

When the start endpoint is at the right (for the same slope), we obtain y positions from Eq. 3-8. Similarly, when the absolute slope is greater than 1, we use $\Delta y = -1$ and Eq. 3-9 or we use $\Delta y = 1$ and Eq. 3-10. This algorithm is summarized in the following procedure, where input the two endpoint pixel positions. Horizontal and vertical distances between the endpoint positions are assigned to parameters dx and dy . The parameter with the greater magnitude determines the value of parameter m . Starting with pixel position (x_a, y_a) , we determine the offset needed to generate the next pixel position along the line path. We loop through $steps$ times. If the magnitude of dx is greater than the magnitude of dy , m is less than x_b , the values of the increments in the x and y directions are $1/m$ and 1 respectively. If the greater change is in the x direction, but x_a is greater than x_b , then the decrements -1 and $-m$ are used to generate each new point. Otherwise, we use a unit increment (or decrement) in the y direction and a decrement (or increment) of $1/m$. We assume that points are to be plotted in a bilevel intensity system, so that the call to `setPixel` with an intensity of 1 is sufficient.

```

procedure lineDDA (xa, ya, xb, yb : integer);
var
    dx, dy, steps, k : integer;
    xIncrement, yIncrement, x, y : real;
begin
    dx := xb - xa;
    dy := yb - ya;
    if abs(dx) > abs(dy) then steps := abs(dx)
    else steps := abs(dy);
    xIncrement := dx / steps;
    yIncrement := dy / steps;
    x := xa;
    y := ya;
    setPixel (round(x), round(y), 1);
    for k := 1 to steps do
    begin
        x := x + xIncrement;
        y := y + yIncrement;
        setPixel (round(x), round(y), 1)
    end
end; {lineDDA}

```

The DDA algorithm is a faster method for calculating pixel positions than the direct use of Eq. 3-1. It eliminates the multiplication in Eq. 3-1 by using integer arithmetic, so that appropriate increments are applied to step to pixel positions along the line path. The accumulation of roundoff error in successive additions of the floating-point increments can cause the calculated pixel positions to drift away from the true line segments. Furthermore, the rounding operations and integer arithmetic in procedure `lineDDA` are still time-consuming. We can improve the performance of the DDA algorithm by separating the increments into integer and fractional parts so that all calculations are reduced to integer arithmetic. A method for doing this is described in the next section.

we digitize the line with endpoints (20, 10) and (30, 18) with a slope of 0.8, with

$$\Delta x = 10, \quad \Delta y = 8$$

The initial decision parameter has the value

$$p_0 = 2\Delta y - \Delta x$$

$$= 6$$

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and the increments for calculating successive decision parameters are

$$2\Delta y = 16, \quad 2\Delta y - 2\Delta x = -4$$

We plot the initial point $(x_0, y_0) = (20, 10)$, and determine successive pixel positions along the line path from the decision parameter as

k	p_k	(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})	k	p_k	(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})
0	6	(21, 11)	5	6	(26, 15)
1	2	(22, 12)	6	2	(27, 16)
2	-2	(23, 12)	7	-2	(28, 16)
3	14	(24, 13)	8	14	(29, 17)
4	10	(25, 14)	9	10	(30, 18)

$$6 + 16 - 20$$

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A plot of the pixels generated along this line path is shown in Fig. 3-9.

An implementation of Bresenham line drawing for slopes in the range $0 < m < 1$ is given in the following procedure. Endpoint pixel positions for the line are passed to this procedure, and pixels are plotted from the left endpoint to the right endpoint. The call to `setPixel` loads the intensity value 1 into the frame buffer at the specified (x, y) pixel position.

```

procedure lineBres (xa, ya, xb, yb : integer);
var
  dx, dy, x, y, xEnd, p : integer;
begin
  dx := abs(xa - xb);
  dy := abs(ya - yb);
  p := 2 * dy - dx;
  { determine which point to use as start, which as end }
  if xa > xb then
    begin
      x := xb;
      y := yb;
      xEnd := xa;
    end { if xa > xb }
  else
    begin

```

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    x := xa;
    y := ya;
    xEnd := xb;
end;
setPixel (x, y, 1);
while x < xEnd do
begin
    x := x + 1;
    if p < 0 then p := p + 2 * dy
    else
        begin
            y := y + 1;
            p := p + 2 * (dy - dx)
        end;
    setPixel (x, y, 1)
end
end; { lineBres }

```

Bresenham's algorithm is generalized to lines with arbitrary slopes considering the symmetry between the various octants and quadrants of the plane. For a line with positive slope greater than 1, we interchange the x and y directions. That is, we step along the y direction in unit steps and calculate successive x values nearest the line path. Also, we could revise the program to plot pixels starting from either endpoint. If the initial position with positive slope is the right endpoint, both x and y decrease as we move right to left. To ensure that the same pixels are plotted regardless of the endpoint, we always choose the upper (or the lower) of the two candidates whenever the two vertical separations from the line path are equal. For negative slopes, the procedures are similar, except that now one coordinate decreases as the other increases. Finally, special cases can be handled. Horizontal lines ($\Delta y = 0$), vertical lines ($\Delta x = 0$), and diagonal lines with $|\Delta y| = 1$ each can be loaded directly into the frame buffer without processing through the line-plotting algorithm.

Parallel Line Algorithms

The line-generating algorithms we have discussed so far determine pixels sequentially. With a parallel computer, we can calculate pixels




```
procedure circleMidpoint (xCenter, yCenter,
```

```
var
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```
  p, x, y : integer;
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```
  procedure plotPoints;
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```
begin
```

```
  setPixel (xCenter + x, yCenter + y, 1);
```

```
  setPixel (xCenter - x, yCenter + y, 1);
```

```
  setPixel (xCenter + x, yCenter - y, 1);
```

```
  setPixel (xCenter - x, yCenter - y, 1);
```

```
  setPixel (xCenter + y, yCenter + x, 1);
```

```
  setPixel (xCenter - y, yCenter + x, 1);
```

```
  setPixel (xCenter + y, yCenter - x, 1);
```

```
  setPixel (xCenter - y, yCenter - x, 1)
```

```
end; plotPoints
```

```
begin
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```
  x := 0;
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  y := radius;
```

```
  plotPoints;
```

```
  p := 1 - radius;
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```
  while x < y do
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```
    begin
```

```
      if p < 0 then
```

```
        x := x + 1
```

```
      else
```

```
        begin
```

```
          x := x + 1;
```

```
          y := y - 1
```

```
        end;
```

```
      if p < 0 then
```

```
        p := p + 2 * x + 1
```

```
      else
```

```
        p := p + 2 * (x - y) + 1;
```

```
      plotPoints
```

```
    end;
```

```
end; { circleMidpoint }
```