

# Pacman Ghost Algorithm

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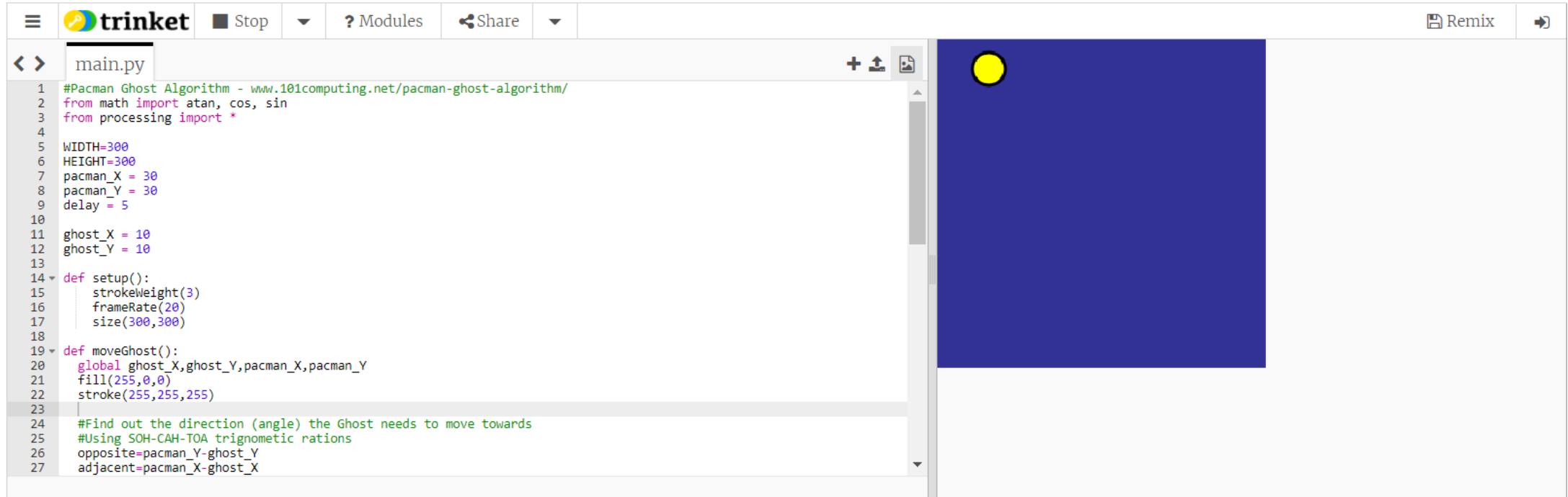
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<https://www.101computing.net/pacman-ghost-algorithm>

## Python Code



The image shows a screenshot of the Trinket Python IDE. The interface includes a top navigation bar with a hamburger menu, the Trinket logo, a 'Stop' button, a 'Modules' dropdown, a 'Share' button, and a 'Remix' button. The main area is split into two panes. The left pane displays a Python script named 'main.py' with the following code:

```
1 #Pacman Ghost Algorithm - www.101computing.net/pacman-ghost-algorithm/  
2 from math import atan, cos, sin  
3 from processing import *  
4  
5 WIDTH=300  
6 HEIGHT=300  
7 pacman_X = 30  
8 pacman_Y = 30  
9 delay = 5  
10  
11 ghost_X = 10  
12 ghost_Y = 10  
13  
14 def setup():  
15     strokeWeight(3)  
16     frameRate(20)  
17     size(300,300)  
18  
19 def moveGhost():  
20     global ghost_X,ghost_Y,pacman_X,pacman_Y  
21     fill(255,0,0)  
22     stroke(255,255,255)  
23  
24     #Find out the direction (angle) the Ghost needs to move towards  
25     #Using SOH-CAH-TOA trigonometric ratios  
26     opposite=pacman_Y-ghost_Y  
27     adjacent=pacman_X-ghost_X
```

The right pane shows a visualization of the code. It features a dark blue square background with a yellow circle representing Pacman in the top-left corner. The circle has a white outline, and the background is a solid dark blue color.

# Pacman Ghost Algorithm

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In a game of Pacman a specific algorithm is used to control the movement of the ghosts who are chasing (running towards) Pacman.

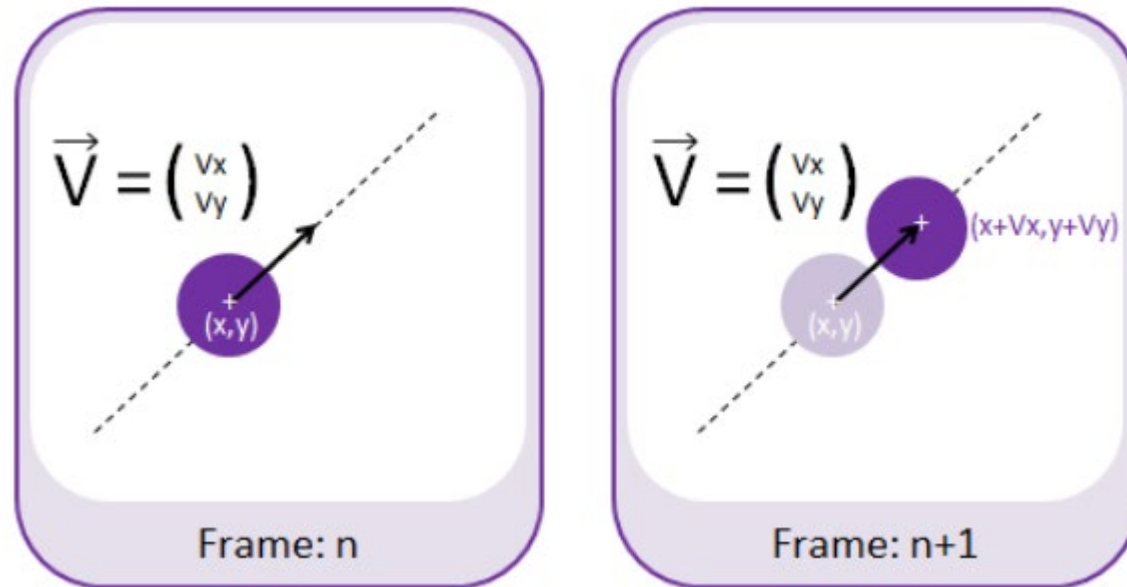
For this challenge we will assume that ghosts can walk through walls (as ghosts do!). So we will implement an algorithm that is slightly different to the algorithm used in the real game of Pacman where ghosts can only run alongside the corridors of the maze.



# Idea of algorithm

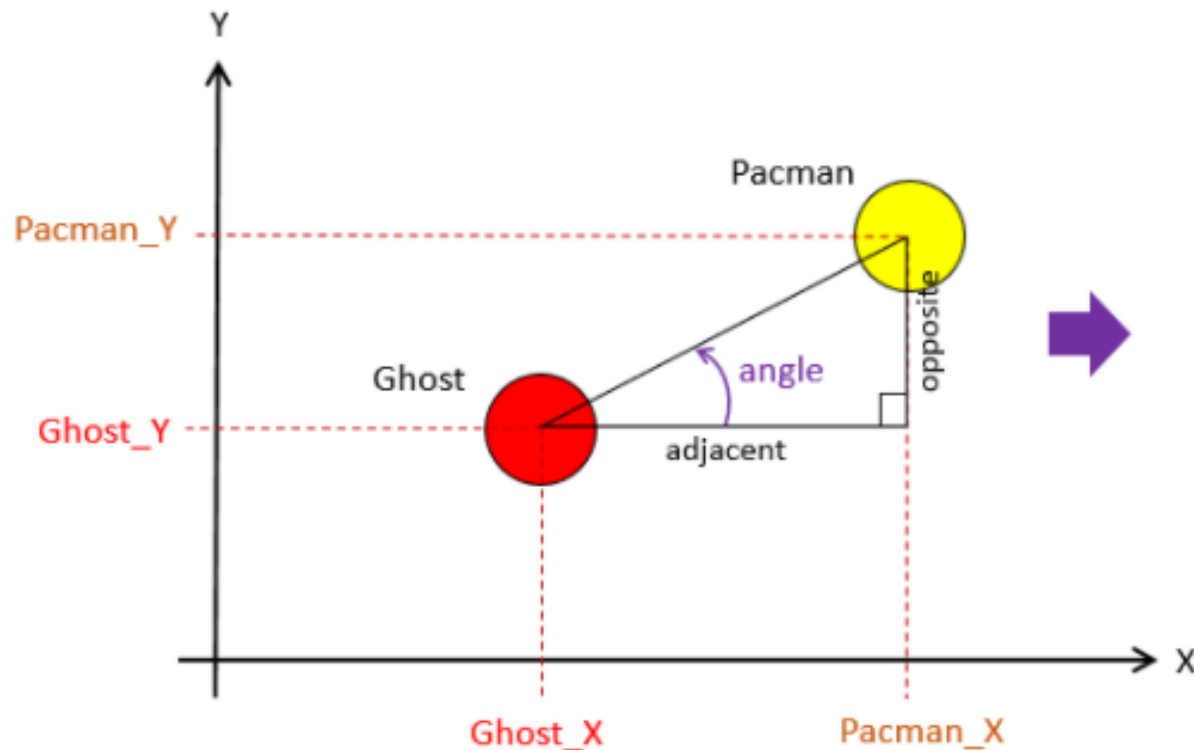
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Our algorithm will be used in a frame based game where the sprites (e.g. Pacman, Ghosts) are positioned using  $(x,y)$  coordinates. The Pacman movement will be based on the position of the mouse cursor whereas the Ghosts will use a velocity vector  $(v_x, v_y)$  to move/translate between two frames.



# Trigonometric Ratios: SOH-CAH-TOA

Our algorithm will use the trigonometric ratio to find the angle the Ghost needs to head towards to chase Pacman.

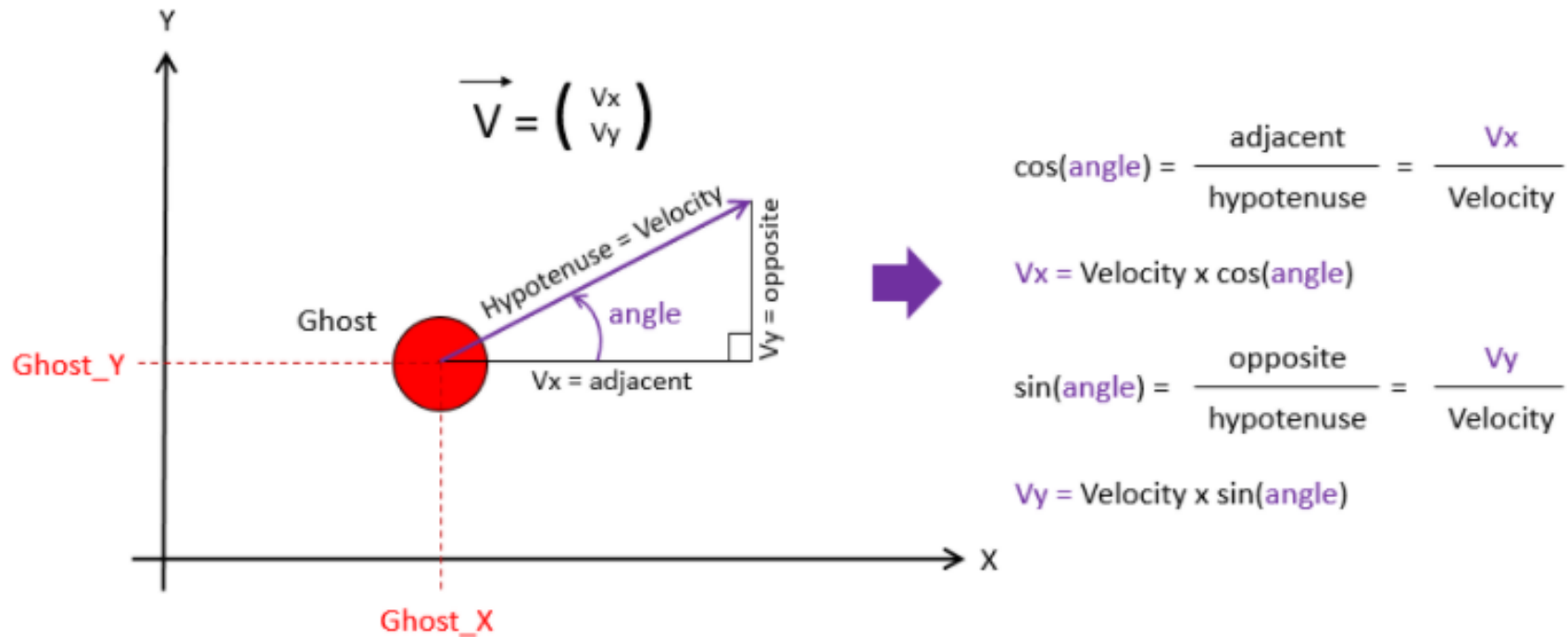


$$\tan(\text{angle}) = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$$

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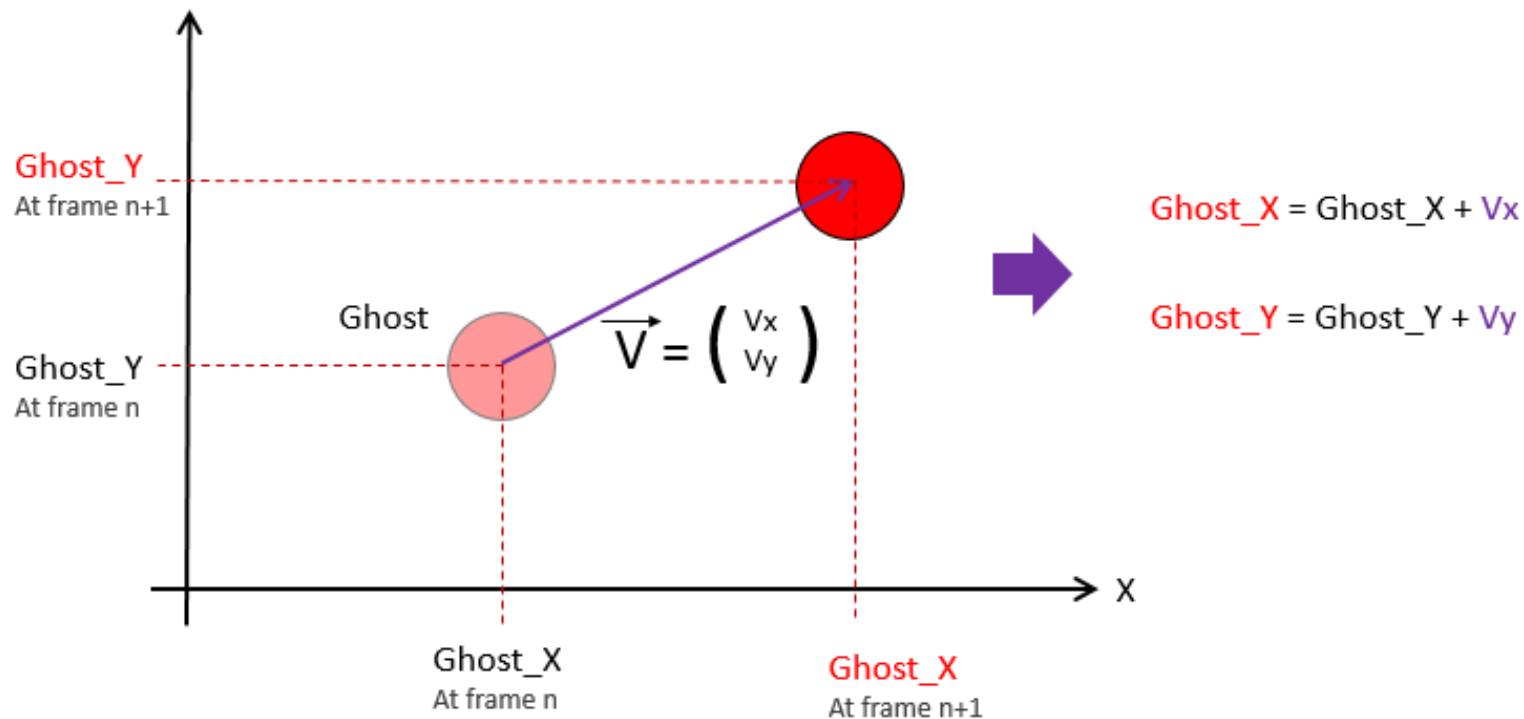
$$\text{angle} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{Pacman\_Y - Ghost\_Y}{Pacman\_X - Ghost\_X}\right)$$

The next step of our algorithm will use this angle to calculate the velocity vector ( $V_x, V_y$ ) of the ghost:



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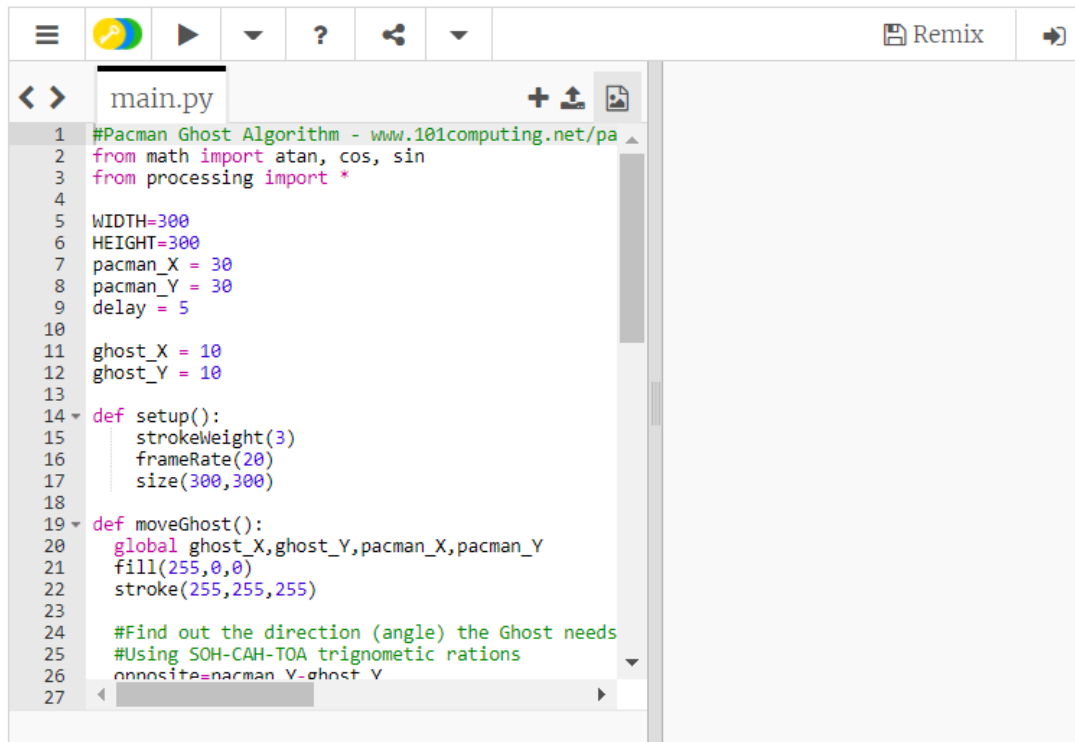
The final step of our algorithm will update the (x,y) coordinates of our ghost to apply the velocity vector translation before drawing the ghost sprite on the screen.



# Try it!

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基本環境設定

遊戲背景設定

# Ghost移動副程式

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19 def moveGhost():
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26     opposite=pacman_Y-ghost_Y
27     adjacent=pacman_X-ghost_X
28     angle = atan(opposite/adjacent)
29     if ghost_X>pacman_X:
30         angle=angle+180
31
32     #Use this angle to calculate the velocity vector of the Ghost
33     #Once again using SOH-CAH-TOA trigonometric rations
34     velocity=3 #pixels per frame
35
36     vx = velocity * cos(angle)
37     vy = velocity * sin(angle)
38
39     #Apply velocity vector to the Ghost coordinates to move/translat
40     ghost_X = ghost_X + vx
41     ghost_Y = ghost_Y + vy
42
43     #Draw Ghost
44     ellipse(ghost_X,ghost_Y,60,60)
```

Ghost造型

Ghost移動  
角度

Ghost移動  
Velocity計算

Ghost移動方向

繪製Ghost

```
46 def movePacman():
47     global pacman_X, pacman_Y
48
49     fill(255,255,0)
50     stroke(0,0,0)
51     fc = environment.frameCount
52
53     #Pacman follows the mouse cursor
54     pacman_X += (mouse.x-pacman_X)/delay;
55     pacman_Y += (mouse.y-pacman_Y)/delay;
56
57     #Draw Pacman
58     ellipse(pacman_X,pacman_Y,30,30)
59
60 def playGame():
61     background(50,50,150)
62     movePacman()
63     moveGhost()
64
65 draw = playGame
66 run()
67
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Pcaman  
移動控制

Playgame  
副程式

主程式

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