Assignment A2 Report

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1.1 Graphics Primitives

Primitive: The term Primitive in OpenGL is used to refer to two similar but separate concepts.

- 1. What a stream of vertices represents when being rendered (e.g. "GL_POINTS"). Such sequences of vertices can be arbitrarily long.
- 2. The result of the interpretation of a vertex stream, as part of Primitive Assembly.

Processing a vertex stream by one of these primitive interpretations results in an ordered sequence of primitives. The individual primitives are sometimes called "base primitives".

Paraphrased from: Official OpenGL Wiki.

1.2 Graphics Pipeline

- 1. Object geometry defines the vertices/primitives to render.
- 2. Model transformations define the transformation to perform on the objects.
- 3. Lighting calculations determine how light affects the objects.
- 4. View transformations determine any transformations to how the final image should be displayed.
- 5. Culling/Clipping skips unnecessary data.
- 6. Projection transformation projects the data.
- 7. Rasterization converts the objects to pixel data.

1.3 Co-ordinate Systems & Transformation

The following co-ordinate systems are used during each stage of the graphics pipeline:

- Model Co-ordinate System (MCS). Local co-ordinates of the model.
- World Co-ordinate System (WCS). Global co-ordinates of all objects.
- Viewer Co-ordinate System (VCS). Local co-ordinates of the viewer.
- Normalized Device Co-ordinate System (NDCS).

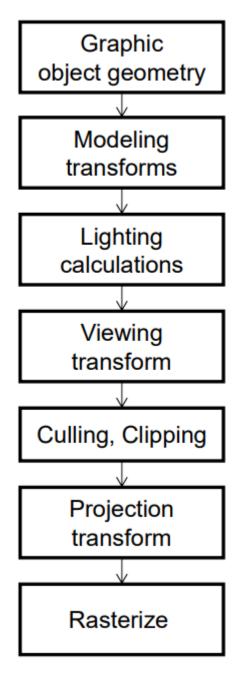


Figure 1: Diagram of the graphics pipeline.

• Screen Co-ordinate System (SCS).

The following transformations are applied:

- Model Transformations
 - Scaling, rotation, translation.
- View Transformations
 - Position/rotation/zoom of camera.
- Projection Transformations
 - Projects objects into the plane.
- Display Transformations
 - Maps the view to the display window.

1.4 Scan Conversion

A scan conversion algorithm converts primitive data into pixel data.

1.5 Hand-on Midpoint Algorithm

The data is available in this file: Pixel Data

The code used to generate the data: Code

2.1 OpenGL Primitives

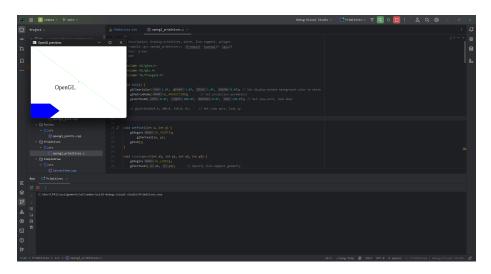


Figure 2: OpenGL Primitives

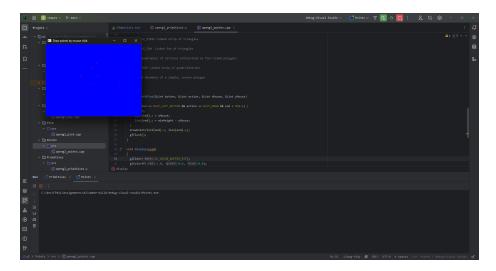


Figure 3: OpenGL Points

- 2.2 Interactive Graphics
- 2.3 Bitmap File I/O
- 3.1 Display Window & Menu
- 3.2 Data Structures
- 3.3 Draw Rectangle
- 3.4 Draw Circle
- 3.5 Edit Features
- 3.6 Save/Open SVG Files
- 3.7 Export to Bitmap File
- 3.8 Circle & Square Artwork
- 3.9 Program Design

References

- 1. CP411-A2
- 2. Official OpenGL Wiki

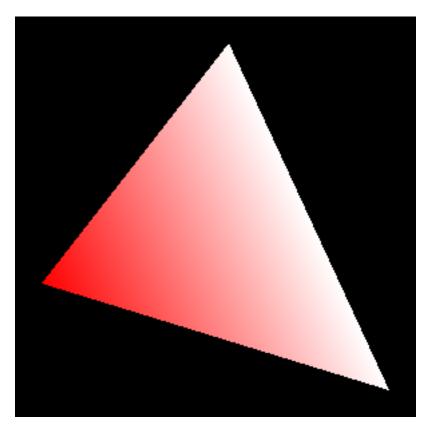


Figure 4: Output