

Distance Measures:

The distance between two pixels in a given image can be given by three different types of measures and they are-

1. Euclidean distance
2. D_4 distance
3. D_8 distance

For pixels p , q , and z , with coordinates (x, y) , (s, t) , and (v, w) , respectively, D is a distance function or metric if

(a) $D(p, q) \geq 0$ ($D(p, q) = 0$ iff $p = q$),

(b) $D(p, q) = D(q, p)$, and

(c) $D(p, z) \leq D(p, q) + D(q, z)$.

The **Euclidean distance** between p and q is defined as

$$D_e(p, q) = [(x - s)^2 + (y - t)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

For this distance measure, the pixels having a distance less than or equal to some value r from (x, y) are the points contained in a disk of radius r centered at (x, y) .

The **D_4 distance (also called city-block distance)** between p and q is defined as

$$D_4(p, q) = |x - s| + |y - t|.$$

In this case, the pixels having a D_4 distance from (x, y) less than or equal to some value r form a diamond centered at (x, y) . For example, the pixels with D_4 distance ≤ 2 from (x, y) (the center point) form the following contours of constant distance:

4		2		4
	2	1	2	
2	1	0	1	2
	2	1	2	
4		2		4

The pixels with $D_4=1$ are the 4-neighbors of (x, y) .

The **D_8 distance (also called chessboard distance)** between p and q is defined as

$$D_8(p, q) = \max(|x - s|, |y - t|).$$

In this case, the pixels with D_8 distance from (x, y) less than or equal to some value r form a square centered at (x, y) . For example, the pixels with D_8 distance ≤ 2 from (x, y) (the center point) form the following contours of constant distance:

2	2	2	2	2
2	1	1	1	2
2	1	0	1	2
2	1	1	1	2
2	2	2	2	2

The pixels with $D_8=1$ are the 8-neighbors of (x, y) .

Question: Let $V = \{0,1\}$, compute D_4, D_8 distances between p and q

				y
	1(q)	1	2	3
	0	2	2	1
	1	1	0	2
	2	1	2	1(p)
x				