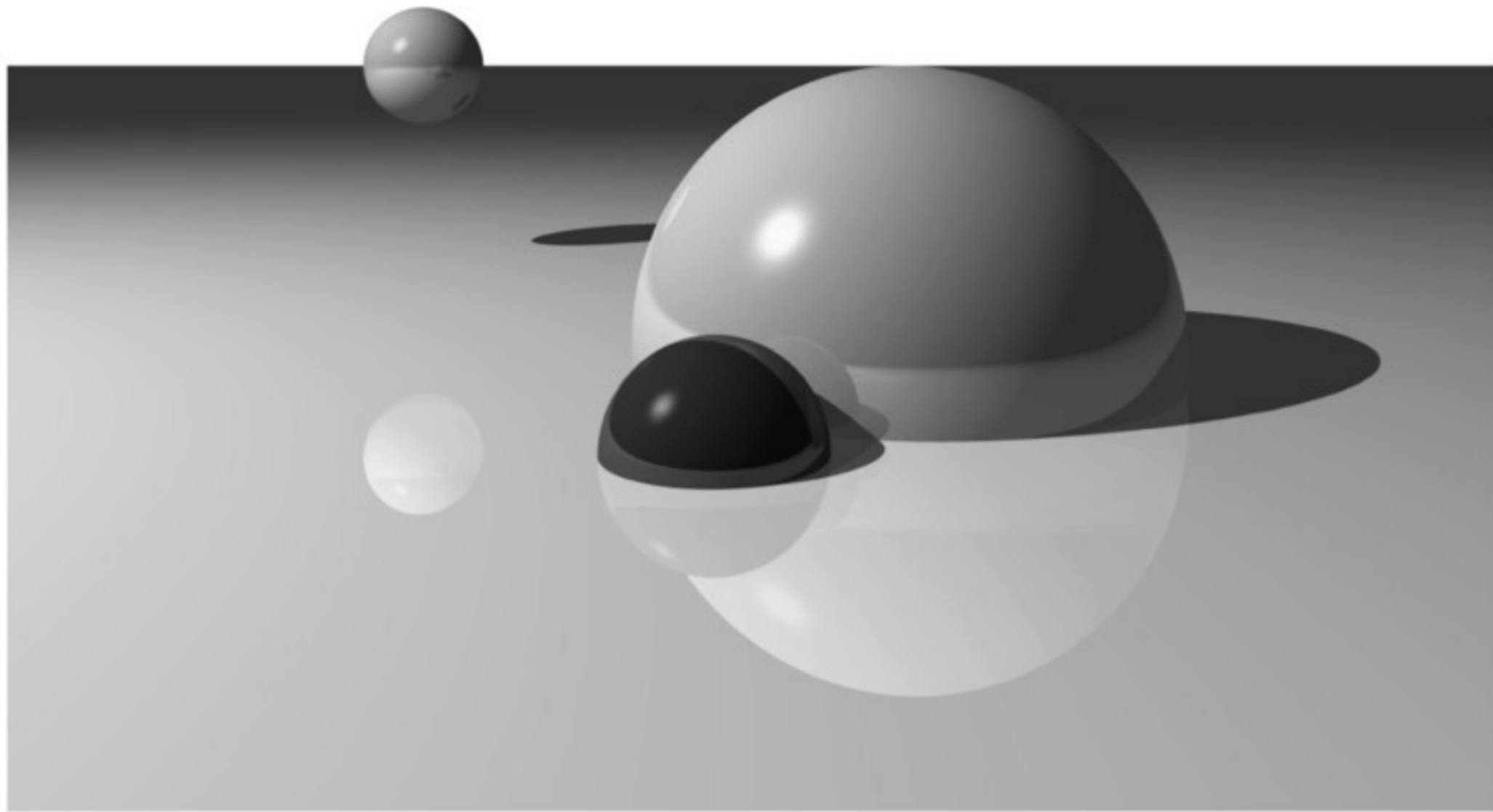


Spherical light source

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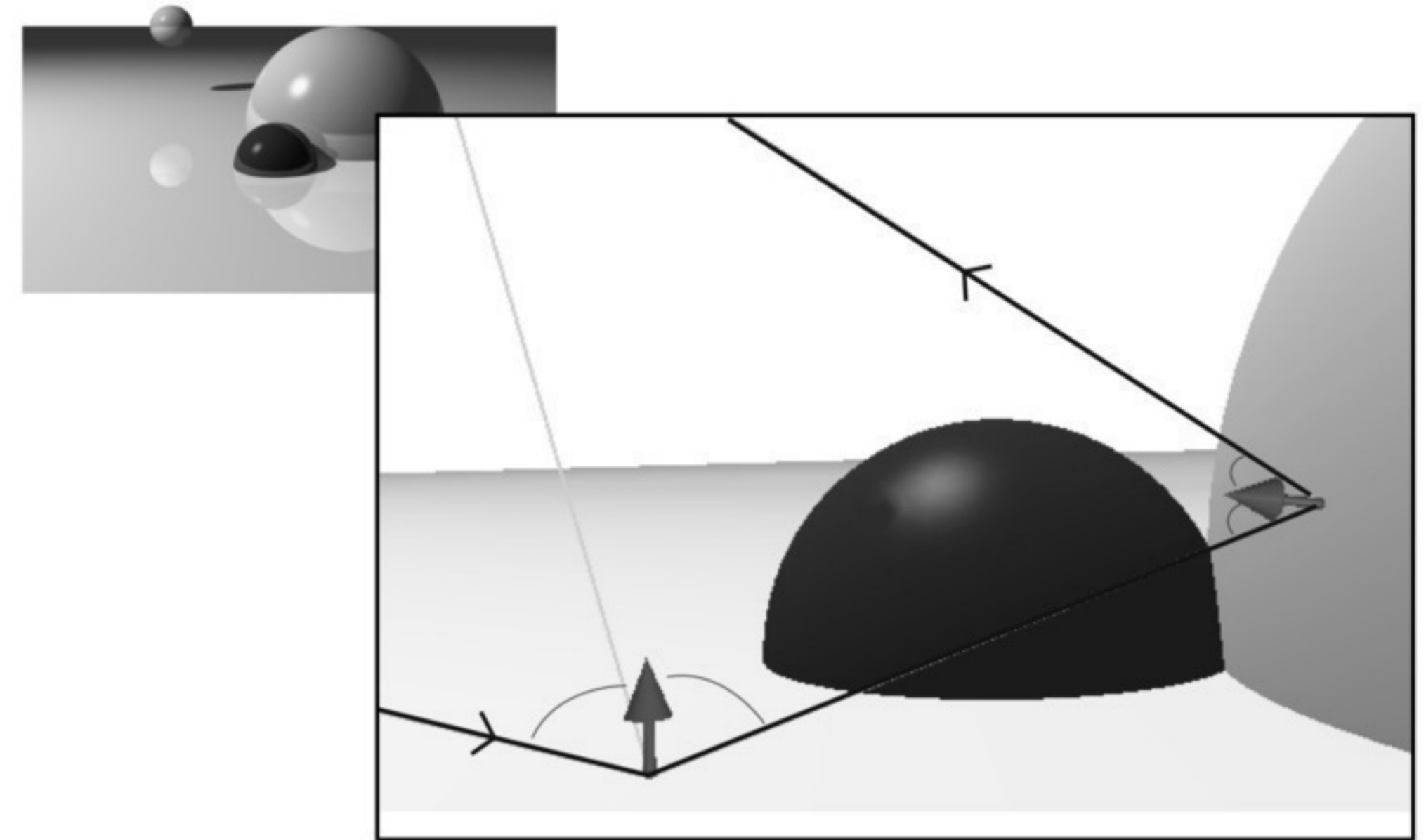


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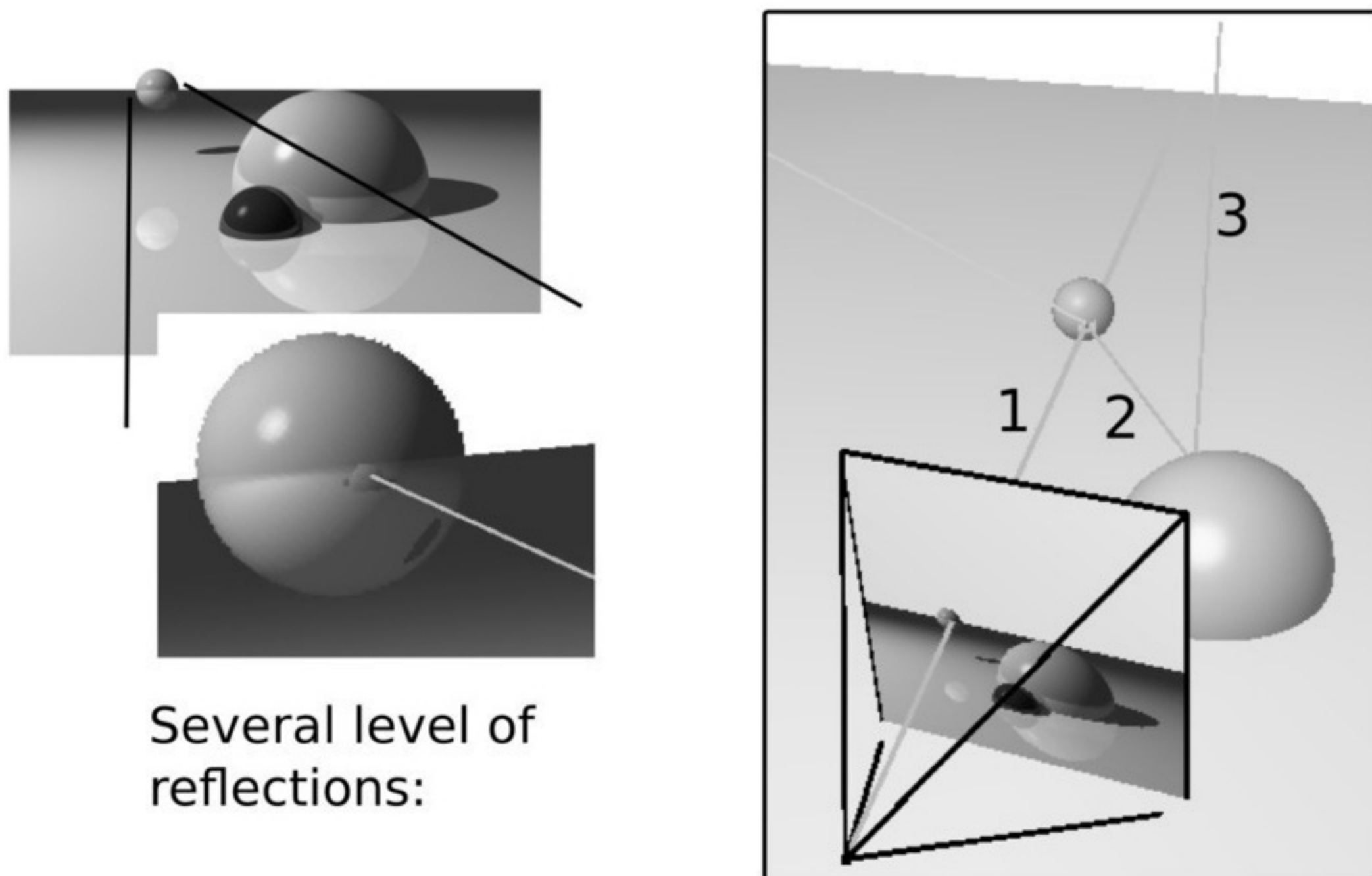
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### Reflections



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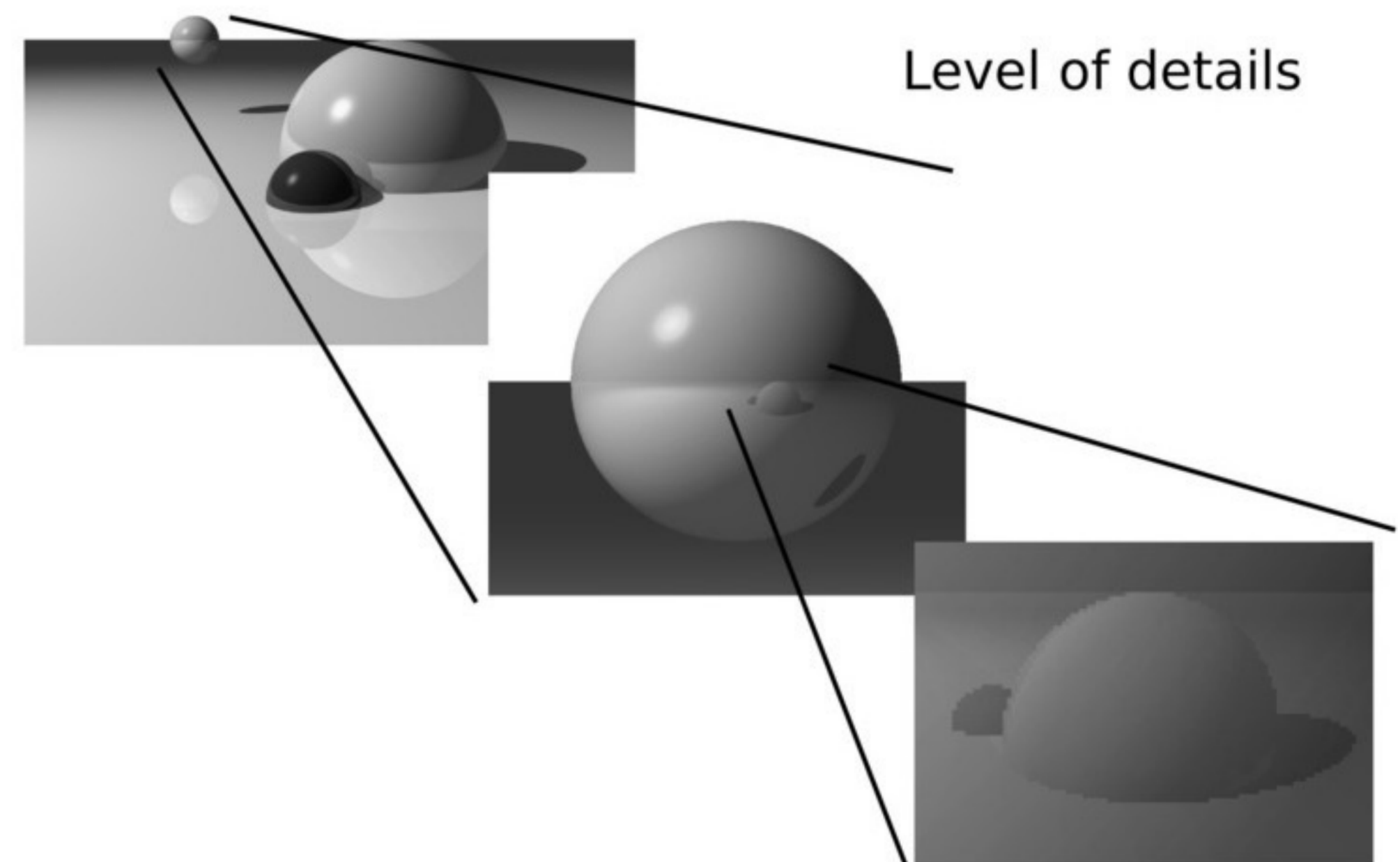
### Reflections



Several level of reflections:

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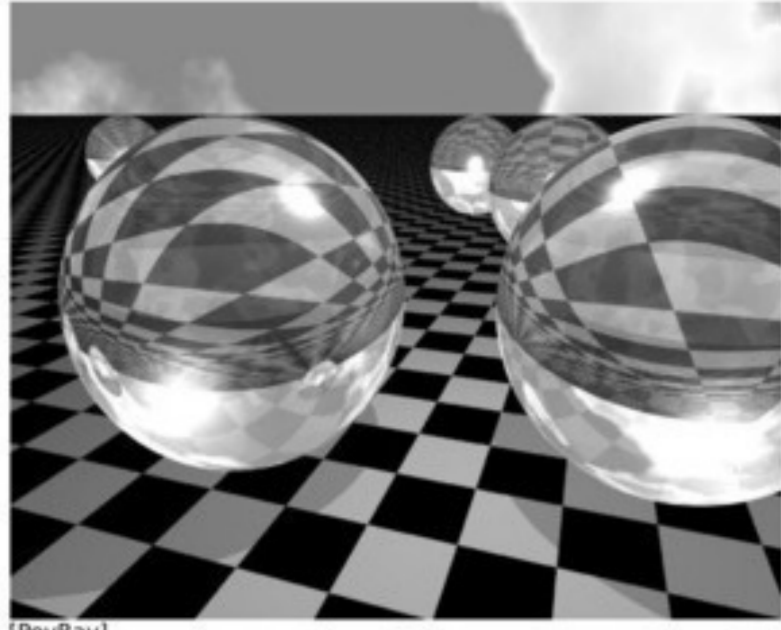
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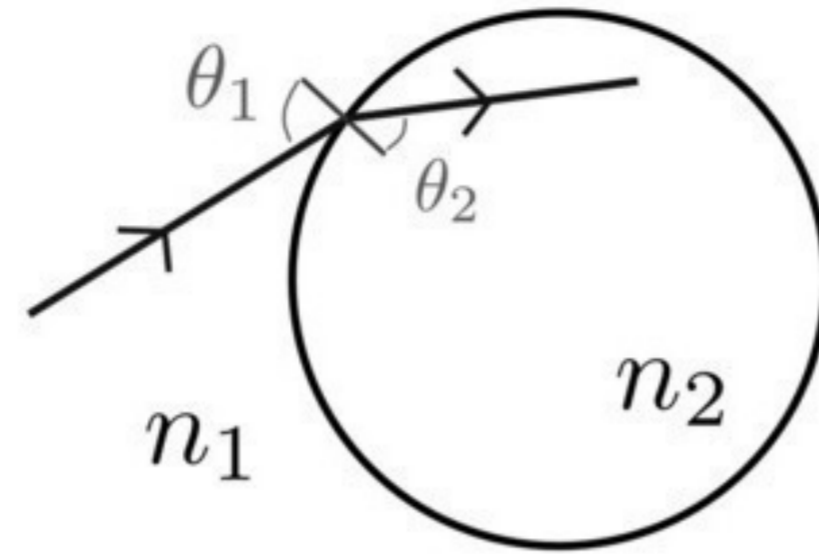
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## Refraction



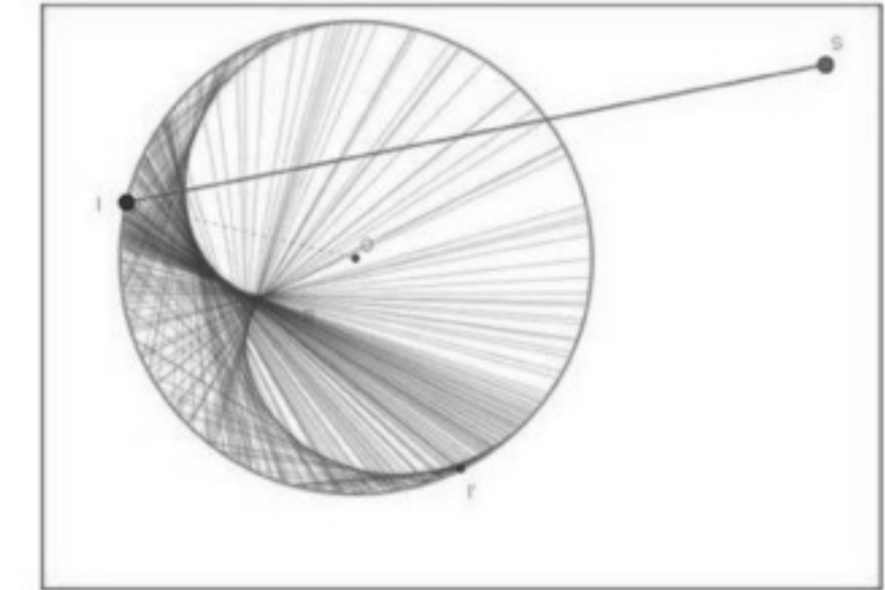
$$n_1 \sin(\theta_1) = n_2 \sin(\theta_2)$$



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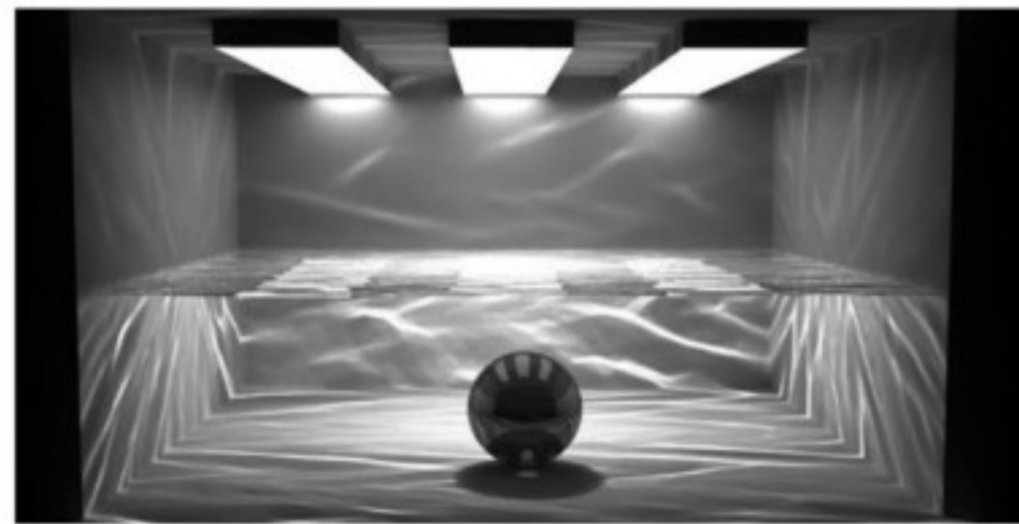
## Caustics

Preferred path of the refracted/reflected rays



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## Caustics



[CG Arena]

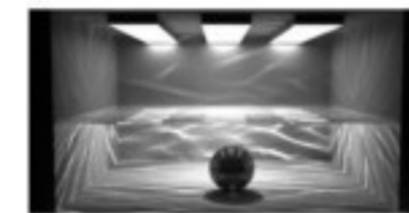


[deviantart]

Need a more advanced model of ray tracing

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## Caustics



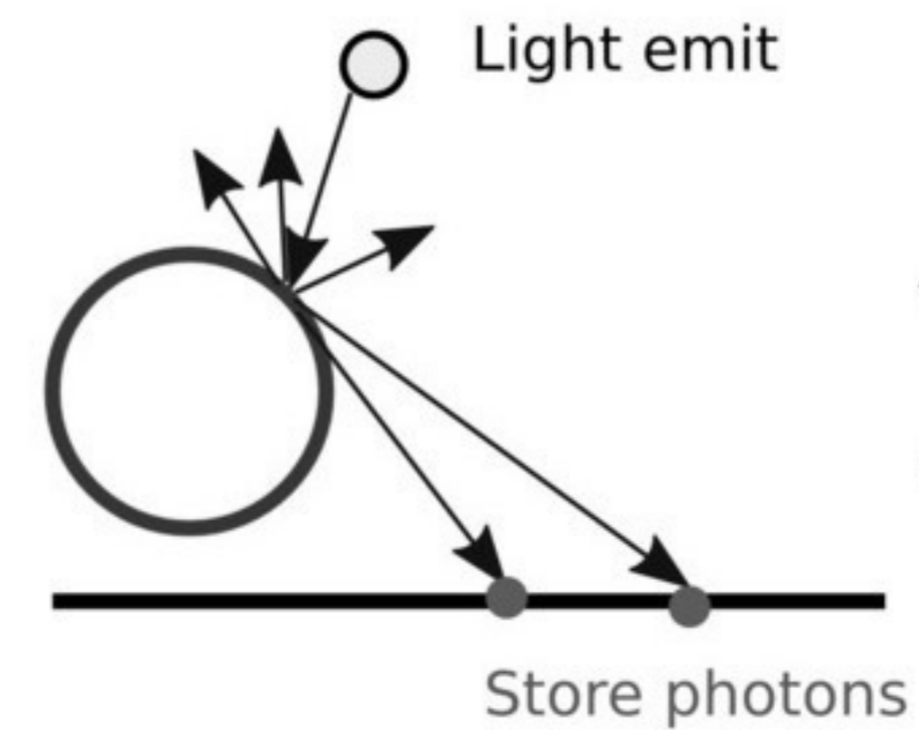
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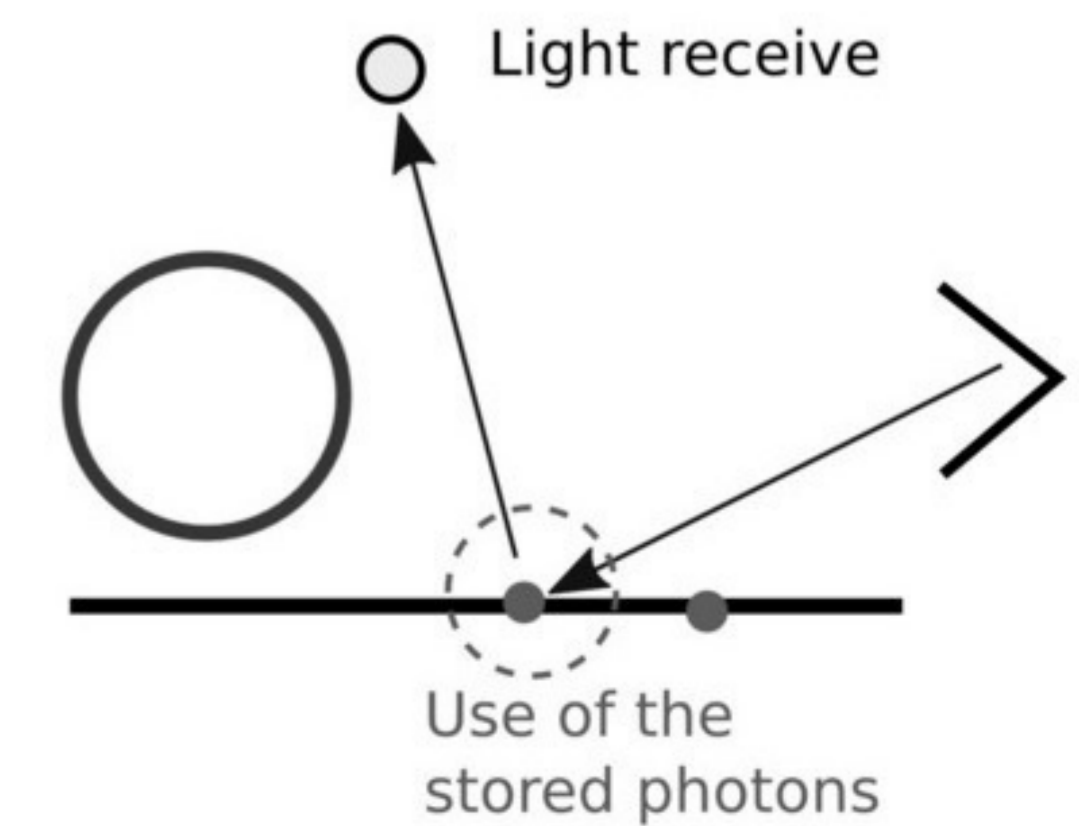
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Use of a photon map

**Etape 1:**  
Throwing photons

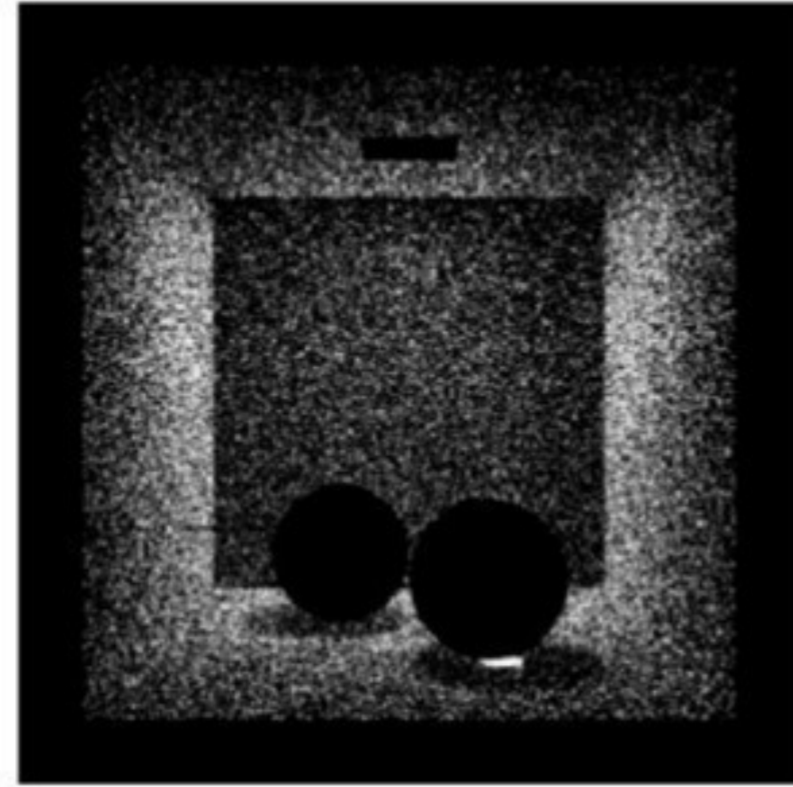
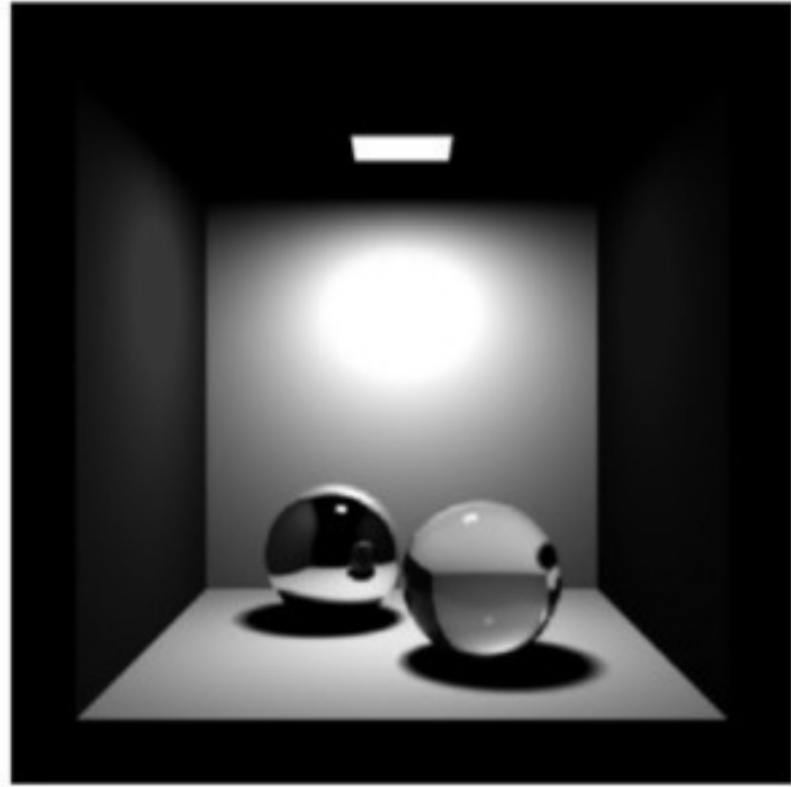


**Etape 2:**  
Throwing rays

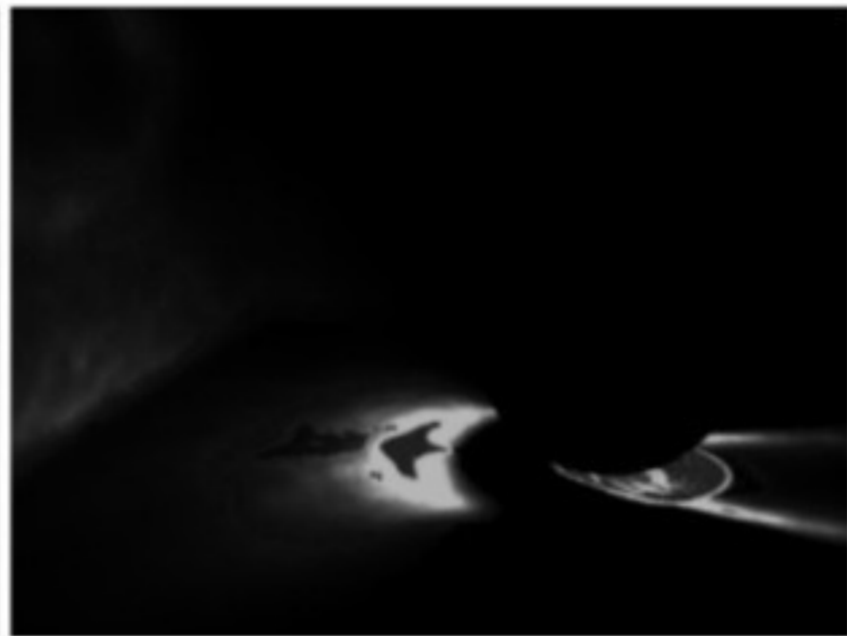
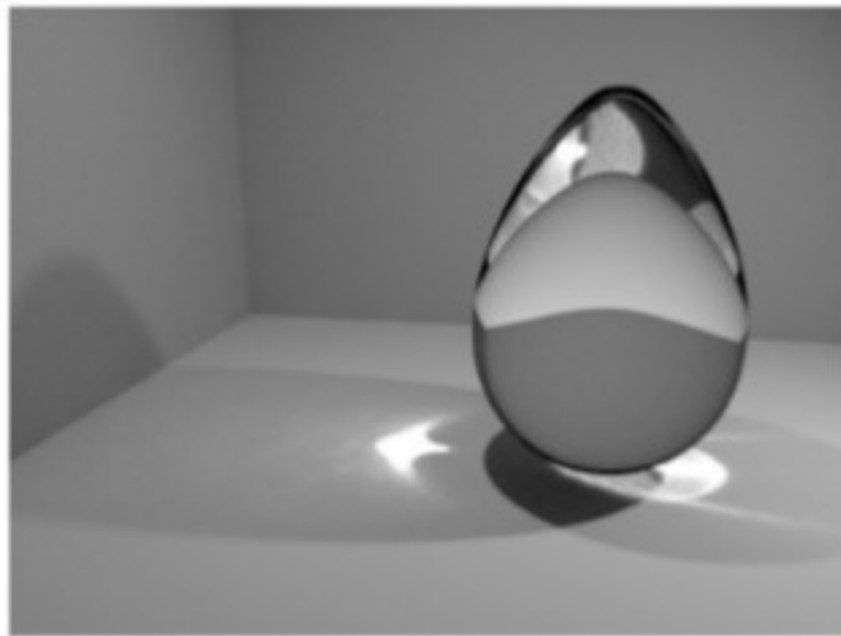


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# Caustics



Photon map



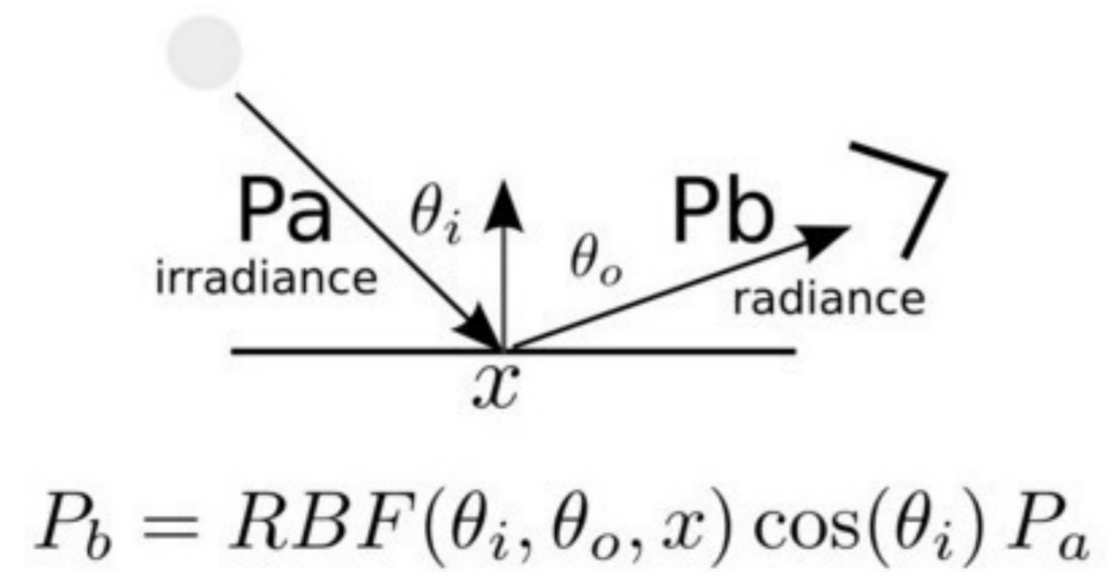
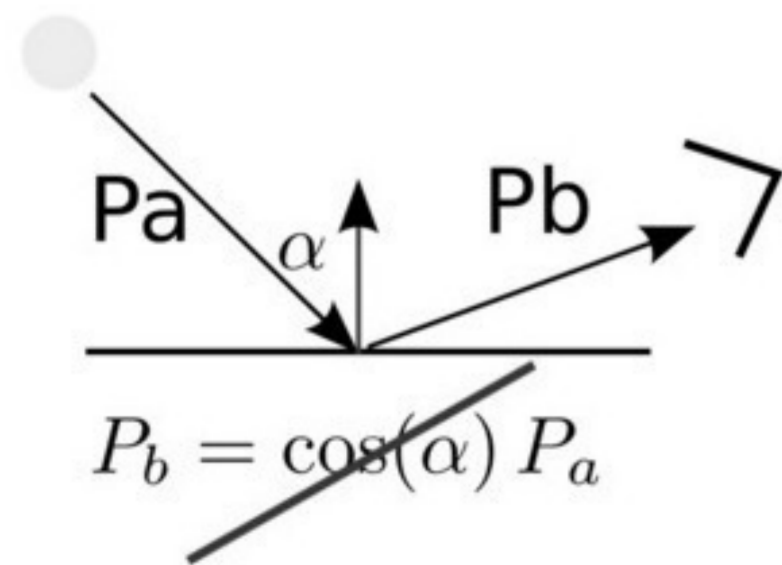
Caustics

[Jensen, EGWR96]

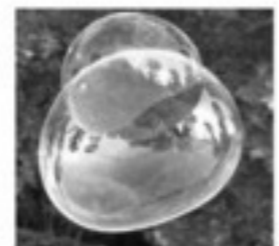
# Physically based rendering

# BRDF

**B**idirectional  
**R**eflectance  
**D**istribution  
**F**unction



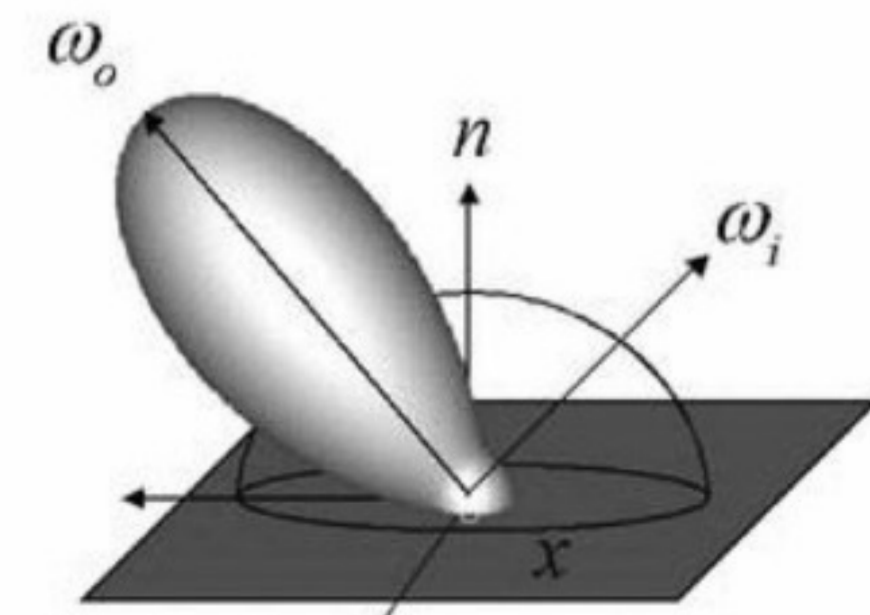
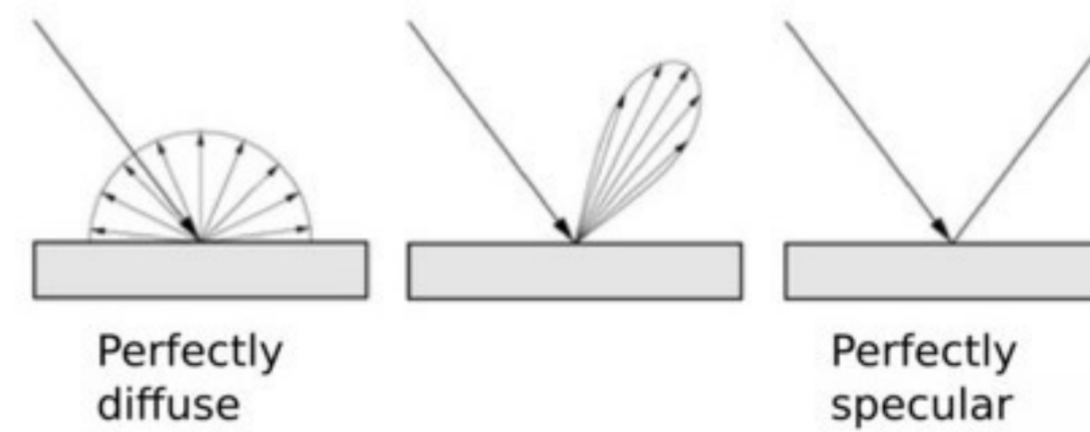
If depends of f => iridescence



[Wikipedia]

# BRDF

**B**idirectional **R**eflectance **D**istribution **F**unction

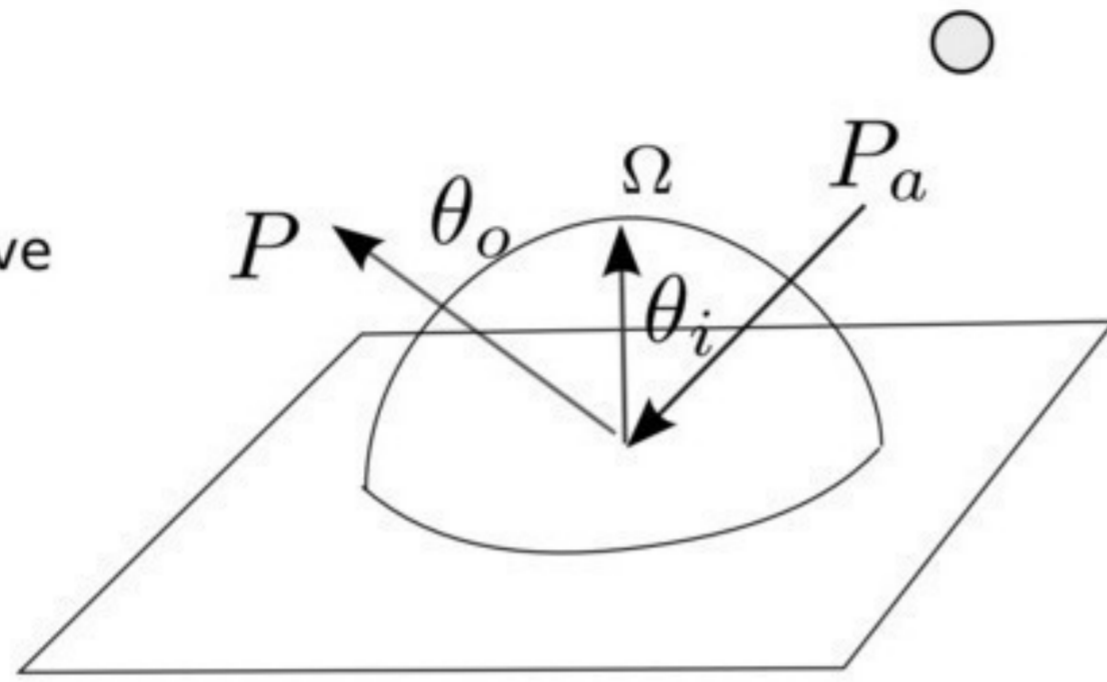


[D-Lib Magazine 02]

## Rendering equation

$$P(x, \theta_o) = P_e(x, \theta_o) + \int_{\theta_i \in \Omega} f(x, \theta_i, \theta_o) P_a(x, \theta_i) \cos(\theta_i) d\theta_i$$

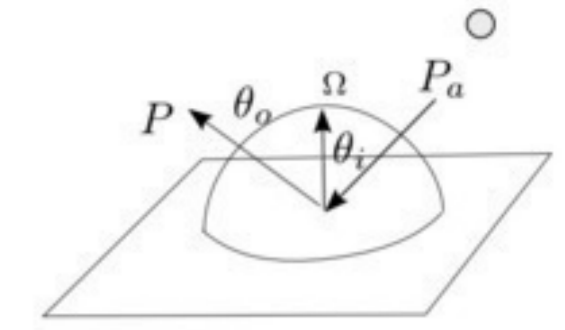
Problem:  $P_a$  depends on  $P$   
 Integral equation: infinitely recursive



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## Rendering equation

$$P(x, \theta_o) = P_e(x, \theta_o) + \int_{\theta_i \in \Omega} f(x, \theta_i, \theta_o) P_a(x, \theta_i) \cos(\theta_i) d\theta_i$$



2 Approches:

**1-** Finite element discretization  
 Radiosity

**2-** Monte-Carlo  
 Path Tracing  
 Metropolis Light Transport (MTL)

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## Path tracing

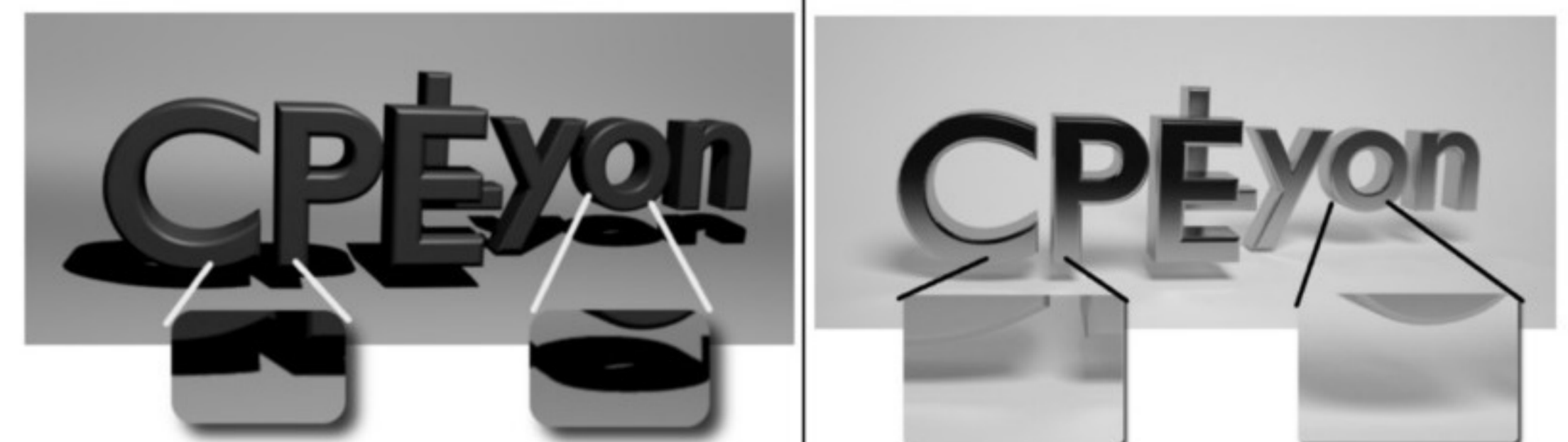
We randomly sample  $\theta_i$



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## Path tracing

Modeling secondary light sources:



Direct illumination

Path tracing

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