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The North Algorithm:

Step 1: Scan img Left-Right & Top-Bottom

Step 2: $P(i,j) \leftarrow$ get next pixel

Step 3: if $P(i,j) > 0$:

Change $P(i,j)$ to 0 under the following conditions:

(1) NORTH Neighbor of $P(i,j)$ is 0

(2) $P(i,j)$ has at least 4 object neighbors (i.e. > 0)

(3) $P(i,j)$ is not a connector, i.e., by flipping $P(i,j)$ to 0 will not create more than one Connected Component in P 's 3x3 neighborhood.

Step 4: Repeat steps 2 to 3 until all pixels are processed

Thinning Algorithm Steps:

Step 0: $img \leftarrow$ given Binary Image

Step 1: Thin NORTH (1 layer)

Step 2: Thin SOUTH (1 layer)

Step 3: Thin WEST (1 layer)

Step 4 Thin EAST (1 layer)

Step 5: repeat steps 1 to 4 until no more
pixels change from 1 to 0

Source Code:

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#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <string>
#include <cstdint>
using namespace std;

class Thinning
{
public:
    int numRows;
    int numCols;
    int minVal;
    int maxVal;
    int newMin;
    int newMax;
    int rowFrameSize;
    int colFrameSize;
    int extraRows;
    int extraCols;
    int changeFlag;
    int cycleCount;
    int **aryOne;
    int **aryTwo;

    Thinning(ifstream &input)
    {
        loadHeader(input);
        rowFrameSize = 1;
        colFrameSize = 1;
        extraRows = 2 * rowFrameSize;
        extraCols = 2 * colFrameSize;
        //dynamic allocation of zeroFrameArray
        aryOne = new int *[numRows + extraRows];
        aryTwo = new int *[numRows + extraRows];

        for (int i = 0; i < numRows + extraRows; i++)
        {
            aryOne[i] = new int[numCols + extraCols];
            aryTwo[i] = new int[numCols + extraCols];
        }
        zero2D(aryOne, numRows + extraRows, numCols + extraCols);
        zero2D(aryTwo, numRows + extraRows, numCols + extraCols);

        changeFlag = 1;
    }

    void loadHeader(ifstream &input)
    {

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        input >> numRows >> numCols >> minVal >> maxVal;
    }

    void loadImage(istream &input)
    {
        for (int i = rowFrameSize; i < numRows + rowFrameSize; i++)
        {
            for (int j = colFrameSize; j < numCols + colFrameSize; j++)
            {
                input >> aryOne[i][j];
            }
        }
    }

    void zero2D(int **ary, int num0fRows, int num0fCols)
    {
        for (int i = 0; i < num0fRows; i++)
        {
            for (int j = 0; j < num0fCols; j++)
            {
                ary[i][j] = 0;
            }
        }
    }

    void print2DArray(int **ary, int num0fRows, int num0fCols)
    {
        cout << numRows << " " << numCols << " " << minVal << " " << maxVal << endl;
        for (int i = 0; i < num0fRows; i++)
        {
            for (int j = 0; j < num0fCols; j++)
            {
                cout << ary[i][j] << " ";
            }
            cout << endl;
        }
    }

    void imgReformat(ofstream &outFile, int **ary)
    {
        outFile << numRows << " " << numCols << " " << minVal << " " << maxVal << endl;
        string str = to_string(newMax);
        int width = str.length();
        for (int i = rowFrameSize; i < numRows + rowFrameSize; i++)
        {
            for (int j = colFrameSize; j < numCols + colFrameSize; j++)
            {
                if (ary[i][j] == 0)
                {
                    outFile << "."

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        << " ";
    }
    else
    {
        outFile << ary[i][j] << " ";
    }
    str = to_string(ary[i][j]);
    int ww = str.length();
    while (ww < width)
    {
        outFile << " ";
        ww++;
    }
}
outFile << endl;
}
}

void printImg(ofstream &outFile)
{
    outFile << numRows << " " << numCols << " " << minVal << " " << maxVal << endl;
    string str = to_string(newMax);
    int width = str.length();
    for (int i = rowFrameSize; i < numRows + rowFrameSize; i++)
    {
        for (int j = colFrameSize; j < numCols + colFrameSize; j++)
        {
            outFile << aryOne[i][j] << " ";
            str = to_string(aryOne[i][j]);
            int ww = str.length();
            while (ww < width)
            {
                outFile << " ";
                ww++;
            }
        }
        outFile << endl;
    }
}

void copyArys(int **arr1, int **arr2)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < numRows + extraRows; i++)
    {
        for (int j = 0; j < numCols + extraCols; j++)
        {
            arr1[i][j] = arr2[i][j];
        }
    }
}
}

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bool hasXNeighbors(int i, int j, int numOfObjectNeighbors)
{
    int a = aryOne[i - 1][j - 1];
    int b = aryOne[i - 1][j];
    int c = aryOne[i - 1][j + 1];
    int d = aryOne[i][j - 1];
    int e = aryOne[i][j + 1];
    int f = aryOne[i + 1][j - 1];
    int g = aryOne[i + 1][j];
    int h = aryOne[i + 1][j + 1];
    int sum = a + b + c + d + e + f + g + h;

    if (sum >= numOfObjectNeighbors)
    {
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}

bool isConnector(int i, int j)
{
    int a = aryOne[i - 1][j - 1];
    int b = aryOne[i - 1][j];
    int c = aryOne[i - 1][j + 1];
    int d = aryOne[i][j - 1];
    int e = aryOne[i][j + 1];
    int f = aryOne[i + 1][j - 1];
    int g = aryOne[i + 1][j];
    int h = aryOne[i + 1][j + 1];

    //case 1
    if (d == 0 && e == 0 && (a == 1 || b == 1 || c == 1) && (f == 1 || g == 1 || h ==
1))
    {
        return true;
    }
    //case 2
    if (b == 0 && g == 0 && (a == 1 || d == 1 || f == 1) && (c == 1 || e == 1 || h ==
1))
    {
        return true;
    }
    //case Alpha
    if (b == 0 && d == 0 && a == 1)
    {
        return true;
    }
    //case Beta
    if (d == 0 && g == 0 && f == 1)

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    {
        return true;
    }
    //case Gamma
    if (b == 0 && e == 0 && c == 1)
    {
        return true;
    }

    //case delta
    if (g == 0 && e == 0 && h == 1)
    {
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}

void NorthThinning(int **arr1, int **arr2)
{
    for (int i = rowFrameSize; i < numRows + rowFrameSize; i++)
    {
        for (int j = colFrameSize; j < numCols + colFrameSize; j++)
        {
            if (arr1[i][j] > 0)
            {
                arr2[i][j] = 1;

                //Must follow all 3 conditions to flip this pixel
                //FIRST CONDITION= North neighbour is 0
                if (arr1[i - 1][j] == 0 && hasXNeighbors(i, j, 4) && !isConnector(i,
j))
                {
                    arr2[i][j] = 0;
                    changeFlag++;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

void SouthThinning(int **arr1, int **arr2)
{
    for (int i = rowFrameSize; i < numRows + rowFrameSize; i++)
    {
        for (int j = colFrameSize; j < numCols + colFrameSize; j++)
        {
            if (arr1[i][j] > 0)
            {
                arr2[i][j] = 1;

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        //Must follow all 3 conditions to flip this pixel
        //FIRST CONDITION= South neighbour is 0
        if (arr1[i + 1][j] == 0 && hasXNeighbors(i, j, 4) && !isConnector(i,
j))
        {
            arr2[i][j] = 0;
            changeFlag++;
        }
    }
}

void EastThinning(int **arr1, int **arr2)
{
    for (int i = rowFrameSize; i < numRows + rowFrameSize; i++)
    {
        for (int j = colFrameSize; j < numCols + colFrameSize; j++)
        {
            if (arr1[i][j] > 0)
            {
                arr2[i][j] = 1;

                //Must follow all 3 conditions to flip this pixel
                //FIRST CONDITION= East neighbour is 0
                if (arr1[i][j + 1] == 0 && hasXNeighbors(i, j, 3) && !isConnector(i,
j))
                {
                    arr2[i][j] = 0;
                    changeFlag++;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

void WestThinning(int **arr1, int **arr2)
{
    for (int i = rowFrameSize; i < numRows + rowFrameSize; i++)
    {
        for (int j = colFrameSize; j < numCols + colFrameSize; j++)
        {
            if (arr1[i][j] > 0)
            {
                arr2[i][j] = 1;

                //Must follow all 3 conditions to flip this pixel
                //FIRST CONDITION= West neighbour is 0

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        if (arr1[i][j - 1] == 0 && hasXNeighbors(i, j, 3) && !isConnector(i,
j))
        {
            arr2[i][j] = 0;
            changeFlag++;
        }
    }
}

~Thinning()
{
    for (int i = 0; i < numRows + extraRows; i++)
    {
        delete[] aryOne[i];
        delete[] aryTwo[i];
    }
}

};

int main(int argc, const char *argv[])
{
    //READ
    string inputName = argv[1];
    ifstream input;
    input.open(inputName);

    //WRITES
    string thinningOutputName = argv[2], prettyPrintName = argv[3];
    ofstream thinningOutput, rfPrettyPrint;
    rfPrettyPrint.open(prettyPrintName);
    thinningOutput.open(thinningOutputName);

    //Checking if IO operations succeeds
    if (input.is_open())
    {
        if (rfPrettyPrint.is_open() && thinningOutput.is_open())
        {
            Thinning t(input);
            t.loadImage(input);
            t.cycleCount = 0;
            rfPrettyPrint << "Original Image" << endl;
            t.imgReformat(rfPrettyPrint, t.aryOne);

            while (t.changeFlag > 0)
            {
                t.changeFlag = 0;
                t.NorthThinning(t.aryOne, t.aryTwo);
            }
        }
    }
}

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        t.copyArys(t.aryOne, t.aryTwo);
        t.SouthThinning(t.aryOne, t.aryTwo);
        t.copyArys(t.aryOne, t.aryTwo);
        t.WestThinning(t.aryOne, t.aryTwo);
        t.copyArys(t.aryOne, t.aryTwo);
        t.EastThinning(t.aryOne, t.aryTwo);
        t.copyArys(t.aryOne, t.aryTwo);
        t.cycleCount++;
        rfPrettyPrint << "\nResult of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - " << t.cycleCount
<< endl;

        t.imgReformat(rfPrettyPrint, t.aryOne);
    }
    t.printImg(thinningOutput);
}
else
{
    cout << "ERROR: Some output files is missing or couldnt be opened." << endl;
}
}
else
{
    cout << "ERROR: The input file with following name does not exists or there was
problem reading it: " << inputName << endl;
}

input.close();
rfPrettyPrint.close();
thinningOutput.close();
return 0;
}

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Outputs

Data_1:

Original Image

[illegible]

Before Thinning

[illegible]

[illegible][illegible]

[illegible][illegible]

30 40 0 1

Result of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - 6

30 40 0 1

[illegible]

Result of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - 7

30 40 0 1

[illegible]

Result of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - 8

30 40 0 1

[illegible]

Final Skeleton Image after Thinning

[illegible]

Data_2:

Original Image

[illegible]

Before Thinning

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Result of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - 3

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45 64 0 1

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Result of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - 4

Result of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - 5

Result of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - 6

Result of Thinning (N,S = 4): Cycle - 7

Final Skeleton Image After Thinning

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