

Occupancy grid

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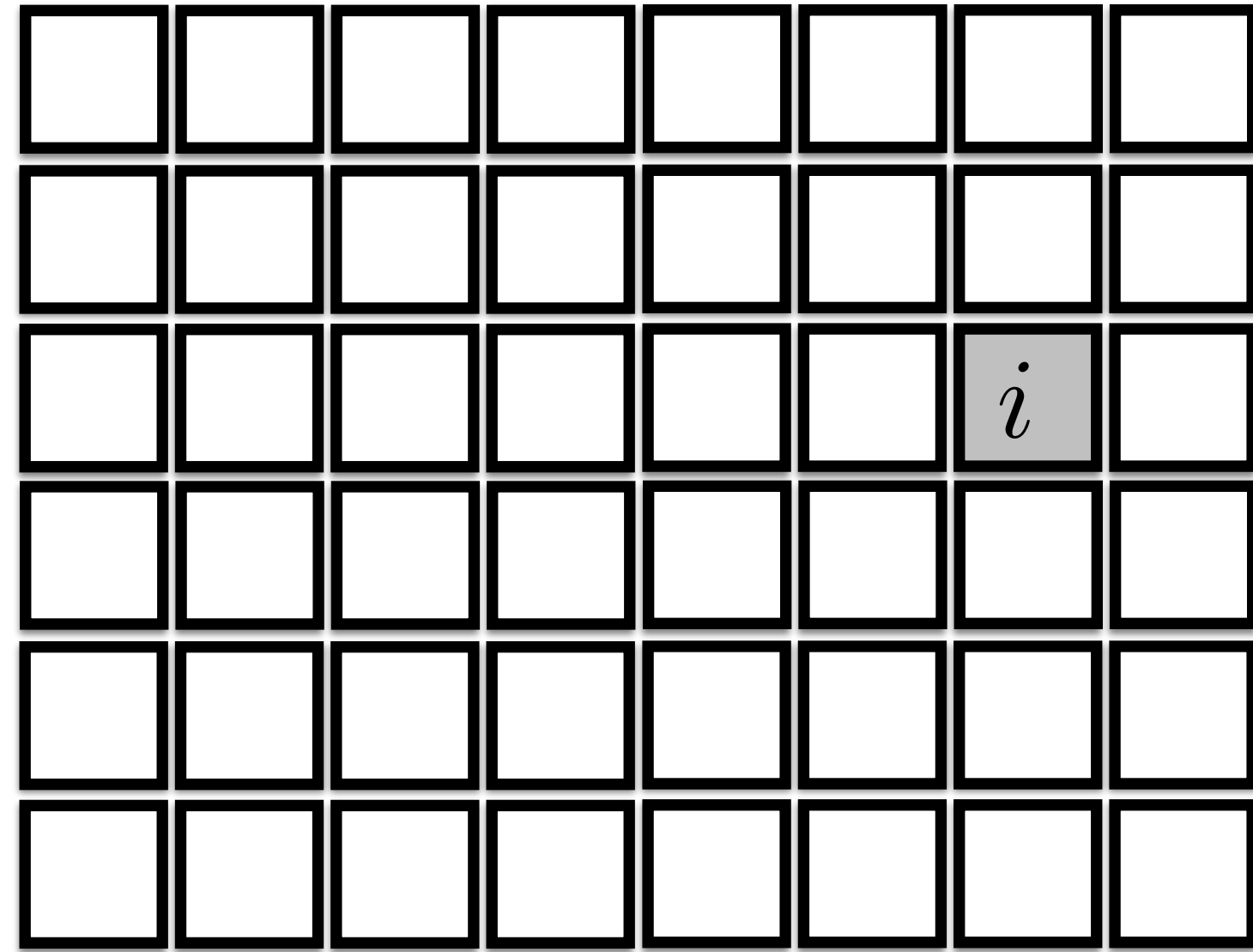
Motivation

- planning a robot path typically requires to distinguish “unoccupied” (free) space from “unknown” space.
- simplest representation which allows to do this, is occupancy grid.

- occupied (+1)
- unknown (0)
- unoccupied (-1)

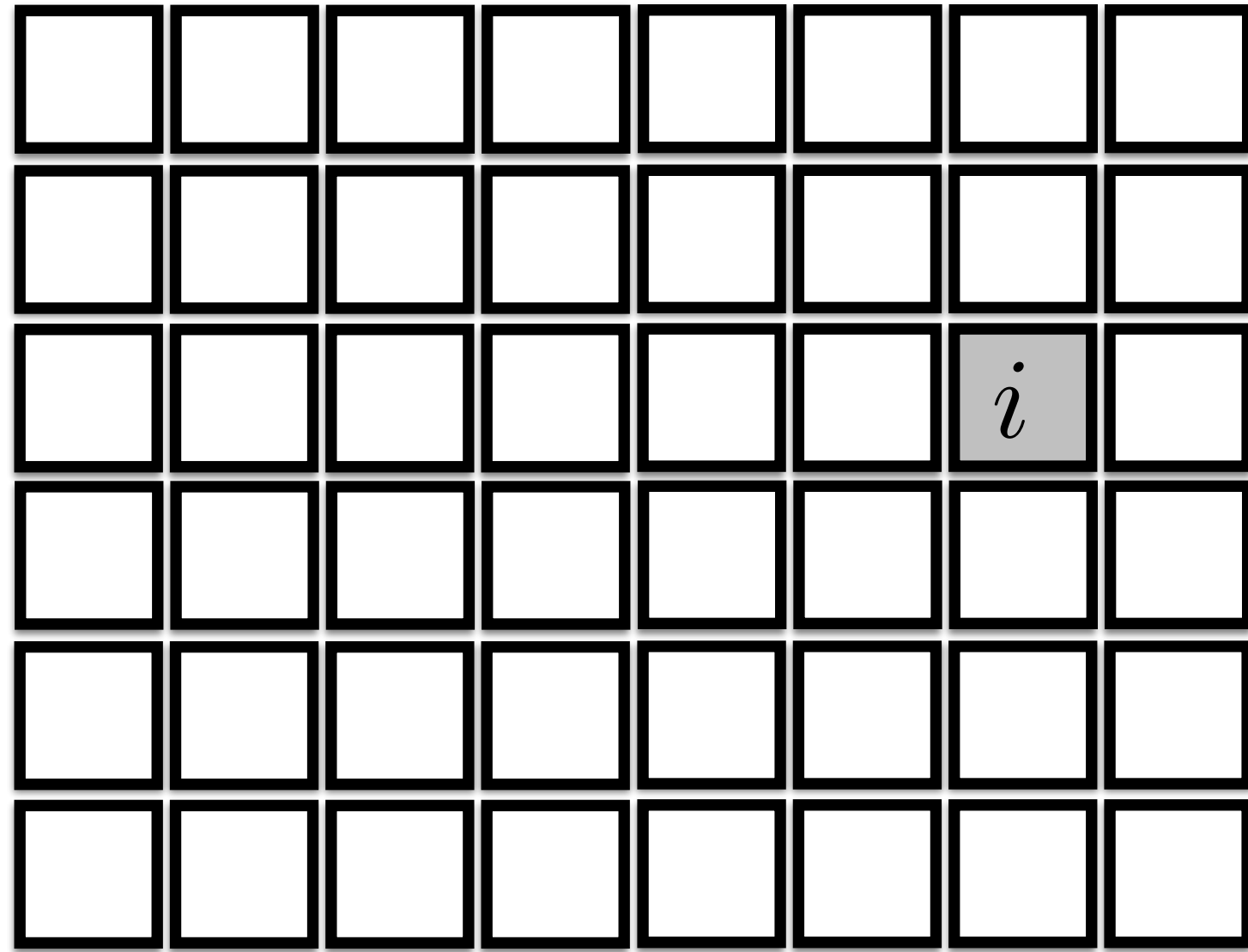


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2D occupancy grid

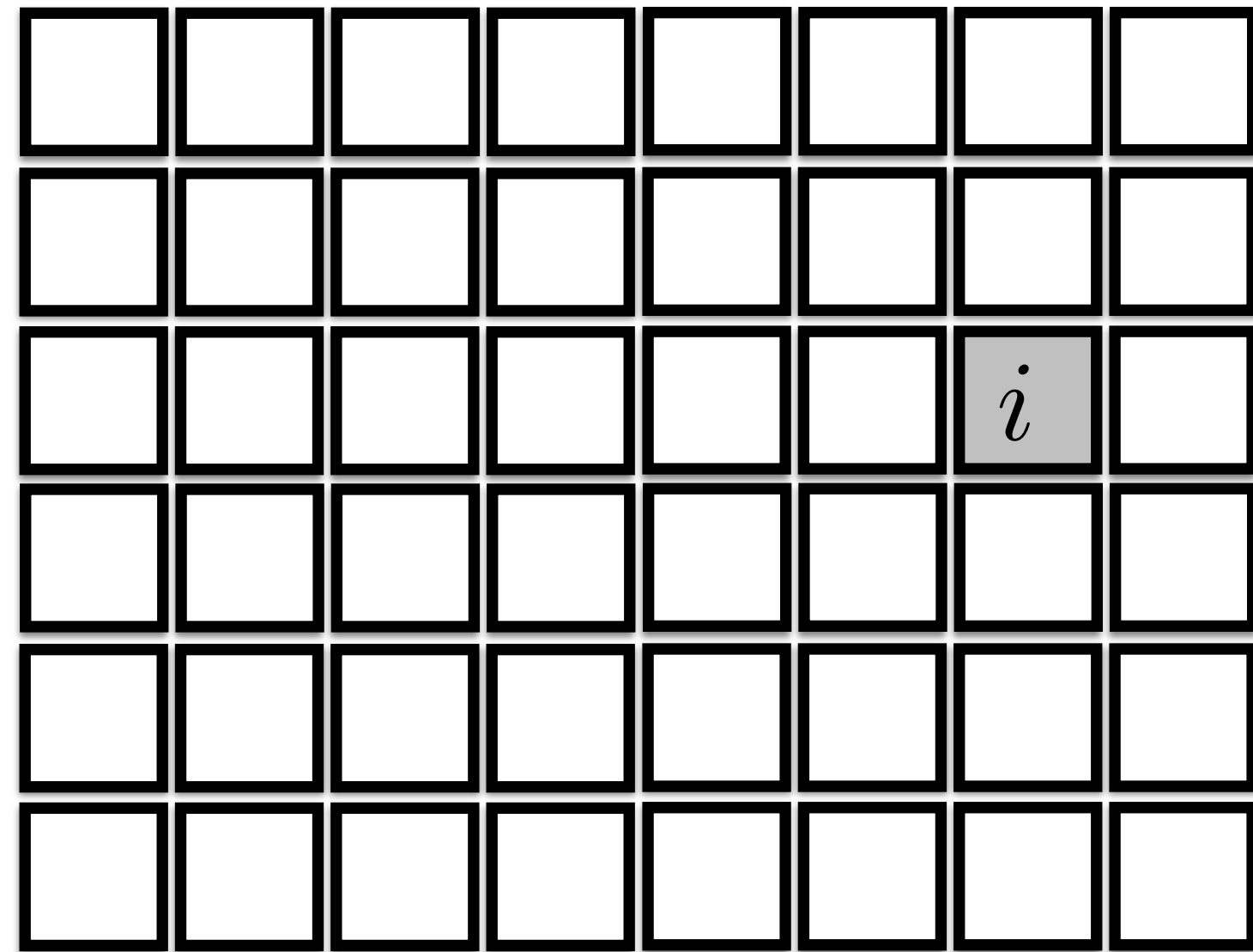
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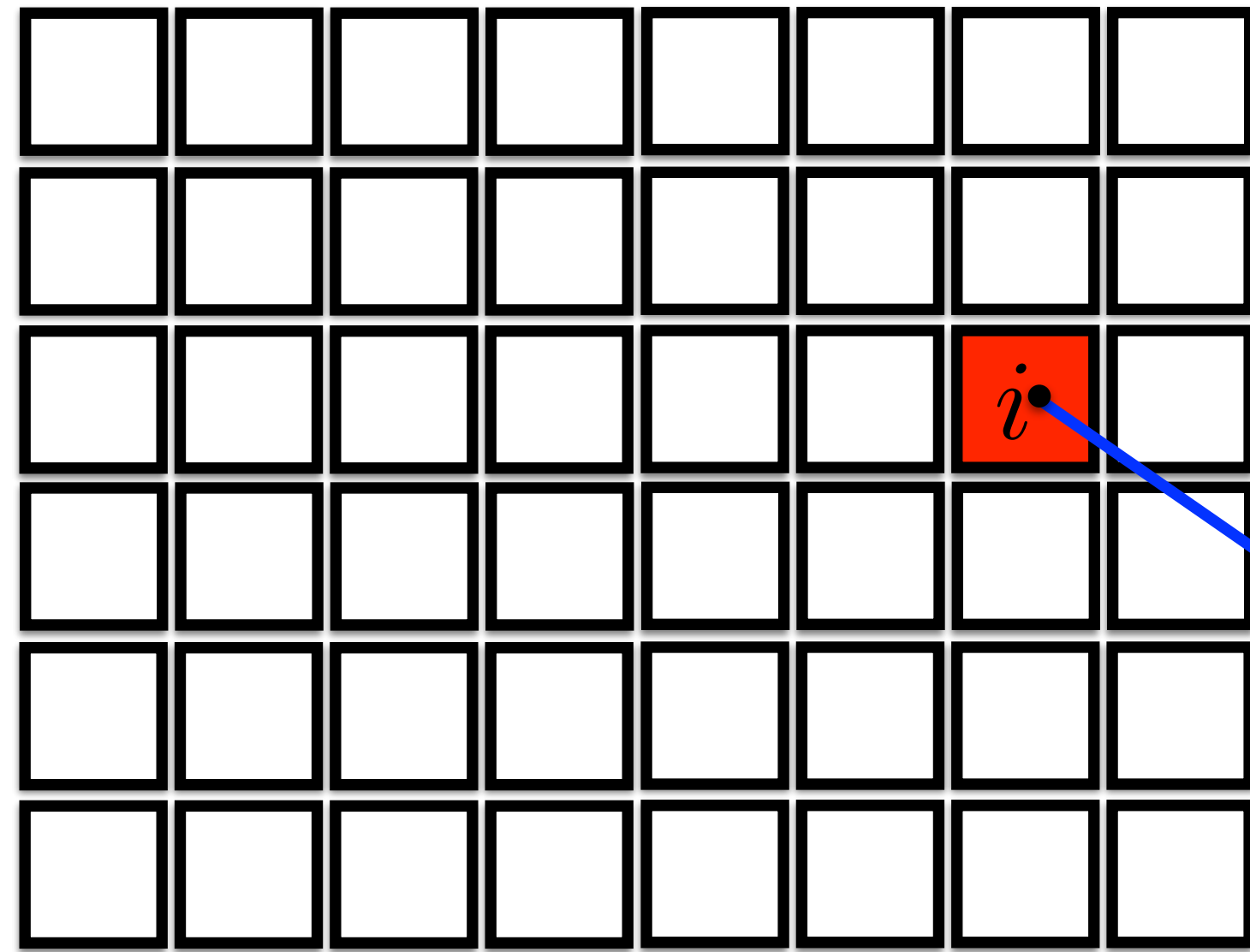
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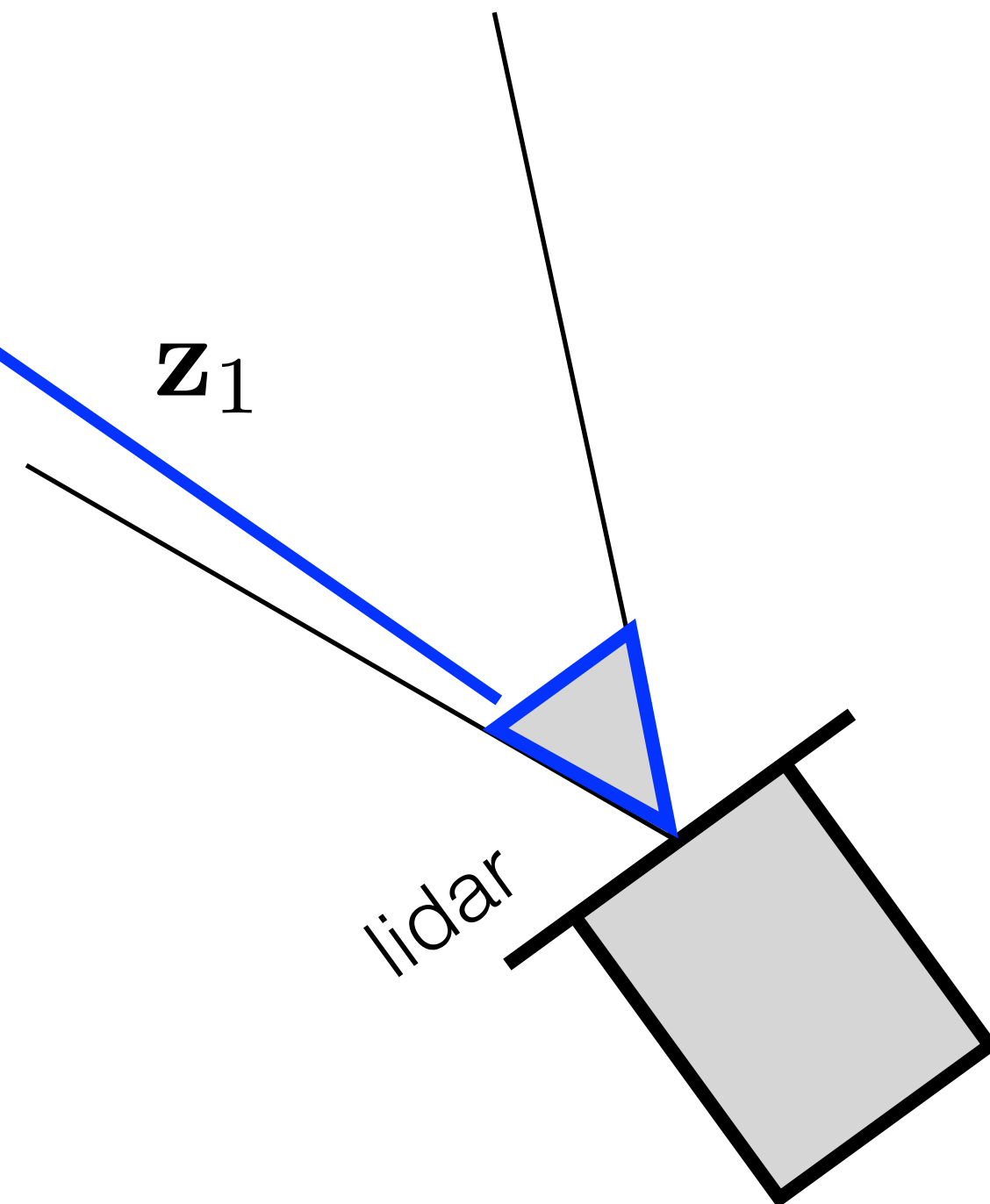
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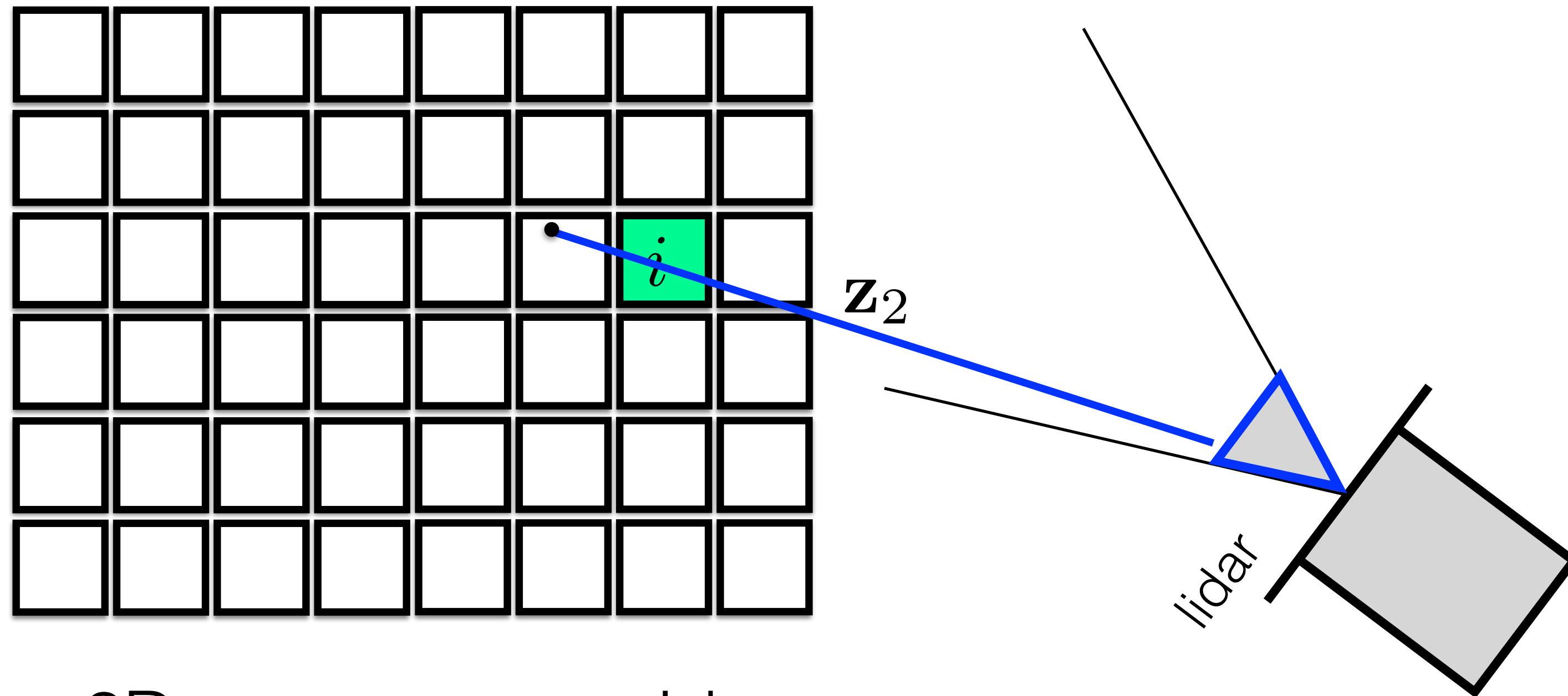


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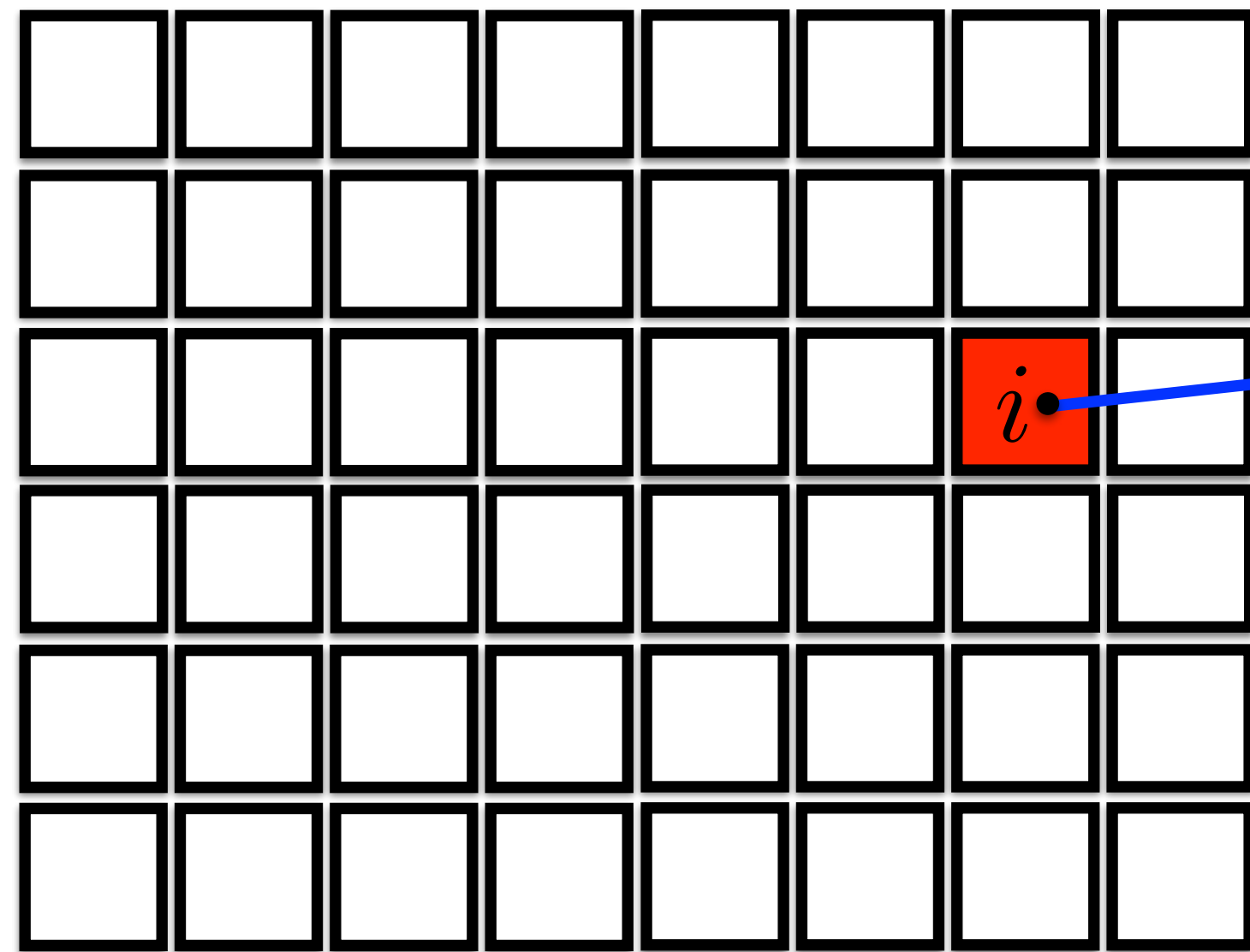
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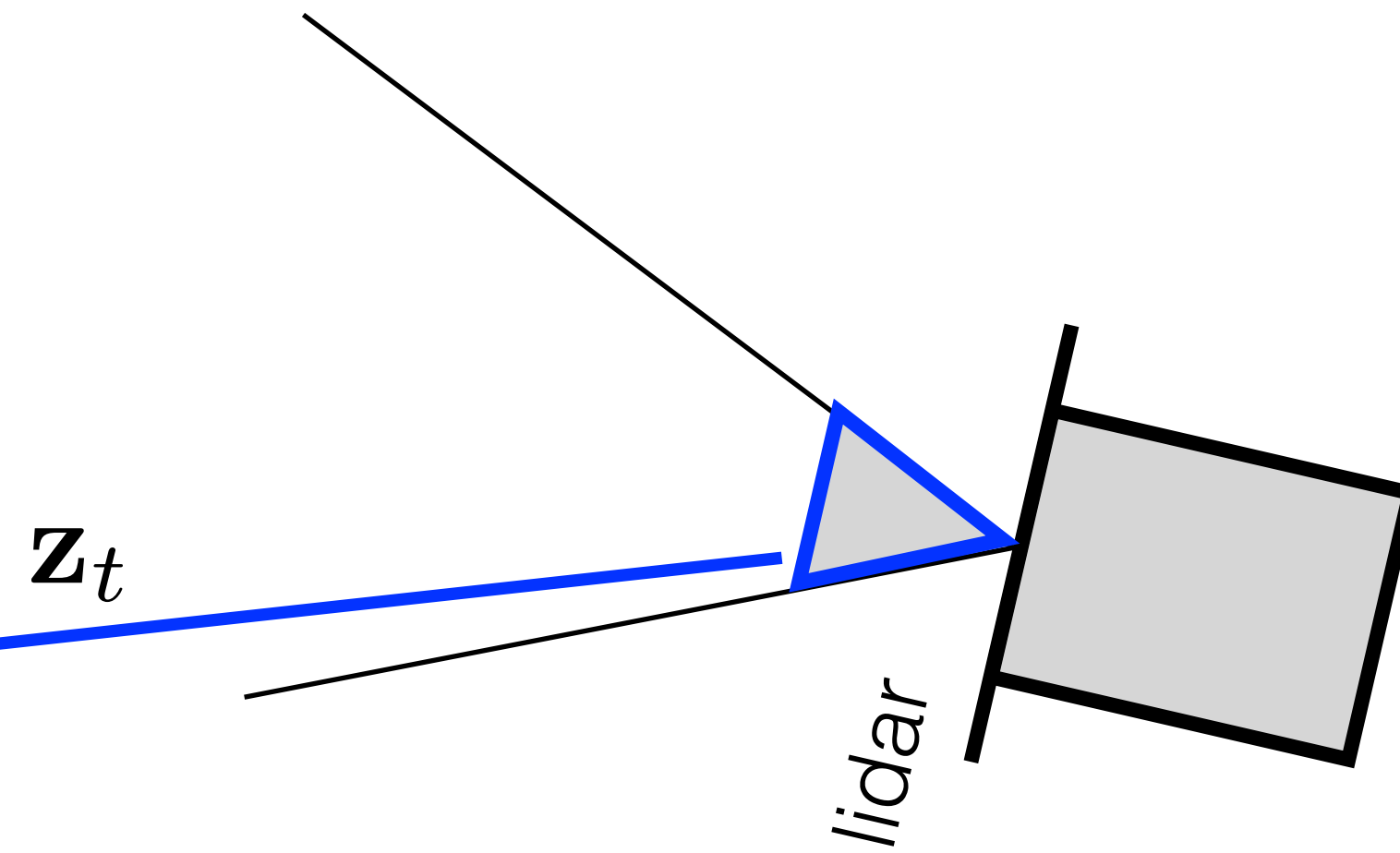
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2x occupied, 1x unoccupied

Is it occupied, unoccupied or unknown?

Simple hack: $b = 2 - 1$ $b \leq \theta_L$ unoccupied

$\theta_L < b < \theta_H$ unknown

We will search for probabilistic justification of this hack! $b \geq \theta_H$... occupied

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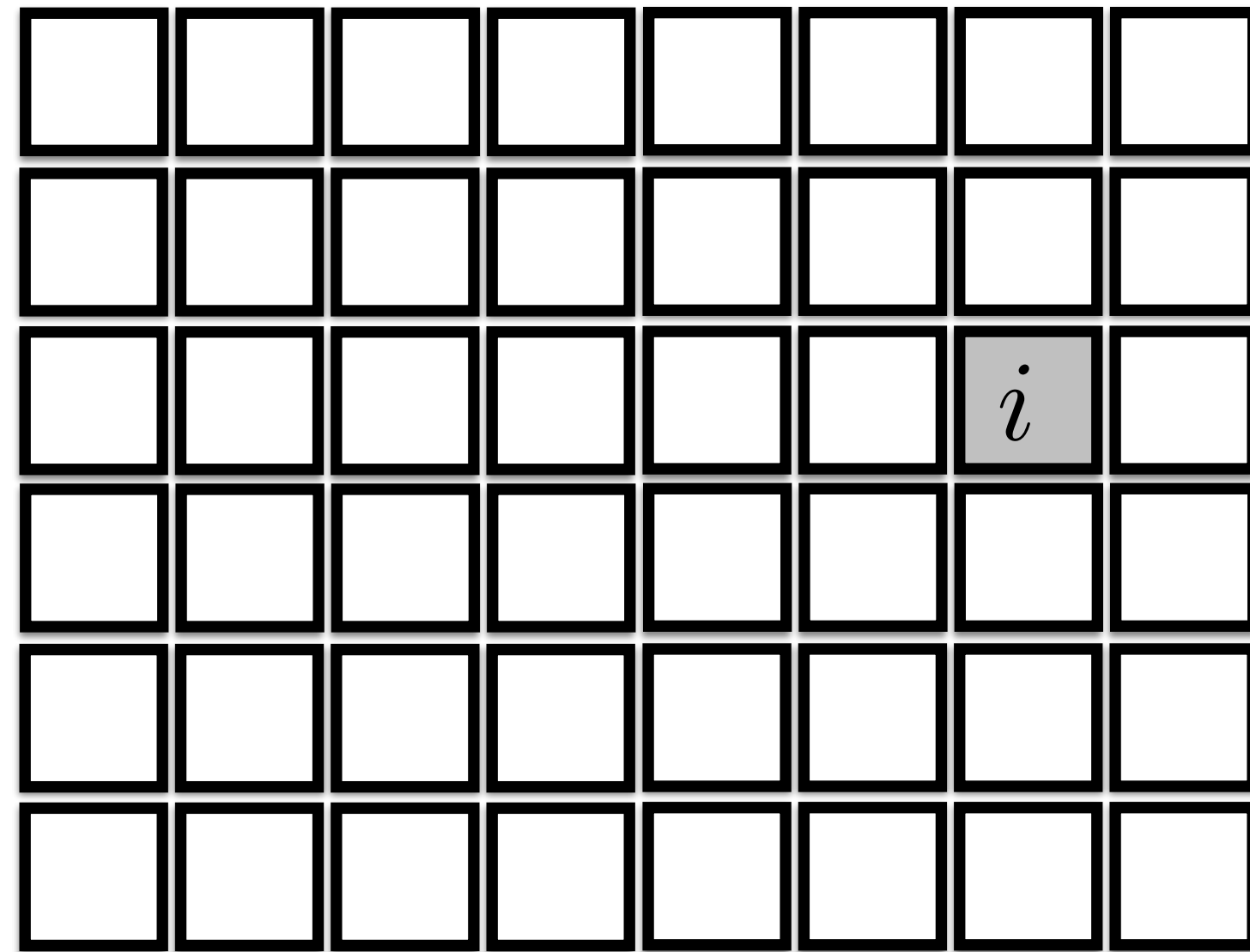
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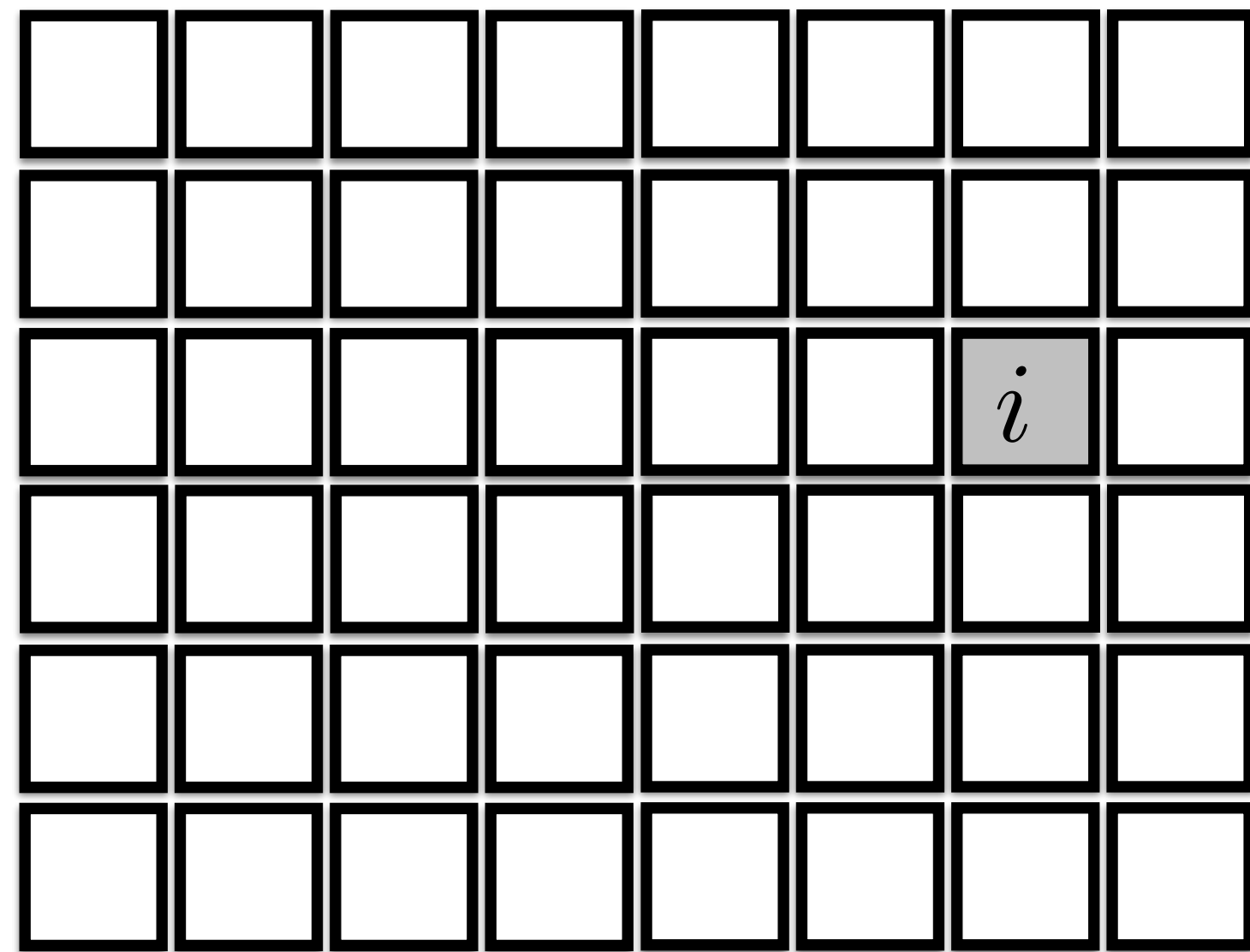
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2D occupancy grid
 Optimal (risk-minimizing) strategy for two-class classification problem with rejection option (unknown), is achieved by thresholding the likelihood ratio.

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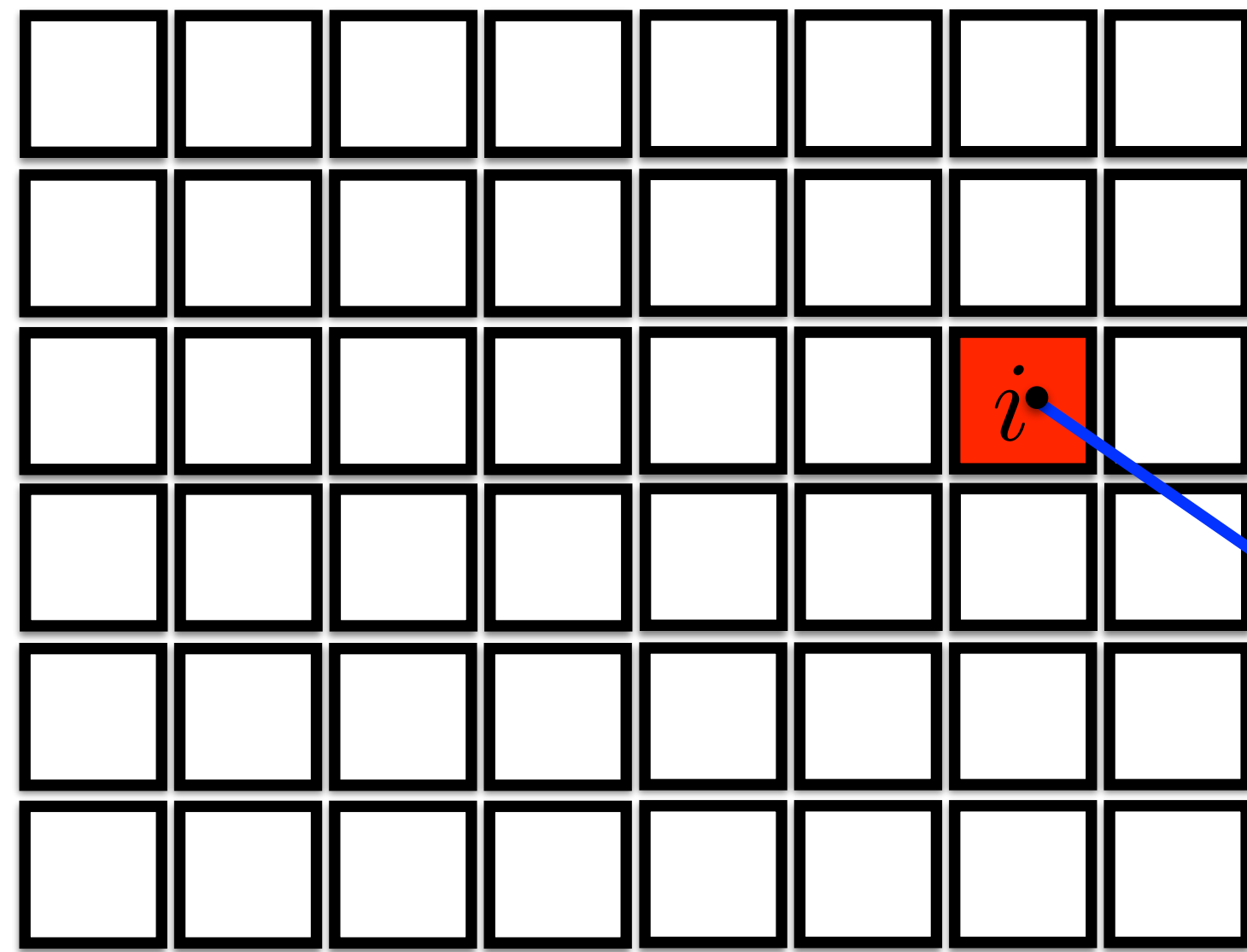


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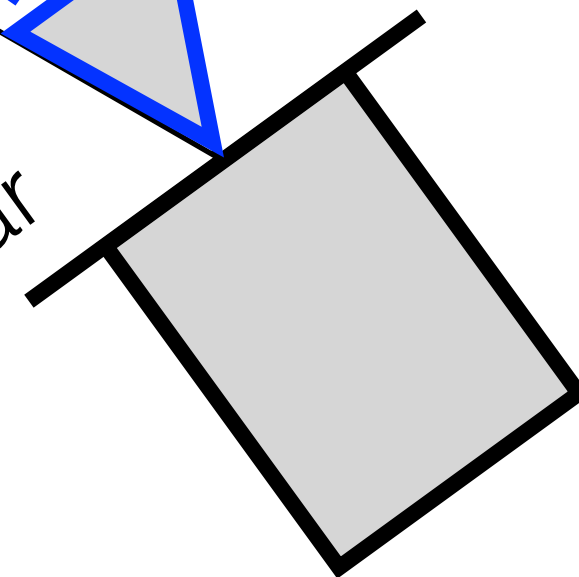
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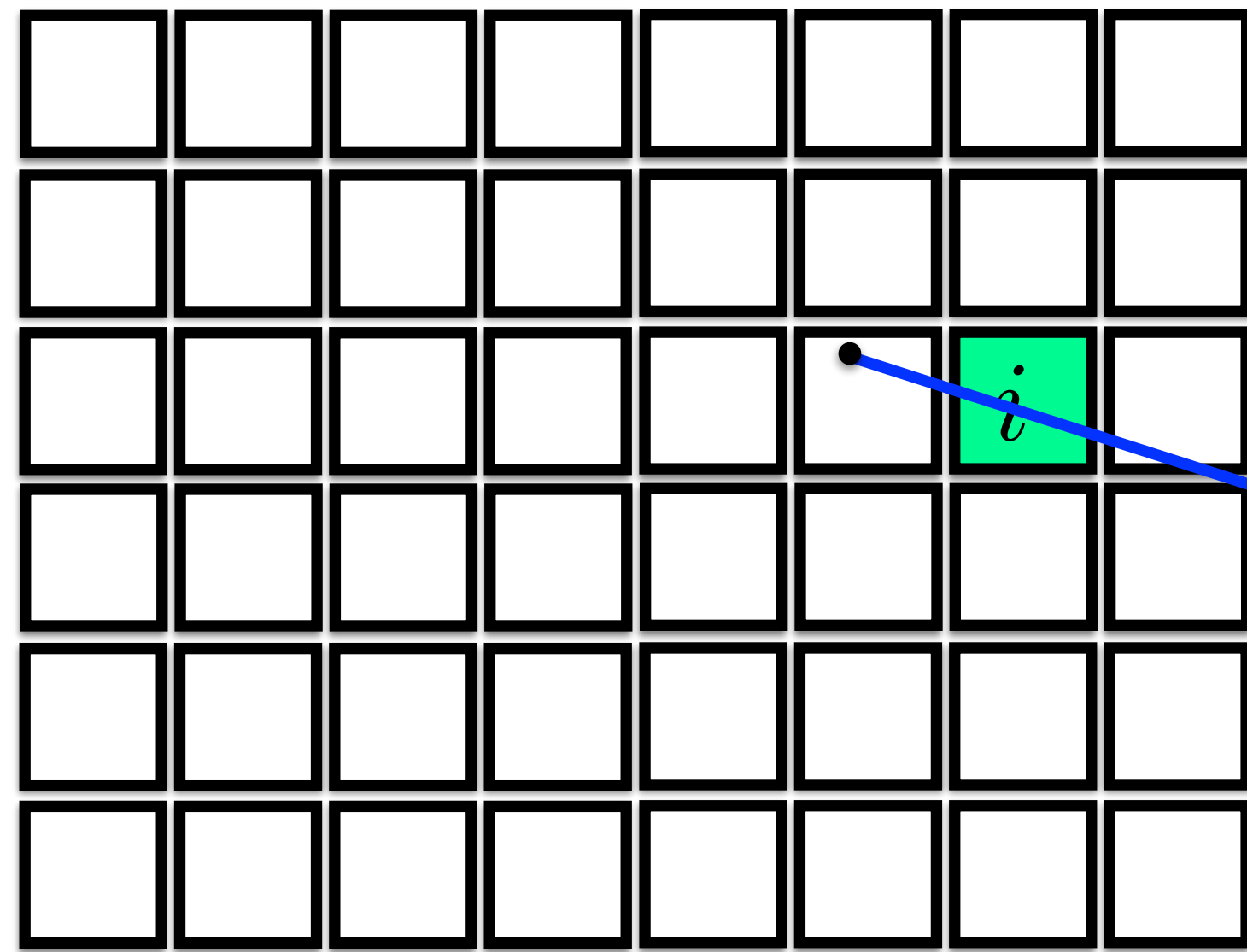
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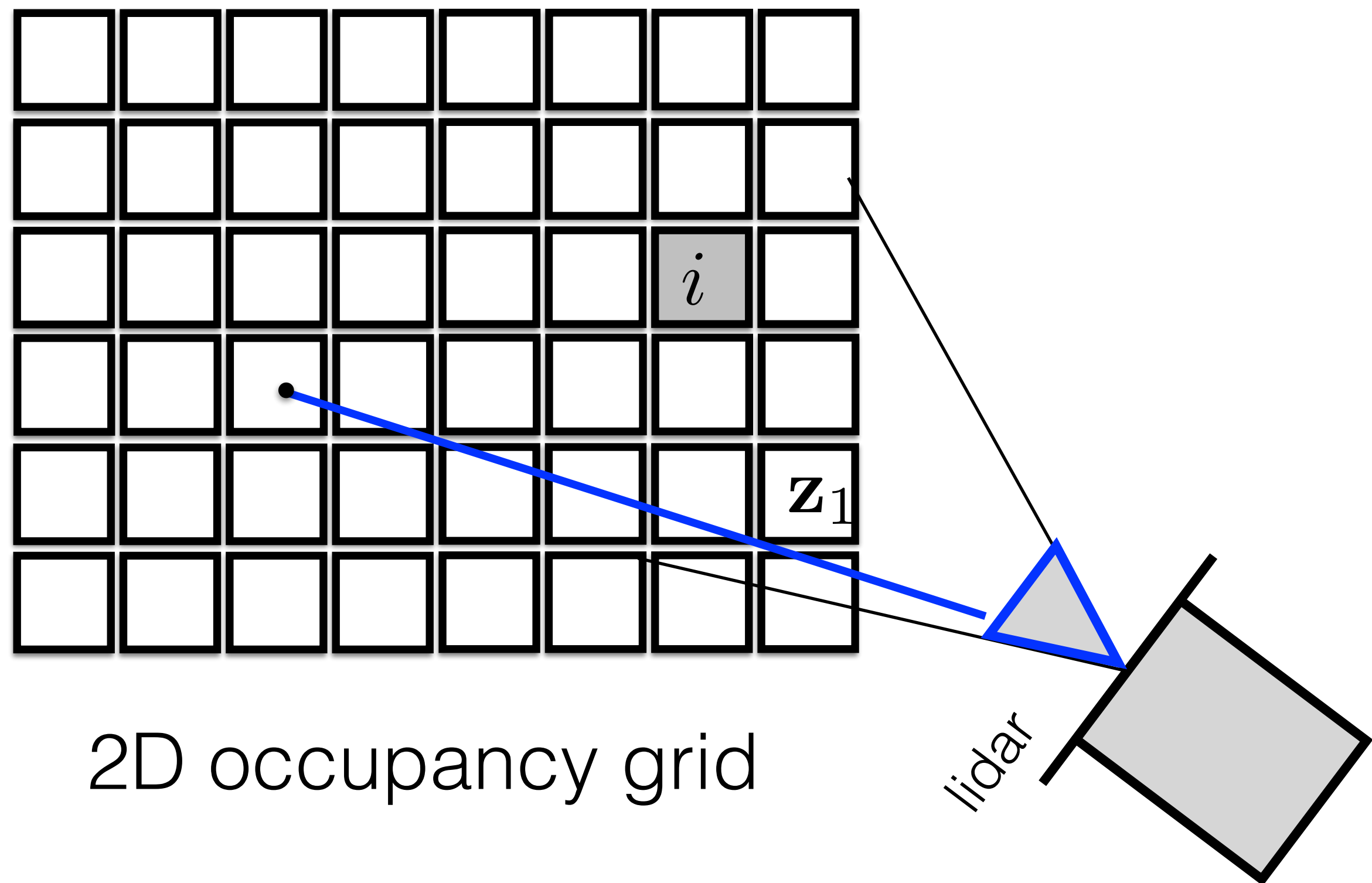
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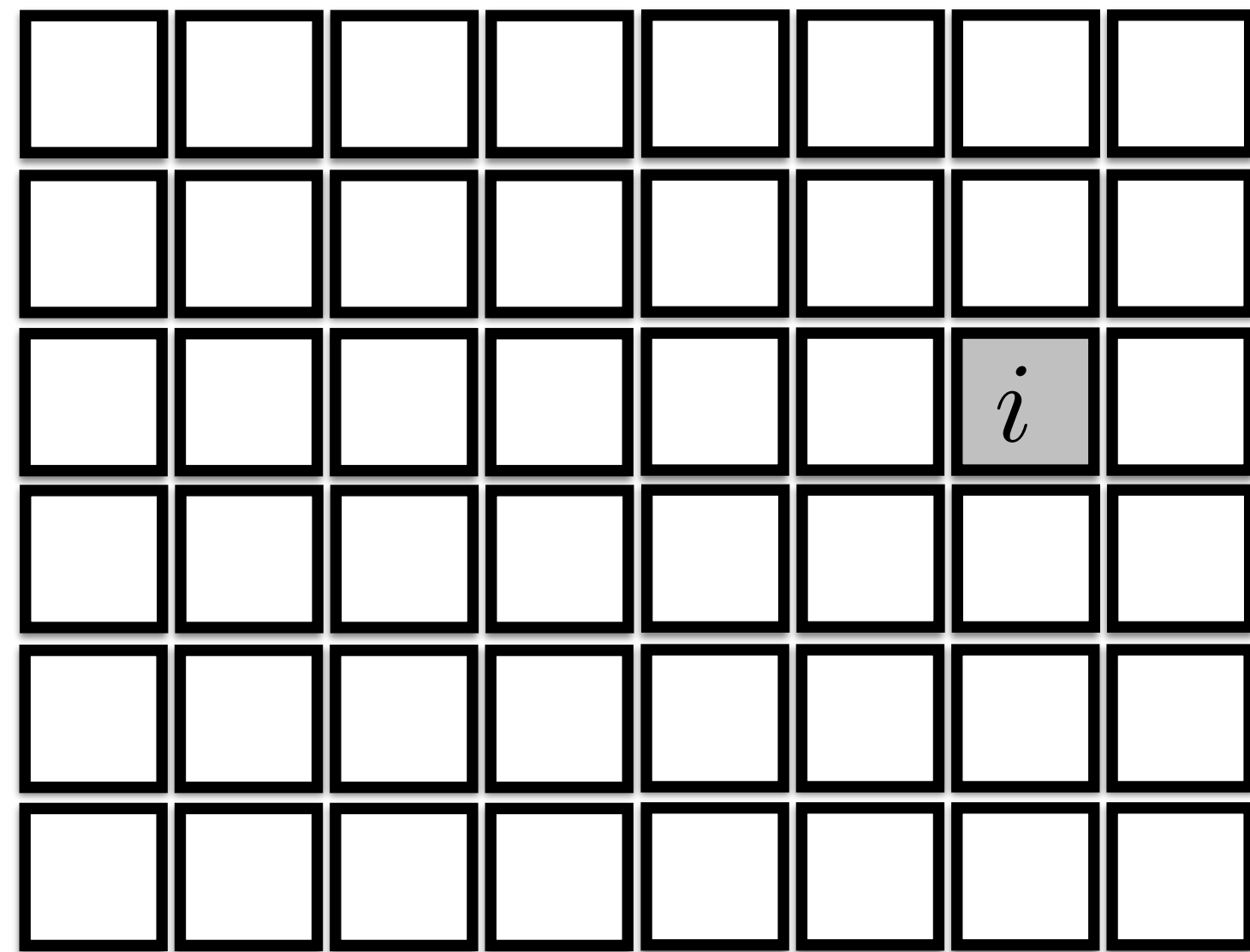
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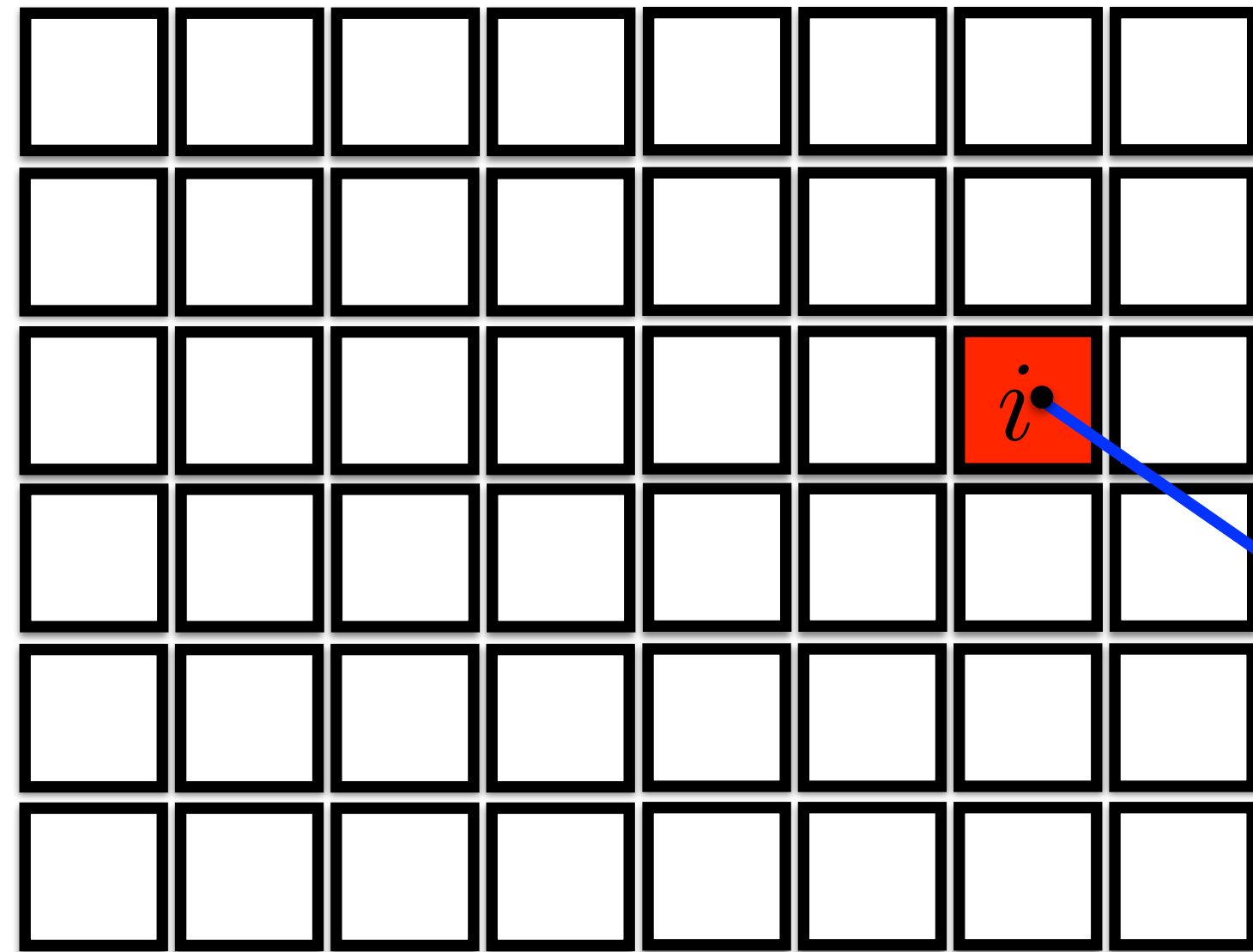
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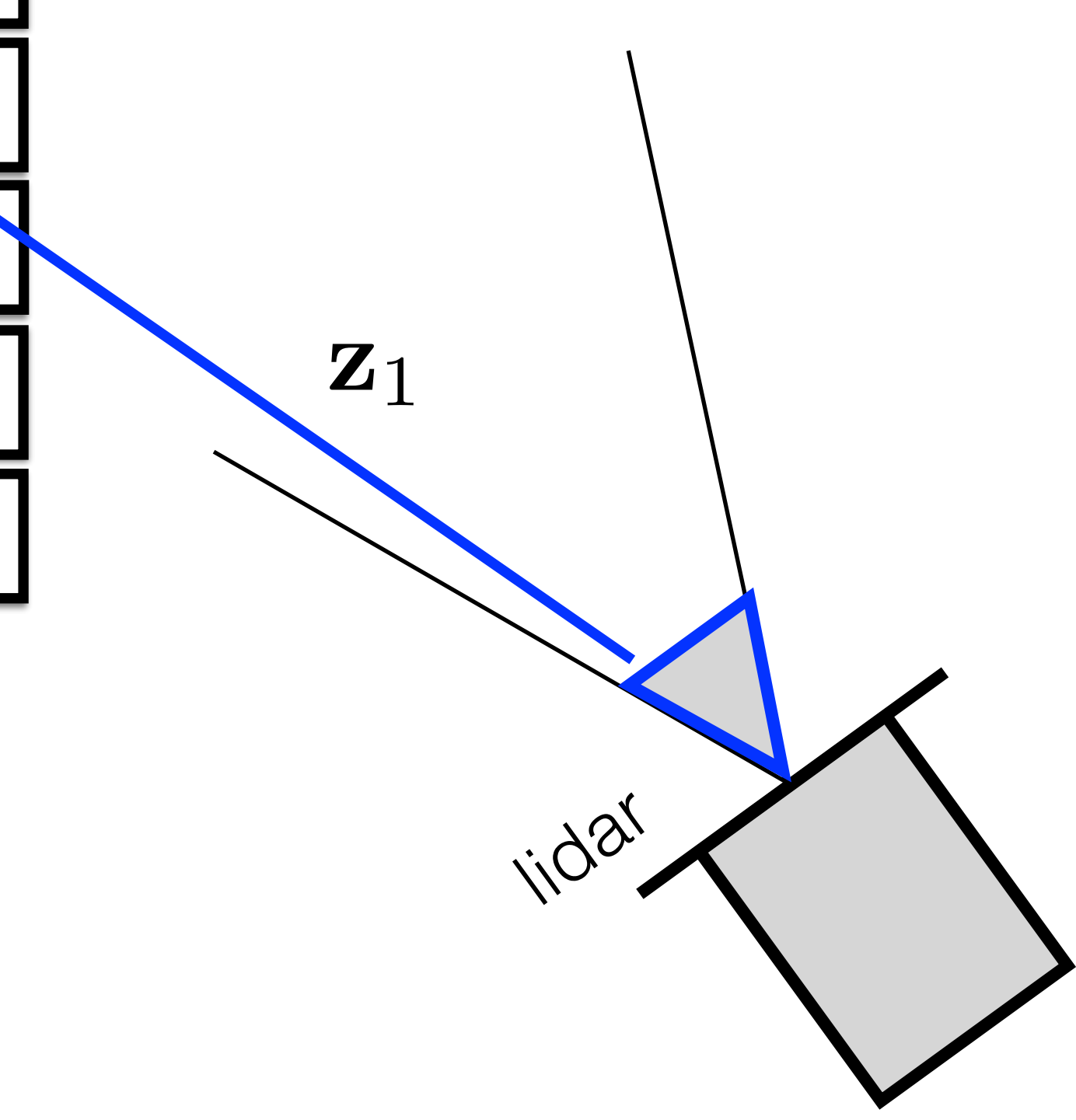
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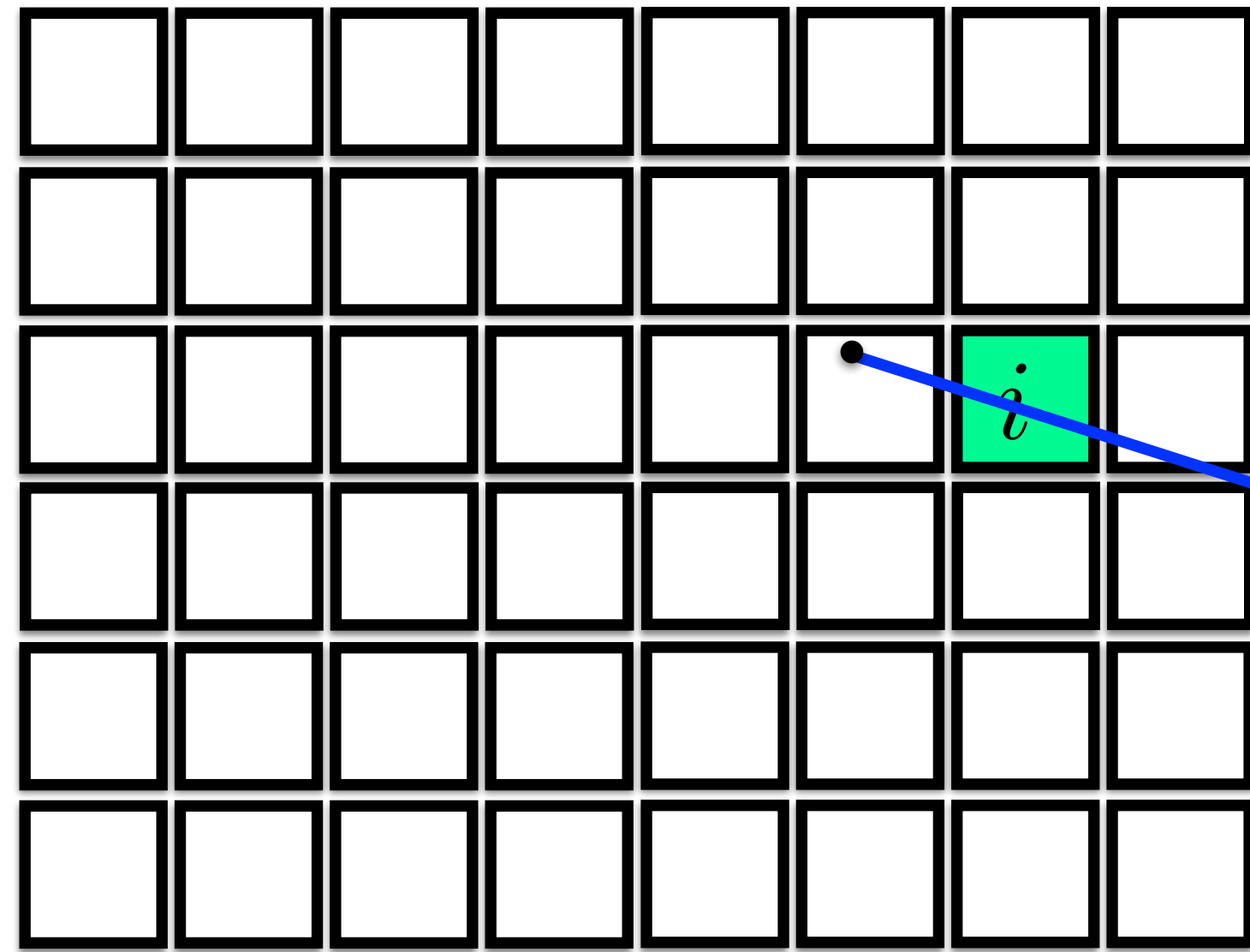
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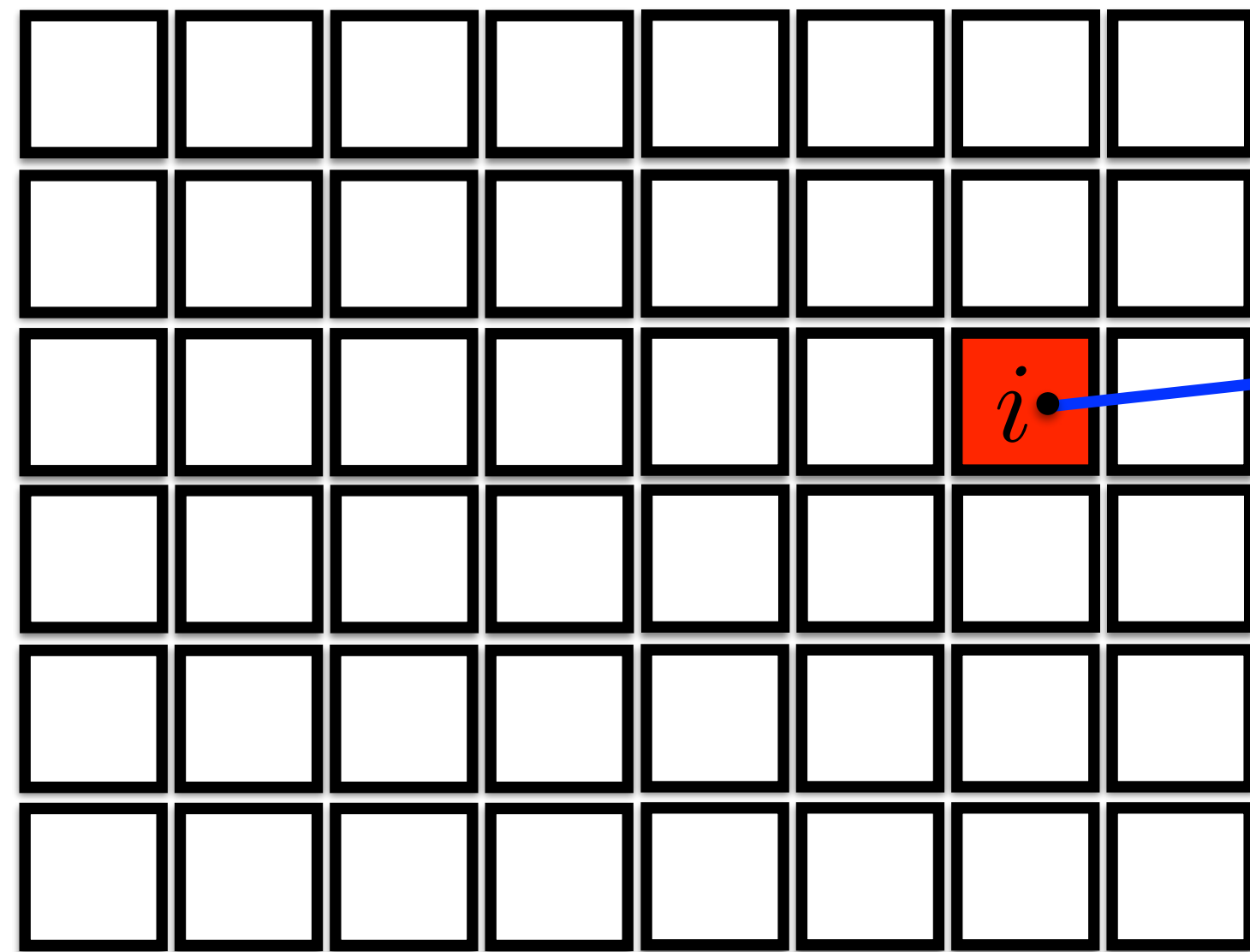
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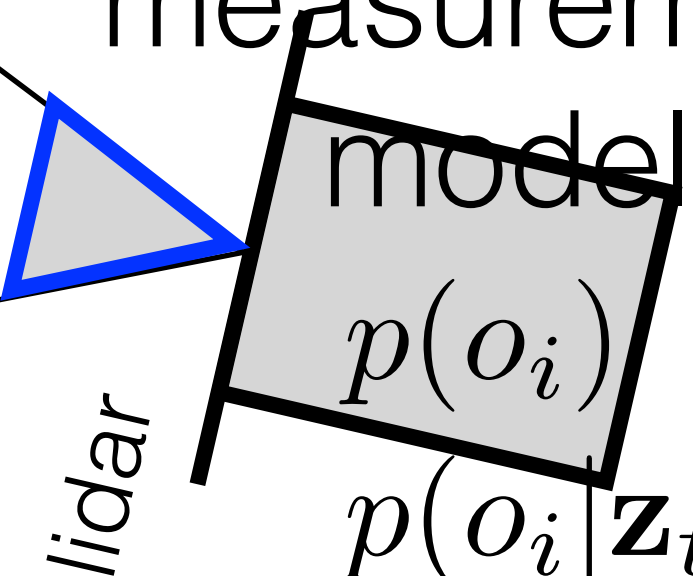


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inverse measurement
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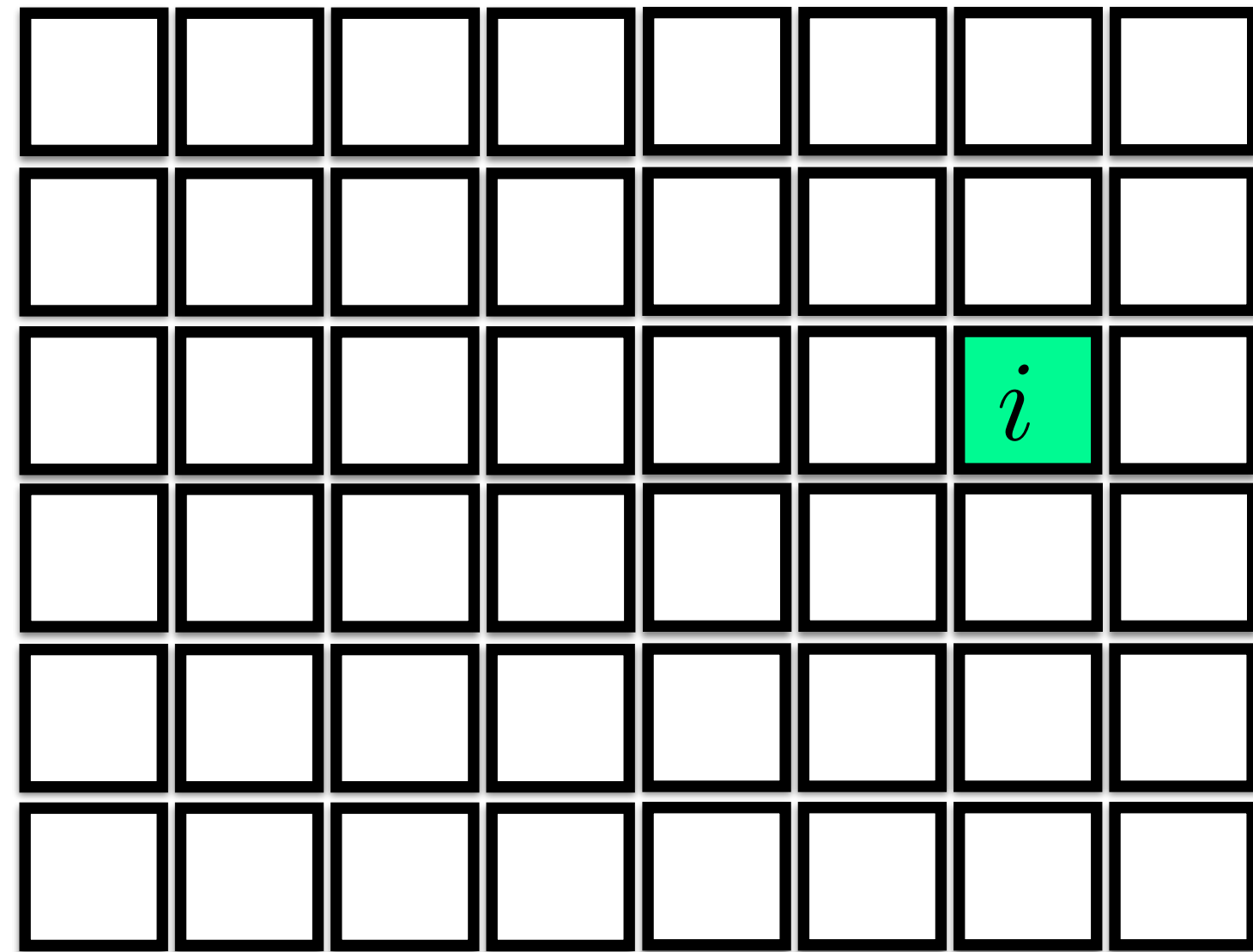
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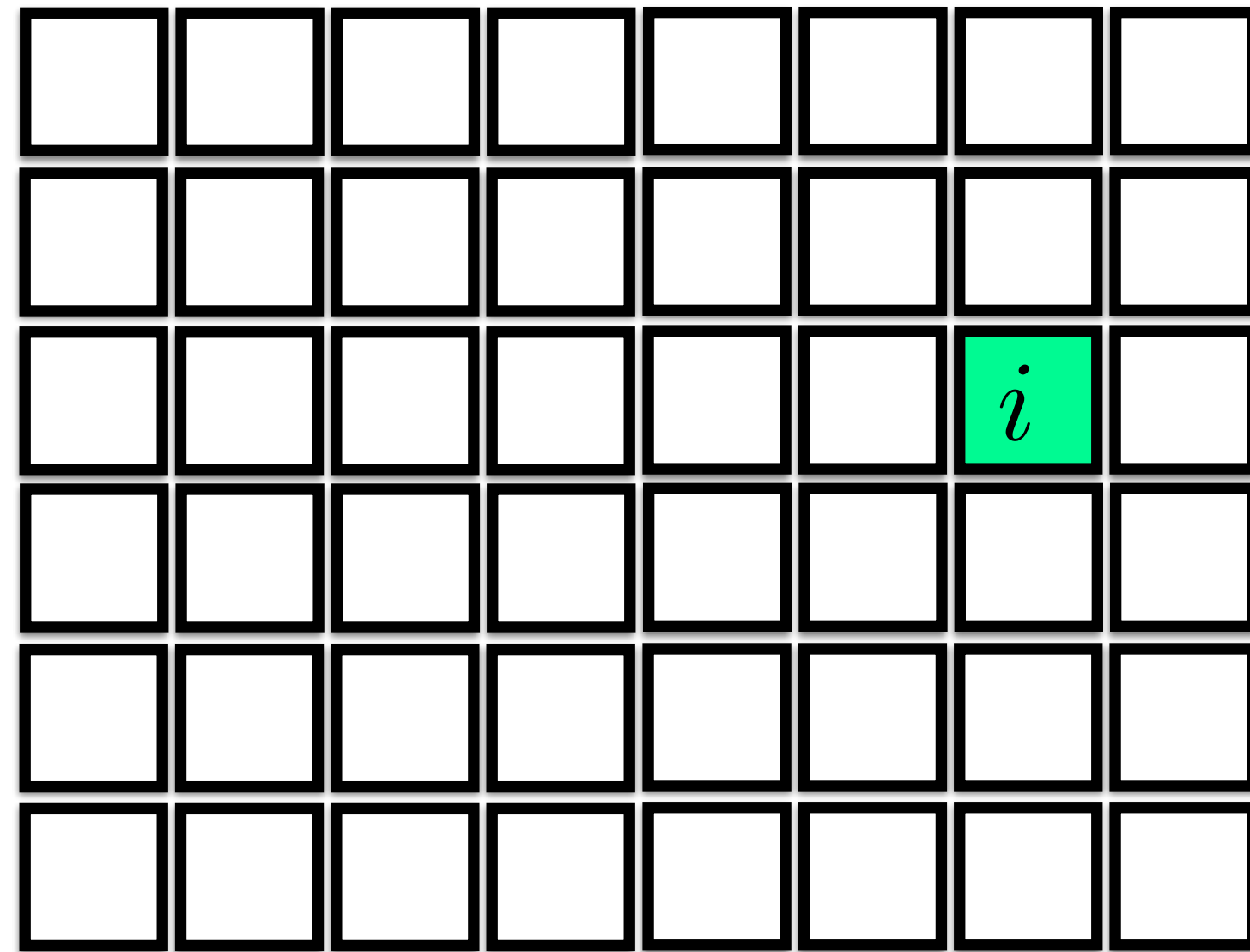
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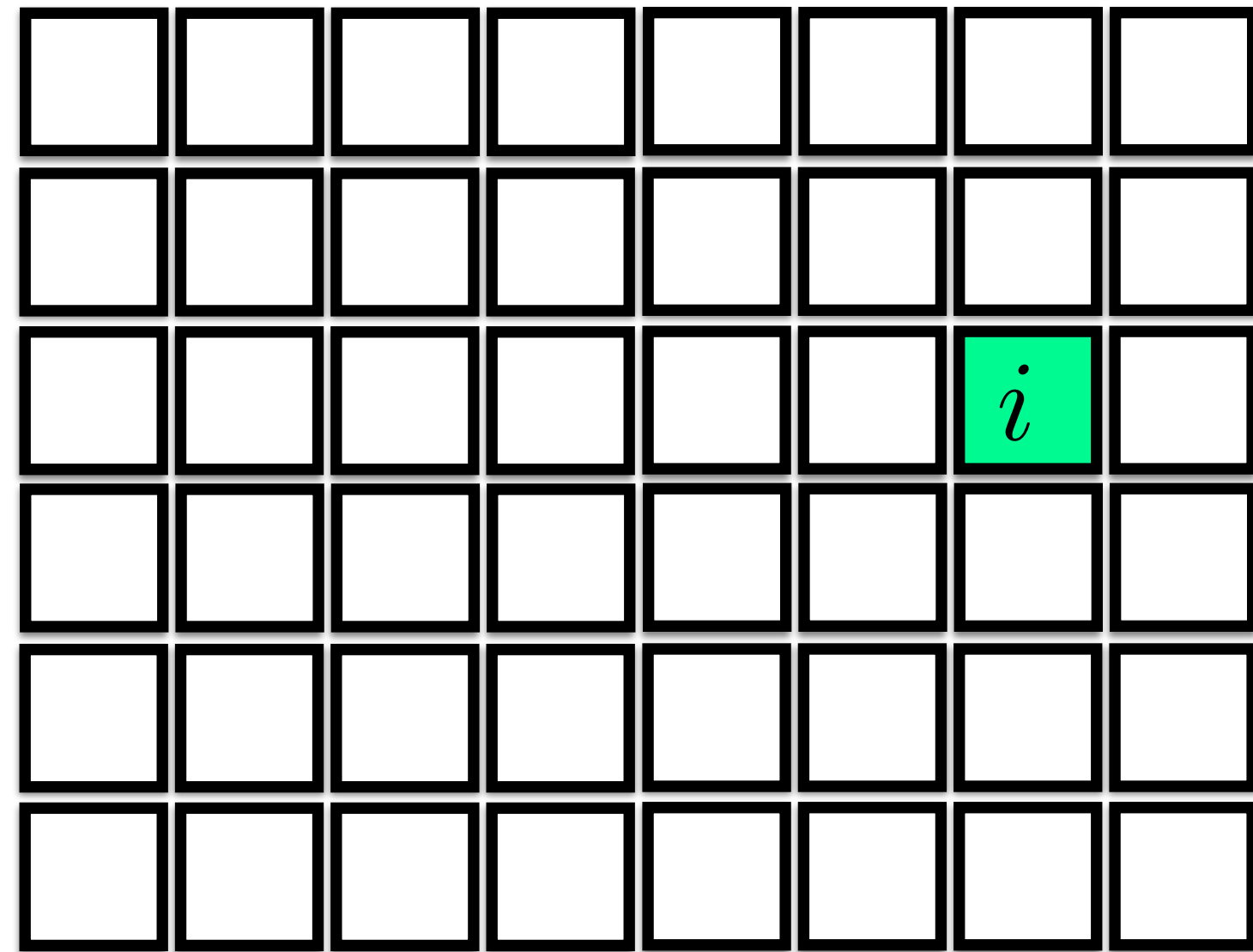
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$$r = \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t})}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t})} = \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_t)}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_t)} \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})} \frac{p(\neg o_i)}{p(o_i)}$$

$t = 3$



Multiplying floating-point-numbers:

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- is more computationally demanding adding.

$$\log_b \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t})}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t})} = \log \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_t)}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_t)} + \log \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})} + \log \frac{p(\neg o_i)}{p(o_i)}$$

2D occupancy grid

log-odds ratio

can be always converted to prob

$r < 0.5$ unoccupied

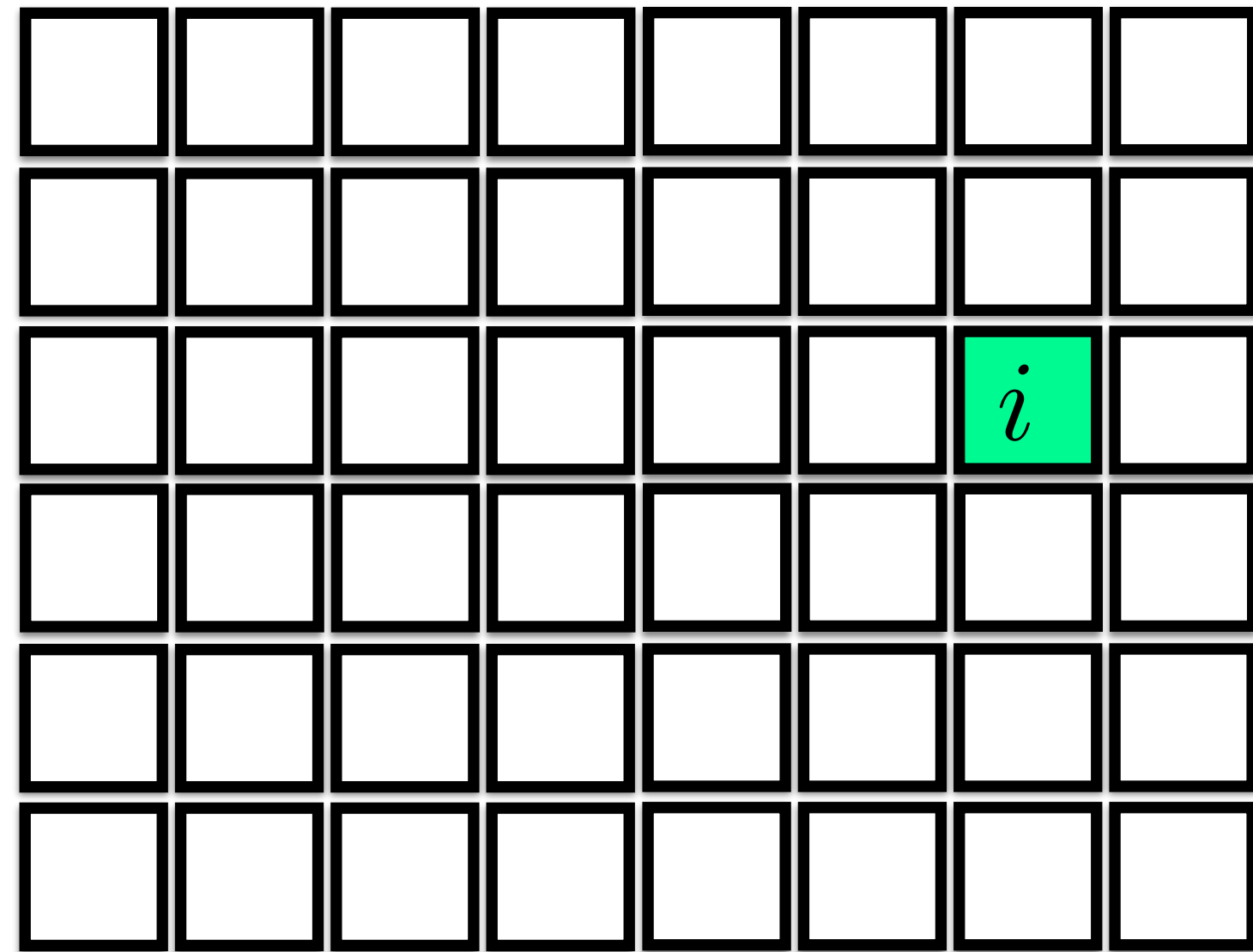
$0.5 < r < 2$ unknown

$r > 2$ occupied

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b

2D occupancy grid

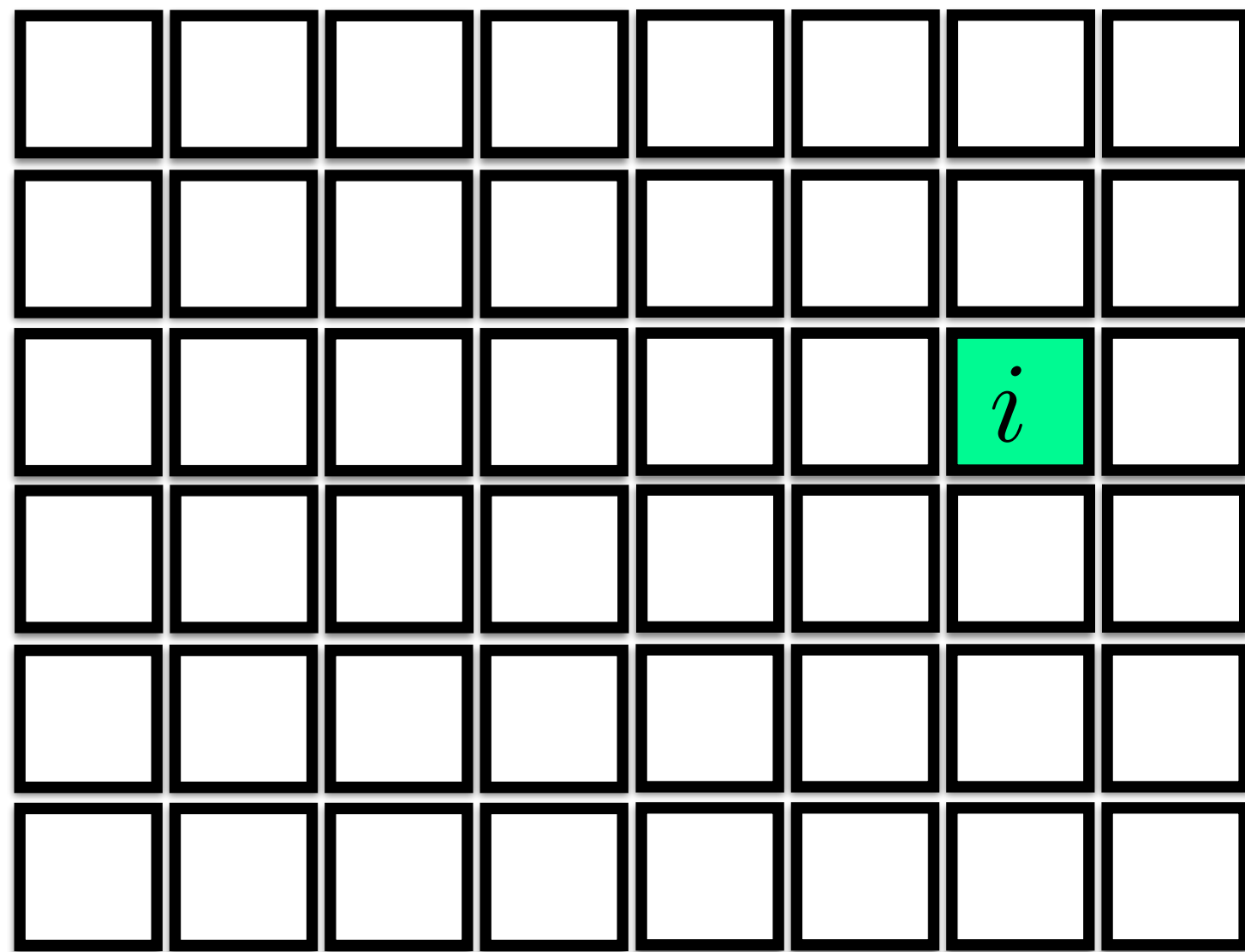
log-odds ratio

can be always converted to prob

$b \leq \theta_L$ unoccupied
 $\theta_L < b < \theta_H$ unknown
 $b \geq \theta_H$ occupied

$$b = \log \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t})}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t})} = \log \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_t)}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_t)} + \log \frac{p(o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})}{p(\neg o_i | \mathbf{z}_{1:t-1})} + \log \frac{p(\neg o_i)}{p(o_i)}$$

$t = 3$



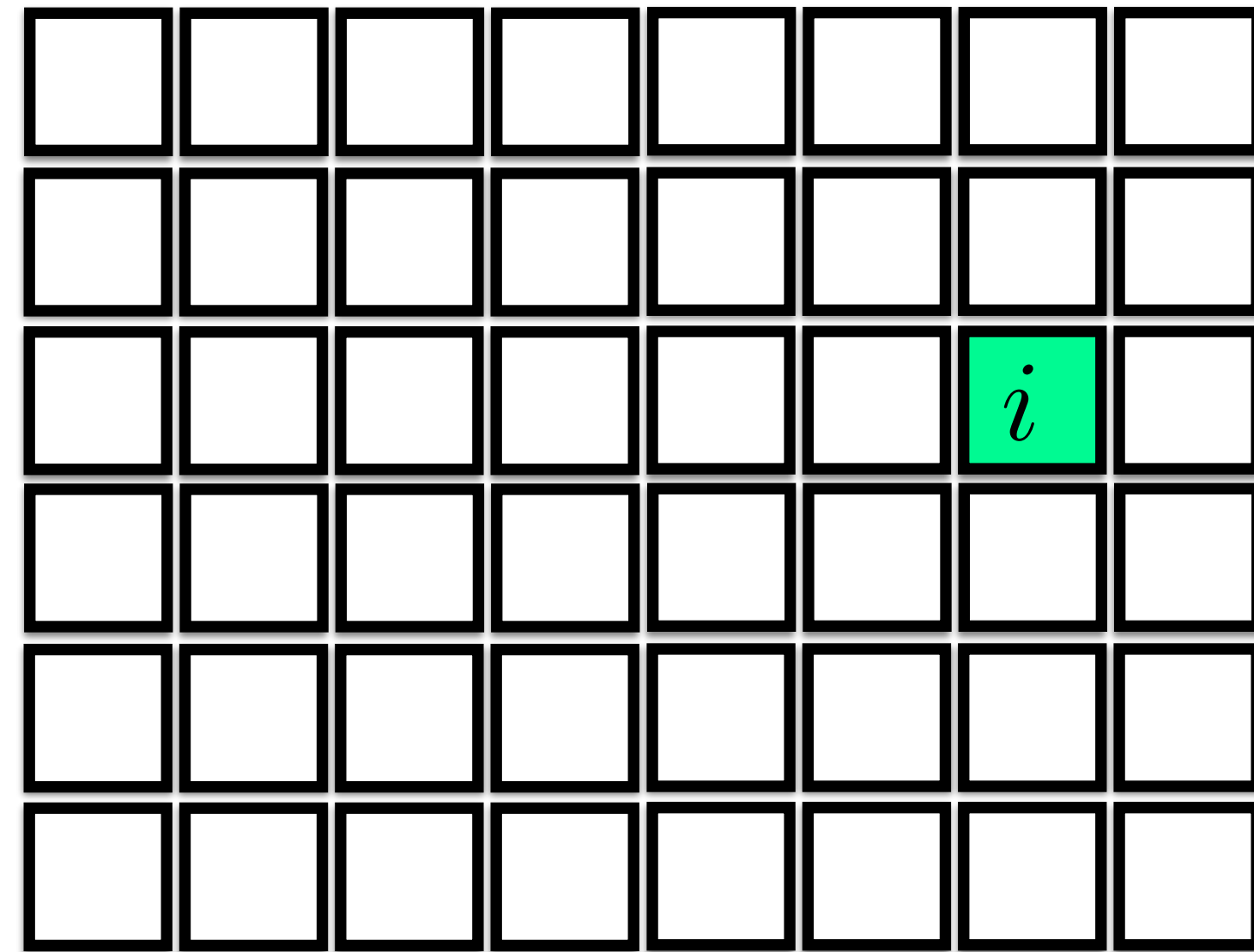
2D occupancy grid

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$$-6 = (-1) + (-1) + \dots + (-1) + 0$$

$t = 3$

current belief inverse measurement model previous belief prior belief



2D occupancy grid

$$\log \frac{p(o_i)}{p(\neg o_i)} = 0$$

Summary

- Occupancy grid is 2D (or 3D) array, which contains log-odds values of occupancy probabilities.
- Given the 3 assumptions (independence, static world, known poses), the log-odds values can be recurrently updated via Bayes filter.
- Resulting map is more suitable for exploration planning.
- Occupancy grid can be also used for localization (for 3D it might be too computationally demanding)
- Next: lets add RGB and RGBD sensors