DDA Algorithm-

DDA Algorithm is the simplest line drawing algorithm.

> Given the starting and ending coordinates of a line,
>
> DDA Algorithm attempts to generate the points between the starting and ending coordinates.

Procedure-

Given-

- Starting coordinates = (X_0, Y_0)
- Ending coordinates = (X_n, Y_n)

The points generation using DDA Algorithm involves the following steps-

Step-01:

Calculate ΔX, ΔY and M from the given input.

These parameters are calculated as-

- $\Delta X = X_n - X_0$
- $\Delta Y = Y_n - Y_0$
- $M = \Delta Y / \Delta X$

Step-02:

Find the number of steps or points in between the starting and ending coordinates.

if (absolute (ΔX) > absolute (ΔY))

Steps = absolute (ΔX);

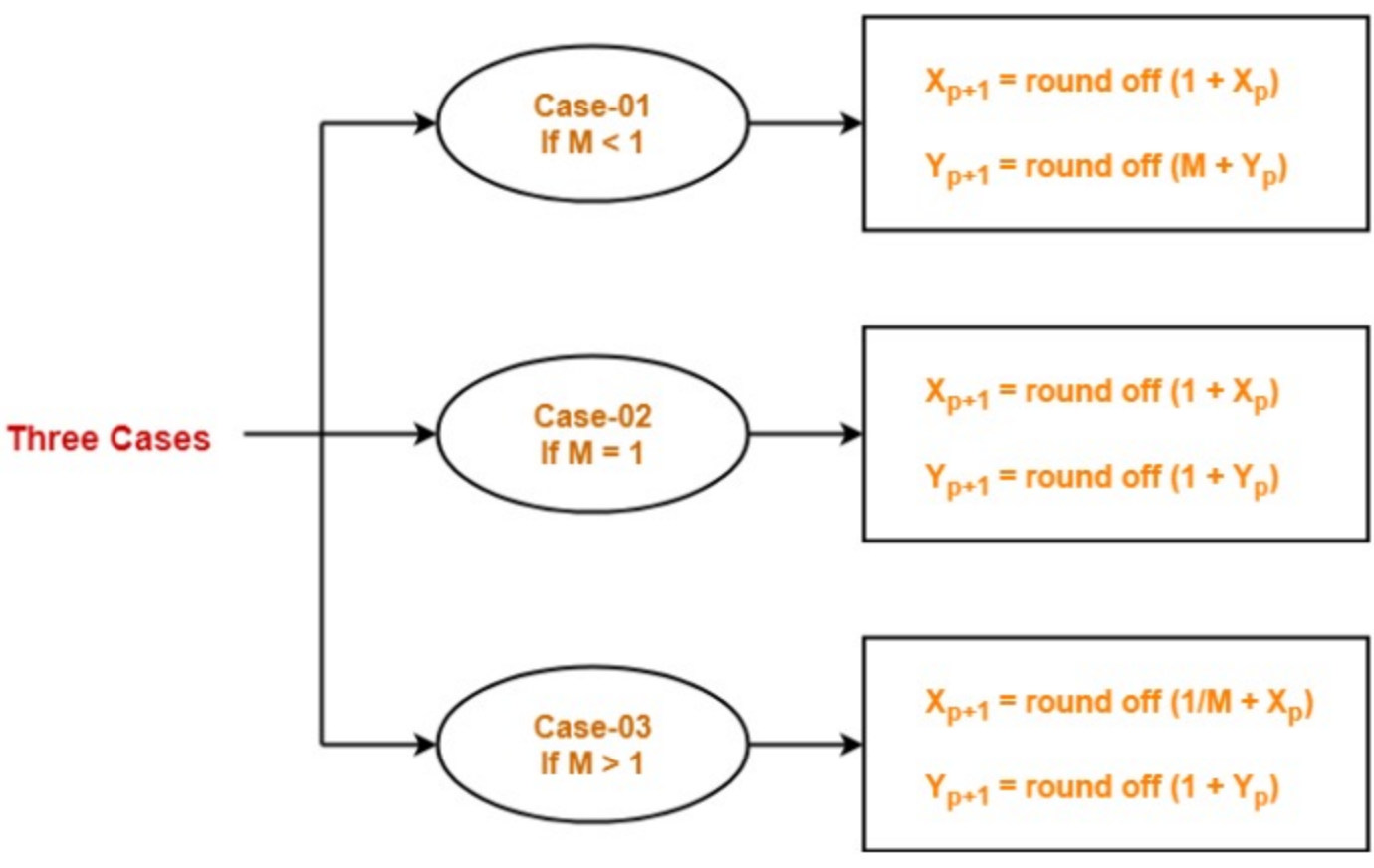
else

Steps = absolute (ΔY);

Step-03:

Suppose the current point is (X_p, Y_p) and the next point is (X_{p+1}, Y_{p+1}).

Find the next point by following the below three cases-



Step-04:

Keep repeating Step-03 until the end point is reached or the number of generated new points (including the starting and ending points) equals to the steps count.

PRACTICE PROBLEMS BASED ON DDA ALGORITHM-

Problem-01:

Calculate the points between the starting point (5, 6) and ending point (8, 12).

Solution-

Given-

- Starting coordinates = $(X_0, Y_0) = (5, 6)$
- Ending coordinates = $(X_n, Y_n) = (8, 12)$

Step-01:

Calculate ΔX, ΔY and M from the given input.

- $\Delta X = X_n - X_0 = 8 - 5 = 3$
- $\Delta Y = Y_n - Y_0 = 12 - 6 = 6$
- $M = \Delta Y / \Delta X = 6 / 3 = 2$

Step-02:

Calculate the number of steps.

As $|\Delta X| < |\Delta Y| = 3 < 6$, so number of steps = $\Delta Y = 6$

Step-03:

As M > 1, so case-03 is satisfied.

Now, Step-03 is executed until Step-04 is satisfied.

X_p	Y_p	X_{p+1}	Y_{p+1}	Round off (X_{p+1}, Y_{p+1})
5	6	5.5	7	(6, 7)
		6	8	(6, 8)
		6.5	9	(7, 9)
		7	10	(7, 10)
		7.5	11	(8, 11)
		8	12	(8, 12)