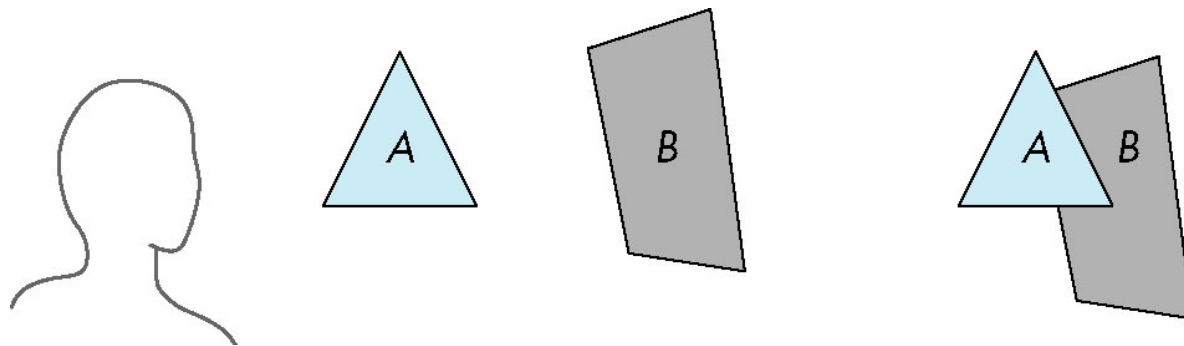




Painter's HSR Algorithm

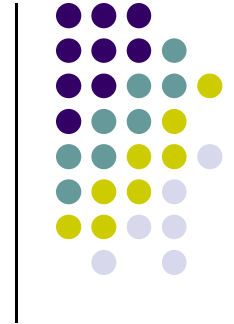
- Render polygons farthest to nearest
- Similar to painter layers oil paint



Viewer sees B behind A

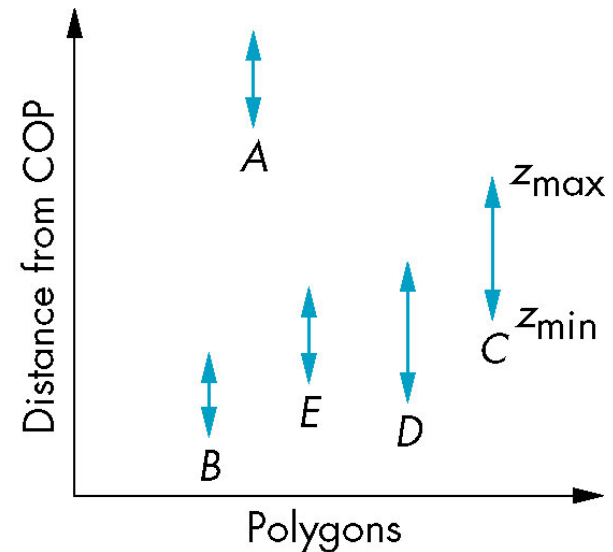
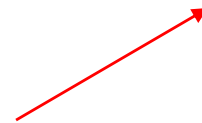
Render B then A

Depth Sort



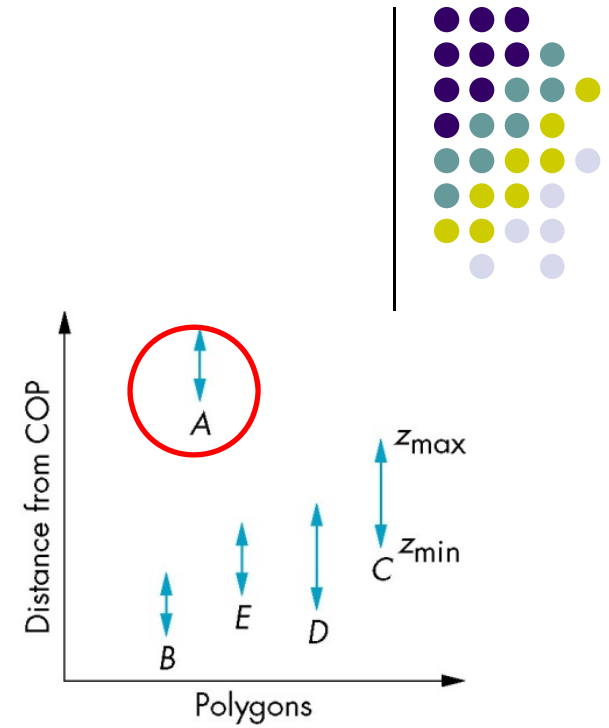
- Requires sorting polygons (based on depth)
 - $O(n \log n)$ complexity to sort n polygon depths
 - Not every polygon is clearly in front or behind other polygons

Polygons sorted by distance from COP

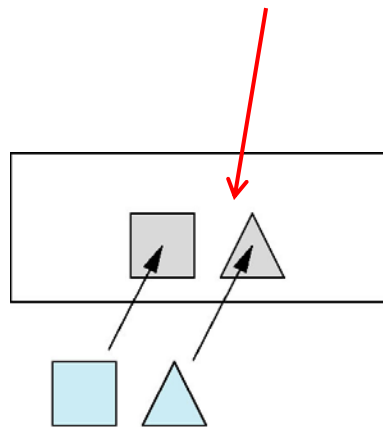


Easy Cases

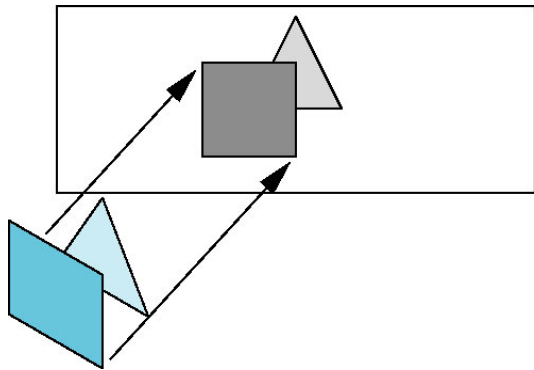
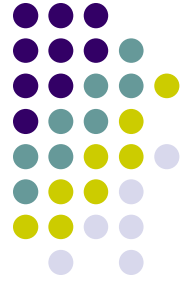
- Case a: A lies behind all polygons



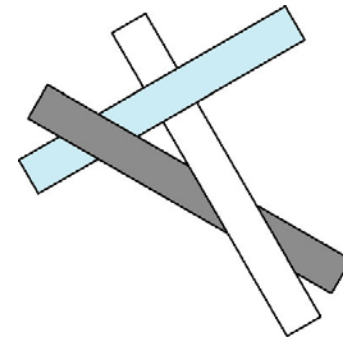
- Case b: Polygons overlap in z but **not** in x or y



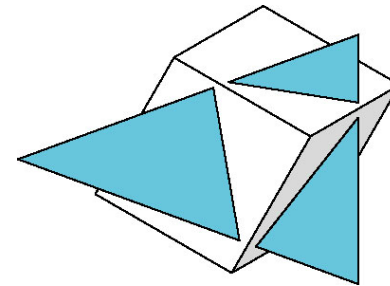
Hard Cases



Overlap in (x,y) and z ranges



cyclic overlap

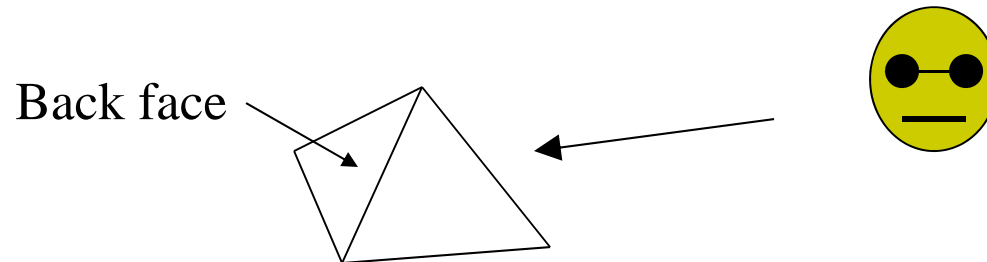


penetration



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)

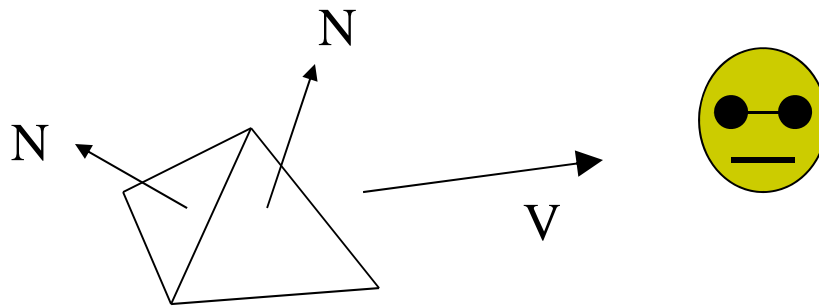


- How to detect back faces?



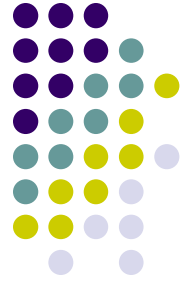
Back Face Culling

- Goal: Test if a face F is a 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

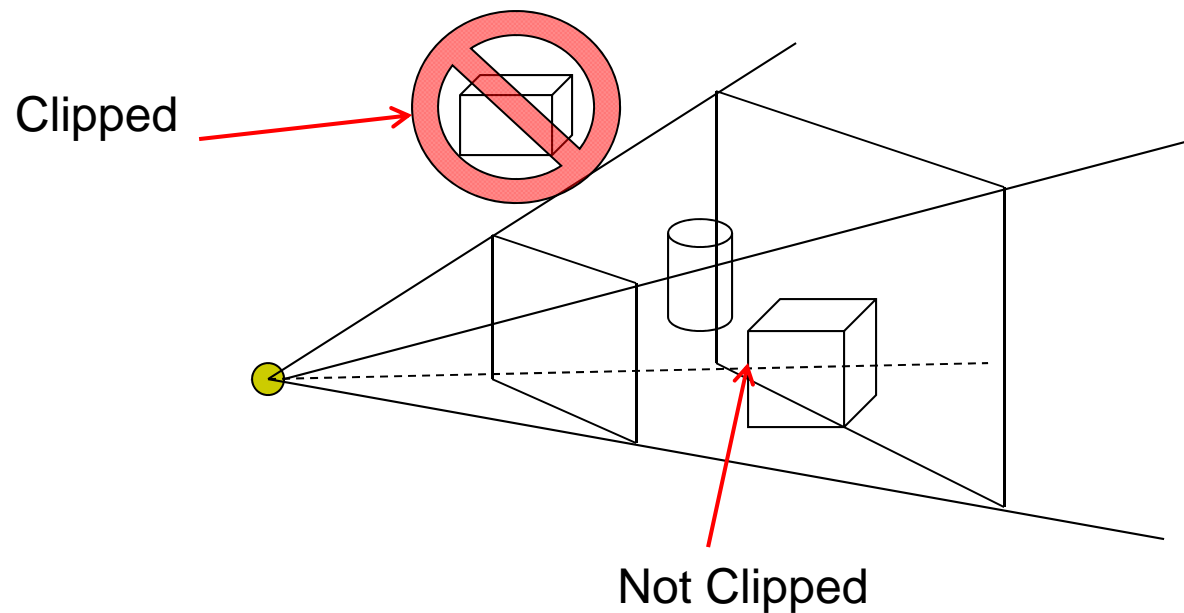


```
void drawFrontFaces( )
{
    for(int f = 0;f < numFaces; f++)
    {
        if(isBackFace(f, ....) continue; ← if N.V < 0
        glDrawArrays(GL_POLYGON, 0, N);
    }
}
```



View-Frustum Culling

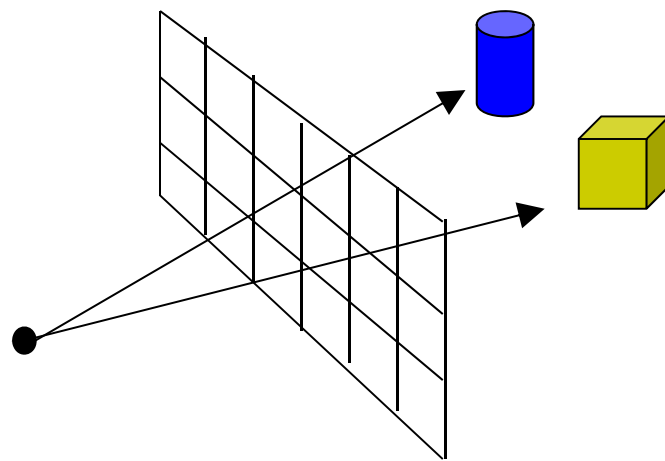
- **Goal:** Remove objects outside view frustum
- Done by 3D clipping algorithm (e.g. Liang-Barsky)





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?



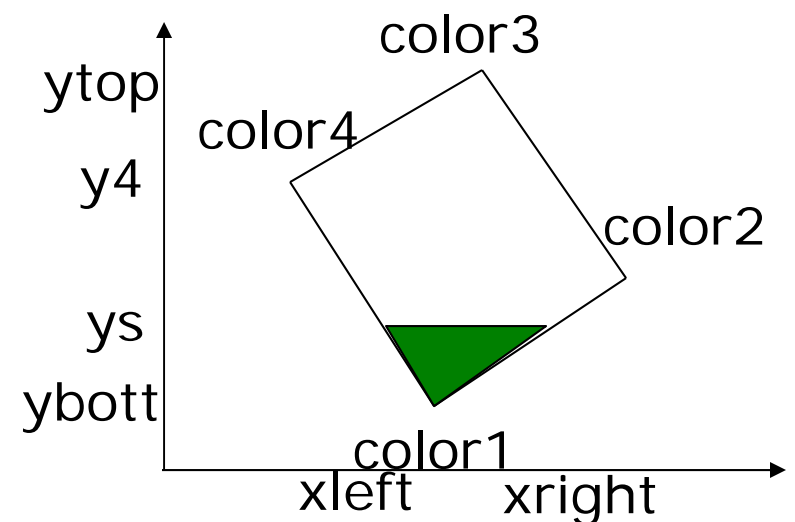
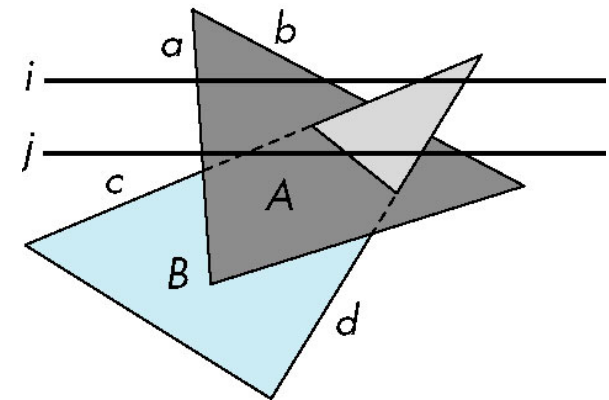
Topic of grad class

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
            }
        }
    }
}
```

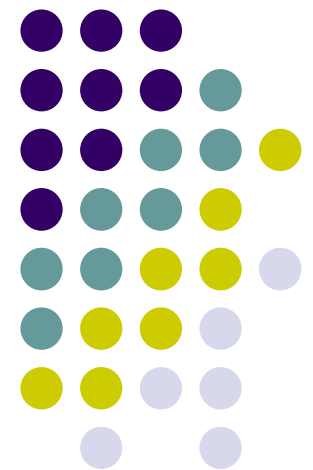


Computer Graphics (CS 4731)

Lecture 24: Rasterization: Line Drawing

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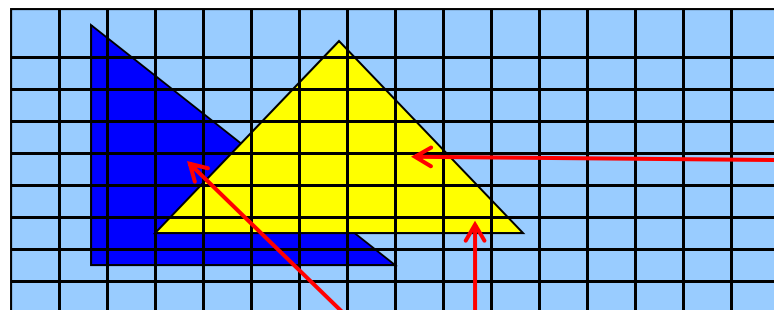
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Rasterization

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



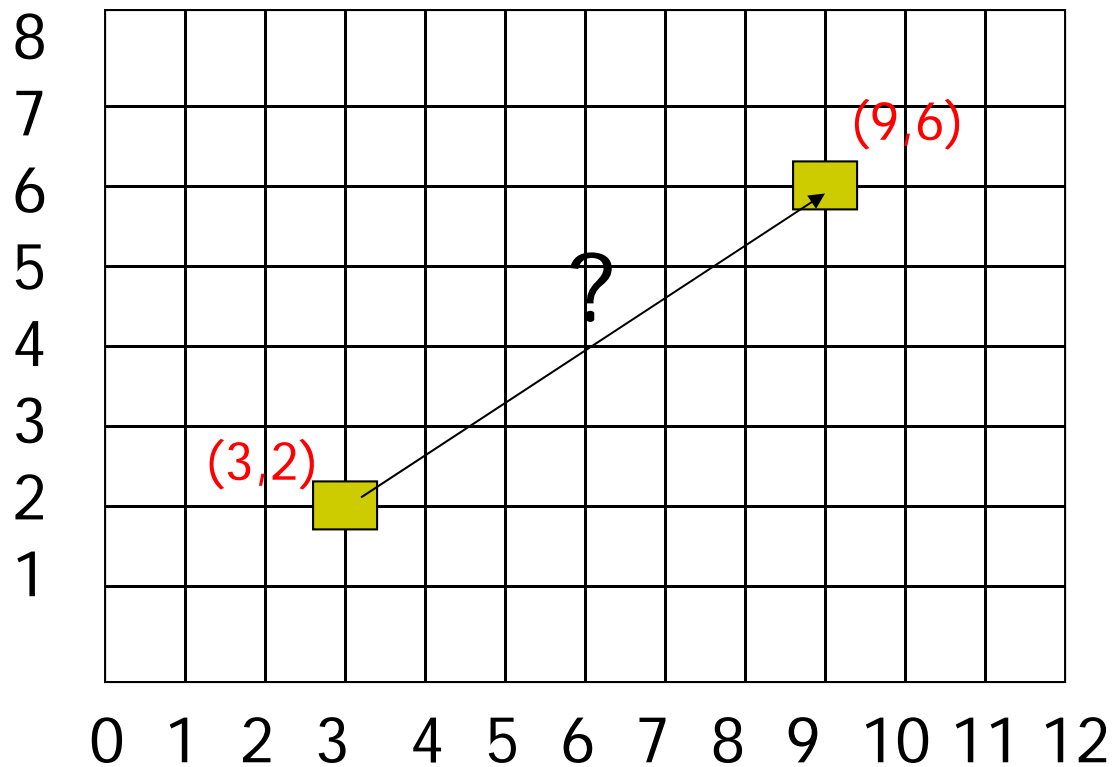
Fragments

**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



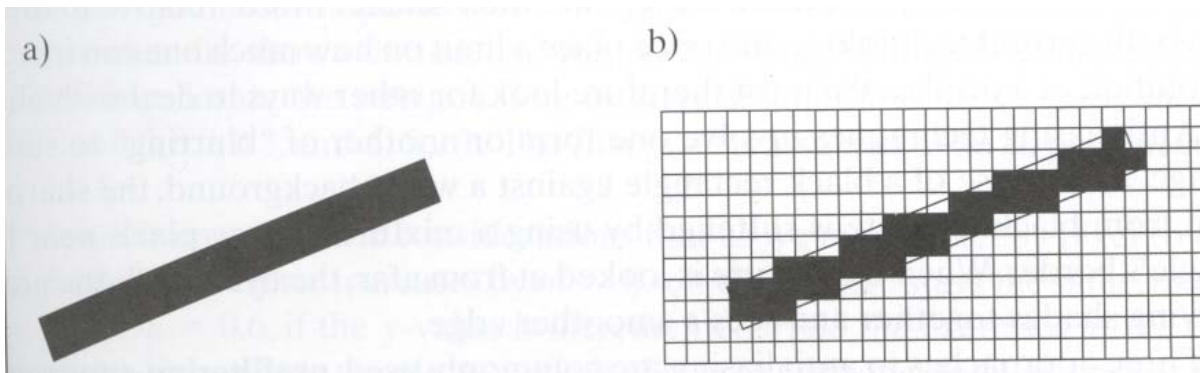
Line: $(3,2) \rightarrow (9,6)$

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





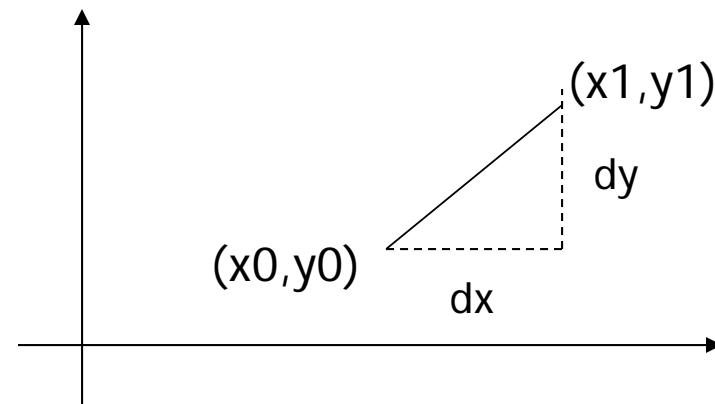
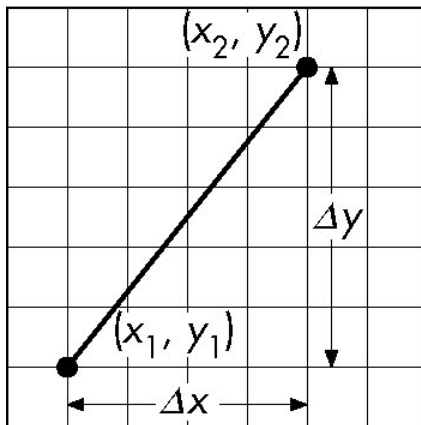
Line Drawing Algorithm

- 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 ?

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

$$y_0 = m * x_0 + b$$

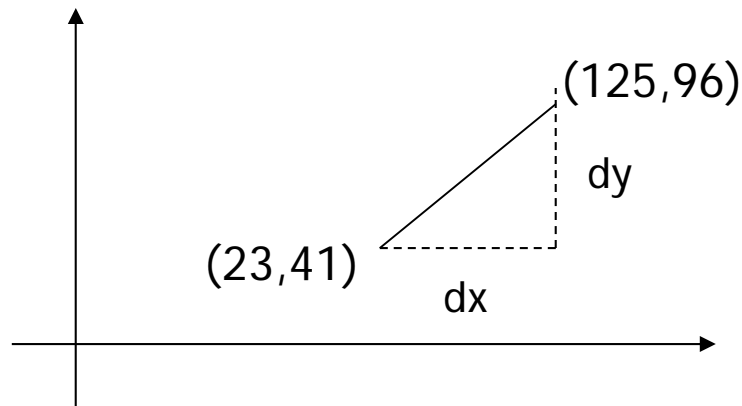
$$\Rightarrow b = y_0 - m * x_0$$





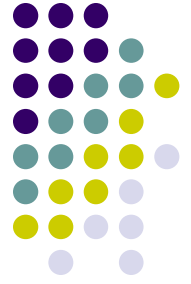
Line Drawing Algorithm

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

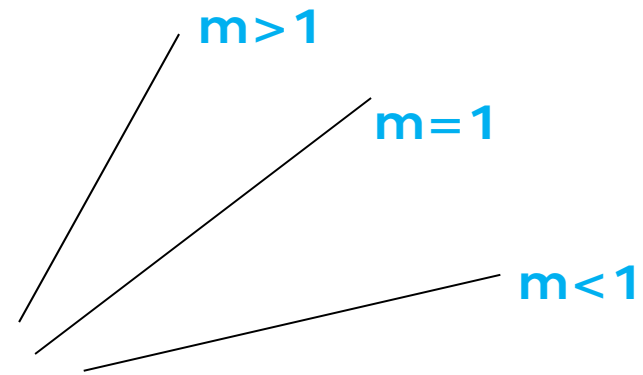
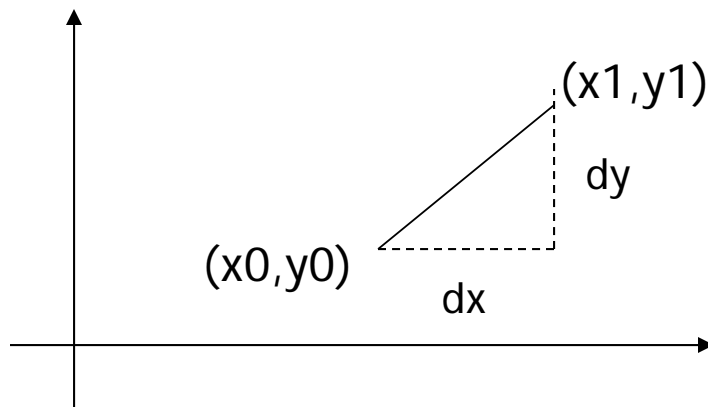


$$m = \frac{B_y - A_y}{B_x - A_x} = \frac{96 - 41}{125 - 23} = \frac{55}{102} = 0.5392$$

Digital Differential Analyzer (DDA): Line Drawing Algorithm



Consider slope of line, m :



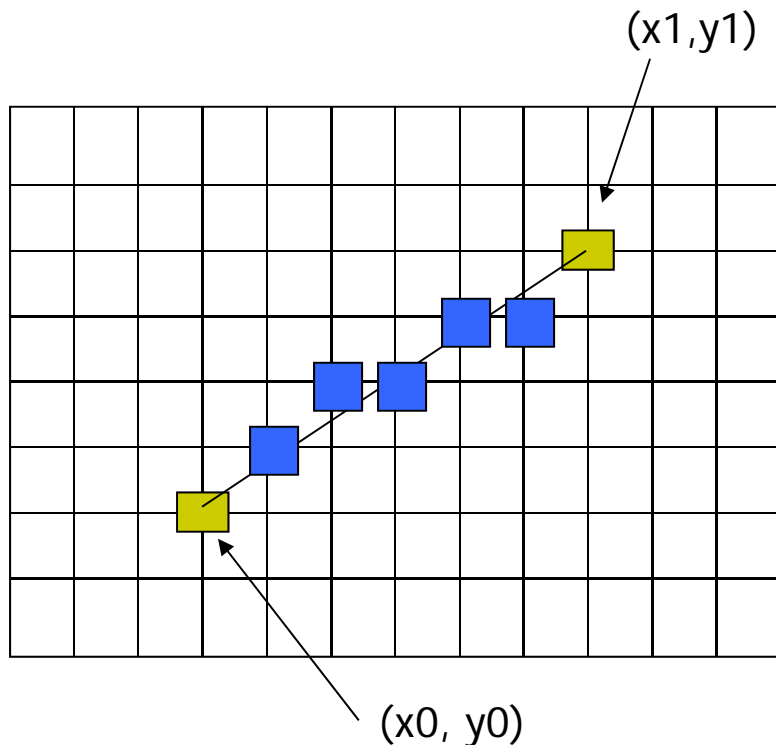
- Step through line, starting at (x_0, y_0)
- **Case a: ($m < 1$)** x incrementing faster
 - Step in $x=1$ increments, compute y (a fraction) and round
- **Case b: ($m > 1$)** y incrementing faster
 - Step in $y=1$ increments, compute x (a fraction) and round

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 $(3, 1)$

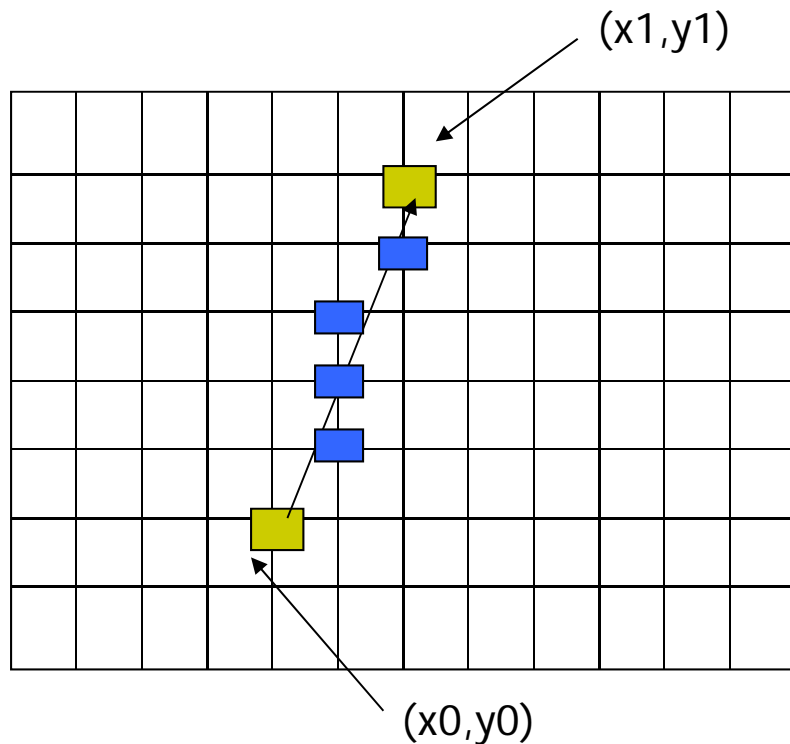
... etc



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



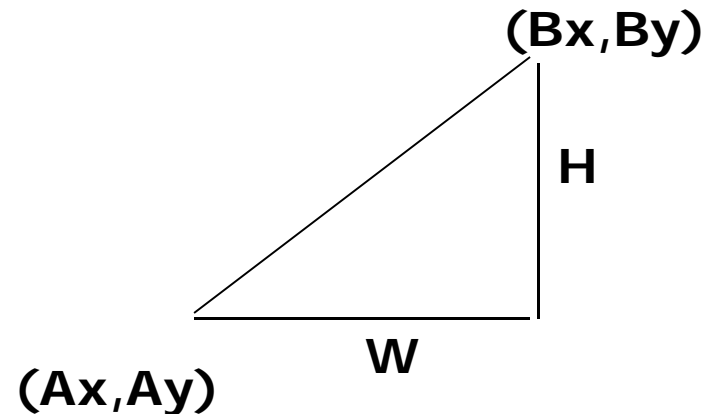
Line Drawing Algorithm Drawbacks

- 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



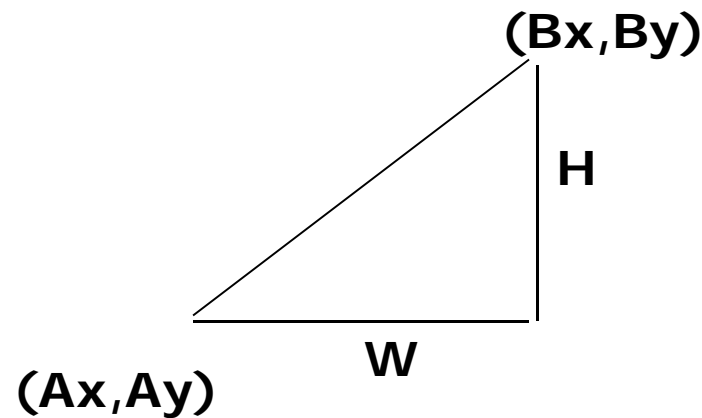
Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm

- **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

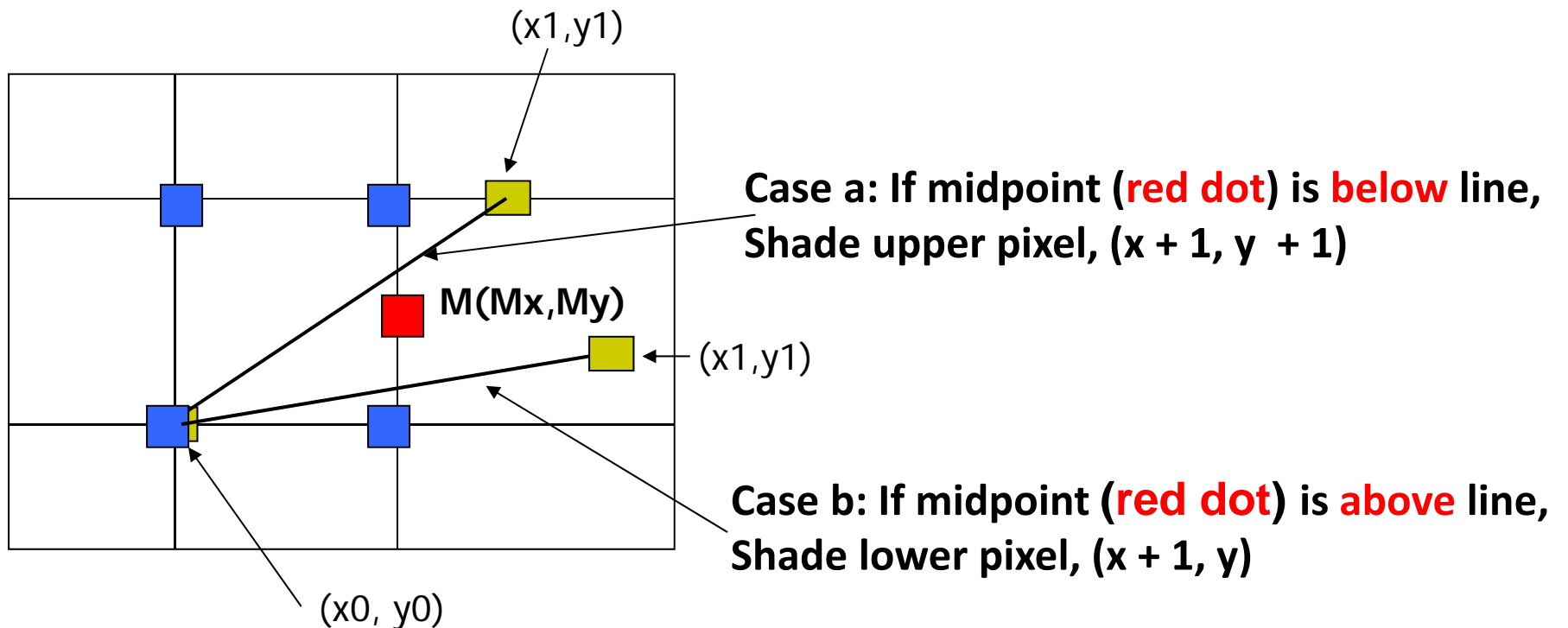


Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm

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

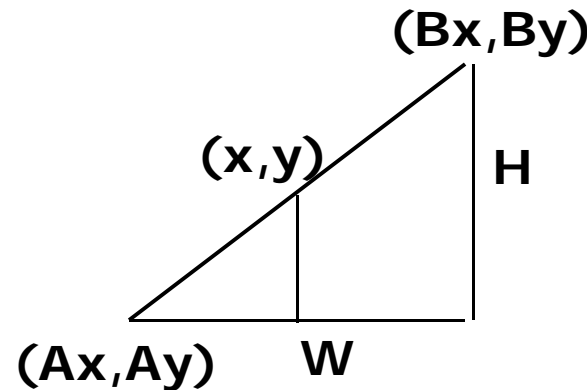




Build Equation of the Line

- Using similar triangles:

$$\frac{y - Ay}{x - Ax} = \frac{H}{W}$$



$$\begin{aligned} H(x - Ax) &= W(y - Ay) \\ -W(y - Ay) + H(x - Ax) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Above is equation of line from (Ax, Ay) to (Bx, By)
- Thus, any point (x, y) that lies on ideal line makes eqn = 0
- Double expression (to avoid floats later), and call it $F(x, y)$

$$F(x, y) = -2W(y - Ay) + 2H(x - Ax)$$



Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm

- So, $F(x,y) = -2W(y - Ay) + 2H(x - Ax)$
- Algorithm, If:
 - $F(x, y) < 0$, (x, y) above line
 - $F(x, y) > 0$, (x, y) below line
- **Hint:** $F(x, y) = 0$ is on line
- Increase y keeping x constant, $F(x, y)$ becomes more negative

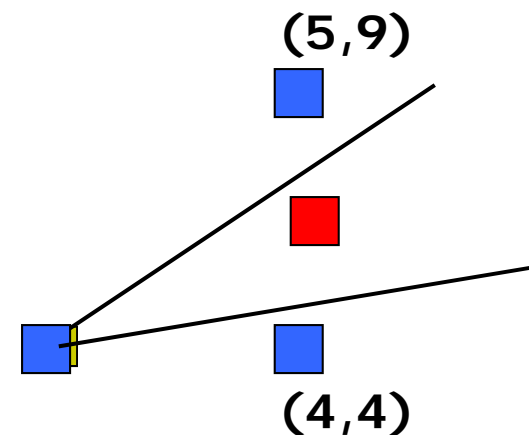


Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm

- **Example:** to find line segment between (3, 7) and (9, 11)

$$\begin{aligned} F(x,y) &= -2W(y - Ay) + 2H(x - Ax) \\ &= (-12)(y - 7) + (8)(x - 3) \end{aligned}$$

- For points on line. E.g. (7, 29/3), $F(x, y) = 0$
- A = (4, 4) lies below line since $F = 44$
- B = (5, 9) lies above line since $F = -8$

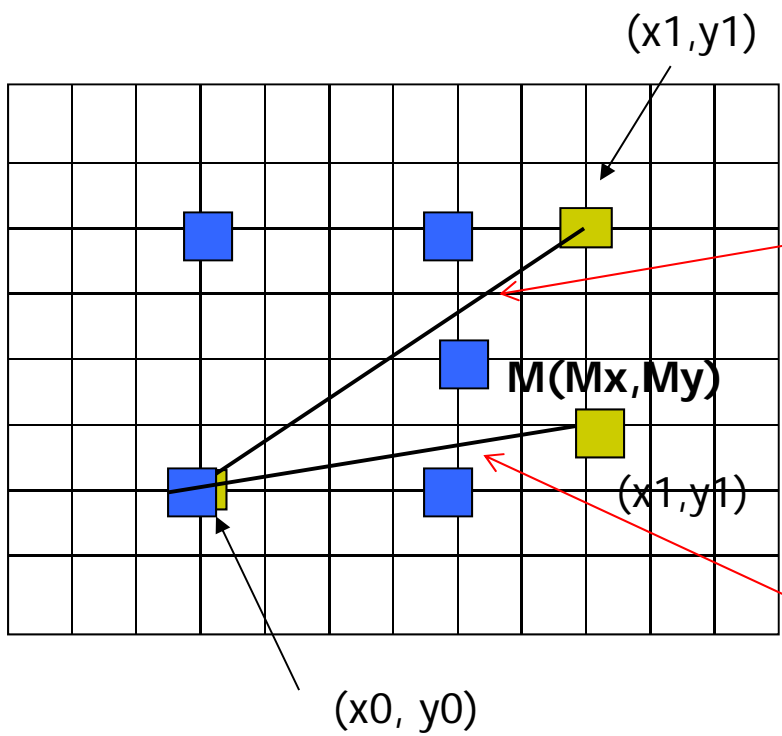




Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm

What Pixels to turn on or off?

Consider pixel midpoint $M(M_x, M_y) = (x_0 + 1, y_0 + \frac{1}{2})$



Case a: If M below actual line
 $F(M_x, M_y) > 0$
shade upper pixel $(x + 1, y + 1)$

Case b: If M above actual line
 $F(M_x, M_y) < 0$
shade lower pixel $(x + 1, y + 1)$



Can compute $F(x,y)$ incrementally

Initially, midpoint $M = (Ax + 1, Ay + \frac{1}{2})$

$$F(Mx, My) = -2W(y - Ay) + 2H(x - Ax)$$

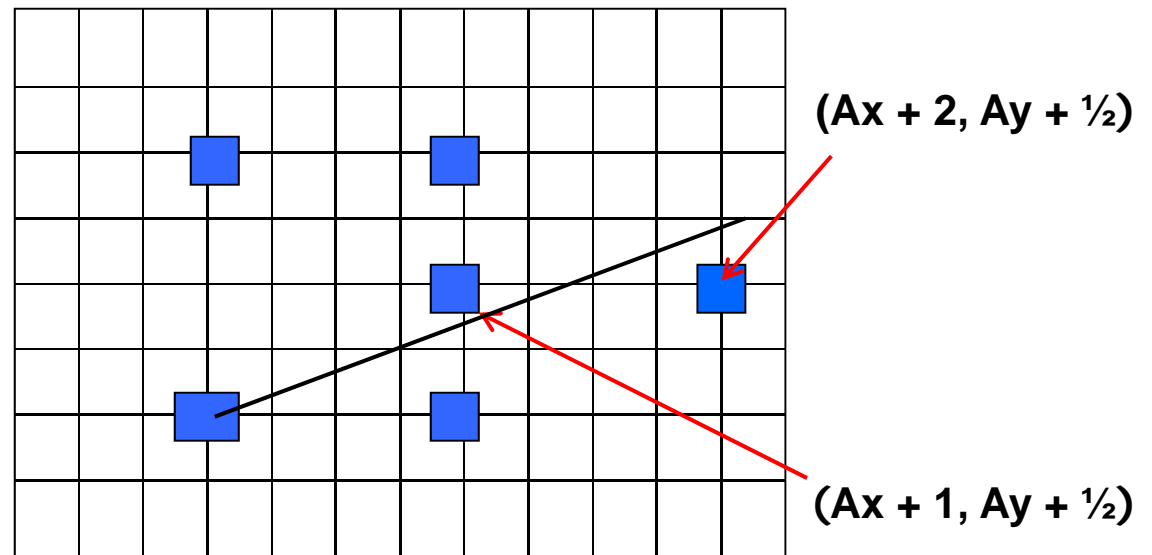
i.e. $F(Ax + 1, Ay + \frac{1}{2}) = 2H - W$

Can compute $F(x,y)$ for next midpoint incrementally

If we increment to $(x + 1, y)$, compute new $F(Mx, My)$

$$F(Mx, My) += 2H$$

i.e. $F(Ax + 2, Ay + \frac{1}{2})$
 $- F(Ax + 1, Ay + \frac{1}{2})$
 $= 2H$



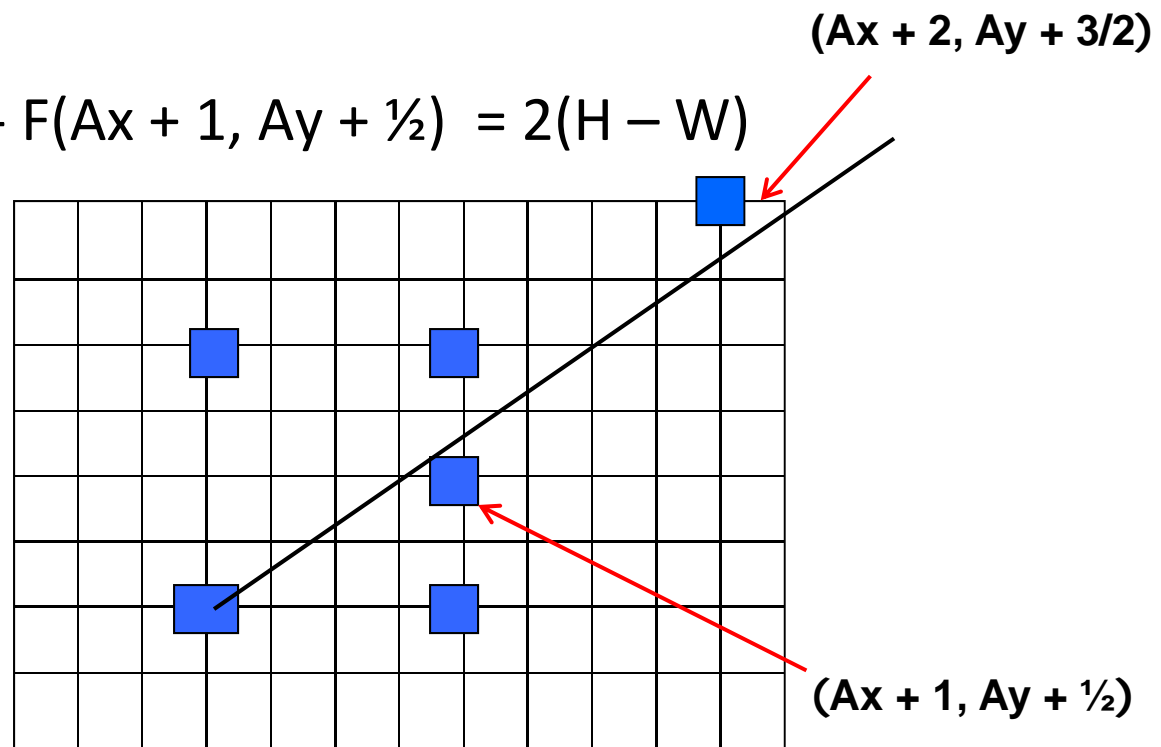


Can compute $F(x,y)$ incrementally

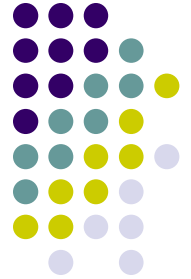
If we increment to $(x + 1, y + 1)$

$$F(Mx, My) += 2(H - W)$$

i.e. $F(Ax + 2, Ay + 3/2) - F(Ax + 1, Ay + 1/2) = 2(H - W)$



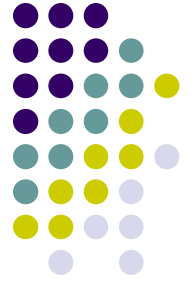
Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm



```
Bresenham(IntPoint a, InPoint b)
{ // restriction: a.x < b.x and 0 < H/W < 1
  int y = a.y, W = b.x - a.x, H = b.y - a.y;
  int F = 2 * H - W; // current error term
  for(int x = a.x; x <= b.x; x++)
  {
    setpixel at (x, y); // to desired color value
    if F < 0 // y stays same
      F = F + 2H;
    else{
      Y++, F = F + 2(H - W) // increment y
    }
  }
}
```

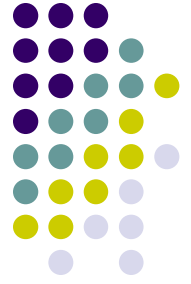
- Recall: F is equation of line

Bresenham's Line-Drawing Algorithm



- Final words: we developed algorithm with restrictions
 $0 < m < 1$ and $Ax < Bx$
- Can add code to remove restrictions
 - When $Ax > Bx$ (swap and draw)
 - Lines having $m > 1$ (interchange x with y)
 - Lines with $m < 0$ (step $x++$, decrement y not incr)
 - Horizontal and vertical lines (pretest $a.x = b.x$ and skip tests)

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