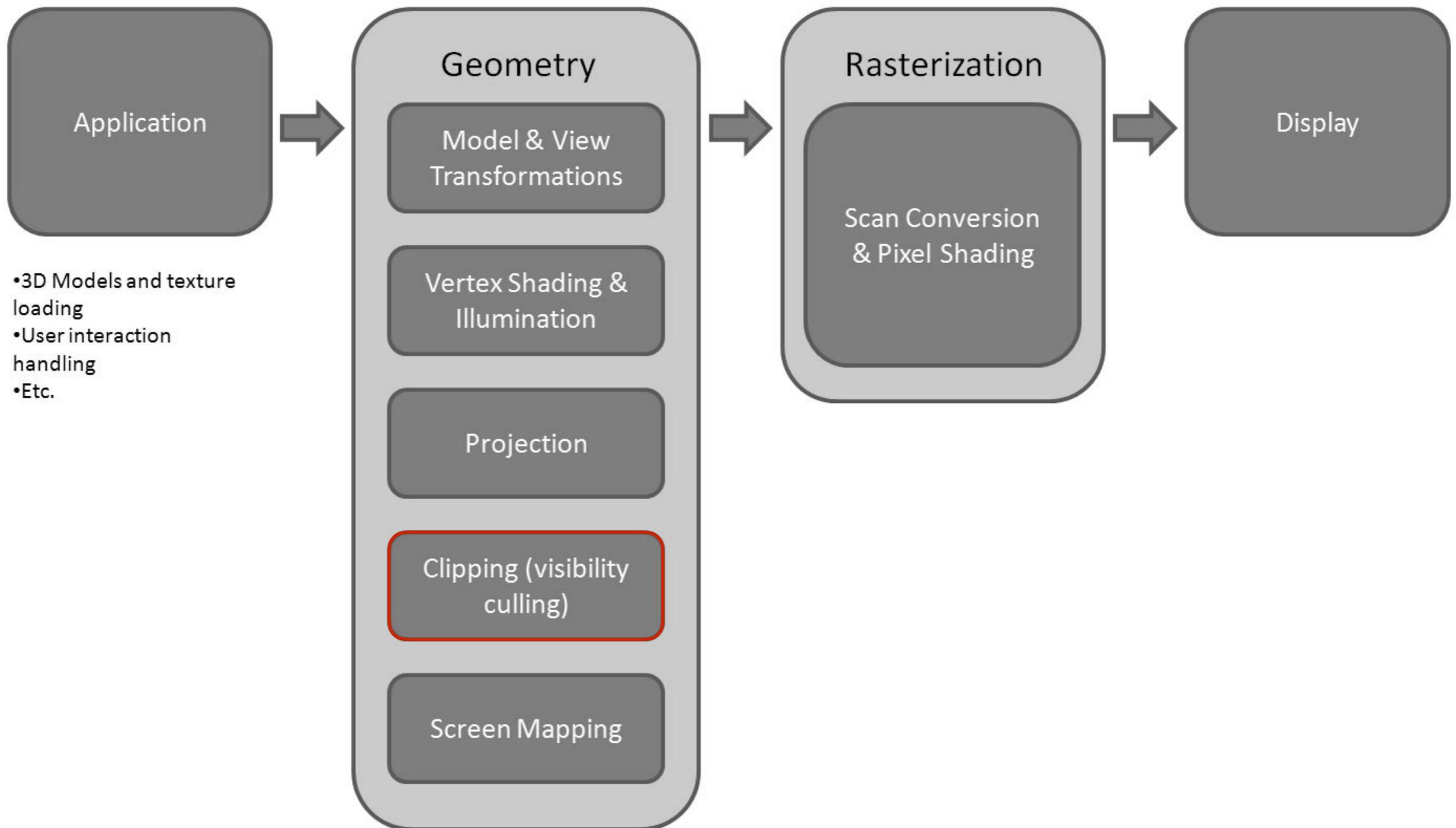


Clipping

Introduction to Computer Graphics
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Graphics Pipeline



Source: <http://www.gamernexus.net/guides/2429-gpu-rendering-and-game-graphics-explained>

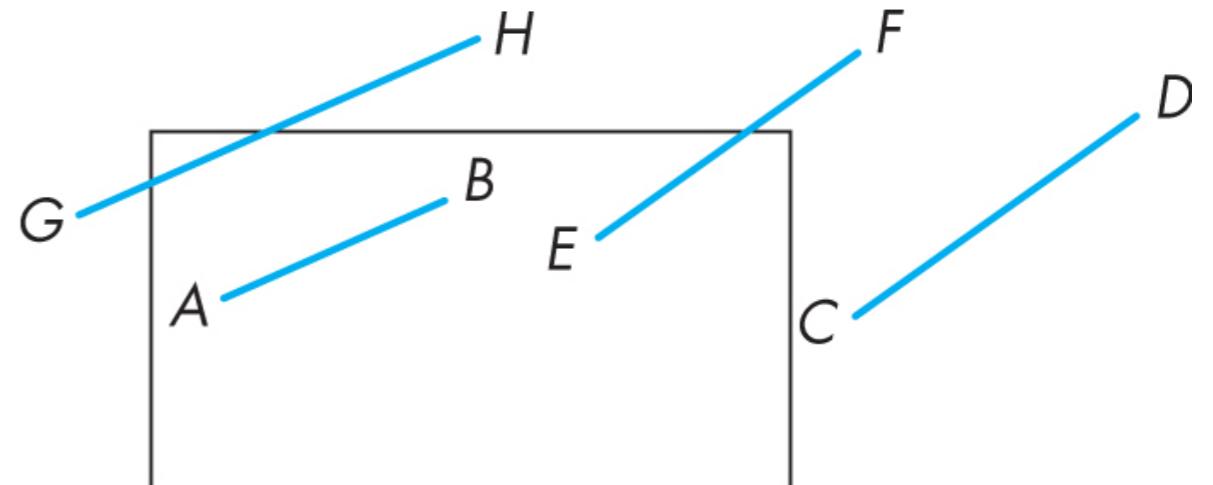
Clipping

- Rasterization is preceded by a *clipping* operation
- Process of determining which primitives, or parts of primitives, fit within the view volume
- Performed before perspective divide
$$w \geq x, y, z \geq -w$$
- Algorithms identical in 2D and 3D space

Line Segment Clipping

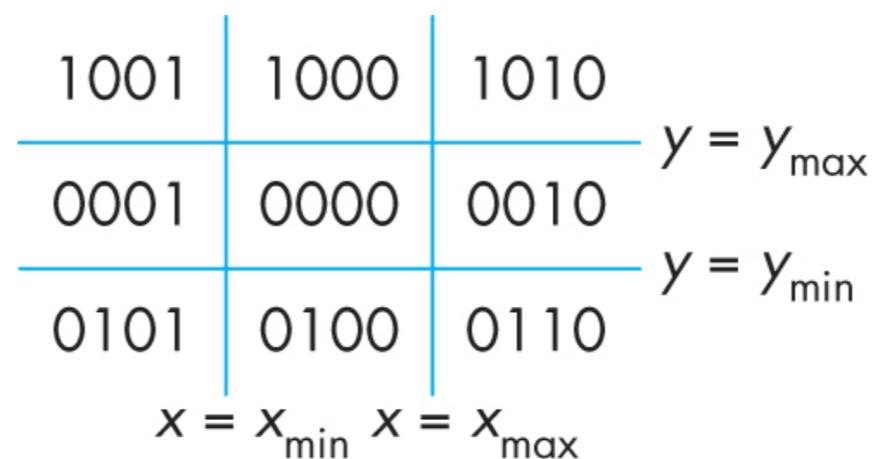
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- In 2D, four possible cases w.r.t. the clipping window:
 - I. Both end-points inside
 2. One end-point inside, other outside
 3. Both end-points outside
 - I. Segment outside
 - II. Segment partially inside



Cohen-Sutherland Clipping

- Combines floating-point subtractions and bit operations
- Extend side of the window to infinity and partition space into nine regions each with its own unique 4-bit binary number

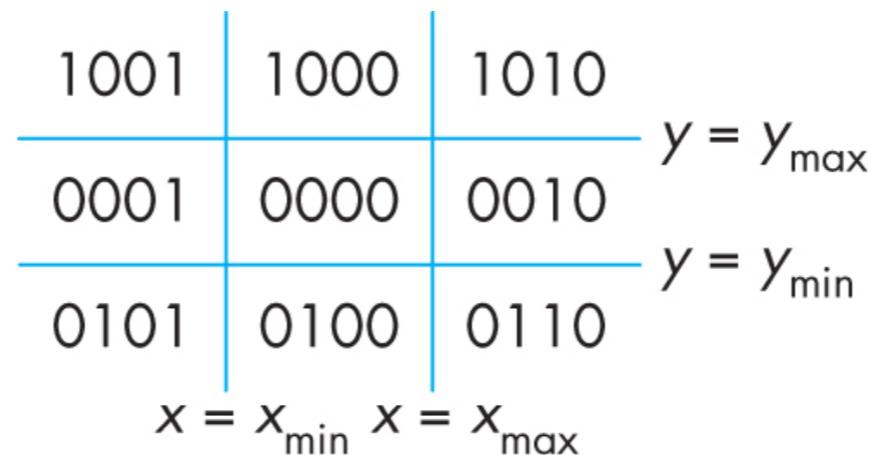


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- The bits in the **outcode**, $b_0b_1b_2b_3$ are given by:

$$b_0 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y > y_{\max}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and similarly for b_1, b_2 , and b_3 .



Cohen-Sutherland Clipping

- Consider a line segment with outcodes of endpoints: $o_1 = \text{outcode}(x_1, y_1)$, $o_2 = \text{outcode}(x_2, y_2)$
- We now have four cases based on these outcomes
 1. $(o_1 = o_2 = 0)$ Rasterize
 2. $(o_1 \neq 0, o_2 = 0) \vee (o_1 = 0, o_2 \neq 0)$ Clip
 3. $(o_1 \wedge o_2) \neq 0$ Reject
 4. $(o_1 \wedge o_2) = 0$ More checks

Cohen-Sutherland Clipping

- Works best when out of many line segments, only a few are to be displayed.
- Intersections for case 2) and 4) may be computed using standard equation of line: $y = mx + c$
 - However, one must be careful with vertical lines
 - Can be handled better by using parametric equation:

$$p(t) = p_1 + (p_2 - p_1)t$$

Liang-Barsky Clipping

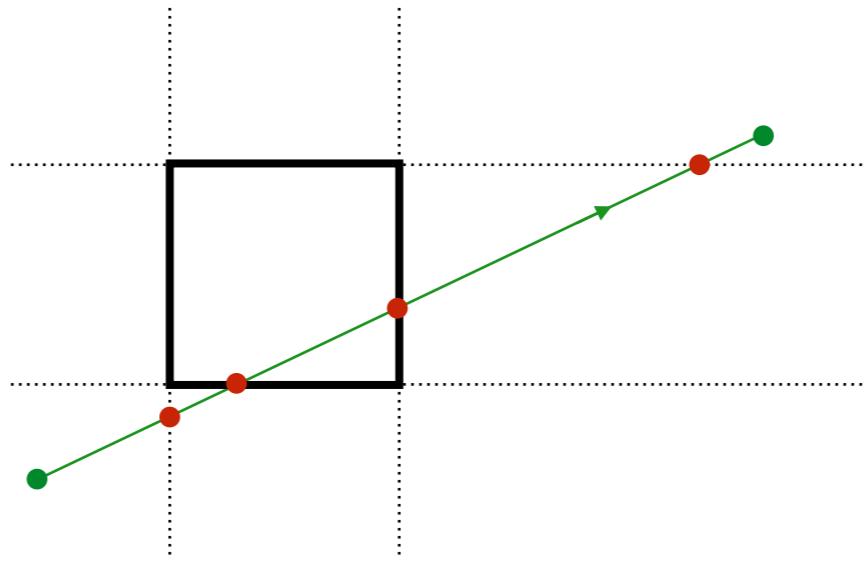
- Uses parametric form for lines

$$p(t) = p_1 + (p_2 - p_1)t$$

- $t \in [0, 1]$: move from p_1 to p_2
- $t < 0$: other side of p_1 away from p_2
- $t > 1$: other side of p_2 away from p_1

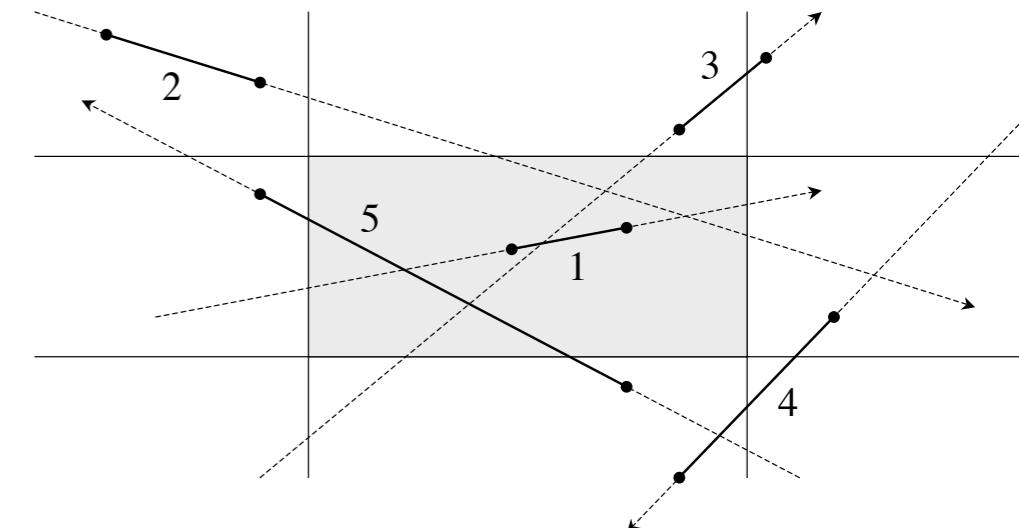
Liang-Barsky Clipping

- Any line segment will intersect the extended clipping box lines at four points
 - Unless the line segment is parallel to one of the sides (resulting in two intersections), or
 - it is coincident to one of the sides (resulting in infinite intersections).



Liang-Barsky Clipping

- For what values of t does a line segment enter or exit the bounds?
 - There can be at most two of each. We care about the maximum entry value and minimum exit value
 - For each line segment, check t :
 1. If $t_{\text{entry}} < 0$ and $t_{\text{exit}} > 1 - \text{accept}$
 2. If $t_{\text{entry}} > 1$ or $t_{\text{exit}} < 0$ - *reject*
 3. If $t_{\text{entry}} > t_{\text{exit}}$ - *reject*
 4. Otherwise, clip and try again



Line 1: max entry < 0, min exit > 1 — accept
Line 2: max entry > 1, min exit > 1 — reject
Line 3: max entry < 0, min exit < 0 — reject
Line 4: max entry > min exit — reject
Line 5: max entry > 0, min exit < 1, max entry < min exit — clip

Liang-Barsky Clipping - Algorithm

- I. For a given line segment p_1 to p_2 , derive parametric equation: $p(t) = p_1 + (p_2 - p_1)t$
2. For each boundary (L, R, T, B), calculate value of t for that line and that boundary
 - a. Substituting in the parametric form, let:

$$\Delta x = x_2 - x_1, \Delta y = y_2 - y_1$$

$$L \leq x_1 + t\Delta x \leq R, \text{ and } B \leq y_1 + t\Delta y \leq T$$

Liang-Barsky Clipping - Algorithm

b. The inequalities can be broken up as:

$$-\Delta xt \leq x_I - L,$$

let $C = -\Delta x, q = x_I - L$

$$\Delta xt \leq R - x_I,$$

let $C = \Delta x, q = R - x_I$

$$-\Delta yt \leq y_I - B,$$

let $C = -\Delta y, q = y_I - B$

$$\Delta yt \leq T - y_I,$$

let $C = \Delta y, q = T - y_I$

c. Now, for each C and its corresponding boundary:

$C < 0 \Rightarrow$ line goes out \rightarrow in: entry

$C > 0 \Rightarrow$ line goes in \rightarrow out: exit

$C = 0 \Rightarrow$ line is parallel to the boundary

Liang-Barsky Clipping - Algorithm

- d. So, we can calculate t for each boundary by calculating q and C
 - The value of C tells us if we're looking at an entry or exit point for the boundary

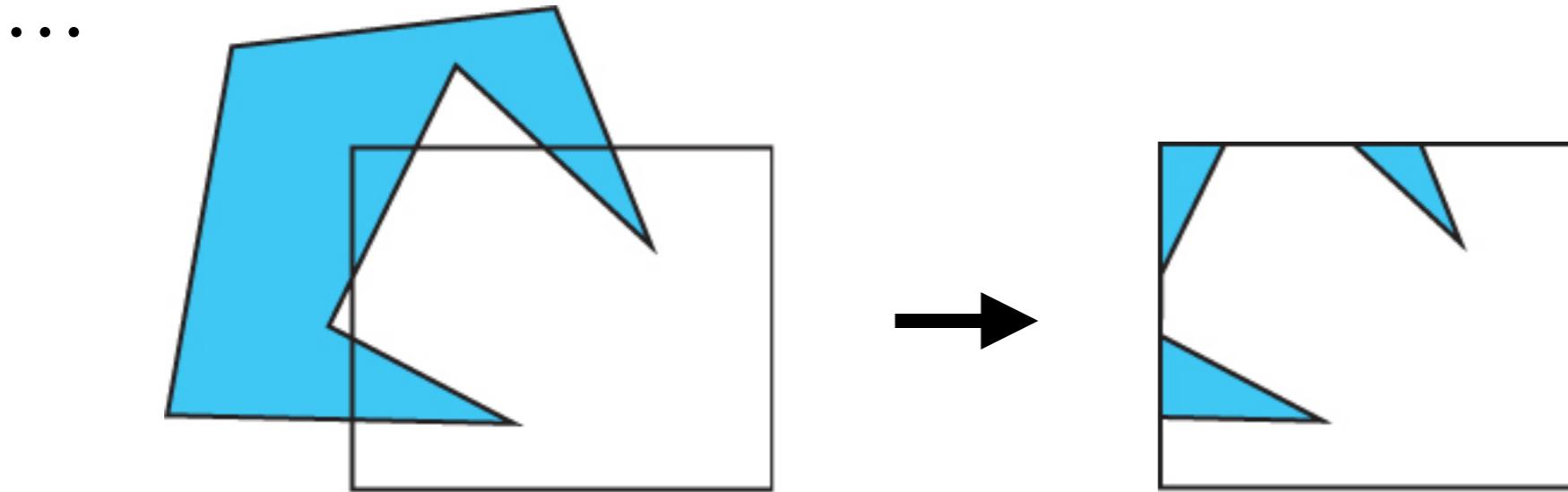
3. Apply conditions for accept, reject, or clip.

Polygon Clipping

Sutherland-Hodgman Polygon Clipping

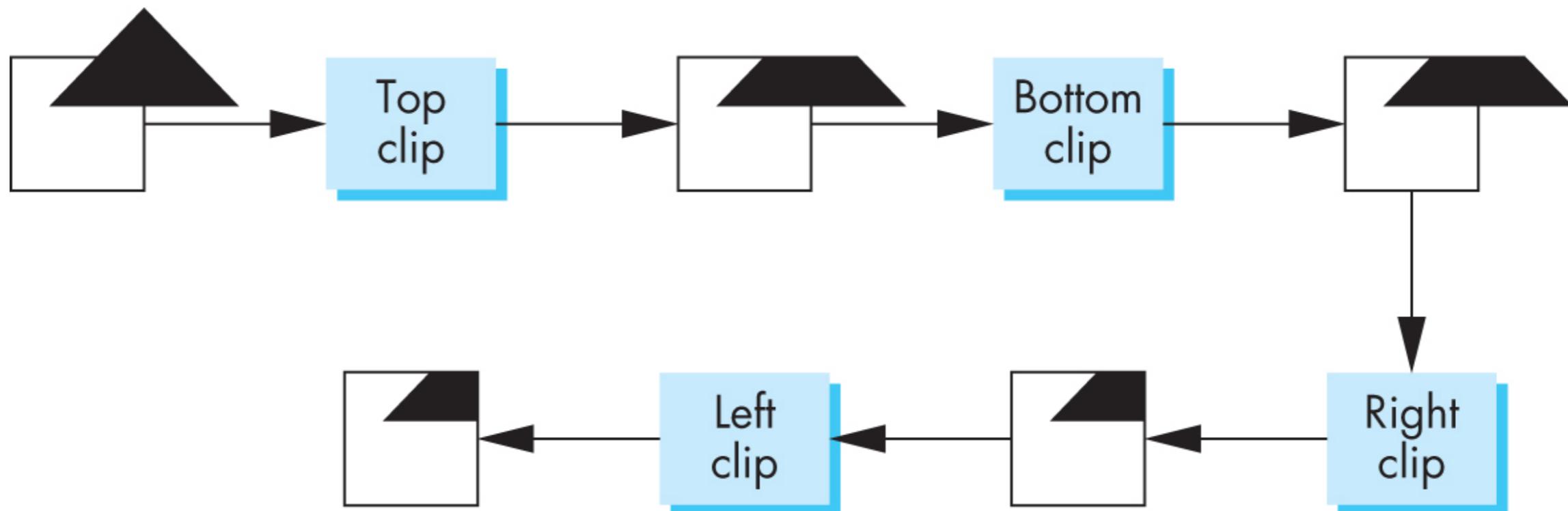
- Polygon clipping can be build on top of line clipping algorithms
- Divide and Conquer strategy:

Clip each polygon edge against a clip edge and re-enter algorithm clipping the clipped polygon against next clip edge



Sutherland-Hodgman Polygon Clipping

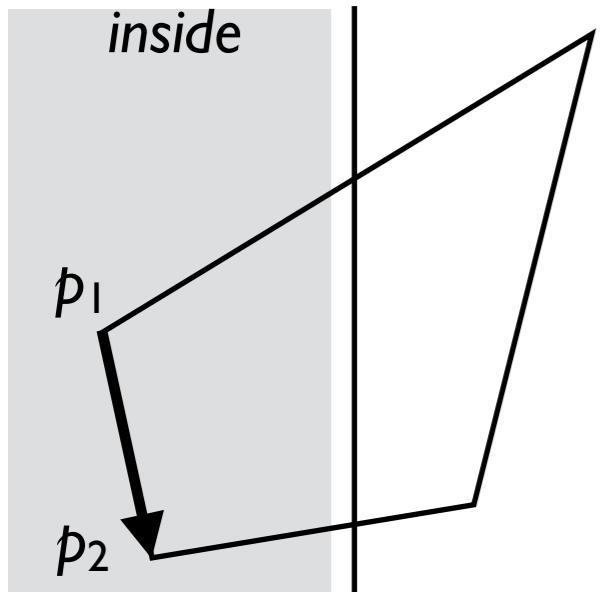
- Therefore, clipping can be performed in a pipeline using a re-entrant clipper



Sutherland-Hodgman Polygon Clipping

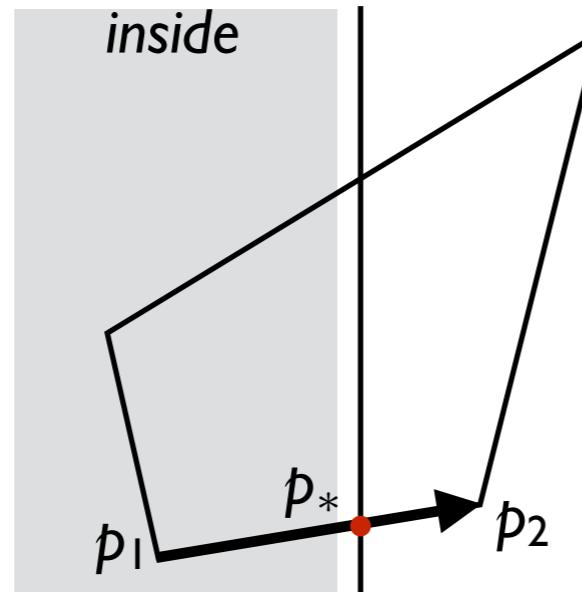
- Four cases in clipping arise:

Case I



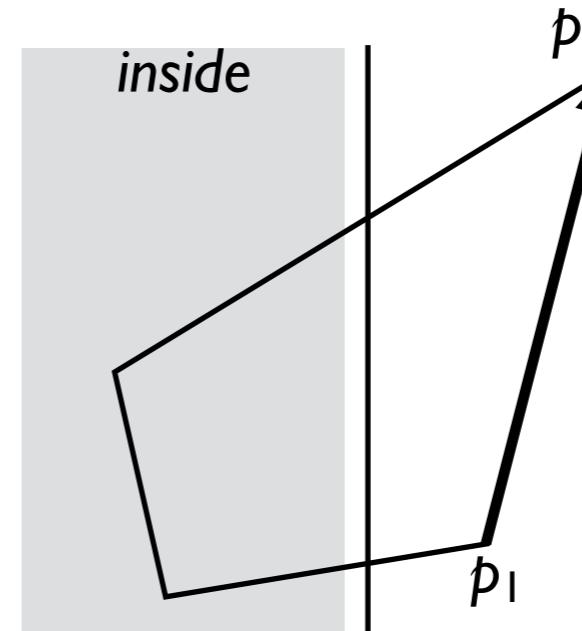
Add $\langle p_1, p_2 \rangle$

Case II



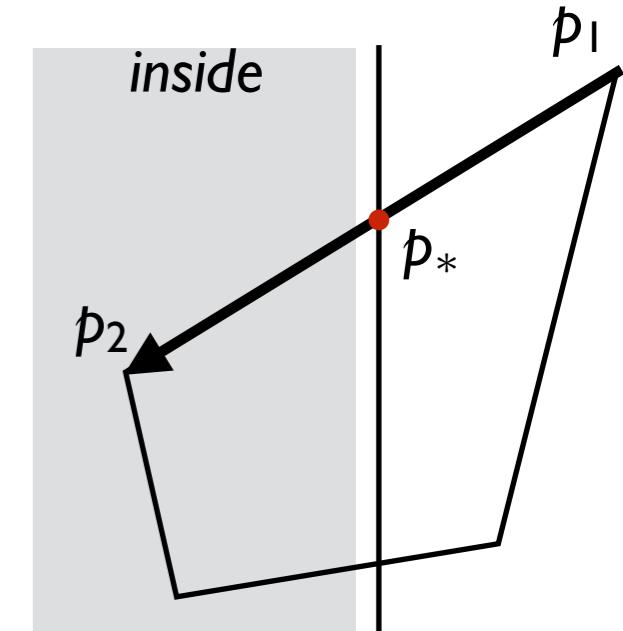
Add $\langle p_1, p_* \rangle$

Case III



p_2

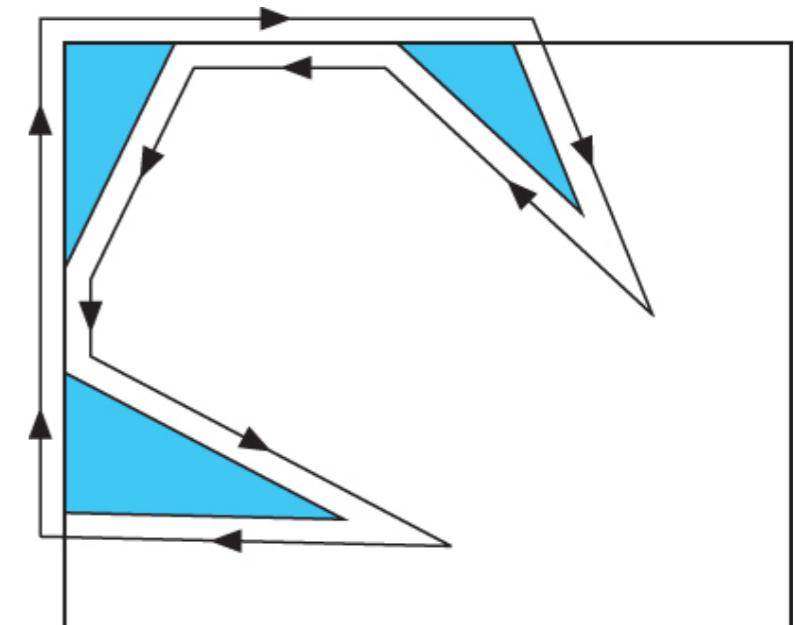
Case IV



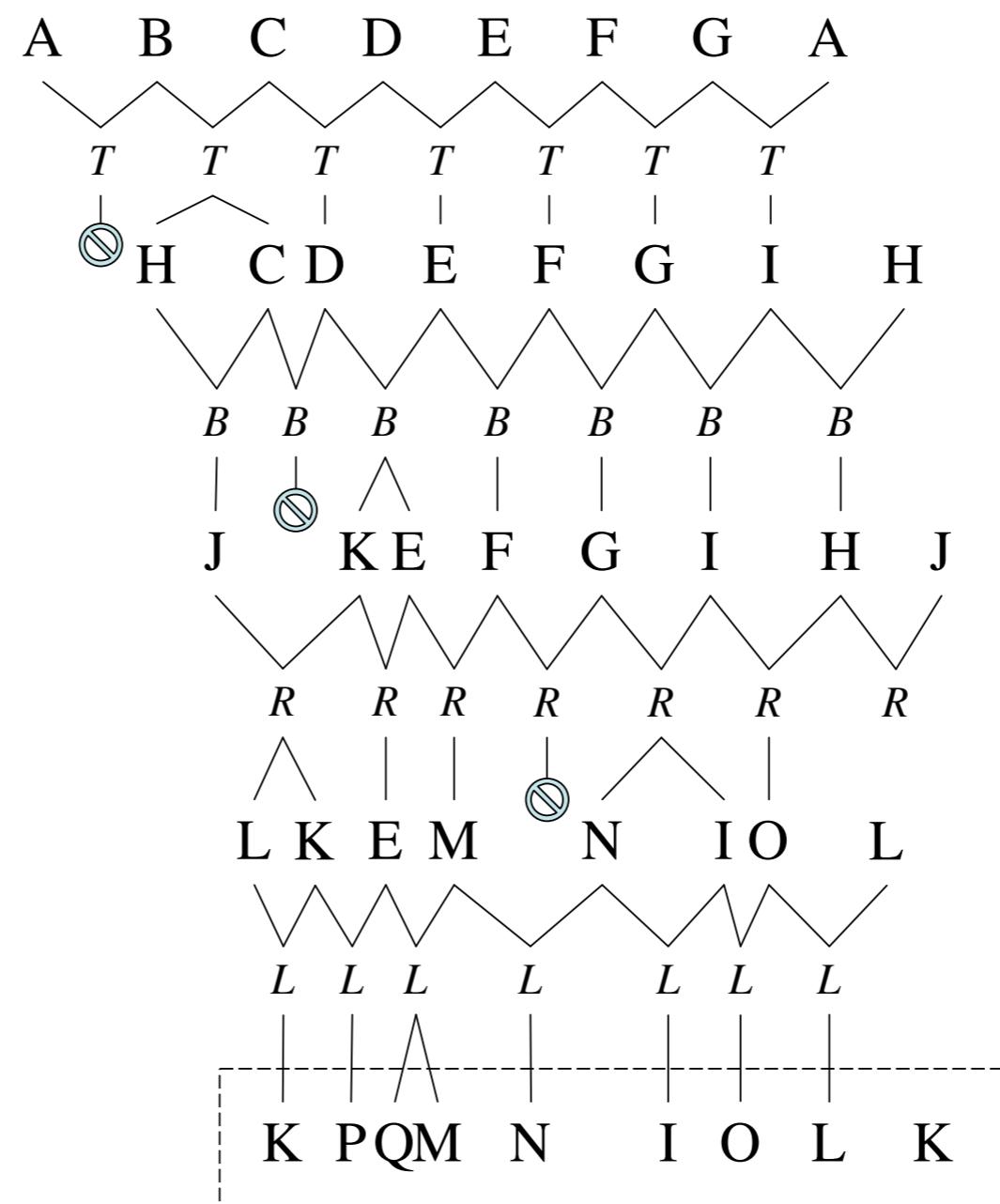
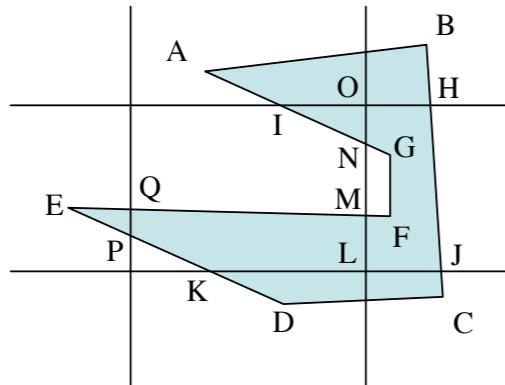
Add $\langle p_*, p_2 \rangle$

Sutherland-Hodgman Polygon Clipping

- A convex polygon will produce one polygon after clipping
- A concave polygon, can however result in several disconnected polygons
 - Difficult to implement a clipper that can increase number of objects
 - We could treat result of a clipper as a single polygon



Sutherland-Hodgman Polygon Clipping



Reading

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