



MATLAB for Brain and Cognitive Psychology (Presentation stimuli)

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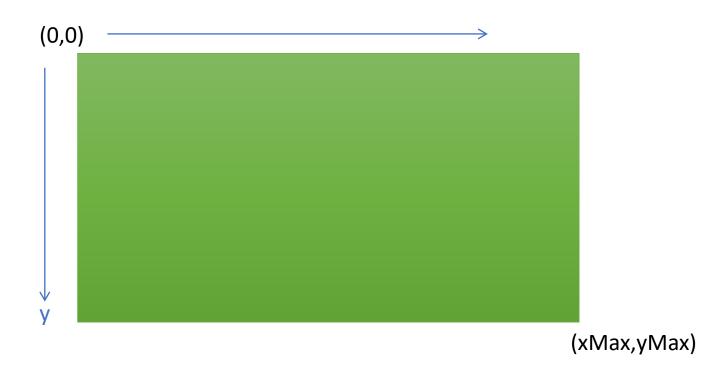
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Today: Steps in the Psychophysics Lab

- Generating Stimuli (today)
- Stimulus presentation
- Visual Display
- Response collection



Screen coordinate system



Drawing simple shapes

```
>> Screen FillRect?
Usage:
Screen('FillRect', windowPtr [,color] [,rect] )
Fill "rect". "color" is the clut index (scalar or [r q b] triplet or [r q b a]
quadruple) that you want to poke into each pixel; default produces white with
the standard CLUT for this window's pixelSize. Default "rect" is entire window,
so you can use this function to clear the window. Please note that clearing the
entire window will set the background color of the window to the clear color,
ie., future Screen('Flip') commands will clear to the new background clear color
specified in Screen('FillRect').
Instead of filling one rectangle, you can also specify a list of multiple
rectangles to be filled - this is much faster when you need to draw many
rectangles per frame. To fill n rectangles, provide "rect" as a 4 rows by n
columns matrix, each column specifying one rectangle, e.g., rect(1,5)=left
border of 5th rectange, rect(2,5)=top border of 5th rectangle, rect(3,5)=right
border of 5th rectangle, rect(4,5)=bottom border of 5th rectangle. If the
rectangles should have different colors, then provide "color" as a 3 or 4 row by
n column matrix, the i'th column specifiying the color of the i'th rectangle.
See also: FrameRect.
```



Drawing simple shapes

Screen('FillRect', wPtr, color, rect);

Define the rectangle(s) to fill in.

If you leave this blank, the whole screen will be filled, and the background color will be set to that color (when you Flip the screen, the buffer will clear to this color)



OpenWindow expanded

[windowPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',whichWindow',bgColor,rect)

Set the screen's background color (default is white)

Define a rect for the screen to appear in (default is to take up the whole physical screen)

Note: timing may suffer if you are not using full screen



```
function drawSomething()
 [wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow', max(Screen('Screens'))); %open the screen
                                                             %draw a rectangle on the back buffer
 Screen('FillRect', wPtr, [255 0 0],[100 100 500 500]);
                                                             %flip the buffers, showing the rectangle
 Screen('Flip',wPtr);
 WaitSecs(10);
 Screen('Flip',wPtr);
                                                             %flip the buffers, clearing the screen
 WaitSecs(10);
 Screen('FillRect', wPtr, [255 0 0],[100 100 500 500]);
                                                             %draw a rectangle on the back buffer
 Screen('Flip',wPtr);
                                                             %flip the buffers, showing the rectangle again
 WaitSecs(10);
 clear Screen;
 end
```

Drawing multiple rects

```
>> rectOne = [100 100 250 400];
>> rectTwo = [250 400 300 450];
>> bothRects = [rectOne', rectTwo']

bothRects =

100 250
100 400
250 300
400 450

>> Screen('FillRect', w, [0 255 0], bothRects);
>> Screen('Flip', w)
```



Centering

- Problem: Draw a 100 by 100 square exactly centered in the screen
 - First step: find the center of the screen

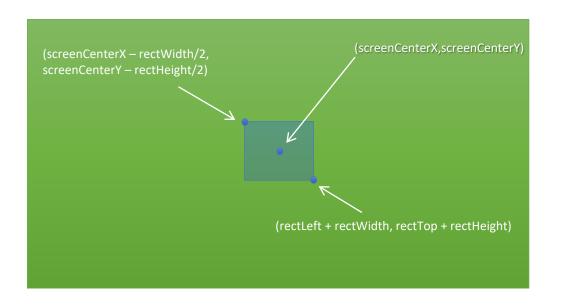


Centering

```
>> [wPtr,rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',1)
wPtr =
    11
rect =
                       0
           0
                          1680
                                            1050
>> screenWidth = rect(3);
>> screenHeight = rect(4);
>> screenCenterX = screenWidth/2;
>> screenCenterY = screenHeight/2;
>>
>> myRectWidth = 100;
>> myRectHeight = 100;
>>
>> myRectLeft = screenCenterX - myRectWidth/2;
>> myRectTop = screenCenterY - myRectHeight/2;
>> myRectRight = myRectLeft + myRectWidth;
>> myRectBottom = myRectTop + myRectHeight;
>> myRect = [myRectLeft, myRectTop, myRectRight, myRectLeft];
>>
>> Screen('FillRect', wPtr,[0 0 255], myRect);
>> Screen('Flip',wPtr);
```



Centering





Drawing functions

```
Screen('DrawLine', windowPtr [,color], fromH, fromV, toH, toV [,penWidth]);
Screen('DrawArc', windowPtr, [color], [rect], startAngle, arcAngle)
Screen('FrameArc', windowPtr, [color], [rect], startAngle, arcAngle[, penWidth] [, penHeight] [, penMode])
Screen('FillArc', windowPtr, [color], [rect], startAngle, arcAngle)
Screen('FillRect', windowPtr [,color] [,rect] );
Screen('FrameRect', windowPtr [,color] [,rect] [,penWidth]);
Screen('FillOval', windowPtr [,color] [,rect] [,perfectUpToMaxDiameter]);
Screen('FrameOval', windowPtr [,color] [,rect] [,penWidth] [,penHeight] [,penMode]);
Screen('FramePoly', windowPtr [,color], pointList [,penWidth]);
Screen('FillPoly', windowPtr [,color], pointList [, isConvex]);
Screen('DrawDots', windowPtr, xy [,size] [,color] [,center] [,dot_type]);
Screen('DrawLines', windowPtr, xy [,width] [,colors] [,center] [,smooth]);
```



Drawing

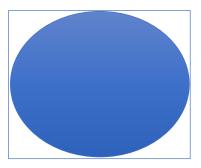
```
Screen('FrameRect', wPtr, color, rect, penWidth);
```

Just like FillRect, but the rectangle is not filled in. Change penWidth to change the thickness of the lines



Drawing circles

Screen('FillOval', wPtr, color, rect);





Drawing circles

```
>> Screen('FillRect',wPtr,[0 0 255],myRect)
>> Screen('FillOval',wPtr,[255 0 0 ],myRect)
>> Screen('Flip',wPtr);
```

Note drawing order! As we add to the screen, new shapes are added on top of old ones.



Alpha blending

```
>> Screen BlendFunction?
>> Screen('BlendFunction',wPtr,GL_SRC_ALPHA,GL_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA); ENABLE BLENDING
>> Screen('BlendFunction',wPtr,GL_ONE,GL_ZERO); DISABLE BLENDING
```



Alpha blending

```
function blendShapes()
 %Open the screen
 [wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',1);
 %Turn on alpha blending
 Screen('BlendFunction', wPtr,GL_SRC_ALPHA,GL_ONE_MINUS_SRC_ALPHA);
 *Define colors
 color1 = [0 255 0 255];
 color2 = [0 \ 0 \ 255 \ 100];
 %Draw Shapes
 Screen('FillRect', wPtr, color1, [300 300 400 400]);
 Screen('FillRect', wPtr, color2, [350 350 450 450]);
 %Show them
 Screen('Flip',wPtr);
 KbWait();
 clear Screen;
 end
```



Drawing lines

```
Screen('DrawLine', wPtr, color, fromH, fromV, toH, toV, penWidth);
```

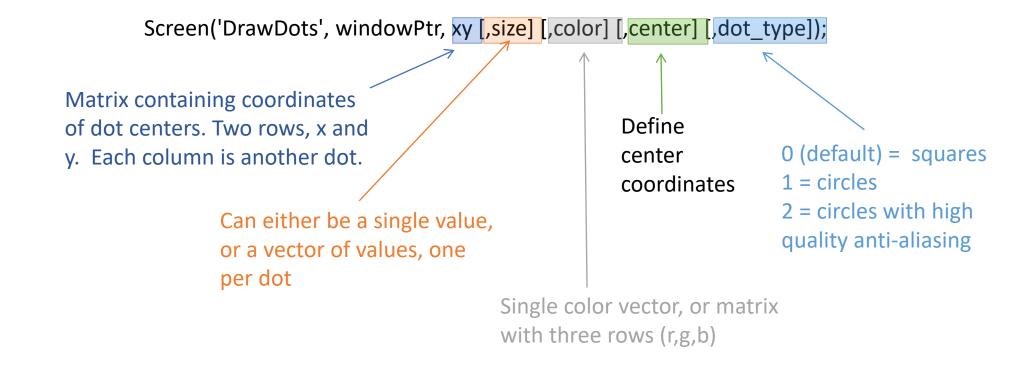
```
(fromH, fromV)

(toH, toV)
```



Using DrawDots

• Alternate method for drawing several shapes at once. Even though it is called DrawDots, it will draw squares as well as circles.



```
>> [wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',1);
>> xCenter = rect(3)/2;
>> yCenter = rect(4)/2;
>>
>> colors = [255 0 0; 0 255 0; 0 0 255]
colors =
  255 0 0
  0 255 0
    0 0 255
>> locations = [-100 0 100; 0 0 0]
locations =
 -100 0 100
    0 0 0
>> sizes = [30 40 50];
>> Screen('DrawDots', wPtr, locations, sizes, colors, [xCenter, yCenter], 1);
>> Screen('Flip',wPtr);
```

Using DrawLines

Screen('DrawLines', windowPtr, xy [,width] [,colors] [,center] [,smooth]);

Matrix containing coordinates.

Two rows (x and y). Each pair of
columns (start and end)

specifies a line.

Either a single color, or one
color per point in xy. Three
rows (r,g,b).

O (default) = no smoothing
1 = smoothing
2 = high quality smoothing
NOTE: smoothing requires
blending to be on



Drawing a fixation cross

```
function drawCross()
 *Define cross characteristics
 crossLength = 10;
 crossColor = 0;
 crossWidth = 3;
 %Set start and end points of lines
 crossLines = [-crossLength, 0; crossLength, 0; 0, -crossLength; 0, crossLength];
 crossLines = crossLines';
 %Open the screen
 [wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',1);
 %Define center of Screen
 xCenter = rect(3)/2;
 yCenter = rect(4)/2;
 %Draw the lines
 Screen('DrawLines', wPtr, crossLines, crossWidth, crossColor, [xCenter, yCenter]);
 Screen('Flip',wPtr);
 %Wait for keypress and clear screen
 KbWait;
 clear Screen;
 end
```



Drawing a fixation cross

```
function drawFixationCross(wPtr,rect,crossLength,crossColor,crossWidth)

% Draws a fixation cross at the center of the screen.

% drawFixationCross(wPtr,rect,crossLength,crossColor,crossWidth)

%

%Set start and end points of lines
crossLines = [-crossLength, 0; crossLength, 0; 0, -crossLength; 0, crossLength];
crossLines = crossLines';

%Define center of Screen
xCenter = rect(3)/2;
yCenter = rect(4)/2;

%Draw the lines
Screen('DrawLines',wPtr,crossLines,crossWidth,crossColor,[xCenter,yCenter]);
end
```



Drawing a fixation cross

```
>> crossLength = 10;
>> crossWidth = 10;
>> crossColor = 0;

>> [wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',1);
>> drawFixationCross(wPtr,rect,crossLength,crossColor,crossWidth);
>> fixationTime = Screen('Flip',wPtr);
```



Animation

• Create a loop where something changes each time through the loop



```
function colorLoop()
 %set some starting color values
 red = 0;
 green = 0;
 blue = 0;
 %set the dimensions of our square
 square = [100 100 400 400];
 %open the screen
 [w,rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',1,0);
 %record the time we are starting
 startTime = GetSecs();
 *Continue this loop until 30 seconds have passed
while GetSecs() < startTime + 30
     %draw the square
     Screen('FillRect', w, [red blue green], square);
     Screen('Flip',w);
     %increment red
     red = red + 1;
     %if red is too high, reset it to 0
     if red > 255
         red = 0;
     end
 end
 clear Screen;
 end
```

- Two steps to drawing text:
 - 1. Set up all the properties of the text we want to draw (font, size, style) using separate commands
 - 2. Draw the text using DrawText



```
Screen('TextSize', wPtr, size);
Screen('TextFont', wPtr, fontString);
Screen('TextStyle', wPtr, style);
                    0 = normal
                    1 = bold
                    2 = italic
                    4 = underline
                    8 = outline
                    32 = condense
                    64 = extend
```



Screen('DrawText', wPtr, text, x, y, color)



```
>> [wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',1);
>> Screen('TextFont',wPtr,'Helvetica');
>> Screen('TextSize',wPtr,48);
>> Screen('DrawText','Hello there',100,100,[200 0 0]);
```



Sometimes, to position text, we need to know its size in pixels:

rect = Screen('TextBounds',wPtr,textString);



Drawing Formatted Text

DrawFormattedText(wPtr,textString,sx,sy,color,wrapat,flipH
orizontal,flipVertical, vSpacing, rightoleft, winRect)

Advantages over DrawText:

Helpful for splitting text into multiple lines. Can include newline characters in the text string (\n) .

Can do automatic centering if you set sx to "center" or right justify if you set to "right"



```
>> [wPtr, rect] = Screen('OpenWindow',1);
>> myText = 'The experiment\nIs about to begin';
>> DrawFormattedText(wPtr,myText,'center',rect(4)/2,0);
```



Assignment Session# 7

Write a function called your Initials session 7()

The function should take two inputs:

- An integer called speed
- An integer called radius

The function should:

- Draw a circle in the center of the screen with radius equal to **radius**. Wait for the user to press a key. The circle will then start moving diagonally towards the lower right hand corner of the screen. The speed at which it moves will be determined by **speed**: **speed** is actually the number of pixels that the circle will move each frame. In other words, increment both the x and y position of the circle by speed every frame.
- If the circle should "bounce" off the edge of the screen. That means that once it hits the bottom of the screen, it will start to move up instead of down, and when it hits the right side of the screen it will start to move left instead of right, etc.
 - The color of the circle should randomly change whenever it hits a wall
 - The circle will continue to bounce around the screen indefinitely

