

DDA (Digital Differential Analyzer) Algorithm

↳ The DDA algorithm is a Line-drawing algorithm used in computer graphics to rasterize a line between two given points. It is an incremental scan-conversion method that works by calculating intermediate points to form a straight line.

Algorithm

1. input start point given points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2)

2. Compute $dx = x_2 - x_1$,

$dy = y_2 - y_1$ & find slope $(m) = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$

3. check

If $|\Delta x| \geq |\Delta y|$
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then, $\Delta x = 1$ Assume
step 1

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= x_i + 1 \\ y_n &= y_i + m \end{aligned}$$

If $|\Delta x| < |\Delta y|$

then, $\Delta y = 1$ Assume
step 2

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &= x_i + \frac{1}{m} \\ y_n &= y_i + 1 \end{aligned}$$

4. If there is float value, find Round value of it using Round function and draw the table & Line.

5. Repeat selective step ~~until~~ ^{until} reaching the end points (x_2, y_2) .

Example Apply DDA algorithm to find the points for a line $(1, 1)$ to $(4, 3)$.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} x_1, y_1 & \text{ and } x_2, y_2 \\ (1, 1) & \quad \quad 4, 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} dx (\Delta x) &= x_2 - x_1 \\ &= 4 - 1 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned} \quad \left| \quad \begin{aligned} dy (\Delta y) &= y_2 - y_1 \\ &= 3 - 1 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\Delta x = 3$$

$$\Delta y = 2$$

$$\text{find slope } m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{2}{3} = 0.67$$

Checks step 1

$$\checkmark \text{ If } |\Delta x| \geq |\Delta y|$$

then

$$\Delta x = 1 \text{ Assume}$$

$x_n = x_i + 1$ $y_n = y_i + m$

in this,

$$|\Delta x| \geq |\Delta y|$$

$$3 > 2$$

Step 2

$$\text{If } |\Delta x| < |\Delta y|$$

then

$$\Delta y = 1 \text{ Assume}$$

$x_n = x_i + \frac{1}{m}$ $y_n = y_i + 1$

Repeat step 1 until reaching end points (4,3)

x_i	y_i	x_n	y_n	Rounds
1	1	2	1.67	(2,2)
2	1.67	3	2.34	(3,2)
3	2.34	4	3.01	(4,3)

Hence, Line drawing points are (1,1), (2,2), (3,2) and (4,3)

Practice questions

Q.1 Find the points for the line from (2,3) to (10,8) using DDA Algorithm.

Q.2 Draw a line using DDA Algorithm between (4,2) & (10,5).

Q.3 Find the raster points for a line from (1,1) to (5,4) using DDA Algorithm.

What is Bresenham's Line Drawing Algorithm?

- ⇒ Bresenham's line drawing algorithm is an accurate and efficient line drawing algorithm.
- Bresenham's Line drawing Algorithm converts line only using incremental integer calculations.

Pre Requisites for Bresenham's L.D.A.

Case

The slope of line should be less than 1.

$$\text{Slope } (m) = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Algorithm

1. input two ^{end} points and store the left endpoint as (x_0, y_0) .
2. plot the first endpoint (x_0, y_0) .
3. Calculate 4 constants:
 - Δx
 - Δy
 - $2\Delta y$
 - $2\Delta y - 2\Delta x$
4. Calculate Initial Decision parameter $P_0 = 2\Delta y - \Delta x$
5. At each x , along the line starting with $k=0$, perform the following test:
 - If $P_k < 0$ then plot (x_{k+1}, y_k)

find new $P_{k+1} = P_k + 2\Delta y$
 (P1) if $P_k \geq 0$

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then plot (x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})

find new (P1) $\rightarrow P_{k+1} = P_k - (2\Delta y - 2\Delta x)$

Example

$(19, 38)$ $(28, 45)$
 x_1, y_1 x_2, y_2

$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{45-38}{28-19} = \frac{7}{9} = 0.78$

$m < 1$

Step 2 plot left endpoint as first end point

Step 3 calculate 4 constants:

$\Delta x = 9$

$\Delta y = 7$

$2\Delta y = 2 \times 7 = 14$

$2\Delta y - 2\Delta x = 14 - 2 \times 9$
 $= 14 - 18$
 $= -4$

Step 4: $P_0 = 2\Delta y - \Delta x$
 $= 14 - 9$
 $= 5$

$P_0 > 0$ then,

$P_{k+1} = (x_{k+1}, y_{k+1})$
 $= (19+1, 38+1) \quad 20, 39$

	P_k	x_k	y_k
		19	38
P_0	5	20	39
P_1	1	21	40
P_2	-3	22	40
P_3	11	23	41
P_4	7	24	42
P_5	3	25	43
P_6	-1	26	43
P_7	13	27	44
P_8	9	28	45

$$P_1 = P_0 + (2\Delta y - 2\Delta x)$$

$$= 5 + (-4)$$

$$= 1$$

~~5~~ 5

$P_1 > 0$
 next point to plot = $(x_k + 1, y_k + 1)$
 $= 21, 40$

$$P_2 = P_1 + (2\Delta y - 2\Delta x)$$

$$= 1 + (-4)$$

$$= -3$$

$P_2 < 0$

then

~~$P_{k+1} = P_k + 2\Delta y$~~

next point to plot = $(x_k + 1, y_k)$
 $= (21 + 1, 40)$
 $= (22, 40)$

& $P_3 = P_2 + 2\Delta y$
 $= -3 + 2 \times 7$
 $= -3 + 14$
 $= 11$

Since $P_3 > 0$

next point to plot $(x_k + 1, y_k + 1)$
 $(22 + 1, 40 + 1)$
 $(23, 41)$

$$P_4 = P_3 + (2\Delta y - 2\Delta x)$$

$$= 11 + (-4)$$

$$= 7$$

Similarly complete this question

Practice Questions

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- ①. Use Bresenham's Algorithm to draw a line from $(2, 3)$ to $(10, 8)$.
- ②. Find the raster points for a line $(5, 5)$ to $(12, 9)$ using Bresenham's Algorithm.
- ③. Implement Bresenham's line Algorithm for the line segment $(1, 1)$ to $(6, 7)$.