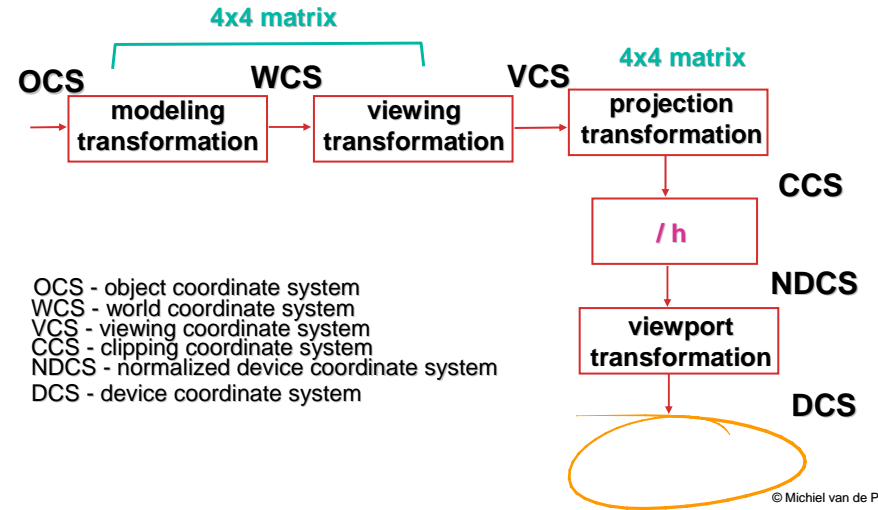


# Scan Conversion

# Projective Rendering Pipeline



① Implicit Line in 2D space

$f(x, y) = 0$

② Explicit  $y = f(x)$

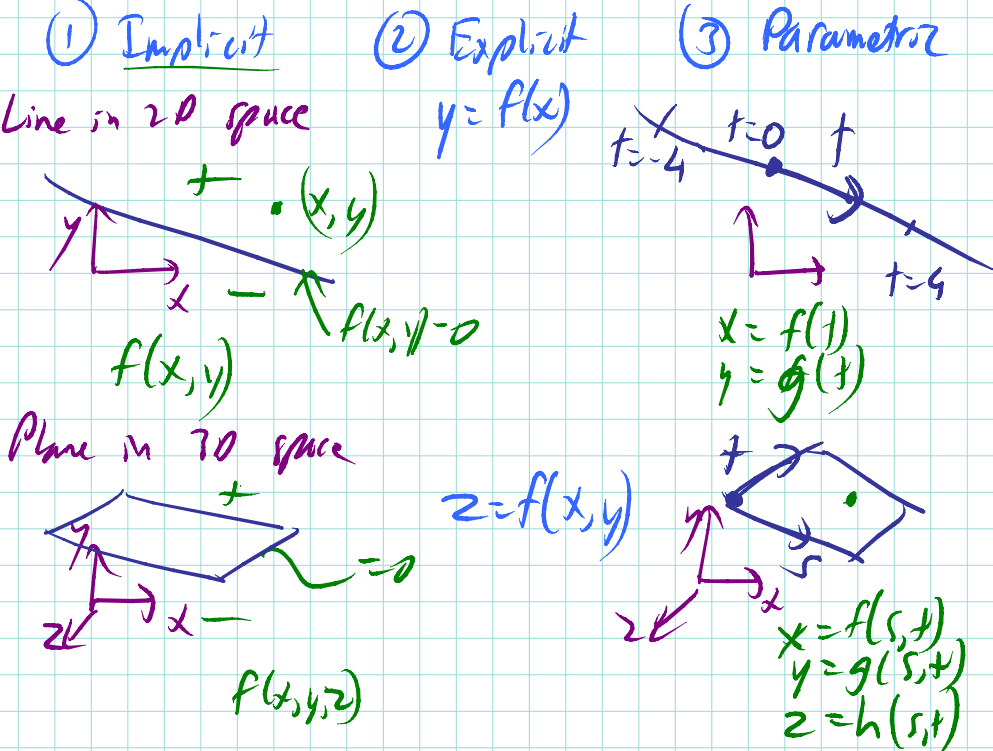
③ Parametric

$x = f(t)$   
 $y = g(t)$

Plane in 3D space

$z = f(x, y)$

$x = f(s, t)$   
 $y = g(s, t)$   
 $z = h(s, t)$



# Lines and Curves

## Explicit

line

$y = mx + b$

$y = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}(x - x_1) + y_1$

circle

$y = \pm\sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$

plane  $z = Ex + Fy + G$

sphere  $z = \pm\sqrt{r^2 - x^2 - y^2}$

text p 30-41

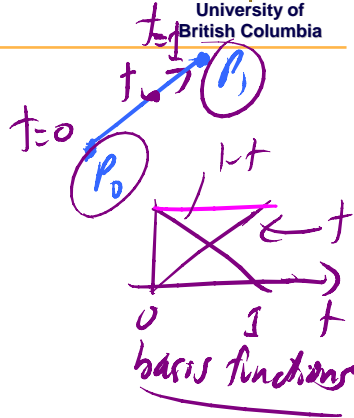
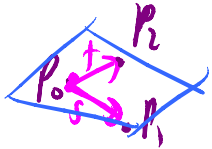
# Lines and Curves

## Parametric

line  $x(t) = x_0 + t(x_1 - x_0)$   
 $y(t) = y_0 + t(y_1 - y_0)$

$t \in [0,1]$   
 $P(t) = P_0 + t(P_1 - P_0)$

$P(t) = (1-t)P_0 + tP_1$



circle  $x(\theta) = r \cos(\theta)$   
 $y(\theta) = r \sin(\theta)$

$\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$



plane  $P(s,t) = P_0 + s(P_1 - P_0) + t(P_2 - P_0)$

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# Lines and Curves

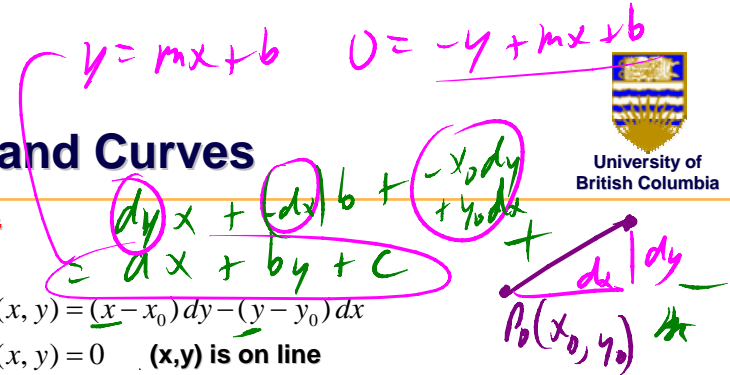
## Implicit

line  $F(x, y) = (x - x_0)dy - (y - y_0)dx$

$F(x, y) = 0$  (x,y) is on line

$F(x, y) > 0$  (x,y) is below line

$F(x, y) < 0$  (x,y) is above line

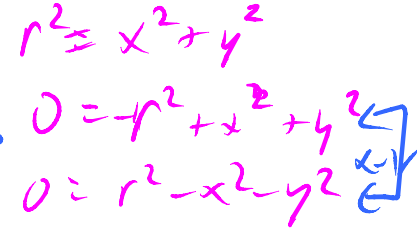


circle  $F(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 - r^2$

$F(x, y) = 0$  (x,y) is on circle

$F(x, y) > 0$  (x,y) is outside

$F(x, y) < 0$  (x,y) is inside



plane:  $F(x, y, z) = Ax + By + Cz + D$   
 $= N \cdot P + D$

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plane:  $F(x, y, z) = Ax + By + Cz + D$   
 $= N \cdot P + D$   
 $(A, B, C) \leftarrow \langle x, y, z \rangle$   
 N: Normal to the plane

# Polygons

## Interactive graphics uses Polygons

- Can represent any surface with arbitrary accuracy
  - Splines, mathematical functions, ...
- simple, regular rendering algorithms
  - embed well in hardware

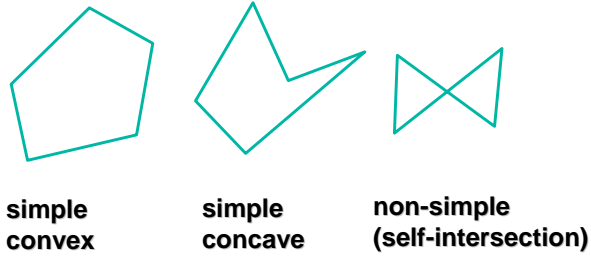


Even hippos are made of polygons!

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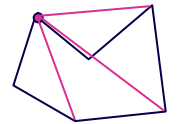
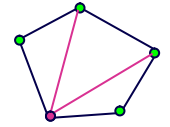
# Polygons

## Basic Types



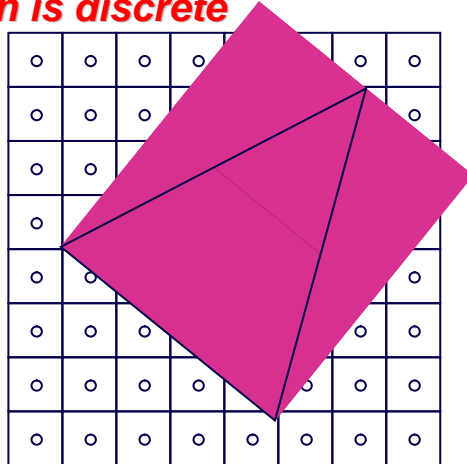
# From Polygons to Triangles

- why? triangles are planar and convex
- simple convex polygons
  - break into triangles, trivial
  - `glBegin(GL_POLYGON) ... glEnd()`
- concave or non-simple polygons
  - break into triangles, more effort
  - `gluNewTess(), gluTessCallback(), ...`

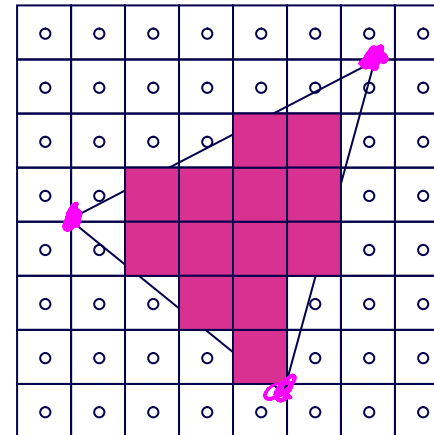


# What is Scan Conversion? (a.k.a. Rasterization)

## screen is discrete



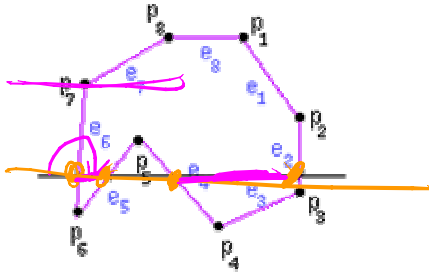
## one possible scan conversion



# Scan Conversion

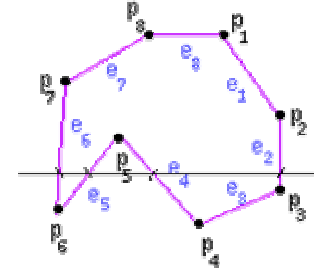
## A General Algorithm

- intersect each scanline with all edges
- sort intersections in x
- calculate parity to determine in/out
- fill the 'in' pixels



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- works for arbitrary polygons
- efficiency improvement:
  - exploit row-to-row coherence using "edge table"



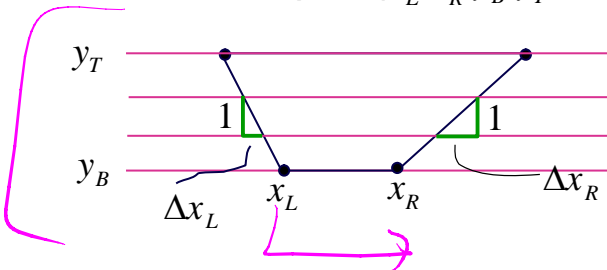
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# Edge Walking

## past graphics hardware

- exploit continuous L and R edges on trapezoid

$\text{scanTrapezoid}(x_L, x_R, y_B, y_T, \Delta x_L, \Delta x_R)$

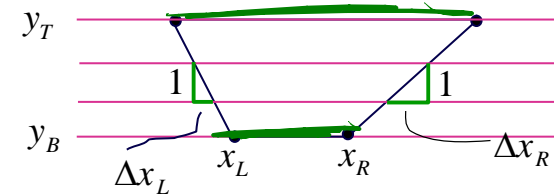


$$\Delta x_L \equiv \frac{1}{m_L}$$

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```

for (y=yB; y<=yT; y++) {
  for (x=xL; x<=xR; x++)
    setPixel(x,y);
  xL += DxL;
  xR += DxR;
}
    
```



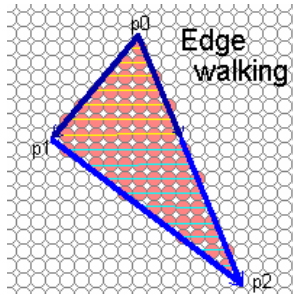
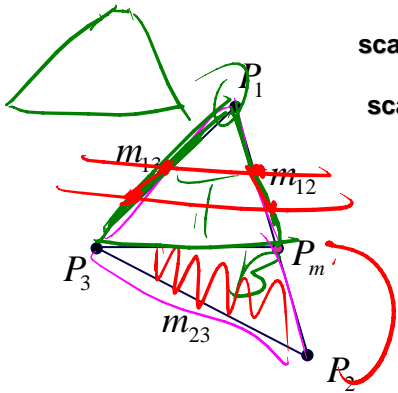
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## Edge Walking Triangles

- split triangles into two regions with continuous left and right edges

$$\text{scanTrapezoid}(x_3, x_m, y_3, y_1, \frac{1}{m_{13}}, \frac{1}{m_{12}})$$

$$\text{scanTrapezoid}(x_2, x_2, y_2, y_3, \frac{1}{m_{23}}, \frac{1}{m_{12}})$$



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## Edge Walking Triangles

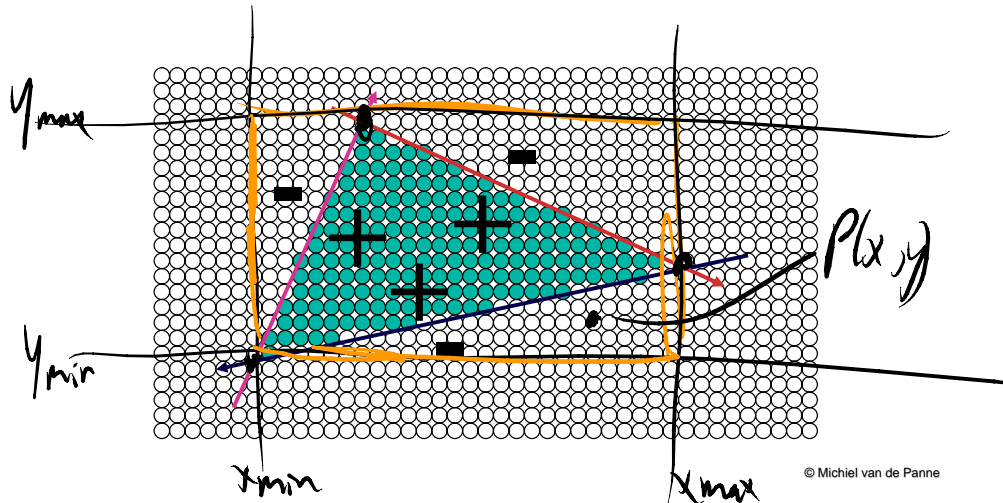
### Issues

- many applications have small triangles
  - setup cost is non-trivial
- clipping triangles produces non-triangles

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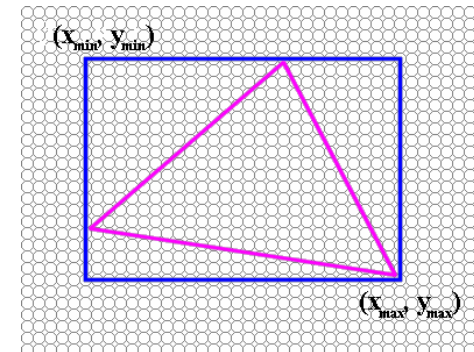
## Modern Rasterization

**Define a triangle as follows:**



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## Using Edge Equations



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## Computing Edge Equations

### Computing $A, B, C$ from $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$

$$Ax_1 + By_1 + C = 0$$

$$Ax_2 + By_2 + C = 0$$

- two equations, three unknowns
- solve for  $A$  &  $B$  in terms of  $C$

## Computing Edge Equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} x_0 & y_0 \\ x_1 & y_1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = -C \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \frac{-C}{x_0 y_1 - x_1 y_0} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 - y_0 \\ x_1 - x_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- choose  $C = x_0 y_1 - x_1 y_0$  for convenience
- Then  $A = y_0 - y_1$  and  $B = x_0 - x_1$

## Edge Equations

- So...we can find edge equation from two verts.
- Given  $P_0, P_1, P_2$ , what are our three edges?  
*How do we make sure the half-spaces defined by the edge equations all share the same sign on the interior of the triangle?*
- $A$ : Be consistent (Ex:  $[P_0 P_1], [P_1 P_2], [P_2 P_0]$ )  
*How do we make sure that sign is positive?*
- $A$ : Test, and flip if needed ( $A = -A, B = -B, C = -C$ )

## Edge Equations: Code

### Basic structure of code:

- Setup: compute edge equations, bounding box
- (Outer loop) For each scanline in bounding box...
- (Inner loop) ...check each pixel on scanline, evaluating edge equations and drawing the pixel if all three are positive



## Edge Equations: Code

```

findBoundingBox(&xmin, &xmax, &ymin, &ymax);
setupEdges (&a0,&b0,&c0,&a1,&b1,&c1,&a2,&b2,&c2);

for (int y = yMin; y <= yMax; y++) {
    for (int x = xMin; x <= xMax; x++) {
        float e0 = a0*x + b0*y + c0;
        float e1 = a1*x + b1*y + c1;
        float e2 = a2*x + b2*y + c2;
        if (e0 > 0 && e1 > 0 && e2 > 0)
            Image[x][y] = TriangleColor;
    }
}

```



## Edge Equations: Code

```

// more efficient inner loop
for (int y = yMin; y <= yMax; y++) {
    float e0 = a0*xMin + b0*y + c0;
    float e1 = a1*xMin + b1*y + c1;
    float e2 = a2*xMin + b2*y + c2;
    for (int x = xMin; x <= xMax; x++) {
        if (e0 > 0 && e1 > 0 && e2 > 0)
            Image[x][y] = TriangleColor;
        e0 += a0;    e1 += a1;    e2 += a2;
    }
}

```



## Triangle Rasterization Issues

### Exactly which pixels should be lit?

**A: Those pixels inside the triangle edges**

### What about pixels exactly on the edge?

- Draw them: order of triangles matters (it shouldn't)
- Don't draw them: gaps possible between triangles

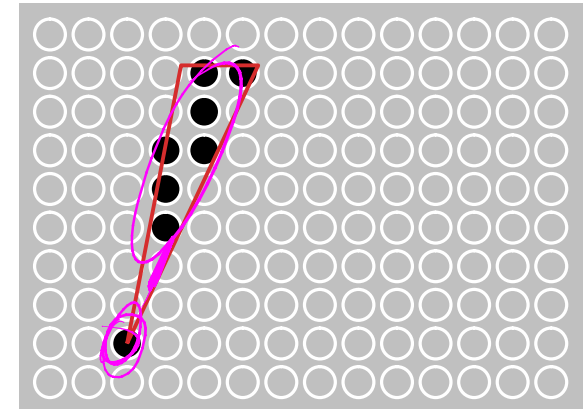
**We need a consistent (if arbitrary) rule**

- Example: draw pixels on left or top edge, but not on right or bottom edge



## Triangle Rasterization Issues

### Sliver

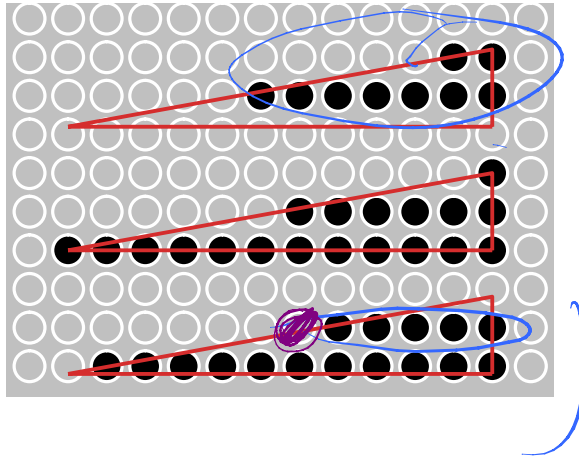




# Triangle Rasterization Issues



## Moving Slivers

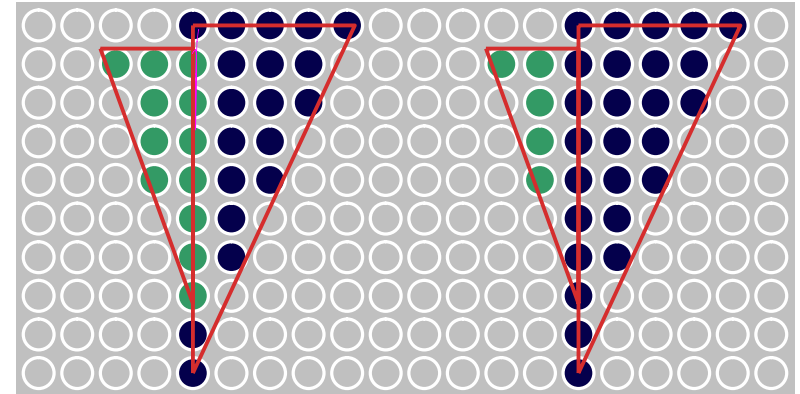


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# Triangle Rasterization Issues



## Shared Edge Ordering



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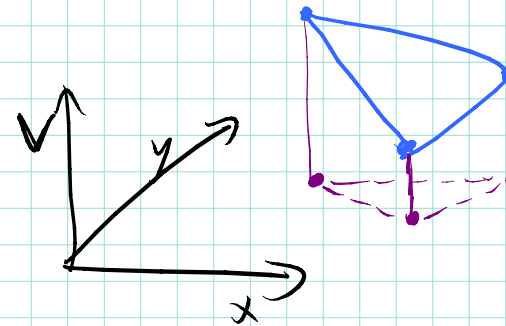
# Interpolation During Scan Conversion



- interpolate between vertices: (demo)
  - $z$
  - $r, g, b$  colour components
  - $u, v$  texture coordinates
  - $N_x, N_y, N_z$  surface normals
- three equivalent ways of viewing this (for triangles)
  1. bilinear interpolation
  2. plane equation
  3. barycentric coordinates

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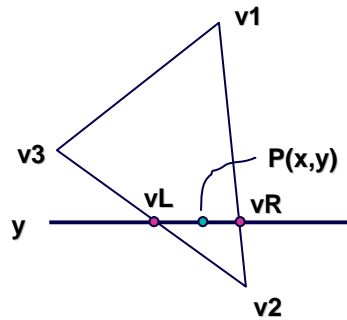
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# 1. Bilinear Interpolation

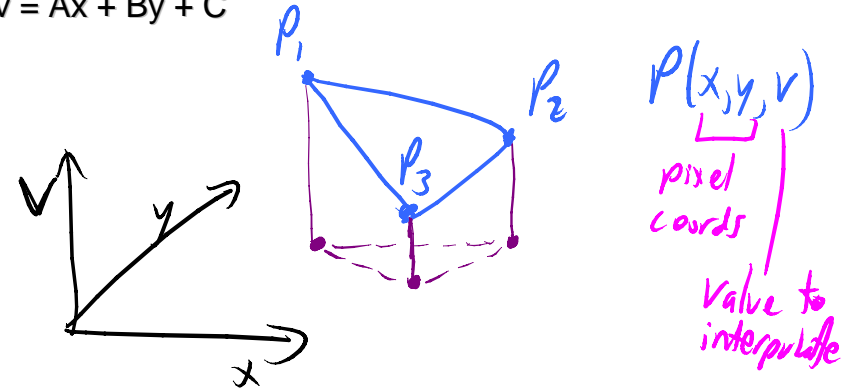
- interpolate quantity along LH and RH edges, as a function of  $y$ 
  - then interpolate quantity as a function of  $x$



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# 2. Plane Equation

- $v = Ax + By + C$



general implicit plane eqn  
then solve for  $v$ :  
$$v = \left(\frac{-A}{-C}\right)x + \left(\frac{-B}{-C}\right)y + \left(\frac{-D}{-C}\right)$$

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Reminder of how to compute  $A, B, C, D$  for a plane equation:

$$Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$$

$$\langle A, B, C \rangle \cdot \langle x, y, z \rangle + D = 0$$

$$N \cdot P + D = 0$$

① compute  $A, B, C$  by computing a normal,  
e.g.  $N = (P_3 - P_1) \times (P_2 - P_1)$

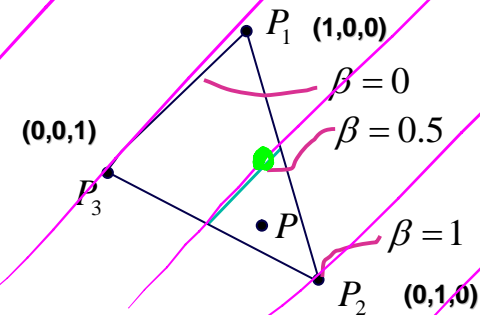
② compute  $D = -N \cdot P$  for any point  $P$  on the plane  
e.g.  $D = -N \cdot P_1$

# 3. Barycentric Coordinates

- weighted combination of vertices  $\beta = 0$

$$\begin{cases} P = \alpha \cdot P_1 + \beta \cdot P_2 + \gamma \cdot P_3 \\ \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 1 \\ 0 \leq \alpha, \beta, \gamma \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

"convex combination of points"



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## Barycentric Coordinates

- once computed, use to interpolate any # of parameters from their vertex values

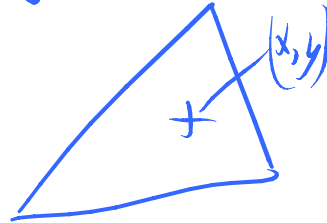
$$V = \alpha V_1 + \beta V_2 + \gamma V_3$$

$$z = \alpha \cdot z_1 + \beta \cdot z_2 + \gamma \cdot z_3$$

$$r = \alpha \cdot r_1 + \beta \cdot r_2 + \gamma \cdot r_3$$

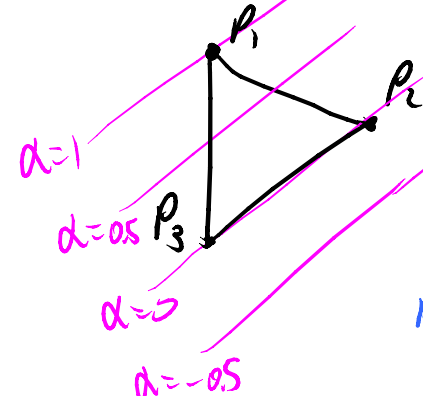
$$g = \alpha \cdot g_1 + \beta \cdot g_2 + \gamma \cdot g_3$$

etc.



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## Computing Barycentric Coords



$P = \alpha P_1 + \beta P_2 + \gamma P_3$   
 Begin with implicit line eq'n for  $P_2P_3$ :  
 $F(x,y) = Ax + By + C$   
 Much like  $\alpha$ ,  $F(x,y) = 0$  for points on the line. But if we get  $F(x_1, y_1) = k$ , we should rescale so that  $\alpha(P) = F'(x_1, y_1) = 1$   
 $F'(x,y) = \frac{F(x,y)}{k}$

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Summary:

$$\alpha = \frac{Ax}{k} + \frac{By}{k} + \frac{C}{k}$$

where  $k = Ax_1 + By_1 + C$

$$A = y_2 - y_3$$

$$B = x_2 - x_3$$

$$C = x_2 y_3 - x_3 y_2$$

Similar equations can be computed for  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

Can also use  $\gamma = 1 - \alpha - \beta$