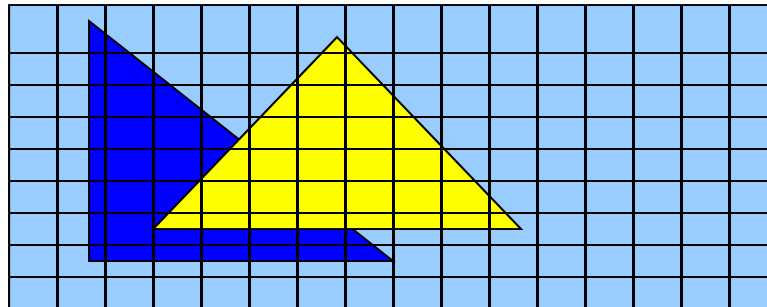




# Recall: OpenGL - Image Space Approach

- Paint pixel with color of **closest** object

```
for (each pixel in image) {  
    determine the object closest to the pixel  
    draw the pixel using the object's color  
}
```





# Recall: Z (depth) Buffer Algorithm

Depth of polygon being rasterized at pixel (x, y)

Largest depth seen so far Through pixel (x, y)

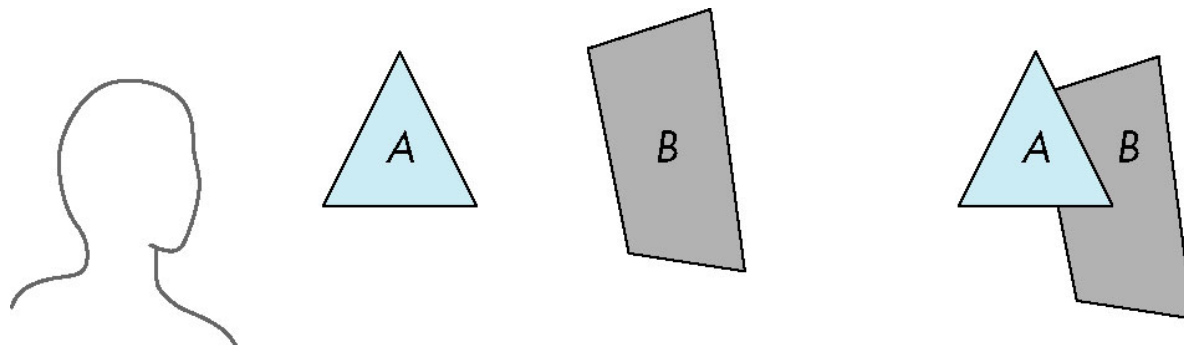
```
For each polygon {  
  for each pixel (x,y) in polygon area {  
    if (z_polygon_pixel(x,y) < depth_buffer(x,y) ) {  
      depth_buffer(x,y) = z_polygon_pixel(x,y);  
      color_buffer(x,y) = polygon color at (x,y)  
    }  
  }  
}
```

**Note: know depths at vertices. Interpolate for interior z\_polygon\_pixel(x, y) depths**



# Painter's HSR Algorithm

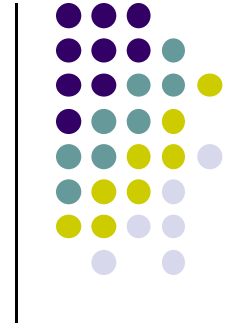
- Render polygons farthest to nearest
- Similar to painter layers oil paint



Viewer sees B behind A

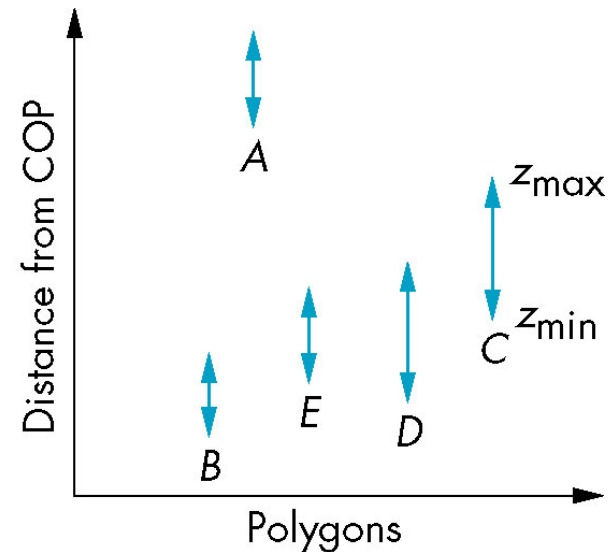
Render B then A

# Depth Sort



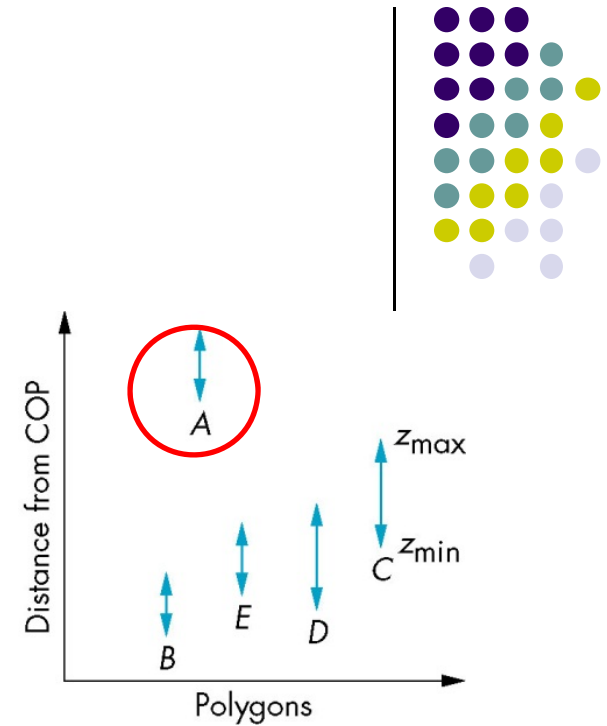
- Requires sorting polygons (based on depth)
  - $O(n \log n)$  complexity to sort  $n$  polygon depths
  - Not every polygon is clearly in front or behind other polygons

Polygons sorted by distance from COP

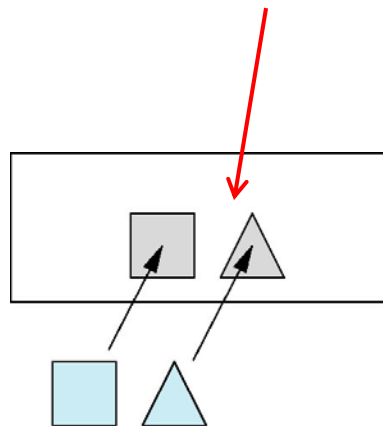


# Easy Cases

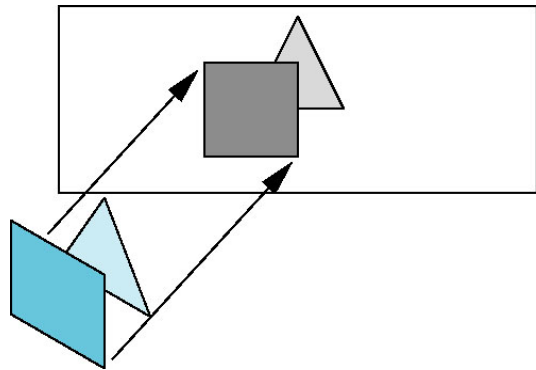
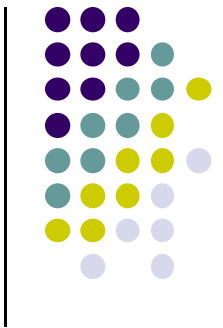
- Case a: A lies behind all polygons



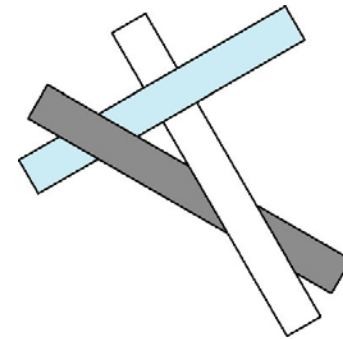
- Case b: Polygons overlap in z but **not** in x or y



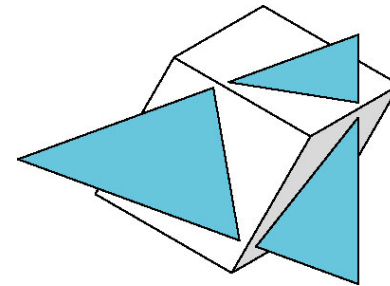
# Hard Cases



Overlap in (x,y) and z ranges



cyclic overlap

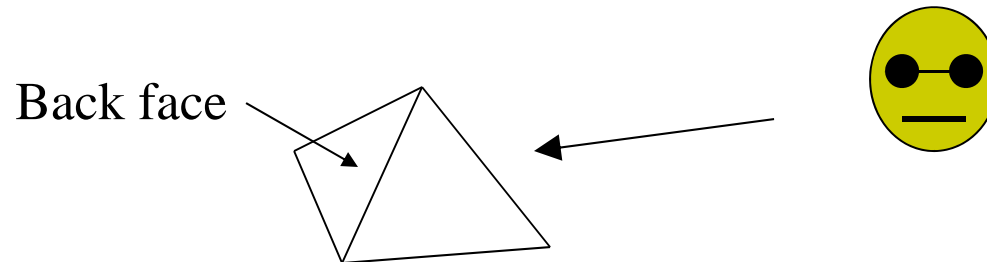


penetration



# Back Face Culling

- **Back faces:** faces of opaque object that are “pointing away” from viewer
- **Back face culling:** do not draw back faces (saves resources)

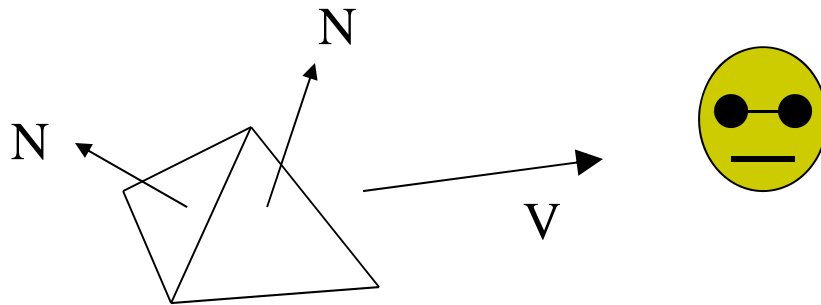


- How to detect back faces?



# Back Face Culling

- Goal: Test if a face F is is backface
- How? Form vectors
  - View vector,  $V$
  - Normal  $N$  to face  $F$



**Backface test:  $F$  is backface if  $N \cdot V < 0$  why??**



# Back Face Culling: Draw mesh front faces

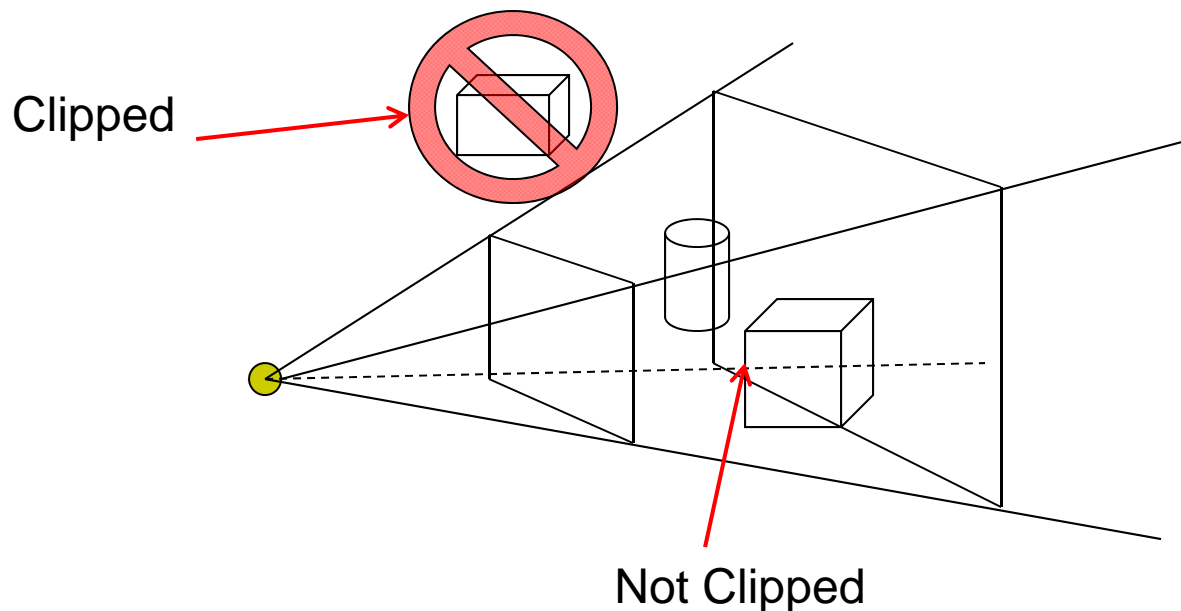


```
void drawFrontFaces( )
{
    for(int f = 0;f < numFaces; f++)
    {
        if(isBackFace(f, ....) continue; ← if N.V < 0
        glDrawArrays(GL_POLYGON, 0, N);
    }
}
```



# View-Frustum Culling

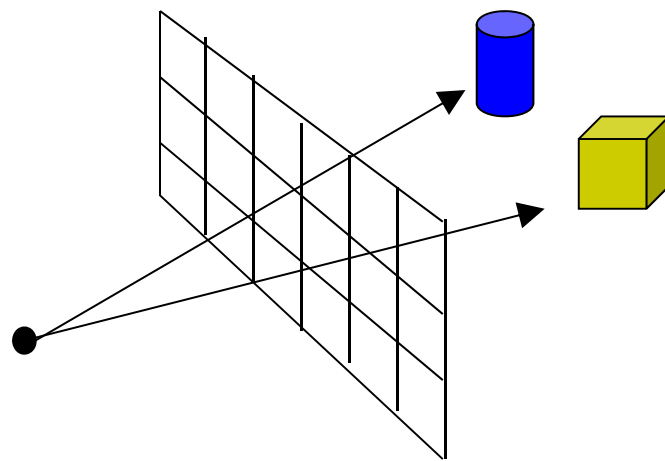
- **Goal:** Remove objects outside view frustum
- Done by 3D clipping algorithm (e.g. Liang-Barsky)





# Ray Tracing

- Ray tracing is another image space method
- Ray tracing: Cast a ray from eye through each pixel into world.
- Ray tracing algorithm figures out: what object seen in direction through given pixel?



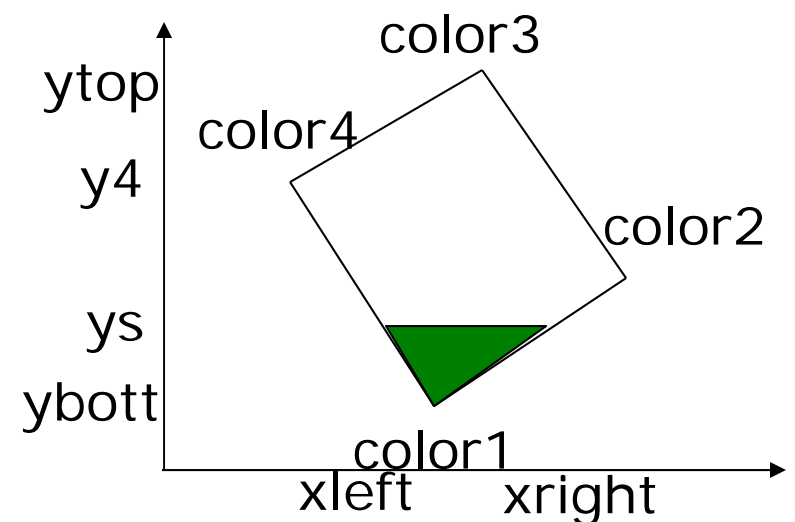
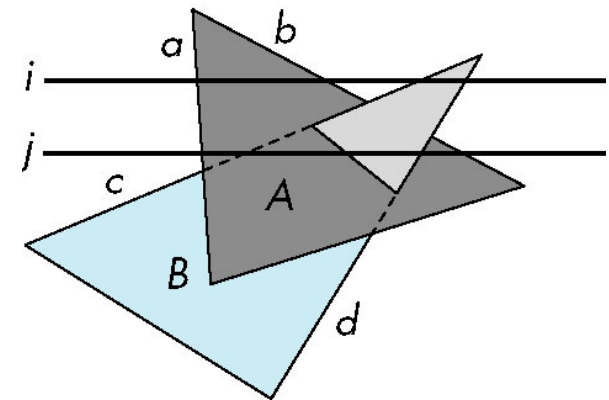
Topic of grad class

# Combined z-buffer and Gouraud Shading (Hill)



- Can combine shading and hsr through scan line algorithm

```
for(int y = ybott; y <= ytop; y++) // for each scan line
{
    for(each polygon){
        find xleft and xright
        find dleft, dright, and dinc
        find colorleft and colorright, and colorinc
        for(int x = xleft, c = colorleft, d = dleft; x <= xright;
            x++, c+= colorinc, d+= dinc)
            if(d < d[x][y])
            {
                put c into the pixel at (x, y)
                d[x][y] = d; // update closest depth
            }
    }
}
```



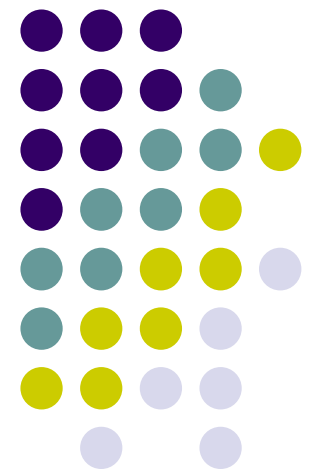
# Computer Graphics (CS 4731)

## Lecture 24: Rasterization: Line Drawing

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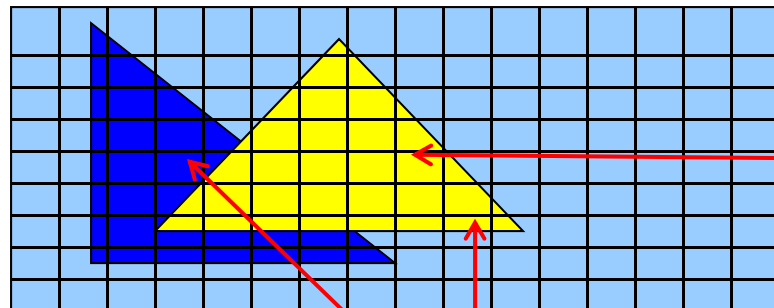
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# Rasterization

- Rasterization produces set of **fragments**
- Implemented by graphics hardware
- Rasterization algorithms for primitives (e.g lines, circles, triangles, polygons)



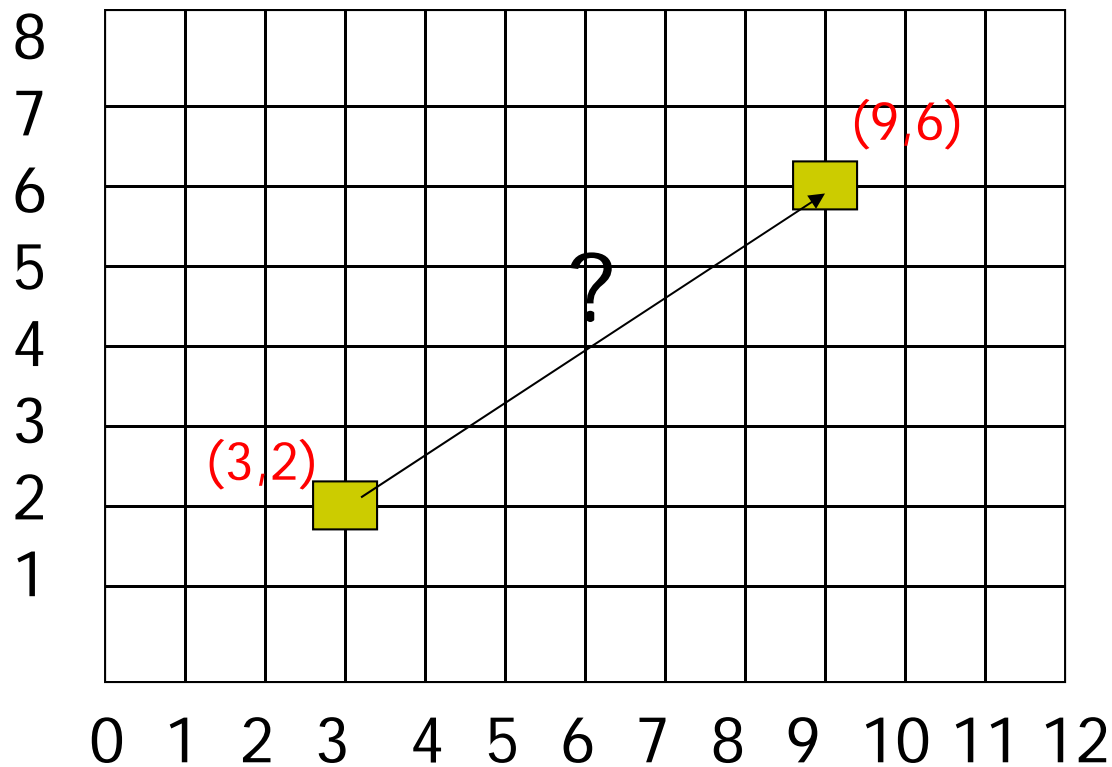
Fragments

**Rasterization: Determine Pixels  
(fragments) each primitive covers**



# Line drawing algorithm

- Programmer specifies  $(x,y)$  of end pixels
- Need algorithm to determine pixels on line path



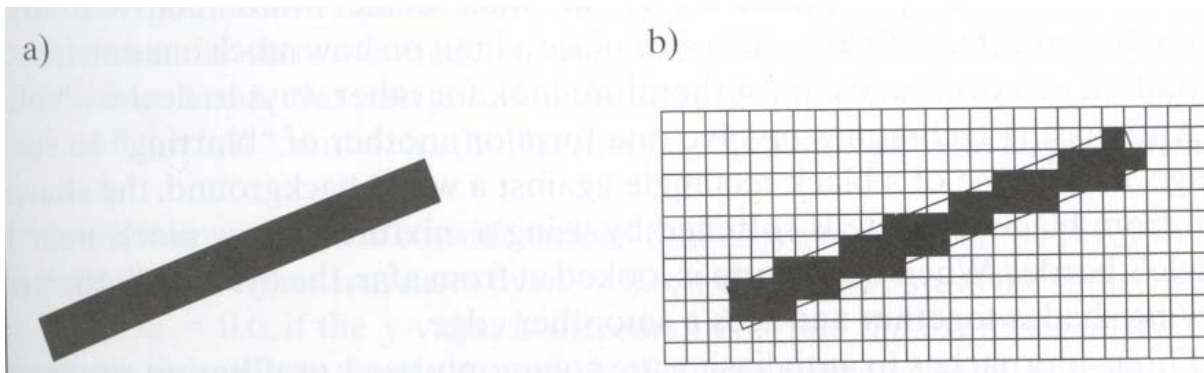
Line:  $(3,2) \rightarrow (9,6)$

Which intermediate pixels to turn on?



# Line drawing algorithm

- Pixel  $(x,y)$  values constrained to integer values
- Computed intermediate values may be floats
- Rounding may be required. E.g.  $(10.48, 20.51)$  rounded to  $(10, 21)$
- Rounded pixel value is off actual line path (jaggy!!)
- Sloped lines end up having jaggies
- Vertical, horizontal lines, no jaggies







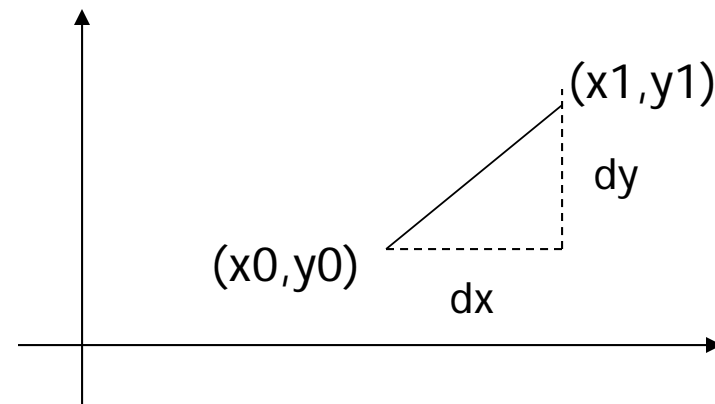
# Line Drawing Algorithm

- Slope-intercept line equation
  - $y = mx + b$
  - Given 2 end points  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)$ , how to compute  $m$  and  $b$ ?

$$m = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0}$$

$$y_0 = m * x_0 + b$$

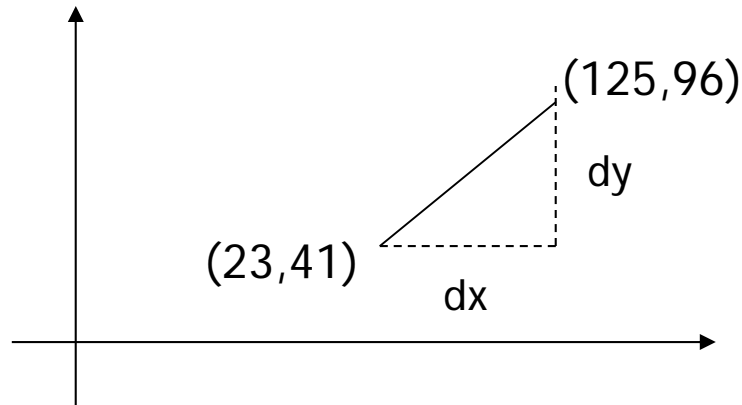
$$\Rightarrow b = y_0 - m * x_0$$





# Line Drawing Algorithm

- Numerical example of finding slope  $m$ :
  - $(A_x, A_y) = (23, 41)$ ,  $(B_x, B_y) = (125, 96)$

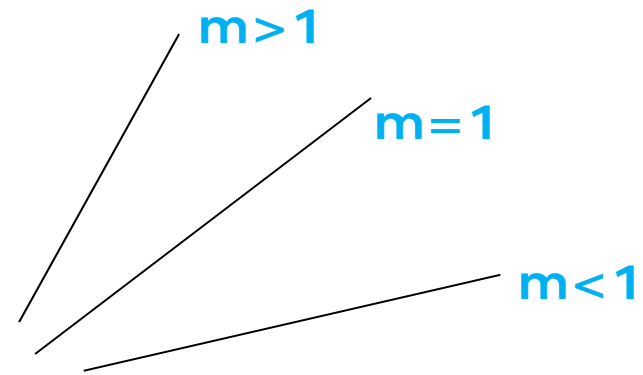
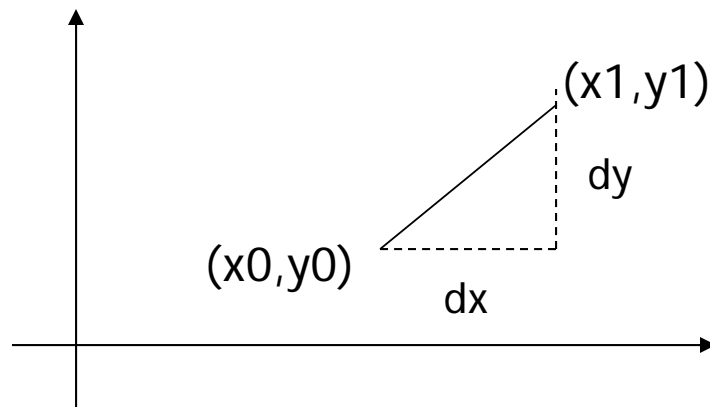


$$m = \frac{B_y - A_y}{B_x - A_x} = \frac{96 - 41}{125 - 23} = \frac{55}{102} = 0.5392$$

# Digital Differential Analyzer (DDA): Line Drawing Algorithm



Consider slope of line,  $m$ :



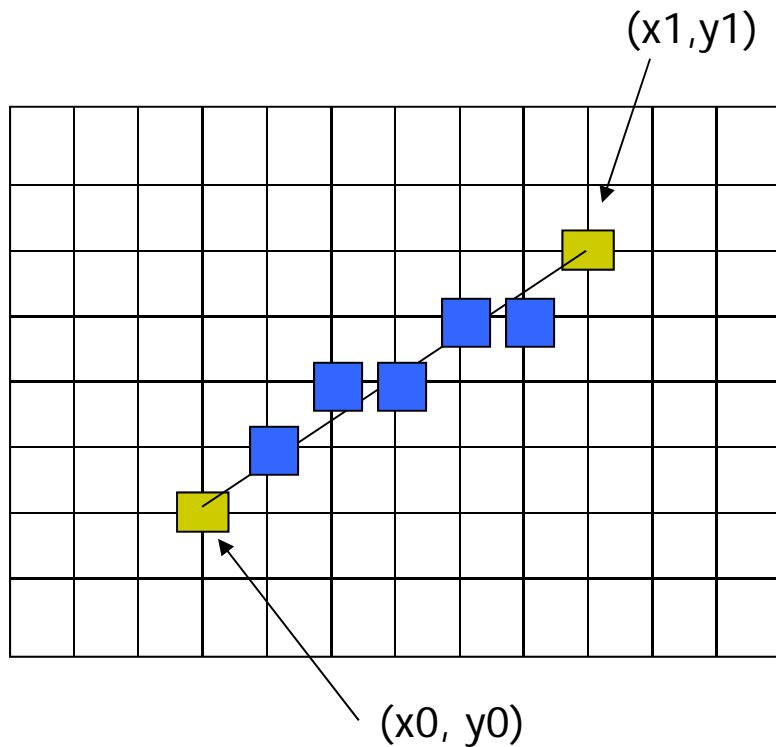
- Step through line, starting at  $(x_0, y_0)$
- **Case a: ( $m < 1$ )** x incrementing faster
  - Step in  $x=1$  increments, compute  $y$  (a fraction) and round
- **Case b: ( $m > 1$ )** y incrementing faster
  - Step in  $y=1$  increments, compute  $x$  (a fraction) and round

# DDA Line Drawing Algorithm (Case a: $m < 1$ )



$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_{k+1} - y_k}{x_{k+1} - x_k} = \frac{y_{k+1} - y_k}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{k+1} = y_k + m$$



$x = x_0$                        $y = y_0$

Illuminate pixel  $(x, \text{round}(y))$

$x = x + 1$                        $y = y + m$

Illuminate pixel  $(x, \text{round}(y))$

$x = x + 1$                        $y = y + m$

Illuminate pixel  $(x, \text{round}(y))$

...

Until  $x == x_1$

Example, if first end point is  $(0,0)$

Example, if  $m = 0.2$

Step 1:  $x = 1, y = 0.2 \Rightarrow$  shade  $(1,0)$

Step 2:  $x = 2, y = 0.4 \Rightarrow$  shade  $(2, 0)$

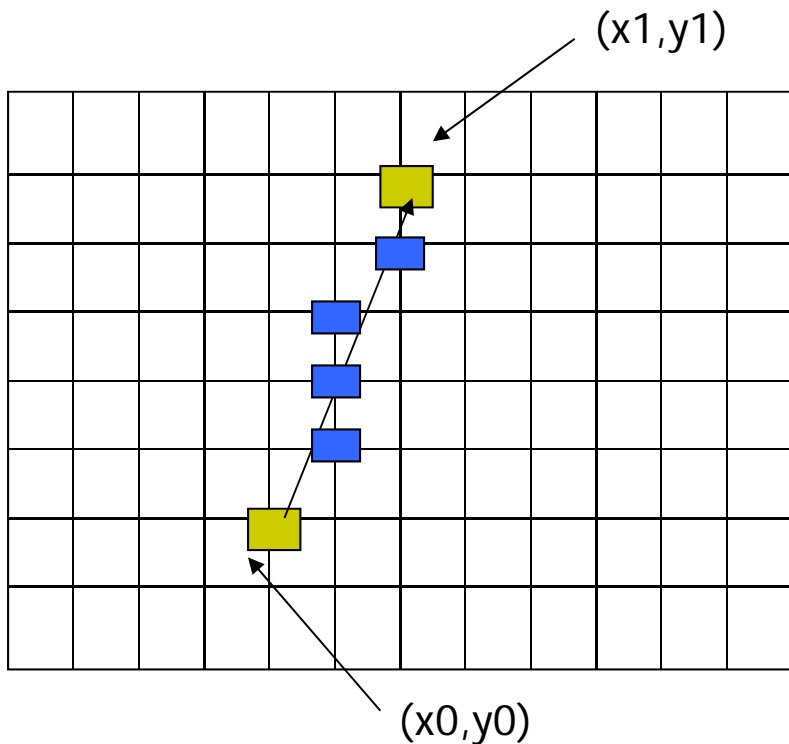
Step 3:  $x = 3, y = 0.6 \Rightarrow$  shade  $(3, 1)$

... etc



# DDA Line Drawing Algorithm (Case b: $m > 1$ )

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_{k+1} - y_k}{x_{k+1} - x_k} = \frac{1}{x_{k+1} - x_k}$$
$$\Rightarrow x_{k+1} = x_k + \frac{1}{m}$$



$$x = x_0 \quad y = y_0$$

Illuminate pixel (round(x), y)

$$y = y + 1 \quad x = x + 1/m$$

Illuminate pixel (round(x), y)

$$y = y + 1 \quad x = x + 1/m$$

Illuminate pixel (round(x), y)

...

Until  $y == y_1$

Example, if first end point is (0,0)

if  $1/m = 0.2$

Step 1:  $y = 1, x = 0.2 \Rightarrow$  shade (0,1)

Step 2:  $y = 2, x = 0.4 \Rightarrow$  shade (0, 2)

Step 3:  $y = 3, x = 0.6 \Rightarrow$  shade (1, 3)

... etc



# DDA Line Drawing Algorithm Pseudocode

```
compute m;
if m < 1:
{
    float y = y0;        // initial value
    for(int x = x0; x <= x1; x++, y += m)
        setPixel(x, round(y));
}
else // m > 1
{
    float x = x0;        // initial value
    for(int y = y0; y <= y1; y++, x += 1/m)
        setPixel(round(x), y);
}
```

- **Note:** `setPixel(x, y)` writes current color into pixel in column `x` and row `y` in frame buffer

# Line Drawing Algorithm Drawbacks

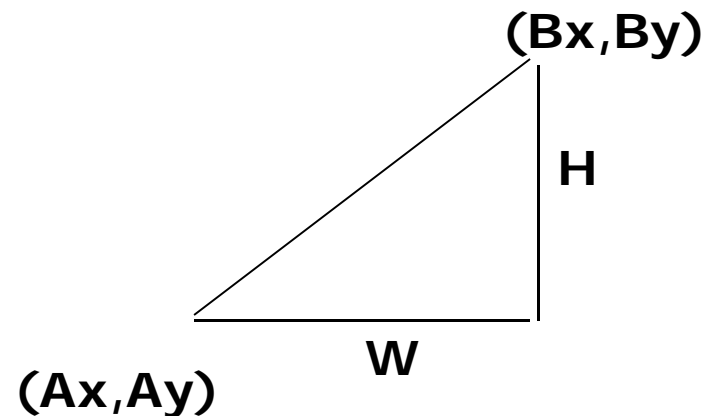


- DDA is the simplest line drawing algorithm
  - Not very efficient
  - Round operation is expensive
- Optimized algorithms typically used.
  - Integer DDA
  - E.g. Bresenham algorithm
- Bresenham algorithm
  - Incremental algorithm: current value uses previous value
  - Integers only: avoid floating point arithmetic
  - Several versions of algorithm: we'll describe midpoint version of algorithm



# Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm

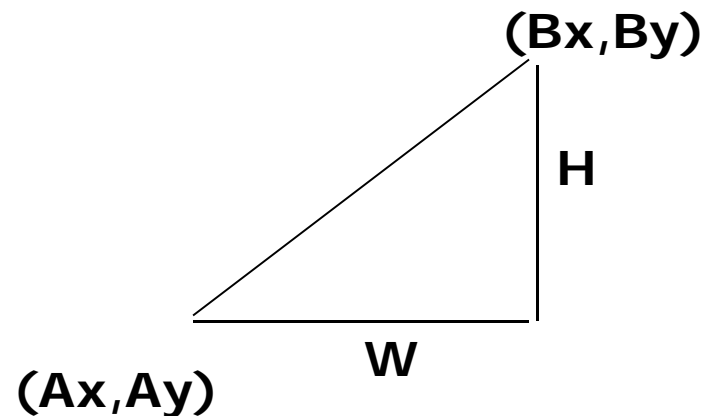
- **Problem:** Given endpoints  $(A_x, A_y)$  and  $(B_x, B_y)$  of line, determine intervening pixels
- First make two simplifying assumptions (remove later):
  - $(A_x < B_x)$  and
  - $(0 < m < 1)$
- Define
  - Width  $W = B_x - A_x$
  - Height  $H = B_y - A_y$







# Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm



- Based on assumptions  $(Ax < Bx)$  and  $(0 < m < 1)$ 
  - $W, H$  are +ve
  - $H < W$
- Increment  $x$  by +1,  $y$  incr by +1 or stays same
- Midpoint algorithm determines which happens

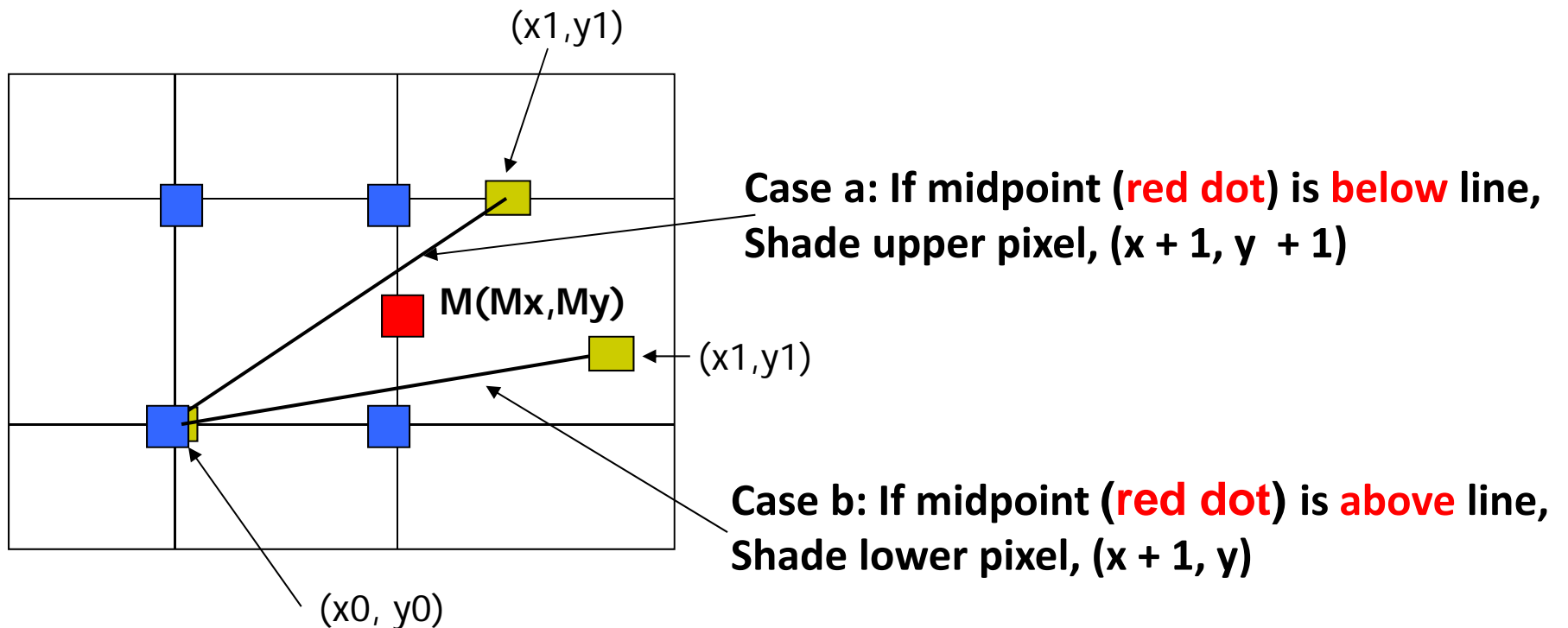


# Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm

What Pixels to turn on or off?

Consider pixel midpoint  $M(M_x, M_y) = (x + 1, y + \frac{1}{2})$

Build equation of actual line, compare to midpoint





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