

PAT 204/504 (Fall 2024)

Creative Coding

Lecture 12: Midterm Assignment Showcase & Review

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Midterm Assignment Showcase

- **Show us your work!**
- And then, please tell us
 - **What's the concept of your design?**
 - **How did you implement your desired features?**
 - **Is there something new you used?**
 - **What's the most challenging component?**
 - **What's something you'd like to add (or simplify) if given more time?**

Review – Basics

More Shapes

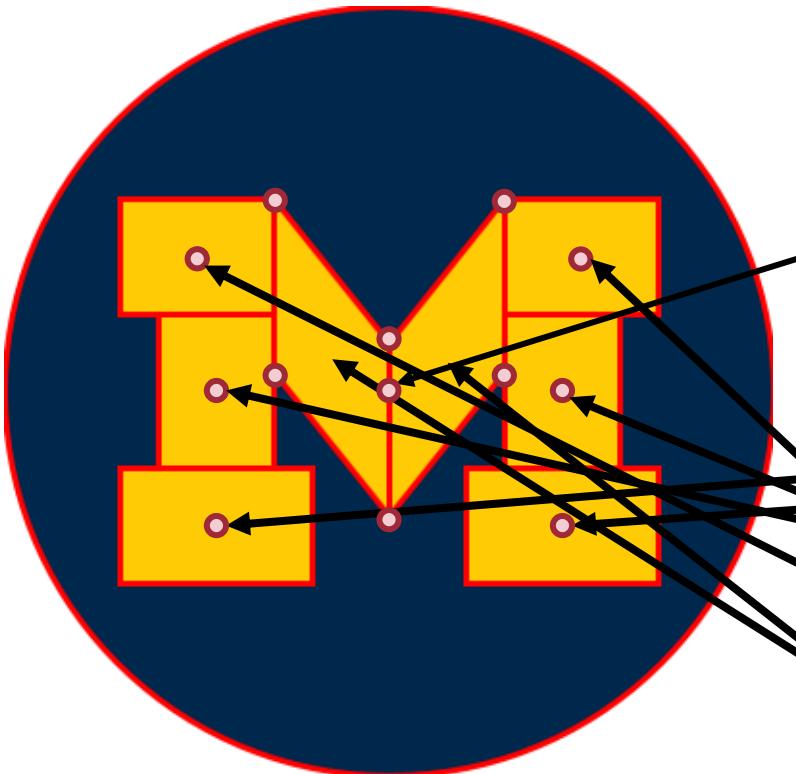
- Circle **circle(x, y, diameter)**
- Ellipse **ellipse(x, y, width, height)**
- Square **square(x, y, width)**
- Rectangle **rect(x, y, width, height)**
- Point **point(x, y)**
- Line **line(x1, y1, x2, y2)**
- Triangle **triangle(x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3)**
- Quadrilateral **quad(x1, y1, x2, y2, x3, y3, x4, y4)**

Can you recreate the Block M in Processing?

- Michigan **Blue**: #00274C
- Michigan **Maize**: #FFCB05



My Version



```
void setup() {
    // Create a 400x400 canvas
    size(400, 400);
}

void draw() {
    // Set the background color to white
    background(255);

    // Draw the shapes without outlines
    noStroke();

    // Draw the blue circle at the back
    fill(#00274C);
    circle(200, 200, 400);

    // Set the anchor point of rectangles to the center
    rectMode(CENTER);

    // Set up the yellow text color
    fill(#FFCB05);

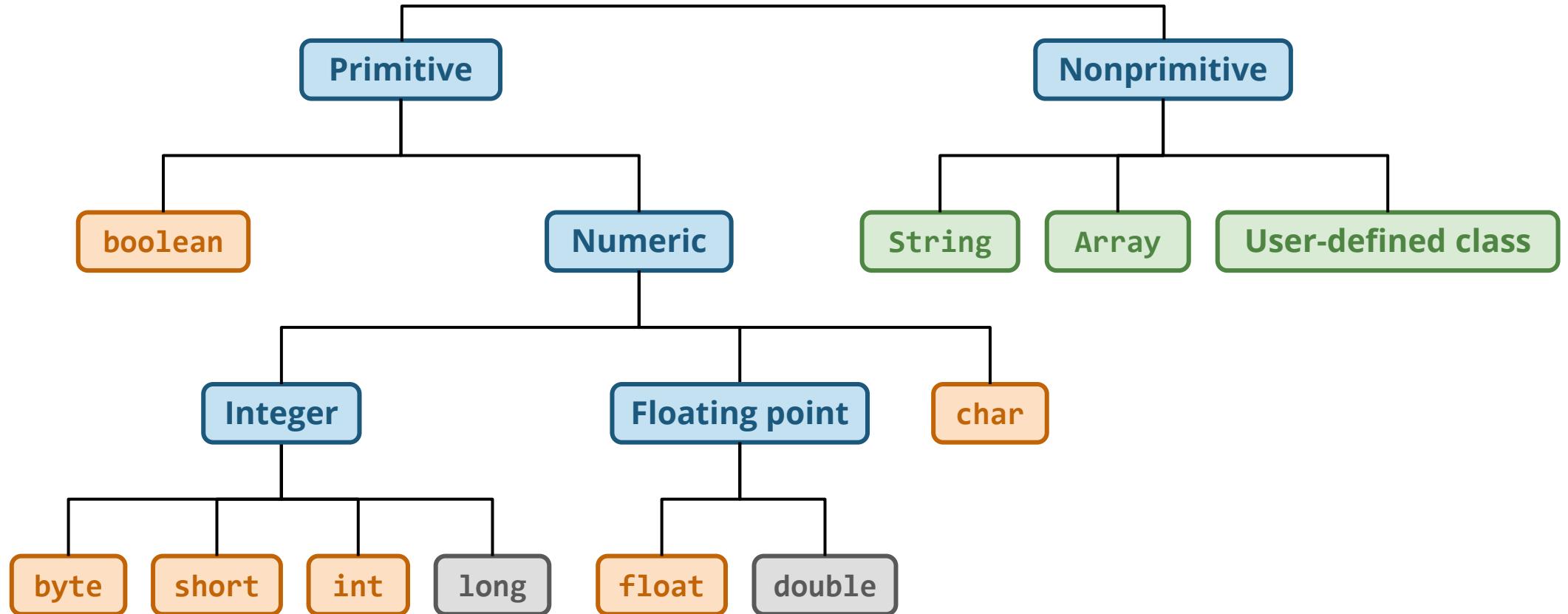
    // Draw the feet
    rect(110, 270, 100, 60);
    rect(290, 270, 100, 60);

    // Draw the columns
    rect(110, 210, 60, 150);
    rect(290, 210, 60, 150);

    // Draw the caps
    rect(100, 130, 80, 60);
    rect(300, 130, 80, 60);

    // Draw the "V"
    quad(140, 100, 140, 190, 200, 265, 200, 175);
    quad(260, 100, 260, 190, 200, 265, 200, 175);
}
```

Data Types



Primitive Data Types

| | Range | Default | Bytes |
|----------------|--|---------------------------|--------------|
| boolean | true, false | false | 1 |
| byte | -128 ~ 127 | 0 | 1 |
| int | - 2^{31} ~ $2^{31}-1$ | 0 | 4 |
| long | - 2^{63} ~ $2^{63}-1$ | 0 | 8 |
| float | $\pm 1.4 \times 10^{-45}$ ~ $\pm 3.4 \times 10^{38}$, $\pm\infty$, nan | 0.0 | 4 |
| double | $\pm 4.9 \times 10^{-324}$ ~ $\pm 1.8 \times 10^{308}$, $\pm\infty$, nan | 0.0 | 8 |
| color | #00000000 ~ #FFFFFF | #00000000 (black) | 4 |
| char | 0 to 65535 (letters, numbers, symbols, etc.) | '\u0000' (null character) | 2 |

Many Ways to Represent a Color

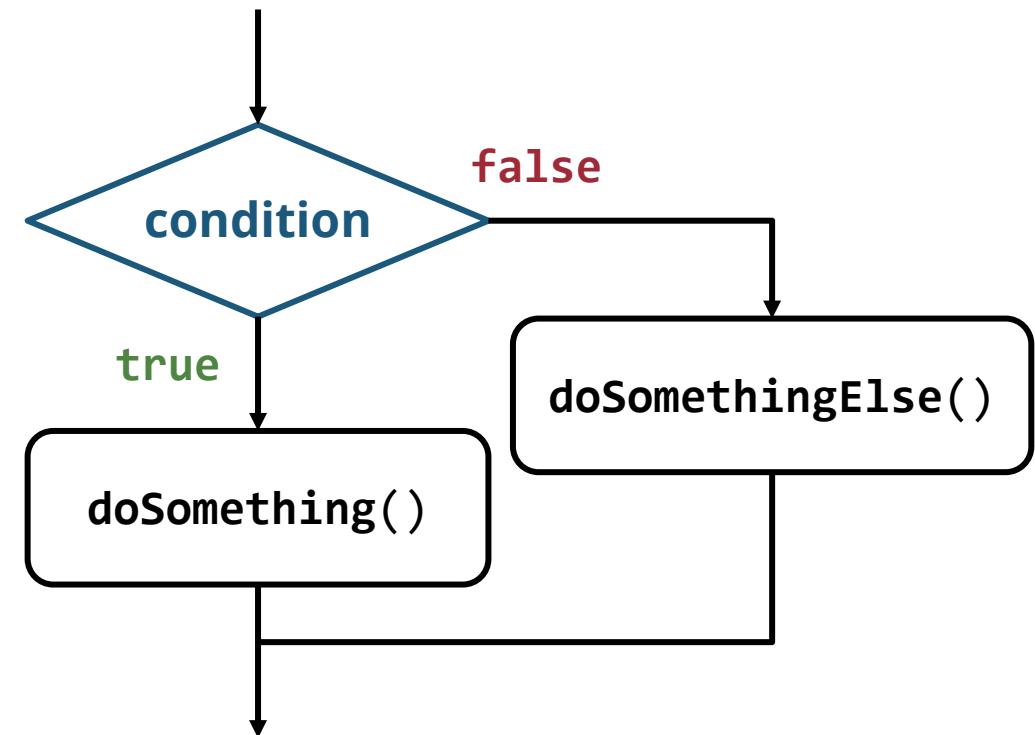
- `fill(grayscale)`
- `fill(R, G, B)`
- `fill(R, G, B, A)`
- `colorMode(HSB)`
`fill(H, S, B)`
- `colorMode(HSB)`
`fill(H, S, B, A)`
- `color c = (0, 39, 76)`
`fill(c)`

Review – Conditionals

Conditionals – if-else Statement

- Control the program flow based on a **condition**

```
if (condition) {  
    doSomething();  
} else {  
    doSomethingElse();  
}
```



Conditionals – if-else-if Statement

```
if (condition) {  
    doSomething();  
} else if (condition2) {  
    doSomethingElse();  
} else {  
    doYetSomethingElse();  
}
```



```
if (condition) {  
    doSomething();  
} else {  
    if (condition2) {  
        doSomethingElse();  
    } else {  
        doYetSomethingElse();  
    }  
}
```

switch Statement

```
if (keyCode == LEFT) {  
    x = x - step;  
} else if (keyCode == RIGHT) {  
    x = x + step;  
} else if (keyCode == UP) {  
    y = y - step;  
} else if (keyCode == DOWN) {  
    y = y + step;  
}
```



```
switch(keyCode) {  
    case LEFT:  
        x = x - step;  
        break;  
  
    case RIGHT:  
        x = x + step;  
        break;  
  
    case UP:  
        y = y - step;  
        break;  
  
    case DOWN:  
        y = y + step;  
        break;  
}
```

Bouncing Ball

```
float ballSize = 10; // Size of the ball
float x; // Current x-position of the ball
float speedX = 5; // Current speed of the ball
boolean saveFrames = false;

void setup() {
    // Create a 400x400 canvas
    size(400, 400);

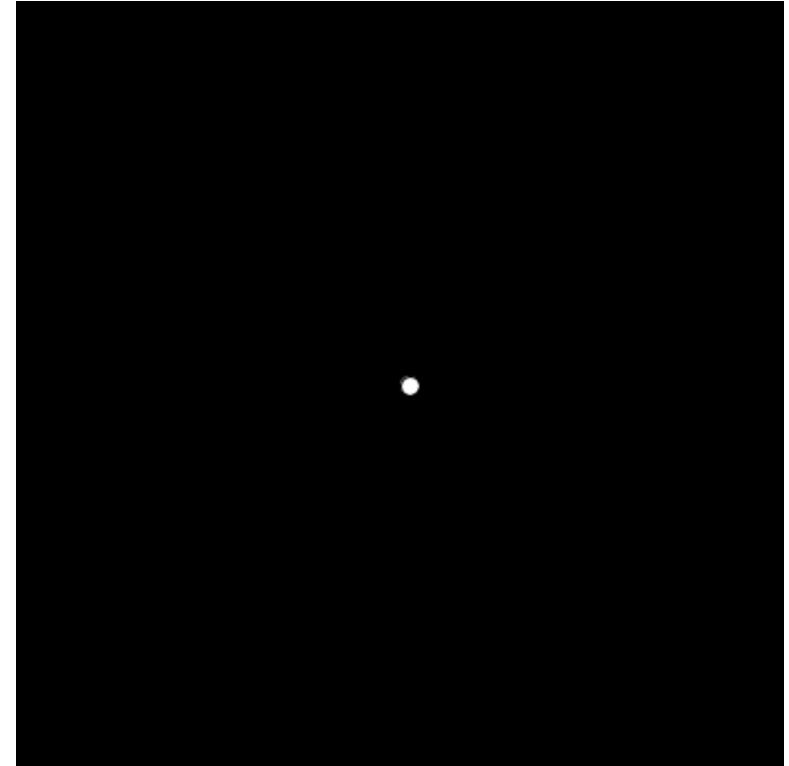
    // Initialize the ball position
    x = width / 2;
}

void draw() {
    // Create a black background
    background(0);

    // Check if the ball hits the left/right border
    if (x > width - ballSize / 2) {
        speedX = -speedX;
    } else if (x < ballSize / 2) {
        speedX = -speedX;
    }

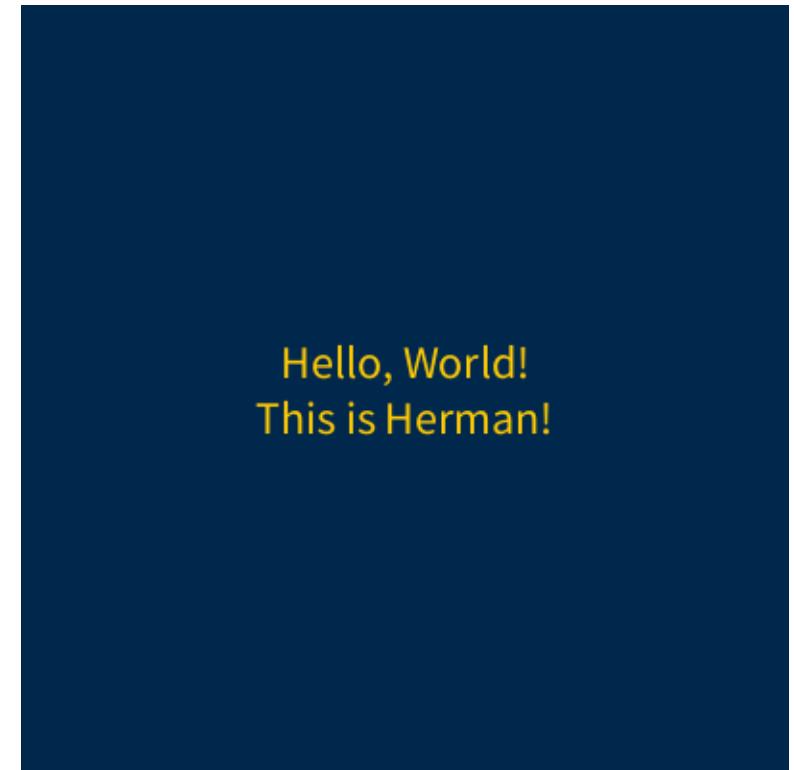
    // Move the ball
    x += speedX;

    // Draw the ball
    circle(x, 200, ballSize);
}
```



Homework 1: Bouncing Hello World

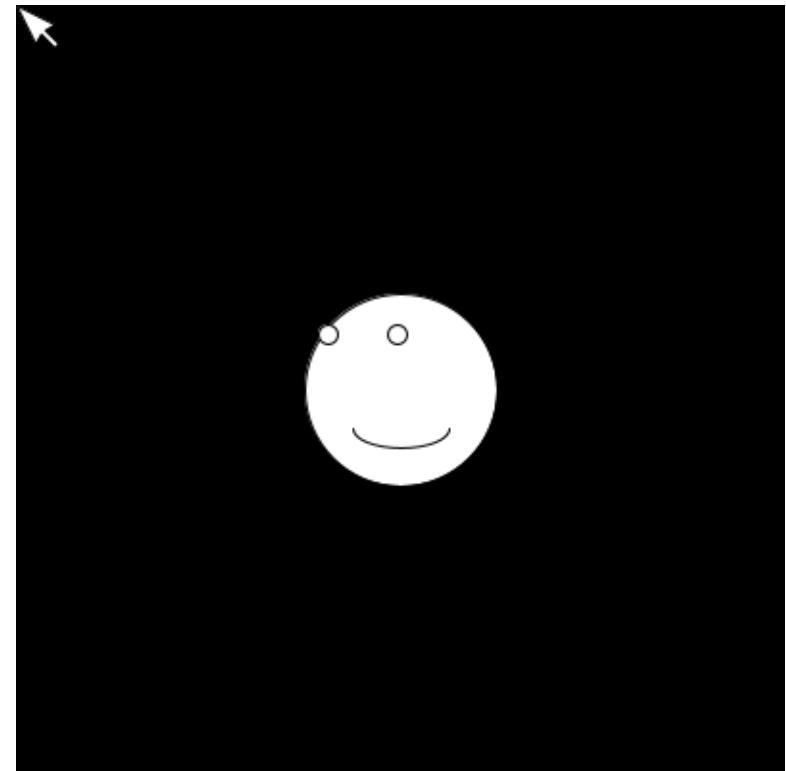
- Instructions will be released on Gradescope
- You need to find the function for **text rendering**
 - The documentation is your friend!
 - <https://processing.org/reference>
- You need to figure out how to calculate the **height and width of the text box**
 - There'll be many friendly hints in the instructions 😊
- Due at **11:59pm ET** on **September 6**
- Late submissions: **1 point deducted per day**



Review – Controls

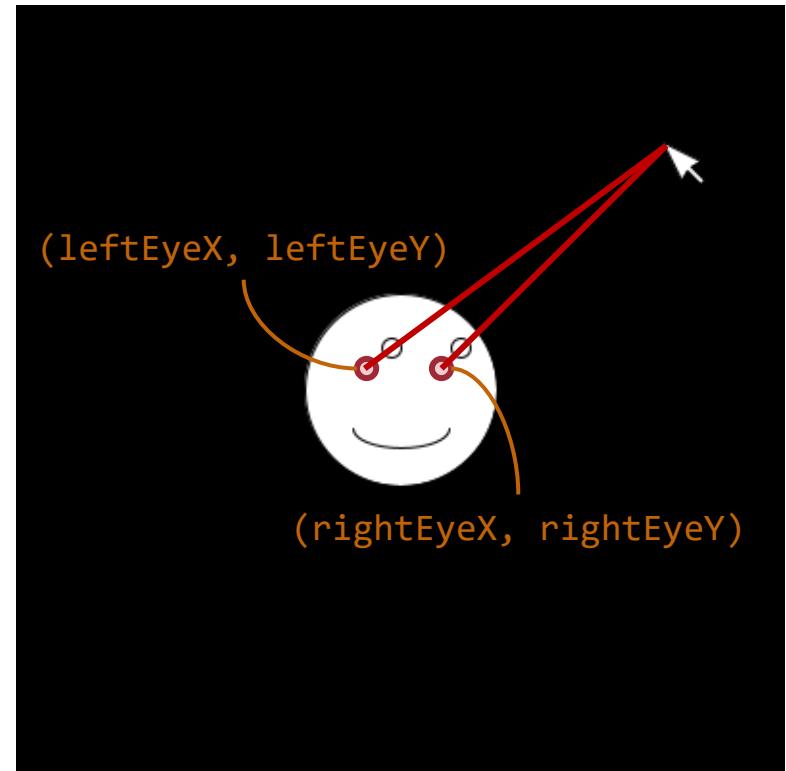
Exercise: ~~Creepy~~ Eyes

- Make a simple face where the eyes will **stare at the direction where the mouse is!**
- Hints
 - Use **mouseX** & **mouseY**
 - Use **arc()** to get the smile
 - `arc(200, 220, 50, 20, 0, PI)`



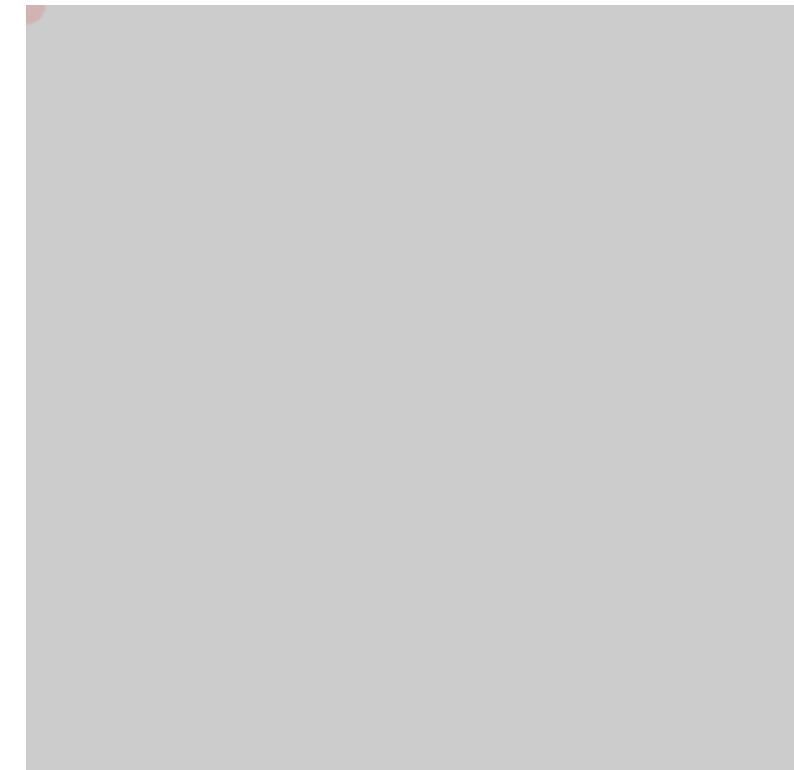
Exercise: Creepy Eyes

```
// Calculate the position of the eyes  
leftDeltaX = (mouseX - leftEyeX) * scale;  
leftDeltaY = (mouseY - leftEyeY) * scale;  
rightDeltaX = (mouseX - rightEyeX) * scale;  
rightDeltaY = (mouseY - rightEyeY) * scale;  
  
// Draw the eyes  
circle(  
    leftEyeX + leftDeltaX, leftEyeY + leftDeltaY, 10  
);  
circle(  
    rightEyeX + rightDeltaX, rightEyeY + rightDeltaY, 10  
);
```



Exercise: Rainbow Paint

- What you'll need:
 - `mouseX` & `mouseY`
 - `colorMode(HSB)` for HSB color mode
 - alpha value for transparency

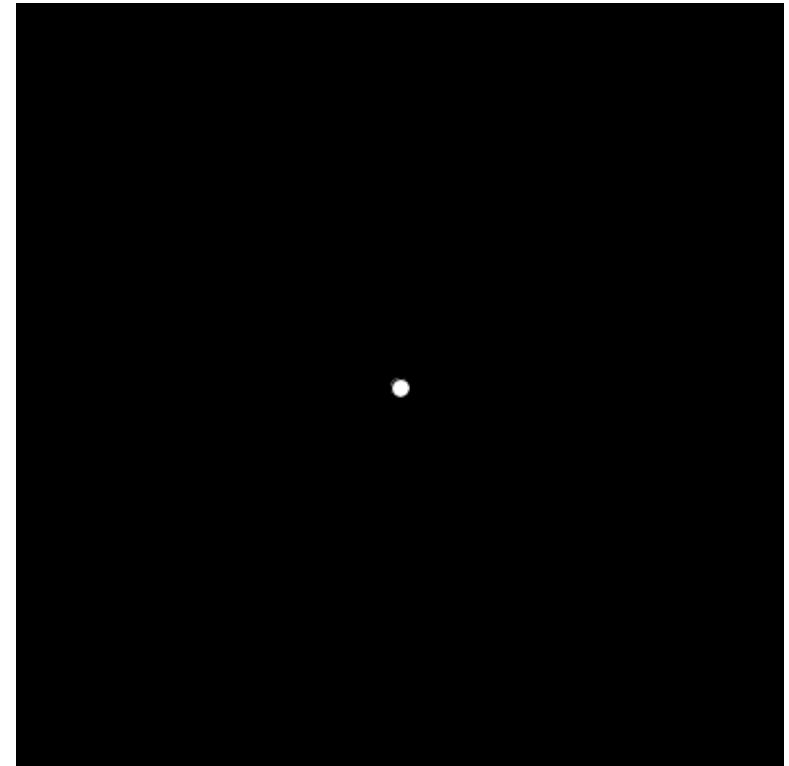


key & keyCode

- `key` stores the most recent key used (either pressed or released)
- For special (non-ASCII) keys, `keyCode` is used
 - **UP, DOWN, LEFT, RIGHT**
 - **ALT, CONTROL, SHIFT**
 - You `don't need` `keyCode` for BACKSPACE, TAB, ENTER, RETURN, ESC, and DELETE

Exercise: Use the Arrow Keys to Control a Ball

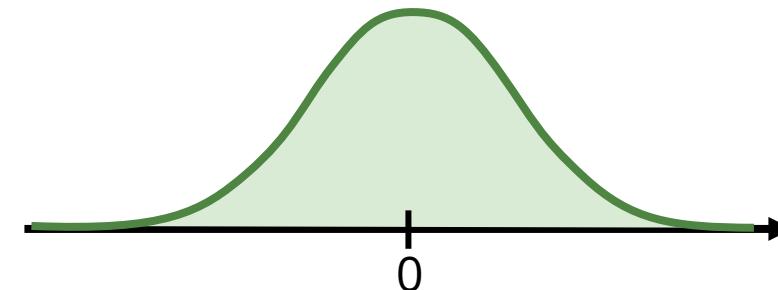
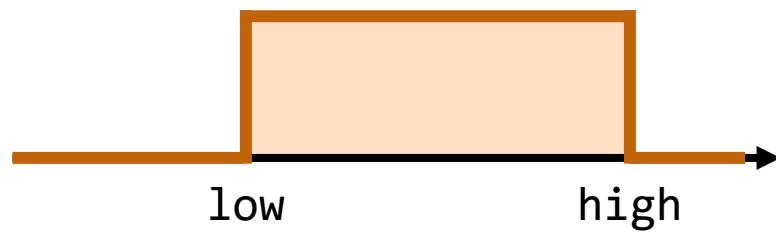
```
float x = 200;  
float y = 200;  
float step = 10;  
  
void keyPressed() {  
    if (key == CODED) {  
        if (keyCode == LEFT) {  
            x = x - step;  
        } else if (keyCode == RIGHT) {  
            x = x + step;  
        } else if (keyCode == UP) {  
            y = y - step;  
        } else if (keyCode == DOWN) {  
            y = y + step;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



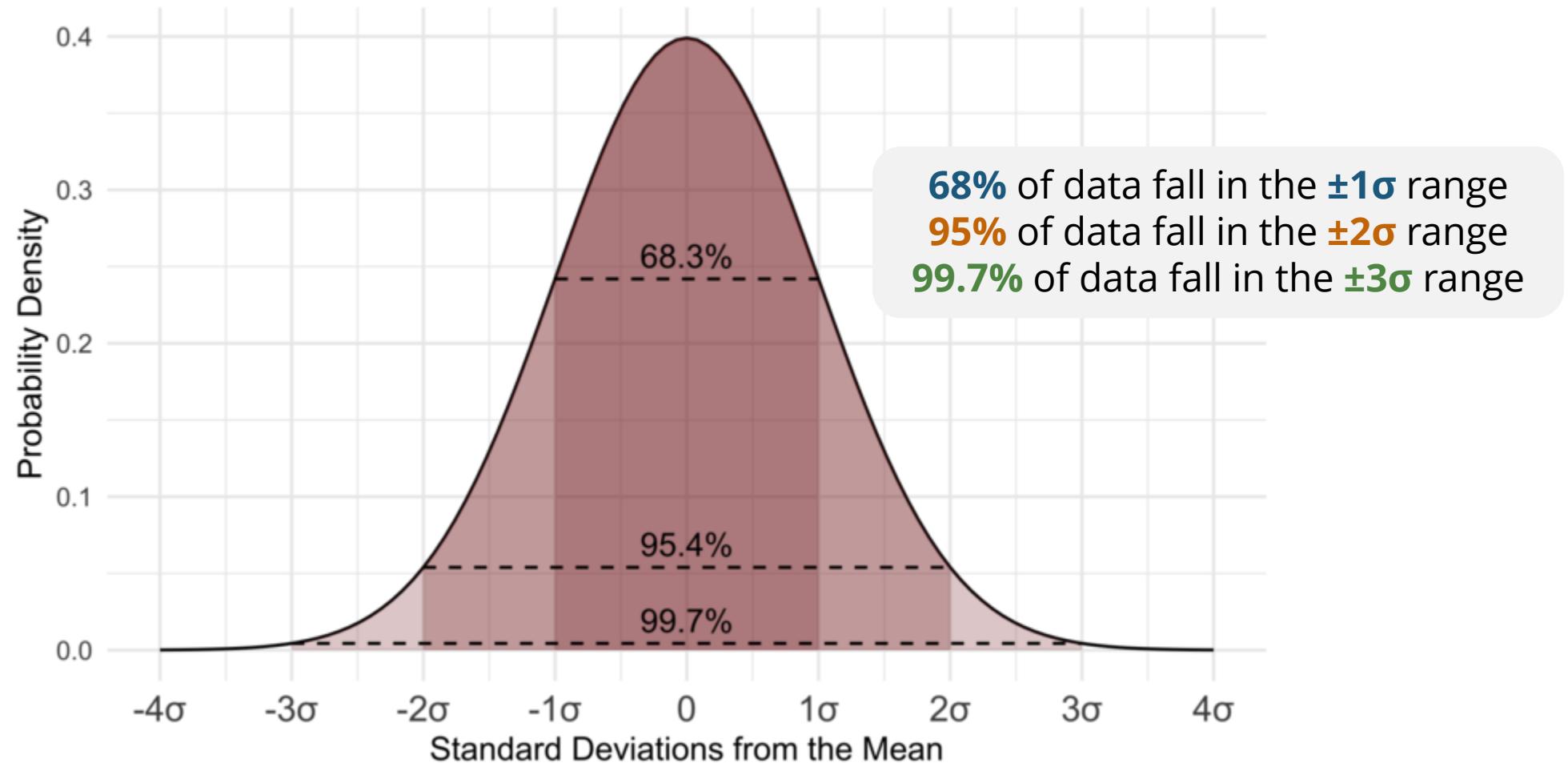
Review – Randomness

Randomness

- `random(high)` Generate a random number in $U[0, high]$
- `random(low, high)` Generate a random number in $U[low, high]$
- `randomGaussian()` Generate a random number in $N[0, 1]$



Gaussian Distribution & the 68-95-99.7 Rule

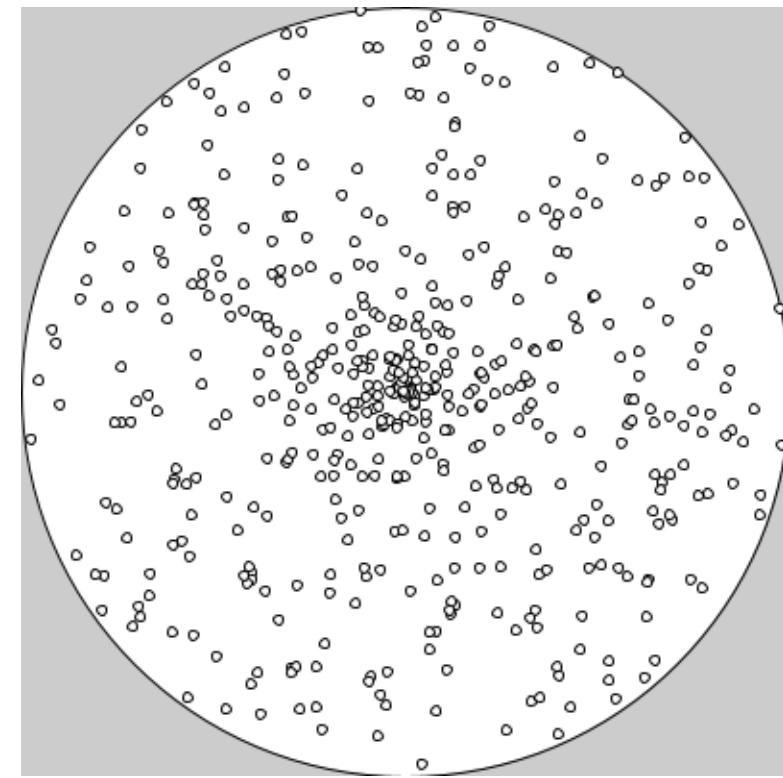


Exercise: Random Points in a Circle (Polar Coordinate Sampling)

```
// Generate a random radius and angle
r = random(200);
theta = random(0, TWO_PI);

// Calculate the x- and y-positions
x = 200 + r * cos(theta);
y = 200 + r * sin(theta);

// Draw a circle
circle(x, y, 5);
```

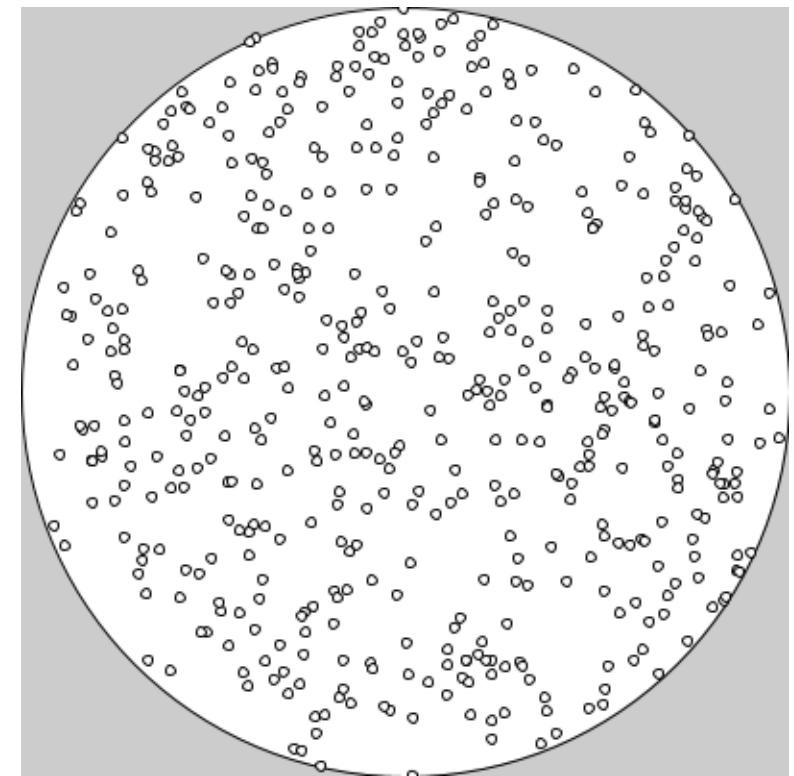


Advanced Method: Inversion Transform Sampling

```
// Generate a random radius and angle
r = 200 * sqrt(random(1));
theta = random(0, TWO_PI);

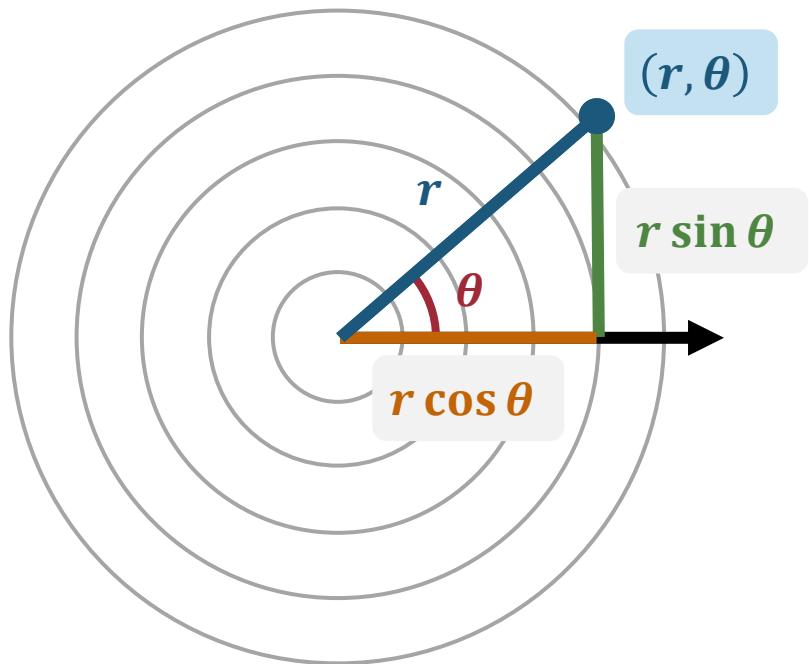
// Calculate the x- and y-positions
x = 200 + r * cos(theta);
y = 200 + r * sin(theta);

// Draw a circle
circle(x, y, 5);
```

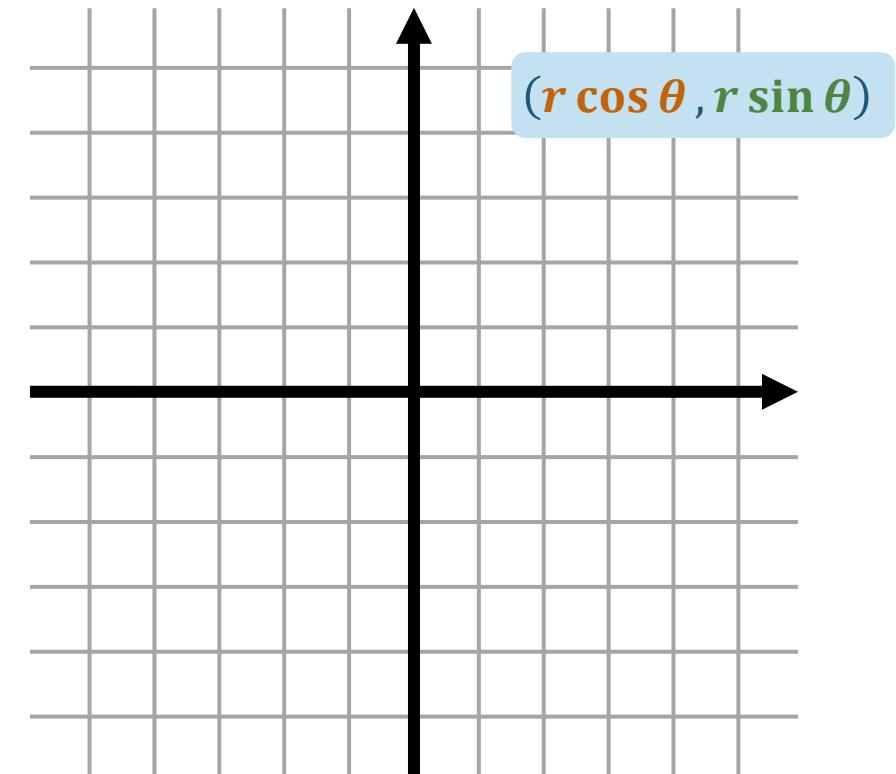


Conversion: Polar → Cartesian

Or, you can use `PVector.fromAngle()`
and then `setMag()`!

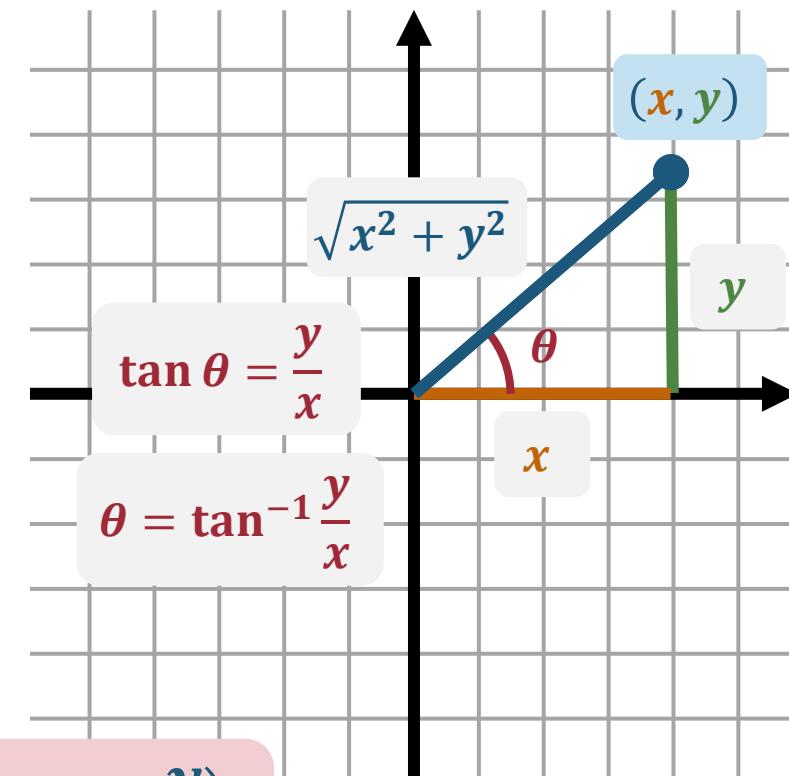
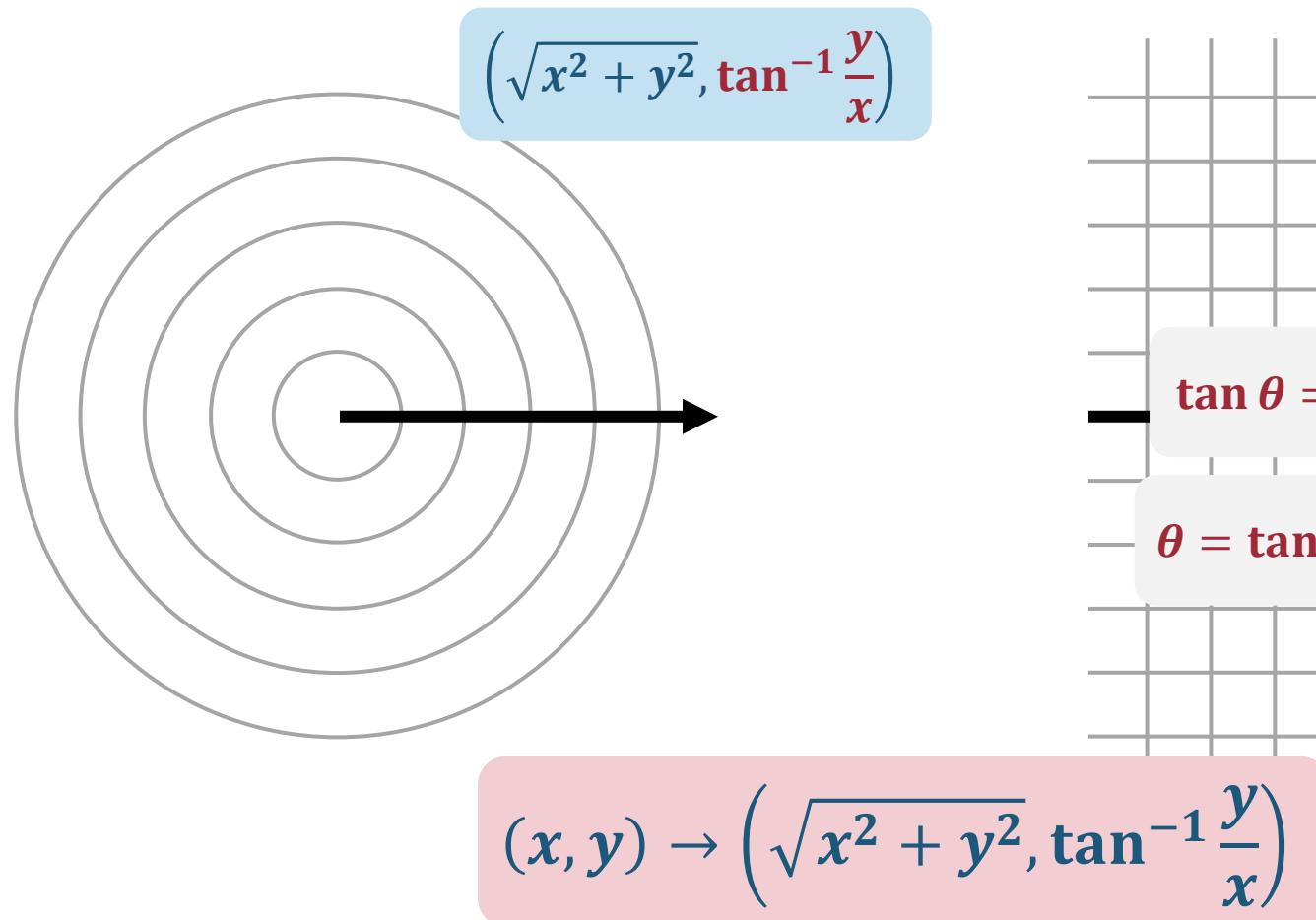


$$(r, \theta) \rightarrow (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta)$$



Conversion: Cartesian \rightarrow Polar

Or, you can use a PVector and call `mag()` and `heading()`!



PVector Static Methods

- **Static methods** are methods that belong to a class (rather than an instance)
 - **PVector.random2D** Create a 2D unit vector with a **random direction**
 - **PVector.random3D** Create a 3D unit vector with a **random direction**
 - **PVector.fromAngle** Create a 2D unit vector with the **specified direction**

Instance method

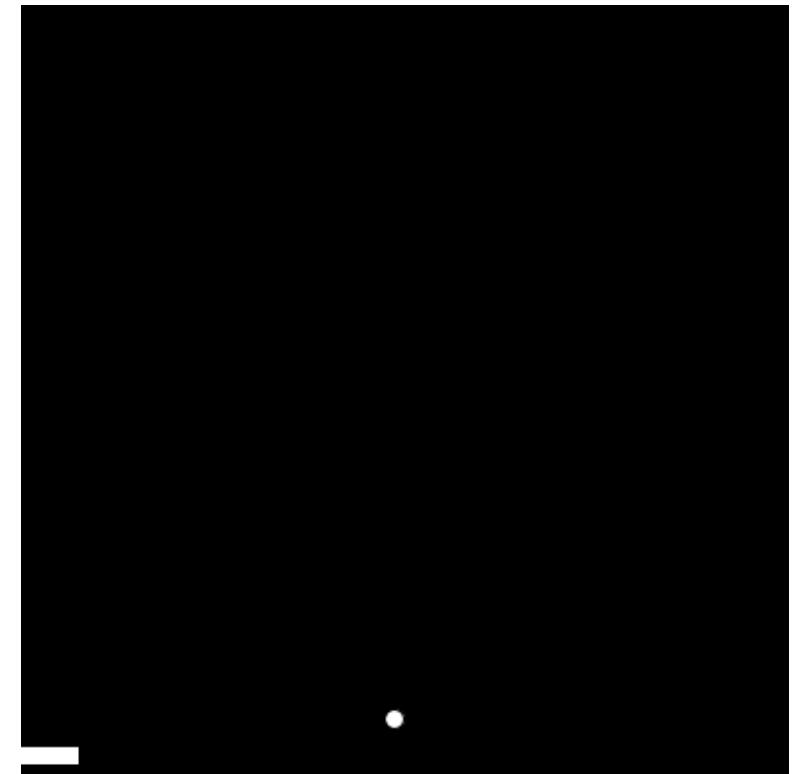
```
PVector v = new PVector(1, 0);
v.rotate(PI / 4);
println(v);
```

Static method

```
PVector v = PVector.fromAngle(PI / 4);
println(v);
```

Homework 2: Paddle Ball Game

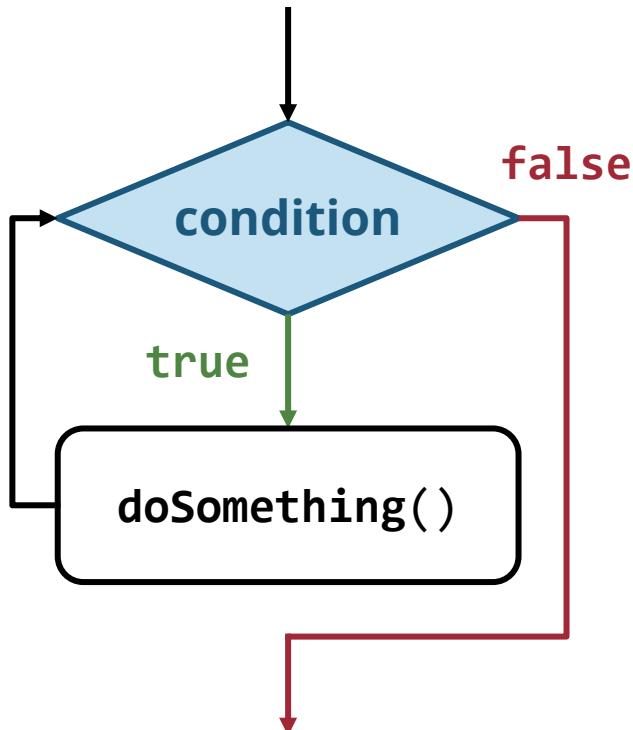
- Instructions will be released on Gradescope
- Features
 - Use the mouse to control the paddle bar
 - Show “GAME OVER!” when the paddle bar does not catch the ball
 - Click the mouse to restart the game
 - You’ll implement an `init()` function that will be called when the game starts or restarts
- Due at **11:59pm ET** on **September 13**
- Late submissions: **1 point deducted per day**



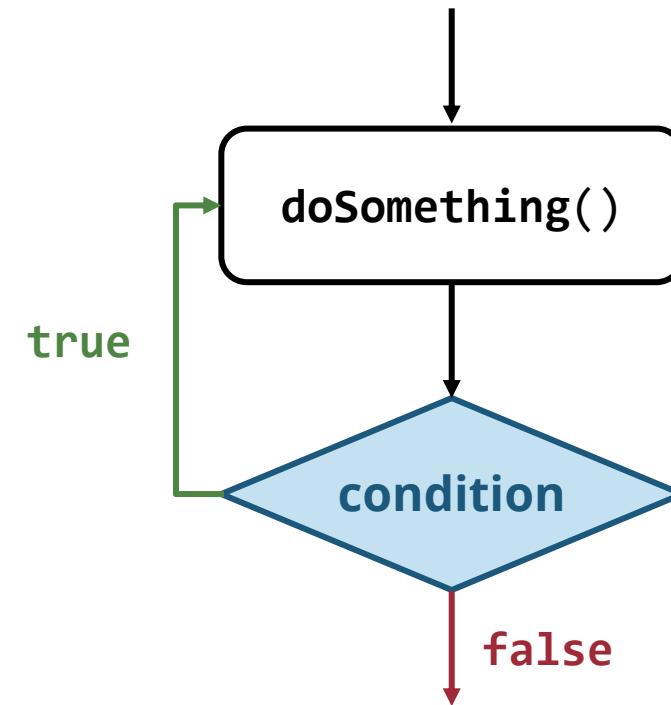
Review – Loops

while vs do-while Loops

```
while (condition) {  
    doSomething();  
}
```



```
do {  
    doSomething();  
}  
while (condition);
```



break vs return vs exit()

```
void setup() {  
    size(400, 400);  
}
```

```
void draw() {  
    while (condition) {  
        doSomething();  
  
        if (condition2) {  
            break; ————  
        }  
    }  
    doSomethingElse();  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    size(400, 400);  
}
```

```
void draw() {  
    while (condition) {  
        doSomething();  
  
        if (condition2) {  
            return; ————  
        }  
    }  
    doSomethingElse();  
}
```

```
void setup() {  
    size(400, 400);  
}
```

```
void draw() {  
    while (condition) {  
        doSomething();  
  
        if (condition2) {  
            exit(); ————  
        }  
    }  
    doSomethingElse();  
}
```

for Loop

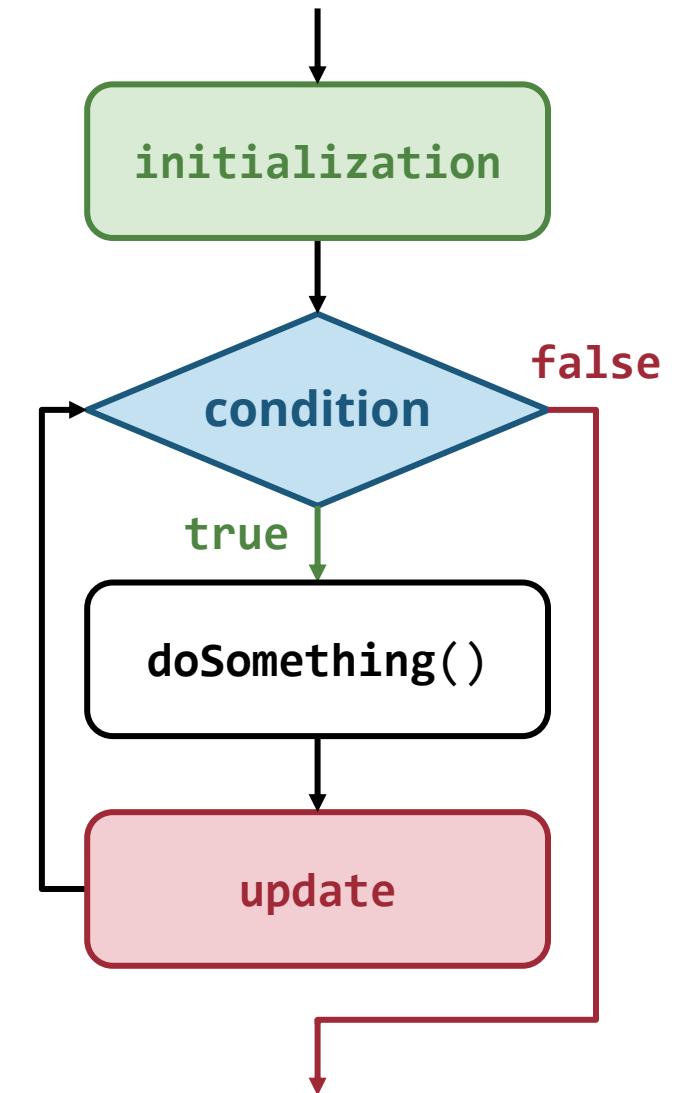
```
// Initialize x  
float x = 0;  
  
// Draw the circles  
while (x <= 200) {  
    circle(x, 200, 10);  
    x = x + 20;  
}
```

Initialization Condition Update

```
for (float x = 0; x <= 200; x = x + 20) {  
    circle(x, 200, 10);  
}
```

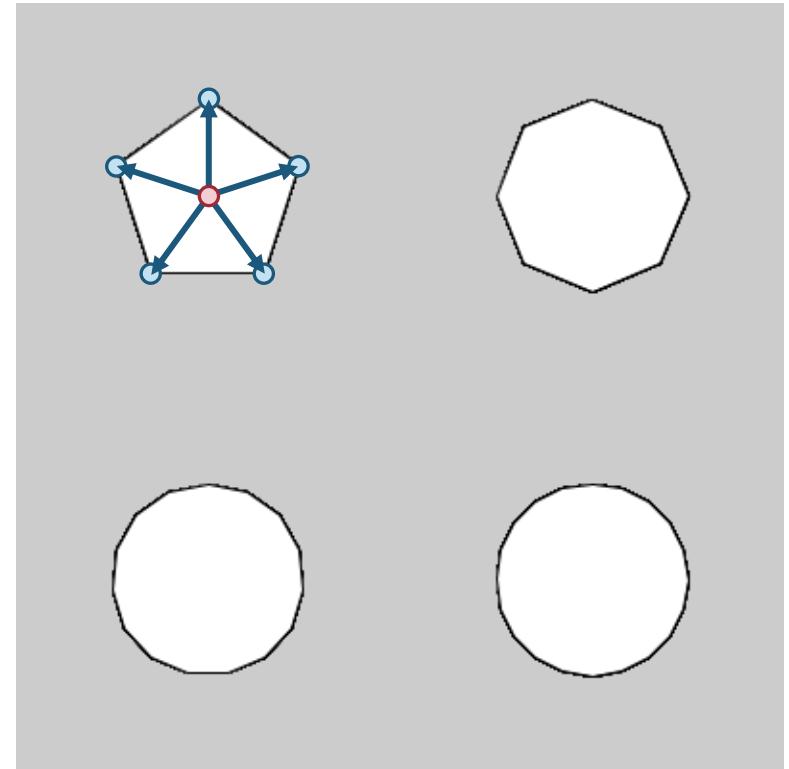
for Loop

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {  
    doSomething();  
}
```



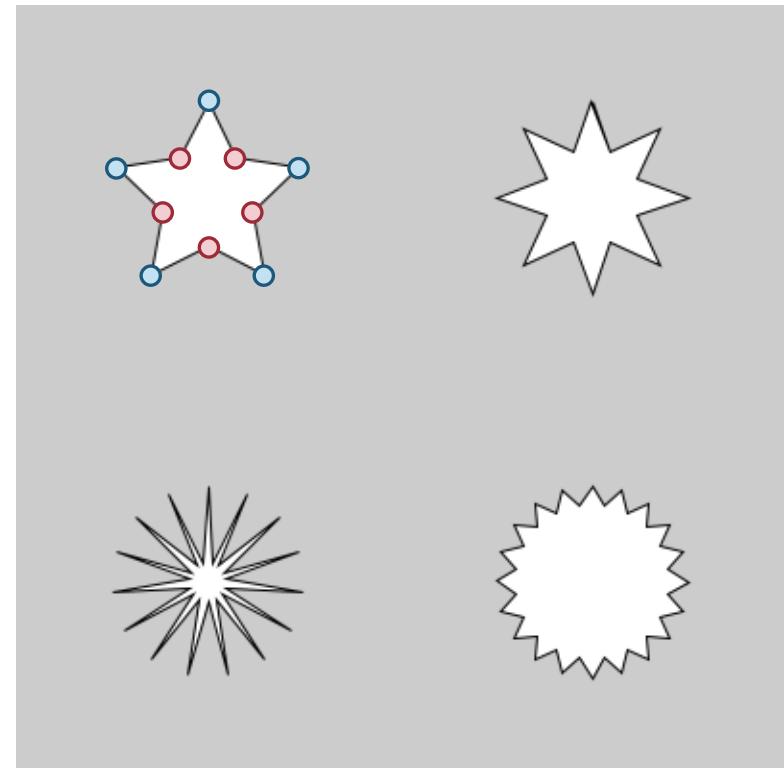
Exercise: Regular Polygons

```
void polygon(float x, float y, float radius, int n) {  
    float vertexX, vertexY;  
    beginShape();  
    for (float a = 0; a < TWO_PI; a += TWO_PI / n) {  
        vertexX = x + radius * cos(a - HALF_PI);  
        vertexY = y + radius * sin(a - HALF_PI);  
        vertex(vertexX, vertexY);  
    }  
    endShape(CLOSE);  
}
```



Example: Stars

```
void star(float x, float y, float r1, float r2, int n) {  
    float vertexX, vertexY;  
    float angle = TWO_PI / n ;  
    beginShape();  
    for (float a = 0; a < TWO_PI; a += angle) {  
        vertexX = x + radius1 * cos(a - HALF_PI);  
        vertexY = y + radius1 * sin(a - HALF_PI);  
        vertex(vertexX, vertexY);  
        vertexX = x + radius2 * cos(a + angle / 2 - HALF_PI);  
        vertexY = y + radius2 * sin(a + angle / 2 - HALF_PI);  
        vertex(vertexX, vertexY);  
    }  
    endShape(CLOSE);  
}
```



For vs For-each Loop

For-each loop

```
float[] pos = {100, 200, 300};

void setup() {
    size(400, 400);
}

void draw() {
    for (float x: pos) {
        circle(x, 200, 50);
    }
}
```

For loop

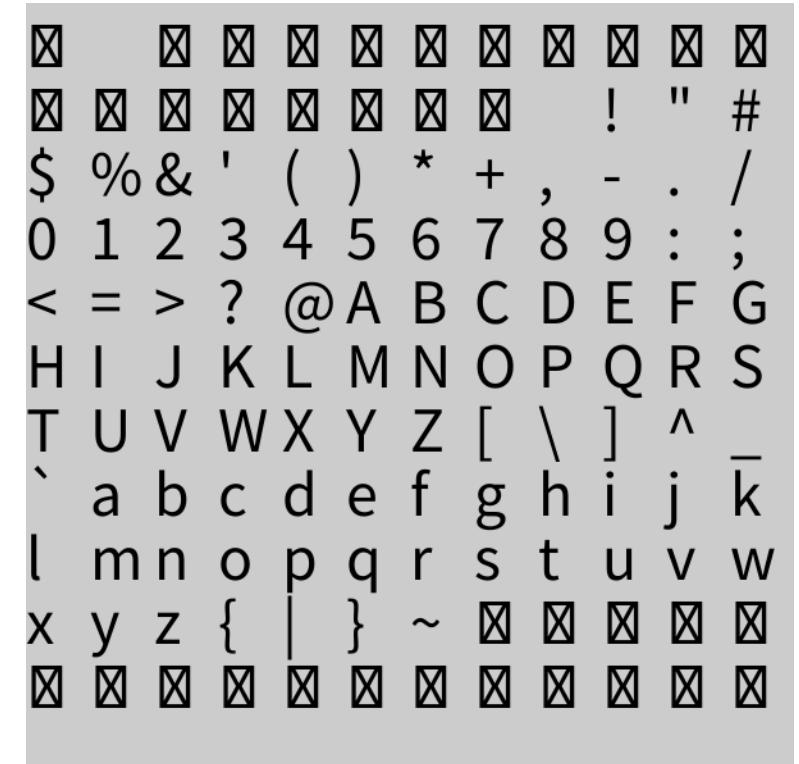
```
float[] pos = {100, 200, 300};

void setup() {
    size(400, 400);
}

void draw() {
    for (int i = 0; i < pos.length; i++) {
        circle(pos[i], 200, 50);
    }
}
```

Exercise: Character Wall

- Print a matrix of characters using for loops
- **Approach 1**
 - Use a **nested for loop**
 - Loop over the **x index** and **y index**
- **Approach 2**
 - Use a **single for loop**
 - Loop over the **character code**



A 10x10 grid of characters representing a character wall. The characters are arranged in a specific pattern:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|---|---|---|-----|---|---|-------|-------|-------|---|
| █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | |
| █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | ! " # | |
| \$ | % | & | ' | () | * | + | , | - . / | | |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 : ; | |
| < | = | > | ? | @ | A | B | C | D | E F G | |
| H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q R S | |
| T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | [\] | ^ _ | | |
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| l | m | n | o | p | q | r | s | t | u v w | |
| x | y | z | { | | } | ~ | █ | █ | █ | █ |
| █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | █ | |

Two Ways of Looping

- **Approach 1**

- Use a **nested for loop**
- Loop over the **x index** and **y index**

```
for (int i = 0; i < 12; i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < 12; j++) {  
        char code = char(i + 12 * j);  
        text(code, i * 50, j * 50);  
    }  
}
```

- **Approach 2**

- Use a **single for loop**
- Loop over the **character code**

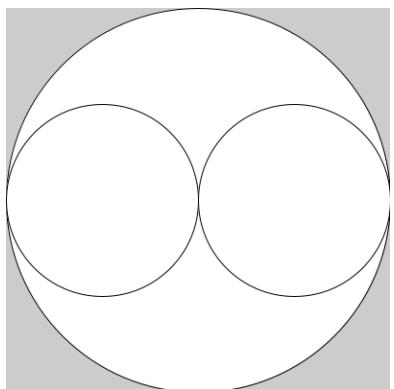
```
for (char code = 0; code < 144; code++){  
    idx = int(code);  
    i = idx % 12; → Common way to turn a 1D  
    j = idx / 12; → sequence into a 2D matrix  
    text(code, i * 50, j * 50);  
}
```

Review – Recursion

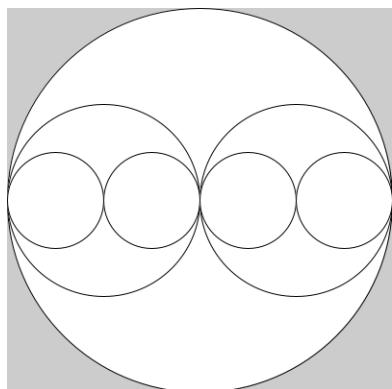
Recursion

- Recursively calling a function

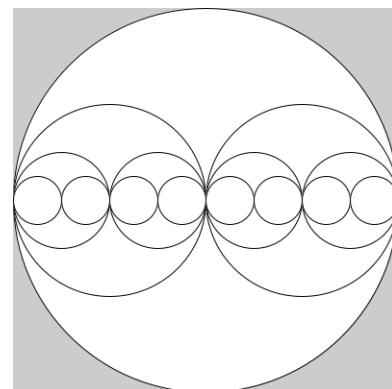
Level = 1



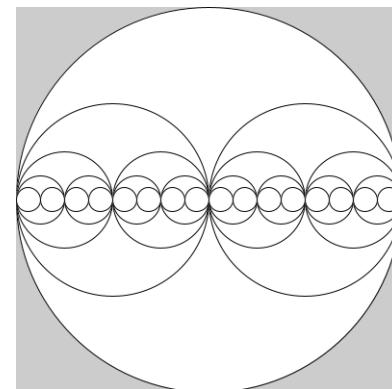
Level = 2



Level = 3

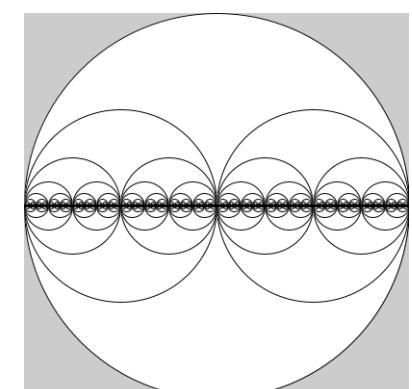


Level = 4



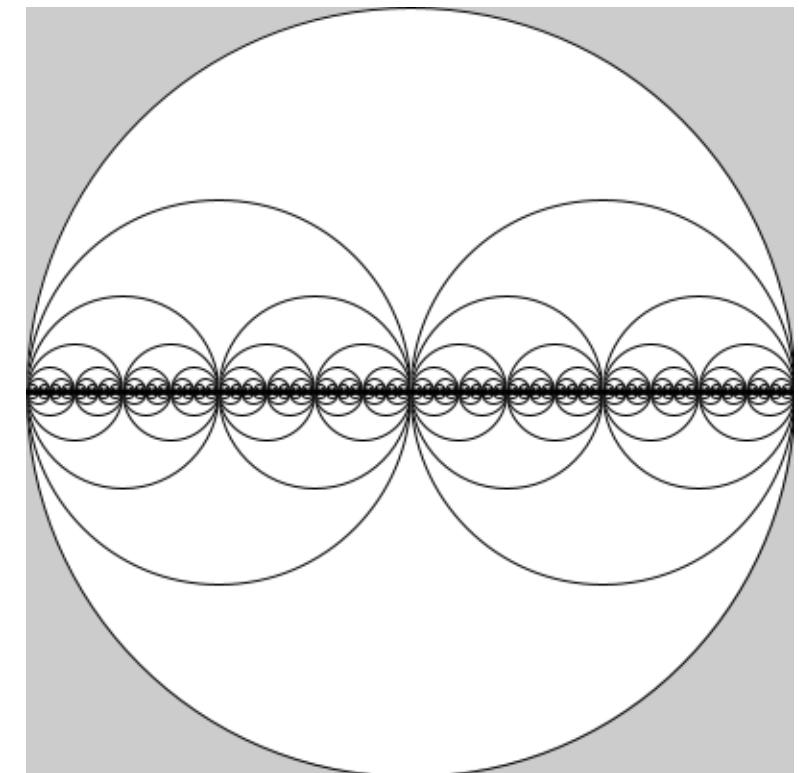
...

Level $\rightarrow \infty$



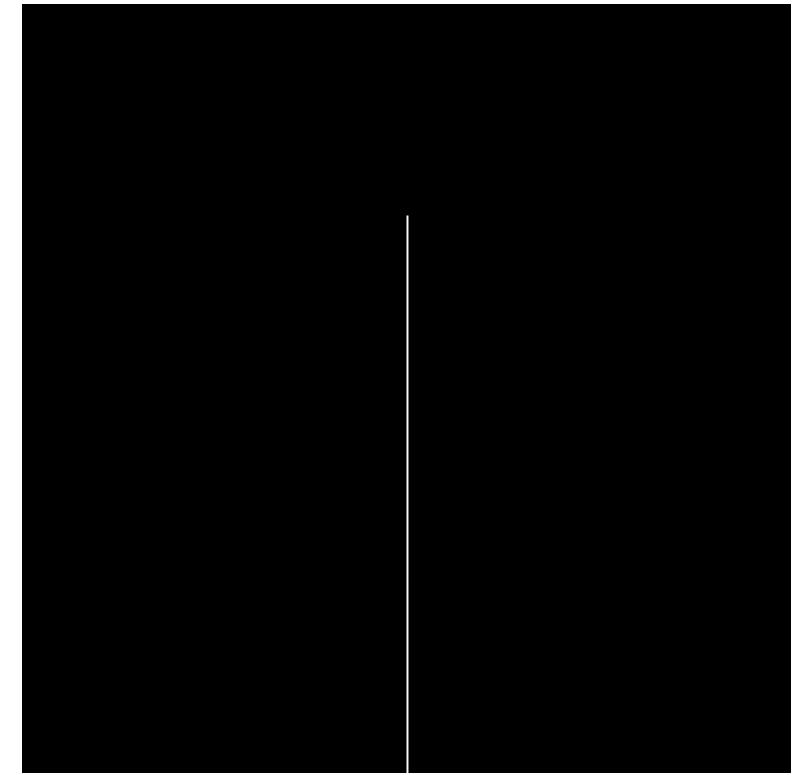
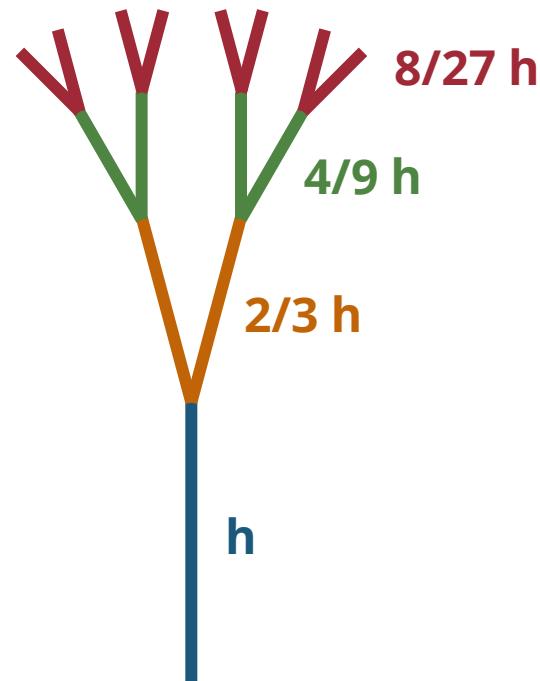
Example: Recursive Circles

```
void drawCircles(float x, float y, float w) {  
    if (w < 1) return; → Stop condition  
    circle(x - w / 4, y, w / 2);  
    drawCircles(x - w / 4, y, w / 2); ——————  
  
    circle(x + w / 4, y, w / 2);  
    drawCircles(x + w / 4, y, w / 2); ——————  
}  
  
void draw() {  
    circle(200, 200, 400);  
    drawCircles(200, 200, w);  
}
```

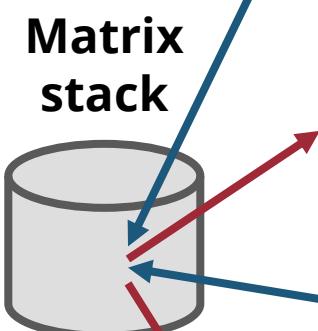


Example: Recursive Tree

- Symmetric branches of $2/3$ length of its root
 - One branch is rotated counterclockwise for a fixed angle
 - The other branch is rotated clockwise for a fixed angle



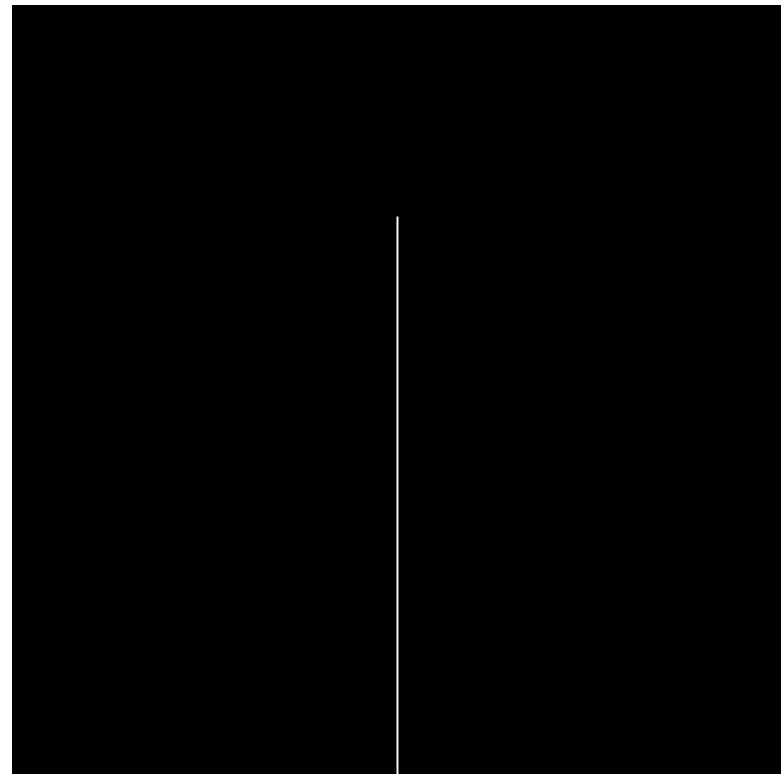
Example: Recursive Tree



```
void branch(float h) {
    if (h < 2) break;

    // Right branch
    pushMatrix();
    rotate(theta);
    line(0, 0, 0, -h * scale);
    translate(0, -h * scale);
    branch(h * scale);
    popMatrix();

    // Left branch
    pushMatrix();
    rotate(-theta);
    line(0, 0, 0, -h * scale);
    translate(0, -h * scale);
    branch(h * scale);
    popMatrix();
}
```



Review – Arrays and Lists

Array vs List

Array

```
float[] pos = new float[3]; Declaration
```

```
void setup() {  
    size(400, 400);
```

```
    pos[0] = 100;  
    pos[1] = 200;  
    pos[2] = 300;
```

```
}
```

```
void draw() {  
    for (int i = 0; i < pos.length; i++) {  
        circle(pos[i], 200, 50);  
    }  
}
```

Initialization

Length of the array

List

```
FloatList pos = new IntList(); Declaration
```

```
void setup() {  
    size(400, 400);
```

```
    pos.append(100);  
    pos.append(200);  
    pos.append(300);
```

```
}
```

```
void draw() {  
    for (int i = 0; i < pos.size(); i++) {  
        circle(pos.get(i), 200, 50);  
    }  
}
```

Initialization

Length of the list

Sorting an Array vs Sorting a List

```
int[] arr = {3, 2, 1};  
sort(arr);  
println(arr);
```

```
[0] 3  
[1] 2  
[2] 1
```

sort(arr) returns a new sorted array

```
int[] arr = {3, 2, 1};  
arr = sort(arr);  
println(arr);
```

```
[0] 1  
[1] 2  
[2] 3
```

```
IntList li = new IntList();  
li.append(3);  
li.append(2);  
li.append(1);  
li.sort();  
println(li);
```

IntList size=3 [1, 2, 3]

List.sort() returns the original list, sorted

Array vs List

| | Array | List |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Size | Fixed | Dynamic |
| Item data type | Same | Can be different |
| Access speed | Faster | Slower |
| Memory requirement | Low | High |
| Multi-dimensional | Possible | Not supported |