

Intro to Generative Art

Assignment 1

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1 A (Random) Walk Down Memory Lane

In lecture, we covered just how powerful and fun stochastic processes can be using random walkers. Time to put your own twist on it! *Create a random walker (or walkers!) that does something interesting.* They might fight for territory, change colors depending on where they are on your canvas, make noises, be 3D, or even just walk in 8 directions (consider diagonals) instead of 4.

To get started, recall the `Walker` object we created during lecture:

```
1 class Walker {
2   protected int x, y;
3
4   public Walker(int initX, int initY) {
5     //set initial x and y values to given parameters
6     x = initX;
7     y = initY;
8   } //Walker
9
10  public void move() {
11    //generate random num between 0 - 3 (inclusive) to determine next direction
12    int nextDir = int(random(4));
13
14    if (nextDir == 0) {
15      //move right
16      x += 1;
17    } else if (nextDir == 1) {
18      //move left
19      x -= 1;
20    } else if (nextDir == 2) {
21      //move up
22      y += 1;
23    } else {
24      //move down
25      y -= 1;
26    } //else
27
28    x = constrain(x, 0, width-1);
29    y = constrain(y, 0, height-1);
30  } //move
31
32  public void display() {
33    point(x,y);
34  } //display
35 } //Walker
```

2 What's All That Noise!

Randomness comes in all shapes and sizes. One interesting type of randomness is Perlin noise, which is implemented directly in Processing as `noise()`, and can be used for all sorts of interesting stuff from terrain generation to smooth and flowy (but still random!) walks. *Develop an interesting visualization using Perlin noise.*