Computer Vision Module - Session 7



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Connectedness, object labeling and counting



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Outline of Presentation

- Introduction
- Relationships between pixels
- Adjacency
- Connectivity
- Paths and path lengths
- Distance measures
- Connected component labeling
- Object labeling and counting

Introduction

- In binary image analysis, consists of a set of image analysis operations that are used to produce or process binary images, usually images of 0's and 1's.
- 00010010001000 00011110001000 00010010001000

- 0 represents the background
- 1 represents the foreground
- Helpful in object labeling and counting

Connected Components Labeling

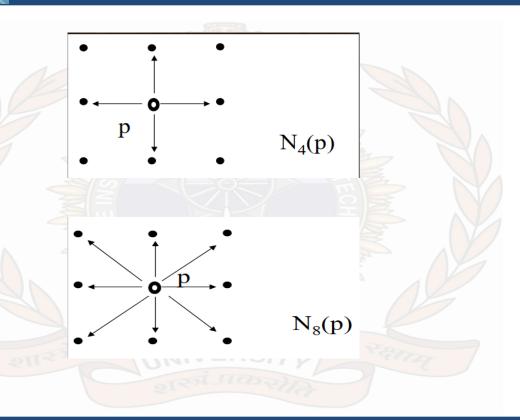




binary image

connected components

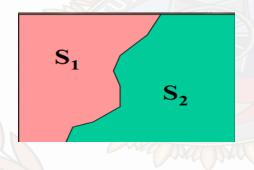
Basic Relationships Between Pixels



Adjacency

- Let V be set of gray levels values used to define adjacency.
- 4-adjacency
- 8-adjacency

V	$V = \{1, 2\}$	2}	
0	1	1	
0	2	0	a.
0	0	1	
0	1	1	
	2:	•••	b.
0	2	0	D.
0	0	1	
0	1	1	
0	1 ····································	0	c.
0	0	····· ₁	



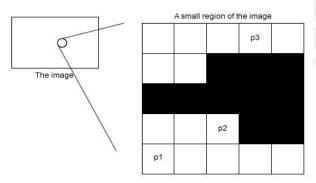
0 (a)	1 (b)	1 (e)
1 (d)	1 (p)	0 (e)
1 (f)	0 (g)	1 (h)

4 neighborhood points have 4 points b, d, e, g, but V = {1}, e and g are not equal to any element in the V set, so e and g are not adjacent to p4. Hence 4 adjacency=> b,d

8 adjacency=> b,c,d,f,h

Connectivity

- Pixel p is adjacent to pixel q if they are connected.
- Two image subsets S1and S2 are adjacent if some pixel in S1 is adjacent to some pixel in S2



Paths & Path lengths

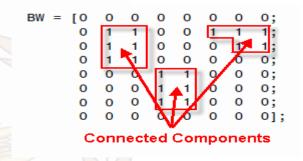
- A path from pixel p with coordinates (x, y)to pixel q with coordinates (s, t)is a sequence of distinct pixels with coordinates:
- (x0, y0), (x1, y1), (x2, y2) ... (xn, yn),
- where (x0, y0)=(x, y)and (xn, yn)=(s, t); (xi, yi) is adjacent to(xi-1, yi-1)
- Here n is the length of the path.
- We can define 4-, 8-, and m-paths based on type of adjacency used.

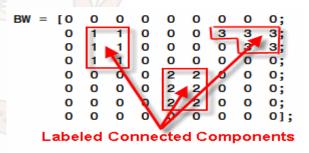
Distance Measures

- Given pixels p, q and z with coordinates (x, y), (s, t), (u, v) respectively, the distance function D has following properties:
 - a. D(p, q) = 0 [iff p = q]
 - b. D(p, q) = D(q, p)
 - c. D(p, z) = D(p, q) + D(q, z)
- different Distance measures:
 - a. Euclidean Distance :
 - $De(p, q) = [(x-s)^2 + (y-t)^2]$
 - b. City Block Distance:
 - D4(p, q) = |x-s| + |y-t|
 - c. Chess Board Distance:
 - D8(p, q) = max(|x-s|, |y-t|)

Detect and Label Connected Components

- Connected component
- Connected component labeling
- Connected Set
- Specify a connectivity
 - 4 connectivity -> two adjoining pixels are part of the same object if they are both on and are connected along the horizontal or vertical direction.





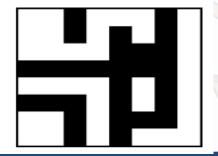
CCL Example:

1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	0	1	0	1	О	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
0	0	О	1	О	1	0	1
1	1	О	1	0	О	О	1
1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	2
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	3	3	3	0	4	О	2
0	0	0	3	0	4	0	2
5	5	0	3	0	0	0	2
5	5	0	3	0	2	2	2

a) binary image

b) connected components labeling



A binary image with 5 connected components.

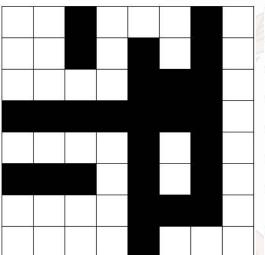
Connected components labeling is the binary image where the value of each pixel is the label of its connected components.

The recursive algorithm

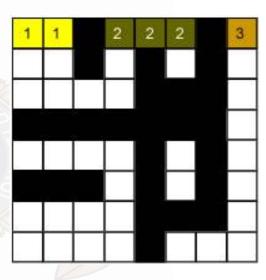
- straightforward algorithm.
- Take a pixel, and check its neighbours for connectivity.
- Inefficient.
- As the image size grows, the time taken by the algorithm increases rather quickly.

CCL- The classical algorithm

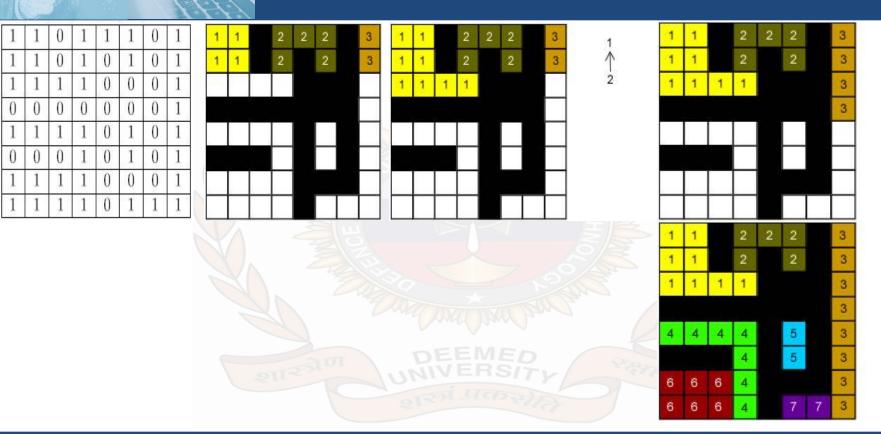
https://aishack.in/tutorials/labelling-connected-components-example/



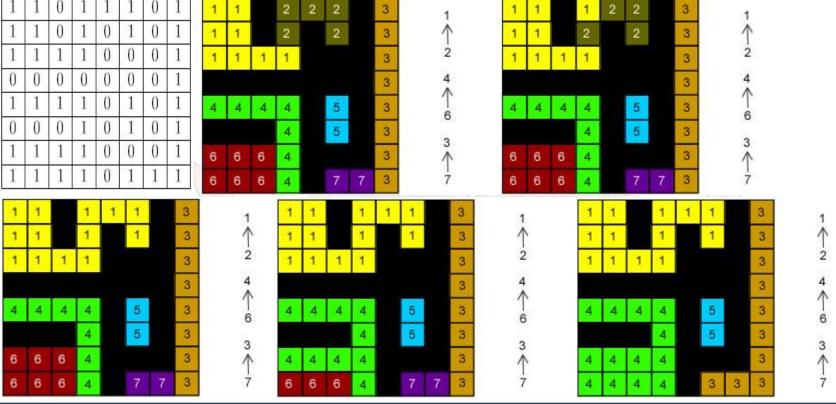
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1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1



CCL- continued



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<<Epilogue>>

- We will meet in next scheduled lecture.
- Implement and Try codes in python.
- Feel free to ask your questions.
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