**Vector vs Raster Graphics** 



# **Vector Graphics**

Geometrical (mathematical) representation

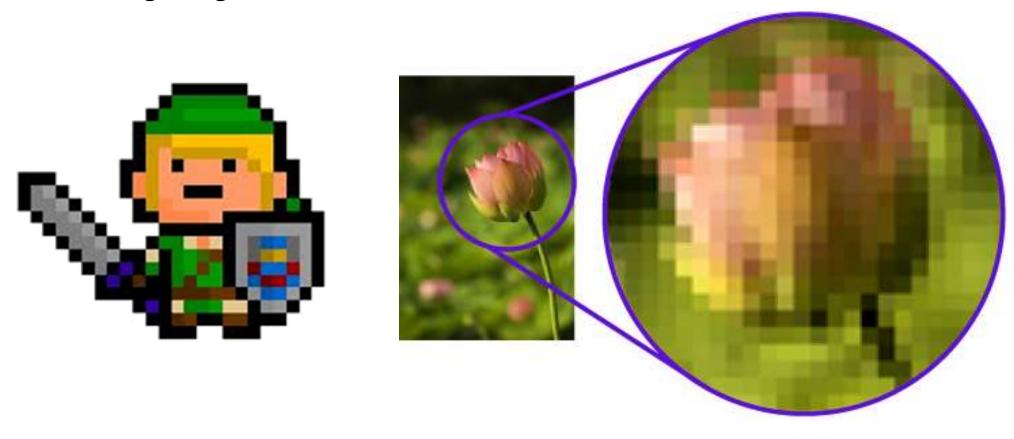




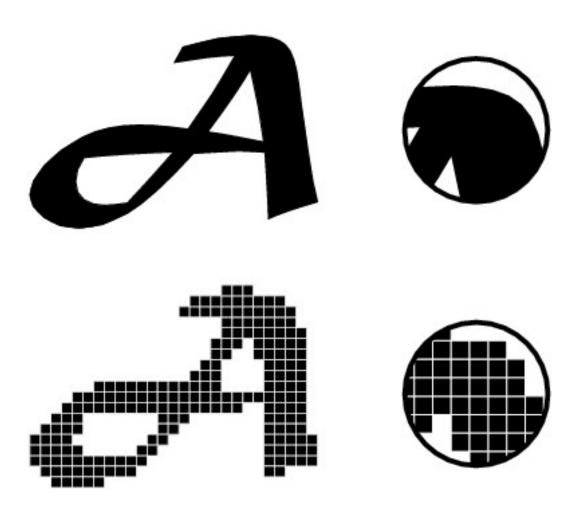


# **Raster Graphics**

Rectangular grid of colored elements



#### Zoom



### **Arbitrary Content**

- Vector graphics is hard to make
  - General and fast



- Raster graphics is hard
  - To edit meaningfully
  - To store efficiently



## Vector Graphics is used by Software

True Type Fonts

Illustrator

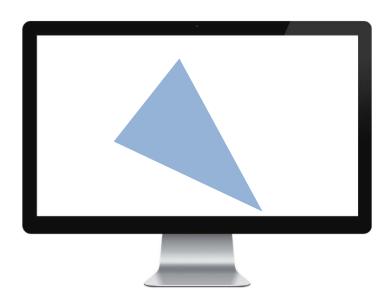
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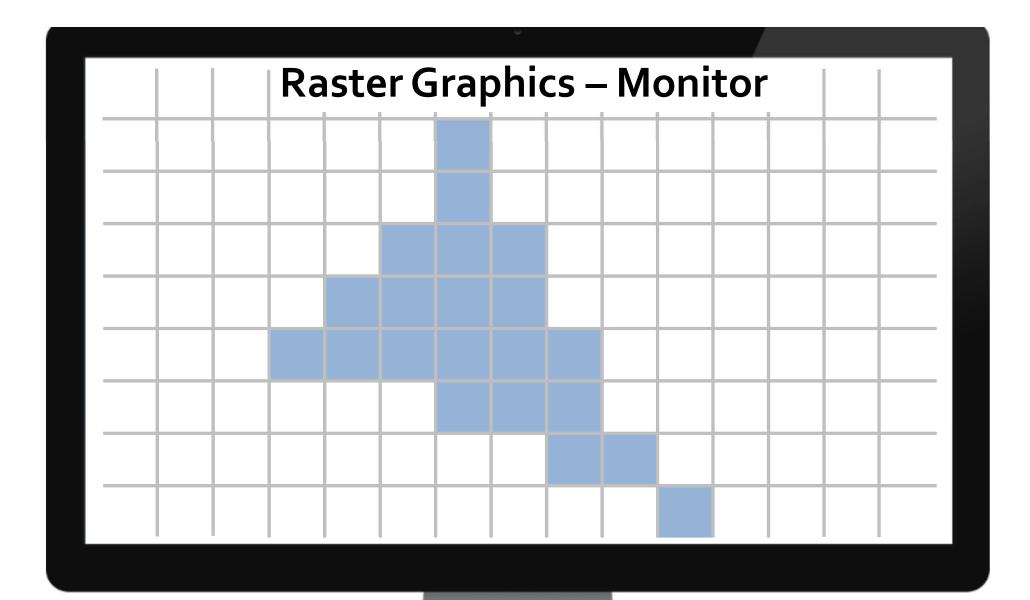






# Raster Graphics – Monitor





## Raster Graphics is used by Hardware

- Monitor
- Handy
- TV
- Digicam
- Printer
- Scanner
- VR/AR
  - Google Glass
  - Holo Lens
- Mouse
- **-** ...





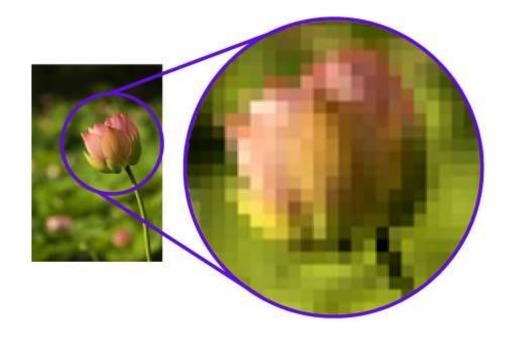




# Why is it used by hardware?

- Easy and cheap to produce
- Very fast
- Arbitrary content

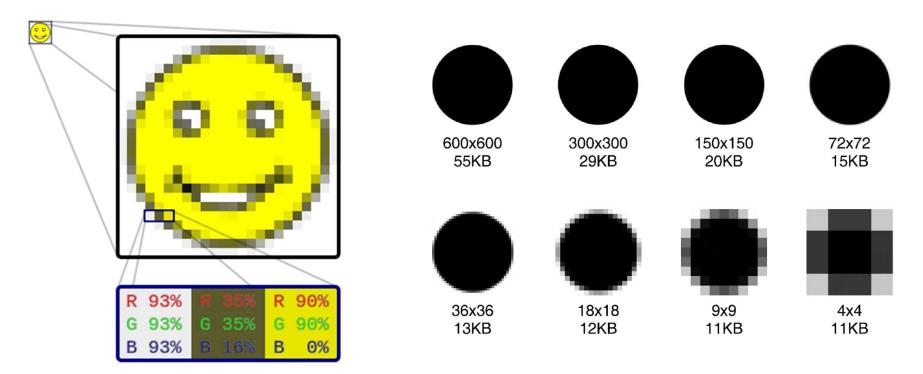




# **Storing Raster Graphics**

### **Raster Graphics**

- Raster Image = rectangular grid of colored elements
- Higher realisme = higher memory requirements



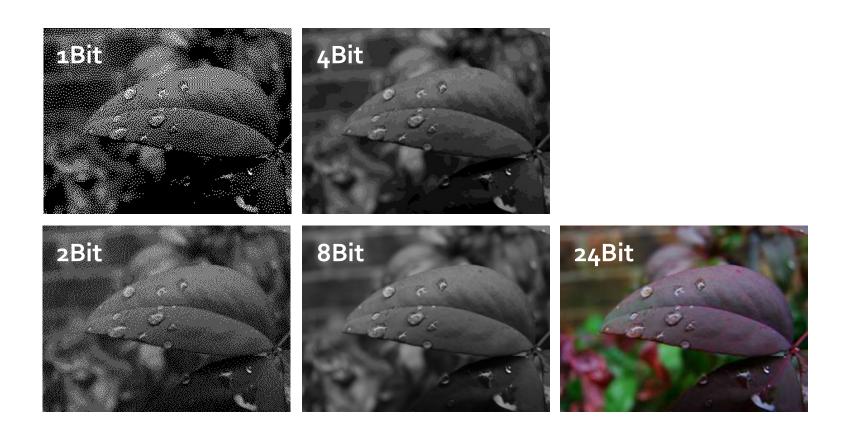
#### **Pixel**

- "Picture element"
- Physical point in a raster image
- Certain amount of bits per pixel

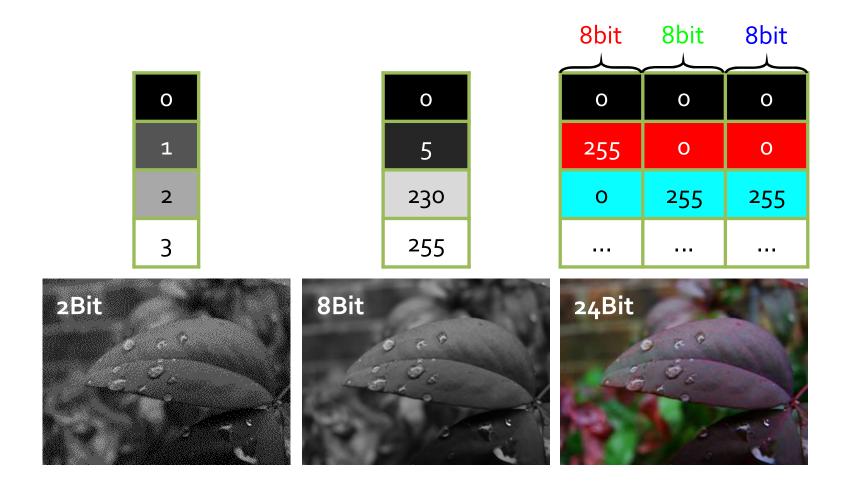


# Bits per Pixel (Bpp)

Amount of bits used to store color information

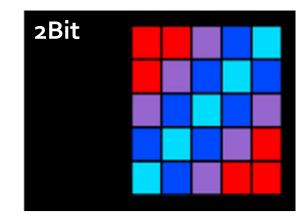


# Bits per Pixel (Bpp)



## **Indexed Colors / Color Tables**

0	0	1	2	3
0	1	2	თ	2
1	2	3	2	1
2	3	2	1	0
3	2	1	0	0







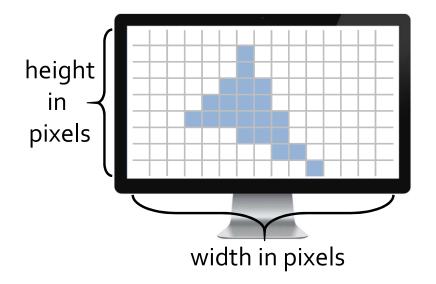
#### **Color Table Animations**

Cycle through color table entries over time



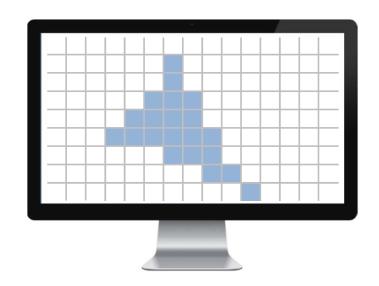
#### Frame Buffer

- A.k.a. frame store
- Raster image of monitor input
- Portion of RAM (often in video memory)
- Resolution
  - Width x height of pixels
  - VGA = 640\*480
  - XGA= 1024\*768
  - HD=1280\*720
  - FullHD = 1920\*1080



#### Frame Buffer Resolution

- Width x height of pixels
- VGA = 640\*480, 8bit per pixel
  - 640\*480\*1 = **307KB**
- XGA= 1024\*768, 16bit per pixel
  - 1024\*768\*2=**1,5MB**
- HD=1280\*720, 24bit per pixel
  - 1280\*720\*3 = **2,6MB**
- FullHD = 1920\*1080, 32bit per pixel
  - 1920\*1080\*4=**8MB**
- 4k = 3840\*2160, 32bit per pixel
  - 3840\*2160 \*4= **32MB**



#### Frame Buffer

- A.k.a. frame store
- Raster image of monitor input
- Portion of RAM (often in video memory)
- RAM is usually 1 dimensional and linear

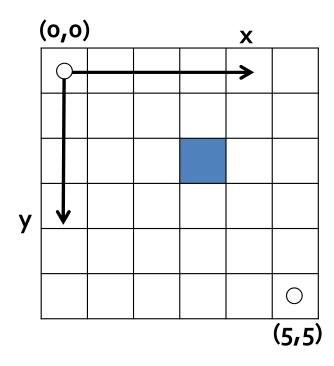
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0	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23

RAM (8Bit color)	#	Data
	О	255
	1	120
	2	255
	3	255
	4	255
	5	255
	6	255
	7	255
	8	120

# **Drawing a Pixel**

Given is a pixel by coordinates and color

DrawPixel(x, y, color)



### **Drawing a Pixel**

- Color assignment to location (memory address) in frame buffer frameBuffer[addr] = BLUE;
- Calculate address?

$$addr = y * width + x$$

- Works for 8 bits per pixel
  - 1 pixel = 1 byte
- Otherwise multiply with size
  - 16bpp 1 pixel = 2 byte
  - 24bpp 1 pixel = 3 byte

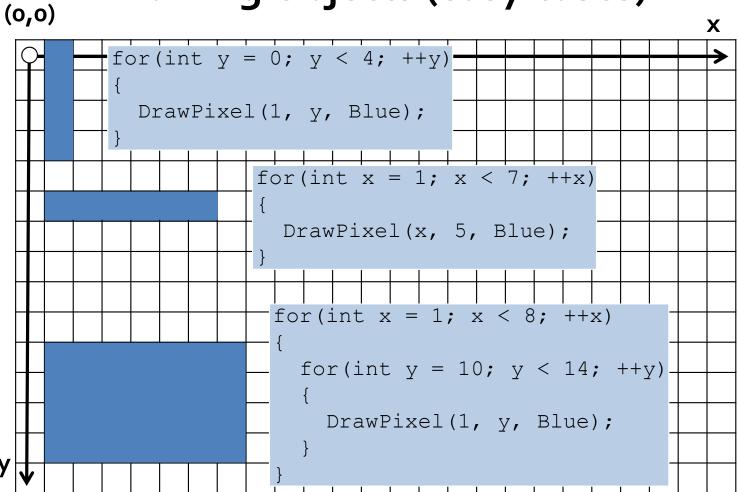
(0,0)

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30	31	32	33	34	23
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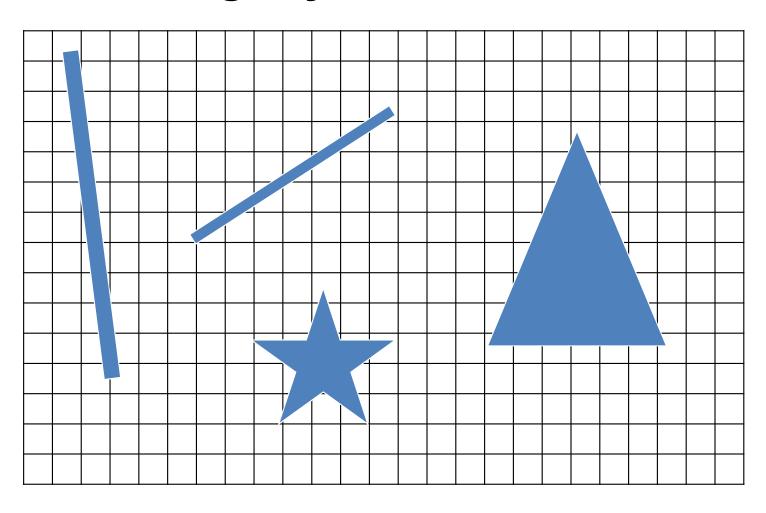
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### Drawing Objects (easy cases)



# **Drawing Objects (normal cases)**







## From Software to Hardware

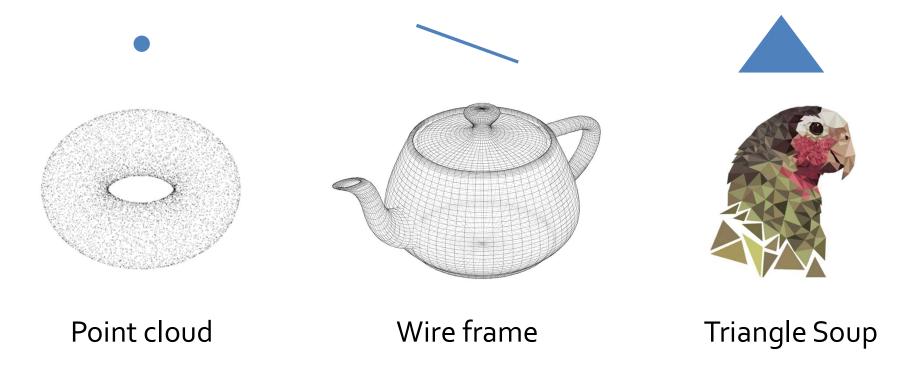
From Vector Graphics to Raster Graphics





#### **Primitives**

- Hardware renders only certain types of geometric primitives
  - Often point, line, triangle



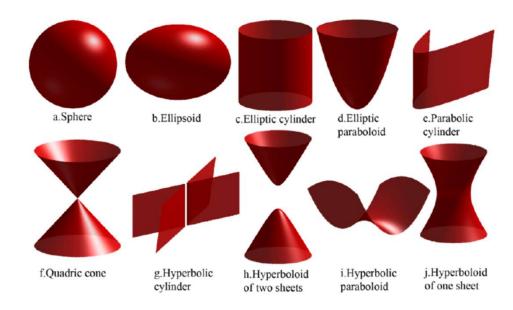
### Why Only Certain Primitives?

- Useful properties
  - 1. Easy to specify
  - Always convex(?) and planar(?)
  - 3. Exist in 2D and 3D
  - 4. Each primitive costs transistors on chip  $\rightarrow$  limits number
  - 5. All curves can be approximated by lines
  - 6. All polygons can be broken into triangles

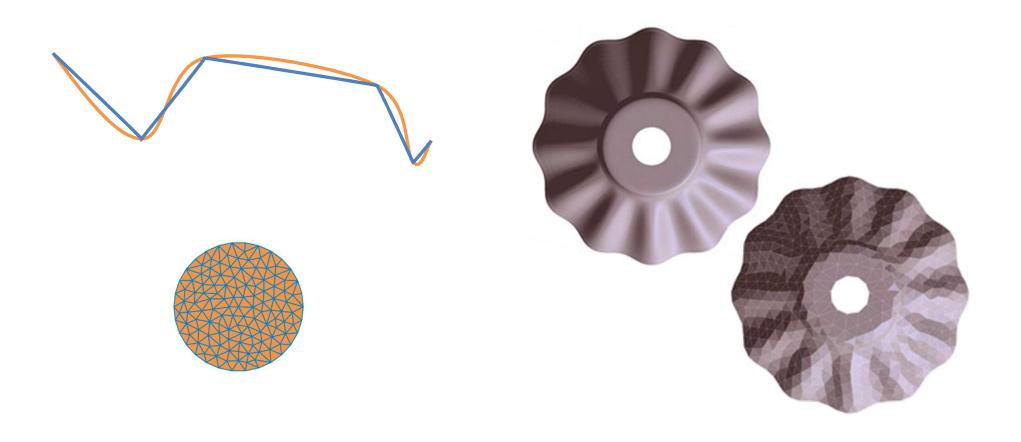
### **Support for Other Primitives**

- Nvidia NV1 released 1995
- Quadratic surfaces as primitives
- All software had to be adapted
- Almost killed company



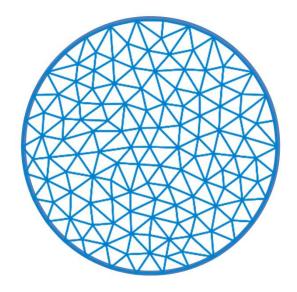


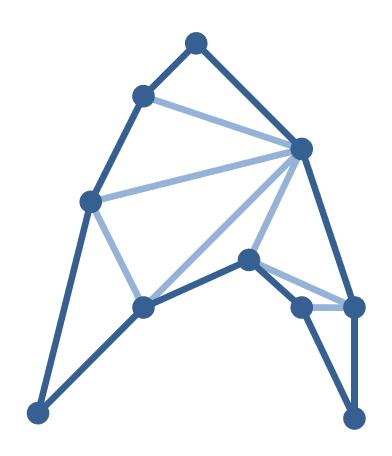
# Other Geometry is Converted Into Primitives



# Triangulation

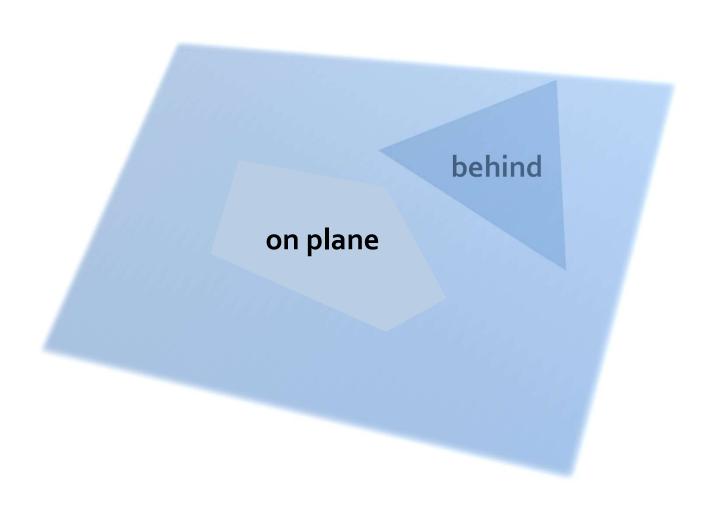
- Breaks a polygon into triangles
  - Delaunay-Triangulation



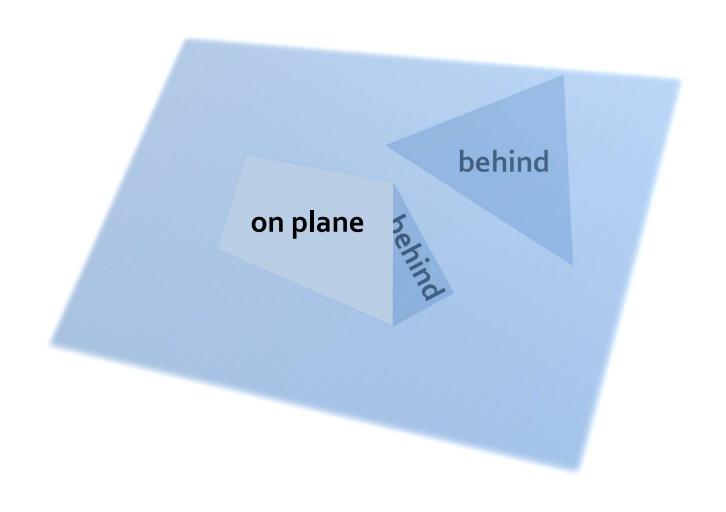




#### Planar = Inside a Plane

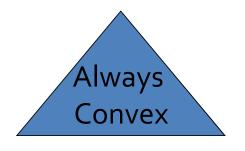


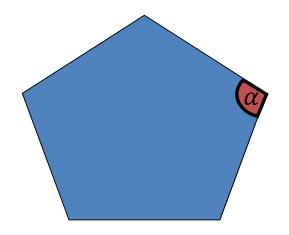
#### **Not Planar**



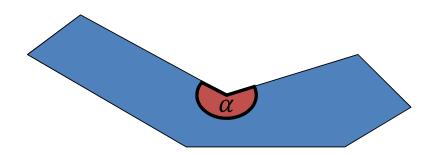
## **Polygon Classification**

■ Convex: no interior angle > 180°



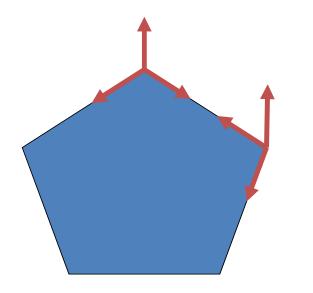


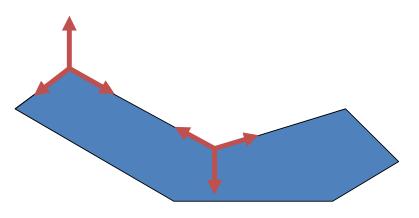
■ Concave:
∃ interior angle > 180°



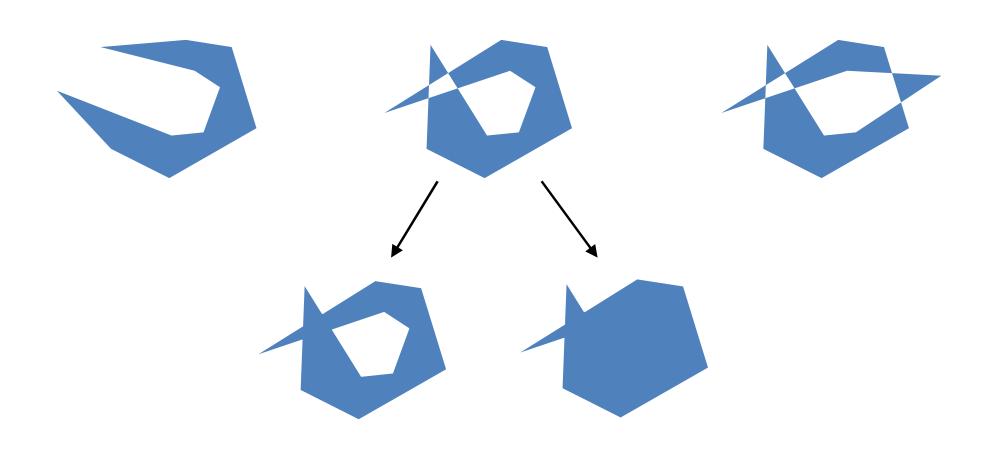
## Polygon Classification – Vector Test

■ Convex ⇔ corner vector cross products have the same sign





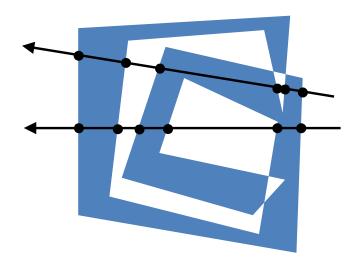
# What is Inside a Polygon?



#### **Odd-Even Rule**

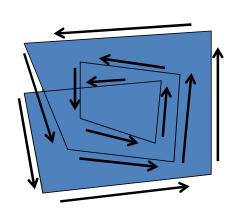
- Inside/outside switches at every edge
- Straight line to the outside:
  - Even # edge intersections = outside
  - Odd # edge intersections = inside

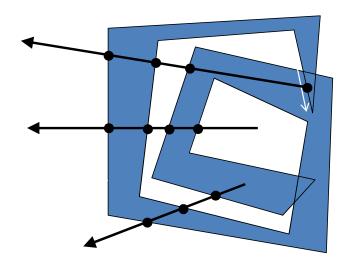




### **Nonzero Winding Number**

- Point is inside if polygon surrounds it
- Straight line to the outside:
  - same # edges up and down = outside
  - different # edges up and down = inside





#### From Primitives To Pixels

