CS230 : Computer Graphics Lecture 8

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Triangle rasterization



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Who should fill in shared edge?

but who should fill in pixels for a shared edge?



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give to triangle that contains pixel center - but we have some **ties** why can't neither/both triangles draw the pixel? neither: gaps both: indeterminacy (due to indeterminate drawing order), incorrect, e.g., if both triangles are partially transparent we want a **unique** assignment



Use Midpoint Algorithm for edges and fill in?

That could be one possibility but we use a different approach based on barycentric coordinates



Use an approach based on barycentric coordinates

For each pixel, we compute its barycentric coordinates If the coordinates are all >= 0, then the pixel is covered by the triangle

We can interpolate attributes using barycentric coordinates



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the rest of the algorithm is to make the steps in **red** more **efficient**

use a bounding rectangle

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<whiteboard> : computing alpha, beta, and gamma

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Triangle rasterization algorithm dealing with shared triangle edges c



- compute f_12(r), f_20(r) and f_01(r) and make sure r doesn't hit a line

Clipping

3D graphics pipeline







Clipping usually takes place in one of two places:

- in world coordinates against the six sides of the view volume, or

- after the 4D transformation but <u>before</u> perspective division (i.e., in homogenous coordinates)

Clip triangle against a plane



Simple pipeline examples

- Simple **2D** pipeline
 - application inputs pixel coordinates, pipeline only does the rasterization phase and overwrites framebuffer contents
- Simple **3D** pipeline
 - viewing transformation (camera, projection, and viewport), followed by rasterization

but how to deal with hidden surfaces?

Hidden Surface Removal

Painter's algorithm



draw primitives in back-to-front order

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> **problem**: triangle intersection

who's in front of whom?

Painter's algorithm



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> **problem**: occlusion cycle

also, sorting primitives by depth is **slow**

at each pixel, record distance to the closest object that has been drawn in a *depth* buffer

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- assume both spheres of the same size, red drawn last



done in the **fragment blending** phase – each fragment must carry a depth



graphics memory contains the previous color value and associated z value. computing a new color and z value. Compare z-values and if new z value is bigger than old z value, overwrite

Backface culling: another way to eliminate hidden geometry



this is only okay for closed surfaces

Hidden Surface Removal in OpenGL

glutInitDisplayMode(GLUT_DOUBLE | GLUT_RGB | GLUT_DEPTH);

glEnable(GL_DEPTH_TEST);

glEnable(GL_CULL_FACE);

For a perspective transformation, there is more precision in the depth buffer for z-values closer to the near plane

Shading Polygonal Geometry

Smooth surfaces are often approximated by polygons

Shading approaches:

- I. Flat
- 2. Smooth (Gouraud)
- 3. Phong

each polygon is flat and has a well-defined normal



Flat Shading



do the shading calculation once per **polygon** valid for light at ∞ and viewer at ∞ and faceted surfaces

In general, I, n, and v vary from point to point on a surface. If we assume a distant viewer, v can be thought of as constant. If we assume a distant light source, I can be thought of as constant. For a flat polygon, n is constant.

If the light source or viewer is not at inf, we need heuristic for picking color – e.g., first vertex, or polygon center

Mach Band Effect



Flat shading doesn't usually look too good. The **lateral inhibition** effect makes flat shading seem even worse.



do the shading calculation once per **vertex**

Smooth Shading

$$\mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{n}_2 + \mathbf{n}_3 + \mathbf{n}_4}{||\mathbf{n}_1 + \mathbf{n}_2 + \mathbf{n}_3 + \mathbf{n}_4||}$$



We assign the vertex normals based on the surrounding polygon normals

Interpolating Normals

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do the shading calculation once per **fragment**

Phong Shading



Phong shading requires normals to be interpolated across each polygon -- this wasn't part of the fixed function pipeline.

This can now be done in the pipeline in the fragment shader.

Comparison



- Phong interpolation looks smoother -- can see edges on the Gouraud model
- but Phong is a lot more work
- both Phong and Gouraud require vertex normals
- both Phong and Gouraud leave silhouettes

Problems with Interpolated Shading

- Polygonal silhouette
- Perspective distortion
- Orientation dependence
- Unrepresentative surface normals







Programmable Shading

Fixed-Function Pipeline



Control pipeline through GL state variables

 The application supplies geometric primitives through a graphics API such as OpenGL or DirectX

- control of pipeline operation through state variables only

Programmable Pipeline



Supply shader programs to be executed on GPU as part of pipeline

- can supply shader programs to carry out vertex processing, geometry processing, and pixel processing

Graphics pipeline



Phong reflectance in vertex and pixel shaders using GLSL

void main(void) vec4 v = gl_modelView_Matrix * gl_Vertex; vec3 n = normalize(gl_NormalMatrix * gl_Normal); vec3 l = normalize(gl_lightSource[0].position - v); vec3 h = normalize(l - normalize(v)); float p = 16;vec4 cr = gl_FrontMaterial.diffuse; vec4 cl = fl_LightSource[0].diffuse; vec4 ca - vec4(0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 1.0); vec4 color; if (dot(h,n) > 0)color = cr * (ca + cl * max(0, dot(, n, l)))+ cl* pow(dot(h,n), p); else color = cr * (ca + cl * max(0, dot(, n, l)));gl_FrontColor = color; gl_Position = ftransform(); Vertex Shader (Gouraud interpolation) varying vec4 v; varying vec3 n; Shirley and Marschner void main(void) vec3 l = normalize(gl_lightSource[0].position - v); vec3 h = normalize(l - normalize(v)); float p = 16; vec4 cr = gl_FrontMaterial.diffuse; vec4 cl = fl_LightSource[0].diffuse; vec4 ca - vec4(0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 1.0); vec4 color; if (dot(h,n) > 0)color = cr * (ca + cl * max(0, dot(, n, l)))+ cl* pow(dot(h,n), p); else color = cr * (ca + cl * max(0, dot(, n, l)));gl_FragColor = color; **Pixel Shader (Phong interpolation)**

Phong reflectance as a vertex shader

- vertex shaders can be used to move/animate verts
- linear interpolation of vertex lighting

as a fragment shader

- each fragment is calculated individually - don't know about neighboring pixles





Call of Juarez DX10 Benchmark, ATI



Dawn, NVIDIA



Rusty car shader, NVIDIA

Programmable shader examples from NVIDIA and ATI