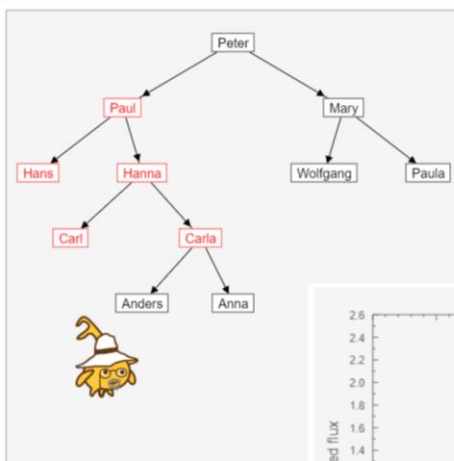
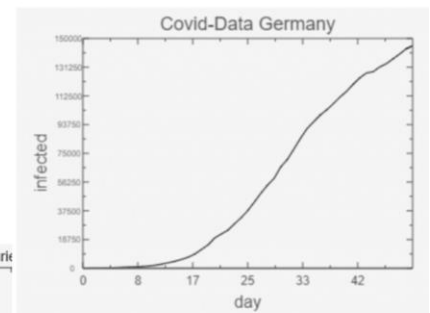
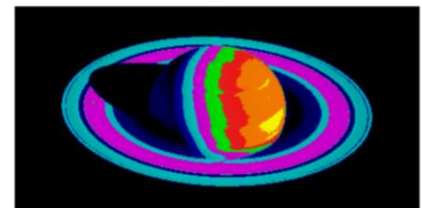
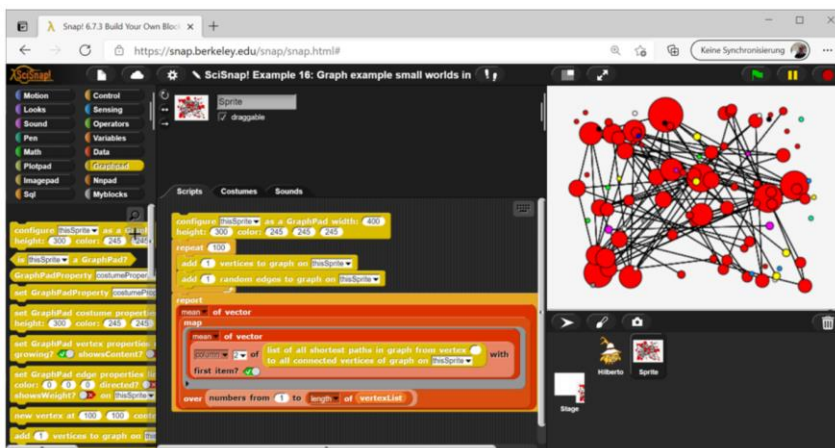
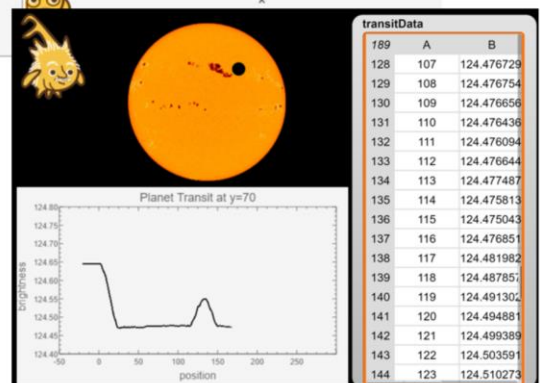
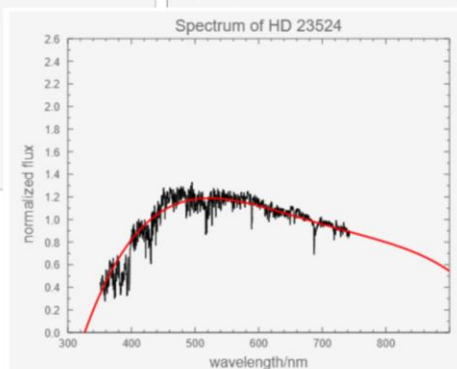
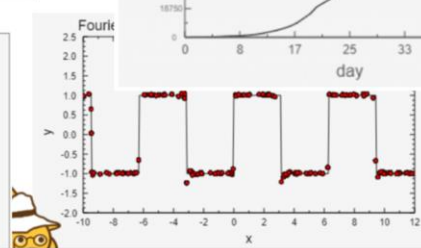
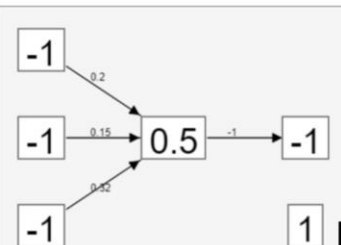


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## Preface

The development of computer tools, especially in the field of programming languages, has made rapid progress in recent decades. For example, graphical programming languages have been developed that allow beginners to work on small projects on their own very quickly without having to worry about syntax quirks, etc. If only a limited time is available for learning programming, this is a decisive step forward, because the relationship between the practice of using the programming tool (the programming environment incl. language) and the content work practically reverses. Accordingly, tools like *Scratch*<sup>1</sup> from MIT or *Snap!*<sup>2</sup> from UCB are used successfully in schools and universities.

So, although a lot has happened with the tools, the content in programming courses looks surprisingly unchanged. Simple "tasks" are set, which largely serve only to practice the dealing with algorithmic basic structures and data structures, without going beyond that. In addition, there are often working techniques that make sense for large projects with many participants, but which are hardly experienced as helpful by the beginners. An example may be the drawing of Nassi-Shneiderman diagrams<sup>3</sup> (structograms), which sometimes have to be made before scripts are developed, e.g. in Scratch – even though graphical languages illustrate the algorithmic structure through their blocks themselves. That is exactly what they were developed for (among other things). One can imagine the enthusiasm of the learners, e.g. if they have to add some numbers and calculate the tax to be added or as a "funny interlude" to replace all "r" in a text with "l" and thus produce "Chinese" texts. Consequently, the "successes" in programming lessons are also largely unchanged. Because independent problem solving with the resulting product pride is as rare as meaningful applications that explain parts of the learners' world, often only those learners feel addressed who are "interested in computers" anyway. The others, i.e. most of them, also meet the requirements, but they rightly ask themselves: "Why should I learn this, what's for?"

The objection that you can only treat elementary examples with beginners is not to be dismissed. Although with graphical languages there is much more time for actual problem solving, the algorithms that are developed independently at this stage of learning are fairly simple. They usually involve a sequence of commands, often within a loop, that lists some alternatives in sequence: "If this is the case, then do so." If such scripts are nevertheless to provide meaningful experiences, then the elementary commands used – a few – must be "powerful," and it is necessary for the teachers to be imaginative in order to teach "interesting" problems at an elementary level.

This is not a new insight: In the days of the Nassi Shneiderman diagrams, it was a challenging task to draw an oblique line on a technical device such as a screen or printer. Since corresponding graphics commands were developed, it has been a trivial problem that is dealt with one instruction. Just a few years ago, measuring with computers was something

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<sup>1</sup> <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://snap.berkeley.edu/>

<sup>3</sup> This type of diagram was developed in 1972. For chronological classification: one year later, the first microprocessor was launched with the Intel 4004. This may speak for the timeless importance of structograms, but it may also indicate that changes could be considered after 50 years.

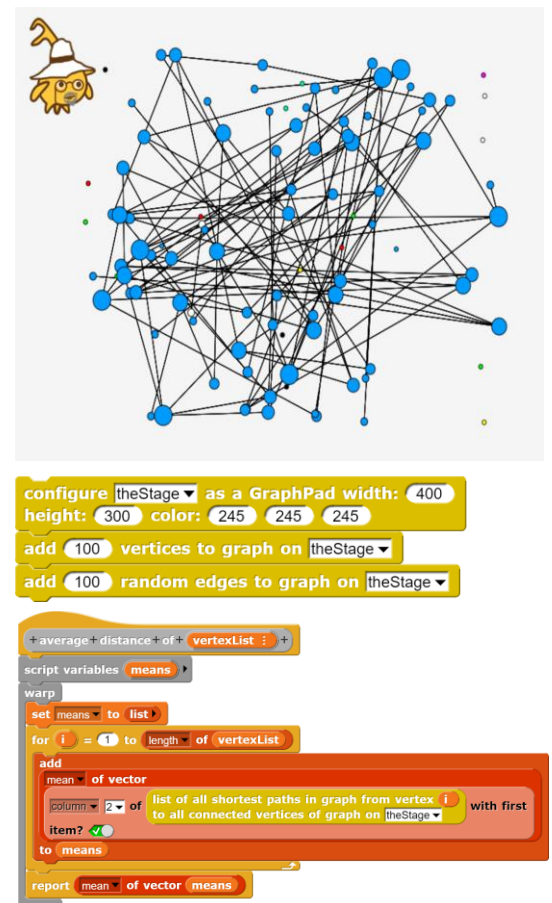
for specialists. Today, almost every school has a set of sensor boards that children work with. It is actually hard to understand why the new possibilities hardly appear in the field of algorithmics. A few random numbers are still sorted or words are converted to capital letters instead of "digging" into sets of data using similarly simple scripts or searching books or images for characteristic structures. To be precise: if characteristic features such as means, standard deviations, ... grouped by characteristics such as the place of residence, gender or occupation of the parents can be determined in a data set with one command, there is enough space in the rest of the algorithm e.g. searching for correlations or graphing the relationships, also with one or a few commands. Above all, however, these possibilities can raise current and obviously important questions, the answers of which concern the learners themselves.

1. A goal of *SciSnap!* is therefore to provide appropriate libraries in various fields such as image processing, diagramming, mathematics, data analysis and databases, graphs or neural networks.

A (unfortunately) current example: economic, geographical, social or content relationships can be represented by graphs. If appropriate commands are available, then the creation and representation of such a (here: random) graph in *SciSnap!* requires only three commands: "configure a sprite, create  $n$  nodes, and then  $n$  randomly selected edges"<sup>4</sup>. If we consider the links as contacts between persons, then the question is how many intermediate contacts can spread infections during pandemic times. Thus, we compute the shortest paths between the nodes: "For each node: compute the shortest paths to all other nodes and enter them in a list". For these results, we calculate the mean values per node in a simple loop, and from this we calculate the overall mean value.<sup>5</sup> Algorithmically, it's a typical beginner's problem: "run through a simple loop". In terms of content, we have found ways to discuss a current social problem, "small worlds"<sup>6</sup>, social networks, friendships or customer-supplier relationships. Teaching has become more relevant.

No one will need all of *SciSnap!*'s rather extensive libraries at the same time. If you assign even one library to the existing, already quite full palettes, an "overflow" will happen. So it's another goal of *SciSnap!* to keep order and overview in the command palettes of *Snap!*. For this purpose is the ability of *SciSnap!* to create, delete or hide palettes (in *Snap!*: categories). The required libraries are sorted into these palettes.

2. Therefore, another goal of *SciSnap!* is to expand the *Snap!*-palettes, and if necessary, to reduce them, thus creating *Snap!* versions configured for different purposes.



<sup>4</sup> Pseudocode: configure GraphPad, add 100 vertices, add 100 edges

<sup>5</sup> Pseudocode: means=list, for i=1 to 100(add mean of row i of distances to means), mean=mean of means

<sup>6</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Small-world\\_experiment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Small-world_experiment)



If you change *Snap!*, then you disconnect yourself from the current development of this fantastic tool. I have therefore refrained from making direct changes to the *Snap!* code. Instead, I have divided *SciSnap!* into two parts: in the first, the *SciSnap!-Starter*, a configuration is created. The commands to generate it are used as a normal *Snap!* project.<sup>7</sup> From this configuration the actual *SciSnap!* is started. Use the *Snap!* cloud, and both are fast.

3. A goal of *SciSnap!* is to work with the current *Snap!* version - as long as there are no fundamental changes.

It's not the goal of *SciSnap!* to present ready-made applications. Rather, it provides powerful commands that can be used to build applications. An example of this are the "Sketchpads": costumes for arbitrary sprites or the stage, on which sketches can be created quickly. Function graphs, images, charts, or histograms can be created with a few commands, and scales are added—and deleted when it gets too crowded. This makes it possible, for example, to illustrate mathematical relationships, such as showing the effect of operators on complex numbers. It is hoped that these examples will encourage learners to create even other, perhaps better, applications that use algorithmic methods in different fields.

4. *SciSnap!* should be usable both as a tool and as a development environment.

*Snap!* is not only a fantastic development tool, but it is based on a fantastic concept. As a graphical re-implementation of MIT's *Scheme*<sup>8</sup> language, based on the "CS Bible" "Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs"<sup>9</sup> by Abelson et.al., it is conceptually far superior to many of the most common programming languages. Although it's not very fast, *Snap!* is running fast enough to be used fluidly in educational settings. Its built-in visualization capabilities make it ideal for simulations. The prototypical inheritance used makes basic computer concepts directly tangible. Nevertheless, it is largely underrated, probably because of the similarity of its interface to *Scratch*. I hope, therefore, that making libraries available that are intended more for projects in high school or in the first semesters of college will have a positive effect on its distribution to these age groups. Let's see...

5. *SciSnap!* is intended for higher grades of school as well as for undergraduate study.

This script contains a description of the possibilities of *SciSnap!* as well as some examples explaining the intended use. The libraries are based on the experience with "*Machine learning with Arthur&Ina*<sup>10</sup>" and the *Snap!*-fork *SQL-Snap!*<sup>11</sup>. They were supplemented by numerous mathematical operators, SQL, sketchpads, neural networks and graphs. A detailed description of *Snap!* with a lot of examples can be found at "*Computer Science*

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<sup>7</sup> You can include starter projects in the favorites bar and run them with one click, e.g. as <https://snap.berkeley.edu/snap/snap.html#present:Username=emodrow&Project-Name=SciSnap!-Starter&editMode>

<sup>8</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MIT/GNU\\_Scheme](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MIT/GNU_Scheme)

<sup>9</sup> <https://mitpress.mit.edu/sites/default/files/sicp/full-text/book/book.html>

<sup>10</sup> as well as other materials on <http://emu-online.de>

<sup>11</sup> <http://snapextensions.uni-goettingen.de/>

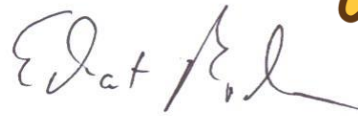
with *Snap!*<sup>12</sup> – and of course, in the *Snap!*-manual<sup>13</sup>. The presented concepts have been and will be used in classes and in beginner lectures at the university.

Oh, and of course there are also two little helpers that will assist in your work with *SciSnap!*. Depending on the application, they two will take turns. *Alberto*<sup>14</sup> will take care of the more scientific applications, *Hilberto*<sup>15</sup> of mathematical and data-oriented ones. If one is active, the other can rest a bit. Both claim to be distant relatives of *Alonzo*, the *Snap!*-Mascot. Whether that's true? One does not know!

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I hope you enjoy working with *SciSnap!*.

Göttingen, on 2021.7.1



<sup>12</sup> <http://ddi-mod.uni-goettingen.de/InformatikMitSnap.pdf>

<sup>13</sup> <https://snap.berkeley.edu/snap/help/SnapManual.pdf>

<sup>14</sup> he works in astrophysics with Rick Hessman

<sup>15</sup> [https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/David\\_Hilbert](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Hilbert)

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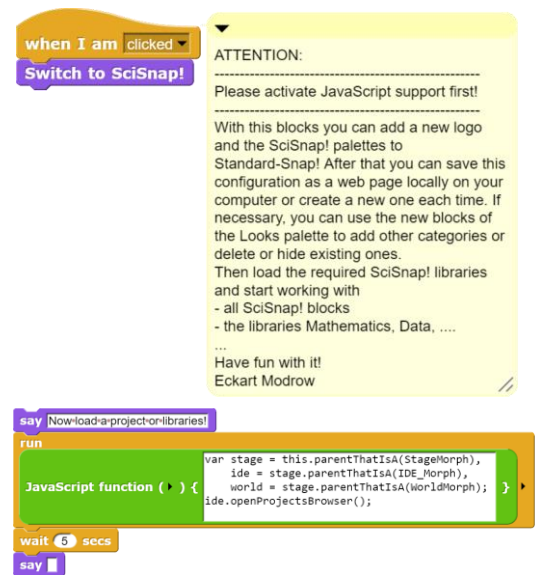
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# 1 SciSnap!-Starter

## 1.1 Create start configurations<sup>16</sup>

As long as *Snap!* itself does not yet work with changeable palette configurations, you have to deal with self-made solutions - if you want to have something like that<sup>17</sup>. Since I also want to work with the current *Snap!* version, more serious interventions in the actual code are not allowed. *Snap!* looks at which palette the new blocks are to be sorted into when loading a project. If this palette is missing, the blocks are ignored. We therefore have to work in two steps to create *SciSnap!* applications:

1. New palettes and some global variables *SciSnap!* works with are created. Not needed palettes can be hidden. If you want, you can load the needed libraries into the corresponding palettes right after. You should add a "green flag block" to which the start commands will be attached. This starter configuration is saved as a *Snap!* project, e.g. in the cloud.
2. You should include a link to "your" *SciSnap!* starter project in the favorites bar in a form that executes the "green flag commands" immediately: e.g. as  
<http://snap.berkeley.edu/snap/snap.html#present:Username=emodrow&ProjectName=SciSnap!-starter&editMode>  
 When you add the adjacent JavaScript block to your script, the normal "Open Project" dialog immediately follows.
3. Work is done in this configuration and the current project is again stored in the cloud.
4. If you want to continue working on the current project later, then load the Starter project and with it the current *Snap!* version, e.g. with the link in the favorites bar. After its execution, the process continues as usual. If both files are in the cloud, then the process is simple and fast.
5. If you want to start a new project with "New" from the File menu, the palettes are kept, but the *SciSnap!* blocks have to be reloaded.



<sup>16</sup> Due to the current problems with JavaScript, JavaScript must first be enabled in the tools menu.

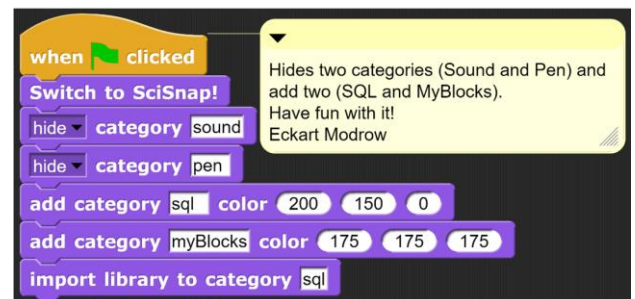
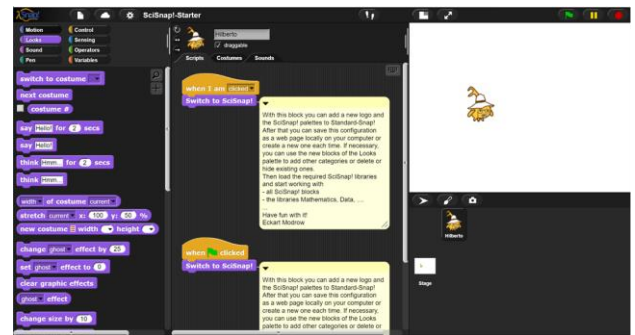
<sup>17</sup> To be clear, using the import library block, you can also load the *SciSnap!* libraries into any other palette. So you don't need to create new palettes!

We will go through this with an example: The goal is to work with the SQL blocks and additionally insert a palette for your own blocks. The palettes for sound and the pen are not to be used.

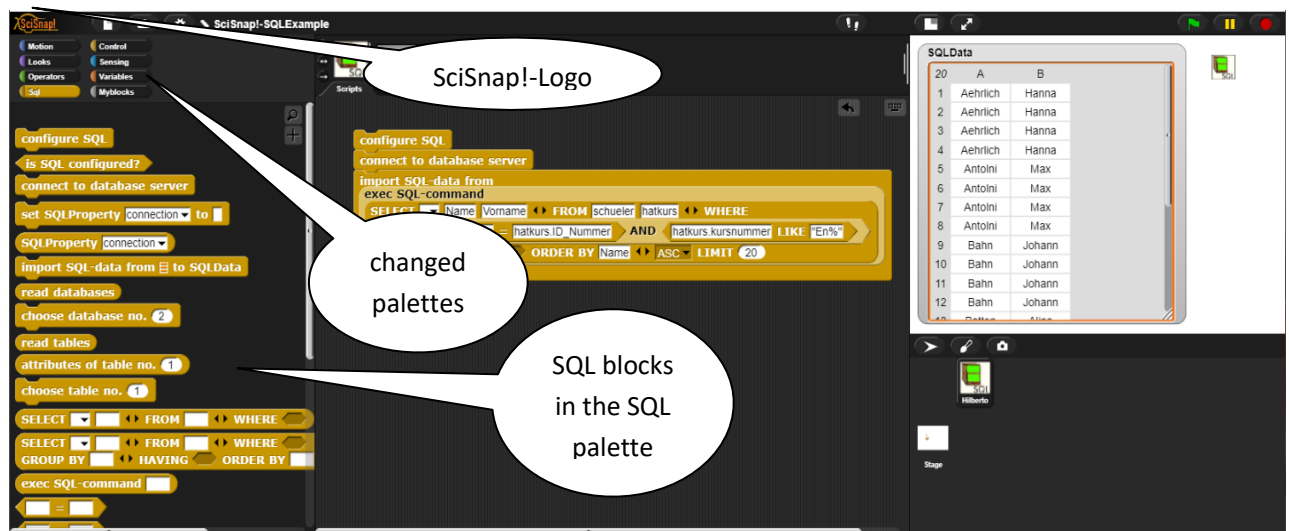
Step 1: We load *Snap!* and then the general *SciSnap!* starter file. (We could also import the *SciSnap!*GlobalBlocks library instead). We get the adjacent screen. There we enable JavaScript if necessary.

Step 2: We specify which palettes are to be hidden (here: *Sound* and *Pen*) and which are to be created with which names and colors (here: *Sql* and *MyBlocks*). In this case, the SQL library should also be loaded into the "*Sql*" palette at once. This project is first saved under the name "SciSnap!-SQLStarter".

Step 3: We save the following link as a favorite: (without spaces and line feeds):  
<http://snap.berkeley.edu/snap/snap.html#present:Username=emodrow&Project-Name=SciSnap!-SQLStarter&editMode>  
 After that it will be executed.



As a result we get a SQL working environment.



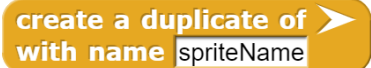




## 1.2 New blocks in the standard palettes of *Snap!*

The additional blocks of the *Looks* palette are there because they have to be assigned to a standard *Snap!* palette to be loaded. The *Looks* palette is where they fit best and are the least disruptive. There are the following blocks:

	Creates the <i>SciSnap!</i> logo and displays it, generates the desired palettes. Enlarges the stage to 800x600 pixels.
	Reads a property.
	Allows you to modify or create a property.
	Creates three global <i>SciSnap!</i> variables " <i>SciSnap!Properties</i> ", " <i>SciSnap!Data</i> " and " <i>SciSnap!Messages</i> ". Sets some properties.
	Inserts a palette with the named name and RGB colors mentioned.
	Hides, shows, or deletes a palette. Snap's standard palettes! will not be deleted.
	Imports a library of any name into the specified palette. The library is selected with the mouse.
	Changes the name of the current sprite.
	Creates a message window in the center of the screen.
	Outputs an error, if possible, via the current sprite and enters it into <i>SciSnap!Messages</i> .
 	Provides a copy of the current costume.
	Provides the costume of a sprite, e.g. for pooling operations.

In addition, the following blocks for handling sprites can be found in the *Control* palette:

	Creates a duplicate of the specified sprite with the specified name.
	Creates a permanent clone of the specified sprite with the specified name.
	Imports a locally stored sprite.

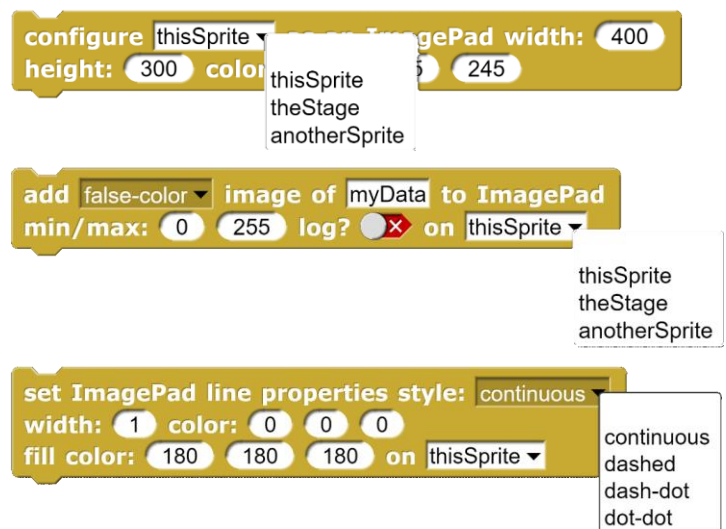
The *Operators* palette contains additional mathematical operators and string functions:

<b>random</b>	Returns a random number between 0 and 1.
<b><math>\pi</math></b>	Returns $\pi$ .
<b>e</b>	Returns the Euler number e.
<b>round</b> 1.2357 to 2 digits	Returns the specified number rounded to the specified number of decimal places.
5 !	Returns n!
( 5 ) ( 3 )	Returns the binomial coefficient.
is a vector <div>             number              text              vector              transposed-vector              matrix              table              complex-number              complex-number-Cartesian-style              complex-number-polar-style              predicate              set           </div>	Some type checks.
<b>substring of</b> thisString from 1 to 4	Returns a partial string of strings.
<b>delete</b> all this in thisString <div>             all              first           </div>	Deletes all or the first string(s) in a string.
<b>upper case</b> thisString	Returns a string in capital letters.
<b>lower case</b> ThisString	Returns a string in lowercase.
<b>write text</b> this-text to TXT-file this-file	Writes a string to a text file in the browser's download folder.
<b>index of</b> ring in thisString	Returns the position of a substring.
<b>replace</b> all this with that in thisString <div>             all              first           </div>	Replaces all or the first string(s) in a string.
<b>get label from text-data</b> SciSnap!Data at column 1 max. textwidth 5 column spacing 2	Reads a column heading from a table, e.g. to chart label.
<b>datetime:</b> <input type="text"/> → seconds today <div>             Julian Date              decimal years              days this year              hours this year              minutes this year              seconds this year              hours today              minutes today              seconds today           </div>	Conversions from <i>datetime</i> to the specified values.
<p>In addition, the following variables can be found in the variable palette and in the sensing palette a block for standardized time:</p> <p>Other variables are created depending on the use of the libraries when configuring the sprites.</p> <div> <div>SciSnap!Data</div> <div>SciSnap!Messages</div> <div>SciSnap!Properties</div> <div>datetime</div> <div>2021-07-02T10:08:14</div> </div>	

## 2 The structure of the SciSnap!-Sprites

The second part of *SciSnap!* consists of independent libraries, which on the one hand can be used generally in *Snap!* scripts (*Math*, *Data*, *SQL*), and on the other hand work with specially configured sprites (*MathPad*, *NeuralNetPad*, *GraphPad*, *PlotPad*, *ImagePad*). The reason for this are the properties, which are very different for a *NeuralNetPad* than for a *PlotPad*. In addition, such "special sprites" must have their own data areas in which e.g. image data can be stored. A global data area can be found in the *SciSnap!Data*, with which the blocks of the *Data* library work in the default case. For the creation of diagrams, on the other hand, it makes more sense for a *PlotPad* to have its own data area that is independent of that of the *ImagePad* to which the diagrams refer.

Each sprite and the stage can be configured as "special sprites", e.g. as *ImagePad*. The local variables *myProperties* and *myData* are created and some useful presets are made for the properties. The properties are usually grouped into groups, e.g. costume properties (*costumeProperties*) or the way to draw lines (*lineProperties*). All blocks that require a specific configuration initially query the *typeOfConfiguration* property of the sprite they are to work with. If this is not correct, an error message is displayed. The groups of properties can be changed with the corresponding blocks.



The structure of the *SciSnap!* sprites is thus based on the idea of documented data sets consisting of two parts: the metadata describing the structure and content context of the data (e.g. number format, image dimensions, recording device, recording date, ...) and the associated pure data segments. Metadata usually consist of dictionaries - names with assigned values (e.g., "Recording date: 2018/12/24"). Examples of this structure are *FITS* files [FITS], which are standard in astrophysics but are also used in the Vatican Library, or *JPEG* images from cell phones. Here, too, there are metadata (image size, degree of compression, date taken, ...), without which image generation would not be possible.

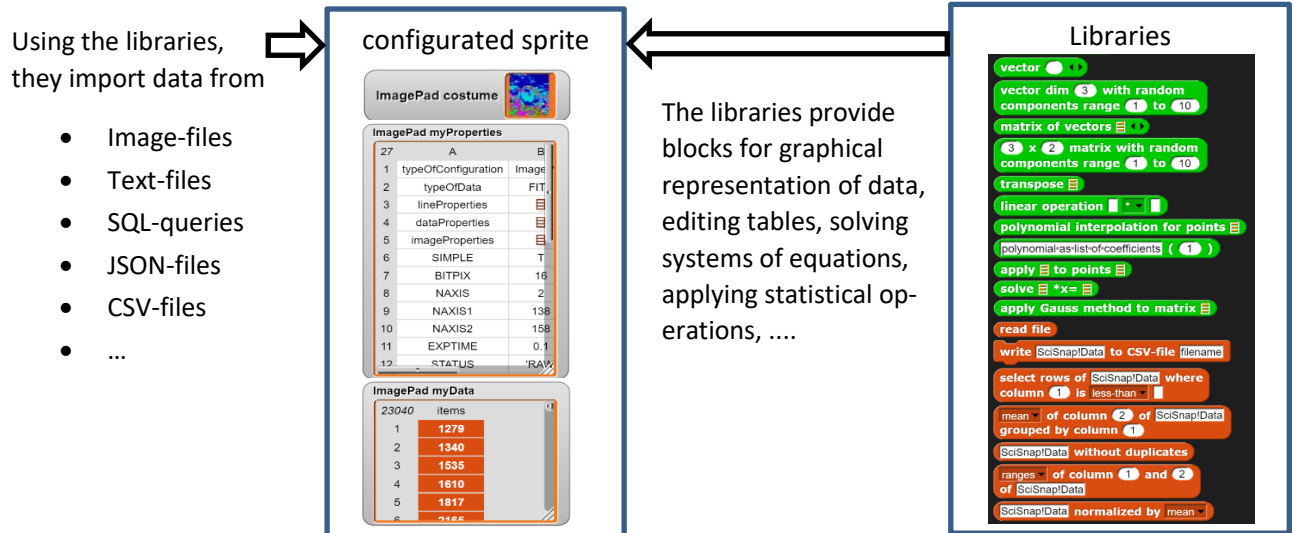
We adapt this structure by assigning two local variables to a *SciSnap!* sprite, each containing the data (*myData*) and the data description (*myProperties*). These variables can be filled by importing data from different sources (SQL query, text file, CVS file, JSON file, FITS file, direct assignment, ...), whereby the properties *myProperties* are to be adapted to the respective data. On the other hand, this can also be done "by hand". With the help of these properties, data can be converted into graphical representations (graph, data plot, histogram, image, ...), whereby either *myData* or another suitable table is selected as source.

It is important that the image generation does not change the original data. If, for example, an image of Jupiter is used to determine the distances of its moons, then these must at least be visible in the image. For this purpose, a false color image can be generated after setting some parameters. In this image Jupiter itself will appear rather unstructured. If, on the other hand, one wants to examine the "eye" of the planet more closely, then the parameters must be chosen quite differently, so that the moons are barely visible. All these changes must be done in the pixels of the current costume of the *Snap!* sprite without affecting the image data itself.

Because tables can be represented very nicely in *Snap!*, this form of representation is not implemented additionally. Instead, the data type *table* is implemented with many of the common operations in the field of *data science* (table operations, correlation calculation, affine transformations, solving linear systems of equations, ...), which can handle sufficiently fast even larger amounts of data.

Since *SciSnap!* (currently) contains about 250 new blocks, they have been grouped according to their functionality and distributed to different libraries and sprite configurations: several Math libraries for different areas of mathematics (60 blocks), a data library (30 blocks) for handling the actual data, an *ImagePad* for image processing (19 blocks), a *PlotPad* for graphical representations (24 blocks), a *NeuralNetPad* for perceptron networks, an *SQL* library for database queries (27 blocks) and a *GraphPad* for graph theory applications. In addition there are the already mentioned blocks in the standard palettes of Snap! All blocks are global and contain the target of the operation (*thisSprite*, *theStage* or the name of another sprite). Object-oriented calls are therefore largely unnecessary.

The configured sprites have the following structure:



Most blocks get their parameters (image size, value ranges, colors, ...) from the dictionary *myProperties*. The preset properties allow to use blocks for creating graphics, diagrams, ... without too many parameters. If the values do not fit, the properties are changed either individually or in groups.

## 3 The SciSnap!-Libraries

In the following, the libraries are presented in tabular form. More extensive examples, which mostly use several libraries, follow afterwards.

The *SciSnap!* libraries - like all block libraries of *Snap!* - have been assigned to palettes and saved. For loading, it is a prerequisite that these palettes are available. If a library is to be loaded into another palette, then the block `import library to category` [Looks](#) can be used for this. With its help, the libraries can also be used in a "normal", i.e. unmodified *Snap!* version.

### 3.1 The Mathematics-Libraries (SciSnap!FullMathLibrary.xml)

#### 3.1.1 Complex Numbers (SciSnap!ComplexNumbersLibrary.xml)

If you are planning more extensive operations with complex numbers, you should consider using the *Scheme* library of *Snap!* (*Bignums*-library). *SciSnap!* is intended more for complex arithmetic as well as illustration of operations. In *SciSnap!* complex numbers are represented as 3-element lists, where the first entry denotes the format of the number: either the "Cartesian" style  $z = a + b \cdot i$  or the polar form  $z = r \cdot e^{i\varphi}$ . There are input blocks for these two forms:

<code>complex</code> <code>2</code> <code>+</code> <code>3</code> <code>*</code> <code>i</code>	Returns a complex number in Cartesian form.
<code>complex</code> <code>2</code> <code>*</code> <code>e^i</code> <code>30</code>	Returns a complex number in polar form.

If necessary, these forms of representation can be converted into each other, and arithmetic operations can be performed.

<code>complex</code> <code>Cartesian style</code>	Returns a complex number in Cartesian form.
<code>complex</code> <code>polar style</code>	Returns a complex number in polar form.
<code>complex</code> <code>complex</code> <code>2</code> <code>+</code> <code>3</code> <code>*</code> <code>i</code> <code>polar style</code>	Example of format conversion.
<code>complex</code> <code>real-part</code> <code>of</code> <code>complex</code> <code>2</code> <code>+</code> <code>3</code> <code>*</code> <code>i</code>	The components of a complex number can be accessed - regardless of their format.
<code>complex</code> <code>+</code> <code>complex</code> <code>2</code> <code>+</code> <code>3</code> <code>*</code> <code>i</code>	And, of course, you can calculate with them.

Example of multiplication:

`complex` `complex` `2` `+` `3` `*` `i` `*` `complex` `2` `*` `e^i` `30`

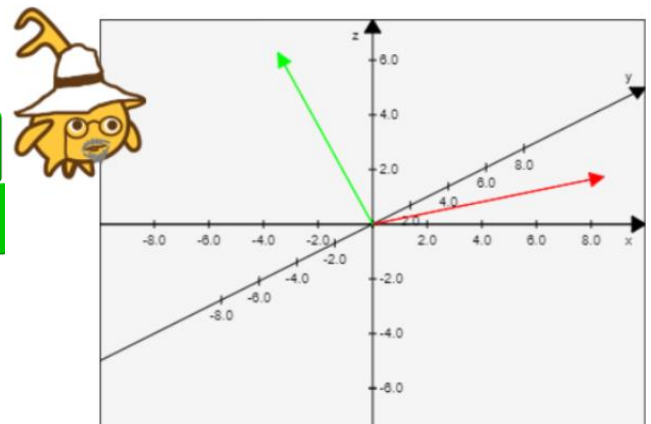
### 3.1.2 The MathPad (SciSnap!MathPadLibrary.xml)

<b>configure sprite</b> <b>thisSprite</b> as a MathPad width: 400 height: 300 color: 245 245 245	Configures a sprite as a MathPad and draws a 3-dimensional coordinate system centered in the middle.
<b>is</b> <b>thisSprite</b> a MathPad?	Test for MathPad configuration.
<b>set MathPadProperty</b> <b>costumeProperties</b> of <b>thisSprite</b> to <b></b>	Sets a MathPad property.
<b>MathPadProperty</b> <b>costumeProperties</b> of <b>thisSprite</b>	Reads a MathPad property.
<b>set MathPad costume properties</b> width: 400 height: 300 color: 245 245 245 offsets: 0 0 on <b>thisSprite</b>	Sets the costume properties of a MathPad to the specified values.
<b>set MathPad properties</b> lineWidth: 1 onlyPoints? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> dimension: 3 maxValue: 10 startPoint: 0 0 0 on <b>thisSprite</b>	Sets the line properties of a MathPad to the specified values. If "onlyPoints" is set, only the endpoints are drawn.
<b>add centered axes to a MathPad</b> on <b>thisSprite</b>	Draws the coordinate system on a MathPad.
<b>plot</b> vector <b>color:</b> 255 0 0 on MathPad <b>change startpoint?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">           vector            complex-number            line-to            object-of         </div>	Draws a vector, complex number, line or object described by a list of vectors.
<b>affine transformation of</b> <b>by</b> <b>--&gt;</b> <b>for MathPad</b>	Performs an affine transformation in the plane for a list of points, e.g. an object, described by mapping three points to three others.

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configure sprite thisSprite as a MathPad
width: 400 height: 300 color: 245 245 245
plot vector vector 5 5 0 color: 255 0 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint? ☒
plot vector vector 0 -5 8 color: 0 255 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint? ☒




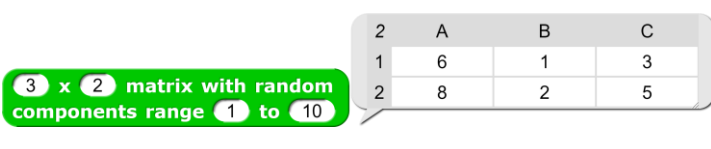
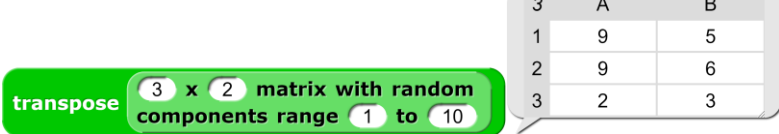

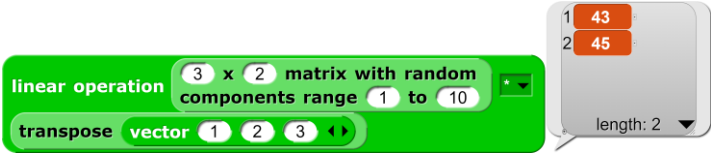



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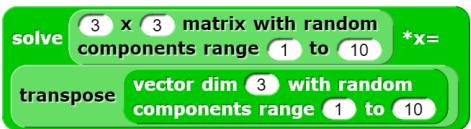



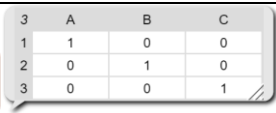




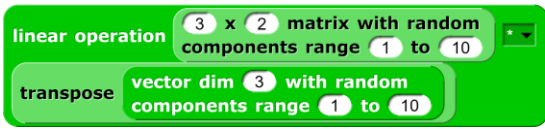

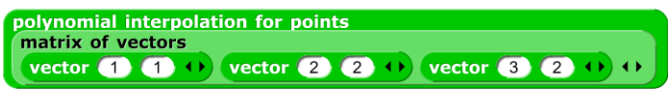


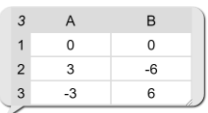
### 3.1.3 Linear Algebra (SciSnap!LinearAlgebraLibrary.xml)

*SciSnap!* knows vectors and matrices and the common operations with them. Both are represented as lists or lists of lists, and both can be in transposed form. They are created with the following blocks:

 <p>vector 1 2 3</p>	Returns a vector of any dimension with predefined values.
 <p>vector dim 5 with random components range 1 to 10</p>	Returns a vector of arbitrary dimension with random values from the specified range.
 <p>matrix of vectors vector 1 2 vector 3 5</p>	Returns the matrix from the specified vectors.
 <p>3 x 2 matrix with random components range 1 to 10</p>	Returns a matrix of arbitrary dimension with random values from the specified range.
 <p>transpose 3 x 2 matrix with random components range 1 to 10</p>	Matrices and vectors can be transposed.
 <p>linear operation vector 1 2 3 x vector 4 5 6</p>  <p>linear operation 3 x 2 matrix with random components range 1 to 10 * transpose vector 1 2 3</p>	Between scalars, vectors and matrices the respective allowed operations can be performed. Since vectors can be processed with the standard arithmetic operators of <i>Snap!</i> there are no separate blocks for them.
 <p>polynomial interpolation for points matrix of vectors list 1 0 list 2 1 list 3 0</p>	Calculates the coefficients of the polynomial through $n$ points.
 <p>polynomial interpolation for points matrix of vectors list 1 0 list 2 1 list 3 0 ( 2 )</p>	And for such polynomials one can calculate function values.
 <p>apply to points</p>	Applies a matrix to a list of points (look at the example).

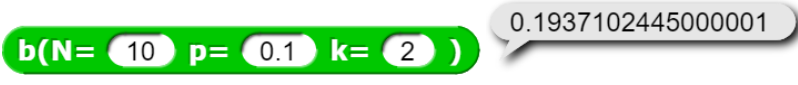


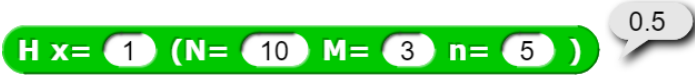




 	Calculates the solution to a system of linear equations.
	The block returns several data about the passed matrix: the diagonalized matrix, if any, its rank, whether column swaps have occurred, and the current order of the columns.
 	If only the diagonalized matrix is of interest, then we consider the first element of the result.

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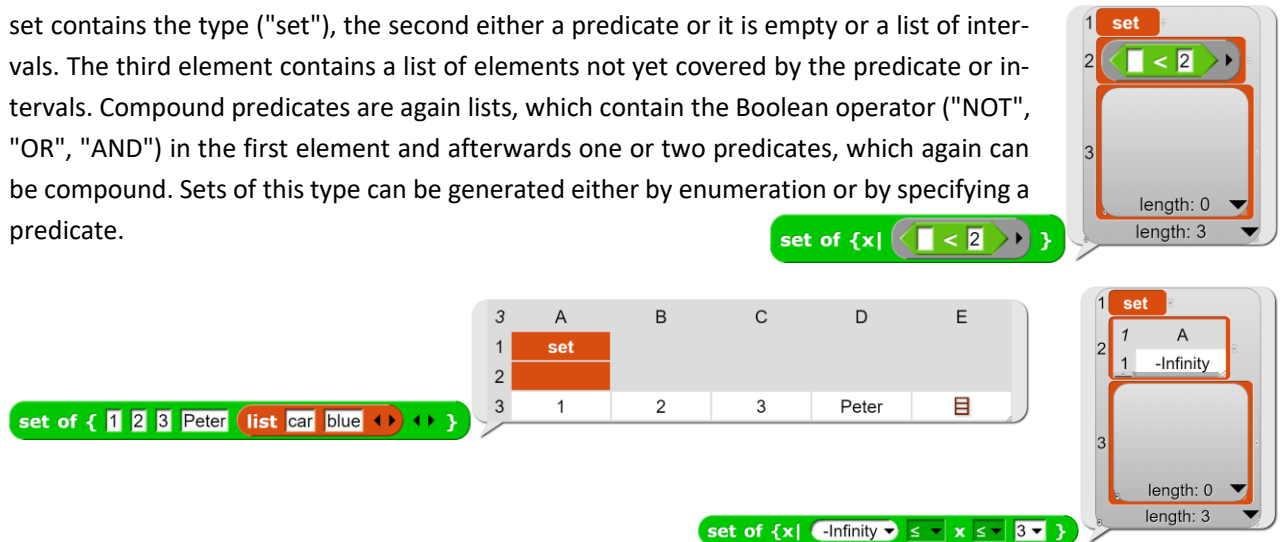
### 3.1.3 Statistics (SciSnap!StatisticsLibrary.xml)

For statistical applications *SciSnap!* contains a number of distributions. Correlation calculation, variances etc. are implemented in the data library, binomial coefficients and factorials can be found in the operators palette.







	Probabilities of the binomial distribution $b(N, p, k) = \binom{N}{k} \cdot p^k \cdot (1 - p)^{N-k}$
	Calculates the cumulative distribution function of the binomial distribution.
	Probabilities of the hypergeometric distribution $h(N, M, n, k) = \frac{\binom{M}{k} \cdot \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$
	Calculates the cumulative distribution function of the hypergeometric distribution.
	Probabilities of the Poisson distribution $p(\theta, k) = \frac{\theta^k \cdot e^{-\theta}}{k!}$
	Calculates the cumulative distribution function of the Poisson distribution.
	Probabilities of the Pareto distribution $pareto(x_{min}, k, x) = \frac{k \cdot x_{min}^k}{x^{k+1}};$ $x \geq x_{min}; 0 \text{ sonst}$
	Probabilities of the normal distribution $n(x, \mu, \sigma) = \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}};$

### 3.1.4 Sets (SciSnap!PredicateSetsLibrary.xml)

Sets are implemented in *SciSnap!* as three-element lists. There are two versions of this. In the first one, predicates ( $x < 5$ ) are used to enter ranges next to an enumeration of elements. In the second, this is done using intervals ( $3 < x < 7$ ). The libraries differ only in the definition of a set and an additional block for interval compression. The first element of a set contains the type ("set"), the second either a predicate or it is empty or a list of intervals. The third element contains a list of elements not yet covered by the predicate or intervals. Compound predicates are again lists, which contain the Boolean operator ("NOT", "OR", "AND") in the first element and afterwards one or two predicates, which again can be compound. Sets of this type can be generated either by enumeration or by specifying a predicate.



For further work with sets, the known set operations are available. If predicates are used, then only numbers and strings are useful as elements. The following operations do not refer to bounded sets in this case. Predicates or interval memberships can be identified with "evaluate with".

<div>evaluate  with </div> <div>evaluate ringified+predicate with </div>	Returns the result of the predicate applied to the passed element or an interval list.																				
<div>element <math>\in</math> set ?</div>	Returns "true" if the element is an element of the set, otherwise "false".																				
<div>set1 <math>\cap</math> set2</div>	Returns the intersection of two sets.																				
<div>set1 <math>\cup</math> set2</div>	Returns the union of two sets.																				
<div>element <div>set <math>\Rightarrow</math> text</div><div>{2,3,Peter,[car,blue],0}</div></div>	Represents the elements of a set "a bit more readable".																				
<div>text [1,2,[3,4],[6,7,8..12]] <math>\Rightarrow</math> elements</div> <div><table><tr><td>4</td><td>A</td><td>B</td><td>C</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>1</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>2</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>set</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table></div>	4	A	B	C	1	1			2	2			3	3	4		4	set			Generates the corresponding list of elements from a text. Lists are bracketed "square" in the text, sets are bracketed "curly".
4	A	B	C																		
1	1																				
2	2																				
3	3	4																			
4	set																				

The following operations must be performed with finite sets because all elements are processed. For this reason there is an upper bound for set elements, which is set either in the *SciSnap!Properties* or by the block in the set library.

<code>set SciSnap! global property maxSetValue to 1000</code>	Sets the limit up to which predicates are checked, if applicable.
<code>set upper limit for evaluation of sets to 10000</code>	dito
<code>set1 \ set2</code>	Returns the difference of two sets.

	Returns "true" if the first set is subset of the second, otherwise "false".
	Returns "true" if the sets contain the same elements, otherwise "false".
	Returns the Cartesian product of two sets.
	Returns the first n elements of a set as a list.
	Merges a list of intervals.

Because on the one hand the predicates of the sets are so important, and on the other hand the procedures are also needed in Boolean algebra, some more blocks were added to the set library.

	Implication, returns "true" if the conclusion is formally true, otherwise "false".
	Equivalence, returns "true" if the inputs are formally equivalent, otherwise "false".
	Conversion of switch values into truth values.
	Conversion of truth values into switch values.

Examples:

The screenshot shows a sequence of SciSnap! blocks and their results:

- Block 1:** `set set1 to set of { 1 5 27 30 44 }`
- Block 2:** `set set2 to set of {x | mod 2 = 0 }`
- Block 3:** `set set3 to set of {x | -Infinity ≤ x ≤ 3 }`
- Block 4:** `10 elements of set1 ∩ set2`
  - Result:** A list containing 30 and 44. length: 2
- Block 5:** `5 elements of set1 \ set2`
  - Result:** A list containing 1, 5, and 27. length: 3
- Block 6:** `element set1 X set2 ⇒ text`
  - Result:** A long list of pairs: `{[1,0],[1,2],[1,4],[1,6],[1,8],[1,10],[1,12],[1,14],[1,16],[1,18],[1,20],[1,22],[1,24],[1,26],[1,28],[1,30],[1,32],[1,34],[1,36],...}`

### 3.1.5 Numerical Methods (SciSnap!NumericMathLibrary.xml)

The library contains some blocks for dealing with sequences, series, secants, integrals and roots, as well as the calculation of derivatives at a given point.

<p>sequence element <math>\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}</math> of ( 17 )</p> <p>0.24253562503633297</p>	<p>Calculation of a sequence element. The term must be entered with (gray) ring ("ringified").</p> <p><u>Example:</u> the 17th element of the sequence <math>\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}</math>.</p>
<p>first 10 elements of sequence <math>\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}</math></p> <p>length: 10</p> <p>1 1 2 0.7071067811865475 3 0.5773502691896258 4 0.5 5 0.4472135954999579 6 0.4082482904638631 7 0.3779644730092272 8 0.35355339059327373 9 0.33333333333333333 10 0.31622776601683794</p>	<p>Returns the first n members of a sequence as a list.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> The first 10 elements of the sequence <math>\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}</math>.</p>
<p>10</p> <p><math>\sum</math> ringified-term</p> <p>i = 0</p> <p>1000</p> <p><math>\sum</math> <math>\frac{1}{i^2}</math></p> <p>i = 1</p> <p>1.6439345666815615</p>	<p>Calculates the sum of a finite series. The term must be entered with (gray) ring ("ringified").</p> <p><u>Example:</u> The sum of the first 1000 elements of the series <math>\sum_{i=1}^{1000} \frac{1}{i^2}</math>.</p>
<p>sequence of secant slopes for <math>x^3 - 3x</math> at 2 calculated with sequence <math>\frac{1}{n}</math></p> <p>first 10 elements of sequence</p> <p>length: 10</p> <p>1 16 2 10.5625 3 9.679012345679011 4 9.37890625 5 9.241599999999982 6 9.167438271604855 7 9.122865472719647 8 9.093994140625 9 9.074226489864445 10 9.060099999999771</p>	<p>Sequence of secant slopes in a point. The sequence can also be specified explicitly in the form of a list. The term must be entered with (gray) ring ("ringified").</p> <p><u>Example:</u> 10 secant slopes near the point with <math>x=2</math> of the function <math>f(x) = x^3 - 3x</math>, calculated with the sequence <math>\frac{1}{n^2}</math>.</p>
<p>2</p> <p><math>\int</math> ringified-term dx</p> <p>1</p> <p>calculated with 100 intervals</p> <p>n</p> <p><math>\int</math> cos of <math>2 \times n \times x</math> dx</p> <p>0</p> <p>calculated with 100 intervals</p> <p>3.07981142091821</p>	<p>Numerical calculation of an integral using the trapezoidal method. The term must be entered with (gray) ring ("ringified").</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Calculation of the integral <math>F = \int_0^\pi \cos 2\pi x \, dx</math></p>
<p>root of ringified-term starting at 1 by Newtons method</p> <p>root of <math>x^3 - 3x</math> starting at 1 by Newtons method</p> <p>1.732050807568981</p>	<p>Root calculation according to Newton's method. The term must be entered with (gray) ring ("ringified").</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Calculation of the root of <math>f(x) = x^3 - 3x</math>, start at <math>x=1</math>.</p>
<p>derivative ringified-term '( 1 )</p> <p>derivative <math>x^3 - 3x</math> '( 0 )</p> <p>-2.999999999</p>	<p>Numerical calculation of the derivative in a point. The term must be entered with (gray) ring ("ringified").</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Calculation of the derivative of <math>f(x) = x^3 - 3x</math> at <math>x=0</math>.</p>

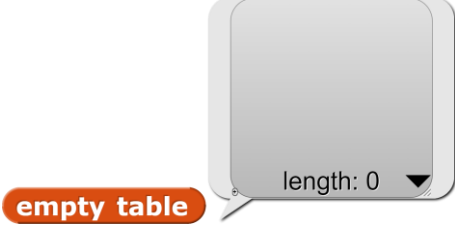
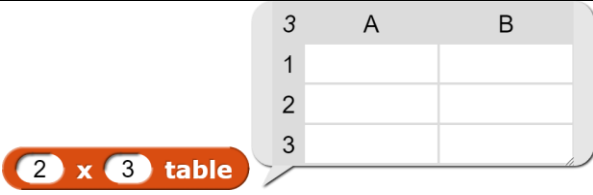


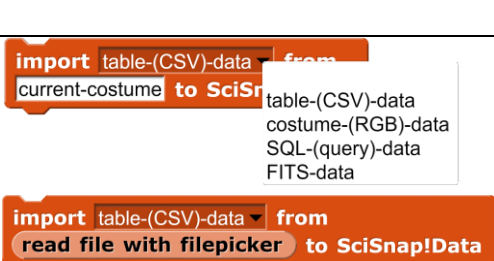





## 3.2 The Data-Library (SciSnap!DataLibrary.xml)

The data library of *SciSnap!* serves on the one hand for the direct manipulation also of larger data sets, on the other hand for the evaluation of data, e.g. for the computation of statistical values such as the variance or correlation. Because number structures like vectors and matrices are implemented in the math libraries, the data library is largely limited to tables as an additional structure. Their rows and columns can be identified either by their numbers or by the identifiers of the first column or row. Columns can additionally be named with capital letters (A..Z). If a number is required as identifier (i.e. not the column or row number), then a double cross (#) must be placed in front of the number as identifier, e.g. #123.

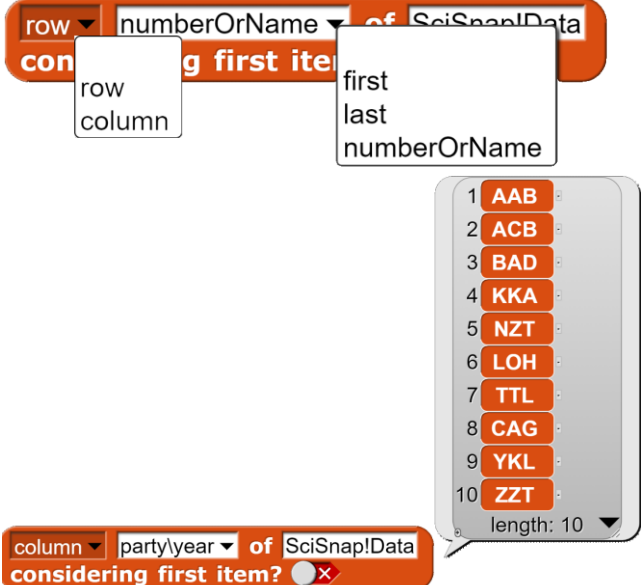
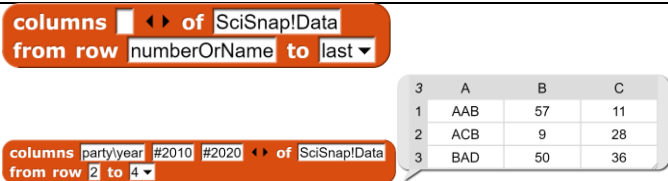


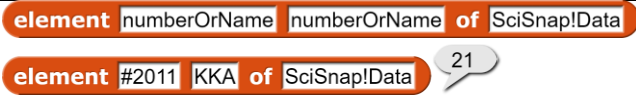

The following examples refer to a table that contains "party names" as the first column and then "election results" in the years indicated.

SciSnap!Data					
11	A	B	C	D	E
1	party/year	2010	2011	2014	2020
2	AAB	57	62	22	11
3	ACB	9	55	29	28
4	BAD	50	33	10	36
5	KKA	12	21	66	32
6	NZT	45	25	48	49
7	LOH	53	27	43	50
8	TTL	61	36	46	24
9	CAG	18	34	45	61
10	YKL	5	60	41	18
11	ZZT	26	12	39	56

 <p><b>empty table</b></p>	Returns an empty table (as a start structure for further table operations).
 <p><b>2 x 3 table</b></p>	Returns a table of the specified size without contents.
 <p><b>new 2 by 0 table with labels:</b></p>	Returns a table of the specified size without contents, but with column headers.
 <p><b>copy of</b></p>	Returns a copy of a list or table. Since <i>Snap!</i> assigns lists as references, you can use this block to avoid unintended changes to the original.
 <p><b>import table-(CSV)-data from current-costume to SciSnap!Data</b></p>	<p>The block imports tables, image data or SQL data into the global variable <i>SciSnap!Data</i>, which the other blocks of the library work with by default.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Import a table using the file selection dialog.</p>
 <p><b>read file with filepicker</b></p>	Starts the file selection dialog.
 <p><b>write SciSnap!Data to CSV-file filename</b></p>	Writes a table to a file in the browser's download area with the specified name.

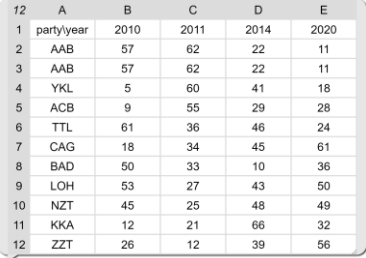
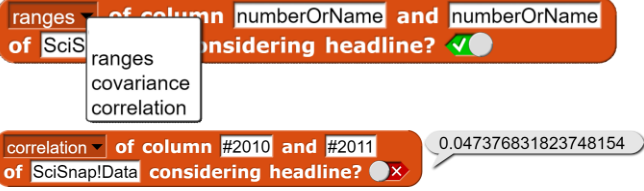
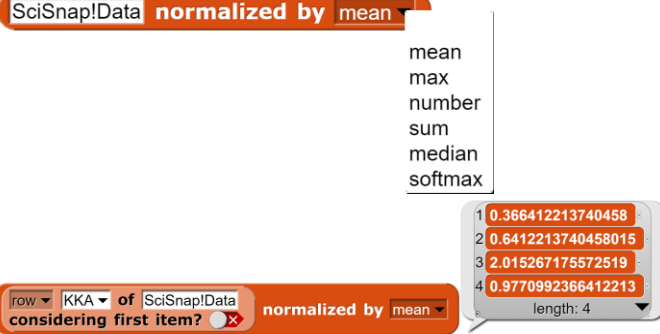
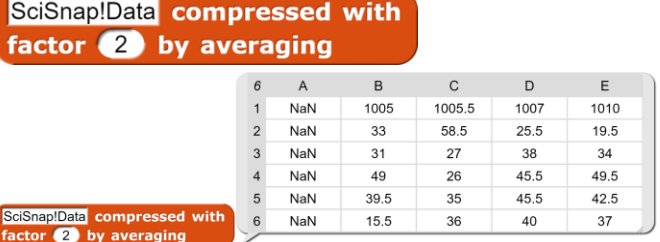
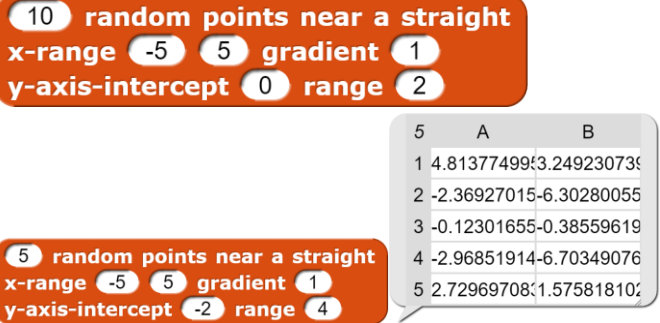
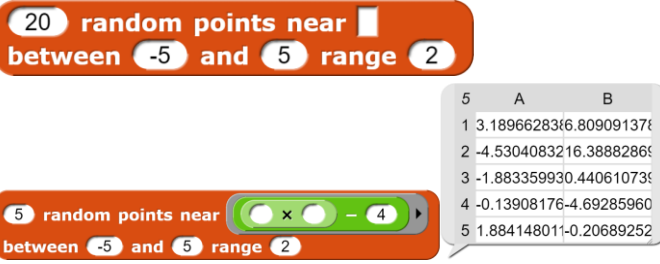

<b>transpose table or list</b> 	Returns a transposed table or list as a result, i.e. one in which rows and columns have been swapped.
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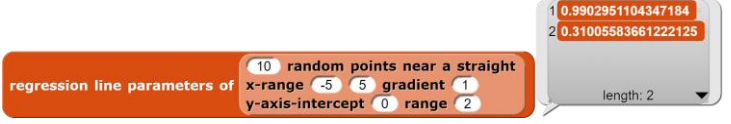
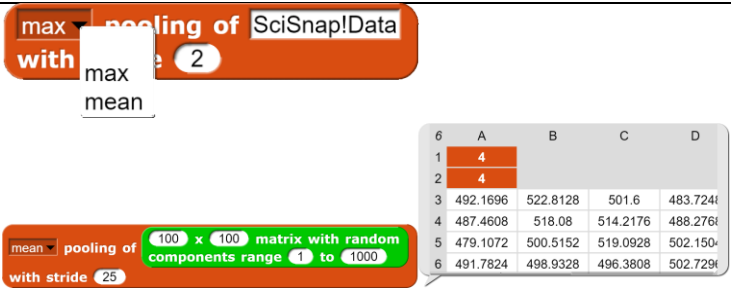
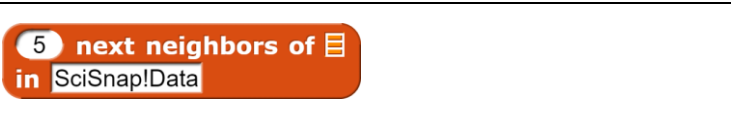

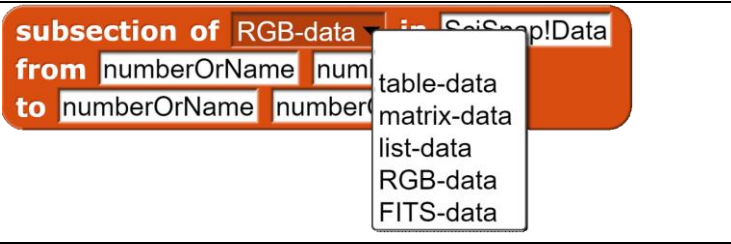


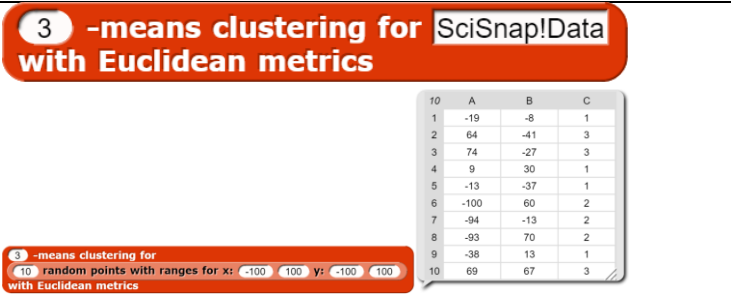


The following blocks are used for direct manipulation of tables.

	<p>Returns a row or column of the specified table.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> The first column of the example table without the heading.</p>
	<p>Returns the specified row range of the specified columns.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Results of the three specified parties from 2010 and 2020.</p>
	<p>Adds a row, a column or column headers to the specified table. Missing elements are added with empty content, "overhanging" are ignored.</p>
	<p>Deletes a row or column from the specified table.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Deletes the column for the year 2010 from the sample table.</p>
	<p>Returns the specified table element.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Result of the party KKA in 2011.</p>
	<p>Sets the value in a table at the specified position.</p>

The following blocks are much more powerful. The examples refer again to the example table.

<div><div>select rows of SciSnap!Data where column numberOrName is less-than <input type="text"/></div><div>less-than greater-than equal-to different-from</div><div><div>select rows of SciSnap!Data where column 1 is less-than <input type="text"/></div><div><table><tr><td>2</td><td>A</td><td>B</td><td>C</td><td>D</td><td>E</td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>AAB</td><td>57</td><td>62</td><td>22</td><td>11</td></tr><tr><td>2</td><td>ACB</td><td>9</td><td>55</td><td>29</td><td>28</td></tr></table></div></div></div>	2	A	B	C	D	E	1	AAB	57	62	22	11	2	ACB	9	55	29	28	<p>Returns selected rows of a table that satisfy the specified criterion.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> All election results with parties beginning with "A".</p>																																																						
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<div><div>min of vector <input type="text"/></div><div>min max minpos maxpos number sum mean median variance standard-deviation softmax</div></div>	<p>Returns the selected property of a vector, i.e. a row or column consisting only of numbers.</p>																																																																								
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<div><div>SciSnap!Data sorted by column numberOrName ascending <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> considering headline? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></div></div>	<p>Returns a table sorted by the specified column in ascending or descending order.</p>																																																																								






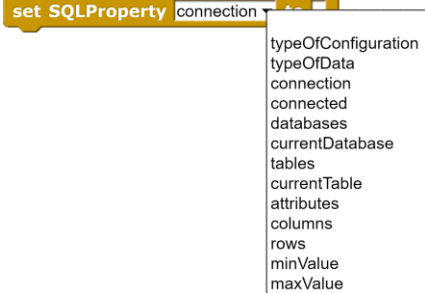
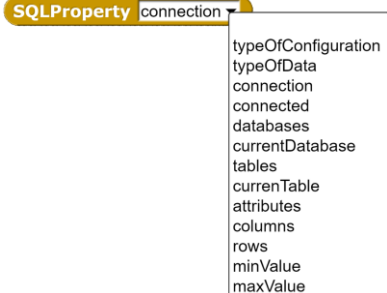
 <p>SciSnap!Data sorted by column #2011 ascending considering headline?</p>	<p><u>Example:</u> The election results sorted by the year 2011.</p>
 <p>ranges of column numberOrName and numberOrName of SciSnap!Data considering headline?</p> <p>correlation of column #2010 and #2011 of SciSnap!Data considering headline?</p>	<p>Returns ranges, covariance and correlation for two table columns.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Correlation for the years 2010 and 2011.</p>
 <p>SciSnap!Data normalized by mean</p> <p>mean max number sum median softmax</p> <p>row KKA of SciSnap!Data considering first item? normalized by mean</p>	<p>Normalization of a vector by dividing it by the mean, maximum, number, sum, median of its values or by the softmax function.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> Results of the party KKA, "normalized" by the mean.</p>
 <p>SciSnap!Data compressed with factor 2 by averaging</p>	<p>Returns a table compressed by the factor n by averaging. Texts cannot be compressed in this way, of course.</p>
 <p>10 random points near a straight x-range -5 5 gradient 1 y-axis-intercept 0 range 2</p> <p>5 random points near a straight x-range -5 5 gradient 1 y-axis-intercept -2 range 4</p>	<p>Returns n points scattering around a straight line, given by slope and y-axis intercept, in a range bounded by "range". Serves mostly for test purposes.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> 5 points scattering around <math>f(x) = x - 2</math>.</p>
 <p>20 random points near between -5 and 5 range 2</p> <p>5 random points near between -5 and 5 range 2</p>	<p>Returns n points that scatter around an arbitrary function, given by its "ringified" operators, in a range bounded by "range". Mostly used for testing purposes.</p> <p><u>Example:</u> 5 points scattering around <math>f(x) = x^2 - 4</math>.</p>
 <p>regression line parameters of SciSnap!Data</p>	<p>Returns the slope and y-intercept of the regression line through the specified data.</p>

	<p><b>Example:</b> Regression line through 10 random points scattering around a straight line.</p>
	<p>Returns a table that has been compressed by max- or mean-pooling with step size n. The dimensions of the new table are passed before the result. Well applicable to image data.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> A matrix of 100x100 random numbers is compressed with step size 25.</p>
	<p>k-nearest neighbor (kNN) method in two dimensions for machine learning.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> HR graph</p>
	<p>Returns the result of a convolution applied either to a table or to image data.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> Edge detection, CNN</p>
	<p>Returns a section of a table, matrix, list or image data given by the two points "left-up" and "right-down".</p>
	<p>Returns the row or column number of a table with the specified label or vice versa.</p>
	<p>Returns n random points from the specified range.</p>
	<p>Clustering of n-dimensional data using the k-means method. The Euclidean distance is taken as the metric. cluster numbers are appended to the data.</p>
	<p>Clustering with any metric.</p>
	<p>Returns the Levenshtein-distance.</p>




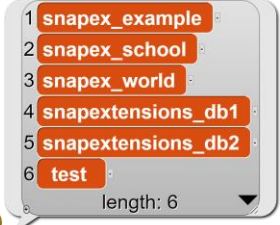
































### 3.3 Die SQL-Library (SciSnap!SQLLibrary.xml)

The SQL library contains most of the commands required for SQL queries (select). Other SQL statements can be entered directly into the *exec SQL-command* block. However, in this case you must have the appropriate access rights. The library works with two global variables *SQLData* and *SQLProperties*, which prevent the data stored in them from conflicting with that of other sprites. The variables are created automatically during configuration.

Similar to the *Math* and *Data* blocks, the *SQL* blocks do not work with a specific sprite or stage. However, each call first checks whether *SciSnap!* has been successfully configured for SQL access. If this is not the case, an error message is displayed - for reporter blocks as the result of the function call, for command blocks as the output of the calling sprite as well as in the *SciSnap!* collection box for error messages *SciSnap!Messages*.

	<p>Configures <i>SciSnap!</i> for SQL access. For this, the global variables <i>SQLData</i> and <i>SQLProperties</i> are created and the initial properties are set. The sprite that executes the command will take the costume <i>SQLDisconnected</i> if it exists.</p> 
	<p>Returns "true" if the configuration is correct, otherwise "false".</p>
	<p>Connects to a database server whose address is in the script. This should be re-set, e.g. as <i>localhost</i>, if the default server is not used. If the connection attempt is successful, the executing sprite will take the costume <i>SQLConnected</i> if it is present.</p> 
	<p>Sets one of the properties in <i>SQLProperties</i> to the specified value.</p>
	<p>Returns one of the properties in <i>SQLProperties</i>.</p>




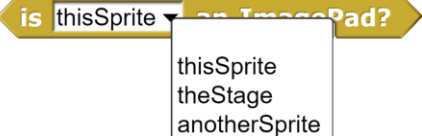



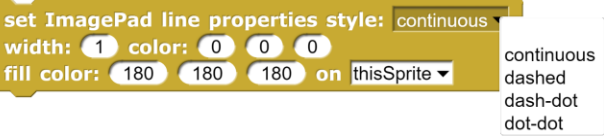
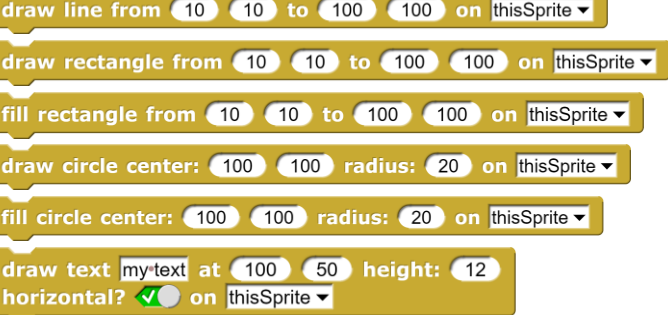

 	Imports a table into the <i>SQLData</i> data area.  <u>Example:</u> Import of a query result.
  	Provides a list of currently available databases.
	Selects one of the existing databases.
  	Returns a list of tables in the selected database.
  	Returns a list of attributes of the specified table.
   	Block for generating simple SQL queries that can be executed by the <i>exec SQL-command</i> block.
     	Block for generating complex SQL queries that can be executed by the <i>exec SQL-command</i> block.
	Block for executing <i>SQL</i> statements to a database. The statements can be generated by <i>select</i> blocks or entered directly.
  	Predicates to perform comparisons.
  	Predicates to perform logical operations.
	Predicate for checking a string pattern.
	Predicate to check if an element is included in items.
    	Aggregate functions.


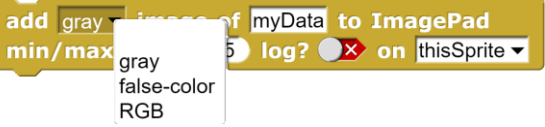



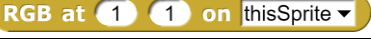





The following *SciSnap!* libraries work with locally configured *special sprites*. These are conceptually derived from *sketchpads*, so they are used for making sketches, experimenting, trying out the effect of commands, etc. If the pad is too full, then a new "page" is taken from it and work continues.

Each sprite and the stage can serve as a *special sprite*. For this purpose they are configured accordingly by creating two local variables *myData* and *myProperties* and filling them with initial values. The commands that refer to a *special sprite* all contain the target of the operation - i.e. a sprite or the stage. Before executing the instructions, it is checked in each case whether the target has been configured correctly. After that, the local data and properties of the target are used. On the one hand, this procedure largely eliminates object-oriented calls, which greatly lengthen the instruction blocks if data must be passed, and on the other hand, it keeps the data local to the sprites that the operations concern. For example, if data is measured in an image and plotted in a graph, the *ImagePad* and the *PlotPad* can work independently with their own data and properties. The initial settings make it possible to work with halfway reasonable default settings. If the result shows that other settings would make more sense, then the default settings are changed - but only then. This way of working makes it possible to get by with relatively few parameters for the individual blocks. The properties are largely grouped together, for example the properties of the lines to be drawn. This means that they can be transferred or read "in one go" and their number is kept within limits.

### 3.4 The ImagePad-Library (SciSnap!ImagePadLibrary.xml)

*ImagePads* are used to display image data, i.e. to generate images. Measurements can be made in these images using the mouse - for example, a section can be created through the image. In addition, some of the usual operations for drawing lines, rectangles, circles and texts are available. The coordinate system on *ImagePads* is the usual one for images: the origin is in the upper left corner and the y-axis is directed downwards.

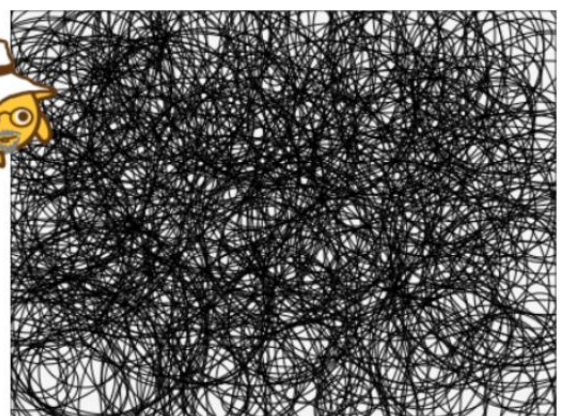
	<p>Configures a sprite or the stage as <i>ImagePad</i>. The name of "anotherSprite" must be specified if required. The command must be executed once before working with a sprite as <i>ImagePad</i>. The target of the call takes a rectangular costume with the specified dimensions and colors.</p>
	<p>Returns "true" if the configuration is correct, otherwise "false".</p>
	<p>Returns one of the properties in <i>myProperties</i>.</p>
	<p>Sets one of the properties in <i>myProperties</i> to the specified value.</p>
	<p>Sets the costume properties of the specified target.</p>
	<p>Sets the line properties of the specified target.</p>
	<p>elementary drawing operations</p>
	<p>Draws a list of "points" as circles or squares. Attention: JS-coordinates are used!</p>

	Imports image data.
	Creates an image from the image data on a <i>ImagePad</i> .
	Returns the result of an affine transformation of a costume described by specifying three original points and three image points.
	Starts the file selection dialog.
	Sets a pixel of the costume to the specified value.
	Returns the value of a pixel of the costume.
	Sets an image point in the data area to the specified value.
	Returns the value of an image point from the data area.
 <div data-bbox="395 981 673 1191"> <p>image-value costume-coordinates slice-data line-data circle-data circle-data brightness</p> </div>	Returns image data using the mouse: individual image values, image coordinates, sections through the image, end points of a line or data of a circle, and brightness values from a range.
	Returns the total brightness around a pixel in the specified radius.
	Draws a list of "point" as "balls". Attention: JS-coordinates are used!

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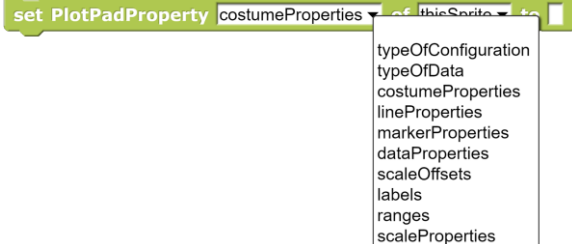
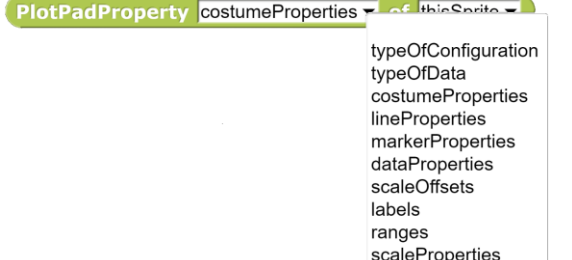





configure thisSprite as an ImagePad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
repeat 500
  draw circle center: pick random 1 to 400 pick random 1 to 300
  radius: pick random 10 to 100 on thisSprite

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### 3.5 The PlotPad-Library (SciSnap!PlotPadLibrary.xml)

*PlotPads* are used to display graphs, histograms, etc. The current *Sci-Snap!Plot-PadLibrary* was heavily designed by *Rick Hessman*, especially the *PrettyPrinting* and the *line styles* are from him. Many thanks for that!

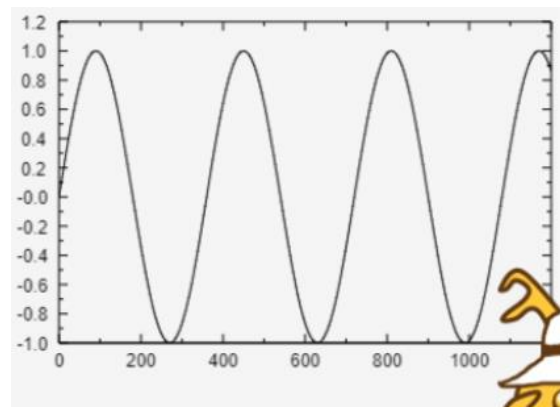
	<p>Configures a sprite or the stage as a <i>PlotPad</i>. The name of "<i>anotherSprite</i>" must be specified if required. The command must be executed once before working with a sprite as a <i>PlotPad</i>. The target of the call takes a rectangular costume with the specified dimensions and colors.</p>
	<p>Returns "true" if the configuration is correct, otherwise "false".</p>
	<p>Sets one of the properties in <i>myProperties</i> to the specified value.</p>
	<p>Returns one of the properties in <i>myProperties</i>.</p>
	<p>Sets the costume properties of the specified target.</p>
	<p>Sets the line properties of the specified target.</p>
	<p>Sets the marker (datapoint) properties of the specified target.</p>
	<p>Sets the scale properties of the specified target.</p>
	<p>Sets the label properties of the specified target.</p>

set PlotPad offsets from edges on <b>thisSprite</b>	Calculates the distances of the coordinate axes from the edges.
set PlotPad ranges for x: -10 10 y: -10 10 with border? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> of 0.1 pretty formatted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> on <b>thisSprite</b>	Sets the ranges of the axes of the coordinate system.
set pretty ranges on PlotPad <b>thisSprite</b>	Sets the number ranges so that "pretty" labels are on the axes.
pretty values for a PlotPad from -10 to 10 with 6 intervals	Returns values for "pretty" labels of the axes.
get ranges for PlotPad <b>thisSprite</b> from <b>myData</b> with border 0.1	Redetermines the ranges, calculated from the data.
ranges of 2-dim table	Returns the ranges of a two-dimensional table.
add graph <b>ringified operator or polynomial</b> to PlotPad <b>thisSprite</b>	Adds a function graph to the <i>PlotPad</i> , given as a list of polynomial coefficients or as a "ringified" term.
add dataplot of numeric data: <b>myData</b> to PlotPad <b>thisSprite</b>	Adds a data plot for a two-dimensional data table to the <i>PlotPad</i> .
add dataplot of mixed data: <b>myData</b> y-scale? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x-scale? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to PlotPad <b>thisSprite</b>	Adds a data plot to the <i>PlotPad</i> for a two-dimensional table containing texts in the first column and numerical values in the second.
add histogram of <b>myData</b> with 10 groups pretty formatted? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> to PlotPad <b>thisSprite</b>	Adds a histogram to the <i>PlotPad</i> .
add axes and scales to PlotPad <b>thisSprite</b>	Adds axes and labels to the <i>PlotPad</i> .
clear plot of <b>thisSprite</b>	Deletes the previous plots.
convert value 100 to coordinate <b>xp</b> of PlotPad <b>thisSprite</b>	Returns the conversion of a numerical value into coordinates of the <i>plotpad</i> or the coordinate system used.
<b>PlotPad</b> costume-coordinates <b>mouse</b> costume-coordinates graph-coordinates	Converts the mouse position into costume or graph coordinates.
<b>SIMPLE PLOT</b> of data: <b>myData</b> x: 0 y: 0 width: 600 height: 400 title: labels: line: continuous marker: square color: 0 0 0	Simple plot program for data.

```

configure thisSprite as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
set PlotPad ranges for x: 0 1000 y: -1 1
with border? ☒ of 0.1 pretty formatted? ☒
on thisSprite
add graph sin of 0 to PlotPad thisSprite
add axes and scales to PlotPad thisSprite

```







### 3.6 The GraphPad-Library (SciSnap!GraphPadLibrary.xml)

Graphs are one of the most powerful models in computer science. With their help, complex systems can be studied, especially the effect of the interconnection of numerous similar subsystems. However, the algorithms required for this, such as breadth-first search or routing, are themselves non-trivial, so it seems reasonable to provide them as basic commands in order to concentrate the work on the modeling itself. This is exactly the purpose of the *SciSnap!GraphPadLibrary*.

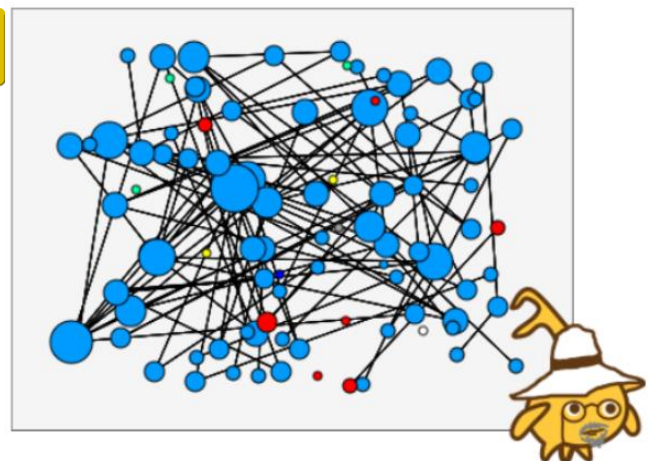
	Configures a sprite or the stage as a <i>GraphPad</i> . The name of "anotherSprite" must be specified if required. The command must be executed once before working with a sprite as <i>GraphPad</i> . The target of the call takes a rectangular costume with the specified dimensions and colors.
	Returns "true" if the configuration is correct, otherwise "false".
	Sets one of the properties in <i>myProperties</i> to the specified value.
	Returns one of the properties in <i>myProperties</i> .
	Sets the costume properties of the specified target.
	Sets the vertex (node) properties of the specified target.
	Sets the edge properties of the specified target.
	Adds n vertices (nodes) to the graph at random positions.
	Adds one vertex (node) to the graph at the specified position.
	Moves a vertex (node) to the specified position.
	Adds n random edges to the graph.
	Adds an edge to the graph between the named vertices (nodes).
	Draws the graph. Colors connected vertices (nodes) in the same color.
	Changes the weight of an edge, if possible.

weight of edge from vertex 1 to vertex 2 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Returns the weight of an edge, if possible.
change content of vertex 1 to of graph on thisSprite ▾	Changes the content of a vertex (node).
content of vertex 1 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Returns the content of a vertex (node).
ask for new weight of graph on thisSprite ▾	Asks for a new edge weight.
ask for new vertex content in graph on thisSprite ▾	Asks for a new vertex (node) content.
ask for new start vertex width of graph on thisSprite ▾	Asks for a new start vertex size.
delete vertex 1 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Deletes a vertex (node) of the graph.
delete edge from vertex 1 to vertex 2 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Deletes an edge of the graph.
set marker of vertex 1 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Marks a vertex (node).
remove marker of vertex 1 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Deletes the marking of a vertex (node).
remove all markers of graph on thisSprite ▾	Deletes all markers in the graph.
depth first search of content starting at vertex 1 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Depth first search for a content starting from the vertex with the specified number.
breadth first search of content starting at vertex 1 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Breadth first search for a content starting from the vertex with the specified number.
distance on thisSprite ▾ from vertex 1 to vertex 2	Spatial distance between two vertices on the sprite.
shortest path in graph from vertex 1 to vertex 2 on thisSprite ▾	Shortest path between two vertices in the graph.
list of all shortest paths in graph from vertex 1 to all connected vertices of graph on thisSprite ▾	List of all shortest paths from a vertex to all connected vertices in the graph.
vertexnumber at 100 50 of graph on thisSprite ▾	Number of a vertex at the given position on the sprite.
point 0 0 on stage ⇒ point on graph thisSprite ▾	Converts stage coordinates to graph (JS-style) coordinates.
vertexnumber of Peter in graph of thisSprite ▾	Returns the number of the vertex with the specified content.

configure thisSprite ▾ as a GraphPad width: 400  
height: 300 color: 245 245 245

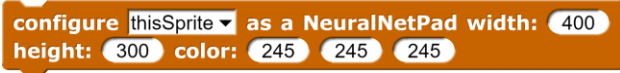









add 100 vertices to graph on thisSprite ▾

add 100 random edges to graph on thisSprite ▾



### 3.7 The NeuralNetPad-Library (SciSnap!NNPadLibrary.xml)

The basic principles of neural networks are simple and obvious, but the learning procedures of the systems with their discrete gradient descent and the associated partial derivatives are not so easy to understand for those who are distant from mathematics. In particular, it is not so easy to understand what a neural network has actually learned. The *SciSnap!NNPadLibrary* is intended to enable the handling of neural networks on an intermediate level between very small and really large networks. It illustrates the values of the edges by coloring, where positive values are shown in green and negative values in red colors. Small values tend to be black. The library facilitates the creation and training of fully connected perceptron nets.

	<p>Configures a sprite or the stage as <i>NNPad</i>. The name of "anotherSprite" must be specified if required. The command must be executed once before working with a sprite as <i>NNPad</i>. The target of the call takes a rectangular costume with the specified dimensions and colors.</p>
	<p>Returns "true" if the configuration is correct, otherwise "false".</p>
	<p>Sets one of the properties in <i>myProperties</i> to the specified value.</p>
	<p>Returns one of the properties in <i>myProperties</i>.</p>
	<p>Sets the costume properties of the specified target.</p>
	<p>Sets the layer properties of the specified target.</p>
	<p>Inserts random weights for an NN of the specified width and depth.</p>
	<p>Returns the output of the nth layer of the NN for the specified input vector.</p>
	<p>Displays the status of the network for the specified input vector in color-coded form.</p>
	<p>Trains the NN for the given input vector to achieve the given output vector.</p>

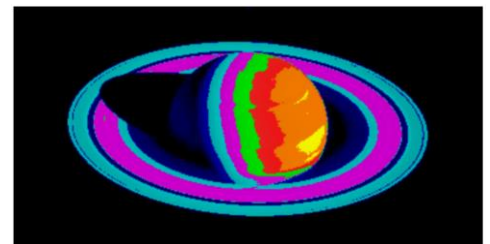
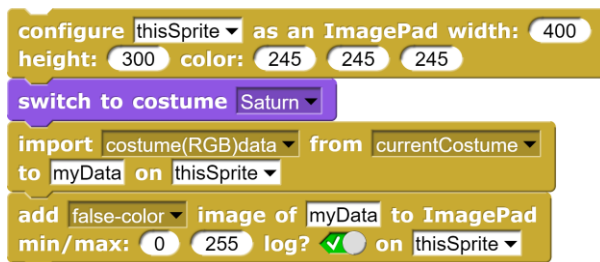
## 4 Data Import and Export

*Snap!* can import a number of data formats directly. This can be done by "dropping" appropriate files onto the *Snap!* window or importing them by right-clicking on a variable watcher. Both work well with *text*, *CSV* and *JSON* files. Other text file formats like *FITS* can also be imported this way, asking if you are serious. Exporting works the same way. If you want to do the same programmatically, use the reporter block *read file with filepicker*. A file manager window appears where you select the file as usual. After that the data will be imported.

The essential task remains to assign this data to the *SciSnap!Data* variable and set the corresponding properties in *SciSnap!Properties*. This is done by the following block, which imports data from outside into the *SciSnap!Data* area. This can be image data, table data or the data of the current costume. This is stored as a table of RGB values.

### Example: False color image

Using an *ImagePad*, an image (source: [NASA]) is saved and redisplayed with false colors.

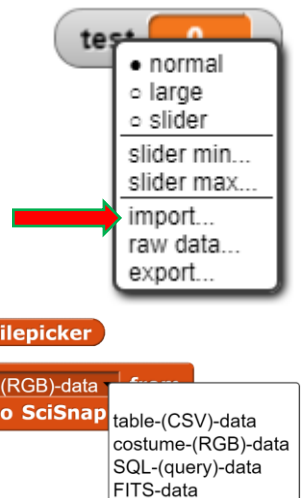


### Example: CSV Import

Almost 600000 records from a CSV file are read in about 10 seconds. The properties are set.



SciSnap!Properties			SciSnap!Data				
8	A	B	577704	A	B	C	D
1	rows	577704	1	tripduration	starttime	stoptime	start station
2	minValue	not set	2	695	2013-06-01	2013-06-01	444
3	maxValue	not set	3	693	2013-06-01	2013-06-01	444
4	columns	15	4	2059	2013-06-01	2013-06-01	406
5	maxSetValu	1000	5	123	2013-06-01	2013-06-01	475
6	width	not found	6	1521	2013-06-01	2013-06-01	2008
7	height	not found	7	2028	2013-06-01	2013-06-01	485
8	typeOfData	table	8	2057	2013-06-01	2013-06-01	285



### Example: SQL Import

If we have access to an SQL server, we can also import data from it. In our case, we use the *SciSnap!SQLLibrary* to import the results of a query into the *SQLData* variable. In doing so, the data is converted into table form and its relevant properties such as number of columns and rows, ... are reset in the *SQLProperties*.

**SQLProperties**

	A	B
1	typeOfConfig	SQL
2	typeOfData	table
3	connection	
4	connected	false
5	databases	
6	currentData	
7	tables	
8	currentTable	
9	attributes	
10	columns	2
11	rows	10

**SQLData**

	A	B
1	Kirsche	13.7500
2	Pogenberg	13.5000
3	Rassin	13.5000
4	Karbel	12.7500
5	Rawe	12.0000
6	Krahn	12.0000
7	Gallus	11.7500
8	Boemmel	11.5000
9	Ruf	11.5000
10	Siedler	11.0000

### Example: JSON Import

Again, the easiest way is to simply "drop" a *JSON* file into the *Snap!* window. But it can also be done automatically. First of all, we look for interesting *JSON* data and of course choose the *statistics of baby names in New York City* for this - what else. The appropriate block for this is again *import <table data> from <read file with filepicker> to SciSnap!Data*. The result is a list with two columns and two rows, the metadata and the actual data. Because we are interested in these we replace the original data with the element (2|2) of the table. Of course, we looked at the individual elements in table form beforehand to check what we loaded there in the first place. From the many columns we copy the three interesting ones into a new table, add column headers and import the result back into *SciSnap!Data*.

**SciSnap!Data**

	A	B
2	meta	
1	data	

**table**

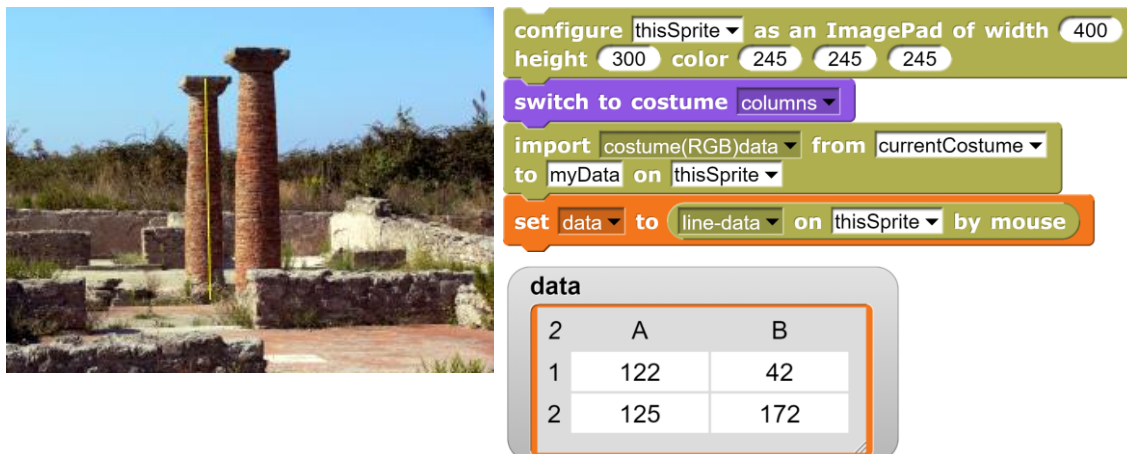
	A	B	C
19419	gender	name	number
1	FEMALE	Olivia	172
2	FEMALE	Chloe	112
3	FEMALE	Sophia	104
4	FEMALE	Emily	99
5	FEMALE	Emma	99
6	FEMALE	Mia	79
7	FEMALE	Charlotte	59
8	FEMALE	Sarah	57
9	FEMALE	Isabella	56
10	FEMALE	Hannah	56
11	FEMALE	Grace	54
12	FEMALE	Angela	54
13	FEMALE	Ava	53
14	FEMALE	Joanna	49

The result: 19419 baby names - Who would have thought it!



### Example: Data import with the mouse

In many cases, especially with images, it is advantageous to read in data using the mouse. For this purpose, *ImagePads* have a block that can be used to determine image values, image coordinates, the data on a section through the image, the start and end points of a line, the center and radius of a circle, and the summed brightness values together with their number in a circle. As an example, the height of ancient columns is to be measured. For this purpose, the costume image of the *ImagePad* with the columns is imported and then measured with the mouse (yellow line).



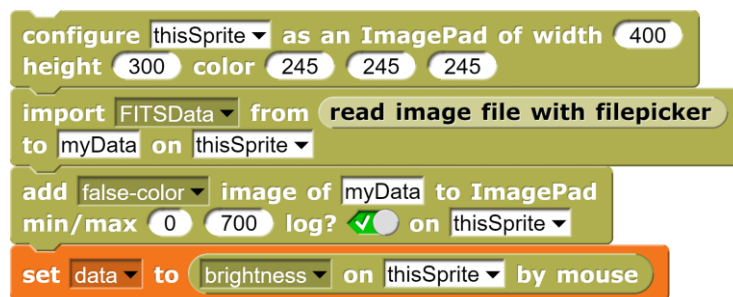
The screenshot shows a Scratch script for measuring the height of ancient columns. The script includes the following blocks:

- configure** thisSprite as an ImagePad of width 400 height 300 color 245 245 245
- switch to costume** columns
- import** costume(RGB)data from currentCostume to myData on thisSprite
- set data** to line-data on thisSprite by mouse

The data table shows the following values:

	A	B
2		
1	122	42
2	125	172

As a second example for measuring with the mouse we want to measure the total brightness inside a circle around a star photo (source: [HOU]).



The screenshot shows a Scratch script for measuring the total brightness inside a circle around a star photo. The script includes the following blocks:

- configure** thisSprite as an ImagePad of width 400 height 300 color 245 245 245
- import** FITSData from read image file with filepicker to myData on thisSprite
- add** false-color image of myData to ImagePad min/max 0 700 log? ☒ on thisSprite
- set data** to brightness on thisSprite by mouse

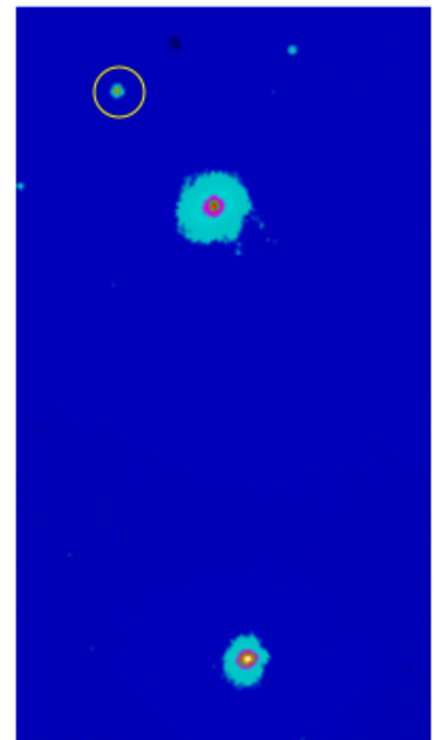
We get the total brightness and the number of measured pixels.



The data table shows the following values:

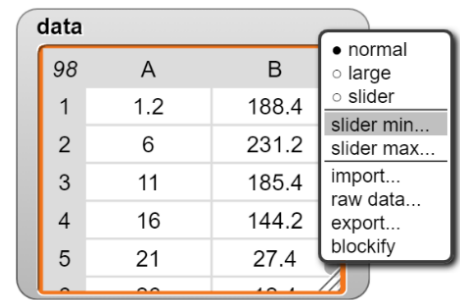
1	952
2	15

length: 2



The export of data can again be done directly from a variable watcher.

For scripts there are two new blocks *write <table> to CSV file <filename>* and *write string <string> to file <filename>*. The results end up in the browser's download folder, as usual in *Snap!* The two blocks allow to automate the data exchange with spreadsheet programs or text files, for example to save the results of data processing.



	A	B
98		
1	1.2	188.4
2	6	231.2
3	11	185.4
4	16	144.2
5	21	27.4

**write** SciSnap!Data **to CSV-file** filename

**write text** this-text **to TXT-file** this-file



## 5 Examples and Tasks

### 5.1 Representation of complex numbers

The operations with complex numbers can be easily illustrated in *SciSnap!* by using the *MathPad*: a sprite configuration that allows to quickly represent, for example, complex numbers as arrows. Since the complex plane has two dimensions, we need to change the default (3 dimensions), then we represent two complex numbers and their sum in different colors.

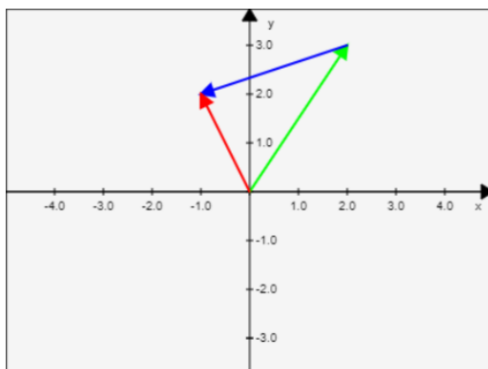
```
configure sprite thisSprite as a MathPad
width: 400 height: 300 color: 245 245 245
set MathPad properties lineWidth: 1 onlyPoints? ☒
dimension: 2 maxValue: 5 startPoint: 0 0 0
on thisSprite
plot complex-number complex 2 + 3 * i color: 0 255 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint? ☒
plot complex-number complex -3 + -1 * i color: 0 0 255
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint? ☒
set MathPad properties lineWidth: 3 onlyPoints? ☒
dimension: 2 maxValue: 5 startPoint: 0 0 0
on thisSprite
plot complex-number
complex complex 2 + 3 * i + complex -3 + -1 * i color:
255 0 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint? ☒
```

Create the *MathSprite* sprite as *MathPad* in the specified size and color. Then set dimension etc.

Draw the first number in green, moving the starting point.

Draw the second number in blue. Then move the starting point back to the origin.

Draw the sum in red from the origin.



Since this is a mathematical example, *Hilberto's* contribution must of course be adequately acknowledged by his co-representation.

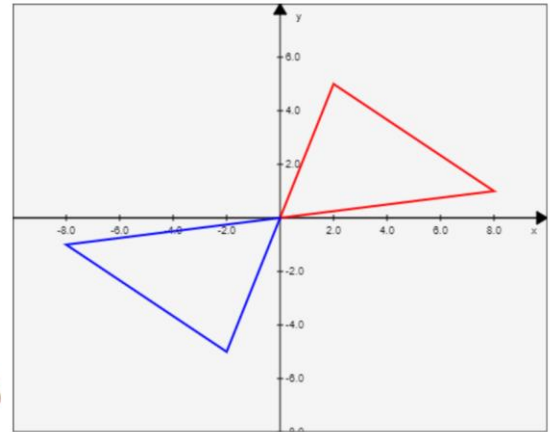


## 5.2 Affine transformation of a triangle in $\mathbb{R}^2$

We define a triangle by its location vectors. Then we define three points in the plane and three points to map them to:

Then we create a two-dimensional *MathPad*, change the maximum value of the axes and draw the triangle in red. To its position vectors we apply the affine transformation and draw the result in blue. Since coordinate transformations are rather something for physics, Alberto presents the result.

```
set triangle to list list 0 0 list 8 1 list 2 5
set sourcePoints to list list 0 0 list 0 1 list 1 0
set targetPoints to list list 0 0 list 0 -1 list -1 0
```



```
configure sprite thisSprite as a MathPad
width: 500 height: 400 color: 245 245 245
set MathPad properties lineWidth: 2 onlyPoints? 
dimension: 2 maxValue: 10 startPoint: 0 0 0
on thisSprite
plot object-of triangle color: 255 0 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint? 
set image to affine transformation of triangle
by sourcePoints --> targetPoints for MathPad
plot object-of image color: 0 0 255
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
```



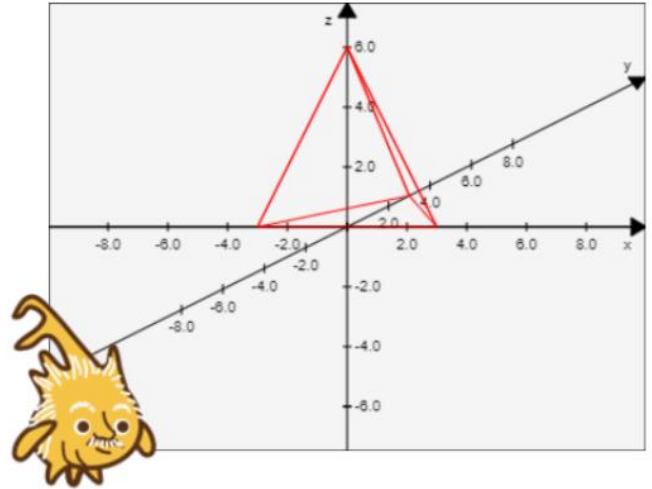
### 5.3 Rotation of a pyramid in $\mathbb{R}^3$

First, of course, we want to draw a pyramid. We define the base and the top by location vectors:

```
set footprint to list list -3 0 0 list 3 0 0 list 0 3 0
set top to list 0 0 6
```

We have them drawn by first drawing the base area, then lines from its corners to the top.

```
configure sprite thisSprite as a MathPad
width: 400 height: 300 color: 245 245 245
plot object-of footprint color: 255 0 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
set MathPadProperty startPoint of thisSprite to list -3 0 0
plot line-to top color: 255 0 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
plot line-to list 3 0 0 color: 255 0 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
set MathPadProperty startPoint of thisSprite to list 0 3 0
plot line-to top color: 255 0 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
```



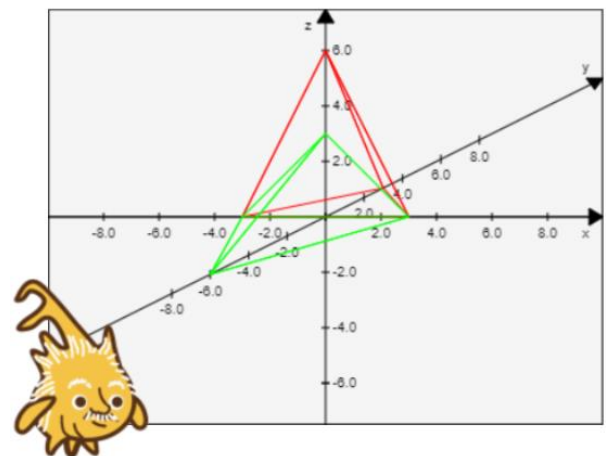
For rotations around the axes we need the three rotation matrices  $D_x$ ,  $D_y$  and  $D_z$ . For a rotation around the x-axis by  $90^\circ$  we can apply the matrix directly to the base surface. Then we let draw the side lines to the rotated point by multiplying the rotation matrix with the transposed location vectors of the points.

```
plot object-of apply Dx to points footprint color: 0 255 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
set MathPadProperty startPoint of thisSprite to
linear operation Dx transpose list -3 0 0
plot line-to linear operation Dx transpose top color: 0 255
0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
```

```
set alpha to 90
set Dx to
matrix of vectors
list 1 0 0 list 0 cos of alpha neg of sin of alpha
list 0 sin of alpha cos of alpha
set Dy to
matrix of vectors
list cos of alpha 0 sin of alpha list 0 1 0
list neg of sin of alpha 0 cos of alpha
set Dz to
matrix of vectors
list cos of alpha neg of sin of alpha 0
list sin of alpha cos of alpha 0 list 0 0 1
```

So in total:

```
plot object-of apply Dx to points footprint color: 0 255 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
set MathPadProperty startPoint of thisSprite to
linear operation Dx transpose list -3 0 0
plot line-to linear operation Dx transpose top color: 0 255
0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
plot line-to linear operation Dx transpose list 3 0 0 color:
0 255 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
set MathPadProperty startPoint of thisSprite to
linear operation Dx transpose top
plot line-to linear operation Dx transpose list 0 3 0 color:
0 255 0
on MathPad thisSprite Change startpoint?
```



## 5.4 Graph of normal distribution

Using the *PlotPad*, the graph of the normal distribution is drawn.

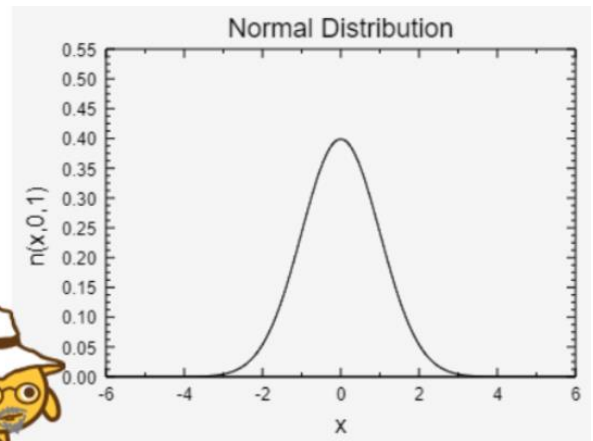
```

configure thisSprite as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245

set PlotPad labels on thisSprite to
title: Normal-Distribution titleheight: 18
x-label: x xLabelheight: 16
y-label: n(x,0,1) yLabelheight: 16

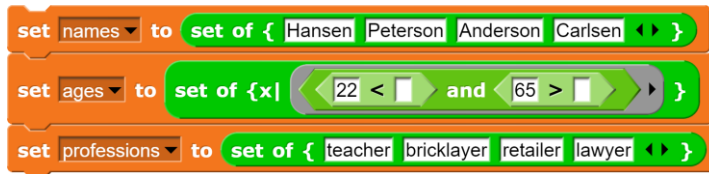
set PlotPad ranges for x: -5 5 y: 0 0.5
with border? ☐ of 0.1 pretty formatted? ☒
on thisSprite

add graph n (x=  μ= 0 σ= 1 ) to PlotPad thisSprite
add axes and scales to PlotPad thisSprite
  
```

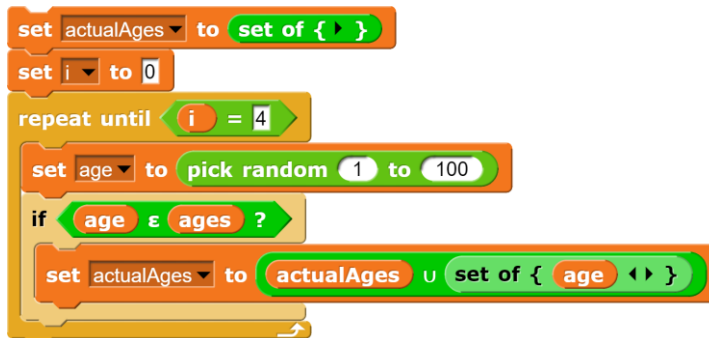


## 5.5 Cartesian product of three sets

First of all, we create three sets with names, possible ages and occupations:



After that we generate four values from the "allowed" age range:



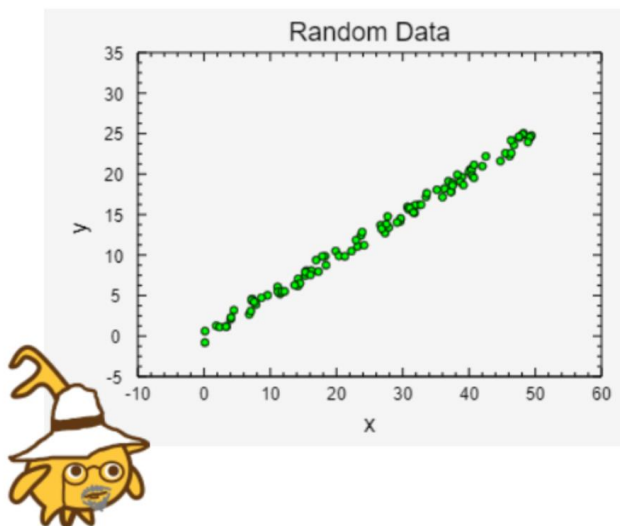
From these sets we can now form the Cartesian product of names, ages, and occupations:



And thus nothing stands in the way of a transition to the topic of "relational databases", for example.

## 5.6 Representation of a set of points and the regression line

Using the *SciSnap!DataLibrary*, we create 100 random points scattering around a straight line with slope  $m=0.5$  and intercept  $b=0$ . We plot the obtained points in a diagram.



```

set points to 100 random points near a straight
x-range 0 50 gradient 0.5
y-axis-intercept 0 range 2

configure thisSprite as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245

set PlotPad labels on thisSprite to
title: RandomData titleheight: 18
x-label: x xLabelheight: 16
y-label: y yLabelheight: 16

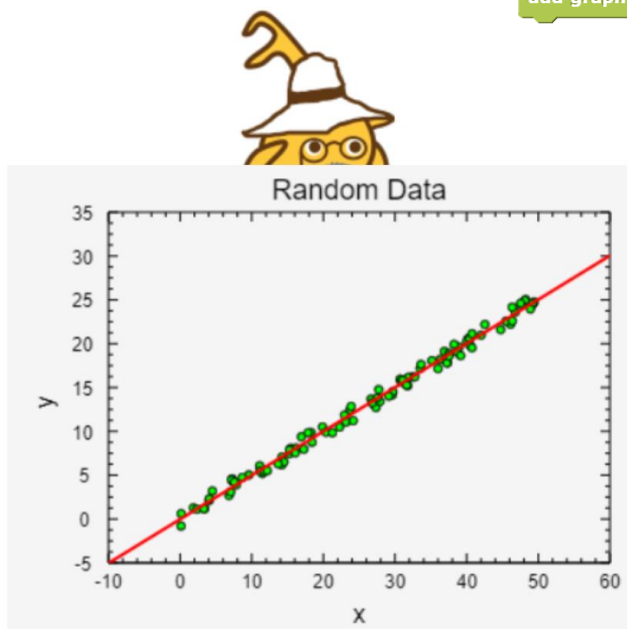
set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 1 color: 0 0 0 on thisSprite

set PlotPad marker properties style: o_circle width: 5
color: 0 255 0 connected? ☒ on thisSprite

set PlotPad ranges for x: 0 50 y: 0 30
with border? ☒ of 0.1 pretty formatted? ☒
on thisSprite

add dataplot of numeric data: points to PlotPad thisSprite
add axes and scales to PlotPad thisSprite
  
```

In addition, the regression line is also drawn.



```

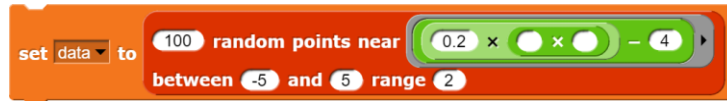
set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 2 color: 255 0 0 on thisSprite

add graph regression line parameters of points to PlotPad thisSprite
  
```

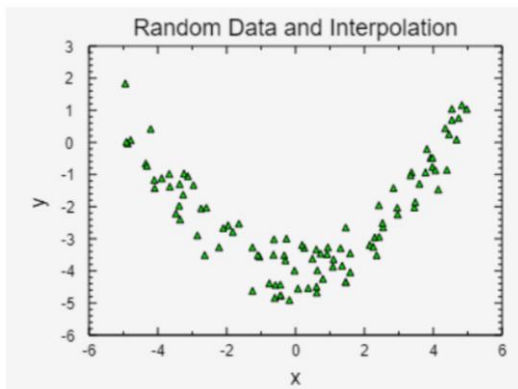
## 5.7 Interpolation polynomial through n points

We want to generate a data set of 100 points that scatter around a given function. We display these points in a diagram. We then select three points by clicking on the corresponding locations with the mouse and placing a red marker there. After that we draw an interpolation polynomial in red through these three points. Since this is a "mathematical" project, *Hilberto* is responsible for it.

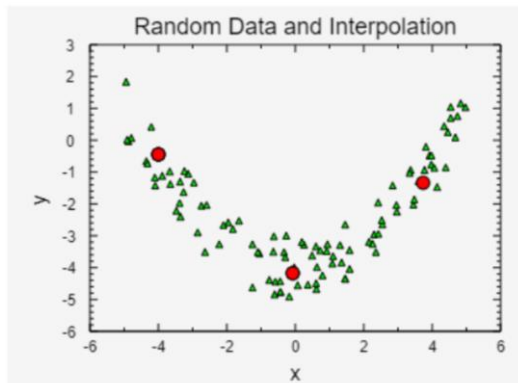
First of all the random points:



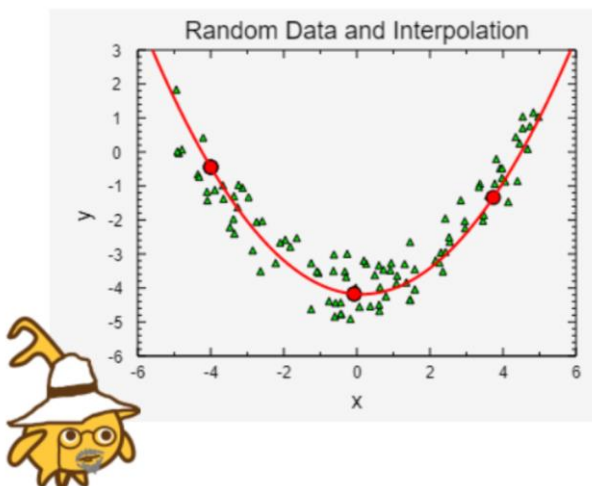
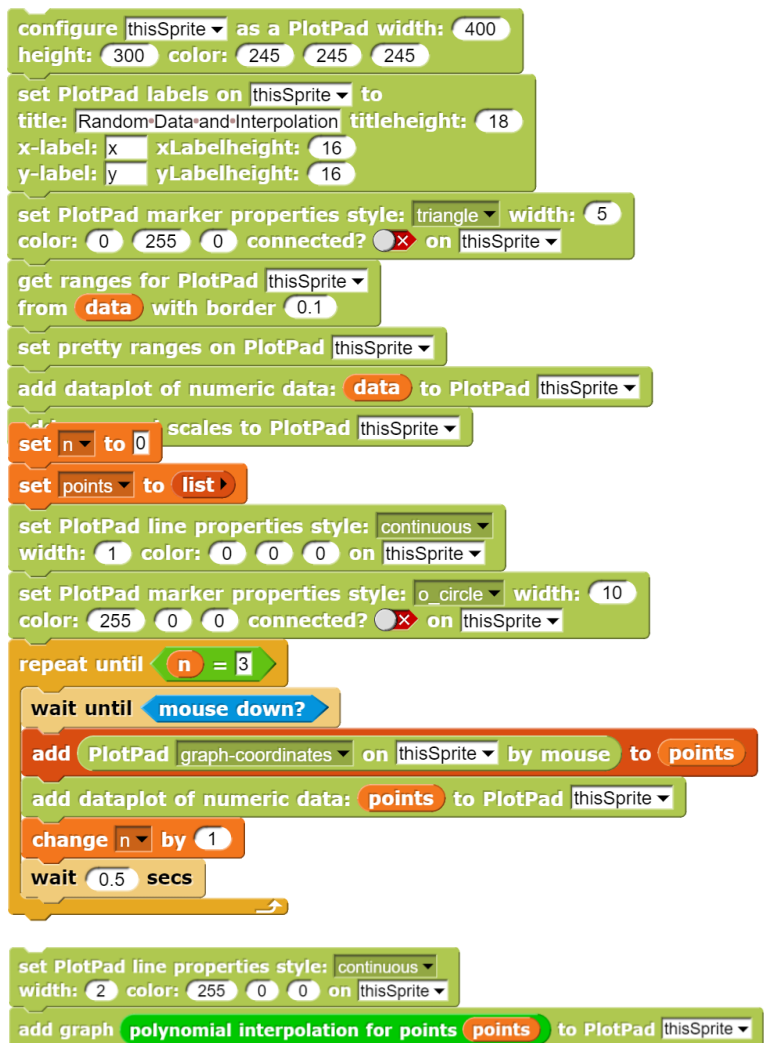
After that we configure the current sprite to the *PlotPad* and draw the point set.



Now we select the three points and plot them in the diagram right away.



And last we add the interpolation polynomial.



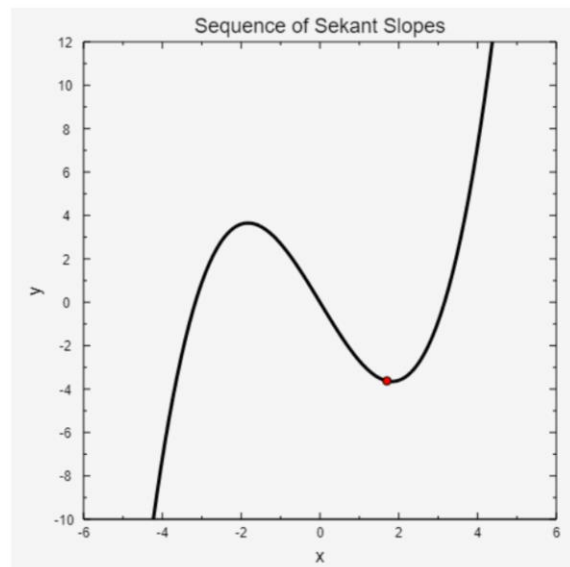
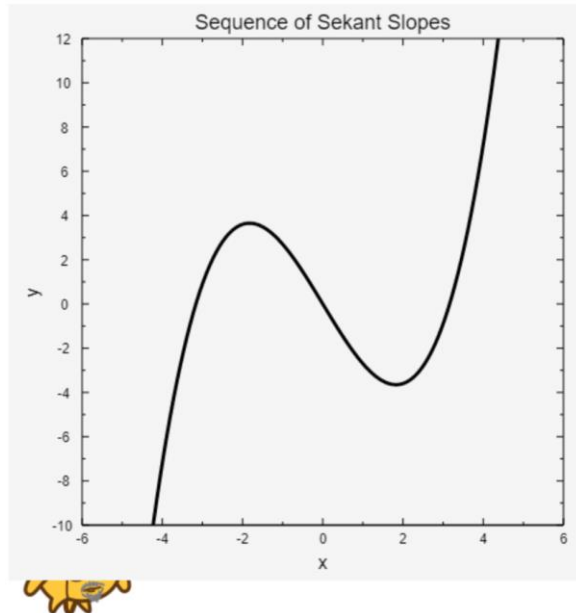


**Tasks:**

1. a: Generate "point clouds" scattering around other polynomials.  
b: As in the example, specify some points in these clouds through which an interpolation polynomial is to be drawn.  
c: Let draw these polynomials.
2. a: Experiment with the number of points you select. Do the results get better when you select more points?  
b: Generate "point clouds" that scatter around non-holistic function graphs (trigonometric, ...). Can you also describe these by interpolation polynomials?  
c: Formulate a rule for when and how to use interpolation polynomials in a meaningful way - and why just so.

## 5.8 Approximation of a tangent by secants

We want to show that a sequence of secant slopes converges against the slope of the tangent line at a point. To do this, we configure a sprite called *PlotPad* as *PlotPad* and draw the graph of a function, here:  $y = 0,3 \cdot x^3 - 3 \cdot x$ .



The rest is just as simple: we have the secant slopes calculated ...

... und die Sekanten in Farbabstufungen zeichnen.

```

configure PlotPad as a PlotPad width: 500
height: 500 color: 245 245 245

set PlotPad labels on PlotPad to
title: Sequence of Sekant Slopes titleheight: 18
x-label: x xLabelheight: 16
y-label: y yLabelheight: 16

set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 3 color: 0 0 0 on PlotPad

set PlotPad ranges for x: -5 5 y: -10 10
with border? of 0.1 pretty formatted? ✓
on PlotPad

add graph 0.3 x x x x - 3 x to PlotPad
PlotPad

add axes and scales to PlotPad PlotPad

```

We want to draw a sequence of secants near the right minimum, which approach the tangent. Of course we need a point  $(x_0|y_0)$  near the minimum to do this:

```

script variables secant slopes x0 y0 sequence
set x0 to 1.7
set y0 to 0.3 x x x x - 3 x x0

```

We may as well draw it in.

```

set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 1 color: 0 0 0 on PlotPad

set PlotPad marker properties style: circle width: 7
color: 255 0 0 connected? of 0.1 on PlotPad

add dataplot of numeric data: list list x0 y0 to PlotPad PlotPad

```

As sequence to approach the point we choose  $a_n = \frac{2}{n}$ , and we let generate the first 20 elements.

```

set sequence to first 20 elements of sequence 2 /

```

```

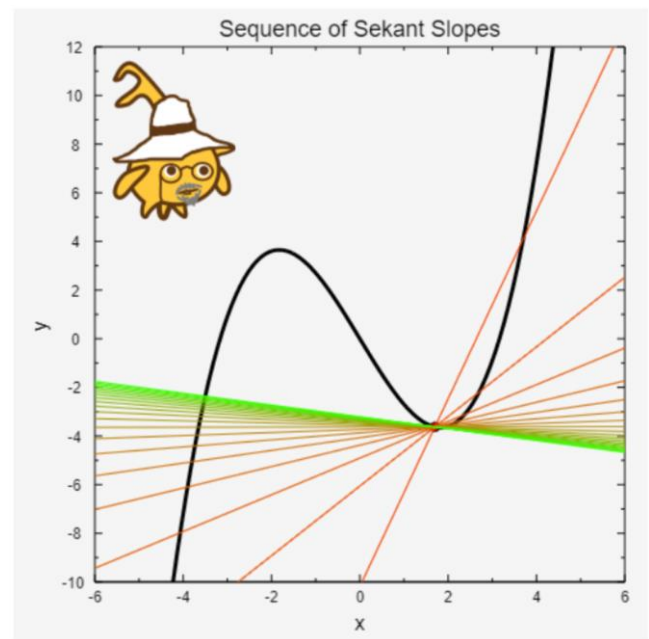
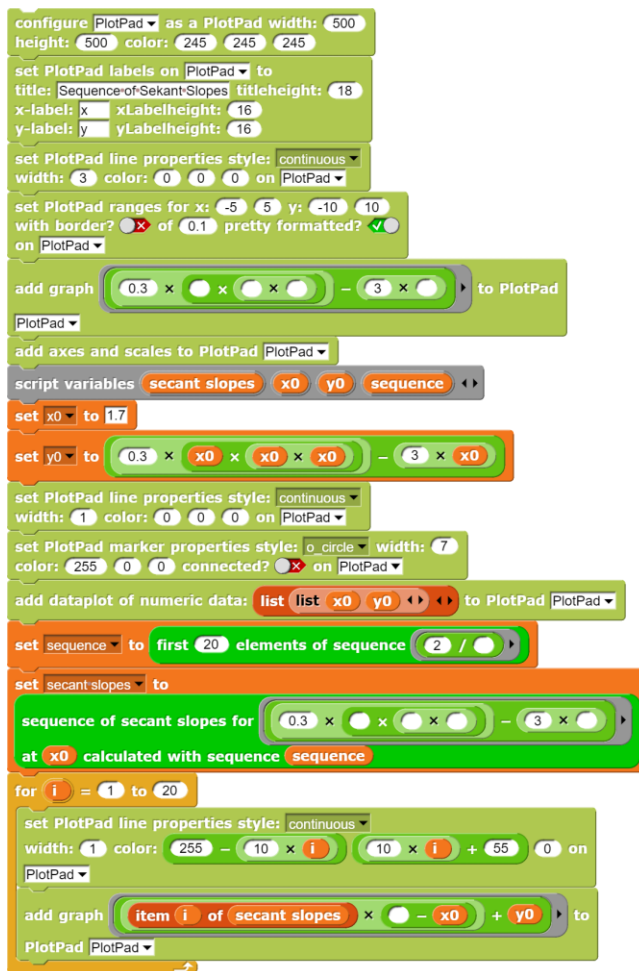
sequence of secant slopes for
set secant slopes to 0.3 x x x x - 3 x
at x0 calculated with sequence sequence

for i = 1 to 20
set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 1 color: 255 - 10 x i 10 x i + 55 0 on
PlotPad

add graph item i of secant slopes x x - x0 + y0 to
PlotPad PlotPad

```

The whole thing - with result - once again in one piece:



### Tasks:

1. In addition, have the "correct" tangent drawn in the diagram.
2. Choose as sequence for the secant calculation other sequences approaching the point  $(x_0 | y_0)$  from the other or both sides.
3. a: Similarly, illustrate the calculation of roots using the Newton method.  
b: Select some cases where the procedure works well or hardly or not at all.

## 5.9 Finite series

We want to approximate some of the common mathematical constants and functions via series expansions - and also try out how long you actually have to calculate to get good results.

Let's start with  $\pi$ . In a compendium of formulas <sup>18</sup> or on Wikipedia <sup>19</sup> we can find a formula for calculating  $\pi$ :

the *Leibniz-series*:  $\frac{\pi}{4} = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(-1)^i}{(2 \cdot i + 1)}$

We can implement them directly in *SciSnap!*.

But when is the result actually "good"?

To answer this question we create a table.

table		
	A	B
7	10	3.232315809405594
2	100	3.1514934010709914
3	1000	3.1425916543395442
4	10000	3.1416926435905346
5	100000	3.1416026534897203
6	1000000	3.1415936535887745
7	10000000	3.1415927535897814

```

set Pi to 4 x Σ (-1 ^ i / (2 x i + 1))
i = 0

```

```

set table to empty table
for k = 1 to 6
  set n to 10 ^ k
  set Pi to 4 x Σ (-1 ^ i / (2 x i + 1))
  i = 0
  add row list k Pi to table

```

With 10 million summands you have to wait a bit for the result!



Actually, it is strange that one must calculate so long for so little improved accuracy. You might do something like that in rainy Hanover in 1673 to avoid having to go for a walk - but now? We just try the *BIGNUM* library from *Snap!* for exact calculations with *Scheme numbers*. Then the calculation takes even longer and we get amazing results that don't look like  $\pi$ .

```

USE BIGNUMS ✓
set table to empty table
for k = 1 to 4
  set n to 10 ^ k
  set Pi to 4 x Σ (-1 ^ i / (2 x i + 1))
  i = 0
  add list n Pi to table

```

table		
	A	B
3	10	47028692/14549535
1	100	8304519683050930315868351728478581371218237057610107475627876427688700564658702331560588/263510616275723644
2	1000	4637710166055189992708459975241833181551070799519771337059966976207914371532925400613212036485402836712677

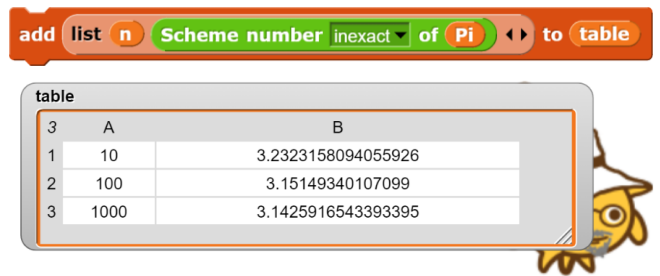
After a long search, we discover the fraction bar in the middle, although it is no longer visible in the second line. *Scheme numbers* are exact fractions and not floating point numbers.

<sup>18</sup> Ask your grandpa what it is. 😊

<sup>19</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leibniz\\_formula\\_for\\_pi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leibniz_formula_for_pi)

We therefore have the exact *Scheme numbers* converted to inexact floating point representation before we enter them into the table.

Despite the effort, the results are almost the same as before. Thus, the poor convergence behavior of the series is not due to the inaccuracies of the standard arithmetic of a programming language (here: *JavaScript*), but to its structure. Good to know! 😊



	A	B
1	10	3.2323158094055926
2	100	3.15149340107099
3	1000	3.1425916543393395

### Tasks:

1. Find out the meaning of the terms "*scheme numbers*" and "*floating point numbers*".
2. Look for other series expansions for  $\pi$ , which converge better than the Leibniz series.
3. Find and implement a series expansion for Euler's number  $e$ .
4. Inform yourself about reasons to calculate with the accuracy of Scheme numbers instead of that for floating point numbers.
5. Write scripts for the series expansion of trigonometric functions, e.g.  $\sin(x)$ ,  $\cos(x)$ , ...  
Note that the angle must be specified in radians.

## 5.10 Application of the Taylor series to the mathematical pendulum

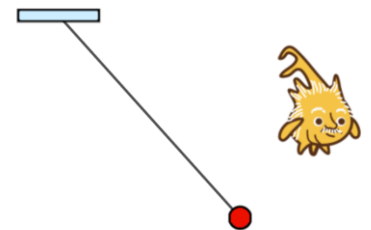
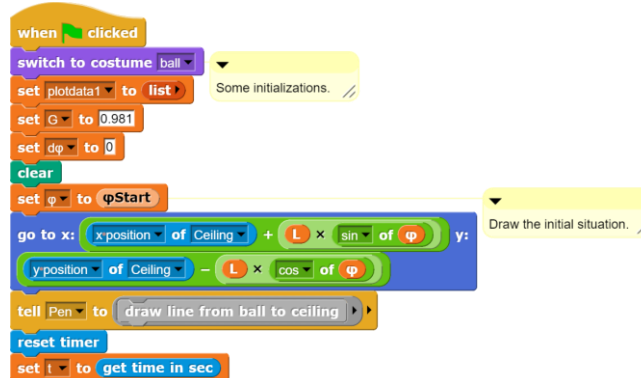
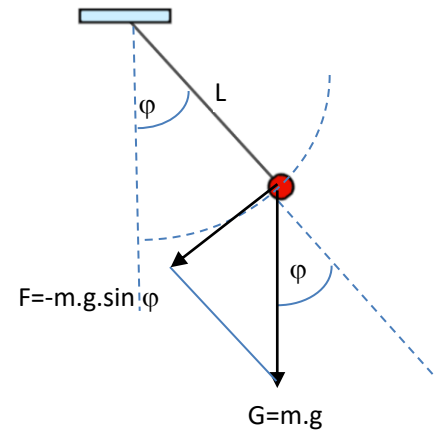
A very illustrative application of series expansions is the simulation of a mathematical pendulum, i.e. a string pendulum. Usually, one works there with the approximation that for small angles the value of the sine (in radians) corresponds approximately to the value of its argument - i.e. one breaks off the series expansion of the sine function after the first summand. Let's take a closer look: We get the force  $F$  accelerating the ball on the circular path as  $F = -G \cdot \sin \varphi = -m \cdot g \cdot \sin \varphi$ . According to the basic equation of mechanics, this Force is equal to the inertial force  $m \cdot \ddot{s} = m \cdot a$ . If we use the relation for the angle in radians  $\varphi = \frac{s}{L}$ , we get

$$\ddot{\varphi} = -\frac{g}{L} \cdot \sin \varphi$$

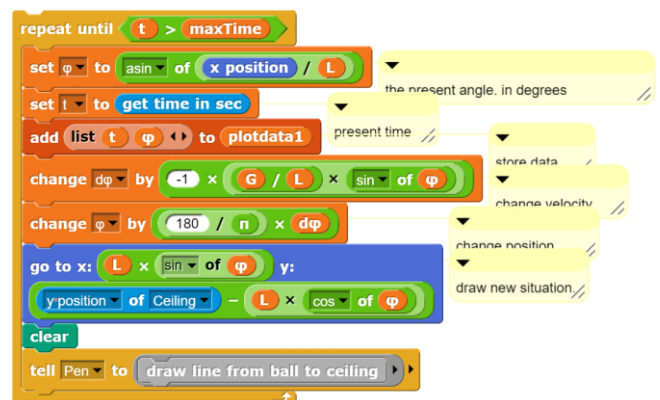
For small angles the approximate  $\sin \varphi \approx \varphi$  is valid and thus

$$\ddot{\varphi} \approx -\frac{g}{L} \cdot \varphi$$

Let's see if this works! First of all we simulate the "real" pendulum movement by taking the acceleration from the current position, from it we determine the change of the velocity and from it again the new position. We put the data into a list *plotdata1*. Some further quantities like the length of the pendulum and the initial displacement are given by variables in the slider view. First of all, we plot the initial situation: A pen draws required lines, and the pendulum hangs on the ceiling of the lab, of course.



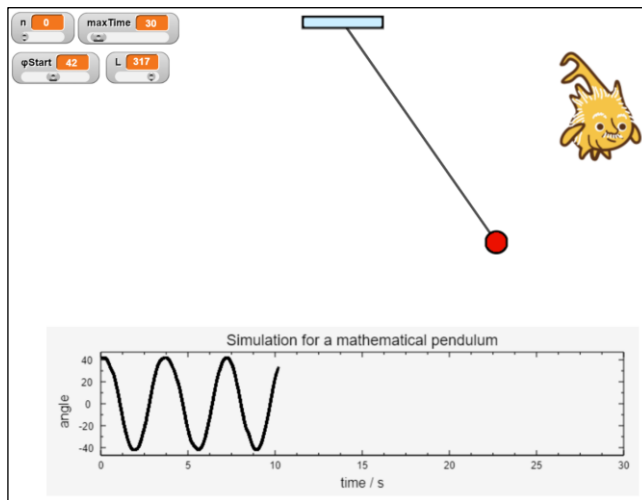
Now we start: We measure the current deflection and the time and write both values into the list of measured values. Then we calculate the current acceleration, which changes the angular velocity, and from that the new angle. After that we let draw the new situation. And this again and again.



To this arrangement we add another sprite as PlotPad: the *Plotter*. It is fast enough to display the current data in real time. Therefore we insert the block for it into the simulation loop of the pendulum.

set PlotPad line properties style: continuous  
width: 3 color: 0 0 0 on Plotter  
add dataplot of numeric data: plotdata1 to PlotPad Plotter

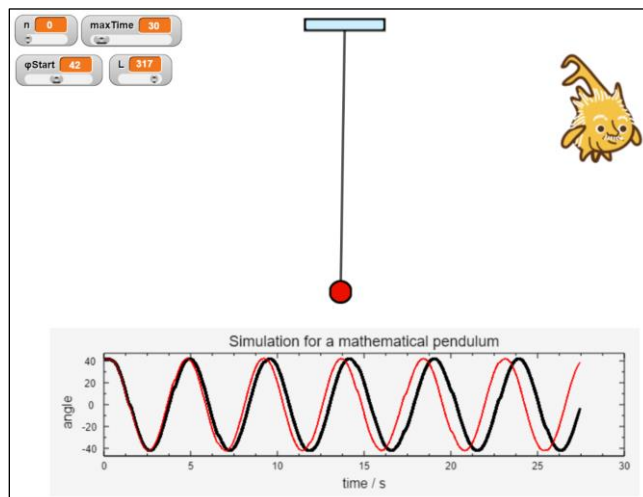
```
when clicked
  configure thisSprite as a PlotPad width: 700
  height: 200 color: 245 245 245
  go to x: 0 y: -180
  set PlotPad labels on thisSprite to
    title: Simulation-for-a-mathematical-pendulum titleheight: 18
    x-label: time/s xLabelheight: 16
    y-label: angle yLabelheight: 16
  set PlotPad ranges for x: 0 maxTime y: neg of φStart - 5
  φStart + 5
  with border? of 0.1 pretty formatted? ✓
  on thisSprite
  set PlotPad marker properties style: none width: 5
  color: 0 0 0 connected? ✓ on thisSprite
  add axes and scales to PlotPad thisSprite
```



Alberto is visibly thrilled that this is working out so well!

But the real goal was to see how good the approximation is. For this purpose we introduce a second data list *plotdata2* as well as an "approximated" angle  $\varphi_{Approx}$  and the corresponding angular velocity. The "real" angle  $\varphi$  and the approximated one start with the same value. Then we measure the "real" deflection of the pendulum and calculate the approximated value. We draw both in the diagram - the calculated value in red.

```
change dφApprox by -1 × G / L × n / 180 × φApprox
change φApprox by 180 / n × dφApprox
```



You can see that the approximation is quite good at the beginning, but diverges with the real-time values as time goes on.



This can be done better!

Instead of the linear approximation, we choose the Taylor series of the sine, of which we use  $n$  sums as approximation. We specify  $n$  as slider variable.

$$\sin \varphi = \sum_{i=0}^n (-1)^i \cdot \frac{\varphi^{2i+1}}{(2i+1)!} = \varphi - \frac{\varphi^3}{3!} + \frac{\varphi^5}{5!} - \dots$$

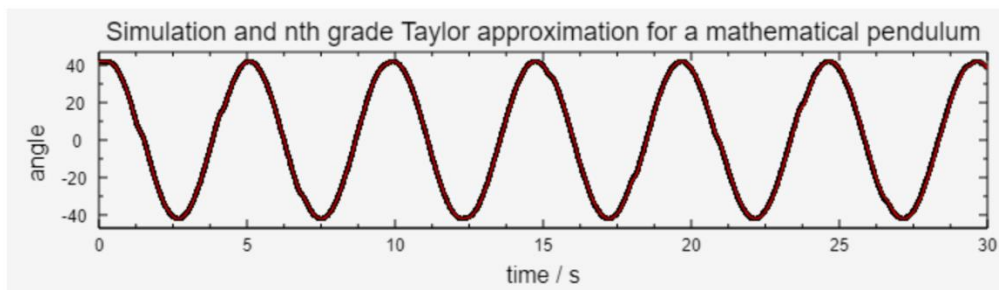
We can copy this directly into *SciSnap*!:



Together with the conversion of angles into radians we obtain for the angular acceleration:



Already with an extension of the approximation by one series element (i.e.  $-\frac{\varphi^3}{3!}$ ) the deviation from the measured values are no longer visible in the diagram.



### Tasks:

1. Let the simulation run longer and notice when - depending on the number of summands of the Taylor series - deviations appear.
2. Do the same for different start angles of the pendulum.

## 5.10 Fourier expansion for a square wave signal with numerical integration

One way to Fourier represent a  $2\pi$ -periodic function  $f(x)$  is

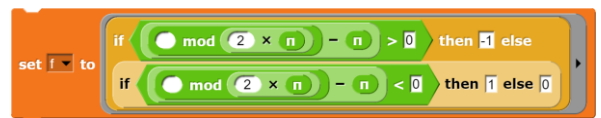
$$f(x) \cong a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k \cdot \cos(k \cdot x) + b_k \cdot \sin(k \cdot x)) \quad a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cdot dx$$

$$a_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cdot \cos(k \cdot x) \cdot dx \quad b_k = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cdot \sin(k \cdot x) \cdot dx; \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

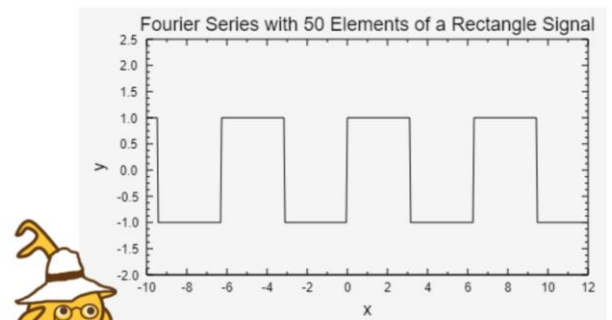
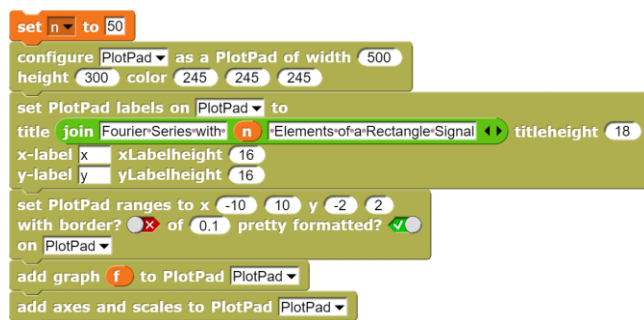
We want to determine the coefficients for the series expansion of a rectangular signal purely numerically and test how the length of the series expansion affects the accuracy of the results.

First of all we need a square wave signal with period  $2\pi$ . A function that returns this

would be e.g.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } (x \bmod 2\pi - \pi) > 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } (x \bmod 2\pi - \pi) < 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$



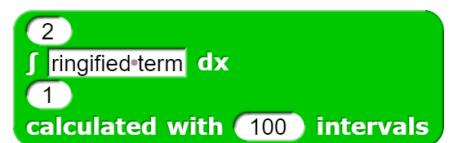
Of course, let's look at this in the diagram before we think it is a square wave signal:



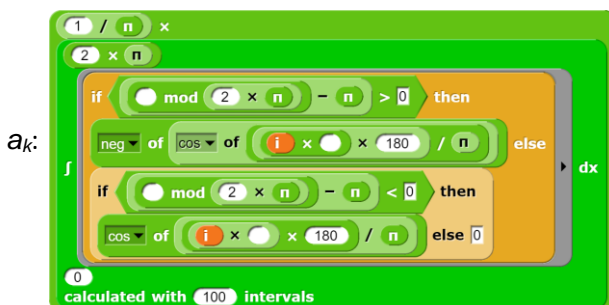
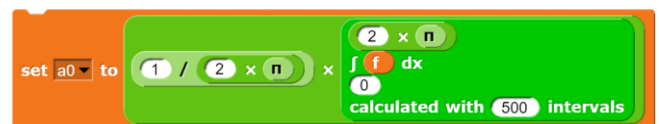
True so. 😊

Now, for each value of  $x$ , we need to calculate the first  $n$  coefficients of the Fourier series. For this we use the block for numerical integration.

So, let's try it for  $a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cdot dx$ . Since we already have the "ringified term" for the function  $f$ , we can simply write off:



For the other coefficients we have to complete the trigonometric terms and obtain for



and  $b_k$ :



These terms now only have to be summed up:

This gives us the following script in total:

```

+Fourier+series+of+(+ x # = 0 +)+with+ n # = 10 +elements+
script variables a0 ak bk result
warp
set a0 to 1 / 2 x n x f f dx
calculated with 500 intervals
set ak to list
set bk to list
for i = 1 to n
  1 / n x
  2 x n
  if mod 2 x n - n > 0 then
    neg of cos of i x x x 180 / n
  else
    if mod 2 x n - n < 0 then
      cos of i x x x 180 / n
    else 0
  dx to
  0
  calculated with 100 intervals
  ak
  1 / n x
  n
  if mod 2 x n - n > 0 then
    neg of sin of i x x x 180 / n
  else
    if mod 2 x n - n < 0 then
      sin of i x x x 180 / n
    else 0
  neg of n
  calculated with 100 intervals
  bk
set result to a0
for i = 1 to n
  change result by
    item i of ak x cos of i x x x 180 / n +
    item i of bk x sin of i x x x 180 / n
report result

```

```

set result to a0
for i = 1 to n
  change result by
    item i of ak x cos of i x x x 180 / n +
    item i of bk x sin of i x x x 180 / n

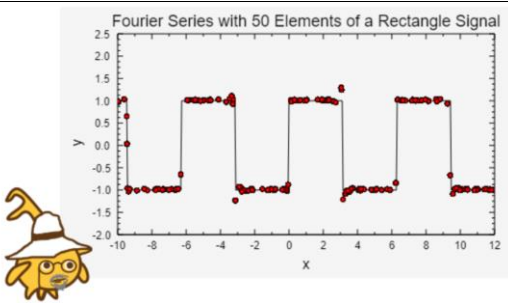
```






We have two "screws" in it, which we can turn: on the one hand the number  $n$  of the terms of the Fourier series can be changed, on the other hand the number  $i$  of the intervals in the numerical integration. The effects of changes can be easily judged if we randomly draw values of  $x$  and plot the result together with the function  $f$ . Deviations then show up immediately.

```

set n to 50
set data to list
set PlotPad marker properties style: o circle width: 5
color: 255 0 0 connected? x on PlotPad
forever
  set x to random x 22 - 10
  add list x Fourier series of f( x ) with n elements to data
  add dataplot of numeric data: data to PlotPad PlotPad

```

n summands	i intervals	result	comment
50	100		Actually quite good except for "slips" that are at the jump points of the function.

50	50		That should be clear.
50	200		Better, but only slightly better than with 100 summands.
25	200		Worse, but only marginally worse than with 50 summands.
10	100		Perhaps quite a good compromise between accuracy and computation time requirements.
5	75		In many cases, this is probably still acceptable.

You can see that the accuracy required depends on the task. For example, are slips at the jump points acceptable or is it precisely there that precision is important? It can also be seen that very different effects can be achieved with the same effort.

**Tasks:**

1. a: Give function terms for a triangular signal, a signal made of peaks, .... Have the function graphs drawn.  
b: Calculate the Fourier series for the signals.  
c: Experiment as shown to find a reasonable tradeoff between accuracy and computation time requirements.
2. a: Create tables with the data for a triangle signal, a signal from peaks, ... using the function terms.  
b: Output the signals through the speaker.  
c: Generate the corresponding tables using Fourier series of different quality and listen to them as sounds as well. Do you perceive any differences?
3. Find out about applications of Fourier series.



## 5.12 Income data from the US Census Income Dataset

(Quelle: [Census])

We want to dig into some data and therefore download the *Census Income Dataset* from the net.<sup>20</sup> The corresponding CSV file can be

import table-(CSV)-data from  
read file with filepicker to SciSnap!Data

loaded from the file directory in *SciSnap!Data* and displayed immediately. It contains 32562 records. Double-clicking or right-clicking on it and selecting "open in dialog..." shows all columns.

32562	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	age	workclass	final weight	education	education-num	marital-status	occupation	relationship	race	sex	capital-gain	capital-loss	hours-per-w
2	39	State-gov	77516	Bachelors	13	Never-married	Adm-clerical	Not-in-family	White	Male	2174	0	40
3	50	Self-emp-not-inc	83311	Bachelors	13	Married-civ-spouse	Exec-managerial	Husband	White	Male	0	0	13
4	38	Private	215646	HS-grad	9	Divorced	Handlers-cleaners	Not-in-family	White	Male	0	0	40
5	53	Private	234721	11th	7	Married-civ-spouse	Handlers-cleaners	Husband	Black	Male	0	0	40
6	28	Private	338409	Bachelors	13	Married-civ-spouse	Prof-specialty	Wife	Black	Female	0	0	40
7	37	Private	284582	Masters	14	Married-civ-spouse	Exec-managerial	Wife	White	Female	0	0	40
8	49	Private	160187	9th	5	Married-spouse	Other-service	Not-in-family	Black	Female	0	0	16
9	52	Self-emp-not-inc	209642	HS-grad	9	Married-civ-spouse	Exec-managerial	Husband	White	Male	0	0	45
10	31	Private	45781	Masters	14	Never-married	Prof-specialty	Not-in-family	White	Female	14084	0	50
11	42	Private	159449	Bachelors	13	Married-civ-spouse	Exec-managerial	Husband	White	Male	5178	0	40
12	37	Private	280464	Some-college	10	Married-civ-spouse	Exec-managerial	Husband	Black	Male	0	0	80

Which correlations could be found in this?

Our data blocks don't help that much at first, because they mostly process numeric data. If we want to use them, we have to scale the columns in such a way that numerical contents result. In the simplest case, we replace texts with numerical values - and should think carefully about what consequences this might have with regard to their interpretation.

Let's start with the last column: Income values are given for only two ranges: less than or greater than \$50,000. We assign values 1 and 2 to these ranges. (Or 0 and 1, or -1 and +1, or 0 and 100, or ..... Would these changes have consequences?) To avoid changing the original data, we create a variable *income* and store the changed values there by copying column 15 (*income*) without the first value (the *heading*) into this variable and then using the *map...over...* block to change the contents. Anyway, that's what we try to do. Unfortunately, when we look at the result again as a table, we only get the unchanged column 13.

The image shows a Scratch script and a table view. The script starts with a 'set income to column income of SciSnap!Data with first item?' block. This is followed by a 'map' block with an 'if' condition. The 'if' block has two branches: one for 'income <= 50K' which reports '1', and another for 'income > 50K' which reports '2'. The 'map' block is connected to 'over income'. To the right, a 'Table view' window shows a list of items (1801 to 1811) with corresponding values: 1801-1803 are '<=50K', 1804 is '>50K', and 1805-1811 are '<=50K'.

What's going on? We look at the first element of *income* and check if it is a string. It is, but it is longer than we thought:

The image shows a Scratch script snippet. It starts with an 'if' block: 'is item 1 of income a text?'. This is followed by a 'length of text' block: 'length of text item 1 of income'. The 'length of text' block is connected to a 'say' block with the number '6'.

<sup>20</sup> This is one of the training datasets for machine learning.



So we have to throw out the leading blanks before. This works now: our variable *income* now only contains the values 1 and 2, as we can quickly check by looking at it.

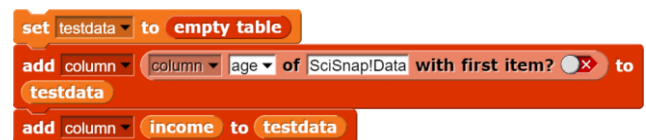
income	
	items
32561	
2841	2
2842	1
2843	1
2844	2
2845	2
2846	2
2847	1
2848	1



What does this income now depend on?

Maybe from age? We combine column 1 (age) and our modified income column into a new table called *testdata*.

testdata		
	A	B
32561		
1	39	1
2	50	1
3	38	1
4	53	1
5	28	1
6	37	1



We describe the relationship between age and income by the correlation coefficient.

The calculation is simple:



And what does that mean?

### Tasks:

1. Find out the meaning of the correlation coefficient and interpretation of the obtained value. What does the value "0.2340..." mean?
2. In this case, does the correlation coefficient depend on the type of numerical scaling of the data (1 and 2, -1 and 1, ...)? Check.
3. Determine other correlation coefficients, e.g. between education and income, country of origin and income, marital status and income, country of origin and occupation, ...
4. Find out if and when the scaling of non-numerical data can have an influence on the result.

## 5.13 New York Citibike Tripdata 2: data processing

Let's take a look at who actually rides a bike in New York. To do this, we download the rental data from NY Citibike for a month onto the computer, which are the almost 600,000 data records already mentioned. Let's take a closer look.

import table-(CSV)-data from  
read file with filepicker to SciSnap!Data

Table view																
577704	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	
1	tripduration	starttime	stoptime	start station	istart station	istart station	istart station	lend station	kend station	rend station	lend station	k	bikeid	usertype	birth year	gender
2	695	2013-06-01	(2013-06-01	444	Broadway &	40.7423543	-73.9891507	434	9 Ave & W 140.7431744	-74.0036644	19678	Subscriber	1983	1		
3	693	2013-06-01	(2013-06-01	444	Broadway &	40.7423543	-73.9891507	434	9 Ave & W 140.7431744	-74.0036644	16649	Subscriber	1984	1		
4	2059	2013-06-01	(2013-06-01	406	Hicks St & M40.6951284	-73.9959506	406	Hicks St & M40.6951284	-73.9959506	19599	Customer	NULL	0			
5	123	2013-06-01	(2013-06-01	475	E 15 St & Irv40.7352427	-73.9875856	262	Washington	40.6917823	-73.9737299	16352	Subscriber	1960	1		
6	1521	2013-06-01	(2013-06-01	2008	Little West S40.7056925	-74.0167768	310	State St & S40.6892694	-73.9891286	15567	Subscriber	1983	1			
7	2028	2013-06-01	(2013-06-01	485	W 37 St & 540.7503800	-73.9833898	406	Hicks St & M40.6951284	-73.9959506	18445	Customer	NULL	0			
8	2057	2013-06-01	(2013-06-01	285	Broadway &	40.7345456	-73.9907414	532	S 5 Pl & S 5	40.710451	-73.960876	15693	Subscriber	1991	1	

Of course, we still need to find out from the source what the data actually means - that is, look at the metadata. For the gender we learn that 0: *unknown*, 1: *male* and 2: *female*. For the columns "tripduration" and "gender" we determine some data:

The average duration of borrowing, in terms of gender:

set result to mean of column tripduration of SciSnap!Data  
grouped by column gender considering headline? ☒

result		
4	A	B
1	value	mean
2	0	1753.2988186817752
3	1	1063.5487225418608
4	2	1233.249445298994

That's what we thought!

Let's see if they are lazier on Broadway:

set result to mean of vector  
column A of select rows of SciSnap!Data where column start-station-id is equal-to 444 with first item? ☒

result 1380.553088413

I see. Probably Central Park is even worse!

set result to mean of vector  
column A of select rows of SciSnap!Data where column start-station-id is equal-to 2006 with first item? ☒

result 2230.303350254

All right. All prejudices do not have to be true. 😊

### Tasks:

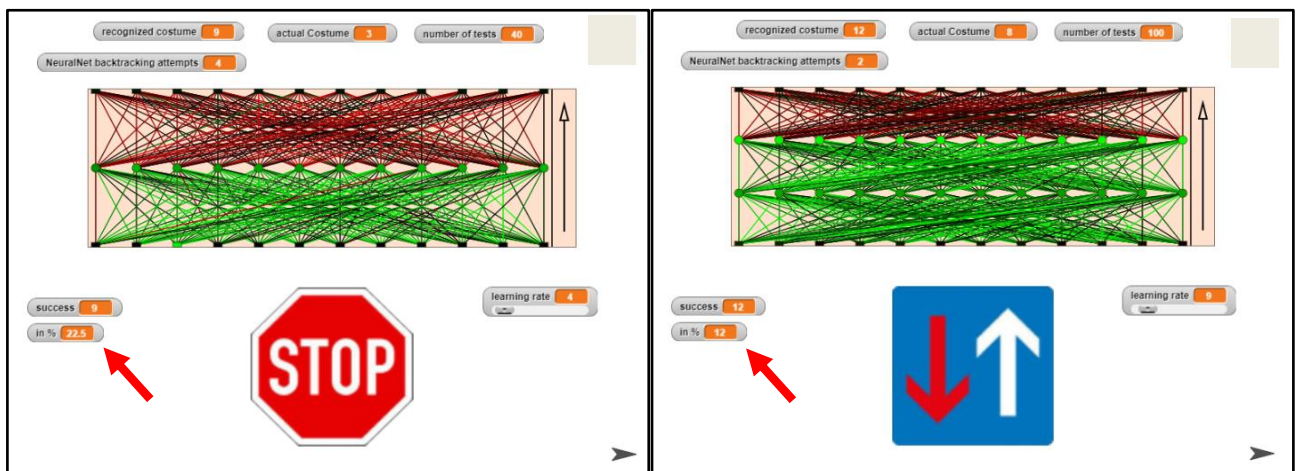
1. But maybe only the women at Central Park ride their bikes more. Check it out.
2. There is not only one rental station at Central Park. Determine appropriate averages for the entire area.
3. Are there actually rental data for other parts of the city? Do a search and compare the results with Manhattan.
4. Determine the average borrowing times per weekday, in total and for individual stations. Are there differences? Why?
5. Above, the mean borrowing time was calculated in relation to gender. You could also do it the other way around. Would that be complete nonsense or are there questions for which that would make sense?

## 5.14 Under- and Overfitting

Machine learning uses training data to adjust the parameters of a function so that other values are predicted well - if everything works well. So, you build a prediction tool, a kind of "telescope" for data.

One might think that the more customizable parameters a function contains, the better it is. But this is not the case. On the one hand, (1.) more parameters require more training data and training runs, i.e. more learning time; on the other hand, (2.) an "unsuitable" number of parameters can also prevent "good" solutions. For both we give an example.

Re 1: In the neural network for traffic sign recognition (example 48), we achieve very good results with one layer. If we increase the number of layers and leave the number of training runs the same, then the recognition rate decreases drastically.



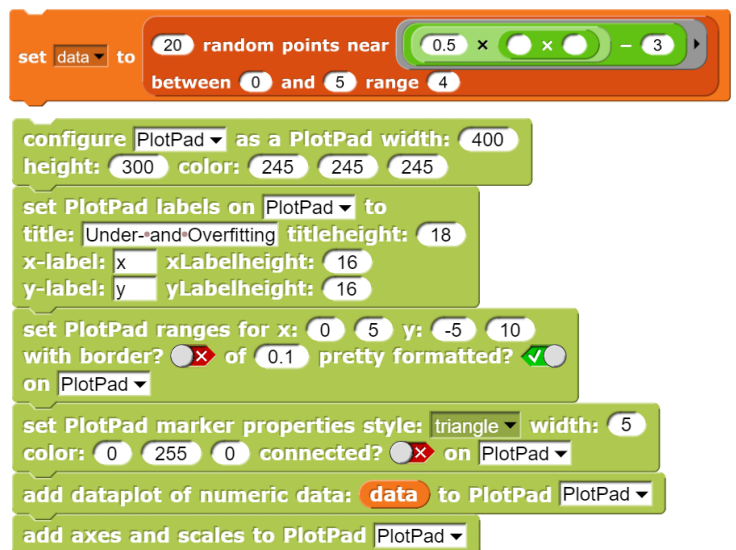
Re 2: If the training data is well reproduced by the function, it does not mean that this is also true for other data. It depends very much on the kind of function that is generated. As application we choose the example *polynomial interpolation*.

The task is: *With the help of training data, the coefficients of a polynomial are adjusted so that OTHER data are predicted as well as possible.*

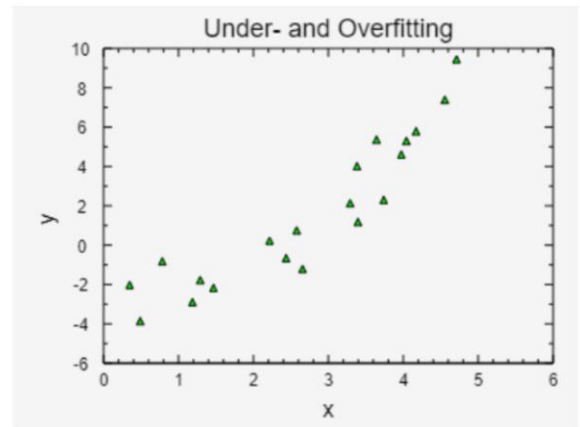
To do this, we need to generate data that will be used to calculate an interpolation polynomial. This time the task is done by *Hilberto*. He generates data that scatter around the parabola  $0,5 * x^2 - 3$ .

We configure a second sprite next to *Hilberto* named *PlotPad* as *PlotPad* and plot the data on it.

As a "workhorse" we choose the *PlotPad*. If necessary, we import the required functionality from other libraries.



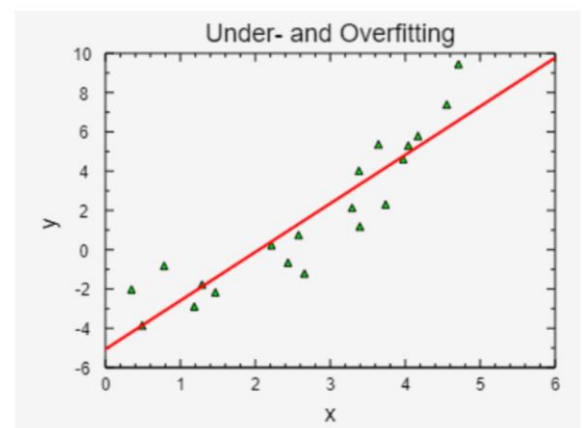
This is already enough to show the data.



We first try the interpolation with a regression line.

```
set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 2 color: 255 0 0 on PlotPad
add graph regression line parameters of data to PlotPad PlotPad
```

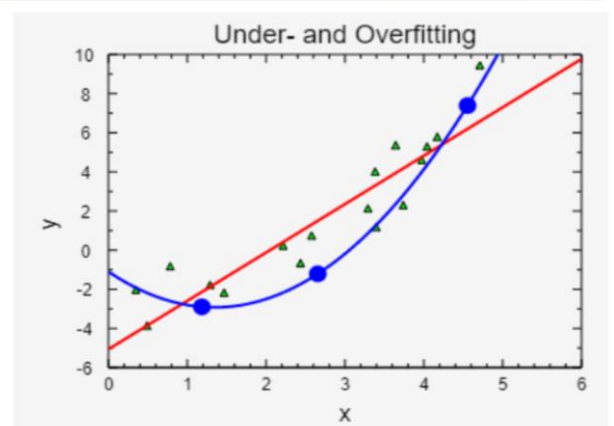
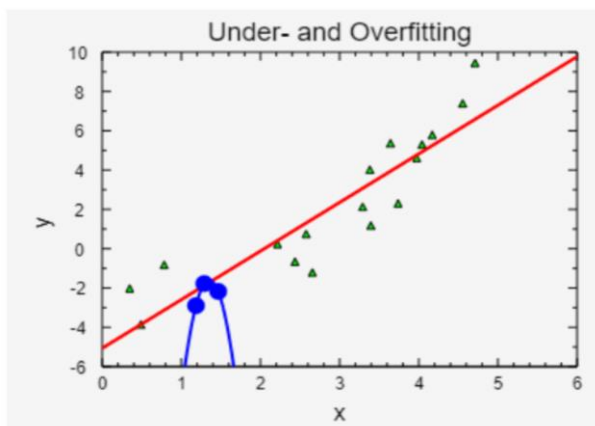
This actually looks quite nice, but it doesn't properly fit on the sides.



So, we try it with a polynomial interpolation.

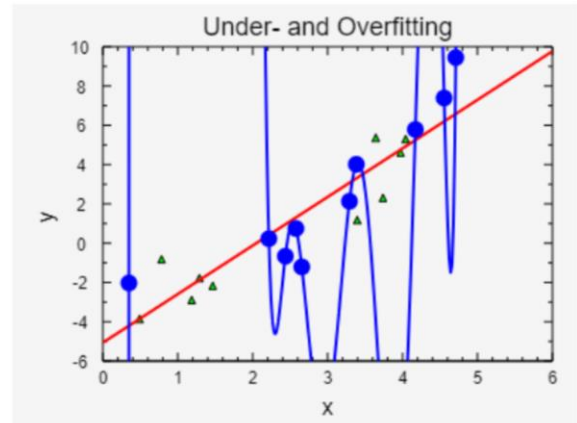
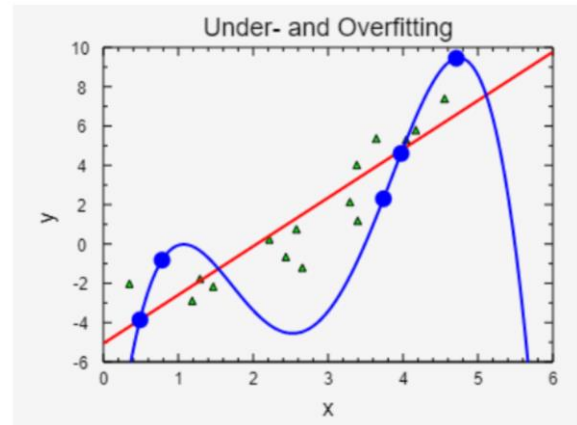
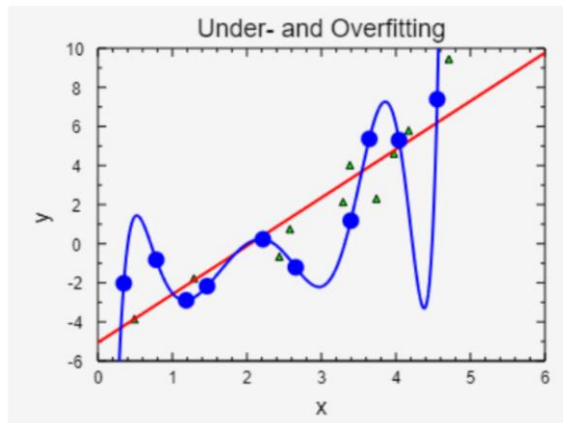
First of all, we choose three random pairs from the training data, determine the interpolation polynomial and draw it. Because we want to experiment further, we generalize the solution to a polynomial through  $n$  points. The results depend on which points were caught. Here is a bad and a quite good result.

```
+interpolation+polynomial+for+ n # = 3 +points+
script variables points
set points to list
repeat until length of points = n
  add item pick random 1 to length of data of data to points
set points to points without duplicates
set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 2 color: 0 0 255 on PlotPad
set PlotPad marker properties style: o circle width: 10
color: 0 0 255 connected? x on PlotPad
add dataplot of numeric data: points to PlotPad PlotPad
add graph polynomial interpolation for points points to PlotPad PlotPad
```



Now we're getting brave! Instead of three points, we choose 5. After all, we want to do a good job! That works halfway in the middle, and then - oops!

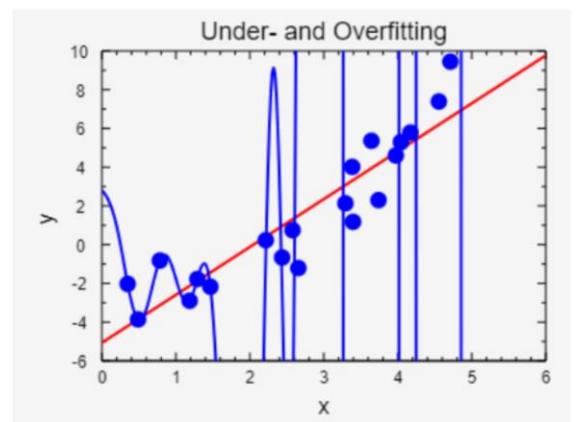
Maybe we just have to use more points. Let's try 10. The polynomials run through more points, but they "take off" at the edges.



Well, then with all the points!

You can see that as the degree of the polynomial increases, there is more training data directly on the graph, but that in between, the wild oscillations of the polynomial only "predict" nonsense values.

The quality of what we learn therefore depends very much on how we deal with deviations. We have to decide which inaccuracies in detail are tolerable so that the forecast as a whole becomes reliable. If the degree of the polynomial is too small, we speak of *underfitting*, if it is too high, of *overfitting*.



### Tasks:

1. Discuss different ways of defining a "good" degree of the interpolation polynomial (i.e., its highest power).
2. Formulate your results so precisely that they can be realized as scripts.
3. Test the scripts on different data sets.

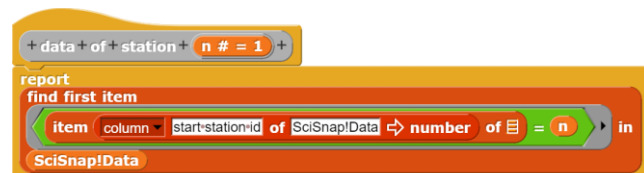
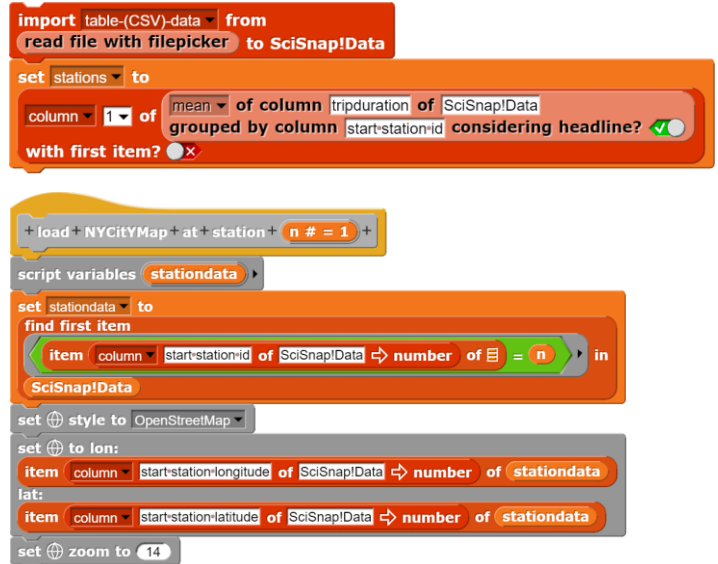


## 5.15 New York Citibike Tripdata 3: World Map Library

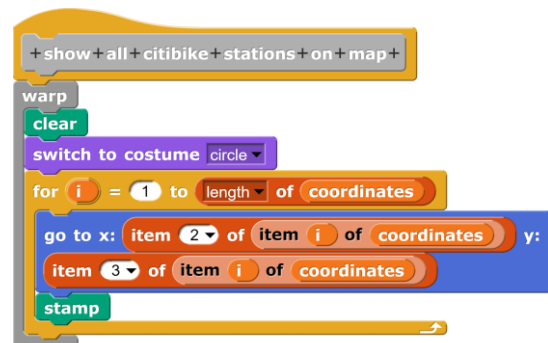
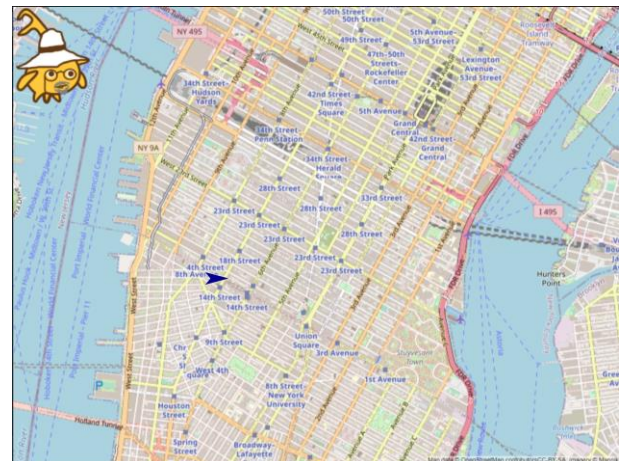
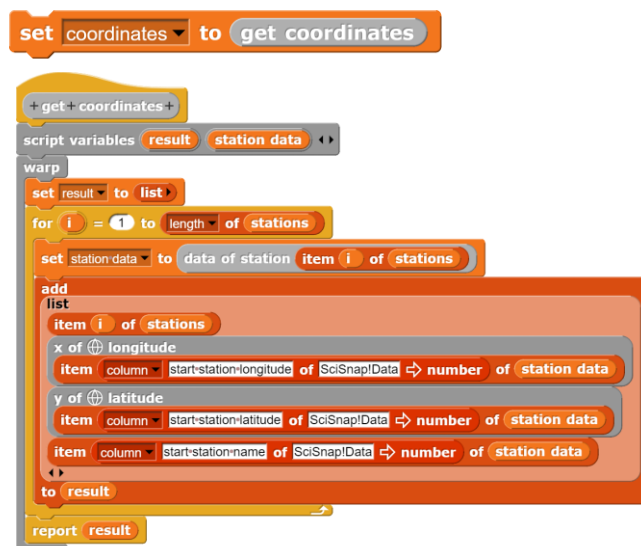
Even in New York, bicycling has become "hip" and the borrowing data can be loaded as CSV files. We do this as in the previous examples with this dataset. Since we also want to create graphics, we configure a sprite as *PlotPad*.

Let's see where you can rent bicycles. For the overview we extract the rental stations from the total list, e.g. by grouping them by the name of the starting station (column 5) and selecting only this column as the result. We still get 337 stations. Since geographical longitude and latitude of the borrowing stations are given, it makes sense to use the *World Map Library of Snap!*. We write a small block for this, which displays the surroundings of a borrowing station as a map.

After that, we look for the data of a station ...



... and thus set up the list of coordinates of the stations <sup>21</sup>.



With this data we can send *Hilberto* to the individual positions and ask him to leave circles there with the stamp block, for example.

<sup>21</sup> This will take some time!

At least in midtown Manhattan, I don't think we have to worry about finding a borrowing station!

Let's take a closer look at the rental station Broadway - corner 41 Street (No. 465). To do this, we pull all records from the total list that start or end at this station. That's 5054 operations this month. Times are entered in this list along with the date. We can throw this out (*split with " "*) and reduce it to the hour (*split with ":"*). We then have a numerical scale with the unit "hour". Now we can see what is going on at the station in the individual hours of the day.

```

+ reduce + time + columns + of + data : +
script variables result
warp
set result to list
add column column 1 of data with first item? to result
add column
map item 1 of split item 2 of split by by over to
column 2 of data with first item?
result
add column
map item 1 of split item 2 of split by by over to
column 3 of data with first item?
result
for i = 4 to 15
add column column i of data with first item? to result
report result

configure thisSprite as a PlotPad width: 500
height: 400 color: 245 245 245
set PlotPad labels on thisSprite to
title: join Activities item 5 of item 1 of lendingData
titleheight: 18
x-label: hour xLabelheight: 16
y-label: number of activities yLabelheight: 16
set PlotPad ranges for x: 0 24 y: 0
max of vector column 2 of plotData with first item?
with border? of 0.1 pretty formatted?
on thisSprite
set PlotPad marker properties style: o_circle width: 5
color: 0 255 0 connected? on thisSprite
add dataplot of numeric data: plotData to PlotPad thisSprite
add axes and scales to PlotPad thisSprite

```



```

+ selection = lendings + at + station + n # = 72 +
if selection = lendings
report keep items item 4 of = n from SciSnap!Data
else
report keep items item 8 of = n from SciSnap!Data

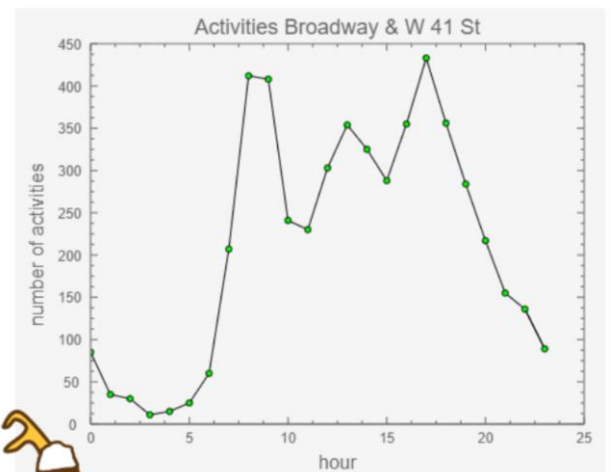
```

lendings at station 55  
lendings returns

```

set lendingData to
reduce time columns of
append lendings at station 465 returns at station 465
set plotData to
number of column 1 of lendingData
grouped by column 2 considering headline?

```

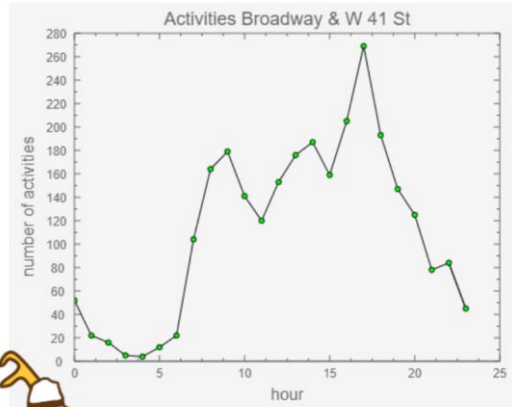


And we can represent this graphically as usual.

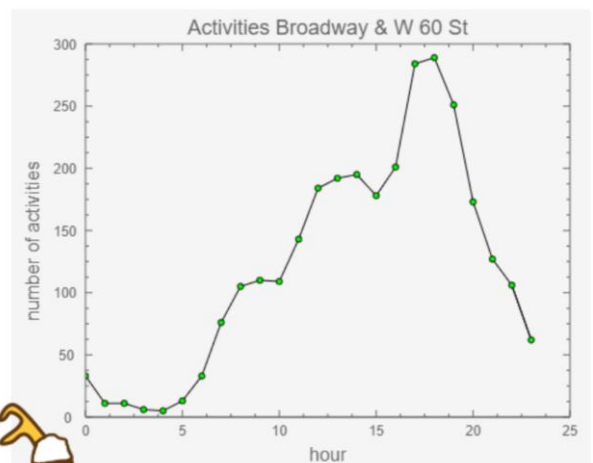
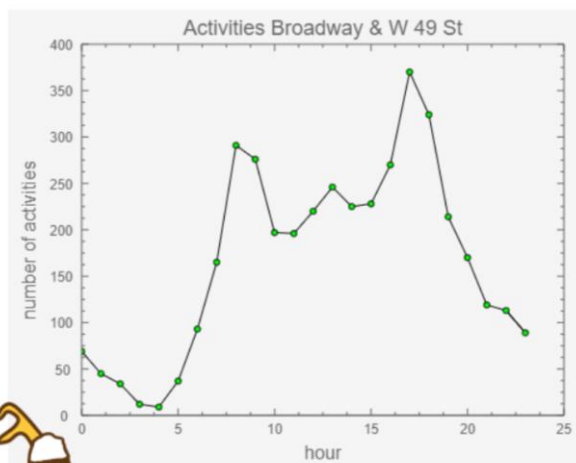
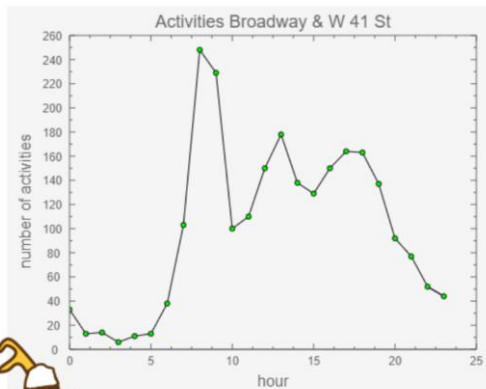


Of course, we can combine that into one block, still leaving open the decision of whether we want to record borrowings, returns, or both.

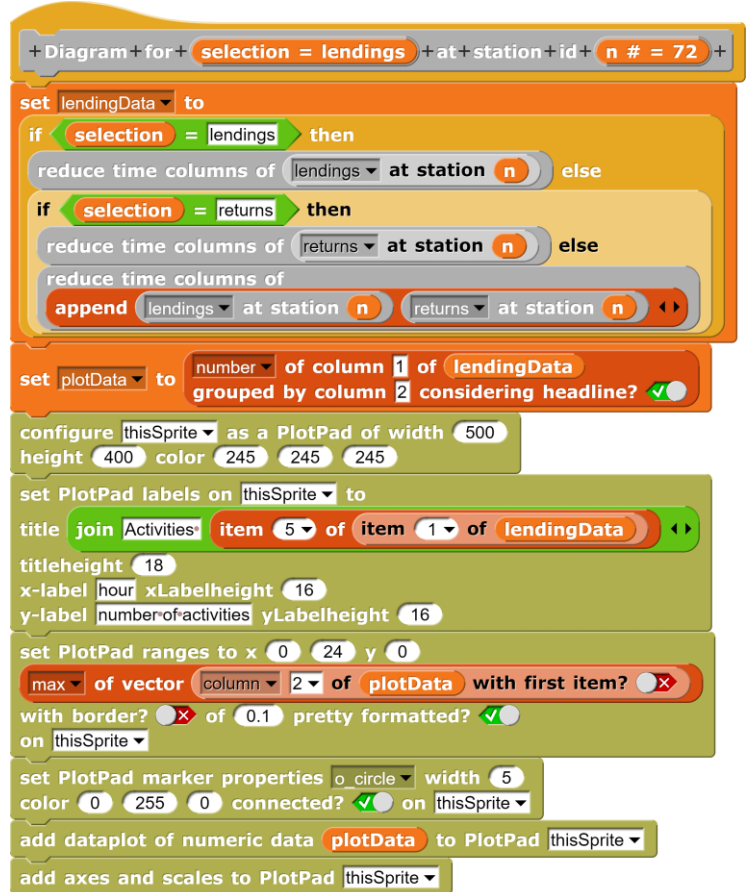
Lending:



Returns:



Well, at Central Park people get up later and the tourists are not there yet. But the museums always close at the same time.



A few streets away, it looks very similar. Is this a general pattern?

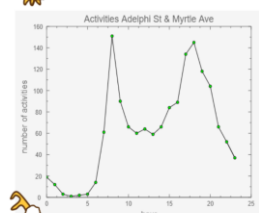
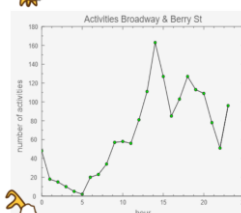
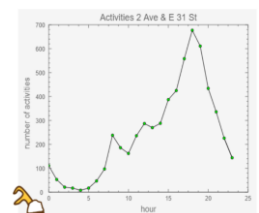
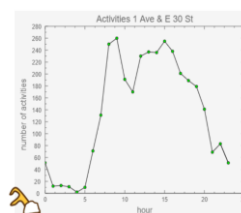
So, what can our programs learn from this data?

- For example, we could predict from the usual departures and arrivals as well as the actual stock whether enough bikes will be returned to a station in time or whether it would be better to transport some there.
- We could determine from mean path lengths which batteries are being used for eBikes.
- We could determine whether women or men are more likely to borrow the bikes at a particular time of day and then make sure the supply is right. We could do the same for the age of the borrowers.
- We could determine the borrowing data per bike and predict when repairs will be due. We could also do this as a function of the location of the stations, for example.
- We could try to generalize distributions from some stations so that predictions for others can be derived from them. So, when museums close at Central Park, the program can "learn" from the old data in which districts bikes are likely to be dropped off and when, and warn if there are not enough free slots there.

etc.

### Tasks:

1. Break down the stations' activities according to arrivals and departures.
2. Write a forecasting function that warns when there is a threat of a bike shortage at a station in the next few hours.
3. For specific stations, graphically represent the connections to the most selected drop-off stations on the map by direct lines. Choose line thickness according to the number of borrows and colors according to the station. Do clusters form?
4. With the help of correlations, determine whether there are correlations in the borrowing behavior (e.g. with regard to the times of day, the location, ...) with the gender, the age, the status of the borrowers. You may need to replace the data with numerical data beforehand - similar to the times. Discuss possible consequences.
5. For a small section of Midtown (where everything is nice and rectangular), determine the coordinates of the street corners. Then develop a router that shows the shortest path to the nearest Citibike station.
6. Borrowing rates depending on the time of day show some differences in different areas of Manhattan. Examine similarities and differences systematically and try to explain the results.



## 5.16 Star spectra [UniGOE]

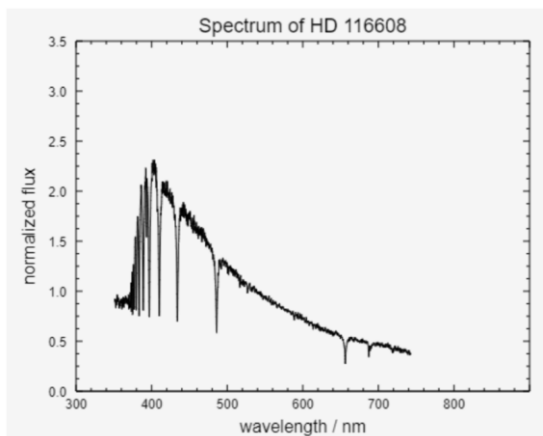
Stars shine in different colors because they have different temperatures. In addition, the spectra differ in their absorption lines. We want to investigate this a little more closely.

We get some star spectra (source: [UniGOE]) and save them as a text file. We read such a file and split it into a list *data*. The first line contains the star name after the column labels. We isolate it and save it as *starname*.

We now know what the star is called. If you search for it on the Internet, you will find a lot of information about it. So that we can repeat the loading process with other data, we encapsulate it in its own block. After its execution, the actual star data are available as a lightly prepared table. Unpleasant about it is the strongly different magnitude of the data in the two columns. We therefore normalize the second column using the mean value and store the result as *normalizedData*.

data				normalizedData		
2799	A	B	C	2799	A	B
1	351.00	8.1860e-13	0.3586	1	351.00	0.896537451
2	351.14	8.1770e-13	0.3584	2	351.14	0.895551764
3	351.28	8.3890e-13	0.3680	3	351.28	0.918770178
4	351.42	8.4400e-13	0.3704	4	351.42	0.924355740
5	351.56	8.3100e-13	0.3649	5	351.56	0.910118033
6	351.70	8.3270e-13	0.3659	6	351.70	0.911979887
7	351.84	8.3740e-13	0.3682	7	351.84	0.917127366
8	351.98	8.3200e-13	0.3661	8	351.98	0.911213241
9	352.12	8.0760e-13	0.3555	9	352.12	0.884490161
10	352.26	7.8450e-13	0.3456	10	352.26	0.859190851
11	352.40	7.8900e-13	0.3363	11	352.40	0.835534353
12	352.54	7.8400e-13	0.3354	12	352.54	0.822706323

The normalized data can be used to quickly create a plot on a *PlotPad*.



set data to read file with filepicker

starname HD 116608

```
# nm Flux(10mW/m2/nm) for star HD 116608
351.00 8.1860e-13 0.3586
351.14 8.1770e-13 0.3584
351.28 8.3890e-13 0.3680
351.42 8.4400e-13 0.3704
351.56 8.3100e-13 0.3649
351.70 8.3270e-13 0.3659
351.84 8.3740e-13 0.3682
351.98 8.3200e-13 0.3661
352.12 8.0760e-13 0.3555
352.26 7.8450e-13 0.3456
352.40 7.8290e-13 0.3363
352.54 7.6040e-13 0.3354
352.68 7.6470e-13 0.3375
352.82 7.9000e-13 0.3489
352.96 8.2580e-13 0.3649
353.10 8.1020e-13 0.3582
353.24 7.8800e-13 0.3486
353.38 8.0680e-13 0.3571
353.52 8...
```

set data to split data by line

set starname to get starname from item 1 of data

+ get + starname + from + text +

script variables help

set help to split text by

if length of text item 8 of help > 1

report join item 7 of help item 8 of help

else

report join item 7 of help item 9 of help

+ load + star + data +

set data to split read file with filepicker by line

set starname to get starname from item 1 of data

delete 1 of data

set data to map split by tab over data

delete last of data

delete column 3 of data

set normalized data to list

add column column 1 of data with first item? to normalized data

add column column 2 of data with first item? normalized by mean to normalized data

+ show + spectrum +

configure PlotPad as a PlotPad width: 500

height: 400 color: 245 245 245

set PlotPad labels on PlotPad to

title: join Spectrum of starname titleheight: 18

x-label: wavelength/nm xLabelheight: 16

y-label: normalized flux yLabelheight: 16

set PlotPad ranges for x: 300 800 y: 0 3

with border? of 0.1 pretty formatted? on PlotPad

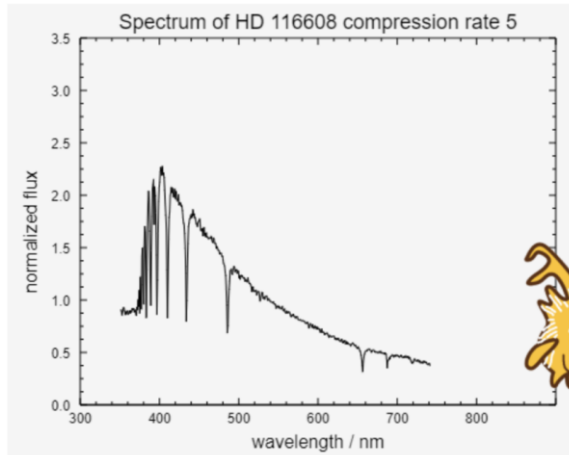
set PlotPad marker properties style: none width: 5

color: 0 0 0 connected? on PlotPad

add dataplot of numeric data: normalized data to PlotPad PlotPad

add axes and scales to PlotPad PlotPad

One can see well the sloping course with some striking absorption lines. But do we need all spectral data at all for this insight? Maybe it is enough to reduce the amount of data by averaging. We introduce a compression factor *compressionRate* and complete the script before the diagram generation.

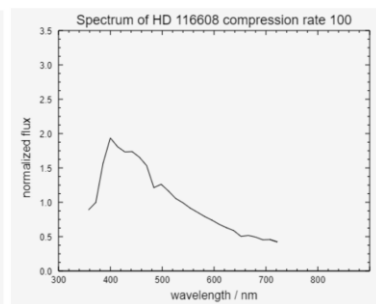
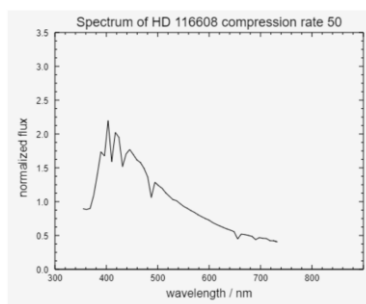
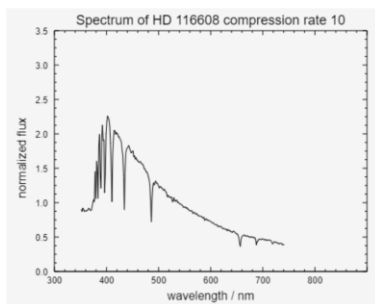


```

+show+spectrum+with+compression+rate+compressionRate # = 1+
script variables compressedData polynomial
set compressedData to normalized data compressed with
factor compressionRate by averaging
set polynomial to 0
configure PlotPad as a PlotPad width: 500
height: 400 color: 245 245 245
set PlotPad labels on PlotPad to
title: join Spectrum-of starname compression-rate compressionRate
titleheight: 18
x-label: wavelength/nm xLabelheight: 16
y-label: normalized-flux yLabelheight: 16
set PlotPad ranges for x: 300 800 y: 0 3
with border? of 0.1 pretty formatted?
on PlotPad
set PlotPad marker properties style: none width: 5
color: 0 0 0 connected? on PlotPad
add dataplot of numeric data: compressedData to PlotPad PlotPad
add axes and scales to PlotPad PlotPad

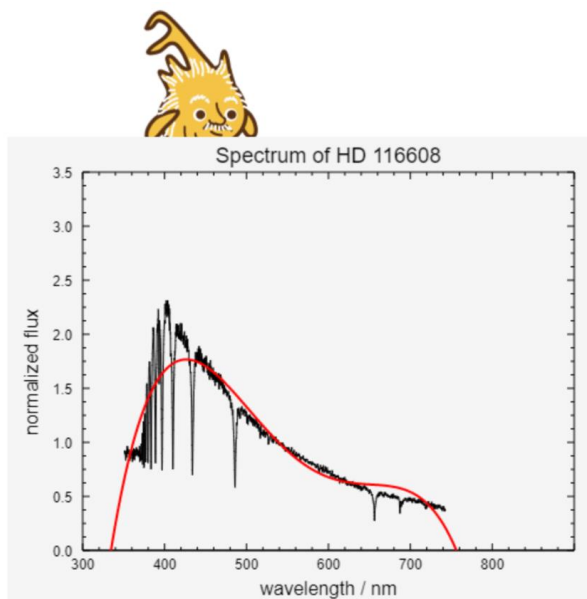
```

The factor 5 does not change much. So let's keep trying.



It can be seen that the temperature-dependent course of the spectrum is hardly changed. Only the absorption lines are lost.

Thus, the type of the spectrum should be described by an interpolation polynomial of e.g. 4th degree.



```

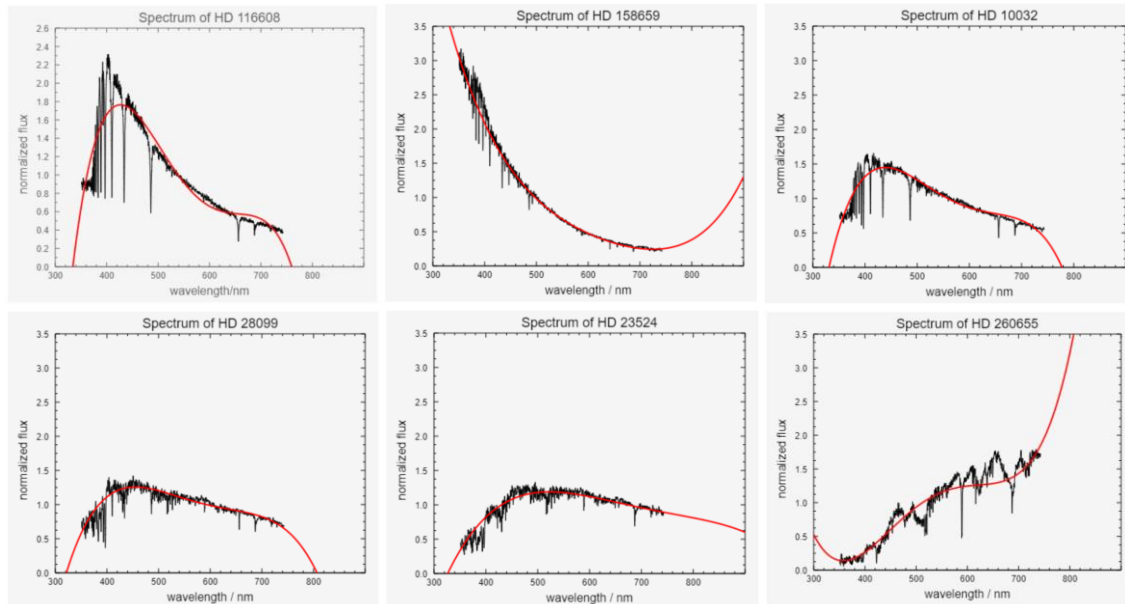
+interpolation+polynomial+for+data+
script variables polynomialData compressedData
set compressedData to data compressed with
factor 100 by averaging
set polynomialData to list
add item 1 of compressedData to polynomialData
add
item round length of compressedData / 4 of compressedData
to polynomialData
add
item round 2 * length of compressedData / 4 of
compressedData to
polynomialData
add
item round 3 * length of compressedData / 4 of
compressedData to
polynomialData
add item last of compressedData to polynomialData
report polynomial interpolation for points polynomialData

set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 2 color: 255 0 0 on PlotPad
add graph interpolation polynomial for normalized data to PlotPad
PlotPad

```

So, this works very well! If we log the polynomial parameters at the same time during the examination, then we can easily distinguish the star types on the basis of the parameter ranges.

7	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	star name	a4	a3	a2	a1	a0
2	HD 116608	-1.2493580327340172e-9	0.000028868621087800814	-0.002459579857425176	0.9103088865090065	0.9103088865090065
3	HD 158659	1.565259017017166e-10	-3.963032080178107e-7	0.0003879661846290463	-0.17622312866994078	-0.17622312866994078
4	HD 10032	-7.27005023271818e-10	0.000001694929847991264	-0.001462425925103779	0.5500801501694278	0.5500801501694278
5	HD 28099	-4.0018935572381893e-10	9.399457129604694e-7	-0.0008209889485783107	0.3141072191721327	0.3141072191721327
6	HD 23524	-8.18301248511472e-11	2.3253458278204257e-7	-0.00024615800544876965	0.11348374829256708	0.11348374829256708
7	HD 260655	6.248027476637483e-10	-0.000001337322548726115	0.0010450333683869723	-0.3486709605339992	-0.3486709605339992



If you feed a neural network with the polynomial coefficients, it quickly learns to roughly assign a diagram to a star type. The program can "learn" on the basis of the old data which parameter intervals belong to which star classes. If one enters the data of a new star, then it determines the coefficients of the polynomial and gives afterwards a well-founded prognosis, around which kind of star it could concern.

### Tasks:

1. Set up an interpolation polynomial of as low a degree as possible for each of the uncompressed spectrum data. Which points should be chosen for this? Are there any differences between these polynomials and the results of the procedure shown above?
2. Develop a script that assigns an unknown spectrum to one of the types that have appeared so far.
3. Develop a procedure to examine the most prominent absorption lines in more detail. Plot them magnified for stars of the same class and try to determine differences "automatically". Discuss your ideas before realization.



## 5.17 Classification with the kNN method

In the Hertzsprung-Russell-Diagram (see Wikipedia) the luminosity of stars is plotted above their stellar class. The result is a kind of line from left-top to right-bottom, the "main sequence". On this line stars like the Sun are predominant. Right-top above the main row we find the red giants, left-bottom below the main row the white dwarfs. That's enough for now. (Image source: [HR])

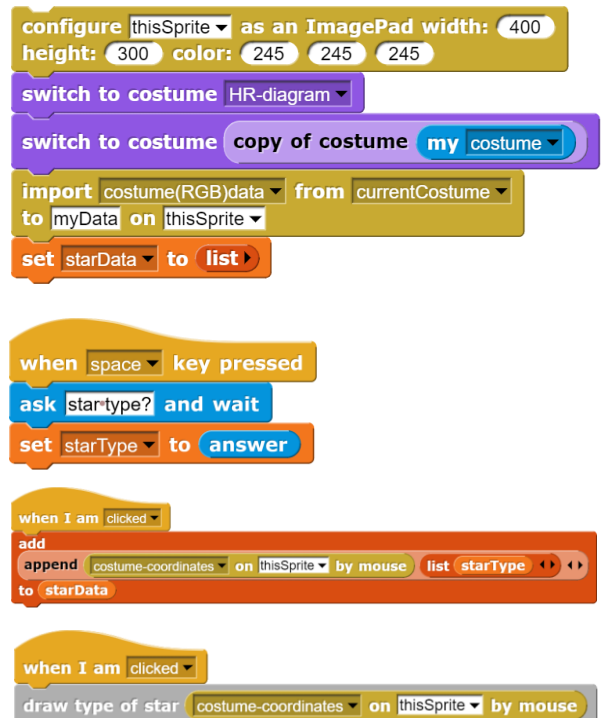
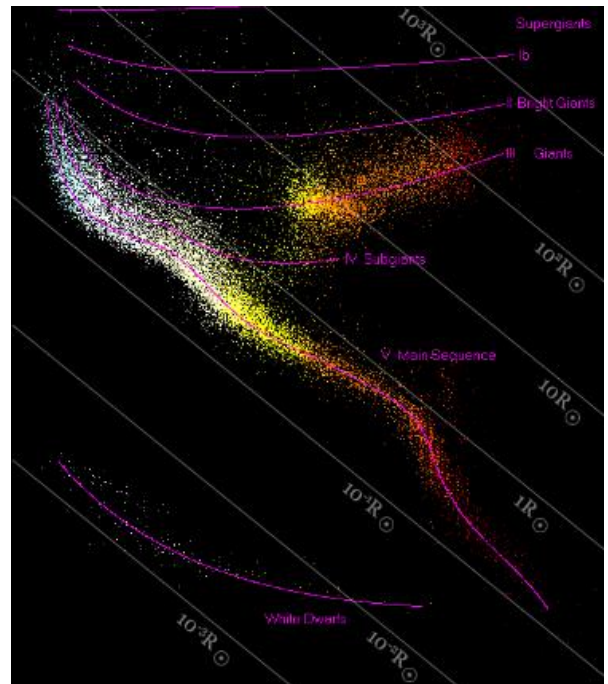
We want to classify new stars in this diagram using the *k-nearest neighbor* (*kNN*) method: We generate as training data a list of stars with their coordinates (simply as image coordinates in the diagram) and their type. If we want to classify a new star, we determine its position in the diagram and find the nearest  $k$  (e.g.  $k=5$ ) neighbors. Then we determine the most frequently appearing star type in this list. We assign it to the new star.

First of all we need an image of the Hertzsprung-Russell-Diagram ([HR]). We import this into *Snap!* as a costume of an *ImagePad* and generate the required data from it. Since we want to draw on the image, we work with a copy of the HR diagram in order not to change the original.

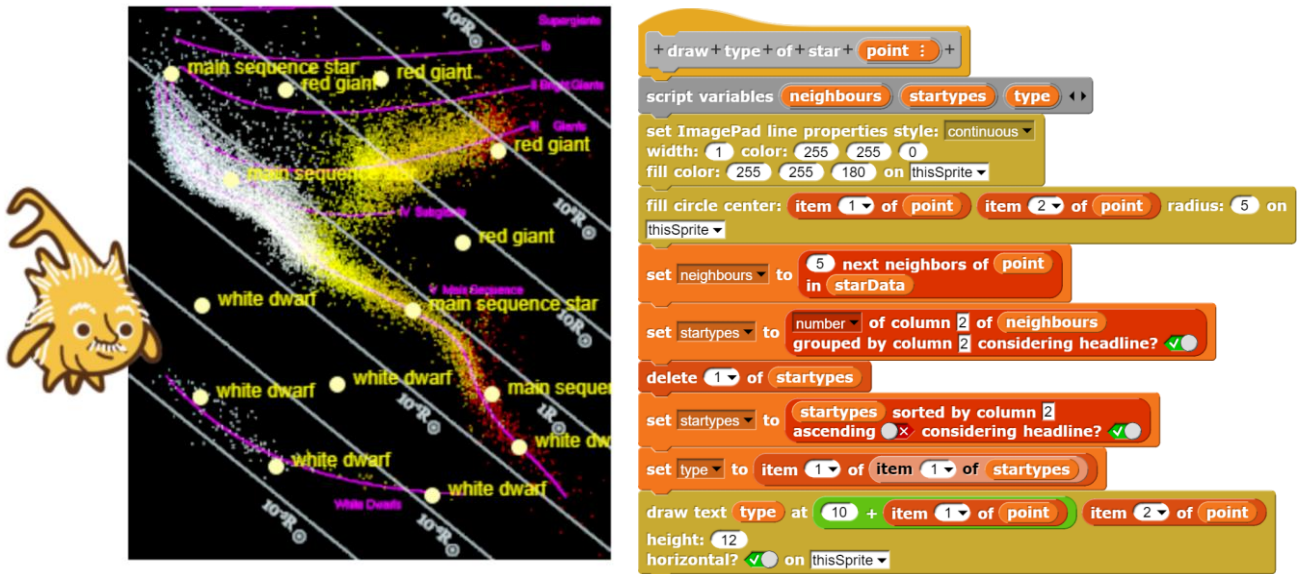
We obtain the training data by specifying a star type and then clicking on some points in the diagram that correspond to this type.

After that we can classify new stars by clicking and labeling them.

We set some properties for the display and draw a circle at the location of the star. Then we determine the five nearest neighbors and the number of occurrences of their type. As a result, we delete the headings and sort the list in descending order. The type of the new star is the first element in the first line. We write this next to the star.

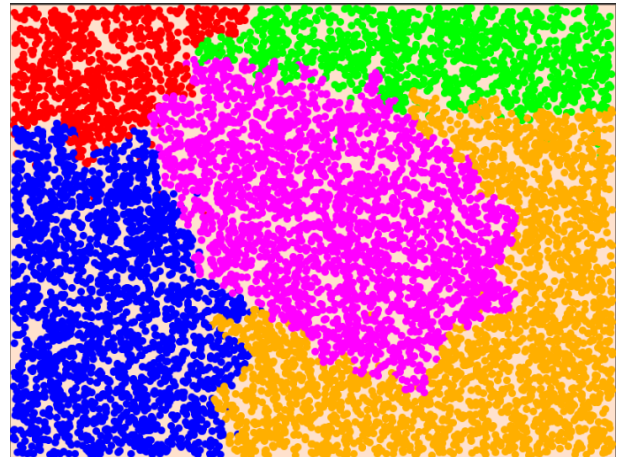


The result:



### Tasks:

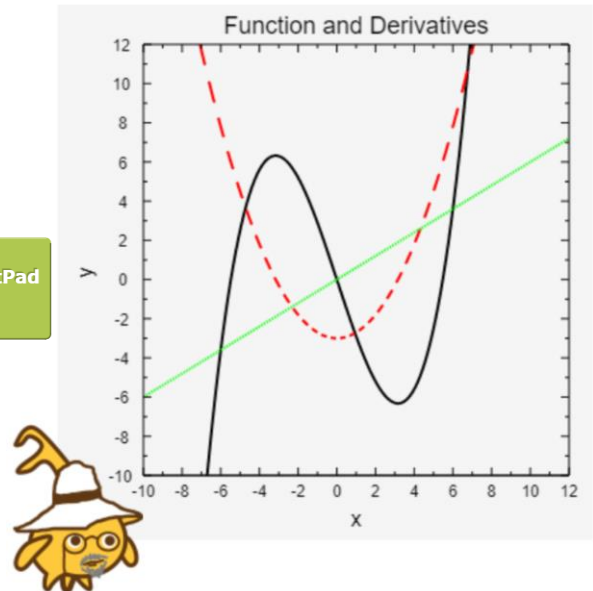
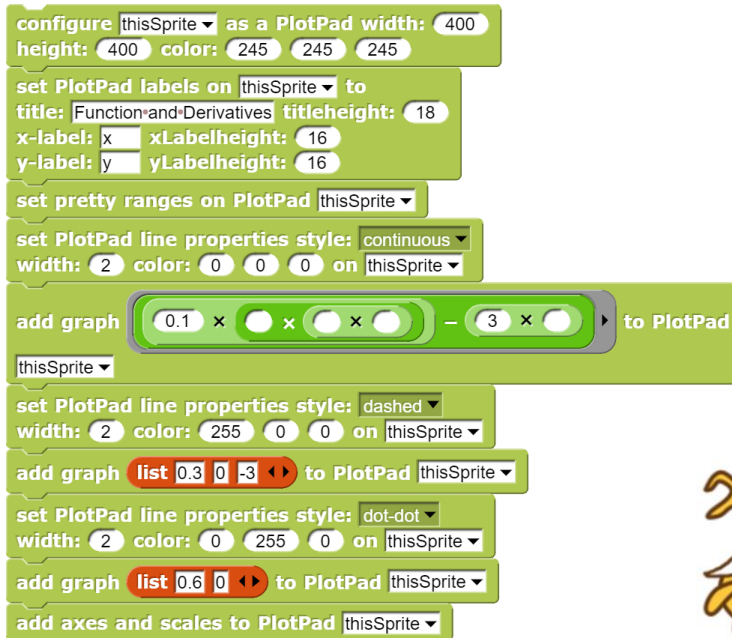
1. Add the newly classified stars to the sample list so that they are included in further classifications.
2. Draw different colored dots in the right places on the sprite for the different types of stars, instead of labeling them.
3. Run the process for randomly selected points. Does the same pattern always emerge? Do completely different or similar patterns emerge? What does it depend on?





## 5.21 Drawing a function and its derivatives

We want to use a *SciSnap!PlotPad* to display a function and its first two derivatives in different colors and line styles. To do this, we create a new sprite, switch to its script area, and configure it appropriately. The function terms are specified once as a "ringified" operator, then twice as a list of polynomial coefficients.



### Tasks:

1. Plot different types of functions (trigonometric functions, logarithms, polynomials, ...) as graphs on a *PlotPad*.
2. Complete the function graphs with their derivatives.
3. Select different ranges of values, precision of the number representation and text sizes and labels for the representations.

## 5.22 Data plot of points scattering around a function graph

We create some data points close to the graph to  $f(x) = x^3 - x$  and plot them on a *PlotPad*. To make them appear nicely ordered, we sort the points before creating the plot, and because it's Sunday, we connect them in rainbow colors.

```

import table-(CSV)-data from
  20 random points near x x x - to SciSnap!Data
  between -5 and 5 range 2

set SciSnap!Data to SciSnap!Data sorted by column 1
  ascending considering headline?

configure thisSprite as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245

get ranges for PlotPad thisSprite
from SciSnap!Data with border 0.07

set pretty ranges on PlotPad thisSprite

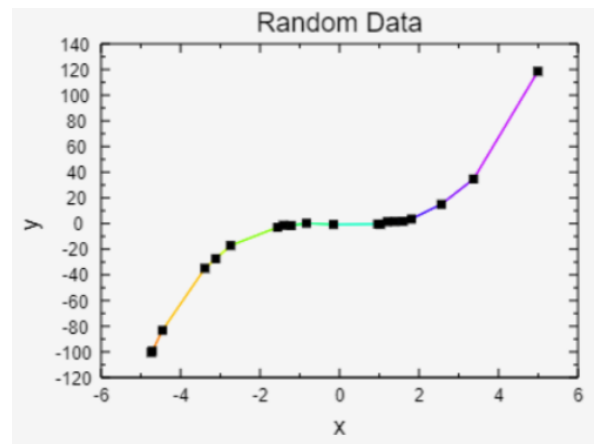
set PlotPad labels on thisSprite to
  title: Random Data titleheight: 18
  x-label: x xLabelheight: 16
  y-label: y yLabelheight: 16

set PlotPad line properties style: rainbow
width: 1 color: 0 0 0 on thisSprite

set PlotPad marker properties style: square width: 5
color: 0 0 0 connected? on thisSprite

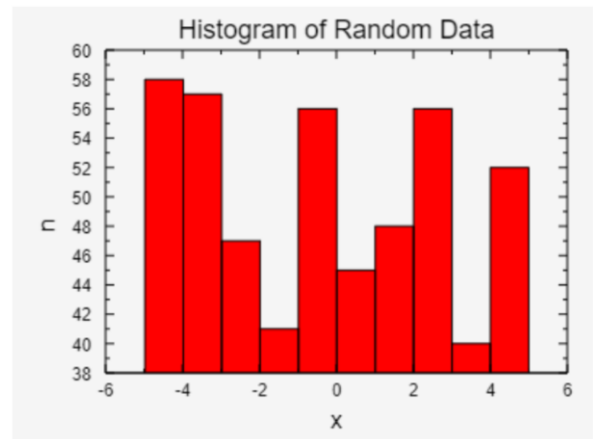
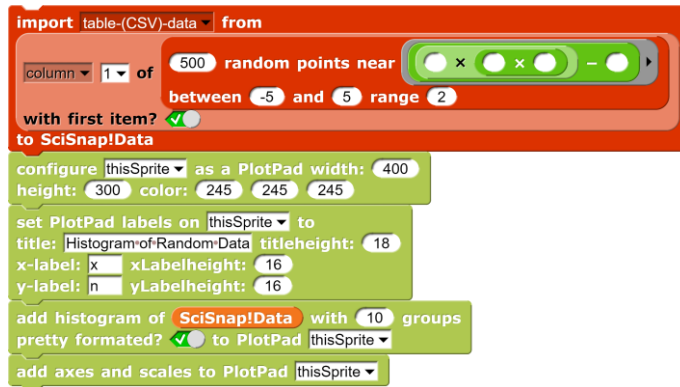
add dataplot of numeric data: SciSnap!Data to PlotPad thisSprite

add axes and scales to PlotPad thisSprite
  
```



## 5.23 Histogram of random values

We again create random points scattering around the graph to  $f(x) = x^3 - x$ , but this time we choose only the first column as the data set. From these values we let create a histogram with 10 columns.



## 5.24 Covid-19 data analysis

We upload the Johns Hopkins University Covid-19 data from 2020/3/1 to 2020/4/19 for four counties to the data section of *SciSnap!* and get:

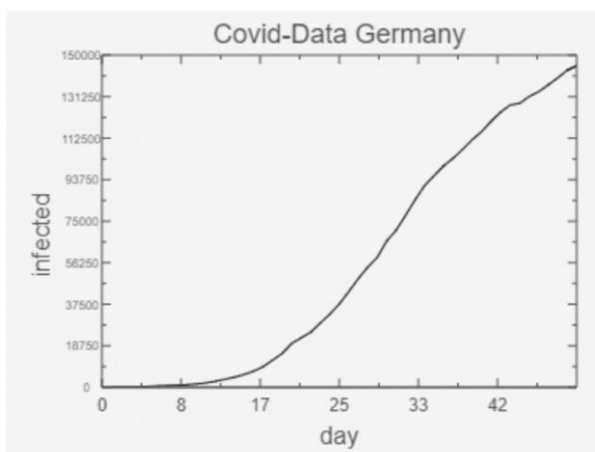
Since we are only interested in the pure data, we pick out the relevant data range for a country.

set data to subsection of table-data in SciSnap!Data from B 5 to C 55

51	A	B
1	Day	Germany
2	1	119
3	2	152
4	3	190
5	4	264
6	5	402

55	A	B	C	D	E	F
1		Covid-10 Infections from 1.3.2020				
2		origin: Johns-Hopkins-University				
3						
4			Infected			
5	Date	Day	Germany	Italy	USA	China
6	1.3.	1	119	1694	43	79826
7	2.3.	2	152	2036	67	80026
8	3.3.	3	190	2502	88	80151
9	4.3.	4	264	3089	117	80271
10	5.3.	5	402	3858	186	80422
11	6.3.	6	641	4636	232	80573
12	7.3.	7	797	5883	351	80652
13	8.3.	8	900	7375	469	80699
14	9.3.	9	1146	9172	535	80735
15	10.3.	10	1567	10149	892	80757
16	11.3.	11	1968	12462	1214	80785
17	12.3.	12	2747	12462	1596	80793
18	13.3.	13	3677	17660	1647	80801
19	14.3.	14	4587	21157	2656	80827
20	15.3.	15	5815	24747	3338	80848

Let's first get an overview of this:



```

configure thisSprite as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245

set PlotPad labels on thisSprite to
title: Covid-Data-Germany titleheight: 18
x-label: day xLabelheight: 16
y-label: infected yLabelheight: 16

set PlotPad ranges for x: 0 50 y: 0 150000
with border? ☒ of 0.1 pretty formatted? ☒
on thisSprite

set PlotPad line properties style: continuous
width: 1 color: 0 0 0 on thisSprite

set PlotPad marker properties style: none width: 5
color: 0 0 0 connected? ☒ on thisSprite

set PlotPad scale properties precision: 0 0
textheight: 12 8 number of intervals: 10 8
on thisSprite

add dataplot of numeric data: data to PlotPad thisSprite
add axes and scales to PlotPad thisSprite
  
```

Then let's try it with a semi-logarithmic representation ...

```

add column
append
list ln(data) in of column B of data with first item? ☒
to data
  
```

... pick out the two interesting columns ...

```

set data to columns Day ln(data) of data
from row 2 to last
  
```

... and fit the graph: We show the semi-logarithmically plotted data and the regression lines for the two halves of the data.

```

configure thisSprite as a PlotPad of width 400
height 300 color 245 245 245

set PlotPad costume properties width 400 height 300
back color 245 245 245 front color 80 80 80
with offsets of 0 0 on thisSprite

set PlotPad labels on thisSprite to
title Covid-Data-Germany-semi-logarithmic titleheight 18
x-label day xLabelheight 16
y-label ln(infected) yLabelheight 16

set PlotPad ranges to x 0 50 y 0 15
with border? of 0.1 pretty formatted? on thisSprite

set PlotPad line properties continuous width 1
color 0 0 0 on thisSprite

set PlotPad marker properties none width 5
color 0 0 0 connected? on thisSprite

set PlotPad scale properties precision 0 0
textheight 12 8 number of intervals 10 8
on thisSprite

add dataplot of numeric data select rows of data where
column A is less-than 51 to PlotPad
thisSprite

set PlotPad line properties continuous width 1
color 255 0 0 on thisSprite

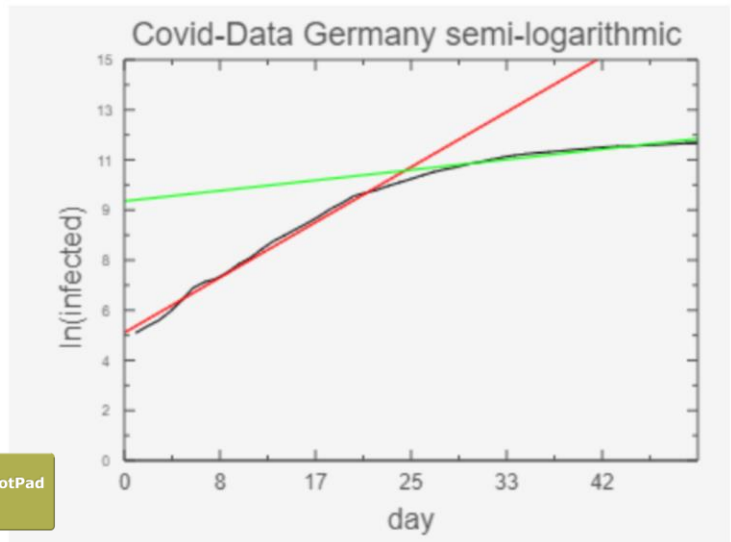
add graph
regression line parameters of subsection of table-data in data from
A 1 to B 25 to
PlotPad thisSprite

set PlotPad line properties continuous width 1
color 0 255 0 on thisSprite

add graph
regression line parameters of subsection of table-data in data from
A 26 to B 50 to
PlotPad thisSprite

add axes and scales to PlotPad thisSprite

```



That's when hope arose!



### Tasks:

1. Plot the data for the other countries as well.
2. Try to determine whether there are correlations between the data series.

## 5.25 Shadow lengths in the lunar crater Tycho

We create an image of the lunar crater on an *ImagePad*, import its data and create a section through the image using the mouse. We plot the data values of the section line on a *PlotPad*. From this and some additional data, the shadow lengths can be calculated.

```
configure thisSprite as an ImagePad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
switch to costume Tycho moon crater
import costume(RGB)data from currentCostume
to myData on thisSprite
add gray image of myData to ImagePad
min/max: 0 255 log? on thisSprite
set data to slice-data on thisSprite by mouse
```

Representation of the crater image on the ImagePad

```
set data to
map
list
item 1 of
mean of vector
item 1 of item 2 of item 2 of
list
item 3 of item 2 of
over data
```

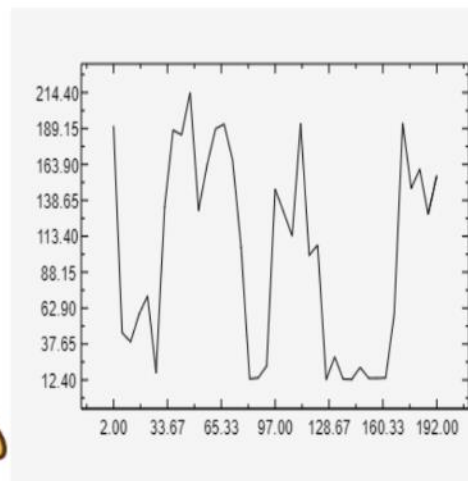
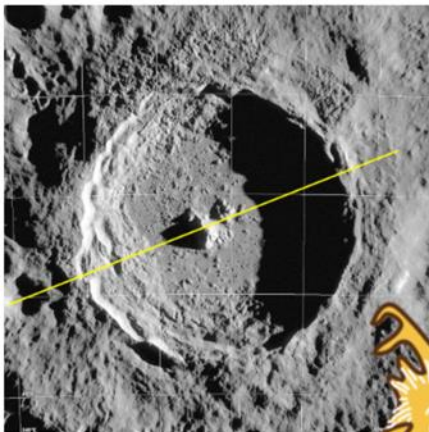
Conversion of RGB values to gray values

```
set data to data compressed with
factor 5 by averaging
```

Data compression with a factor of 5

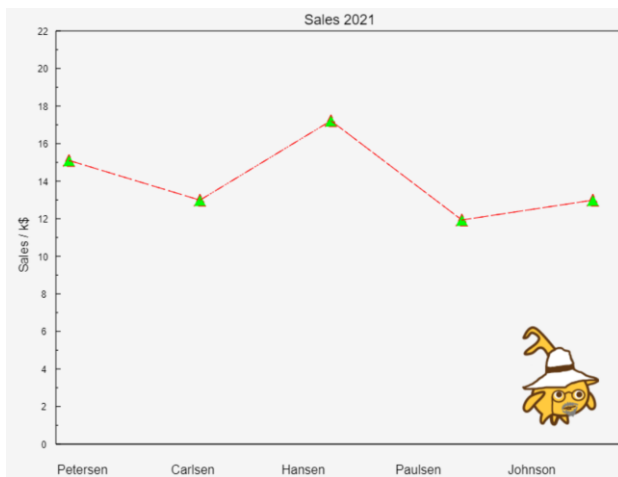
```
configure PlotSprite as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
get ranges for PlotPad PlotSprite
from data with border 0.1
```

Generate a plot on a second sprite configured as a PlotPad.



## 5.26 Plot of mixed data

Text data is often combined with numerical data. An example would be the sales data of different representatives in one year in one area. If we want to plot these graphically, then, for example, the x-axis must be labeled with text data, while the y-axis is treated as before. To create the graph we use the add dataplot of mixed data block of the *PlotPad*. In this case, the *stage* is to serve as the *PlotPad*.



```

set data to
list Petersen 15 list Carlsen 13 list Hansen 17 list Paulsen 12
list Johnson 13

configure theStage as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245

set PlotPad labels on theStage to
title: Sales 2021 titleheight: 18
x-label: get label from text-data data at column 1
max. textwidth 8 column spacing 18 xLabelheight: 16
y-label: Sales / k$ yLabelheight: 16

set PlotPad line properties style: dash-dot
width: 1 color: 255 0 0 on theStage

set PlotPad marker properties style: triangle width: 15
color: 0 255 0 connected? on theStage

set PlotPad scale properties precision: 3 0
textheight: 12 12 number of intervals: 5 10
on theStage

set PlotPad ranges for x: 0 5 y: 0 20
with border? of 0.1 pretty formatted? on theStage

add dataplot of mixed data: data
y-scale? x-scale? to PlotPad theStage

add axes and scales to PlotPad theStage
  
```



## 5.27 A simple SQL query

As an example, let's ask for the topics of all English courses in a school database.

configure SQL  
 connect to database server  
 choose database no. 2  
 import SQL-data from  
 exec SQL-command  
 SELECT kurs thema kursnummer FROM kurse WHERE kursnummer LIKE "En%" to SQLData

22	A	B
1	Problems an	En 31
2	Problems an	En 32
3	Landeskund	en 31
4	Fantasy and	en 32
5	Fantasy and	en 33
6	Landscapes	En 41
7	Landscapes	En 42
8	Shakespeare	en 41
9	Education in	en 42
10	Education in	en 43
11	The Short St	En 11

## 5.28 A more complex SQL query

Query to a school database: search for the best results in English

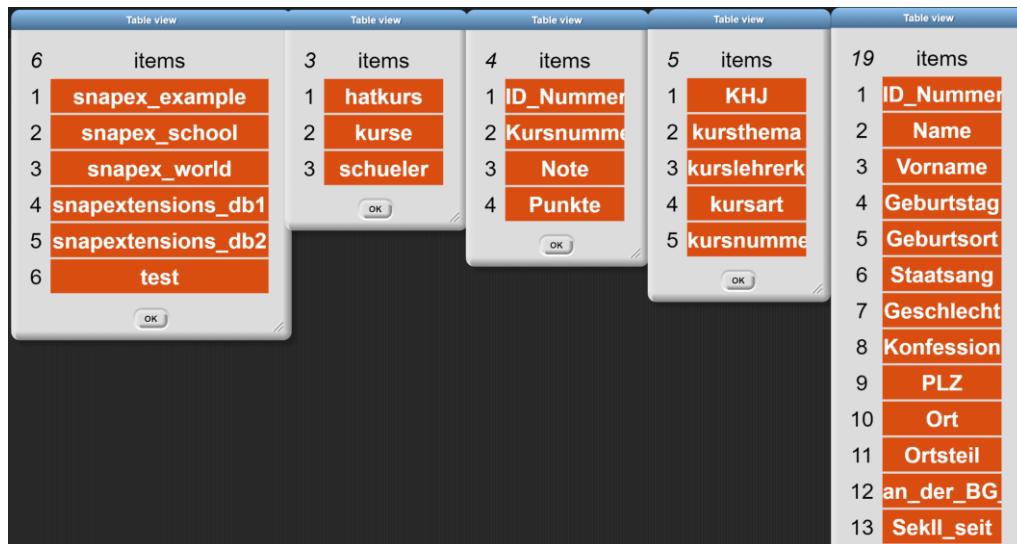
configure SQL  
 connect to database server  
 choose database no. 2  
 import SQL-data from  
 exec SQL-command  
 SELECT Name AVG ( punkte ) FROM schueler hatkurs WHERE  
 schueler.ID\_nummer = hatkurs.ID\_nummer AND  
 hatkurs.kursnummer LIKE "EN%"  
 GROUP BY Name HAVING ORDER BY AVG ( punkte ) DESC  
 LIMIT 10  
 to SQLData

10	A	B
1	Rassin	12.5000
2	Schmitt	12.5000
3	Wuchtig	12.2500
4	Frugich	12.0000
5	Knusel	12.0000
6	Pfaffner	11.7500
7	Zinn	11.7500
8	Reinsberg	11.5000
9	Krahn	11.2500
10	Tohler	11.2500

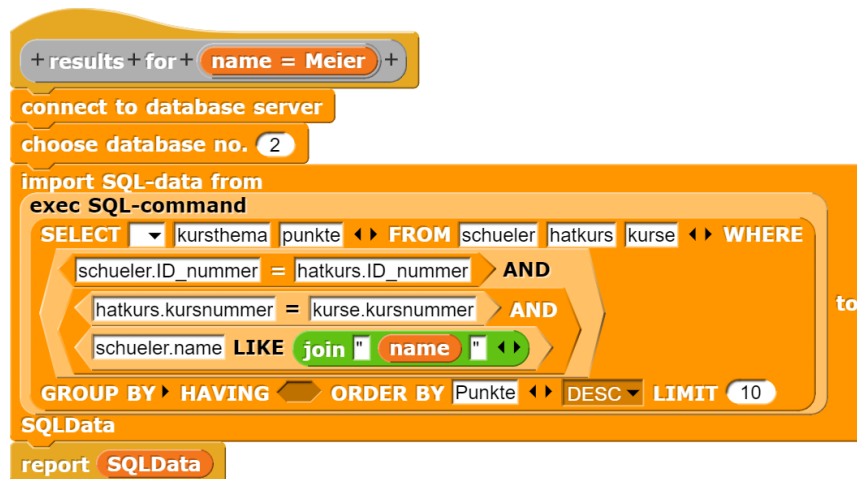
### 5.30 Dealing with the SQL library

In practice, one needs the details of the tables of the used database all the time. If you assign the table attributes of a variable one by one and display them with "open in dialog", then you can place the corresponding table data in the *SciSnap!* window appropriately and start the queries.

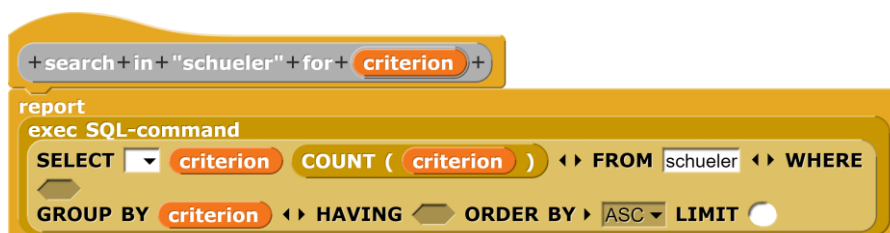
set data to attributes of table no. 3



**Example:** The course title and rating for all of a learner's courses, sorted by grade in descending order, are searched for.

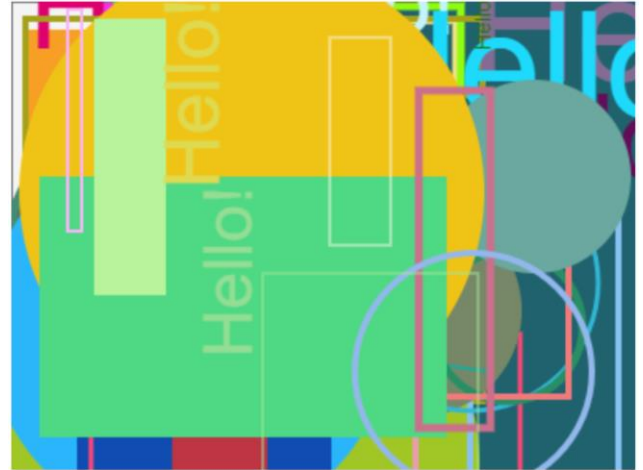
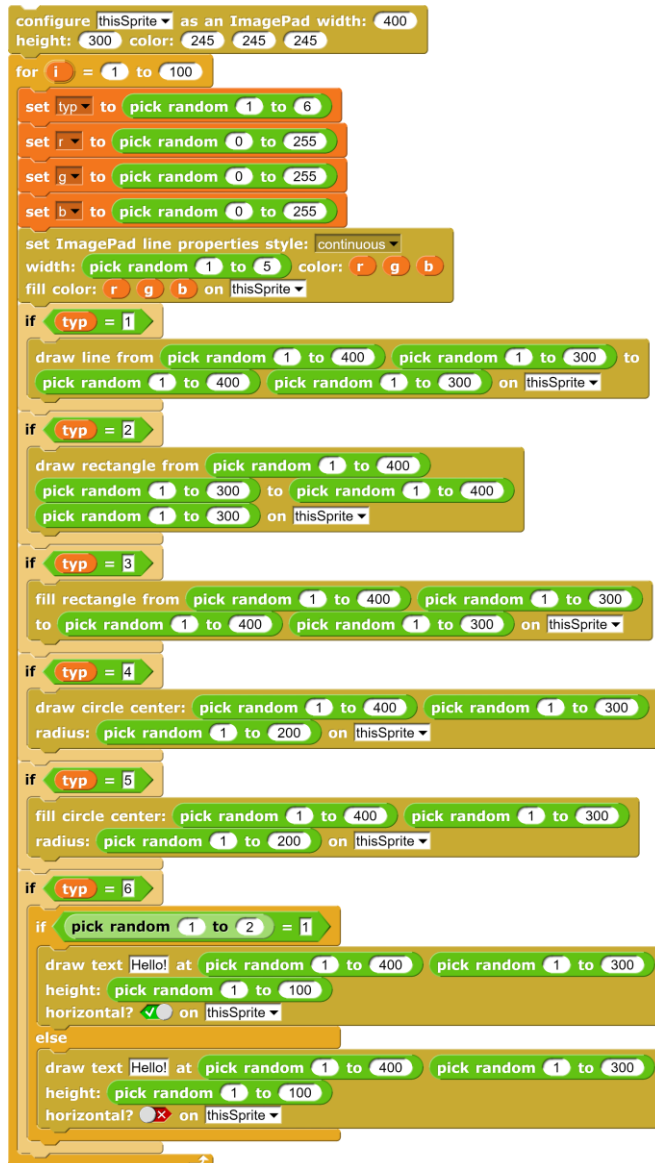


**Example:** For statistical purposes, the *schueler* table should be searchable by different criteria.



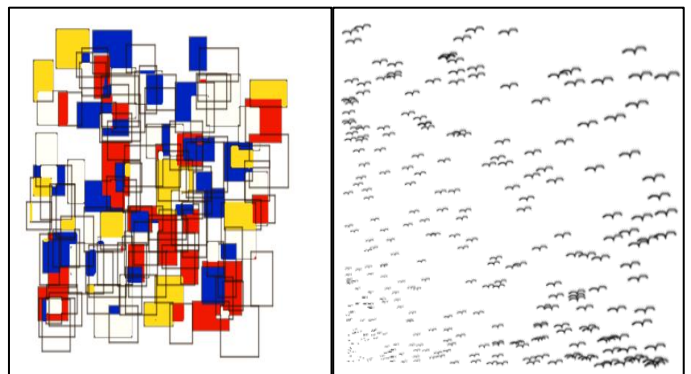
## 5.31 Simple random graphic

We simply draw 100 randomly chosen graphic elements on top of each other.



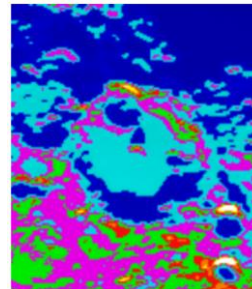
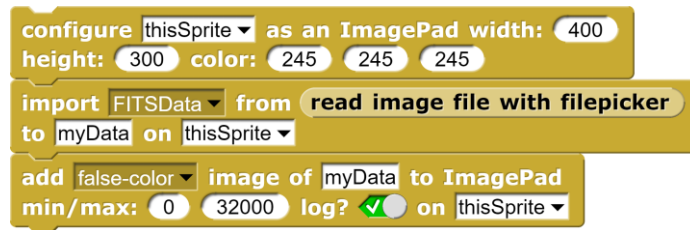
### Tasks:

1. Search the web for images by *Piet Mondrian*. Try to create similar random images on the *ImagePad*.
2. Using a "vanishing point", you can create images in which objects appear to move "from back to front". Try it.



### 5.32 False color image of a lunar crater

We import the image data from a FITS file and then display it as a false-color image.

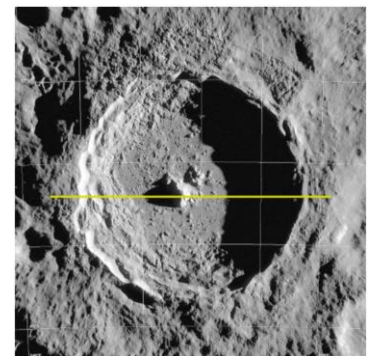


### 5.33 Section through an image of the lunar crater Tycho

<https://www.spektrum.de/fm/912/thumbnails/Mond0.jpg.2996657.jpg>



data		
376	A	B
1	0	
2	1	
3	2	
4	3	
5	4	
6	5	
7	6	



## 5.36 Display of image data as histogram

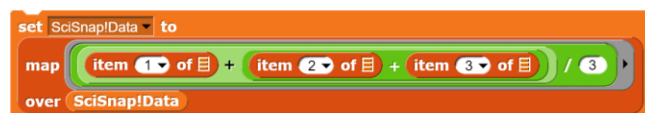
An RGB image is loaded, decomposed into grayscale, and the normalized distribution of the image values is displayed as a histogram on a new *PlotPad*. We find the actual image as the costume of an additional sprite called "ThePicture".

First of all we load the image into the data area *SciSnap!Data*:



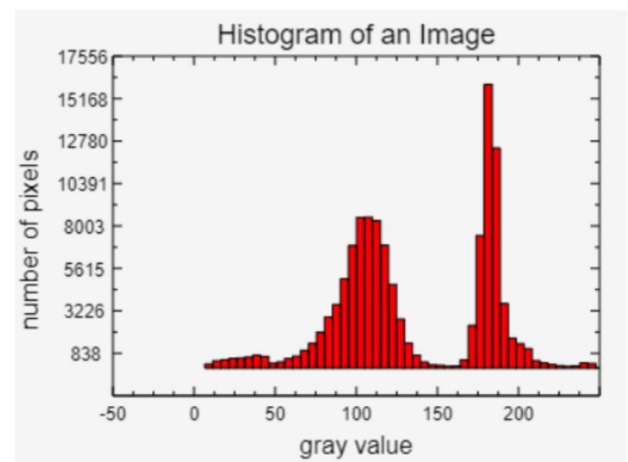
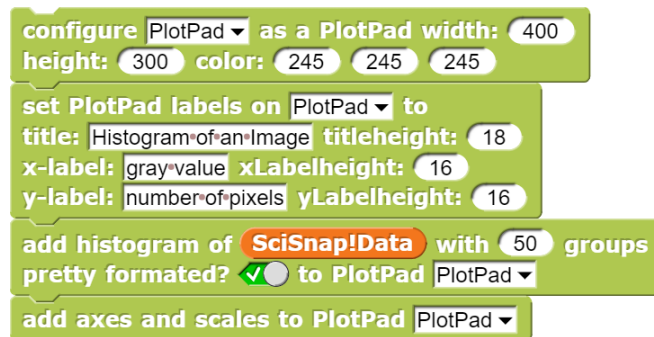
We obtain 120,000 RGB values.

We convert these into gray values.



We switch to the *PlotSprite* and copy the loaded data of the DataSprite.

Now we can plot the data as a histogram e.g. on a new *PlotPad*.

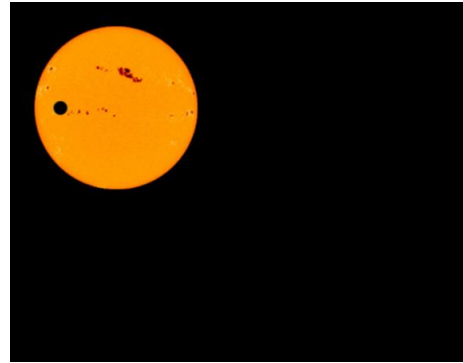


### Tasks:

1. Search the web for different sets of data. Display them or parts of them graphically.
2. Automate histogram generation by adding a new block *histogram of <costume>*. Compare the histograms of typical image types. To what extent is it possible to compare images in this way, or where might difficulties arise?
3. In the same diagram, represent the three colors of an RGB image by graphs and/or histograms.

### 5.37 Simulation of a planetary transit in front of the sun

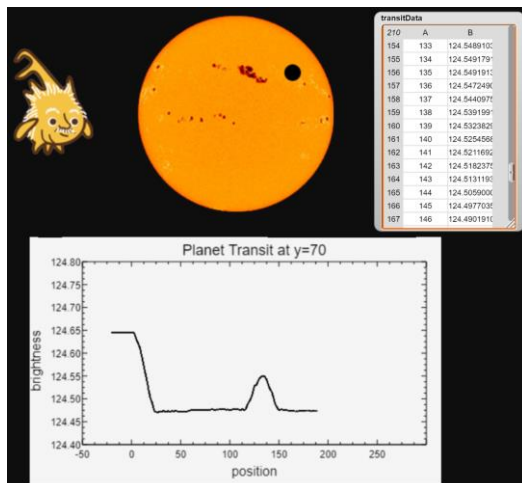
We look for a nice picture of the sun (source here: [SchulAstro]) and load it as a costume of a sprite. To make it look more like outer space, we enlarge the stage and color it black. If we also draw the planet, we get the following picture.



The planet should pass in front of the sun as a black circle. When we draw such a circle, we change the actual image of the sun. Therefore, we draw a copy *newCostume* from this image, on which we draw after that. Our planet should move from the very left a little bit outside of the image ( $x=-2r$ ) to the very right ( $x=\text{image width}+2r$ ) on the height  $y$ . We can also specify the radius  $r$  of the planet.

We can determine the current brightness of this arrangement without too many copying processes by subtracting the brightness of the pixels covered by the planet from the total brightness determined at the beginning. For this purpose, we import the image of the sun into the data area *myData* and determine the brightness around the center of the image in the radius "half image width" as well as the number of pixels involved. *brightness around* provides the summed gray value as well as this number. From these values we calculate the average brightness of the "slightly darkened" sun and store it together with the current position in the variable *transitData*.

Parallel to the transit, a diagram is to be created in which we can follow the results "live". For this purpose, we create another sprite, which we call *PlotPad* and which we configure accordingly. We wrap the necessary commands for this in a block called *new transit diagram*.



Then we write a block that determines the brightness data as described and refreshes the diagram in parallel. The result corresponds roughly to one of the methods used to find exoplanets.

```
configure TheSun as an ImagePad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
set ImagePad costume properties width: 400
height: 300 back color: 0 0 2450
offsets: 0 0 on TheSun

tell TheSun to
  switch to costume theSun
  set newCostume to copy of costume my costume
  import costume(RGB)data from newCostume
  to myData on TheSun
  set maxBrightness to
    brightness around 120 120 within radius 118
    item 1 of myData of ImagePad TheSun

+ new + transit + diagram + at + y: + y # = 120 +

configure PlotPad as a PlotPad width: 500
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
set PlotPad labels on PlotPad to
  title: join Planet-Transit-at-y: y titleheight: 18
  x-label: position xLabelheight: 16
  y-label: brightness yLabelheight: 16
set PlotPad marker properties style: none width: 5
color: 0 0 0 connected? on PlotPad
set PlotPad ranges for x: -20 300 y: 124.4 124.8
with border? of 0.1 pretty formatted? on PlotPad
add axes and scales to PlotPad PlotPad
tell PlotPad to go to x: 0 y: -130

+ planet + transit + at + y: + y # = 120 + with + planet + r: + r # = 10 +
script variables pixel brightness
switch to costume theSun
set brightness to brightness around 120 120 within radius 118
of myData of ImagePad thisSprite
set pixel to item 2 of brightness
set transitData to list
for x = -2 x r to width of costume current + 2 x r
  switch to costume theSun
  set newCostume to copy of costume my costume
  switch to costume newCostume
  fill circle center: x y radius: r on TheSun
  set brightness to brightness around x y within radius r
  of myData of ImagePad TheSun
  add list x maxBrightness - item 1 of brightness / pixel
  to transitData
  add dataplot of numeric data: transitData to PlotPad PlotPad
```

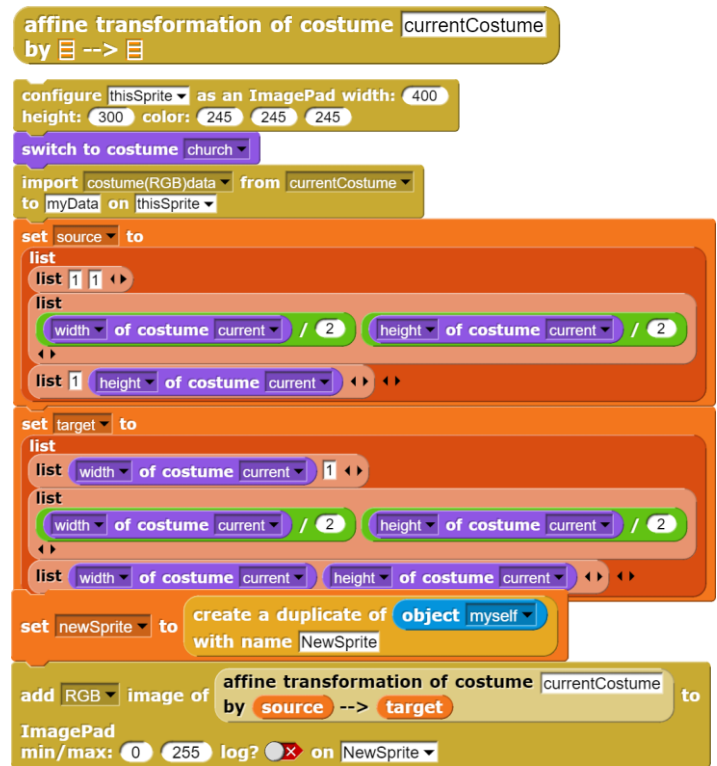


## 5.38 Affine transformation of an image

In the *SciSnap!ImagePadLibrary* we find a block that allows to make affine transformations in an image by mapping three points to three others - and all other points accordingly. The current costume of a sprite is taken as the image.

We want to mirror an image vertically at the center line. We load the image - here: of a church - and select corresponding points at the edges. These combine them to the two lists *source* and *target*.

Finally, we create a duplicate of the *ImagePad* and ask it to display the transformed image as a costume.





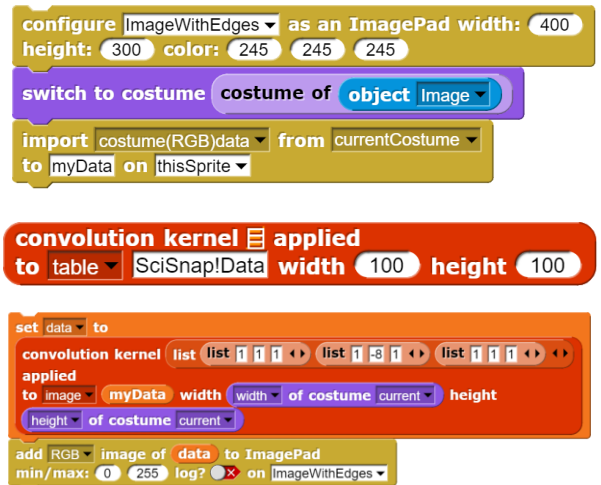
### 5.39 Kernel application for edge detection

We configure a sprite as an *ImagePad* and change to the costume of an ancient temple. We import this image into the *myData* data area of the *ImagePad*.

On this image data we apply the *Laplace* kernel

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -8 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

using the block *convolution kernel applied* of the *SciSnap!DataLibrary* and store the result in the variable *data*. We display the result as a new costume. For comparison, a second sprite represents the original image.

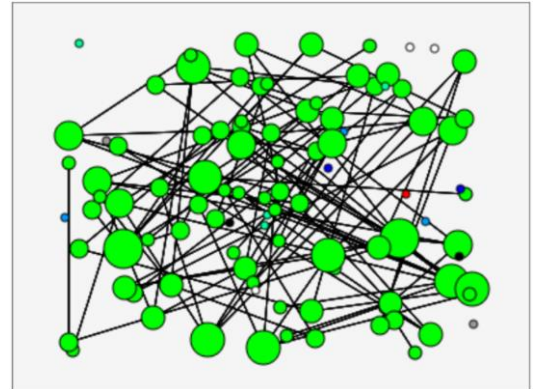
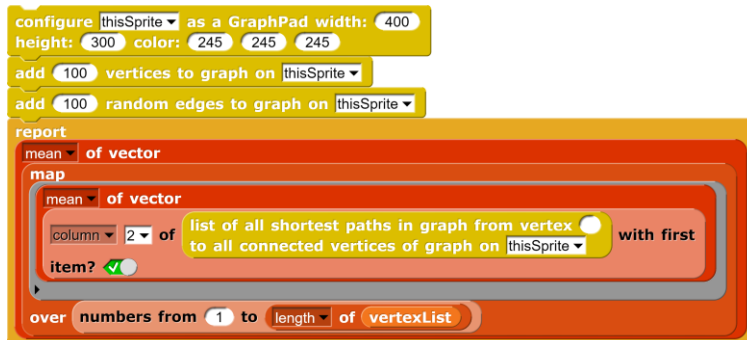


#### Tasks:

1. Images are sometimes a bit "flat". This is because they do not use the full range of values for the three color channels from 0 to 255.
  - a: Develop a method to determine and display the value range of an image.
  - b: Develop a method to exploit the full range of values, i.e. map black pixels to 0, bright pixels to 255.
  - c: Summarize the method in a new block, which is passed the costume of a sprite and returns the improved costume as result.
2. On pictures, you can try to find "faces" by highlighting related areas of a color range, e.g. "orange", and erasing the rest of the picture. Try to develop a new block for this.
  - b: Using a kernel, the edges of such areas can be isolated. Find out about suitable kernels on the web, for example, and try them out for the purpose mentioned.
  - c: Faces are often "oval". Try to distinguish faces from other "orange" objects in this way.
3.
  - a: Really artistic photos are black and white, of course. If you don't have any, you can create grayscale images from RGB images. Do this.
  - b: It looks even more artistic if the photos are "hard", that is, have a very strong contrast. Experiment a bit!

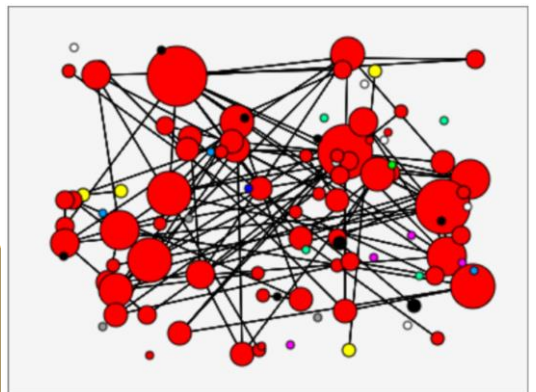
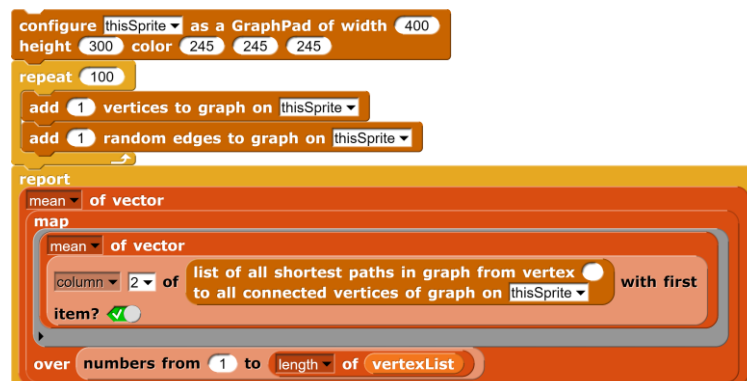
## 5.40 Mean distance in a random graph (Small Worlds)

We calculate the mean distance of the vertices in a graph where first all vertices and then all edges have been created.



## 5.41 Mean distance in a scalefree graph (Small Worlds)

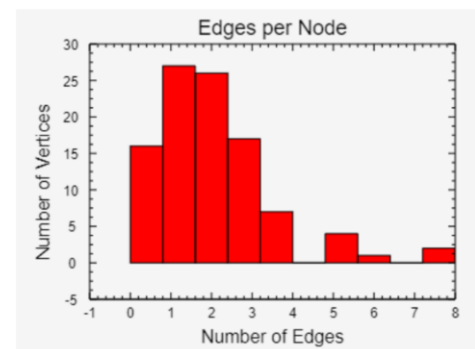
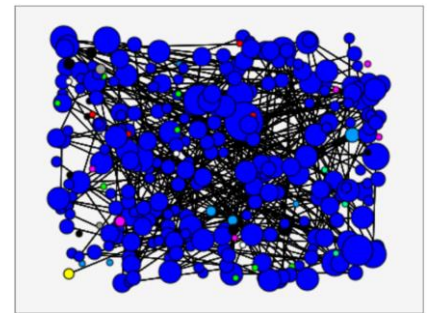
We compute the average distance between the vertices in a graph where alternating vertices and edges have been created.



## 5.42 "Edges per vertex" histogram in a random graph

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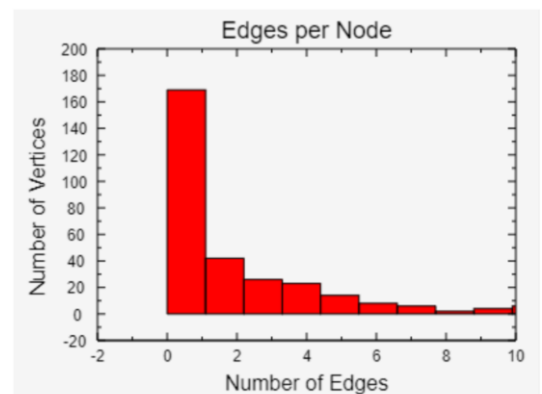
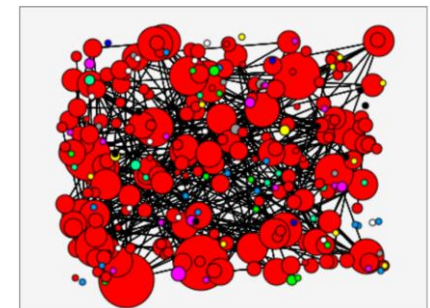
configure thisSprite as a GraphPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
add 100 vertices to graph on thisSprite
add 100 random edges to graph on thisSprite
configure DiagramSprite as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
set PlotPad labels on DiagramSprite to
title: Edges-per-Node titleheight: 18
x-label: NumberofEdges xLabelheight: 16
y-label: NumberofVertices yLabelheight: 16
add histogram of
  map number of vector keep items [ ] ≠ [ ] from [ ] over with
  adjacencyMatrix
  10 groups
pretty formatted? [ ] to PlotPad DiagramSprite
add axes and scales to PlotPad DiagramSprite
  
```



## 5.43 "Edges per vertex" histogram in a scalefree graph

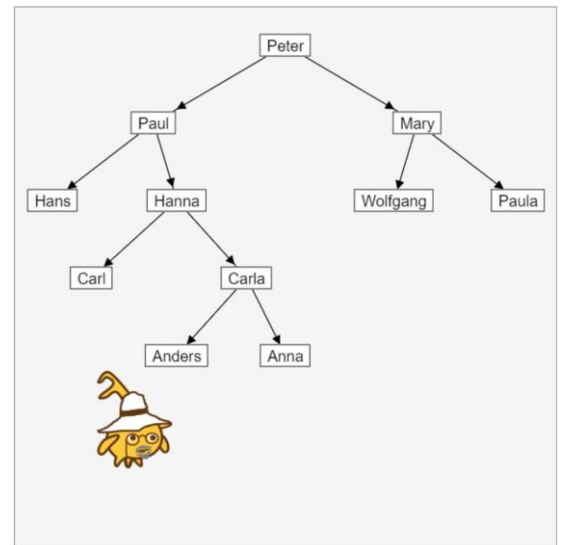
```

configure thisSprite as a GraphPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
repeat 300
  add 1 vertices to graph on thisSprite
  add 1 random edges to graph on thisSprite
configure DiagramSprite as a PlotPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
set PlotPad labels on DiagramSprite to
title: Edges-per-Node titleheight: 18
x-label: NumberofEdges xLabelheight: 16
y-label: NumberofVertices yLabelheight: 16
add histogram of
  map number of vector keep items [ ] ≠ [ ] from [ ] over with
  adjacencyMatrix
  10 groups
pretty formatted? [ ] to PlotPad DiagramSprite
add axes and scales to PlotPad DiagramSprite
  
```

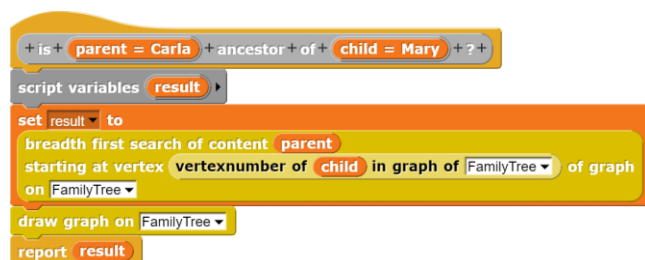


## 5.44 Breadth and depth search in the family tree

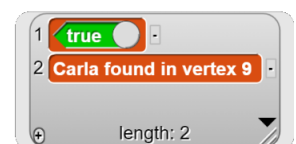
We create a family tree as a directed graph without edge weights simply by arranging and connecting the appropriate vertices. This is cumbersome, but simple. Just some fiddling.



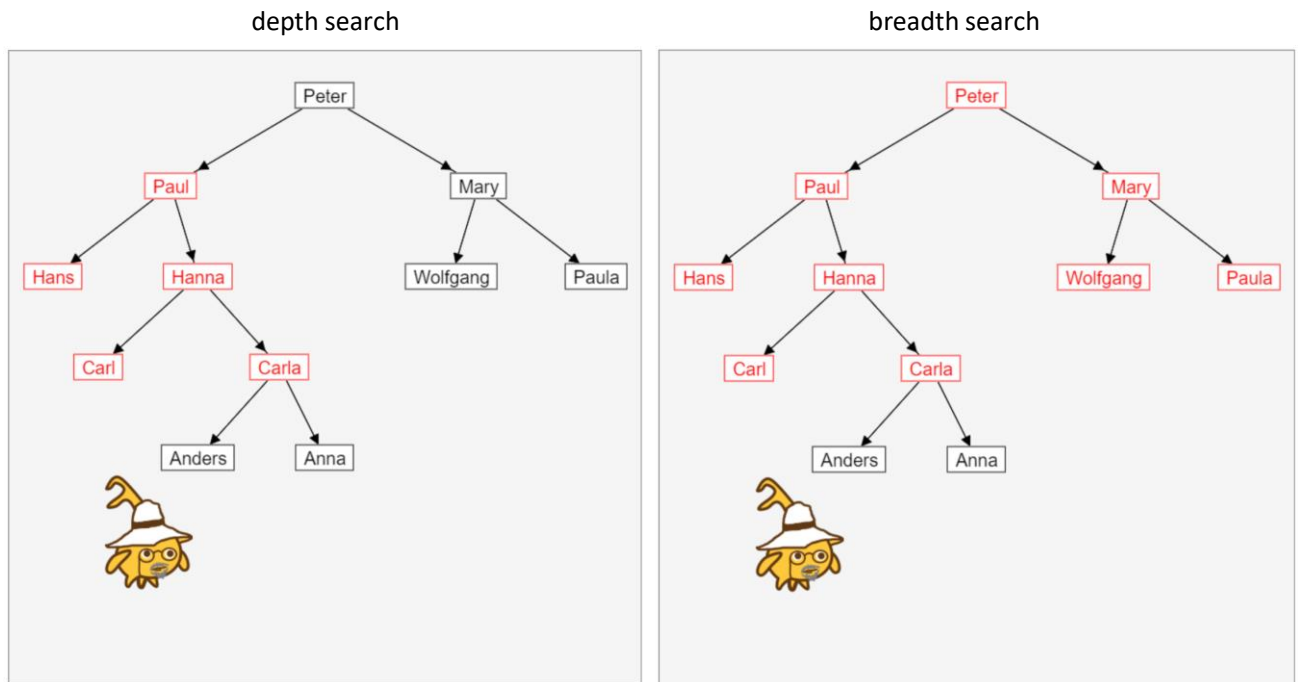
In this tree we can now solve all kinds of tasks. For example, we could ask whether a person is an ancestor of another. For this we need the number of the start node, which we determine with `vertexnumber of Peter in graph of FamilyTree`. The rest is done either by the block for the breadth search or the block for the depth search.



is Carla ancestor of Peter ?



In breadth and depth search, the visited vertices are marked and red when the graph is redrawn. This shows the differences of the two search methods quite clearly.



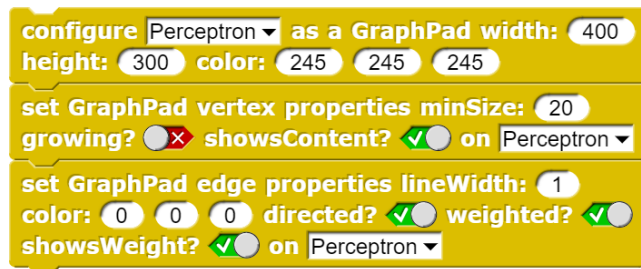
### Tasks:

1. Determine over how many generations the relationship exists, if it exists at all.
2. Make lists of a person's relatives, e.g., parents, grandparents, aunts, brothers-in-law 😊, ...
3. a: Develop a script for creating a decision tree, e.g. for classifying animals or plants: In each case, it is asked whether it is a particular specimen or, if not, what question can be used to distinguish the named one from the current one ("Does it have four legs?"). Either the specimen or the question is entered into the tree.
  - b: Let others test your result. Try to estimate from what amount of data in the tree such a program would be useful to use.
  - c: Decision trees play a role in certain applications of machine learning (*Decision Tree Classification*). Learn about the method and its applications.

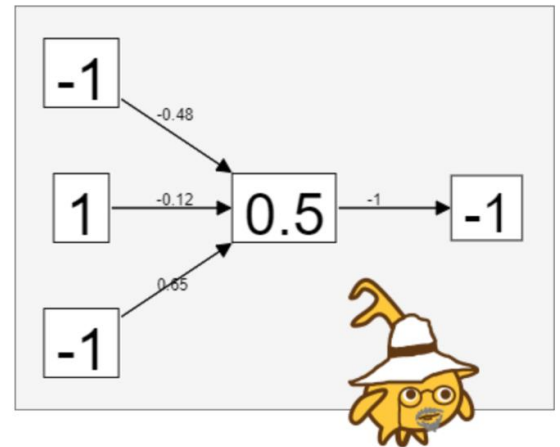


## 5.45 A simple perceptron as a graph

We want to ask *Hilberto* to use a *GraphPad* to illustrate how a simple *Perceptron*<sup>22</sup> works. To do this, he is to place three input nodes on the left of the image. in the middle sits the actual perceptron with a jump function that transmits either +1 or -1 to the output neuron on the right of the image. All in all, this is a directed graph with edge weights. *Hilberto* sets this up quickly: he creates a new sprite called *Perceptron* and configures it properly.



Click on input neurons!

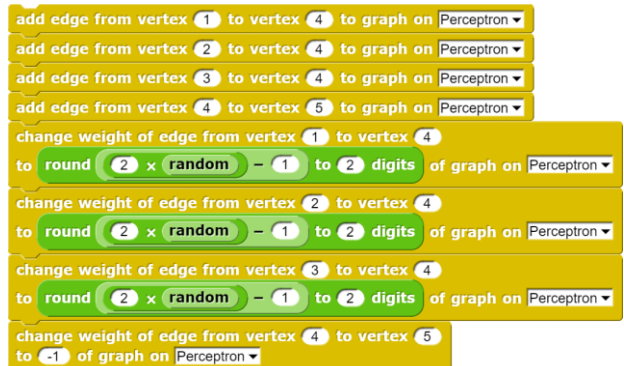
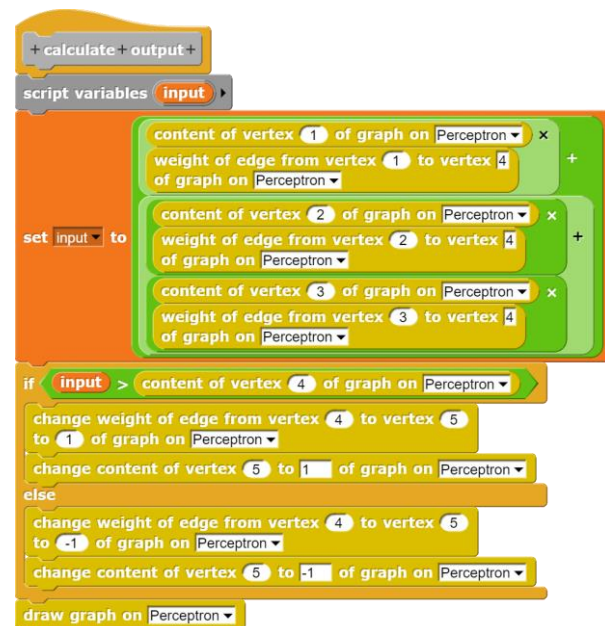


Then he adds specified vertices of the perceptron net:



Only the edges are missing, first with random weights:

*Hilberto* assembles the blocks into a script and labels the whole thing, and of course he ensures a consistent situation by letting the perceptron compute through once.



The output of the network is determined by multiplying the values of the input neurons by the corresponding edge weights and summing the results. The result is then compared with the value of the jump function in neuron 4. Depending on the result, the value of the last edge and the value of the output neuron is set.

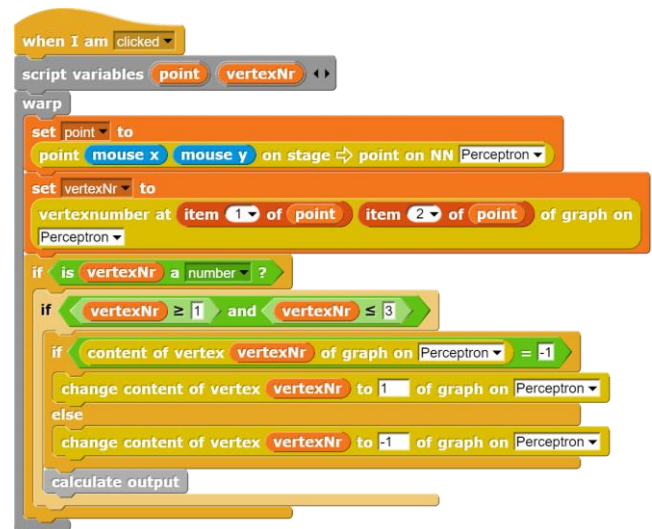
<sup>22</sup> <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perceptron>



However, the perceptron is also supposed to work in the following way: when an input neuron, i.e. a vertex on the left side, is clicked, it is supposed to change its value. To do this, we convert the mouse coordinates when clicked into sprite coordinates and then ask for the node number. If it is one of the three input neurons, then we change its value - and let recalculate.

Ready.

*Hilberto* himself is amazed that it can be done so easily.



### Tasks:

1. Add a way to change the value of the jump function of the central neuron.
2. Add a way to change the edge weights of the three input neurons to the central neuron.
3. Change the edge weights and/or the jump function so that the perceptron works as an AND.
4. Change the edge weights and/or the jump function so that the perceptron works as an OR.
5. Change the edge weights and/or the jump function so that the perceptron works as an NAND.
6. Change the edge weights and/or the jump function so that the perceptron works as an NOR.
7. Can the perceptron also work as an XOR? Try it!
8. Search the literature for reasons why some circuits can be well realized by perceptrons and others not.

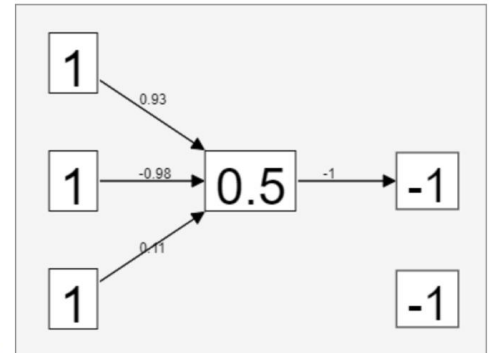
## 5.46 A simple learning perceptron

We now change the configuration a bit to teach the perceptron how to learn. To do this, we introduce another vertex, a "target vertex", under the output vertex, which displays "the correct" results, which in turn can be changed by clicking on it. If there is a difference between the values of the output vertex and the target vertex, the weights are changed until the "correct" result is obtained.

What to change?

When creating the net, only the new vertex must be inserted.

Click on input or target-value neurons!  
Click on sprite to learn!



```

configure Perceptron as a GraphPad width: 400
height: 300 color: 245 245 245
set GraphPad vertex properties minSize: 20
growing? ☒ showsContent? ☒ on Perceptron
set GraphPad edge properties lineWidth: 1
color: 0 0 0 directed? ☒ weighted? ☒
showsWeight? ☒ on Perceptron
new vertex at -150 100 content: 1 on graph of Perceptron
new vertex at -150 0 content: 1 on graph of Perceptron
new vertex at -150 -100 content: 1 on graph of Perceptron
new vertex at 0 0 content: 0.5 on graph of Perceptron
new vertex at 150 0 content: -1 on graph of Perceptron
new vertex at 150 -100 content: 1 on graph of Perceptron
add edge from vertex 1 to vertex 4 to graph on Perceptron
add edge from vertex 2 to vertex 4 to graph on Perceptron
add edge from vertex 3 to vertex 4 to graph on Perceptron
add edge from vertex 4 to vertex 5 to graph on Perceptron
change weight of edge from vertex 1 to vertex 4
to round (2 x random) - 1 to 2 digits of graph on Perceptron
change weight of edge from vertex 2 to vertex 4
to round (2 x random) - 1 to 2 digits of graph on Perceptron
change weight of edge from vertex 3 to vertex 4
to round (2 x random) - 1 to 2 digits of graph on Perceptron
change weight of edge from vertex 4 to vertex 5
to -1 of graph on Perceptron
calculate output
clear
go to x: -200 y: 200
write Click-on-input-neurons! size 20
go to x: -200 y: -200
  
```

```

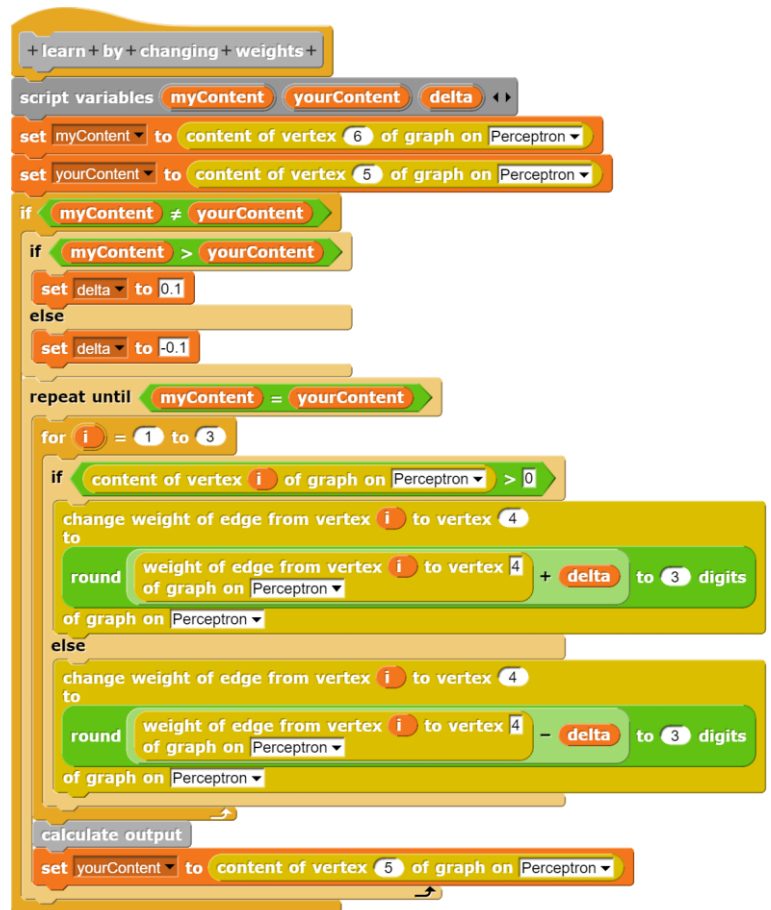
when I am clicked
script variables point vertexNr
warp
set point to
point mouse x mouse y on stage point on NN Perceptron
set vertexNr to
vertexnumber at item 1 of point item 2 of point of graph on
Perceptron
if is vertexNr a number?
if vertexNr >= 1 and vertexNr <= 3 or vertexNr = 6
if content of vertex vertexNr of graph on Perceptron = -1
change content of vertex vertexNr to 1 of graph on Perceptron
else
change content of vertex vertexNr to -1 of graph on Perceptron
calculate output
else
learn by changing weights
  
```

And at the click event on the *GraphPad* it has to be checked if a vertex or the pad was hit. In the second case, learning starts.

And how is learned?

If the values of the two neurons on the right of the image differ, then we change the weights on the edges of the input neurons until the correct result is obtained.

More precisely: We give a value to each of the three input neurons. Then, we set the desired value on the target neuron by clicking on it as well. Finally, we click anywhere on the *GraphPad* and watch it learning.



### Tasks:

1. Add a way to implement learning by making changes to the value of the jump function in the inner neuron. Does this always work?
3. Train the network so that the perceptron works as an AND.
4. Train the network so that the perceptron works as an OR.
5. Train the network so that the perceptron works as an NAND.
6. Train the network so that the perceptron works as an NOR.
7. Can the perceptron also work as an XOR? Try it!

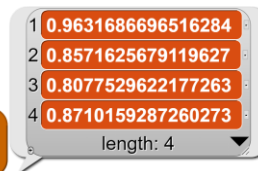
## 5.47 Training of a neural network

A neural network of width 4 with two layers (plus input layer) is generated and trained to deliver as output a 1 on the left and a -1 on the right, with zeros in between, when the vector of numbers 1 to 4 is input. It is to be noted that not the exact output values, but on the left the largest and on the right the smallest must be supplied.

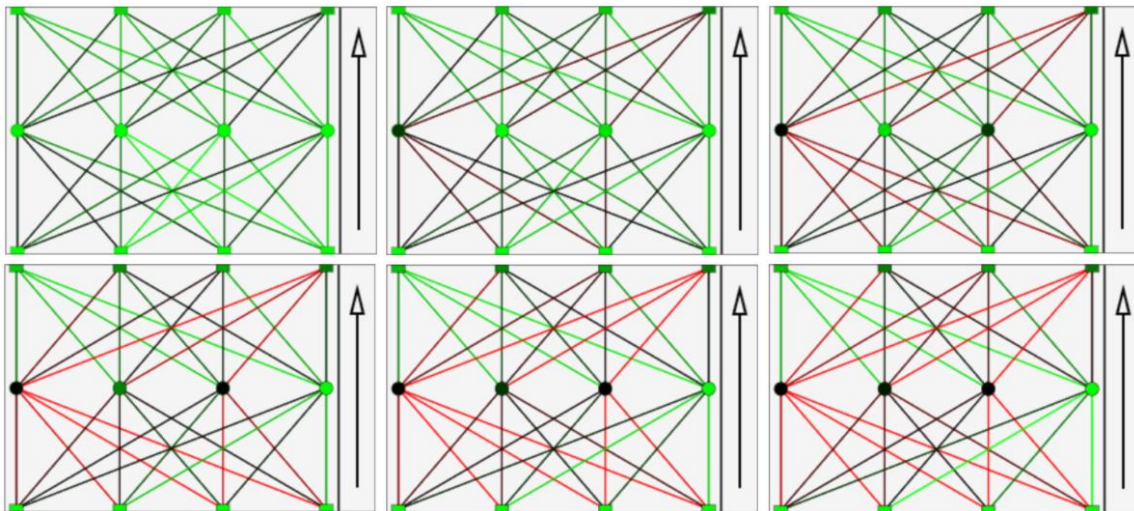
```
configure thisSprite as a NeuralNetPad width: 300
height: 200 color: 245 245 245
NN add new weights for 2 layers of width 4 on thisSprite
repeat 100
  teach NN with input numbers from 1 to 4 and target output
  list 1 0 0 -1 by back-
  propagation with learning factor 0.1 on thisSprite
  NN show status with input numbers from 1 to 4 on thisSprite
```

The output of the net before training:

```
NN output of last layer with input numbers from 1 to 4 on
thisSprite
```



Training states after every 20 training steps:



The output of the net after training:

```
NN output of last layer with input numbers from 1 to 4 on
thisSprite
```



The positions of the largest or smallest value of the output can be determined directly using the *SciSnap!DataLibrary*:

```
maxpos of
NN output of last layer with input numbers from 1 to 4 on
thisSprite



minpos of
NN output of last layer with input numbers from 1 to 4 on
thisSprite
```


## 5.48 Traffic sign recognition with a neural network of perceptrons

"Deep" neural networks dominate the discussion about current "artificial intelligence". These are mostly "fully connected" networks consisting of several perceptron layers. "Fully connected" means that all neurons in one layer are connected to all of the next layer. Each connection is assigned a weight that indicates its influence on the connected perceptron - but you'd better read about that elsewhere.

Let's consider a network consisting of three layers, which receives as input the pixels of an actual 20 M pixel photo, i.e.  $2 \times 10^7$  pixels. The input layer consists of  $3 \times 2 \times 10^7$  MB numerical values between 0 and 255 (if we omit the transparency byte). To the next layer there are then  $(6 \times 10^7)^2 = 3.6 \times 10^{15}$  connections - and then two more times. In total,  $3 \times 3.6 \times 10^{15}$ , i.e. about  $10^{16}$  weights would have to be determined - a completely utopian task for "normal" computers. So, we will have to limit ourselves to somewhat smaller neural networks.

One way to train perceptron networks is to present them input vectors and the desired output at the same time. The network then computes the output resulting from the available, initially randomly chosen weights, and determines the difference to the given result. Starting from the last layer of results, it then "backpropagates" the weights so that its output fits the given result "slightly better". This procedure is called *backpropagation*. You should also read more about this elsewhere. The trained network results from many such corrections. "Learning" therefore means to adjust the parameters (the weights) on the basis of many examples. With the help of these parameters, the net determines an output vector from the input vector: it calculates a function value. Our *NeuralNetPad* can simulate and train such perceptron networks.

The weights form a total *tensor* with  $m$  layers consisting of  $n \times n$  matrices. *NeuralNetPads* should therefore master linear algebra. The only new feature is the *softmax* function  of vector  which can be used to scale input vectors, for example. You should also inform yourself about this.

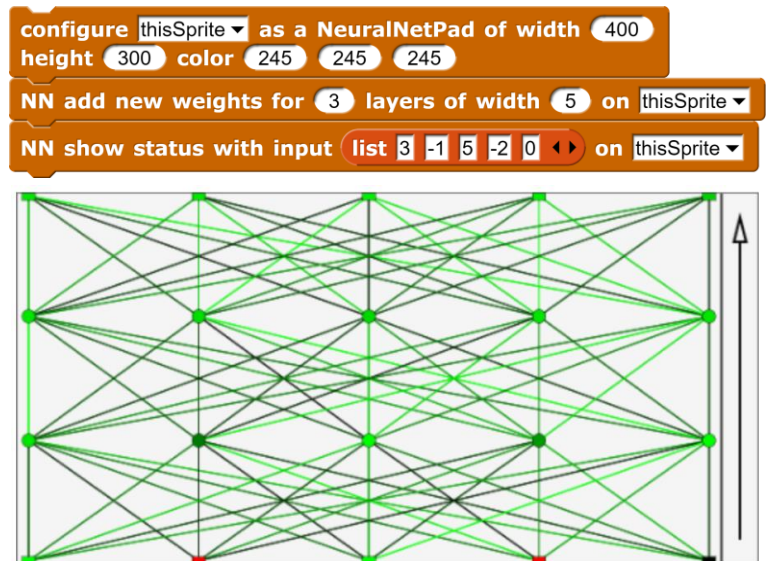
The dimensioning and initial assignment of the network are done in the block *add new weights*. With this block we can create a new neural net of any size with random initial weights. In this case it has the width 3 and the  **NN add new weights for 2 layers of width 3 on thisSprite** ▼

Since displaying the many numbers would be rather confusing and also hardly informative, the connecting lines (the edges) are color-coded according to the values of the associated weights: from full green for large positive values to black for small amounts to red negative weights. Since initially only positive numbers are drawn at random, a new net is predominantly green. It shows what results from the calculations with the input vector to be specified.

 **NN show status with input**  on thisSprite ▼



The vertices of the net are color coded like the edges. At the bottom, the elements of the input vector are shown as small rectangles. The inner layers form colored circles and the last layer is again shown as an output layer in rectangular form. The direction of the calculation from bottom to top is shown by the arrow on the far right. Since you can easily rotate sprites, the direction can of course also be displayed differently.



Often you need the results of the last or an inner layer of the net. These can be calculated with the help of the *output of...* block for a given input. Since the color coding does not necessarily show the largest or smallest element clearly, this can be determined with the help of the *...of vector...* block..



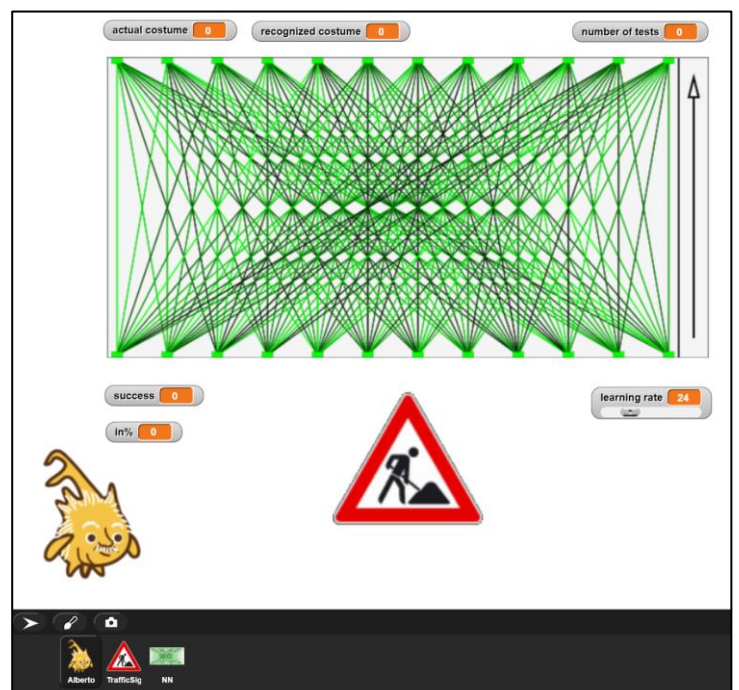
The training of the net is done with the help of the block *teach NN ...* by backpropagation with a learning factor to be specified. The learning factor may be somewhat larger at the beginning, and then be reduced.



We want to train a neural network (NN) to recognize 12 different traffic signs. To do this, we search for images of these traffic signs in the network and reduce them to the format 100 x 100 pixels. Now they can be displayed well on the screen, but the 10000 pixels are of course much too much as inputs for a NN.

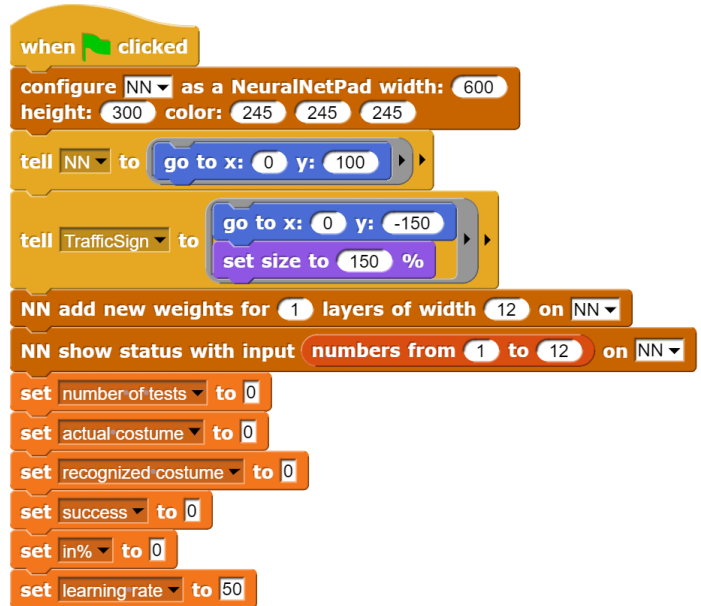
To bring the amount of data within tolerable limits, we reduce the pixels to a 2x2 format by *mean-pooling*, i.e. we average the color pixels in each of the four quadrants of the image. The 30000 values of the traffic sign image thus become 12.

Because it is a difficult problem, this time *Alberto* takes the overall control.

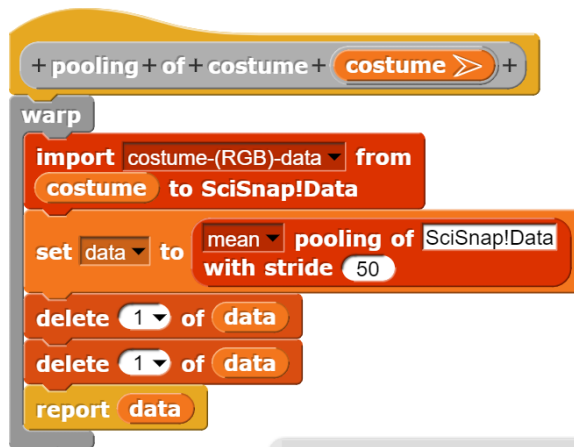




To start, *Alberto* gives the NN sprite a new costume. Then he creates the weights for a new (here: 12x2) net in the NN. This he lets draw with a (still nonsensical) input. Then he sends the NN to a well chosen place in the upper center and does the same with the traffic sign below. Finally some variables are set to 0. We will need them later.



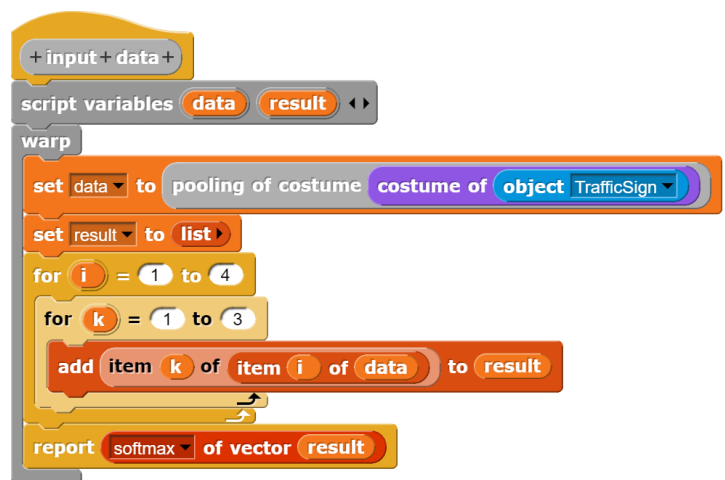
*Alberto* first needs to reduce the amount of image values using the *pooling* operation. To apply the operation, it must import the image data. Then it can convert them, delete the dimensions of the reduced image specified at the front of the list, and return the result. We summarize everything in a new block *pooling of <costume>*.



pooling of costume costume of object TrafficSign

	A	B	C	D
4	191.124	68.9832	69.77	210.63
1	191.3736	76.674	77.2216	210.63
2	190.4988	62.7568	63.5204	210.63
3	190.8056	68.5224	69.2084	210.63
4				

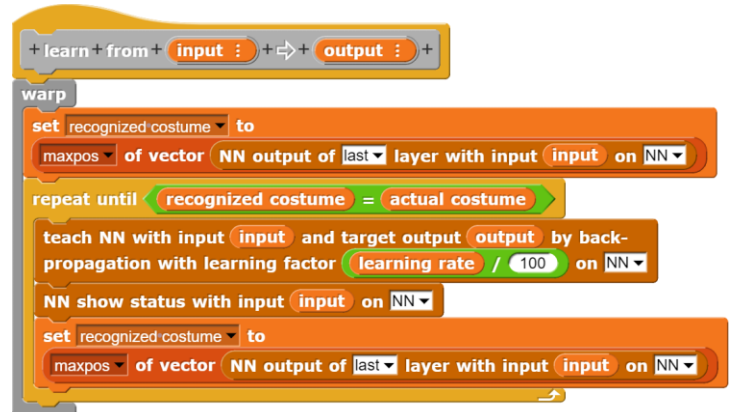
The color values of the reduced image are assembled by *Alberto* into an input vector. These are then modeled with the softmax function of the *DataLibrary* in order to exclude unfavorable input values.



Accordingly, the training vector in *training data* can be determined with the searched output values of the NN. In our case, all values should be 0 except for the one corresponding to the costume number of the traffic sign.

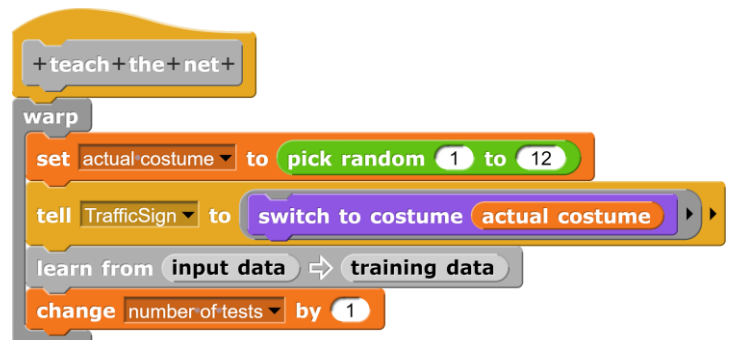


The NN receives two new methods *learn from...* and *test with...*. When learning, the position of the place with the largest output value of the NN is determined and compared with the current costume number of the traffic sign. If these values do not match, then learning continues.



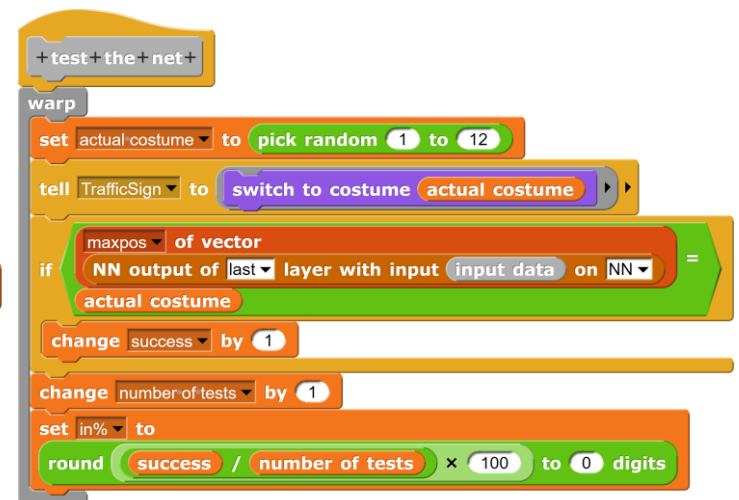
For testing, the same operation is performed only once.

Now we have everything together to let *Alberto* work reasonably.



A teaching operation consists of determining a random costume number with the corresponding costume change. Then the learning process of the NN is started with new input and target data. The passes are counted.

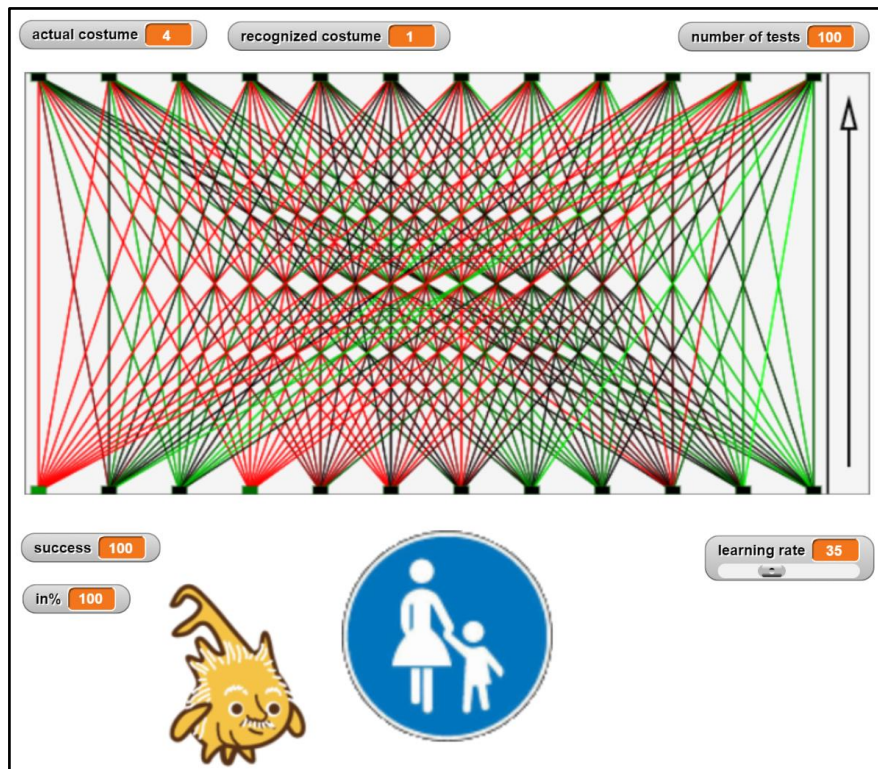
For testing, a similar procedure is followed: The costume is changed and it is checked whether the NN calculates the correct costume number. If this is the case, then everyone is happy. The percentage of correct attempts is determined.



Multiple learning and test runs can then be easily triggered.



After about 100 training runs with a higher learning rate and another 100 with a lower one for fine-tuning, we achieve recognition rates of 100%.



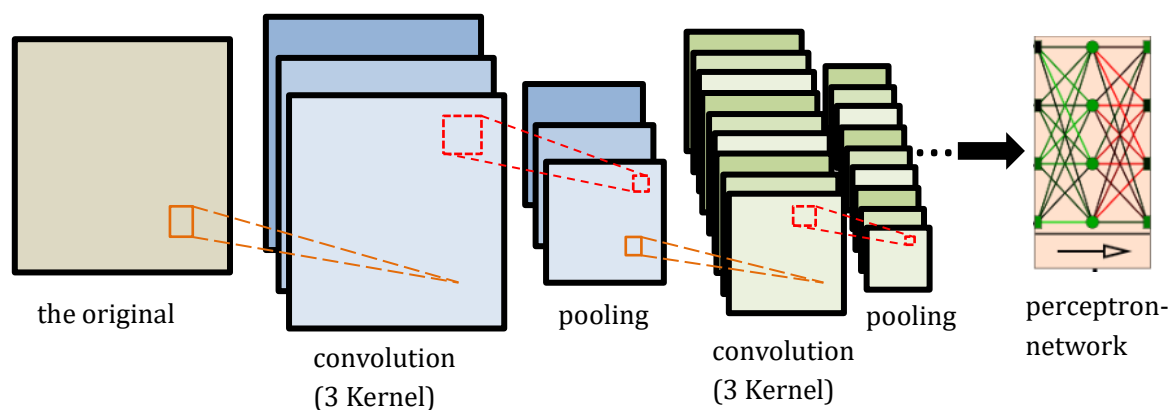
### Tasks:

1. Train a single-layer network with different learning rates and numbers of learning passes. Determine the recognition rate as a percentage in each case.
2. Plot the results from 1. graphically using a PlotPad.
3. Experiment with multi-layer NNs. Will the results be better?
4. Increase the length of the input vector by changing pooling. Will the results be better?
5. Increase the number of recognizable signs by allowing more than one 1 in the output.

## 5.49 Character Recognition with a Convolutional Neural Network

The immense number of parameters in fully connected perceptron networks and the consequent need for huge amounts of training data has led to other network variants to drastically reduce this number. One of these is *Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)*, in which the amount of input data to the perceptron network is reduced. This type of network is used very successfully in image and speech recognition, for example.

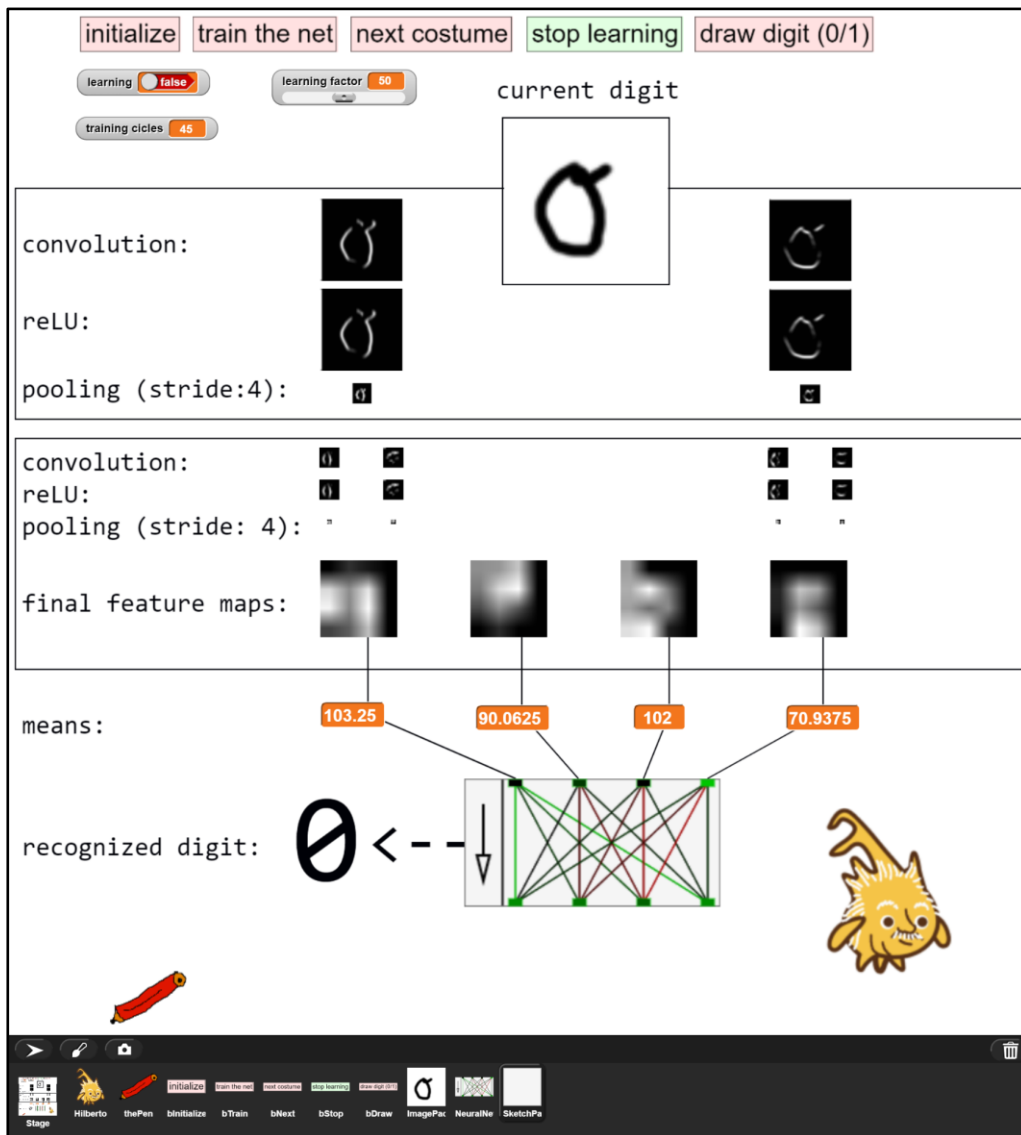
CNNs reduce the amount of data by first applying several *kernels* in a multi-step process that filters out certain properties of e.g. an image (edges, oval surfaces, ...) and thus results in several *feature maps* that usually have the same size as the original. This first increases the amount of data. Afterwards, a nonlinear *activation function (ReLU)* is usually applied to the feature maps, followed by a *pooling operation* that reduces the amount of data again. Mostly this is max-pooling, where the maximum value is determined from a section of the data. If you do this with a "window" that is moved over the feature map with a certain step size (*stride*), then each pooling step generates a value of the next, reduced feature map.



As an example, let's take a kernel that filters vertical lines: it colors a point white if there is a second pixel next to the point, otherwise black. In the "folded" image we can then recognize vertical lines of the original as bright spots. If it does not matter so much where exactly these lines are, then we do not lose too much information in pooling. A white spot in a feature map after various pooling processes then means: "*There was a vertical line somewhere in this area.*" Based on such data from several feature maps, it can then be deduced, for example, that a horizontal line, i.e. a corner, was also located there. If we had searched for "*beige*" areas as well as "*oval*" shapes, then the chance of identifying faces would not be so bad at all.

We now want to build a model for such a CNN that can distinguish the handwritten digits zero and one. For this we use a *DataSprite* for auxiliary operations, an *ImageSprite* for the actual image and - of course - a *NeuralNetSprite* for the perceptron network at the end of the chain. Another, "normal" sprite named *Alberto* will control the operations. To make the model easier to use, we add some buttons as well as a *pen* to make the interface clearer. In the screen shot, the image to be analyzed is at the top of the box, while the

neural network displays its result at the bottom. In between, the various intermediate layers are scrolled through and displayed from top to bottom. As a bonus, the model includes the possibility to draw your own numbers.

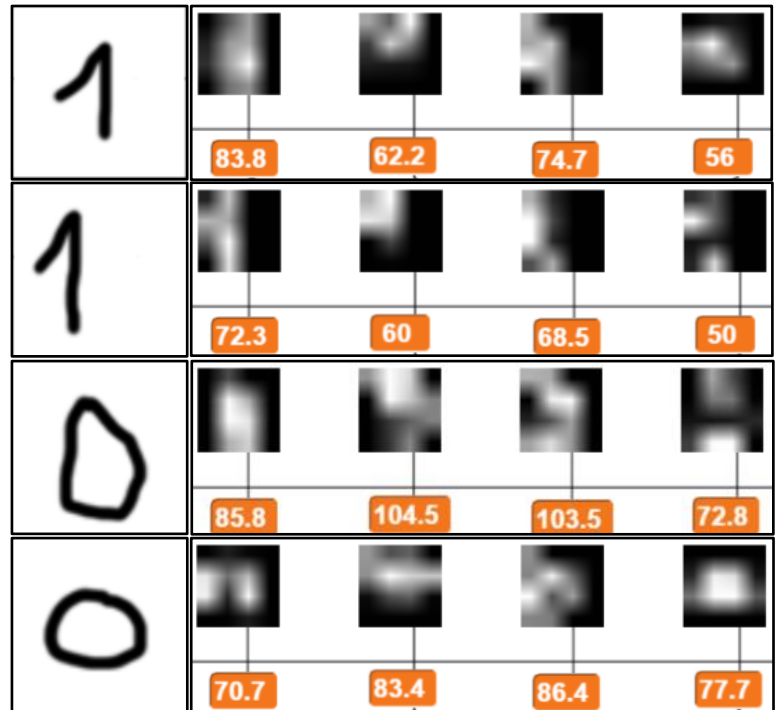


Our CNN is trained with 10 digits each from 64x64 pixels for the zeros and ones. Then it is supposed to "recognize" these as well as other handwritten ones. Actually, we would have to train several kernels of our CNN specifically for this task. Instead, we take only two known kernels for the recognition of vertical and horizontal lines, because by the restriction to two everything can be displayed on the screen and the results are even halfway interpretable. (The recognition rate, however, suffers heavily from this!) Thus, only the perceptron network with four input values is trained.

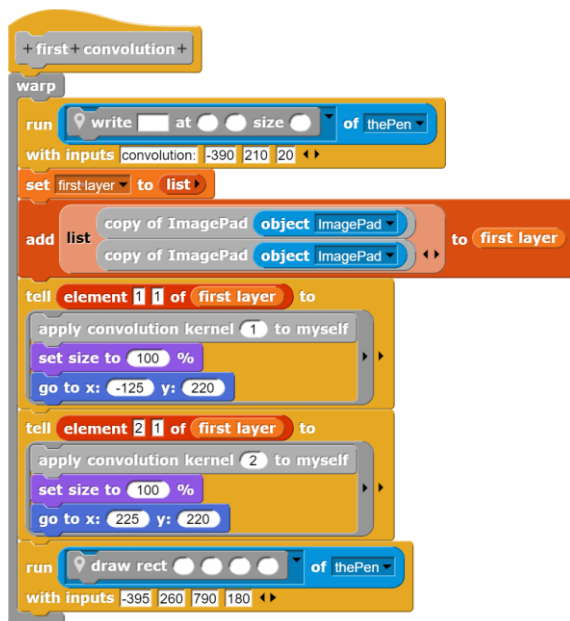
In the image above, after two stages of reduction, four feature maps of 16x16 pixels each are left, each of which has been run twice through the operations Convolution ReLU Max-Pooling: on the far left with the kernel for vertical lines, then with both kernels in different order, and finally twice with the kernel for horizontal lines. The numbers below indicate the mean value of the brightness measured over the entire image. If we apply this to different digits, then the possibility of measuring differences between zeros and ones becomes apparent, despite the very simple procedure.

In the image above, after two stages of reduction, four feature maps of 16x16 pixels each are left, each of which has been run twice through the operations *Convolution* → *ReLU* → *Max-Pooling*: on the far left with the kernel for vertical lines, then with both kernels in different order, and finally twice with the kernel for horizontal lines. The numbers below indicate the mean value of the brightness measured over the entire image. If we apply this to different digits, then the possibility of measuring differences between zeros and ones becomes apparent, despite the very simple procedure.

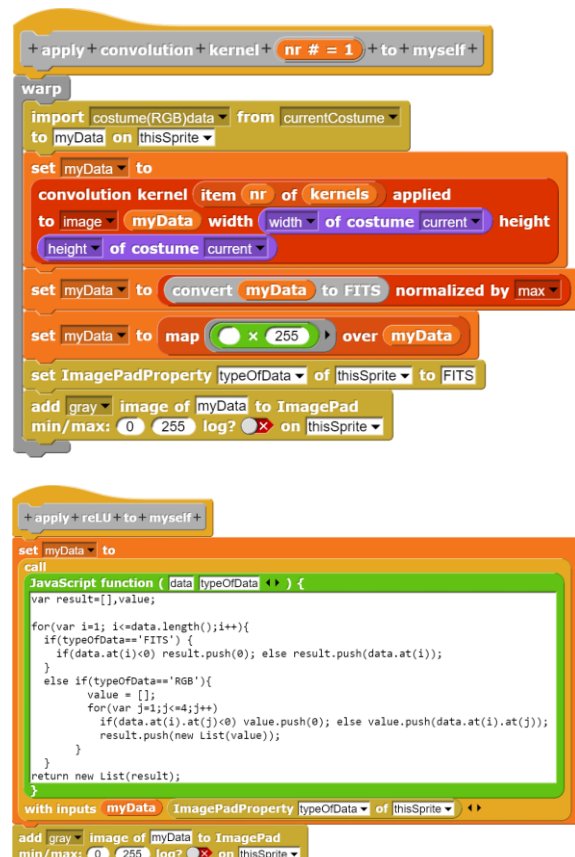
Let's look at the functionalities of the individual objects:



The *ImagePad* provides the data of a new costume as a basis for analysis. To do this, it creates a "first layer" as a list *first layer*, which consists of two copies of itself. On each of these it then applies a convolution with two different ones. After that a few lines are drawn.

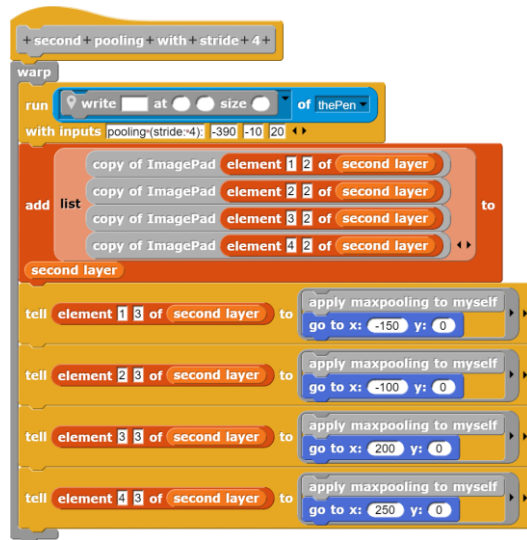


After that, each copy must pass through a *ReLU* (*rectified linear unit*), which serves as an activation function. In this case, negative values are simply set to zero.



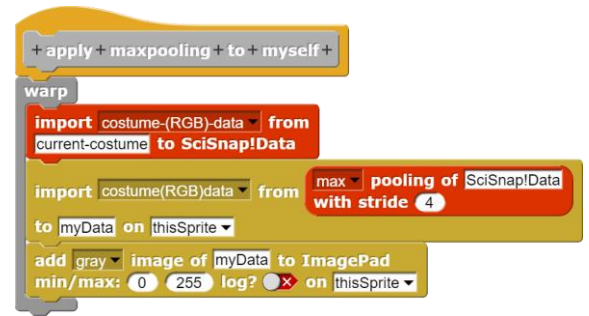


Finally, a pooling operation is performed to reduce the amount of data. As an example the pooling operation with the four sprites of the second level is given.

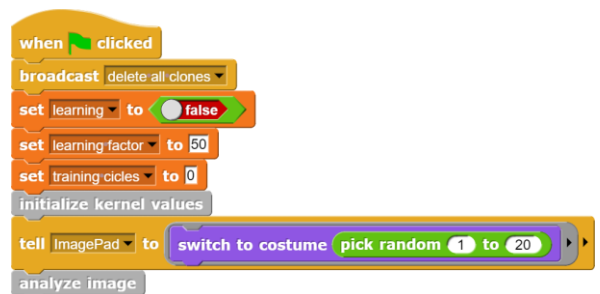


displayed in a greatly enlarged form as "final feature maps". These are used to train the neural network.

The neural network in the form of a *NeuralNetPad* is supposed to generate the largest output at output 1 for zeros and at output 4 for ones. This is of course completely arbitrary. The current output value is determined by the function *output with <input>*. With its components the net can be trained, if we succeed in determining the average values from the last level of second layer. We still model these suitably with the *softmax* function.



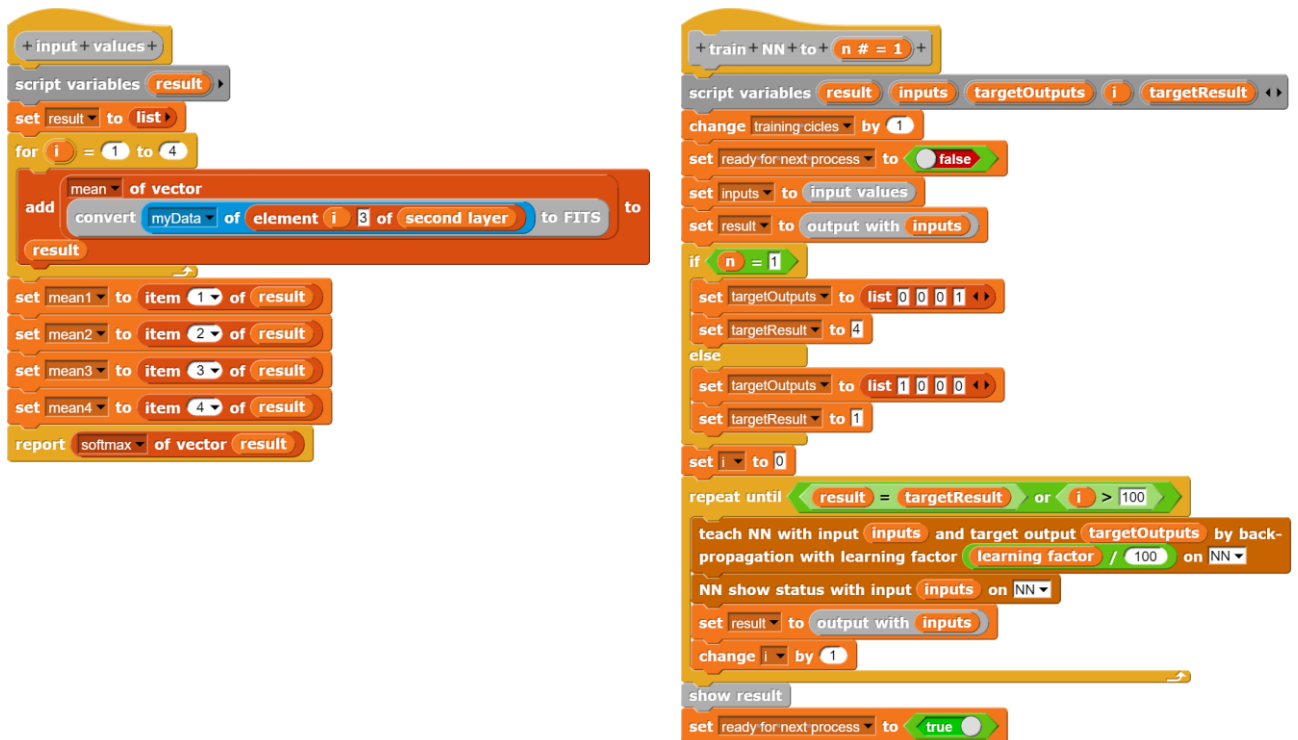
*Alberto*, as the controller of the whole thing, has to ask the *ImagePad* to change the costume and analyze it afterwards. In doing so, he strictly adheres to the specifications for CNN's.



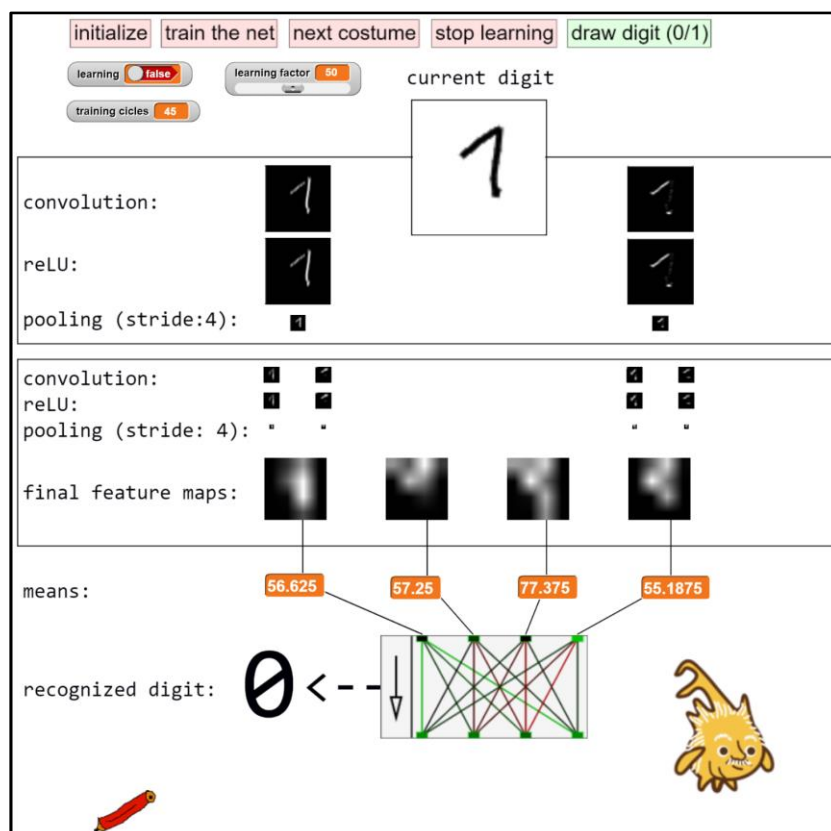
The *initialize* method only takes care of drawing the lines on the stage. The other methods work with two layers of the CNN, *first layer* and *second layer*, each containing the versions of the digits that appear on the stage. So that they do not interfere with each other, they work with copies of the *ImagePad*, not clones.

After the required copies have been created, they are asked by *Alberto* to perform the respective CNN operation. Finally, the clones of the last level, which are now quite small (4x4 pixels), are





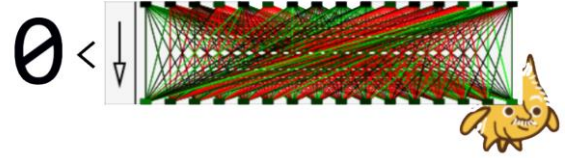
And - has the network learned anything? Let's write a number:



Well - there is still room for improvement!

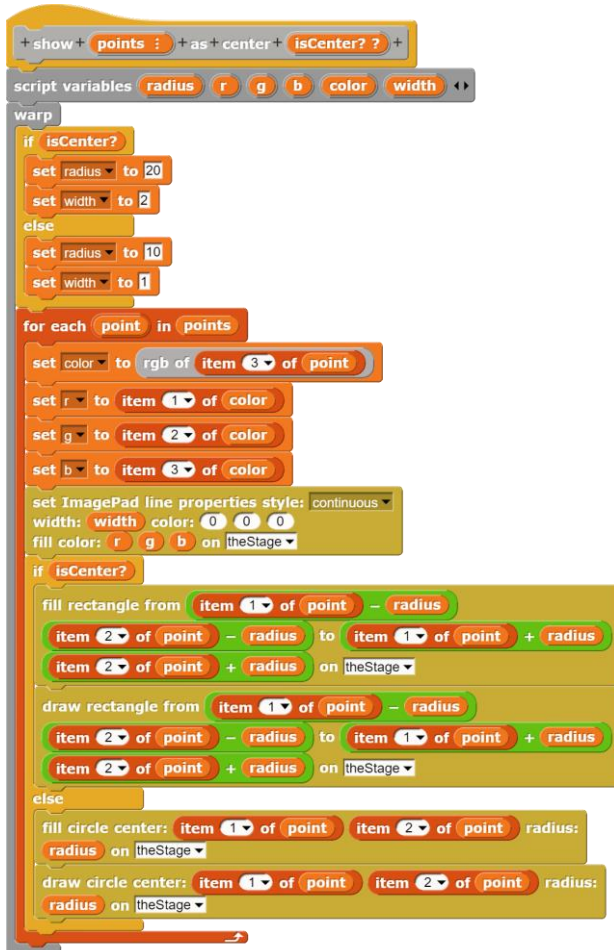
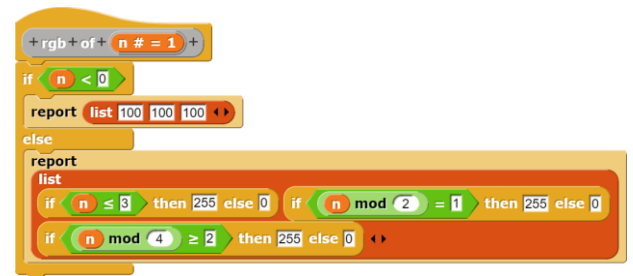
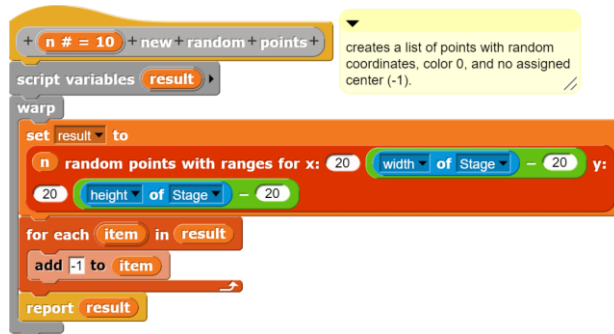
**Tasks:**

1. Generate a list of 16 values from the *final feature maps*.
2. Analyze this list by a neural network of width 16.
3. Test whether the recognition rate increases, especially of newly written digits. If yes: how do you justify the effect?
4. Also experiment with multilayer neural networks.



## 5.51 k-means-Clustering

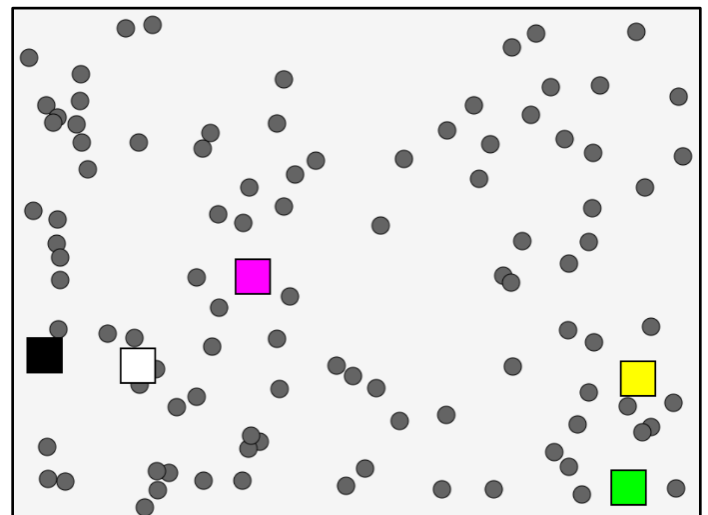
In the *data* palette, two blocks are available for *k-means clustering*, but they (of course) only provide the final result. Let's illustrate the whole process here. For this we create a set of e. g. 100 random points with "JavaScript coordinates", to each of which we append the cluster number. This is initially "-1", because no clustering has taken place yet. For this we create "k", e.g. 5, "centers". Points and centers are displayed as circles or squares on the stage. We determine the colors, initially gray, from the cluster number.



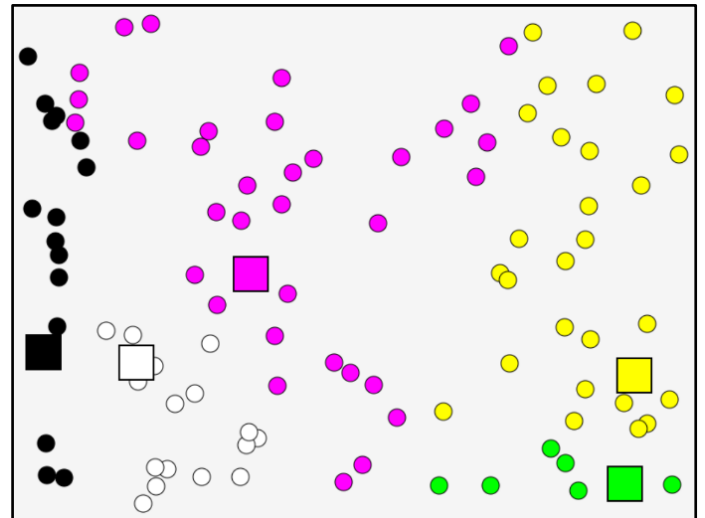
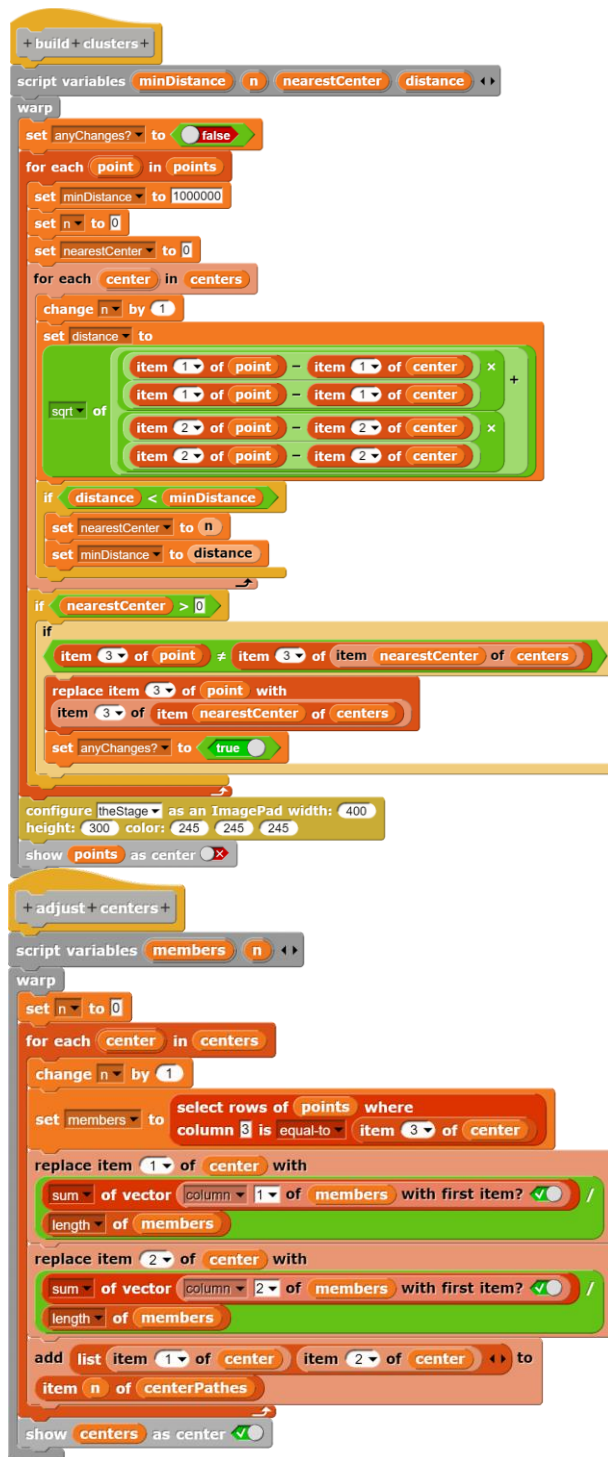
We number the centers and enter their coordinates in a list *centerPaths* so that we can track their movements ...



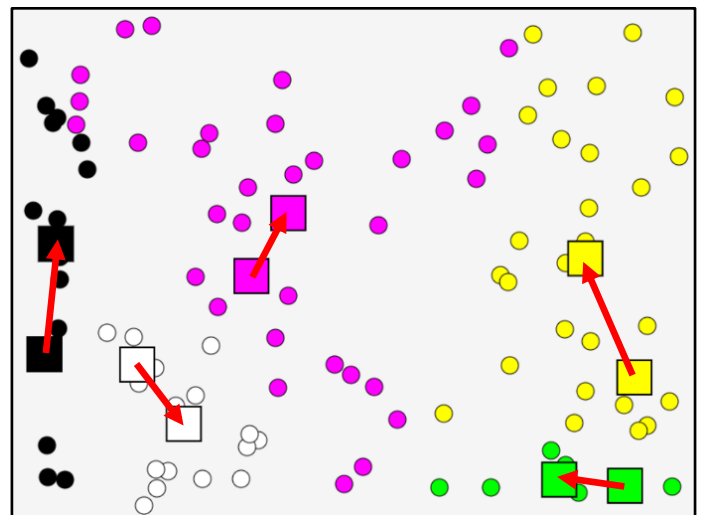
... and get the following image:



The k-means method now determines the nearest center for each point and colors the points in its color.



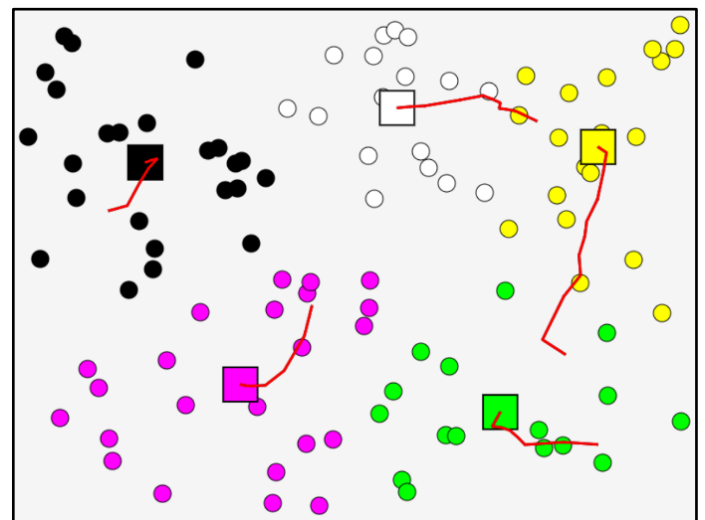
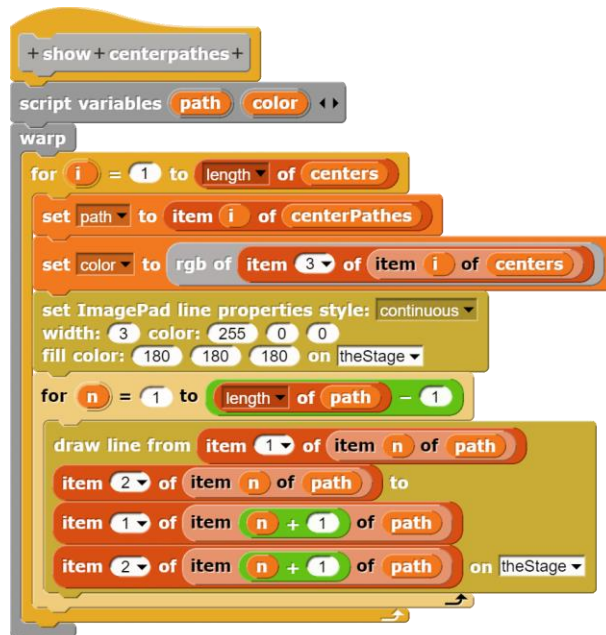
Then the centers are moved to the center of the set of points assigned to them. The new positions are entered in the position list.



The procedure is continued until there are no more changes in the clusters. We plot the movements of the centers using the stored positions.



Weg get the result:



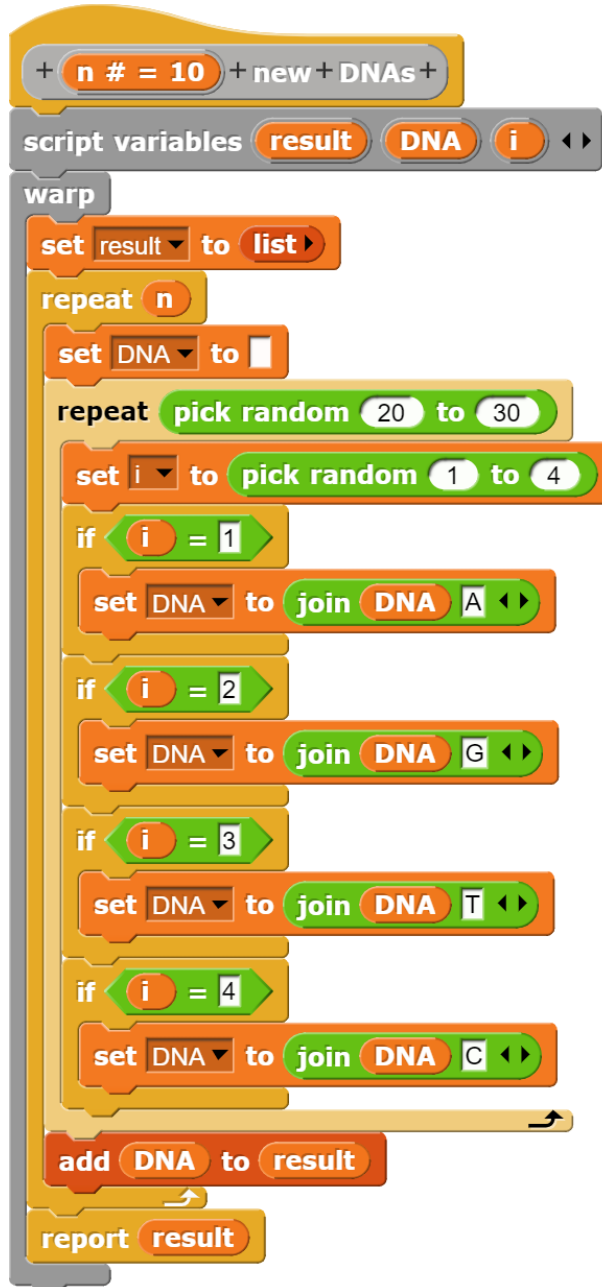
Using the existing blocks, we could of course have obtained the result a bit simpler - but just without representing the process:



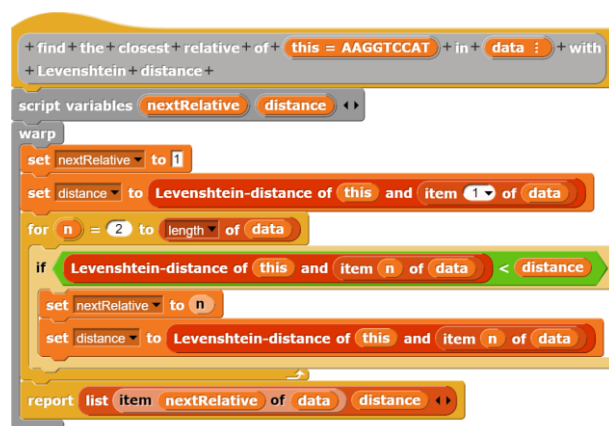


## 5.52 DNA relatedness and Levenshtein distance

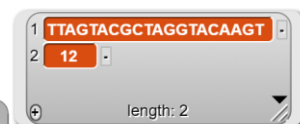
We want to determine the closest "relative" to a given DNA sequence from a list of DNA sequences, e.g. to determine whether an animal was killed by a wolf. To do this, we first generate a DNA list.



Using the Levenshtein distance between two strings, we can now determine which of the strings is closest to the given one and how large their distance is.



find the closest relative of AAAACTTGGTGAGGTCCATTGC in SciSnap!Data with Levenshtein distance



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## Notes

1. *SciSnap!* is not made for small displays, but it runs fine on a larger monitor. 😊
2. The examples in this script are mainly intended to show different ways of using the *SciSnap!* libraries. It is not their task to give examples for good teaching, but hopefully they give hints on which level to work.
3. Accordingly, this script largely lacks examples that the learners can use to find and work on their own problem areas and solutions. If you have any "best-practice" examples, I would be grateful if you could point them out to me. Perhaps a collection of them could be created.
4. The libraries certainly still contain errors and possibilities for improvement. I would also be grateful for hints on this.

For the rest, go for it!

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