

## Scan conversion (rasterizing)

Assumption: raster display

How the scene is loaded?

- frame buffer
- pixel patterns

## Point plotting

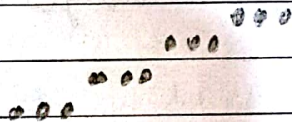
- Converting a single co-ordinate position furnished by an application program into appropriate operation for the output device in use.

## Line plotting

- Calculating intermediate positions along the line path b/w two specified endpoints positions.

Vector pen plotter or random scan display: Linearly varying horizontal & vertical voltage intensities

## # Line plotting: jaggies (aliasing / stairstep)



- Noticeable on systems with low resolution.
- Improve their appearance somewhat by displaying them on high resolution systems.
- More effective techniques for smoothing raster lines are based on adjusting pixel intensities along the line path.

## # Antialiasing

Aliasing: distortion of pixels due to low frequency sampling (undersampling).

ragged or stairstep appearance.



## # Line drawing algorithms

$$y = mx + c \quad (\text{Cartesian slope-intercept equation})$$

$\downarrow$  slope       $\downarrow$  intercept

Given two end points of a segment:  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} ; \quad b = y_1 - mx_1$$

$$|m| < 1$$

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$$

$\Delta x$  can be set ~~as~~ small horizontal deflection  
 $\Delta y \propto$  vertical deflection

$$\Delta x = \frac{\Delta y}{m}$$

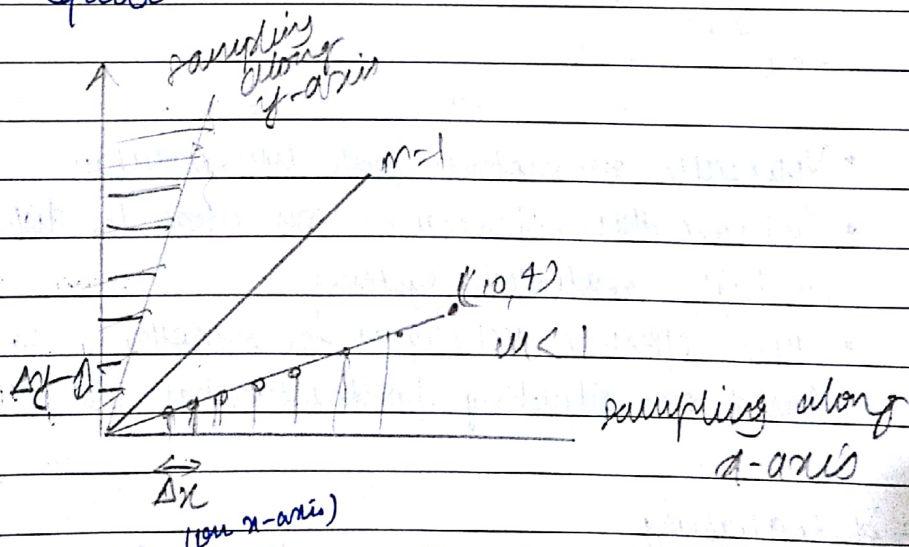
$$|m| > 1$$

$\Delta y$  can be set ~~as~~ small horizontal deflection  
 $\Delta x \propto$  vertical deflection

$$|m| = 1$$

$$\Delta x = \Delta y$$

horizontal and vertical deflection images are equal.



Sampling - Incrementing the value on x axis

with  $\Delta x$  till we reach the end point.

& corresponding y value is calculated using

$$\Delta y = m \Delta x$$

And vice-versa for other axis



## # DDA algorithm (Digital differential analyzer)

- Scan conversion line drawing algorithm based on either  $\Delta y$  or  $\Delta x$ .
- Sample the line at unit intervals in one coordinate & determine corresponding integer values nearest to the line path for the other coordinate.
- Consider the slope and  $m \leq 1$ ; the line is from left endpoint to right endpoint.
  - sample at unit  $x$ -interval  $\rightarrow \Delta x = 1$
  - to compute  $y_{k+1} = y_k + m$
  - initially,  $k=1$  increment 1 until final endpt. is reached
  - $m$  can ~~also~~ be real no,  $y$ -value is approximated to nearest integer.

$$y_k = mx_k + b$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k+1} &= mx_{k+1} + b \\ &= m(x_k + 1) + b \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{y_{k+1} - y_k = m}$$

- Consider the slope and  $m > 1$ , the line is from the left end point to right end point
  - The role is reversed  $\rightarrow x_{k+1} = x_k + \frac{1}{m}$

$$y_k = mx_k + b$$

$$y_{k+1} = mx_{k+1} + b$$

$$y_{k+1} - y_k = m(x_{k+1} - x_k)$$

$$m(x_{k+1} - x_k) = 1$$

$$\boxed{x_{k+1} = x_k + \frac{1}{m}}$$



$- m \leq 1$ , +ve slope,  $\Delta x = -1$  } for right to left  
 $y_{k+1} = y_k - m$   
 $- m > 1$ , +ve slope  $\Delta y = -1$   
 $x_{k+1} = x_k - 1/m$

Q. Draw straight line from (2,3) to (8,7) using DDA algorithm.

$$dx = 8 - 2 = 6$$

$$dy = 7 - 3 = 4$$

$m \leq 1$  but positive

$$\text{Steps} = dx = 6$$

$$y_{\text{inc}} = \frac{dy}{\text{Steps}} = 0.67$$

$x_{\text{old}}$	$y_{\text{old}}$	$x_{\text{new}}$	$y_{\text{new}}$	round( $x$ )	round( $y$ )
2	3	3	3.67	3	4
3	3.67	4	4.34	4	4
4	4.34	5	5.01	5	5
5	5.01	6	5.68	6	6
6	5.68	7	6.35	7	6
7	6.35	8	7.02	8	7

# DDA : Pros and cons

- Faster algorithm
- Eliminates the multiplication by making use of slope characteristics
- Accumulation of round-off error. Calculated pixel position can drift away from true line.
- Rounding & floating point arithmetic are time consuming
- Improvement: by separating the increments  $m$  and  $1/m$  into integer & fractional parts so that all calculations are reduced to integer operations.

Bresenham's algorithm

- Accurate & efficient raster

Q. Draw straightline from (2,3) to (12,8) using DDA

$$\Delta x = 12 - 2 = 10$$

$$\Delta y = 8 - 3 = 5$$

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = 0.5$$

$$m \leq 1 \text{ true}$$

$$\text{steps} = 10$$

$$y_{\text{inc}} = \frac{\Delta y}{\text{steps}} = 0.5$$

$x_{\text{old}}$	$y_{\text{old}}$	$x_{\text{new}}$	$y_{\text{new}}$	$\text{round}(x)$	$\text{round}(y)$
2	3	3	3.5	3	4
3	3.5	4	4	4	4
4	4	5	4.5	5	5
5	4.5	6	5	6	5
6	5	7	5.5	7	6
7	5.5	8	6	8	6
8	6.0	9	6.5	9	7
9	6.5	10	7	10	7
10	7	11	7.5	11	8
11	7.5	12	8	12	8