# Visual Guide to 2D Stencil Memory Optimization 

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## Cache Efficient Processing in 1D: Trapezoid Units

- Computation in a trapezoid is either:
- Self-contained, does not require anything from outside( $\square$ ), or
- Only uses data that has been computed and ready ( , after $\square$



## Goal: Fill out temp and then have results at the bottom of temp



No Dependencies For Corner


## Calculate Blocks With Satisfied Dependencies



All Done With Trapezoids


Fill Out The Rest (Upside-down wedges)


## This Was Not Cache-Oblivious

- We had to choose a block size
- "temp" is divided into a grid of BLOCK_SIZE width and height sub-blocks
- Depending on the location (corner? edge? middle?) 3D shape determined
- After filling in all grids, we fill in the upside-down edges
- Cache-oblivious algorithm instead divides the space into four quadrants recursively
- Actual shape determination and filling it out happens only at a very small block size
- Actually more complex than this, but having a small SUBSTEP parameter restricts the problem space


## SUBSTEPS may be too large

- If the given substeps parameter is too large to be used as-is as the height of the 3D structure, remember you can also break that down into smaller steps!

