

# Clipping

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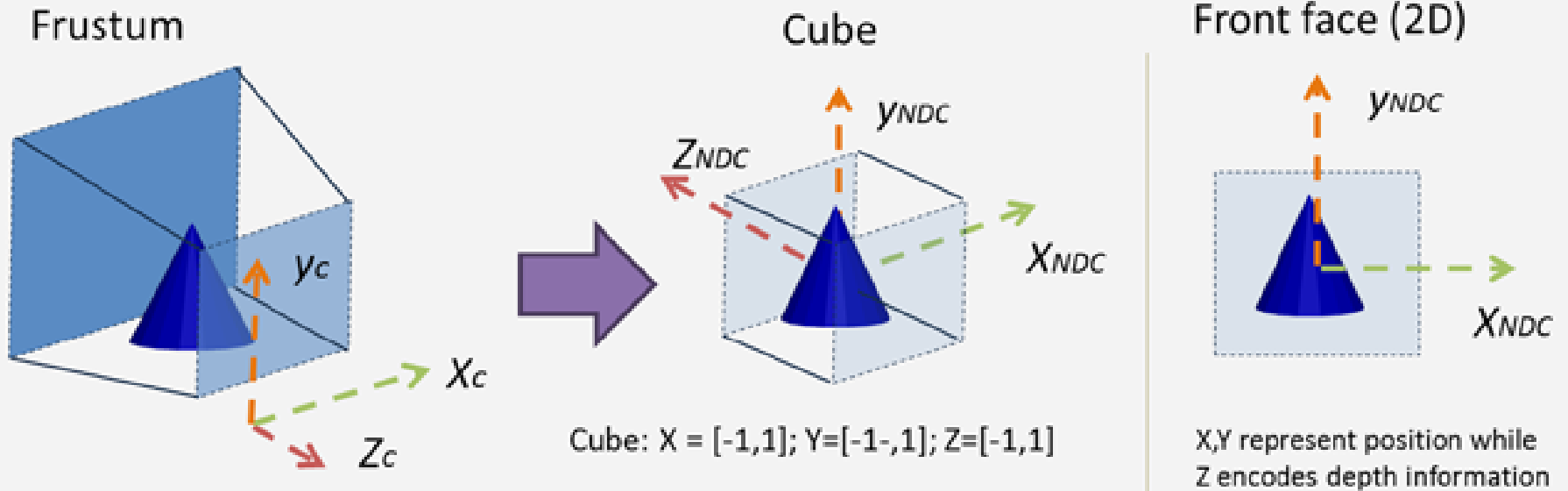
The process of determining which primitives  
(or its parts) fit within the view volume

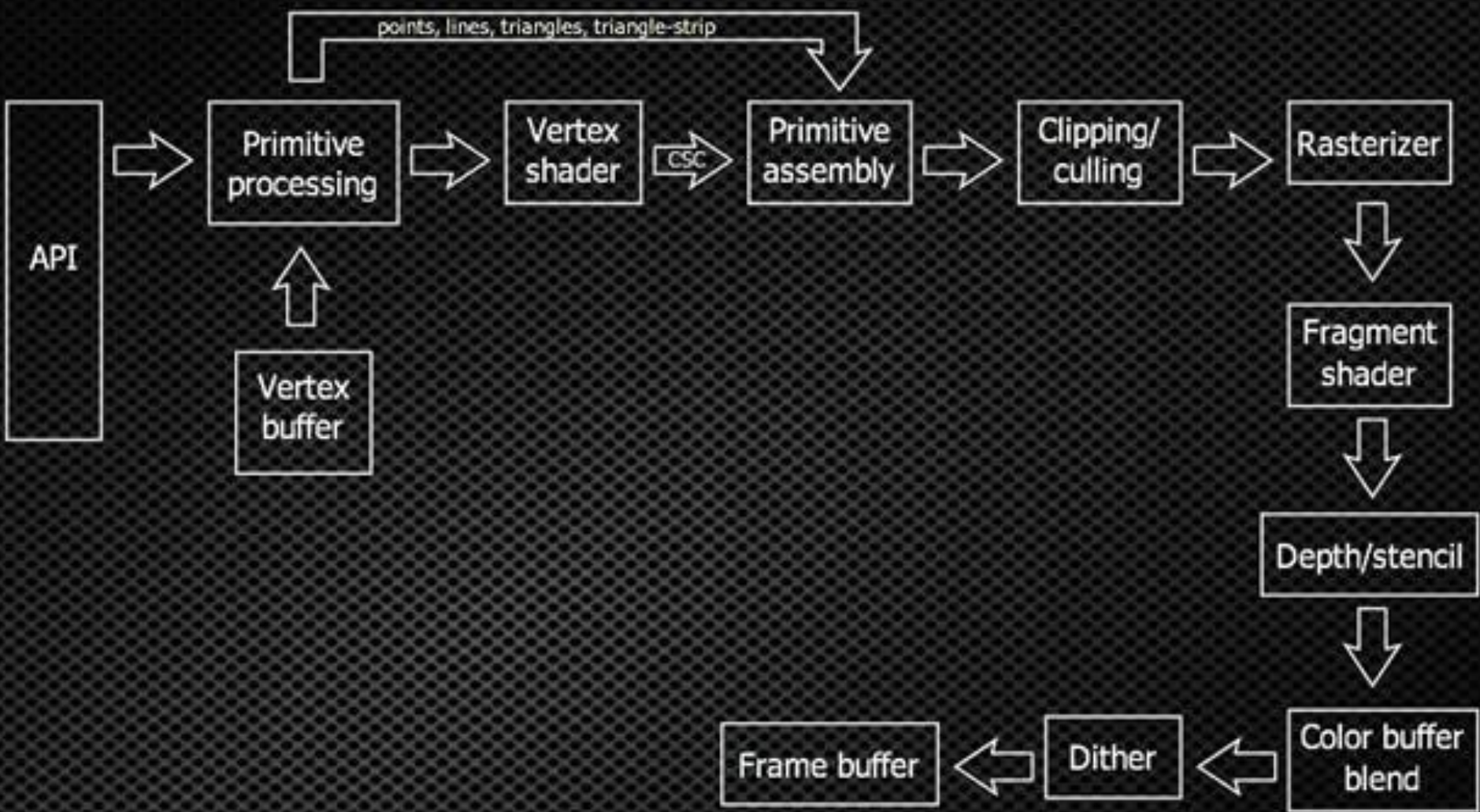
# Clipping

Primitives pass through the clipper are  
**accepted**

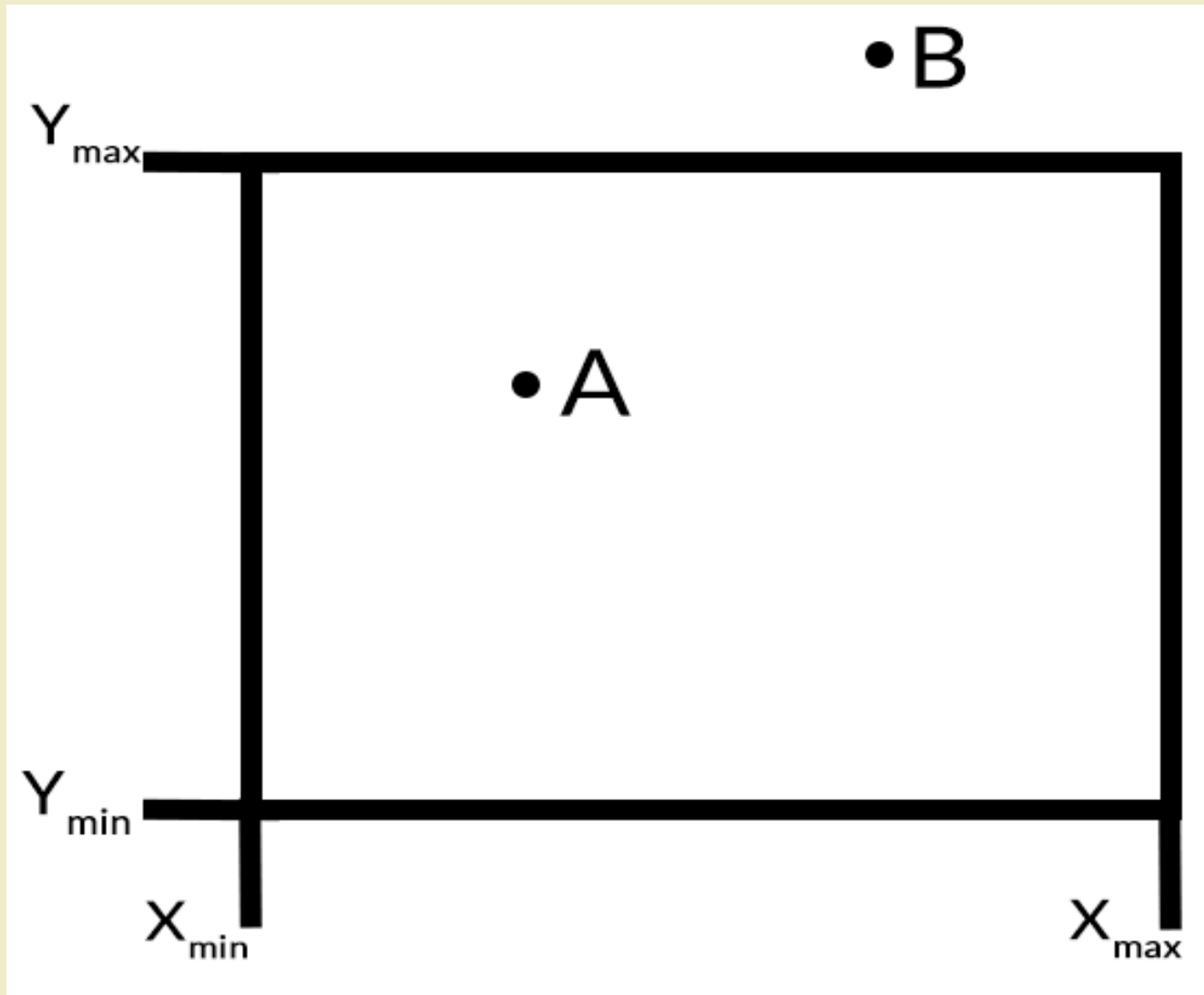
Primitives that cannot appear are  
**rejected/culled**

## Normalized Device Coordinates

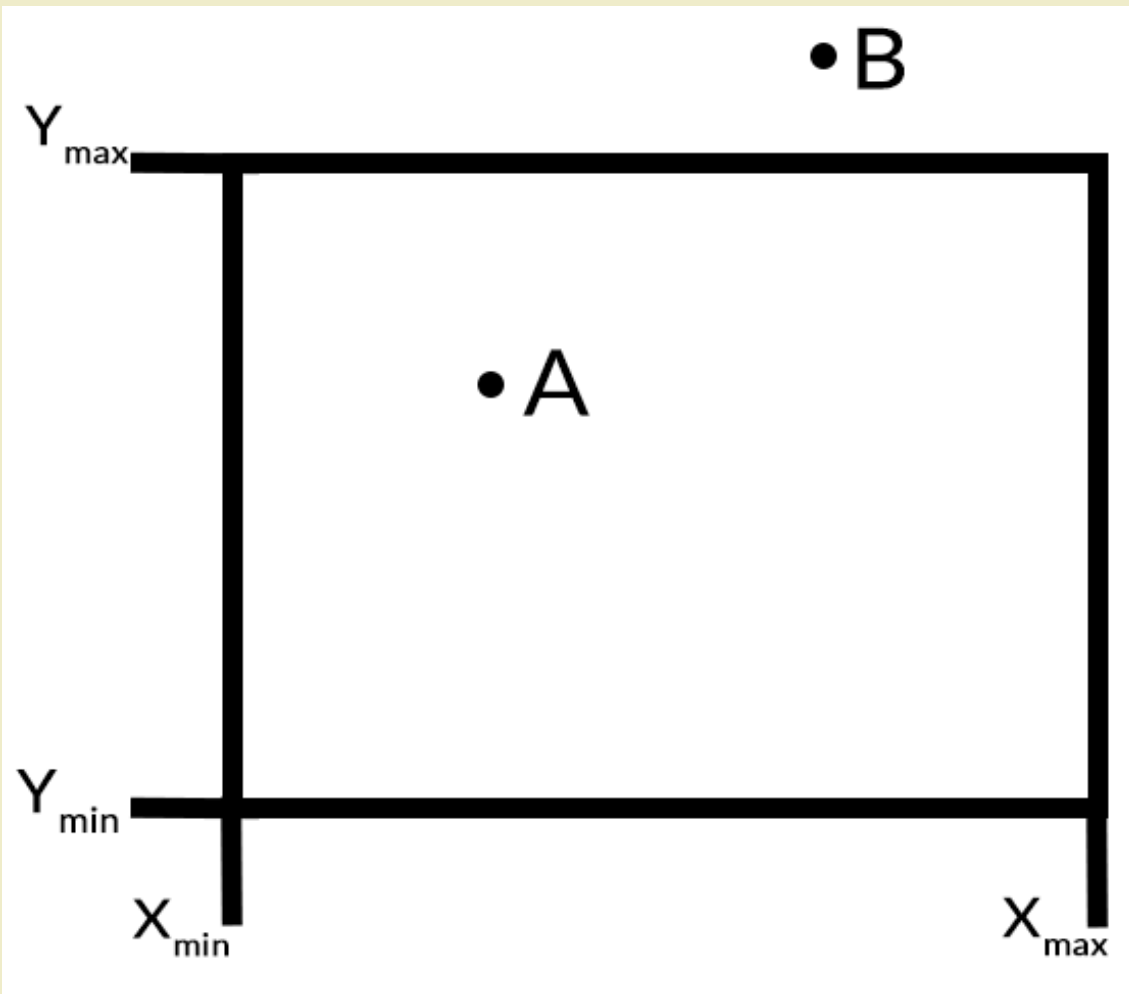




# Point Clipping



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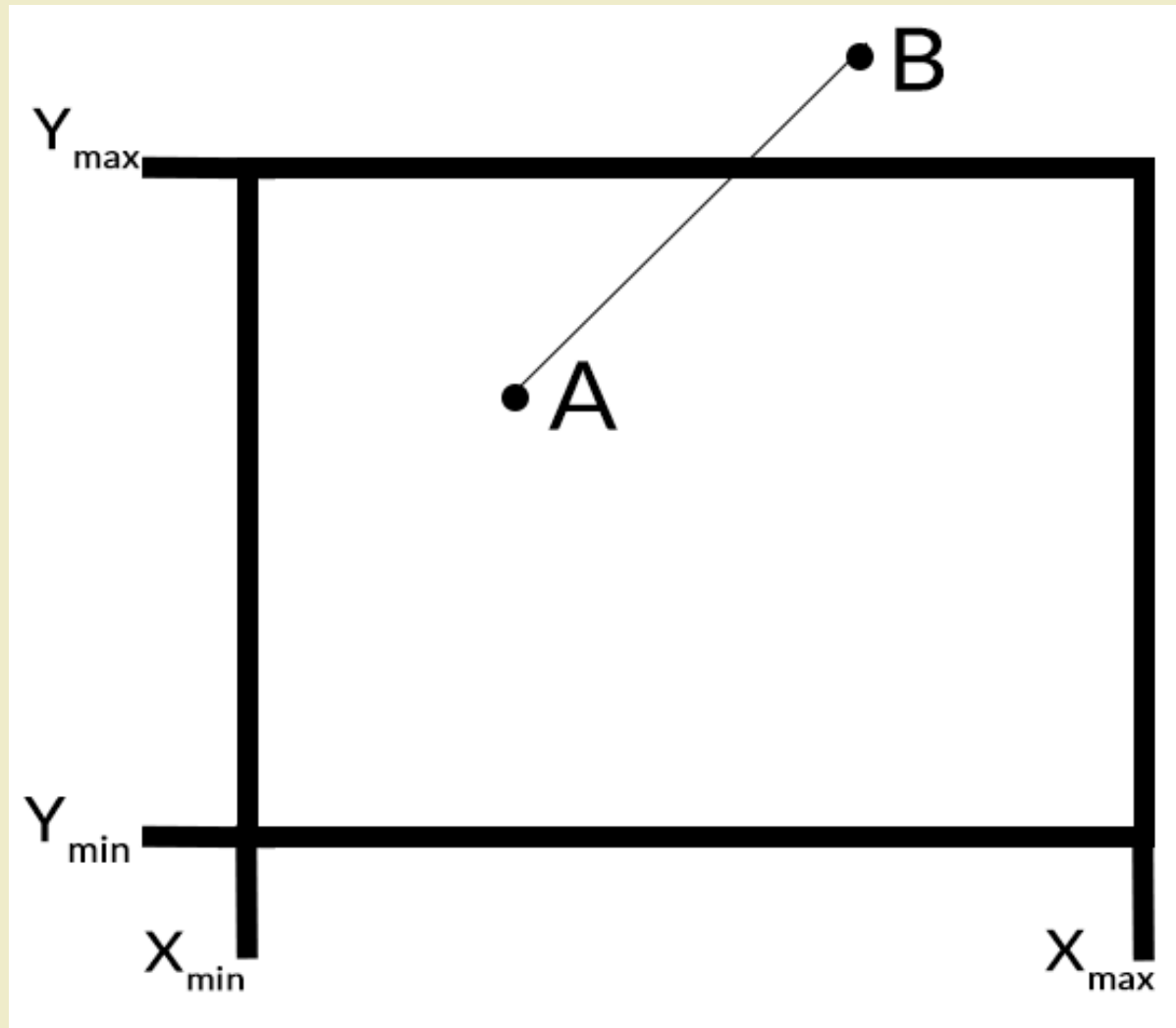


- Check if Point is inside the window

$$X_{\min} \leq x \leq X_{\max}$$

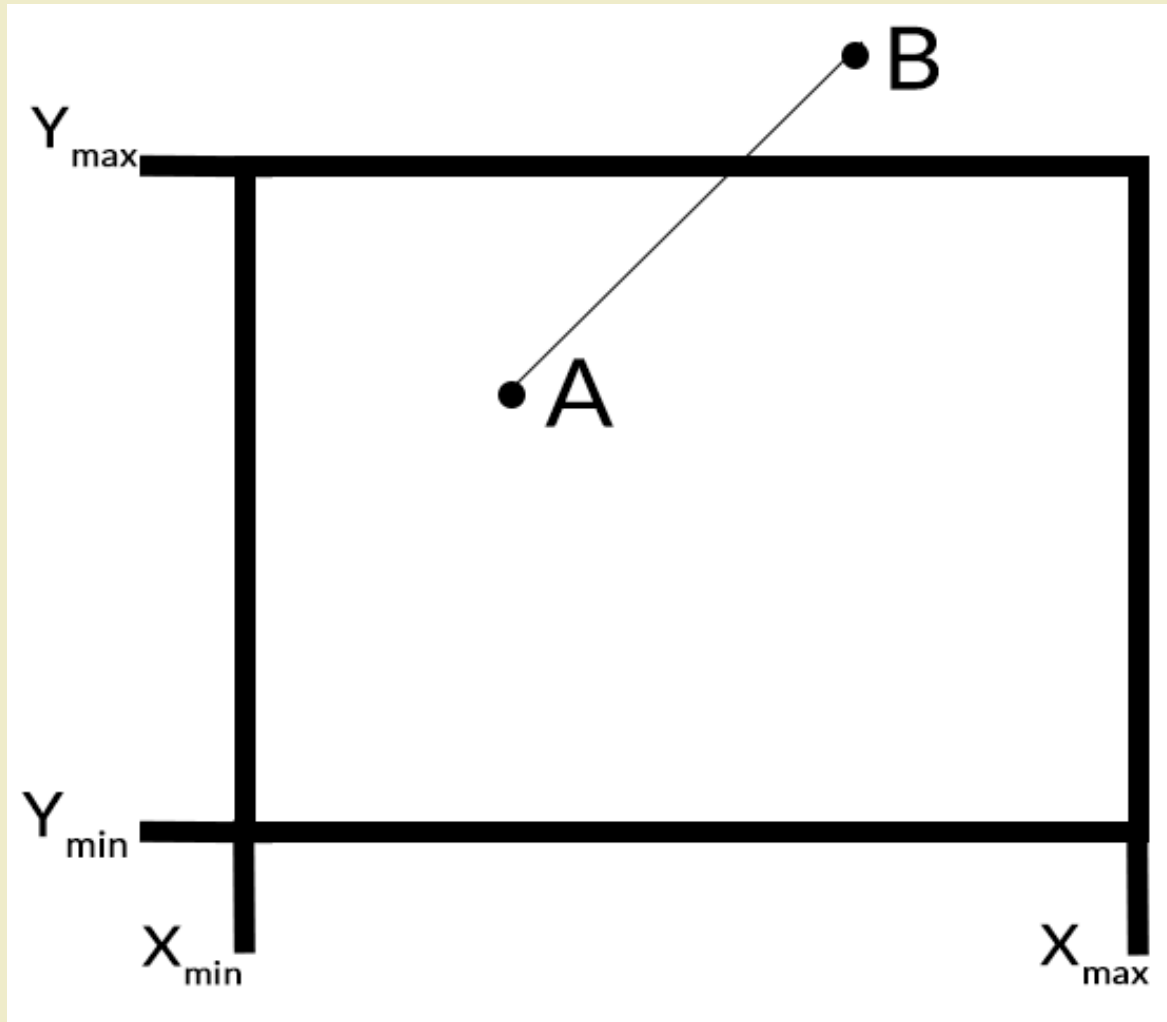
$$Y_{\min} \leq y \leq Y_{\max}$$

# Line Clipping





# Straight-forward Line Clipping



Compute  
Intersections of  
Line AB on lines:

$$Y = Y_{max}$$

$$Y = Y_{min}$$

$$X = X_{max}$$

$$X = X_{min}$$

# Computing Line Intersection

2 points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$

Compute equation of line

# Computing Line Intersection

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - y_1 = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} (x - x_1)$$

# Computing Line Intersection

$$\text{Ex. } (Y = Y_{max})$$

Substitute the intersecting line to the  
equation

# Computing Line Intersection

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$Y_{max} - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$\frac{Y_{max} - y_1}{m} - x_1 = x$$

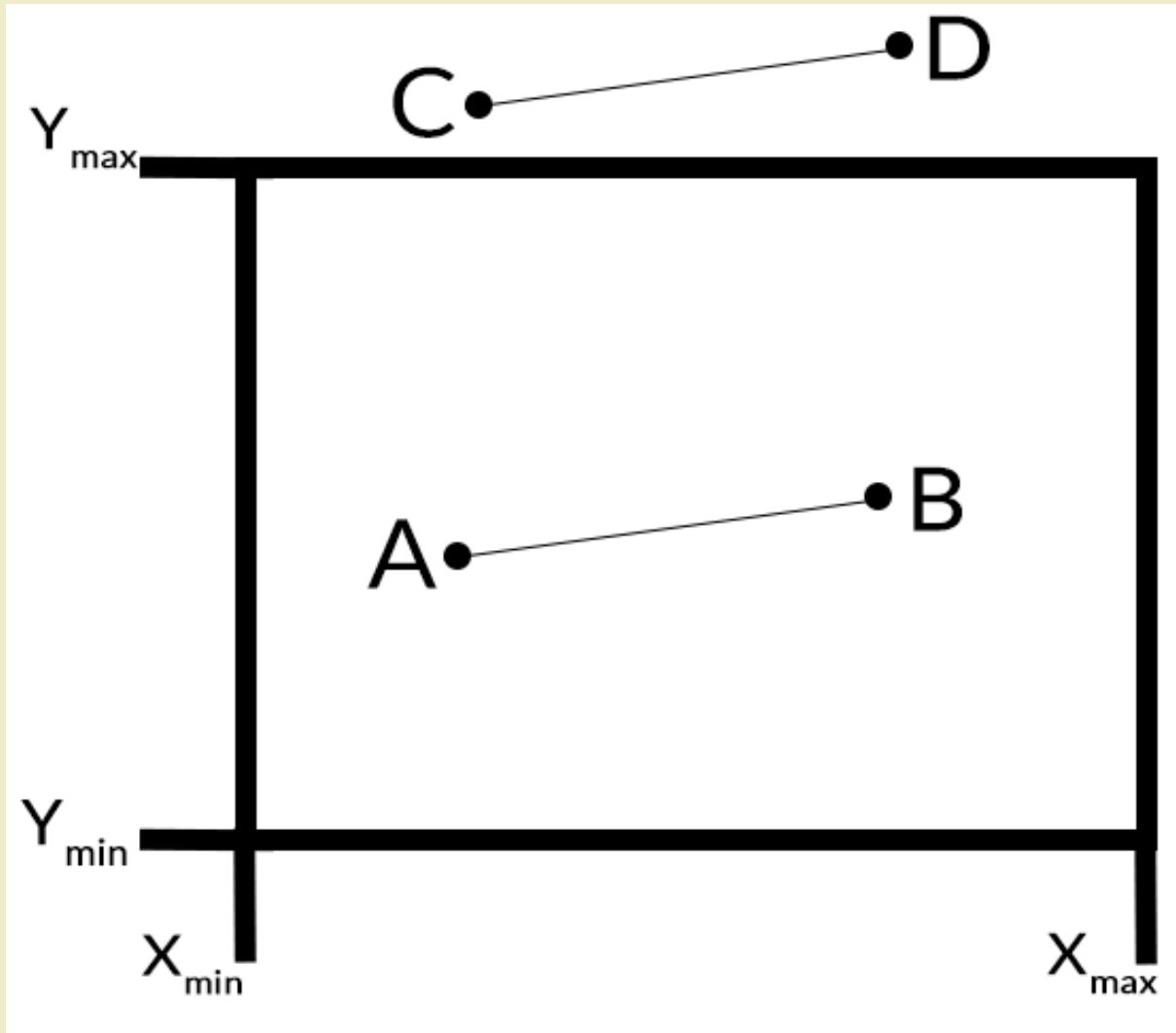
$$x = \frac{Y_{max} - y_1}{m} - x_1$$

# Computing Line Intersection

New intersection point is

$$\left( \frac{Y_{max} - y_1}{m} - x_1, Y_{max} \right)$$

# Straight-forward Line Clipping



Not efficient when the lines are **trivial cases**

- Completely outside
- Completely inside

Always computes for 4 intersections

- Can only be 1 or 2 intersections

# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

1001	1000	1010	$y = y_{\max}$
0001	0000	0010	
0101	0100	0110	$y = y_{\min}$
$x = x_{\min}$		$x = x_{\max}$	



# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

Each point of a line is assigned a **outcode**

**Outcode** is a bit string that specifies the location on  
the 9 partitions

# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

$P(x,y) \rightarrow [\text{Top Bottom Right Left}]$

$P(x,y) \rightarrow [T B R L]$

$$T = (Y > Y_{max})$$

$$B = (Y < Y_{min})$$

$$R = (X > X_{max})$$

$$L = (X < X_{min})$$

# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

## Example

$$Y_{max} = 1, Y_{min} = -1, X_{max} = 1, X_{min} = -1$$

$$P(0.5, 1.35)$$

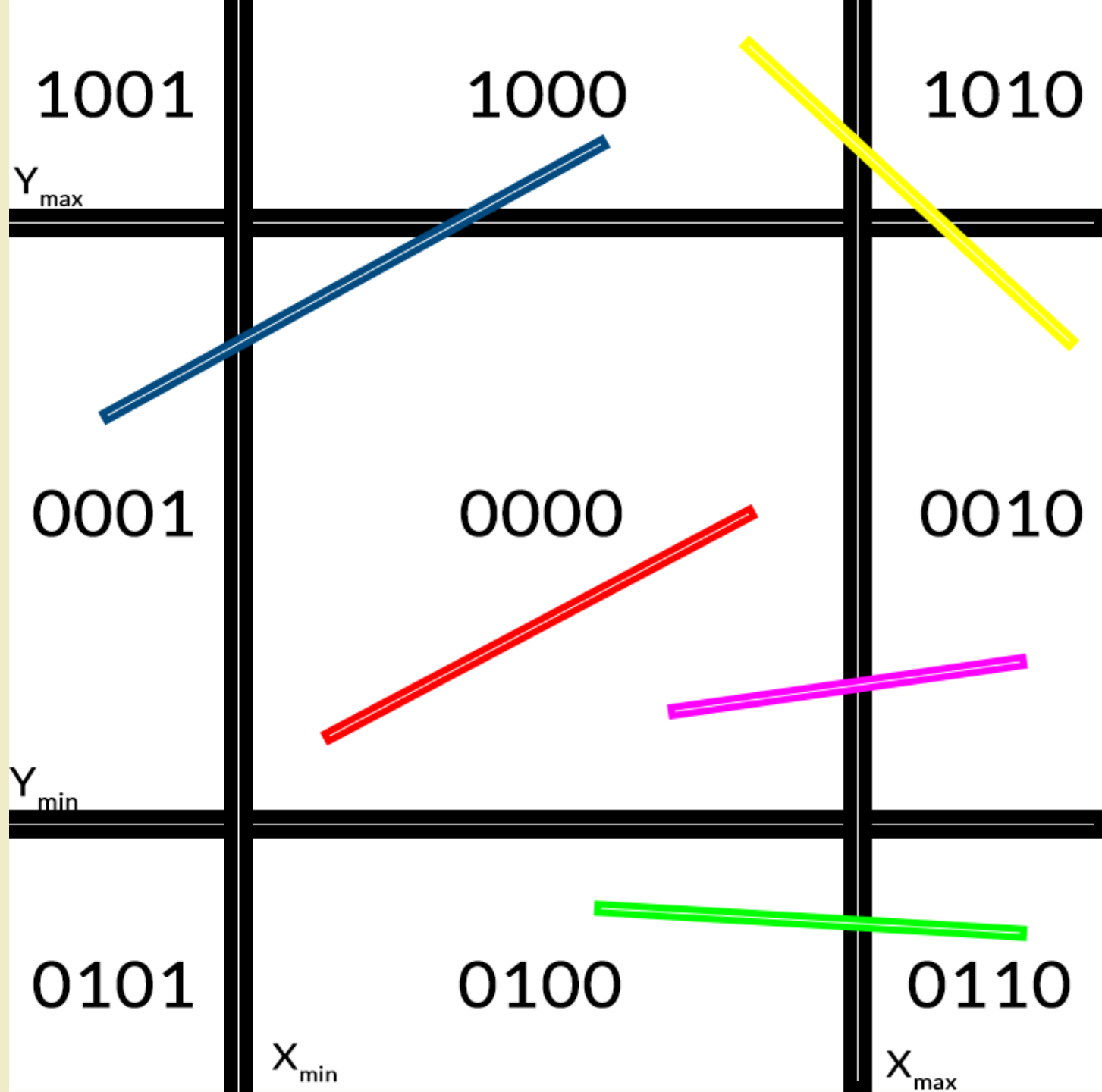
$$T = (1.35 > 1) = 1$$

$$B = (1.35 < -1) = 0$$

$$R = (0.5 > 1) = 0$$

$$L = (0.5 < -1) = 0$$

$$P(0.5, 1.35) \rightarrow 1000$$



# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

Get outcodes of  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  of line

$$P_1 \rightarrow o_1 \text{ and } P_2 \rightarrow o_2$$

# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

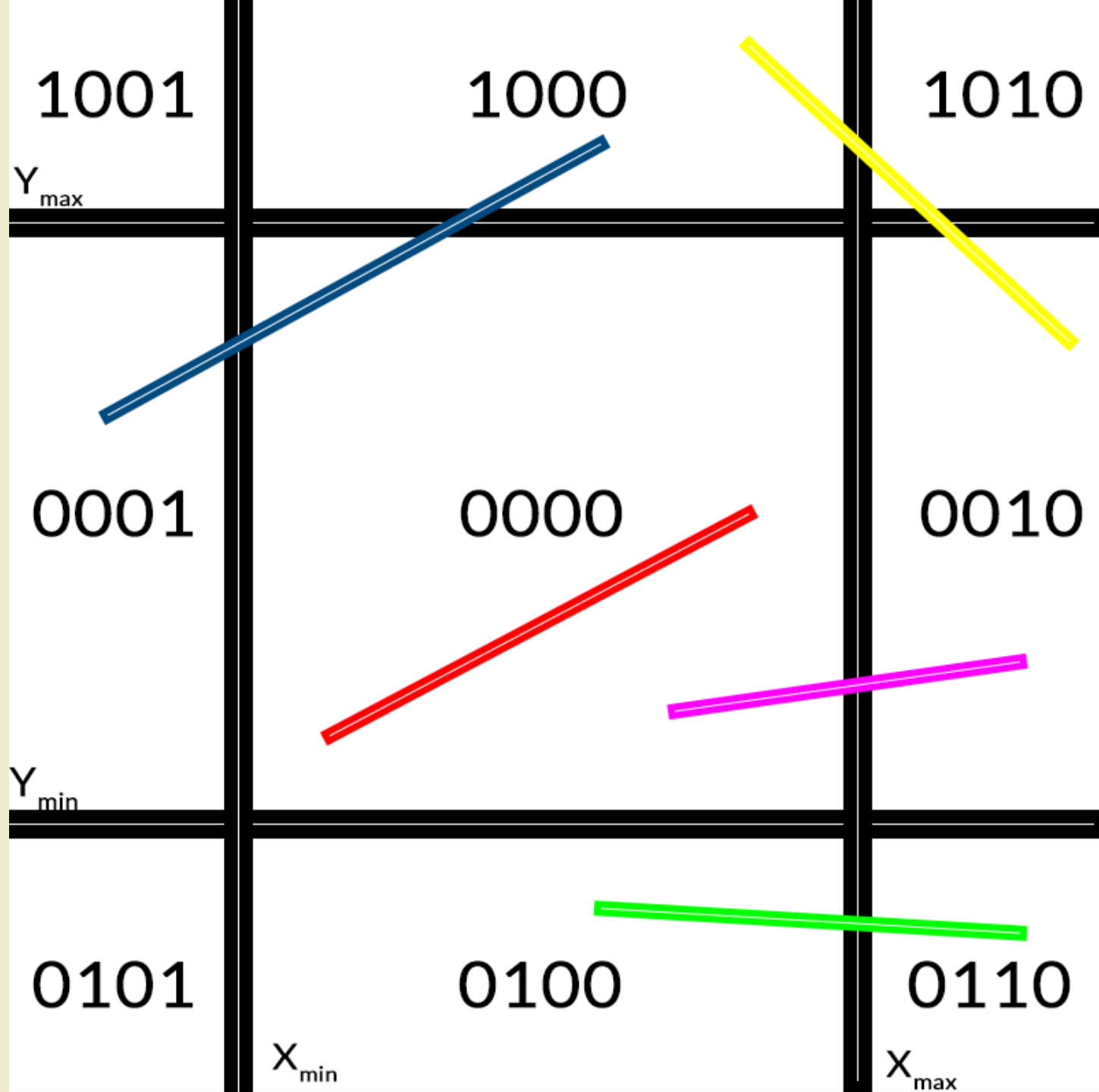
Case 1: Both outcodes are 0000 ( $o_1 | o_2$ )

Accept Line (Stop Testing)

# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

Case 2: Both outside ( $o_1 \& o_2 \neq 0000$ )

Reject Line (Stop Testing)





# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

Case 3 - ( $o_1 \& o_2 == 0000$ )

Select one point with non-0000 outcode

Find the intersection point of outside point  
depending on its outcode

# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

Case 3 - ( $o_1 \& o_2 == 0000$ )

The computed intersection point will replace the  
selected point

Update the new point's outcode

Repeat Algorithm

1001

1000

1010

$Y_{\max}$

0001

0000

0010

$Y_{\min}$

0101

0100

0110

$X_{\min}$

$X_{\max}$



1001

1000

1010

$Y_{\max}$

0001

0000

0010

$Y_{\min}$

0101

0100

0110

$X_{\min}$

$X_{\max}$



# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

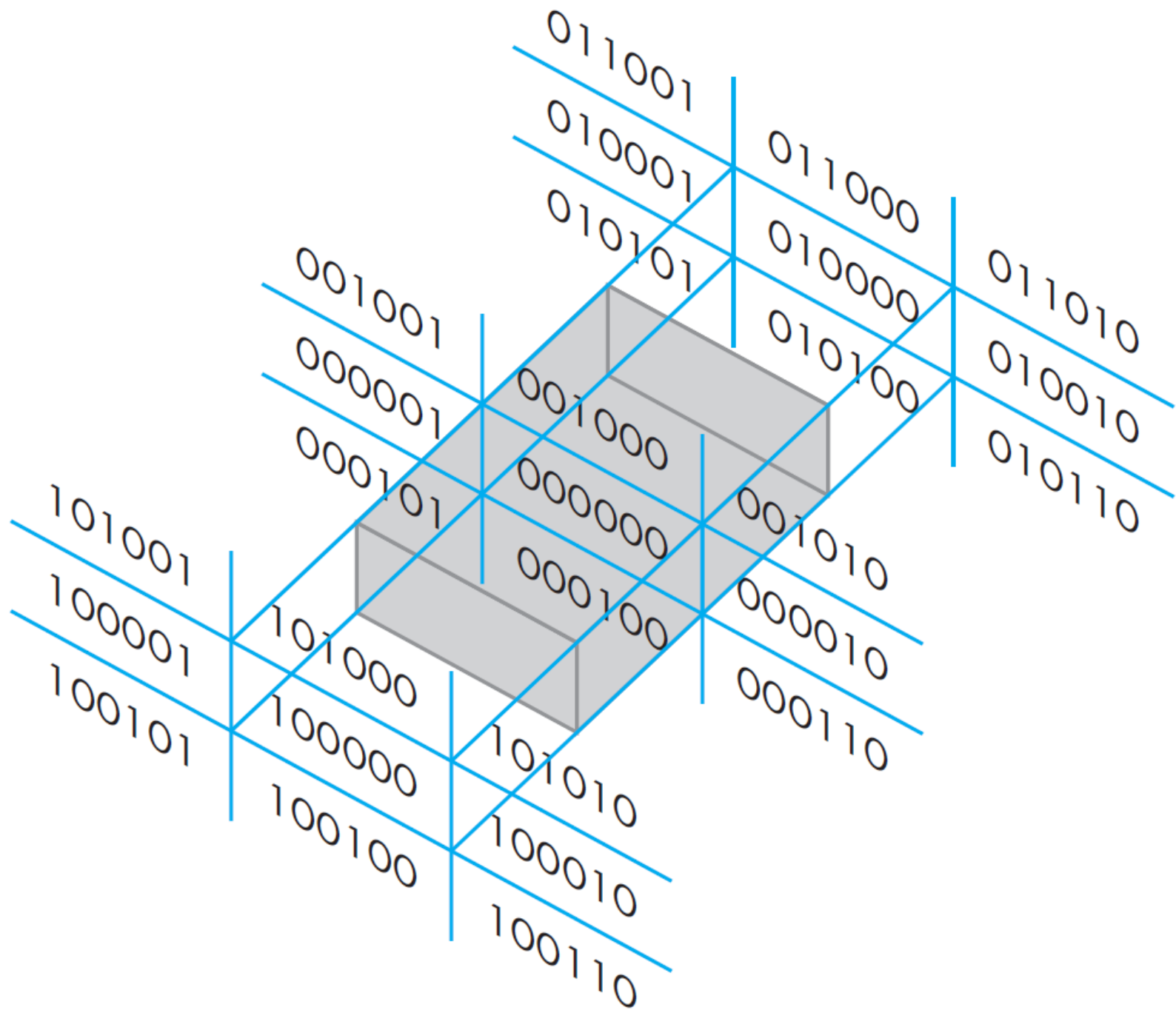
Accepts **trivial cases fast**

Calculates intersections only if necessary (based from outcodes)

# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

Straight forward extension to 3D

27 partitions, 6 bit outcodes



# Other Line Clipping Algorithms

## Cyrus-Beck algorithm

Utilizes Parametric equation of the line

Can work with non-rectangular window

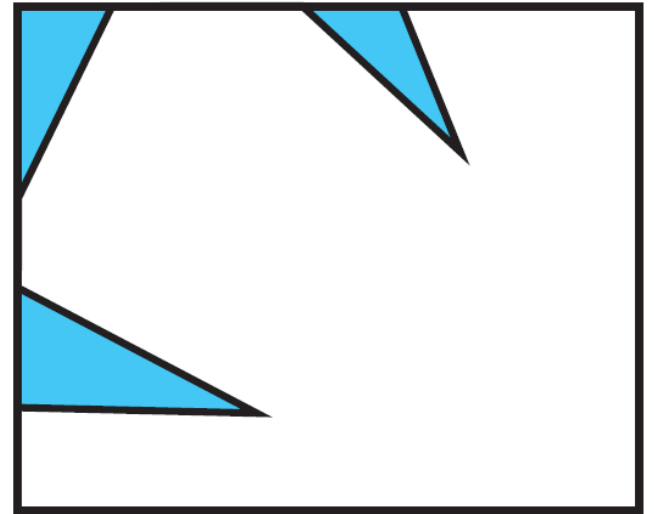
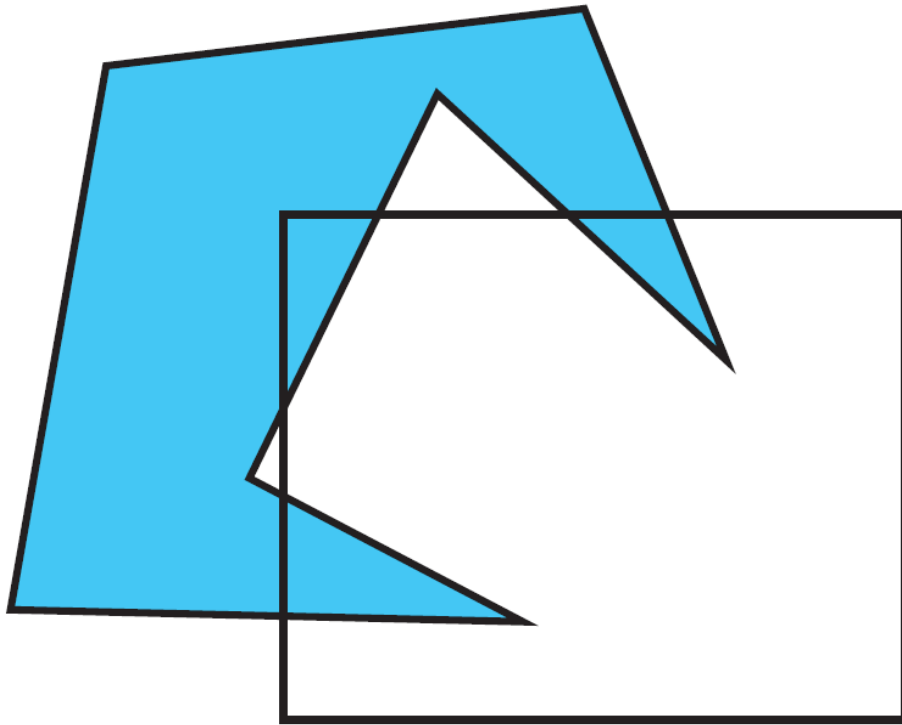


# Other Line Clipping Algorithms

**Liang-Barsky algorithm**

Simplified Cyrus-Beck for rectangular window

# Polygon Clipping



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Only vertices are given

No idea of fragments/pixels yet

Clipping → Rasterization

# Sutherland-Hodgeman algorithm

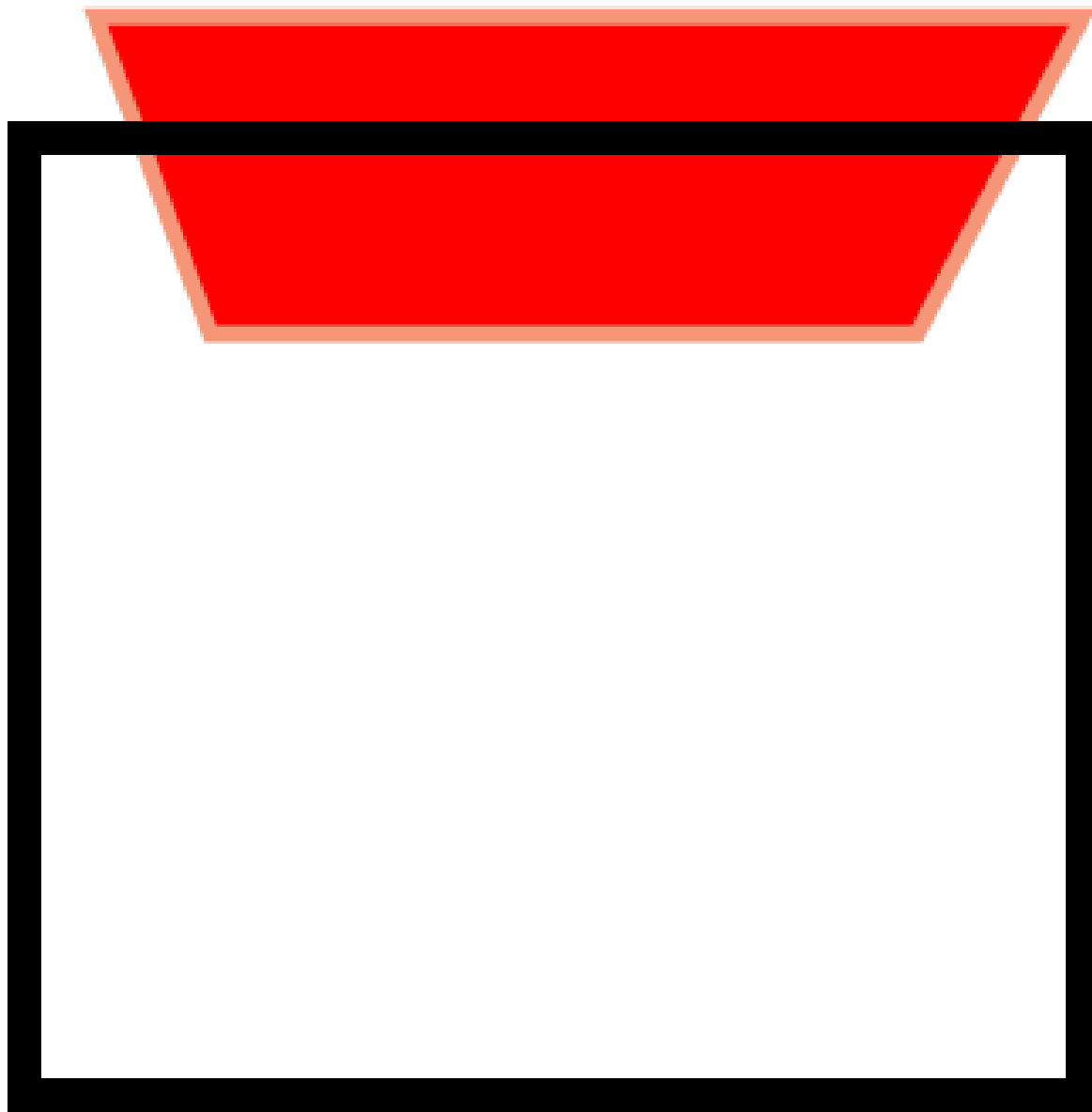
For all line segments of polygon from vertices

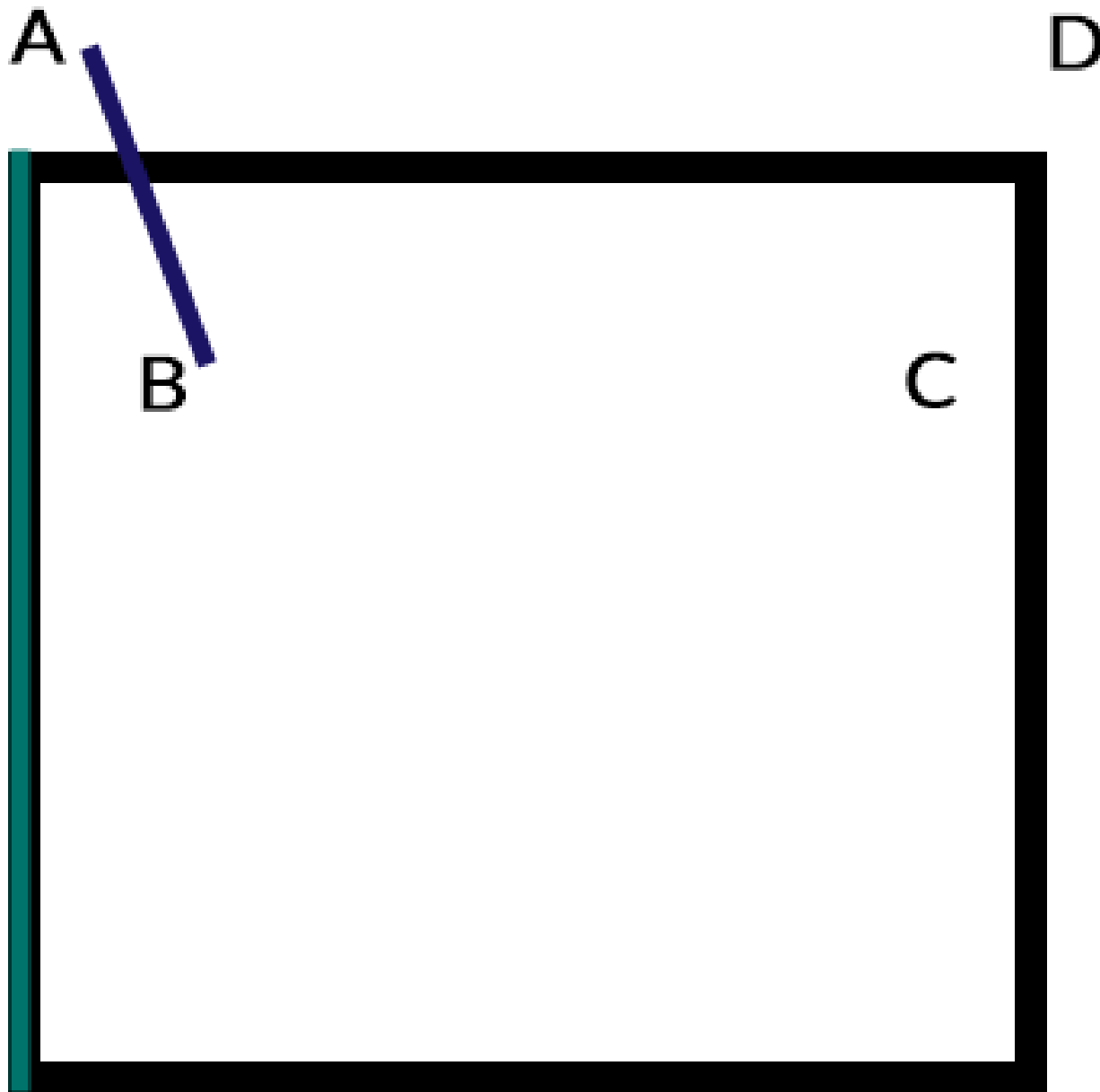
- Clip all lines from left

- Clip all lines from top

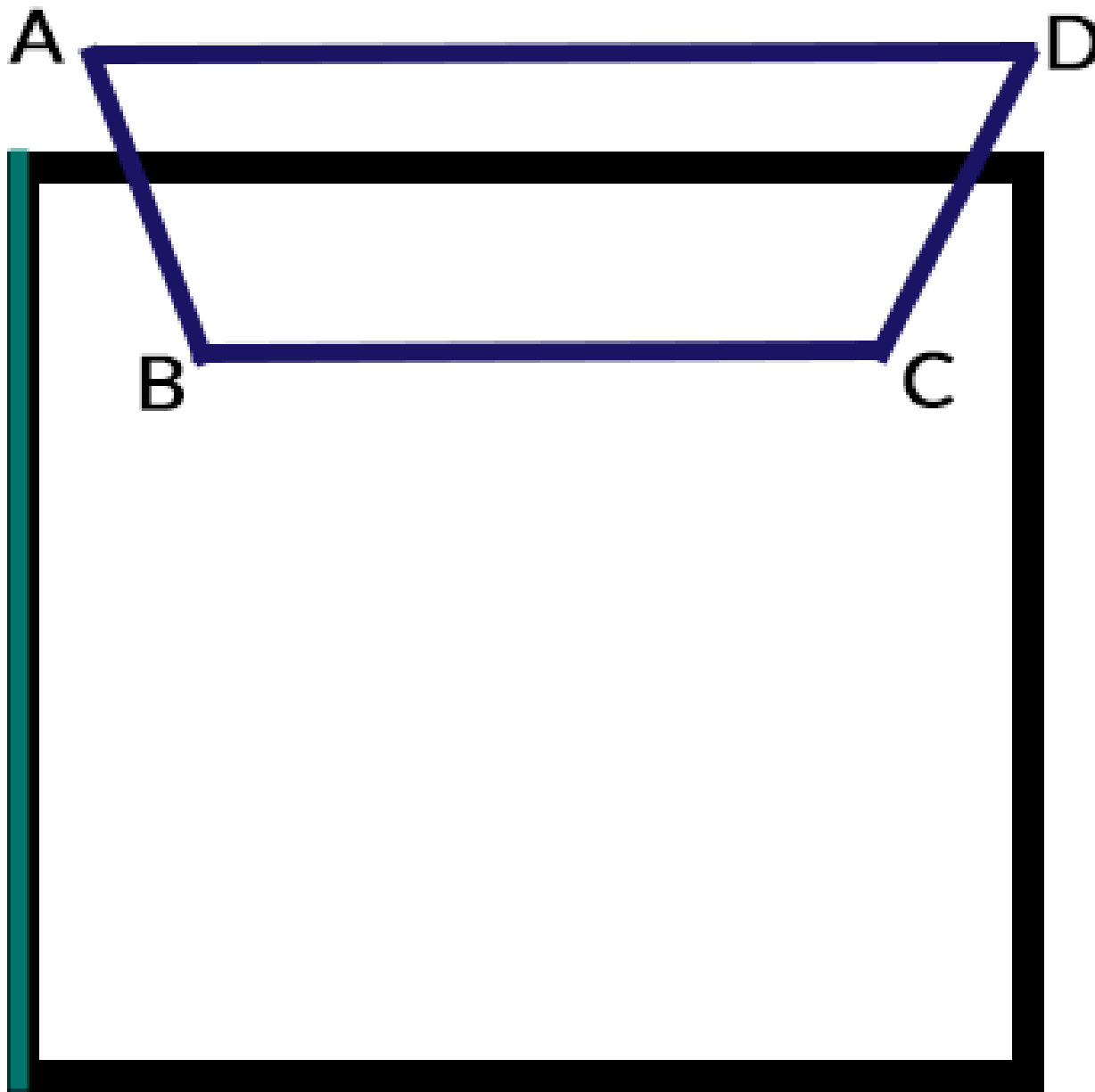
- Clip all lines from right

- Clip all lines from bottom

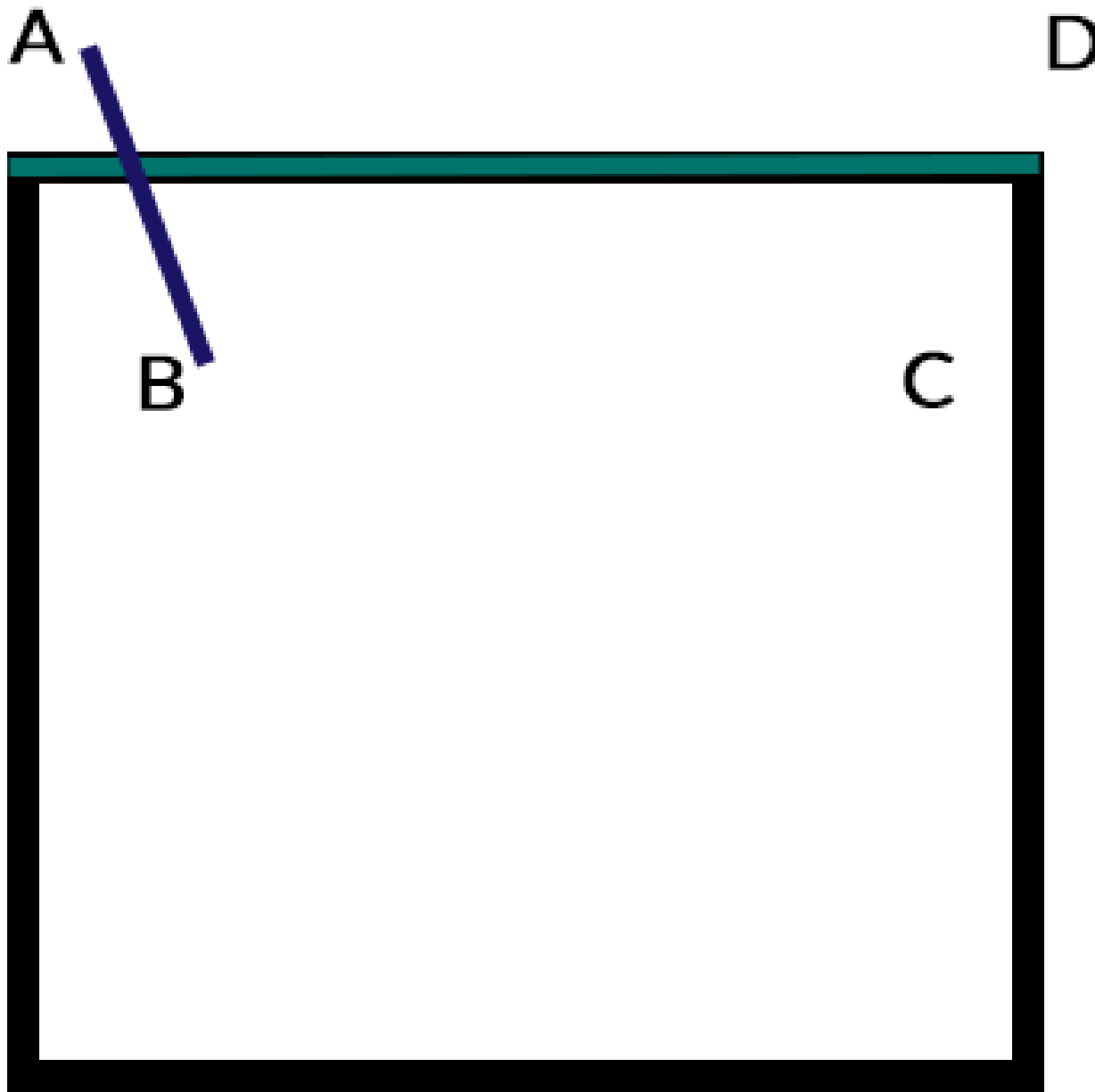




Clipping of  
line AB on left  
plane has no  
effect



No clipping  
effect on left  
plane

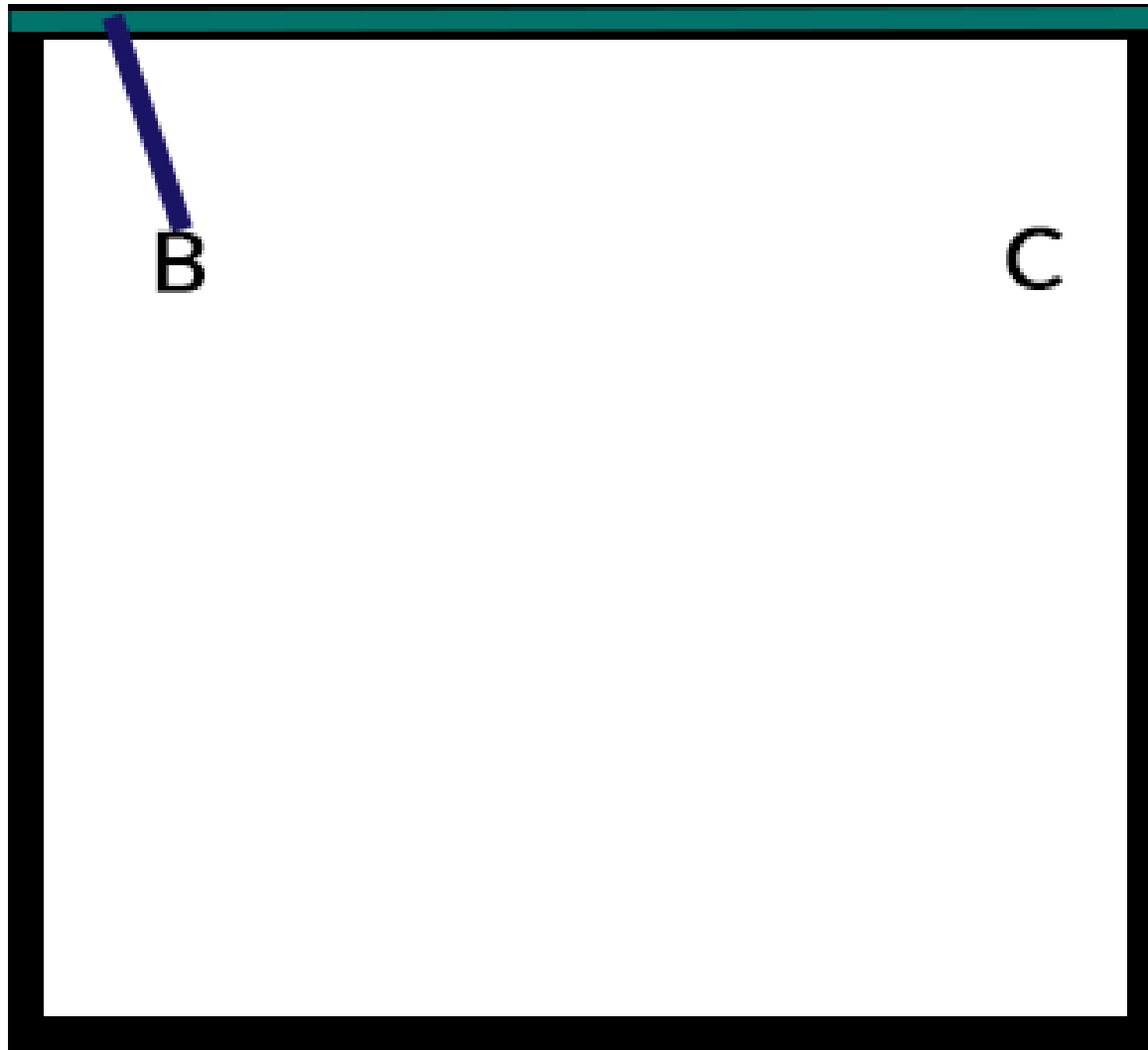


Clipping of  
line AB on top  
plane



A

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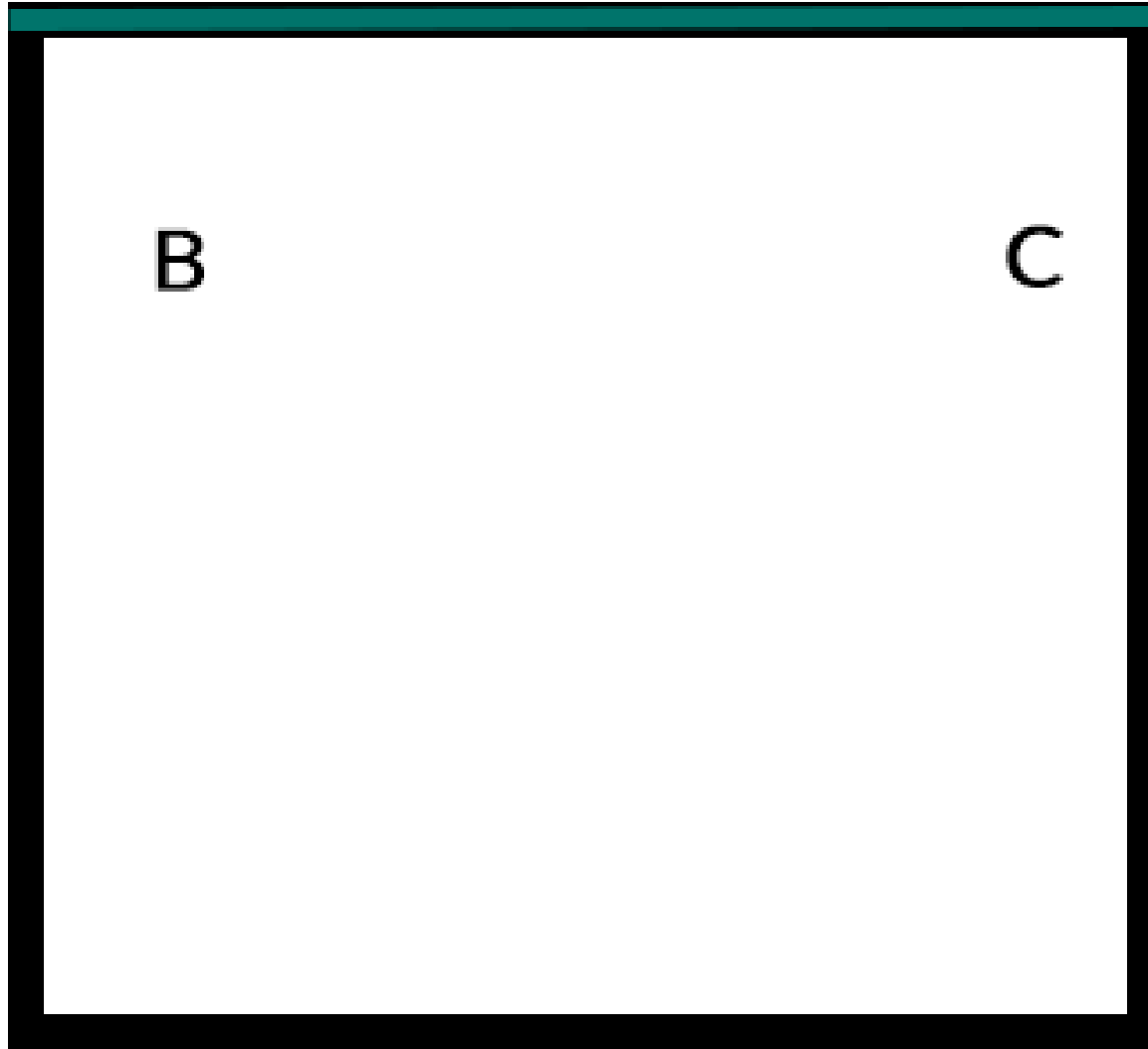


AB clipped  
using line  
clipping  
algorithms

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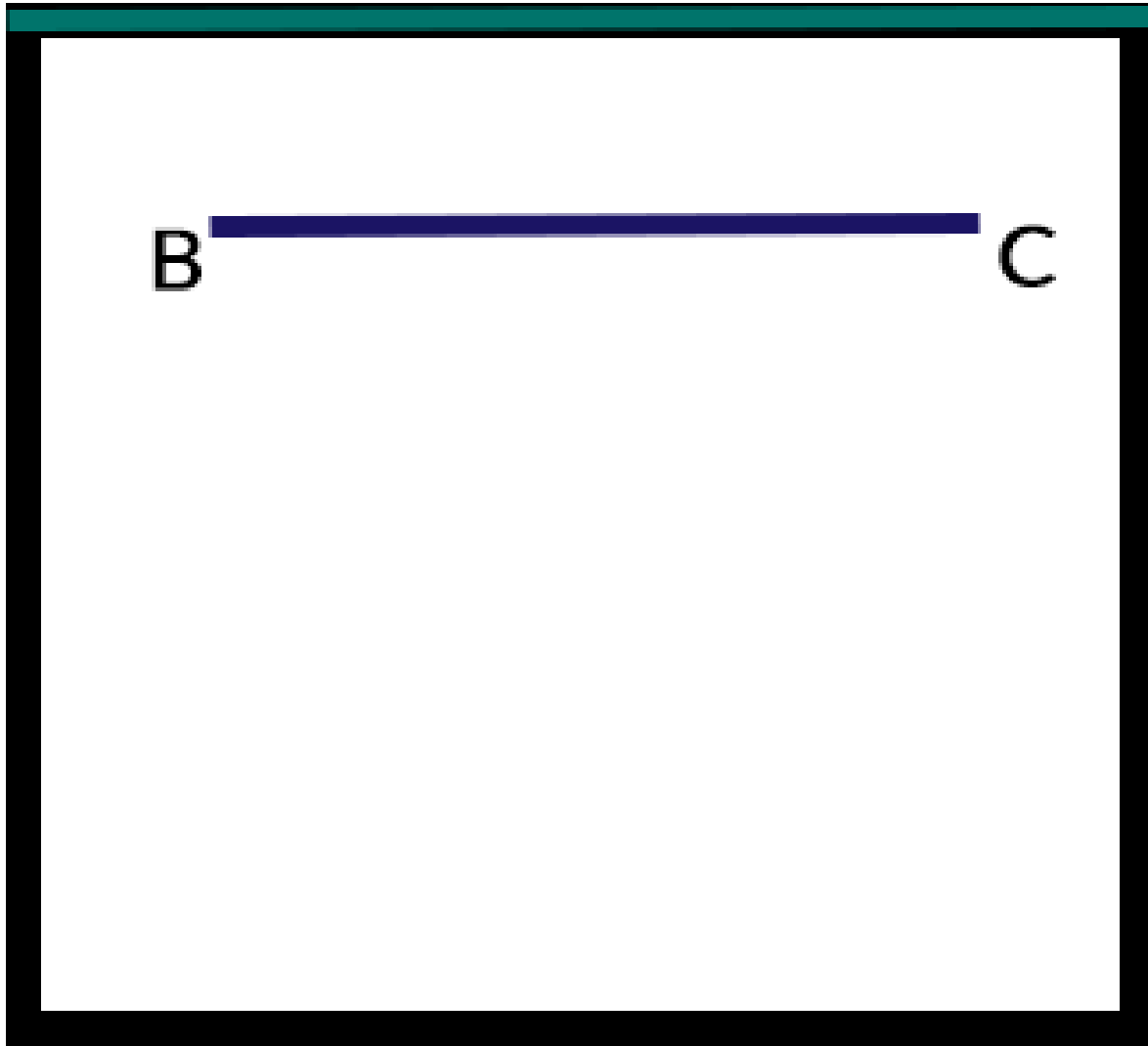
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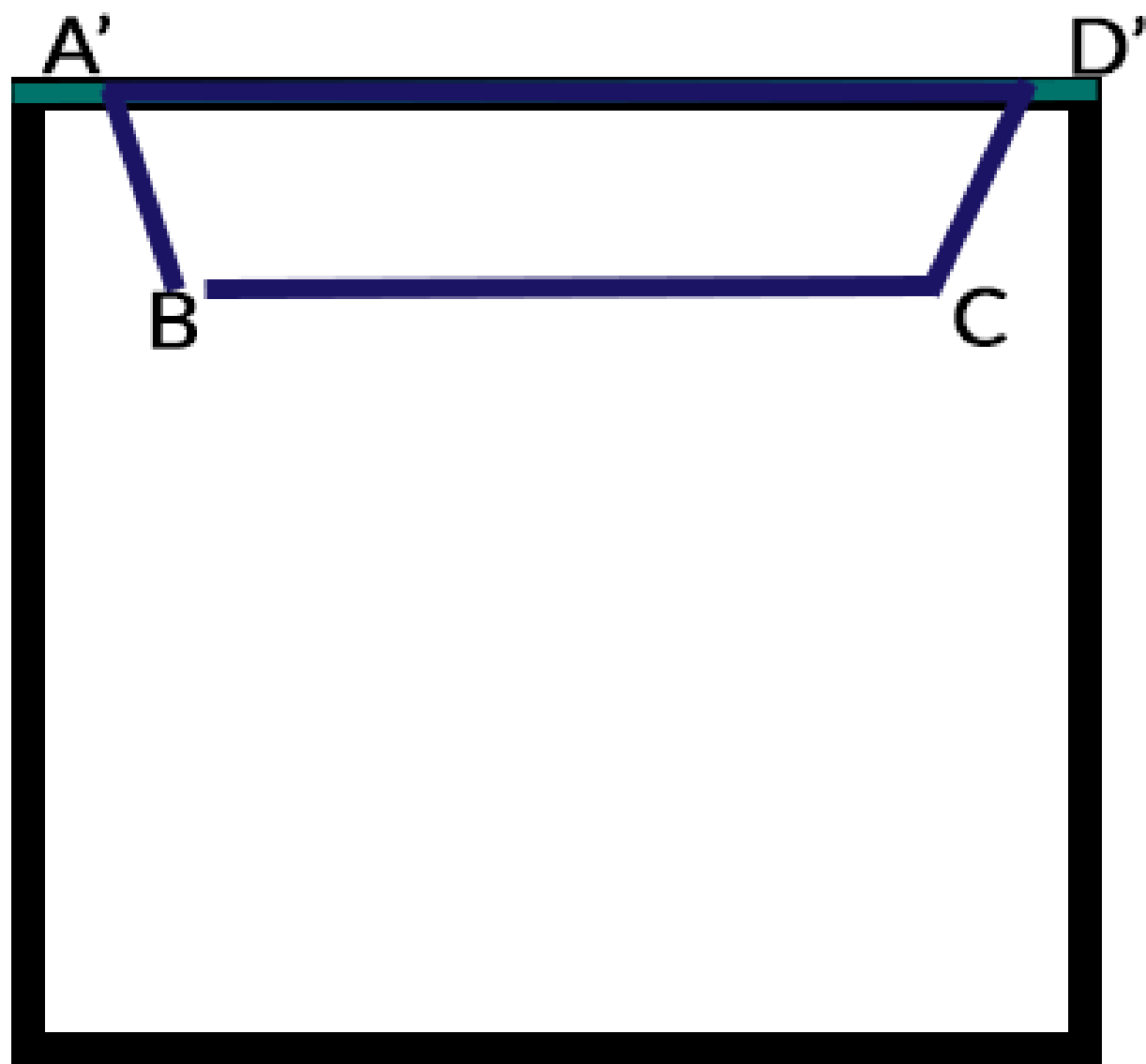
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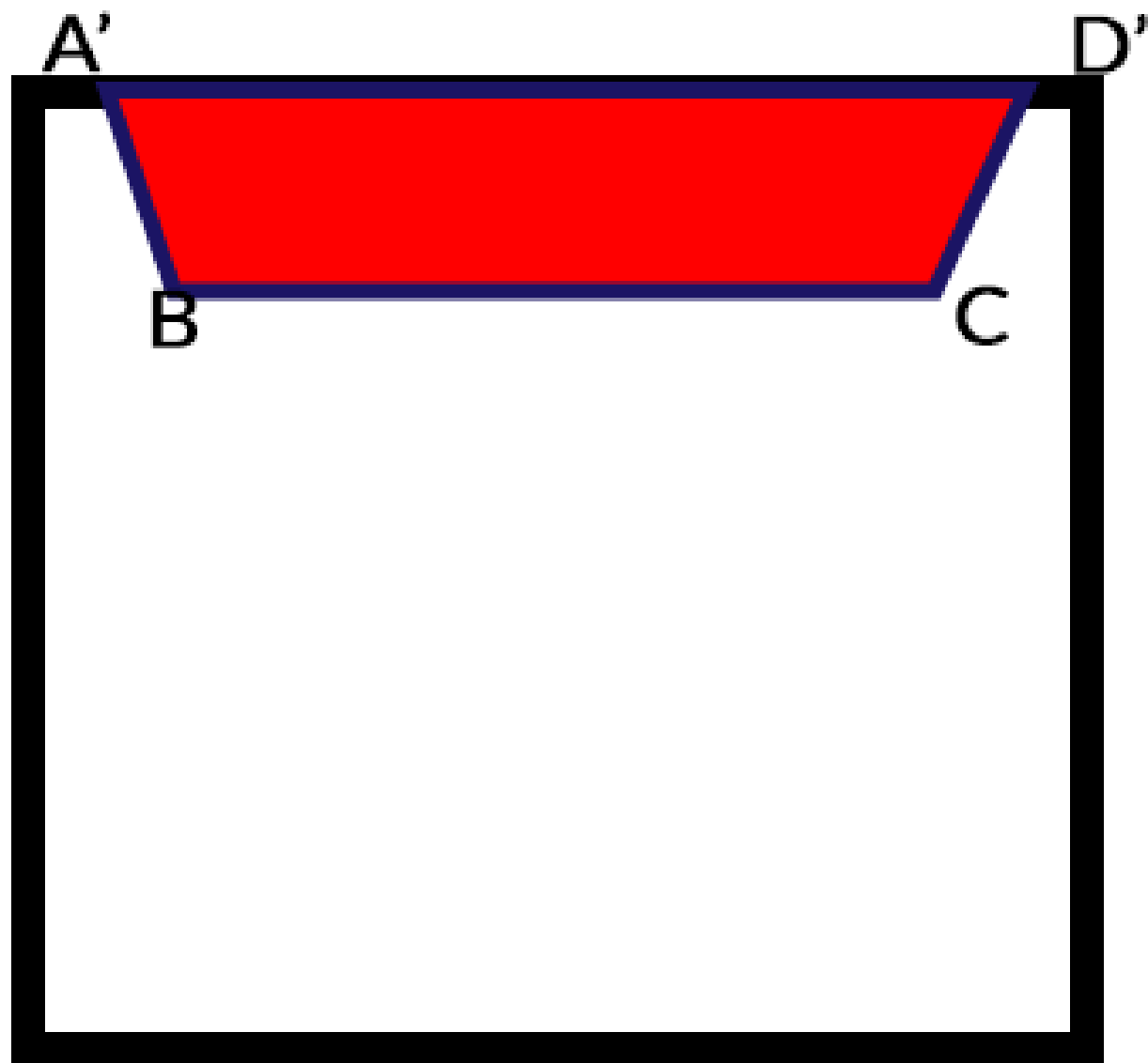
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BC accepted





# Sutherland-Hodgeman algorithm

Significantly faster than working with pixels

Works on primitive level (lines and points)

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