

Module 08

Noise

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noise()

- Perlin noise is a random sequence generator producing a more natural ordered, harmonic succession of numbers compared to the standard **random()** function.
- It was invented by Ken Perlin in the 1980s and been used since in graphical applications to produce procedural textures, natural motion, shapes, terrains etc.

1D noise()

- Always returns a number between 0-1
- For any given run of your program the same argument always returns the same result.
- `noise(6);`
 - Returns a number between 0-1
- Another call `noise(6);`
 - Returns the same number

Remember random()

- `random(1)` returns a number between 0 and 1
- Calling `random(1)` again returns a different number between 0-1
- `random(6)` returns a number between 0-6

noise(x) always returns the same number

```
let v;  
function setup() {  
  let start = 100;  
  v = noise(start); // v is between 0 and 1  
  print(v);  
  v = noise(start); // v is same number as the v above  
  print(v);  
  v = noise(start); // v is same number as both v above  
  print(v);  
}
```

Varying the noise() argument

noise() can return similar or dissimilar numbers

```
let v1;
let v2;
let v3;
function setup() {
  let start = 10;

  v1 = noise(start); // returns a number between 0-1

  v2 = noise(start + 0.001); // returns a num close to v1
                               // num is between 0-1 always

  v3 = noise(start + 1); // returns a dissimilar num
                          // number is between 0-1 always

  print(v1, v2, v3);
}
```

Create a smooth line with noise()

```
// Let's draw a smooth line
function setup() {
  createCanvas(600, 200);
  background(220);
  noFill();
  let v = 10;
  let vInc = 0.05;
  let space = 5;
  let numPoints = width / space;

  beginShape();
  for (let i = 0; i < numPoints; i++) {
    vertex(i * space, height/2 + (noise(v) * 100));
    v = v + vInc;
  }
  endShape();
}
```



Modify the above code:

```
vInc = 0.001;
```

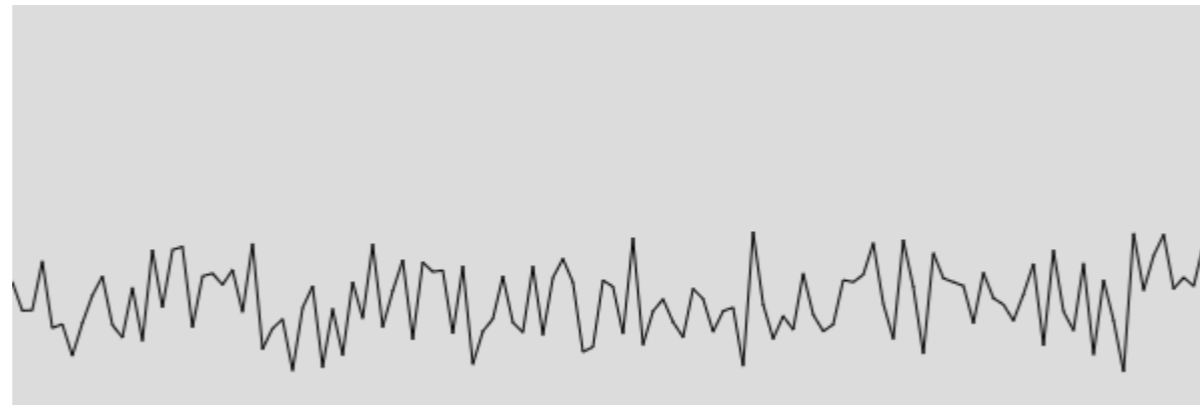
- The line is not straight. But it doesn't vary much. It is very smooth.



Modify the above code:

```
vInc = 1.0;
```

- The line varies a lot. It is not a smooth line.

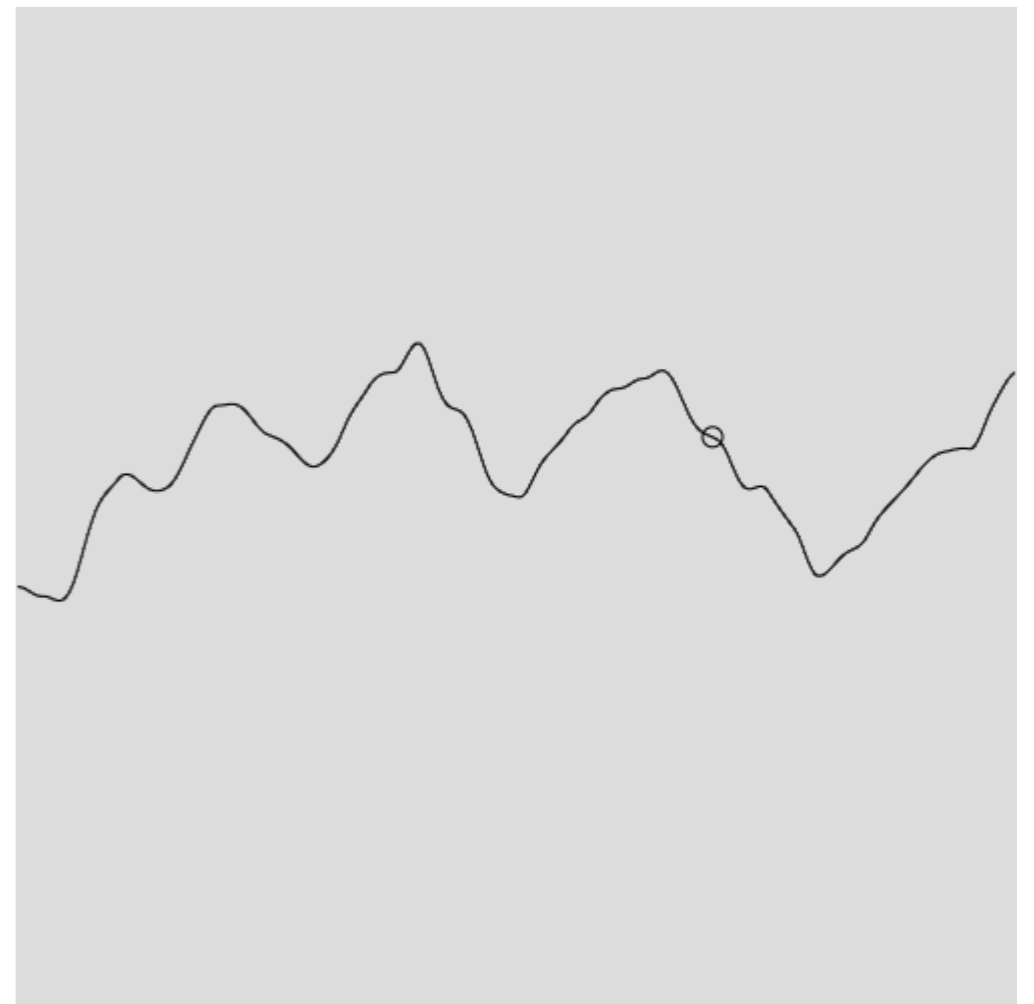


Moving a ball along a noisy line

- Demo code:
 - “BallOnNoisyLine”

BallOnNoisyLine (1 of 2)

```
let dx;  
  
let count = 1;  
let v;  
let vInc = 0.01;  
let ballX;  
let ballY;  
  
function setup() {  
  createCanvas(500, 500);  
  noFill();  
}
```



BallOnNoisyLine (2 of 2)

```
function draw() {
  background(220);
  v = 1;
  beginShape();
  for (let i = 1; i < width; i++) {
    let x = i;
    let y = map(noise(v), 0, 1, 100, 400);
    vertex(x, y);
    v = v + vInc;
    if (i === count) {
      ballX = x;
      ballY = y;
    }
  }
  endShape();
  ellipse(ballX, ballY, 10, 10);
  count = (count + 1) % width;
}
```

Demo Code

- Demo code:
 - “Noise1DDirectManip”

Direct Manipulation

- Use `mouseDragged()` function
- Calculate movement of the mouse (left-right or right-left)
- Use mouse movement as Direct Manipulation

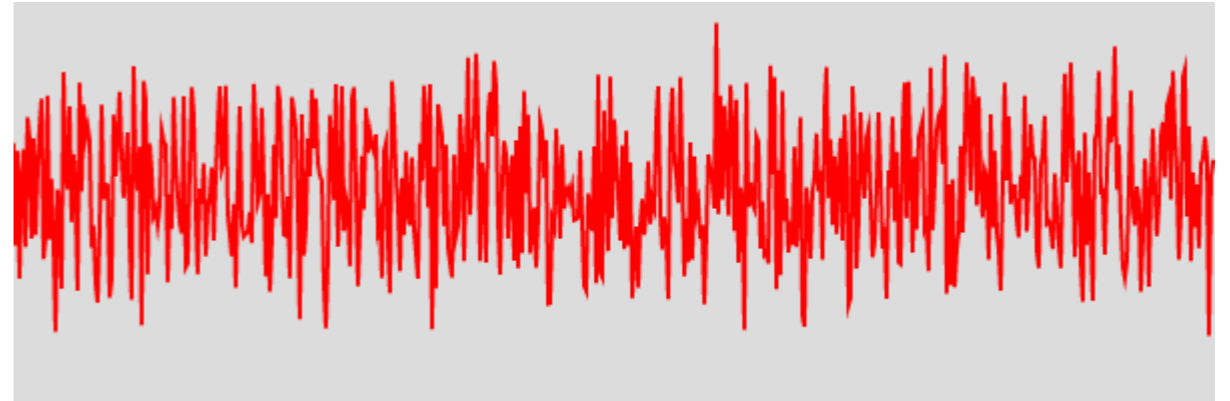
noise1DDirectManip (1 of 2)

```
let dx;
```

```
function setup() {  
  createCanvas(600, 200);  
  dx = 0;  
}
```

noise1D DirectManip (2 of 2)

```
function draw() {  
  background(220);  
  strokeWeight(2);  
  stroke(255, 0, 0);  
  noFill();  
  
  beginShape();  
  for (let x = 0; x < 600; x++) {  
    let v = noise(x - dx);  
    let y = map(v, 0, 1, 0, height);  
    vertex(x, y);  
  }  
  endShape();  
}  
  
function mouseDragged() {  
  dx += mouseX - pmouseX;  
}
```



2D Noise

- Go through demo code:
 - “Noise2DDirectManip”



“Noise2DDirectManip” (1 of 2)

```
let tx;  
let ty;  
  
// Scaling factor for the noise() function. Try  
// changing this number!  
let sc = 100.0;  
  
function setup() {  
  createCanvas(300, 300);  
}
```

“Noise2DDirectManip” (2 of 2)

```
function draw() {  
  background(220);  
  for ( let y = 0; y < width; ++y ) {  
    for ( let x = 0; x < height; ++x ) {  
      let v = noise( (x-tx) / sc, (y-ty) / sc );  
      set( x, y, color( v * 256.0 ) );  
    }  
  }  
}
```

```
function mouseDragged() {  
  tx += mouseX - pmouseX;  
  ty += mouseY - pmouseY;  
}
```

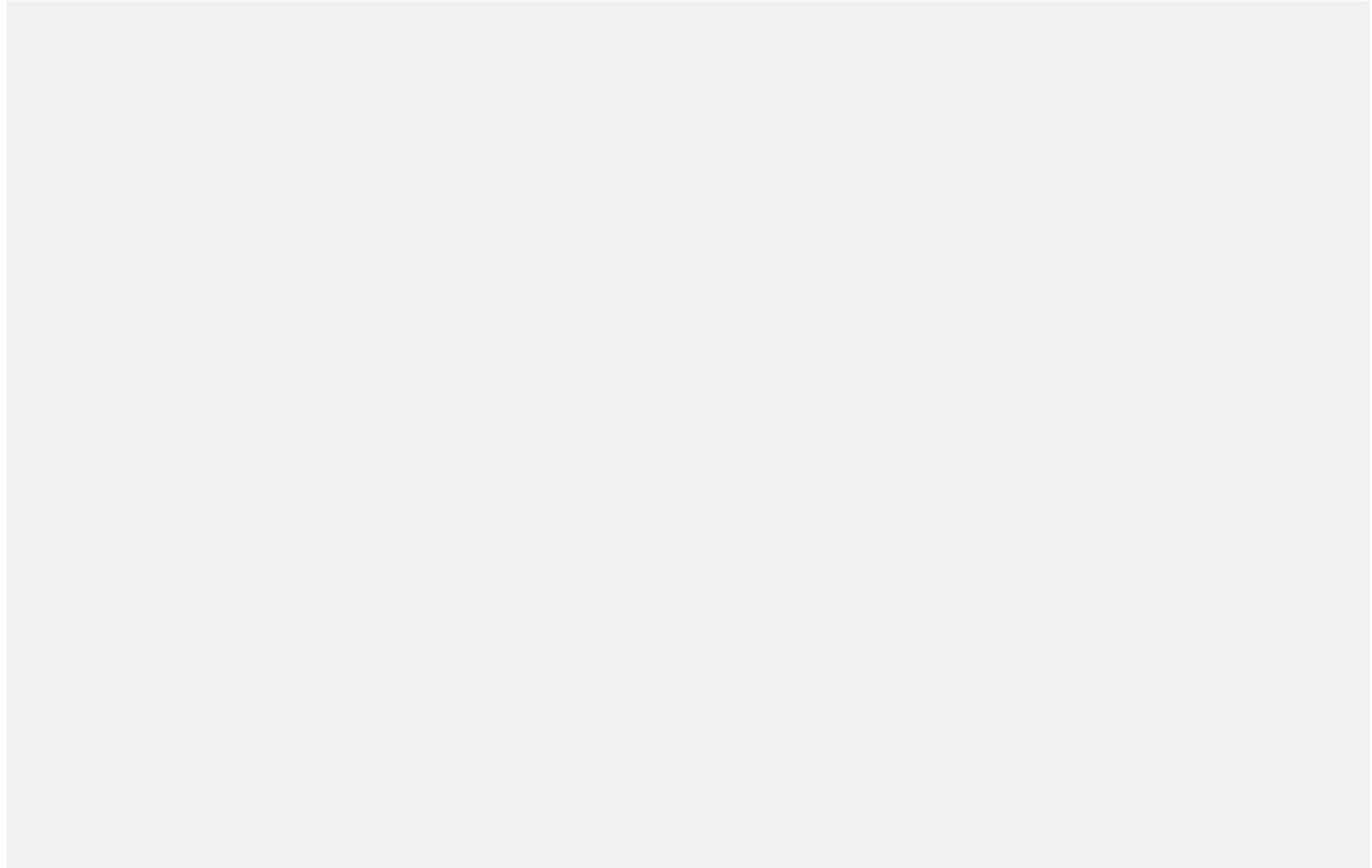


Goals

- Be able to write short sketches that use the `noise()` function.
- Understand how `noise()` works in 1D and 2D, especially 1D.
- Understand the difference between `random()` and `noise()`.



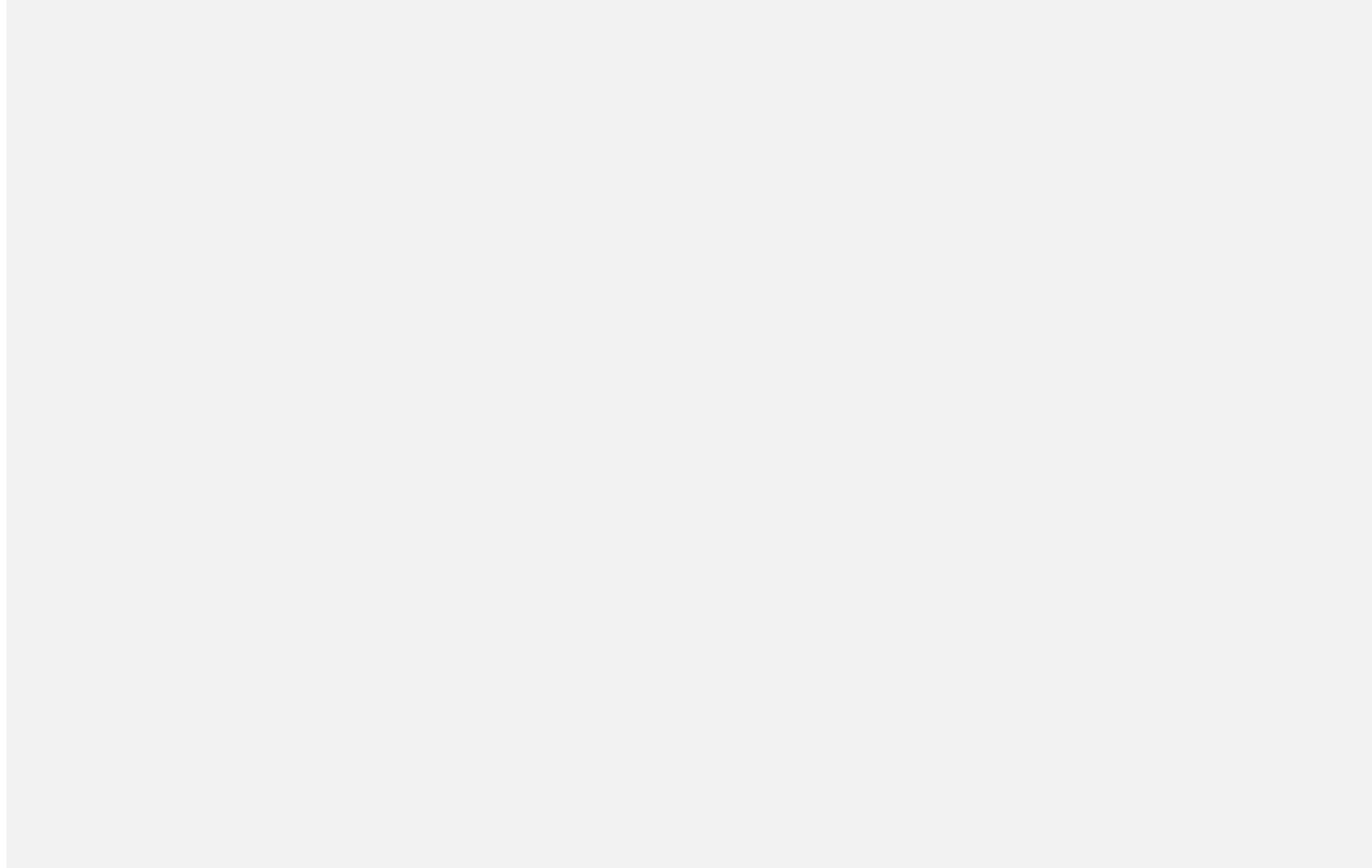
Which of these expressions is NOT guaranteed to return a number between 0 and 1?





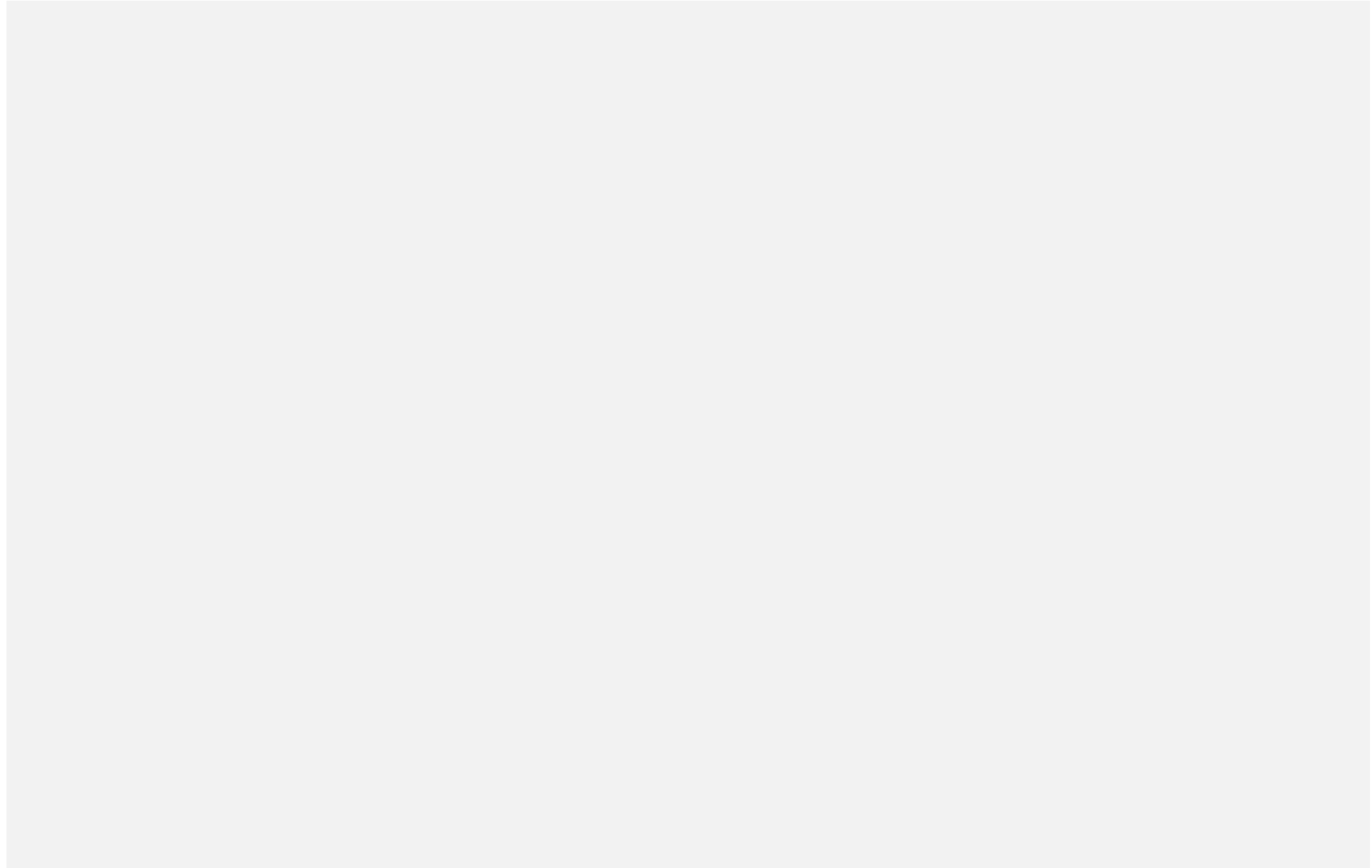
Assume we have the following two lines of code:

```
let a = noise(99.0);  
let b = noise(99.01);
```



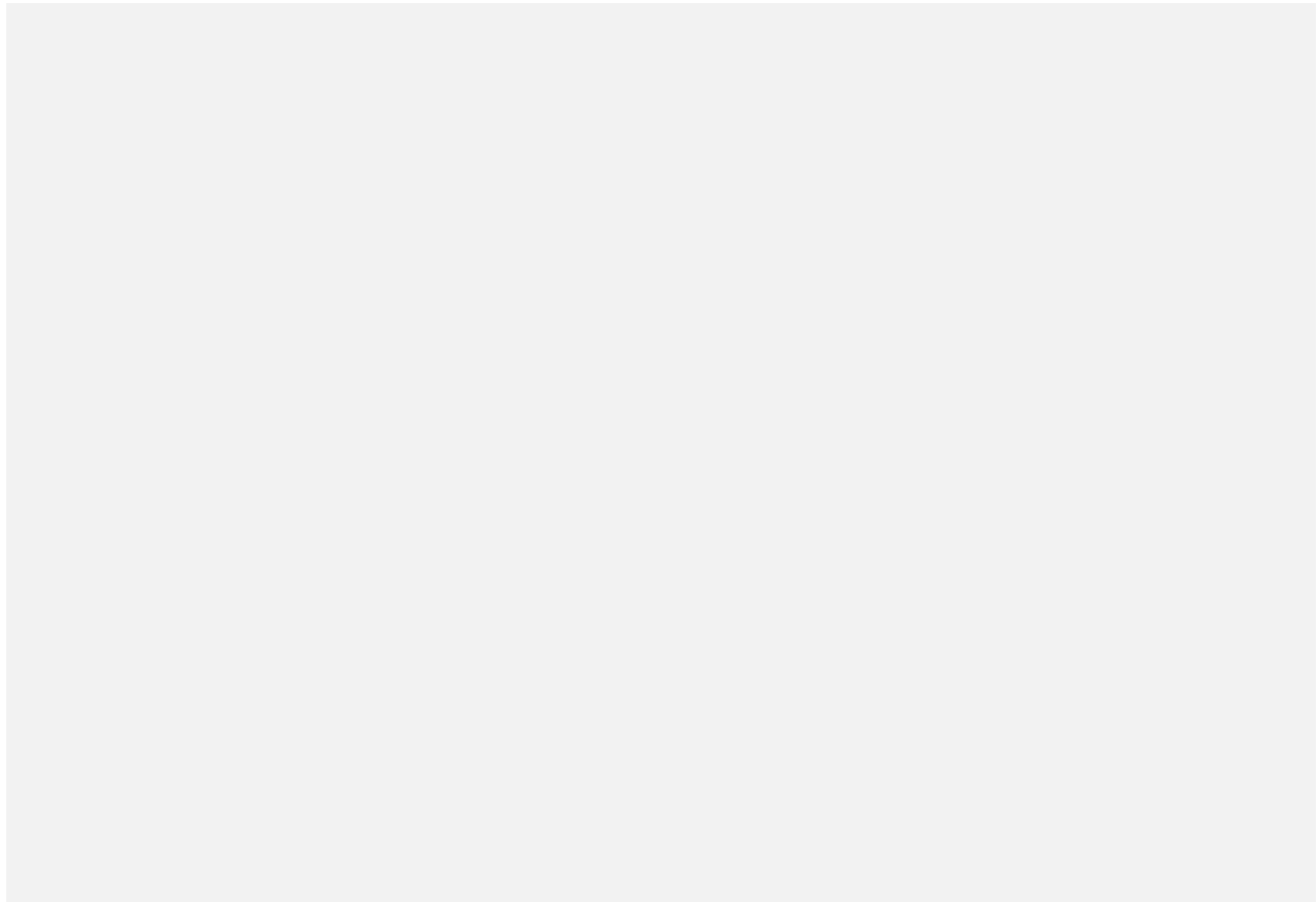


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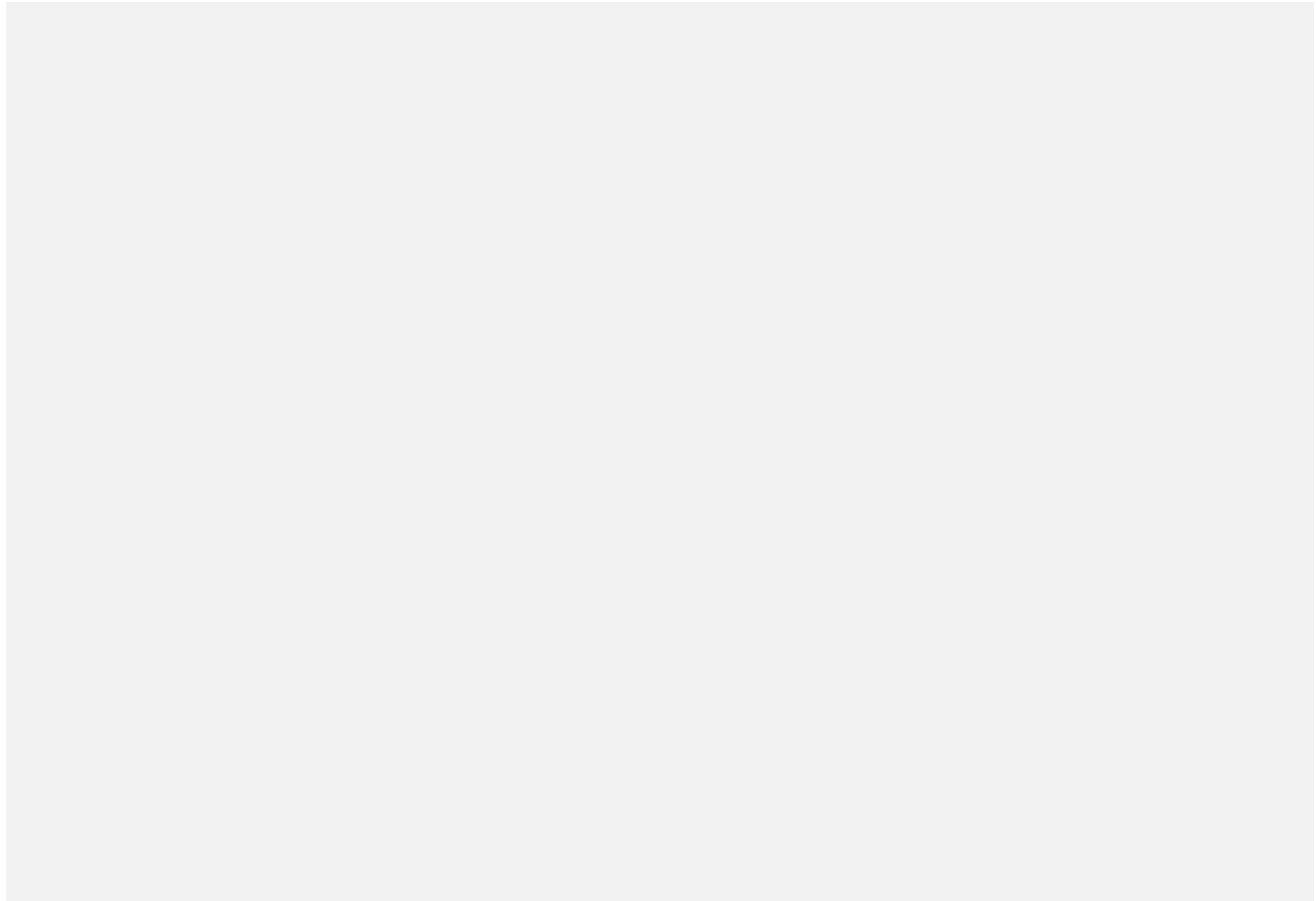


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```
createCanvas(400, 100);  
let v = noise(10);  
let x1 = 100 + (v * 100);  
let x2 = x1 + 100;  
line(x1, 50, x2, 50);
```

What might the value of “x2” be?

- (A) **A number exactly 100 larger than x1**
- (B) **A number between 100-200**
- (C) **A number between 200-300**

Remember this ex from CS105
“Similar” code is needed in Lab08
Let’s Review the code (next slide)



Draw Gradient: From CS105 Lecture Slides

```
let shade = 0;

function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 255);
  background(220);

  for (let y = 0; y <= height; y++) {
    stroke(shade);
    line(0, y, width, y);
    shade += 1;
  }
}
```