Computer Graphics (CS 543)
Lecture 12 (Part 1): 3D Clipping

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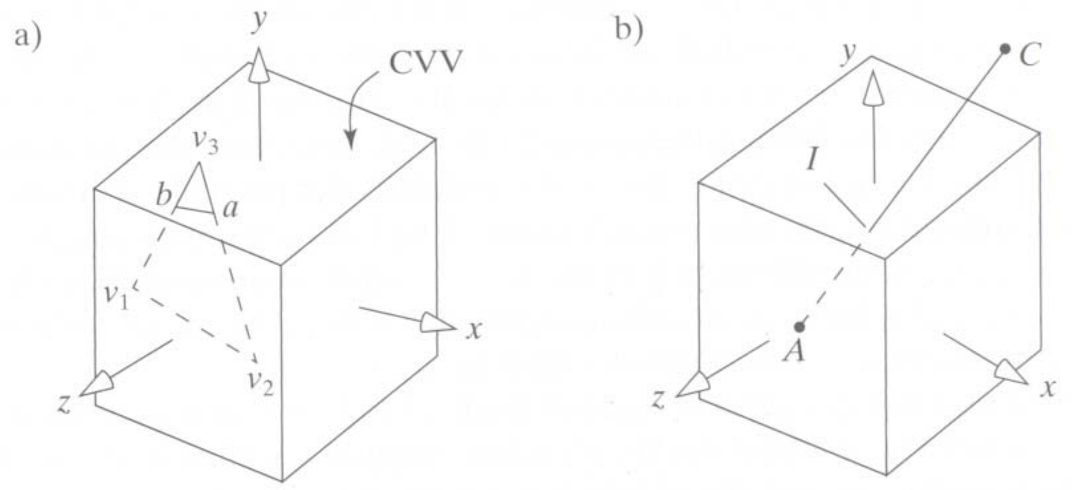
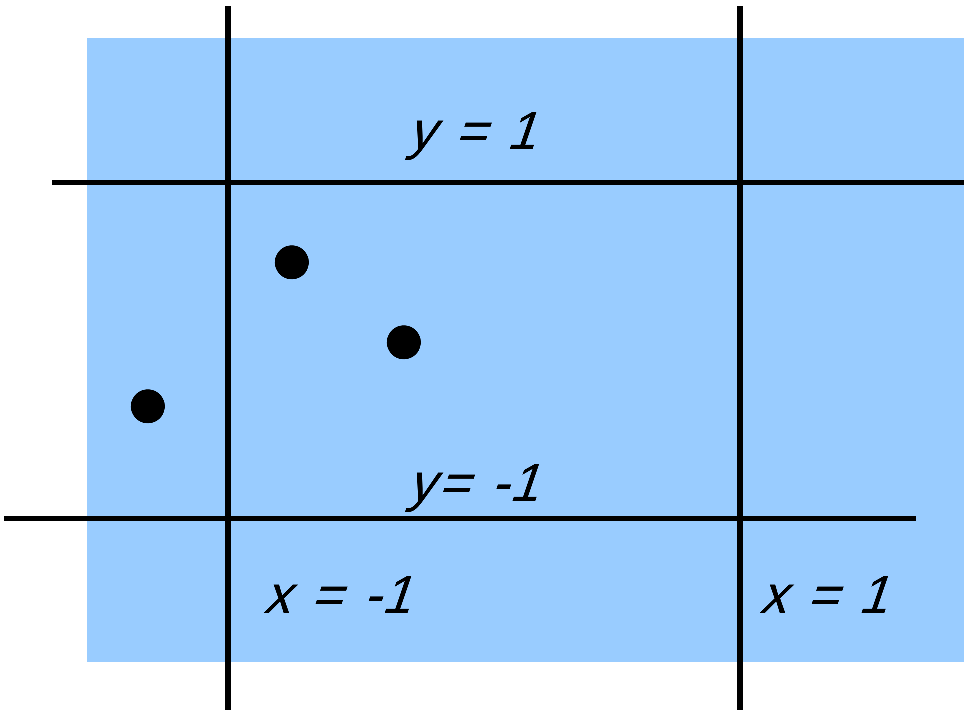
Liang-Barsky 3D Clipping

- Want to clip edge-by-edge of an object against CVV
- Now describe a version embellished by Jim Blinn
- Problem:
  - Two points, A = (Ax, Ay, Az, Aw) and C = (Cx, Cy, Cz, Cw), in homogeneous coordinates
  - If segment intersects with CVV, need to compute intersection point I-=(Ix,Iy,Iz,Iw)



Determining if point is inside CVV



- Determine whether a point (x,y,z) is inside or outside CVV?

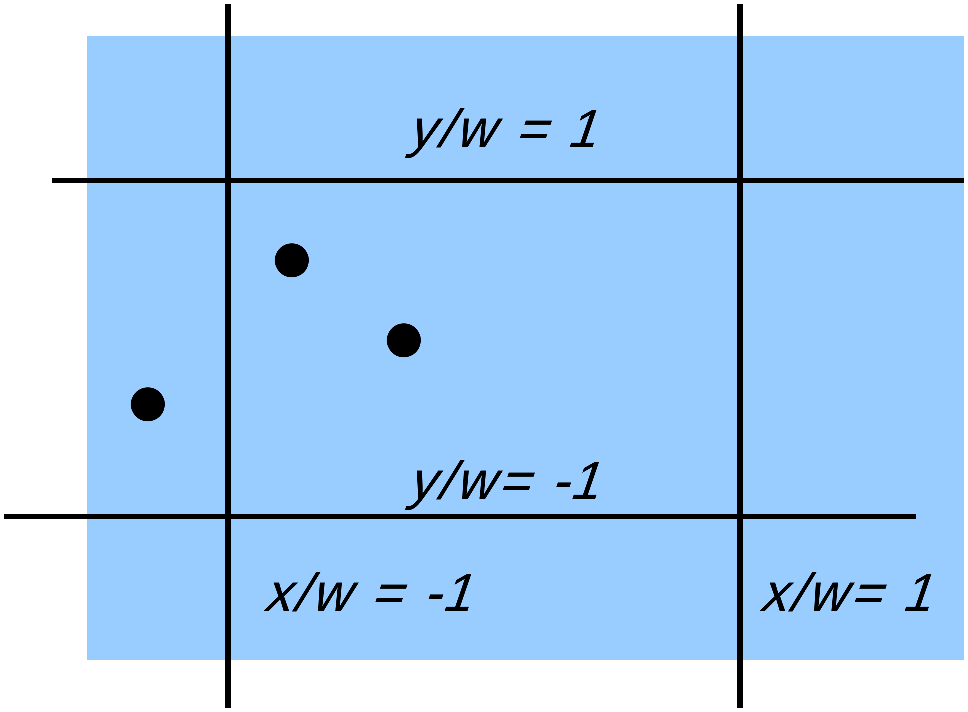
Point (x,y,z) is inside CVV

if (-1 <= x <= 1)
and (-1 <= y <= 1)
and (-1 <= z <= 1)

else the point is outside CVV

- CVV == 6 infinite planes (x=-1,1; y=-1,1; z=-1,1)

Determining if point is inside CVV



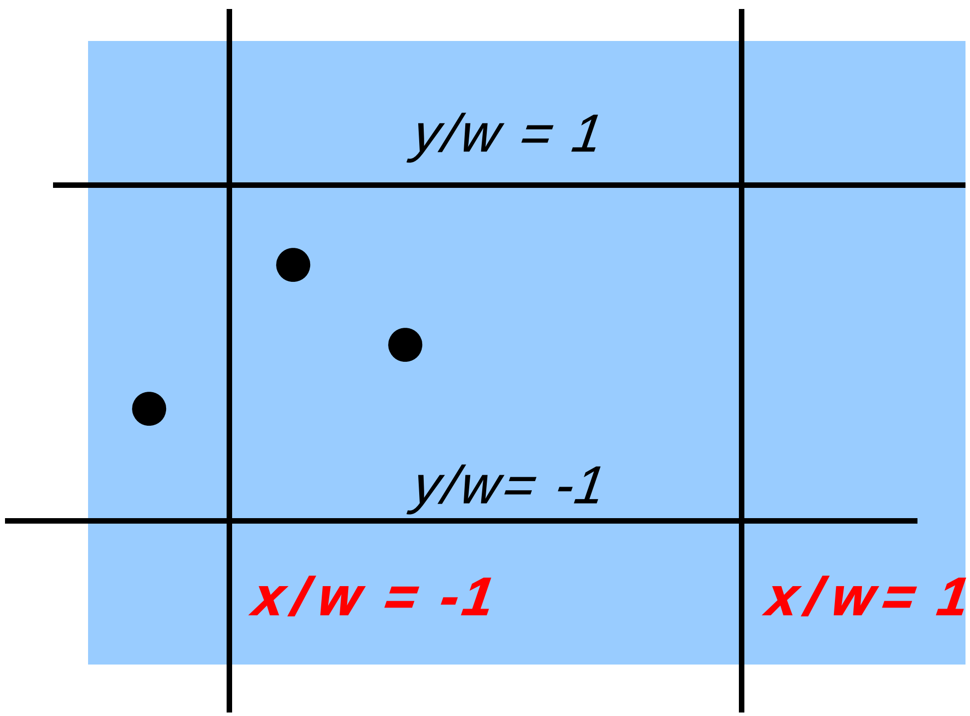
- What if point is in homogeneous coordinates?
- Point specified as (x,y,z,w)
- **Use scaled version of x,y,z!**

Point (x/w, y/w, z/w) is inside CVV

if (-1 <= x/w <= 1)
and (-1 <= y/w <= 1)
and (-1 <= z/w <= 1)

else the point is outside CVV

Determining if point is inside CVV



- Consider plane x = 1, point A = (Ax,Ay,Az,Aw) is inside if

$$Ax/Aw < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow Aw - Ax > 0$$

or $\quad w - x > 0$

- Point A = (Ax,Ay,Az,Aw) plane x = -1 if

$$Ax/Aw > -1$$

$$\Rightarrow Aw + Ax > 0$$

or $\quad w + x > 0$

Determining if point is inside CVV

- So, point is
  - inside (right of) plane $x=-1$ if $w+x > 0$
  - inside (left of) plane $x=1$ if $w - x > 0$

- Point (0.5, 0.2, 0.7) inside planes (x = -1,1) because $-1 \le 0.5 \le 1$

- If scaled by w = 10, (0.5, 0.2, 0.7) = (5, 2, 7, 10)
- Use scaled version, point is inside because $-1 \le 5/10 \le 1$

To test if inside x = - 1, $w + x = 10 + 5 = 15 > 0$

To test if inside x = 1, $w - x = 10 - 5 = 5 > 0$

3D Clipping

- Notation (Aw +Ax) = w + x, boundary coordinates for 6 planes as:

Boundary coordinate (BC)	Homogenous coordinate	Clip plane	Example (5,2,7,10)
BC0	w+x	x=-1	15
BC1	w-x	x=1	5
BC2	w+y	y=-1	12
BC3	w-y	y=1	8
BC4	w+z	z=-1	17
BC5	w-z	z=1	3

- **Trivial accept:** 12 BCs (6 for pt. A, 6 for pt. C) are positive
- **Trivial reject:** Both endpoints outside of same plane

Edges as Parametric Equations

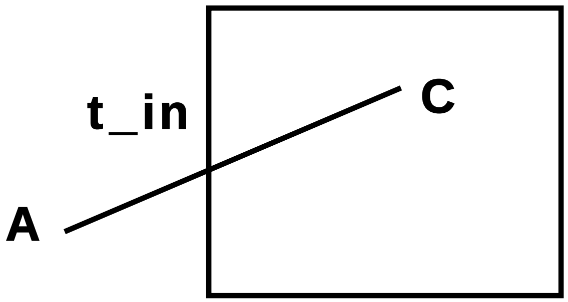
- Implicit form $F(x, y) = 0$
- Parametric forms:
  - points specified based on single parameter value
  - Typical parameter: time *t*

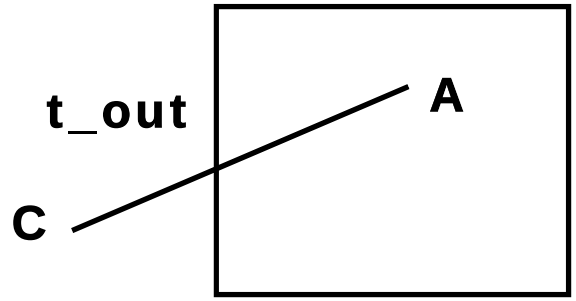
$$P(t) = P_0 + (P_1 - P_0) * t \qquad\qquad 0 \le t \le 1$$

- Some algorithms work in parametric form
  - Clipping: exclude line segment ranges
  - Animation: Interpolate between endpoints by varying t
- Represent each edge parametrically as A + (C – A)t
- Intepretation: a point is traveling such that:
  - at time t=0, point at A
  - at time t=1, point at C

Inside/outside?

- Test against 6 walls
- If BCs have opposite signs = edge hits plane at time t_hit
  - i.e. if pt. A is outside, C is inside
- Define: “entering” = as t increases, outside to inside
- Define “leaving”: as t increases, inside to outside (A inside, C outside)





Calculating hit time (t_hit)

- How to calculate t_hit?
- Represent an edge t as:

$$Edge(t) = ((Ax + (Cx - Ax)t, (Ay + (Cy - Ay)t, (Az + (Cz - Az)t, (Aw + (Cw - Aw)t)$$

- E.g. If x = 1,

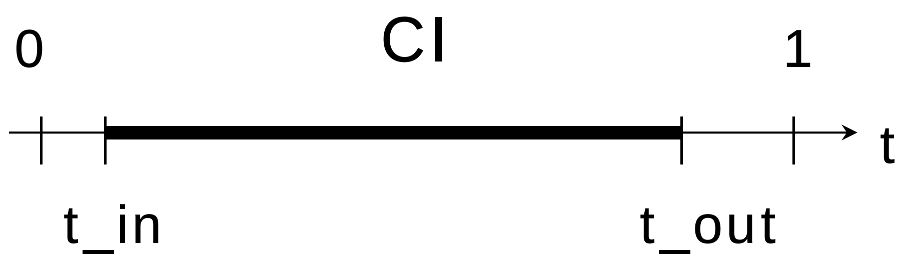
$$\frac{Ax + (Cx - Ax)t}{Aw + (Cw - Aw)t} = 1$$

- Solving for t above,

$$t = \frac{Aw - Ax}{(Aw - Ax) - (Cw - Cx)}$$

Candidate Interval

- If not trivial accept/reject, then clip
- Define Candidate Interval (CI) as time interval during which edge might still be inside CVV. i.e. CI = t_in to t_out
- Initialize CI to [0,1]
- For each of 6 planes, calculate t_in or t_out, shrink CI



- Conversely: values of t outside CI = edge is outside CVV

Shortening Candidate Interval

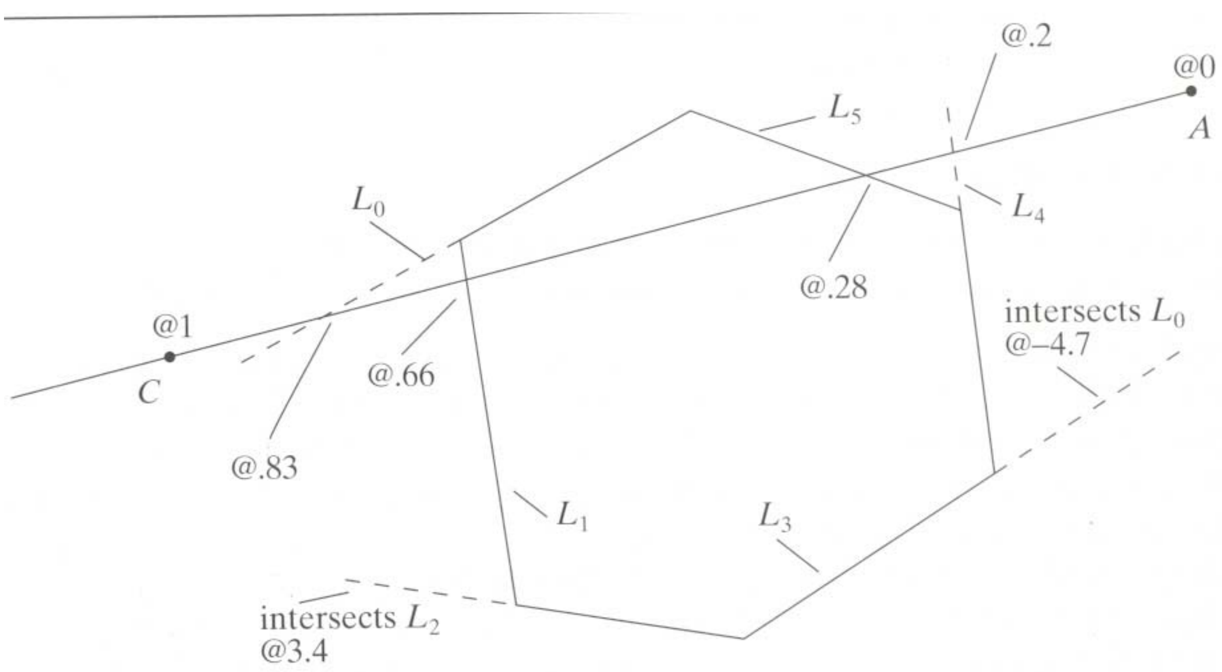
- **Algorithm:**
  - Test for trivial accept/reject (stop if either occurs)
  - Set CI to [0,1]
  - For each of 6 planes:
    - Find hit time t_hit
    - If t_in,   new t_in = max(t_in,t_hit)
    - If t_out, new t_out = min(t_out, t_hit)
    - If t_in > t_out => exit (no valid intersections)

Note: seeking smallest valid CI without t_in crossing t_out

Shortening Candidate Interval

Example to illustrate search for t_in, t_out

Note: CVV is a cube (different shape). This is just an example

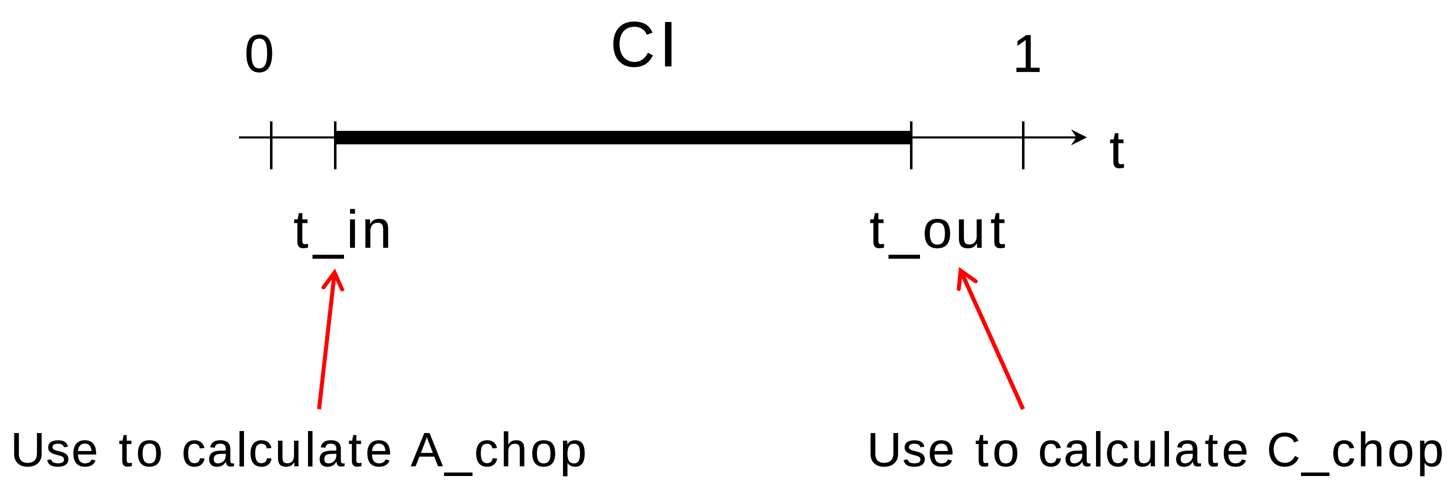


Line test	t_{in}	t_{out}
0	0	0.83
1	0	0.66
2	0	0.66
3	0	0.66
4	0.2	0.66
5	0.28	0.66

Calculate choppped A and C

- If valid t_in, t_out, calculate adjusted edge endpoints A, C as

- A_chop = A + t_in (C – A) (calculate for Ax,Ay, Az)
- C_chop = A + t_out (C – A) (calculate for Cx,Cy,Cz)



3D Clipping Implementation

- Function clipEdge( )
- Input: two points A and C (in homogenous coordinates)
- Output:
  - 0, if no part of line AC lies in CVV
  - 1, otherwise
  - Also returns clipped A and C
- Store 6 BCs for A, 6 for C

Store BCs as Outcodes

- Use outcodes to track in/out
  - Number walls x = +1, -1; y = +1, -1, and z = +1, -1 as 0.. 5
  - Bit *i* of A's outcode = 1 if A is outside ith wall
  - 1 otherwise
- Example: outcode for point outside walls 1, 2, 5

Wall no.	0	1	2	3	4	5
OutCode	0	1	1	0	0	1

Trivial Accept/Reject using Outcodes

- Trivial accept: inside (not outside) all walls

Wall no.	0	1	2	3	4	5
A Outcode	0	0	0	0	0	0
C OutCode	0	0	0	0	0	0

Logical bitwise test: A | C == 0

- Trivial reject: point outside **same** wall. Example Both A and C outside wall 1

Wall no.	0	1	2	3	4	5
A Outcode	0	1	0	0	1	0
C OutCode	0	1	1	0	0	0

Logical bitwise test: A & C != 0

3D Clipping Implementation

- Compute BCs for A,C store as outcodes
- Test A, C outcodes for trivial accept, trivial reject
- If not trivial accept/reject, for each wall:
  - Compute tHit
  - Update t_in, t_out
  - If t_in > t_out, early exit

3D Clipping Pseudocode

```
int clipEdge(Point4& A, Point4& C)
{
    double tIn = 0.0, tOut = 1.0, tHit;
    double aBC[6], cBC[6];
    int aOutcode = 0, cOutcode = 0;

    .....find BCs for A and C
    .....form outcodes for A and C

    if((aOutCode & cOutcode) != 0) // trivial reject
       return 0;
    if((aOutCode | cOutcode) == 0) // trivial accept
       return 1;
```

3D Clipping Pseudocode

```
for(i=0;i<6;i++)  // clip against each plane
{
    if(cBC[i] < 0)  // C is outside wall i (exit so tOut)
    {
        tHit = aBC[i]/(aBC[i] – cBC[I]);      // calculate tHit
        tOut = MIN(tOut, tHit);
    }
    else if(aBC[i] < 0)  // A is outside wall I (enters so tIn)
    {
        tHit = aBC[i]/(aBC[i] – cBC[i]);      // calculate tHit
        tIn = MAX(tIn, tHit);
    }
    if(tIn > tOut) return 0; // CI is empty: early out
}
```

3D Clipping Pseudocode

```
Point4 tmp;  // stores homogeneous coordinates
If(aOutcode != 0) // A is outside: tIn has changed. Calculate A_chop
{
    tmp.x = A.x + tIn * (C.x – A.x);
    // do same for y, z, and w components
}
If(cOutcode != 0) // C is outside: tOut has changed. Calculate C_chop
{
    C.x = A.x + tOut * (C.x – A.x);
    // do same for y, z and w components
}
A = tmp;
Return 1; // some of the edges lie inside CVV
}
```

Polygon Clipping

- Not as simple as line segment clipping
  - Clipping a line segment yields at most one line segment
  - Clipping a polygon can yield multiple polygons

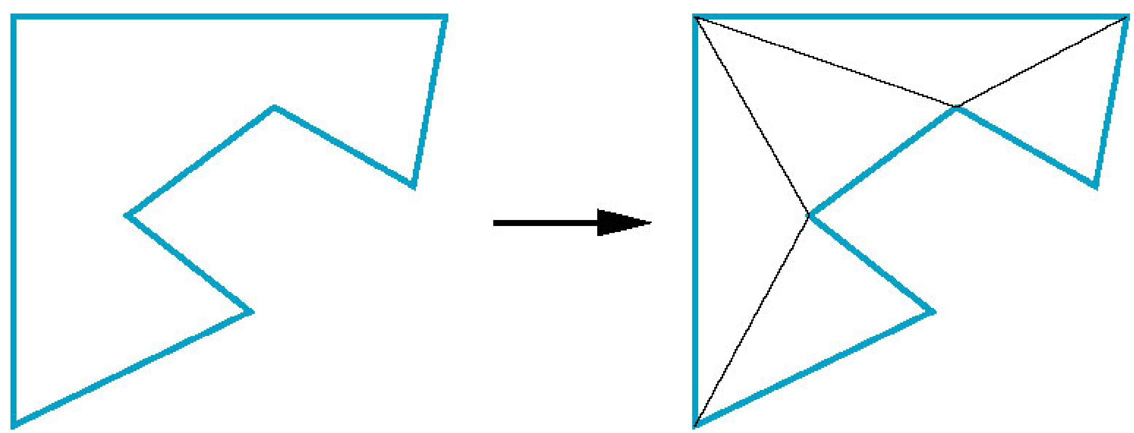
- However, clipping a convex polygon can yield at most one other polygon

Clipping Polygons

- Need more sophisticated algorithms to handle polygons:
  - ***Sutherland-Hodgman:*** any a given polygon against a convex clip polygon (or window)
  - ***Weiler-Atherton:*** Both subject polygon and clip polygon can be concave

Tessellation and Convexity

- One strategy is to replace nonconvex (*concave*) polygons with a set of triangular polygons (a *tessellation*)
- Also makes fill easier



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