CMSC 435 Introductory Computer Graphics Pipeline

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Announcements

- Wed-Sat on travel
 - Limited email access
 - Guest lecture Thurs by Wes Griffin on OpenGL
- Project 2
 - Status/issues

Graphics Pipeline

- Object-order approach to rendering
- Sequence of operations
 - Vertex processing
 - Transforms
 - Viewing
 - Vertex components of shading/texture
 - Rasterization
 - Break primitives into fragments/pixels
 - Clipping
 - Fragment processing
 - Fragment components of shading/texture
 - Blending

Line Drawing

• Given endpoints of line, which pixels to draw?







Line Drawing

- Implicit representation
 - $f(x,y) = (y_0 y_1)x + (x_1 x_0)y + x_0y_1 x_1y_0 = 0$
 - Slope $m = (y_1 y_0)/(x_1 x_0)$ (assume $0 \le m \le 1$)

• Midpoint algorithm

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y=y0

d = f(x<sub>0</sub>+1, y<sub>0</sub>+0.5)

for x = x<sub>0</sub> to x<sub>1</sub> do

draw (x,y)

if (d < 0) then

y = y+1

d = d + (x<sub>1</sub> - x<sub>0</sub>) + (y<sub>0</sub> - y<sub>1</sub>)

else

d = d + (y<sub>0</sub> - y<sub>1</sub>)
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Scan conversion

- Problem
 - How to generate filled polygons (by determining which pixel positions are inside the polygon)
 - Conversion from continuous to discrete domain
- Concepts
 - Spatial coherence
 - Span coherence
 - Edge coherence













• vertices: (4, 1), (7, 13), (11, 2)



- Intersect scanline w/pgon edges => span extrema
- Fill between pairs of span extrema

Scanning Arbitrary Polygons (4)

• vertices: (4, 1), (7, 13), (11, 2)



For each nonempty scanline Intersect scanline w/pgon edges => span extrema Fill between pairs of span extrema











Scanline Data Structures

Sorted edge table:

all edges sorted by min y holds: max y init x inverse slope

Active edge table:

edges intersecting current scanline holds: max y current x inverse slope

Scanline Algorithm

- 1. Bucket sort edges into sorted edge table
- 2. Initialize y & active edge table
 - y =first non- empty scanline
 - AET = SET[y]
- 3. Repeat until AET and SET are empty Fill pixels between pairs of x intercepts in AET

Remove exhausted edges

Y++

Update x intercepts Resort table (AET) Add entering edges

































Barycentric Coordinates

Computing coordinates

$$\gamma = \frac{(y_a - y_b)x + (x_b - x_a)y + x_a y_b - x_b y_a}{(y_a - y_b)x_c + (x_b - x_a)y_c + x_a y_b - x_b y_a}$$
$$\beta = \frac{(y_a - y_c)x + (x_c - x_a)y + x_a y_c - x_c y_a}{(y_a - y_c)x_b + (x_c - x_a)y_b + x_a y_c - x_c y_a}$$
$$\alpha = 1 - \beta - \gamma$$



Barycentric Rasterization

For all x do

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For all y do

Compute (\alpha, \beta, \gamma) for (x,y)

If (\alpha \in [0,1] \text{ and } \beta \in [0,1] \text{ and } \gamma \in [0,1] then

c = \alpha c_0 + \beta c_1 + \gamma c_2

Draw pixel (x,y) with color c
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Barycentric Rasterization

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 \begin{array}{l} x_{\min} = \mbox{floor}(x_i) \\ x_{\max} = \mbox{ceiling}(x_i) \\ y_{\min} = \mbox{floor}(y_i) \\ y_{\max} = \mbox{ceiling}(x_i) \\ \mbox{for } y = y_{\min} \mbox{ to } y_{\max} \mbox{ do } \\ \mbox{for } x = x_{\min} \mbox{ to } x_{\max} \mbox{ do } \\ \mbox{ a = } f_{12}(x,y) / f_{12}(x_0,y_0) \\ \mbox{ \beta = } f_{20}(x,y) / f_{20}(x_1,y_1) \\ \mbox{ \gamma = } f_{01}(x,y) / f_{01}(x_2,y_2) \\ \mbox{If } (\alpha \in [0,1] \mbox{ and } \beta \in [0,1] \mbox{ and } \gamma \in [0,1] \mbox{ then } \\ \mbox{ c = } \alpha c_0 \mbox{ + } \beta c_1 \mbox{ + } \gamma c_2 \\ \\ \mbox{ Draw pixel } (x,y) \mbox{ with color } c \end{array}
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Barycentric Rasterization
Computing coordinates
$\gamma = \frac{f_{01}(x,y)}{f_{01}(x_2,y_2)} = \frac{(y_0 - y_1)x + (x_1 - x_0)y + x_0y_1 - x_1y_0}{(y_0 - y_1)x_2 + (x_1 - x_0)y_2 + x_0y_1 - x_1y_0}$
$\beta = \frac{f_{20}(x,y)}{f_{20}(x_1,y_1)} = \frac{(y_2 - y_0)x + (x_0 - x_2)y + x_2y_0 - x_0y_2}{(y_2 - y_0)x_1 + (x_0 - x_2)y_1 + x_2y_0 - x_0y_2}$
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Visibility

- We can convert simple primitives to pixels/fragments
- How do we know which primitives (or which parts of primitives) should be visible?

Back-face Culling

- Polygon is back-facing if
 V•N > 0
- Assuming view is along Z (V=0,0,1)
 V•N + (0 + 0 + z_n)
- Simplifying further - If z_n > 0, then cull
- Works for non-overlapping convex polyhedra
- With concave polyhedra, some hidden surfaces will not be culled



Painter's Algorithm

- First polygon:
 (6,3,10), (11, 5,10), (2,2,10)
- Second polygon:
 (1,2,8), (12,2,8), (12,6,8), (1,6,8)
- Third polygon:
 (6,5,5), (14,5,5), (14,10,5), (6,10,5)



Painter's Algorithm

- Given
 List of polygons {P₁, P₂, P_n)
 An array of Intensity [x,y]
- Begin
 Sort polygon list on minimum Z (largest z-value comes first in sorted list)

 For each polygon P in selected list do
 For each pixel (x,y) that intersects P do
 Intensity[x,y] = intensity of P at (x,y)

 Display Intensity array



Painter's Algorithm: Cycles

• Which to scan first?



- Split along line, then scan 1,2,3,4 (or split another polygon and scan accordingly)
- Moral: Painter's algorithm is fast and easy, except for detecting and splitting cycles and other ambiguities

Depth-sort: Overlapping Surfaces

- Assume you have sorted by maximum Z
 - Then if Z_{min} > Z^{*}_{max}, the surfaces do not overlap each other (minimax test)
- Correct order of overlapping surfaces may be ambiguous. Check it.



Depth-sort: Overlapping Surfaces



- No problem: paint S, then S'
- Problem: painting in either order gives incorrect result
- Problem? Naïve order S S' S"; correct order S' S" S

Depth-sort: Order Ambiguity

1. Bounding rectangles in xy plane do not overlap

- Check overlap in x x'min > xmax or xmin > x'max -> no overlap
- Check overlap in y y'min > ymax or ymin > y'max -> no overlap
- 2. Surface S is completely behind S' relative to viewing direction.
 - Substitute all vertices of S into plane equation for S', if all are "inside" (<0), then there is no ambiguity





Depth-sort: Order Ambiguity

- 3. Surface S' is completely in front S relative to viewing direction.
 - Substitute all vertices of S' into plane equation for S, if all are "outside" (>0), then there is no ambiguity



Depth-sort: Order Ambiguity

4. Projection of the two surfaces onto the viewing plane do not overlap

- Test edges for intersection
- Rule out some pairs with minimax tests (can eliminate 3-4 intersection, but not 1-2)
- Check slopes -- parallel lines do not intersect
- Compute intersection points:
 - $s = [(x'_1-x'_2)(y_1-y'_1) (x_1-x'_1)(y'_1-y'_2)]/D$
 - $t = [(x_1 x_2)(y_1 y'_1) (x_1 x'_1)(y_1 y_2)]/D$
 - $D = (x'_1 x'_2)(y_1 y_2) (x_1 x_2)(y'_1 y'_2)$





Z-Buffer Algorithm



Z-Buffer: Calculating Z-depth

- From plane equation, depth at position (x,y):
 z = (-Ax By D)/C
- Incrementally across scanline (x+1, y)
 z' = (-A(x+1) By D)/C
 = (-Ax By D)/C A/C

= z - A/C

Incrementally between scanlines (x', y+1)
 z' = (-A(x') - B(y+1) - D)/C
 = z - (A/m + B)/C

Z-Buffer Characteristics

- Good
 - Easy to implement
 - Requires no sortng of surfaces
 - Easy to put in hardware
- Bad
 - Requires lots of memory (about 9MB for 1280x1024 display)
 - Can alias badly (only one sample per pixel)
 - Cannot handle transparent surfaces

A-Buffer Method

Basically z-buffer with additional memory to consider contribution of multiple surfaces to a pixel

d<0

depth

d>0 1

depth intensity

S1

S2

- Need to store
 - Color (rgb triple)
 - Opacity
 - Depth
 - Percent area covered
 - Surface ID
 - Misc rendering parameters
 - Pointer to next



Taxonomy of Visibility Algorithms

- Image space
 - Loop over pixels
 - Decide what's visible at each
- Timing of sort at pixel
 - Sort first
 - Sort last
 - Subdivide to simplify



Scanline Algorithm

- Simply problem by considering only one scanline at a time
- intersection of 3D scene with plane through scanline





Scanline Algorithm

- Consider xz slice
- Calculate where visibility can change
- Decide visibility in each span



Scanline Algorithm











Characteristics of Scanline Algorithm

• Good

- Little memory required
- Can generate scanlines as required
- Can antialias within scanline
- Fast
 - Simplification of problem simplifies geometry
 - Can exploit coherence

• Bad

- Fairly complicated to implement
- Difficult to antialias between scanlines



- Another dimension
 - Point-sampling
 - continuous



BSP Tree: Building the Tree





Building a BSP Tree

- Use pgon 3 as root, split on its plane
- Pgon 5 split into 5a and 5b









BSP Tree: Displaying the Tree









For view point at C

at 3 : viewpoint on front -> display back first at 4 : viewpoint on back -> display front first







BSP Tree Display



For view point at C at 3 : viewpoint on front -> display back first at 4 : viewpoint on back -> display front first (none) display self display back at 5b : viewpoint on back -> display front display self display back (none) display self display front







Shading Revisited

- Illumination models compute appearance at a location
- How do you efficiently fill areas?

Diffuse Shading Models

Flat shading

Gouraud shading



Flat Shading Algorithm

For each visible polygon
Evaluate illumination with polygon
normal
For each scanline
For each pixel on scanline
Fill with calculated intensity

Interpolated Shading Algorithm

For each visible polygon
For each vertex
Evaluate illumination with vertex
normals
For each scanline
Interpolate intensity along edges
 (for span extrema)
For each pixel on scanline
Interpolate intensity from
 extrema





Barycentric Rasterization



- Polygon silhouette
- Perspective distortion
- Orientation dependence
- Problems at shared vertices
- Unrepresentative vertex normals



Phong Shading

- Ideally: shade from normals of curved surface
- Approximate with normals interpolated between vertex normals

 $N_a = |P_a - P_0| / |P_1 - P_0| N_1 + |P_1 - P_a| / |P_1 - P_0| N_0$



Phong Algorithm

- For each visible polygon
 - For each scanline
 - Calculate normals at edge intersections (span extrema) by linear interpolation
 - For each pixel on scanline
 - Calculate normal by interpolation of normals at span extrema
 - Evaluate illumination model with that normal

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Silhouette Drawing

- Want to draw silhouette edge to emphasize shape
- Silhouette defined by points where surface normal is orthogonal to view vector
 V•N = 0
- Implementation for polygonal meshes: draw edge when pgons change from forward to back

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if (V \bullet N_0) (V \bullet N_1) \leq 0
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Draw silhouette (edge between pgons)

- Add sharp creases
 - if $(N_0 \bullet N_1) \le$ threshold Draw silhouette (edge between pgons)







$$\begin{split} & I = \left(\frac{1 + \hat{\mathbf{l}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}}{2}\right) k_{cool} + \left(1 - \frac{1 + \hat{\mathbf{l}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}}{2}\right) k_{warm} \\ & \text{with} \\ & k_{cool} = k_{blue} + \alpha k_d \\ & k_{warm} = k_{yellow} + \beta k_d \end{split}$$













