





Some basic relationships between pixels

Neighbors of a pixel



- A pixel p at co-ordinates (x,y) has two horizontal and two vertical neighbors with coordinates
- (x + 1, y), (x 1, y), (x, y + 1), (x, y 1)
- This set of pixels, called the 4-neighbors of p, is denoted $N_4(p)$.
- The four diagonal neighbors of p have coordinates
- (x + 1, y + 1), (x + 1, y 1), (x 1, y + 1), (x 1, y 1)
- and are denoted $N_D(p)$. These neighbors, together with the 4-neighbors, are called the 8-neighbors of p, denoted by $N_8(p)$).
- The neighborhood is said to be closed if it contains p. Otherwise, the neighborhood is said to be open.

Adjacency



- Let V be the set of intensity values used to define adjacency.
- 4-adjacency. Two pixels p and q with values from V are 4-adjacent if q is in the set $N_4(p)$.
- 8-adjacency. Two pixels p and q with values from V are 8-adjacent if q is in the set $N_8(p)$.
- m-adjacency (also called mixed adjacency). Two pixels p and q with values from V are m-adjacent if
 - a) q is in $N_4(p)$, or
 - b) q is in $N_D(p)$ and the set $N_4(p) \cap N_4(q)$ has no pixels whose values are from V.





- A digital path (or curve) from pixel p with coordinates (x_0, y_0) to pixel q with coordinates (x_n, y_n) is a sequence of distinct pixels with coordinates
- $(x_0, y_0), (x_1, y_1), ... (x_n, y_n)$
- where points (x_i, y_i) and $(x_{\{i-1\}}, y_{\{i-1\}})$, are adjacent for $1 \le i \le n$. In this case, n is the length of the path.





- Let S represent a subset of pixels in an image. Two pixels p and q are said to be connected in S if there exists a path between them consisting entirely of pixels in S.
- For any pixel p in S, the set of pixels that are connected to it in S is called a connected
- component of S. If it only has one component, and that component is connected, then S is called a connected set.

Distance Measures



• For pixels p, q and s, with coordinates (x, y), (u, v) and (w, z) respectively, D is a distance function or metric if

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$$D(p,q) \ge 0 (D(p,q) = 0 \text{ iff } p = q)$$

- D(p,q) = D(q,p), and
- $D(p,s) \leq D(p,q) + D(q,s)$.

Distance Measures



• The Euclidean distance between p and q is defined as

$$D_e(p,q) = [(x-u)^2 + (y-v)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

• The D4 distance, (called the city-block distance) between p and q is defined as

$$D_4(p,q) = |x - u| + |y - v|$$

 The D8 distance (called the chessboard distance) between p and q is defined as

$$D_8(p,q) = \max\{|x - u|, |y - v|\}$$

Distance Measures



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	2	1	2	
2	1	0	1	2
	2	1	2	
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