

3D Graphics and OpenGL

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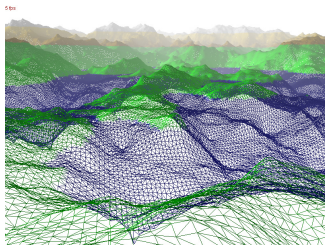
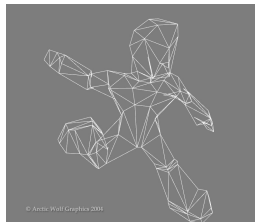
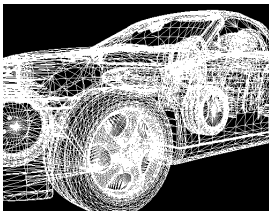
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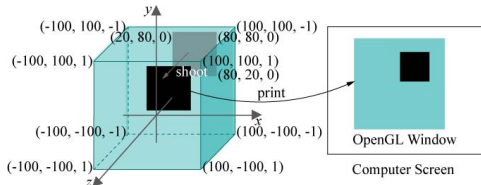


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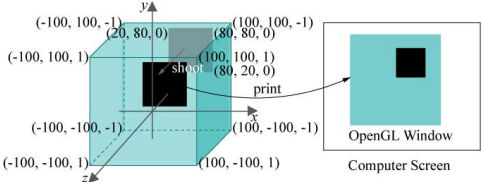
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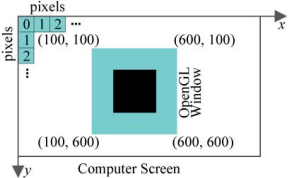
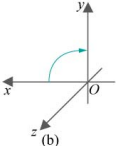
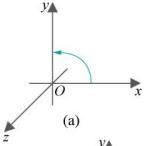


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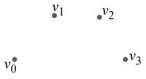


Vertices

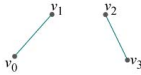
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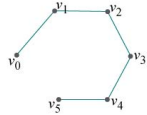
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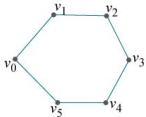
GL_POINTS



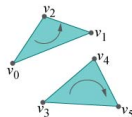
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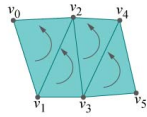
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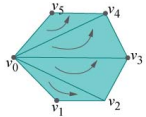
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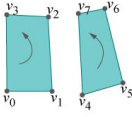
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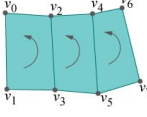
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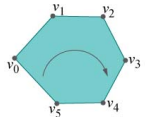
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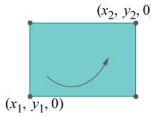
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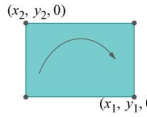
GL_QUAD_STRIP



GL_POLYGON



glRectf(x1, y1, x2, y2)



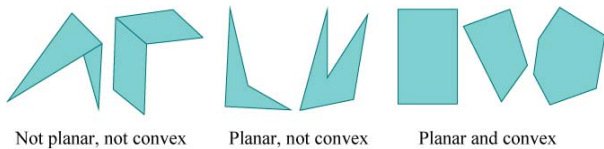
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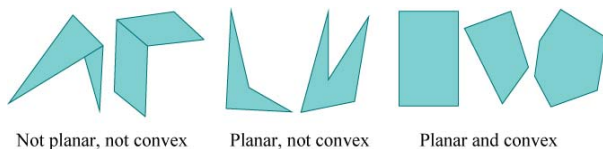
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For efficiency, use **array lists** (single rendering call accessing array of many points) and **display lists** (precompiled and stored groups of OpenGL commands, including declarations of geometry/primitives). See sections 3.1 and 3.2.

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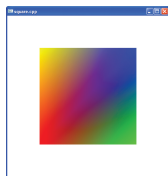
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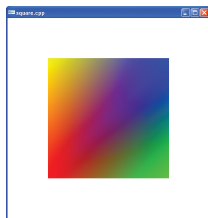
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E.g., setting (foreground/vertex) color using glColor:

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glBegin(GL_QUADS);  
    glColor3f(1.0, 0.0, 0.0);  
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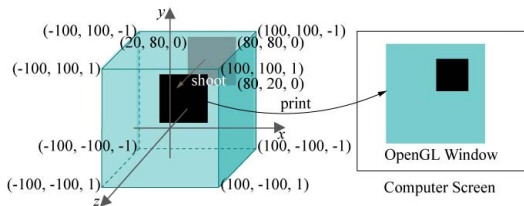
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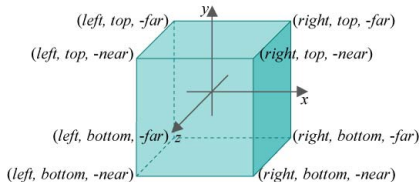
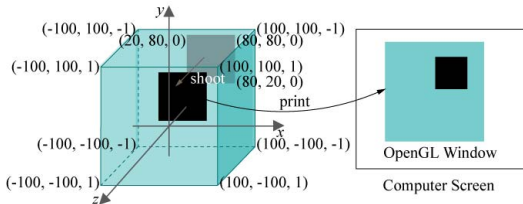
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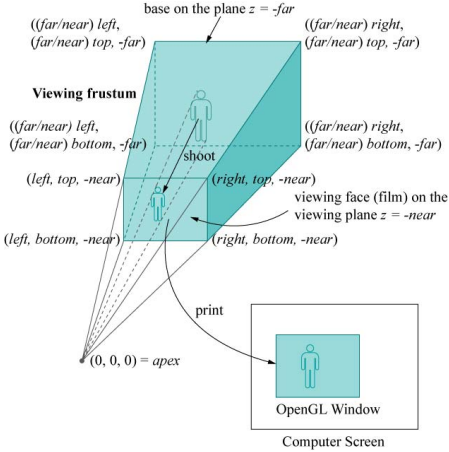
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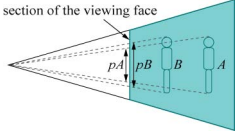
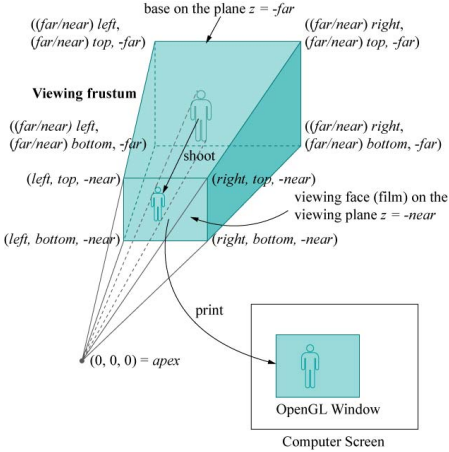
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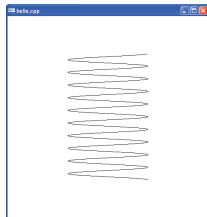
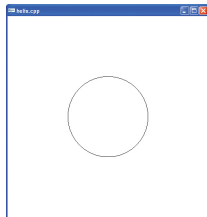
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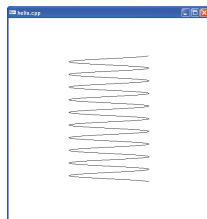
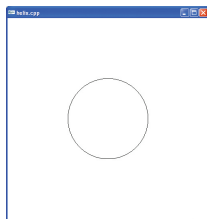
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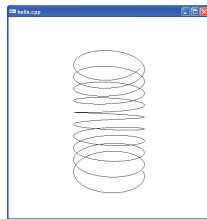
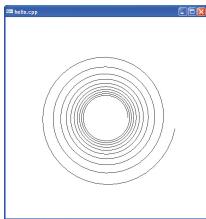
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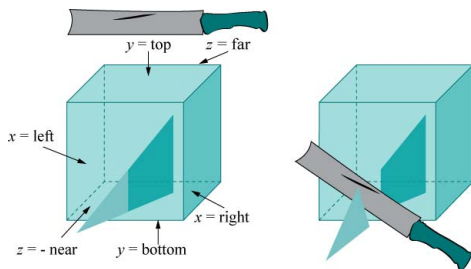


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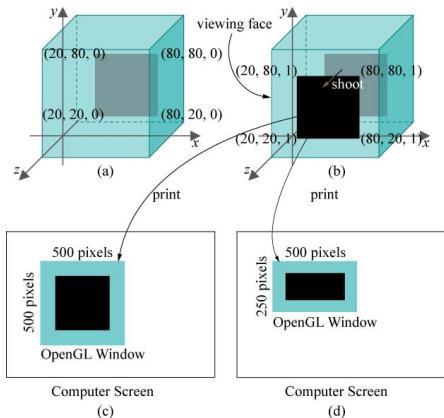
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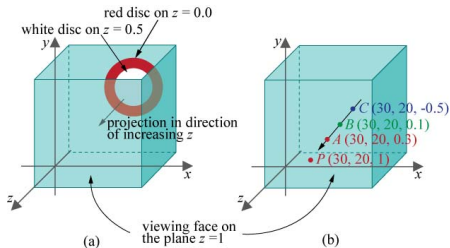
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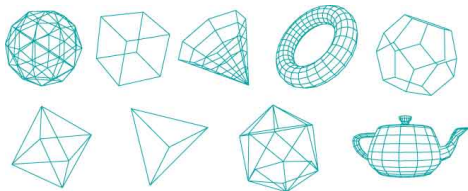
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