

# Computer Graphics

## Chapter 4 Graphics Output Primitives (Part II)

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# Chapter 4

## Graphics Output Primitives (Part II)

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### **OpenGL Curve Functions**

### **Fill-Area Primitives and Polygon Fill Areas**

# OpenGL Curve Functions

- **GLU** (OpenGL Utility) functions:

3D Quadrics (Spheres, Cylinders)

Rational B-Splines (circles, ellipse, Bezier curve)

(有理B樣條) `gluSphere/gluCylinder/gluDisk...`

NURBS (non-uniform rational B-splines)

- **GLUT** (OpenGL Utility Toolkit) functions:

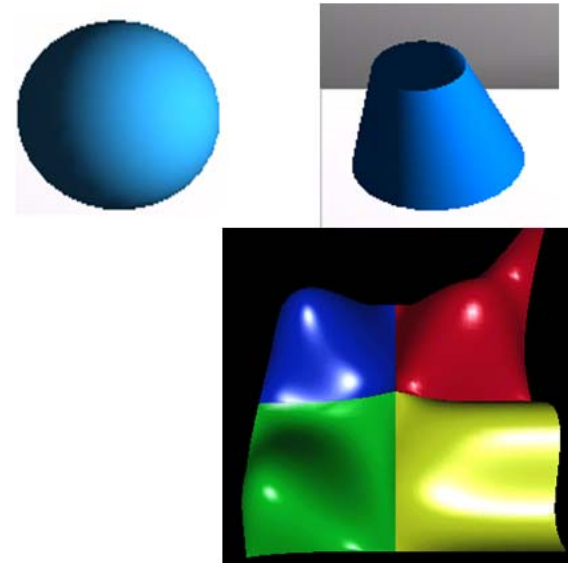
3D Quadrics (Spheres, Cones etc.)

`glutSolidSphere/glutWireSphere,`  
`glutSolidCone, glutSolidTorus, ...`

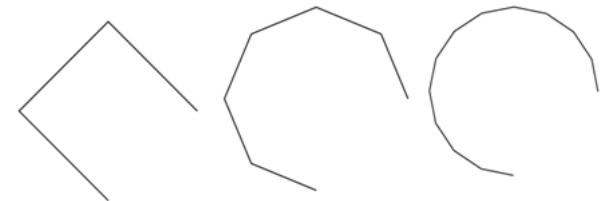
- Approximate a simple curve using a polyline

- The more line sections, the smoother appearance of the curve.

- Write your own curve-generation algorithms



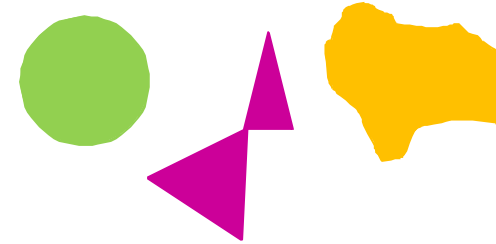
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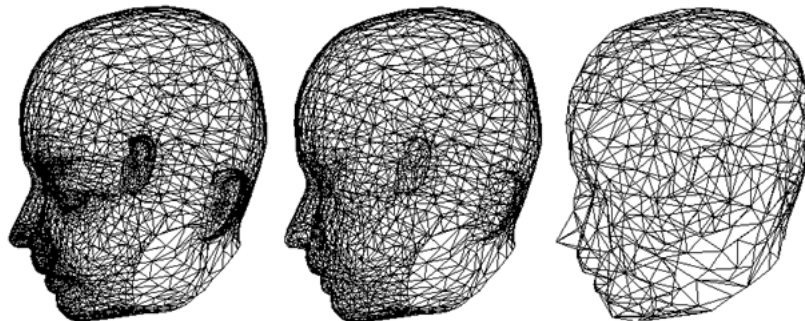
# Fill-Area Primitives

- **Fill (Filled) Area**

- An area filled with some solid color or pattern
- To describe the surfaces of solid objects
- Most graphics library routines don't support arbitrary fill shapes.
  - A fill area is required to be specified as a **polygon**.

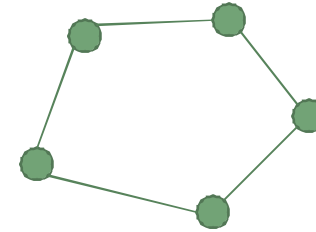


- A set of polygon facets can approximate a curved surface (a polygon mesh), which can be called as **Surface Tessellation**.



# Polygon Fill Areas

- **Polygon**
  - A **plane** figure specified by a set of three or more vertices, that are connected in sequence by straight-line segments (edges).  
Here refer only to those without crossing edges: simple (standard) polygon



The **interior angle** is the angle inside the polygon boundary that is formed by two adjacent edges.

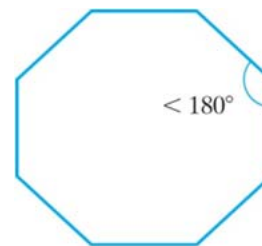
- **Polygon Classifications**

- **Convex Polygon** (◻)

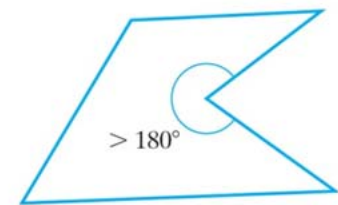
  - All interior angles are less than or equal to  $180^\circ$  degrees

- **Concave Polygon** (◻)

  - Otherwise



(a)



(b)

A convex polygon (a) and a concave polygon (b)

# Polygon Fill Areas

- Implementation consideration

- Some graphics packages including OpenGL, only support **convex** polygon for the fill algorithms.

Generate a line segment

- For **degenerate (退化)** polygons

Overlapping edges, or edges with 0 length

- A set of vertices that are collinear (or that have repeated vertex positions)
- To identify these cases, graphics systems usually leave these to the programmer

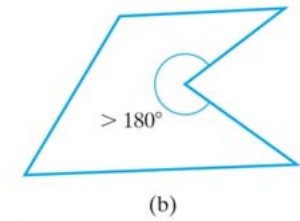
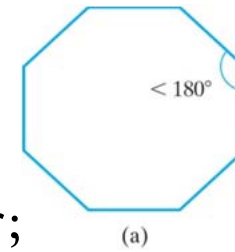
- For **concave** polygons

- Implementation of fill algorithms and other graphics routines are more complicated for concave polygons
- To split a concave polygon into a set of convex polygons

# Identifying Concave Polygons

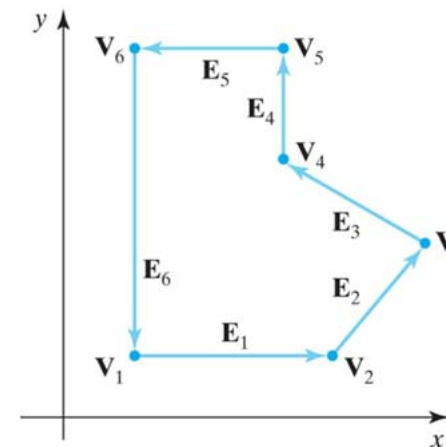
- Characteristics

- At least one interior angle  $> 180^\circ$ ;
- Extension of some edges intersect other;
- Line segment of some pair of interior points intersects the boundary.



- Mathematically

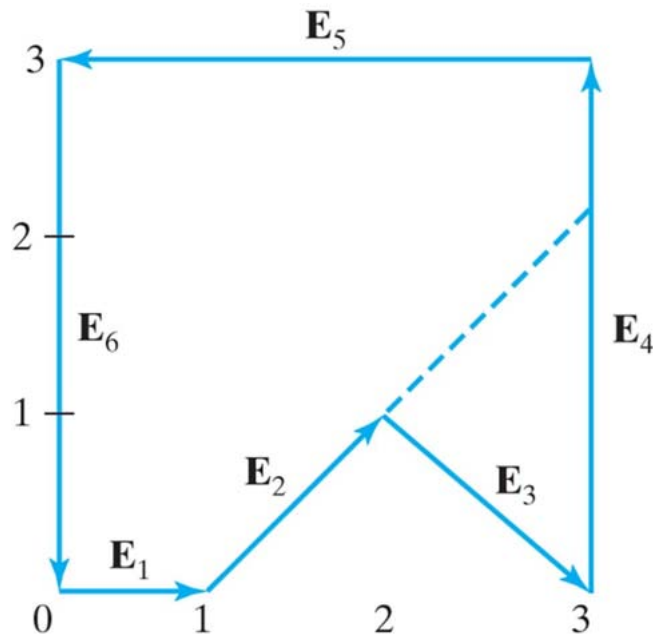
- The **cross products** of adjacent edges
- Convex: the same sign
- Concave: some are positive and some are negative  
(next slide for the detail )



$$\begin{aligned}
 (\mathbf{E}_1 \times \mathbf{E}_2)_z &> 0 \\
 (\mathbf{E}_2 \times \mathbf{E}_3)_z &> 0 \\
 (\mathbf{E}_3 \times \mathbf{E}_4)_z &< 0 \\
 (\mathbf{E}_4 \times \mathbf{E}_5)_z &> 0 \\
 (\mathbf{E}_5 \times \mathbf{E}_6)_z &> 0 \\
 (\mathbf{E}_6 \times \mathbf{E}_1)_z &> 0
 \end{aligned}$$



# Splitting Concave Polygons



Splitting a concave polygon using the vector method

Determinant form

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \det \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{i} & \mathbf{j} & \mathbf{k} \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$i a_2 b_3 + j a_3 b_1 + k a_1 b_2 - i a_3 b_2 - j a_1 b_3 - k a_2 b_1.$$

A concave polygon with six edges.  
Edge vectors for this polygon:

$$\mathbf{E}_1 = (1,0,0) \quad \mathbf{E}_2 = (1,1,0)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_3 = (1,-1,0) \quad \mathbf{E}_4 = (0,3,0)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_5 = (-3,0,0) \quad \mathbf{E}_6 = (0,-3,0)$$

The cross product for two adjacent edge vectors:

$$\mathbf{E}_1 \times \mathbf{E}_2 = (0,0,1) \quad \mathbf{E}_2 \times \mathbf{E}_3 = (0,0,-2)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_3 \times \mathbf{E}_4 = (0,0,3) \quad \mathbf{E}_4 \times \mathbf{E}_5 = (0,0,9)$$

$$\mathbf{E}_5 \times \mathbf{E}_6 = (0,0,9) \quad \mathbf{E}_6 \times \mathbf{E}_1 = (0,0,3)$$

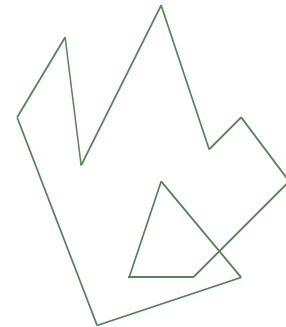
Split the polygon along the line of vector  $\mathbf{E}_2$ . The two new polygons are both convex.

# Inside-Outside Tests

- **Inside-Outside test**

- Area-filling algorithms and other graphics processes often need to identify interior regions of objects.

- For simple object, it is a straightforward process.



- For complex objects, graphics packages normally use either:
  1. Odd-Even (奇偶) rule (Odd-Parity rule or Even-Odd rule)
  2. Non-zero winding (環繞) number rule

# Inside-Outside Tests

## Odd-Even rule (Odd-Parity Rule, Even-Odd Rule):

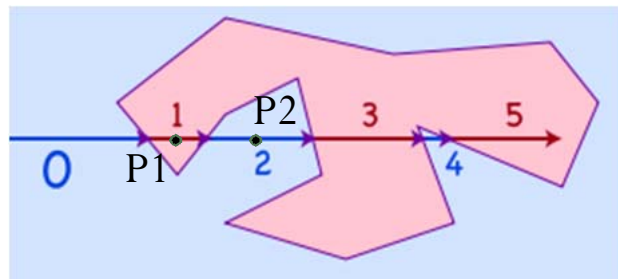
1. Draw a **line**: (the line path doesn't intersect any line-segment endpoints)

From any position P to a distant point outside the coordinate extents of the polygon

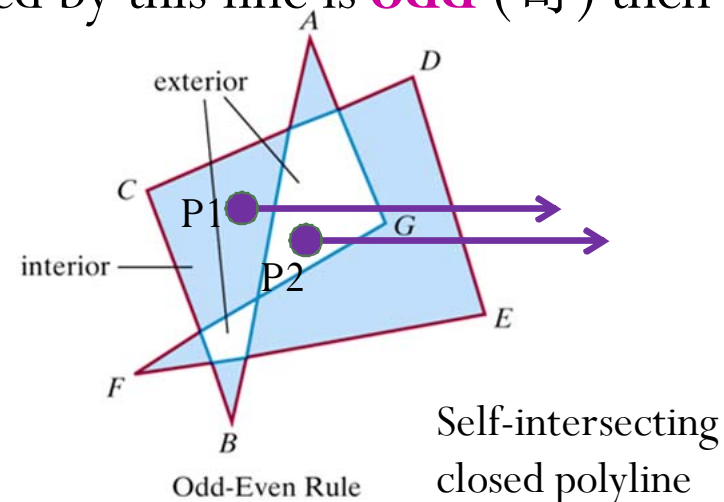
2. Counting the number of edge crossing along the line.
3. If the number of polygon edges crossed by this line is **odd** (奇) then P is an **interior** point.

Else

P is an **exterior** point



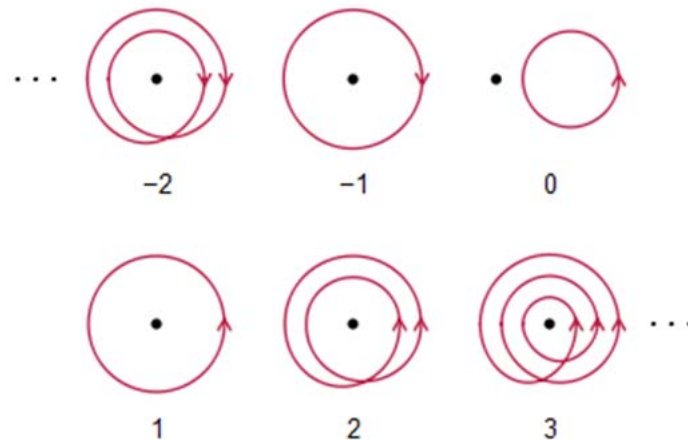
(From Wiki)



# Inside-Outside Tests

## Non-zero Winding (環繞) Number Rule :

- Counts the **winding number** of a point
  - **Non-zero: interior** points
  - **Zero: exterior** points
- Winding number of a closed curve around a given point:
  - The number of times the curve (**polygon edges**) wind counterclockwise around that point.



(Pic. From Wiki)

# Inside-Outside Tests

## Non-zero Winding Number Rule (cont.):

1. Set up vectors along the edges and initialing the winding number to 0.
2. Imagine a line drawn from any position  $P$  to a distant point beyond the coordinate extents of the object.
3. Count the number of edges that cross the line in each direction.

**Add 1** to the winding number:

A polygon edge crosses the line from right to left ( $\leftarrow$ ).

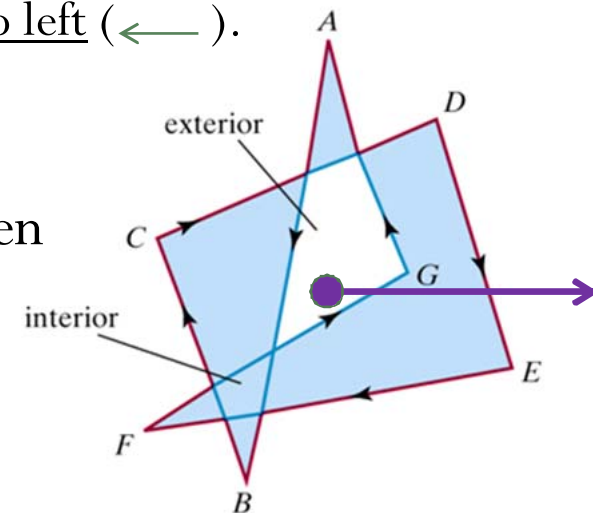
**Subtract 1:**

An edge crosses from left to right ( $\rightarrow$ ).

4. If the winding number is **non-zero**, then  $P$  is defined to be an **interior** point

**Else**

$P$  is taken to be an **exterior** point.



# Example: self-intersecting closed polyline

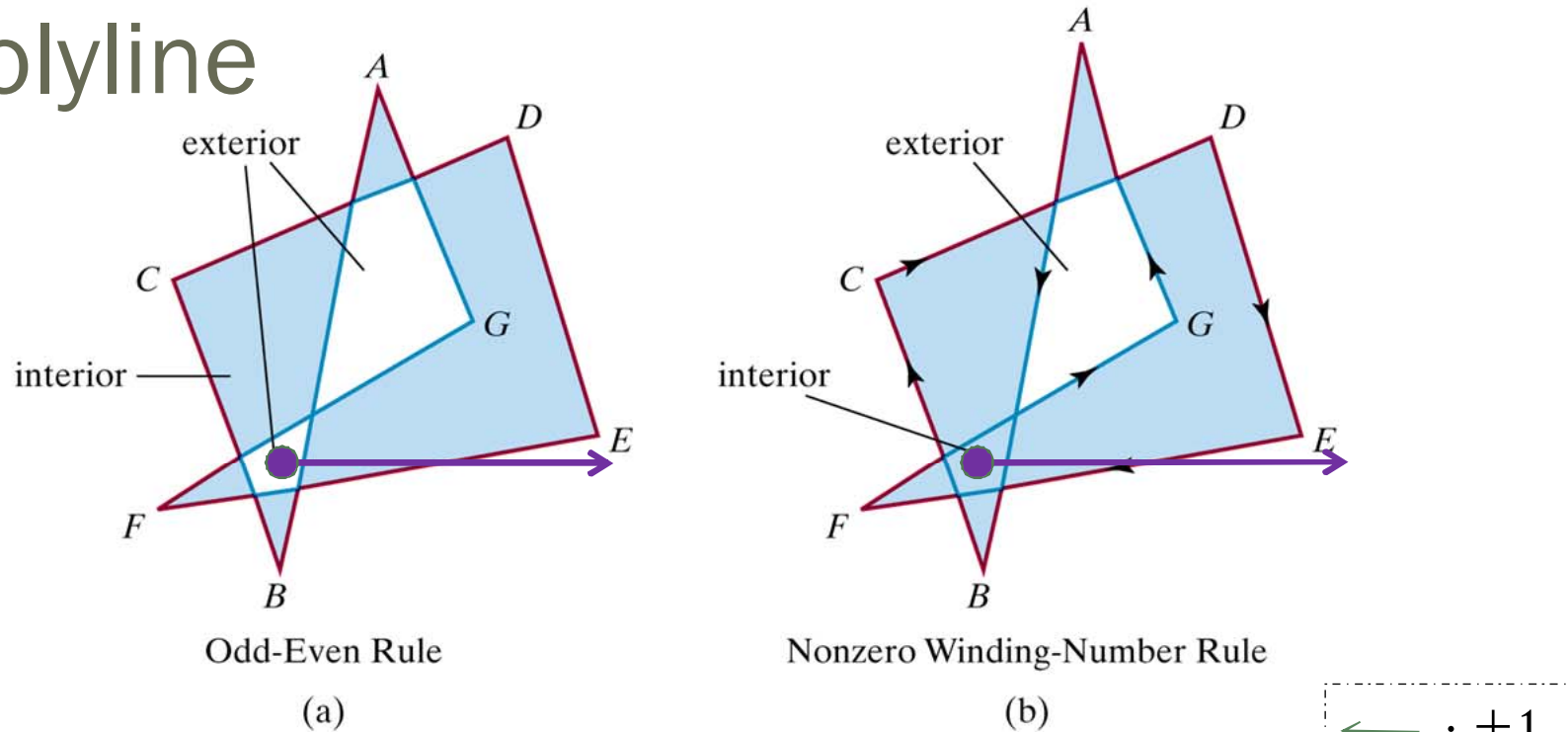


Figure 4-12

Identifying interior and exterior regions of a closed polyline that contains self-intersecting segments.

Odd: interior; even: exterior.

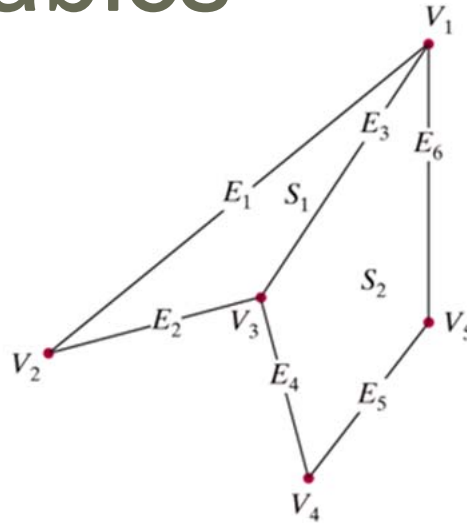
Non-zero: interior; zero: exterior.

# Polygon Representation



- Polygon Tables (**Fig. 4-16**)
  - Typically, the objects in a scene are described as sets of polygon surface facets with information:
    - Coordinate, color, transparency, lighting properties...
  - In systems, the information for polygons facets are represented by tables – polygon data tables:
    - **Geometric Tables**  
Vertex Table; Edge Table; Surface-Facet Table
    - **Attribute Tables**  
Normal; Transparency; Reflectance; Texture Coordinates

# Polygon Tables



VERTEX TABLE	
$V_1$ :	$x_1, y_1, z_1$
$V_2$ :	$x_2, y_2, z_2$
$V_3$ :	$x_3, y_3, z_3$
$V_4$ :	$x_4, y_4, z_4$
$V_5$ :	$x_5, y_5, z_5$

EDGE TABLE	
$E_1$ :	$V_1, V_2$
$E_2$ :	$V_2, V_3$
$E_3$ :	$V_3, V_1$
$E_4$ :	$V_3, V_4$
$E_5$ :	$V_4, V_5$
$E_6$ :	$V_5, V_1$

SURFACE-FACET TABLE	
$S_1$ :	$E_1, E_2, E_3$
$S_2$ :	$E_3, E_4, E_5, E_6$

Geometric data-table representation for two adjacent polygon surface facets, formed with six edges and five vertices



# Chapter 4

## Graphics Output Primitives (Part II)

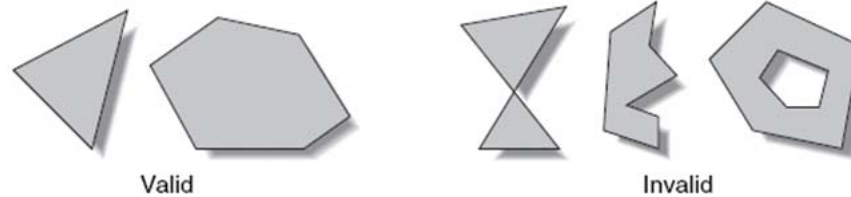
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### **OpenGL Polygon Fill-Area Functions**

# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions

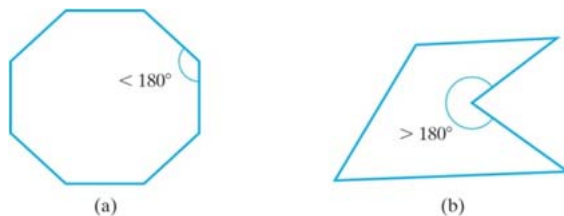
- In OpenGL, a fill area must be specified as a **convex** polygon
  - A vertex list for a fill polygon must contain at least **three** vertices;

- **No crossing** edges;



(From: OpenGL Programming Guide)

- All interior angles for the polygon must be **less than 180°**.



A convex polygon (a) and a concave polygon (b).

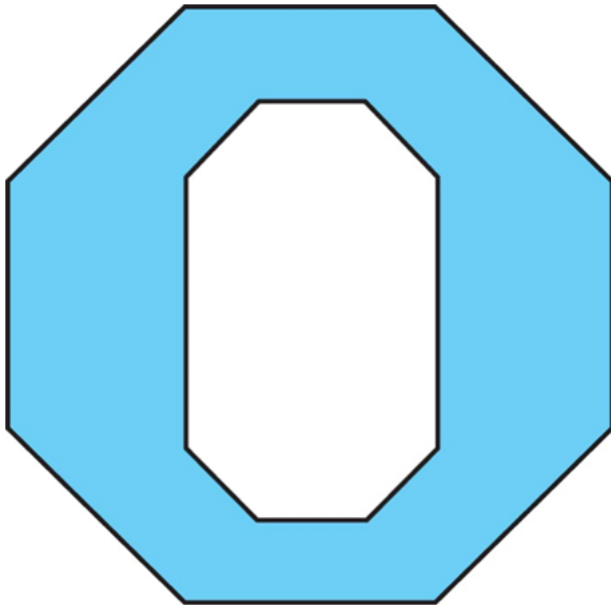
Convex:

- ❖ all interior angles are less than or equal to  $180^\circ$ .

Concave:

- ❖ Otherwise.

# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions



A polygon with a complex interior, which cannot be specified with a single vertex list.

The figure on the left has a hole in it.

How do you show such polygon?

- One vertex list for only one polygon-filled area
- You can define it by two overlapping convex polygons.

# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions

- In OpenGL, specifying fill polygons are similar to those for describing a point or polyline.

```
glBegin(SYMBOLIC_CONSTANT)  
    glVertex*(...);  
    glVertex*(...);  
    ...  
glEnd();
```

```
//set red color  
glColor3f(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);  
//specify 2D square  
glBegin(GL_QUADS);  
    glVertex2i(-2, 2);  
    glVertex2i(2, 2);  
    glVertex2i(2, -2);  
    glVertex2i(-2, -2);  
glEnd();
```

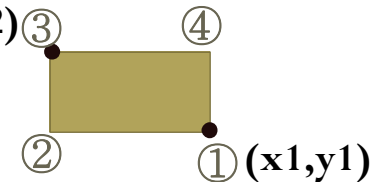


- By default, a polygon interior is displayed in a **solid** color, determined by the current color settings

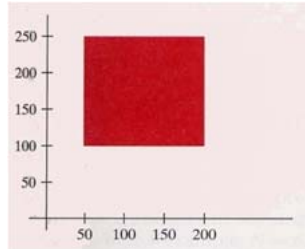
# Define Rectangle in OpenGL

- A special rectangle function of OpenGL

```
glRect* (x1,y1,x2,y2);
```



'\*': the coordinate data type: i (integer), s (short), f (float), d (double), and v (vector)



```
glRecti ( 200, 100, 50, 250 );
```

```
int vertex1 [ ] = { 200, 100 };
```

```
int vertex2 [ ] = { 50, 250 };
```

```
glRectv ( vertex1, vertex2 );
```

This function is equivalent to :

```
glBegin (GL_POLYGON);
    glVertex2* (x1, y1);
    glVertex2* (x2, y1);
    glVertex2* (x2, y2);
    glVertex2* (x1, y2);
glEnd ();

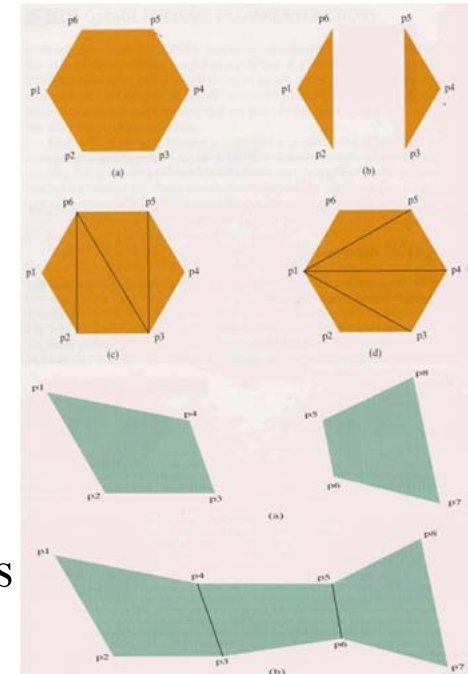
and

glBegin (GL_QUADS);
    glVertex2* (x1, y1);
    glVertex2* (x2, y1);
    glVertex2* (x2, y2);
    glVertex2* (x1, y2);
glEnd ();
```

# Six OpenGL Polygon Fill Primitives

To use the symbolic constant in the `glBegin` function, along with a list of `glVertex` commands.

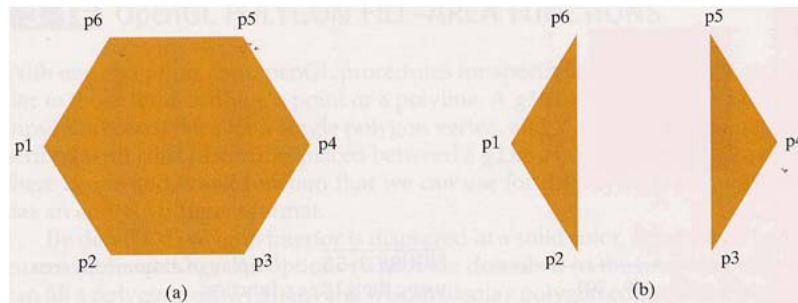
- `GL_POLYGON` -- closed ploygon
- `GL_TRIANGLES` -- disconnected triangles
- `GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP` -- connected triangles
- `GL_TRIANGLE_FAN` -- triangles sharing common point
- `GL_QUADS` -- disconnected quadrilaterals
- `GL_QUAD_STRIP` -- connected quadrilaterals



Same vertices in different order, and with different symbolic constant

# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions

- GL\_POLYGON and GL\_TRIANGLES



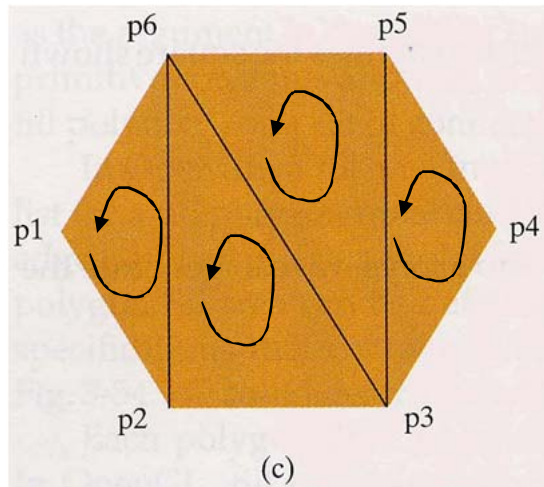
```
glBegin (GL_POLYGON);  
  glVertex2iv (p1);  
  glVertex2iv (p2);  
  glVertex2iv (p3);  
  glVertex2iv (p4);  
  glVertex2iv (p5);  
  glVertex2iv (p6);  
glEnd ();
```

```
glBegin (GL_TRIANGLES);  
  glVertex2iv (p1);  
  glVertex2iv (p2);  
  glVertex2iv (p6);  
  glVertex2iv (p3);  
  glVertex2iv (p4);  
  glVertex2iv (p5);  
glEnd ();
```

The orders of the vertices in (a) and (b) between the glBegin() and glEnd() pair are different.

# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions

- `GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP`



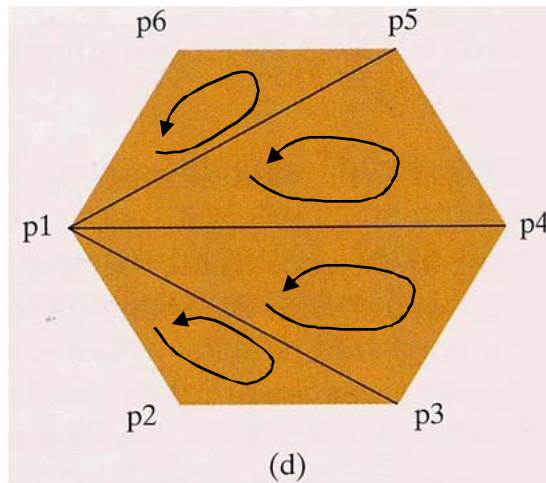
```
glBegin (GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP);  
glVertex2iv (p1); -> n=1  
glVertex2iv (p2); -> n=2  
glVertex2iv (p6); -> n=3  
glVertex2iv (p3); -> n=4  
glVertex2iv (p5);  
glVertex2iv (p4);  
glEnd ();
```

- For  $N$  vertices, we obtain  $N-2$  triangles. Each successive triangle shares an edge with the previously defined triangle.
- The **first three points** form the first triangle (**counterclockwise** viewing from the outside), points 2-4 form the second, points 3-5 form the third, and so on.
- The ordering of the vertex list is important to ensure a consistent display.
  - Define each position  $n$  in the vertex list in the order 1, 2, ...,  $N-2$ .
    - If  $n$  is odd, the triangle vertices are in the order:  $n, n+1, n+2$ ; ->  $(p1, p2, p6)$
    - If  $n$  is even, the triangle vertices are in the order:  $n+1, n, n+2$ . ->  $(p6, p2, p3)$



# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions

- `GL_TRIANGLE_FAN`

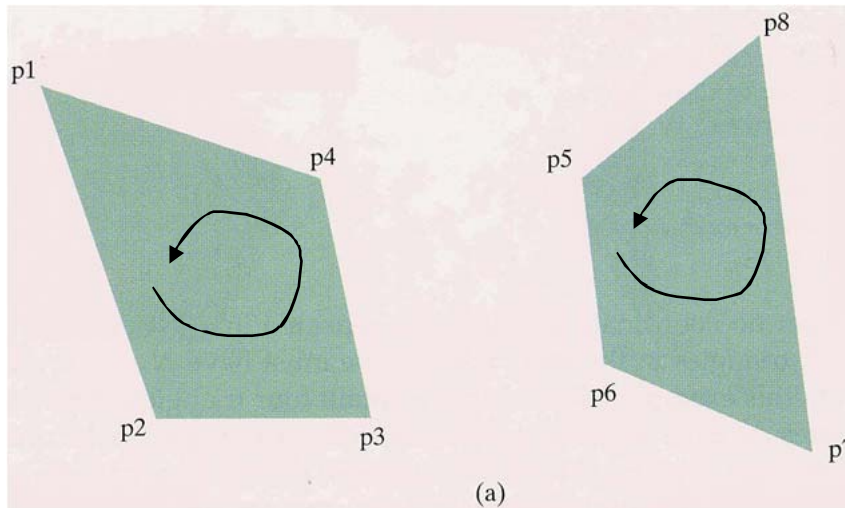


```
glBegin (GL_TRIANGLE_FAN);  
glVertex2iv (p1); -> n=1  
glVertex2iv (p2); -> n=2  
glVertex2iv (p3); -> n=3  
glVertex2iv (p4); -> n=4  
glVertex2iv (p5);  
glVertex2iv (p6);  
glEnd ();
```

- For  $N$  vertices, we obtain  $N-2$  triangles.
- The first point is shared by every triangle. Points 1&2&3 define the first one, points 1&3&4 define the second, and so on.
- Define each position  $n$  in the vertex list in the order 1, 2, ...,  $N-2$ .
  - Vertices 1,  $n+1$ ,  $n+2$  define  $n^{\text{th}}$  triangle; ->  $(p1, p2, p3); (p1, p3, p4); \dots$

# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions

- GL\_QUADS

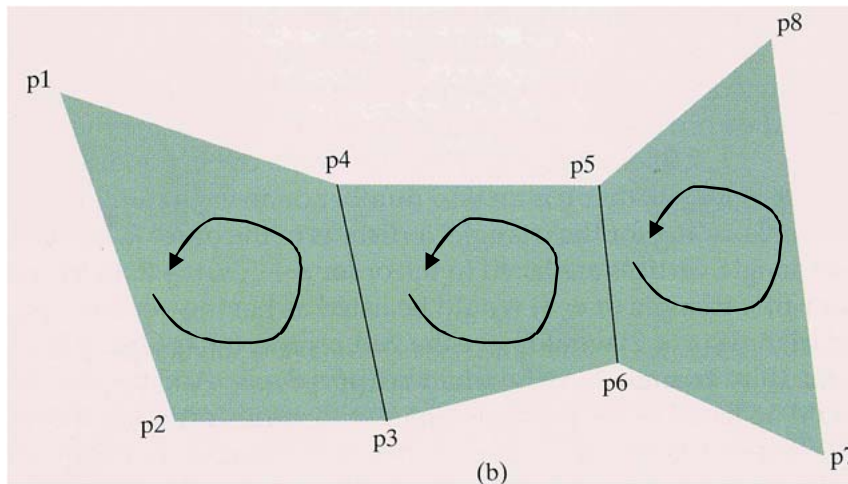


```
glBegin (GL_QUADS);  
glVertex2iv (p1);  
glVertex2iv (p2);  
glVertex2iv (p3);  
glVertex2iv (p4);  
glVertex2iv (p5);  
glVertex2iv (p6);  
glVertex2iv (p7);  
glVertex2iv (p8);  
glEnd ();
```

- The first four points form a quadrilateral, the next four points form the second, and so on.
- At least four points should be listed, otherwise, nothing is displayed.

# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions

- `GL_QUAD_STRIP`



```
glBegin (GL_QUAD_STRIP);  
  glVertex2iv (p1); -> n=1  
  glVertex2iv (p2); -> n=2  
  glVertex2iv (p4); -> n=3  
  glVertex2iv (p3);  
  glVertex2iv (p5);  
  glVertex2iv (p6);  
  glVertex2iv (p8);  
  glVertex2iv (p7);  
glEnd ();
```

- Rearrange the vertex list, we can obtain the set of connected quadrilaterals.
- Define each position  $n$  in the vertex list in the order  $n=1, n=2, \dots, n=(N/2)-1$ .
  - The vertices  $2n-1, 2n, 2n+2, 2n+1$  define  $n^{\text{th}}$  quadrilateral ->  $(p1, p2, p3, p4); (p4, p3, p6, p5)$

# OpenGL Polygon Fill-area Functions

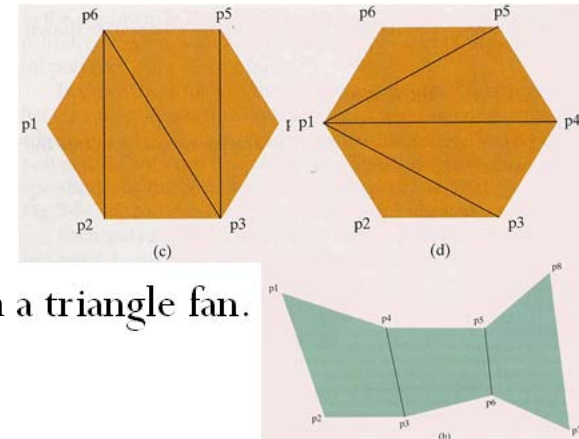
- Common use

- `GL_TRIANGLE_STRIP` & `GL_QUAD_STRIP`

- Easy to create solid surfaces.

- `GL_TRIANGLE_FAN`

- Conical shapes: a cone is hard with strips, easy with a triangle fan.



- Not common use

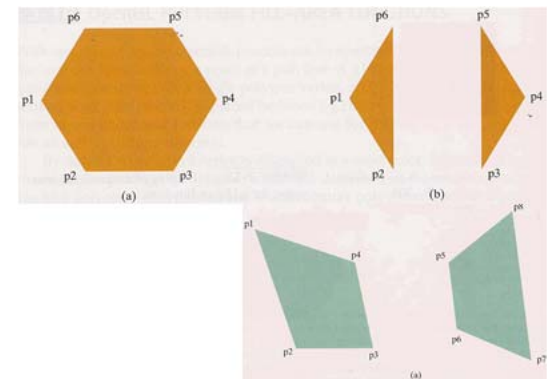
- `GL_TRIANGLES` & `GL_QUADS` are **rare**

- Gaps in solid objects are an easy mistake.

- Exception: as output format of modeling programs.

- `GL_POLYGON` is **fairly rare**

- Wrongly generate non-planar/non-convex polygons.



# Spatial Orientation of Polygon Faces

- Spatial Orientation of a polygon face
  - The vertex coordinates values
  - The equations of the polygon surfaces
- The general equation of a plane containing a polygon is

$$Ax + By + Cz + D = 0 \quad (4-1)$$

$(x, y, z)$  is any point on the plane;

$A, B, C, D$ : plane parameters giving the spatial properties of the plane.

- $A, B, C$  and  $D$  can be calculated by three non-collinear points in the plane, selected in a **strictly counterclockwise order**, viewing the surface along a front-to-back direction.
- Please refer to equations (4-3) and (4-4).

# Plane Equation by 3 Points

## Geometry in 3D

Find an equation of the plane (if it exists) through the points  $A(1,-2,0)$ ,  $B(2,1,0)$  and  $C(-1,1,2)$ .

Equation of Plane with **Point** and **Normal Vector**

directional vector for line AB

$$\vec{r}_{AB} = \langle B-A \rangle = \langle 2-1, 1+2, 0-0 \rangle = \langle 1, 3, 0 \rangle$$

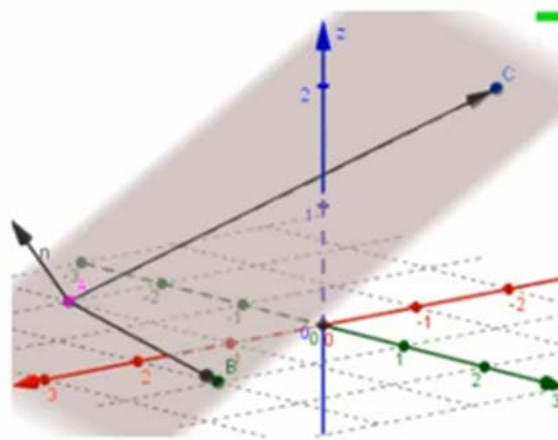
directional vector for line AC

$$\vec{r}_{AC} = \langle C-A \rangle = \langle -1-1, 1+2, 2-0 \rangle = \langle -2, 3, 2 \rangle$$

$$\vec{n} = \vec{r}_{AB} \times \vec{r}_{AC} = \begin{vmatrix} \vec{i} & \vec{j} & \vec{k} \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \vec{i} \cdot 6 - \vec{j} \cdot 2 + \vec{k} \cdot 9 = \langle 6, -2, 9 \rangle$$

$$A(x-x_0) + B(y-y_0) + C(z-z_0) = 0$$

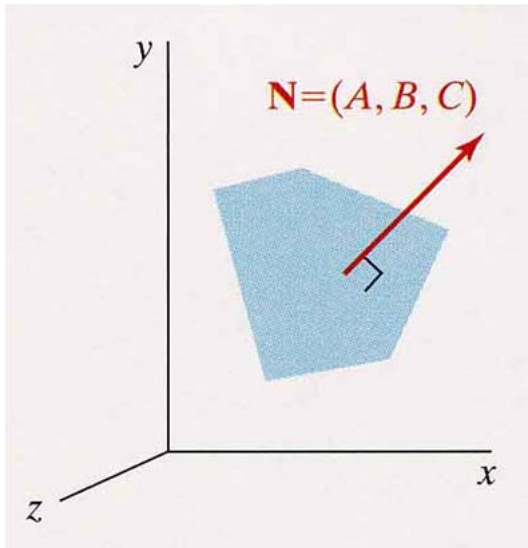
$$6(x-1) + (-2)(y+2) + 9(z-0) = 0 \Rightarrow 6x - 2y + 9z = 10$$



(By Linda Fahlberg-Stojanovska)

# Orientation of Polygon Surface

- Normal vector for the plane containing that polygon



## The surface normal vector is:

- perpendicular to the plane;
- points in the direction from inside to the outside;
- Cartesian components  $(A, B, C)$ , where  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are the plane coefficients

The normal vector  $N$  for a plane  $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$ .

# Polygon Faces

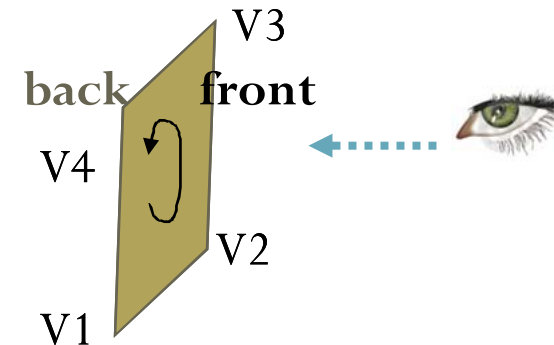
- In graphics, polygon faces are often distinguished between the two sides of each surface.
- **Back face**: the side that faces into the object interior.  
**Front face**: the side that is visible, or outward.
- Each side can have its own rendering style, such as
  - Filling
  - Wireframe
  - Vertex
  - ...



# Front and Back face of Polygons

- In OpenGL, each polygon we specify has two faces: a **back** face and a **front** face.
- **Fill color** and **other attributes** can be set for each face separately.

```
glPolygonMode(GL_FRONT, GL_FILL); //filled polygon
glPolygonMode(GL_BACK, GL_LINE); //wireframe
glBegin(GL_POLYGON);
    glVertex2f(...);
    .....
    glVertex2f(...);
glEnd();
```



- Define **front/back face**

- Default: the polygon vertices in a **counterclockwise** order as we view the polygon from “**outside**”.
- User define:

```
glFrontFace(GL_CCW); //counterclockwise
glFrontFace(GL_CW); //clockwise
```

# Identify Points Position Relative to Faces

- A basic task in many graphics algorithms
- How to do the test?
  - Each polygon is contained in an infinite plane that partitions the place into two regions. ■ Plane equation can be used.
    - Is the point in front of the plane?
    - Is the point inside the object?
      - Behind (inside) all polygon surface planes

If  $Ax + By + Cz + D < 0$ ,

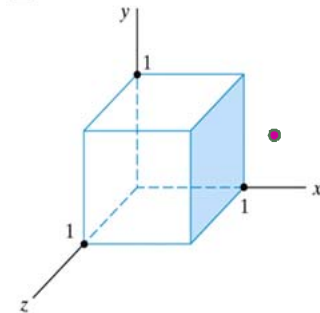
the point  $(x, y, z)$  is behind (inside) the plane;

If  $Ax + By + Cz + D > 0$ ,

the point  $(x, y, z)$  is in front of (outside) the plane.

■ These inequality tests are valid in a **right-handed** Cartesian system;

■ A, B, C and D were calculated using points selected in a **strictly counterclockwise order**, viewing the surface along a front-to-back direction.



The shaded polygon surface of the unit cube has plane equation  $x - 1 = 0$ .

Any point outside it satisfies the inequality  $x - 1 > 0$ .

# Chapter 4

## Graphics Output Primitives (Part II)

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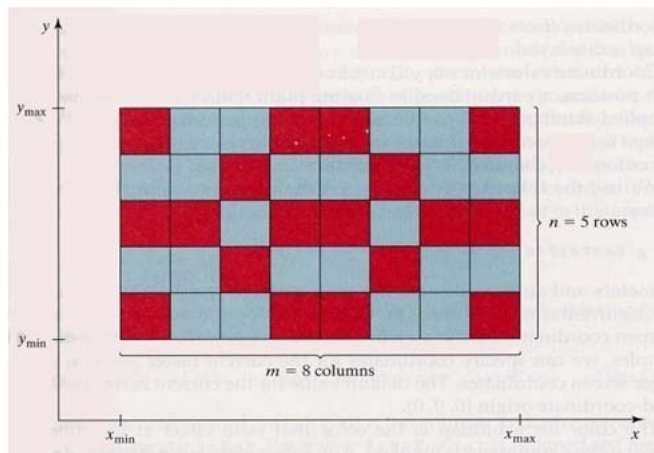
**Pixel Array Primitives, Character Primitives  
and OpenGL Functions**

# Pixel-Array Primitive

- **Bitmap (mask, 2-color image)** is a pixel array with the bit value 0 or 1 to each element.
- **Pixmap** is a pixel array of color values

How to obtain such pattern on screen?

- Scanning a picture or generated by a graphics program.
- So the pattern can be represented by a rectangular array of color values.
- Then each color value in the array is mapped to one or more screen pixel positions.



Mapping an  $n$  by  $m$  color array onto a region of the screen coordinates.

# OpenGL Pixel-Array Functions

- Two OpenGL functions are used to define pixel patterns: bitmap and pixmap.
- OpenGL **Bitmap** Function

**glBitmap (width, height, x0, y0, xOffset, yOffset, bitShape);**

**width:** the no. of columns for the Bitmap in the array **bitShape**;

**height:** the no. of rows for the Bitmap in the array **bitShape**;

Floating  
-point

**(x0, y0):** define the “origin” of the bitmap, which is positioned at the current raster position ([next slide](#));

**xOffset, yOffset:** coordinate increments added to the raster position after the bitmap is displayed;

**bitShape:** the array of elements assigned either 1 (displayed in the previously set color) or 0 (unaffected by the bitmap); ([example](#))

*Spec.: [http://www.opengl.org/documentation/specs/man\\_pages/hardcopy/GL/html/gl/bitmap.html](http://www.opengl.org/documentation/specs/man_pages/hardcopy/GL/html/gl/bitmap.html)*

# OpenGL Pixel-Array Functions

- OpenGL **Bitmap** Function (cont.)

## Current raster position:

A location in the frame buffer where the pattern is to be applied.

```
glRasterPos*()
```

which sets the coordinates (floating-point) for the **current raster position**, and the default value is the world-coordinate origin.



# OpenGL Bitmap Function

- **bitShape**: the rectangular bit array
  - Each row is stored in multiples of 8 bits, where the binary data is arranged as a set of 8-bit unsigned characters.
- But the arbitrary shape can be defined by any convenient grid size in a bit pattern.

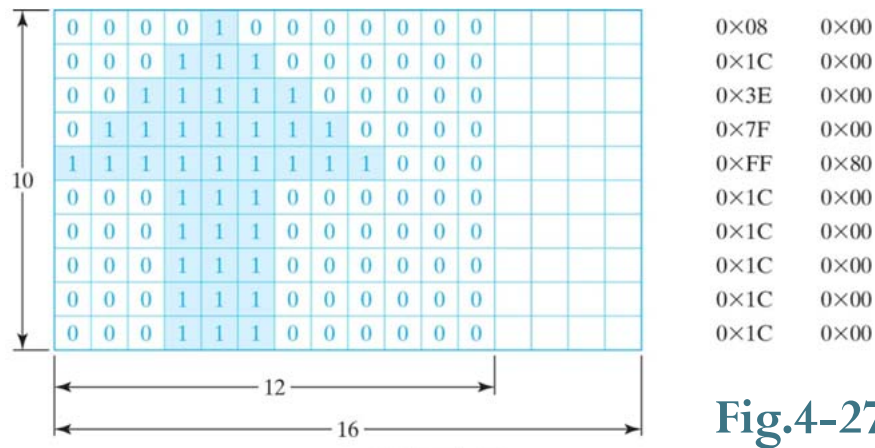


Fig.4-27

- A bit pattern defined on a 10-row by 9-column grid.
- The binary data is specified with 16 bits for each row.
- When applied, all bit values beyond the 9<sup>th</sup> column are ignored.



# OpenGL Bitmap Function

- Apply the bit pattern of Fig. 4-27.

//array values defined row by row

```
GLubyte bitShape[20] = {
    0x1c, 0x00, 0x1c, 0x00, 0x1c, 0x00, 0x1c, 0x00, 0x1c, 0x00, 0xff, 0x80,
    0x7f, 0x00, 0x3e, 0x00, 0x1c, 0x00, 0x08, 0x00 };
```

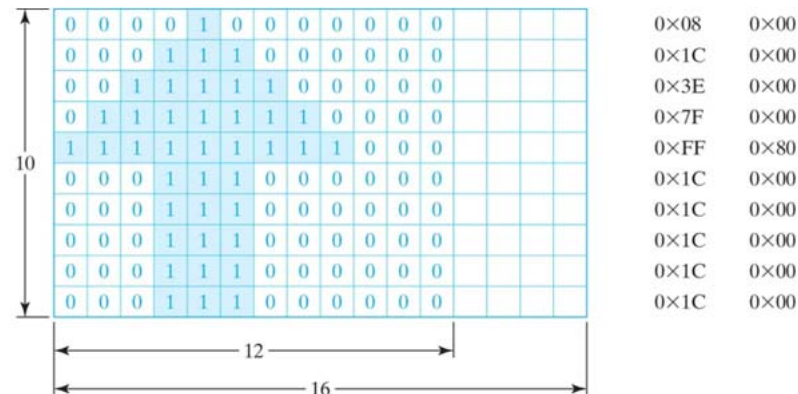
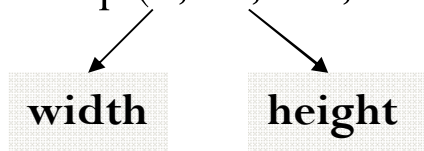
//set the storage mode for the bitmap  
 glPixelStorei (GL\_UNPACK\_ALIGNMENT, 1);

The alignment requirements for the start of each pixel row in memory.

//set the current raster position

```
glRasterPos2i (30, 40);
```

```
glBitmap (9, 10, 0.0, 0.0, 20.0, 15.0, bitShape);
```





# OpenGL Image (Pixmap) Functions

- OpenGL provides three basic commands to manipulate image data
  - **glDrawPixels():** Writes [a rectangular array of pixels] from data kept in memory into the framebuffer at the current raster position specified by **glRasterPos\*()**.
  - **glReadPixels():** Reads [a rectangular array of pixels] from the framebuffer and stores the data in memory.
  - **glCopyPixels():** Copies [a rectangular array of pixels] from one part of the framebuffer to another.
    - This command behaves similarly to a call to **glReadPixels()** followed by a call to **glDrawPixels()**, but the data is **never** written into the memory.

# OpenGL Image Functions

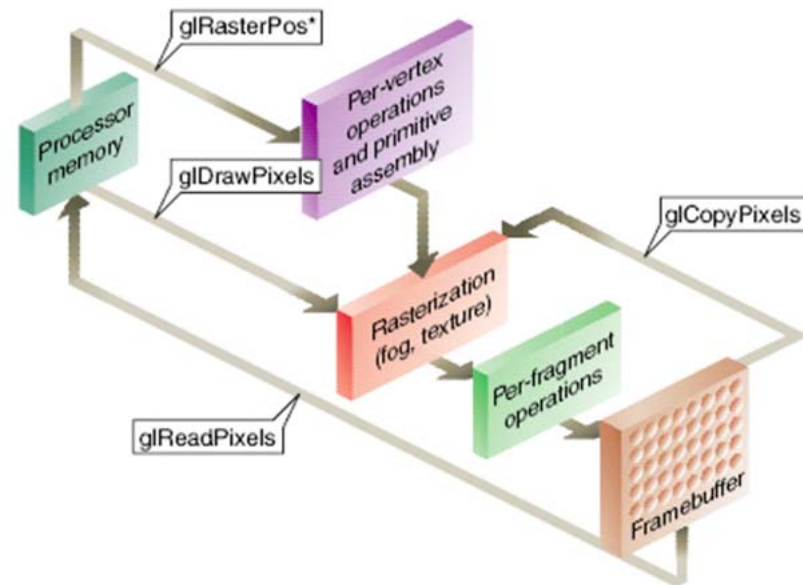


Figure 8-3 Simplistic Diagram of Pixel Data Flow

- The coordinates of **glRasterPos\*()**, which specify the current raster position used by **glDrawPixels()** and **glCopyPixels()**, are transformed by the geometric processing pipeline.

# OpenGL Image Functions

- Write an image which is kept in processor **memory** into the **framebuffer** at the current raster position



```
glDrawPixels (width, height, dataFormat, dataType, pixMap);
```

**pixMap** draws to the current raster position.

**width, height:** the column and row dimensions of the **pixMap**;

**dataFormat** (OpenGL constant): to indicate how the array values are specified, such as `GL_BLUE`, `GL_BGR`; `GL_DEPTH_COMPONENT`, `GL_STENCIL_INDEX`.

**dataType** (OpenGL constant): to specify the pixel format of the **pixMap**, such as `GL_BYTE`, `GL_INT`, or `GL_FLOAT`

**Eg:** a 128-by-128 array of RGB color values `pixmap`

```
glDrawPixels (128, 128, GL_RGB, GL_UNSIGNED_BYTE, colorShape);
```

# OpenGL Image Functions

- Data format

format Constant	Pixel Format
GL_COLOR_INDEX	a single color index
GL_RG or GL_RG_INTEGER	a red color component, followed by a green color component
GL_RGB or GL_RGB_INTEGER	a red color component, followed by green and blue color components
GL_RGBA or GL_RGBA_INTEGER	a red color component, followed by green, blue, and alpha color components
GL_BGR or GL_BGR_INTEGER	a blue color component, followed by green and red color components
GL_BGRA or GL_BGRA_INTEGER	a blue color component, followed by green, red, and alpha color components
GL_RED or GL_RED_INTEGER	a single red color component
GL_GREEN or GL_GREEN_INTEGER	a single green color component
GL_BLUE or GL_BLUE_INTEGER	a single blue color component
GL_ALPHA or GL_ALPHA_INTEGER	a single alpha color component
GL_LUMINANCE	a single luminance component
GL_LUMINANCE_ALPHA	a luminance component followed by an alpha color component
GL_STENCIL_INDEX	a single stencil index
GL_DEPTH_COMPONENT	a single depth component
GL_DEPTH_STENCIL	combined depth and stencil components

# Store Pixel Values in Buffer

- After defining the shape or pattern by **glDrawPixels** routine, a **target buffer** should be specified.
- OpenGL buffers and their uses (store color values and other kinds of pixel data information)

- **Color buffer**

There are 4 available in OpenGL for screen refreshing.: A **left-right pair** of color buffers is for displaying stereoscopic views, a **front-back pair** for double-buffered animating displays;

- **Depth buffer (*z buffer*)**

Store object distances (depths) from the viewing position;

- **Stencil buffer**

Store rendering patterns for a scene;

- **Accumulation buffer**

Accumulating a series of images into a final, composite image.



(From:Wiki)

# Store Pixel Values in Buffer

- Operations to clear buffers
  - Firstly, to set the clearing values for each buffer `glClearColor(1.0, 1.0, 1.0, 1.0);`

```
void glClearColor(GLclampf red, GLclampf green, GLclampf blue,  
                 GLclampf alpha);  
void glClearIndex(GLfloat index);  
void glClearDepth(GLclampd depth);  
void glClearStencil(GLint s);  
void glClearAccum(GLfloat red, GLfloat green, GLfloat blue,  
                 GLfloat alpha);
```

Specifies the current clearing values for the color buffer (in RGBA mode), the color buffer (in color-index mode), the depth buffer, the stencil buffer, and the accumulation buffer. The `GLclampf` and `GLclampd` types (clamped `GLfloat` and clamped `GLdouble`) are clamped to be between 0.0 and 1.0. The default depth-clearing value is 1.0; all the other default clearing values are 0. The values set with the clear commands remain in effect until they're changed by another call to the same command.

- Then to clear the buffers `glClear(GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT | GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT);`

```
void glClear(GLbitfield mask);
```

Clears the specified buffers. The value of `mask` is the bitwise logical OR of some combination of `GL_COLOR_BUFFER_BIT`, `GL_DEPTH_BUFFER_BIT`, `GL_STENCIL_BUFFER_BIT`, and `GL_ACCUM_BUFFER_BIT` to identify which buffers are to be cleared.

# Store Pixel Values in Buffer

- To select which color buffer will be drawn

```
glDrawBuffer (buffer);
```

OpenGL symbolic constants for “buffer”:

A single buffer: GL\_FRONT\_LEFT, GL\_FRONT\_RIGHT,  
GL\_BACK\_LEFT, GL\_BACK\_RIGHT;

Two buffers: GL\_FRONT, GL\_BACK; GL\_LEFT, GL\_RIGHT;

All available four buffers: GL\_FRONT\_AND\_BACK

# OpenGL Raster Operations

- Other operations on a pixel array by OpenGL:
  - Retrieve a block of values from a buffer into memory;
  - Copy a block of values between buffers array;
  - Logic operations to combine the two blocks of pixel values.

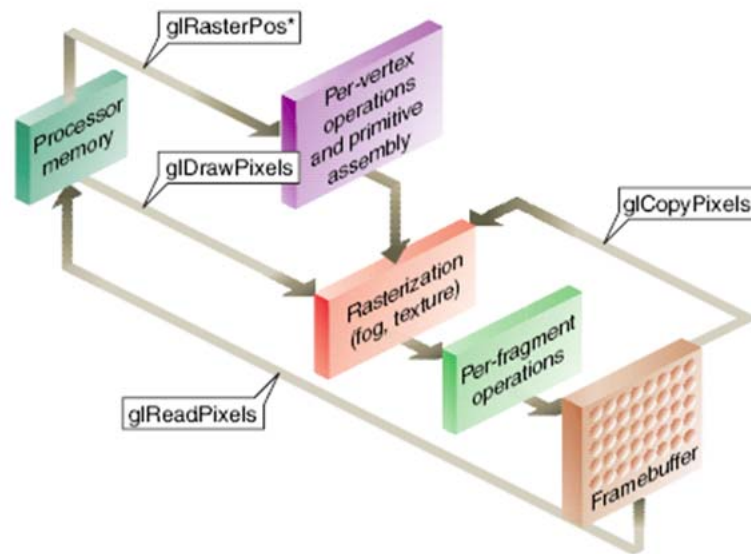


Figure 8-3 Simplistic Diagram of Pixel Data Flow



# OpenGL Raster Operations

- Retrieving a block of values from a buffer into memory (array)
  - Firstly, to select a block of pixel values in a designated buffers

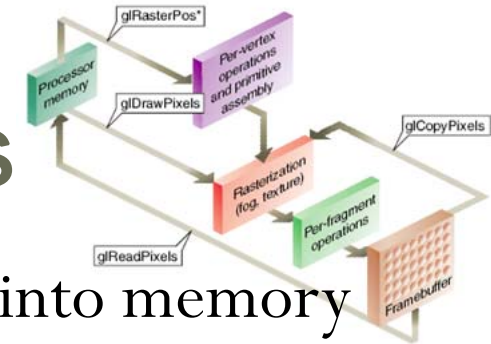


Figure 8-3 Simplistic Diagram of Pixel Data Flow

**glReadPixels (xmin, ymin, width, height, dataFormat, dataType, array);**

**(xmin,ymin)**: the lower-left corner coordinate position of the rectangular block to be retrieved;

**dataFormat**: depend on the selected buffer, Eg,  
GL\_DEPTH\_COMPONENT for the depth buffer, or  
GL\_STENCIL\_INDEX for the stencil buffer;

Other parameters such as **width, height, dataType** are the same as in the **glDrawPixels** routine.

# OpenGL Raster Operations

- Retrieving a block of values from a buffer into memory (array) (cont.)
  - Then, to define the source buffer where the block of pixel values is stored

```
glReadBuffer (buffer);
```

- Symbolic constants for **buffer** are the same as in the **glDrawBuffer** routine.
- **But**, we can't select all four of the buffers.
- The default selection is the front left-right pair or the front-left buffer depending on the stereoscopic viewing.

# OpenGL Raster Operations

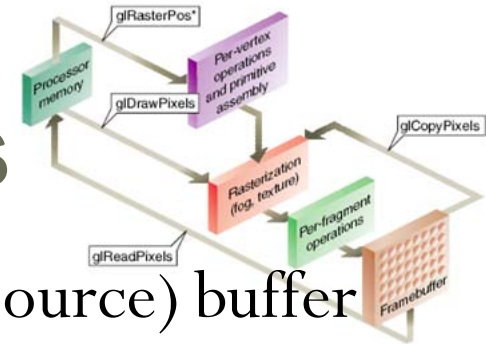


Figure 8-3 Simplistic Diagram of Pixel Data Flow

- Copy the block of pixel values from one (source) buffer into another (destination) buffer (by current raster position)

**glCopyPixels (xmin, ymin, width, height, pixelValues);**

roughly = glReadPixels () + glDrawPixels () without mem. array

**pixelValues:** GL\_COLOR, GL\_DEPTH, or GL\_STENCIL to indicate the kind of data (the framebuffer used) to copy: color values, depth values, or stencil values.

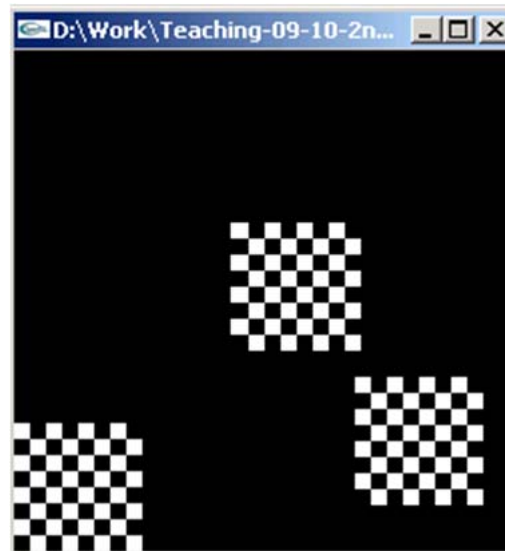
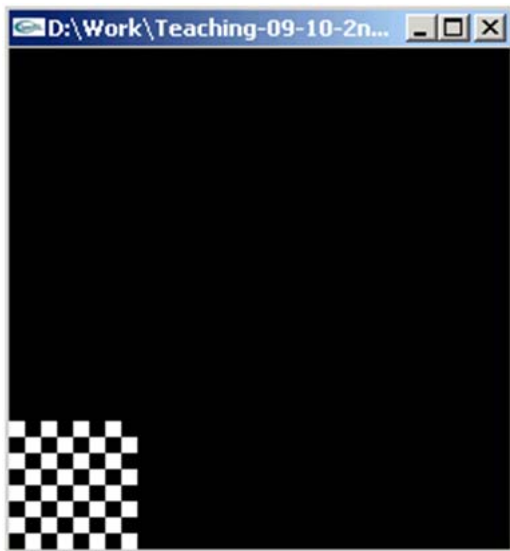
**xmin, ymin, width, height :** the same as the above routines;

**Source:** by glReadBuffer (buffer);

**Dest. :** by glDrawBuffer (buffer);

# Example

- To demonstrate drawing pixels and show the effect of `glDrawPixels()`, `glCopyPixels()`, and `glPixelZoom()`.



file

Moving the mouse while pressing the mouse button will copy the image in the lower-left corner of the window to the mouse position, using the current pixel zoom factors.

# OpenGL Raster Operations

- Logic operations to combine the two blocks of pixel values

```
glEnable(GL_COLOR_LOGIC_OP);  
glLogicOp(logicOp);
```

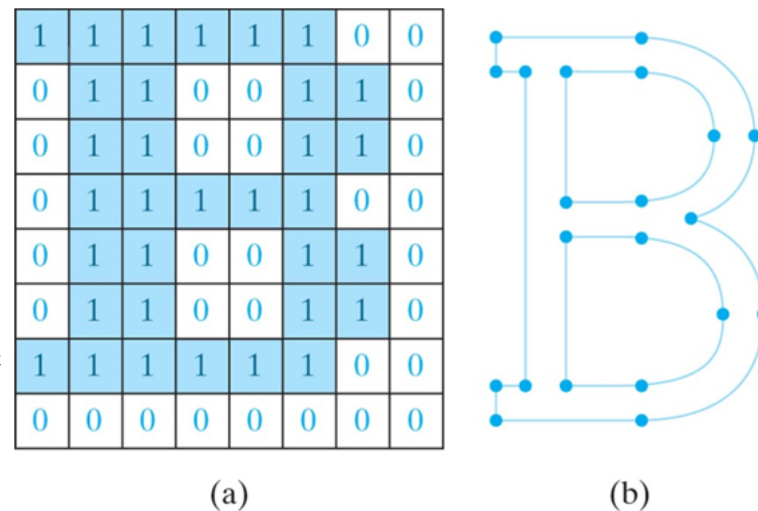
**logicOp:**

- GL\_AND, GL\_OR, GL\_XOR,  
GL\_COPY\_INVERTED, GL\_INVERT;
- GL\_CLEAR (0), GL\_SET (1);
- GL\_COPY (by default).

# Character Primitives

- Routines for generating characters are available in most graphics packages.
- Font (Typeface)
  - The overall design style for a set of characters.
  - Two kinds of representations for storing computer fonts
    - *bitmap (raster)* font
    - *outline (stroke)* font

**FIGURE 4-28** The letter “B” represented with an 8-by-8 *bitmap* pattern (a), and with an *outline* shape defined with straight-line and curve segments (b).



# OpenGL Character Functions

- OpenGL only has low-level support for displaying characters
  - Explicitly define any character as a bitmap.
  - Displayed by mapping the bitmap in the frame buffer.
- OpenGL Utility Toolkit (GLUT) contains routines for displaying predefined character sets
  - *bitmap* font

```
glutBitmapCharacter(font, character);
```

```
glutBitmapCharacter(GLUT_BITMAP_9_BY_15, chara);
```

```
z view plane  0.00  
eye           0.00  
translation  0.000  
rotation      0.000
```

- *outline* font

```
glutStrokeCharacter(font, character);
```

# Chapter 4

## Graphics Output Primitives (Part II)

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### OpenGL Display Lists



# OpenGL Display Lists

- Display list (OpenGL 1.1)
  - A group of OpenGL commands that have been stored ( or compiled) for later execution.
  - Once it has been created, we can reference it multiple times with different display operations.

Display list



Code:

```
{  
  ...  
  Display list  
  ...  
  Display list  
  ...  
  Display list  
  ...  
}
```



- Useful for hierarchical modeling, where a complex object can be described with a set of simpler subparts.

## Creating and Naming OpenGL Display List

- To form a display list, put a set of OpenGL commands into **glNewList/glEndList** pair

```
glNewList(listID, listMode);  
... ..  
glEndList();
```

**listMode:** GL\_COMPILE or GL\_COMPILE\_AND\_EXECUTE.

**//let OpenGL generate an identifier**

```
listID = glGenLists(1);
```

**//check if listID has been used**

```
glIsList(listID);
```

**return value:** GL\_TRUE – already used

GL\_FALSE – not used

# Executing and Deleting OpenGL Display List

- Executing OpenGL display lists

```
glCallList ( listID );
```

- Deleting OpenGL display lists

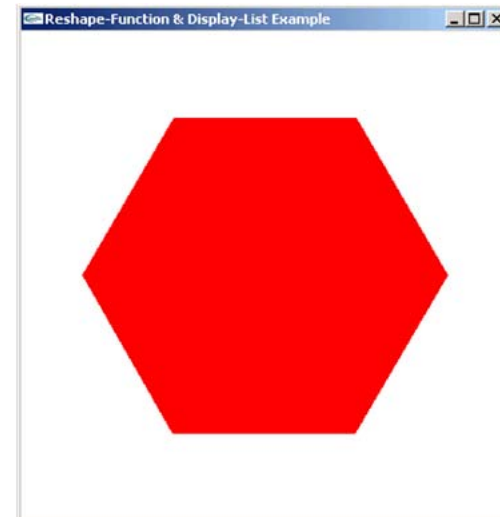
```
glDeleteList ( startID, nLists );
```

**startID:** the initial display-list identifier

**nlists:** the number of lists that are to be deleted

# OpenGL Display Lists Example (segment)

```
// draw a red hexagon
const double TWO_PI = 6.281853;
GLuint      regHex;
GLdouble   theta;
GLint      x, y, k;
regHex = glGenLists(1);
glNewList (regHex, GL_COMPILE);
    glBegin (GL_POLYGON);
        for (k=0; k<6; k++) {
            theta = TWO_PI * k / 6.0;
            x = 200 + 150 * cos (theta);
            y = 200 + 150 * sin (theta);
            glVertex2i (x, y);
        }
    glEnd();
glEndList();
glCallList (regHex);
```



# Summary of Chapter 4

- Line drawing algorithms
  - DDA (Digital Differential Analyzer)
  - Bresenham
- Output primitives
  - Points, straight lines, curves
  - Filled color areas
  - Polygons
  - Pixel-array primitives and characters
- OpenGL functions
- Read the example programs on P117 in the textbook

