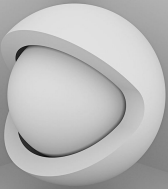


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SHADERS, OPENGL, & JS
RENDERING PIPELINE**
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WHAT IS RENDERING?
Generating image from a 3D scene

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WHAT IS RENDERING?
Generating image from a 3D scene
Let's think HOW.

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SCENE

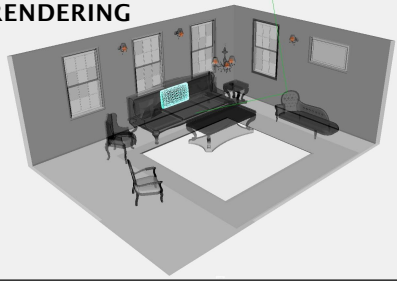
- A coordinate frame
- 3D objects
- Their materials
- Lights
- Cameras



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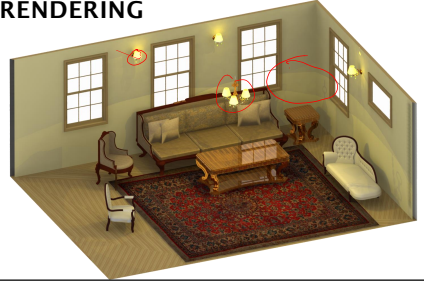
RENDERING



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FRAME BUFFER

- Portion of RAM on videocard (GPU)
- What we see on the screen
- Rendering destination

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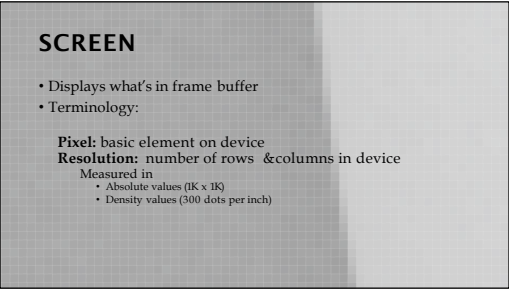
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SCREEN

- Displays what's in frame buffer
- Terminology:

Pixel: basic element on device
Resolution: number of rows & columns in device
Measured in

- Absolute values (1K x 1K)
- Density values (300 dots per inch)



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Scene

Coordinate Frame
3D objects
Materials
Lights
Cameras

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→

Framebuffer

final image

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SINGLE OBJECT

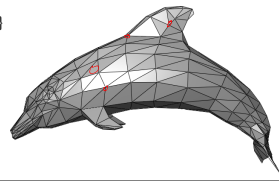
- How to describe a single piece of geometry?
- So far geometry has been constructed for you.

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SHAPES: TRIANGLE MESHES

- Triangle = 3 vertices
- Mesh = {vertices, triangles}
- Example




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SCENE

- How to describe a scene?

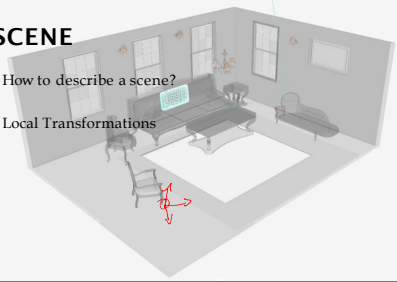


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SCENE

- How to describe a scene?
- Local Transformations



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Scene

Coordinate Frame
3D objects
Materials
Lights
Cameras

?

→

Framebuffer

final image

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SKETCH OF A RENDERING PIPELINE

- Scene
 - Coordinate frame
 - 3D models
 - Coordinates
 - Local transforms
 - properties (color, material)
 - Lights
 - Camera

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SKETCH OF A RENDERING PIPELINE

- **Scene**
 - Coordinate frame
 - 3D models
 - Coordinates
 - properties (color, material)
 - Lights
 - Camera
- **Camera View**
 - 2D positions of shapes
 - Depth of shapes
 - Normals
- **Image**
 - Shape pixels
 - Their color
 - Which pixel is visible

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OPENGL/WEBGL

- Open Graphics Library
- One of the most popular libraries for 2D/3D rendering
- A software interface to communicate with graphics hardware
- Cross-language API

OPENGL RENDERING PIPELINE

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VERTEX SHADER

VERTEX SHADER

- Vertices are stored in vertex buffer
- Each one is processed by vertex shader
- Outputs 2D position
- May compute per-vertex variables (normal, etc.)

OPENGL RENDERING PIPELINE

OPENGL RENDERING PIPELINE

Javascript + Three.js

THREE.JS

- High-level library for Javascript
- Uses WebGL for rendering
- Has **Scene**, **Mesh**, **Camera** objects
- **Scene** is hierarchical
- **Mesh** has geometry and material properties
- **Camera** is used for rendering

GEOMETRY

- Triangle meshes
 - Set of vertices
 - Triangle defines as [vertex_index1, vertex_index2, vertex_index3]

OPENGL RENDERING PIPELINE

Javascript + Three.js

GLSL

- OpenGL shading language
- Used for Fragment and Vertex shaders
- Lots of useful stuff:
 - vec3, vec4, dvec4, mat4, sampler2D
 - mat*vec, mat*mat
 - Reflect, refract
 - vec3 v(a.xy, 1)

VERTEX SHADER

- VS is run for each vertex SEPARATELY
- By default doesn't know connectivity
- Input: vertex coordinates in Object Coordinate System
- Its main goal is to set **gl_Position**

Object coordinates -> WORLD coordinates -> VIEW coordinates

VERTEX SHADER

- Except simple conversion to world coordinates
- You can do anything with vertices (or anything that's passed)
 - e.g. deform vertices
 - e.g. skinning!

```

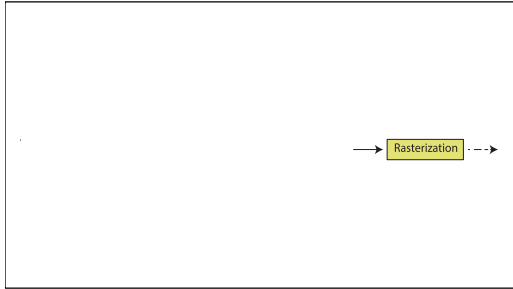
var verticesOfCube = [
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  -1,-1, 1,  1,-1, 1,  1, 1, 1,  -1, 1, 1,
];
var indicesOfFaces = [
  2,1,0,  0,3,2,
  0,4,7,  7,3,0,
  0,1,5,  5,4,0,
  1,2,6,  6,5,1,
  2,3,7,  7,6,2,
  4,5,6,  6,7,4
];
var geometry = new THREE.PolyhedronGeometry(
  verticesOfCube, indicesOfFaces, 6, 2 );
  
```

GEOMETRY (JAVASCRIPT/THRE.JS)

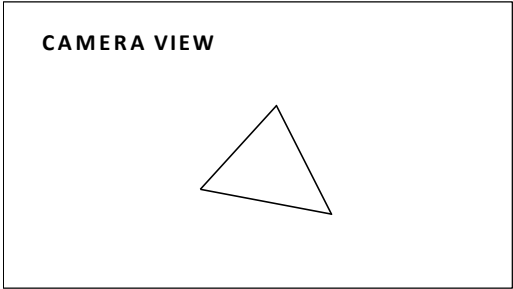
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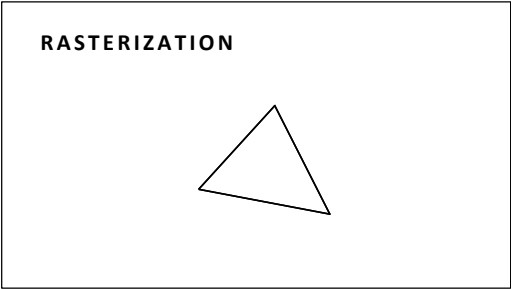
Javascript + Three.js



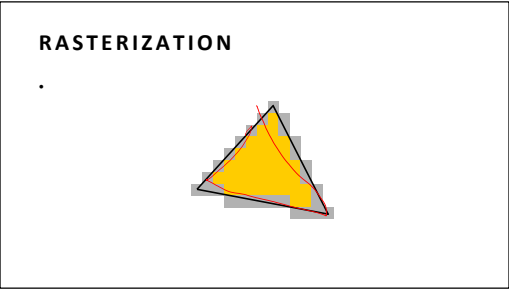
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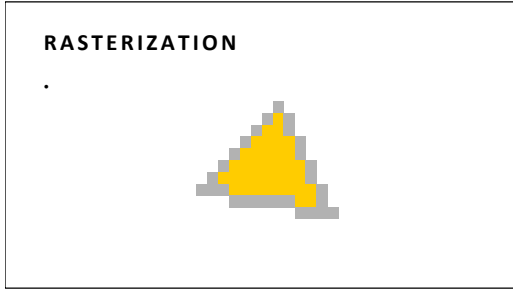
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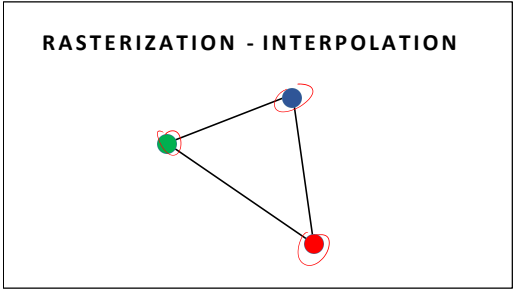
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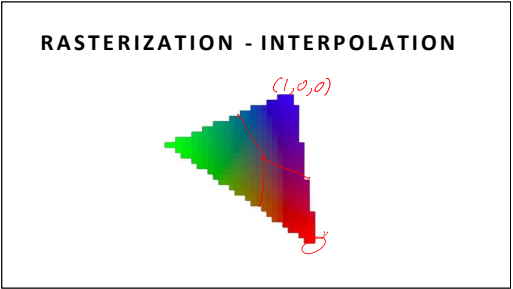
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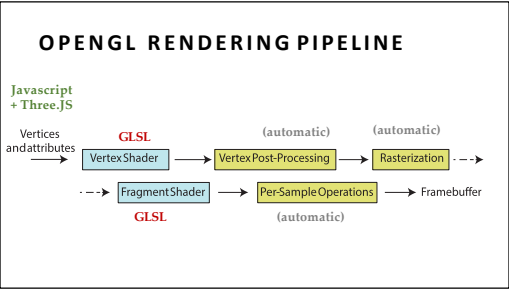
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FRAGMENT SHADER

- Fragment = data for drawing a pixel
- Has gl_FragCoord - 2D window coords
- May set color!

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FRAGMENT SHADER

- Common Tasks:
 - texture mapping
 - per-pixel lighting and shading
- Synonymous with Pixel Shader

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MINIMAL VERTEX SHADER

```
void main()
{
    // Transforming The Vertex
    gl_Position = modelViewMatrix * position;
}
```

MINIMAL FRAGMENT SHADER

```
void main()
{
    // Setting Each Pixel To Red
    gl_FragColor = vec4(1.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0);
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Red Green Blue Alpha

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VERTEX SHADER - EXAMPLE 2

```
uniform float uVertexScale; attribute
vec3 vColor; varying vec3 fColor;

void main() {
    gl_Position = vec4(position.x * uVertexScale, position.y, 0.0, 1.0);
    fColor = vColor;
}
```

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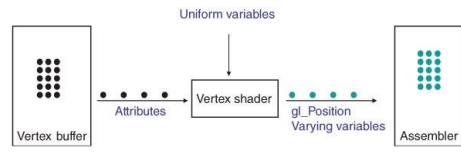
CONCEPTS

- **uniform**
 - same for all vertices
- **varying**
 - computed per vertex, automatically interpolated for fragments
- **attribute**
 - some values per vertex
 - available only in Vertex Shader

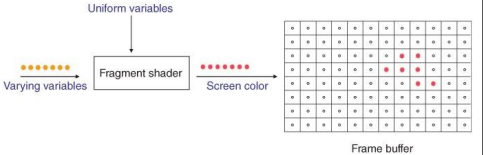
CONCEPTS

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VERTEX SHADER



FRAGMENT SHADER



ATTACHING SHADERS

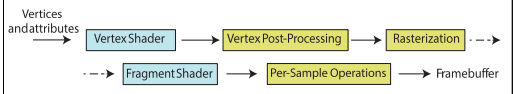
```

var remoteMaterial = new THREE.ShaderMaterial({
  uniforms: {
    remotePosition: remotePosition,
  },});
//here goes loading shader files into shaders[] ...
remoteMaterial.vertexShader = shaders['glsl/remote.vs.glsl'];
remoteMaterial.fragmentShader = shaders['glsl/remote.fs'];
var remoteGeometry = new THREE.SphereGeometry(1, 32, 32);
var remote = new THREE.Mesh(remoteGeometry, remoteMaterial);

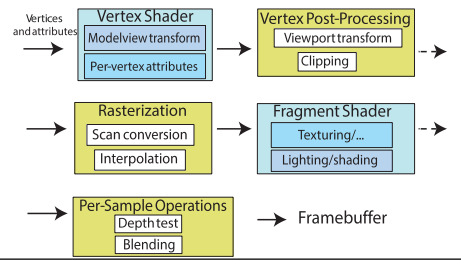
scene.add(remote);

```

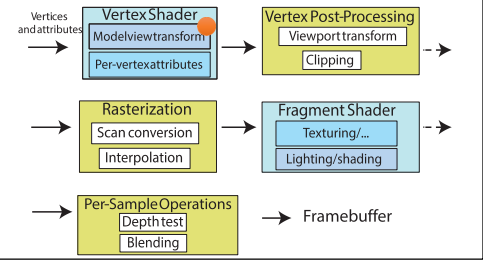
PIPELINE: MORE DETAILS



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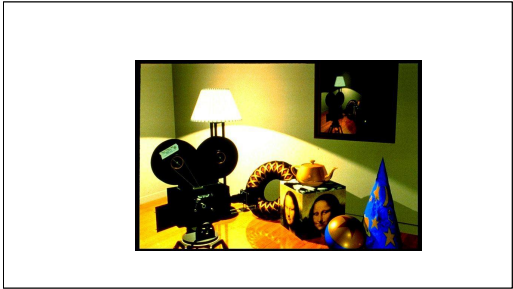


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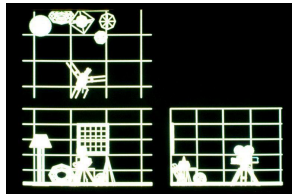


MODELING AND VIEWING TRANSFORMATIONS

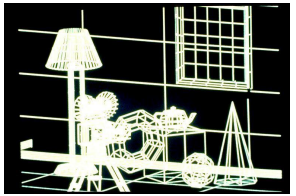
- Placing objects - Modeling transformations
 - Map points from object coordinate system to world coordinate system
- Looking from the camera - Viewing transformation
 - Map points from world coordinate system to camera (or eye) coordinate system



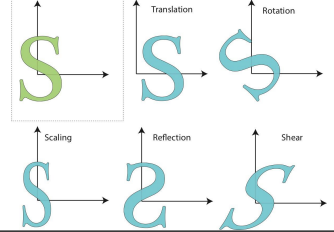
MODELING TRANSFORMATIONS: OBJECT PLACEMENT



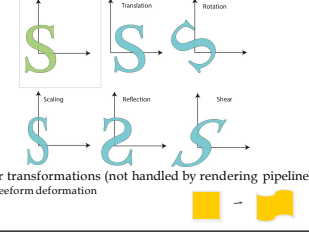
VIEWING TRANSFORMATION: LOOKING FROM A CAMERA



MODELING & VIEWING TRANSFORMATIONS



MODELING & VIEWING TRANSFORMATIONS



MODELING & VIEWING TRANSFORMATION

- Linear transformations
 - Rotations, scaling, shearing
 - Can be expressed as 3x3 matrix
 - E.g. scaling (non uniform):
- $$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}$$

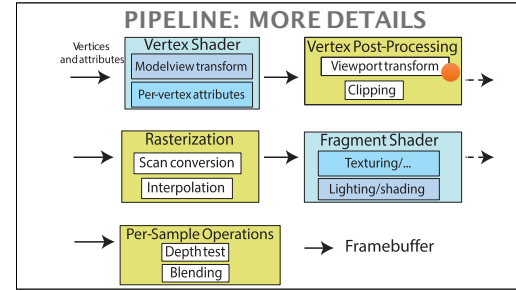
MODELING & VIEWING TRANSFORMATION

- Affine transformations
 - Linear transformations + translations
 - Can be expressed as 3x3 matrix + 3 vector
 - E.g. scale+ translation:
 - Another representation: 4x4 homogeneous matrix
- $$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_x & 0 & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & t_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & t_z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

MATRICES

- Object coordinates -> World coordinates
 - **Model Matrix**
 - One per object
- World coordinates -> Camera coordinates
 - **View Matrix**
 - One per camera

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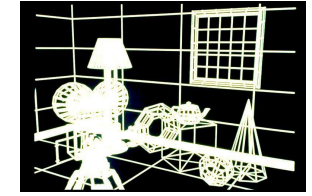
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PERSPECTIVE TRANSFORMATION

- Purpose:
 - Project 3D geometry to 2D image plane
 - Simulates a camera
- Camera model:
 - Pinhole camera (single view point)
 - More complex camera models exist, but are less common in CG

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PERSPECTIVE PROJECTION



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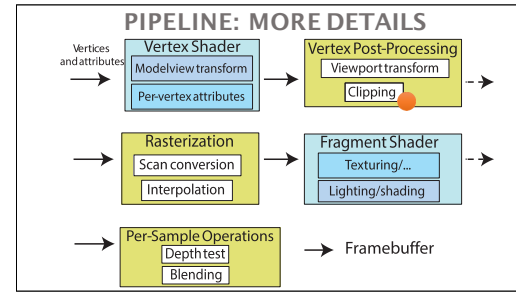
PERSPECTIVE TRANSFORMATION

- In computer graphics:
 - Image plane conceptually in front of center of projection



- Perspective transformation is **one of** projective transformations
- Linear & affine transformations also belong to this class
- All projective transformations can be expressed as 4x4 matrix operations

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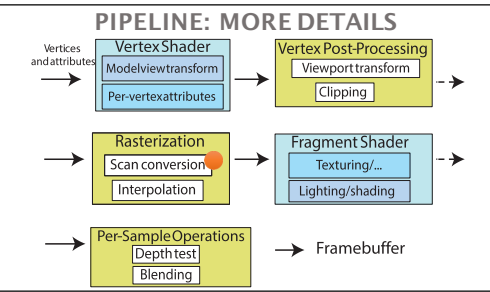


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CLIPPING

- Removing invisible geometry
 - Geometry outside viewing frustum
 - Plus too far or too near one
- Optimization

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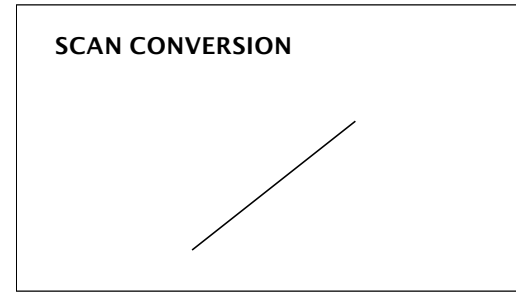


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SCAN CONVERSION/RASTERIZATION

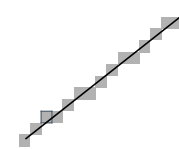
- Convert continuous 2D geometry to discrete
- Raster display - discrete grid of elements
- Terminology
 - **Screen Space**: Discrete 2D Cartesian coordinate system of the screen pixels

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SCAN CONVERSION



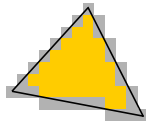
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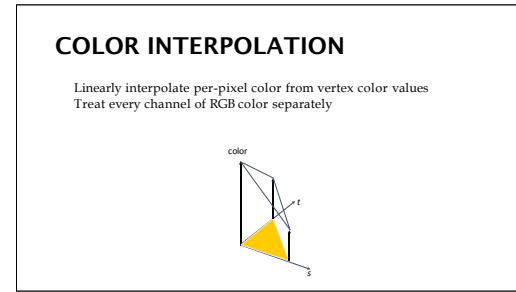
- Problem:
 - Line is infinitely thin, but image has finite resolution
 - Results in steps rather than a smooth line
 - Jaggies
 - Aliasing
 - One of the fundamental problems in computer graphics

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SCAN CONVERSION



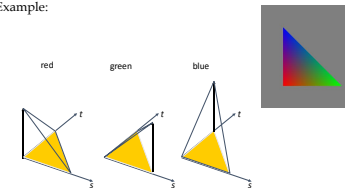
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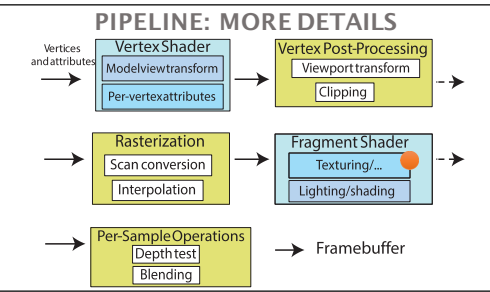
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COLOR INTERPOLATION

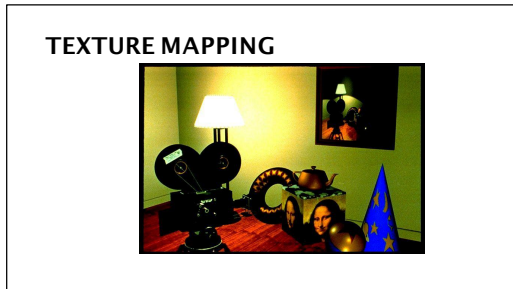
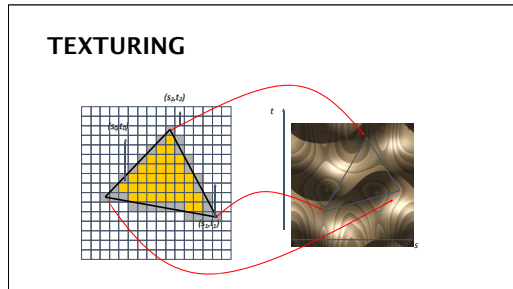
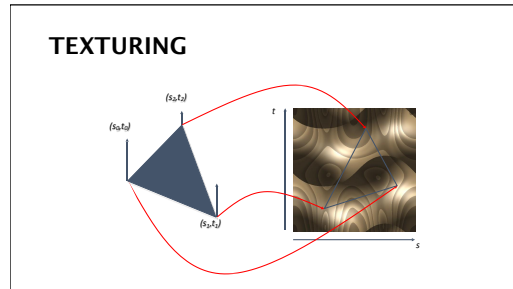
- Example:



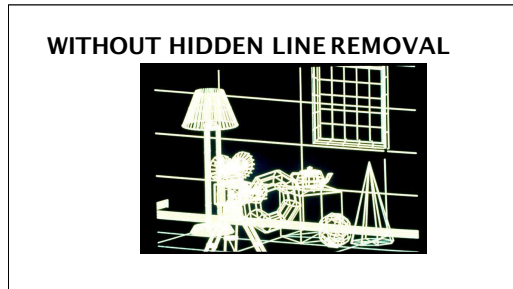
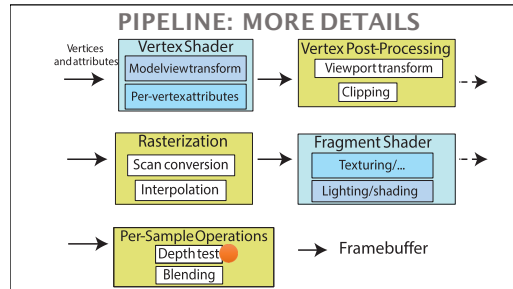
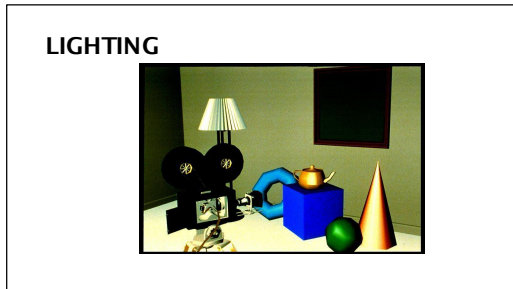
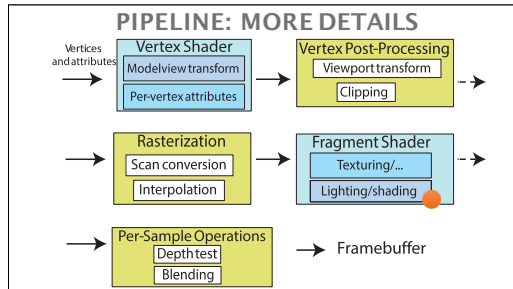
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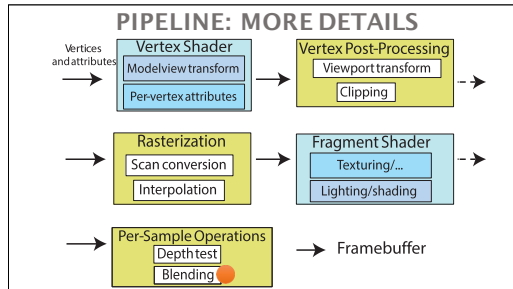
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- ### TEXTURING
- Issues:
 - Computing 3D/2D map (low distortion)
 - How to map pixel from texture (texels) to screen pixels
 - Texture can appear widely distorted in rendering
 - Magnification / minification of textures
 - Filtering of textures
 - Preventing aliasing (anti-aliasing)
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- ### DEPTH TEST /HIDDEN SURFACE REMOVAL
- Remove invisible geometry
 - Parts that are hidden behind other geometry
 - Possible Implementations:
 - Pixel level decision
 - Depth buffer
 - Object space decision
 - E.g. intersection order for ray tracing
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- ### BLENDED
- Blending:
 - Fragments -> Pixels
 - Draw from farthest to nearest
 - No blending - replace previous color
 - Blending: combine new & old values with some arithmetic operations
 - Frame Buffer : video memory on graphics board that holds resulting image & used to display it
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