

Liang-Barsky's Line Clipping Algorithm

The parametric eqn of line between (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is:

$$\begin{array}{l} X = x_1 + \Delta x \cdot u \\ Y = y_1 + \Delta y \cdot u \end{array} \text{-----(1)}$$

Where, $\Delta x = x_2 - x_1$, $\Delta y = y_2 - y_1$, $0 \leq u \leq 1$

For a point (x, y) inside the clipping window

$$\begin{array}{l} X_{\min} \leq x_1 + \Delta x \cdot u \leq X_{\max} \\ Y_{\min} \leq y_1 + \Delta y \cdot u \leq Y_{\max} \end{array} \text{-----(2)}$$

Rewriting the four inequalities of eqn (2)

$$P_k u \leq q_k, \quad k=1,2,3,4$$

Where ,

$$\begin{array}{lll} p_1 = -\Delta x, & q_1 = x_1 - X_{\min} & \text{(left)} \\ p_2 = \Delta x, & q_2 = X_{\max} - x_1 & \text{(right)} \\ p_3 = -\Delta y, & q_3 = y_1 - Y_{\min} & \text{(bottom)} \\ p_4 = \Delta y, & q_4 = Y_{\max} - y_1 & \text{(Top)} \end{array}$$

Case 1: If $P_k = 0$ for all $i \Rightarrow$ both ends points are same \Rightarrow it is a point.

Case 2: If $P_k = 0$ for any two $i \Rightarrow$ Line is parallel to the window boundary

And if $q_k < 0 \Rightarrow$ the line is completely outside the window boundary

Else if $q_k \geq 0 \Rightarrow$ line is inside the window boundaries

Case 3: $P_k < 0 \Rightarrow$ Line is potentially Entering (PE)

Case 4: $P_k > 0 \Rightarrow$ Line is potentially Leaving (PL)

When $P_k \neq 0$, the intersection points can be calculated using the values of u that can further be calculated using the formula $r_k = q_k / p_k$

Algorithm

Step1:

If $P_k = 0$ and $q_k < 0$ for some i (invisible, ignore)

Step2:

If $P_k = 0$ and $q_k > 0$ (Completely visible, save)

Step3:

$\forall k$ s.t. $P_k < 0$, $r_k = q_k / p_k$

$U_1 = \max(0, r_k)$

Step4:

$\forall k$ s.t. $P_k > 0$, $r_k = q_k / p_k$

$U_2 = \min(1, r_k)$

Step 5:

If $u_1 \geq u_2 \Rightarrow$ invisible else use u_1 and u_2 and eqn 1 for calculating the end points.

Q1. Use Liang-Barsky's line Clipping algorithm to Clip the line P1P2 given by the coordinates P1 (0, 2) and P2 (5, 7) w.r.t the clipping window whose Principal diagonal coordinates are (1, 1) and (4, 4) respectively.

Q2. Use Liang-Barsky's line Clipping algorithm to Clip the line P1P2 given by the coordinates P1 (0, 5) and P2 (15, 5) against the clipping window whose principal diagonal coordinates are (2, 3) and (10, 9) respectively.

Q2. Use Liang-Barsky's line Clipping algorithm to Clip the following lines against the clipping window whose principal diagonal coordinates are (2, 2) and (6, 6) respectively.

- i. P1 (3, 5) and P2 (3, 9)
- ii. P1 (1, 8) and P2 (1, 10)
- iii. P1(1,2) and p2(7,7)