

Code journal: polar coordinates also draw lines

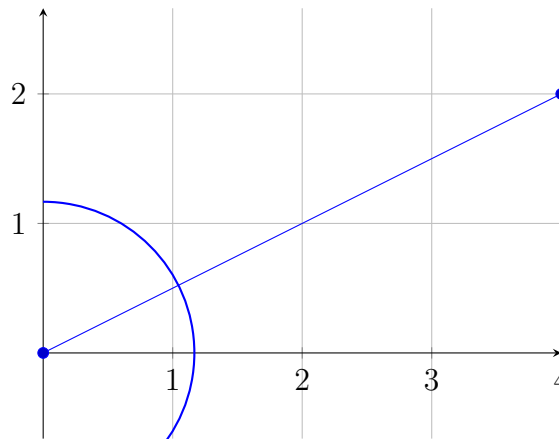
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Line between two points

If I know that polar coordinates are defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= r\cos(t) \\ y &= r\sin(t)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Then I remembered also that a line is a series of points, where the **radius** is growing but the **angle** is constant. Therefore, for drawing a line I needed to know these two things: radius and an angle between two given points, let's say (0, 0) and (4, 2).



Then I said to myself: let's take the angle between two points with `angle = arctan(y/x)` as if there was an imaginary Pythagorean triangle between them. For the radius, I figured that the distance of the vector that unites these two points will do the job. Then, my `for` loop would simply go from 0 to that calculated distance, if the count starts from the **first point**. The idea would be the following:

```
dist = int(distance(p1, p2))
for r in range(dist):
    x = p1[0] + r * math.cos(rads)
    y = p1[1] + r * math.sin(rads)
    img[y, x] = color
```

I also noticed that when the line's x values are ordered there is no problem with the angle. However, when the x values of first point are larger than the second's, I needed to add to the angle the value of π , probably because of the fact that computers show the angle that is closer to zero in every case. The output when I finished the program was:

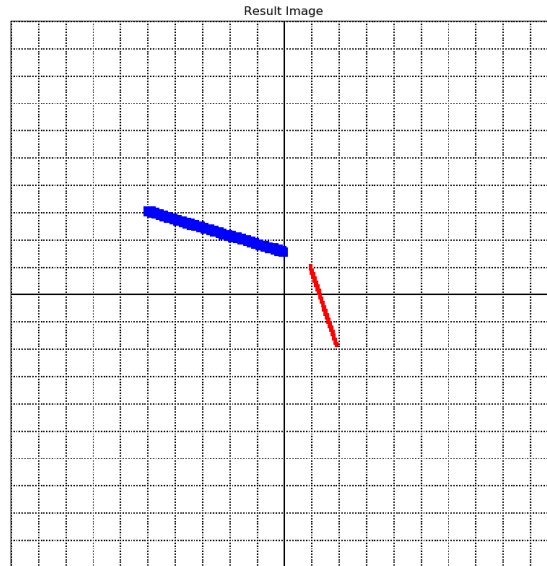


Figure 1: Drawing two lines with the program

For the thickness, I basically did a squared-window loop that went from `-thickness/2` to `thickness/2` around each pixel that was drawn. I had fun.