CPSC 427
Video Game Programming

Advanced OpenGL

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Recap: More detail: GLSL Vertex shader

The OpenGL Shading Language (GLSL)

- Syntax similar to the C programming language
- Build-in vector operations
  - functionality as the GLM library our assignment template uses

```
uniform mat3 transform;
uniform mat3 projection;
in vec3 in_pos;
void main() {
    // Transforming The Vertex
    vec3 out_pos = projection * transform * vec3(in_pos.xy, 1.0);
    gl_Position = vec4(out_pos.xy, in_pos.z, 1.0);
}
```

world -> camera

object -> world

vertex-specific input position

mandatory to set

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Recap: Variable Types

Uniform

- same for all vertices/fragments

Out (vertex shader) connects to In (fragment shader)

- computed per vertex, automatically interpolated for fragments
  - *E.g., position, normal, color, …*

In (attribute, vertex shader)

- values per vertex
- available only in Vertex Shader

Out (fragment shader)

- RGBA value per fragment

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Recap:
Setting (Vertex) Shader Variables in C++

Uniform variable (same for all vertices/fragments)

```
mat3 projection_2D{ { sx, 0.f, 0.f },{ 0.f, sy, 0.f },{ tx, ty, 1.f } }; // affine transformation as introduced in the prev. lecture
GLint projection_uloc = glGetUniformLocation(texmesh.effect.program, "projection");
glUniformMatrix3fv(projection_uloc, 1, GL_FALSE, (float*)&projection);
```

In variable (attribute for every vertex)

```
// assuming vbo contains vertex position information already
GLint vpositionLoc = glGetAttribLocation(program, "in_pos");
glEnableVertexAttribArray(vpositionLoc);
glVertexAttribPointer(vpositionLoc, 3, GL_FLOAT, GL_FALSE, sizeof(vec3), (void*)0);
```

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Salmon Vertex shader

```
#version 330
// Input attributes
in vec3 in_position;
in vec3 in_color;

out vec3 vcolor;
out vec2 vpos;

// Application data
uniform mat3 transform;
uniform mat3 projection;

void main() {
        vpos = in_position.xy; // local coordinated before transform
        vcolor = in_color;
        vec3 pos = projection * transform * vec3(in_position.xy, 1.0);
        gl_Position = vec4(pos.xy, in_position.z, 1.0);
}
```

pass on color and position in object coordinates

as before

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Salmon Fragment shader

```
#version 330
// From Vertex Shader
in vec3 vcolor;
in vec2 vpos; // Distance from local origin

// Application data
uniform vec3 fcolor;
uniform int light_up;

// Output color
layout(location = 0) out vec4 color;

void main() {
        color = vec4(fcolor * vcolor, 1.0);

        // Salmon mesh is contained in a 1x1 square
        float radius = distance(vec2(0.0), vpos);
        if (light_up == 1 && radius < 0.3) {
                // 0.8 is just to make it not too strong
                color.xyz += (0.3 - radius) * 0.8 * vec3(1.0, 1.0, 1.0);
        }
}
```

interpolated vertex color, times global color

create a spherical highlight around the object center

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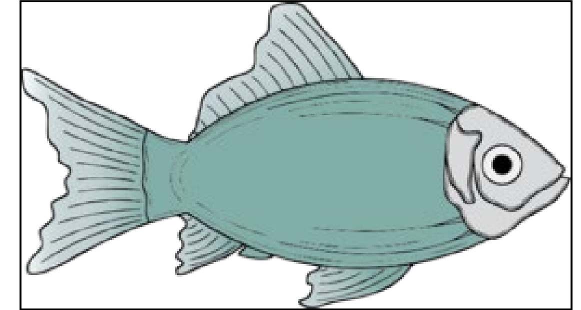
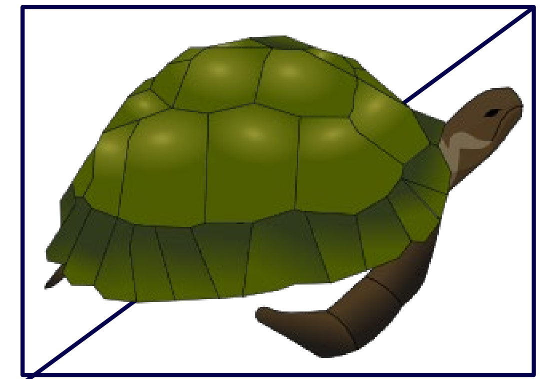
SPRITES: Faking 2D Geometry

- Creating geometry is hard
- Creating texture is “easy”
- In 2D it is hard to see the difference



- SPRITE:
  - *Use basic geometry (rectangle = 2 triangles)*
  - *Texture the geometry (transparent background)*
  - *Use blending (more later) for color effects*



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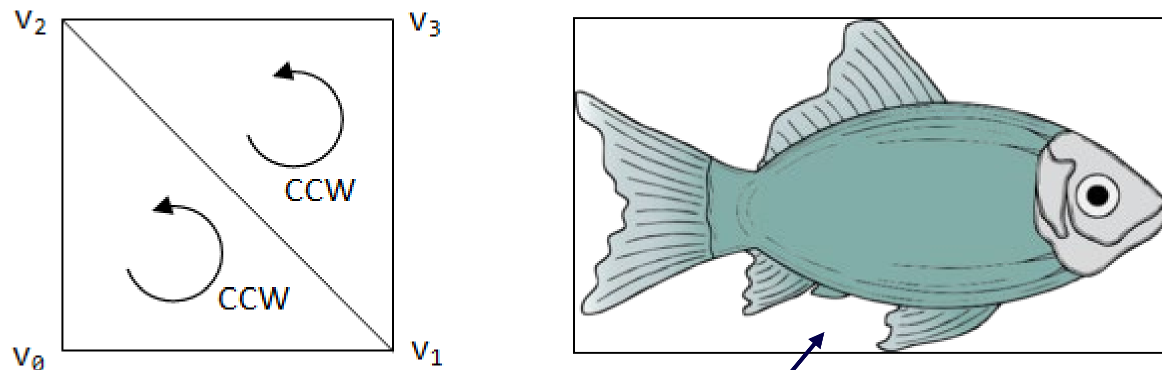
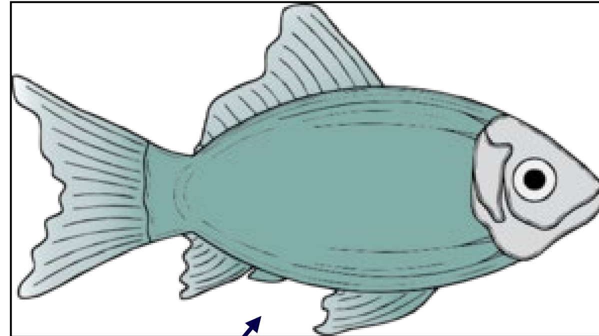
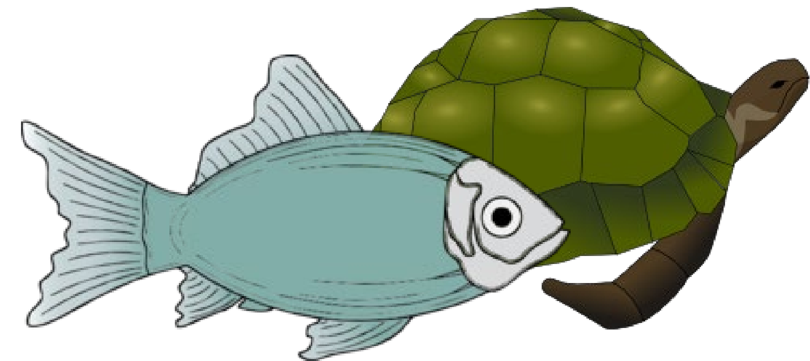
Sprite basics

A textured quad looks like fine-grained 2D geometry





Transparent with alpha = 0
e.g., color_RGBA = {1,1,1,0}



Proper occlusion despite simple geometry

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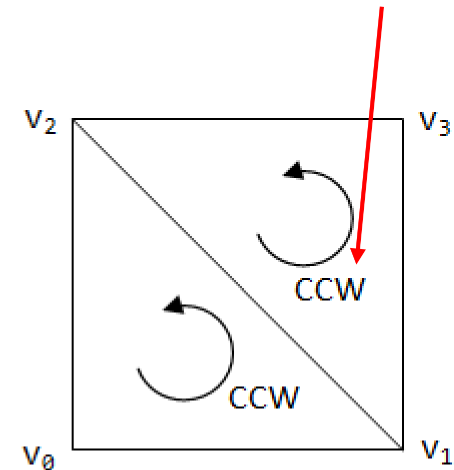
SPRITES: Creation

OpenGL initialization (once):

Counter-clockwise winding (CCW)

Create Quad Vertex Buffer




```
vec3 vertices[] = { v0, v1, v2, v3 };

glGenBuffers(1, &vbo);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
glBufferData(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vertices_size, vertices,
GL_STATIC_DRAW);
```

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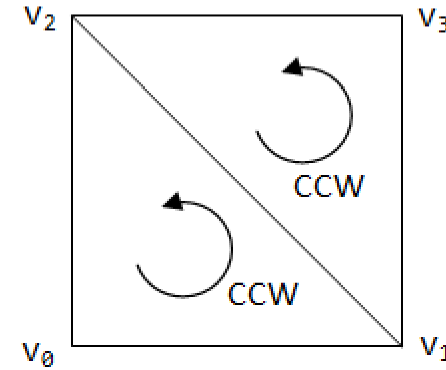
SPRITES: Creation

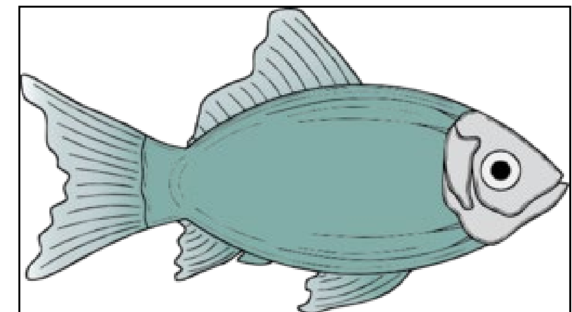


OpenGL initialization (once):

Create Quad Index Buffer

```
uint16_t indices[] = { 0, 1, 2, 1, 3, 2 };
Gluint ibo;
glGenBuffers(1, &ibo);
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER,ibo);
glBufferData(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, indices_size, indices,
GL_STATIC_DRAW);
```

Load Texture



```
Gluint tex_id;
glGenTextures(1, &tex_id);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, tex_id);
glTexImage2D(GL_TEXTURE_2D, GL_RGBA, width, height, .., tex_data);
```

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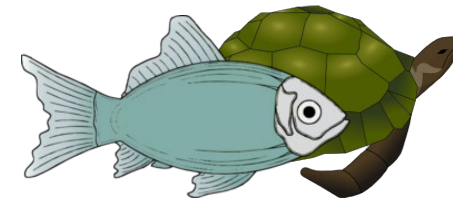
SPRITES: Rendering

OpenGL rendering (every frame):

Bind Buffers

```
glBindVertexArray(vao);
glBindBuffer(GL_ARRAY_BUFFER, vbo);
glBindBuffer(GL_ELEMENT_ARRAY_BUFFER, ibo);
```

Enable Alpha Blending



```
glEnable(GL_BLEND);
glBlendFunc(GL_SRC_ALPHA, GL_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA);
// Alpha Channel Interpolation
// RGB_o = RGB_src * ALPHA_src + RGB_dst * (1 - ALPHA_src)
```

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SPRITES: Rendering

Bind Texture

```
glActiveTexture(GL_TEXTURE0);
glBindTexture(GL_TEXTURE_2D, texmesh.texture.texture_id);
```

Draw

```
glDrawElements(GL_TRIANGLES, 6, ..); // 6 is the number of indices
```

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Color and Texture Mapping

- ***How to map from a 2D texture to a 3D object that is projected onto a 2D scene?***

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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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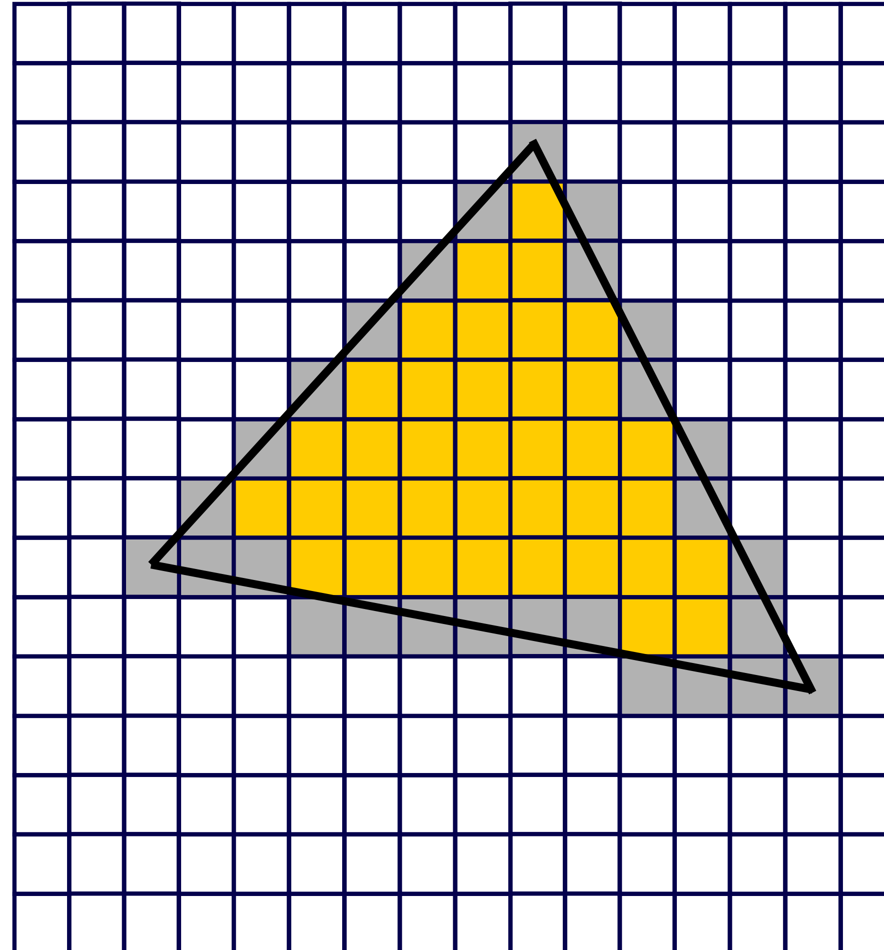
Scan Conversion



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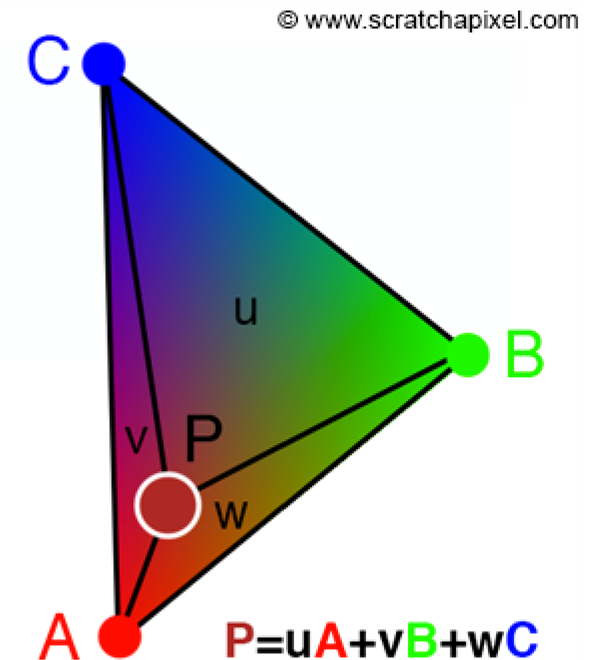
Self study:

Interpolation with barycentric coordinates

- *linear combination of vertex properties*
  - *e.g., color, texture coordinate, surface normal/direction, …*
- *weights are proportional to the areas spanned by the sides to query point P*



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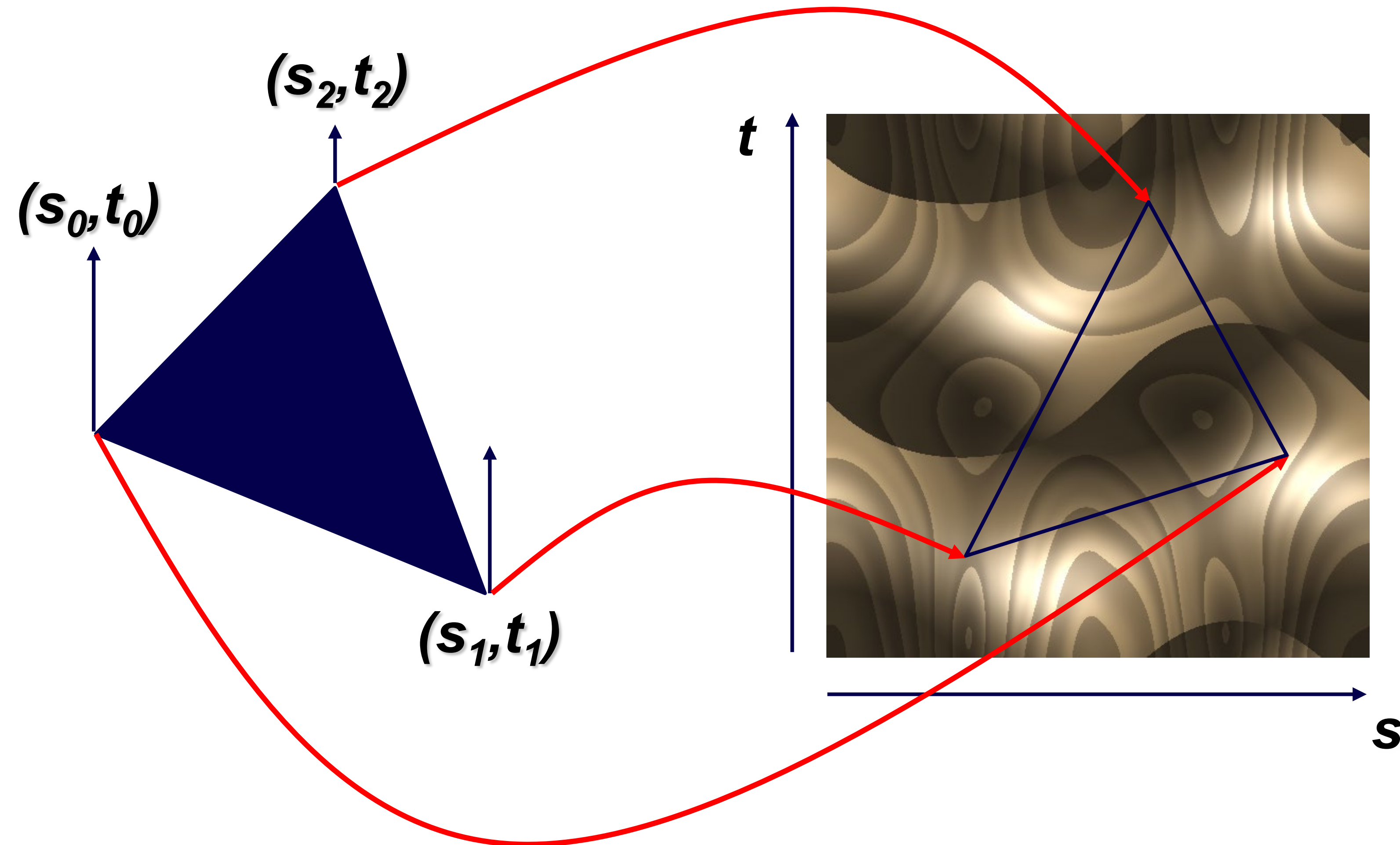
Texture mapping



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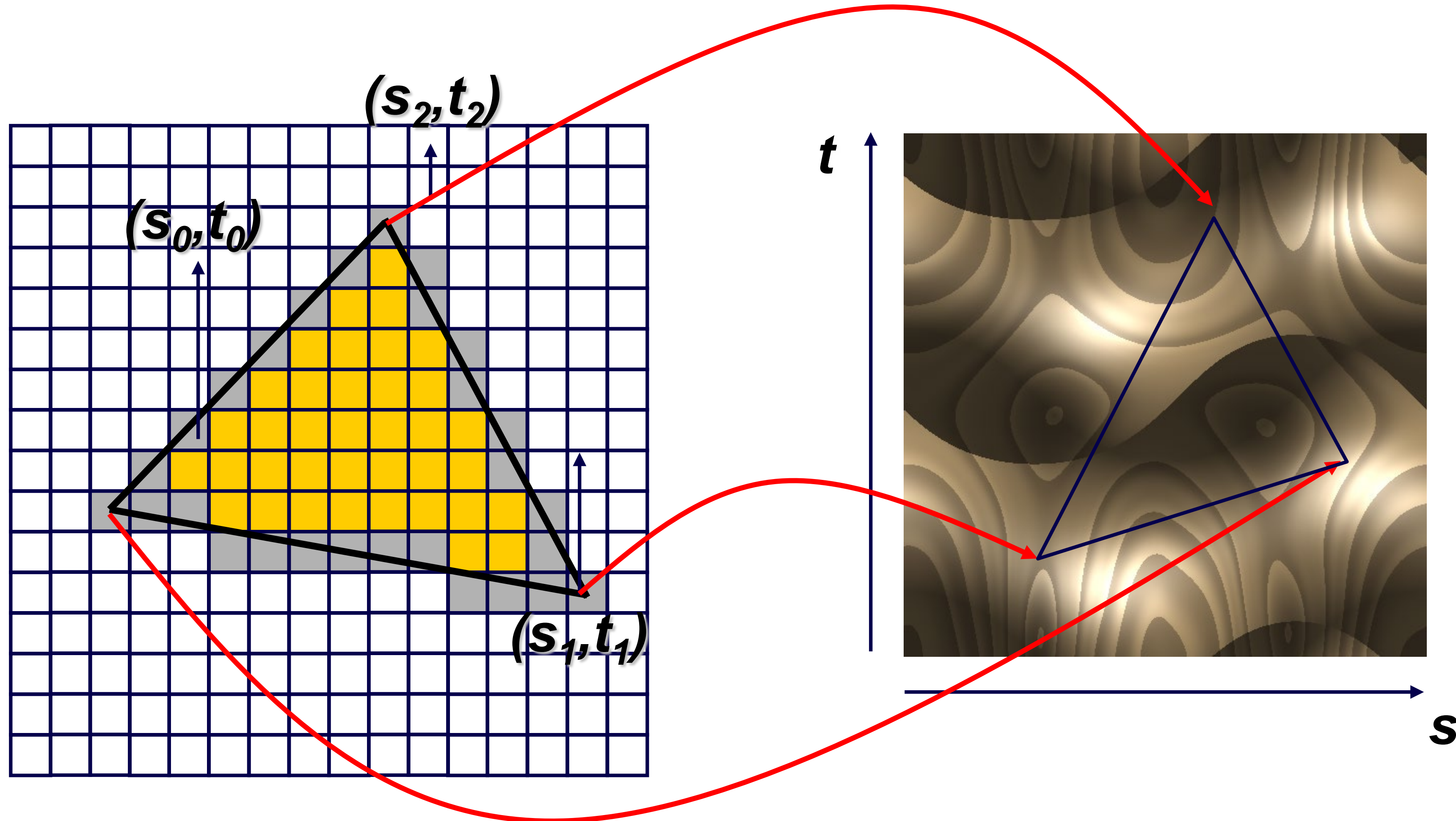
Texture mapping



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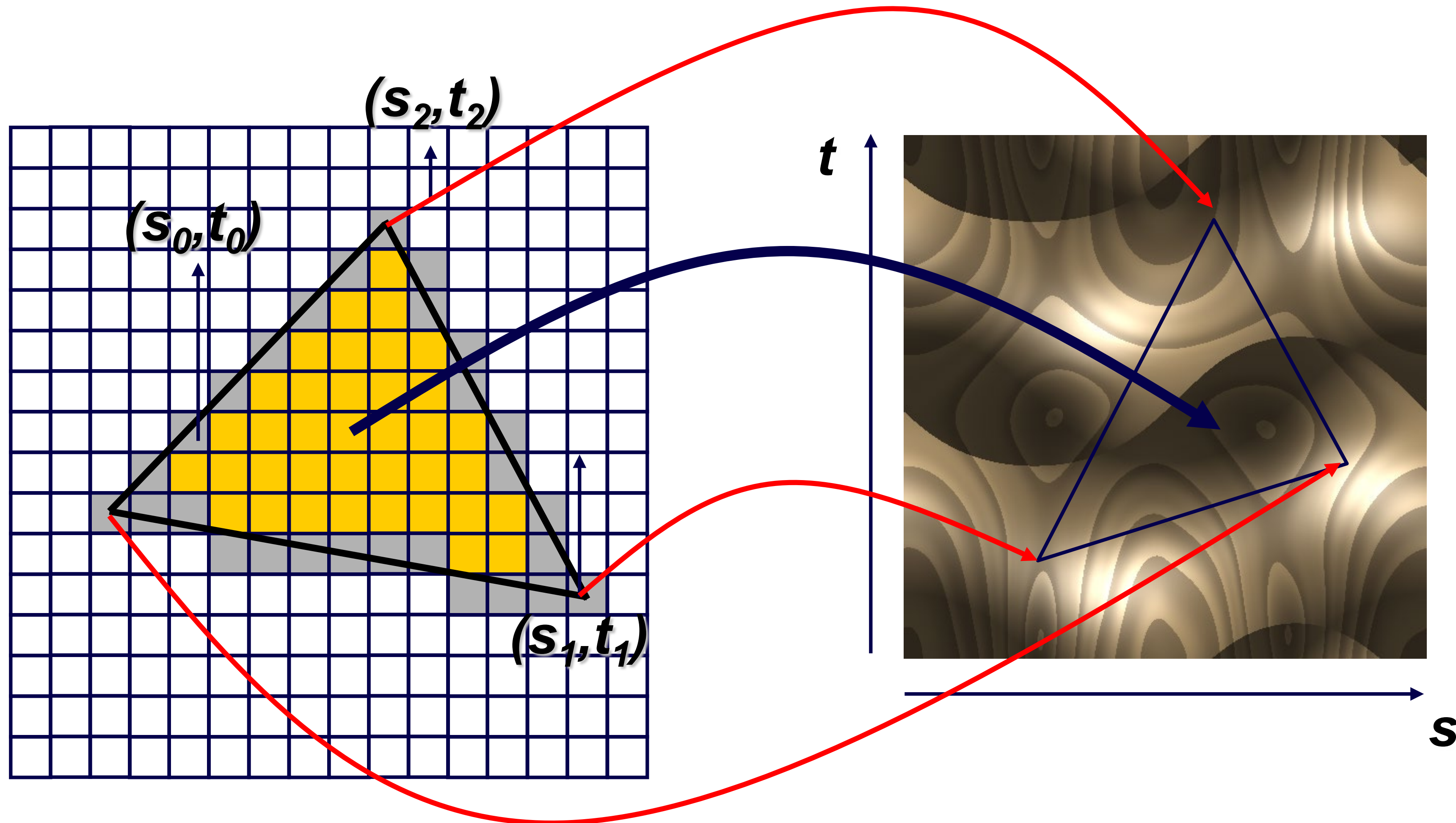
Texture mapping



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Blending

Blending:

- Fragments -> Pixels
- Draw from farthest to nearest
- No blending – replace previous color
- Blending: combine new & old values with some arithmetic operations
  - *Achieve transparency effects*

Frame Buffer : video memory on graphics board that holds resulting image & used to display it

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Depth Test / Hidden Surface Removal

Remove occluded geometry

- Parts that are hidden behind other geometry
- For 2D (view parallel) shapes – use depth order
  - *draw objects back to front*
    - sort objects: furthest object first, closest object last

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Self study: Alternative to ordering
Depth buffer with transparent sprites

- ***Fragment shader writes depth to the depth buffer***
  - *discard fragment if depth larger than current depth buffer (occluded)*
  - *alleviates the ordering of objects*
- ***Issue, depth buffer written for fragments with alpha = 0***
- ***Solution:***
  explicitly discard fragments with alpha < 0.5
  - *note, texture sample interpolation leads to non-binary values even if texture is either 0 or 1.*

```
#version 330
in vec2 texCoord;
out vec4 outColor;
uniform sampler2D theTexture;

void main() {
  vec4 texel = texture(theTexture, texCoord);
  if(texel.a < 0.5)
    discard;
  outColor = texel;
}
```


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Milestone 1

- ***Team github -> make sure you have access***
  - Use pull requests and code reviews
- ***The whole team needs to be there for face-to-face sessions*** (on zoom, we will send links)

- ***Make sure the template runs for all your team mates, cross platform***

- ***Organize internal deadlines***
  - ***New 10p feature for M1 "Team organization"***

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A0, A1, handin, and handback

- ***Check your grade with handback***
  https://www.students.cs.ubc.ca/~cs-427/handback/
- ***Double check that you submitted the right files***
  - Use the "-c" option to list submitted files
    "handin -c cs-427 a0"
  - We added checks to ensure that relevant files are there
  - We added checks to ensure that generated files are not submitted
- ***Work individually***
- ***Signup sheet for A1 face-to-face will be posted after the deadline*** (students drawn at random)
- ***Re-grading requests as message to instructors on piazza*** (NOT on Canvas, NOT on slack)

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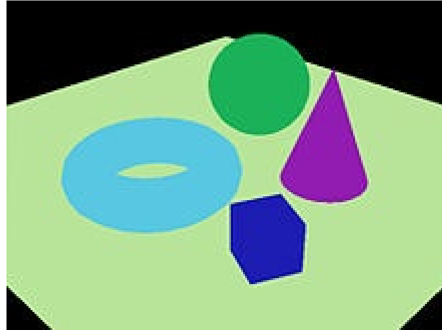
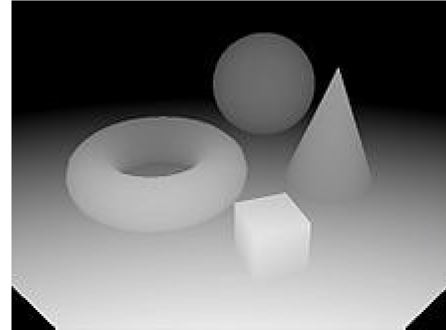
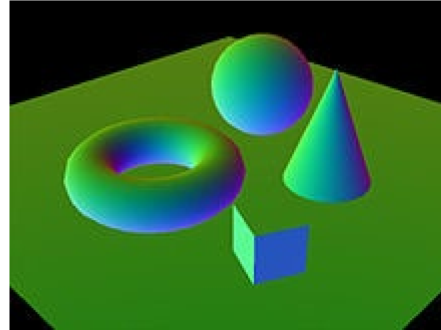
Motivation

- ***Deferred shading (a form of screen-space rendering)***

First rendering pass

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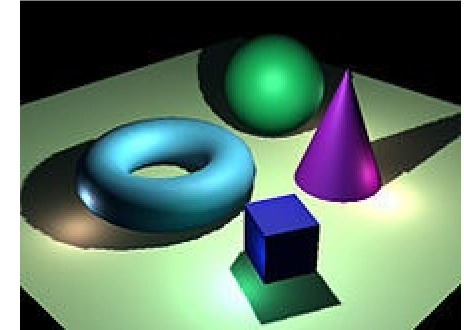
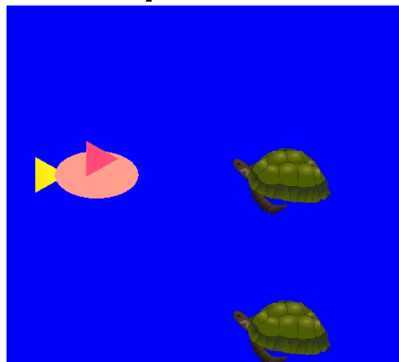
Second pass

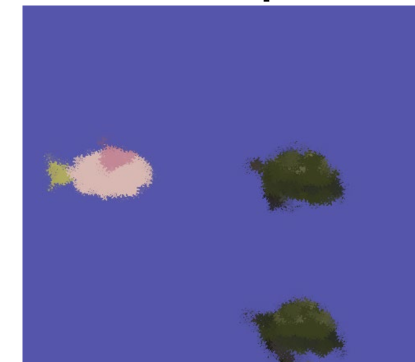


- ***or water effects***

First pass



Second pass



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A few advanced examples

- Blending
- Sprite Sheets
- Render to Texture
- Post-processing Effects: Bloom

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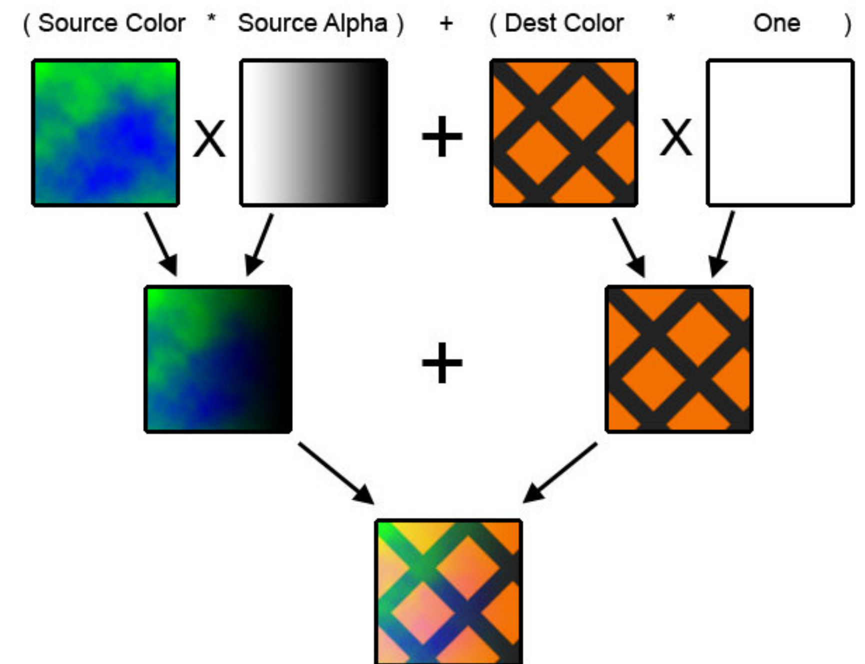
Blending

- Controls how pixel color is blended into the FBO's Color Attachment
- Control on factors and operation of the equation
- RGB and Alpha are controllabe separately



$$RGB_o = RGB_{src} * F_{src} \; [+ \text{ - } / \; *] \; RGB_{dst} * F_{dst}$$

Cloud (source) on top of grid (dest)

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Blending: Example Presets

- **Additive Blending**

```
//---
// RGB_o = RGB_src + RGB_dst
glEnable(GL_BLEND);
glBlendFunc(GL_ONE, GL_ONE);
```

- **Alpha Blending**

```
//---
// RGB_o = RGB_src * ALPHA_src + RGB_dst * (1 - ALPHA_src)
glEnable(GL_BLEND);
glBlendFunc(GL_SRC_ALPHA, GL_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA);
```

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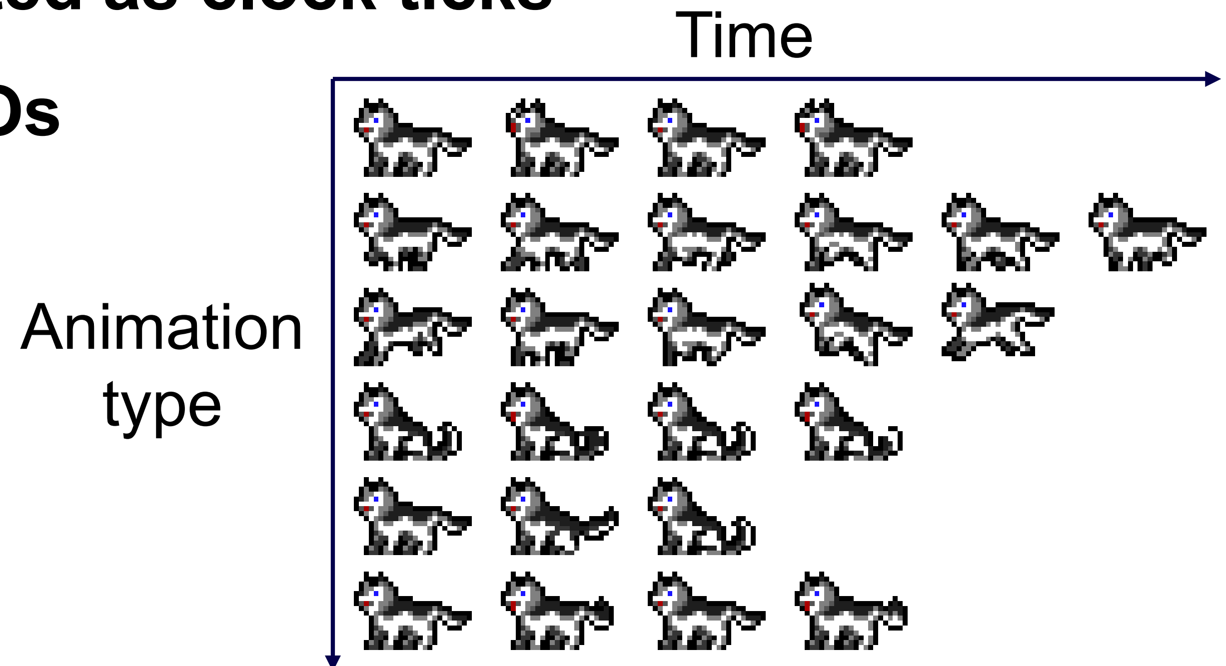
Sprite Sheets

- Compact (and fast) approach for 2D animations
- Every frame only a region of the original Texture is rendered
- Texture Coordinates are updated as clock ticks
- Does not require dynamic VBOs



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Sprite Sheets: Example

```
// APPLICATION
void load() {
    // ANIMATION_FRAME_[W|H] is in texture coordinates range [0, 1]
    vertices[0].texcoord = (0, 0);
    vertices[1].texcoord = (ANIMATION_FRAME_W, 0);
    vertices[2].texcoord = (ANIMATION_FRAME_W, ANIMATION_FRAME_H);
    vertices[3].texcoord = (0, ANIMATION_FRAME_H);
}

void update(float ms) {
    elapsed_time += ms;
    if (elapsed_time > ANIMATION_SPEED)
        frame = (frame+1)%NUM_ANIMATION_FRAMES;
}

void render() {
    glUniform1i(shader_program, &frame);
    ..
}
```

```
// SHADER
uniform vec2 texcoord_in; // Attribute coming from geometry (.texcoord)

void main() {
    texcoord = texcoord_in;

    // Sliding coordinates along X direction
    texcoord.x += ANIMATION_FRAME_W * frame;
}
```

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Render To Texture

- **Building block of any multipass pipeline**
- **Just putting two concepts together..**

- First Pass: Pixel colors are written to the FBO's Color Attachment
- Second Pass: The same Texture can be bound and used by Samplers

```
// When loading
render_target = create_texture(screen_resolution)  // Create texture (Usually with same screen resolution)
fbo = create_fbo(render_target) // Bind <render_target> as <fbo>'s color attachment

// First pass
bind_fbo(fbo)
draw_first_pass()

// Second pass
bind_fbo(0) // Reset to default FBO (Window)
bind_texture(render_target) // You can use <render_target> as you would you any other texture
draw_second_pass()
```

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Post-processing: Bloom

- Fullscreen Effect to highlight bright areas of the picture
- Post-processing: Operates on Images after the scene has been rendered

- High level overview:

1. Render scene to texture
2. Extract bright regions by thresholding
3. Gaussian blur pass on the bright regions
4. Combine original texture and highlights texture with additive blending

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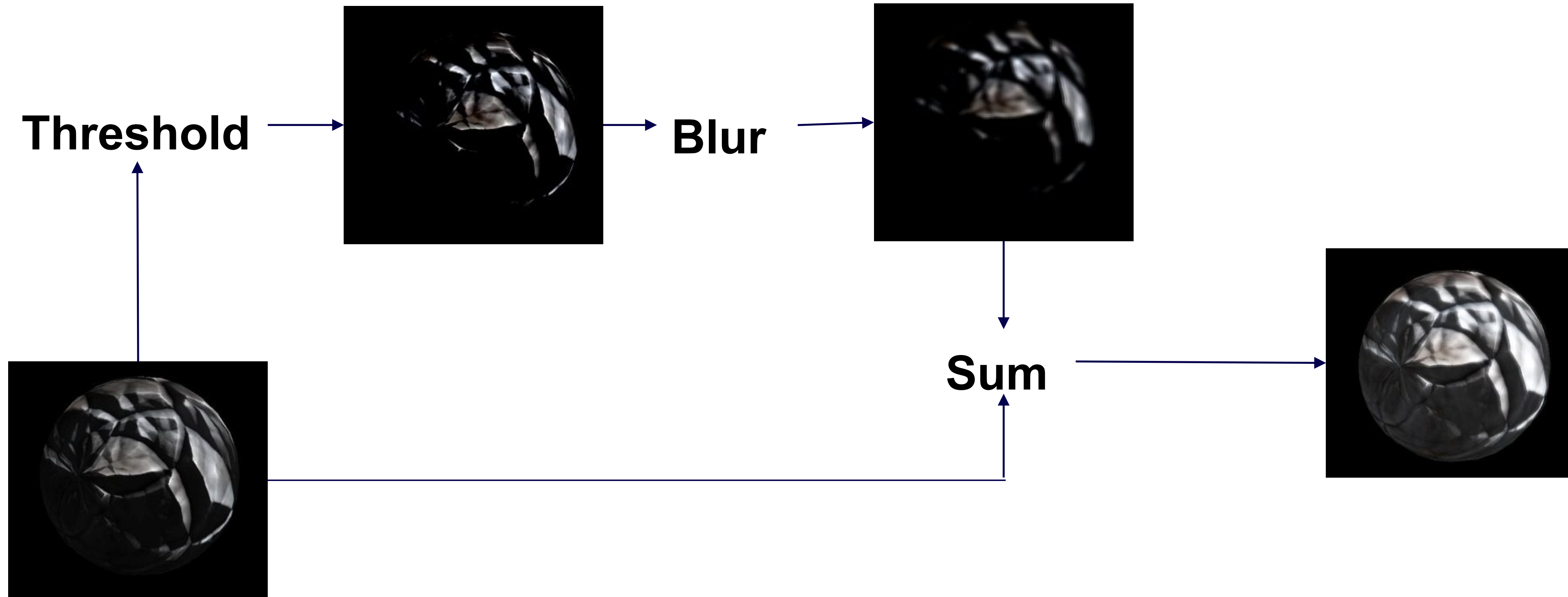
Post-processing: Bloom



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Post-processing: Bloom

```
GLuint original_rt, bright_rt, blur_rt;

bind_fbo(original_rt);
render_scene(original_rt);

bind_fbo(bright_rt);
threshold(original_rt); // Only keep pixels brighter than threshold

bind_fb(blur_rt);
gaussian_blur(bright_rt); // Blur bright regions

bind_fbo(0); // Writing to window's framebuffer
add(blur_rt, original_rt);
```

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Self study:
Post-processing: Bloom

As many details have been skipped, here are a couple of hints:

- A fullscreen effect is achieved by rendering a textured quad with the same dimensions as the screen. No need for any camera or projection matrix as you already know that you want the vertices to correspond to the corners of the screen.

- Thresholding bright areas can be achieved in the fragment shader with something as simple as: `return Intensity > Threshold ? Color : 0.0;`
- Where `Intensity` is some function of the pixel's RGB values. You can start from max component, average, or explore other color space.

- Regarding Gaussian Blur (or Bloom altogether) there are lots of online resources of various quality.
- A suggested place to start for tutorials is https://learnopengl.com.
- The standard reference book for real-time rendering is "Real-Time Rendering" (http://www.realtimerendering.com/)

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