

Computer Graphics - Exercise 09

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1 Polygon Clipping

What is the maximum number of new vertices, if

- a) a n -sided convex polygon is clipped with a line?

Answer: 2

- b) a n -sided non-convex polygon is clipped with a line?

Answer: n

- c) a n -sided convex polygon is clipped with a rectangle?

Answer: 8

- d) a n -sided non-convex (possibly self-intersecting) polygon is clipped with a rectangle?

Answer: $2n$

2 Sutherland–Hodgman Algorithm

The following points are given and labeled:

$$P_1 = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right), \quad P_2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}, -1\right), \quad P_3 = \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right), \quad P_4 = \left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right).$$

These points make an polygon which is supposed to be clipped to a square with extent $(-1, -1, 1, 1)$

Edge	Case	Output
P1, P2	Outgoing	$P2'=(1,7/8)$
P2, P3	Incoming	$P2''=(1,1/4)$, P3
P3, P4	Inside	P4
P4, P1	Inside	P1

Table 1: Right

Edge	Case	Output
P1, P2'	Inside	P2'
P2', P2''	Inside	P2''
P2'', P3	Outgoing	$P3'=(7/10,1)$
P3, P4	Incoming	$P3''=(1/2,1)$, P4
P4, P1	Inside	P1

Table 2: Up

Edge	Case	Output
P1, P2'	Inside	P2'
P2', P2''	Inside	P2''
P2'', P3'	Inside	P3'
P3', P3''	Inside	P3''
P3'', P4	Outgoing	$P4'=(1,3/4)$
P4, P1	Incoming	$P4''=(-1, 0)$, P1

Table 3: Left

Edge	Case	Output
P1, P2'	Inside	P2'
P2', P2''	Inside	P2''
P2'', P3'	Inside	P3'
P3', P3''	Inside	P3''
P3'', P4'	Inside	P4'
P4', P4''	Inside	P4''
P4'', P1	Inside	P1

Table 4: Bottom

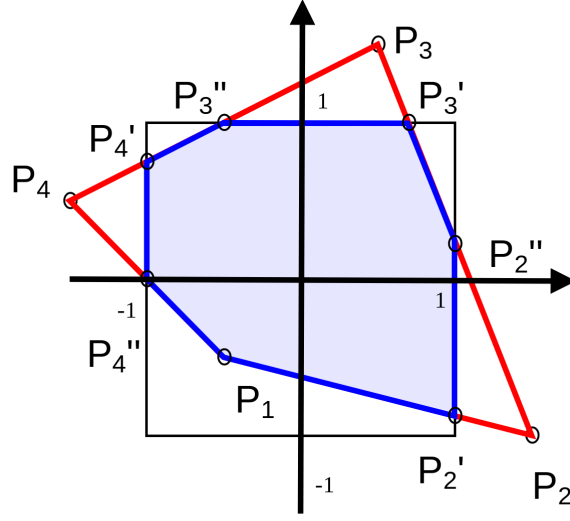


Figure 1: Clipped Polygon

3 Bresenham Algorithm

The Bresenham algorithm is a frequently used method in computer graphics to rasterize lines and circles. The implicit representation of a line between two given points in space is given as

$$F(x, y) = y(x_1 - x_0) + x(y_0 - y_1) + y_1x_0 - y_0x_1 \quad (1)$$

- a) Using the line equation for $P_0 = (x_0, y_0) = (1, 2)$ and $P_1 = (x_1, y_1) = (6, 4)$ we obtain an implicit representation of the given line

$$F(x, y) = 5y - 2x - 8$$

We initialize our control variable d as $2F(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2})$

$$\begin{aligned} d &:= 2F(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= 2(5(y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) - 2(x_0 + 1) - 8) \\ &= 10y_0 - 4x_0 - 15 \end{aligned}$$

We use $P_0 = (1, 2)$ and yield

$$d_0 = 20 - 4 - 15 = 1$$

Since $d \geq 0$ holds, the Bresenham algorithm indicates to go east (E) and the incremented d is calculated by

$$d_1 = d_0 + 2(y_0 - y_1) = 1 + 2(2 - 4) = -3$$

Since $d < 0$ holds, the Bresenham algorithm indicates to go northeast (NE) and the incremented d is calculated by

$$d_2 = d_1 + 2(y_0 - y_1) + 2(x_1 - x_0) = -3 + 2(2 - 4) + 2(6 - 1) = 3$$

$d \geq 0 \rightarrow E$

$$d_3 = d_2 + 2(y_0 - y_1) = -1$$

$d < 0 \rightarrow NE$

$$d_4 = d_3 + 2(y_0 - y_1) + 2(x_1 - x_0) = 5$$

$d \geq 0 \rightarrow E$

As the formulas used above are specified for the case that the slope of the line is smaller than 1, we have to exploit symmetrie and thus switch x and y axes for the calculations. Therefore $P_0 = (x_0, y_0) = (2, 1)$ becomes $(1, 2)$ and $P_1 = (x_1, y_1) = (5, 5)$ becomes $(5, 5)$.

$$F(x, y) = 4y - 3x - 5$$

We initialize our control variable d

$$\begin{aligned} d &:= 2F(x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) \\ &= 2(4(y_0 + \frac{1}{2}) - 3(x_0 + 1)5) \\ &= 8y_0 - 6x_0 - 12 \end{aligned}$$

We use $P_0 = (1, 2)$ and yield

$$d_0 = 16 - 6 - 12 = -2$$

$d < 0 \rightarrow NE$

$$d_1 = d_0 + 2(y_0 - y_1) + 2(x_1 - x_0) = -2 + 2(5 - 2) + 2(5 - 1) = 0$$

$d \geq 0 \rightarrow E$

$$d_2 = d_1 + 2(y_0 - y_1) = -6$$

$d < 0 \rightarrow NE$

$$d_3 = d_2 + 2(y_0 - y_1) + 2(x_1 - x_0) = -4$$

$d < 0 \rightarrow NE$

$$d_4 = d_3 + 2(y_0 - y_1) + 2(x_1 - x_0) = -2$$

Depending on the stopping criterion and the chosen point, the end of the line will look slightly different.

- b) For rasterization of the first line using anti-aliasing we need the signed distance a between the line and the center between the E and NE pixel. On the basis of a one can then decide which pixel should be set with which intensity. a can be determined by

$$a = \frac{d}{2\Delta x} \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta x = x_1 - x_0$$

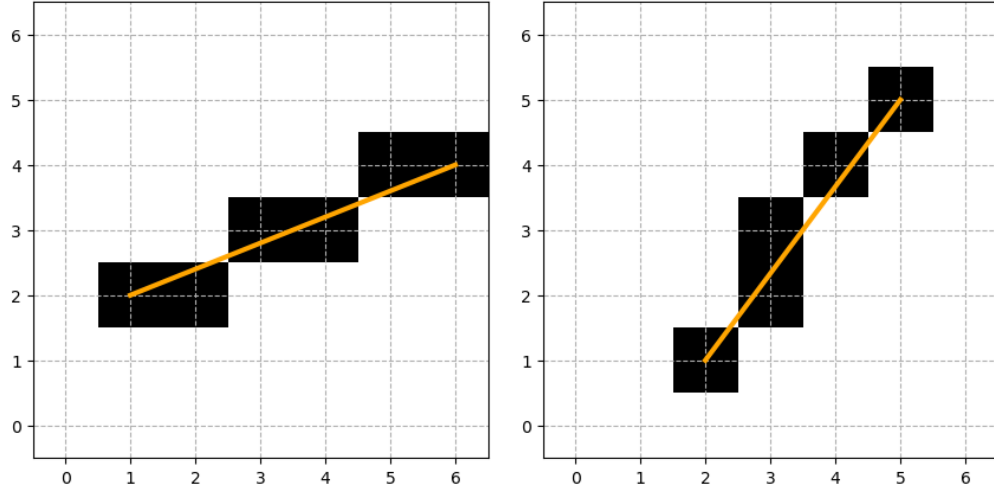


Figure 2: Result of Rasterization Line 1 (left) and Line 2 (right)

For every d we calculate a and use the appropriate functions to determine the fraction of the intensity for the East and North East pixel

- Step 1: $d = 1, a = -0.05 \rightarrow (x + 1, y)$ with 0.55 and $(x + 1, x + 1)$ with 0.45
- Step 2: $d = -3, a = -0.15 \rightarrow (x + 1, y)$ with 0.35 and $(x + 1, x + 1)$ with 0.65
- Step 3: $d = 3, a = 0.15 \rightarrow (x + 1, y)$ with 0.65 and $(x + 1, x + 1)$ with 0.35
- Step 4: $d = -1, a = -0.05 \rightarrow (x + 1, y)$ with 0.45 and $(x + 1, x + 1)$ with 0.55

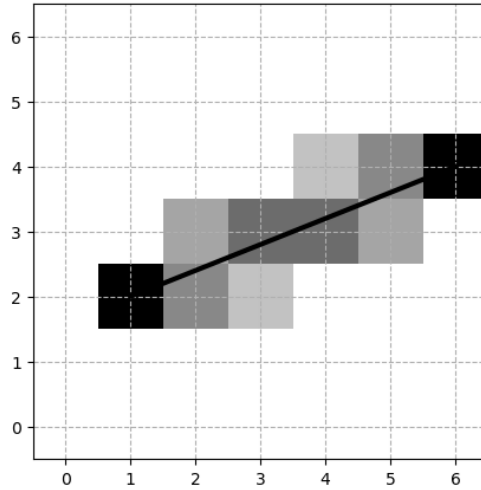


Figure 3: Result of Anti-aliasing Line 1