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Chain Code Algorithm Steps:

Step 0: image \leftarrow given a Binary Image e.g. a Connected Component Box
output \leftarrow open Chain-Code output file

Step 1: Scan image Left-Right & Top-Bottom
startingP(i,j) \leftarrow next pixel

Step 2: if startingP(i,j) > 0 // starting Pixel found
startRow \leftarrow i // row
startCol \leftarrow j // column
gray-scale \leftarrow startingP(i,j) // pixel value
currentP(i,j) \leftarrow startingP(i,j)
lastZero \leftarrow 4 //starts with 4 b/c we scan L \rightarrow R
output \leftarrow startRow , startCol , gray-scale

Step 3: repeat steps 1 to 2 until startingP(i,j) is found (if found break)

Step 4: direction \leftarrow lastZero + 1 // # from 0 to 7 (++lastZero % 8)

Step 5: nextP(i,j) \leftarrow findNextPixel(direction , currentP(i,j))

Step 1: if nextP(i,j) == 0
direction = ++direction % 8
Step 2: repeat steps 1 until nextP(i,j) > 0.

Step 6: output \leftarrow direction // direction of nextP(i,j) set by findNextPixel()
// direction is Chain-Code Link
currentP(i,j) \leftarrow nextP(i,j)
lastZero \leftarrow ZeroTable[direction - 1]

Step 7: repeat step 4 to 6 until you reach the startingP(i,j)

Finding Next Point based on current point and direction value:

Step 1: loadNeighborCoord (currentP)

Step 2: chainDir \leftarrow scan currentP's 8 neighbors counter clockwise from nextQ direction (mod 8)
until a none zero neighbor with the same label as currentCC is found. The row and col of each of
the 8 neighbors are stored in neighborCoord [].

Step 3: returns chainDir

Source Code:

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import java.io.*;
import java.util.Scanner;

class Image {
    int numRows, numCols, minVal, maxVal;
    int[][] imageAry;
    int[][] boundaryAry;
    int[][] CCary;

    Image(Scanner imgFile) {
        loadHeader(imgFile);
        zeroFrameImageAry();
        loadImage(imgFile);
    }

    void zeroFrameImageAry() {
        imageAry = new int[numRows + 2][numCols + 2];
    }

    void loadHeader(Scanner imgFile) {
        numRows = imgFile.nextInt();
        numCols = imgFile.nextInt();
        minVal = imgFile.nextInt();
        maxVal = imgFile.nextInt();
    }

    void loadImage(Scanner imgFile) {
        for (int i = 1; i < numRows + 1; i++) {
            for (int j = 1; j < numCols + 1; j++) {
                imageAry[i][j] = imgFile.nextInt();
            }
        }
    }

    void writeHeader(BufferedWriter outFile) throws IOException {
        outFile.write(numRows + " " + numCols + " " + minVal + " " + maxVal + "\n");
    }

    void prettyPrint(BufferedWriter outFile) throws IOException {
        writeHeader(outFile);
        for (int i = 1; i < numRows + 1; i++) {
            for (int j = 1; j < numCols + 1; j++) {
                if (imageAry[i][j] == 0) {
                    outFile.write(". ");
                } else {
                    outFile.write(Integer.toString(imageAry[i][j]) + " ");
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
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        outFile.write("\n");
    }
}

void printBoundaryAry(BufferedWriter outFile) throws IOException {
    writeHeader(outFile);
    for (int i = 0; i < numRows; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < numCols; j++) {
            outFile.write(Integer.toString(boundaryAry[i][j]) + " ");
        }
        outFile.write("\n");
    }
}

void prettyPrintBoundaryAry(BufferedWriter outFile) throws IOException {
    writeHeader(outFile);
    for (int i = 0; i < numRows; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < numCols; j++) {
            if (boundaryAry[i][j] == 0) {
                outFile.write(". ");
            } else {
                outFile.write(Integer.toString(boundaryAry[i][j]) + " ");
            }
        }
        outFile.write("\n");
    }
}

// Give the chainCode file, create an image contains only the boundary of
// objects in the labelled file
void constructBoundary(Scanner chainCodeFile) {
    numRows = chainCodeFile.nextInt();
    numCols = chainCodeFile.nextInt();
    minVal = chainCodeFile.nextInt();
    maxVal = chainCodeFile.nextInt();

    boundaryAry = new int[numRows][numCols];

    // initializing whole array to zero
    for (int i = 0; i < numRows; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < numCols; j++) {
            boundaryAry[i][j] = 0;
        }
    }

    // reading the chain Code to put pixel values
    while (chainCodeFile.hasNextInt()) {
        int pixelVal = chainCodeFile.nextInt();
        Point startP = new Point(chainCodeFile.nextInt(), chainCodeFile.nextInt());
        boundaryAry[startP.row][startP.col] = pixelVal;
    }
}

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        Point currentP = getNextP(startP, chainCodeFile.nextInt());
        while (!currentP.equals(startP)) {
            boundaryAry[currentP.row][currentP.col] = pixelVal;
            currentP = getNextP(currentP, chainCodeFile.nextInt());
        }
    }

}

Point getNextP(Point currentP, int direction) {
    Point returnVal = new Point(0, 0);
    switch (direction) {
        case 0:
            returnVal.update(currentP.row, currentP.col + 1);
            break;
        case 1:
            returnVal.update(currentP.row - 1, currentP.col + 1);
            break;
        case 2:
            returnVal.update(currentP.row - 1, currentP.col);
            break;
        case 3:
            returnVal.update(currentP.row - 1, currentP.col - 1);
            break;
        case 4:
            returnVal.update(currentP.row, currentP.col - 1);
            break;
        case 5:
            returnVal.update(currentP.row + 1, currentP.col - 1);
            break;
        case 6:
            returnVal.update(currentP.row + 1, currentP.col);
            break;
        case 7:
            returnVal.update(currentP.row + 1, currentP.col + 1);
            break;
        default:
            break;
    }

    return returnVal;
}

}

class CCproperty {
    int numCC, label, numPixels, minRow, minCol, maxRow, maxCol;
    int[][] CCary;

    CCproperty(Scanner propImgFile) {

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        int numRows = propImgFile.nextInt();
        int numCols = propImgFile.nextInt();
        int minVal = propImgFile.nextInt();
        int maxVal = propImgFile.nextInt();
        numCC = propImgFile.nextInt();
    }

    void clearCCAry() {
        for (int i = 0; i < maxRow - minRow; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < maxCol - minCol; j++) {
                CCAry[i][j] = 0;
            }
        }
    }

    void loadCCAry(Scanner propImg, int[][] imgAry) {
        label = propImg.nextInt();
        numPixels = propImg.nextInt();
        minRow = propImg.nextInt();
        minCol = propImg.nextInt();
        maxRow = propImg.nextInt();
        maxCol = propImg.nextInt();

        // Initializing CCAry according to the current CC label
        CCAry = new int[maxRow - minRow + 1 + 2][maxCol - minCol + 1 + 2];
        clearCCAry();

        // Copying all the pixel values of a given CC by using bounding box's values
        for (int i = 1; i < maxRow - minRow + 1 + 1; i++) {
            for (int j = 1; j < maxCol - minCol + 1 + 1; j++) {
                CCAry[i][j] = imgAry[i + minRow][j + minCol];
            }
        }
    }

    void prettyPrint(BufferedWriter outFile) throws IOException {
        outFile.write("\n");
        for (int i = 1; i < maxRow - minRow + 1 + 1; i++) {
            for (int j = 1; j < maxCol - minCol + 1 + 1; j++) {
                if (CCAry[i][j] == 0) {
                    outFile.write(". ");
                } else {
                    outFile.write(Integer.toString(CCAry[i][j]) + " ");
                }
            }
            outFile.write("\n");
        }
    }
}

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class Point {
    int row, col;

    Point(int i, int j) {
        row = i;
        col = j;
    }

    void update(int i, int j) {
        row = i;
        col = j;
    }

    @Override
    public boolean equals(Object obj) {
        if (this == obj)
            return true;
        if ((obj == null) || (obj.getClass() != this.getClass()))
            return false;
        // object must be Point at this point
        Point p = (Point) obj;
        return (row == p.row) && (col == p.col);
    }

    @Override
    public String toString() {
        return "(" + row + "," + col + ")";
    }
}

class ChainCode {
    Point[] neighborCoord;
    int[] zeroTable;
    Point startP;
    Point currentP; // current none zero border pixel
    Point nextP; // next none-zero border pixel
    int lastQ; // Range from 0 to 7; it is the direction of the last zero scanned from
currentP
    int nextDir; // the next scanning direction of currentP's neighbors
    int pChainDir; // chain code direction from currentP to nextP
    CCproperty ccProp;

    ChainCode() {
        zeroTable = new int[] { 6, 0, 0, 2, 2, 4, 4, 6 };
    }

    void getChainCode(CCproperty cc, BufferedWriter chainCodeFile) throws IOException {
        chainCodeFile.write("\n");
        ccProp = cc;
    }
}

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startP = new Point(1, 1);
currentP = new Point(1, 1);
lastQ = 4;
outerloop: for (int i = 1; i < cc.maxRow - cc.minRow + 1 + 1; i++) {
    for (int j = 1; j < cc.maxCol - cc.minCol + 1 + 1; j++) {
        if (cc.CCAry[i][j] == cc.label) {
            startP.row = i;
            startP.col = j;
            currentP.row = startP.row;
            currentP.col = startP.col;
            lastQ = 4;
            chainCodeFile.write(cc.label + " " + (cc.minRow + i - 1) + " " +
(cc.minCol + j - 1) + " ");
            break outerloop;
        }
    }
}

// at this point we will get our startingPoint

int count = 0;

while (count == 0 || !currentP.equals(startP)) {
    count++;
    loadNeighborsCoord(currentP);
    nextDir = ++lastQ % 8;
    pChainDir = findNextP(nextDir, currentP);
    nextP = new Point(neighborCoord[pChainDir].row, neighborCoord[pChainDir].col);
    ccProp.CCAry[nextP.row][nextP.col] = (-1) * ccProp.CCAry[nextP.row][nextP.col];
    chainCodeFile.write(pChainDir + " ");
    if (pChainDir == 0) {
        lastQ = zeroTable[7];
    } else {
        lastQ = zeroTable[pChainDir - 1];
    }
    currentP.row = nextP.row;
    currentP.col = nextP.col;
}

}

// Given currentP's row and col, the method determines and stores the row and
// col of each of currentP's
// 8 neighbors (0 to 7 w.r.t the chain-code direction) in neighborCoord[] array.
void loadNeighborsCoord(Point currentP) {
    neighborCoord = new Point[8];
    neighborCoord[0] = new Point(currentP.row, currentP.col + 1);
    neighborCoord[1] = new Point(currentP.row - 1, currentP.col + 1);
    neighborCoord[2] = new Point(currentP.row - 1, currentP.col);
    neighborCoord[3] = new Point(currentP.row - 1, currentP.col - 1);

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neighborCoord[4] = new Point(currentP.row, currentP.col - 1);
neighborCoord[5] = new Point(currentP.row + 1, currentP.col - 1);
neighborCoord[6] = new Point(currentP.row + 1, currentP.col);
neighborCoord[7] = new Point(currentP.row + 1, currentP.col + 1);
}

int findNextP(int direction, Point p) {
    int i = p.row;
    int j = p.col;

    int loop = 0;
    while (loop < 8) {
        switch (direction) {
            case 0:
                if (ccProp.CCAry[i][j + 1] > 0 || ccProp.CCAry[i][j + 1] == -1)
                    return 0;
                break;
            case 1:
                if (ccProp.CCAry[i - 1][j + 1] > 0 || ccProp.CCAry[i - 1][j + 1] == -1)
                    return 1;
                break;
            case 2:
                if (ccProp.CCAry[i - 1][j] > 0 || ccProp.CCAry[i - 1][j] == -1)
                    return 2;
                break;
            case 3:
                if (ccProp.CCAry[i - 1][j - 1] > 0 || ccProp.CCAry[i - 1][j - 1] == -1)
                    return 3;
                break;
            case 4:
                if (ccProp.CCAry[i][j - 1] > 0 || ccProp.CCAry[i][j - 1] == -1)
                    return 4;
                break;
            case 5:
                if (ccProp.CCAry[i + 1][j - 1] > 0 || ccProp.CCAry[i + 1][j - 1] == -1)
                    return 5;
                break;
            case 6:
                if (ccProp.CCAry[i + 1][j] > 0 || ccProp.CCAry[i + 1][j] == -1)
                    return 6;
                break;
            case 7:
                if (ccProp.CCAry[i + 1][j + 1] > 0 || ccProp.CCAry[i + 1][j + 1] == -1)
                    return 7;
                break;
            default:
                break;
        }
        direction = ++direction % 8;
        loop++;
    }
}

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    }
    return 0;
}

public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
    String labelFileName = args[0] + ".txt";
    FileReader labelFileReader = null;
    BufferedReader labelFileBuffReader = null;
    Scanner labelFile = null;

    String propFileName = args[1] + ".txt";
    FileReader propFileReader = null;
    BufferedReader propFileBuffReader = null;
    Scanner propFile = null;

    String chainCodeFileName = args[0] + "_chainCode.txt";
    FileWriter chainCodeFileWriter = null;
    BufferedWriter chainCodeFile = null;

    String boundaryFileName = args[0] + "_Boundary.txt";
    FileWriter boundaryFileWriter = null;
    BufferedWriter boundaryFile = null;

    String chainCodeInputFileName = args[0] + "_chainCode.txt";
    FileReader chainCodeInputReader = null;
    BufferedReader chainCodeInputBuffReader = null;
    Scanner chainCodeInput = null;

    try {
        labelFileReader = new FileReader(labelFileName);
        labelFileBuffReader = new BufferedReader(labelFileReader);
        labelFile = new Scanner(labelFileBuffReader);

        propFileReader = new FileReader(propFileName);
        propFileBuffReader = new BufferedReader(propFileReader);
        propFile = new Scanner(propFileBuffReader);

        chainCodeFileWriter = new FileWriter(chainCodeFileName);
        chainCodeFile = new BufferedWriter(chainCodeFileWriter);

        boundaryFileWriter = new FileWriter(boundaryFileName);
        boundaryFile = new BufferedWriter(boundaryFileWriter);

        Image img = new Image(labelFile);
        // img.prettyPrint(chainCodeFile);

        CCproperty ccProp = new CCproperty(propFile);

        img.writeHeader(chainCodeFile);
    }
}

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        for (int i = 0; i < ccProp.numCC; i++) {
            ccProp.loadCCAry(propFile, img.imageAry);
            ChainCode chainCode = new ChainCode();
            // ccProp.prettyPrint(chainCodeFile);
            chainCode.getChainCode(ccProp, chainCodeFile);
        }

        // Closing chain Code file
        if (chainCodeFile != null)
            chainCodeFile.close();

        // Reopening the Chain Code file
        chainCodeInputReader = new FileReader(chainCodeInputFileName);
        chainCodeInputBuffReader = new BufferedReader(chainCodeInputReader);
        chainCodeInput = new Scanner(chainCodeInputBuffReader);

        img.constructBoundary(chainCodeInput);
        img.printBoundaryAry(boundaryFile);
        img.prettyPrintBoundaryAry(boundaryFile);
        if (chainCodeInput != null) {
            chainCodeInput.close();
        }
    } finally {
        if (labelFile != null)
            labelFile.close();
        if (propFile != null)
            propFile.close();

        if (boundaryFile != null)
            boundaryFile.close();
    }
}
}

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Outputs

Image_1:

Labeled Image

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Property File

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20 31 0 1
1
1
119
2 9
18 21
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20 31 0 1
1 2 14 5 5 5 5 5 6 0 0 0 0 0 7 6 6 5 4 4 4 4 4 6 7 0 7 7 7 6 0 0 2 1 1 1 0
1 2 4 4 4 4 4 3 2 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 2 3 3 3 3 3 4 4

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Image_2:

Labeled Image

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Property File

20 40 0 3
3
1
172
2 4
19 20
2
73
2 25
10 35
3
68
12 23
19 37

20 40 0 3
1 2 7 5 4 5 7 0 7 5 4 4 6 6 6 6 6 6 7 7 7 0 7 6 1 1 1 0 0 7 0 7 7 1 3 2 1 0 2 2 2 3
3 2 3 3 2 2 6 6 5 5 4 5 5 3 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 4 3
2 2 29 5 5 5 6 6 7 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 2 3 3 3 3 4 4
3 12 23 7 7 5 5 6 6 7 2 1 0 2 1 7 7 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4

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