Clipping and Scan Conversion

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3D Rendering Pipeline (for direct illumination)

- 3D Primitives
  - 3D Modeling Coordinates
  - Modeling Transformation
  - 3D World Coordinates
  - Camera Transformation
  - 3D Camera Coordinates
  - Lighting
  - 3D Camera Coordinates
  - Projection Transformation
  - 2D Screen Coordinates
  - Clipping
  - 2D Screen Coordinates
  - Viewport Transformation
  - 2D Image Coordinates
  - Scan Conversion
  - 2D Image Coordinates
  - Image
Transformations

\[ p(x,y,z) \]

3D Object Coordinates

Modeling Transformation

3D World Coordinates

Camera Transformation

3D Camera Coordinates

Projection Transformation

2D Screen Coordinates

Window-to-Viewport Transformation

2D Image Coordinates

\[ p'(x',y') \]

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\[ M := \text{local to world transform} \]
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\[ p'(x',y') \]

Transform = \( C^{-1}M \)

\[ C := \text{camera transform} \]

\[
C = \begin{bmatrix}
R_x U_x B_x E_x \\
R_y U_y B_y E_y \\
R_z U_z B_z E_z \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1
\end{bmatrix}
\]
Transformations

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Transform = \( PC^{-1}M \)

\[ P : = \text{projection transform} \]

\[
P_o = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & L \cos \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & L \sin \phi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\]

\[
P_p = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{D} & 0 \end{bmatrix}
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Transformations

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Modeling Transformation

3D Object Coordinates

Camera Transformation

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Window-to-Viewport Transformation

2D Screen Coordinates

Normalized Coords

Transform = \( VPC^{-1}M \)

\( V := \) viewport transform

Image

Viewport

Window

2D Image Coordinates

\[ p'(x', y') \]
Transformations

Transform = $VPC^{-1}M$

$V := \text{viewport transform}$

\[
V = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 0 & 0 & v_x^1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & v_y^1 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
v_x^2 - v_x^1 \\
w_x^2 - w_x^1 \\
0 \\
0 \\
\end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix}
0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & v_y^2 - v_y^1 \\
0 & w_y^2 - w_y^1 \\
0 & 0 \\
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3D Rendering Pipeline (for direct illumination)

\[ p(x, y, z) \]

- **Modeling Transformation**
- **3D Object Coordinates**
  - **Camera Transformation**
    - **3D World Coordinates**
      - **3D Camera Coordinates**
        - **Projection Transformation**
          - **2D Screen Coordinates**
            - **Window-to-Viewport Transformation**
              - **2D Image Coordinates**
                - \[ p'(x', y') \]

- **3D Model**
  - **2D Viewport**
  - **2D Screen**
3D Rendering Pipeline (for direct illumination)

3D Primitives

3D Model Transformation

3D Modeling Coordinates

3D World Coordinates

Camera Transformation

3D Camera Coordinates

Lighting

3D Camera Coordinates

Projection Transformation

2D Screen Coordinates

Clipping

2D Screen Coordinates

Viewport Transformation

2D Image Coordinates

Scan Conversion

Image

2D Image Coordinates
Clipping

- Avoid drawing parts of primitives outside window
  - Window defines part of scene being viewed
  - Must draw geometric primitives only inside window
Clipping

- Avoid drawing parts of primitives outside window
  - **Points**
  - Line Segments
  - Polygons
Point Clipping

- Is point \((x,y)\) inside the clip window?
Point Clipping

• Is point (x,y) inside the clip window?

\[
\text{inside} = (x \geq wx1) \land (x \leq wx2) \land (y \geq wy1) \land (y \leq wy2);
\]
Clipping

- Avoid drawing parts of primitives outside window
  - Points
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  - Polygons
Line Segment Clipping

- Find the part of a line inside the clip window

Before Clipping
Line Segment Clipping

• Find the part of a line inside the clip window

After Clipping
Cohen-Sutherland Line Clipping

- Use simple tests to classify easy cases first
Cohen-Sutherland Line Clipping

- If both outcodes are 0, line segment is inside
- If AND of outcodes not 0, line segment is outside
- Otherwise clip and test

Bit 1
- P1
- P2
- P3
- P4
- P5
- P6
- P7
- P8
- P9
- P10

Bit 2
- 0000
- 0001
- 0100
- 0110

Bit 3
- 1000
- 1001
- 1010

Bit 4
- 0101
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Points: P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10, P3, P4
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Points:
- P₅'
- P₃
- P₄
- P₆
- P₇
- P₈
- P₉
- P₁₀
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Note: both lines have the same bit codes!
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- Before clipping
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• After clipping

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Clipping

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  - Points
  - Line Segments
  - Polygons
Polygon Clipping

• Find the part of a polygon inside the clip window

Before Clipping
Polygon Clipping

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After Clipping
Sutherland-Hodgeman Clipping

- Clip to each window boundary one at a time
Sutherland-Hodgeman Clipping

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Sutherland-Hodgeman Clipping

- How do we clip a polygon with respect to a line?
Sutherland-Hodgeman Clipping

- Do inside test for each point in sequence,
- Insert new points when cross window boundary,
- Remove points outside window boundary
Sutherland-Hodgeman Clipping

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![Diagram of Sutherland-Hodgeman Clipping](image)
Sutherland-Hodgeman Clipping

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Diagram:
- Points: P₁, P₂, P₃, P₄, P₅
- Window Boundary
- Inside
- Outside
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                                - 2D Window

3D Model

2D Screen
2D Rendering Pipeline

3D Primitives

2D Primitives

Clipping

Clip portions of geometric primitives residing outside the window

Scan Conversion

Fill pixels representing primitives in screen coordinates

Image
Overview

• Scan conversion
  - Figure out which pixels to fill

• Shading
  - Determine a color for each filled pixel

• Depth test
  - Determine when the color of a pixel should be overwritten
Scan Conversion

• Render an image of a geometric primitive by setting pixel colors

```c
void SetPixel(int x, int y, Color rgba)
```

• Example: Filling the inside of a triangle

![Diagram of a triangle with vertices P1, P2, and P3]
Scan Conversion

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• Example: Filling the inside of a triangle
Triangle Scan Conversion

• Properties of a good algorithm
  o MUST BE FAST!
  o No cracks between adjacent primitives
Simple Algorithm

• Color all pixels inside triangle

```c
void ScanTriangle(Triangle T, Color rgba){
    for each pixel P at (x,y){
        if (Inside(T, P))
            SetPixel(x, y, rgba);
    }
}
```
Line defines two halfspaces

• Test: use implicit equation for a line
  o On line: $ax + by + c = 0$
  o On right: $ax + by + c < 0$
  o On left: $ax + by + c > 0$
Inside Triangle Test

• A point is inside a triangle if it is in the positive half-space of all three boundary lines.
  - Triangle vertices are ordered counter-clockwise.
  - Point must be on the left side of every boundary line.
Inside Triangle Test

Boolean Inside(Triangle T, Point P) {
    for each boundary line L of T {
        Scalar d = L.a*P.x + L.b*P.y + L.c;
        if (d < 0.0) return FALSE;
    }
    return TRUE;
}
Simple Algorithm

- What is bad about this algorithm?

```c
void ScanTriangle(Triangle T, Color rgba){
    for each pixel P at (x,y){
        if (Inside(T, P))
            SetPixel(x, y, rgba);
    }
}
```
Triangle Sweep-Line Algorithm

- Take advantage of spatial coherence
  - Compute which pixels are inside using horizontal spans
  - Process horizontal spans in scan-line order

- Take advantage of edge linearity
  - Use edge slopes to update coordinates incrementally
void ScanTriangle(Triangle T, Color rgba){
    for both edge pairs {
        initialize $x_L$, $x_R$;
        compute $dx_L/dy_L$ and $dx_R/dy_R$;
        for each scanline at $y$
            for (int $x = x_L$; $x <= x_R$; $x++$)
                SetPixel($x$, $y$, rgba);
                $x_L += dx_L/dy_L$;
                $x_R += dx_R/dy_R$;
    }
}
Polygon Scan Conversion

• Will this method work for convex polygons?
Polygon Scan Conversion

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  o Yes, since each scan line will only intersect the polygon at two points.
Polygon Scan Conversion

• How about these polygons?
Polygon Scan Conversion

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Polygon Scan Conversion

- Fill pixels inside a polygon
  - Triangle
  - Quadrilateral
  - Convex
  - Star-shaped
  - Concave
  - Self-intersecting
  - Holes

What problems do we encounter with arbitrary polygons?
Polygon Scan Conversion

• Need better test for points inside polygon
  o Triangle method works only for convex polygons

Convex Polygon

Concave Polygon
Inside Polygon Rule

- What is a good rule for which pixels are inside?

Concave  Self-Intersecting  With Holes
Inside Polygon Rule

- Odd-parity rule
  - Any ray from P to infinity crosses odd number of edges
Polygon Sweep-Line Algorithm

- Incremental algorithm to find spans, and determine “insideness” with odd parity rule
- Takes advantage of scan line coherence

Triangle

Polygon
void ScanPolygon(Polygon P, Color rgba) {
    sort edges by maxy
    make empty “active edge list”
    for each scanline (top-to-bottom) {
        insert/remove edges from “active edge list”
        update x coordinate of every active edge
        sort active edges by x coordinate
        for each pair of active edges (left-to-right)
            SetPixels(x_i, x_{i+1}, y, rgba);
    }
}
Hardware Scan Conversion

• Convert everything into triangles
  o Scan convert the triangles
Scan Conversion

• What about pixels on edges?

If we set them either “on” or “off” we get aliasing or “jaggies”
Scan Conversion

• What about pixels on edges?

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This amounts to using a “nearest” interpolation filter!
Antialiasing Techniques

• Display at higher resolution
  o Corresponds to increasing sampling rate
  o Not always possible (fixed size monitors, fixed refresh rates, etc.)

• Modify pixel intensities
  o Vary pixel intensities along primitive boundaries for antialiasing
  o Must have more than bi-level display
Scan Conversion

- What about pixels on edges?
  - If we set them either “on” or “off” we get aliasing or “jaggies”
  - Vary pixel intensities along primitive boundaries for antialiasing
Antialiasing

- Method 1: Area sampling (aka prefiltering)
  - Calculate percent of pixel covered by primitive
  - Multiply this percentage by desired intensity/color
  - Set resulting pixel to closest available display level
Antialiasing

- Method 2: Supersampling (aka postfiltering)
  - Sample as if screen were higher resolution
  - Average multiple samples to get final intensity
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Can use other filters (e.g. Gaussian for better interpolation)
Scan Conversion

• Example:

No Anti-Aliasing

4 x Anti-Aliasing

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