

Computational

Vision

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Lecture 5

Signal-in-noise psychophysics demo

Initialize

In[81]:=

```
Off[General::spell1]
```

In[83]:= $z[p_]$:=

```
Sqrt[2]
```

```
InverseErf[1 - 2  $p$ ];
```

$dprime[x_]$:=

```
N[-Sqrt[2]  $z[x]$ , 2];
```

```

stdnoise = 1.0;
ndist =
    NormalDistribution[0,
        stdnoise ];
size = 64;
    (* image size *)
i = 0; pc = 0;
numtrials = 10;

```

Define test images

Basis set: Cartesian representation of
Gabor functions:

```

In[41]:= cgabor[x_, y_, fx_, fy_, s_] :=
Exp[-(x^2 + y^2)/s^2] Cos[2 Pi
sgabor[x_, y_, fx_, fy_, s_] :=
Exp[-(x^2 + y^2)/s^2] Sin[2 Pi

```

Various frequencies, vertical orientations, and fixed width

```
vtheta = Table[i1 Pi/4, {i1,4}]  
vf = {1,1,2,4};  
swidth = {.25,1,4};
```

```

In[46]:= signal =
  Table[
    N[cgabor[x, y,
      vf[[1]] Cos[vtheta[[1]],
      vf[[1]] Sin[vtheta[[1]],
      swidth[[2]]]],
      {x, -2, 2,  $\frac{4}{\text{size} - 1}$ },
      {y, -2, 2,  $\frac{4}{\text{size} - 1}$ }] ;
  Print[Max[signal], " ",
    Min[signal], " ",
    Dimensions[signal]];
  noise :=
    Table[RandomReal[ndist],
      {size}, {size}];

0.997986
-0.782989 {64, 64}

```

```

In[49]:= Manipulate[

```

```

signal2 =
  Table[contrast *
    N[cgabor[x, y,
      vf1 Cos[vtheta1],
      vf1 Sin[vtheta1],
      swidth2]],
    {x, -2, 2,  $\frac{4}{\text{size} - 1}$ },
    {y, -2, 2,  $\frac{4}{\text{size} - 1}$ }]];
noises = noisecontrast *
  noise;

ArrayPlot[signal2 + noises,
  Mesh → False,
  PlotRange → {-1, 1},
  ColorFunction →
    "GrayTones"],
  {{contrast, .5}, 0, 1},
  {{noisecontrast, .03},

```

```
0, .3}, {vf1, 1, 4},  
{vtheta1, 0, Pi},  
{swidth2, .25, 4}]
```

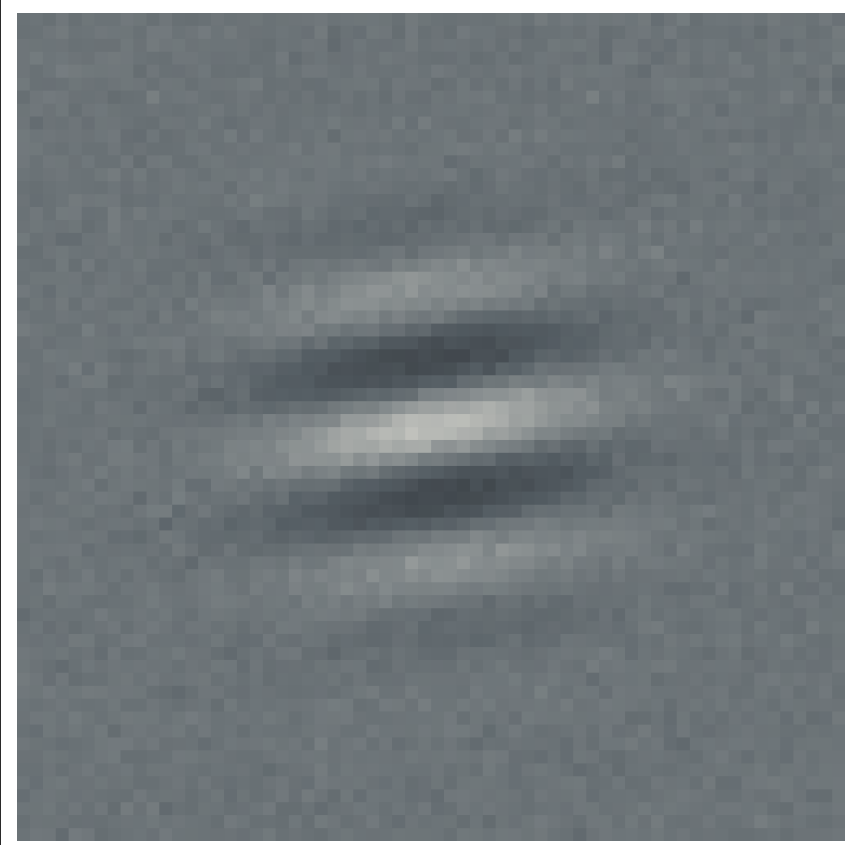
contrast +

noisecontrast +

vf1 +

vtheta1 +

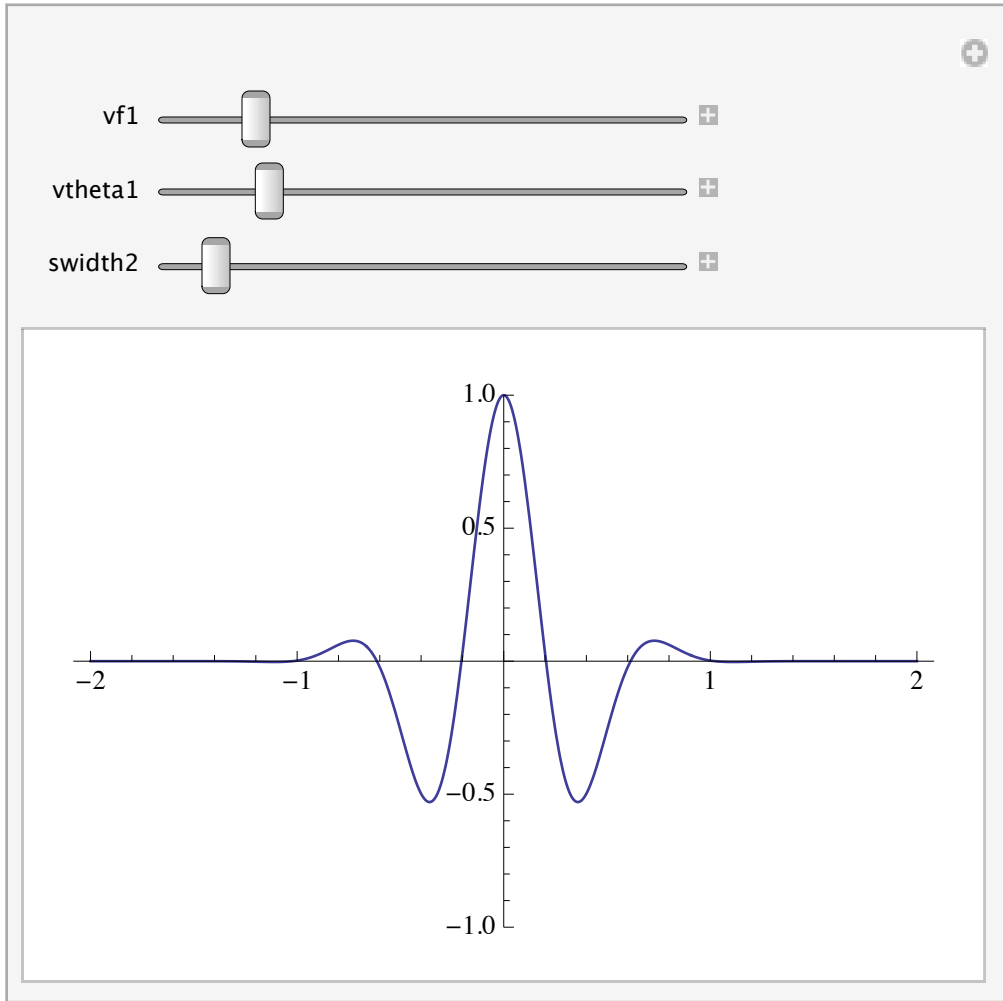
swidth2 +



Out[49]=


```
In[50]:= Manipulate[
  Plot[cgabor[x, 0,
    vf1 Cos[vtheta1],
    vf1 Sin[vtheta1],
    swidth2], {x, -2, 2},
  Frame → False,
  PlotRange → {-1, 1}],
{vf1, 1, 4},
{vtheta1, 0, Pi},
{swidth2, .25, 4}]
```

Out[50]=



```
In[62]:= blank = Table[0.0,  
    {x, -2, 2, 4 / (size - 1)},  
    {y, -2, 2,  
    4 / (size - 1)}];  
gblank =  
    ArrayPlot[blank,  
    Mesh → False,  
    Frame → False,  
    PlotRange → {-1, 1},  
    ColorFunction →  
    "GrayTones" ];  
flash = blank;
```

```
data =  
  {{ "Was I Correct?",  
    "Was Ideal  
    Correct?" }};  
numtrials = 5;  
  
(*Signal and noise  
  contrasts:*)  
scon = 0.1;  
(*scon =  
  0.01 is closer to  
  threshold.*)  
ncon = .15;
```

Put up stimulus window

```
In[69]:= nb = CreateDocument [
    Dynamic [flash] ,
    ShowCellBracket → False ,
    WindowSize → {300, 300} ,
    WindowMargins →
        {{Automatic, 0} ,
         {Automatic, 0}} ,
    WindowElements → {} ,
    Background → Black ,
    NotebookFileName →
        "2AFC Pattern
        Detection"] ;
```

Define a trial

```
In[70]:= twoflashes :=
    Module [ {tempmean} ,
        Table [whichflash =
            RandomInteger [ {0, 1} ] ;
            If [whichflash == 1,
```

```
leftnumsample =  
  ArrayPlot [  
    leftx =  
      scon * signal +  
      ncon * noise,  
    Mesh → False,  
    PlotRange → {-1, 1},  
    ColorFunction →  
      "GrayTones"];  
rightnumsample =  
  ArrayPlot [  
    rightx = ncon * noise,  
    Mesh → False,  
    PlotRange → {-1, 1},  
    ColorFunction →  
      "GrayTones"],  
leftnumsample =  
  ArrayPlot [  
    leftx = ncon * noise,  
    Mesh → False,  
    PlotRange → {-1, 1},
```

```
ColorFunction →  
  "GrayTones"];  
rightnumsample =  
ArrayPlot [  
  rightx =  
    scon * signal +  
    ncon * noise,  
  Mesh → False,  
  PlotRange → {-1, 1},  
  ColorFunction →  
    "GrayTones"]];
```

```
flash = leftnumsample;  
Pause[.25];  
flash = blank;  
Pause[.25];  
flash = rightnumsample;  
Pause[.25];  
flash = blank;
```

```
myanswer =
```

```
ChoiceDialog[
  "Signal on",
  {"First" → 1,
   "Second" → 0},
  WindowSize →
  {300, 80},
  WindowMargins →
  {{Automatic, 0},
   {Automatic,
    330}}];
```

```
If [myanswer ==
  whichflash,
  WasICorrect = 1,
  WasICorrect = 0];
```

```
idealanswer =
If [
  Flatten [leftx] .
  Flatten [signal] >
  Flatten [rightx] .
```



```
        Flatten[signal],  
        1, 0];  
  
    If[idealanswer ==  
        whichflash,  
        WasIdealCorrect = 1,  
        WasIdealCorrect = 0];  
    data = Append[data,  
        {WasICorrect,  
        WasIdealCorrect}],  
  
        {numtrials}];  
]
```

Run a block of trials

```
In[71]:= twoflashes  
        NotebookClose[nb];
```

Take a look at the raw data

```
In[73]:= data // TableForm
```

```
Out[73]//TableForm=
```

Was I Correct?	Was Ideal
1	1
1	1
1	1
1	1
1	1

Analyze the data

Let's drop the table heading stored in row 1, and then transpose the matrix so that the columns become the rows:

```
In[74]:= data2 = Transpose [
           Drop[data, 1]]
```

```
Out[74]= {{1, 1, 1, 1, 1},
           {1, 1, 1, 1, 1}}
```

Let's use a combination of `Map[]` and `Count[]` (used earlier to make histograms) to count up all occurrences of an event type. So the total for myhits is:

```
In[75]:= myproportioncorrect =
           N[
             Map[
               Count[data2[[1]],
                 #] &, {1}] /
             Dimensions[data2][[
               2]]][[1]];
           idealproportioncorrect =
           N[
             Map[
```

```

Count[data2[[2]],
      #] &, {1}] /
Dimensions[data2][[
2]][[1]];

```

```

mydprime =
  dprime[
    myproportioncorrect];
idealdprime =
  dprime[
    idealproportioncorrect];
mystatisticaefficiency =
  Round[
    100 *
      (mydprime /
        idealdprime) ^ 2];

```

Infinity::indet :

Indeterminate expression

0 ∞ encountered. >>

```

In[80]:= Print [
  Style[
    Grid[
      {{"my prop correct",
        "ideal's prop
        correct",
        "my d'",
        "ideal's d'",
        "my efficiency
        (%)"},
      {myproportioncorrect,
        idealproportioncorr:
        ect, mydprime,
        idealdprime,
        mystatisticaleffici:
        ency}},
    Frame → All], 9]];

```

my prop correct	ideal's prop correct	my d'	ideal's d'	my efficiency (%)
1.	1.	∞	∞	Indeterminate

To get a reasonably reliable estimate, you need at least 100 or

more trials, preferably more. And you and the ideal need to make mistakes!

How can you measure absolute efficiency if the signal-to-noise ratio is so high the ideal observer doesn't make enough mistakes to get a reliable estimate of its d' ? Recall that we don't need to simulate this SKE observer. Its d' is: $\frac{\sqrt{s.s}}{\sigma}$

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