# CS230 : Computer Graphics Lecture 8 

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## 3D graphics pipeline



Triangle rasterization

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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

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Use Midpoint Algorithm for edges and fill in?

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

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Use an approach based on barycentric coordinates

## 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

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 use a bounding rectanglefor $x$ in [x_min, $x \_m a x$ ]
for $y$ in [y_min, $\left.y \_m a x\right]$

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\end{aligned}
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$-f(x+1, y)=f(x, y)+A$
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make computation of bary. coords. incremental color can also be computed incrementally don't need to check upper bound

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## Triangle rasterization algorithm

 dealing with shared triangle edges
## for $x$ in [ $\left.x \_m i n, x \_m a x\right]$

 for y in [y_min, $\mathrm{y} \_\mathrm{max}$ ]$$
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& \text { if }(\alpha \geq 0 \text { and } \beta \geq 0 \text { and } \gamma \geq 0) \text { then }
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& \text { if }\left(\alpha>0 \text { or } f_{b c}(\mathbf{a}) f_{b c}(\mathbf{r})>0\right) \text { and } \\
& \left(\beta>0 \text { or } f_{c a}\left(\mathbf{b} f_{f_{c a}(\mathbf{r}}^{\mathbf{r}}>0\right)\right. \text { and } \\
& \left(\gamma>0 \text { or } f_{a b}(\mathbf{c}) f_{a b}(\mathbf{r})>0\right) \\
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- compute f_12(r), f_20(r) and f_01(r) and make sure $r$ doesn't hit a line

Clipping

## 3D graphics pipeline



# Perspective 

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 transformation incorrectly maps vertices behind the eye
## Need to clip before the perspective divide



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 before 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

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## problem:

 occlusion cycle
## Use a z-buffer for hidden surface removal

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


## Use a z-buffer for hidden surface removal


done in the fragment blending phase

- each fragment must carry a depth


## Use a z-buffer for hidden surface removal


http://www.beyond3d.com/content/articles/4I/
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


> do the shading calculation once per polygon

## Flat Shading


> valid for light at $\infty$ and viewer at $\infty$ and faceted surfaces

In general, $\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{n}$, 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.

## Smooth Shading

$$
\mathbf{n}=\frac{\mathbf{n}_{1}+\mathbf{n}_{2}+\mathbf{n}_{3}+\mathbf{n}_{4}}{\left\|\mathbf{n}_{1}+\mathbf{n}_{2}+\mathbf{n}_{3}+\mathbf{n}_{4}\right\|}
$$


do the shading
calculation once per vertex

We assign the vertex normals based on the surrounding polygon 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
[Foley, van Dam, Feiner, Hughes]
- 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

## 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 intezpolation)


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


Rusty car shader, NVIDIA


Call of Juarez DXIO Benchmark, ATI


Dawn, NVIDIA

Programmable shader examples from NVIDIA and ATI

