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Introduction

Probabilities and random numbers

Uniform

`random()`

Gaussian/Normal

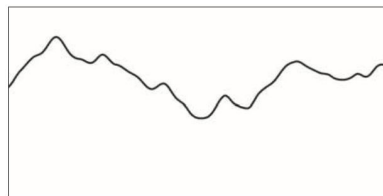
[`randomGaussian\(\)`](#): -> float

Perlin Noise (smoother approach)

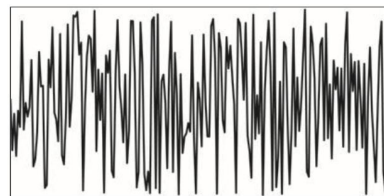
For natural textures

[`noise\(\)`](#)

[`noiseDetail\(\)`](#): Adjusts the character and level of detail produced by the Perlin noise function



Perlin Noise



Random

Use `map()` to map random numbers (0, 1) to the range you want

Chapter 1: Vectors

PVector

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PVector methods

<code>set()</code>	Set the components of the vector
<code>random2D()</code>	Make a new 2D unit vector with a random direction.
<code>random3D()</code>	Make a new 3D unit vector with a random direction.
<code>fromAngle()</code>	Make a new 2D unit vector from an angle
<code>copy()</code>	Get a copy of the vector
<code>mag()</code>	Calculate the magnitude of the vector
<code>magSq()</code>	Calculate the magnitude of the vector, squared
<code>add()</code>	Adds x, y, and z components to a vector, one vector to another, or two independent vectors
<code>sub()</code>	Subtract x, y, and z components from a vector, one vector from another, or two independent vectors
<code>mult()</code>	Multiply a vector by a scalar
<code>div()</code>	Divide a vector by a scalar
<code>dist()</code>	Calculate the distance between two points
<code>dot()</code>	Calculate the dot product of two vectors
<code>cross()</code>	Calculate and return the cross product
<code>normalize()</code>	Normalize the vector to a length of 1
<code>limit()</code>	Limit the magnitude of the vector
<code>setMag()</code>	Set the magnitude of the vector
<code>heading()</code>	Calculate the angle of rotation for this vector
<code>rotate()</code>	Rotate the vector by an angle (2D only)
<code>lerp()</code>	Linear interpolate the vector to another vector
<code>angleBetween()</code>	Calculate and return the angle between two vectors
<code>array()</code>	Return a representation of the vector as a float array

Vector algebra

Chapter 2: Forces

Static vs. Non-static in Java

[Reference](#)

Static method

Static method belong to the class

Non-static method belong to the object

Friction

$$\overrightarrow{Friction} = -1 * \mu * N * \hat{v}$$

Air and Fluid Resistance

General drag equation

$$F_D = \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 C_D A$$

where

F_D is the **drag force**,

ρ is the **density** of the fluid,^[11]

v is the speed of the object relative to the fluid,

A is the **cross sectional area**, and

C_D is the **drag coefficient** – a **dimensionless** number.

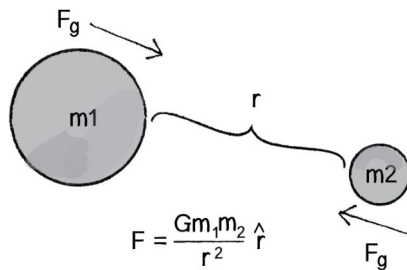
Reduced drag equation

magnitude is speed squared * coefficient of drag

$$F_{\text{drag}} = \underbrace{\|v\|^2 * c_d}_{\text{magnitude}} * \underbrace{\hat{v} * -1}_{\text{direction}}$$

direction is opposite of v (velocity)

Gravitational Attraction



Calculate planetary attraction function

```
PVector attract(Mover m) {
  PVector force = PVector.sub(location, m.location);
  float distance = force.mag();
  distance = constrain(distance, 5.0, 25.0);

  force.normalize();
  float strength = (G * mass * m.mass) / (distance * distance);
  force.mult(strength);
  return force;
}
```

Remember, we need to constrain the distance so that our circle doesn't spin out of control.

Chapter 3: Oscillation

Angles

[radians\(\)/degrees\(\)](#)

[rotate\(radian\)](#)

Angular velocity

location = location + velocity

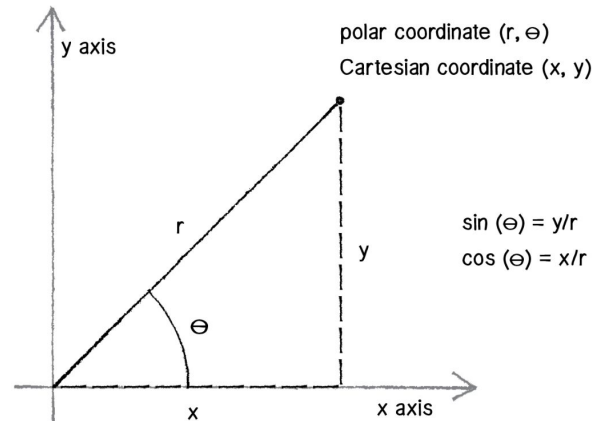
velocity = velocity + acceleration

angle = angle + angular velocity

angular velocity = angular velocity + angular acceleration

[heading\(\)](#): Calculates the angle of rotation for a vector (2D vectors only) == [atan2\(\)](#)

Polar vs. Cartesian Coordinates



Oscillation

$$y(t) = A \sin(2\pi f t + \varphi) = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$

where:

- A = the *amplitude*, the peak deviation of the function from zero.
- f = the *ordinary frequency*, the *number* of oscillations (cycles) that occur each second of time.
- $\omega = 2\pi f$, the *angular frequency*, the rate of change of the function argument in units of *radians* per second
- φ = the *phase*, specifies (in radians) where in its cycle the oscillation is at $t = 0$.

Wave

Static continuous wave example

```
float angle = 0;
float angleVel = 0.2;
float amplitude = 100;

size(400,200);
background(255);

stroke(0);
strokeWeight(2);
noFill();

beginShape();
for (int x = 0; x <= width; x += 5) {
  float y = map(sin(angle), -1, 1, 0, height);
  vertex(x, y);
  angle += angleVel;
}
endShape();
```

Here's an example of using the `map()` function instead.

With `beginShape()` and `endShape()`, you call `vertex()` to set all the vertices of your shape.

Sinusoidal standing wave example

```
float startAngle = 0;  
float angleVel = 0.1;
```

```
void setup() {  
  size(400,200);  
}
```

```
void draw() {  
  background(255);
```

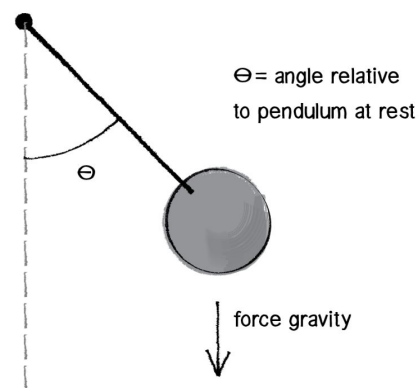
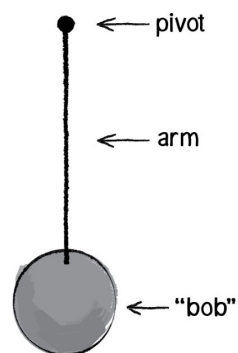
```
  float angle = startAngle;
```

In order to move the wave, we start at a different theta value each frame. startAngle += 0.02;

```
  for (int x = 0; x <= width; x += 24) {  
    float y = map(sin(angle), -1, 1, 0, height);  
    stroke(0);  
    fill(0,50);  
    ellipse(x,y,48,48);  
    angle += angleVel;  
  }  
}
```

Simple pendulum

[Simple pendulum physics](#)



Spring

[Hooke's Law](#)

```
void connect(Bob b) {
```

Calculate spring force—our implementation of Hooke's Law.

```
  PVector force =  
    PVector.sub(b.location, anchor);
```

Get a vector pointing from anchor to Bob location.

```
  float d = force.mag();
```

```
  float stretch = d - len;
```

Calculate the displacement between distance and rest length.

```
  force.normalize();  
  force.mult(-1 * k * stretch);
```

Direction and magnitude together!

```
  b.applyForce(force);
```

Call applyForce() right here!

```
}
```

Chapter 4: Particle Systems

ArrayList

Enhanced for loop (no indexing)

```
for (Particle p : particles) {  
    p.run();  
}
```

This enhanced loop also works for regular arrays!

Remove from list

Wrong example with removing/inserting

```
for (int i = 0; i < particles.size(); i++) {  
    Particle p = particles.get(i);  
    p.run();  
    if (p.isDead()) {  
        particles.remove(i);  
    }  
}
```

If the particle is "dead," we can go ahead and delete it from the list.

Correct example with removing/inserting

```
for (int i = particles.size()-1; i >= 0; i--) {  
    Particle p = (Particle) particles.get(i);  
    p.run();  
    if (p.isDead()) {  
        particles.remove(i);  
    }  
}
```

Looping through the list backwards

Iterator

Declaration

```
Iterator<Particle> it = particles.iterator();
```

Note that with the Iterator object, we can also use the new <ClassName> generics syntax and specify the type that the Iterator will reference.

Iterating (indexing taken care of with removing/inserting)

```
while (it.hasNext()) {  
    Particle p = it.next();  
    p.run();  
}
```

An Iterator object doing the iterating for you

Inheritance and Polymorphism

```
class Dog extends Animal {  
    color haircolor;  
  
    Dog() {  
        super();  
        haircolor = color(random(255));  
    }  
  
    void eat() {  
        super.eat();  
  
        println("Woof!!!");  
    }  
  
    void bark() {  
        println("WOOF!!");  
    }  
}
```

Call eat() from Animal. A child can execute a function from the parent while adding its own code.

Add some additional code for a Dog's specific eating characteristics.

Particle system with repellers

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