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Experiment No. 1
DDA algorithms for line segment
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Aim: To implement DDA algorithms for drawing a line segment between two given end points.

Objective:

Draw the line using (vector) generation algorithms which determine the pixels that should be turned ON are called as digital differential analyzer (DDA). It is one of the techniques for obtaining a rasterized straight line. This algorithm can be used to draw the line in all the quadrants.

Theory:

DDA algorithm is an incremental scan conversion method. Here we perform calculations at each step using the results from the preceding step. The characteristic of the DDA algorithm is to take unit steps along one coordinate and compute the corresponding values along the other coordinate. Digital Differential Analyzer (DDA) algorithm is the simple line generation algorithm which is explained step by step here.

Algorithm:

1. Input two endpoints: (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) .
2. Calculate the differences in the x and y coordinates:
3. $dx = x_2 - x_1$ $dy = y_2 - y_1$
4. Determine the number of steps required to draw the line. You can use the maximum difference between dx and dy:
5. $steps = \max(\text{abs}(dx), \text{abs}(dy))$
6. Calculate the increments for x and y:
7. $x_increment = dx / steps$ $y_increment = dy / steps$
8. Initialize the current position (x, y) as the starting point (x_1, y_1) :
9. $x = x_1$ $y = y_1$
10. For each step from 1 to steps:
11. a. Round the current coordinates to the nearest integer since pixel positions are discrete. b. Plot the pixel at the current position (x, y). c. Update the current position:
12. $x = x + x_increment$ $y = y + y_increment$
13. Continue the loop until you have plotted all the necessary pixels to draw the line segment.



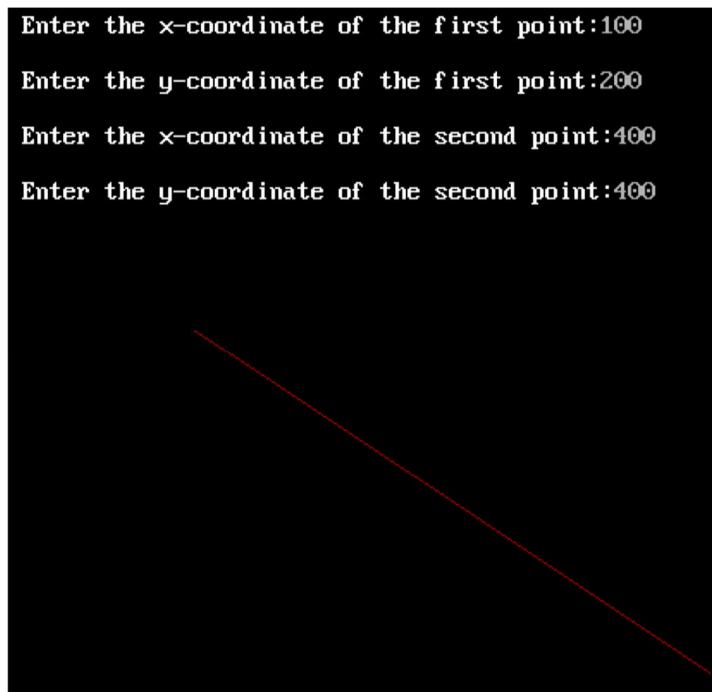
Program:

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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,step;
    int i, gd=DETECT, gm;
    //The gm handles value that tells us which resolution and monitor we are using.
    //The gd specifies the graphic driver to be used.
    //detectgraph(&gd,&gm);`
    initgraph(&gd,&gm,"C:\\TurboC3\\BGI");
    printf("\nEnter the x-coordinate of the first point:");
    scanf("%f",&x1);
    printf("\nEnter the y-coordinate of the first point:");
    scanf("%f",&y1);
    printf("\nEnter the x-coordinate of the second point:");
    scanf("%f",&x2);
    printf("\nEnter the y-coordinate of the second point:");
    scanf("%f",&y2);
    dx=abs(x2-x1);
    dy=abs(y2-y1);
    if(dx>dy)
    {
        step=dx;
    }
    else
    {
        step=dy;
    }
    dx=dx/step;
    dy=dy/step;
    x=x1;
    y=y1;
    i=1;
    while(i<=step)
    {
        putpixel(x,y,500);
        x=x+dx;
        y=y+dy;
```



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i=i+1;  
delay(100);  
}  
getch();  
return 0;  
closegraph();  
}
```

Output:



Conclusion:

Comment on -

1. Pixel - pixel is the smallest unit of an image. "*putpixel*" is used to color individual pixels on the screen.
2. Equation for line - DDA approximates a line between two points (x1, y1) and (x2, y2) using the equation $y = mx + b$. It calculates slope and updates coordinates.
3. Need of line drawing algorithm - Computers use pixels on a grid to represent images. To draw continuous lines, you need an algorithm to determine which pixels to color.
4. Slow or fast - DDA is simple but not the fastest.