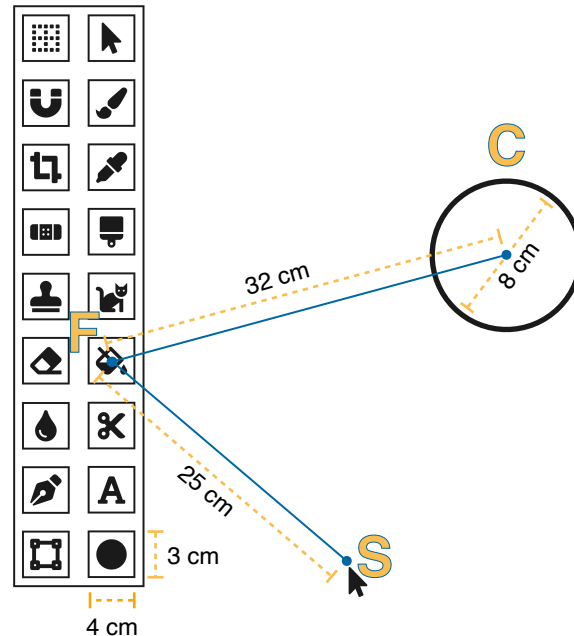


Predicting Human Performance

Lab: Tuesday October 15

Task 1

Consider the following scenario in which a user wants to fill a circle using a graphics design tool.



1. The mouse cursor begins at the starting position (**S**)
 2. The user moves the cursor to the *Fill Tool* icon (**F**) and clicks it
 3. The user then moves the cursor inside the circle (**C**) and clicks to fill the circle
- Each button in the tool palette is 4 cm wide and 3 cm high
 - Assume that the movement axis from S to F passes through the diagonal of the fill button
- a) Calculate the movement time MT for this task by using **Shannon's formulation** of Fitts' law for a computer mouse with the parameters $a = 0$ ms and $b = 100$ ms/bit
 - b) Argue, whether the movement time decreases or increases if the user uses their fingers (finger parameters: $a = 100$ ms and $b = 50$ ms/bit) instead of a mouse using **Shannon's formulation** of Fitts' law without recalculating the exact movement time

Task 2

Redesign the tool palette from Task 1 with the following requirements

- The average selection time for every tool in the tool palette would be minimal considering Fitts' law
 - The mouse cursor starts at the center of the screen
 - You cannot change the number of tools in the palette or the shape, orientation, or size of each button
- a) Provide a sketch of your redesign
 - b) Provide arguments why your design meets the given requirement of a minimal average selection time

Task 3

An application allows users to move drawings around pixel-wisely by using the arrow keys. A user wants to move a drawing upwards by 100px using the *Up* arrow key. For this, they click the key as fast as possible. After a while, they overshoot their goal by 10 pixel.

- a) Argue what processors of the CMN model are involved during the described movement process and how they are involved. The user starts with their finger on the *Up* arrow key
- b) Argue whether the user in the given scenario is acting in a closed or open loop