

Structures

Lecture 19 (Apr 1)
CS100M - Spring 2008

Announcements

- Section is in the lab this week
- The last project was more challenging than previous ones
 - Problem 2 was more difficult than problem 1
 - ♦ Pulling out the bits
 - ♦ Working with uint8
 - Some of the problem 1 functions could be *very* brief
 - ♦ Could use vectorized code
- Please don't violate Academic Integrity
 - We run a program to detect similar code
- Project 5 should be available late today

Data is Often Related

- A point in the plane has an x coordinate and y coordinate
- If a program manipulates lots of points, there will be lots of x's and y's
 - Anticipate clutter
- Is there a way to "package" the two coordinate values?

Packaging Affects Thinking

- Our Reasoning Level:
 - P and Q are points
 - Compute the midpoint M of the connecting line segment
- Behind the scenes we do this:
 - $M_x = (P_x + Q_x)/2$
 - $M_y = (P_y + Q_y)/2$
- We've seen this before
 - Functions are used to "package" calculations
- This kind of packaging (a type of **abstraction**) elevates the level of our reasoning
- **Critical for problem solving!**

Simple Example

```
p1 = struct('x', 3, 'y', 4);
```

```
p2 = struct('x', -1, 'y', 7);
```

```
D = sqrt((p1.x-p2.x)^2 + (p1.y-p2.y)^2);
```

Distance between two points

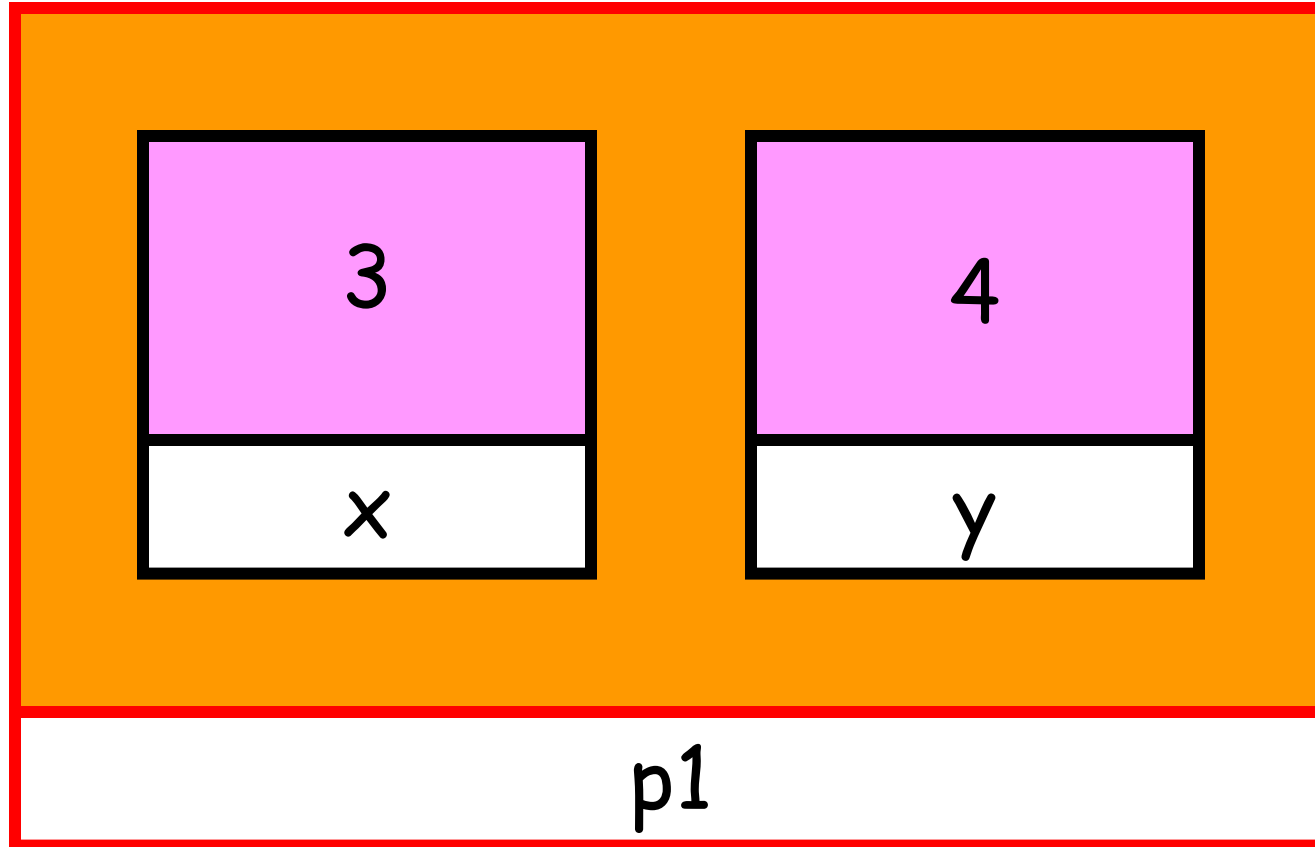
`p1.x`, `p1.y`, `p2.x`, `p2.y` are participating as variables—because they are

Initialization

```
p1 = struct('x', 3, 'y', 4);
```

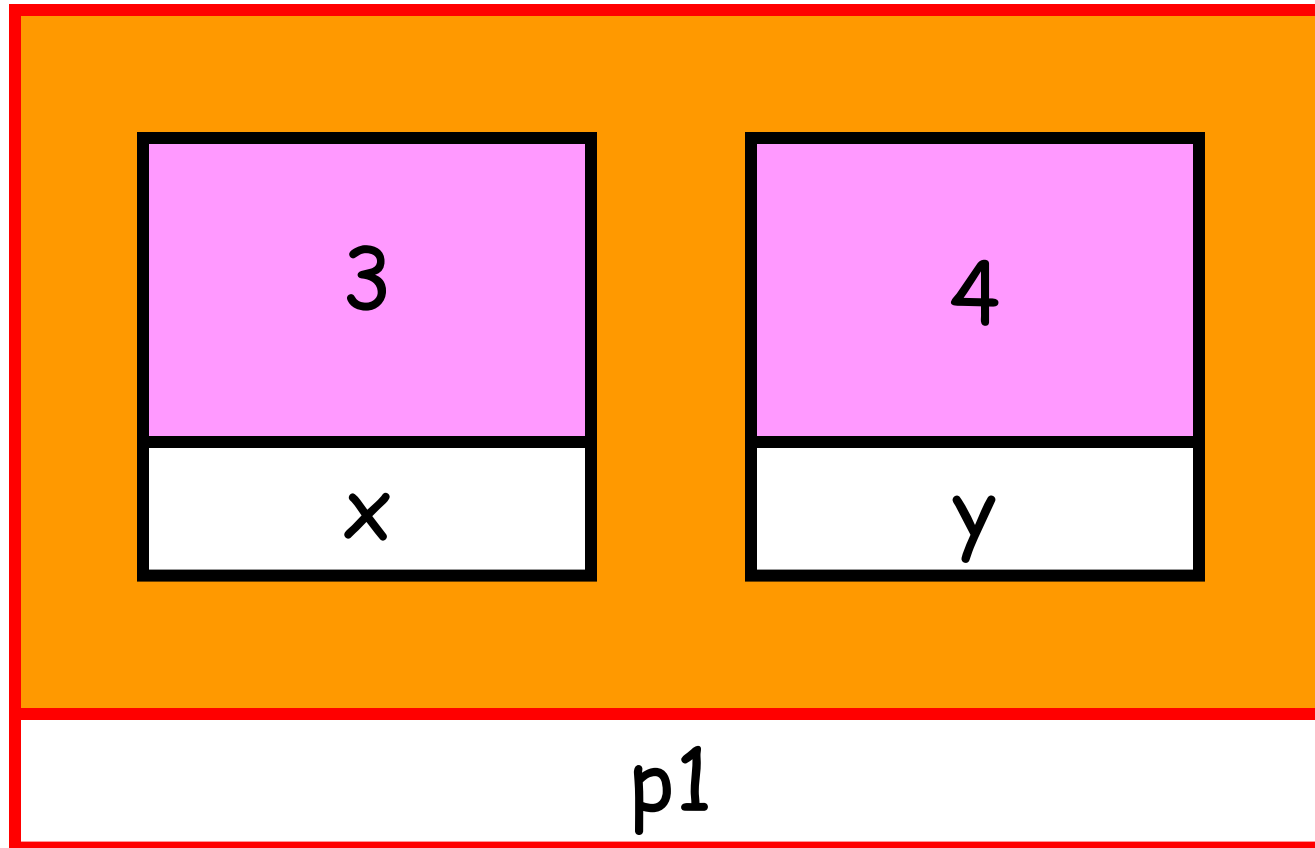
- p1 is a structure
- The structure has two fields
- Their names are x and y
- They are assigned the values 3 and 4

How to Visualize p1



```
p1 = struct('x', 3, 'y', 4);
```

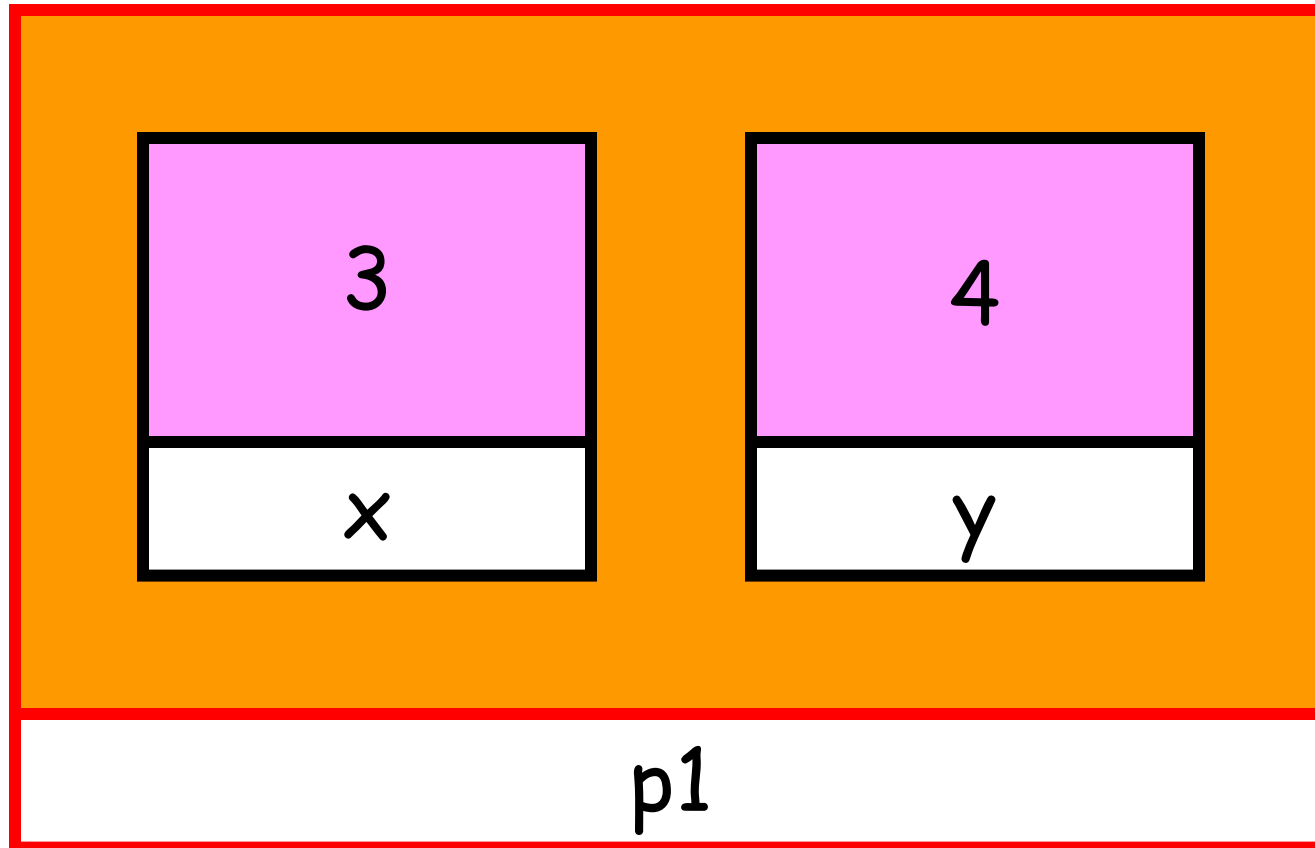
Accessing a Field



$A = p1.x + p1.y$

Assigns the value 7 to A

Assigning to a Field



```
p1.x = p1.y^2
```

Assigns the value 16 to `p1.x`

Another Example

```
A = struct('name', 'New York', 'capital', 'Albany', 'Pop', 15.5);
```

- Can have combinations of string fields and numeric fields

Legal/Illegal Maneuvers

```
Q = struct('x', 5, 'y', 6);
```

```
R = Q; % Legal: R is a copy of Q
```

```
S = (Q+R)/2; % Illegal: Cannot add structures
```

```
P=struct('x', 3, 'y'); % Illegal: Args must be in pairs
```

```
P.y = 4;
```

```
P = struct('x',3,'y',[]); % Legal: Empty array as a "place holder"
```

```
P.y = 4;
```

Structures in Functions

```
function d = dist(P,Q)
```

```
% P and Q are points.
```

```
% d is the distance between them
```

```
d = sqrt((P.x-Q.x)^2 + (P.y-Q.y)^2);
```

Sample "Make" Function

```
function P = MakePoint(x,y)
```

```
% P is a point.
```

```
% P.x and P.y are assigned the values x and y.
```

```
P = struct('x',x,'y',y);
```

- Good style
- Highlights the structure's definition

Functions and Structures

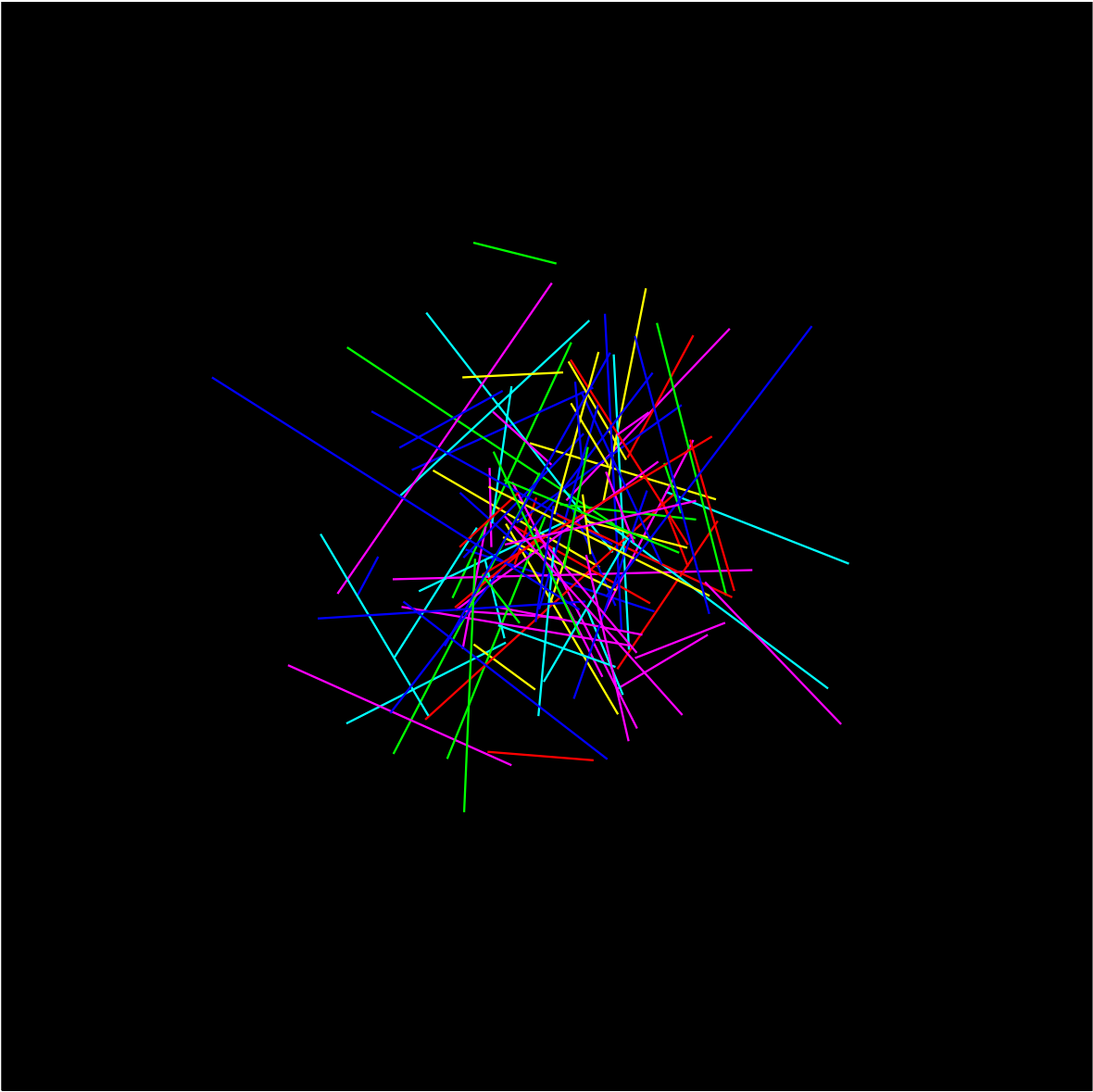
```
function DrawLS (P, Q, c)
% Draws a line segment connecting points
% P and Q; color is specified by c.
% Assumes hold is on.

plot([P.x Q.x], [P.y Q.y], c)
```

Script for Pick Up Sticks

```
s = 'rgbmcy';  
set(gcf,'color','k')  
axis equal off  
hold on  
for k=1:100  
    P = MakePoint(randn,randn);  
    Q = MakePoint(randn,randn);  
    c = s(ceil(6*rand));  
    DrawLS(P,Q,c)  
end
```

Generates two random points and chooses one of six colors randomly

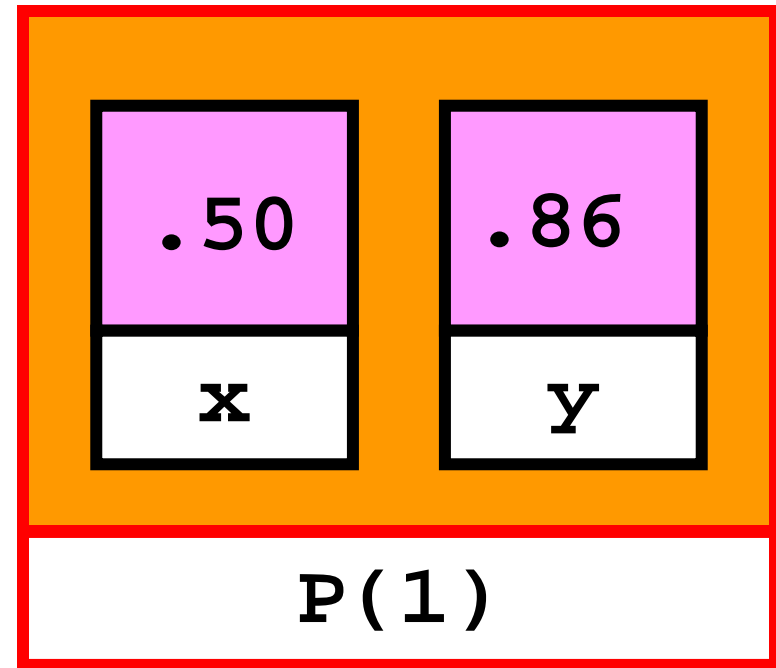
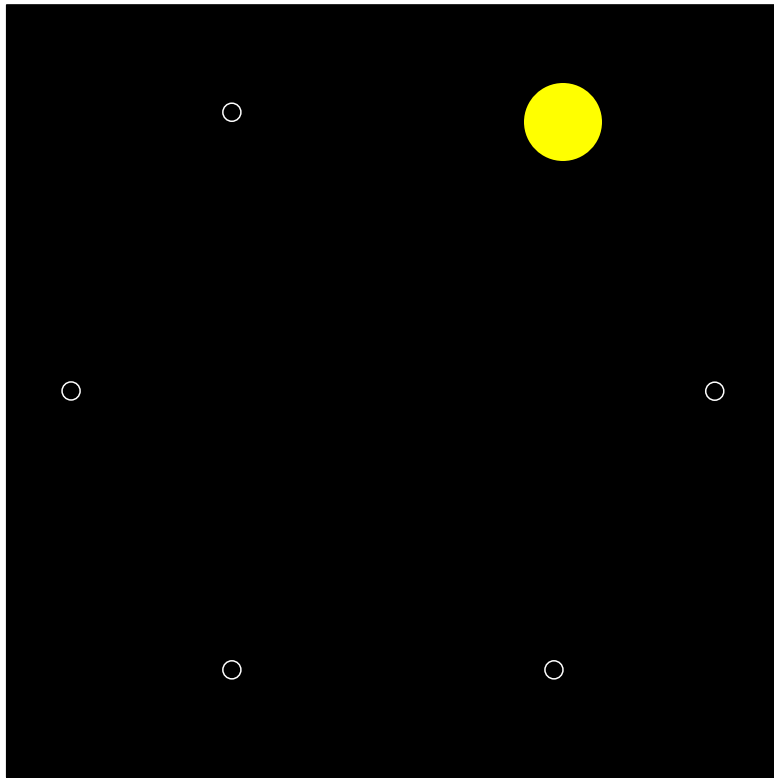


Structure Arrays

- An array whose components are structures
- All the structures must be the same

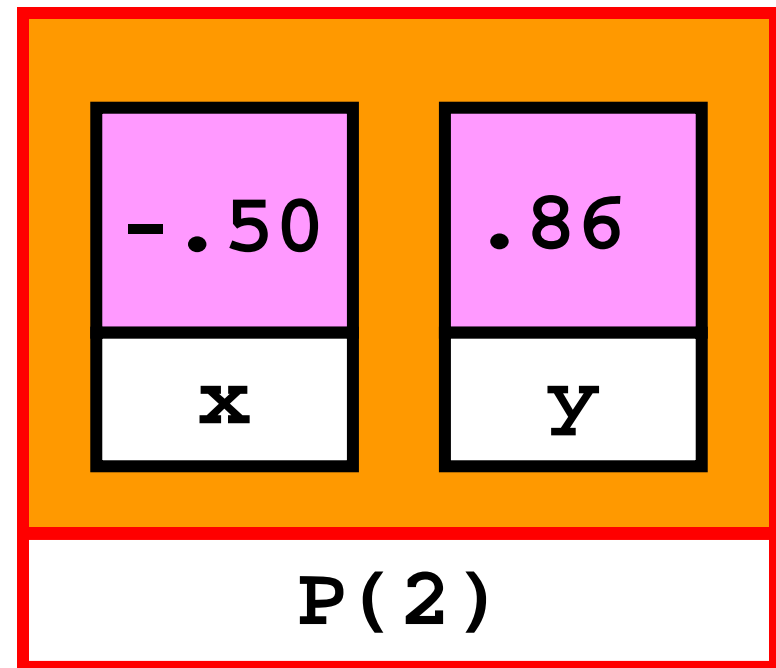
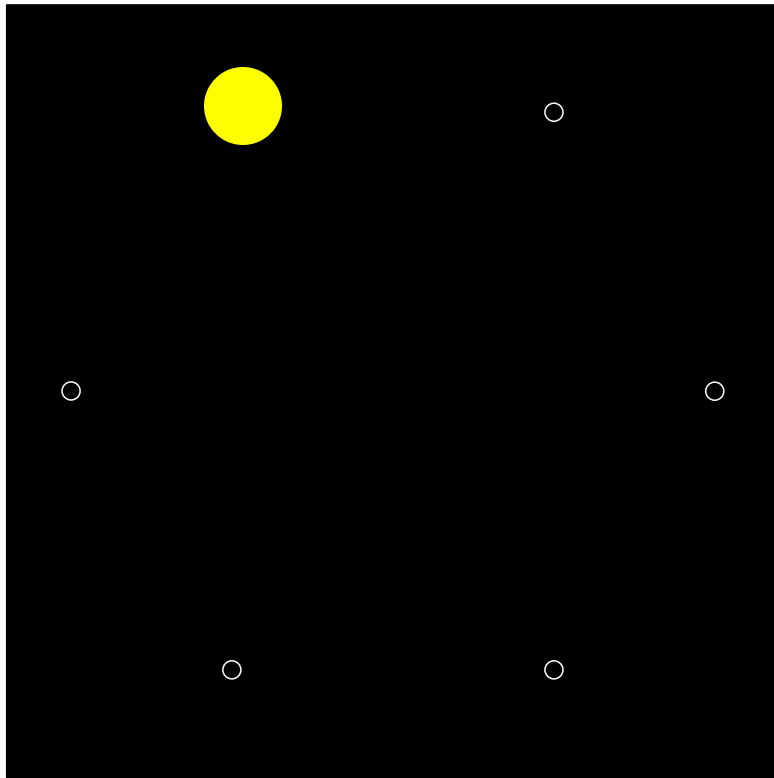
Example: A point array...

An Array of Points



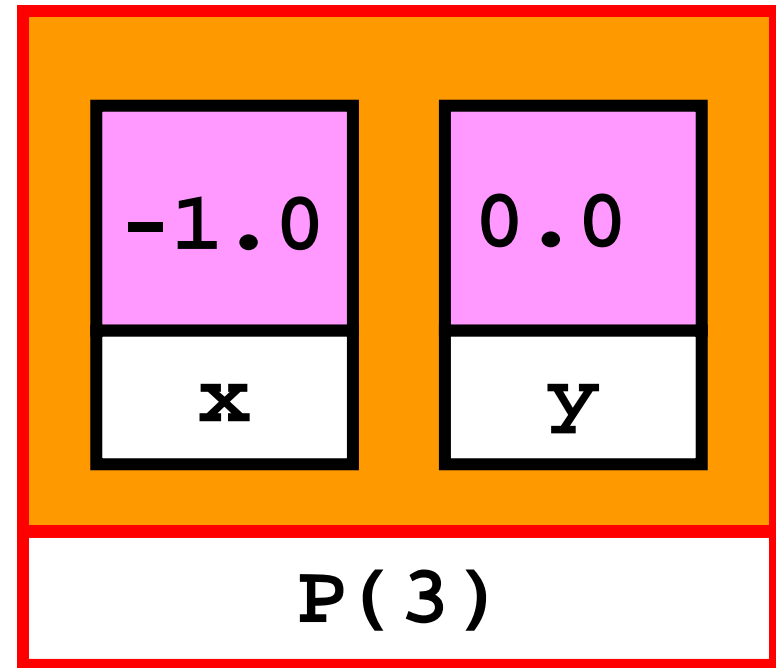
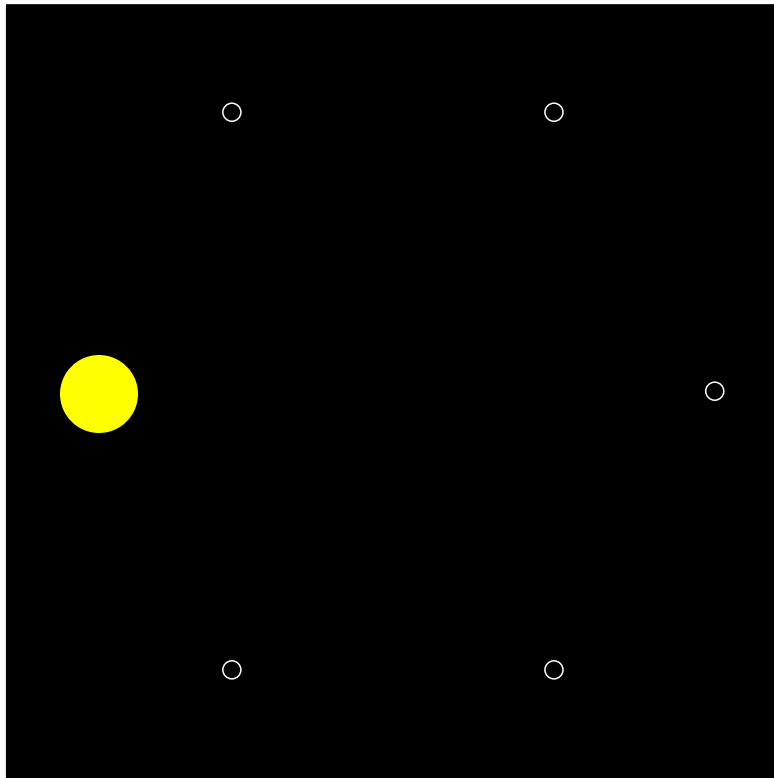
```
P(1) = MakePoint(.50, .86)
```

An Array of Points



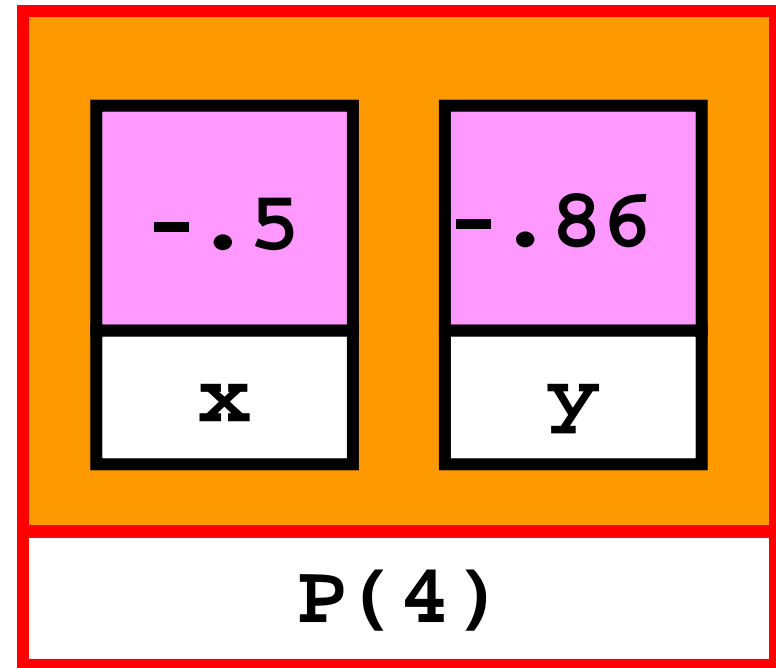
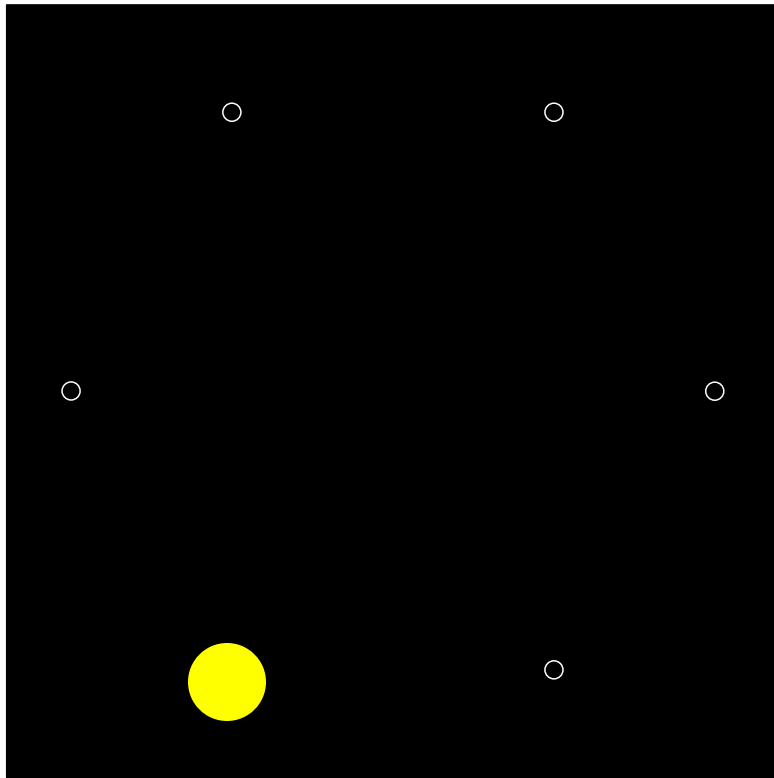
P(2) = MakePoint(-.50, .86)

An Array of Points



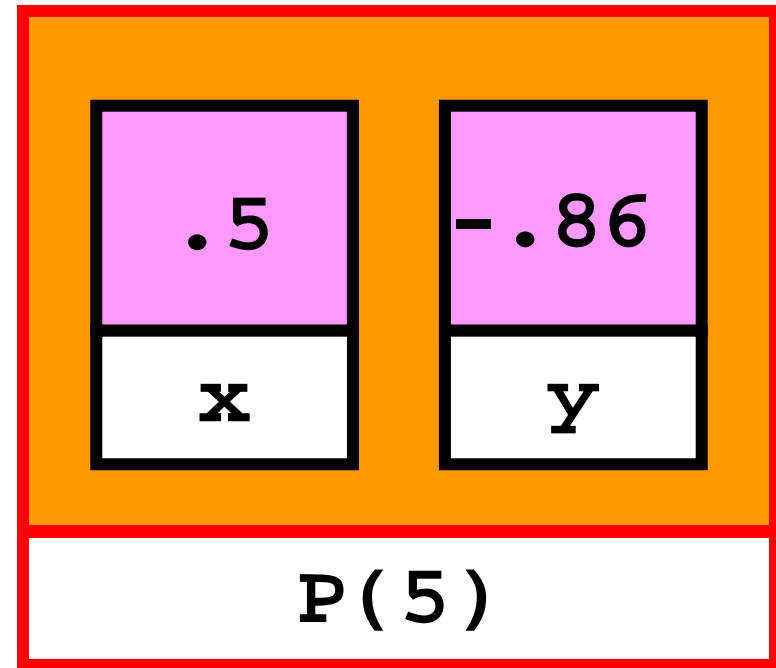
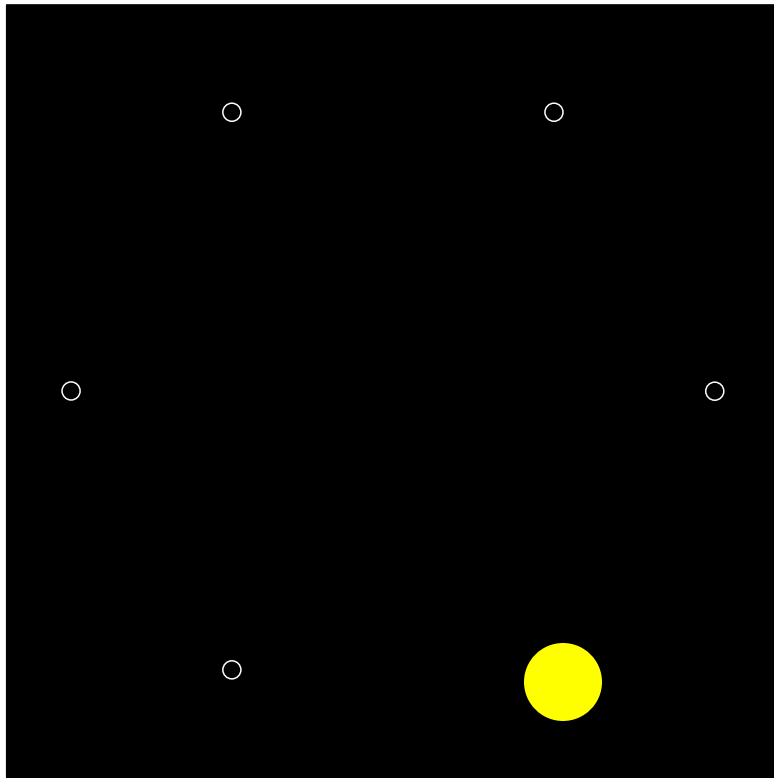
P(3) = MakePoint(-1.0, 0.0)

An Array of Points



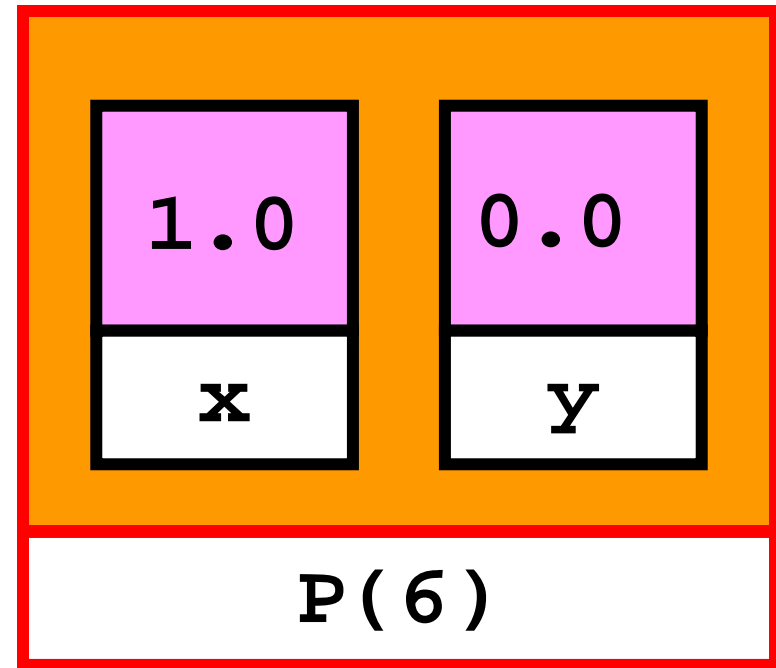
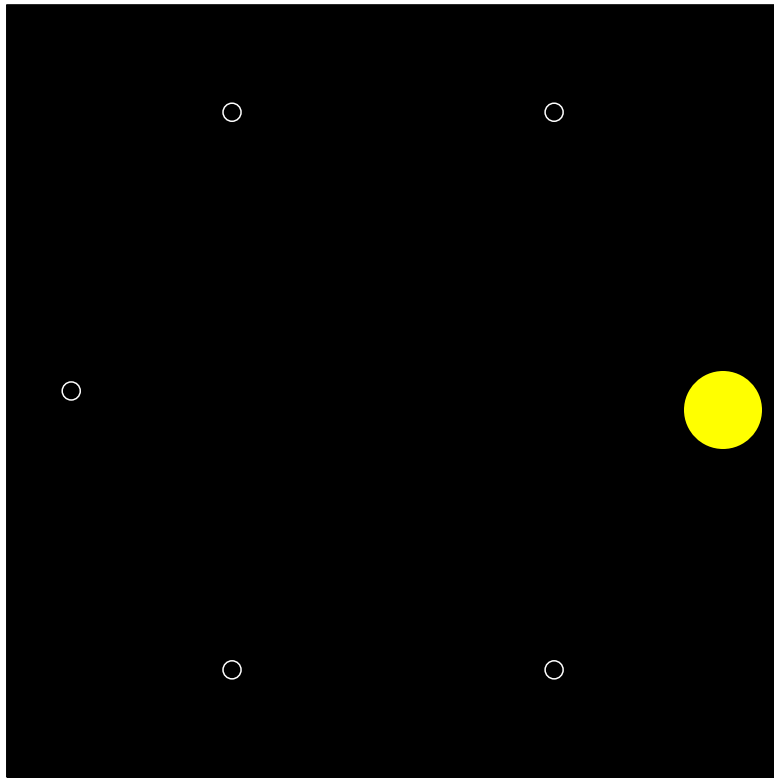
`P(4) = MakePoint(-.50, -.86)`

An Array of Points



```
P(5) = MakePoint(.50, -.86)
```

An Array of Points



P(6) = MakePoint(1.0,0.0)

Function Returning An Array of Points

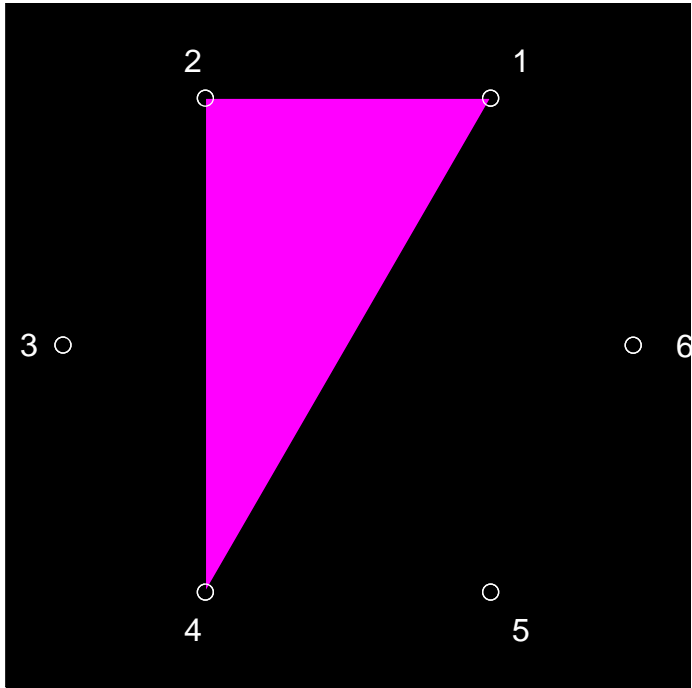
```
function P = CirclePoints(n)
% P is a structure array holding n points around a circle.

theta = 2*pi/n;
for k=1:n
    c = cos(theta*k);
    s = sin(theta*k);
    P(k) = MakePoint(c,s);
end
```

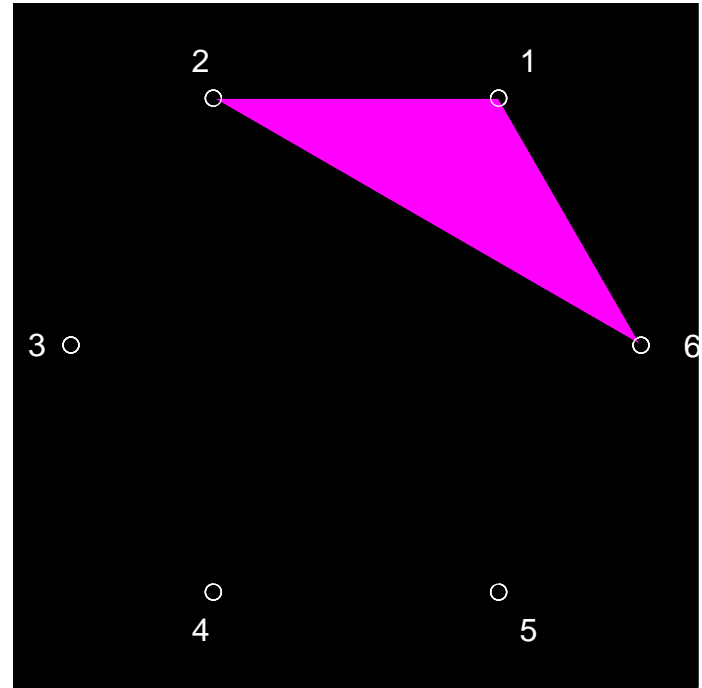

Example Problem

- Place n points uniformly around the unit circle
- Draw all possible triangles obtained by connecting these points 3-at-a-time

$(i, j, k) = (1, 2, 4)$



$(i, j, k) = (1, 2, 6)$

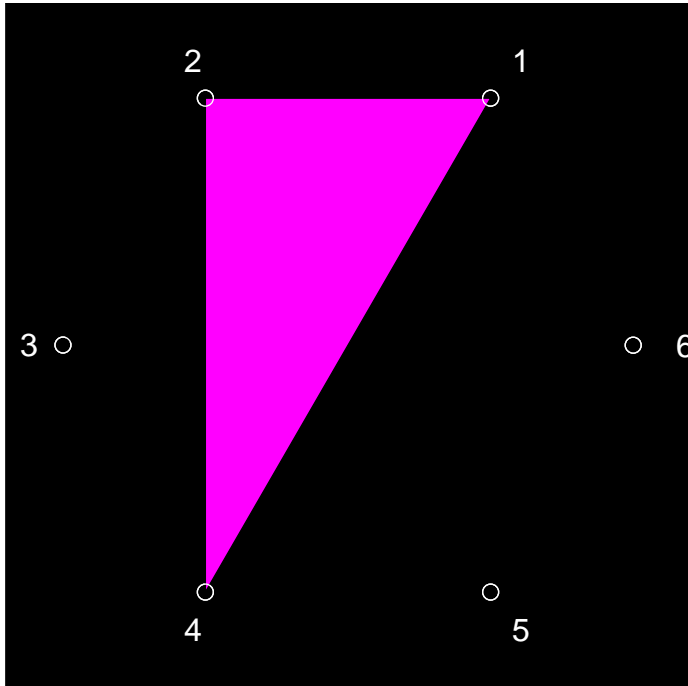


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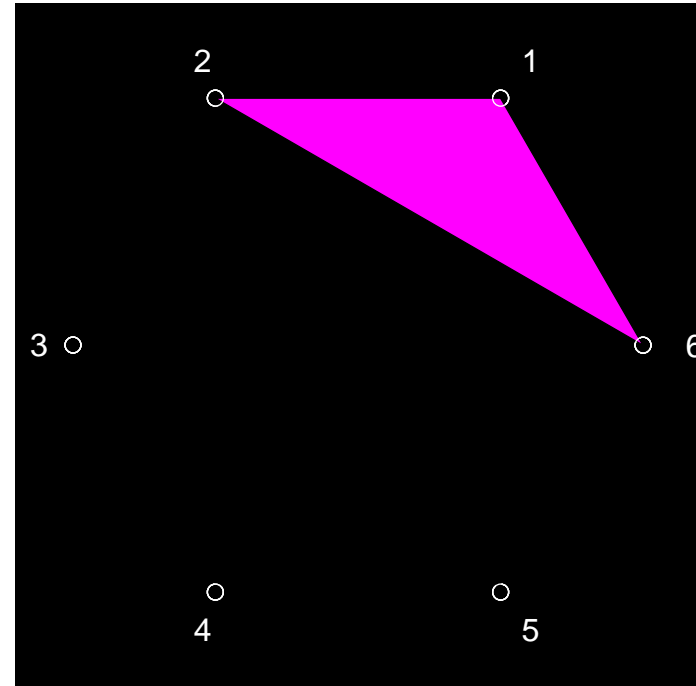
```
function DrawTriangle (P, Q, R, c)  
% Draw c-colored triangle; triangle vertices are  
% points P, Q, and R.
```

```
fill([P.x Q.x R.x P.x], [P.y Q.y R.y P.y], c)
```

$(i, j, k) = (1, 2, 4)$



$(i, j, k) = (1, 2, 6)$



These triangles are all the same:

$(1, 2, 4)$, $(1, 4, 2)$, $(2, 1, 4)$, $(2, 4, 1)$, $(4, 1, 2)$, $(4, 2, 1)$

No!

```
for i=1:n
  for j=1:n
    for k=1:n
      Draw triangle with vertices P(i), P(j), and P(k)
    end
  end
end
```

i, j, and k should be different

Avoiding Duplicates: $i < j < k$

```
for i=1:n
  for j=i+1:n
    for k=j+1:n
      disp([i j k])
    end
  end
end
```

1 2 3
1 2 4
1 2 5
1 2 6
1 3 4
1 3 5
1 3 6
1 4 5
1 4 6
1 5 6

$i = 1$

2 3 4
2 3 5
2 3 6
2 4 5
2 4 6
2 5 6

$i = 2$

3 4 5
3 4 6
3 5 6

$i = 3$

4 5 6

$i = 4$

Question Time

What is the 7th line of output:

```
for i=1:5
  for j=i+1:5
    x = 10*i + j
  end
end
```

A. 7 B. 21 C. 22 D. 23 E. Other

Triangle Solution!

```
for i=1:n
  for j=i+1:n
    for k=j+1:n
      DrawTriangle( P(i),P(j),P(k),'m')
      DrawPoints(P)
      pause
      DrawTriangle(P(i),P(j),P(k),'k')
    end
  end
end
```

Structures with Array Fields

- Let's develop a structure that can be use to represent a colored disk
- Four fields:
 - xc: x-coordinate of center
 - yc: y-coordinate of center
 - r: radius
 - c: rgb color vector
- Example:
 - D1 = struct('xc',1,'yc',2,'r',3,'c',[1 0 1])
 - D2 = struct('xc',4,'yc',0,'r',1,'c',[.2 .5 .3])

Problem

- Lets compute the "average" of D1 and D2:

$$r = (D1.r + D2.r) / 2;$$

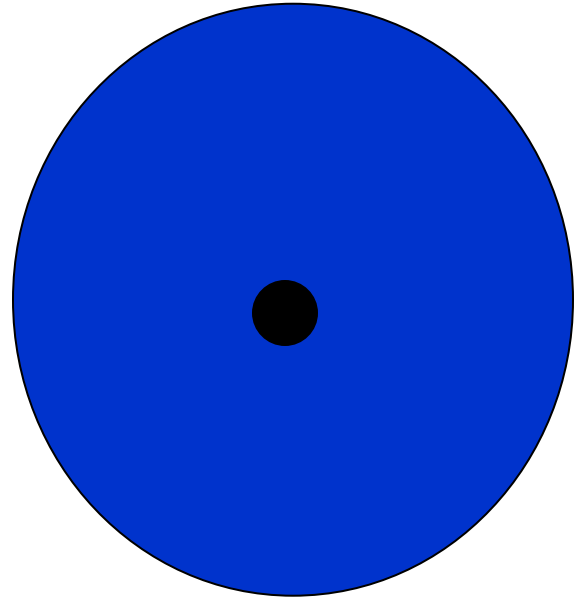
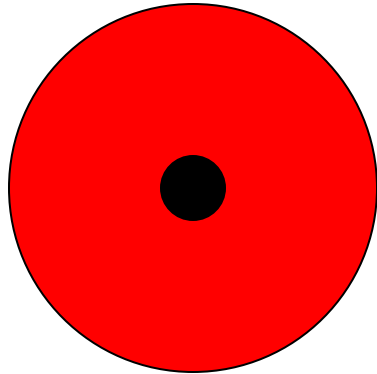
$$xc = (D1.xc + D2.xc) / 2$$

$$yc = (D1.yc + D2.yc) / 2$$

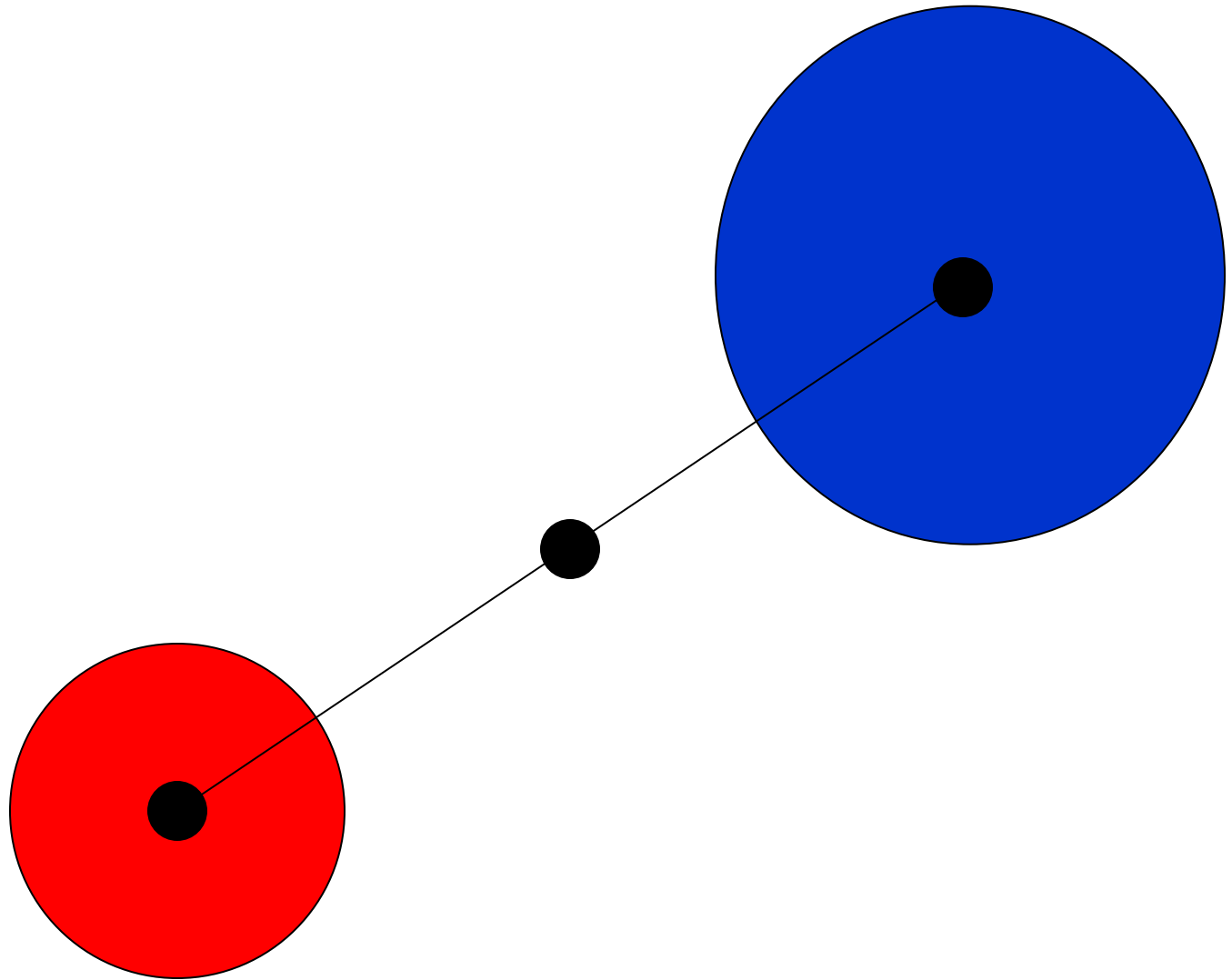
$$c = (D1.c + D2.c) / 2;$$

$$D = \text{struct}('xc',xc,'yc',yc,'r',r,'c',c);$$

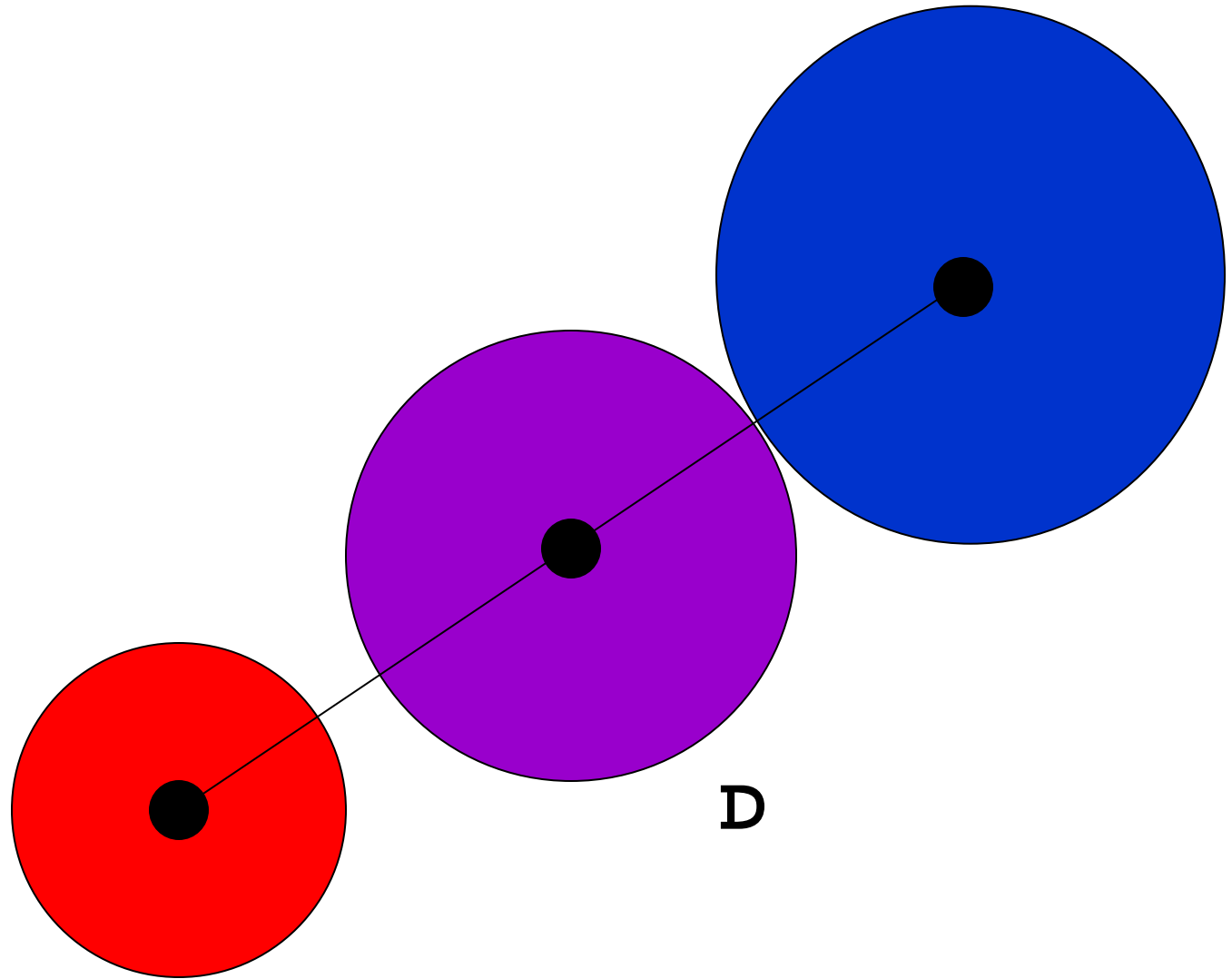
Example



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A Structure's Field Can Hold a Structure

```
A = MakePoint(2,3)
```

```
B = MakePoint(4,5)
```

```
L = struct('P',A,'Q',B)
```

- This could be used to represent a line segment with endpoints P and Q, for instance

```
x = L.P.y    % Assigns 3 to x
```

Question Time

How do you set variable `g` to the green-color component of disk `D`?

```
D = struct('xc', xc, 'yc', yc, 'r', r, 'c', c);
```

- A. `g = D.g;`
- B. `g = D.c.g;`
- C. `g = D.c(2);`
- E. Other