

Building the Wikigraphists community in India

Wikigraphists is a name for the specialized community of editors who make maps, diagrams, and other vector graphics on Wikimedia Commons. Until last year, only a few volunteer Wikimedia editors from India were equipped with the skills required to contribute in the area of vector graphics.

What can a Wikigraphist do?

- Creation and **editing of drawings**, diagrams, and vector images
- Creation and **editing of maps** and cartography work (translations, coloration from data, etc.)
- Improvement of **photographs**, including restorations
- Converting and improving **sound and video quality**

Activities conducted to groom Wikimedians from the Indian subcontinent with the skills required to create/edit vector graphics

The **Wikigraphists Bootcamp** was hosted in September 2018, at the School of Design, Ambedkar University Delhi. The program included three online sessions during August and September 2018, and one three-day onsite workshop during the last week of September. Twenty-two Wikimedians representing nine Indic language Wikimedia communities, along with Indian Wikimedians working on the English Wikipedia and Wikimedia Commons, took part in the training.



Wikigraphists Bootcamp
2018 INDIA

Participants created 377 files, of which 129 are being used 712 times across various Wikimedia projects. The project also created several educational videos for others to learn about SVGs, starting with the basics.

A follow-up to the Bootcamp was extremely necessary—not only to help ensure the trained Wikimedians continued their efforts in the area, but also to spread the concept of vector graphics among the larger Indian community.

The answer to this came with the **SVG Translation Campaign 2019 in India**, a thirty-eight-day-long campaign that started on 21 February 2019, chosen to align with UNESCO's International Mother Language Day.



194 users from nineteen Indic languages participated in the campaign, and created more than 2,500 SVG files with labels in native Indian languages. The campaign was quite successful in creating mass awareness among Indian communities about vector graphics and their importance in Wikimedia projects.

Report of the Wikigraphists Bootcamp

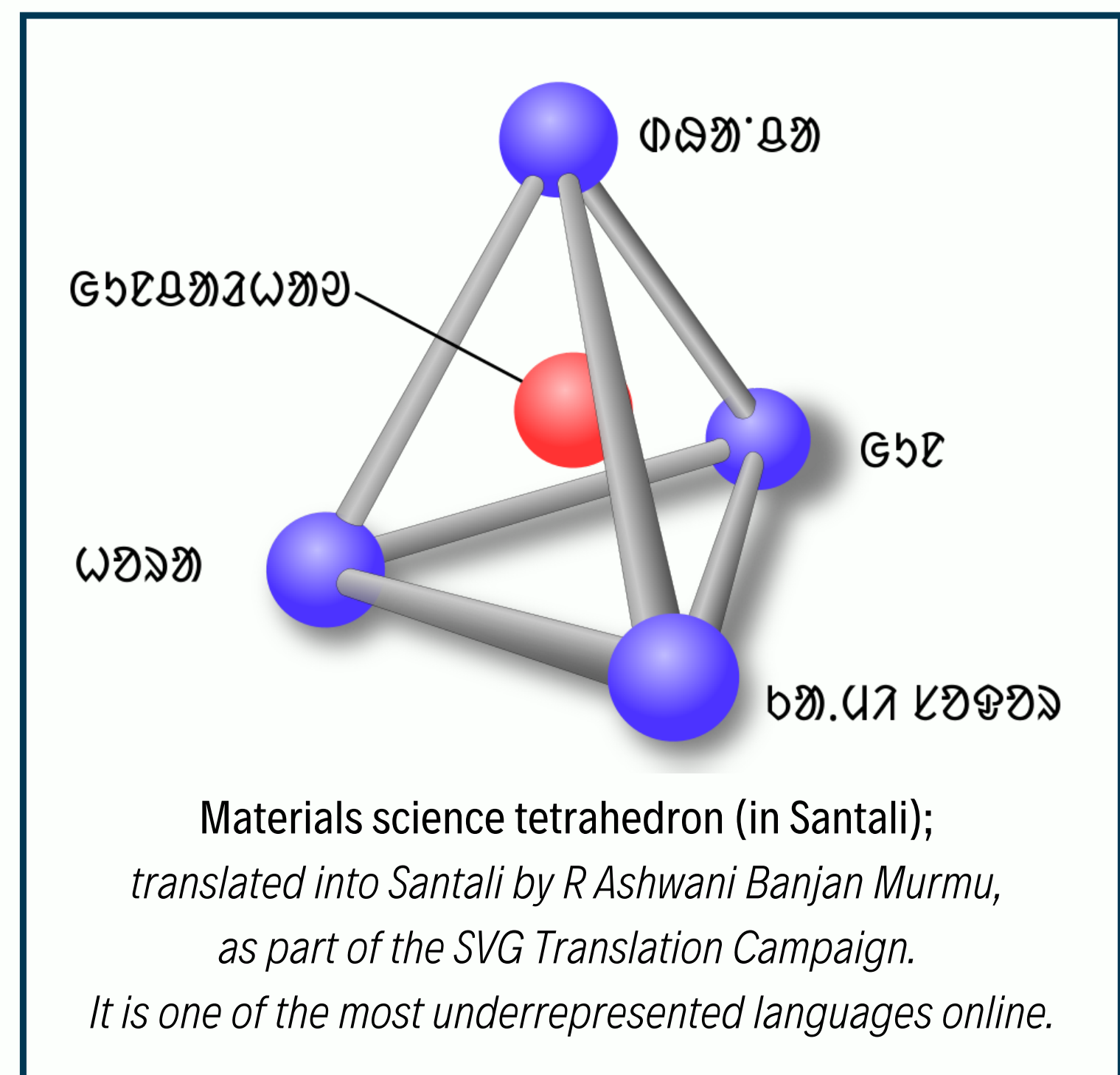
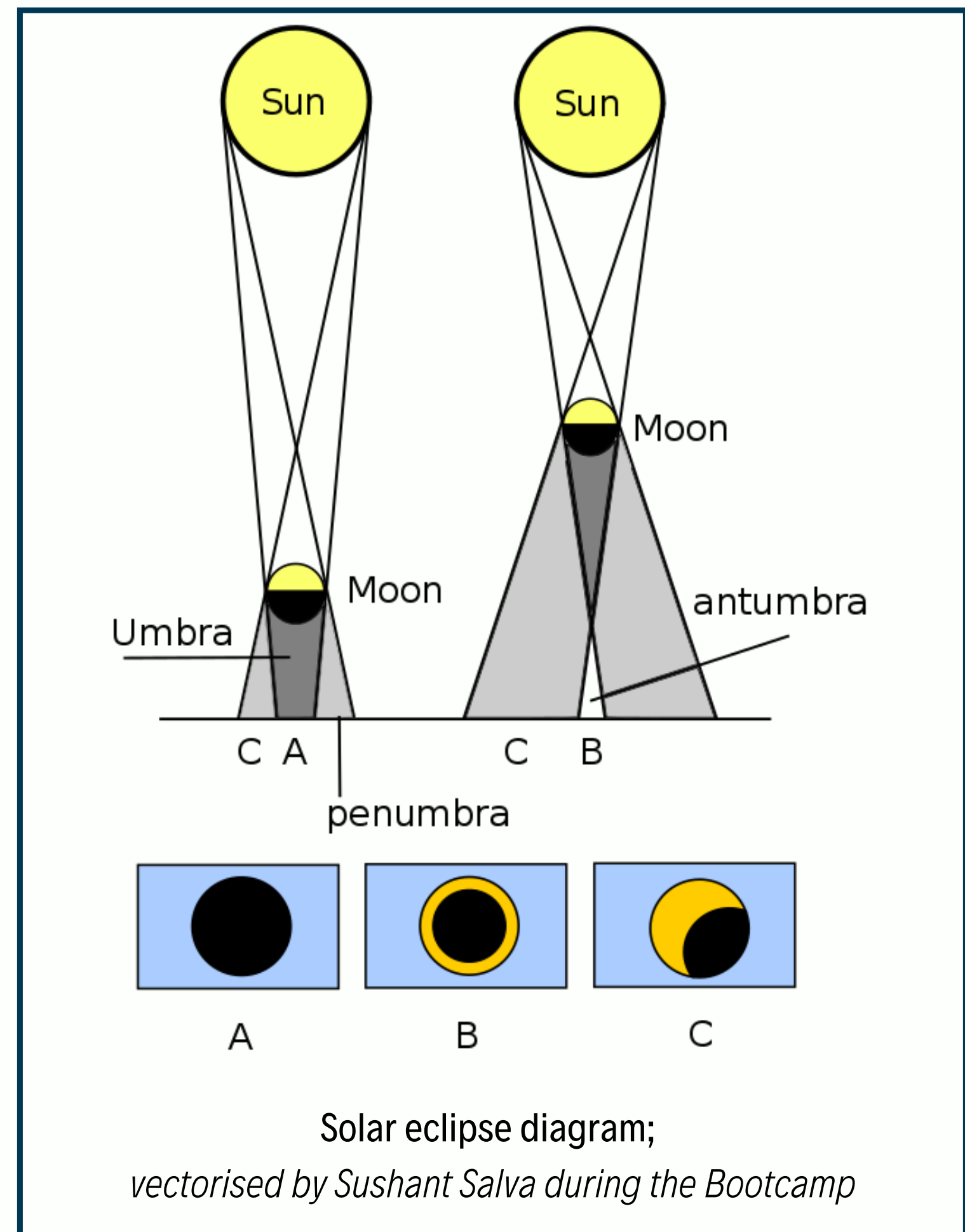
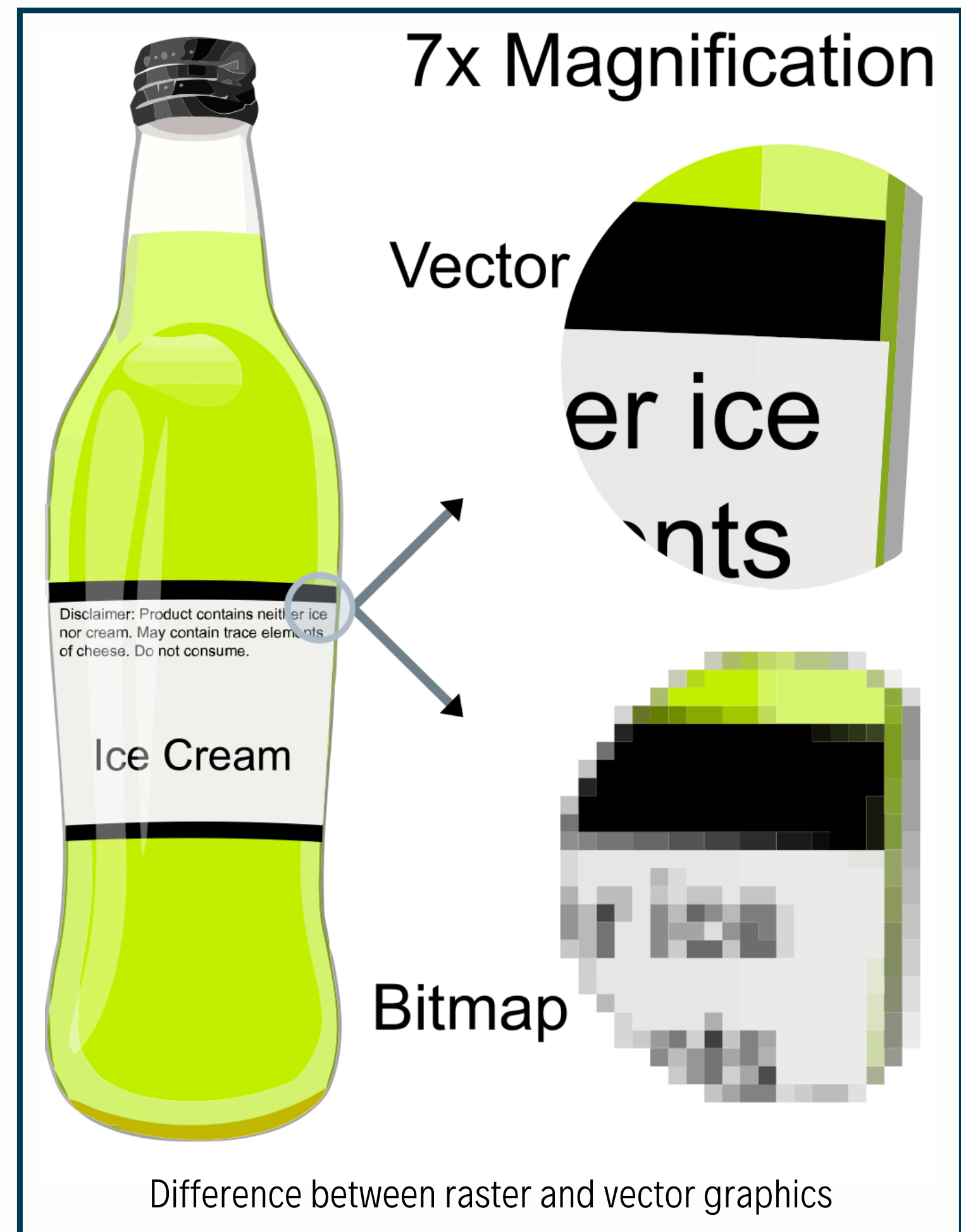


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