Flocking Behavior

- **Boids by Craig Reynolds (1986)**
  - 3 Steering behaviors
    - **Separation**: steer to avoid crowding local flockmates
      - Maintain minimum distance to others
    - **Alignment**: steer towards the average heading of local flockmates
      - Adjust speed according to others in vicinity
    - **Cohesion**: steer to move toward the average position of local flockmates
  - Each boid sees only flockmates within a certain small neighborhood around itself.
Boids Used in Movies

- Batman Returns
  - to simulate bats and penguins
- Cliffhanger
  - Simulation of bats
- Jurassic Park
  - Simulation of gallamunus herd
- The Lion King
  - Scene of wildbeast stampede
- Jumanji
  - Stampede of zoo animals
- Star Trek Voyager “Elogium”
  - Simulation of a swarm of space creatures
flocking robots


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Possible Questions

1. Describe the Hertz Modelling Process
2. What are Boids and how do they work?
3. Propose an L-System Rule to draw the following artificial plant
Readings until now

- Lecture notes
  - Posted online @ http://informatics.indiana.edu/rocha/i101
  - *The Nature of Information*
  - *Technology*
  - *Modeling the World*
  - @ *infoport*
- From course package
    - Chapters 1, 4 (pages 1-12)
  - From Andy Clark’s book "*Natural-Born Cyborgs*"
    - Chapters 2 and 6 (pages 19 - 67)
  - From Irv Englander’s book "*The Architecture of Computer Hardware and Systems Software*"
    - Chapter 3: Data Formats (pp. 70-86)
Assignment Situation

- Labs
  - Past
    - Lab 1: Blogs
      - Closed (Friday, January 19): Grades Posted
    - Lab 2: Basic HTML
      - Closed (Wednesday, January 31): Grades Posted
    - Lab 3: Advanced HTML: Cascading Style Sheets
      - Closed (Due Friday, February 2)
    - Lab 4: More HTML and CSS
      - Due Friday, February 9
  - Next: Lab 5
    - Introduction to Operating Systems: Unix
      - Due Friday, February 16
      - Open Steel Account (instructions online)
      - Intro to Operating Systems
- Assignments
  - Individual
    - First installment
      - Due: February 9
  - Group Project
    - First installment
      - Presented: February 20, Due: March 9th
- Midterm Exam
  - March 1st (Thursday)
Individual assignment

- Individual Project
  - 1st installment
    - Presented: February 1st
    - Due: February 9th
  - 2nd Installment
    - Presented: February 13th
    - Due: March 2nd
  - 3rd Installment
    - Presented: March 8th
    - Due: March 30th
  - 4th Installment
    - Presented: April 5th
    - Due: April 20th

The Black Box

What is it!!??

Cycles = 1

Restart Go
How to encode data?

What is data?
- Information without context and knowledge
- Part of Syntax

Keeping Numbers
- The most fundamental need for modeling and information
Encoding Numbers: Counting

- Tallying is the earliest form of modeling
  - Fingers (digits), stones (Lt “calculus” = Pebble), bones
  - **Lebombo bone**
    - Oldest counting tool is a piece of baboon fibula with 29 notches from 35,000 BC, discovered in the mountains between South Africa and Swaziland
    - Probably representing the number of days in a Moon Cycle (A Model!)
  - Czechoslovakian wolf's bone
    - with 55 notches in groups of 5, from 30,000 BC.

The **Ishango Bone**

- Oldest Mathematical Artefact?
  - 10,000 BC, border of Zaire and Uganda
  - Used as a counting tool?
    - 9, 11, 13, 17, 19, 21: odd numbers
    - 11, 13, 17, 19: prime numbers
    - 60 and 48 are multiples of 12

http://www.simonsingh.com/The_Ishango_Bone.html
Base for counting

- The use of numbers requires a base value
  - The simplest is “one”
    - 1: one item
    - 2: two items
    - Etc.
  - A base defines how we consistently group items in counting
    - An order of magnitude
    - Roman and Egyptian numerals represent each order of magnitude by a different symbol
      - I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, ..., L, ..., C, ..., D, ..., M, (7)

[Image of Roman numerals and Egyptian hieroglyphs]

1,475,268

1M  400K  70K  5K  200  60  8

http://www.psinvention.com/zoetic/tr_egypt.htm
Let’s go back to Bases

- **Egyptian and Roman**
  - Each order of magnitude requires a new symbol
    - No “zero”
      - Omission of relevant group: MXX = 1020, MMV = 2005

- **Hindu/Arabic System (**position**al)**
  - 6000 to 3000 BC
  - Order of magnitude represented by location
    - With the same symbols!
    - Can represent huge numbers!
  - Each position/order of magnitude denotes \( n \) times the last order of magnitude
    - \( n \) is the **base**! (or **radix**)
      - 10 is 10 times 1
      - 100 is 10 times 10
      - 1000 is 10 times 100, etc.
  - Arabic numerals disseminate in the west via the Iberian Kingdoms
    - Castilian kings sent their children to be educated with Muslim kingdoms
      - al-Andalus
    - Pope Sylvester II (Gerbert of Aurillac, 955-1003 AD)
      - In a monastery close to Barcelona (Kingdom of Aragón) had extensive contact with Muslims. Introduced the abacus, etc,
Positional Bases for digital counting

- **Digital** (from Latin word for finger *digitus*)
  - Used to convey the notion of discrete objects/values
  - Things we can count

- **Base** $n$
  - Each position to the left is equal to $n$ times the position to the right
  - Each position to the right is equal to the position to the left divided by $n$.

- **Decimal: Base 10**
  - 10 symbols (digits): 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
    - Most frequent
    - … [thousands]-[hundreds]-[tens]-[units]
Other digital Bases

- **Base \( n \)**
  - Each position to the left is equal to \( n \) times the position to the right
  - Each position to the right is equal to the position to the left divided by \( n \).

- **Octal: Base 8**
  - 8 symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
  - \( 4096 - 512 - 64 - 8 - 1 \)
  - 402 in octal = 258 in decimal
  - The *Yuki* used base 8

- **Hexadecimal: Base 16**
  - 16 symbols: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F
  - \( 65536 - 4096 - 256 - 16 - 1 \)
  - 402 in octal = 258 in decimal = 102 in Hexadecimal
  - 7473 in octal = 3899 in decimal = F3B in Hexadecimal

- **Vigesimal: Base 20**

- **Binary: Base 2**
  - 2 symbols: 0, 1
  - \( 256 - 128 - 64 - 32 - 16 - 8 - 4 - 2 - 1 \)
  - 100000010 in binary = 382 in octal = 258 in decimal = 102 in Hexadecimal
An exponent is shorthand for multiplying that number of identical factors (the base).

\[ a^b = a \times a \times \cdots \times a \]

\[ 2^5 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \]

\[ a^b = a^c \times a^d = a^{c+d} \]
Background on Powers

\[ a^b = a \times a \times \cdots a \]

\[ a^b \div a^c = a^{b-c} \]

\[ a^0 = 1 \]

\[ a^c \times a^d = a^{c+d} \]

\[ \frac{1}{a^c} = a^{0-c} = a^{-c} \]

\[ a^0 = a^{b-b} = \frac{a^b}{a^b} = 1 \]
Counting with the Decimal System

- **Positional number system**
  - the value of each digit is determined by its position
    - 683 is different from 836
    - The lowest place value is the rightmost position, and each successive position to the left has a higher place value

- **Base 10**
  - The value of each position corresponds to powers of 10
    - \( \ldots d_4d_3d_2d_1d_0 = \ldots + d_4 \times 10^4 + d_3 \times 10^3 + d_2 \times 10^2 + d_1 \times 10^1 + d_0 \times 10^0 \)
    - Each digit to the left is 10 times the previous digit.
      - \( 483 = 4 \times 10^2 + 8 \times 10^1 + 3 \times 10^0 \)

  - To multiply a number by 10 you can simply shift it to the left by one digit, and fill in the rightmost digit with a 0
    - \( 483 \times 10 = 4830 \)

  - To divide a number by 10, simply shift the number to the right by one digit (moving the decimal place one to the left).
    - \( 483 \div 10 = 48.3 \)

- **With** \( n \) **digits,** \( 10^n \) **unique numbers can be represented**
  - If \( n=3 \), 1000 (\( =10^3 \)) numbers can be represented 0-999.
Let’s Count decimal with fingers

- **Decimal Numeral System**
  - 10 symbols (digits): 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

- **Base 10**
  - Each position to the left is equal to 10 times the position to the right
  - Each position to the right is equal to the position to the left divided by 10.

http://www.intuitor.com/counting/HandCounter.html
Counting with the Binary System

- **Positional number system**
  - the value of each digit is determined by its position
    - 101 is different from 110
    - The lowest place value is the rightmost position, and each successive position to the left has a higher place value

- **Base 2**
  - The value of each position corresponds to powers of 2
    - \( d_4d_3d_2d_1d_0 = \ldots + d_4 \times 2^4 + d_3 \times 2^3 + d_2 \times 2^2 + d_1 \times 2^1 + d_0 \times 2^0 \)
    - Each digit to the left is 2 times the previous digit.
      - \( 111100011 \) (483) = \( 1 \times 2^8 + 1 \times 2^7 + 1 \times 2^6 + 1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 0 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0 \)
  - To multiply a number by 2 you can simply shift it to the left by one digit, and fill in the rightmost digit with a 0
    - \( 101 \times 2 = 1010 \) (10)
  - To divide a number by 2, simply shift the number to the right by one digit (moving the decimal place one to the left).
    - \( 101 \div 2 = 10.1 \) (2.5)
  - With \( n \) digits, \( 2^n \) unique numbers can be represented
    - If \( n=8 \), 256 (=\( 2^8 \)) numbers can be represented 0-11111111.

\[ \ldots \times n \times n \times n \times \]

\[ [0, (n-1)] [0, (n-1)] [0, (n-1)] [0, (n-1)] \]
Let’s Count binary with fingers

- Binary Numeral System
  - 2 symbols: 0, 1
- Base 2
  - Each position to the left is equal to 2 times the position to the right
  - Each position to the right is equal to the position to the left divided by 2.

Can count up to 1023!!!

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Converting Binary to Decimal

- $2^8 = 256$
- $2^7 = 128$
- $2^6 = 64$
- $2^5 = 32$
- $2^4 = 16$
- $2^3 = 8$
- $2^2 = 4$
- $2^1 = 2$
- $2^0 = 1$

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Comparing Binary with Decimal

- Binary: Decimal
  - 0000: 00
  - 0001: 01
  - 0010: 02
  - 0011: 03
  - 0100: 04
  - 0101: 05
  - 0110: 06
  - 0111: 07

- Binary: Decimal
  - 1000: 08
  - 1001: 09
  - 1010: 10
  - 1011: 11
  - 1100: 12
  - 1101: 13
  - 1110: 14
  - 1111: 15
Next Class!

- **Topics**
  - Encoding Text
  - Encoding Multimedia

- **Readings for Next week**
  - Lecture notes Posted online @ [http://informatics.indiana.edu/rocha/i101](http://informatics.indiana.edu/rocha/i101)
    - *Modeling the World*
  - @ infoport
    - Read Binary encoding resources at Infoport!!
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- **Lab 5**
  - Introduction to Operating Systems: Unix