# MINIMAL DIGITAL PSEUDOTORUS WITH k-ADJACENCY, $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$

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Abstract. In this paper, three kinds of minimal digital pseudotori  $DT_6, DT'_{18}$   $DT''_{26}$ , which are derived from the minimal simple 4- and 8-curves,  $MSC_4$  and  $MSC'_8$ , are shown and are proved not to be digitally k-homotopy equivalent to each other, where  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ . Furthermore, the digital topological properties of the minimal digital k-pseudotori are investigated in the digital homotopical point of view, where  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ .

#### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{Z}(\text{resp. }\mathbb{N})$  represent the set of integers (resp. natural numbers) and let  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  be the set of points in the Euclidean *n*-dimensional space with integer coordinates.

A digital picture is commonly represented as a quadruple  $(\mathbb{Z}^n, k, \bar{k}, X)$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$  is the set of finite points, k represents an adjacency relation for X, and  $\bar{k}$  represents an adjacency relation for  $\mathbb{Z}^n - X$  [1, 2, 8]. We say that the pair (X, k) is a digital image. For  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a \leq b$ , the set  $[a, b]_{\mathbb{Z}} = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} | a \leq n \leq b\}$  is called a digital interval with 2-adjacency [1].

The study on a digital image with a k-connectedness is an important part of discrete geometry. So far, digital images have been studied

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under the standard k-adjacency with relation to the digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ continuity, the digital k-homotopy and the digital k-fundamental group,
where  $k, k_0, k_1 \in A_n := \{x \in \mathbb{N} | x = 3^n - 1 \text{ or } 2n\}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , but not  $n \neq 3$ . For  $n = 3, k, k_0, k_1 \in \{6, 18, 26\}[1, 2, 8]$ .

A digital k-fundamental group was studied in terms of the pointed digital homotopy [1] which is derived from the notion of digital continuity presented in [1, 2].

In this paper, we follow the notions of the digital continuity and the digital homotopy introduced in [1, 2].

The digital homeomorphism have come in use to the classification of digital images, to the study of a digital retract and an extension [2].

Digital images are now investigated with relation to digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ continuity, digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homeomorphism [1, 2, 3, 4] and digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ homotopy equivalence [5] with the following general adjacency relations,
where  $k_i \in \{3^n - 1(n \ge 2), 18(n = 3), 2n(n \ge 1)\}, i \in \{0, 1\}.$ 

In this paper, three kinds of minimal digital k-pseudotori in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  are studied, where  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ . Namely,  $DT_6$ ,  $DT'_{18}$  and  $DT''_{26}$  are derived from the minimal simple closed 4- and 8-curves,  $MSC_4$  and  $MSC'_8$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  [4].

Furthermore, the digital topological properties of the minimal digital 6, 18 and 26-pseudotori are investigated via their digital homotopical properties, digital k-contractibility and digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopy equivalence [5].

## 2. Definitions and preliminaries

The convenient digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuity in terms of a digital  $k_i$ -connectedness with the standard  $k_i$ -adjacency was shown,  $i \in \{0, 1\}$  [1]. Meanwhile, in order to study the pointed digital homotopy theory intensively, we need recall the digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuity of [1, 2] with the general k-adjacency relations.

**Definition 2.1.** [1] In two digital pictures  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n_0}, k_0, \overline{k}_0, X)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n_1}, k_1, \overline{k}_1, Y)$ , we say that a map  $f: X \to Y$  is digitally  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuous at  $x \in X$  if f satisfies the following: For a given point  $x \in X$  and every  $k_0$ -connected subset containing x,  $O_{k_0}(x)$ ,  $f(O_{k_0}(x))$  is  $k_1$ -connected, where  $k_i \in \{3^{n_i} - 1(n_i \ge 2), 18(n_i = 3), 2n_i(n_i \ge 1)\}, i \in \{0, 1\}[1].$ 

If f is digitally  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuous at any point  $x \in X$ , then f is called a digitally  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuous map.  $\square$ 

For a digital image X with k- adjacency and its subimage A, we call (X,A) a digital image pair with k-adjacency. In two digital pictures  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n_0},k_0,\bar{k}_0,(X,A))$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n_1},k_1,\bar{k}_1,(Y,B))$ , we say that  $f:(X,A)\to (Y,B)$  is digitally  $(k_0,k_1)$ -continuous if  $f:X\to Y$  is digitally  $(k_0,k_1)$ -continuous and  $f(A)\subset B$ .

In a digital image  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$ , two distinct points  $x, y \in X$  are called k-connected [8] if there is a k-path  $f:[0,m]_{\mathbb{Z}} \to X$  which the image is a sequence  $(x_0,x_1,\cdots,x_m)$  from the set of points  $\{f(0)=x_0=x,f(1)=x_1,\cdots,f(m)=x_m=y\}$  such that  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$  are k-adjacent,  $i \in [0,m-1]_{\mathbb{Z}}, m \geq 1$ . The length of a k-path is the number m above [1,6].

In [1, 2], the digital homotopy was introduced, we now define the digital relative  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopy on A for some subimage A as follows.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $(X, k_0) \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n_0}$  and  $(Y, k_1) \subset \mathbb{Z}^{n_1}$  be digital images, and  $A \subset X$ . Let  $f, g: X \to Y$  be  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuous functions. Suppose there exist  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and a function  $F: X \times [0, m]_{\mathbb{Z}} \to Y$  such that

- for all  $x \in X$ , F(x,0) = f(x) and F(x,m) = g(x);
- for all  $x \in X$ , the induced function  $F_x : [0, m]_{\mathbb{Z}} \to Y$  defined by  $F_x(t) = F(x, t)$  is  $(2, k_1)$ -continuous for all  $t \in [0, m]_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ;
- for all  $t \in [0, m]_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , the induced function  $F_t : X \to Y$  defined by  $F_t(x) = F(x, t)$  is  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuous for all  $x \in X$ ; and
- for all  $t \in [0, m]_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ,  $F_t(x) = x$  for  $x \in A$ , *i.e.* the induced map  $F_t$  on A is fixed.

Then we call F a relative  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopy on A between f and g, and we say that f and g are relatively  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopic on A in Y.  $\square$ 

Especially, if  $A = \{x_0\} \subset X$ , then we say that F is a pointed  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopy at  $\{x_0\}$  [1].

Roughly, for  $A \subset X$ , digitally continuous functions  $f, g: X \to Y$  are relatively homotopic on A if there is a continuous deformation of f with A fixed in Y and finally, the deformed function coincides with g.

If the identity map  $1_X$  is relatively (k, k)-homotopic on  $\{x_0\}$  in X to a constant map with image consisting of some  $x_0 \in X$ , then we say that  $(X, x_0)$  is pointed k-contractible [2].

Especially, for the case of a digital (k, k)-homotopy, we call it a digital k-homotopy and use the notation:  $f \simeq_{d \cdot k \cdot h} g$  instead of  $f \simeq_{d \cdot (k, k) \cdot h} g$ .

Furthermore, if A is a singleton set  $\{p\}$  in Definition 2.2, then (X, p) is called a pointed digital image [1].

Furthermore, we say that the image X is k-contractible if  $1_X \simeq_{d \cdot k \cdot h} c_{\{x_0\}}$ , where  $c_{\{x_0\}}$  is a constant map for some  $x_0 \in X$  [2].

We say that a digitally  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuous function  $f: X \to Y$  is  $k_1$ -nullhomotopic in Y if f is digitally  $k_1$ -homotopic in Y to a constant function  $c_{\{y_0\}}, y_0 \in Y$  [1].

Concretely, for a pointed digital image (X, p), a k-loop f based at p is a k-path in X with f(0) = p = f(m), where the number m depends on the k-path above. And we put  $F_1^k(X, p) = \{f | f \text{ is a } k\text{-loop based at } p\}$ .

For maps  $f, g \in F_1^k(X, p)$ , *i.e.*,  $f : [0, m_1]_{\mathbb{Z}} \to (X, p)$  with  $f(0) = p = f(m_1)$  and  $g : [0, m_2]_{\mathbb{Z}} \to (X, p)$  with  $g(0) = p = g(m_2)$ , we get a map  $f * g : [0, m_1 + m_2]_{\mathbb{Z}} \to (X, p)$  as follows:

 $f * g : [0, m_1 + m_2]_{\mathbb{Z}} \to (X, p)$  is defined by

 $f * g(t) = f(t), 0 \le t \le m_1$ , and  $g(t - m_1), m_1 \le t \le m_1 + m_2$ . Then  $f * g \in F_1^k(X, p)[7]$ .

We denote the digital k-homotopy class of f by [f]. Obviously, the homotopy class [f \* g] depends on the homotopy classes [f] and [g].

Furthermore, for any  $f_1, f_2, g_1, g_2 \in F_1^k(X, p)$  such that  $f_1 \in [f_2], g_1 \in [g_2]$ , we get the map  $f_1 * g_1 \in [f_2 * g_2]$ , i.e.,  $[f_1 * g_1] = [f_2 * g_2]$  [1].

Then  $\pi_1^k(X,p) = \{[f]|f \in F_1^k(X,p)\}$  is a group with an operation,  $[f] \cdot [g] = [f * g]$  [7], which is called the digital k-fundamental group of a pointed digital image (X,p) [1].

Actually, if p and q belong to the same k-connected component of X, then  $\phi: \pi_1^k(X, p) \to \pi_1^k(X, q)$  is an isomorphism [1].

For digital pictures  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n_0}, k_0, \bar{k}_0, X)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n_1}, k_1, \bar{k}_1, Y)$  and a digitally  $(k_0, k_1)$ - continuous based map  $h: (X, p) \to (Y, q)$ , the map h induces a digital fundamental group  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homomorphism [1] as follows.

Define  $\pi_1^{(k_0,k_1)}(h) = h_*: \pi_1^{k_0}(X,p) \to \pi_1^{k_1}(Y,q)$  by the equation  $h_*([f_1]) = [h \circ f_1]$ , where  $[f_1] \in \pi_1^{k_0}(X,p)$ , which is well defined. Particularly, if  $k_0 = k_1$ , we use the following notation,  $\pi_1^{k_0}(h)$  [1]. If X is k-contractible, then  $\pi_1^k(X,p)$  is trivial [1].

## 3. Minimal simple closed k-curves and digital 26-pseudotori

For classifying digital images, we need special relations among digital images with k-adjacency relations. One of them is a digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homeomorphism as follows: For digital images X with  $k_0$ - adjacency, Y with  $k_1$ -adjacency, a map  $h: X \to Y$  is called a digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homeomorphism if h is digitally  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuous and bijective and further  $h^{-1}: Y \to X$  is digitally  $(k_1, k_0)$ -continuous [3, 4]. Then we denote it by  $X \approx_{d\cdot(k_0,k_1)\cdot h} Y$ . If  $k_0 = k_1$ , we say that it a digital homeomorphism [1, 2].

For a digital image  $X \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$ , distinct two points  $x, y \in X$  are called k-connected [8] if there is a k-path  $f: [0,m]_{\mathbb{Z}} \to X$  whose image is a sequence  $(x_0,x_1,\cdots,x_m)$  from the set of points  $\{f(0)=x_0=x,f(1)=x_1,\cdots,f(m)=x_m=y\}$  such that  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$  are k-adjacent,  $i \in [0,m-1]_{\mathbb{Z}}, m \geq 1$ . The length of a k-path is the number m [8]. And a simple k-curve is considered as a sequence  $(x_0,x_1,\cdots,x_m)$  of an image

of the k-path such that  $x_i$  and  $x_j$  are k-adjacent if and only if j = i + 1 or j = i - 1 [1].

For one of the general k-adjacency relations on  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , a simple closed k-curve in X [1] is the image of a (2,k)-continuous function  $f:[0,m-1]_{\mathbb{Z}}\to X$  such that f(i) and f(j) are k-adjacent if and only if either  $j=i+1(\bmod m)$  or  $i=j+1(\bmod m)$ . And a closed k-curve in X is the image of a (2,k)-continuous function  $f:[0,m-1]_{\mathbb{Z}}\to X$  such that f(i) and f(j) are k-adjacent if either  $j=i+1(\bmod m)$  or  $i=j+1(\bmod m)$ .

Now we introduce the minimal simple closed curves in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ . For clarifying the digital k-connectedness, we use the subscript k for the denotation of the minimal simple closed k-curves by  $MSC_k$  or  $MSC'_k$  according to  $k \in \{4, 8\}$ , i.e.,  $MSC_8$ ,  $MSC_4$  and  $MSC'_8$  [4]:

(1) Let  $MSC_8$  be the set which is digitally homeomorphic to the image,

$$\{(0,0),(-1,1),(-2,0),(-2,-1),(-1,-2),(0,-1)\}\ [3,4].$$

(2) Let  $MSC_4$  be the set which is digitally homeomorphic to the image,

$$\{(0,0),(0,1),(-1,1),(-2,1),(-2,0),(-2,-1),(-1,-1),(0,-1)\}$$
 [3, 4].

(3 ) Let  $MSC_8'$  be the set which is digitally homeomorphic to the image,

$$\{(0,0),(-1,1),(-2,0),(-1,-1)\}\ [3,4].$$

Actually,  $MSC_8$  is not 8-contractible [4] and  $MSC_4$  and  $MSC_8$  are not 4-contractible either [4]. But  $MSC_4$  and  $MSC_8$  are 8-contractible (Theorem 3.1).

**Theorem 3.1** [1] The minimal simple closed 4-curve,  $MSC_4$  is 8-contractible.

The minimal simple closed k-curves,  $MSC_8$ ,  $MSC_4$  and  $MSC'_8$  above are distinct up to a digital homeomorphism [3, 4].

For the digital images X with  $k_1$ -adjacency and Y with  $k_2$ -adjacency, the product digital image  $X \times Y = \{(x,y)|x \in X, y \in Y\}$  with  $k_3$ -adjacency is taken [6]. The  $k_3$ -adjacency depends on the  $k_1$ - and  $k_2$ -adjacency relations [6].

Actually,  $X \times Y$  is digitally homeomorphic to  $Y \times X$  with the  $k_t$ -adjacency [6] above.

Furthermore, from the minimal simple closed k-curves,  $MSC_4$  and  $MSC'_8$ , the following product images are established [6]:

$$(MSC_4 \times MSC_4, 32) \subset \mathbb{Z}^4,$$
  
 $(MSC_4 \times MSC_8', 64) \subset \mathbb{Z}^4$  and  
 $(MSC_8' \times MSC_8', 80) \subset \mathbb{Z}^4.$ 

Moreover, we get the following minimal digital k-pseudotori in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  with relation to the digital homeomorphism, where  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ , i.e.,

- (4)  $MSC_4 \times MSC_4 \approx_{d \cdot (32,6) \cdot h} DT_6$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}^3, 6, 26, DT_6)$ ,
- (5)  $MSC_4 \times MSC_8' \approx_{d \cdot (64,18) \cdot h} DT_{18}'$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}^3, 18, 6, DT_{18}')$ ,
- (6)  $MSC_8' \times MSC_8' \approx_{d \cdot (80,26) \cdot h} DT_{26}''$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}^3, 26, 6, DT_{26}'')$ ,

For clarifying the digital k-connectivity of the minimal digital pseudotorus in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ , where  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ , we use the subscript k like  $DT_6, DT'_{18}$  and  $DT''_{26}$ .

We prove that the digital k-pseudotori in  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ ,  $DT_6$ ,  $DT'_{18}$  and  $DT''_{26}$  are not digitally 6-, 18-, or 26-homotopy equivalent to each other in section 5.

## 5. Digital topological properties of the digital 26-pseodotori

The notion of digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopy equivalence is now introduced in order to classify digital images.

**Definition 5.1.[5]** Given two digital pictures  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n_0}, k_0, \bar{k}_0, X)$  and  $(\mathbb{Z}^{n_1}, k_1, \bar{k}_1, Y)$ , if there are a digitally  $(k_0, k_1)$ -continuous map  $h: X \to Y$  and a digitally  $(k_1, k_0)$ -continuous map  $l: Y \to X$  such that  $l \circ h \simeq_{d \cdot k_0 \cdot h} 1_X$ 

and  $h \circ l \simeq_{d \cdot k_1 \cdot h} 1_Y$ , then the map  $h : X \to Y$  is called a digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopy equivalence. And we use the notation,  $X \simeq_{d \cdot (k_0, k_1) \cdot h \cdot e} Y$ . Furthermore, if  $k_0 = k_1$ , we call h a digital  $k_0$ -homotopy equivalence and denote it by  $X \simeq_{d \cdot k_0 \cdot h \cdot e} Y$ .  $\square$ 

**Theorem 5.2** The minimal simple closed k-curves  $MSC_4$ ,  $MSC_8$  and  $MSC'_8$  are distinct up to the digital k-homotopy equivalence,  $k \in \{4, 8\}$  except that  $MSC_4 \simeq_{d\cdot 8 \cdot h \cdot e} MSC'_8$ .

*Proof.* We can easily see the following cases:  $MSC_4$  is not digitally 4- or 8-homotopy equivalent to  $MSC_8$ ,  $MSC_4$  is not digitally 4- or 8-homotopy equivalent to  $MSC_8$  either,  $MSC_8$  is not digitally 8-homotopy equivalent to  $MSC_8$ , and finally  $MSC_8$  is not digitally 8-homotopy equivalent to  $MSC_4$  either.

Finally, we only prove the following:  $MSC_4 \simeq_{d\cdot 8\cdot h\cdot e} MSC_8'$ . Meanwhile, we can assume  $MSC_8'$  to be a subimage of  $MSC_4$ . Let us consider  $MSC_4 = \{(0,0),(0,1),(-1,1),(-2,1),(-2,0),(-2,-1),(-1,-1),(0,-1)\}$  and assume  $MSC_8' = \{(0,0),(-1,1),(-2,0),(-1,-1)\}$ . Then we consider two digital continuous maps,  $l: MSC_8' \to MSC_4$  as the inclusion and  $h: MSC_4 \to MSC_8'$  is mapped as follows:

$$h((0,1)) = (0,0), \ h((-2,1)) = (-1,1), \ h((-2,-1)) = (-2,0),$$
  
 $h((0,-1)) = (-1,-1)$  and for all point  $p \in \{(0,0),(-1,1),(-2,0),(-1,-1)\}, \ h(p) = p$ . Then we get  $MSC_4 \simeq_{d.8.h.e} MSC_8'$ , as required.  $\square$ 

For three kinds of minimal digital k-pseudotori, where  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ ,  $DT_6$ ,  $DT'_{18}$ , and  $DT''_{26}$ , we get the digital k-fundamental groups of them. And we now prove that  $DT_6$ ,  $DT'_{18}$  and  $DT''_{26}$  are not digitally k-homotopy equivalent to each other, where  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ .

**Theorem 5.3** The group  $\pi_1^k(DT_{26}'', t_0)$  is trivial, where  $t_0 \in DT_{26}''$  and  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ .

*Proof.* Since  $DT_{26}''$  is assumed to be 26-homeomorphic to  $\bigcup_{i \in M} T_i$  below, where  $M = [1, 4]_{\mathbb{Z}}$ 

$$T_1 = \{t_0 = (0,0,0), (1,0,1), (2,0,0), (1,0,-1)\},\$$

$$T_2 = \{(-1,1,0), (-1,2,1), (-1,3,0), (-1,2,-1)\},\$$

$$T_3 = \{(-2,0,0), (-3,0,1), (-4,0,0), (-3,0,-1)\} \text{ and }$$

$$T_4 = \{(-1,-1,0), (-1,-2,1), (-1,-3,0), (-1,-2,-1)\},\$$

 $DT_{26}''$  is proved to be 26-contractible from the similar method as proof of Theorem 3.1. And further, each point in  $DT_{26}''$  is distinct from each other with respect to the k-connectedness, where  $k \in \{18, 6\}$ . Then we get easily that  $\pi_1^k(DT_{26}'', t_0)$  is group isomorphic to the trivial group, where  $k \in \{18, 6\}$ .  $\square$ 

Similarly, we observe that  $\pi_1^k(DT_6, p_1)$  is a trivial group, where  $k \in \{18, 26\}$ , but  $\pi_1^6(DT_6, p_1)$  is not abelian group for  $p_1 \in DT_6[6]$ .

**Theorem 5.4** The minimal digital pseudotori,  $DT_6$ ,  $DT'_{18}$  and  $DT''_{26}$ , are different from each other up to the digital k-homotopy equivalence,  $k \in \{6, 18, 26\}$ .

Proof. The digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopy equivalence preserves the digital  $k_0$ -contractibility into  $k_1$ -contractibility [5]. More precisely,  $DT_{26}''$  is 26-contractible, but  $DT_{26}''$  is not k-contractible,  $k \in \{18, 6\}$ . Further,  $DT_{26}''$  can not be digitally 26- or 6-homotopy equivalent to  $DT_6$ . Similarly,  $DT_{18}'$  must not be digitally 18- or 26-homotopy equivalent to  $DT_{26}''$  either, and  $DT_{18}'$  is not be digitally 18- or 6-homotopy equivalent to  $DT_6$ .

Moreover, since the digital  $(k_0, k_1)$ -homotopy equivalence preserves the digital  $k_0$ -fundamental group into the digital  $k_1$ -fundamental group [5] we can see that  $DT_6, DT'_{18}$  and  $DT''_{26}$  are distinct from each other Theorems 5.3 and 5.4.  $\square$ 

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