Experiment No. 2
Bresenham's algorithms for line segment
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Aim: To implement Bresenham's algorithms for drawing a line segment between two given end points.

Objective:

Draw a line using Bresenham's line algorithm that determines the points of an n-dimensional raster that should be selected to form a close approximation to a straight line between two points

Theory:

In Bresenham's line algorithm pixel positions along the line path are obtained by determining the pixels i.e. nearer the line path at each step.

Algorithm:

- 1. Input two endpoints: (x1, y1) and (x2, y2).
- 2. Calculate the differences in the x and y coordinates:
- 3. dx = x2 x1 dy = y2 y1
- 4. Initialize variables for tracking the current position, decision parameter, and steps:
- 5. x = x1 y = y1 d = 2 * dy dx x increment = 1 y increment = 1
- 6. If dx < 0, set x increment to -1.
- 7. If dy < 0, set y increment to -1.
- 8. Start a loop that runs from 1 to dx (or -dx if dx is negative):
- 9. a. Plot the pixel at the current position (x, y).
- 10. b. If the decision parameter is greater than or equal to 0, increment y by y_increment and update the decision parameter:
- 11. if $d \ge 0$: y = y + y increment d = d 2 * dx
- 12. c. Increment x by x increment.
- 13. d. Update the decision parameter:
- 14. d = d + 2 * dy
- 15. Repeat the loop until you have plotted all the necessary pixels to draw the line segment.



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Program:

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#include<graphics.h>
#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
#include<math.h>
#include<dos.h>
int main()
  float x,y,x1,y1,x2,y2,dx,dy,p;
  int gd=DETECT, gm=0;
  initgraph(&gd,&gm,"C:\\TurboC3\\BGI");
  printf("\n Enter the x-coordinate of the first point:");
  scanf("%f",&x1);
  printf("\n Enter the y-coordinate of the first point:");
  scanf("%f",&y1);
  printf("\n Enter the x-coordinate of the second point:");
  scanf("%f",&x2);
  printf("\n Enter the y-coordinate of the second point:");
  scanf("%f",&y2);
  x=x1;
  y=y1;
  dx=x2-x1;
  dy=y2-y1;
  putpixel (x,y, RED);
  p = (2 * dy-dx);
  //to avoid floating point
  while(x \le x2)
    if(p<0)
       x = x+1;
       p = p + 2*dy;
     else
       x = x+1;
       y = y+1;
       p = p + (2*dy) - (2*dx);
     }
```



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putpixel(x,y, RED);
}
getch();
closegraph();
return 0;
}
```

Output:

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Enter the x-coordinate of the first point:100

Enter the y-coordinate of the first point:200

Enter the x-coordinate of the second point:300

Enter the y-coordinate of the second point:500
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Conclusion:

Comment on -

- 1. Pixel The "pixel" is represented by the "putpixel" function. It sets the color of individual pixels on the screen.
- 2. Equation for line The algorithm calculates and uses the difference in the x and y coordinates (dx and dy) to determine which pixels to color to approximate the line.
- 3. Need of line drawing algorithm The need for a line drawing algorithm arises from the discrete nature of digital screens, which represent images using pixels on a grid. To draw a continuous line on such a grid, an algorithm like Bresenham's is necessary to determine which pixels to color to create the appearance of a smooth line.
- 4. Slow or fast- Bresenham's algorithm is relatively fast and efficient, especially for drawing lines with integer coordinates. It uses integer arithmetic and avoids floating-point calculations