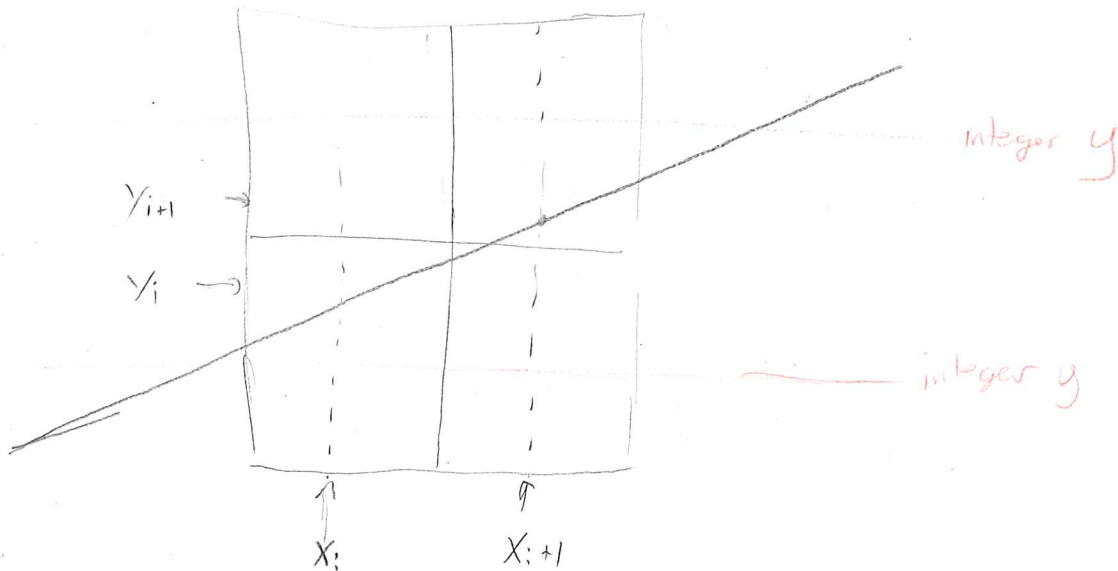


# Midpoint Algorithm

23.1



Intuition: Pick 1 pixel per column

Pick the one the line spends the most time in.

Equivalently: The one the line is in at an integer value of  $x$

Algorithm:

// compute  $m, b$

for  $x = x_{min} : x_{max}$ :

$$y = mx + b$$

Exercise: write the line draw  $(x, \text{round}(y))$

Aside: given  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$

what are  $m$  and  $b$ ?

$$m = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

$$b = y - mx \\ = y_1 - mx_1$$

Efficiency:

1 round, 1 fp mult, 1 fp add per  $x$

# Faster midpoint algorithm?

Take stuff out of the inner loop!

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m =
b =
y = m * x_min + b (if x_min != x_1)

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for x = x_min : x_max + 1

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  draw(x, round(y))

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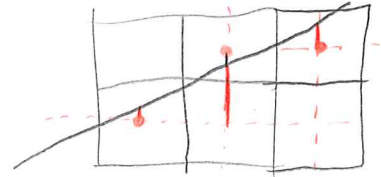
  y += m

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Exercise: Speed it up!

Even faster?

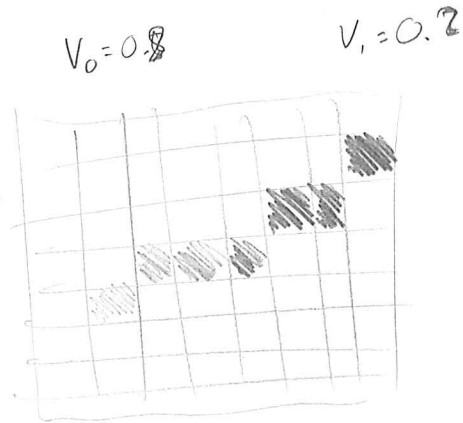
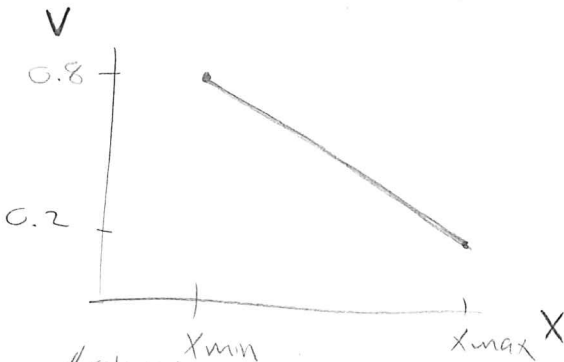
keep track of distance from integer y to line; if it's > 0.5, increment y and decrement d.



Adds and > only, no mult and no rounding

## Interpolating Values

Given  $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ ,  $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$  and  $V_1, V_2$ , values of same property at the endpoints, interpolate values at each pixel.  
e.g., color



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// calc m/b
// calc v_m, v_b
y = m * x_min + b
V = v_m * x_min + v_b
for x = x_min : x_max
  draw(x, round(y), V)
  y += m
  V += v_m

```

One more aside = parametric view

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(x) &= V_1 + \frac{x - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} (V_2 - V_1) \\
 &= V_1 + t (V_2 - V_1) \\
 &= V_1 + t v_2 - t v_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$V(t) = (1-t)V_1 + tV_2$$