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Introduction to eye-movement data analysis with PsychoPy

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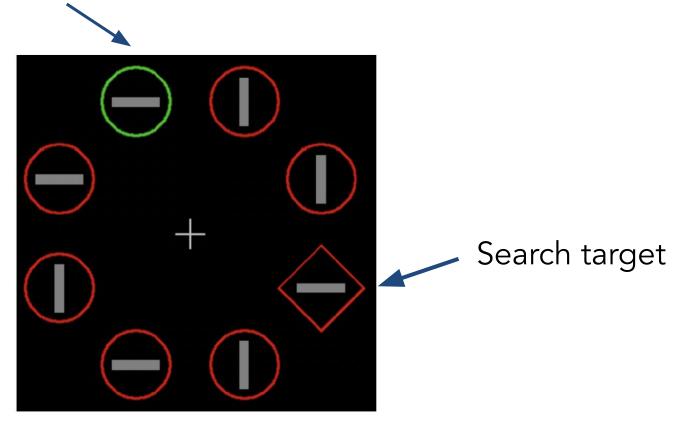




Search task



Salient distractor









Overview



- Preprocessing
- First fixation proportion and heat map
- Distractor and target fixation duration
- First saccade latency







File formats and packages



- The eye-trackers native format is the .edf file but PsychoPy can also save the eye-movement data in the .hdf5 format
- In R the "hdf5r" package can be used to read this format: https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/hdf5r/index.html
- In Python h5py can be used: https://www.h5py.org/





Tidyverse



- Tidyverse is an R package for data-manipulation
- It lets you filter data, summarize, create new columns, etc.





Hadley Wickham - creator of tidyverse





Tidyverse



- Tidyverse (and R more broadly) organizes data as "data frames" - similar to excel sheets
- The "pipe" operator "%>%" is used to perform multiple operations in a row on the data, e.g.:

proc_data <- raw_data %>% filter(...) %>% summarize(...)





Tidyverse



- filter: filter data, e.g. remove outliers:
 - o data %>% filter(rt > 0.2, rt < 2)</p>
- mutate: add new column
 - e.g. data %>% mutate(rt_diff = rt_cond1 rt_cond2)
- summarize: summarize
 - e.g. data %>% summarize(m_rt = mean(rt), sd_rt = sd(rt))



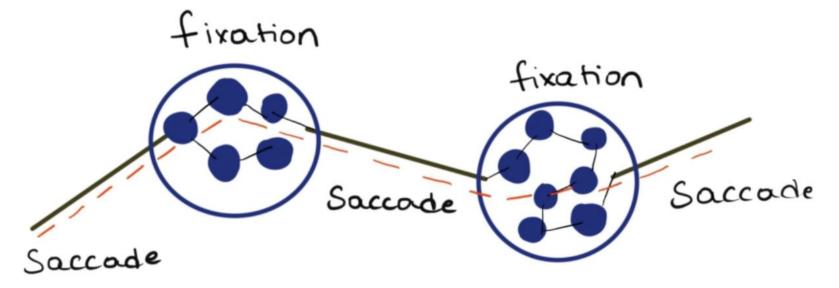




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- We need to find out which trial each fixation and saccade is from





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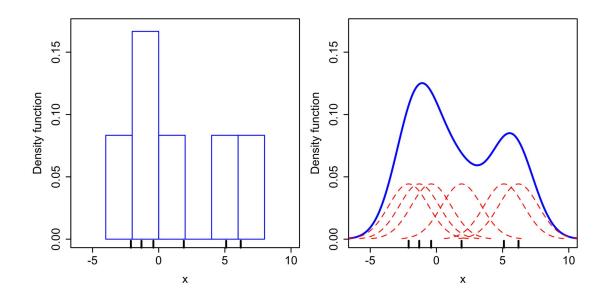




First fixation proportion and heat map



- We will now analyze the landing positions of the first saccade after search display appearance
- To plot a heat map of the fixation locations we will use kernel density estimation









Distractor and target fixation duration



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First saccade latency



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