

Unit 1

Methods of Iterating week 3

The project's inquiry

Interrogating the tension of
Code as a bilingual language
for (human, machine);

Hack the tool by
using code to visualise itself

```
emacs@scarone
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en" itemscope itemtype='http://schema.org/CollectionPage'>
  <head>
    <meta name="generator" content="Hugo 0.46" />
    <meta charset="utf-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1, shrink-to-fit=no">
    <meta property="description" content='Kids Games has family games that are fun to play. Play exciting games for the ages of 2 to 6 years, online and for free! A safe place to play the best free games! Games for boys and girls that can be played on any device (mobile, tablets and computers).' />
    <meta name="author" content="Marcelo Canina">
    <link rel="icon" href="https://kidsgames.world/favicon.ico">
    <link rel="canonical" href="https://kidsgames.world/">
    <title>Play Fun, Free Games for Boys and Girls Online | Free Games for Kids Online</title>
    <link href="https://kidsgames.world/css/style.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
    <link href="https://kidsgames.world/css/custom.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
    <meta property="og:title" content="Play Fun, Free Games for Boys and Girls Online" />
    <meta property="og:description" content="Kids Games has family games that are fun to play. Play exciting games for the ages of 2 to 6 years, online and for free! A safe place to play the best free games! Games for boys and girls that can be played on any device (mobile, tablets and computers)." />
    <meta property="og:type" content="website" />
    <meta property="og:url" content="https://kidsgames.world/" />
    <meta property="og:updated_time" content="2017-11-19T16:06:44-03:00"/>
  </head>
  <body>
    <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-light bg-light">
      <a class="navbar-brand" href="https://kidsgames.world/">@ Kids Ga
```

The promise of p5.js

I revisited the landing page's brand message. It claims that p5.js is a friendly tool for learning to code. However, from my experience, I don't feel that way at all.

p5.js

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 Accessibility 



p5.js is a friendly tool for learning to code and make art. It is a free and open-source JavaScript library built by an inclusive, nurturing community. p5.js welcomes artists, designers, beginners, educators, and anyone else!

p5.js will not add any new features except those that increase access.

My process

BLACK GOOEY UNIVERSE

American Artist

"This is called a graphical user interface—GUI or gooey—where they come up with these names. The battle to bring gooey to PCs and make them more user-friendly took ten years and is a helluva story—that is what this program is about. It's also about how Bill Gates ended up master of the gooey universe and a gazillionaire. I never said it was a fairy story." — Triumph of the Nerds, PBS (1996)

runme.org - say it with software art!

Semantic Disturbances
Agnon Andreas
A type of subversion exploiting text-based media. It takes text from the web and reorganizes it into a new text. The strategic selection criteria for the citations produce a text that dismantles and re-orientates attitudes towards art, science and religion in contemporary western society.

Karl Gerstner:
Designing Programmes

Programme as typeface
Programme as typography
Programme as picture
Programme as method

Library

Understa

Quark zyzyzy
Chalk singularity
Complete neighborhood
Deserted psychology
Early chameleon
Bramble stranger
Calm cross
Road ground
Blue twister
Lake swamp

Investigating

Ten Thousand Apotropaic Variations
2000
Each 2000 (of 10,000) Apotropaic Variations is one of a set of 50, containing 200 computer-generated magic words, printed so that they can be easily cut out. This allows each word to be worn on one's person or to be ingested for protective effect. Each word is a variation on the word "abracadabra," produced by finding this powerful magic word's hidden state, adding a small amount of random noise to it, and re-spelling from the modified vector.

Reconstructions
2000
Reconstructions is an infinite computer-generated poem whose output conforms to the literary figure of chiasmus. The program samples a sequence of text from a **variational autoencoder neural network** trained on the Gutenberg Poetry corpus, and pairs that line with a reconstruction of the sequence in reverse order. The lines of poetry thereby produced are semantic and syntactic mirror images of one another, exhibiting a classic chiasmic X structure: ABBA. At regular intervals, the system produces a new pair of lines, which are then displayed between the lines of the previous step, creating a chiasmic structure in the arrangement not just of words within lines but among the lines themselves. As the program progresses, lines

LITERARY
THE REPORT ON, AND OF, PROJECT XANADU
CONCERNING
WORD PROCESSING
ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING
HYPERTEXT, THINKER
TOMORROW'S INTELLECTUAL
AND CERTAIN OTHER
INCLUDING
KNOWLEDGE, EDUCATION AN

MACHINES
by Ted Nelson

Prototyping

Copying

Struggling

Translating

There

Designing

Unknown

So, on the one hand, software seems to be one of the most difficult things to preserve. It is essentially performance: unseizable, unstable, and flimsy. Its ability to perform depends on seemingly bottomless, nested sets of preconditions: a computer, an operating system, maybe some visual display, a certain input device, even a specific cultural background of the person operating it. In the worst case it requires "The Internet." On the other hand, the most variable cultural artifacts are made of software. **Software has an incredible potential for changing its form, because it has no imperative form.** Pinning a piece of software down to a single object makes preservation more difficult. **Forcing uniqueness on the object-level is a futile struggle against the logic of software.** Fanning it out into a larger number of objects makes preservation easier. Compared with eternity, uniqueness looks ridiculous anyway.

ITERATIONS: Variational Autoencoders and Poetic Form
by Allison Parrish

interpolate between lines of poet

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
Two miles up in the misty tree,
Two hundred miles upon the stately fire,
All two-cut in the green,
All their tails in a corner of,
All that was a little of the day,
And there was a very space.
And all his own in his sight,
And all his own in made,
And all that is a moment.
And that she was the first.

93
94
95
96

describe ('input')

ReferenceError:

word embedding

"apple" → [0.7, 1.2, -0.345...]

"purple" → [0.1, 0.5, 0.2...]

red = colors[random.choice(rednames[1:])]
blue = colors[random.choice(blueNames[1:])]

Roses are red, violets are blue
Roses are tomato red, violets are electric blue
Roses are burnt orange, violets are bright blue
Roses are brick orange, violets are cerulean
Roses are dark orange, violets are turquoise blue
Roses are orange brown, violets are teal blue
Roses are brown orange, violets are peacock blue
Roses are dirty orange, violets are greenish blue
Roses are pumpkin, violets are dark cyan
Roses are deep orange, violets are ocean
Roses are deep orange, violets are greenish blue
Roses are rusty orange, violets are dark cyan
Roses are burnt orange, violets are sea blue

What is Array

	cuteness (0-100)	size (0-100)
kitten	95	15
hamster	80	8
tarantula	8	3
puppy	90	20
crocodile	5	40
dolphin	60	45
panda bear	75	40
lobster	2	15
capybara	70	30
elephant	65	90
1	1	1
25	2	2
50	50	50
25	15	15

What is that

the source digest

Iterating

I feel stupid

WHAT IS WORD2VEC?

word 2 vec

"apple" → [0.7, 1.2, -0.345...]

"purple" → [0.1, 0.5, 0.2...]

Maths

Syntax

Learning

Assessing Programming

Book of Rare Studies

Preface

Design notes

Getting started

Testing

Codework

From Wikibooks, the free encyclopedia

Codework is a type of creative writing which in some way references or incorporates formal computer languages (C++, Perl, etc.) within the text. The text itself is not necessarily code that will compile or run, though some have added that requirement as a form of constraint. The concept of and term "codework" was originally developed by Alan Sondheim, but also practiced by and used to refer to the work of other formal artists such as Neil Brown, Tom Hammers (especially in the work Lines in Progress), Ben Huhner, Ben Lerner, and John Casper. Scholar Vito Falco uses the term "text writing," which also defines as "the use of the contemporary lexicon of the computer and computing processes in digital media experimental writing." Falco sees codework as part of a broader media writing "text" or "code."

Oh! It's working

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WHAT IS WORD2VEC?

word 2 vec

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My positioning

The Superficial Coder

Last week, I mentioned that my entire process felt like patching and translating everything, and this week I am still struggling even more. I focus too much on research, and I am overloaded with content and ideas. More importantly, even though I have an idea, trying to code one that works is even more challenging.

I need to remind myself that I am a superficial coder. I also agree that, given my abilities, I should explore the tool in "Default Mode" to remove creative distractions and focus on the materiality of the existing code in the p5.js library. I use the lens of Adhocism to explore the primordial stage of coding.

To start altering the context of the code operating in a digital format, I create my canvas in A4 size, mirroring the physical format to modify its usual appearance.

Mode of approach

default();

Focusing on the materiality of the code that already exists in p5.js

The Iteration Set

01

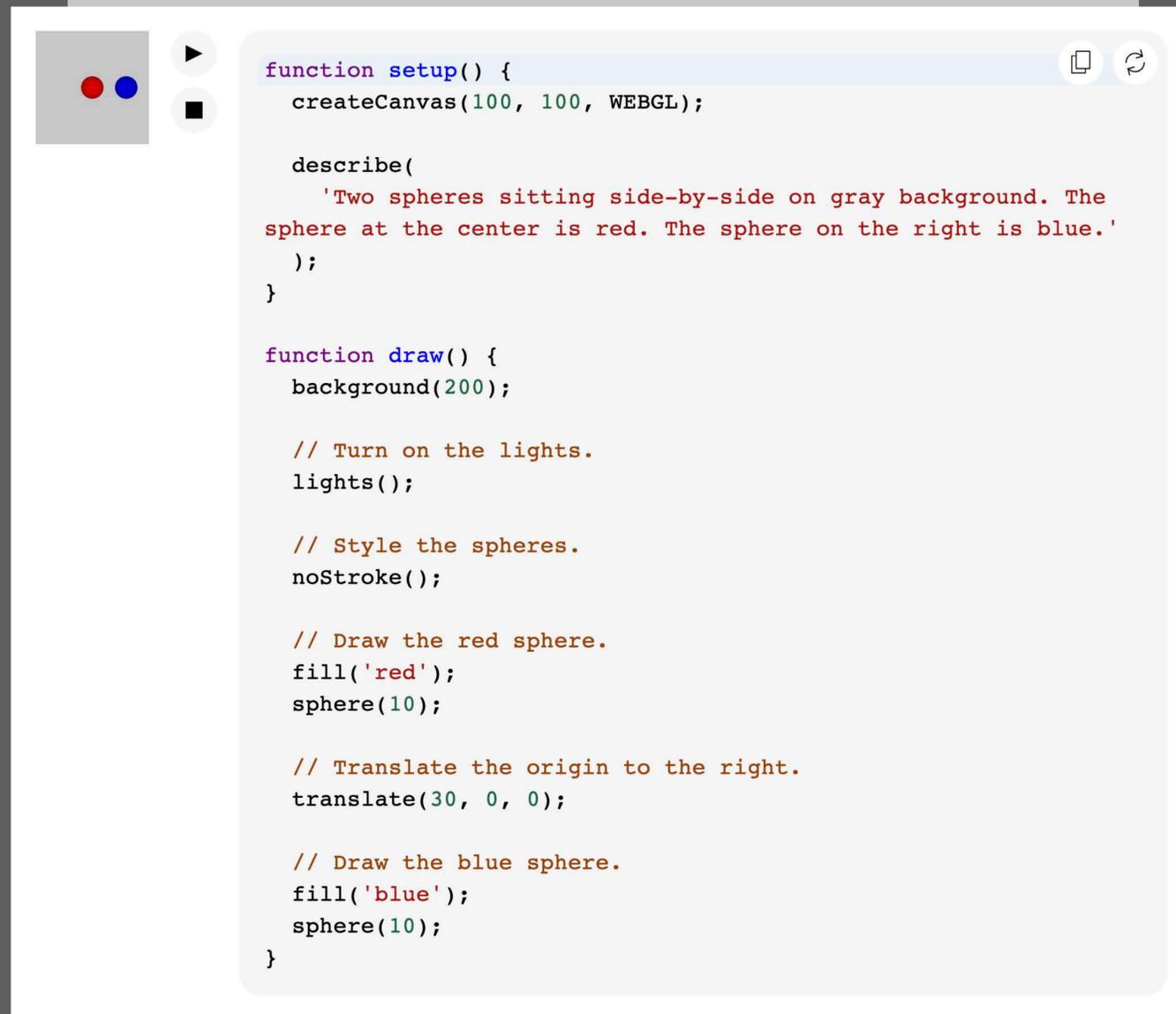
Using the 'translate()' function name as literal text

Subvert:
Library and function

Translate() in p5.js means to translate the coordinate system.

Syntax

```
translate(x, y, [z])
```



The screenshot shows a p5.js code editor window. On the left, there is a small preview of a sketch with two spheres: a red one on the left and a blue one on the right. The code in the editor is as follows:

```
function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100, WEBGL);

  describe(
    'Two spheres sitting side-by-side on gray background. The
    sphere at the center is red. The sphere on the right is blue.'
  );
}

function draw() {
  background(200);

  // Turn on the lights.
  lights();

  // Style the spheres.
  noStroke();

  // Draw the red sphere.
  fill('red');
  sphere(10);

  // Translate the origin to the right.
  translate(30, 0, 0);

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}
```

The Iteration Set 01-1: Default

```
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```

I used the `translate()` function and its example as my reference, assuming that the function and its library are either non-existent or non-functional. I created code that displays this example on the preview canvas and connects the Google Translate API with p5.js, allowing me to translate it into another language. This approach reflects my perspective and that of other users who may not be fluent in English or familiar with coding, which has made my learning process more difficult. I kept the default design provided by the tool.

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```

The Iteration Set 01-2

Font: Courier New / Monospaced Font

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}
```

In the second version, I refined the layout by adjusting the margins and leading, and set the font to the same one the library uses: Courier New. It is a monospaced font essential for maintaining code consistency.

The Iteration Set 01-3

Font: Noto Sans / Universal Font

```
function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100, WEBGL);

  describe(
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  );
}

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}
```

After translating it into another language, I had to change the font to Noto Sans to ensure more consistent typography across languages, as it supports nearly all languages worldwide.

The Iteration Set

02

Deconstructing the syntax elements of code

Subvert: Syntax

I removed symbols, variables, and so on to show individual types of text functions or letters and investigate how complex the syntax for beginners has to be, as these are all essential and cannot be lost; otherwise, the code will error.

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}
```

The Iteration Set 01-2

The Iteration Set 02-1 / 02-2

```
function setup() {
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}

function draw() {
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  sphere(10);
}
```

```
function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100, WEBGL);

  describe(
    ''
  );
}

function draw() {
  background(200);

  lights();

  noStroke();

  fill('red');
  sphere(10);

  translate(30, 0, 0);

  fill('blue');
  sphere(10);
}
```

The Iteration Set 02-3

Translate synonym

```
function setup  
  create Canvas
```

```
  describe
```

```
function draw  
  background
```

```
  lights
```

```
  no Stroke
```

```
  fill red  
  sphere
```

```
  translate
```

```
  fill blue  
  sphere
```

Another function I added to my code is the Datamuse synonym API, so every time it refreshes, the words are replaced with synonyms until the text becomes nonsensical.

The Iteration Set

03

Overlaying the iterations of 'set 01 and 02' using Photoshop

Subvert: Code

After completing those iterations, I overlaid them in Photoshop using three blending modes: Pin Light, Darken, and Difference. The resulting effects are interesting, as I aim to evoke the sensation of being lost in translation. Sometimes the meaning of words becomes blurred, or some words even pixelate when languages blend, much like how a beginner coder often needs to revisit the library to recheck the meaning of their code.

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  sphere(10);
}
```

The Iteration Set 01 / 02

The Iteration Set 03-1

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    sphere(10);
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    translate(30, 0, 0);
    // Draw the blue sphere.
    fill('blue');
    sphere(10);
  }
}
```

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    fill('blue');
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  }
}
```

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function setup() {
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    fill('red');
    sphere(10);
    // Translate the origin to the right.
    translate(30, 0, 0);
    // Draw the blue sphere.
    fill('blue');
    sphere(10);
  }
}
```

Blending Mode:
Pin Light

The Iteration Set 03-2

```

Translation
// 将原点移动到中心。
// Move the origin to the center.
// 移动(30, 0, 0);
// Move(30, 0, 0);
// 绘制蓝色球体。
// Draw the blue sphere.
// 球体(10);
// Sphere(10);
}

```

```

function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100);
  describe(
    'Two spheres at the origin. The sphere at the center is red. The sphere on the right is blue.'
  );
  function draw() {
    background(200);
    function draw() {
      background(200);
      lights();
      noStroke();
      fill('red');
      sphere(10);
      translate(30, 0, 0);
      fill('blue');
      sphere(10);
    }
  }
}

```

```

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// Move the origin to the center.
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// Move(30, 0, 0);
// 绘制蓝色球体。
// Draw the blue sphere.
// 球体(10);
// Sphere(10);
}

```

```

function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100);
  describe(
    'Two spheres at the origin. The sphere at the center is red. The sphere on the right is blue.'
  );
  function draw() {
    background(200);
    function draw() {
      background(200);
      lights();
      noStroke();
      fill('red');
      sphere(10);
      translate(30, 0, 0);
      fill('blue');
      sphere(10);
    }
  }
}

```

```

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}

```

Blending Mode: Darken

The Iteration Set 04-1

Readable Mode

I displayed the code from the replicated project to compare a more advanced version with the simpler first-iteration syntax, `translate()`. This code format is longer and looks more advanced than the example from `translate()`, but it still reads clearly because of the spacing and comments that explain each line.

Courier New

```
// ===== DOCUMENTATION =====
// REFERENCES & RESOURCES
// Selected project: https://www.instagram.com/p/DOeV-szEnZm/?hl=en&img_index=1
// Array of texts: https://timrodenbroeker.de/courses/basic-datastructures/my-five-favor
// Random point drag tutorial: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjqo_uXn87I
// Documentation: https://www.w3schools.com/, https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/
// Dot movement: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH90OadilwY
// Force directed graph: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YskU_gJpc0c // no use
// Click and drag: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjqo_uXn87I
// Network case study: https://www.patrik-huebner.com/datadesigndictionary/

let font;
function preload() {
  font = loadFont("assets/LibreCaslonText-Regular.ttf");
}

// Canvas setting
const margin = 70;

// Dot settings
const numDots = 10;
const dotRadius = 10;
const labelOffset = 4;

// Arrow settings
const arrowSize = 7;
const arrowSpeed = 0.009;

// Curve settings
const thickness = 1.5;
const bendMin = 20;
const bendMax = 250;

// Data arrays
const dots = []; //assign array
const connections = [];
const labels = ["Us", "Me", "Them", "You", "Here", "There"];

function setup() {
  createCanvas(1080, 1032);
  textFont(font);
  textSize(21);
  textAlign(CENTER, BOTTOM);

  // ===== 1.Setup dots =====
  // .push() method adds one or more elements to the end of an array and returns the new
  // dotIndex=the number used to find a dot in the array

  for (let i = 0; i < numDots; i++) {
    dots.push({
      position: createVector(
        random(margin, width - margin),
        random(margin, height - margin)
      ),
      label: labels[i % labels.length], // assign array
    });
  }

  // ===== 2.Setup connection counts =====
  // 20 base + 8 extra = 28
  // each dot starts with 2 outgoing connections
```

```
}
}

function draw() {

  // background('#000000'); //black
  background('#34BE08'); //green
  // background('#090992'); //blue

  // let elementColor = color('#FFFFFF'); //white
  let elementColor = color('#000000'); //black
  // let elementColor = color('#34D500'); //green
  // let elementColor = color('#090992'); //blue

  // ===== 4.draw connections and moving arrows in loop =====
  for (let conn of connections) {
    let p0 = dots[conn.startIndex].position; // start point
    let p1 = conn.controlPoint; // control point
    let p2 = dots[conn.targetIndex].position; // end point

    // draw the curved line (only once per connection)
    noFill();
    stroke(elementColor);
    strokeWeight(thickness);

    beginShape();
    vertex(p0.x, p0.y);
    quadraticVertex(p1.x, p1.y, p2.x, p2.y);
    endShape();

    // move the arrow
    let t = (frameCount * arrowSpeed + conn.arrowPos) % 1;

    // plotting the arrow position (quad point)
    let lx = quadLerp(p0.x, p1.x, p2.x, t);
    let ly = quadLerp(p0.y, p1.y, p2.y, t);

    // plotting the arrow direction (derivative>tangent)
    let tx = quadTangent(p0.x, p1.x, p2.x, t);
    let ty = quadTangent(p0.y, p1.y, p2.y, t);
    let angle = atan2(ty, tx);

    // draw arrow head
    push();
    translate(lx, ly);
    rotate(angle);
    stroke(elementColor);
    strokeWeight(thickness);
    noFill();

    beginShape();
    vertex(-arrowSize, -arrowSize);
    vertex(0, 0);
    vertex(-arrowSize, arrowSize);
    endShape();
    pop();
  }

  // ===== 5. Draw all dots and text =====
  for (let dot of dots) {
    fill(elementColor);
    noStroke();
    circle(dot.position.x, dot.position.y, dotRadius);
    text(dot.label, dot.position.x, dot.position.y - labelOffset);
  }
}
```

The Iteration Set 04-2 / 04-3

Minified and Compressed Mode

The next iteration is a minified version of the readable one to reduce data size and enhance processing speed. Resizing the font without adjusting the leading resulted in an interesting effect: it looked like a visual representation of a beginner's mindset, with a dense wall of technical language that made it harder for beginners to understand.

Courier New

```
let font;function preload(){font=loadFont("assets/LibreCaslonText-Regular.ttf")}
const margin=70;const numDots=10;const dotRadius=10;const labelOffset=4;const arrowSize=7;const arrowSpeed=0.009;const thickness=1.5
const bendMin=20;const bendMax=250;const dots=[];const connections=[];const labels=["Us","Me","Them","You","Here","There"];
function setup(){createCanvas(1080,1032);textFont(font);textSize(21);textAlign(CENTER,BOTTOM);for(let i=0;i<numDots;i++){dots.push({position:createVector(random(margin,width-margin),random(margin,height-margin)),label:labels[i%labels.length]})}
let counts=new Array(numDots).fill(2);for(let i=0;i<8;i++)counts[floor(random(numDots))]++;for(let startIndex=0;startIndex<numDots;startIndex++){for(let i=0;i<counts[startIndex];i++){let targetIndex=floor(random(numDots));if(targetIndex===startIndex)targetIndex=(startIndex+1)%numDots;let startPos=dots[startIndex].position;let endPos=dots[targetIndex].position;let controlPoint=p5.Vector.lerp(startPos,endPos,0.5);let bend=p5.Vector.sub(endPos,startPos);bend.rotate(HALF_PI);let bendSide=random()*0.5?-1:1;let bendDepth=random(bendMin,bendMax);bend.setMag(bendSide*bendDepth);controlPoint.add(bend);connections.push({startIndex,controlPoint,targetIndex,arrowPos:random(0,1),})}}
function draw(){background('#34BE08');let elementColor=color('#000000');for(let conn of connections){let p0=dots[conn.startIndex].position;let p1=conn.controlPoint;let p2=dots[conn.targetIndex].position;noFill();stroke(elementColor);strokeWeight(thickness);beginShape();vertex(p0.x,p0.y);quadraticVertex(p1.x,p1.y,p2.x,p2.y);endShape();let t=(frameCount*arrowSpeed+conn.arrowPos)%1;let lx=quadLerp(p0.x,p1.x,p2.x,t);let ly=quadLerp(p0.y,p1.y,p2.y,t);let tx=quadTangent(p0.x,p1.x,p2.x,t);let ty=quadTangent(p0.y,p1.y,p2.y,t);let angle=atan2(ty,tx);push();translate(lx,ly);rotate(angle);stroke(elementColor);strokeWeight(thickness);noFill();beginShape();vertex(-arrowSize,-arrowSize);vertex(0,0);vertex(-arrowSize,arrowSize);endShape();pop()}
for(let dot of dots){fill(elementColor);noStroke();circle(dot.position.x,dot.position.y,dotRadius);text(dot.label,dot.position.x,dot.position.y-labelOffset)}}
function quadLerp(p0,p1,p2,t){return(1-t)*(1-t)*p0+2*(1-t)*t*p1+t*t*p2}
function quadTangent(p0,p1,p2,t){return 2*(1-t)*(p1-p0)+2*t*(p2-p1)}
function mousePressed(){for(let i=dots.length-1;i>=0;i--){let distance=dist(mouseX,mouseY,dots[i].position.x,dots[i].position.y);if(distance<dotRadius+10){dragDotIndex=i;break}}
function mouseDragged(){if(dragDotIndex!==null){let targetX=constrain(mouseX,margin,width-margin);let targetY=constrain(mouseY,margin,height-margin);dots[dragDotIndex].position.set(targetX,targetY)}}
function mouseReleased(){dragDotIndex=null}
```

National Park (p5.js's web font)

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let counts=new Array(numDots).fill(2);for(let i=0;i<8;i++)counts[floor(random(numDots))]++;for(let startIndex=0;startIndex<numDots;startIndex++){for(let i=0;i<counts[startIndex];i++){let targetIndex=floor(random(numDots));if(targetIndex===startIndex)targetIndex=(startIndex+1)%numDots;let startPos=dots[startIndex].position;let endPos=dots[targetIndex].position;let controlPoint=p5.Vector.lerp(startPos,endPos,0.5);let bend=p5.Vector.sub(endPos,startPos);bend.rotate(HALF_PI);let bendSide=random()*0.5?-1:1;let bendDepth=random(bendMin,bendMax);bend.setMag(bendSide*bendDepth);controlPoint.add(bend);connections.push({startIndex,controlPoint,targetIndex,arrowPos:random(0,1),})}}
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function quadTangent(p0,p1,p2,t){return 2*(1-t)*(p1-p0)+2*t*(p2-p1)}
function mousePressed(){for(let i=dots.length-1;i>=0;i--){let distance=dist(mouseX,mouseY,dots[i].position.x,dots[i].position.y);if(distance<dotRadius+10){dragDotIndex=i;break}}
function mouseDragged(){if(dragDotIndex!==null){let targetX=constrain(mouseX,margin,width-margin);let targetY=constrain(mouseY,margin,height-margin);dots[dragDotIndex].position.set(targetX,targetY)}}
function mouseReleased(){dragDotIndex=null}
```

The Iteration Set

05

Overlaying the iterations of 'set 04' using Photoshop

Subvert: Code

I used the same rules again with set 3, which is overlaying, and the result feels more chaotic and starting to resemble the primordial state. The more I overlay everything, the noisier it becomes. Code that used to be code now appears more like an ancient artefact or stone inscription. Eventually, it turns into a black page and noise.

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random()*0.5?-1:1;let bendDepth=random(bendMin,bendMax);bend.setMag(bendSide*bendDepth);controlPoint.add(bend);connections.push({startIndex,controlPoint,targetIndex,arrowPos:random(0,1),})}}
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for(let dot of dots){fill(elementColor);noStroke();circle(dot.position.x,dot.position.y,dotRadius);text(dot.label,dot.position.x,dot.position.y-labelOffset)}}
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function quadTangent(p0,p1,p2,t){return 2*(1-t)*(p1-p0)+2*t*(p2-p1)}
function mousePressed(){for(let i=dots.length-1;i>=0;i--){let distance=dist(mouseX,mouseY,dots[i].position.x,dots[i].position.y);if(distance<dotRadius+10){dragDotIndex=i;break}}
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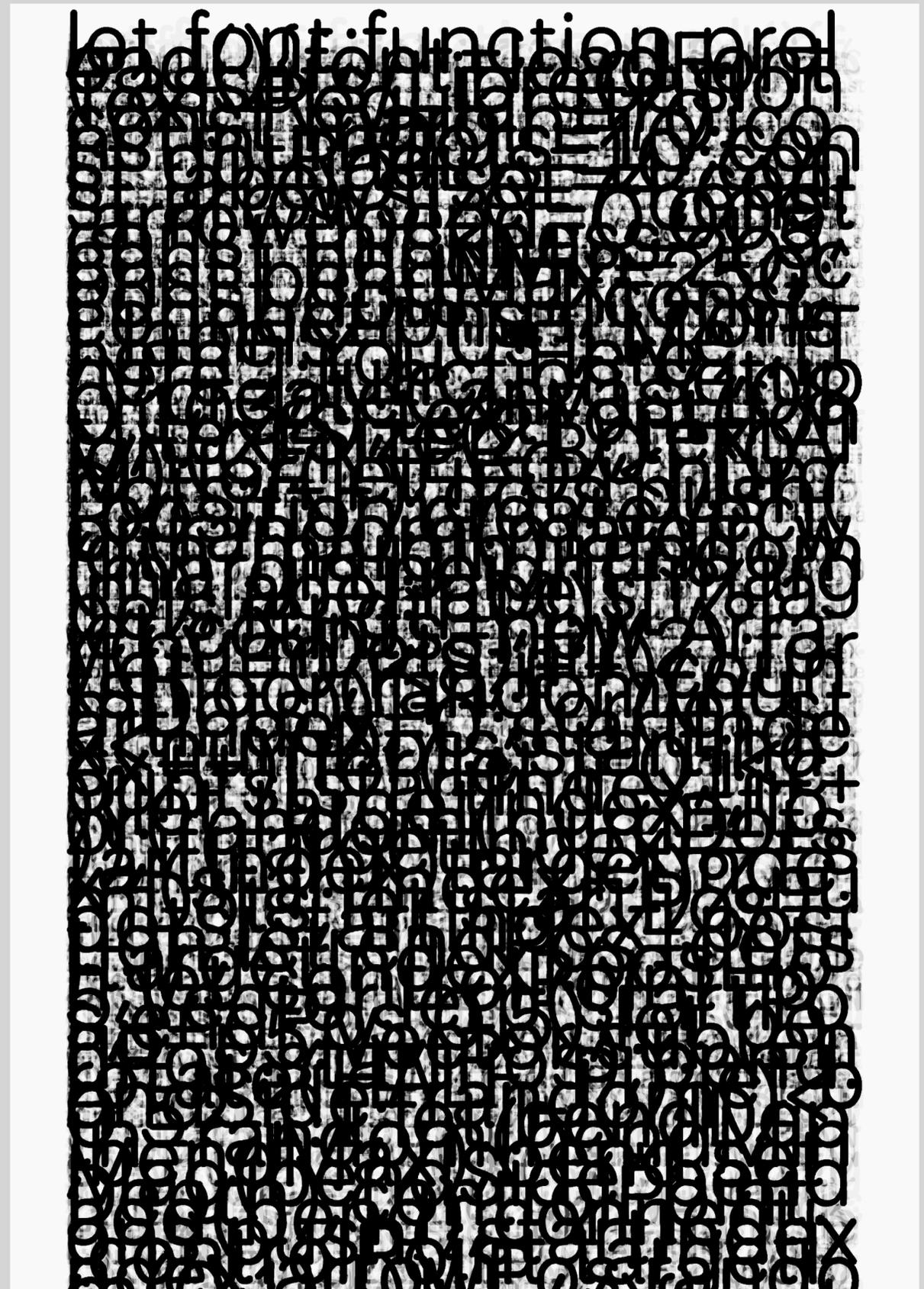
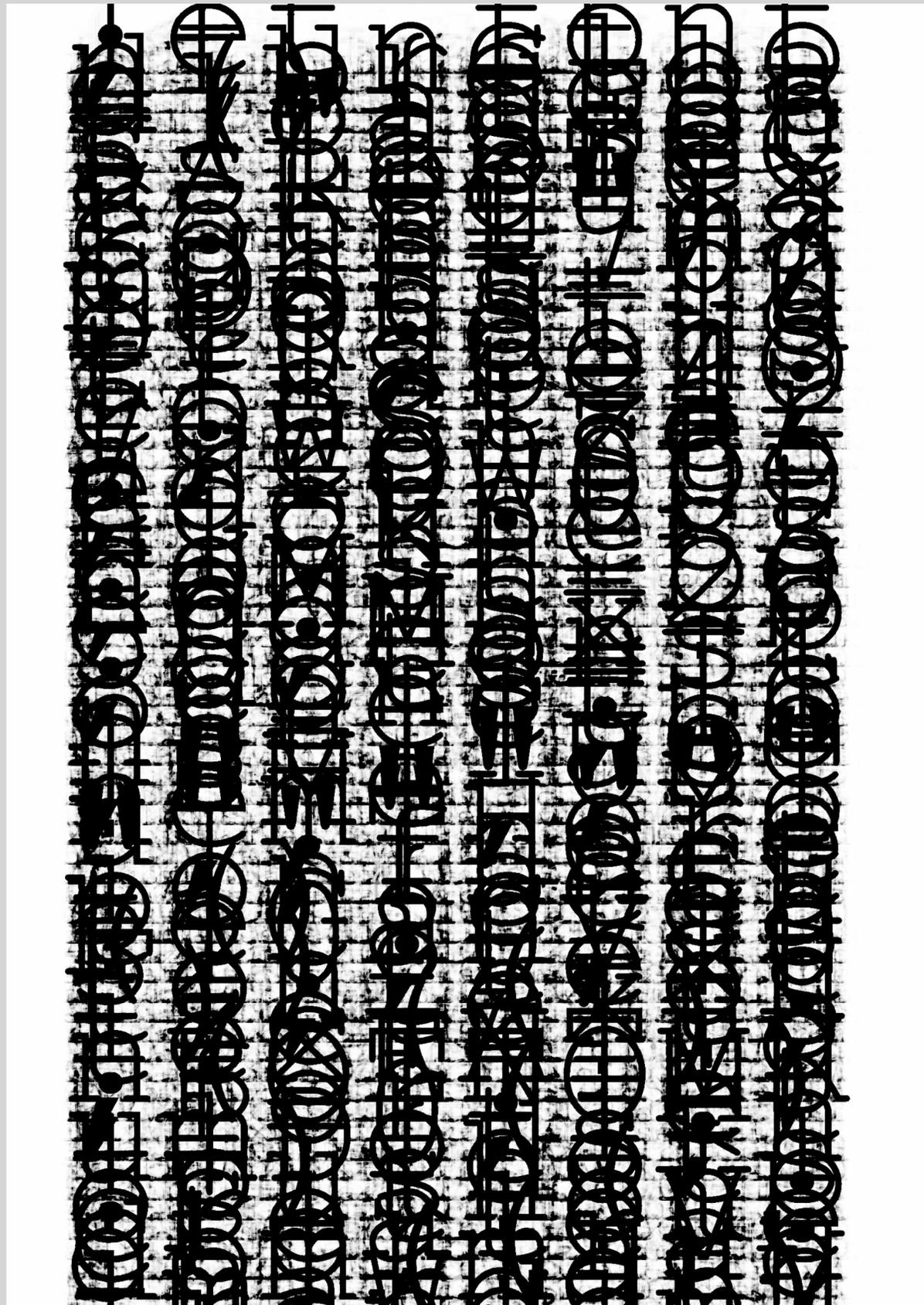
The Iteration Set 04

The Iteration Set 05

Blending Mode: Pin Light

Courier New

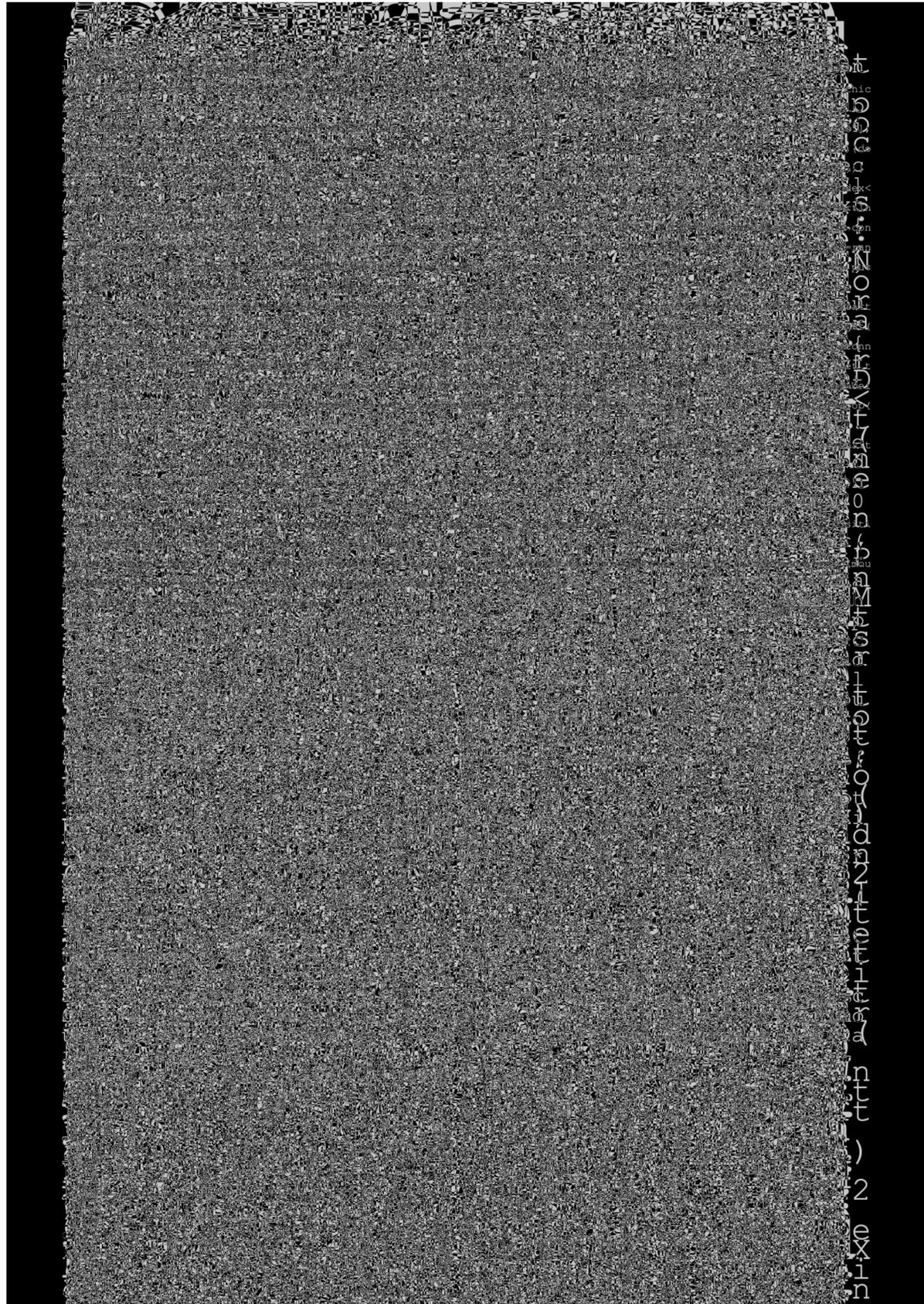
National Park (p5.js's web font)



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Blending Mode: Difference

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National Park (p5.js's web font)



The Default Stage of Code

The Primordial Stage of Code

Organised ← → Chaotic

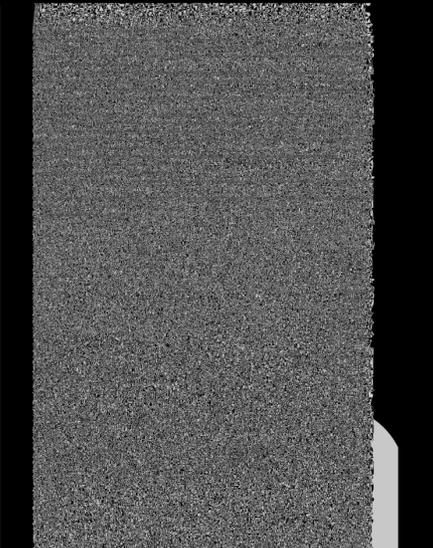
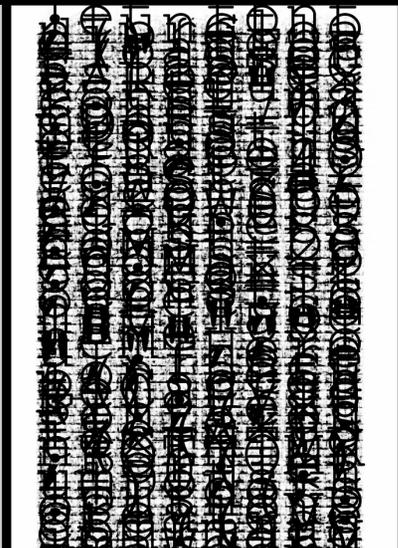
```
function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100, WEBGL);
}
describe()
// Two spheres sitting side-by-side on gray background.
// The sphere at the center is red.
// The sphere on the right is blue.
function draw() {
  background(200);
  // Turn on the lights.
  lights();
  // Style the spheres.
  noStroke();
  // Draw the red sphere.
  fill('red');
  sphere(10);
  // Translate the origin to the right.
  translate(30, 0, 0);
  // Draw the blue sphere.
  fill('blue');
  sphere(10);
}
```

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function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100, WEBGL);
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function draw() {
  background(200);
  lights();
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  fill('red');
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  translate(30, 0, 0);
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  lights();
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  fill('red');
  sphere(10);
  translate(30, 0, 0);
  fill('blue');
  sphere(10);
}
```



Ultimately, I realised that the 'friendliness' is just a thin surface over complex, rigid code. Interestingly, what began as a simple, default approach developed into something with a more organic, ancient feel. As humans, we can't be perfect with machines. I initially aimed for a perfect idea and possibility, but I became overwhelmed by this language. The way human intuition conflicts with this rigid, linear coding system creates a tension I want to explore further.