Perlin Noise

1. Goals

The point of this article is to understand what Perlin noise is. How it works? To see it in all dimensions. To hear how it would sound and to play around with it a little.

2. Abstract

Perlin noise is much easier to create from texturing and it's size would be pretty small.

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3. Introduction

3.1. History of Perlin Noise

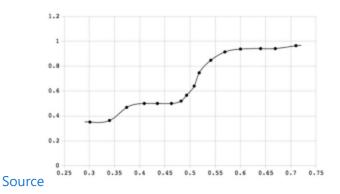
Ken Perlin developed the noise function while working on the original 'Tron' movie in the early 1980s. He used it to create procedural textures for computer-generated effects. In 1997, Perlin won an Academy Award in technical achievements for his work.

3.2. What is Perlin Noise

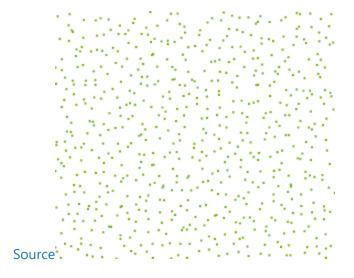
For the development of the Perlin Noise, Ken Perlin used a technique to produce natural appearing textures on computer-generated surfaces for motion picture visual effects. The development of Perlin Noise has allowed computer graphic artists to better represent the complexity of natural phenomena in visual effects for the motion picture industry.

Perlin noise can be used to generate various effects with natural qualities, such as clouds, landscapes, and patterned textures like marble. Perlin noise has a more organic appearance because it produces a naturally ordered ("smooth") sequence of pseudo-random numbers.

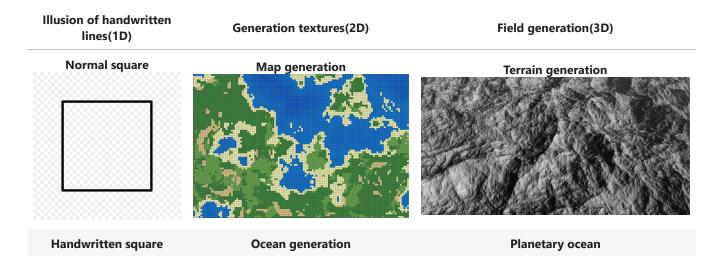
This is what Perlin noise looks like. We can see how the points are very close to each other and when we connect them it becomes a smooth curve.

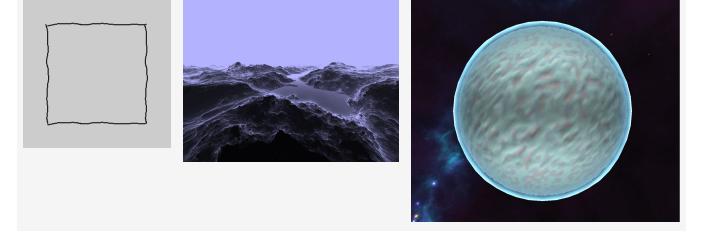


This is Random noise.



3.3. Use Cases





We will best see the difference between 1D white noise curve and 1D Perlin noise curve.

4. Perlin Noise 1D

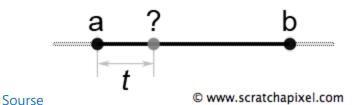
```
In []: def WhiteNoise(size):
    # Above all I want to make White noise with random points.
    x = np.random.random(size)

plt.plot(x)

plt.xlabel("Sample Values")
plt.ylabel("Samples")
plt.title("White Noise")

plt.show()
    return x

white_noise = WhiteNoise(450)
```



$$a(1-t)+bt$$

```
In [ ]: white_noise = WhiteNoise(200)
   perlin_noise = perlin_noise_1d(200, 22, 200)
```

Hmm, I can't see difference. Therewhite_noise = WhiteNoise(200) perlin_noise=perlin_noise_1d(200,22)fore lets try with a lower point and see the results.

```
In [ ]: white_noise = WhiteNoise(25)
    perlin_noise = perlin_noise_1d(25, 22, 250)
```

Okay, okay, somehow now i can see the difference. Let's keep going.

```
In [ ]: white_noise = WhiteNoise(5)
   perlin_noise = perlin_noise_1d(5, 20, 100)
```

Opinion for 1D graph: Perlin noise is smoother than White noise curve.

Okay, we saw 1D. Let's contunue with 2D to see whether we will see a difference.

But first we need to explain how the algorithm works.

5. Algoritum explanation

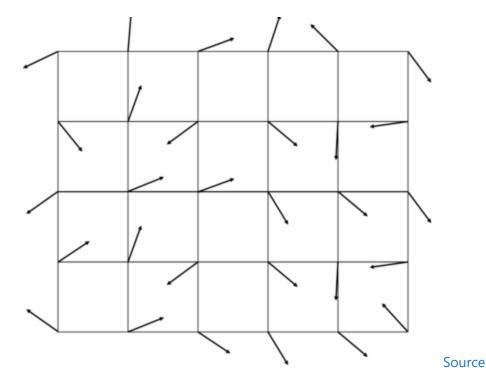
Well, how to make 2D Perlin Noise?

We make a grid.

```
In [ ]: plt.grid() # using for showing a grid only.
```

There must be a vector on this grid at each vertex.

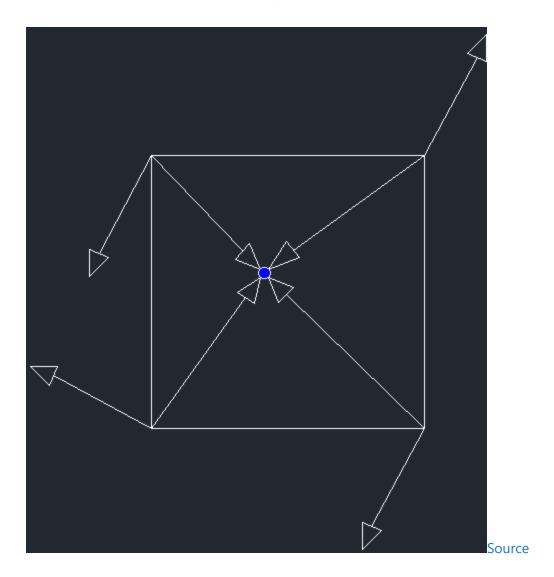
We will us 8 vectors in 3D and 4 in the 2D case.



```
"generation on table"
np.random.seed(seed)
p = np.arange(256, dtype=int)
np.random.shuffle(p)
p = np.stack([p, p]).flatten()
```

We use Dot Product. Therefore, two vectors begin to emerge from each angle. Why? Because a Dot product is a product of the length of the two vectors multiplied by the cosine of the angle between them.

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + \dots + a_n b_n$$



We choose a point to a point on the grid and we multiply by the cosine of the angle between these two vectors. This is the scalar distance.

```
In [ ]: def gradient(h, x, y):
    "grad converts h to the right gradient vector and return the dot product with (x,y)"
    vectors = np.array([[0, 1], [0, -1], [1, 0], [-1, 0]])
    g = vectors[h % 4]
    return g[:, :, 0] * x + g[:, :, 1] * y
```

This way we will understand how close the two vectors are to each other. When they are farther apart, the cosine becomes smaller. When we have a right angle it becomes zero and if they are in opposite directions the cosine is equal to -1.

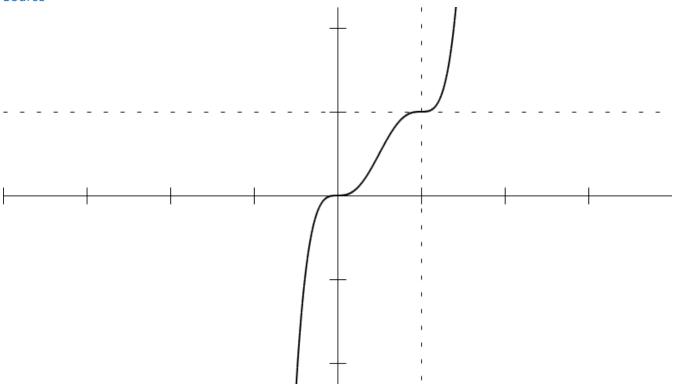
```
"coordinates of the top-left"
    xi, yi = x.astype(int), y.astype(int)
```

Now every point has a dot product that needs to be considered in some way. And here comes the Bilinear Interpolation(from 0 to 1), but there is a problem with it and that is because the Bilinear Interpolation works only for two points. Therefore, it should be done for all couples.

```
In [ ]: def lerp(a, b, x):
    "Bilinear Interpolation"
    return a + x * (b - a)
```

Using fade function

Source

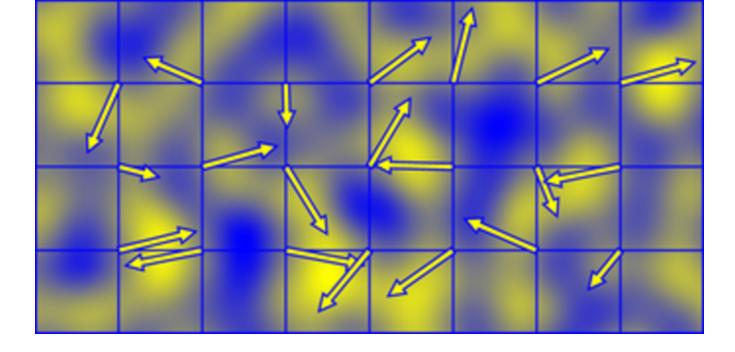


The fade function

$$\psi(t) = 6t^5 - 15t^4 + 10t^3$$

```
In [ ]: def fade(t):
    return 6 * t**5 - 15 * t**4 + 10 * t**3
```

Source



```
In [ ]: # finall result of making a 2D perlin noise function
        def perlin(x, y, seed=0):
           # permutation table
           np.random.seed(seed)
            p = np.arange(256, dtype=int)
            np.random.shuffle(p)
            p = np.stack([p, p]).flatten()
            # coordinates of the top-left
            xi, yi = x.astype(int), y.astype(int)
            # internal coordinates
            xf, yf = x - xi, y - yi
            # fade factors
            u, v = fade(xf), fade(yf)
            # noise components
            n00 = gradient(p[p[xi] + yi], xf, yf)
            n01 = gradient(p[p[xi] + yi + 1], xf, yf - 1)
            n11 = gradient(p[p[xi + 1] + yi + 1], xf - 1, yf - 1)
            n10 = gradient(p[p[xi + 1] + yi], xf - 1, yf)
            # combine noises
            x1 = lerp(n00, n10, u)
            x2 = lerp(n01, n11, u)
            return lerp(x1, x2, v)
```

6. Perlin Noise 2D

2d : using 1d to form an image : We use the 1d samples to create a 2d image

Here's how a 2D White noise image would look like:

```
In []: plt.imshow(np.random.random((25, 25)))
    plt.title("White Noise")
    plt.xlabel("X")
    plt.ylabel("Y")
    plt.colorbar()
    plt.show()
```

Here's how a 2D Perlin noise image would look like:

```
In [ ]: lin = np.linspace(0, 5, 256, endpoint=False)
x, y = np.meshgrid(lin, lin)
```

```
plt.imshow(perlin(x, y, seed=5))
plt.title("Perlin noise")
plt.xlabel("X")
plt.ylabel("Y")
plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
```

Again, there is a very big difference.

Let's now change the diamater of the images.

```
In []: plt.imshow(np.random.random((256, 256)))
    plt.title("White Noise")
    plt.xlabel("X")
    plt.ylabel("Y")
    plt.colorbar()
    plt.show()

In []: lin = np.linspace(0, 25, 256, endpoint=False)
    x, y = np.meshgrid(lin, lin)
    plt.imshow(perlin(x, y, seed=5), plt.cm.get_cmap())
    plt.title("Perlin noise")
    plt.xlabel("X")
    plt.ylabel("Y")
    plt.colorbar()
    plt.show()
```

Until now we tried with the default color of "plt.imshow()"

What would it look like if i put some color or make the colors black and white?

```
In []: def put_colors_to_imshow(number_of_color):
    """
    What happened now? I looked for all possible colors for 'plt.imshow()' with a little
    """
    colors = "'Accent', 'Accent_r', 'Blues', 'Blues_r', 'BrBG', 'BrBG_r', 'BuGn', 'BuGn_
    colors_to_list = colors.split(", ")
    finall_colors = []
    for color in colors_to_list:
        finall_colors.append(color[1:-1])
    return finall_colors[number_of_color]
    # length of all colors are 166(with processing)

print(f"Choose integer number between 0 and 165: ")
    color = put_colors_to_imshow(int(input()))
To []: lin = nn_linspace(0, 25, 256, endpoint=False)
```

```
In []: lin = np.linspace(0, 25, 256, endpoint=False)
x, y = np.meshgrid(lin, lin)

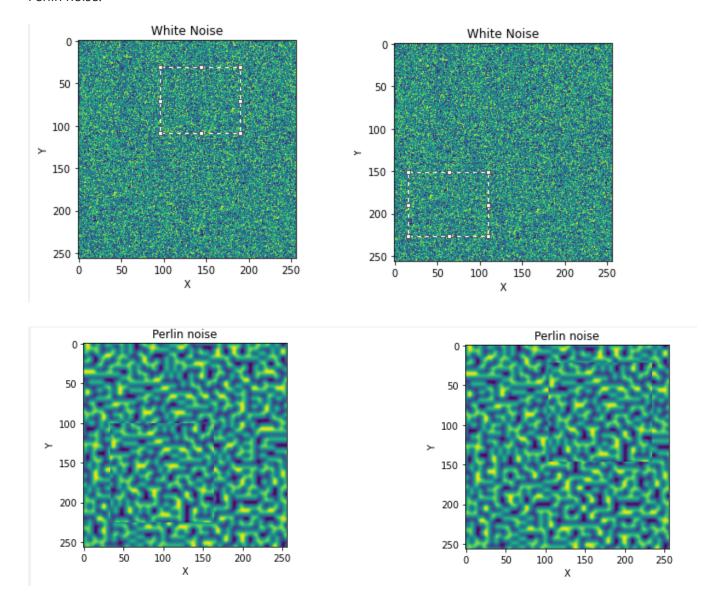
plt.imshow(perlin(x, y, seed=5), plt.cm.get_cmap(color))
plt.title("Perlin noise")
plt.xlabel("X")
plt.ylabel("Y")
plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
```

Wow! I didn't expect that. Looks fascinating.

I decided to crop a part of the image and move it around. I found out that no matter how much I

moved the part taken from the White noise image, there was no difference, and as far as the Perlin noise was concerned, it was as if it was out of place and it was obvious that there was something wrong with the picture.

These are cropped and re-positioned parts from each image using these generations of White noise and Perlin noise.



The conclusion is that not only does the Perlin noise make things smoother but it also and lines up each piece of itself logically.

7. 3D Perlin Noise

```
j / scale,
                    octaves=octaves,
                    persistence=persistence,
                    lacunarity=lacunarity,
                    repeatx=1024,
                    repeaty=1024,
                    base=42,
                )
                # The noise package contains multiple algorithms inside it for generating differ
In [ ]:
        We have now initialised our 2 dimensional array with all the values inside for our terra
        Let's see the results first in 2D when we use 'plt.imshow()'
        plt.imshow(world, cmap="terrain")
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.show()
        plt.imshow(world, cmap="ocean")
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.show()
```

i / scale,

They look interesting and really remind of a terrain and an ocean. We use 2D image to create a 3d image. Let's now take a look at how it would like in 3rd Dimension, but for that we will need 2 more arrays. Which will contain the x-y co-ordinates of our world.

```
In [ ]: lin x = np.linspace(0, 1, shape[0], endpoint=False)
        lin y = np.linspace(0, 1, shape[1], endpoint=False)
        x, y = np.meshgrid(lin x, lin y)
In [ ]: fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="terrain") # plotting in 3 dimensions
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Terrain")
        plt.show()
        fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="ocean") # plotting in 3 dimensions
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Ocean")
        plt.show()
```

We can also rotate the terrain to view the subject from all dimensions.

```
In []: fig = plt.figure()
    ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection="3d")
    ax.plot_surface(x, y, world, cmap="terrain")
    ax.view_init(azim=15)
    plt.xlabel("X")
    plt.ylabel("Y")
    plt.title("3D Terrain +15°")
```

```
plt.show()
        fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="ocean")
        ax.view init(azim=15)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Ocean +15°")
        plt.show()
In [ ]: | fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="terrain")
        ax.view init(azim=30)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Terrain +30°")
        plt.show()
        fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="ocean")
        ax.view_init(azim=30)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Ocean +30°")
        plt.show()
In [ ]: | fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="terrain")
        ax.view init(azim=60)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Terrain +60°")
        plt.show()
        fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="ocean")
        ax.view init(azim=60)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Ocean +60°")
        plt.show()
In [ ]: | fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="terrain")
        ax.view init(azim=90)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Terrain +90°")
        plt.show()
        fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="ocean")
        ax.view init(azim=90)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Ocean +90°")
        plt.show()
```

```
In [ ]: fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="terrain")
        ax.view init(azim=180)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Terrain +180°")
        plt.show()
        fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="ocean")
        ax.view init(azim=180)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Ocean +180°")
        plt.show()
In [ ]: fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot surface(x, y, world, cmap="terrain")
        ax.view init(azim=360)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Terrain +360°")
        plt.show()
        fig = plt.figure()
        ax = fig.add subplot(111, projection="3d")
        ax.plot_surface(x, y, world, cmap="ocean")
        ax.view init(azim=360)
        plt.xlabel("X")
        plt.ylabel("Y")
        plt.title("3D Ocean +360°")
        plt.show()
```

8. Audio generation

We can't talk about music and noise without some explanation.

What is music? Distribution of mechanical waves in the air or some other setting. For example, when we speak our vocal cords vibrate. These vibrations reach our ears.

We understood what music is, let's hear how it sounds.

We will need 1D graphs, we can transform them into audio.

We can turn these noises into actual generated audio samples using 1D graph.

First let's have a look at what 'White noise' as an auduo would sound like.

```
In [ ]: x = WhiteNoise(500_000)
Audio(x, rate=44_100)
```

Now let's check out if the Perlin noise is different here as well.

```
In [ ]: perlin_noise = perlin_noise_1d(13_000, 22, 500_000)
Audio(perlin_noise, rate=44_100)
```

The difference is obvious, White noise sounds really like an old tv whereas the Perlin noise sound resembles the bottom of the ocean.

Let's play a little with the function to see if there would be any difference in both of the sounds.

```
In []: x = WhiteNoise(50_000)
    Audio(x, rate=44_100)

In []: perlin_noise = perlin_noise_1d(1_300, 22, 50_000)
    Audio(perlin_noise, rate=44_100)
```

We reduced the length 10 times and they sound absolutely the same.

How would the Perlin noise sound if we give it bigger values of "Y".

```
In [ ]: perlin_noise = perlin_noise_1d(1_300, 2222, 50_000)
Audio(perlin_noise, rate=44_100)
```

I'm not sure if there's a difference. Okay let's try with a much higher "Y" value.

```
In [ ]: perlin_noise = perlin_noise_1d(1_300, 222222222, 50_000)
Audio(perlin_noise, rate=44_100)
```

However high values we set, we don't hear much of a difference. What will happen if I change the "X" value?

```
In [ ]: perlin_noise = perlin_noise_1d(1_300, 222_222_222, 500_000)
Audio(perlin_noise, rate=44_100)
```

Okayyyy. We can hear a big difference. It reminds me of a purring cat.

We can also create different sounds.

```
In []: # Resources - 3.
    sr = 44100  # sample rate
    T = 2.0  # seconds
    t = np.linspace(0, T, int(T * sr), endpoint=False)  # time variable
    x = 1 * np.sin(2 * np.pi * 440 * t)
    plt.plot(x)
    plt.xlabel("X")
    plt.ylabel("Y")
    Audio(x, rate=sr)
```

```
In []: # Resources - 4.
sound = "Welcome.wav"
flags = winsound.SND_FILENAME
for i in range(0, 2):
    winsound.PlaySound(sound, flags)
```

9. Resources

- 1. Perlin noise code for 2D generation
- 2. Perlin noise code for 3D generation
- 3. Generating a music
- 4. Generating a music

5. Interpolation

6. Perlin noise Wikipedia

7. Eevee article

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