



MINI-PROJECT  
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# Conway's Game of Life: Exploring Cellular Automata

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# What is Conway's Game of Life?

- Definition: Conway's Game of Life is a mathematical model and cellular automaton devised by mathematician John Conway in 1970.
- It's not a traditional "game," but rather a simulation of cell evolution based on simple rules.



# Basic Rules of the Game



- Birth: A dead cell with exactly three live neighbors becomes a live cell.
- Survival: A live cell with two or three live neighbors remains alive.
- Death: All other live cells die or remain dead.





# Visualization and Simulation.

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- The game is played on a two-dimensional grid of cells.
- Cells can be in two states: alive (filled) or dead (empty).
- Simulation progresses in discrete time steps, with cell states evolving based on neighboring cells

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# ADVANTAGES



## Importance of Conway's Game of Life

Emergent Behavior: Simple rules lead to complex and unpredictable patterns.

Model for Complex Systems: Serves as a model for various natural systems.

Scientific Applications:  
Used in biology, physics, and other fields to study pattern formation

## Cellular Automata in Science

Real-world significance  
- Simulating population growth and decline.

Studying pattern formation in biological systems

## Patterns and Structures

Blinkers, gliders, spaceships, and oscillators.

Building blocks for creating more intricate structures

## Turing Completeness

Concept of Turing completeness: A system that can simulate any computation.

Remarkably, Conway's Game of Life is Turing complete, showcasing its computational power.

## Creative and Artistic Exploration

Beyond science:  
Game of Life's creative applications.  
Generating aesthetic patterns and designs



# Real-World Applications

## Practical uses:

- Modeling predator-prey relationships.
- Image processing for pattern recognition





# Conclusion

- Recap: We've explored the significance of Conway's Game of Life.
- Ongoing relevance: Continues to inspire research, creativity, and computational exploration.





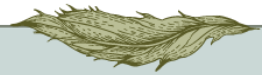


# WORKING COMMANDS

## COMMANDS :-

1. **Spacebar:** While the simulation is running, press the spacebar to pause it. Press it again to resume the simulation.
2. **'c':** While the simulation is running, press the 'c' key to clear the grid (set all cells to dead).
3. **'r':** While the simulation is running, press the 'r' key to randomize the grid (set cells to either alive or dead randomly).
4. **Mouse Click:** While the simulation is running, click on a cell in the grid to toggle its state between alive and dead. This allows you to interactively modify the grid.

# CODE



```
1  import pygame
2  import numpy as np
3
4  # Initialize pygame
5  pygame.init()
6
7  # Set up display
8  width, height = 800, 600
9  screen = pygame.display.set_mode((width, height))
10 pygame.display.set_caption("Game of Life")
11
12 # Set cell size and grid dimensions
13 cell_size = 10
14 cols, rows = width // cell_size, height // cell_size
15
16 # Create grid and initialize variables
17 grid = np.zeros((rows, cols), dtype=int)
18 running = False
19 clear_grid = False
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21  # Define colors
22  BLACK = (0, 0, 0)
23  WHITE = (255, 255, 255)
24
25  # Main loop
26  clock = pygame.time.Clock()
27  while True:
28      screen.fill(BLACK)
29
30      for event in pygame.event.get():
31          if event.type == pygame.QUIT:
32              pygame.quit()
33              exit()
34          elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEBUTTONDOWN and not running:
35              if event.button == 1: # Left mouse button
36                  row = event.pos[1] // cell_size
37                  col = event.pos[0] // cell_size
38                  grid[row, col] = 1 - grid[row, col]
39          elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEMOTION and pygame.mouse.get_pressed()[0] and not running:
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39     elif event.type == pygame.MOUSEMOTION and pygame.mouse.get_pressed()[0] and not running:
40         row = event.pos[1] // cell_size
41         col = event.pos[0] // cell_size
42         grid[row, col] = 1
43
44     elif event.type == pygame.KEYDOWN:
45         if event.key == pygame.K_SPACE:
46             running = not running
47         elif event.key == pygame.K_c:
48             grid = np.zeros((rows, cols), dtype=int)
49         elif event.key == pygame.K_UP:
50             clock.tick(30) # Increase the simulation speed
51         elif event.key == pygame.K_DOWN:
52             clock.tick(5) # Decrease the simulation speed
53
54     if running:
55         new_grid = np.copy(grid)
56
57         for row in range(rows):

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57     for row in range(rows):
58         for col in range(cols):
59             x = col * cell_size
60             y = row * cell_size
61
62             # Draw cells
63             if grid[row, col] == 1:
64                 pygame.draw.rect(screen, WHITE, (x, y, cell_size, cell_size))
65
66             # Count live neighbors
67             neighbors = np.sum(grid[max(0, row - 1):min(rows, row + 2),
68                                     max(0, col - 1):min(cols, col + 2)]) - grid[row, col]
69
70             # Apply Game of Life rules
71             if grid[row, col] == 1 and (neighbors < 2 or neighbors > 3):
72                 new_grid[row, col] = 0
73             elif grid[row, col] == 0 and neighbors == 3:
74                 new_grid[row, col] = 1
75
76         grid = new_grid
77
78     pygame.display.flip()
79
80     clock.tick(100) # Adjust the speed of the simulation here

```

# OUTPUT





Thank you



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