

The Countdown of Conte Carlos – Full Game Infographic

GAME OVERVIEW

- Pygame Zero game where Carlos must match a target histogram or die.
- Two levers: choose a base distribution + choose a function ($f(x)$).
- Stakes: Timer = Queen's life; wrong answers = fingers lost.

GAME LOGIC (From Code)

- MAX_FINGERS = 6, ROUND_TIME = 60s.
- Distributions (IDs 1–6):
 - Normal, Skewed Right, Skewed Left, Uniform, Bimodal Symmetric, Bimodal Asymmetric.
- Functions (IDs 1–4):
 - $f(x)=x$, x^2 , \sqrt{x} , $1-x$.
- Answers list maps a target image → (distribution ID, function ID).

PUZZLE SYSTEM

- generate_new_puzzle():
 - Randomly selects 1 of 10 answer combinations.
 - Creates target histogram using scaled Actor() sprite.
 - Resets timer, fingers, lever positions.

USER INPUT (From Code)

- A/D → cycle distributions.
- J/L → cycle functions.
- ENTER → submit guess.
- R → new puzzle.

GAME STATES

- PLAYING, WON, LOST_TIME, LOST_FINGERS.
- Winning: guess matches answer_key → WON
- Losing:
 - Time hits 0 → LOST_TIME.
 - Fingers reach 0 → LOST_FINGERS.

UI ELEMENTS DRAWN

- Target histogram at top.
- Lever 1: Current distribution preview.
- Lever 2: Current function preview.
- Hourglass bar timer (yellow fill).
- Finger counter.
- End-game overlays for WIN / TIME LOSS / FINGER LOSS.

GRAPHICS SYSTEM

- make_scaled_actor(): rescales images to avoid distortion.
- draw(): renders UI, histograms, prompts, and overlays.

HISTOGRAM SYSTEM

- Target histograms are pre-generated images based on valid (distribution, function) pairs.
- Images are scaled using make_scaled_actor() to ensure clean resolution on screen.
- Player previews update in real-time as levers change.

DISTRIBUTION & FUNCTION DESIGN

- All distributions chosen to reflect distinct statistical shapes: symmetric, skewed, multi-modal.
- Functions modify shape dynamically to teach intuitive transformation effects.
- IDs map directly to answer validation logic.

TIMER & FINGER MECHANICS

- 60-second countdown builds urgency.
- Finger system adds tension and clear penalty feedback.
- Messages guide the player through success/failure states.

USER INTERFACE LAYOUT

- Top: Target histogram (central visual anchor)

- Middle left: Lever 1 distribution preview

- Middle right: Lever 2 function preview

- Bottom: Timer bar, finger counter, controls reference

- End screens use color-coded overlays for clarity.

TECHNICAL ARCHITECTURE

- draw() handles all rendering each frame.
- update(dt) manages the timer and win/loss transitions.
- on_key_down() handles all input logic for levers and submitting guesses.
- generate_new_puzzle() resets and initializes new puzzles cleanly.