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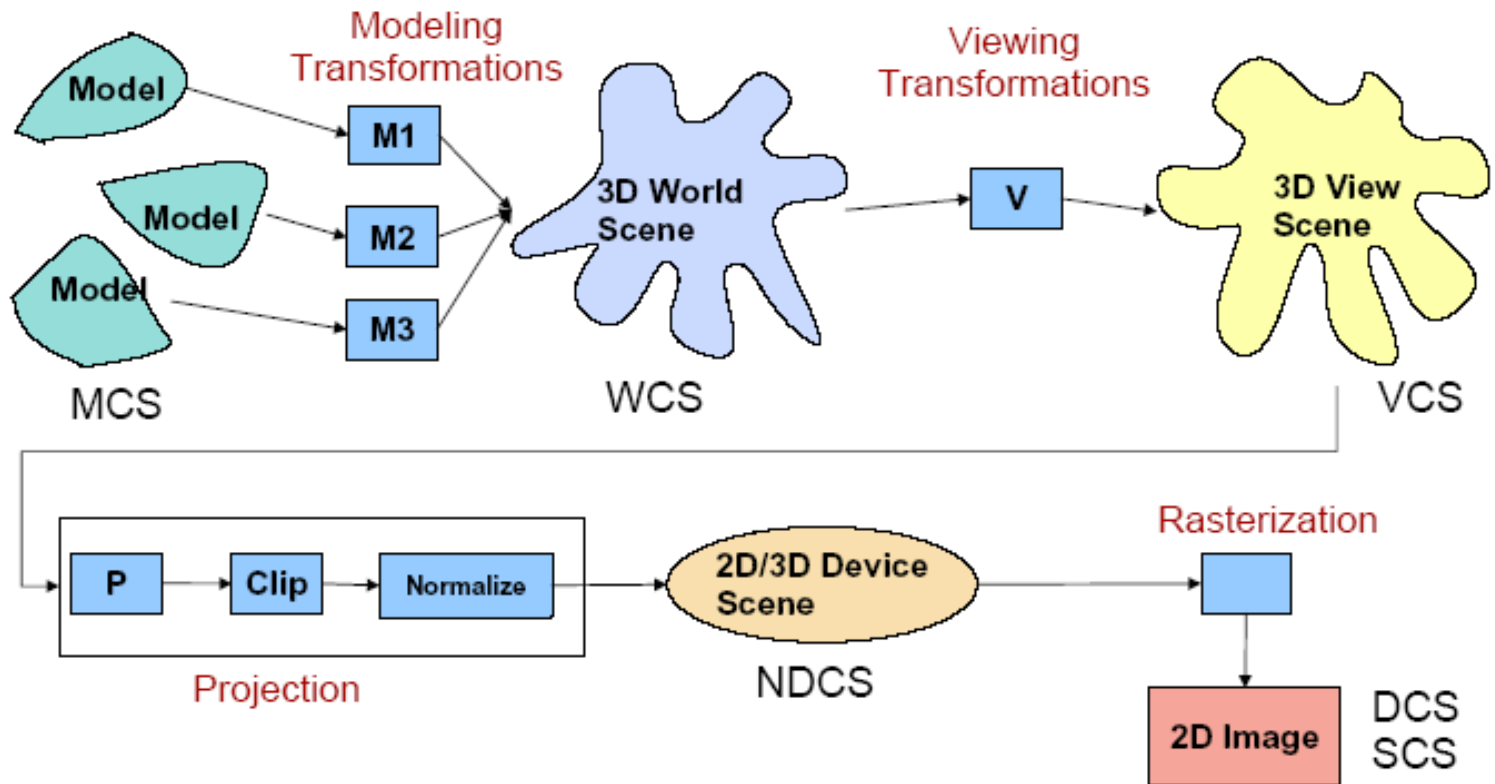
Two-Dimensional Viewing **Hearn & Baker Chapter 6**

Slides are taken from Robert Thomsons notes.

OVERVIEW

- Two dimensional viewing pipeline
- The clipping window
- Normalizations and viewport transformations
- OpenGL 2D viewing functions
- Clipping algorithms
- Point, line, and fill-area clipping

Viewing Pipeline Revisited



- Model coordinates to World coordinates:
Modelling transformations

Model coordinates:

1 circle (head),
2 circles (eyes),
1 line group (nose),
1 arc (mouth),
2 arcs (ears).
With their relative
coordinates and sizes

World coordinates:

All shapes with their
absolute coordinates and sizes.
circle(0,0,2)
circle(-.6,.8,.3) circle(.6,.8,.3)
lines[(-.4,0),(-.5,-.3),(.5,.3),(.4,0)]
arc(-.6,0,.6,0,1.8,180,360)
arc(-2.2,.2,-2.2,-.2,.8,45,315)
arc(2.2,.2,2.2,-.2,.8,225,135)



- World coordinates to Viewing coordinates:
Viewing transformations

World coordinates

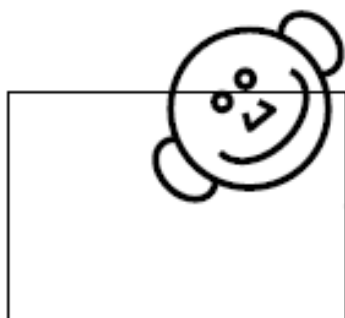
Viewing coordinates:

Viewers position and view angle. i.e. rotated/translated



- Projection: 3D to 2D. Clipping depends on viewing frame/volume. Normalization: device independent coordinates

Viewing coordinates:



Device Independent Coordinates:

Invisible shapes deleted, others reduced to visible parts.

3 arcs, 1 circle, 1 line group

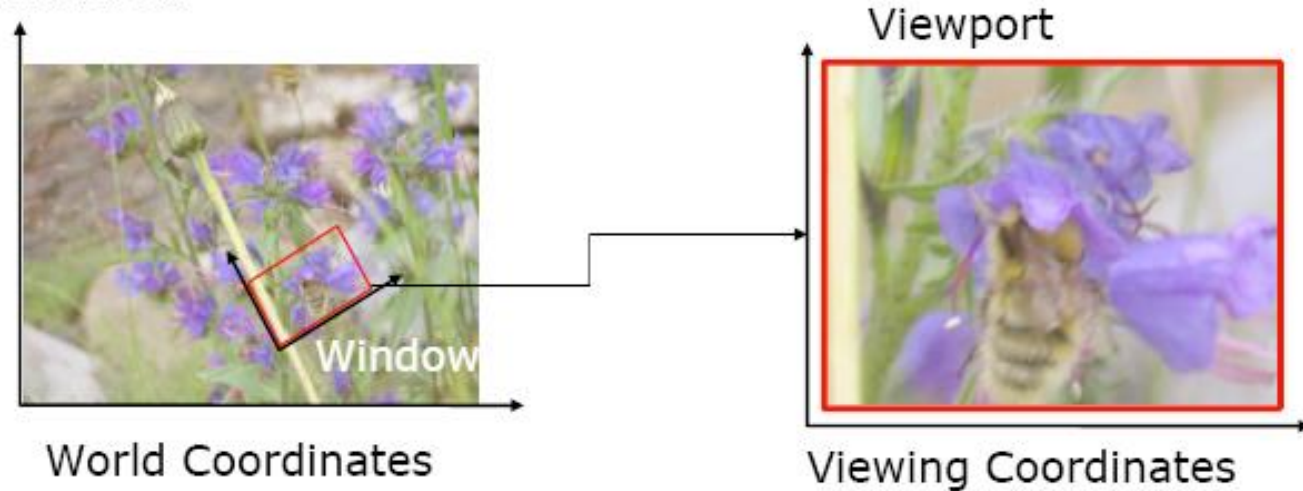


2-D viewing transformation pipeline

- Model coordinates
 - Construct world coordinate scene using modeling coordinate transformations →
- World coordinates
 - Convert world coordinates to viewing coordinates →
- Viewing coordinates
 - Transform viewing coordinates to normalised coordinates →
- Normalized coordinates
 - Map normalized coordinates to device coordinates →
- Device Coordinates

2D Viewing

- World coordinates to Viewing coordinates
- Window to Viewport.
Window: A region of the scene selected for viewing (also called *clipping window*)
Viewport: A region on display device for mapping to window



Graphics packages commonly allow only rectangular clipping windows aligned with the x- and y-axes

Must implement own clipping and coordinate transformations for other form of clipping

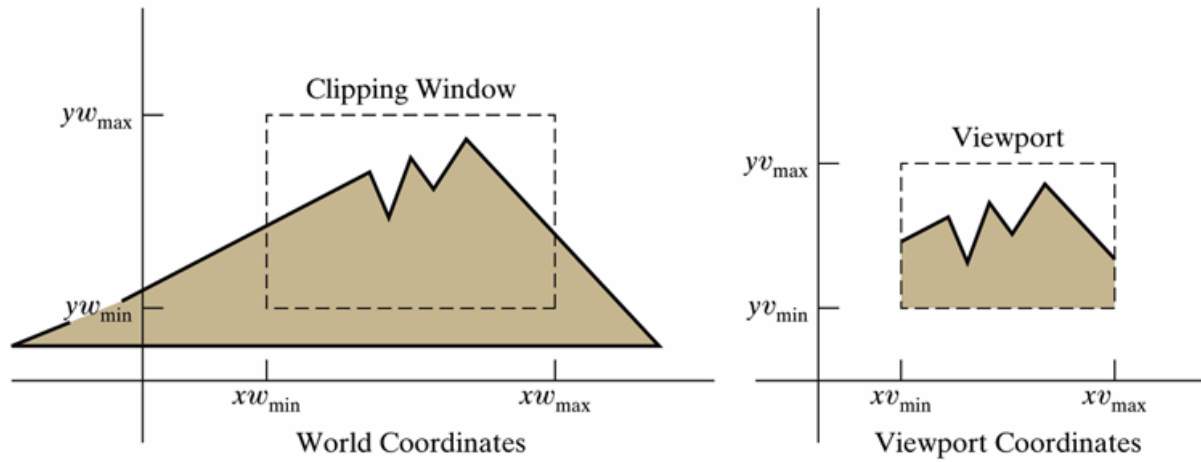
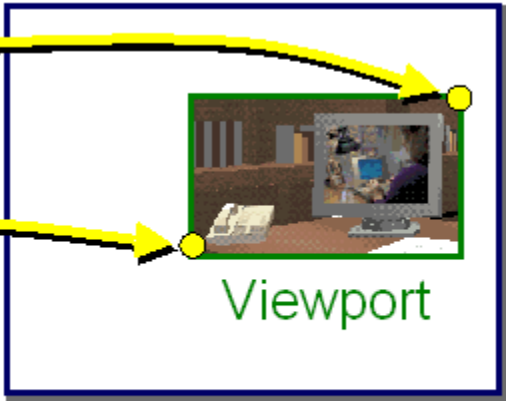
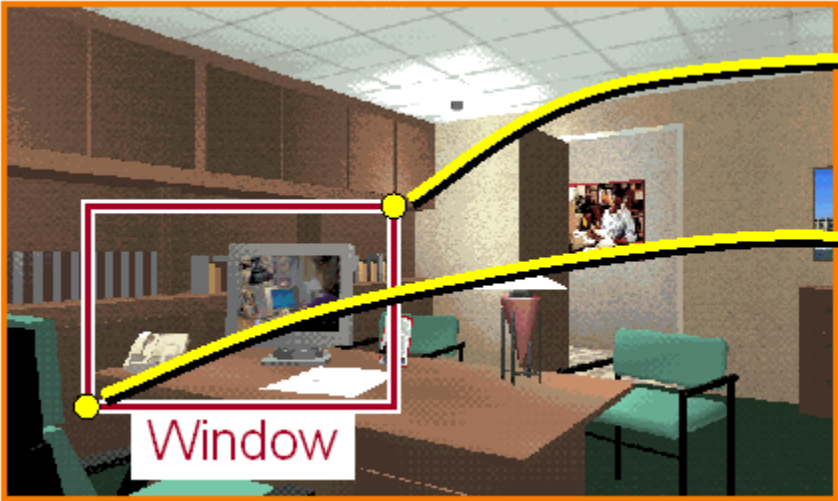


Figure 6-2

A clipping window and associated viewport, specified as rectangles aligned with the coordinate axes.

Clipping Window vs. Viewport

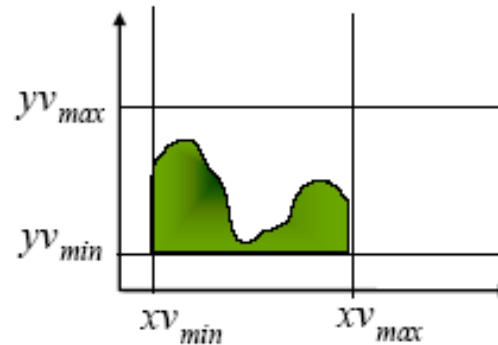
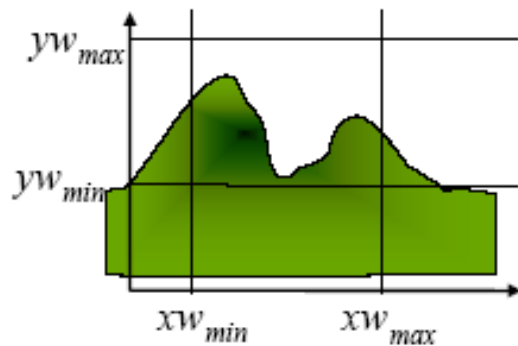
- The clipping window selects what we want to see in our virtual 2D world.
- The *viewport* indicates where it is to be viewed on the output device (or within the display window)
- By default the *viewport* has the same location and dimensions as the GLUT display window you create
 - But it can be modified so that only a part of the display window is used for OpenGL display



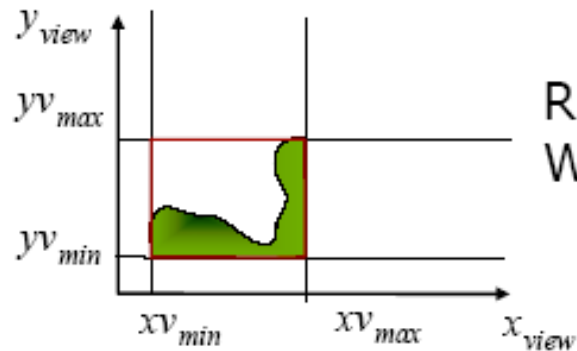
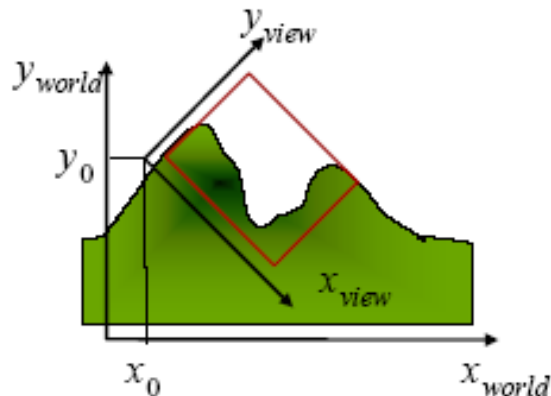
(clipping) window to viewport transformation

- Zooming
 - is successive mapping of different sized clipping windows to the viewport
 - reducing clip window : zoom in on part of scene
 - increase clip window : zoom out
- Panning
 - moving a fixed-size clipping window across the scene

The clipping window



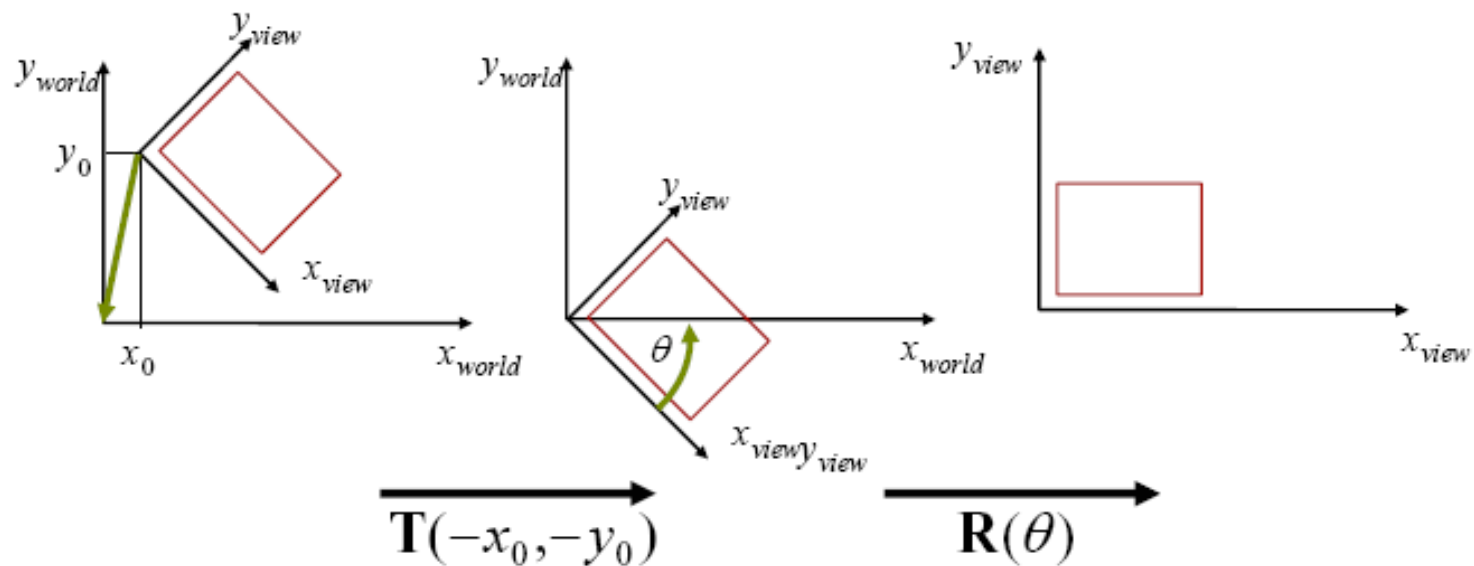
Rectangular
Window



Rotated
Window

From world coordinates to view coordinates

World-coordinates to Viewing Coordinates



- $M_{wc,vc} = R \cdot T$

Normalization and viewport transformations

- Some graphics packages combine normalisation and window-to-viewport transformations into a single operation
 - viewport coordinates are often given in the range 0 to 1.
 - Viewport is within a unit square
 - after clipping the unit square is mapped to the output display device

Window to viewport transformation

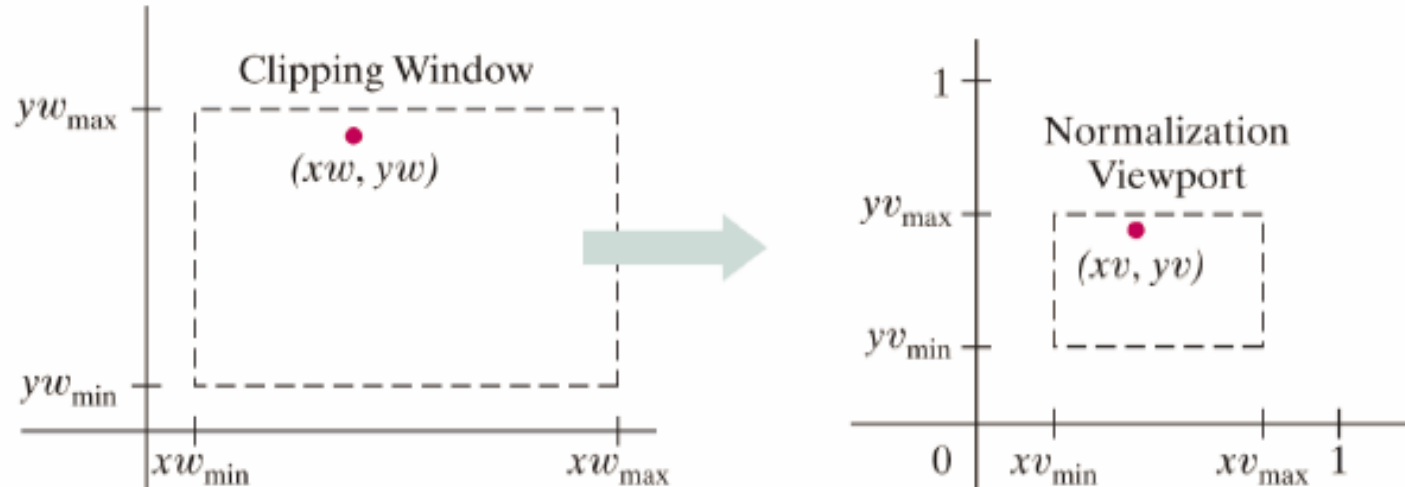
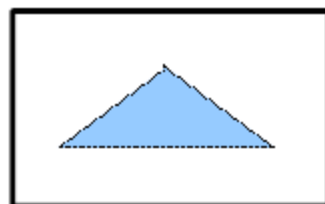


Figure 6-7

A point (xw, yw) in a world-coordinate clipping window is mapped to viewport coordinates (xv, yv) , within a unit square, so that the relative positions of the two points in their respective rectangles are the same.

Maintaining relative position of points within the two rectangles

- Coordinate transformation: Different sizes and/or height width ratios?



- For any point:

$$\frac{x_v - x_{v_{min}}}{x_{v_{max}} - x_{v_{min}}} = \frac{x_w - x_{w_{min}}}{x_{w_{max}} - x_{w_{min}}}$$

$$\frac{y_v - y_{v_{min}}}{y_{v_{max}} - y_{v_{min}}} = \frac{y_w - y_{w_{min}}}{y_{w_{max}} - y_{w_{min}}}$$

should hold.

$$\frac{xv - xv_{min}}{xv_{max} - xv_{min}} = \frac{xw - xw_{min}}{xw_{max} - xw_{min}}$$

$$\frac{yv - yv_{min}}{yv_{max} - yv_{min}} = \frac{yw - yw_{min}}{yw_{max} - yw_{min}}$$

$$xv = xv_{min} + (xw - xw_{min}) \frac{(xv_{max} - xv_{min})}{xw_{max} - xw_{min}}$$

$$yv = yv_{min} + (yw - yw_{min}) \frac{(yv_{max} - yv_{min})}{yw_{max} - yw_{min}}$$

- This can also be accomplished in 2 steps:
 1. Scale over the fixed point:

$$\mathbf{S}(xw_{min}, yw_{min}, s_x, s_y)$$

2. Translate lower-left corner of the clipping window to the lower-left corner of the viewport

$$\mathbf{T}(xv_{min} - xw_{min}, yv_{min} - yw_{min})$$

Aspect ratio

- Relative proportions of objects are maintained only if the aspect ratio of the viewport is the same as the aspect ratio of the clipping window
 - i.e. only if the scaling factors s_x and s_y are the same
 - Otherwise world objects will be stretched or contracted in x or y directions when displayed

Normalization and viewport transformations

- In other graphics packages normalisation and clipping are applied before window-to-viewport transformation
 - viewport boundaries are specified in screen coordinates relative to the display window position

Transform Viewing Coordinates to Device Coordinates

- Convert object descriptions to normalized coordinates to make the viewing process independent of the requirements of any output device.
- Clip in normalised coordinates, then transfer the scene description to a viewport specified in screen coordinates
- Clipping algorithms in this transformation sequence are now standardised so that objects outside the boundaries $x=\pm 1$, $y =\pm 1$ are detected and removed from the scene description
- At the final step of the viewing transformation the objects in the viewport are positioned within the display window

Normalization and Viewport Transformation

- World coordinate clipping window
- Normalization square: usually $[-1,1] \times [-1,1]$
- Device coordinate viewport

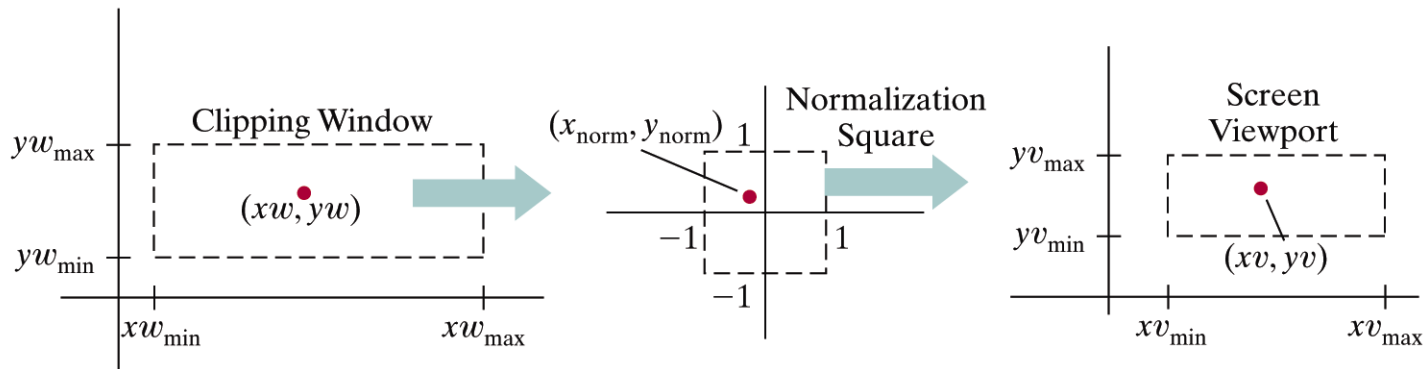


Figure 6-8

A point (xw, yw) in a clipping window is mapped to a normalized coordinate position (x_{norm}, y_{norm}) , then to a screen-coordinate position (xv, yv) in a viewport. Objects are clipped against the normalization square before the transformation to viewport coordinates.

OpenGL clipping routines use normalised coordinates in the range -1 to $+1$

Transform from clipping window into the normalization square

-1 for xv_{\min} and yv_{\min}

+1 for xv_{\max} and yv_{\max}

$$\mathbf{M}_{window \rightarrow normsq} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{xw_{\max} - xw_{\min}} & 0 & -\frac{xw_{\max} + xw_{\min}}{xw_{\max} - xw_{\min}} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{yw_{\max} - yw_{\min}} & -\frac{yw_{\max} + yw_{\min}}{yw_{\max} - yw_{\min}} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Transform from normalization square into viewport

-1 for xw_min and yw_min

+1 for xw_max and yw_max

$$M_{normsq,viewport} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{xv_{max} - xv_{min}}{2} & 0 & \frac{xv_{max} + xv_{min}}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{yv_{max} - yv_{min}}{2} & \frac{yv_{max} + yv_{min}}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Aspect ratio

- As in the previous case, relative proportions of objects are maintained only if the aspect ratio of the viewport is the same as the aspect ratio of the clipping window
- If the viewport is mapped to the entire area of the display window and the size of the display window is changed, objects may be distorted unless the aspect ratio of the viewport is also adjusted

OpenGL 2D Viewing Functions

- OpenGL, GLU, and GLUT provide functions to specify clipping windows, viewports, and display windows

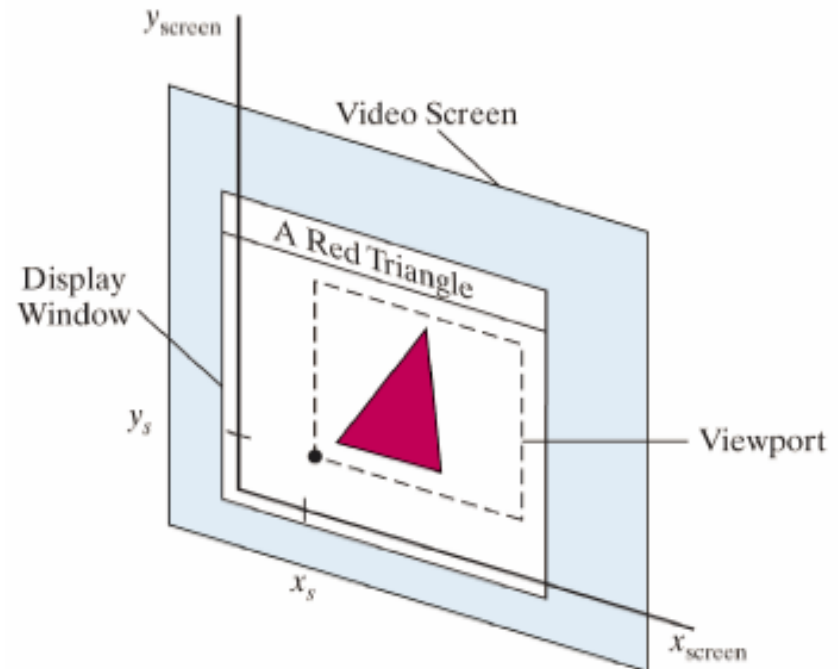


Figure 6-9

A viewport at coordinate position (x_s, y_s) within a display window.

Setting up a 2D Clipping-Window

- `glMatrixMode (GL_PROJECTION)`
 - `glLoadIdentity (); // reset, so that new viewing parameters are not combined with old ones (if any)`
 - `gluOrtho2D (xwmin, xwmax, ywmin, ywmax);`
- or
- `glOrtho (xwmin, xwmax, ywmin, ywmax, zwmin, zwmax);`
 - Objects within the clipping window are transformed to normalized coordinates (-1,1)

Setting up a Viewport

- `glViewport (xvmin, yvmin, vpWidth, vpHeight);`
- All the parameters are given in integer screen coordinates relative to the lower-left corner of the display window.
- If we do not invoke this function, by default, a viewport with the same size and position of the display window is used (i.e., all of the GLUT window is used for OpenGL display)

Creating a GLUT Display Window

- `glutInitWindowPosition (xTopLeft, yTopLeft);`
 - the integer parameters are relative to the top-left corner of the screen
- `glutInitWindowSize (dwWidth, dwHeight);`
- `glutCreateWindow ("Title of Display Window");`
- `glutInitDisplayMode (GLUT_SINGLE | GLUT_RGB)`
 - Specification of the buffer that will be used
- `glClearColor (red, green, blue, alpha)`
 - Specify the background color

Multiple GLUT windows

- Multiple windows may be created within an OpenGL program
 - Need *window ids* to manage multiple windows
 - `windowID = glutCreateWindow("Window1");`
 - `glutDestroyWindow (windowID)`
`// to destroy the window`
- General functions (like `glutInitDisplayMode`) are applied to the current display window. We can set the current window to a specific window with:
 - `glutSetWindow (windowID);`

Other functions

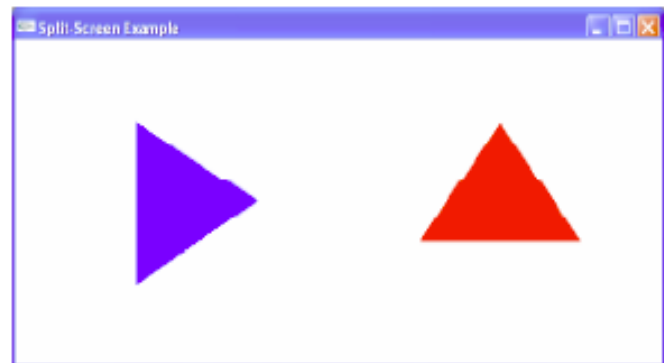
- GLUT provide functions to relocate, resize, minimize, resize to fullscreen, change window title, hide, show, bring to front, or send to back, select a specific cursor for the current display window. (pages 309-311 in the textbook)

OpenGL 2D Viewing Example

- 2 Viewports
- One triangle is displayed in two colors and orientations in 2 viewports

```
glClear (GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT);  
glColor3f(0.0, 0.0, 1.0);  
drawCenteredTriangle();
```

```
glColor3f(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);  
glViewport(300, 0, 300, 300);  
glRotatef(90.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);  
drawCenteredTriangle();
```



```
glutInitWindowSize (600, 300);
```


Clipping

- Remove portion of output primitives outside clipping window
- Two approaches
 - Clip during scan conversion: check each pixel against clip limits
 - Clip analytically, then scan-convert the modified primitives

Clipping

- Apart from clipping to the view volume, clipping is a basic operation in many other algorithms
 - Breaking space up into chunks
 - 2D drawing and windowing
 - Modelling
- May require more complex geometry than rectangular boxes

Two-Dimensional Clipping

- Point clipping – trivial
- Line clipping
 - Cohen-Sutherland
 - Liang-Barsky
 - Nicholl-Lee-Nicholl
- Fill-area clipping
 - Sutherland-Hodgeman
 - Weiler-Atherton
- Text clipping

Clipping Algorithms

- Clipping: identifying the parts of the objects that will be inside of the window.
- Everything outside the clipping window is eliminated from the scene description (i.e., not scan converted) for efficiency.
- Point clipping:

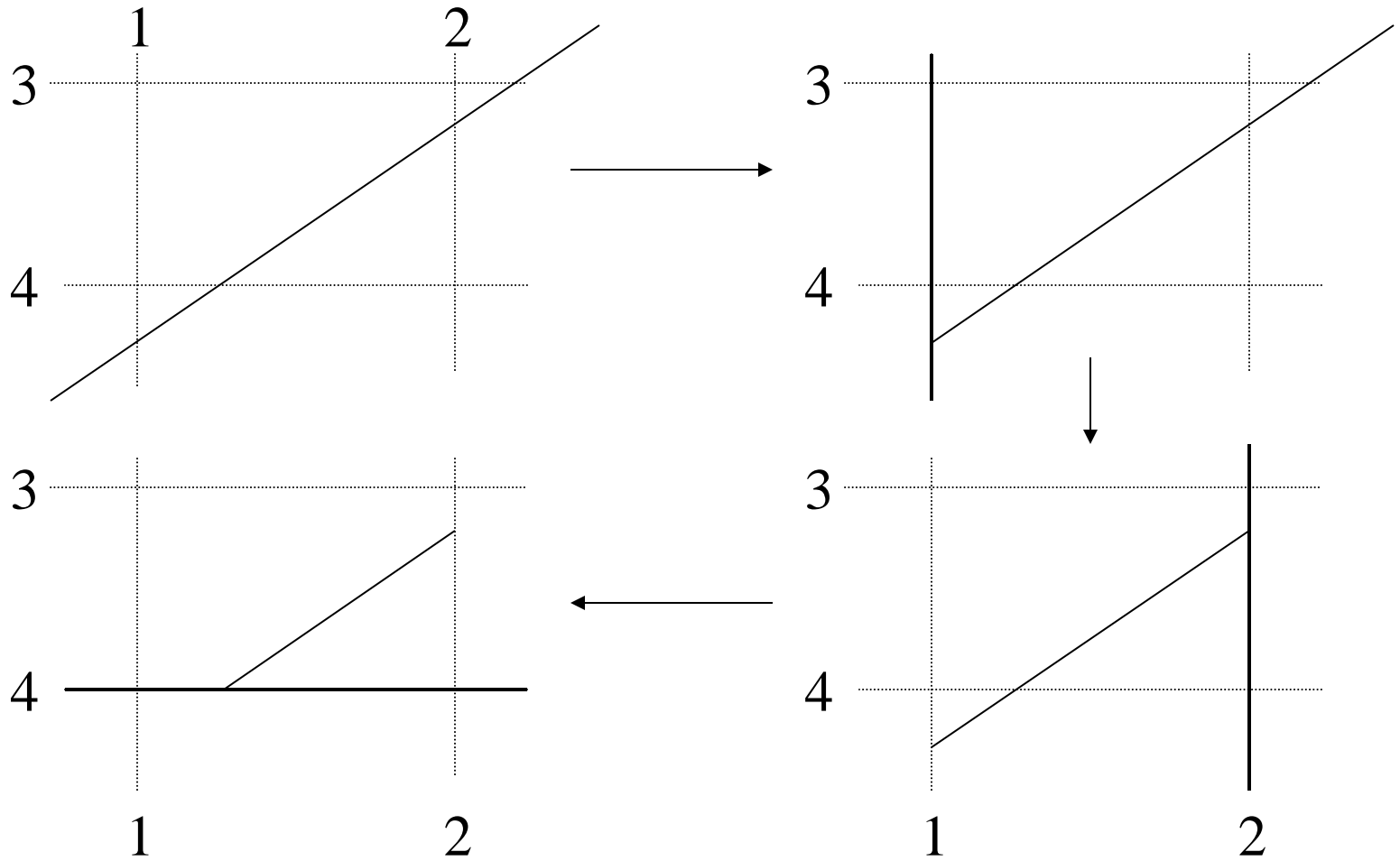
$$xw_{min} \leq x \leq xw_{max}$$

$$yw_{min} \leq y \leq yw_{max}$$

Cohen-Sutherland

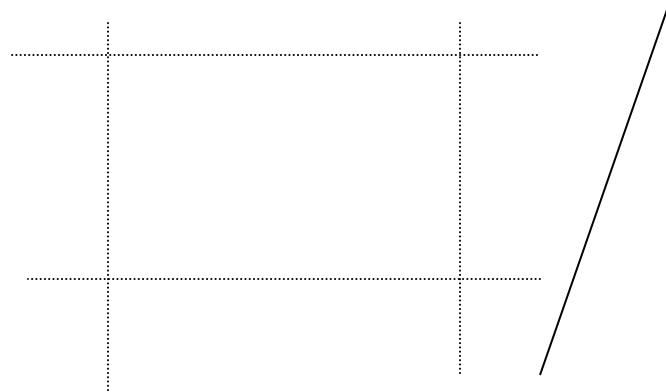
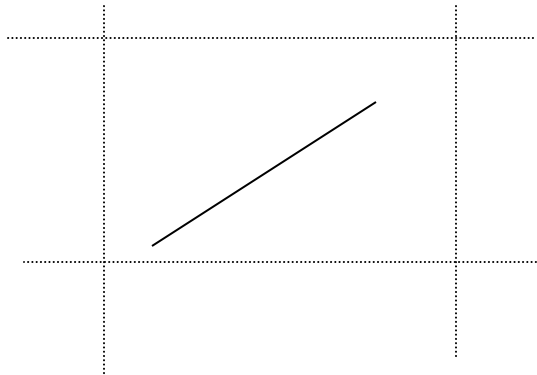
- Clip line against each edge of clip region in turn
 - If both endpoints outside, discard line and stop
 - If both endpoints in, continue to next edge (or finish)
 - If one in, one out, chop line at crossing pt and continue

Cohen-Sutherland



Cohen-Sutherland

- Some cases lead to early acceptance or rejection
 - If both endpoints are inside all edges
 - If both endpoints are outside one edge



Cohen-Sutherland Line Clipping

- Based on determination of completely invisible line segments by doing more tests before intersection tests.

- Define test bits for a point:
 - bit 1: left of the left border
 - bit 2: right of the right border
 - bit 3: below the bottom border
 - bit 4: above the top border

1001	1000	1010
0001	0000	0010
0101	0100	0110

- When bits (also called *out bits*) are defined for start and end point of the line segment, a single bitwise operation defines the visibility of the line segment. How?


```

. #define bits(x,y) ((x<xmin) | (x>xmax) <<1 | (y<ymin) <<2 | (y>ymax) <<3)

b1=bits(x1,y1) ; b2=bits(x2,y2);
if (b1==0 && b2==0) {
/* both end points inside
   trivial accept          */
} else if (b1 & b2) {
/* line is completely outside
   ignore it                */
} else {
/* needs further calculation*/
}

```

1001	1000	1010
0001	0000	0010
0101	0100	0110

$b1 \text{ OR } b2 = 0$ iff both end points inside clipping window. Accept

$b1 \text{ AND } b2 \neq 0$ iff line end points are in the same half-space defined by an edge of the clipping window. Reject

Else subdivide the line into two segments at the point where it crosses a clipping rectangle edge. Reject segment(s) outside the clipping edge

- ```

#define bits(x,y) ((x<xmin)|(x>xmax)<<1|(y<ymin)<<2|(y>ymax)<<3)

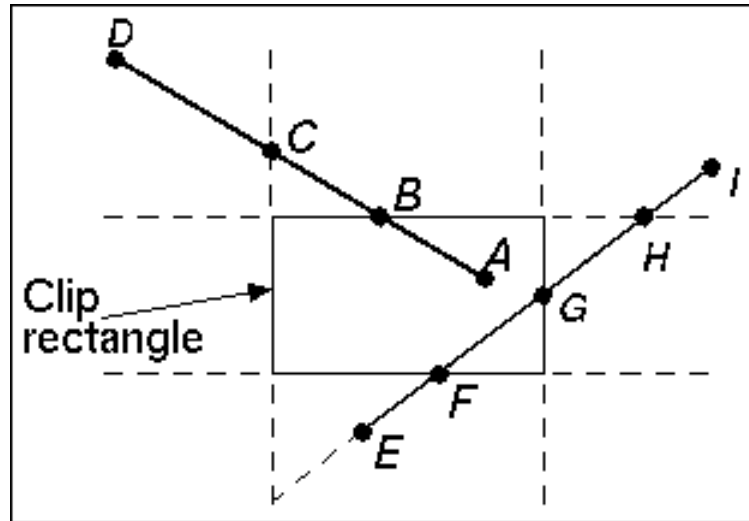
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}

```

|      |      |      |
|------|------|------|
| 1001 | 1000 | 1010 |
| 0001 | 0000 | 0010 |
| 0101 | 0100 | 0110 |

- Process clipping boundaries in order and clip a section of the line during the process
- Use the bits calculated before for crossing tests (if one end is 1 and the other is 0 then the line crosses the boundary)
- Use slope-intercept line representation for intersection

## The Cohen-Sutherland algorithm



Consider line AD (above). Point A has outcode 0000 and point D has outcode 1001. The line AD cannot be trivially accepted or rejected. D is chosen as the outside point. Its outcode shows that the line cuts the top and left edges (The bits for these edges are different in the two outcodes). Let the order in which the algorithm tests edges be top-to-bottom, left-to-right. The top edge is tested first, and line AD is split into lines DB and BA. Line BA is trivially accepted (both A and B have outcodes of 0000). Line DB is in the outside halfspace of the top edge, and gets rejected.

# Cohen-Sutherland Algorithm

$$m = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}$$

repeat for  $border = \{\text{LEFT, RIGHT, BOTTOM, TOP}\}$

if  $\neg(\text{bits}(x_1, y_1) \vee \text{bits}(x_2, y_2))$

Both inside, accept line and terminate

else if  $\text{bits}(x_1, y_1) \wedge \text{bits}(x_2, y_2)$

Both outside same region, reject line and terminate

if  $border = \text{LEFT} \vee border = \text{RIGHT}$

$$y_p = y_1 + m(x_{border} - x_1), x_p = x_{border}$$

else

$$x_p = x_1 + \frac{(y_{border} - y_1)}{m}, y_p = y_{border}$$

if  $\text{bordertest}(x_1, y_1)$

$$x_1 = x_p; y_1 = y_p$$

else if  $\text{bordertest}(x_2, y_2)$

$$x_2 = x_p; y_2 = y_p$$

update line  
endpoint  
coordinates

# Example

$$\text{bits}(0,0) = 0101 \quad \text{bits}(8,5) = 0010$$

$$\text{bits}(0,0) \wedge \text{bits}(8,5) = 0000$$

$$m = \frac{(5-0)}{(8-0)} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\text{LEFT: } y_p = y_1 + \frac{5}{8}(1-0) = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\text{LEFT}(P_1) \rightarrow P_1' = (1, 5/8)$$

$$\text{RIGHT: } y_p = y_1 + \frac{5}{8}(7-1) = \frac{5}{8} + \frac{5}{8}6 = \frac{35}{8}$$

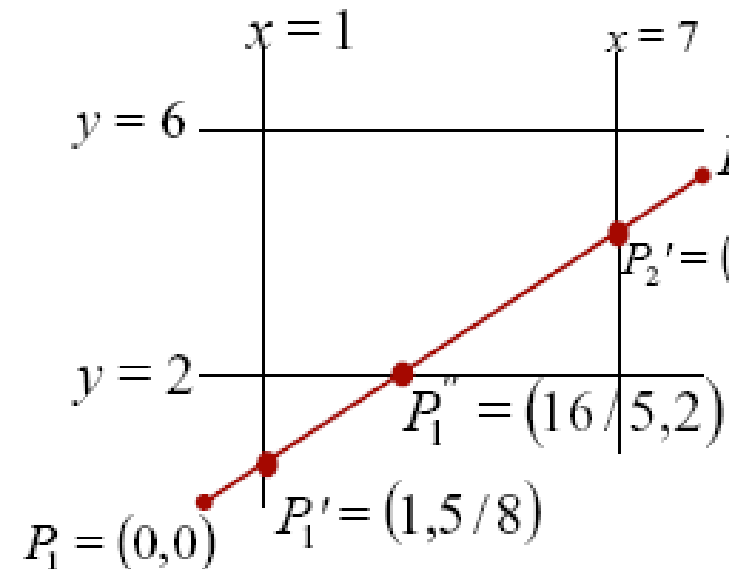
$$\text{RIGHT}(P_2) \rightarrow P_2' = (7, 35/8)$$

$$\text{BOTTOM: } x_p = 1 + \left(2 - \frac{5}{8}\right) \frac{8}{5} = 1 + \frac{16}{5} - 1 = \frac{16}{5}$$

$$\text{BOTTOM}(P_1') \rightarrow P_1'' = (16/5, 2)$$

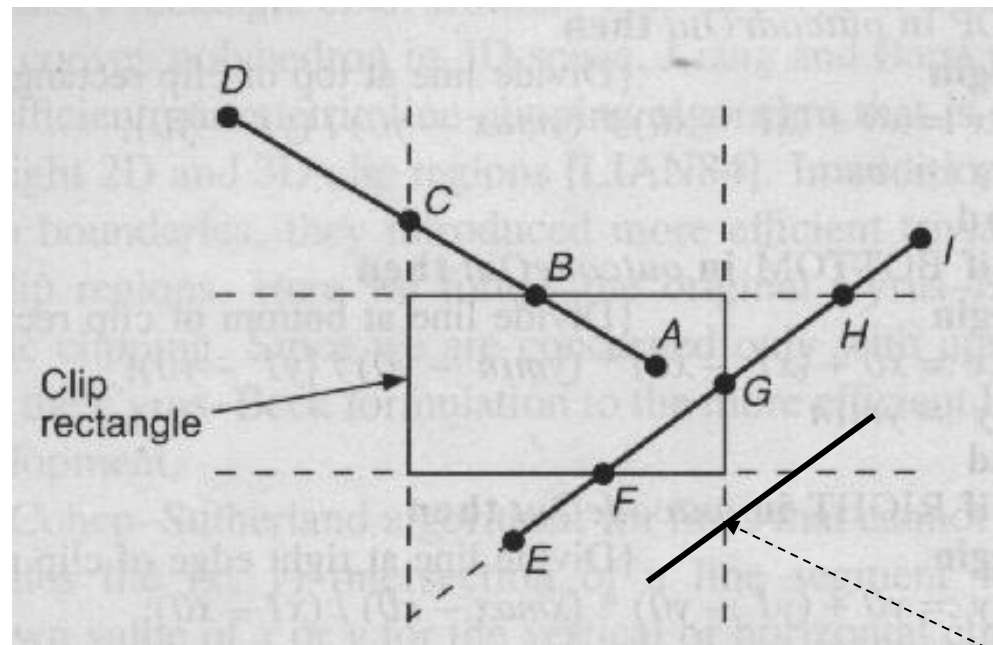
**TOP:**  $P_1''$  inside,  $P_2'$  inside, so terminate

$$L = (16/5, 2) \text{ to } (7, 35/8)$$



# Cohen-Sutherland Line Clipping

- Fixed order testing and clipping cause needless clipping (external intersections)



Extra clipping here

# Cohen-Sutherland Line Clipping

- This algorithm can be very efficient if it can accept and reject primitives trivially
  - If clip window is large wrt scene data
    - Most primitives are accepted trivially
  - If clip window is much smaller than scene data
    - Most primitives are rejected trivially
- Good for hardware implementation

# Liang-Barsky Line Clipping

## Clipping: Overview of Steps

- Express line segments in parametric form
- Derive equations for testing if a point is inside the window
- Compute new parameter values for visible portion of line segment, if any
- Display visible portion of line segment
  
- The relative speed improvement over Sutherland-Cohen algorithm is as follows:
  - 36% for 2D lines
  - 40% for 3D lines
  - 70% for 4D lines



# Liang-Barsky Clipping

- Parametric clipping - view line in parametric form and reason about the parameter values
- More efficient, as not computing the coordinate values at irrelevant vertices
- Clipping conditions on parameter: Line is inside clip region for values of  $t$  such that:

$$x_{\min} \leq x_1 + t\Delta x \leq x_{\max} \quad \Delta x = x_2 - x_1$$
$$y_{\min} \leq y_1 + t\Delta y \leq y_{\max} \quad \Delta y = y_2 - y_1$$

## Liang-Barsky (2)

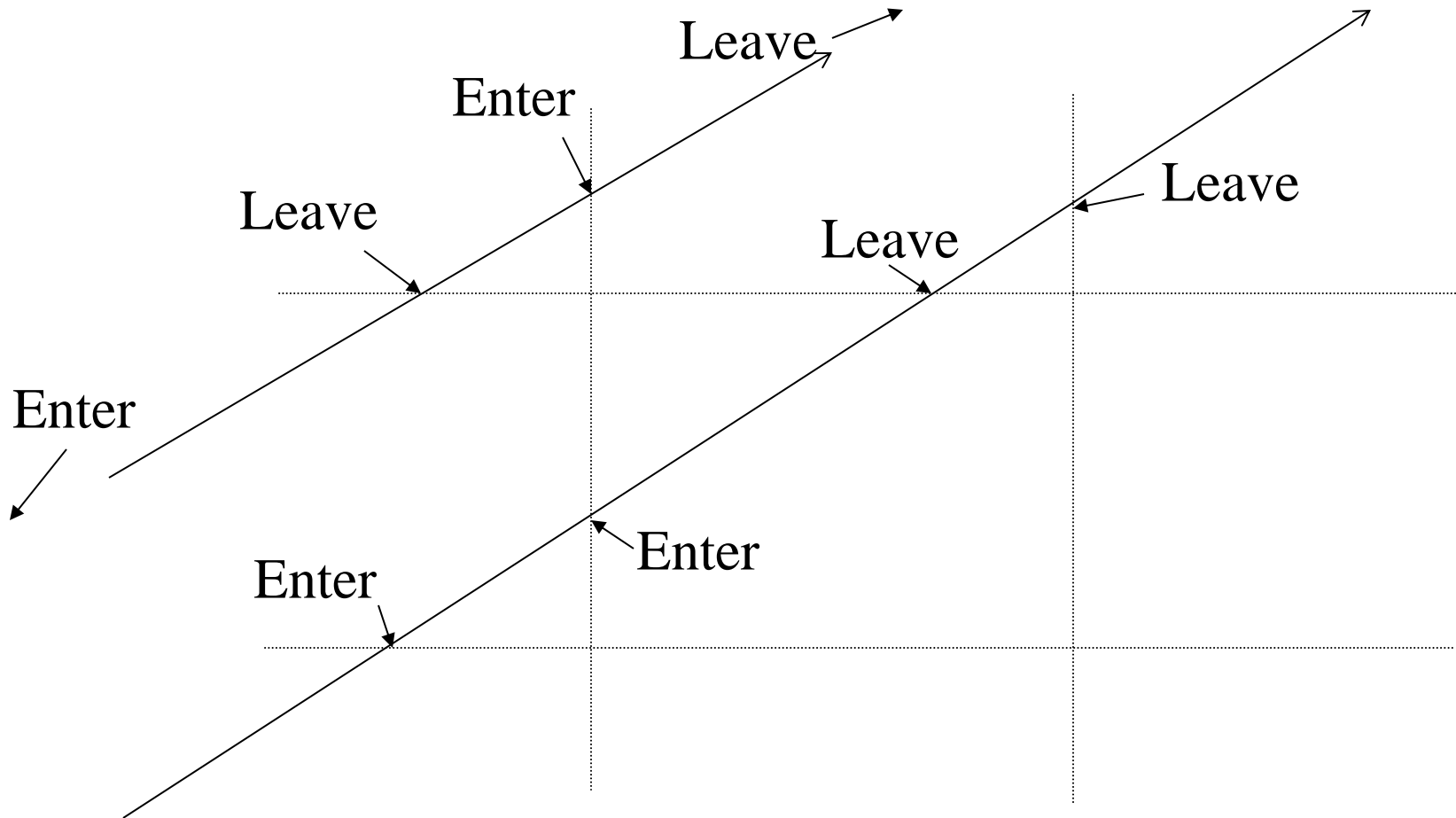
- Infinite line intersects clip region edges when:

$$t_k = \frac{q_k}{p_k} \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{array}{ll} p_1 = -\Delta x & q_1 = x_1 - x_{\min} \\ p_2 = \Delta x & q_2 = x_{\max} - x_1 \\ p_3 = -\Delta y & q_3 = y_1 - y_{\min} \\ p_4 = \Delta y & q_4 = y_{\max} - y_1 \end{array}$$

## Liang-Barsky (3)

- When  $p_k < 0$ , as  $t$  increases line goes from outside to inside - enter
- When  $p_k > 0$ , line goes from inside to outside - leave
- When  $p_k = 0$ , line is parallel to an edge (clipping is easy)
- If there is a segment of the line inside the clip region, sequence of infinite line intersections must go: enter, enter, leave, leave

# Liang-Barsky (4)

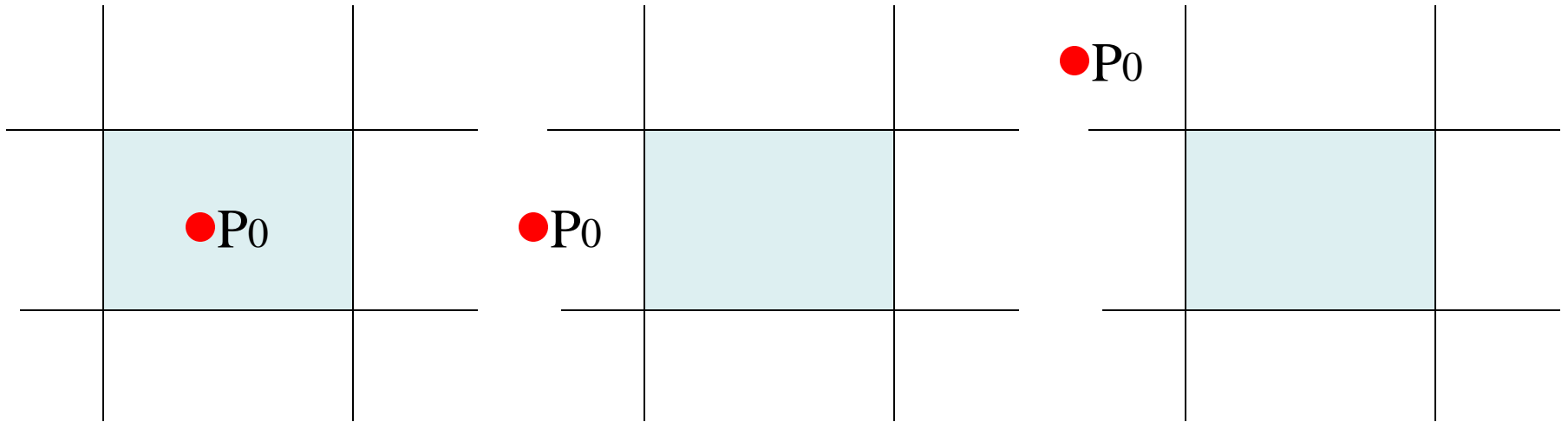


## Liang-Barsky - Algorithm

- Compute entering  $t$  values, which are  $q_k/p_k$  for each  $p_k < 0$
- Compute leaving  $t$  values, which are  $q_k/p_k$  for each  $p_k > 0$
- Parameter value for small  $t$  end of line is:  $t_{small} = \max(0, \text{entering } t\text{'s})$
- parameter value for large  $t$  end of line is:  $t_{large} = \min(1, \text{leaving } t\text{'s})$
- if  $t_{small} < t_{large}$ , there is a line segment - compute endpoints by substituting  $t$  values

## Nicholl-Lee-Nicholl Line Clipping

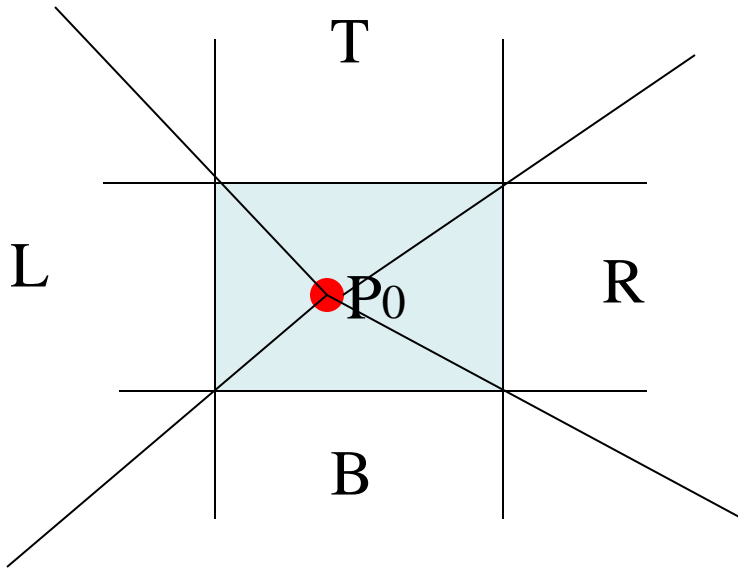
- Creates more testing regions around the clipping window
  - Avoids multiple line-intersection calculations
- Initial testing to determine if a line segment is completely inside the clipping window can be done using previous methods
- If trivial acceptance or rejection is not possible the NLN algorithm sets up additional regions



For line with endpoints  $P_0P_{end}$ , there are three different positions to consider - all others can be derived from these by symmetry considerations

For each case, we generate specialized test regions for other endpoint  $P_{end}$ , which use simple tests (slope,  $>$ ,  $<$ ), and tells us which edges to clip against.

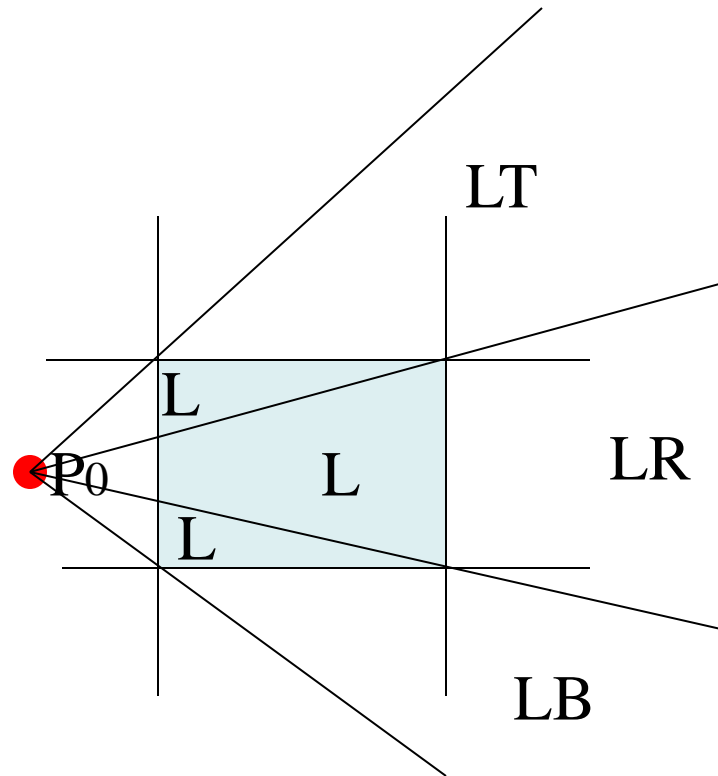
# Case 1



Find which of the four regions  $P_{end}$  lies in, then calculate the line intersection with the corresponding boundary

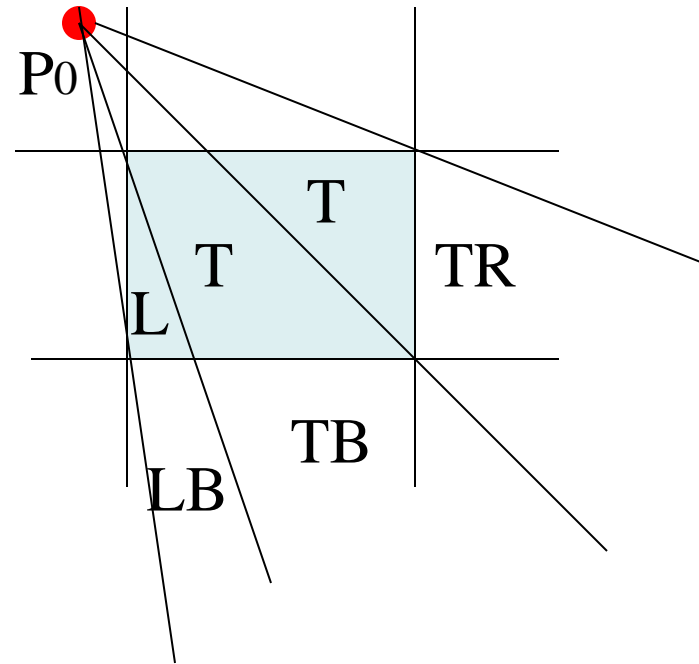
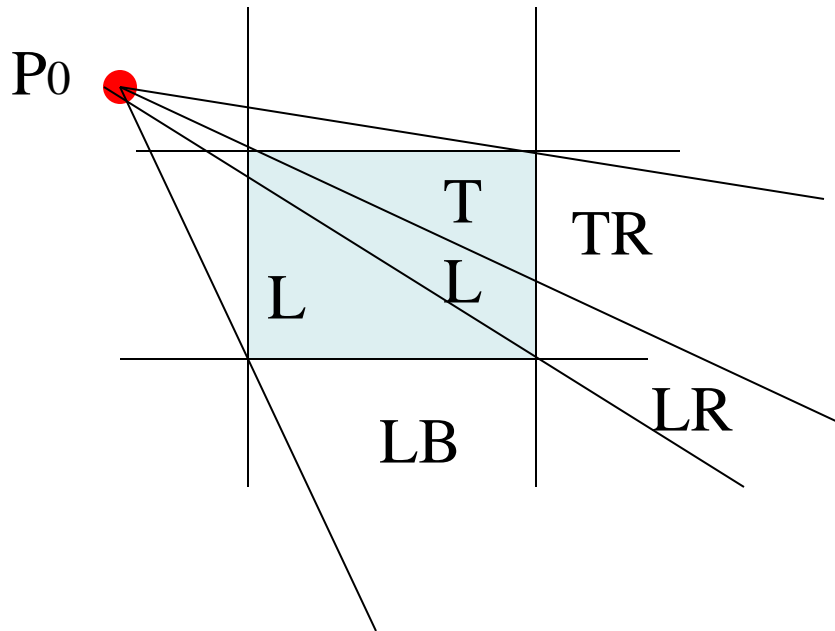


## Case 2



Find which of the four regions  $P_{end}$  lies in, then calculate the line intersection with the corresponding boundary

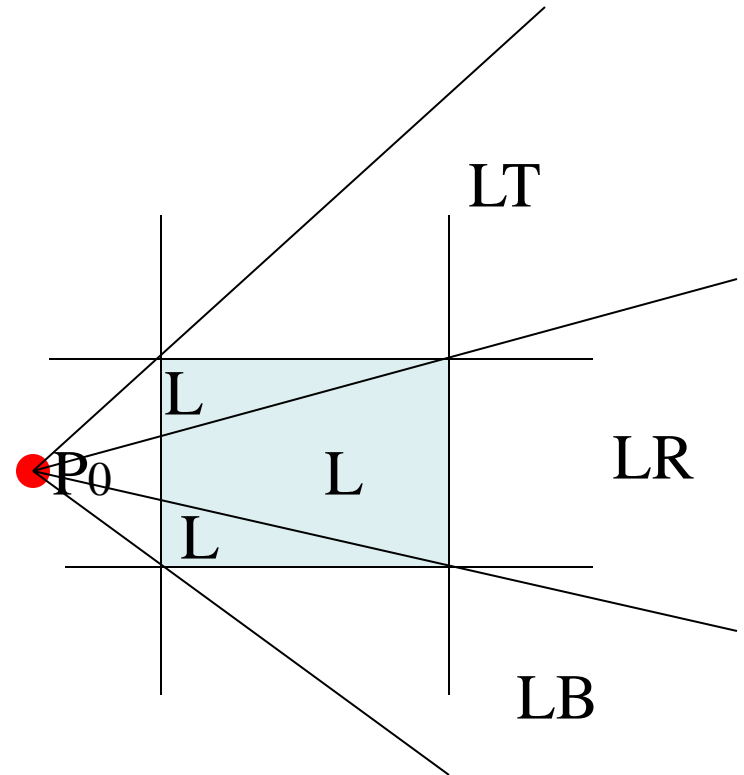
## Case 3 : 2 possibilities



Find which of the five regions  $P_{end}$  lies in, then calculate the line intersection with the corresponding boundary

# N-L-N Line clipping

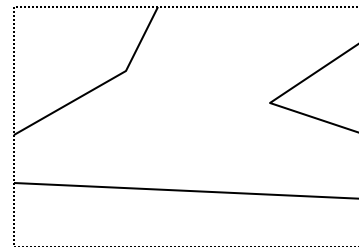
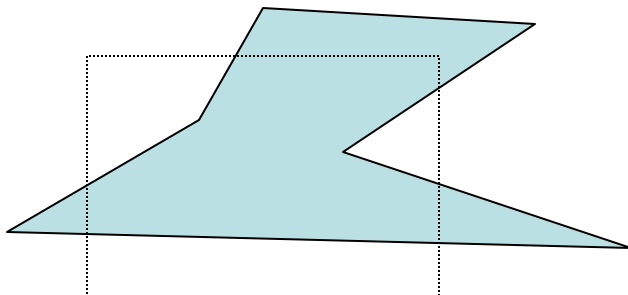
- To determine in which region  $P_{end}$  lies we compare the slope of  $P_{end}P_0$  to the slopes of the boundaries of the NLN regions



Number of cases explodes in 3D, making algorithm unsuitable

# Polygon clipping

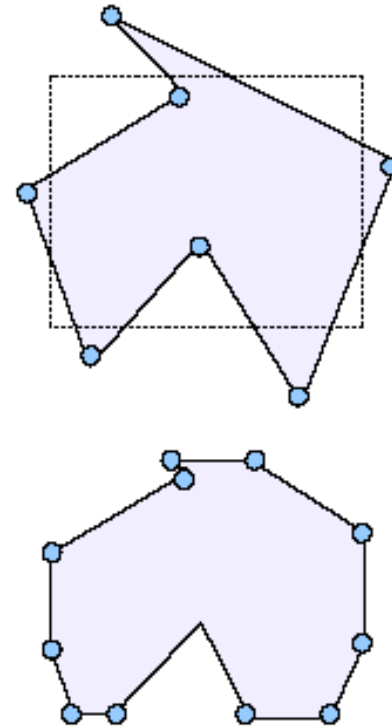
- Clipping a polygon fill area needs more than line-clipping of the polygon edges
  - would produce an unconnected set of lines
- Must generate one or more closed polylines, which can be filled with the assigned colour or pattern



# Polygon Clipping

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- Find the vertices of the new polygon(s) inside the window.
- Sutherland-Hodgeman Polygon Clipping:  
Check each edge of the polygon against all window boundaries. Modify the vertices based on transitions. Transfer the new edges to the next clipping boundary.



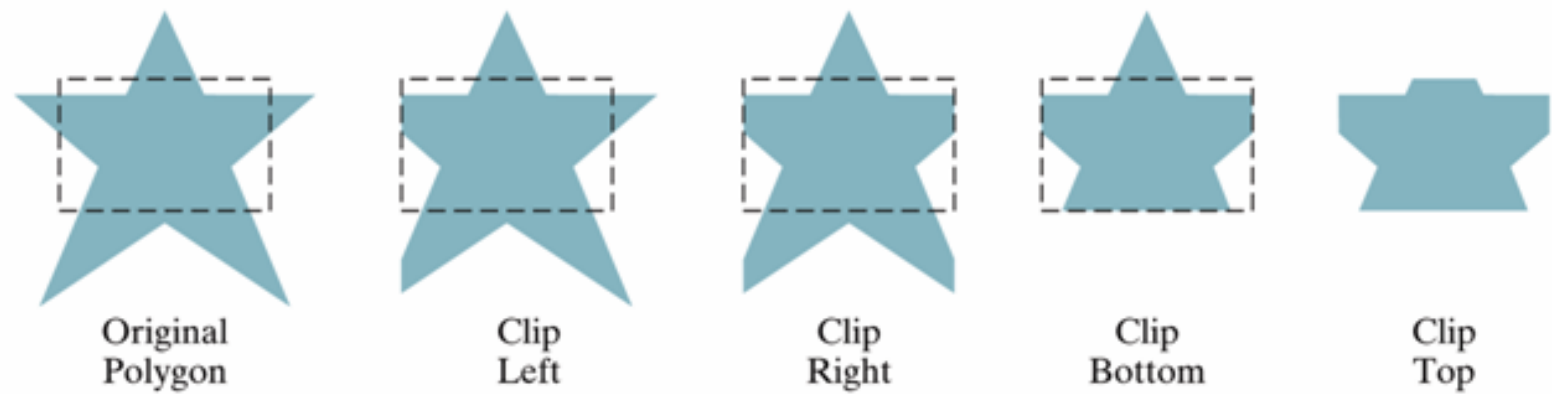


Figure 6-23

Processing a polygon fill area against successive clipping-window boundaries.

# Sutherland-Hodgeman Polygon Clipping

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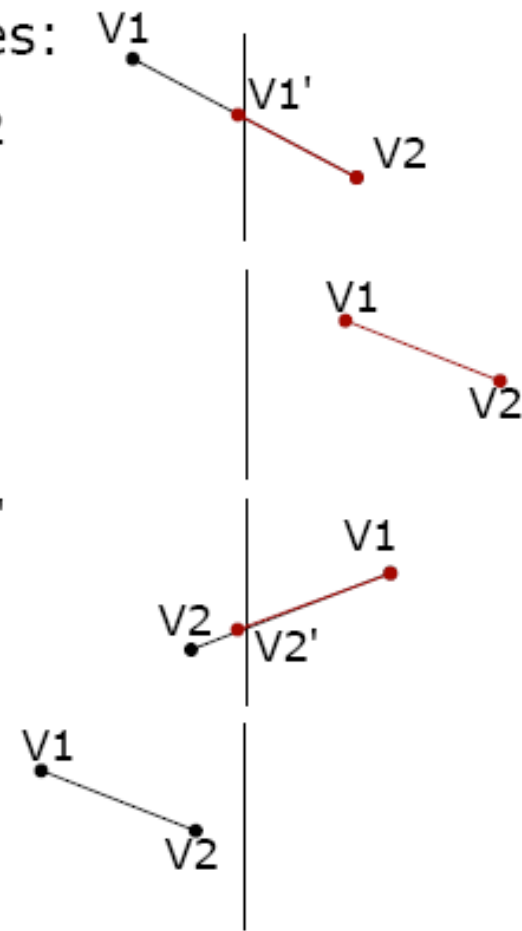
- Traverse edges for borders; 4 cases:

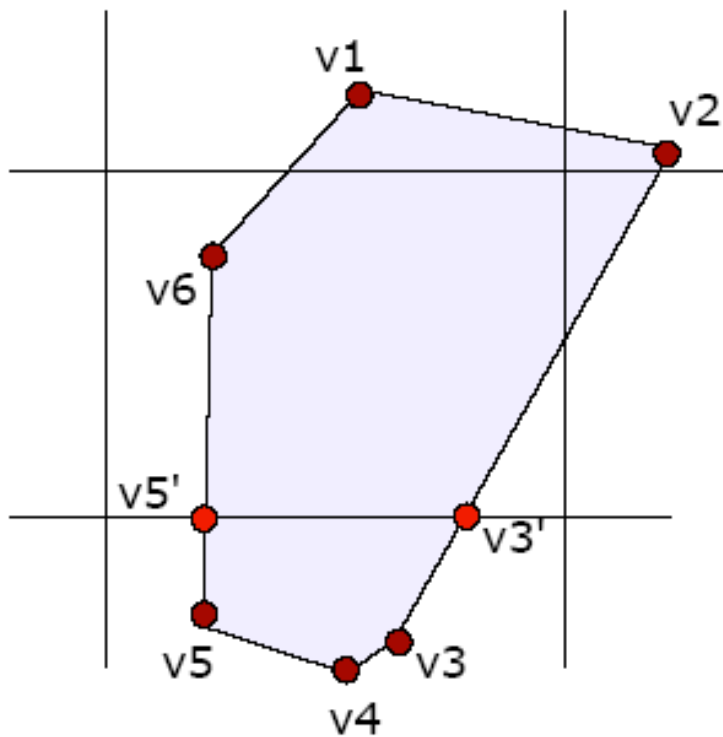
- V1 outside, V2 inside: take V1' and V2

- V1 inside, V2 inside: take V1 and V2

- V1 inside, V2 outside: take V1 and V2'

- V1 outside, V2 outside: take none



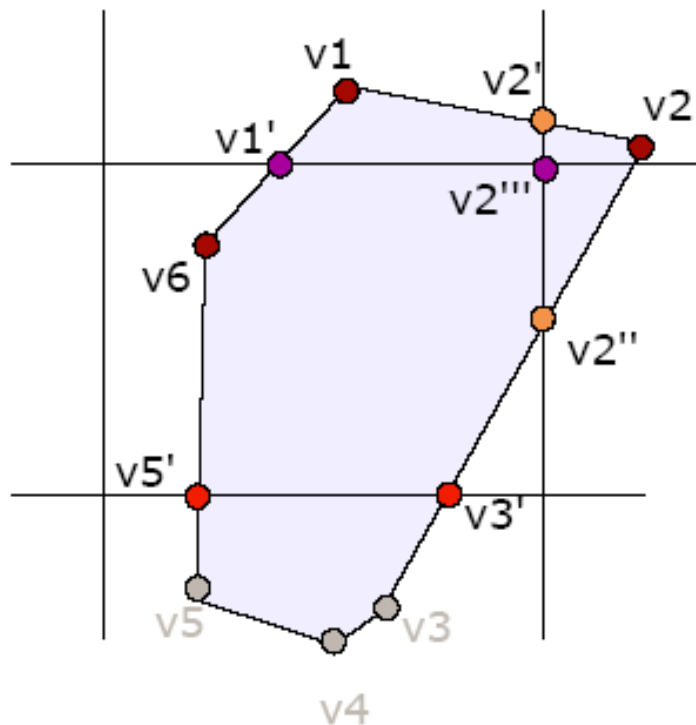


- Left border:
 

|                     |             |       |
|---------------------|-------------|-------|
| v1 v2               | both inside | v1 v2 |
| v2 v3               | both inside | v2 v3 |
| .....               | " "         | ..... |
| v1,v2,v3,v4v5,v6,v1 |             |       |
- Bottom Border:
 

|                     |              |        |
|---------------------|--------------|--------|
| v1 v2               | both inside  | v1 v2  |
| v2 v3               | v2 i, v3 o   | v2 v3' |
| v3 v4               | both outside | none   |
| v4 v5               | both outside | none   |
| v5 v6               | v5 o, v6 i   | v5' v6 |
| v6 v1               | both inside  | v6 v1  |
| v1,v2,v3',v5',v6,v1 |              |        |





- $v_1, v_2, v_3', v_5', v_6, v_1$

- Right border:

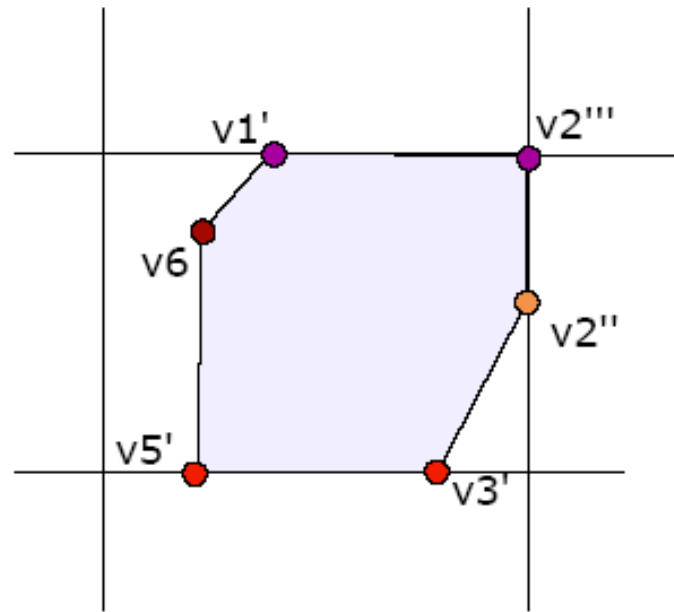
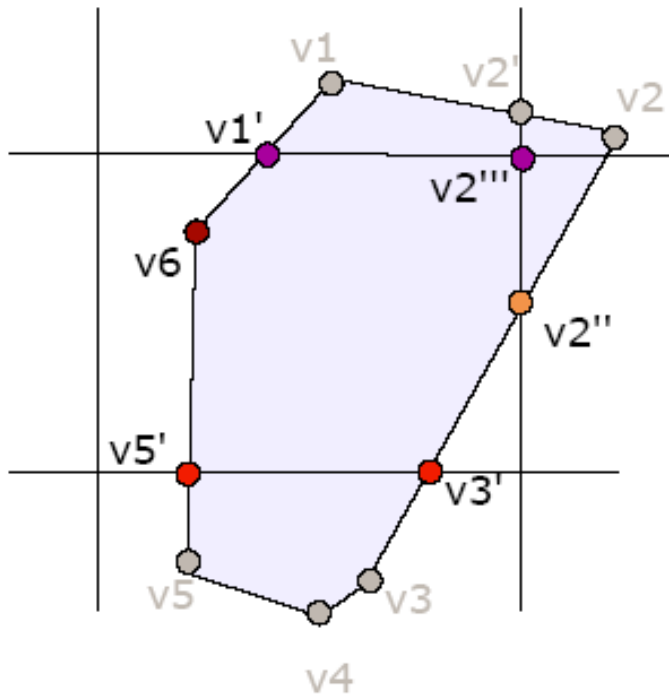
|             |                   |              |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| $v_1 v_2$   | $v_1$ i, $v_2$ o  | $v_1 v_2'$   |
| $v_2 v_3'$  | $v_2$ o, $v_3'$ i | $v_2'' v_3'$ |
| $v_3' v_5'$ | both inside       | $v_3' v_5'$  |
| $v_5' v_6$  | both inside       | $v_5' v_6$   |
| $v_6 v_1$   | both inside       | $v_6 v_1$    |

$v_1, v_2', v_2'', v_3', v_5', v_6, v_1$

- Top Border:

|              |                     |                |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| $v_1 v_2'$   | both outside        | none           |
| $v_2' v_2''$ | $v_2'$ o, $v_2''$ i | $v_2''' v_2''$ |
| $v_2'' v_3'$ | both inside         | $v_2'' v_3'$   |
| $v_3' v_5'$  | both inside         | $v_3' v_5'$    |
| $v_5' v_6$   | both inside         | $v_5' v_6$     |
| $v_6 v_1$    | $v_6$ i, $v_1$ o    | $v_6 v_1'$     |

**$v_2''', v_2'', v_3', v_5', v_6, v_1'$**



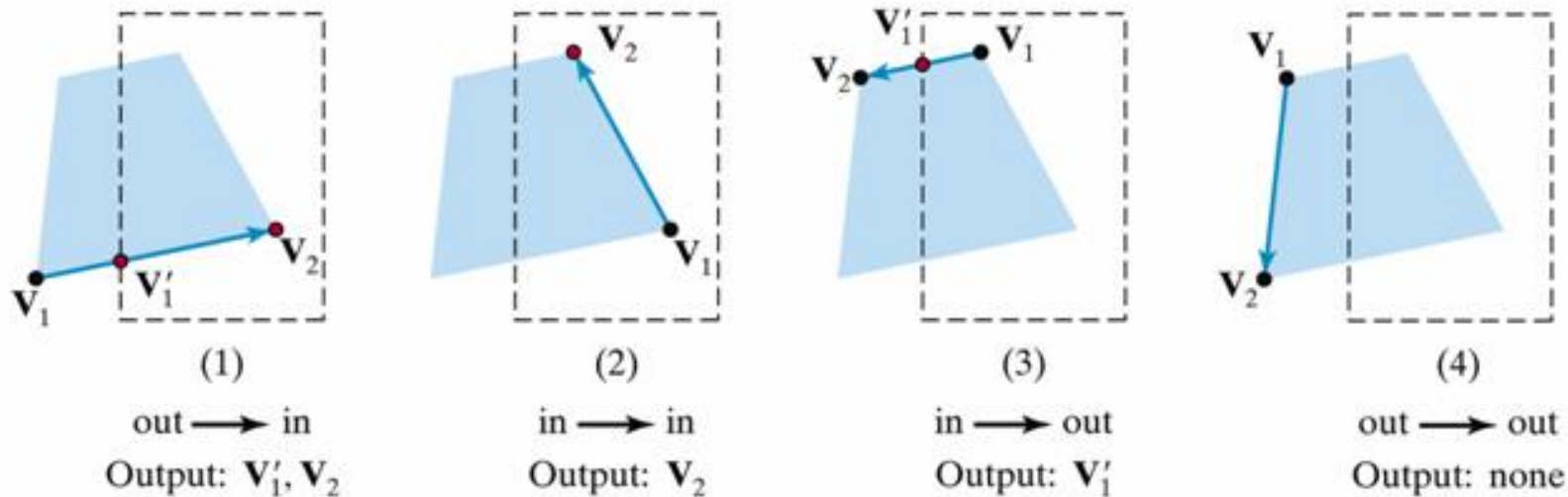
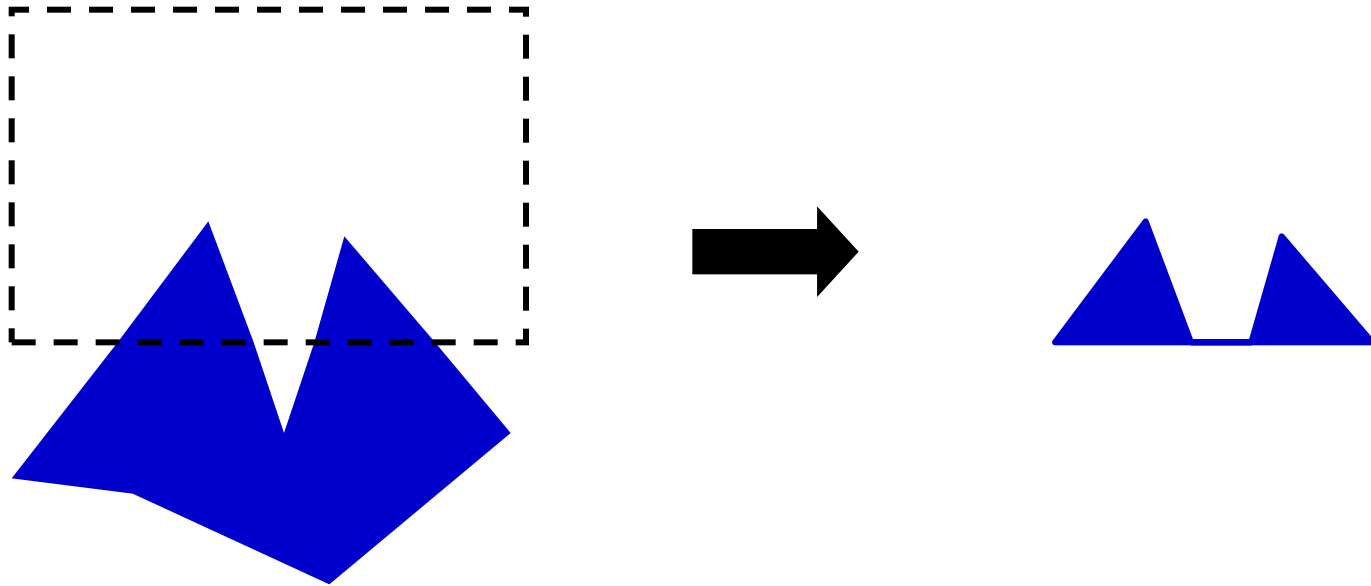


Figure 6-26

The four possible outputs generated by the left clipper, depending on the position of a pair of endpoints relative to the left boundary of the clipping window.

# Sutherland-Hodgman Polygon Clipping

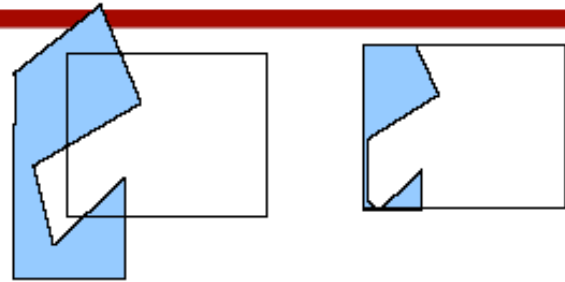
- The algorithm correctly clips convex polygons, but may display extraneous lines for concave polygons



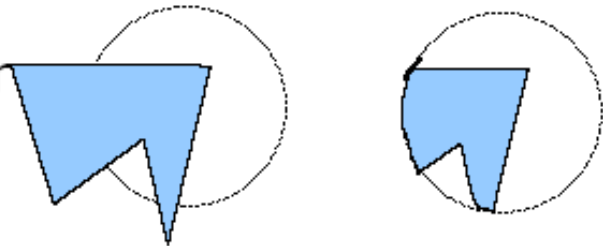
# Other Issues in Clipping

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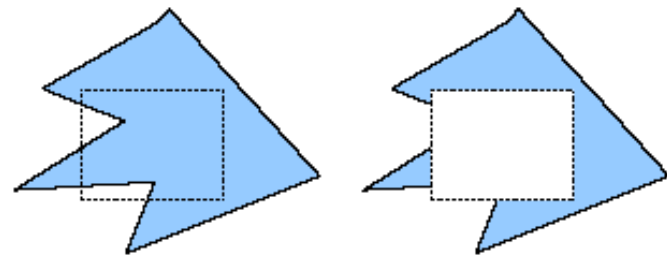
- Problem in Sutherland-Hodges. Weiler-Atherton has a solution
- Clipping other shapes: Circle, Ellipse, Curves.



- Clipping a shape against another shape



- Clipping the exteriors.



# ***Weiler-Atherton Polygon Clipping***

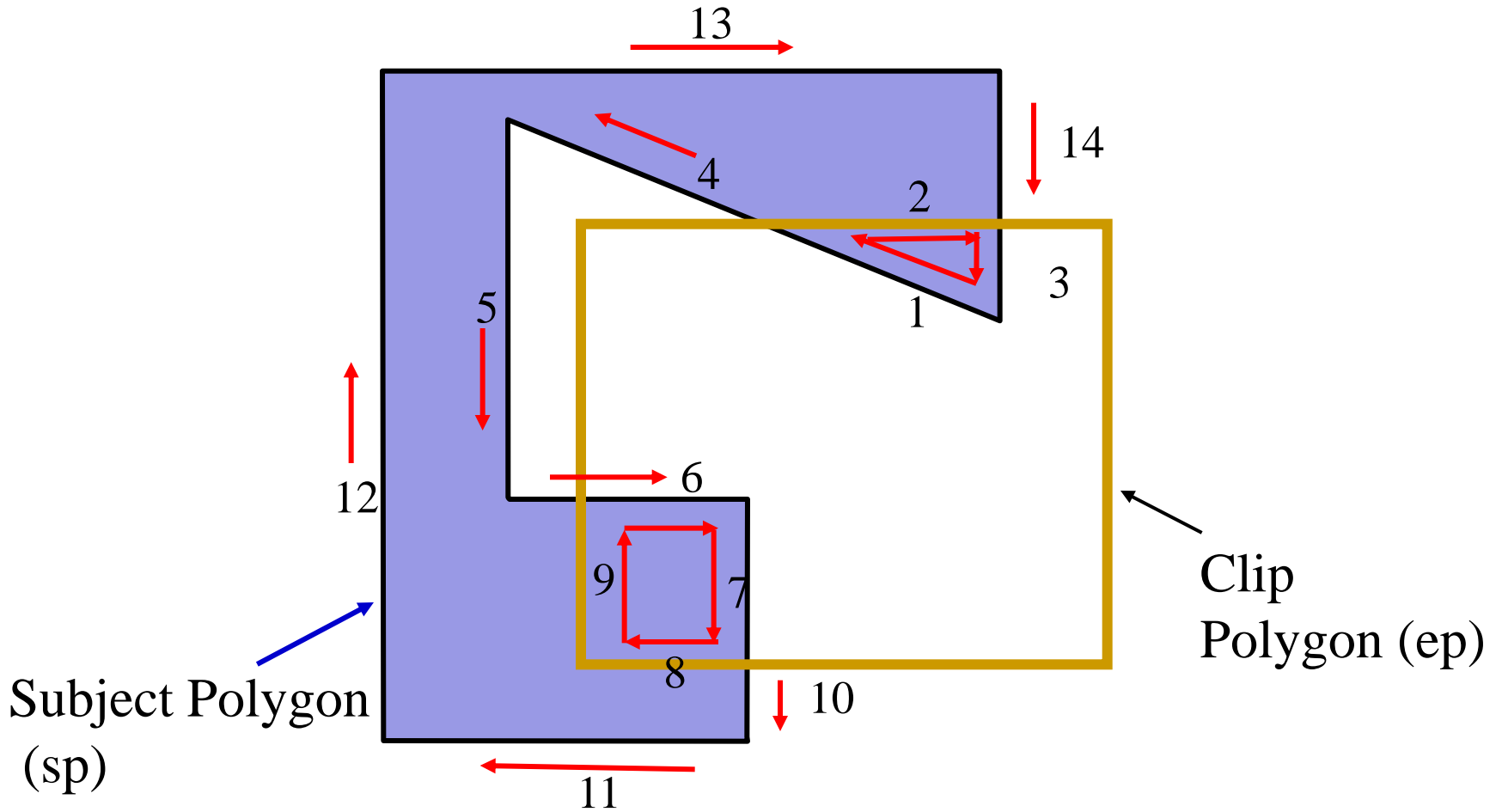
- Another approach to polygon clipping
- No extra clipping outside window
- Works for arbitrary shapes
- Avoids degenerate polygons

## Outline of Weiler algorithm:

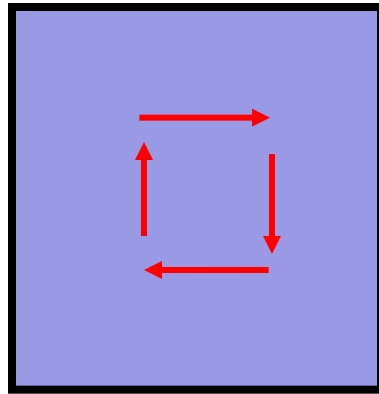
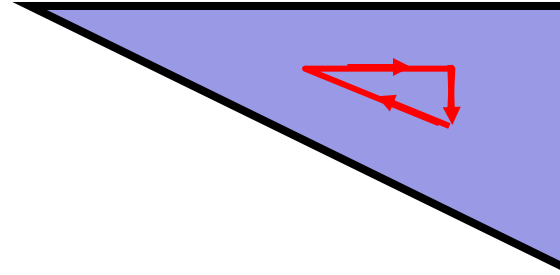
- Replace crossing points with vertices
- Form linked lists of edges
- Change links at vertices
- Enumerate polygon patches

# Weiler-Atherton Clipping

clockwise orientation of subject polygon



# Gives “Right” Answer





## Weiler-Atherton Clipping (clockwise orientation of polygon)

- Start at first (inside) vertex
- Traverse polygon until hitting a window boundary
- Output intersection point  $i$
- Turn *right*
- Follow window boundary until next intersection

# Weiler-Atherton Clipping

- Output second intersection
- Turn *right*, again, and follow subject polygon until closed
- Continue on subject polygon from first intersection point.
- Repeat processing until complete

# Generalizations of W-A

- Can be extended to complex situations, arbitrary windows
- Stability issues can arise for such cases

## Weiler-Atherton Polygon Clipping counter-clockwise orientation of subject polygon

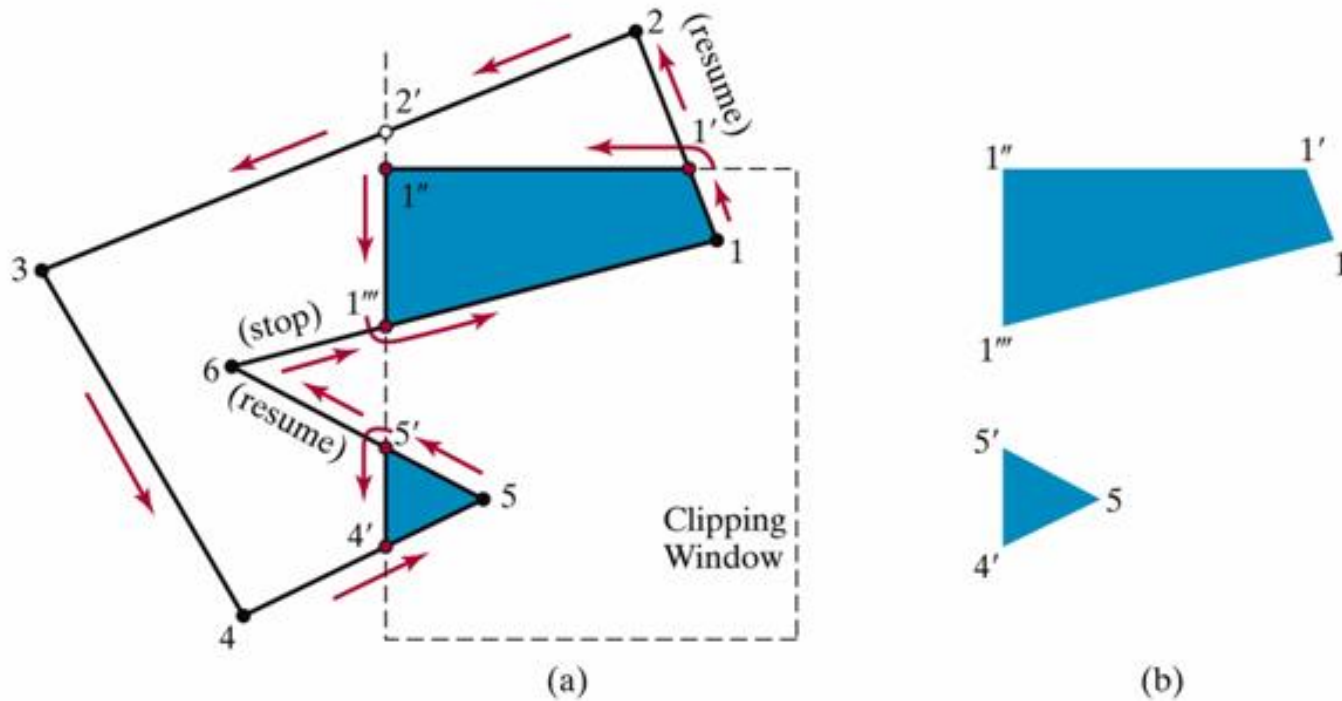
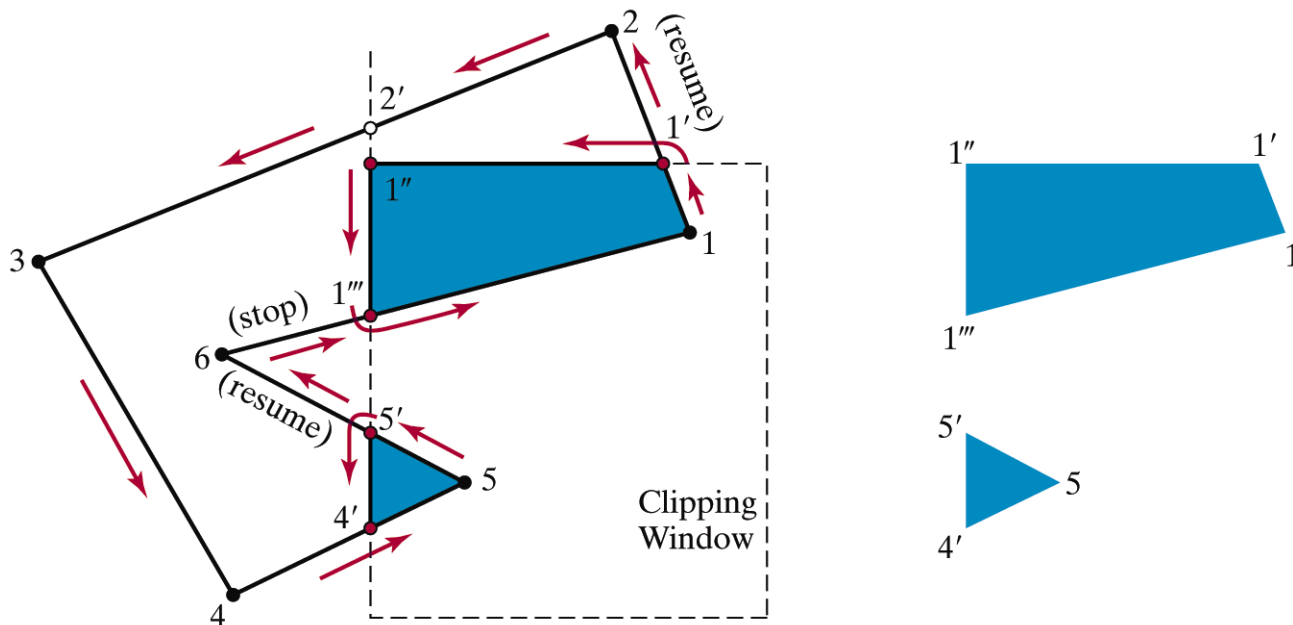


Figure 6-29

A concave polygon (a), defined with the vertex list  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ , is clipped using the Weiler-Atherton algorithm to generate the two lists  $\{1, 1', 1'', 1'''\}$  and  $\{4', 5, 5'\}$ , which represent the separate polygon fill areas shown in (b).

## Weiler-Atherton Polygon Clipping counter-clockwise orientation of subject polygon

- For an outside-to-inside pair of vertices, follow the polygon boundary
- For an inside-to-outside pair of vertices, follow the window boundary in a counter-clockwise direction



# Weiler-Atherton Polygon Clipping

- Polygon clipping using nonrectangular polygon clip windows

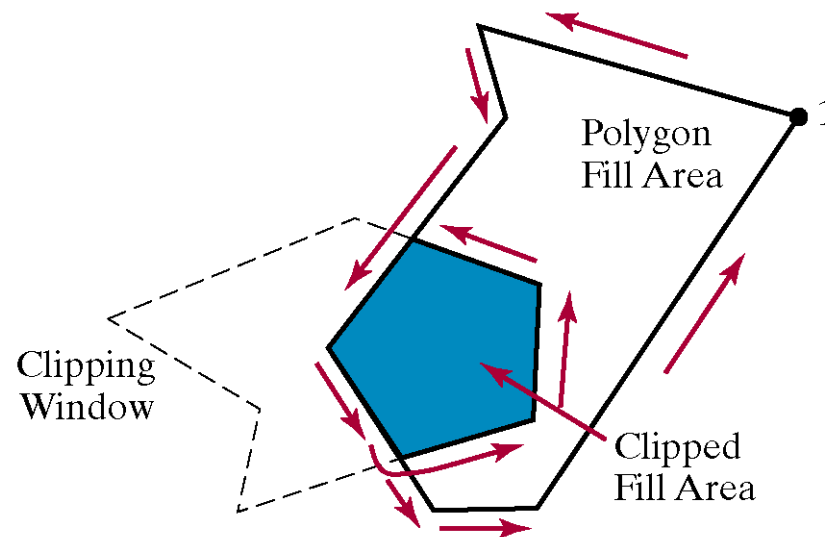
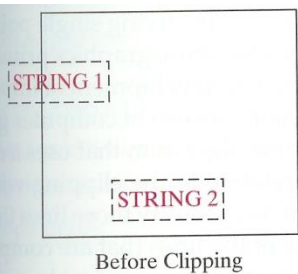


Figure 6-30

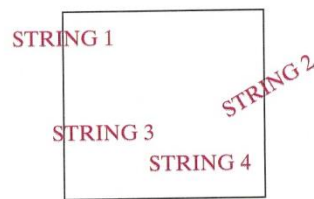
Clipping a polygon fill area against a concave-polygon clipping window using the Weiler-Atherton algorithm.

# Text Clipping

- All-or-none text clipping
  - Using boundary box for the entire text
- All-or-none character clipping
  - Using boundary box for each individual character
- Character clipping
  - Vector font: Clip boundary polygons or curves
  - Bitmap font: Clip individual pixels



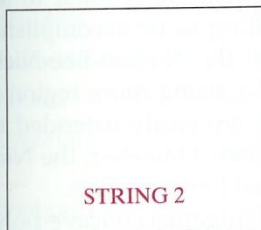
Before Clipping



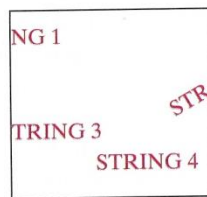
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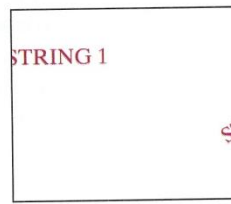
Before Clipping



After Clipping



After Clipping



After Clipping