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1.1 <u>Setting Pixels</u>

Describing the location of the pixels (0, 0), (w – 1, 0) and (0, h – 1):

- Pixel (0, 0): it is the first pixel in the grid, it is located on the top-left of the corner of the window, which is highlighted in red (Diagram 1.1)
- Pixel (w - 1, 0): This pixel is located at the top-right corner of the window. Its x-coordinate is at the far right (w - 1), and its y-coordinate is at the top (0), which is highlighted in yellow (Diagram 1.1).
- Pixel (0, h - 1): This pixel is located at the bottom-left corner of the window. Its x-coordinate is at the left (0), and its y-coordinate is at the bottom (h - 1), which is highlighted in purple (Diagram 1.1).

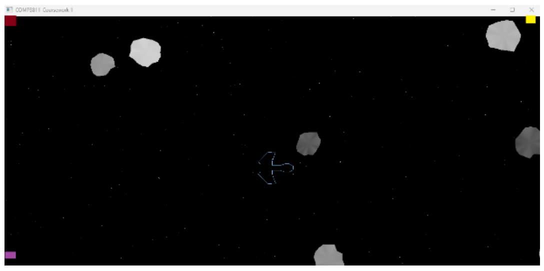


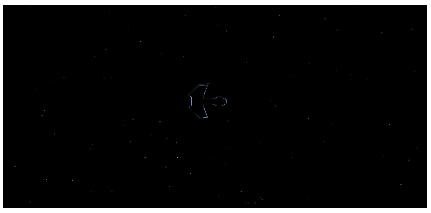
Diagram 1.1 – Screenshot showing pixel positions.

1.2 <u>Drawing lines</u>

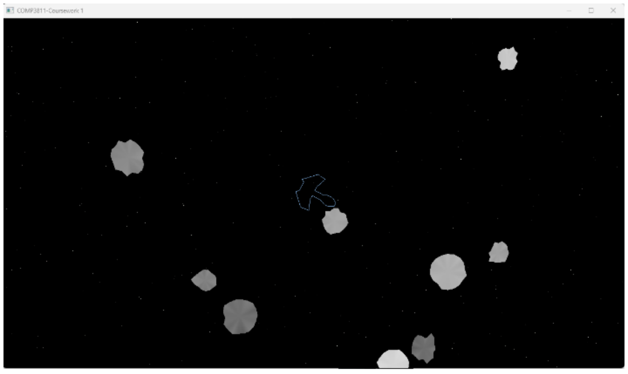
In my line drawing I have combined the Cohen-Sutherland line clipping algorithm with Digital Differential Analyzer (DDA) for line rasterization.

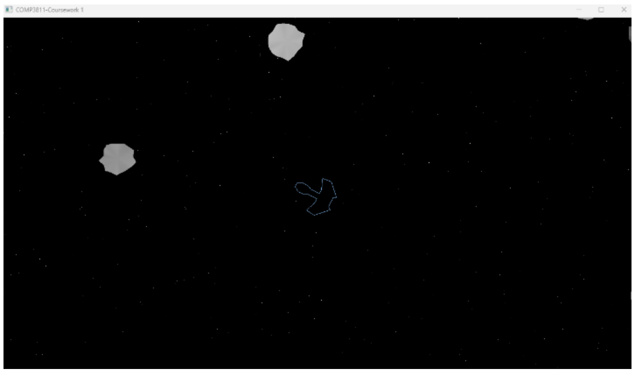
For the Clipping algorithm I have calculated the region codes for both endpoints of the line. This assigns a code to each endpoint, classifying it as inside or outside the clipping region. The code indicates which boundary of the clip window the point is relative, in more details `clipLineCohenSutherland` function uses a loop to clip the line segment until it is entirely inside the clipping region or completely outside. It computes intersection points between the line and the clip window boundaries. If a point is outside the clip region, the code updates the endpoint to the intersection point and reassigns the region code. If both endpoints are inside the clipping region, the line is visible, and the function returns true. If both endpoints are outside a common boundary, the line is entirely outside, and the function returns false.

On the other hand, for the rasterization If the line is partially or entirely inside the clipping region, `draw_line_solid` function proceeds with the DDA algorithm for line rasterization. It calculates the slope of the line and increments the x and y coordinates accordingly while checking if each pixel is within the clipping region. If a pixel is within the clip region, it sets the pixel color using `set_pixel_srgb function found in `surface.inl`.



1.3 **2d Rotation**





1.4 **Drawing Triangles**

The “edge_cross” function (a helper function) is a mathematical utility used to determine the relative positioning of a point ‘p’ with respect to a line defined by two other points ‘a’ and ‘b’. It calculates the cross product between vectors ‘ab’ and ‘ap’, where ‘ab’ represents the vector from point ‘a’ to point ‘b’, and ‘ap’ represents the vector from point ‘a’ to the given point ‘p’. The result of this cross product can be interpreted as follows:

- If the result is positive, it means that point ‘p’ is on one side of the line defined by points ‘a’ and ‘b’.
- If the result is negative, it means that point ‘p’ is on the opposite side of the line.
- If the result is zero, it means that point ‘p’ is collinear with the line.

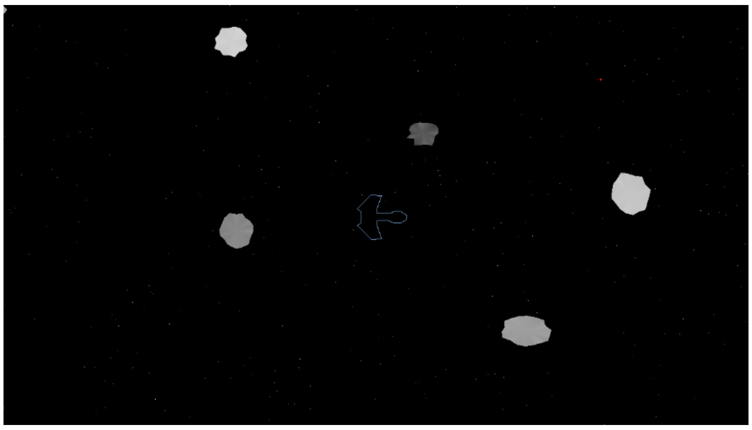
The “draw_triangle_solid” function uses the “edge_cross” function to draw a solid triangle on a surface. It first calculates the bounding box that encloses the triangle by finding the minimum and maximum x and y coordinates of the triangle's vertices. This bounding box defines the region in which the function needs to check each pixel.

The function then iterates through all the pixels within this bounding box. For each pixel, it calculates three values, p1, p2, and p3, using the “edge_cross” function with the pixel's coordinates and pairs of triangle vertices (e.g., aP0 and aP1, aP1 and aP2, aP2 and aP0). These values indicate the relative positioning of the pixel with respect to the three edges of the triangle.

If all three values (p1, p2, and p3) are non-negative, it implies that the pixel is on the same side of each of the triangle's edges, which means it's inside the triangle. In this case, the function sets the pixel's color to the specified value aColor, effectively filling the triangle with the given colour. Nonetheless, it's evident that there is potential for enhancement since this function currently evaluates the rectangle bounded by the minimum and maximum vertices, indicating room for optimization.

1.5 Barycentric interpolation

The "draw_triangle_solid" function efficiently renders solid-colored triangles by calculating a bounding box and using barycentric coordinates to determine pixel inclusion. Pixels inside the triangle receive a single color, making it suitable for non-interpolated, flat-shaded triangles. On the other hand, "draw_triangle_interp" is designed for smooth color interpolation, starting with a bounding box and barycentric coordinate calculations. It blends vertex colors using interpolation factors to create smoothly shaded, gradient-filled triangles, making it ideal for realistic 2D graphics with smoothly varying colors.



1.6 **Blitting images**

The “blit_masked” function serves to copy an ImageRGBA onto a Surface while incorporating a basic alpha mask. It traverses the pixel data of the input image, examining the alpha value of each pixel. If the alpha surpasses a threshold of 128, denoting a high level of opacity, the function proceeds to validate whether the target position within the surface's boundaries. If the coordinates are within bounds, it assigns the RGB color of the image pixel to the corresponding pixel on the surface.

In terms of efficiency, the implementation, while functional, has room for enhancement. For performance optimization, it can minimize boundary checks by calculating the intersection between the image and surface boundaries, focusing only on the valid region. Furthermore, batch processing, in which entire rows of pixels are copied when feasible, can be introduced. This optimization could substantially boost performance, particularly with larger images. Parallelization, memory alignment, and employing alpha mask thresholding are additional strategies to enhance the efficiency of the blit operation, catering to varying use cases and improving performance, especially when handling extensive image and surface data.

1.5 **Testing Lines**

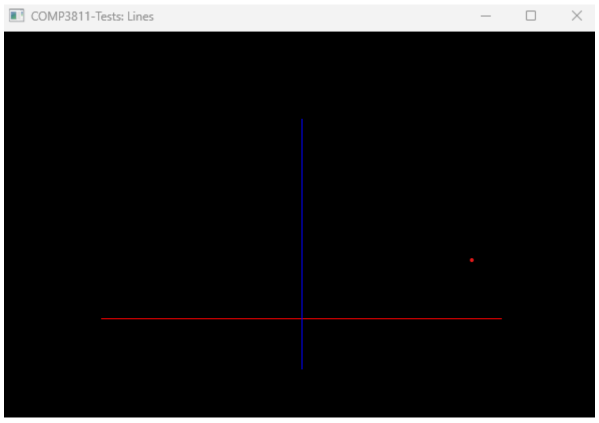
I have incorporated five distinct test cases, each of which is explained below. All the tests are added to new file **“lines-test/my_test.cpp”**:
diagonal line clipping [clip]: This test case verifies the behaviour when drawing a diagonal line that partially goes off the screen. It checks that the line is correctly drawn and how many pixels have the specified color. It helps ensure that lines partially off the screen are handled correctly.

diagonal [cull]: In this test case, a diagonal line is drawn entirely off the screen, and the number of pixels with the specified color is checked. It ensures that lines completely outside the visible area are culled and not drawn.

Full Width Line [special]: This test case checks whether a horizontal line spanning the entire width of the screen is drawn correctly. It verifies that all pixels on the same row as the line have the expected color, testing the ability to draw full-width lines.

Full Height Line [special]: Similar to the previous test case, this one check whether a vertical line spanning the entire height of the screen is drawn correctly. It ensures that all pixels in the same column as the line have the expected color, testing the ability to draw full-height lines.

Intersecting Lines [intersect]: This test case is designed to verify the accurate representation of line intersections. It involves drawing two lines with known equations that intersect at a predefined point. In my specific implementation, the pixel at the intersection point is determined by the last line drawn. To confirm the correct functioning of line intersections, I included checks for both the pixel immediately before the intersection, which should have the color of the first line, and the pixel at the intersection itself, which is expected to have the color of the last line. This comprehensive validation ensures that line intersections are handled correctly and that the pixel colors accurately reflect the order of drawing. The diagram below demonstrates the test case.



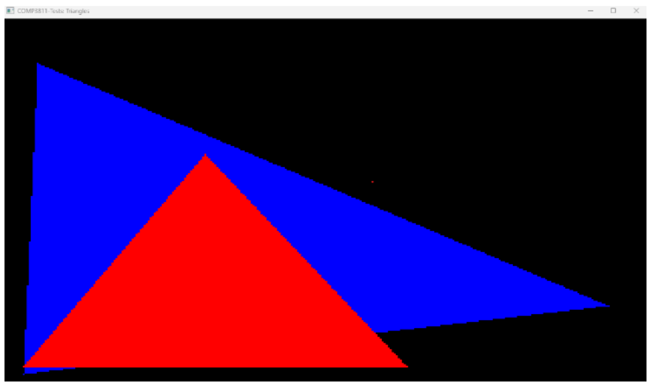
1.6 <u>**Testing: triangles**</u>

I have incorporated three distinct test cases, each of which is explained below. All the tests are added to new file **“triangles-test/my_test.cpp”**:

Partially Visible Triangle: This test case is designed to evaluate the drawing function's ability to handle scenarios where a geometric shape (in this case, a triangle) partially extends beyond the screen's boundaries. It starts by creating a 320x240 pixel surface and drawing a blue triangle with one of its vertices outside the screen's bounds. The test case then checks if the visible portion of the triangle, which lies within the screen's boundaries, is correctly rendered in blue. It does this by iterating through the pixels in the visible area and ensuring they are either black or blue. This test also verifies that the function properly culls objects entirely outside the screen by checking the pixels outside the triangle for being black.

Triangle Outside Rectangle: This test case focuses on drawing a triangle that is entirely outside the screen's boundaries. It creates a 320x240 pixel surface and draws a red triangle that lies entirely outside the screen. The main goal of this test is to verify that the function can recognize objects that are entirely offscreen and correctly renders them as black. It serves as an essential check for the function's culling capability.

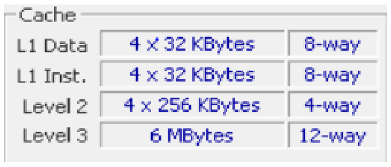
Two Overlapping Triangles: In this test case, two triangles are drawn, one red and one blue. These triangles are designed to overlap partially, testing the function's handling of overlapping objects. The red triangle is drawn first, and then the blue triangle is drawn to partially overlap with the red one. The test ensures that the function can correctly render both triangles, distinguishing between their colors. It checks if the most red and most blue pixels are correctly identified within their respective triangles. This test is crucial for evaluating how the function deals with overlapping objects and ensures it doesn't mix the colors of the triangles. A new helper function has been created to serve the test case ` find_most_blue_pixel`. The diagram bellow demonstrates the test case.



1.7 **Benchmark: Blitting**

I have run the test on:

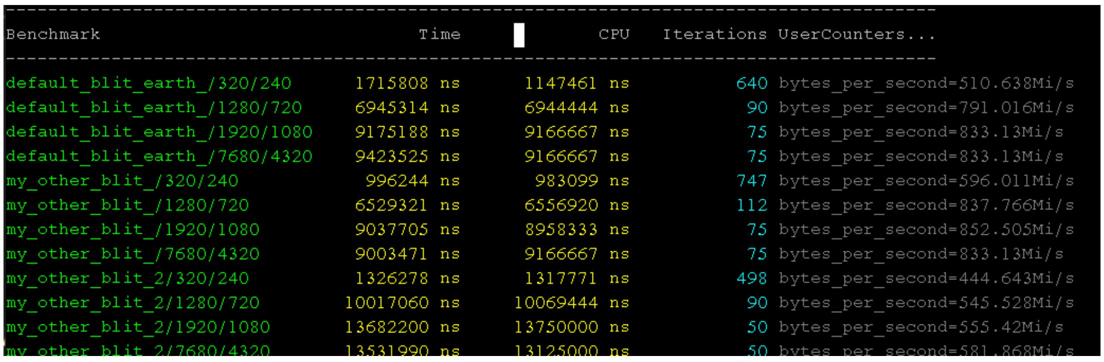
- Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-7300HQ CPU @ 2.5GHZ
- RAM amount 8GB, speed 2400 MHz
- for the cache here are the details:



Cache		
L1 Data	4 x 32 KBytes	8-way
L1 Inst.	4 x 32 KBytes	8-way
Level 2	4 x 256 KBytes	4-way
Level 3	6 MBytes	12-way

1. **Performing the comparison with different framebuffers on the same earth image**

Results:



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Benchmark                                   Time             CPU   Iterations UserCounters...
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default_blit_earth_/320/240           1715808 ns      1147461 ns          640 bytes_per_second=510.638Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/1280/720          6945314 ns      6944444 ns           90 bytes_per_second=791.016Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/1920/1080         9175188 ns      9166667 ns           75 bytes_per_second=833.13Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/7680/4320         9423525 ns      9166667 ns           75 bytes_per_second=833.13Mi/s
my_other_blit_/320/240                 996244 ns       983099 ns          747 bytes_per_second=596.011Mi/s
my_other_blit_/1280/720               6529321 ns      6556920 ns          112 bytes_per_second=837.766Mi/s
my_other_blit_/1920/1080              9037705 ns      8958333 ns           75 bytes_per_second=852.505Mi/s
my_other_blit_/7680/4320              9003471 ns      9166667 ns           75 bytes_per_second=833.13Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/320/240               1326278 ns      1317771 ns          498 bytes_per_second=444.643Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/1280/720             10017060 ns     10069444 ns           90 bytes_per_second=545.528Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/1920/1080            13682200 ns     13750000 ns           50 bytes_per_second=555.42Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/7680/4320            13531990 ns     13125000 ns           50 bytes_per_second=581.868Mi/s
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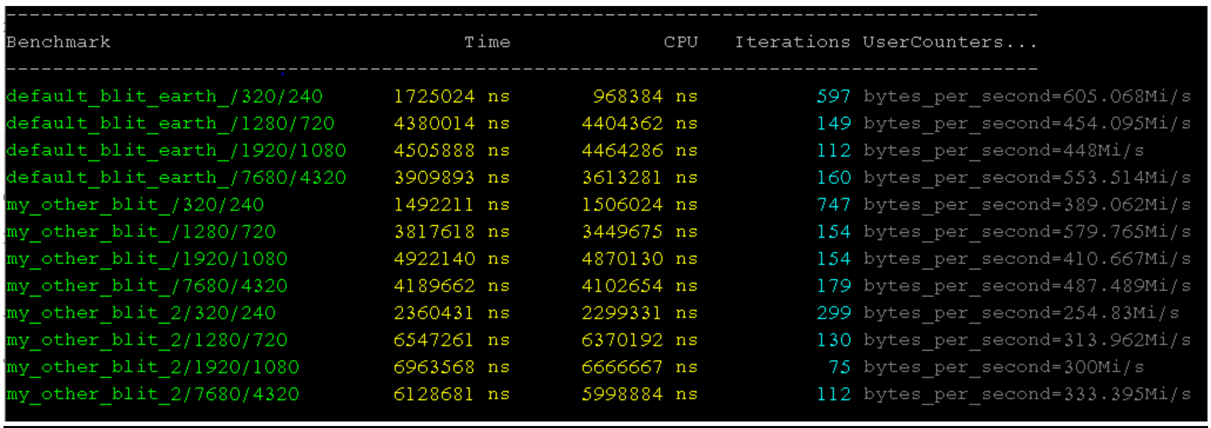
Observations and Explanations:

1. **default_blit_earth_** Function:
   - This function implements alpha masking and is tested with different framebuffer sizes.
   - As expected, the execution time increases as the framebuffer size becomes larger, from 320x240 to 7680x4320.
   - The CPU time is close to the total time, indicating that the CPU is the main contributor to the execution time.
   - The "bytes_per_second" metric reflects the memory bandwidth and decreases with larger framebuffer sizes, as more data needs to be processed.
   - When the framebuffer size is 320x240, the function is faster because it processes a smaller amount of data and the alpha masking adds a minimal overhead.
2. **my_other_blit_** Function:
   - This function does not perform alpha masking and is tested with various framebuffer sizes.
   - The execution time is significantly lower than the "default_blit_earth_" function for all framebuffer sizes.
   - Without alpha masking, the function can copy pixels without taking alpha masking in count, resulting in faster execution.
   - The "bytes_per_second" metric is higher, indicating that the function can handle larger data sizes more efficiently.
3. **my_other_blit_2** Function:
   - This function is similar to "my_other_blit_" but uses std::memcpy for copying pixel data.

    - It offers a balance between alpha masking and efficient memory copying, resulting in execution times between the other two functions.
    - The "bytes_per_second" metric is intermediate, reflecting this balance.
4. **Comparison of Functions:**
    - "my_other_blit_" outperforms "default_blit_earth_" in all cases due to the absence of alpha masking.
    - "my_other_blit_2" performs between the other two functions, combining some of the benefits of both.

2. **<u>Performing comparison with smaller image (128×128)</u>**

<u>Results</u>



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Benchmark                                Time             CPU   Iterations UserCounters...
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default_blit_earth_/320/240       1725024 ns       968384 ns          597 bytes_per_second=605.068Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/1280/720      4380014 ns      4404362 ns          149 bytes_per_second=454.095Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/1920/1080     4505888 ns      4464286 ns          112 bytes_per_second=448Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/7680/4320     3909893 ns      3613281 ns          160 bytes_per_second=553.514Mi/s
my_other_blit_/320/240            1492211 ns      1506024 ns          747 bytes_per_second=389.062Mi/s
my_other_blit_/1280/720           3817618 ns      3449675 ns          154 bytes_per_second=579.765Mi/s
my_other_blit_/1920/1080          4922140 ns      4870130 ns          154 bytes_per_second=410.667Mi/s
my_other_blit_/7680/4320          4189662 ns      4102654 ns          179 bytes_per_second=487.489Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/320/240           2360431 ns      2299331 ns          299 bytes_per_second=254.83Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/1280/720          6547261 ns      6370192 ns          130 bytes_per_second=313.962Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/1920/1080         6963568 ns      6666667 ns           75 bytes_per_second=300Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/7680/4320         6128681 ns      5998884 ns          112 bytes_per_second=333.395Mi/s
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<u>Observations and Explanations:</u>

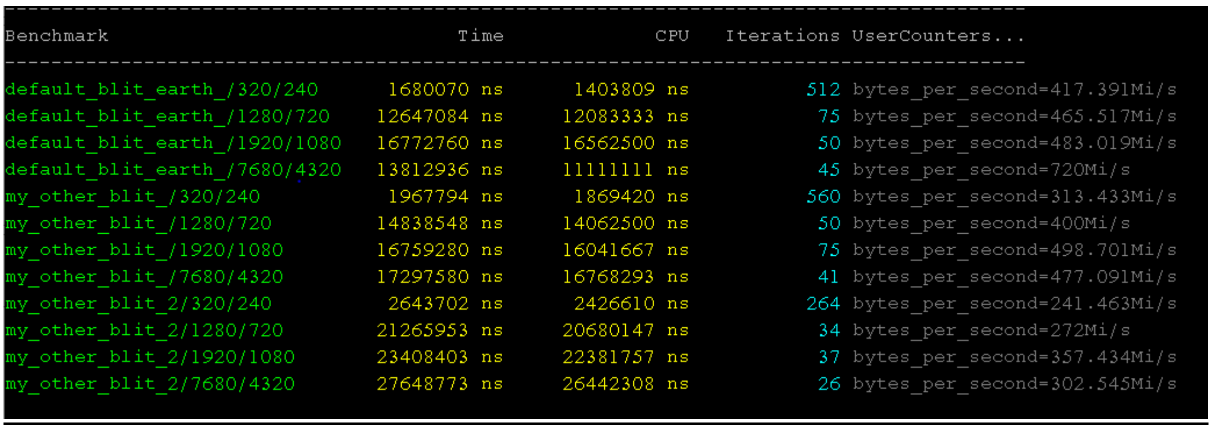
1. **default_blit_earth_ Function:**
    - With the smaller image size (128x128), the execution time is significantly reduced for all framebuffer sizes compared to the larger image.
    - The function's execution time still increases as the framebuffer size grows, but the impact is less pronounced due to the smaller image.
    - The "bytes_per_second" metric reflects the memory bandwidth and is generally higher than with the larger image. This is because a smaller image results in less data to process.
2. **my_other_blit_ Function:**
    - Similar to the "default_blit_earth_" function, this function's execution time is significantly reduced with the smaller image.
    - The execution time still increases with larger framebuffers, but the impact is less than with the larger image.
    - The "bytes_per_second" metric is higher, indicating better memory bandwidth efficiency with the smaller image.
3. **my_other_blit_2 Function:**
    - With the smaller image, this function's execution time is also reduced for all framebuffer sizes.
    - Like the other functions, execution time increases with larger framebuffers, but the smaller image size mitigates the impact.
    - The "bytes_per_second" metric shows improved memory bandwidth efficiency.

<u>Comparison of Functions with Smaller Image:</u>

- With the smaller image, the execution times for all functions are significantly reduced compared to the larger image, as expected.

- "my_other_blit_" remains the fastest and most efficient choice when alpha masking is not required, providing consistent and fast execution across different framebuffer sizes.
- "my_other_blit_2" continues to offer a balance between the other two functions, providing a trade-off between performance and alpha masking.
- "default_blit_earth_" is still the slowest due to the alpha masking step, but it may be necessary if alpha transparency is required.

3. **Performing comparison with larger image (1024×1024)**



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Benchmark                                     Time             CPU   Iterations UserCounters...
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default_blit_earth_/320/240         1680070 ns       1403809 ns          512 bytes_per_second=417.391Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/1280/720       12647084 ns      12083333 ns           75 bytes_per_second=465.517Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/1920/1080      16772760 ns      16562500 ns           50 bytes_per_second=483.019Mi/s
default_blit_earth_/7680/4320      13812936 ns      11111111 ns           45 bytes_per_second=720Mi/s
my_other_blit_/320/240              1967794 ns       1869420 ns          560 bytes_per_second=313.433Mi/s
my_other_blit_/1280/720            14838548 ns      14062500 ns           50 bytes_per_second=400Mi/s
my_other_blit_/1920/1080           16759280 ns      16041667 ns           75 bytes_per_second=498.701Mi/s
my_other_blit_/7680/4320           17297580 ns      16768293 ns           41 bytes_per_second=477.091Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/320/240             2643702 ns       2426610 ns          264 bytes_per_second=241.463Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/1280/720           21265953 ns      20680147 ns           34 bytes_per_second=272Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/1920/1080          23408403 ns      22381757 ns           37 bytes_per_second=357.434Mi/s
my_other_blit_2/7680/4320          27648773 ns      26442308 ns           26 bytes_per_second=302.545Mi/s
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Observations and Explanations:

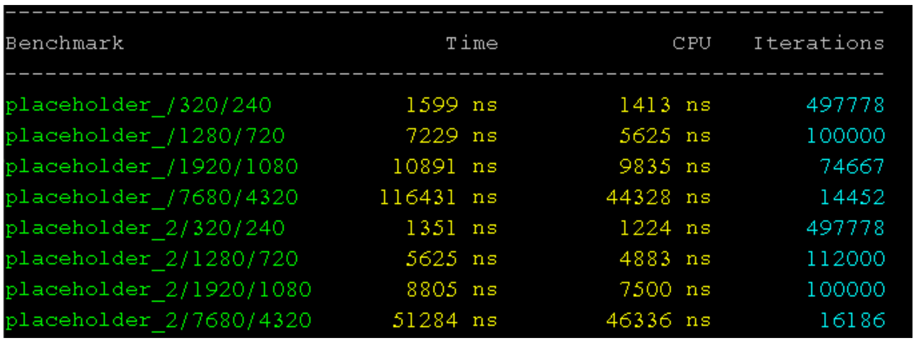
1. **default_blit_earth_ Function:**
   - With the larger image size (1024x1024), the execution time for the function increases significantly across all framebuffer sizes compared to the smaller image.
   - The function's execution time is now more noticeable, and the "bytes_per_second" metric indicates lower memory bandwidth efficiency due to the increased data processing.
2. **my_other_blit_ Function:**
   - Similar to the "default_blit_earth_" function, this function's execution time increases substantially with the larger image.
   - The "bytes_per_second" metric reflects a decrease in memory bandwidth efficiency as more data needs to be processed.
3. **my_other_blit_2 Function:**
   - With the larger image, this function's execution time also increases for all framebuffer sizes.
   - The "bytes_per_second" metric indicates reduced memory bandwidth efficiency, as expected with the larger image size.

Comparison of Functions with Larger Image:

- With the larger image, the execution times for all functions are noticeably increased, making the performance impact more significant.
- "my_other_blit_" remains the fastest and most efficient choice when alpha masking is not required, but it still experiences performance degradation with the larger image.
- "my_other_blit_2" offers a balanced performance, while "default_blit_earth_" is the slowest due to the alpha masking step.

1.10 **Benchmark: Line drawing**

Results:



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Benchmark                          Time             CPU   Iterations
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placeholder_/320/240            1599 ns         1413 ns       497778
placeholder_/1280/720           7229 ns         5625 ns       100000
placeholder_/1920/1080         10891 ns         9835 ns        74667
placeholder_/7680/4320        116431 ns        44328 ns        14452
placeholder_2/320/240           1351 ns         1224 ns       497778
placeholder_2/1280/720          5625 ns         4883 ns       112000
placeholder_2/1920/1080         8805 ns         7500 ns       100000
placeholder_2/7680/4320        51284 ns        46336 ns        16186
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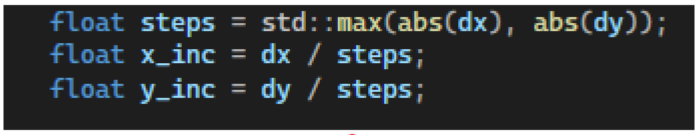
draw_line_solid (Original Function):



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   float steps = std::max(abs(dx), abs(dy));
   float x_inc = dx / steps;
   float y_inc = dy / steps;
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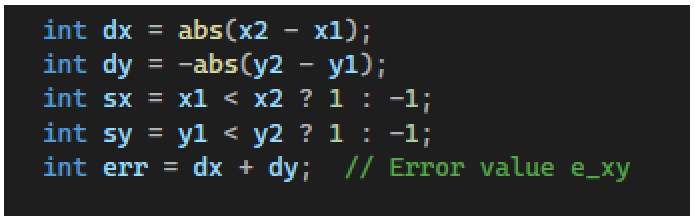
draw_line_bresenham (Modified Function):



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  int dx = abs(x2 - x1);
  int dy = -abs(y2 - y1);
  int sx = x1 < x2 ? 1 : -1;
  int sy = y1 < y2 ? 1 : -1;
  int err = dx + dy;  // Error value e_xy
```

Comparing DDA (with floating points) with Bresenham Algorithm (integer-only method):

1. Data Types: The original function (draw_line_solid) uses floating-point data types (float) for calculating the steps, whereas the modified function (draw_line_bresenham) uses integer data types (int) for dx and dy.
2. Algorithm: The original function implements the DDA (Digital Differential Analyzer) line drawing algorithm, which involves floating-point division and iteration based on steps. The modified function uses the Bresenham algorithm, which is more efficient for integer-based calculations, avoids floating-point operations, and uses integer increments based on dx and dy.

Observations and Explanations:

1. Original Function (draw_line_solid):
   - The execution times increase as the input size (surface dimensions) grows, as shown by the benchmark results.
   - The execution times are relatively higher compared to the modified function, especially for larger input sizes.
   - The time complexity of the DDA algorithm is less efficient for line drawing, which is reflected in the benchmark results.
2. Modified Function (draw_line_bresenham):
   - The execution times also increase with input size, consistent with a linear time complexity.

- The execution times are notably lower compared to the original function, even for larger input sizes.
- The Bresenham algorithm's efficiency is demonstrated by the faster execution times.

Explaining the chosen cases

The input arguments represent various line lengths and resolutions commonly found in graphics applications, ensuring their relevance to different use cases. These test cases cover diverse input scenarios, offering a realistic assessment of the functions in real-world graphics rendering scenarios. Additionally, the benchmarking allows for a direct comparison of the DDA and Bresenham algorithms, helping determine their efficiency for specific use cases. Notably, both functions employ Cohen-Sutherland for line clipping, and that is why clipping lines is not considered.

Conclusions:

The benchmark results clearly show that the modified draw_line_bresenham function is more efficient than the original draw_line_solid function for line drawing operations. This is attributed to the use of the Bresenham algorithm, which avoids floating-point calculations, uses integer-based increments, and exhibits a more linear time complexity (O(n)) for line drawing.

The choice of algorithm has a significant impact on the performance of the line drawing operation. The Bresenham algorithm is a better choice when it comes to optimizing line drawing for efficiency, as demonstrated by the benchmark results.

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