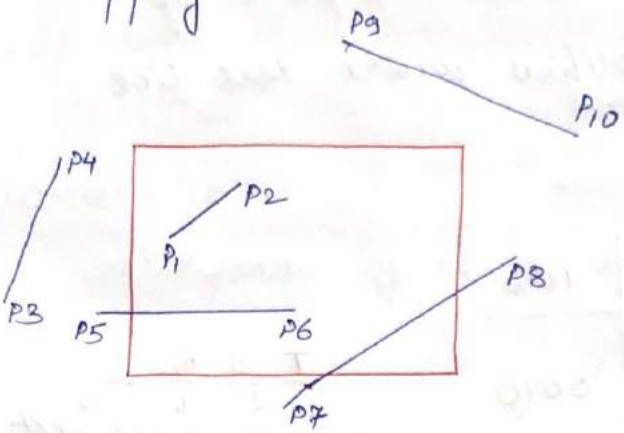
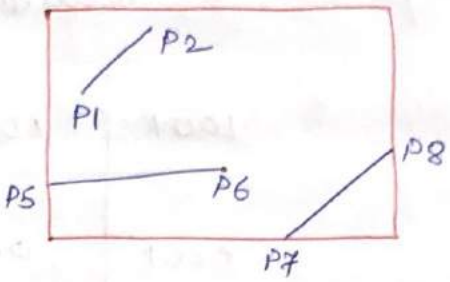
Line clipping:

- Line clipping involves several possible cases:
  1. Completely inside the clipping window.
  2. Completely outside the clipping window.
  3. Partially inside and partially outside the clipping window.



Before clipping



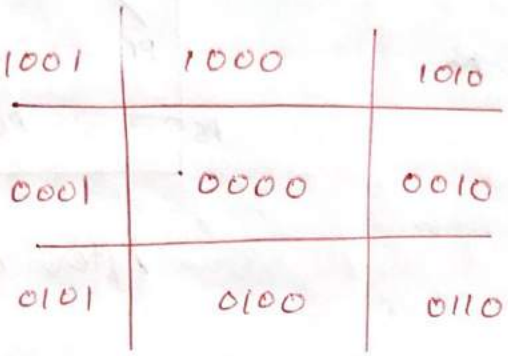
After clipping.

- Line which is completely inside is display completely. Line which is completely outside is eliminated from display. And for partially inside line we need to calculate intersection with window boundary and find which part is inside the clipping boundary and which part is eliminated.

- For line clipping several methods were proposed to solve clipping procedure. Some of them are discuss

Cohen - Sutherland Line Clipping :

- This is one of the oldest and most popular line clipping procedures.
- In this we devide whole space into nine region and assign 4 bit code to each endpoint of line depending on the position where the line endpoint is located.



T B R L
↓ ↓ ↓ →
Top bottom right Left

- Above figure shows code for line end point which is fall within particular area.
- Code is deriving by setting particular bit according to position of area.

  set bit Left : for left side clipping window
  set bit R : for right side clipping window
  set bit B : for bottom side clipping window
  set bit T : for top side clipping window.

- All bits as mention above are set means 1 and other are 0.

Algorithm :-

Step 1:

1.1 Assign region code to both endpoint of a line depending on the position where the line endpoint is located.

Step 2:

2.1 If both endpoints have code '0000'

2.1.1 Then line is completely inside.

2.2 Otherwise

2.2.1 Perform logical anding between this two codes.

2.2.2 If result of logical anding is non zero

2.2.2.1 Line is completely outside the clipping window.

2.2.3 otherwise

2.2.3.1 Calculate the intersection point with the boundary one by one

2.2.3.2 Divide the line into two parts from intersection point

2.2.3.3 Recursively call algorithm for both line segments.

Step 3:

3.1 Draw line segment which are completely inside and eliminate other line segment which found completely outside.

Intersection point calculations with clipping window boundary.

- For intersection calculation we use line equation $y = mx + b$.
- 'x' is constant for left & right boundary which is:
  - for left $x = x_{wmin}$
  - for right $x = x_{wmax}$
- So we calculate y coordinates of intersection for this boundary as

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

value of x depends on boundary is left or right.

- 'y' is constant for top & bottom boundary which is:
  - for top $y = y_{wmax}$
  - for bottom $y = y_{wmin}$.
- So we calculate y coordinate of intersection for this boundary as:

$$x = x_1 + \frac{y - y_1}{m}$$

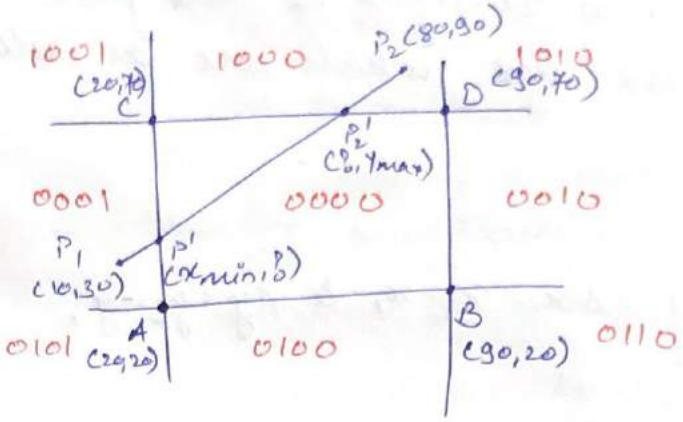
value of y depends on boundary is top or bottom.

Example:

Q1. $(x_{min}, y_{min}) = (20, 20)$
$(x_{max}, y_{max}) = (90, 70)$
} window coordinate

Line end points are given as $P_1(10, 30)$ & $P_2(80, 90)$. clip the line against window.

Sol:



code of P_1 = 0001
code of P_2 = 1000
AND 0000

Since AND of codes of P1 & P2 is 0. Hence line partially lies inside clipping window.

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{90-30}{80-10} = \frac{60}{70} = \frac{6}{7} = 0.857$$

$$y = m(x_{min} - x_1) + y_1$$
$$= 0.857(20-10) + 30$$
$$= 38.57$$

$$x = 10 + \frac{70-30}{0.857}$$
$$= 56.67$$

clipped coordinates are $P_1' = (20, 38.57)$
$P_2' = (56.67, 70)$