

## Functions, cont.

CS4 Introduction to Scientific Computation and Methods  
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## Overview

- Previous Lecture
  - Doubles Revisited
  - Vector Array Basics
  - Functions
- Today
  - More Array Basics
  - Functions, continued
  - Paintball
- Announcements
  - Read ITC Section 5.1-5.3 (Exam), 6.1-6.3 (Next Week)
  - Poll re: 4-5:20

## Exams

### Midterm (Next Week)

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

MacMillan 117 (Starr Auditorium)

### Final

Thursday, May 8, 2014

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Exam Group:11

Location TBD

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## More on Arrays

### Square Bracket Notation Subscripts

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## The Square Bracket

These are equivalent:

```
x = linspace(0,1,5)
```

```
x = [ 0 .25 .50 .75 1.00]
```

x:

0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
------	------	------	------	------

Handy for setting up "short" vectors.

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## Quiz Time

What is the signature of `linspace(a,b,n)`?

- A) `x = linspace a, b, n`
- B) `x = function linspace(a,b,n)`
- C) `function x linspace(a,b,n)`
- D) `function x = linspace(a,b,n)`
- E) None of the above

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```
function x = linspace(a,b,n)
% linspace(a,b,n) returns n
% equally spaced points
% between a and b, inclusive.
```

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## Subscripts

It is possible to access and change specific entries in an array.

**x:**

0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
------	------	------	------	------

The value of **x(1)** is 0.00 .

The value of **x(2)** is 0.25 .

The value of **x(3)** is 0.50 .

The value of **x(4)** is 0.75 .

The value of **x(5)** is 1.00 .

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<b>a = x(1)</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>a = x(2)</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>a = x(3)</b>	<b>0.50</b>
<b>a = x(4)</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>a = x(5)</b>	<b>1.00</b>

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For a = 10, and an array x, what does the following code do?

```
x(1) = a;
x(end) = x(1)
```

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## Subscripts

It is possible to access and change specific entries in an array.

**x:**

0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
------	------	------	------	------

<b>for k = 1:5</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>    a = x(k)</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>    ...</b>	<b>0.50</b>
<b>end</b>	<b>0.75</b>
	<b>1.00</b>

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## Subscripts

It is possible to access and change specific entries in an array.

**x:**

0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
------	------	------	------	------

<b>a = x(1)+x(2)</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>a = x(2)+x(3)</b>	<b>0.75</b>
<b>a = x(3)+x(4)</b>	<b>1.25</b>
<b>a = x(4)+x(5)</b>	<b>1.75</b>

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### Subscripts

It is possible to access and change specific entries in an array.

**x:**

0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
------	------	------	------	------

```
for k=1:4
    a = x(k)+x(k+1)
end
```

0.25  
0.75  
1.25  
1.75

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### Subscripts

This

```
x = linspace(a,b,n)
```

is equivalent to this

```
h = (b-a)/(n-1);
for k=1:n
    x(k) = a + (k-1)*h;
end
```

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### Subscripts

**x:**

0.00	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
------	------	------	------	------

```
h = (1-0)/(5-1);
x(1) = 0 + 0*h;
x(2) = 0 + 1*h;
x(3) = 0 + 2*h;
x(4) = 0 + 3*h;
x(5) = 0 + 4*h;
```

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### Question Time

What is the output?

```
x = [10 20 30];
y = [3 1 2]
k = y(3)-1;
z = x(k+1)
```

A. 11 B. 20 C. 21 D. 30 E. 31

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### Question Time

What is the output?

```
x = [10 20 30];
y = [3 1 2]
k = y(3)-1;
z = x(k+1)
```

A. 11 B. 20 C. 21 D. 30 E. 31

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### Subscripts & Assignment Summary

```
h = (b-a)/(n-1);
for k=1:n
    x(k) = a + (k-1)*h;
end
```

Where to  
put it.\*

Recipe for  
a value

\* Only now we compute where to put it.

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```
function x = linspace(a,b,n)
% linspace(a,b,n) returns n equally spaced
% points between a and b, inclusive.
```

```
h = (b-a)/(n-1);
for k=1:n
    x(k) = a + (k-1)*h;
end
```

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## Question Time

```
function s = prod(x)
% prod(x) returns the product
% of the elements of x, i.e.,
% s = x(1)*x(2)*...*x(end)
```

Code this!

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```
function s = prod(x)
% prod(x) returns the product of the
% elements of x, i.e.,
% s = x(1)*x(2)*...*x(end)
```

```
s=1;
for i = 1:length(x);
    s = s*x(i);
end
```

```
% my_prod(0)?, my_prod([])?
% my_prod(1:5)==factorial(5)
% my_prod(0)==factorial(0)?
```

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- Properties of log
- Vectorization

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If I only have  $*$ ,  $^$  and  $\log_{10}$ , how can I add a and b?

$a + b == ???$

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If I only have  $*$ ,  $^$  and  $\log_{10}$ , how can I add a and b?

```
a + b == log10(10^a*10^b)
      == log10(10^a)+log10(10^b)
      == a*log10(10)+b*log10(10)
      == a + b
```

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### Quiz Time

If I only have `prod`, `.`<sup>^</sup> and `log10`, how can I add up the elements of `x`?

`sum(x) == ???`

- A) `sum(x) == sum(10^log10(x))`
- B) `sum(x) == log10(prod(x))`
- C) `sum(x) == log10(10.^x)`
- D) None of the above

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D) None of the above

```
>> sum(x) == log10(prod(10.^x))
ans =
     1
```

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## 12. More on Functions

Header, Specification, Body  
Input Parameter List  
Output Parameter List  
Built-Ins: `randn`, `imag`,  
`real`, `max`, `min`, `ginput`

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### Eg. 1: "Gap N"

Keep tossing a fair coin until

`| Heads - Tails | == N`

Score = total # tosses

Write a function `Gap(N)` that returns the score and estimate the average value.

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### The Header...

```
function nTosses = Gap(N)
```

output  
parameter  
list

input  
parameter  
list

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### The Specification

```
function nTosses = Gap(N)
```

```
% Simulates a game where you
% keep tossing a fair coin
% until |Heads - Tails| == N.
% N is a positive integer and
% nTosses is the number of
% tosses needed.
```

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## The Body

```
Heads = 0; Tails = 0; nTosses = 0;
while abs(Heads-Tails) < N
    nTosses = nTosses + 1;
    if rand < .5
        Heads = Heads + 1;
    else
        Tails = Tails + 1;
    end
end
```

The necessary output value is computed.

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## Local Variables

```
Heads = 0; Tails = 0; nTosses = 0;
while abs(Heads-Tails) < N
    nTosses = nTosses + 1;
    if rand < .5
        Heads = Heads + 1;
    else
        Tails = Tails + 1;
    end
end
```

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## The Packaging...

```
function nTosses = Gap(N)
```

```
Heads = 0; Tails = 0; nTosses = 0;
while abs(Heads-Tails) < N
    nTosses = nTosses + 1;
    if rand < .5
        Heads = Heads + 1;
    else
        Tails = Tails + 1;
    end
end
```

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## A Helpful Style

```
Heads = 0; Tails = 0; n = 0;
while abs(Heads-Tails) < N
    n = n + 1;
    if rand < .5
        Heads = Heads + 1;
    else
        Tails = Tails + 1;
    end
end
nTosses = n;
```

Explicitly assign output value at the end.

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## Estimate Expected Value of Gap(N)

Strategy:

Play "Gap N" a large number of times.

Compute the average "score."

That estimates the expected value.

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## Solution...

```
N = input('Enter N: ');
nGames = 10000;
s = 0;
for k=1:nGames
    s = s + Gap(N);
end
ave = s/nGames;
```

A very common methodology for the estimation of expected value.

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### Sample Outputs

N = 10 Expected Value = 98.67

N = 20 Expected Value = 395.64

N = 30 Expected Value = 889.11

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### Solution...

```
N = input('Enter N:');  
nGames = 10000;  
s = 0;  
for k=1:nGames  
    s = s + Gap(N);  
end  
ave = s/nGames;
```

Program development is made easier by having a function that handles a single game.

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### What if the Game Was Not “Packaged”?

```
s = 0;  
for k=1:nGames  
    score = Gap(N);  
    s = s + score;  
end  
ave = s/nGames;
```

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```
s = 0;  
for k=1:nGames  
    Heads = 0; Tails = 0; nTosses = 0;  
    while abs(Heads-Tails) < N  
        nTosses = nTosses + 1;  
        if rand < .5  
            Heads = Heads + 1;  
        else  
            Tails = Tails + 1;  
        end  
    end  
    score = nTosses;  
    s = s + score;  
end  
ave = s/nGames;
```

A more cumbersome implementation

### Is there a Pattern?

N = 10 Expected Value = 98.67

N = 20 Expected Value = 395.64

N = 30 Expected Value = 889.11

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### New Problem

Estimate expected value of Gap(N) for a range of N-values, say, N = 1:30

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### Pseudocode

```
for N=1:30

    Estimate expected value of Gap(N)
    Display the estimate.

end
```

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### Pseudocode

```
for N=1:30

    Estimate expected value of Gap(N)
    Display the estimate.

end
```

Refine this!

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### Done that..

```
nGames = 10000;
s = 0;
for k=1:nGames
    s = s + Gap(N);
end
ave = s/nGames;
```

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### Sol'n Involves a Nested Loop

```
for N = 1:30
    % Estimate the expected value of Gap(N)
    s = 0;
    for k=1:nGames
        s = s + Gap(N);
    end
    ave = s/nGames;
    disp(sprintf('%3d    %16.3f',N,ave))
end
```

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### Sol'n Involves a Nested Loop

```
for N = 1:30
    % Estimate the expected value of Gap(N)
    s = 0;
    for k=1:nGames
        s = s + Gap(N);
    end
    ave = s/nGames;
    disp(sprintf('%3d    %16.3f',N,ave))
end
```

But during derivation, we never had to reason about more than one loop

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### Output

N	Expected Value of Gap(N)
1	1.000
2	4.009
3	8.985
4	16.094
-----	
28	775.710
29	838.537
30	885.672

Looks like  $N^2$ .  
Maybe increase N,  
nGames to solidify conjecture.

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### Eg. 2: Random Quadratics

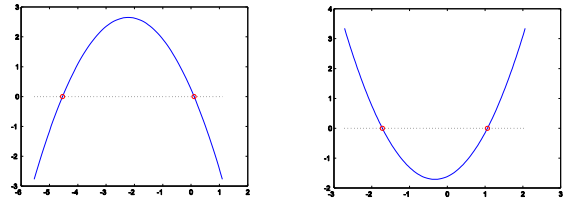
Generate random quadratic

$$q(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

If it has real roots, then plot  $q(x)$   
and highlight the roots.

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### Sample Output



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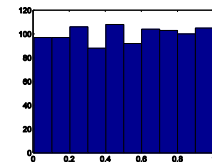
### Script Pseudocode

```
for k = 1:10
    Generate a random quadratic
    Compute its roots
    If the roots are real
        then plot the quadratic and
        show roots
    end
end
```

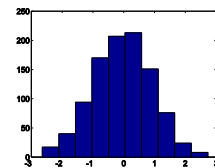
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### Built-In Function: randn

```
% Uniform
for k=1:1000
    x = rand;
end
```



```
% Normal
for k=1:1000
    x = randn;
end
```



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### Built-In Functions: imag and real

```
x = 3 + 4*sqrt(-1);
```

```
y = real(x)           Assigns 3 to y.
```

```
z = imag(x)           Assigns 4 to z.
```

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### Built-In Functions: min and max

```
a = 3, b = 4;
```

```
y = min(a,b)          Assigns 3 to y.
```

```
z = max(a,b)           Assigns 4 to z.
```

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### Packaging the Coefficient Computation

```
function [a,b,c] = randomQuadratic
% a, b, and c are random numbers,
% normally distributed.

a = randn;
b = randn;
c = randn;
```

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### Input & Output Parameters

```
function [a,b,c] = randomQuadratic
```

A function can have more than one output parameter.

Syntax: [v1,v2,...]

A function can have no input parameters.

Syntax: Nothing

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### Computing the Roots

```
function [r1,r2] = rootsQuadratic(a,b,c)

% a, b, and c are real.
% r1 and r2 are roots of
% ax^2 + bx + c = 0.

r1 = (-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a);
r2 = (-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a);
```

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### Question Time

```
function [r1,r2] = rootsQuadratic(a,b,c)
r1 = (-b - sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a);
r2 = (-b + sqrt(b^2 - 4*a*c))/(2*a);
```

```
a = 4; b = 0; c = -1;
[r2,r1] = rootsQuadratic(c,b,a);
r1 = r1
```

Output?

A. 2    B. -2    C. .5    D. -.5

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### Answer is B.

We are asking rootsQuadratic to solve  
 $-x^2 + 4 = 0$     roots = +2 and -2

Since the function call is equivalent to  
[r2,r1] = rootsQuadratic(-1,0,4);

Script variable r1 is assigned the value that rootsQuadratic returns through output parameter r2. That value is -2

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### Script Pseudocode

```
for k = 1:10
    Generate a random quadratic
    Compute its roots
    If the roots are real
        then plot the quadratic and
        show roots
end
```

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```
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    Generate a random quadratic
    Compute its roots
    If the roots are real
        then plot the quadratic and
        show roots
end
[a,b,c] = randomQuadratic;
```

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### Script Pseudocode

```
for k = 1:10
    [a,b,c] = randomQuadratic;
    Compute its roots
    If the roots are real
        then plot the quadratic and
        show roots
end
[r1,r2] = rootsQuadratic(a,b,c);
```

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### Script Pseudocode

```
for k = 1:10
    [a,b,c] = randomQuadratic;
    [r1,r2] = rootsQuadratic(a,b,c);
    If the roots are real
        then plot the quadratic and
        show roots
end
if imag(r1)==0 && imag(r2)===0
```

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### Script Pseudocode

```
for k = 1:10
    [a,b,c] = randomQuadratic;
    [r1,r2] = rootsQuadratic(a,b,c);
    if imag(r1)==0 && imag(r2)==0
        then plot the quadratic and
        show roots
    end
end
```

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### Plot the Quadratic and Show the Roots

```
m = min(r1,r2);
M = max(r1,r2);
x = linspace(m-1,M+1,100);
y = a*x.^2 + b*x + c;
plot(x,y,x,0*y,':k',r1,0,'or',r2,0,'or')
```

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### Plot the Quadratic and Show the Roots

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M = max(r1,r2);
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```

This determines a nice range of x-values.

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```

Array ops get the y-values.

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### Plot the Quadratic and Show the Roots

```
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M = max(r1,r2);  
x = linspace(m-1,M+1,100);  
y = a*x.^2 + b*x + c;  
plot(x,y,x,0*y,':k',r1,0,'or',r2,0,'or')
```

Graphs the quadratic.

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### Plot the Quadratic and Show the Roots

```
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M = max(r1,r2);  
x = linspace(m-1,M+1,100);  
y = a*x.^2 + b*x + c;  
plot(x,y,x,0*y,':k',r1,0,'or',r2,0,'or')
```

A black, dashed line x-axis.

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### Plot the Quadratic and Show the Roots

```
m = min(r1,r2);  
M = max(r1,r2);  
x = linspace(m-1,M+1,100);  
y = a*x.^2 + b*x + c;  
plot(x,y,x,0*y,':k',r1,0,'or',r2,0,'or')
```

Highlight the root r1 with red circle.

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### Plot the Quadratic and Show the Roots

```
m = min(r1,r2);  
M = max(r1,r2);  
x = linspace(m-1,M+1,100);  
y = a*x.^2 + b*x + c;  
plot(x,y,x,0*y,':k',r1,0,'or',r2,0,'or')
```

Highlight the root r2 with red circle.

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### Complete Solution

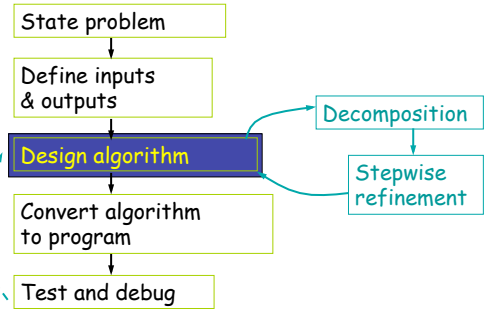
```
for k=1:10  
    [a,b,c] = randomQuadratic;  
    [r1,r2] = rootsQuadratic(a,b,c);  
    if imag(r1)==0  
        m = min(r1,r2); M = max(r1,r2);  
        x = linspace(m-1,M+1,100);  
        y = a*x.^2 + b*x + c;  
        plot(x,y,x,0*y,':k',r1,0,'or',r2,0,'or')  
        shg  
        pause(1)  
    end  
end
```

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End of Material for Midterm

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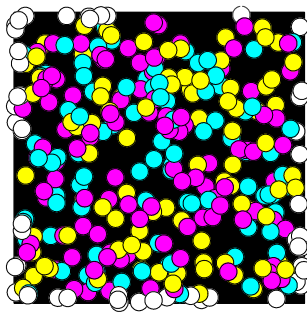
## Top-Down Design



An algorithm is an *idea*. To use an algorithm you must choose a programming language and *implement* the algorithm.

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## Problem 3: Paintball

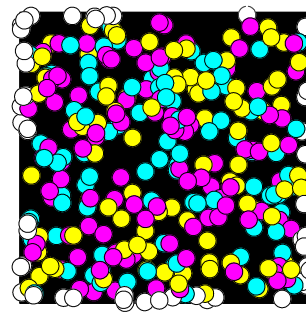


Draw a black unit square with lower left corner at (0,0).

Draw a radius .03 disk with center randomly located in square.

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## Problem 3: Paintball

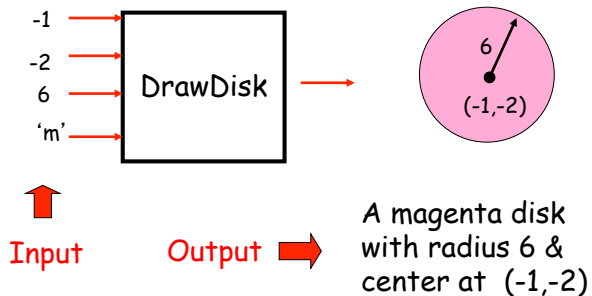


If the disk is entirely in square, randomly color it 'c', 'y', or 'm' with equal probability. Otherwise, color it White.

Repeat this process until 50 white disks drawn.

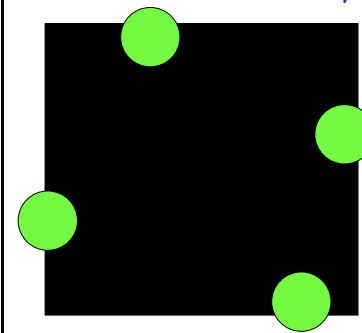
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`DrawDisk(-1,-2,6,'m')`



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## Preliminary Notes



Dot: radius  $r$ , center  $(x,y)$

$$y+r > 1$$

$$x+r > 1$$

$$x-r < 0$$

$$y-r < 0$$

"Edge Hits"

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## Preliminary Notes

How we simulate a 3-way random event?

If `ink = rand(1)`, then

1/3 the time we have:  $0 < \text{ink} < 1/3$

1/3 the time we have:  $1/3 \leq \text{ink} < 2/3$

1/3 the time we have:  $2/3 \leq \text{ink} < 1$

Check the inequalities and do the right thing.

## Pseudocode

Draw black square.

Repeat until 50 white disks:

    Locate a random disk.

    If the disk is in the square then  
        randomly color it 'c', 'y', or 'm'.

    Otherwise,  
        color it 'w'

end

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## Refinement

“Draw the black square”



Draw a unit black square  
With lower left corner at (0,0)



`DrawRect(0,0,1,1,'k')`

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## Pseudocode

`DrawRect(0,0,1,1,'k')`

`EdgeHits = 0;`

`while EdgeHits < 50`

    Locate a random disk.

    If the disk is in the square then  
        randomly color it 'c', 'y', or 'm'.

    Otherwise,  
        color it 'w'

`EdgeHits = EdgeHits + 1;`

end

`end`

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## Variable Definition

We use a variable

**EdgeHits**

to keep track of the number of disks  
that intersect the square's boundary.

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## Refinement

“Locate a random disk”



The center (x,y)  
satisfies  $0 < x < 1$  and  $0 < y < 1$ .



`x = rand; y = rand;`

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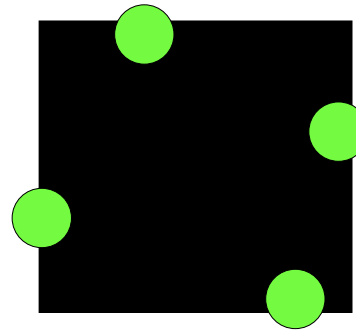
## Refinement

If **the disk is in the square** then  
 randomly color it 'c', 'y', or 'm'.  
 Otherwise,  
 color it 'w'  
 EdgeHits = EdgeHits + 1;  
 end

**How do we check that?**

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**None of these conditions hold.**



$$y+r > 1$$

$$x+r > 1$$

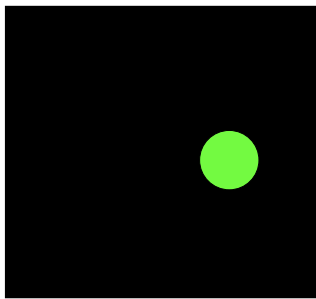
$$x-r < 0$$

$$y-r < 0$$

Dot: radius  $r$ , center  $(x,y)$

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**All of these conditions hold.**



$$y+r \leq 1$$

$$x+r \leq 1$$

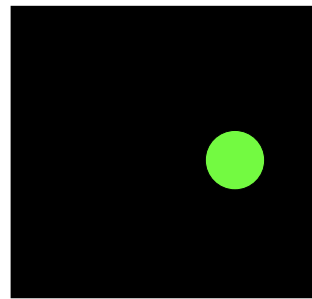
$$x-r \geq 0$$

$$y-r \geq 0$$

Dot: radius  $r$ , center  $(x,y)$

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**All of these conditions hold.**



$$y+r \leq 1$$

$$x+r \leq 1$$

$$x-r \geq 0$$

$$y-r \geq 0$$

**$y+r \leq 1 \ \&\& \ x+r \leq 1 \ \&\& \ x-r \geq 0 \ \&\& \ y-r \geq 0$**

## Question Time

Want to count upper right corner hits.  
 Which of these boolean conditions  
 guarantees that (1,1) is covered?

(i)  $x + r \geq 1 \ \&\& \ y + r \geq 1$

(ii)  $x + y \geq 2 - 2*r$

- A. Neither      C. Both  
 B. (i) only      D. (ii) only

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## AnswerTime

(i)  $x + r \geq 1 \ \&\& \ y + r \geq 1$

(ii)  $x + y \geq 2 - 2*r$

- A. Neither      C. Both  
 B. (i) only      D. (ii) only

Consider  $2r \times 2r$  disk in corner,  
 Consider  $x=1, y=1-r$

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## Refinement

If the disk is in the square then  
randomly color it 'c', 'y', or 'm'.  
Otherwise,  
color it 'w'  
EdgeHits = EdgeHits + 1;  
end

How do we do that?

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## Refinement

randomly color it 'c', 'y', or 'm'



1/3 of the time the disk should be 'm'  
1/3 of the time the disk should be 'y'  
1/3 of the time the disk should be 'c'

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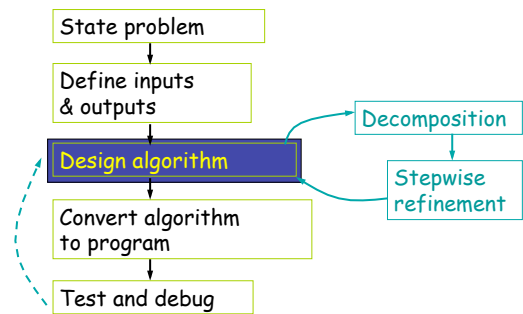
## Refinement



```
ink = rand(1);  
if ink < 1/3;  
    DrawDisk(x,y,r,'m')  
elseif 1/3 <= ink && ink < 2/3  
    DrawDisk(x,y,r,'y')  
else  
    DrawDisk(x,y,r,'c')  
end
```

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## Top-Down Design



An algorithm is an *idea*. To use an algorithm you must choose a programming language and *implement* the algorithm.

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