Today

- Clipping
  - Clipping to view volume
  - Clipping arbitrary polygons
- Hidden Surface Removal
  - Z-Buffer
  - BSP Trees
  - Others
Clipping

- Stuff outside view volume should not be drawn
  - Too close: obscures view
  - Too far:
    - Complexity
    - Z-buffer problems
  - Too high/low/right/left:
    - Memory errors
    - Broken algorithms
    - Complexity

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Clipping Line to Line/Plane

Line segment to be clipped

\[ x(t) = a + t(b - a) \]

Line/plane that clips it

\[ \hat{n} \cdot x - \hat{n} \cdot r = 0 \]
Clipping Line to Line/Plane

Line segment to be clipped
\[ x(t) = a + t(b - a) \]

Line/plane that clips it
\[ \hat{n} \cdot x = f \]
\[ \hat{n} \cdot (a + t(b - a)) = f \]
\[ \hat{n} \cdot a + t(\hat{n} \cdot (b - a)) = f \]

Segment may be on one side
\[ t \not\in [0...1] \]

Lines may be parallel
\[ \hat{n} \cdot d = 0 \]
Clipping Line to Line/Plane

- Segment may be on one side
  \[ t \notin [0...1] \]
- Lines may be parallel
  \[ \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{d} = 0 \]
  \[ |\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{d}| \leq \varepsilon \] (Recall comments about numerical issues)

Triangle Clip/Split

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Polygon Clip to Convex Domain

- Convex domain defined by collection of planes (or lines or hyper-planes)
- Planes have outward pointing normals
- Clip against each plane in turn
- Check for early/trivial rejection

Double vertices if you want separation...
Polygon Clip to Convex Domain

Note double edges.
Polygon Clip to Convex Domain

- Sutherland-Hodgman algorithm
  - Basically edge walking
- Clipping done often... should be efficient
  - Liang-Barsky parametric space algorithm
  - See text for clipping in 4D homogenized coordinates
General Polygon Clipping

- $A - B$
- $B - A$
- $A \cup B$
- $A \cap B$

Weiler Algorithm
- Double edges
Hidden Surface Removal

- True 3D to 2D projection would put everything overlapping into the view plane.
- We need to determine what’s in front and display only that.

Z-Buffers

- Add extra depth channel to image
- Write Z values when writing pixels
- Test Z values before writing
Z-Buffers

- **Benefits**
  - Easy to implement
  - Works for most any geometric primitive
  - Parallel operation in hardware

- **Limitations**
  - Quantization and aliasing artifacts
  - Overfill
  - Transparency does not work well

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Z-Buffers

- **Transparency requires partial sorting:**

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Z-Buffers

Recall depth-value distortions.

It's a feature...

More resolution near viewer
Best use of limited precision

A-Buffers

- Store sorted list of “fragments” at each pixel
- Draw all opaque stuff first then transparent
- Stuff behind full opacity gets ignored

- Nice for antialiasing...

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Scan-line Algorithm

- Assume polygons don’t intersect
- Each time an edge is crossed determine who’s on top

Painter’s Algorithm

- Sort Polygons Front-to-Back
  - Draw in order
    - Back-to-Front works also, but wasteful
- How to sort quickly?
- Intersecting polygons?
- Cycles?
BSP-Trees

- Binary Space Partition Trees
  - Split space along planes
  - Allows fast queries of some spatial relations
- Simple construction algorithm
  - Select a plane as sub-tree root
  - Everything on one side to one child
  - Everything on the other side to other child
  - Use random polygon for splitting plane