Line Rasterization

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Raster Image

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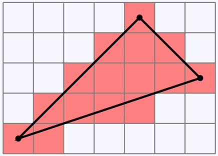

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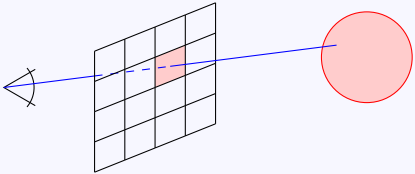
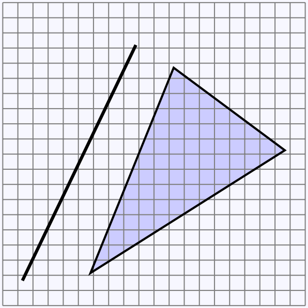


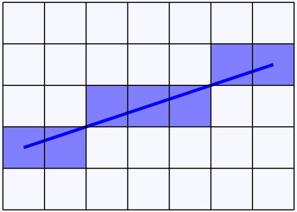
What is rasterization?



Rasterization is the process of determining which pixels are "covered" by the primitive

Rasterization

- In: 2D primitives (floating point)
- Out: covered pixels (integer)
- Must be fast (called **many times**)
- Visually pleasing
  - lines have constant width
  - lines have no gaps



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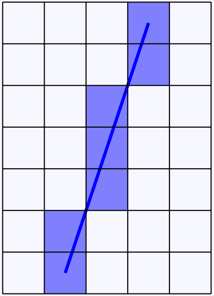

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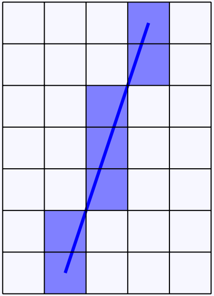

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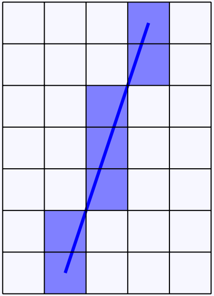

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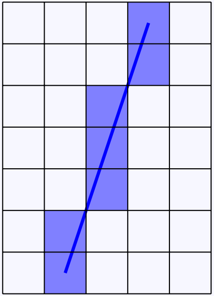

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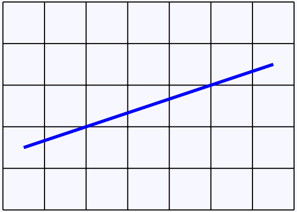
- Swap the roles of x and y
    - Loop over y, compute and round x

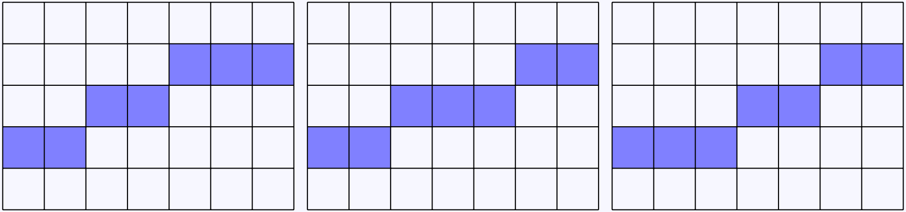
DDA algorithm for lines - limitations

- Must round for each pixel
  - very slow
- Only use ops: $+, -, \times$
  - Even better: $+, -$

Rasterization choices

- Thin, no gaps
- Still have choices





Midpoint algorithm

- Assume $0 \leq m \leq 1$
- Move from left to right
- Choose between $(x+1, y)$ and $(x+1, y+1)$

$y = y_0$
for $x = x_0, \ldots, x_1$ **do**
  draw(x, y)
  if ⟨condition⟩ **then**
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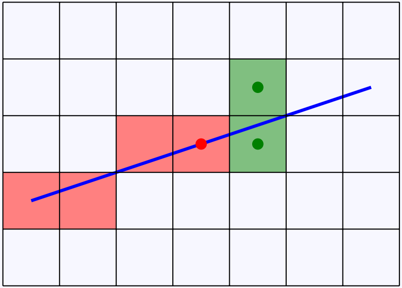

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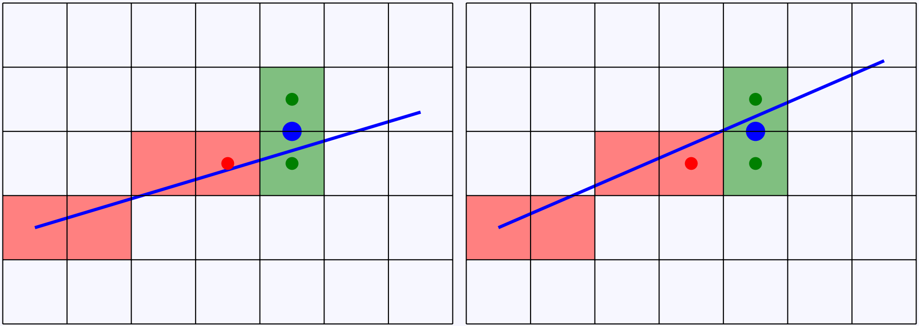

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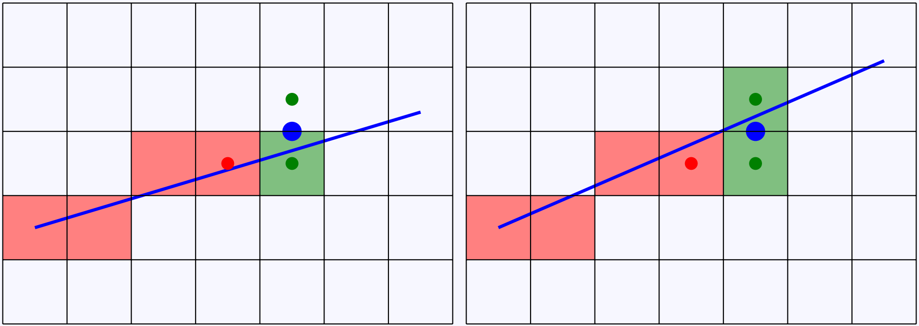

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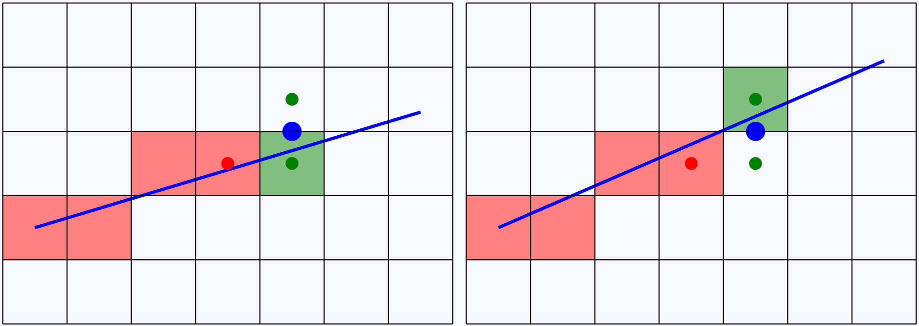

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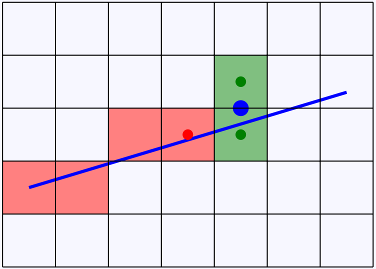

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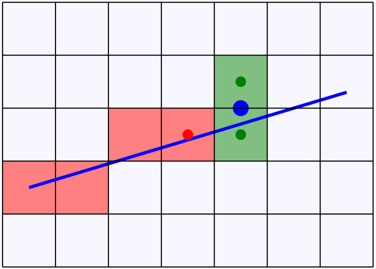

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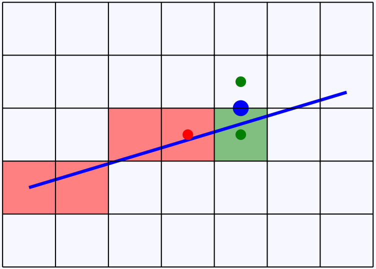
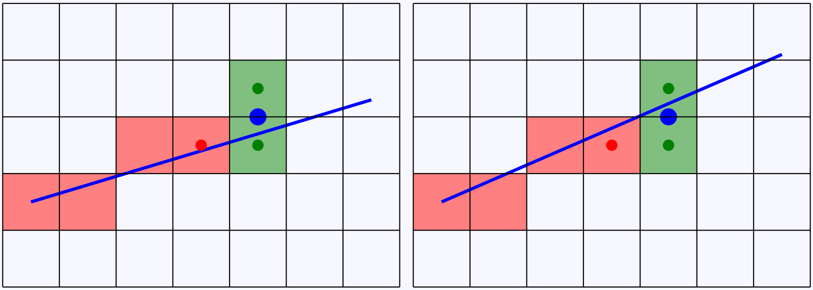


Midpoint algorithm ($0 \le m \le 1$)

$y \leftarrow y_0$
for $x = x_0, \dots, x_1$ **do**
  draw(x, y)
  if $f(x+1, y+\frac{1}{2}) < 0$ **then**
    $y \leftarrow y + 1$



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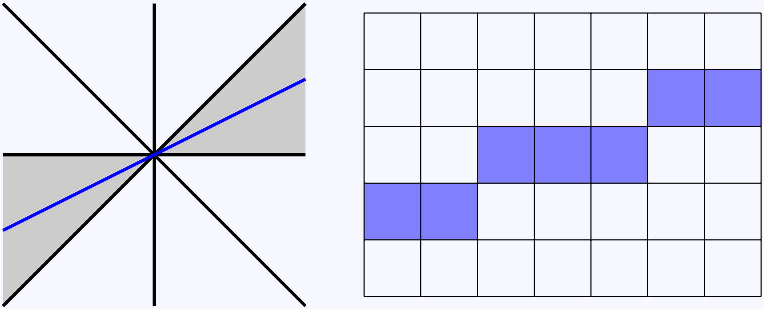
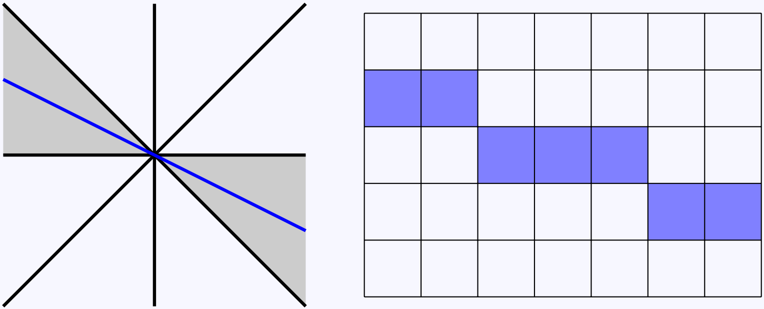
$y \leftarrow y_0$
$d \leftarrow f(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2})$
for $x = x_0, \ldots, x_1$ **do**
    $\text{draw}(x, y)$
    if $d < 0$ **then**
        $y \leftarrow y + 1$
        $d \leftarrow d + (y_0 - y_1) + (x_1 - x_0)$
    else
        $d \leftarrow d + (y_0 - y_1)$

Other cases: $0 \leq m \leq 1$



Other cases: $-1 \leq m \leq 0$



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