
3D Graphics Programming Tools

Revision – Key Concepts Rasterisation (Past Exam Questions Review)

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Rasterisation

Bresenham's Midpoint Line Algorithm

b) This question is about rasterisation. Use the line equation for a line from (x_0, y_0) to (x_1, y_1) to derive the mid-point algorithm for line generation.

[9 marks]

Solution:

Line equation: $(x_1 - x_0)(y - y_0) = (y_1 - y_0)(x - x_0)$ or $F(x, y) = 0$ or
 $F(x, y) = (y_1 - y_0)(x - x_0) - (x_1 - x_0)(y - y_0) = (y_1 - y_0)x - (x_1 - x_0)y - (y_1 - y_0)x_0 + (x_1 - x_0)y_0$ (1 mark)

$F(x+1, y) - F(x, y) = (y_1 - y_0)$ (1 mark)

$F(x+1, y+1) - F(x, y) = (y_1 - y_0) - (x_1 - x_0)$ (1 mark)

$F(x+1, y+1/2) - F(x, y) = (y_1 - y_0) - (x_1 - x_0)/2$ (1 mark)

We use $2F(x, y) = 0$, $dx = x_1 - x_0$, $dy = y_1 - y_0$, (1 mark) then we have:

$d(x_0, y_0) = 2dy - dx$ (1 mark)

$d(x+1, y+1) = 2F(x+1, y+1) - 2F(x, y) = 2dy - 2dx$ (1 mark)

$d(x+1, y) = 2F(x+1, y) - 2F(x, y) = 2dy$ (1 mark)

Move from (x_0, y_0) to (x_1, y_1) incrementally by $x=x+1$ (East) or $x=x+1$ and $y=y+1$ (North-East). (1 mark)

(total 9 marks)

Line Generation with Midpoints

Line equation: $(x_1 - x_0)(y - y_0) = (y_1 - y_0)(x - x_0)$ or $F(x, y) = 0$

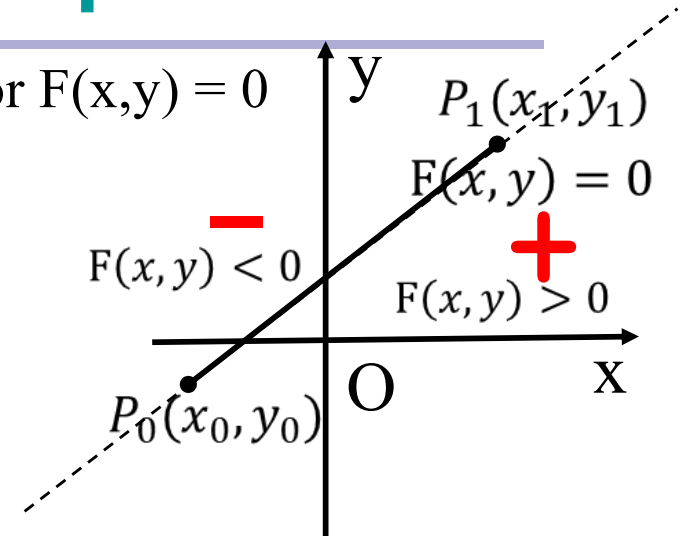
$$F(x, y) = (y_1 - y_0)(x - x_0) - (x_1 - x_0)(y - y_0)$$

$$= (y_1 - y_0)x - (x_1 - x_0)y - (y_1 - y_0)x_0 + (x_1 - x_0)y_0$$

$$F(x+1, y) - F(x, y) = (y_1 - y_0)$$

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If point $P(x, y)$ drawn, the next point is either $P(x+1, y)$ or $P(x+1, y+1)$

To decide which point, use the relative position of the midpoint $M = (x+1, y+1/2)$ with respect to the line, which half-plane it is, positive or negative.

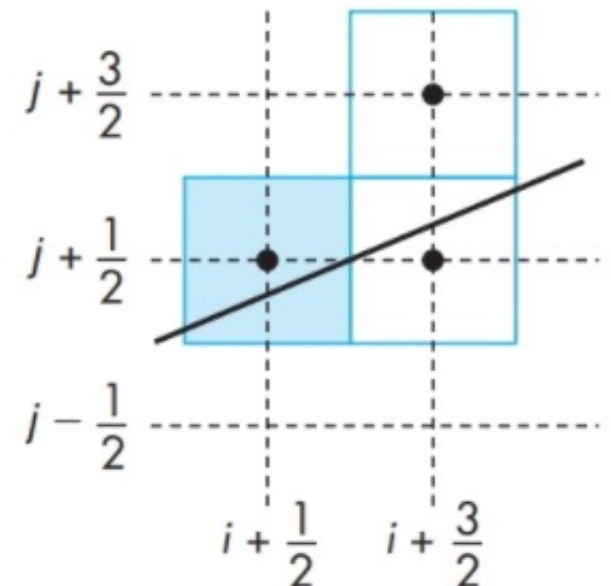
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$$d(x+1, y+1) = 2F(x+1, y+1) - 2F(x, y) = 2dy - 2dx$$

$$d(x+1, y) = 2F(x+1, y) - 2F(x, y) = 2dy$$

as the updating for every move.

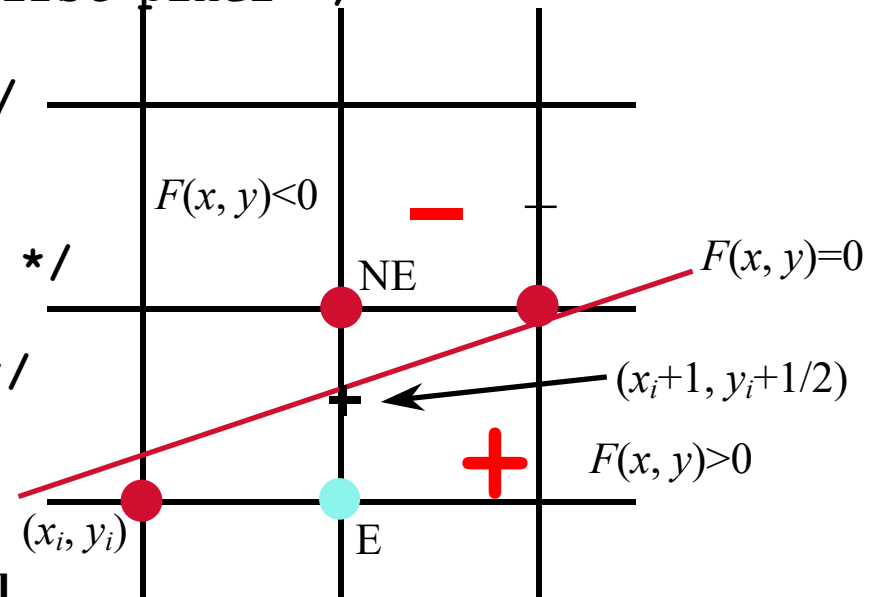


Bresenham's Midpoint Line Algorithm

Bresenham's algorithm:

```
void MidpointLine(int x0, int y0, int x1, int y1)
{
    int dx, dy, incrE, incrNE, d, x, y;
    dx = x1 - x0;  dy = y1 - y0;
    d = 2 * dy - dx; /* initial value of d */
    incrE = 2 * dy; /* increment for move to E */
    incrNE = 2 * dy - 2 * dx; /* increment for move to NE */
    x = x0;  y = y0;
    DrawPixel(x, y) /* draw the first pixel */
    while (x < x1) {
        if (d <= 0) { /* choose E */
            d += incrE;
            x++; /* move E */
        } else { /* choose NE */
            d += incrNE;
            x++; y++; /* move NE */
        }
        SetPixel(x, y);
    }
}
```

Cost: 1 integer add per pixel



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Bresenham's Midpoint Line Algorithm

- Prerequisite: Line Equations

- Explicit: $y = mx + B$
- Implicit: $F(x, y) = ax + by + c = 0$

Define: $dy = y_1 - y_0$
 $dx = x_1 - x_0$

Hence, $y = \left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)x + B \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx}x - y + B = 0$



Or, $(dy)x + (-dx)y + (dx)B = 0$

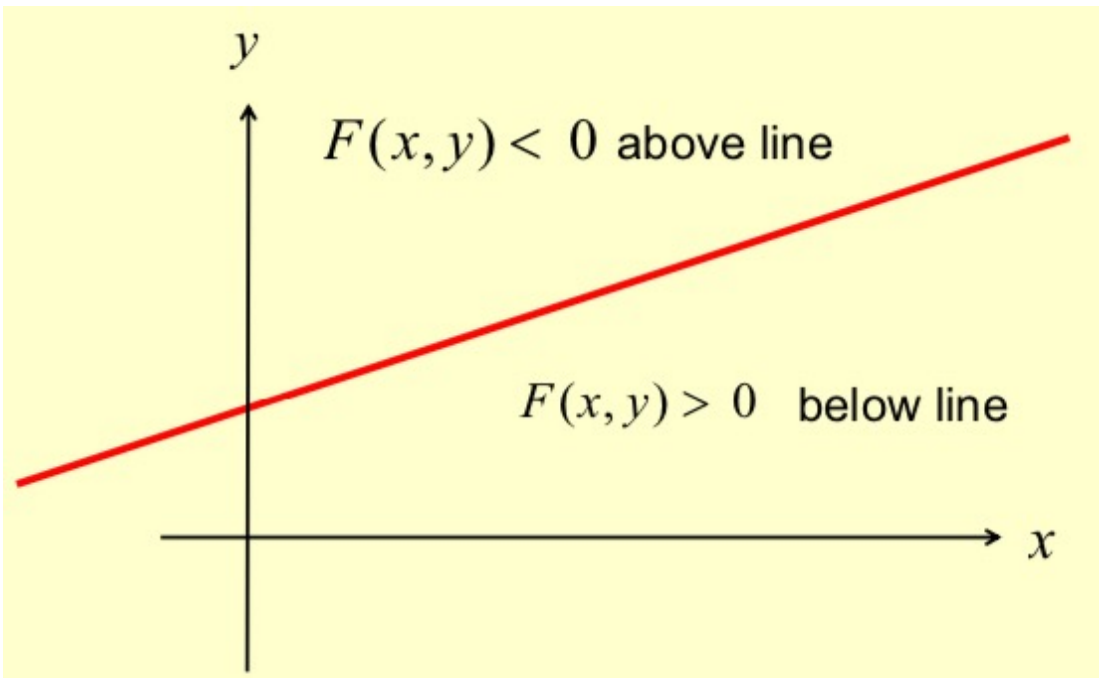
Relating explicit to implicit equations $\therefore F(x, y) = (dy)x + (-dx)y + (dx)B = 0$

where, $a = (dy); \quad b = -(dx); \quad c = B(dx)$

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- Prerequisite: Half-Spaces



$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} + & \text{below line} \\ 0 & \text{on line} \\ - & \text{above line} \end{cases}$$

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- Initial Assumption

- Line segment in *first* octant with

$$0 < m < 1$$

- After we derive this, we'll look at the other cases (other octants)

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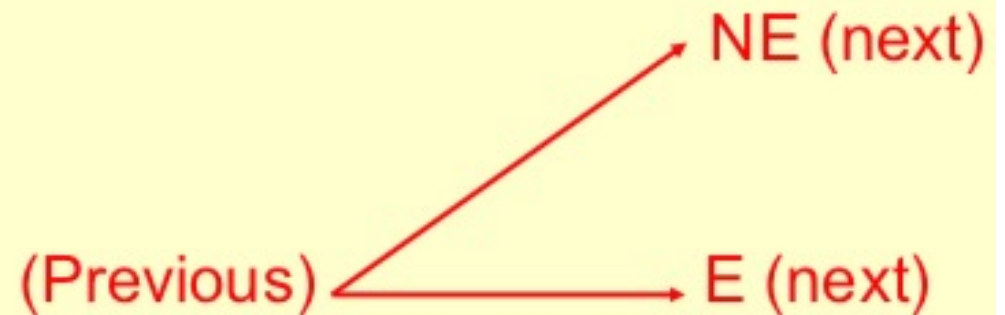
Bresenham's Midpoint Line Algorithm

- Key to Bresenham's Algorithm

Decision variable d \longrightarrow Make binary choice at each pixel

Define a logical *decision* variable d

- linear in form
- incrementally updated (with addition)
- tells us whether to go E or NE



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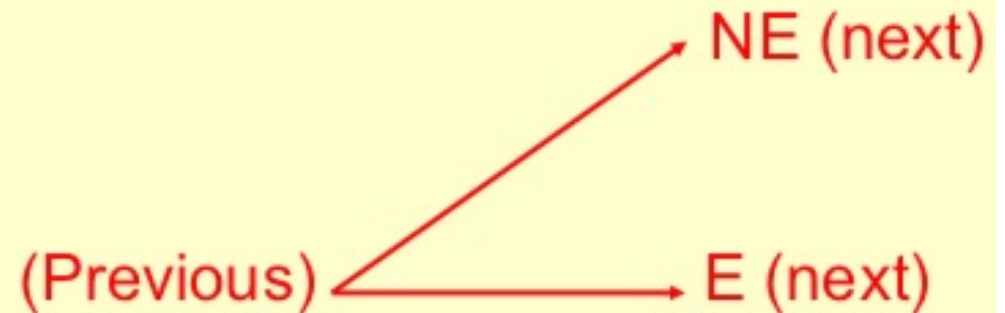
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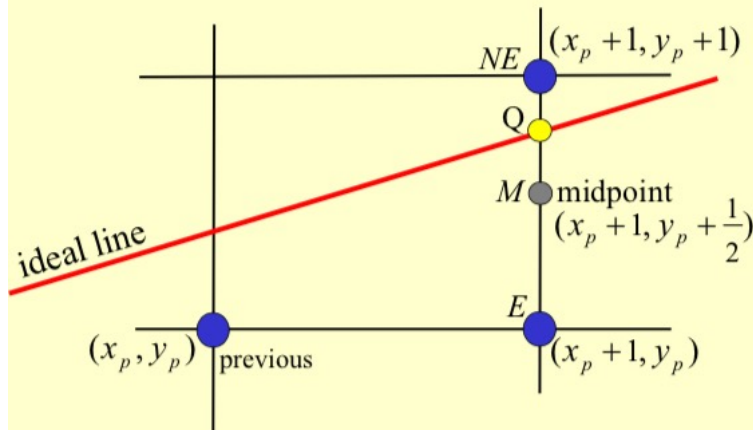
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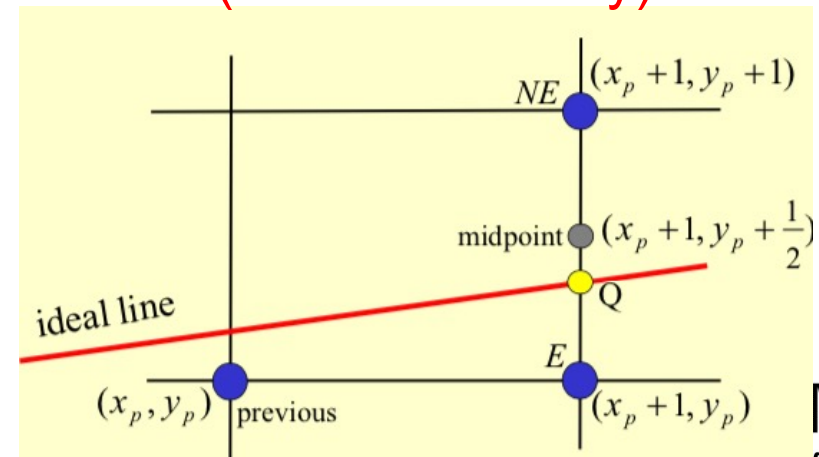
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$F(M) > 0 \Rightarrow M$ is below the line \Rightarrow
Move NE (increase y)



$F(M) < 0 \Rightarrow M$ is above the line \Rightarrow
Move E (don't increase y)



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Bresenham's Midpoint Line Algorithm

- Decision Variable d

Let,
$$d = a(x_p + 1) + b(y_p + \frac{1}{2}) + c$$

Therefore,

$$d = \begin{cases} > 0 & \Rightarrow NE & \text{(midpoint below ideal line)} \\ < 0 & \Rightarrow E & \text{(midpoint above ideal line)} \\ = 0 & \Rightarrow E & \text{(arbitrary)} \end{cases}$$

Will use an incremental decision variable d (with addition)

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- Case E: Suppose E is chosen

- Recall $d_{old} = a(x_p + 1) + b(y_p + \frac{1}{2}) + c$

- $E \Rightarrow: x \leftarrow x + 1; y \leftarrow y,$

- $\therefore \dots d_{new} = F(x_p + 2, y_p + \frac{1}{2})$

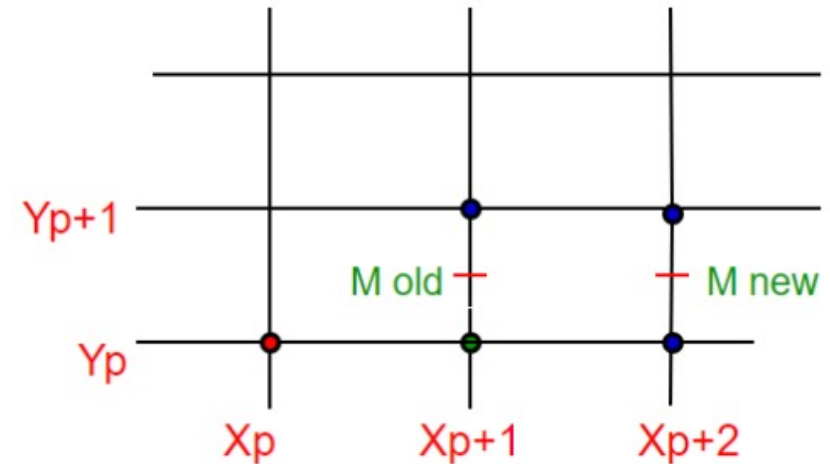
$$= a(x_p + 2) + b(y_p + \frac{1}{2}) + c$$

$$d_{new} - d_{old} = \left(a(x_p + 2) + b(y_p + \frac{1}{2}) + c \right) - \left(a(x_p + 1) + b(y_p + \frac{1}{2}) + c \right)$$

$$d_{new} = d_{old} + a$$

$$F(x, y) = (dy)x + (-dx)y + (dx)B = 0$$

where, $a = (dy); b = -(dx); c = B(dx)$



$\Delta_E \equiv$ increment we add to d if E is chosen
 $\Delta_E = a = dy$.

In this way, $F(M)$ is not evaluated explicitly.
We simply add $\Delta_E = dy$ to update d for **E**

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- Case NE: Suppose NE is chosen

Recall $d_{old} = a(x_p + 1) + b(y_p + \frac{1}{2}) + c$

and, $NE \Rightarrow: x \leftarrow x + 1; \quad y \leftarrow y + 1,$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore d_{new} &= F(x_p + 2, y_p + \frac{3}{2}) \\ &= a(x_p + 2) + b(y_p + \frac{3}{2}) + c \end{aligned}$$

$$d_{new} - d_{old} =$$

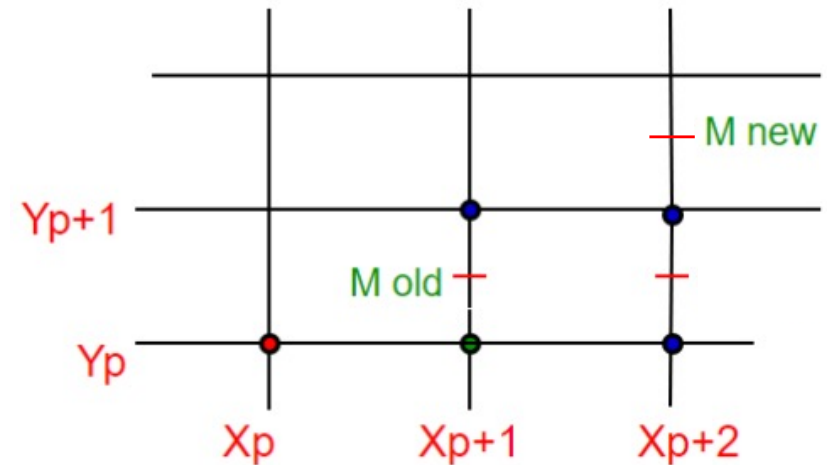
$$= \left(a(x_p + 2) + b(y_p + \frac{3}{2}) + c \right)$$

$$- \left(a(x_p + 1) + b(y_p + \frac{1}{2}) + c \right)$$

$$d_{new} = d_{old} + a + b$$

$$F(x, y) = (dy)x + (-dx)y + (dx)B = 0$$

where, $a = (dy); \quad b = -(dx); \quad c = B(dx)$



$\Delta_{NE} \equiv$ increment we add to d if NE is chosen

$$\Delta_{NE} = a + b = dy - dx.$$

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We simply add $\Delta_{NE} = dy - dx$ to update d for NE

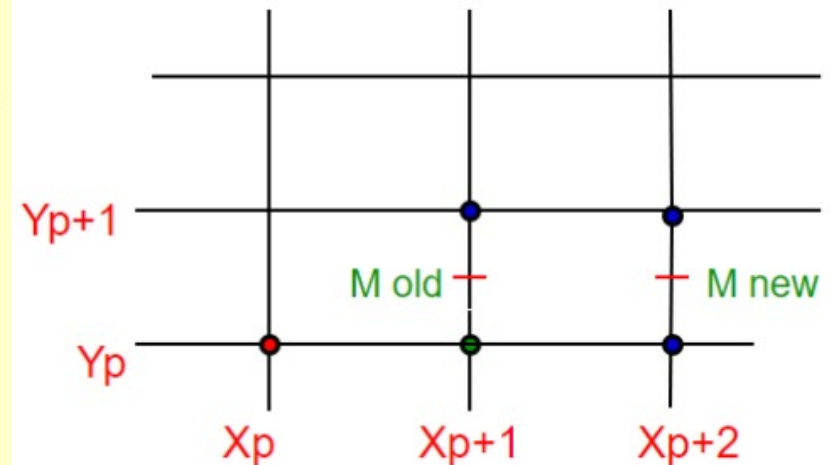
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Bresenham's Midpoint Line Algorithm

- Summary

- At each step of the procedure, we must choose between moving *E* or *NE* based on the sign of the decision variable *d*
- Then update according to

$$d \leftarrow \begin{cases} d + \Delta_E, & \text{where } \Delta_E = dy, \text{ or} \\ d + \Delta_{NE}, & \text{where } \Delta_{NE} = dy - dx \end{cases}$$



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- Initial value of d

- First point is (x_0, y_0)
- First midpoint is $(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2})$
- What is initial midpoint value?

$$d(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) = F(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) &= a(x_0 + 1) + b(y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) + c \\ &= \underbrace{(ax_0 + by_0 + c)}_{F(x_0, y_0)} + \left(a + \frac{b}{2}\right) \\ &= F(x_0, y_0) + \left(a + \frac{b}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Note, $F(x_0, y_0) = 0$, since (x_0, y_0) is on line.

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} F(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) &= 0 + a + \frac{b}{2} \\ &= (dy) - \left(\frac{dx}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Note, we can clear denominator and not change line,

$$2F(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) = 2(dy) - dx$$

$$2F(x, y) = 2(ax + by + c) = 0$$

So, first value of

$$d = 2(dy) - (dx)$$

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- More Summary

- Initial value $2(dy) - (dx)$
- Choose $\begin{cases} E & \text{if } d \leq 0 \\ NE & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- Case E: $d \leftarrow d + \Delta_E$, where $\Delta_E = 2(dy)$
- Case NE: $d \leftarrow d + \Delta_{NE}$,
where $\Delta_{NE} = 2\{(dy) - (dx)\}$
- Note, all deltas are constants

Line Generation with Midpoints

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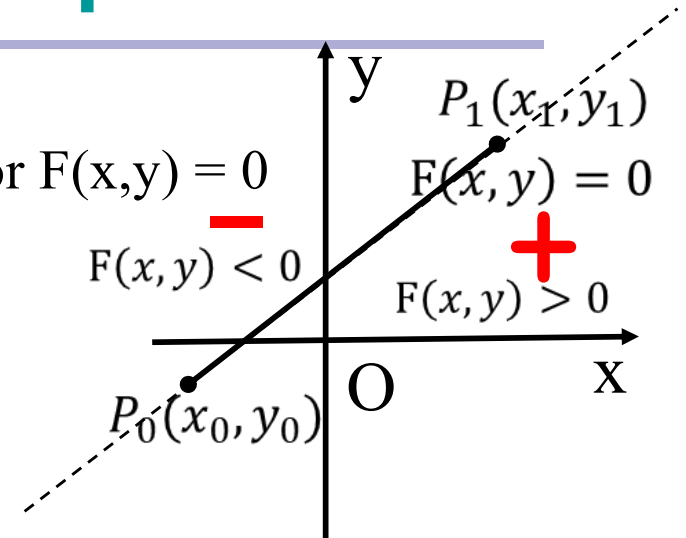
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$$d(x_0, y_0) = 2dy - dx$$

• Initial value $d = 2(dy) - (dx)$

$$d(x+1, y+1) = 2F(x+1, y+1) - 2F(x, y) = 2dy - 2dx$$

$$\Delta_{NE} = 2\{(dy) - (dx)\}$$

$$d(x+1, y) = 2F(x+1, y) - 2F(x, y) = 2dy$$

$$\Delta_E = 2(dy)$$

as the updating for every move.

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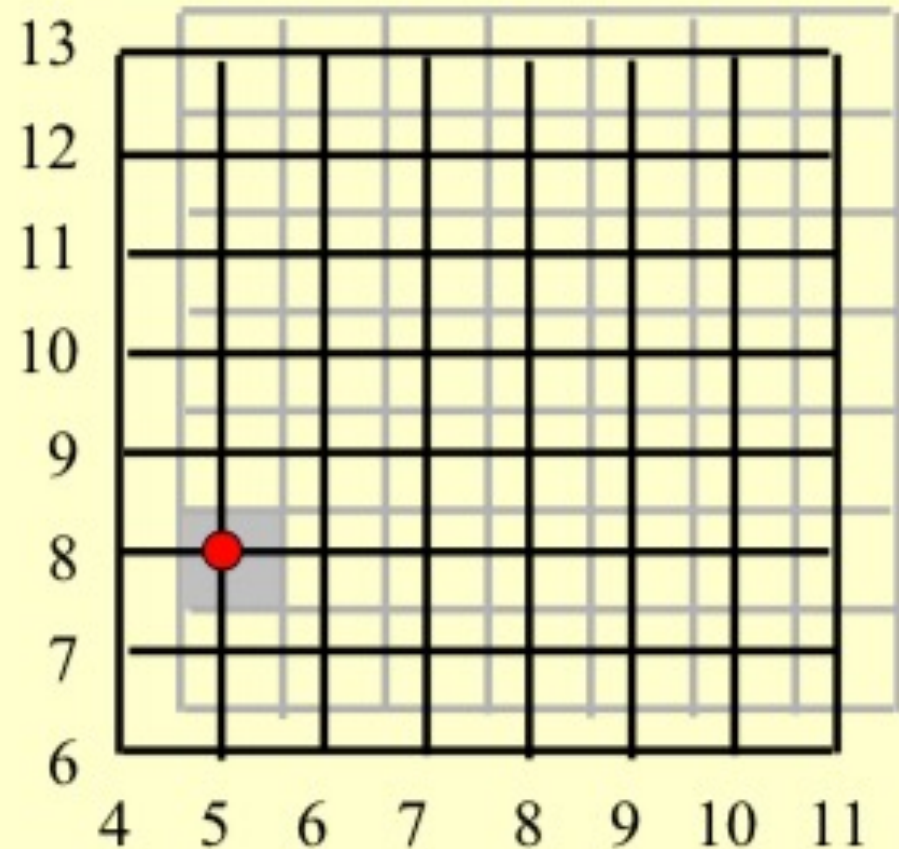
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- Example

- Line end points:

$$(x_0, y_0) = (5, 8); \quad (x_1, y_1) = (9, 11)$$

- Deltas: $dx = 4$; $dy = 3$



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- Example

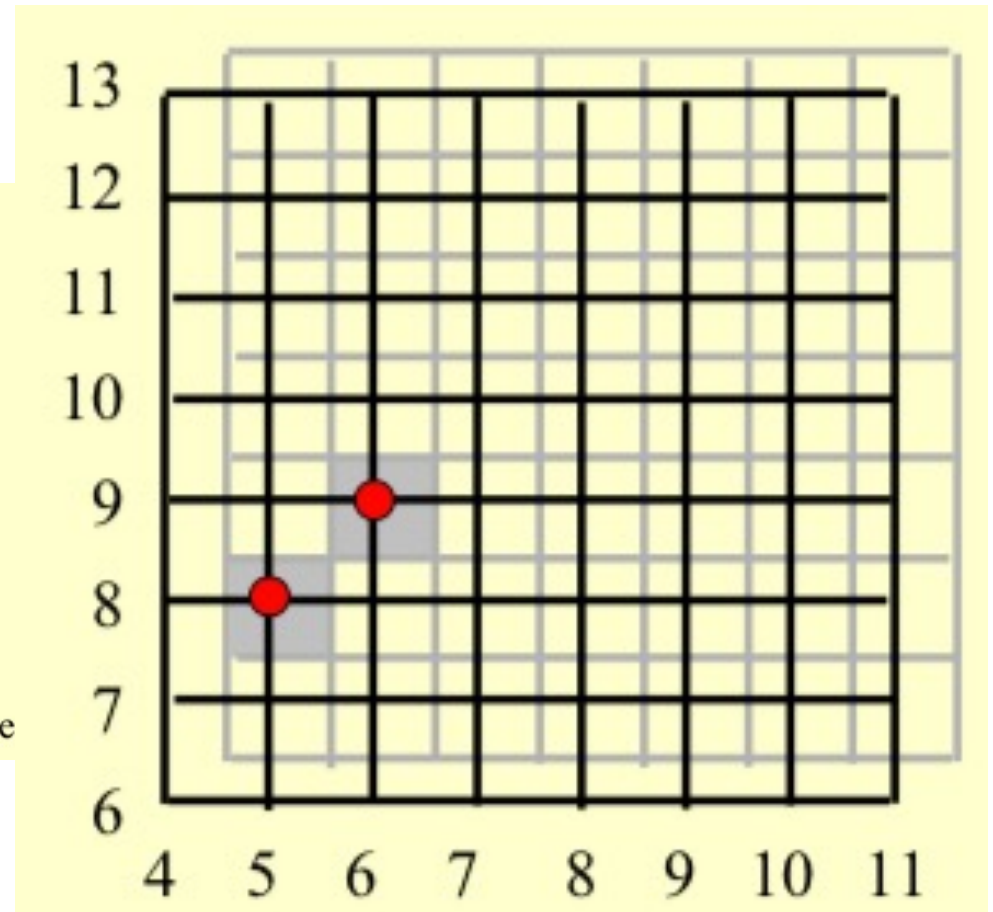
$$(dx = 4; dy = 3)$$

- Initial value of

$$\begin{aligned}d(5,8) &= 2(dy) - (dx) \\ &= 6 - 4 = 2 > 0\end{aligned}$$

$$d = 2 \Rightarrow NE$$

$$d = 2(dy) - (dx) \quad \begin{cases} E & \text{if } d \leq 0 \\ NE & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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- Example

$$(dx = 4; dy = 3)$$

- Update value of d
- Last move was NE , so

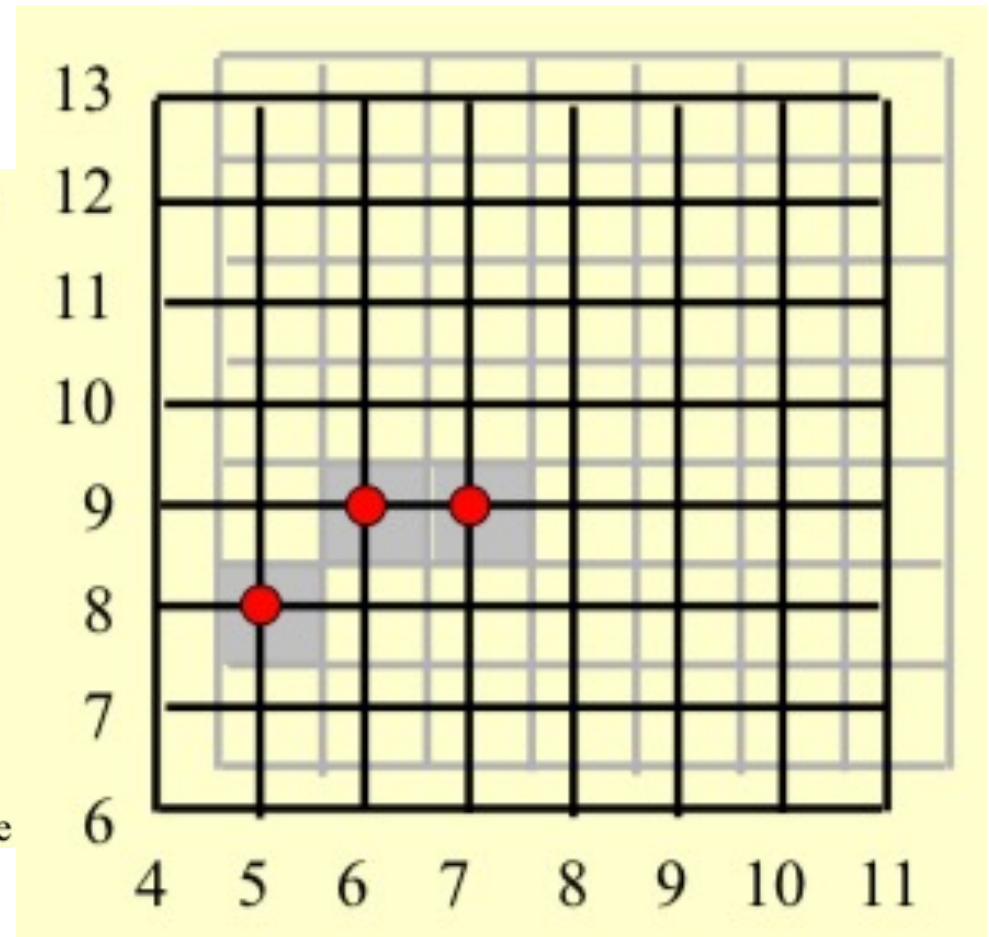
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{NE} &= 2(dy - dx) \\ &= 2(3 - 4) = -2\end{aligned}$$

$$d = 2 - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow E$$

$$d \leftarrow d + \Delta_E, \text{ where } \Delta_E = 2(dy)$$

$$\begin{aligned}d &\leftarrow d + \Delta_{NE}, \\ \text{where } \Delta_{NE} &= 2\{(dy) - (dx)\}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} E & \text{if } d \leq 0 \\ NE & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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- Example

$$(dx = 4; dy = 3)$$

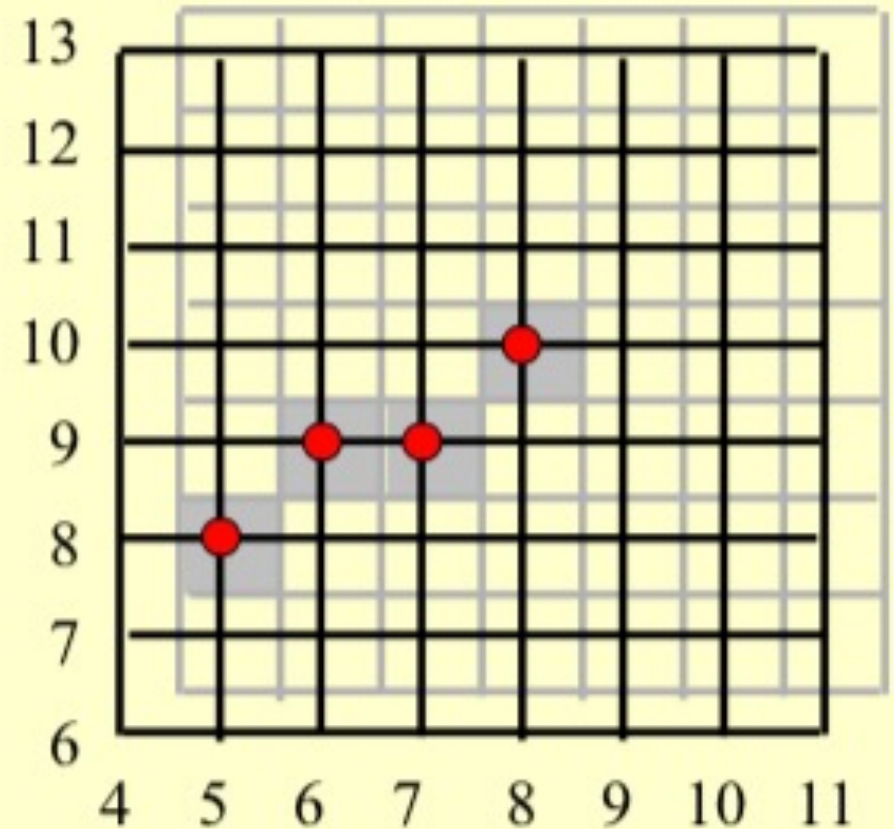
$$d \leftarrow d + \Delta_E, \text{ where } \Delta_E = 2(dy)$$

- Previous move was E $d \leftarrow d + \Delta_{NE}$,
where $\Delta_{NE} = 2\{(dy) - (dx)\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_E &= 2(dy) \\ &= 2(3) = 6\end{aligned}$$

$$d = 0 + 6 > 0 \Rightarrow NE$$

$$\begin{cases} E & \text{if } d \leq 0 \\ NE & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



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- Example

$$(dx = 4; dy = 3)$$

- Previous move was *NE*

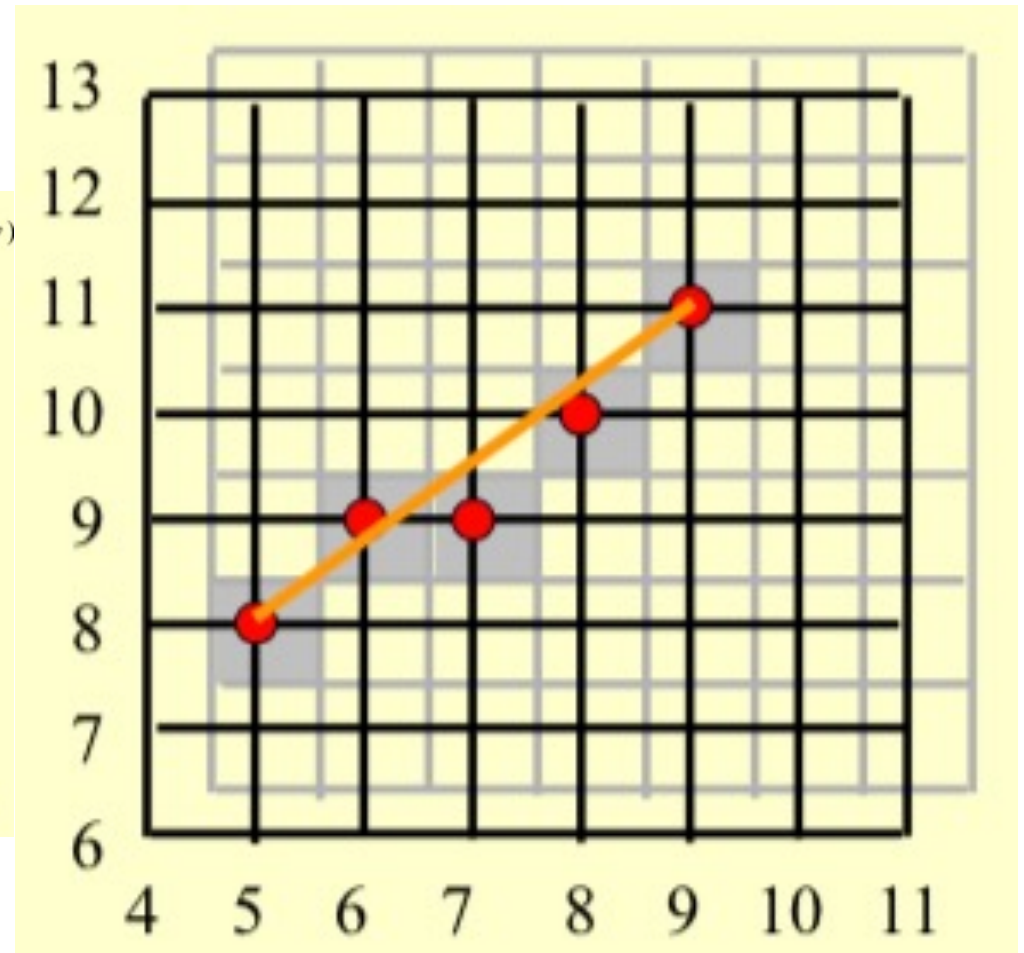
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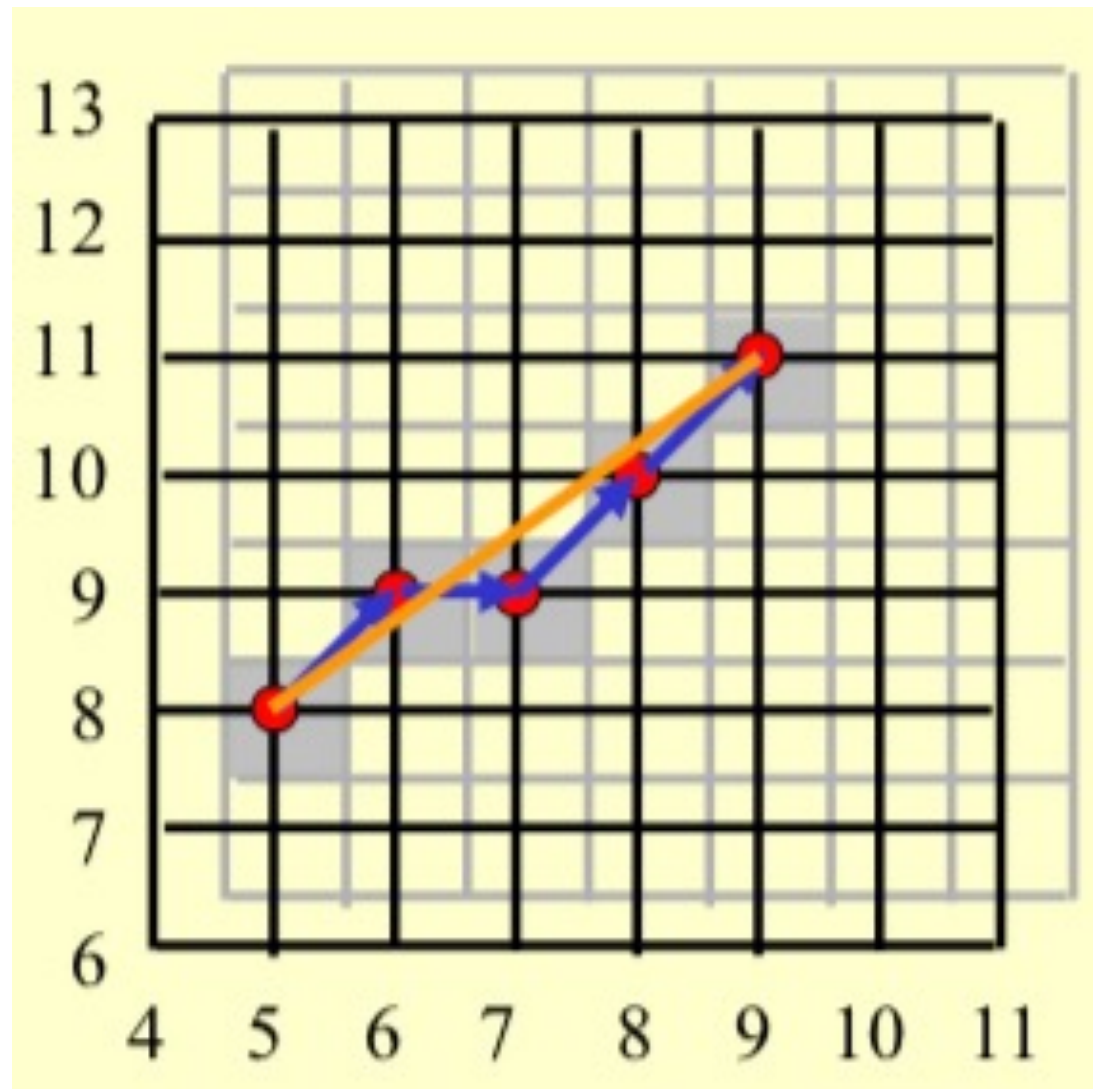
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- Example



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- Other cases

Case 0: $m = 0$; $m = 1 \Rightarrow$ trivial cases

Case 1: $0 > m > -1 \Rightarrow$ flip about x -axis

Case 2: $m > 1 \Rightarrow$ flip about $x = y$

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- Other cases

- Case 0: Trivial Situations

- $m = 0 \Rightarrow$ horizontal line
- $m = 1 \Rightarrow$ line $y = x$
- Do not need Bresenham

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- Other cases
 - Case 1: Flip about x-axis

- Suppose, $0 > m > -1$,
- Flip about x-axis ($y' = -y$):

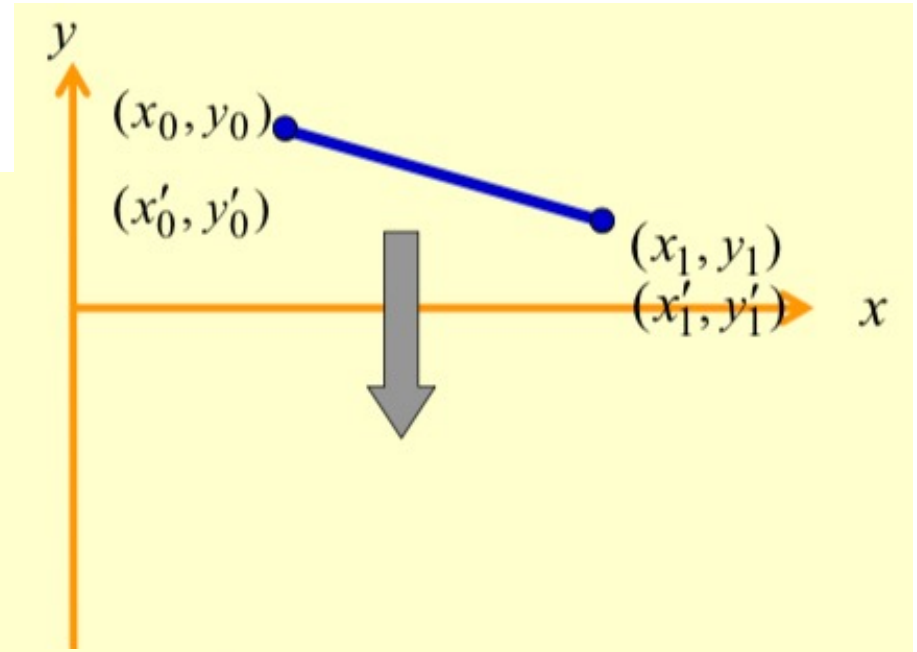
$$(x'_0, y'_0) = (x_0, -y_0);$$

$$(x'_1, y'_1) = (x_1, -y_1)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} m = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}; \\ m' = \frac{y'_1 - y'_0}{x'_1 - x'_0} \end{array} \right\} \text{by definition} \quad \text{i.e.,}$$

$$m' = -\frac{(y_1 - y_0)}{x_1 - x_0}$$
$$m' = -m$$

$$\text{Since } y'_i = -y_i, \quad m' = \frac{-y_1 - (-y_0)}{x_1 - x_0} \quad \therefore 0 > m > -1 \Rightarrow 0 < m' < 1$$



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- Other cases
 - Case 2: Flip about line $y=x$

$y = mx + B,$
swap $x \leftrightarrow y$ and prime them ,

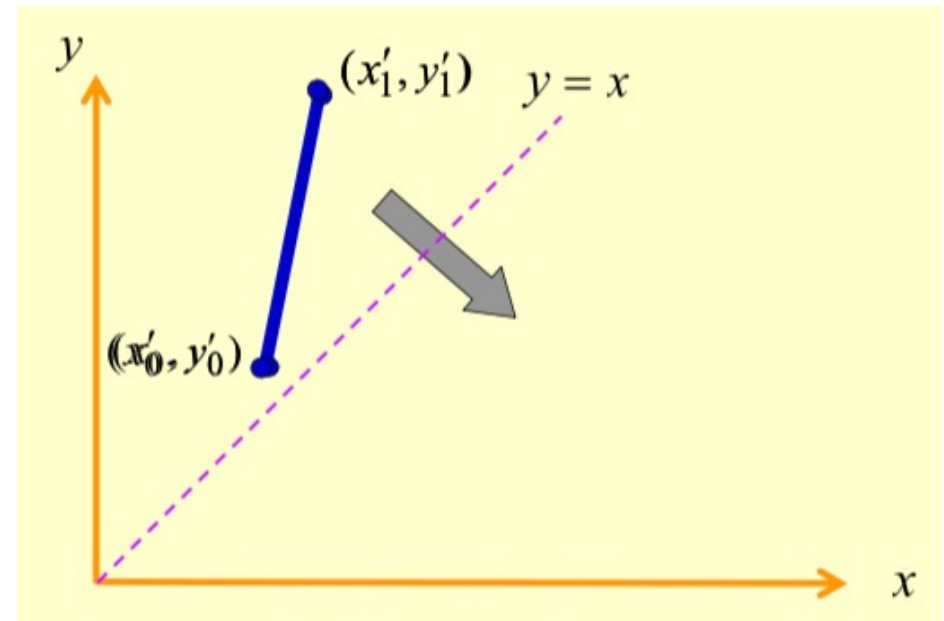
$$x' = my' + B,$$

$$my' = x' - B$$

$$y' = \left(\frac{1}{m}\right)x' - B,$$

$$\therefore m' = \left(\frac{1}{m}\right) \text{ and,}$$

$$m > 1 \Rightarrow 0 < m' < 1$$



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Bresenham's Midpoint Line Algorithm

- Demonstration

```
1 def midPoint(x1, y1, x2, y2):
2     """Bresenham's Midpoint Line Algorithm"""
3
4     # Make sure x will be increasing
5     if (x1 > x2):
6         x1, x2 = x2, x1
7         y1, y2 = y2, y1
8
9     # calculate dx & dy
10    dx = x2 - x1
11    dy = y2 - y1
12
13    # When -1 < slope < 0
14    if (dy < 0):
15        slope = -1
16        dy = -dy
17    else:
18        slope = 1
19
20    # When
21    if (abs(dy) > abs(dx)):
22        dx, dy = dy, dx
23        x1, y1 = y1, x1
24        x2, y2 = y2, x2
25        #x = y1
26        #y = x1
27        swap = True
28        #print("swap", "x1=", x1, "y1=", y1)
29    else:
30        swap = False
31
32    x = x1
33    y = y1
34
35    # initial value of decision parameter d
36    d = 2 * dy - dx
37
38    # Calculate incremental value for going E and going NE
39    incr_e = 2 * dy
40    incr_ne = (2 * dy - 2 * dx)
```

```
44    glBegin(GL_POINTS)
45    if swap:
46        glVertex2f(y, x)
47    else:
48        glVertex2f(x, y)
49    glEnd()
50
51    # Plot initial given point
52    if swap:
53        print(y, ",", x)
54    else:
55        print(x, ",", y)
56    print("d=", d)
57
58    x_coord_lst = [x]
59    y_coord_lst = [y]
60
61    while (x < x2):
62
63        # Increase x
64        x += 1
65
66        # Make decision to move E or NE
67        if (d <= 0): # Move E
68            d += incr_e
69            print("Move E", "\n")
70        else: # Move NE
71            d += incr_ne
72            y += slope
73            print("Move NE", "\n")
74
75        # Set the point
76        glBegin(GL_POINTS)
77        if swap:
78            glVertex2f(y, x)
79        else:
80            glVertex2f(x, y)
81        glEnd()
82
83        # Plot initial given point
84        if swap:
85            print(y, ",", x)
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87    else:
88        print(x, ",", y)
89        print("d=", d)
90
91        x_coord_lst.append(x)
92        y_coord_lst.append(y)
93
94    if swap:
95        plt.plot(y_coord_lst, x_coord_lst, 'o--')
96        plt.plot([y1, y2], [x1, x2], '-')
97    else:
98        plt.plot(x_coord_lst, y_coord_lst, 'o--')
99        plt.plot([x1, x2], [y1, y2], '-')
100
101    plt.axis('equal')
102    plt.grid(True)
103    plt.show()
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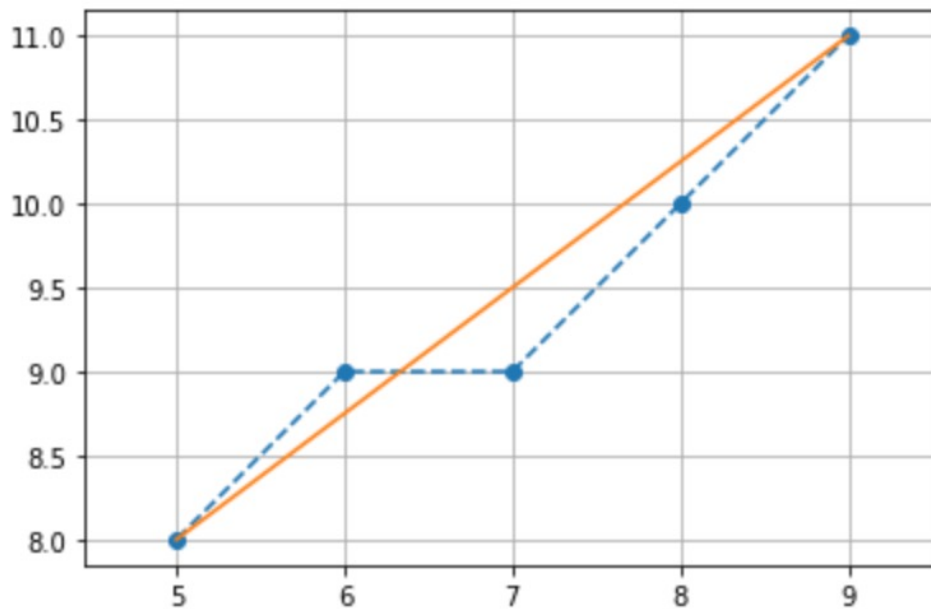
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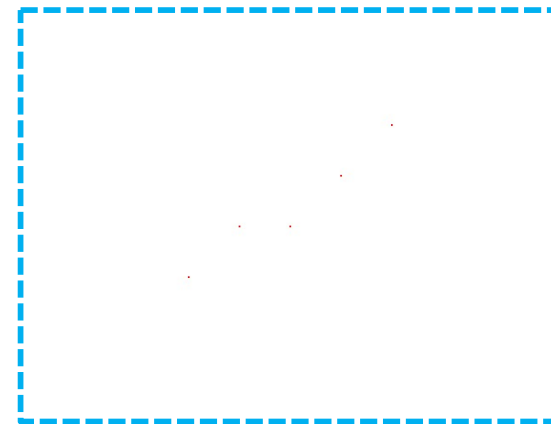
- Demonstration

$$0 < m < 1$$

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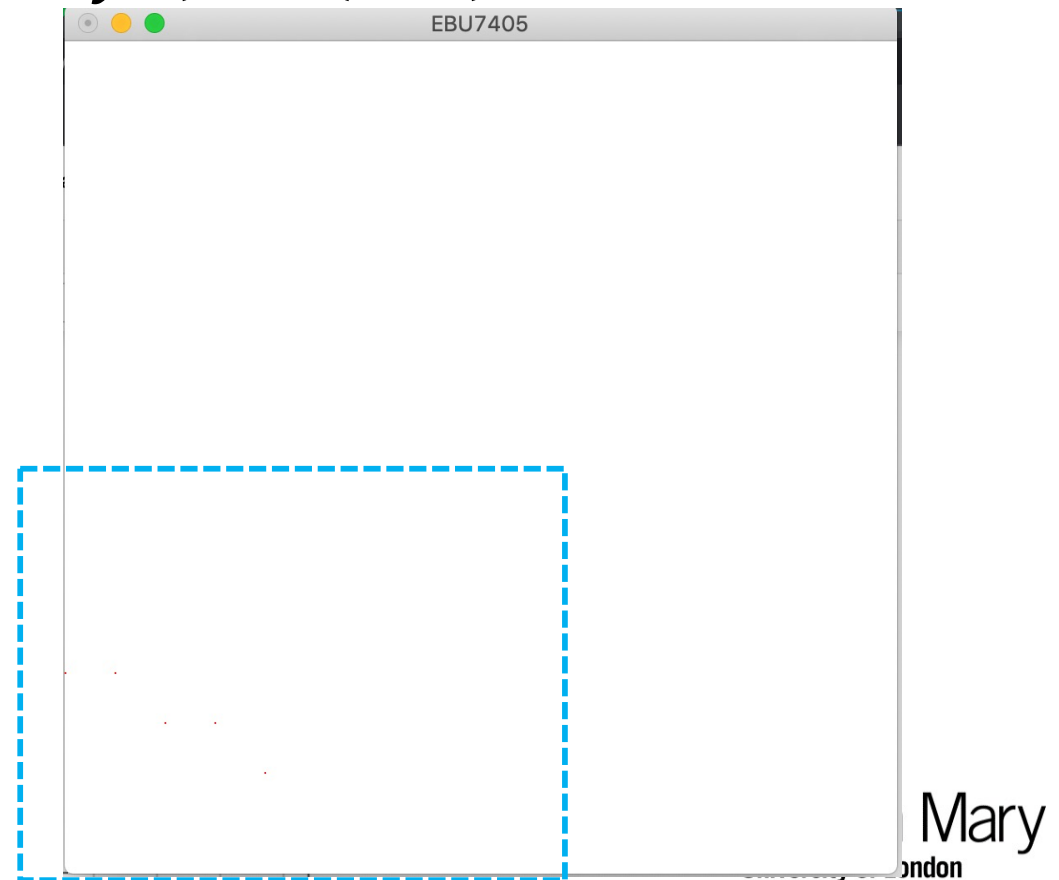
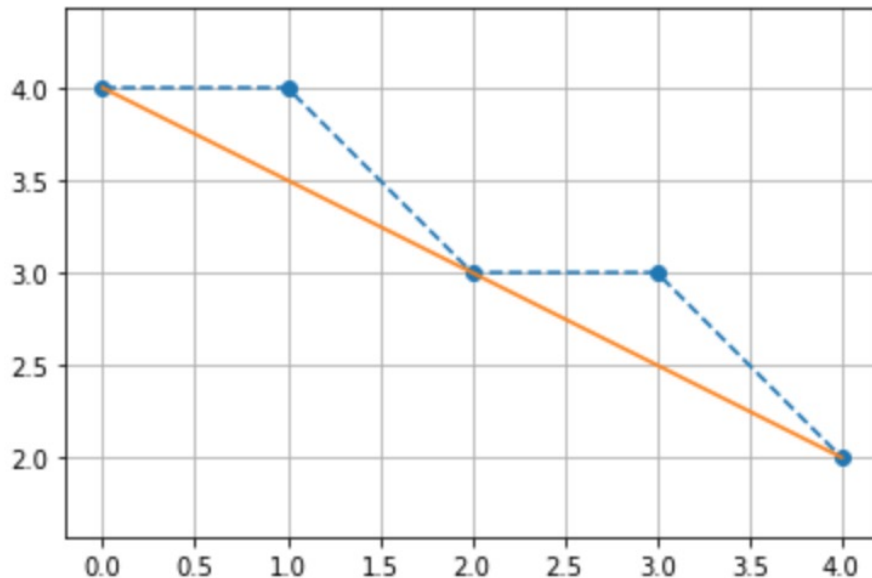
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$$-1 < m < 0$$

$$(x_0, y_0) = (0, 4); \quad (x_1, y_1) = (4, 2)$$



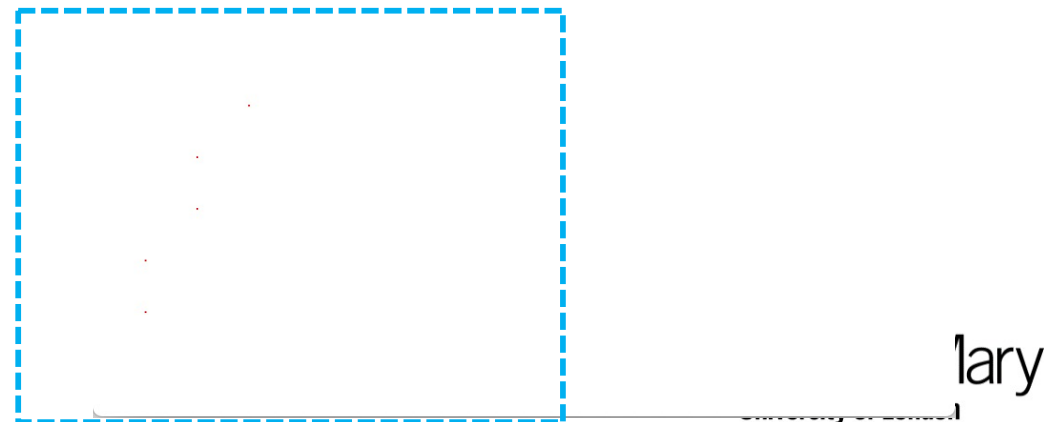
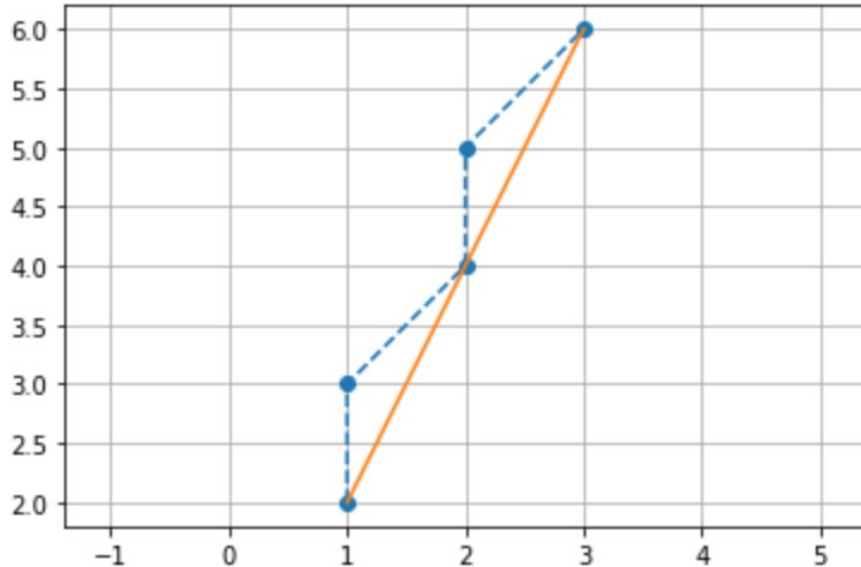
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$$m > 1$$

$$(x_0, y_0) = (1, 2); \quad (x_1, y_1) = (3, 6)$$



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Edge Equations

b) This question is about rasterisation.

[9 marks]

- i) For a line from (x_0, y_0) to (x_1, y_1) , give the implicit function as the line equation $F(x,y)=0$. Give the normal vector of the line and show which half-plane makes $F(x,y)>0$ and which half-plane makes $F(x,y)<0$.

(5 marks)

Solution:

$$F(x,y) = (y_1 - y_0)(x - x_0) - (x_1 - x_0)(y - y_0) \quad (2 \text{ marks})$$

The normal vector of the line is $[(y_1 - y_0), -(x_1 - x_0)]$. (1 mark)

In the normal vector positive side is positive: dot product of the normal vector and the vector from a point on the line to a point in the half-plane, $F(x,y)>0$. (1 mark)

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(total 5 marks)

- ii) Give a method to test if a point is inside or outside a triangle.

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3 steps:

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If all positive (or negative), it is inside, otherwise it is outside the triangle. (1 mark)

(total 4 marks)

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Edge Equations

Edge equations

- Edge equation → the equation of the line defining that edge
 - Implicit equation of a line
$$Ax + By + C = 0$$
 - Given a point (x,y), plugging x & y into this equation tells us whether the point is:
 - on the line: $Ax + By + C = 0$
 - “above” the line: $Ax + By + C > 0$
 - “below” the line: $Ax + By + C < 0$

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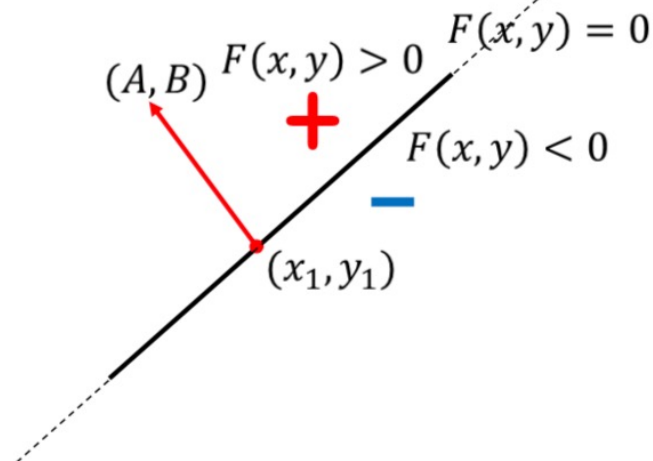
Edge Equations

Edge equations

- Edge equations thus define two *half-spaces*:

2D line equation:

$$F(x, y) = A(x - x_1) + B(y - y_1) = 0$$

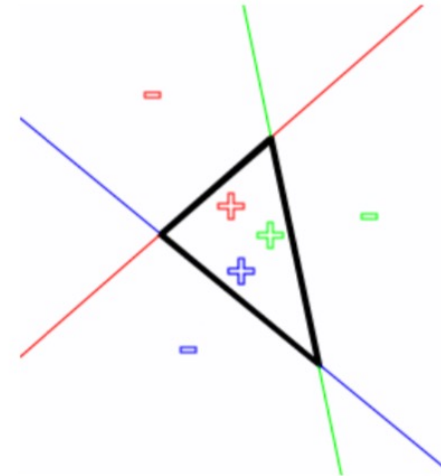
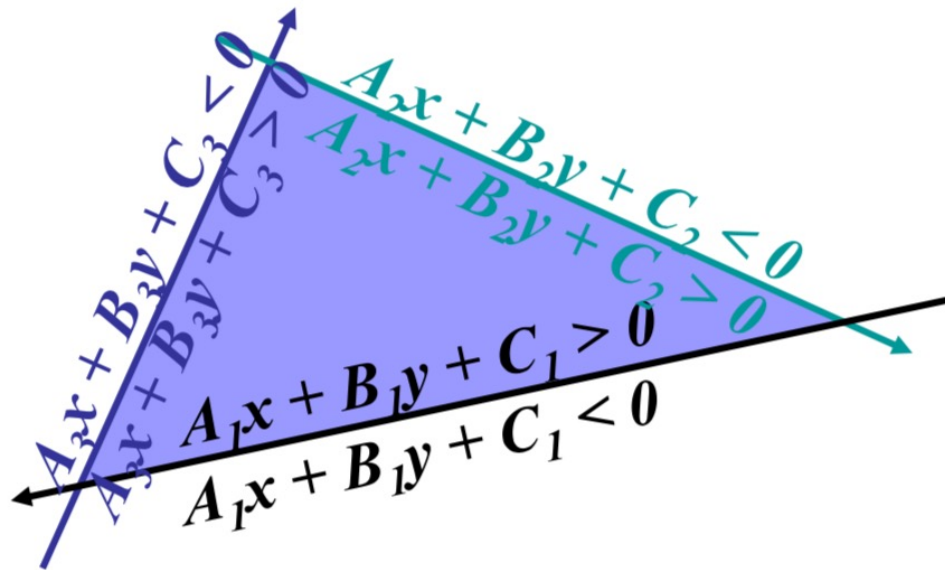


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Edge Equations

Edge equations

- For an edge of 2 vertices, take the third vertex as in the positive half-space, a triangle can be defined as the intersection of three positive half-spaces

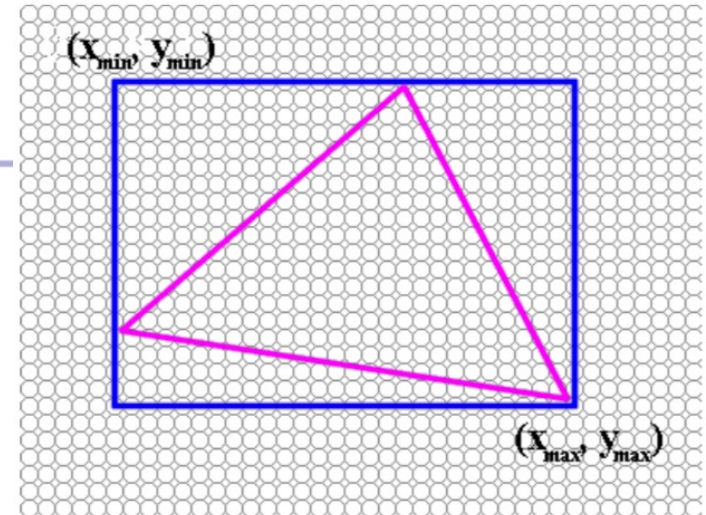


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Edge Equations

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Edge Equations

- Prerequisite: Line Equations

- Slope (constant for lines)

$a = \text{rise} / \text{run}$

$$a = (y - y_1) / (x - x_1)$$

$$a = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$$

- Implicit form

$$(y - y_1) / (x - x_1) = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$$

$$(x_2 - x_1)(y - y_1) - (y_2 - y_1)(x - x_1) = 0, \text{ or } F(x,y)=0$$

if the coordinates of the points are all integers, the coefficients of $F(x,y)$ can all be integers.

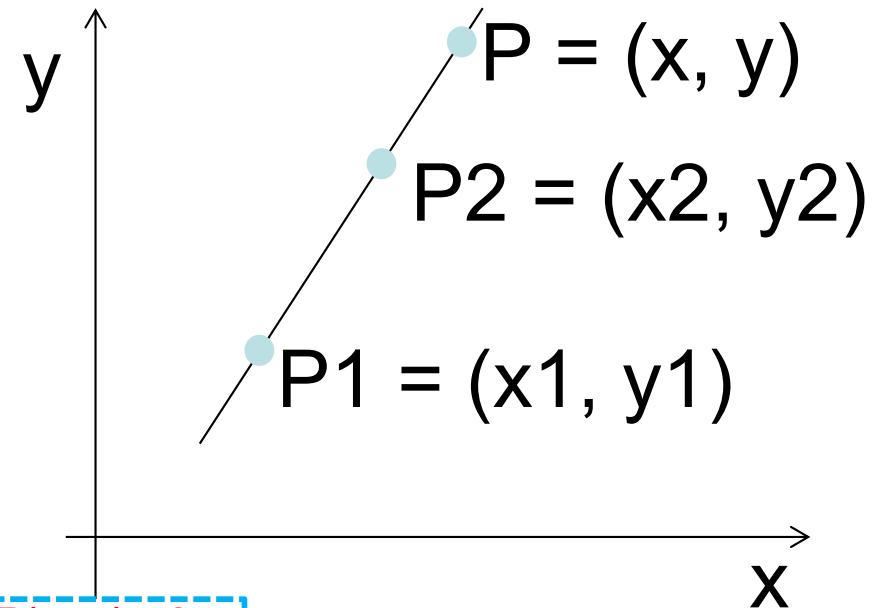
- Explicit form by solving for y

$$y = ((y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)) (x - x_1) + y_1$$

$$y = ((y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)) x - ((y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)) x_1 + y_1$$

or $y = ax + b$ where $a = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1)$

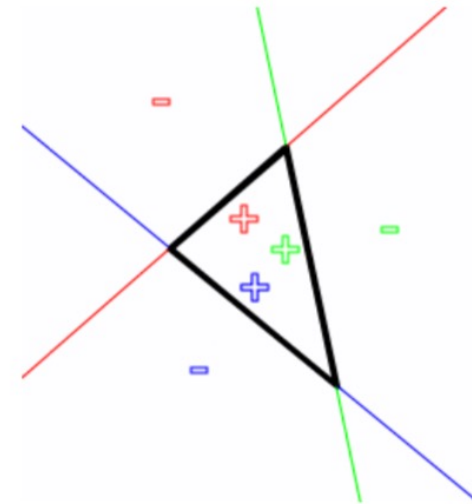
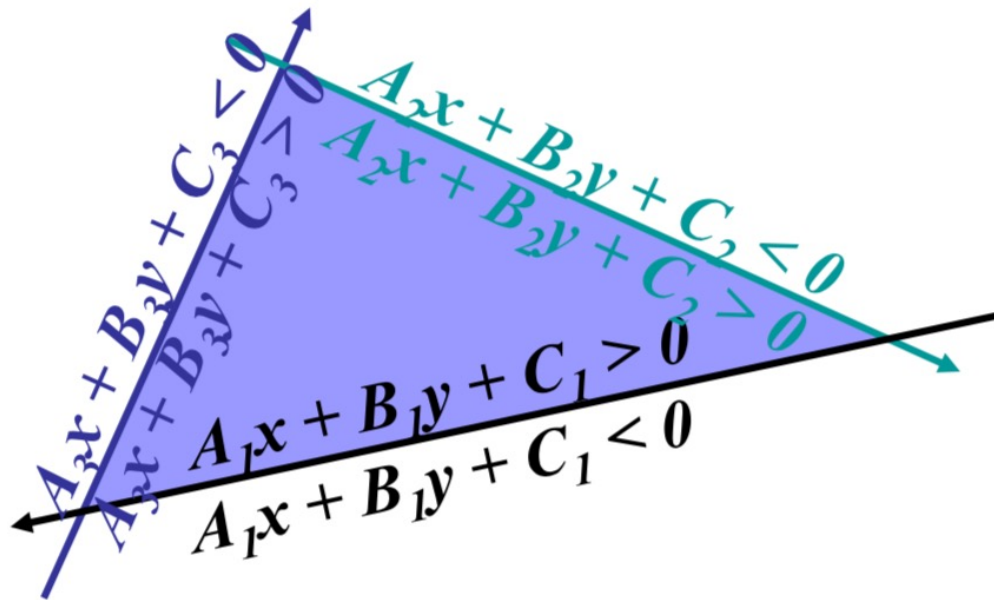
and $b = -ax_1 + y_1$



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- Prerequisite: Half-Spaces
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- Prerequisite: Vector Dot Product

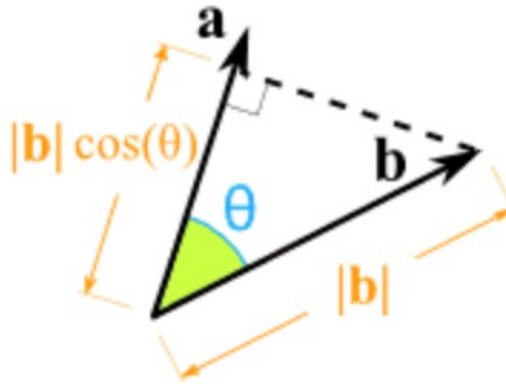
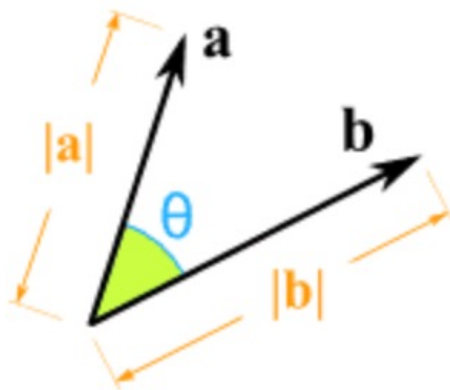
$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$$

Calculate in an algebraic way $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_x \times b_x + a_y \times b_y + a_z \times b_z$

The fact that we know $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$ can be calculated in two ways could be useful!



Calculate in a geometric way $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| \times |\mathbf{b}| \times \cos(\theta)$



$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|} \in [-1, 1]$$

Similarity between two vectors

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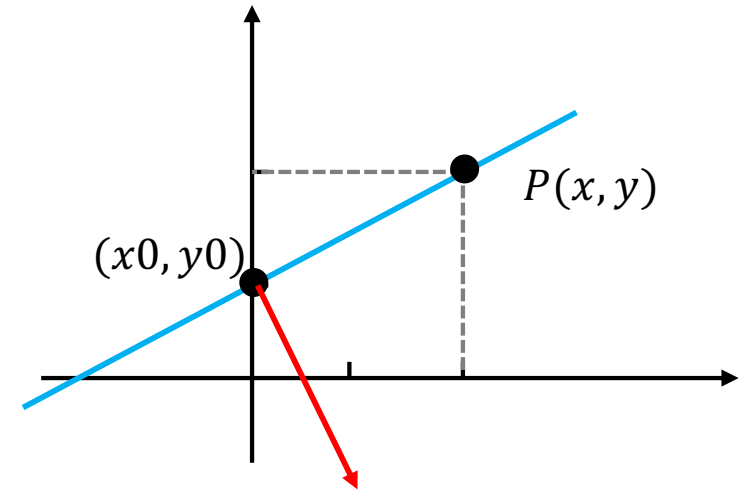
- Normal Vector of a Line

$$F(x, y) = \underbrace{(y_1 - y_0)}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{(x - x_0)}_{\text{blue}} - \underbrace{(x_1 - x_0)}_{\text{red}} \underbrace{(y - y_0)}_{\text{blue}} = 0$$

It can also be written as

$$F(x, y) = \underbrace{\langle (y_1 - y_0), -(x_1 - x_0) \rangle}_{\text{Normal vector the line}} \cdot \underbrace{\langle (x - x_0), (y - y_0) \rangle}_{\text{Vector along the line}} = 0 \quad \mathbf{n} = (A, B)$$

$$F(x, y) = Ax + By + C = 0 \quad \text{Normal vector is } \mathbf{n} = (A, B)$$



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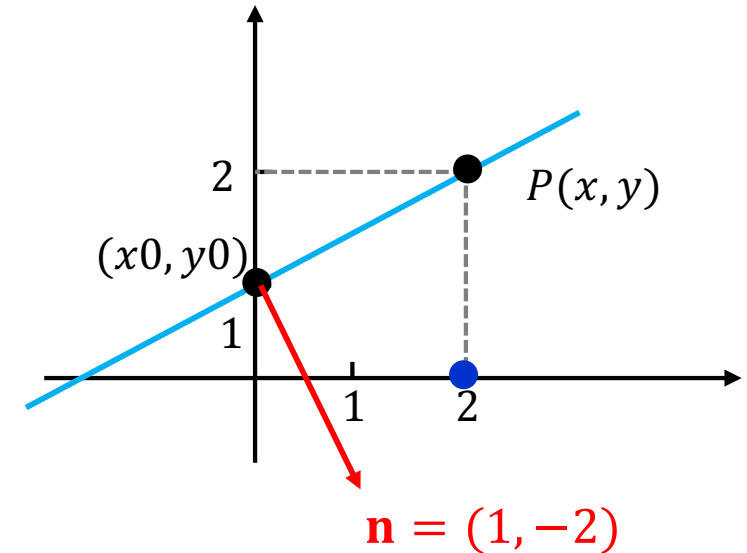
- Normal Vector of a Line

- Example

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x + 1 \quad F(x, y) = x - 2y + 2 = 0$$

$$\mathbf{n} = (1, -2) \quad F(x, y) = x - 2y + 2 = 0$$

$$\text{or } \mathbf{n} = (-1, 2) \quad F(x, y) = -x + 2y - 2 = 0$$

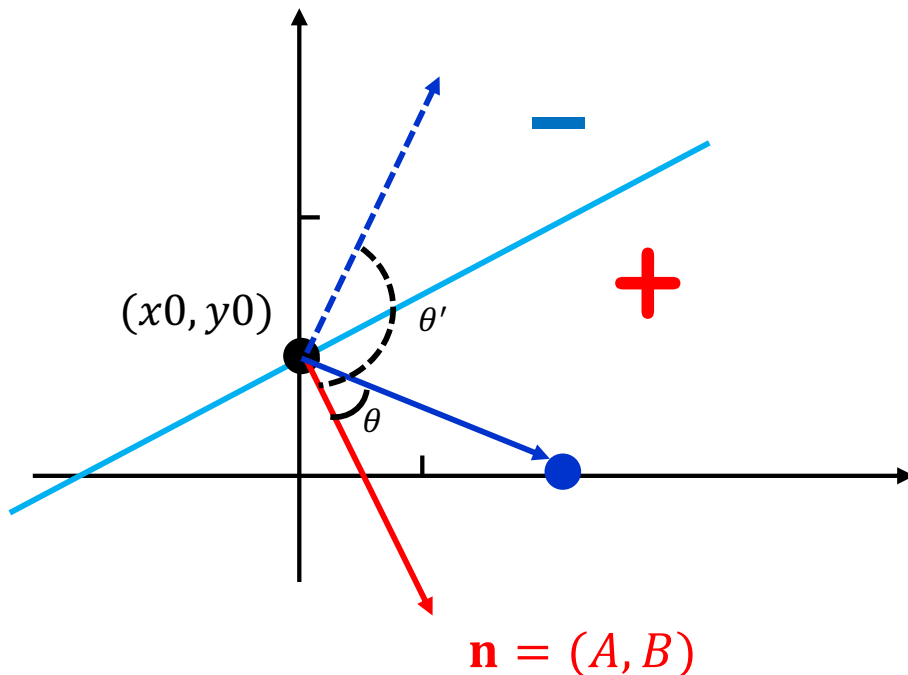


- If $\mathbf{n} = (1, -2)$, for point $(2, 0)$, $F(x, y) = 4 > 0$, Positive half-space
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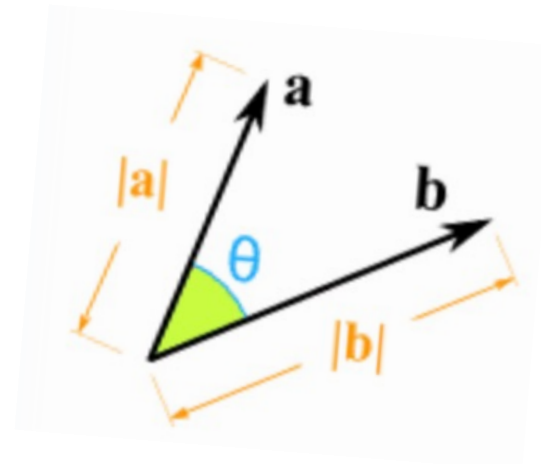
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Edge Equations

- Determine if a point is in the positive half-space



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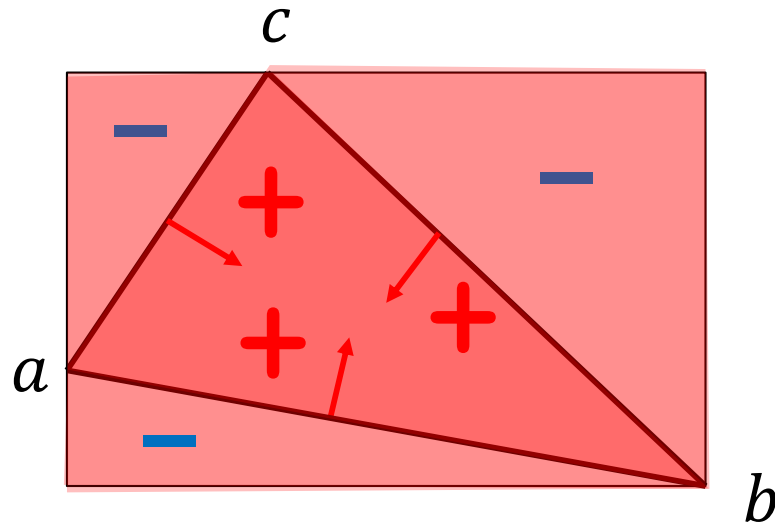
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- Determine if a point is inside a triangle

$$\underline{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a})^\perp > 0}$$

$$\underline{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot (\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{b})^\perp > 0}$$

$$\underline{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c}) \cdot (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{c})^\perp > 0}$$



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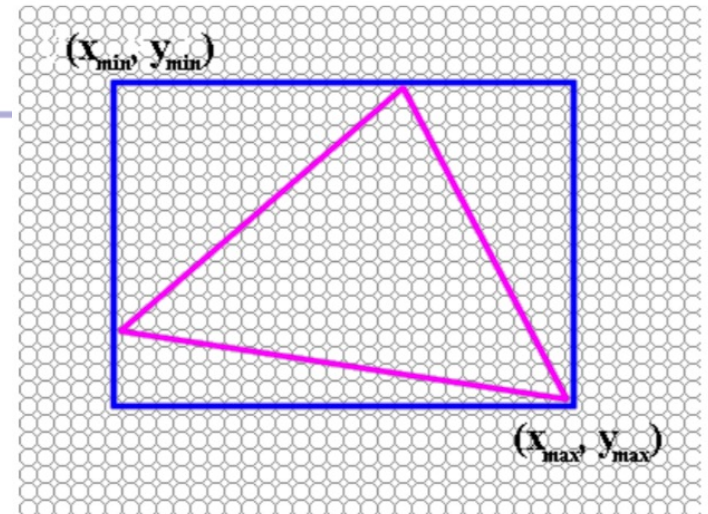
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- An Edge Equation Rasteriser

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