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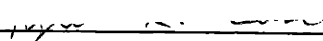
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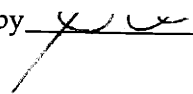
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## **Abstract**

Three experiments explored the encoding of location information in visual image representations. All of these experiments used a mental rotation task in which subjects decided whether stimuli were mirror-reversed, and the location of the test stimulus was always irrelevant to the correct response. Experiment 1 demonstrated that subjects were able to use visual image representations effectively without knowing where the stimulus would appear, raising the possibility that image representations might be coded independently of location. In Experiment 2, however, distance between the stimulus location and the image location was varied systematically, and response time increased with distance. Therefore image representations appear to be location-specific. The increase in response time with distance was small, however, and thus represented location must be adjusted quickly. In Experiment 3, a saccade was introduced between the image cue and the test stimulus, in order to test whether subjects responded more quickly when the test stimulus appeared at the same retinotopic location or same spatiotopic location as the cue. The results suggest that location is coded retinotopically in image representations. This finding has implications not only for visual imagery but also for visual processing in general, because it suggests that there is no spatiotopic transform in the early stages of visual processing.

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## The Representation of Location in Visual Images

No explanation of visual information processing will be complete without an account of visual imagery: The ability to recall visual and spatial information from memory and to mentally recombine, transform, compare, and evaluate this information. Subjects can perform a number of complex visual processing tasks in the absence of the relevant visual stimuli, and over a period of years an enormous number of experiments have been designed to elucidate the nature of the mental representations used in these tasks. (For reviews, see Kosslyn, 1980; Shepard & Cooper, 1982; Pinker, 1984; Finke & Shepard, 1986. For discussions of the sharp disagreements that persist over the basic properties of these representations, see Kosslyn, 1981; Pylyshyn, 1981; Pylyshyn, 1984).

A number of visual image experiments have demonstrated that certain spatial properties play an important role in the organization of image representations. It is because of their spatial organization that these representations are called "images," and the nature of their organization has been an important question in the study of mental representations. While other studies have investigated the importance of orientation and size in image representations, the experiments described here will be concerned with another spatial property, namely location, that has not yet been thoroughly explored. There are good theoretical reasons for expecting that image representations might be encoded independently of location, and other empirical reasons for concluding that location information is included in the representation. If we find that image representations are location-specific, then we can test whether location is encoded in a retinal reference frame or in some other coordinate system. If, instead, image representations are location-independent, then we can

ask why this particular spatial property is factored out of these representations and others are not.

Our experiments to explore location representation draw heavily on earlier experiments exploring the representation of orientation and size. These experiments were designed to measure how the processing of a stimulus changes when its orientation or size changes. The logic behind these experiments is that if the time to perform a particular shape discrimination task depends on the orientation or size of a stimulus, then the shape representations used in this discrimination task must vary in some important way when the orientation or size of the stimulus varies. In other words, the representation of shape must in some way be intertwined with the representation of orientation or size, so that shape cannot be represented independently of these spatial properties (Pinker, 1984).

Well-known examples of experiments measuring the importance of a spatial property come from studies of mental rotation by Shepard and his colleagues (Shepard & Metzler, 1981; Cooper & Shepard, 1983). In these experiments, subjects were asked to determine whether a visual stimulus matched another stimulus that was either presented simultaneously or remembered by the subject. On different trials, the stimuli appeared at different orientations, and over the course of the experiment the difference between the orientations of the two shapes to be compared was systematically varied. The time necessary for subjects to compare the shapes increased as the difference in their orientations increased. Thus, even though orientation was irrelevant to the shape matching task, it exerted a strong effect on the response time. The response time depends on the absolute difference between the two orientations. In general, the response time for a stimulus that has been rotated in one

direction will be about the same as the response time for a stimulus that has been rotated an equal amount in the other direction.

Other experiments have used similar methods to demonstrate that the time to compare two shapes can vary with the difference between their sizes as well as the difference between their orientations (Bundesen and Larsen, 1975; Bundesen, Larsen, and Farrell, 1981; Cave & Kosslyn, 1989; Kubovy and Podgorny, 1981; Larsen, 1985; Larsen and Bundesen, 1978; Sekuler and Nash, 1972). These size and orientation experiments do not always produce a strong relationship between the spatial properties and response time; response time varies with size or orientation difference only when certain shape discrimination tasks are used. Apparently the image representations, in which shape is encoded integrally with orientation or size, are only used for some shape discrimination tasks. Examining the nature of these tasks can help determine the sort of processing for which these representations are best suited.

For instance, the stimuli in Cooper & Shepard's experiment were familiar letters or numerals, and subjects had to judge whether or not they had been mirror-reversed. Any shape and its mirror-reversal will share the same set of basic visual features, and thus they cannot be discriminated simply on the presence or absence of one of those features. The mirror-reversal judgment forces subjects to detect subtle differences in the spatial arrangement of a shape's components. Not all of the experiments in which the response time varies with spatial properties require mirror-reversal judgments, but they all do require subjects to detect subtle differences between shapes that share the same general features.

Not only are the shape discriminations used in these tasks very subtle, but they are also discriminations that the subjects have not practiced. In Shepard & Metzler's experiment, subjects compared two different drawings of three-

dimensional shapes that were presented simultaneously. The subjects were not familiar with the shapes before the experiment, so they had no experience with the required discriminations. Cooper & Shepard used a different method in a later experiment. They presented only a single letter or digit on each trial. The orientation of these stimuli varied, and subjects presumably compared them against memory representations of those characters at their standard orientations. Even though subjects are very familiar with these shapes, they do not normally encounter them at nonstandard orientations, and they almost certainly never need to distinguish these misoriented shapes from their mirror reversals. Therefore, they do not have stored in memory the information necessary to readily identify these shapes at nonstandard orientations. Instead, subjects appear to perform the shape comparison by first deriving the necessary information from the information they have available. Either the memory information can be transformed to match the stimulus information, or the stimulus information can be transformed to match the memory information.

From these studies it seems that subjects use image representations when they must find subtle shape or configurational differences that they do not normally need to detect. Obviously, the representations used in these tasks must be orientation-specific: Because of the wide response time differences with different orientations, the same shape at different orientations must be represented differently. Also, because the response time increases steadily with orientation differences, the represented orientation must be adjusted gradually, either continuously or in small discrete steps.

Cooper and Shepard provided additional evidence as to the nature of image representations in other conditions of their experiment. Although the regular condition showed that extra time was necessary to process stimuli at nonstandard orientations, subjects could save most of this extra time if they



knew the shape and the orientation of the upcoming stimulus before it appeared. They were able to use shape and orientation information together to prepare for the stimulus, and then respond quickly once it appeared. Apparently subjects prepared for an stimulus by creating an image representation of the stimulus at the cued location, because they could not prepare if they knew only the shape or only the orientation; in either of these cases, response times once again rose sharply with orientation difference. Response time also increased sharply with orientation difference if the stimulus appeared too soon after the cue giving the shape and orientation. Subjects required a certain amount of time to prepare for the stimulus. Most importantly, the time necessary to prepare generally increased with the orientation difference. In other words, the variation in the time necessary to prepare was similar to the variation in response time when the cue was not present.

Because a similar pattern appears in the response times without the cue and in the preparation times with the cue, a similar sort of transformation might be occurring in both cases. Without the cue, subjects might adjust the represented orientation of the stimulus until it matches the standard orientation, and then compare it to the memory representation. When subjects know shape and orientation in advance, they might adjust the representation of the shape in memory so that it matches the upcoming stimulus. Once the stimulus appears, they can quickly compare shapes without taking time for orientation adjustment. The fact that subjects cannot prepare effectively when they know only the shape or only the orientation suggests that orientation is represented integrally with shape. For the representations used in the mirror-reversal task, it is apparently not possible to represent a particular orientation without representing a specific shape at that orientation.

Knowing something about the nature of the image representations used in this task allows us to investigate the role they play in visual information processing. Let us first consider the broad course of visual processing, in order to see where these representations might fit. The input provided by the retina at the beginning of visual processing is organized spatially: Shape information is intertwined with information about spatial properties such as location, size, and orientation. The visual system must identify objects by comparing patterns within the input with patterns stored in memory. This categorization task is complicated by variations in spatial properties such as location, orientation, and size that are irrelevant to an object's identity. The final product of visual processing must be an abstract representation that can be used in higher-level reasoning and problem solving, and this abstract representation must include information about both the identity of the represented objects and their spatial properties. However, because the spatial properties will often be irrelevant in these higher-level processing tasks, information about these properties is probably factored apart and represented separately from identity information at this level.

If this characterization of visual processing is correct, and if the mirror-reversal task relies on a representation in which shape is represented integrally with orientation, then the comparisons between shapes in the mirror-reversal task must be done within the spatially-organized representation at the precategorical level, before objects have been identified and coded abstractly, and before spatial properties have been factored out. Within the spatially-organized representation, it is impossible to represent a shape without representing it at a particular orientation, just as it is impossible to draw a picture of a shape without drawing it at a particular orientation. Likewise, at this level it is impossible to represent an orientation abstractly without having an associated shape. Thus

subjects are unable to prepare an adequate representation when they know only the shape or the orientation beforehand.

Of course, this characterization of visual processing is too simple in many respects. There are undoubtedly a number of stages between the spatially-organized representation from the retina and the abstract representation used by nonvisual cognitive systems. Therefore we can ask more detailed questions about the level of representations used in the mirror-reversal and other imagery tasks. For instance, if there are many different processing levels, then variations in location might be controlled at an earlier level of processing than variations in orientation. Thus there could be some level of representation that is location-independent but orientation-specific. This type of representation might be useful, because the location at which an object appears has little impact on recognition (barring differences in surroundings and acuity). The same is not true for orientation, however, because some objects can be very difficult to recognize when they are upside-down (Rock, 1983). Luckily, this is rarely a problem in everyday visual processing. As we move or as objects in the environment move, the locations of the objects relative to our location can vary over a wide range, and we have to be able to recognize them no matter where they appear. However, as we move we generally maintain a constant orientation relative to the environment, and most of the other moving objects we encounter do the same. Therefore we generally view objects at a standard orientation, and rarely find it necessary to recognize them at other orientations.

Because visual objects are likely to occur at almost any location, the visual system may factor out location differences early in processing, either by normalizing all representations to a standard representation of location, or by transforming the input in a way that removes location information entirely. However, the visual system will often not need to adjust an object's orientation

before identifying it. Thus the system that corrects for orientation differences may may not act until a later stage of processing, and it probably does not work as thoroughly or completely as the system that corrects for location differences. Therefore, even though the representations used in mental rotation are orientation-specific, they may not be location-specific.

This possibility raises a more general issue about mental representations in imagery. Mental rotation experiments suggest that shape and orientation information are not factored apart in these representations. However, from the orientation experiments alone we cannot assume that *every* spatial property is integrated with shape information in image representations. In other words, these experiments by themselves do not imply that these representations are “analog” or “depictive” in every sense (Kosslyn, 1980). Visual information can be transformed in numerous ways so that shape and orientation information are still coupled but other spatial properties are changed or eliminated. To completely determine the nature of these representations, we must specifically determine how each type of spatial property is encoded in them, and whether or not it is factored apart from the representation of shape.

One potential example of the elimination of a spatial property involves the coding of size or scale. Size is a spatial property that is analogous to location in that a particular visual object can appear at many different sizes, depending on its distance from the viewer. The visual system must be able to identify the object regardless of these wide variations in size, and therefore size information may be factored out and separated from shape information at an early stage. If size is factored out of shape representations at an early stage, then response times for shape discrimination tasks should not depend on the size of the stimuli. However, the numerous size experiments cited previously have tested this notion using a methodology similar to that used by Cooper & Shepard. For

certain shape discrimination tasks these experiments show a pattern of increasing response time with increasing size adjustment that is very similar to the pattern of orientation adjustment in Cooper & Shepard's experiment. Therefore these experiments suggest that size is treated similarly to orientation in image representations.

Given that orientation and size appear to be represented integrally with shape in visual image representations, it might seem reasonable to conclude that all spatial properties are represented integrally with shape in these representations. However, neuroanatomical and neurophysiological studies indicate that one region of visual cortex is dedicated to processing location and a separate region is dedicated to processing shape (Ungerleider & Mishkin 1982). If location is processed in a separate brain region from shape, then its representation is probably separate from the representation of shape. Because the representations used in mental rotation must include shape information, they might reside in the region that specializes in shape, and thus location information is likely to be factored out of them.

However, other evidence from imagery experiments suggests that location is important in image representations, and thus is probably not factored out. Farah (1985) asked subjects to image a large shape while performing a visual detection task. She found that subjects were better at detecting a stimulus if it appeared within the region covered by the imaged shape. If the location of an image affects the perception of a stimulus, then location must be part of the image representation. However, Farah's task is very different from the mental rotation task. She instructs her subjects to use imagery, and the shape they are imaging covers a large area. In following these instructions, her subjects might also be focusing visual attention on the area covered by the shape, thus enhancing their responses to stimuli that fall within this area. Farah and others

(Cave & Kosslyn, 1989) would argue that there is a crucial link between imagery and attention, and that the presence of attentional effects suggests that imagery is involved. Nevertheless, for the question of location specificity we need a demonstration that cannot be explained by attention.

Further evidence for the use of location in image representations comes from experiments demonstrating that the time to scan from one location to another increases with the distance scanned (Kosslyn, 1973; Kosslyn, Ball, & Reiser, 1978). If at any given time a subject is "examining" a particular location in an image, then it seems that location must be specifically encoded in an image representation. Perhaps instead, though, images are coded in a location-independent representation, and when subjects are instructed to focus on one end of an imaged object and then scan to the other end, they are successively loading information from different locations into the image representation, starting at one end and ending at the other. The increase in response time with longer distances would reflect the time necessary to load and unload more information to and from the image representation, and not the time to adjust location within the representation.

There is also a possibility that these different imagery tasks rely on different mental representations. One way in which the mental rotation task differs from Farah's experiment and the scanning experiments is that subjects in mental rotation experiments are not explicitly instructed to generate images. They devise their strategy spontaneously, without instructions or encouragement from the experimenter. Consciously generating an image of a scene might rely on different representations than spatial transformations required for normal visual recognition.

Other experiments have demonstrated that the time necessary for image scanning depends on the distance scanned, even if subjects are not specifically

instructed to use images (Finke & Pinker, 1982; Finke & Pinker, 1983; Pinker, Choate, & Finke, 1984). In these experiments, subjects remembered a configuration of dots, and then judged whether the line extended from an arrow would intersect any of the dots. This task was designed to require the use of mental images, but it also specifically required the use of location information, because the location of each dot was crucial in determining the correct response. Thus, even if subjects had available a representation in which shape was coded independently of location, they would not have been able to use it in this task. One possibility is that in visual images, the representation of each visual object includes information about the relative locations of its different parts, but that the location of the object as a whole is not represented. In this case, Finke & Pinker's subjects might represent the entire dot pattern as a single object, so that the location of each dot would be preserved.

We need an experiment that tests whether location-independent image representations exist but that does not have the problems associated with these earlier experiments. Such an experiment must use a task in which subjects are not instructed to use images, and in which the location of a stimulus is not relevant to the response. For these reasons, Experiment 1 was designed to explore the importance of location information using a modification of Cooper & Shepard's basic mental rotation paradigm.

## ***Experiment 1***

Cooper & Shepard concluded that subjects can only generate the necessary mental representation to compare with the stimulus if they know all the necessary properties of the stimulus. The logic behind Experiment 1 relies on that conclusion. In Cooper & Shepard's experiments, the stimulus always

appeared in the center of the display, so subjects always knew its location before it appeared. If location is coded in these representations in the same manner as orientation, then withholding location information should make it impossible for them to construct the representation beforehand. Without the representation, subjects will not be able to respond quickly to misoriented stimuli, even if they know the orientation and shape.

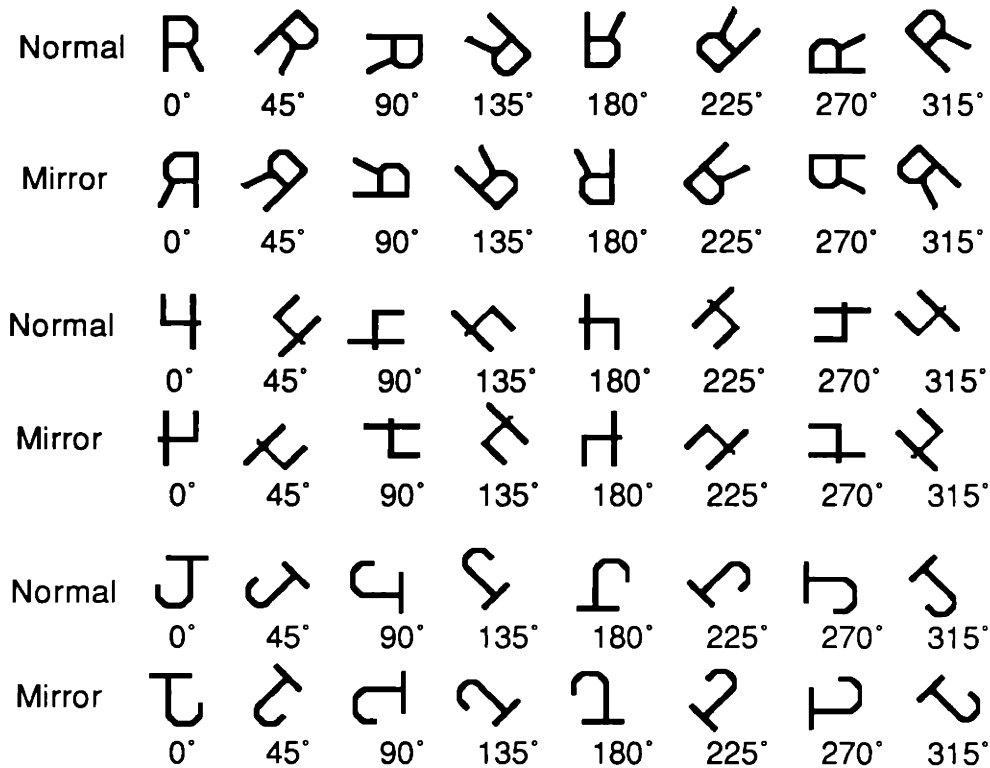
## **Method**

*Subjects.* 17 subjects from the M. I. T. Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences subject pool were tested and were paid for their services. Most were M. I. T. undergraduates, and their vision was normal or corrected to normal. One subject was rejected after being tested for reasons described later.

*Apparatus.* The experiment was controlled by an IBM PC/XT computer. Stimuli were displayed using EGA graphics on an NEC Multisync monitor. Subjects' responses were recorded with two microswitches, one for each hand, and a foot pedal.

*Stimuli.* Each test stimulus consisted of a single character, either the letter J, the letter R, or the numeral 4. These characters were chosen because they are distinct from their mirror-images, they are fairly complex, and they have few curved parts and thus are easily generated on the computer display. The stimuli were made with straight line segments, and gave the appearance of a bold, sans serif type. The stimuli appeared in eight different rotations and in both normal and mirror-reversed form. Each character was about 1.4 cm (1.6° of visual angle) in height. Figure 1 displays the characters used.

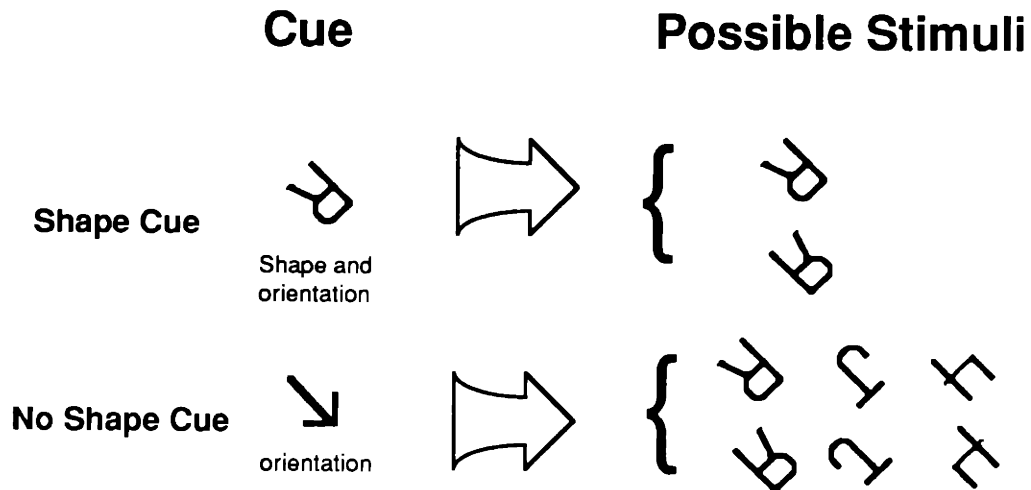




**Figure 1: Stimuli, both normal and mirror-reversed, for all the orientations used in Experiment 1.**

Each test stimulus was preceded by a cue appearing at the center of the screen. The cue was one of two types, as depicted in Figure 2. One type consisted of one of the three characters at one of the eight possible orientations. This type of cue informed the subject of both the shape and the orientation of the upcoming test stimulus. (Cooper & Shepard presented shape and orientation separately, to demonstrate that subjects could combine the two types of information. For the purposes of this experiment, it is not necessary to demonstrate that combination again. Therefore, we made the task easier for the subjects by presenting shape and orientation combined.) These cues were never mirror-reversed, and gave the subject no information about whether or not the test stimulus would be mirror-reversed. The second type of cue consisted of an arrow at one of the eight orientations. It revealed the orientation of the

upcoming stimulus, but not its shape. The information provided by either type of cue was always correct: The orientation and shape never deviated from the values cued.

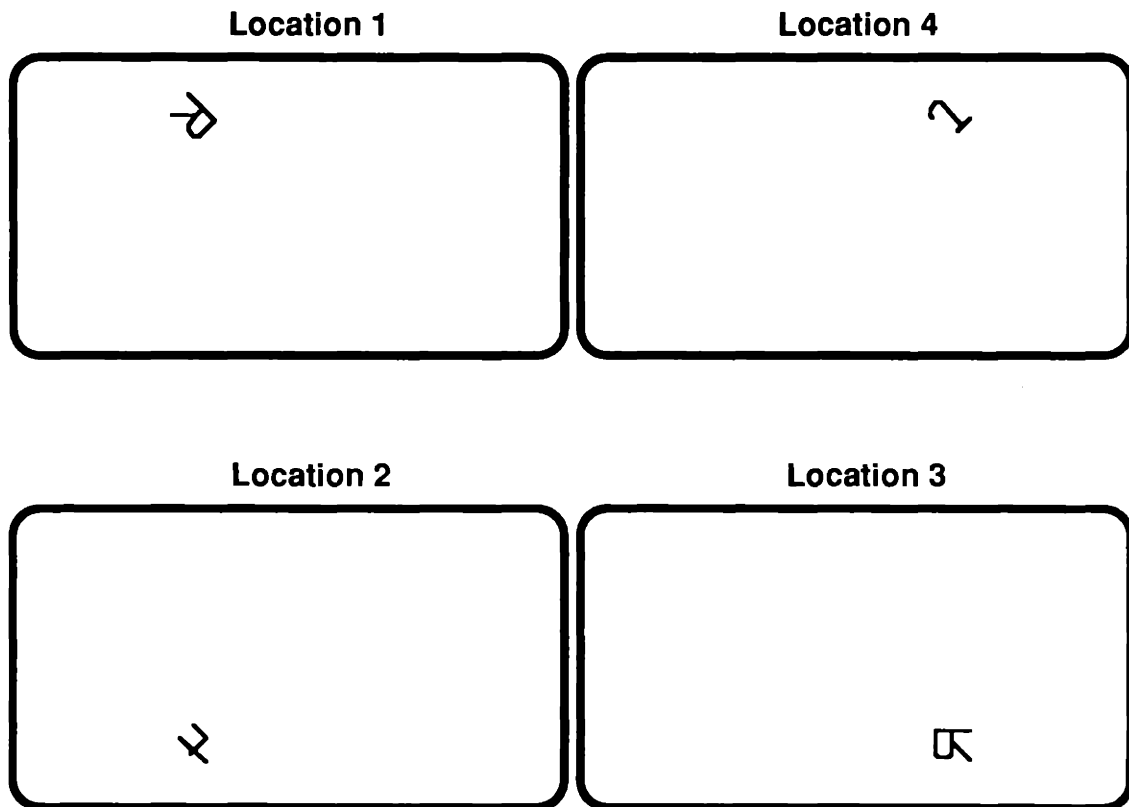


**Figure 2: Examples of the two types of cue used in Experiment 1, along with the possible stimuli that could appear after them.**

*Procedure.* The subject was seated in front of the CRT in a dimly lit room. A chin rest was used to maintain a constant viewing distance of about 50 cm. The subject was instructed to keep one hand on each of the response keys.

Each trial began with the presentation of a cue at the center of the screen. The subject was asked to study the cue and to press the foot pedal when ready to proceed. When the subject pressed the pedal, the cue immediately disappeared and the test stimulus appeared at one of four locations, as shown in Figure 3. Each of the four locations was 5.6 cm (6.4°) from the center of the screen. The test stimulus was one of the three characters, either normal or mirror reversed, at one of the eight possible orientations. The computer synchronized the onset of the test stimulus with the beginning of a video cycle, waited 120 msec, and removed it at the beginning of the next video cycle. This display time was too short to allow eye movements to the stimulus before it disappeared. The

stimulus was a black figure on a white background, and when it disappeared the display was completely white, so that no residual image of the stimulus would persist on the display after it had been removed.



**Figure 3: Examples of test stimuli at the four locations at which they could appear in Experiment 1.**

The subject's task was to press the key under the dominant hand if the test stimulus was normal, and to press the other key if it was mirror-reversed. If the subject gave an incorrect response, the screen briefly flashed red and a buzzer sounded. The computer made a record of the error trials, and repeated each of them once at the end of the session.

Each possible combination of the two cue conditions, three shapes, eight orientations, four locations, and two response conditions (normal and mirror-reversed) was used, giving a total of 384 different types of trial. There were four

instances of each type for each subject, not including those that were repeated because of errors. For each subject, the 1536 trials were arranged in a different random order, with all the different trial types intermixed. Each subject required three different testing sessions to complete all the trials, with each session lasting between 40 and 60 minutes.

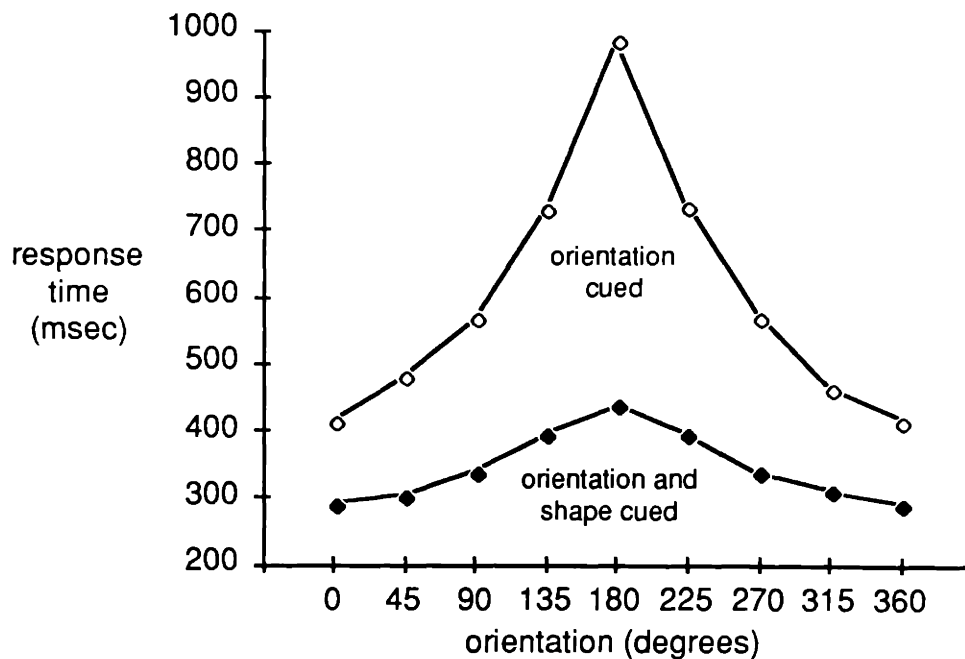
## **Results**

During the testing of one of the subjects, the experimenter noticed that the subject was often pressing the foot pedal immediately after the cue appeared. When questioned, the subject claimed that she was not using the cues at all. We thus decided to omit her data from the analyses, leaving a total of 16 subjects.

*Response times.* The response time data were submitted to an analysis of variance (ANOVA) with cue type (shape or no-shape), orientation, handedness (normal or mirror-reversed), location, and shape (R, J, or 4) as factors. Subjects made incorrect responses on 4% of the trials (including those repeated because of earlier errors), and all of these trials were excluded from the analysis. The response times from both cue conditions are presented in Figure 4 as a function of orientation. In general, subjects responded much more quickly when the shape was cued,  $F(1,15) = 31.8, p < .001$ . If subjects are able to prepare images only when they know the shape beforehand, then moving the orientation further from upright should not increase response times in the shape cue condition in the way that it does in the no-shape cue condition. A contrast revealed that the linear increase with orientation difference was indeed much stronger in the no-shape cue condition than in the shape cue condition,  $F(1,105) = 135.9, p < .001$ . The difference between the two conditions is clear in Figure 4, and is very similar to that found by Cooper & Shepard. Thus subjects appear to be able to generate

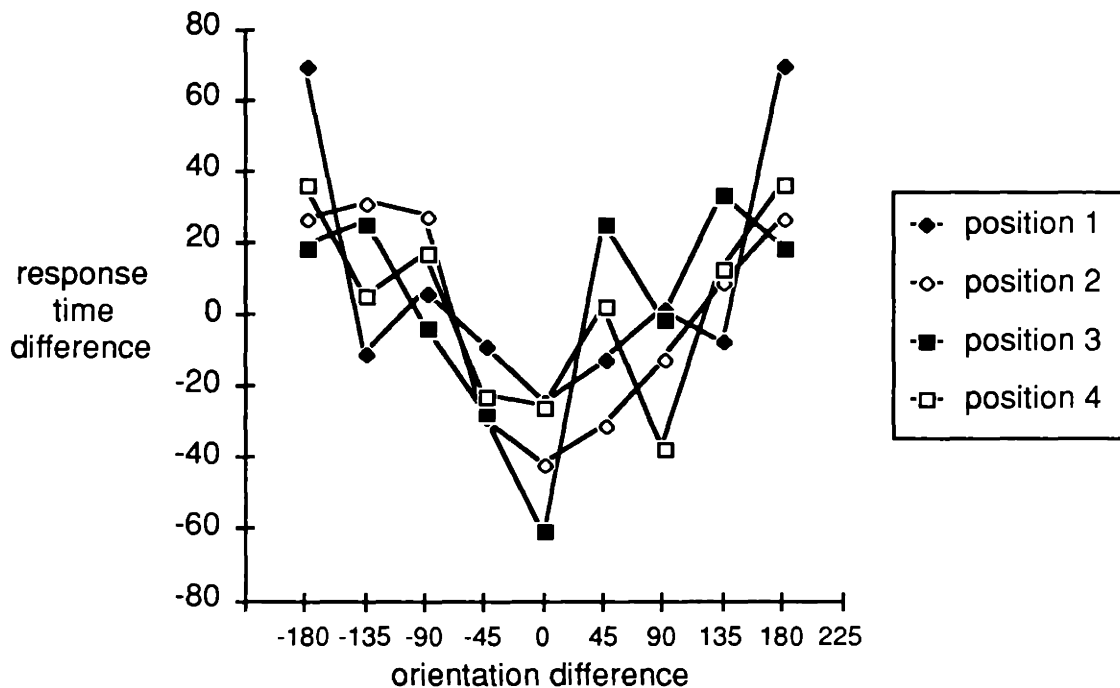
and use images in this task, even without knowing the correct location in advance.

Because subjects were apparently able to prepare an image in the shape cue condition and not in the the no-shape cue condition, we used two other ANOVAs to examine the results of the two conditions separately. Not surprisingly, a contrast in the no-shape cue analysis established a strong linear increase in response time with the deviation of the orientation from upright ,  $F(1,105) = 285.9, p < .001$ . Responses were slower when the stimulus was mirror-reversed,  $F(1,15) = 22.3, p < .001$ , probably in part because these responses were made with the nondominant hand. The shape R elicited particularly fast responses,  $F(2,30) = 6.0, p < .01$ . There were no apparent overall differences among responses to the stimuli at the four different locations,  $F < 1$ .



**Figure 4: Response times from the shape cue and no-shape cue conditions of Experiment 1.**

The no-shape cue condition also produced an unexpected but interesting result. In this condition, the cue was always an arrow at the center of the screen. Because the four possible stimulus locations surrounded the location of the the arrow, whenever the arrow was at one of the four diagonal orientations it pointed directly at one of the four possible locations. Subjects were told that this arrow represented the orientation of the upcoming stimulus, and the arrow gave no useful information about the stimulus location. Nevertheless, subjects responded more quickly when the stimulus appeared at the location pointed to by the arrow,  $F(21,315) = 2.5, p < .001$ . For instance, when the arrow was at  $45^\circ$ , it pointed toward location 4. Once the main effect of orientation is removed from the data, response times for stimuli at location 4 tend to be faster when the orientation is near  $45^\circ$ , and then to be slower when the orientation is  $180^\circ$  away, at  $225^\circ$ . This pattern can clearly be seen in Figure 5. In this figure, the main effect of orientation has been removed, and the data for each of the four locations have been shifted so that in each case the mean for those trials in which the arrow was pointing directly at that location is at the center of the graph, and the mean for those trials in which the arrow was pointing directly away from that location is at either edge of the graph. For each of the four locations, the response times are generally lower at the center point, and higher at the edges, illustrating that the response time increases as the arrow points farther away from the stimulus location. Perhaps the large arrow is suggestive enough that subjects allocate visual attention according to its direction. A second unexpected result from the no-shape cue ANOVA was that responses to the shape J were generally slower for orientations near  $180^\circ$ ,  $F(14,210,) = 3.0, p < .001$ .



**Figure 5: Response times organized by difference between cued orientation and orientation of stimulus location in relation to fixation. Main effect of orientation has been removed.**

The overall analysis showed that the linear increase in response time with orientation difference was much smaller when the shape was cued than when it was not. Nevertheless, a contrast in the shape cue ANOVA showed that the increase was still significant,  $F(1,105) = 113.8, p < .001$ . This rise is apparent at the bottom of Figure 4. As with the no-shape cues, responses were slower to mirror-reversed stimuli,  $F(1,15) = 59.3, p < .001$ .

The shape cue analysis also produced a handful of unexpected results. Responses to mirror-reversed stimuli were especially long for orientations near  $180^\circ$ ,  $F(7,105) = 3.0, p < .01$ . The shape 4 seemed to elicit slower responses,  $F(2,30) = 11.0, p < .001$ , at least when the stimulus was mirror-reversed, and the shape R apparently produced faster responses among the normal stimuli,  $F(2,30) = 15.8, p < .001$ . The shape cue condition did not show the relationship between cued

orientation and location found in the no-shape cue condition,  $F < 1$ , presumably because the shape cue was always a letter or digit, and not an arrow. However, the advantage for normal over mirror-reversed stimuli tended to increase when either end of the stimulus shape axis pointed toward the fixation cross, especially if the stimulus appeared in one of the two locations above the fixation cross,  $F(21,315) = 3.2, p < .001$ . There were no other significant interactions in either the shape cue or the no-shape cue analysis ( $p > .05$  in all cases).

The overall analysis reiterated that subjects responded relatively quickly to the shape R when they did not know the shape in advance, and responded relatively slowly to the shape 4 when they did know the shape,  $F(2,30) = 3.8, p < .05$ . As mentioned before, responses to the shape J were particularly slow for orientations near  $180^\circ$  when the shape was not known,  $F(14,210) = 2.9, p < .001$ . The advantage that comes when the cue is oriented towards the stimulus occurred only when the cue was an arrow, and not when it was a letter or digit,  $F(21,315) = 1.9, p < .01$ . There were no other significant effects in the overall analysis that did not also appear in one of the two smaller analyses ( $p > .05$  in all cases).

An examination of the data from the one rejected subject revealed that she generally responded faster after shape cues than after no-shape cues. However, with both types of cue her response times increased substantially with orientation, suggesting that she was not using the shape cue to form an image, and was therefore forced to rotate every stimulus. This pattern is consistent with her description of her strategy.

*Testing for hemispheric differences.* Farah (1986) demonstrated an advantage for the left hemisphere over the right at using an image in a visual discrimination task. Because the stimuli in Experiment 1 were presented on either side of the visual field and were presented too quickly for a saccade, we can



perform contrasts to test for a left-hemisphere advantage in this mental rotation task. In the shape cue analysis, response times were significantly faster for the two right-hemifield (left-hemisphere) locations,  $F(1,45) = 4.9, p < .05$ . There was no hint of an advantage with the no-shape cues,  $F < 1$ , just as would be expected if the advantage were due entirely to imagery. However, in the overall analysis, the advantage for the right-hemifield locations was not significantly larger with the shape cues than with the no-shape cues,  $F(1,45) = 1.6, p > .2$ . Thus, altogether these results suggest that the left hemisphere enjoys an advantage for this mental rotation task, but the evidence that this advantage is entirely due to imagery is not particularly strong.

Note that Farah (1984, 1986) claims that the left hemisphere should be better at *generating* visual images. In this task, the shape cue consists of the correct shape at the correct orientation. If subjects can retain an image of the cue and adjust its location after the stimulus appears, then they do not need to generate an image from memory. The same is true for Farah's (1986) experiment in which she originally demonstrated the left-hemisphere advantage. More work is necessary to determine whether the left hemisphere enjoys an advantage for generating images, adjusting their location, or both.

**Error rates.** To test whether any of the critical results described above could be attributed to speed/accuracy trade-offs, we analyzed the error rates from Experiment 1. Data from both the shape cue and no-shape cue conditions were submitted to an ANOVA using the same factors as in the combined analysis of response times. Everything found in the error rates was consistent with the response time data. Subjects made more errors as the orientation difference increased,  $F(1,105) = 103.4, p < .001$ , especially with no-shape cues,  $F(1,105) = 39.6, p < .001$ . Subjects made fewer errors when the shape was cued beforehand,  $F(1,15) = 27.8, p < .001$ . They made fewer errors with the letter R, and more with

the numeral 4,  $F(2,30) = 6.5$ ,  $p < .01$ . As with the response times, the normal stimuli enjoyed an advantage over the mirror-reversed stimuli when either end of the stimulus shape axis pointed toward the fixation cross,  $F(21,315) = 2.1$ ,  $p < .005$ . No other main effects or interactions were significant in the error rate analysis ( $p > .05$  in all cases). Because all of these effects correspond to effects in the response time data, there is no evidence of any speed/accuracy trade-off.

## ***Discussion***

The results from this experiment are strikingly similar to those from Cooper & Shepard's experiment. Note also that the peaks of the response time distributions in this experiment are also about the same as Cooper & Shepard's: In both experiments, response times for 180° stimuli are just over 400 msec when both shape and orientation are known, and about 1000 msec when only orientation is known. The similarity between the results from Experiment 1, in which subjects do not know the location of the stimulus in advance, and those from Cooper & Shepard's experiment, in which subjects do know the location, leads to the conclusion that knowing the location of a stimulus makes at most a small difference in using an image to make a mirror-reversal judgment. Perhaps the fact that location is not more important in these representations should not be surprising, because this property makes these representations much more useful in a world in which objects can often appear at any location in the visual field.

The large difference in the effect of orientation between the shape cue and no-shape cue conditions makes it clear that the stimuli are processed very differently in the two conditions. Nevertheless, the increase in response time with orientation difference in the shape cue condition is also significant, even

though it is much smaller than in the no-shape cue condition. Subjects are likely to be occasionally rotating stimuli in this condition even when they know the shape, either because they have forgotten the cue or because they want to perform an additional test to be sure of their response. If the stimulus is mirror-reversed, it will not match the image representation that the subject has prepared beforehand. We might expect that subjects would be more likely to perform an extra test in this case, and the data are in accordance with this suggestion.

In this experiment, we used only half the number of shapes that Cooper & Shepard used in their experiment. Because our results are so similar to theirs, it appears that this variation had little effect on the general outcome of the experiment. Obviously, if only a single shape were used, subjects would always know the shape before the stimulus appeared, and once the orientation was cued they would generally be able to prepare an image in advance. Using three different shapes, however, appears to be adequate for demonstrating mental rotation.

Experiment 1 demonstrates that location differences can be handled quickly and easily in mental rotation, but it does not give a definitive answer to the question of location-specificity in the mental representations that are used in this task. Location differences could be handled in two different ways. In the shape cue condition, the stimulus might be normalized or otherwise recoded into a location-independent form, and then compared against a location-independent image representation. On the other hand, when the mental image is prepared before the stimulus appears, it might be represented at a particular location, probably corresponding to the center of the display. Once the stimulus appears, the location of the image could then be adjusted so that it matches the stimulus location, and it could then be compared with the stimulus. Because each of the four stimulus locations in Experiment 1 is the same distance from the

center, the time necessary to move the image to each location would be the same. We cannot compare our results and those of Cooper & Shepard with enough precision to measure whether our subjects required extra time to adjust the represented location. However, the similarity between the two sets of results suggests that if location adjustment is necessary, it must be done very quickly.

## ***Experiment 2***

Experiment 2 is designed to determine whether the representations used in mental rotation are in fact location-independent. Testing for location effects is somewhat more complicated than testing for orientation effects. Measuring orientation adjustment is relatively easy because the shapes have a standard orientation associated with them. Whenever a stimulus appears at a nonstandard orientation, an adjustment will be necessary, unless the subject knows the shape and the orientation long enough in advance to prepare an image representation for comparison. However, objects do not have standard locations associated with them, and thus many of the types of circumstances that require orientation adjustment may not require location adjustment. To measure location adjustment, therefore, we must induce subjects to create the appropriate image by telling them the shape and orientation of the upcoming stimulus, and by leading them to believe that it will appear at a particular location. Then we can measure the “movement” of the image to another location.

There are other complications in measuring location adjustment. In order to maximize the possible distance between cue and test stimulus, these shapes will be positioned at the far sides of the display. Thus, they will be subject to less thorough processing because of the decrease of acuity with retinal eccentricity.

As in Experiment 1, all stimuli will appear the same distance from the fixation cross so that there are no substantial acuity differences. Additionally, by presenting stimuli at different locations, we run the risk of introducing eye movements, which would add to the response times and obscure the important effects. Eye movements were not a problem in Experiment 1, because the cue always appeared at the center of the screen. The subjects did not know where the stimulus would appear, and it disappeared too quickly for them to make a saccade. In this experiment, subjects must know in advance where the stimulus is likely to appear; therefore we must prevent them from saccading to that location.

Cooper and Shepard showed that the amount of time necessary to adjust orientation varied with the amount of adjustment necessary. The current experiment will test for a similar pattern in location adjustments by varying the amount of adjustment necessary from trial to trial. Looking for processing differences at different locations will be complicated by the allocation of visual attention. Attention experiments have shown that subjects respond more quickly to stimuli that appear at an expected location (Posner, Nissen, & Ogden, 1978; Posner, Snyder, & Davidson, 1980), and that, at least in some circumstances, response time tends to increase with larger distances between the expected location and the actual location (Downing & Pinker, 1985; Rizzolatti, Riggio, Dascola, & Umiltá, 1987). To ensure that any distance effect is due to the adjustment of image representations and not to general attentional factors, we must compare response times with and without image representations. Because subjects cannot create an image without knowing the shape, Experiment 2 will have two different conditions, with the same sort of shape cues and no-shape cues used in Experiment 1. For clarity, the condition with shape cues will now be

referred to as the image condition, and the condition with no-shape cues will be called the no-image condition.

## **Method**

*Subjects.* This experiment required subjects to fixate at one location on the display while attending to a stimulus at a distant location. Additionally, because a pupil tracker was monitoring eye position, subjects were required to keep their eyes open from the beginning to the end of each trial. When they began the first session, most subjects were not able to successfully complete many trials. Most of them, however, improved with practice, and a total of 15 successfully completed the entire experiment. A similar number of subjects began the experiment but quit after a significant amount of practice, either on their own or at the suggestion of the experimenter. All subjects were from the M. I. T. Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences subject pool, and all were paid for their time, whether or not they completed the experiment. Most were M. I. T. undergraduates, and their vision was normal or corrected to normal. These subjects did not participate in the previous experiment.

*Apparatus.* The computer, video display, and response keys used in this experiment were the same types used in Experiment 1. An ISCAN model RK-416 pupil tracker was used to monitor eye movements. The eye tracker received an image of the subject's left eye from an RCA TC2000 video camera with a close-focus lens and an infrared filter. A table light fitted with an infrared filter illuminated the subject's eye, and a chin rest and forehead restraint held the subject's head in place.

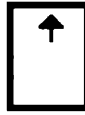
The pupil tracker received a video image of the subject's left eye from the camera 60 times each second. In each video image, the pupil tracker used an

algorithm implemented in hardware to locate the pupil by identifying a large dark region. It then calculated the center of this region, and transmitted the horizontal and vertical coordinates of the center's location within the video image to the computer. When the subject steadily fixated on a single location, there was a small amount of variation in the coordinates from the pupil tracker, due mainly to small changes in the video image from cycle to cycle. The program controlling the experiment recorded the eye position once at the beginning of each trial, and then monitored the eye position continuously until the subject responded. If the distance between the original recorded position and the current eye position ever exceeded a threshold, the trial was aborted. Before subjects were tested, we determined the lowest level at which we could set the threshold without producing an inordinate number of false alarms. The threshold value we used generally allowed for the detection of eye movements of 2.5° of visual angle or greater.

*Stimuli.* As in Experiment 1, each stimulus consisted of a single character, either the letter J, the letter R, or the numeral 4. As before, the characters could be normal or mirror-reversed. This experiment required that a number of different factors be varied and thus required a large number of different types of trials. Therefore, only four orientations were used, 45°, 135°, 225°, and 315°.

As in Experiment 1, each test stimulus was preceded by either a shape cue or a no-shape cue. Each shape cue consisted of a character at a particular orientation. In this experiment, we did not use a large arrow as the no-shape cue as we did in Experiment 1, so that subjects would be less likely to shift attention in the direction of the arrow, as they seemed to do in that experiment. Instead, each no-shape cue was a rectangle the same size as the characters, with a small arrow indicating its top, as shown in Figure 6. As with the shape cue, the

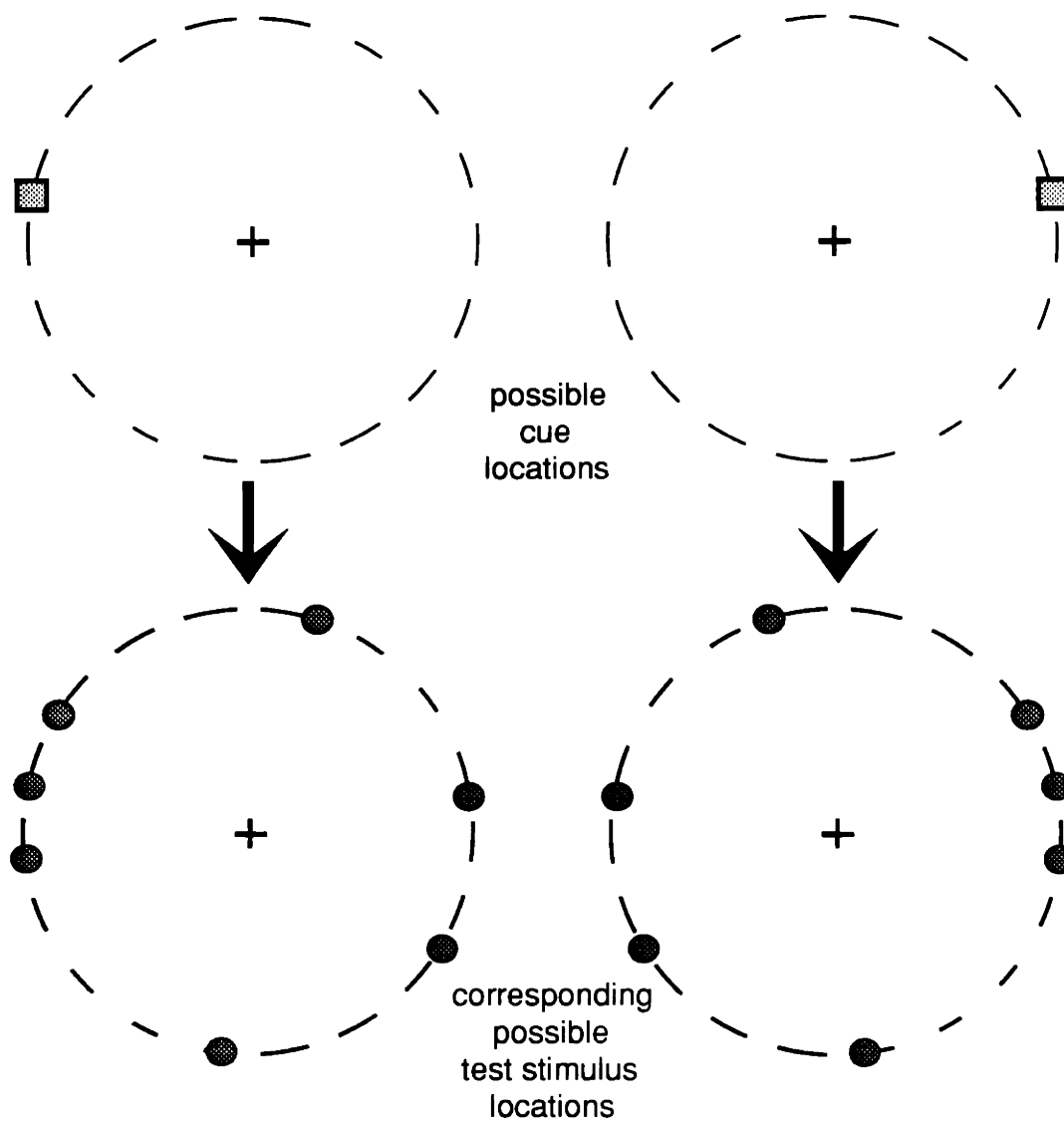
orientation of the box corresponded to the orientation of the upcoming test stimulus.



**Figure 6: The no-shape cue used in Experiment 2.**

For the duration of each trial, a small fixation cross occupied the center of the screen. Each of the cue and test stimuli was positioned on an imaginary circle that was centered on the fixation cross, so that they were all 5.6 cm ( $6.4^\circ$ ) from the fixation cross. The cue could appear at one of two locations, either to the far left or the far right of the display. (We used only two different cue locations because of the large number of different types of trials necessary for this experiment.) The cue was not vertically aligned with the fixation cross; instead, its vertical location was slightly higher, as shown at the top of Figure 7. (A line connecting the cue and the fixation cross would intersect a horizontal line with an angle of  $12^\circ$ .) This displacement was to ensure that test stimuli appearing at the cued location would not receive any benefit or cost that might come from being aligned with the fixation cross. The test stimulus could occur at the same location as the cue, or at one of the locations  $20^\circ$ ,  $95^\circ$ , or  $160^\circ$  around the imaginary circle in either direction from the cued location, yielding distances of 1.9 cm, 8.3 cm, and 11.0 cm between cue and test stimulus.





**Figure 7: The top two figures illustrate the two possible cue locations relative to the fixation cross. The bottom two figures illustrate the seven possible test stimulus locations that correspond to each of the cue locations.**

*Procedure.* As in Experiment 1, the subject was seated in front of the CRT in a dimly lit room. The subject was instructed to keep one hand on each of the response keys.

Each trial began with the presentation of the small fixation cross at the center of the display. The cross remained on the screen until the end of the trial, and subjects were instructed to keep their eyes fixed on it until then. The eye position was recorded 1500 msec after the fixation cross appeared, and it was monitored for the rest of the trial. If the computer detected a substantial eye movement at any time during the trial, a buzzer sounded, the screen flashed red, and the trial was aborted.

The cue appeared just after the eye position was recorded. Because subjects did not know where the cue would appear until after the eye monitoring began, they could not begin the trial with their eyes fixed on the cue. The cue remained on the screen for 700 msec, and then disappeared. In the image condition, the cue provided information about the shape, orientation, and location of the test stimulus that would appear soon afterwards; in the no-image condition, the cue provided information about only the orientation and location. The shape information (when it was available) and the orientation information were always accurate. The location information, however, was only accurate on half the trials. In the other half of the trials, the location was evenly distributed over the other six possible locations. Because of the disproportionately large number of stimuli at the cued location, subjects were better off to position images at the cued location than at any other location. The instructions stated that the cue would often occur at the same location as the test stimulus, but there was no mention of imagery or image position.

The test stimulus appeared 1500 msec after the cue disappeared. As in Experiment 1, the computer waited for the beginning of a video cycle, presented the test stimulus, waited for an interval of 120 msec, and then removed it at the beginning of the next video cycle. As before, subjects pressed the key under the dominant hand if the test stimulus was normal, and the other key if it was

mirror-reversed. If the subject pressed the wrong key, the screen flashed blue and a buzzer sounded (using a different tone than that used to indicate an eye movement). Error and eye movement trials were saved and were repeated at the end of each block of 128 trials, and this process continued until all trials in that block had been completed correctly. After every 32 trials, the computer stopped presenting trials and the subject was allowed to take a break.

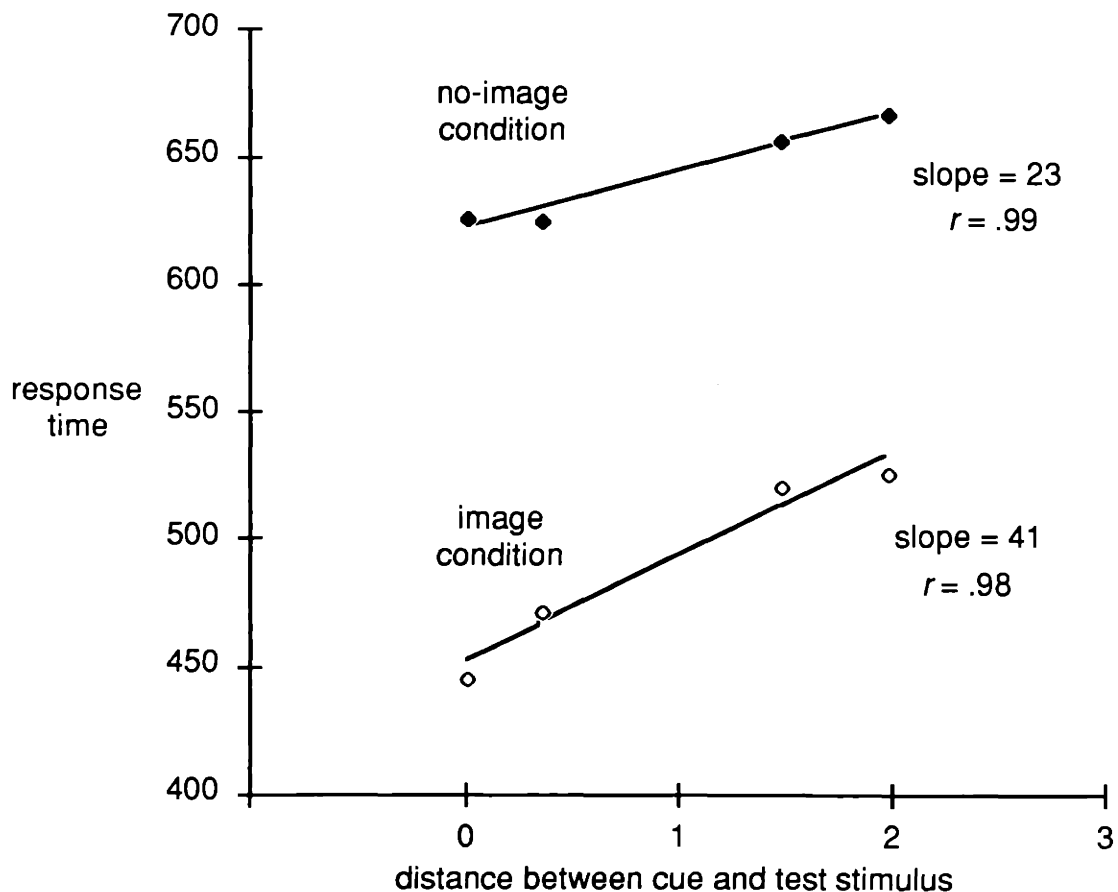
With two cue types, three shapes, four orientations, two responses (normal and mirror-reversed), there were a total of 48 trial types for each location. For each cue location, six stimuli occurred at the same location as the cue, and one appeared at each of the six possible uncued locations. Because there were two different cue locations, there were a total of 1152 trials for each subject, not including those that were repeated because of errors. A new random order was generated for each subject, with all the different trial types intermixed. Each of these subjects generally required about four testing sessions, each lasting for an hour or less.

## **Results**

*Response times.* The response time data were submitted to an ANOVA with cue type, orientation, handedness (normal or mirror-reversed), shape (R, J, or 4), distance, cue hemifield (left or right), and placement around the circle (clockwise or counterclockwise, which was irrelevant for stimuli at the cued location) as factors. Subjects made incorrect responses on 2% of the trials. As described above, incorrect trials were repeated at the end of the block, and only response times from correct trials were included in the analysis.

The main purpose of Experiment 2 was to measure the effects of distance on the use of images. A contrast revealed that response times generally

increased with the distance between cue and test stimulus,  $F(1,42) = 96.6, p < .001$ . More importantly, a second contrast showed that this increase was greater in the image (shape cue) condition than in the no-image (no-shape cue) condition,  $F(1,42) = 12.3, p < .005$ . Figure 8 shows the data from these two conditions, along with the best-fitting regression line for each. In the no-image condition, the increase with distance probably reflects the attentional effects described earlier. The slope in the image condition is almost twice as large, suggesting that subjects are moving the image from the cued location to the stimulus location.

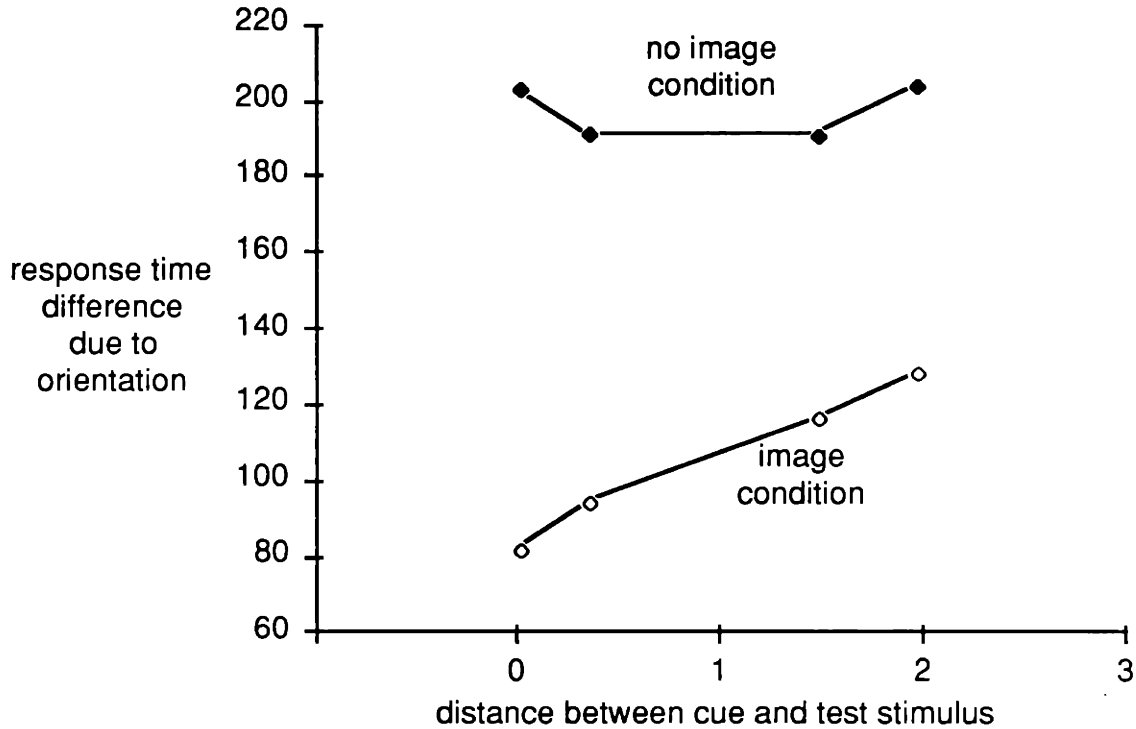


**Figure 8: Response time as a function of distance between cue and test stimulus for both image and no-image conditions. The unit of distance is the radius of the imaginary circle on which the test stimuli fell. The  $r$  values give the correlation between mean response time and distance for each of the two conditions.**

As in Experiment 1, subjects responded more quickly when they knew the shape of the stimulus beforehand,  $F(1,14) = 129.0, p < .001$ . As expected, contrasts showed that responses were faster for the two orientations near  $0^\circ$  than for the two near  $180^\circ$ ,  $F(1, 42) = 160.8, p < .001$ , and that the advantage for the easier orientations was greater when the shape was unknown,  $F(1,42) = 54.2, p < .001$ . These results indicate that subjects were using the shape information to make images, and that these images helped them with the more difficult orientations, just as in Experiment 1.

If subjects always move an image to the stimulus location, wherever it might be, then once the image is in place, subjects should be able to respond quickly to any orientation, regardless of the distance the image has moved. When we tested this claim, however, we found an interesting result. For each distance in both the image and no-image conditions, we calculated the response time difference between the two easy orientations and the two orientations. The results are shown in Figure 9. A contrast confirms what is clear in the figure: There is a linear increase in the orientation difference that is limited to the image condition,  $F(1,126) = 4.3, p < .05$ . This pattern is not necessarily inconsistent with the claim that subjects move images to the stimulus location. The presence of a small but significant orientation effect in the shape cue condition of Experiment 1 indicates that even when subjects have enough information to create an image in advance, they sometimes decide to rotate the stimulus. Perhaps they occasionally lose the image before they can compare it against the stimulus. The longer the distance from the cue to the stimulus, the farther the image must be moved before it can be compared with the stimulus. Thus with longer distances, the image must be maintained longer is is more likely to be lost. Additionally, the longer distance means that the subject must work harder to use the image, and it is therefore more attractive to abandon the

image and rotate the stimulus instead. Therefore, subjects are likely to rotate the stimulus more often with longer distances, and when the response times are averaged there will be a larger orientation effect with longer distances.



**Figure 9: The difference between the mean response times for the two difficult orientations (near 180°) and the two easy orientations (near 0°).**

Once again, subjects responded more slowly to mirror-reversed stimuli,  $F(1,14) = 29.3, p < .001$ . Responses were faster for the shape R and slower for the shape 4,  $F(2,28) = 16.3, p < .001$ , much as they were before. Neither cue hemifield nor placement direction (clockwise or counterclockwise) exerted a measurable influence on response time,  $F < 1$  in both cases.

The analysis produced a number of additional results that are not directly relevant to location adjustment in image representations, but may be interesting for what they reveal about other aspects of these representations. Responses to mirror-reversed stimuli were impeded more by the difficult orientations than

were responses to normal stimuli,  $F(3,42) = 7.5, p < .001$ , but only if the shape was known,  $F(3,42) = 4.4, p < .01$ . A similar pattern appeared in the shape cue ANOVA of Experiment 1, but not in the no-shape cue ANOVA. Tarr & Pinker (1989) provide a possible explanation for this pattern, based on the fact that subjects have little experience viewing mirror-reversed characters, but a huge amount of experience viewing normal characters. Usually the normal characters appear at the standard orientation, but subjects probably see them often enough at other orientations near the standard to form mental representations of them at those orientations. These representations allow subjects to recognize tilted characters directly, without rotating them. Because they encounter mirror-reversed characters less often, they almost never see them at nonstandard orientations, and therefore only form representations of them at the standard orientation. When a tilted mirror-reversed character appears, subjects cannot recognize it directly, and must rotate it. An alternative explanation is based on the idea that subjects always rotate stimuli when they are not given the shape, and occasionally rotate stimuli as an extra check when they are given the shape. When subjects use the shape information to prepare an image beforehand, a mirror-reversed stimulus will not match the image. If subjects are more inclined to perform an extra check after a mismatch than after a match, then when response times are averaged there will be a larger orientation effect for the mirror-reversed stimuli than for the normals. When the shape is unknown, all stimuli are rotated, and the orientation effect is equally large for normal and mirror-reversed stimuli.

For some reason, the variation in response time across different distances was generally greater for mirror-reversed stimuli than for normal stimuli,  $F(3,42) = 7.7, p < .001$ . There were ten other significant interactions ( $p < .05$ ), which is not surprising. Given that there are seven factors in this analysis and

127 main effects and interactions, there are that number of chances for spurious significant effects. None reached the significance level of the effects reported here ( $p > .01$  in all cases), and none appeared directly relevant to the questions at hand.

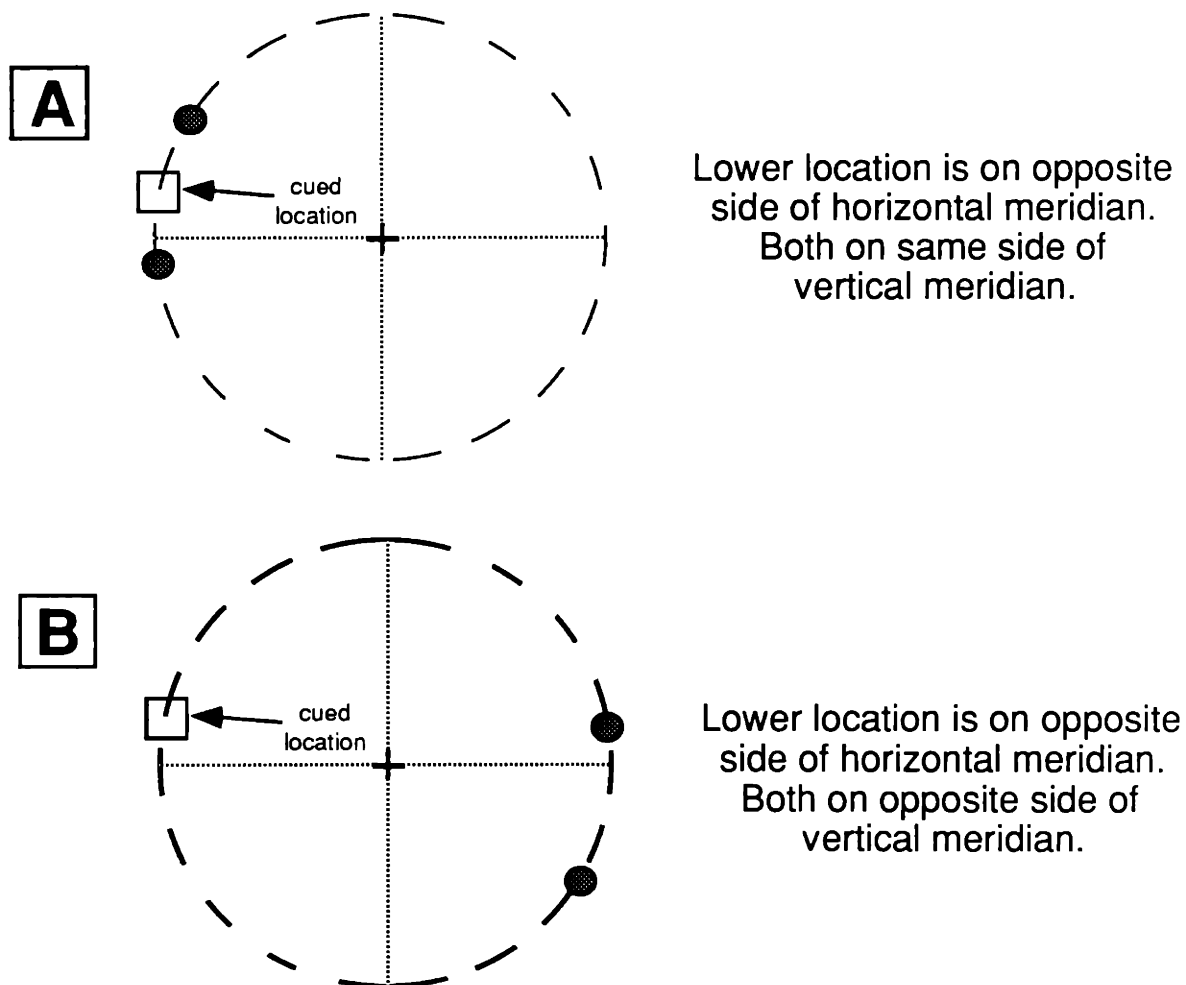
*Crossing the Vertical and Horizontal Meridians.* Before going on, we must investigate an alternative explanation for the response time differences that are attributed to distance between the cued location and the stimulus location. Experiments in visual attention have demonstrated that response times are raised when a stimulus is located on the opposite side of the vertical or horizontal meridian from the cue that precedes it (Downing & Pinker, 1985; Hughes & Zimba, 1985; Hughes & Zimba, 1987; Rizzolatti, Riggio, Dascola, & Umiltá, 1987). Perhaps stimuli that are farther from the cued location require more time only because they are more likely to be in a different quadrant than the cued location. Although this experiment was not specifically designed to test this hypothesis, we can test it by first comparing response times for pairs of locations that are in different quadrants but at the same distance from the cued location, and then by comparing location pairs that are in the same quadrant but at different distances from the cued location.

To test whether response time increases with meridian crossings in imagery, we must identify one stimulus location that is on the same side of a meridian as the cue, and a corresponding location on the other side of the meridian that is the same distance away from the cue. Two such location pairs are illustrated in Figure 10. In both cases, one stimulus is on each side of the horizontal meridian. Configurations with the cue on the left of the display are used as examples in Figure 10, although in half the trials the cue was on the right. There was another location pair that was not used because one location was on the opposite side of the horizontal meridian from the cue and the other



was on the opposite side of the vertical meridian. If we are to be sure that any effect of meridian crossing in these comparisons is due to imagery and not attention, then we must test not just the difference associated with the two locations, but rather the variation in this location difference between the image and no-image conditions.

### **Pairs of Stimulus Locations at the Same Distance from the Cued Location but Within Different Quadrants**



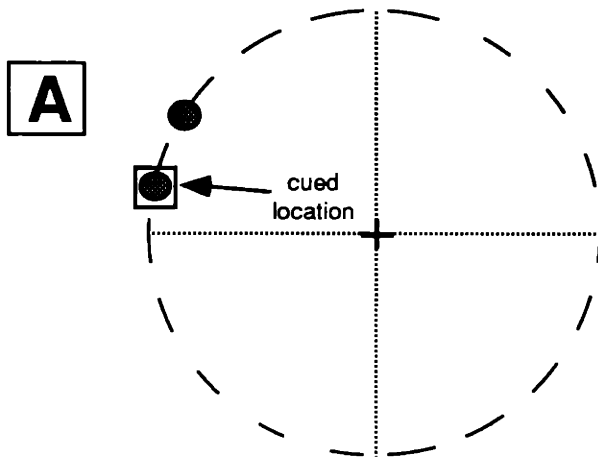
**Figure 10:** In order to test whether response time increases when an image must cross the horizontal or vertical meridian, we compared

**response times for the two pairs of locations illustrated above. For each pair, the two locations are in different quadrants of the visual field, but are both at the same distance from the cued location.**

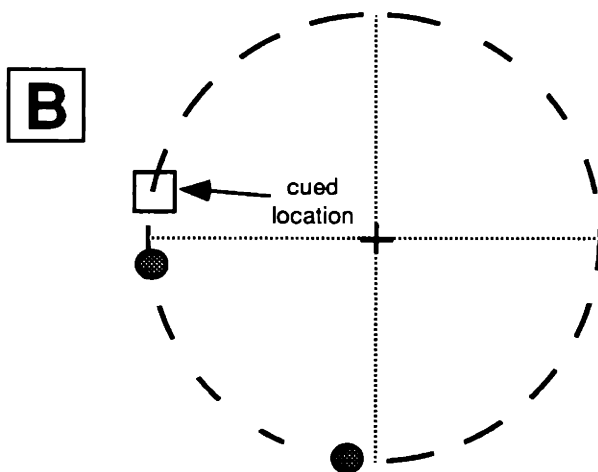
For the first location pair, presented in Figure 10a, the response time was no higher when the stimulus occurred on the opposite side of the horizontal meridian from the stimulus. (The response time was very slightly less, in both image and no-image conditions.) For the second pair, presented in Figure 10b, response time increased by 14 msec in the image condition when the stimulus occurred on the opposite side of the horizontal meridian. However, the no-image condition yielded a difference of 15 msec, and thus the response time difference must be due to something other than the movement of an image. The difference might be due to the attentional factors demonstrated by Downing & Pinker, Hughes & Zimba, and Rizzolatti *et. al.* Given that there was no difference in the first location pair, however, it is perhaps more prudent to attribute the difference to the fact that one location is almost aligned horizontally with the cued location, while the other is not.

Thus these comparisons yield no evidence that response time increases when an image and stimulus are in different hemifields. We can now look for evidence that the response time differences are due to distance and not meridian crossings by comparing location pairs that are in the same quadrant but are at different distances from the cued location. There are three different pairs of stimulus locations in this experiment that meet these criteria. They are illustrated in Figure 11. As before, because we are interested in the effects of image location rather than visual attention, we must compare differences between image and no-image conditions.

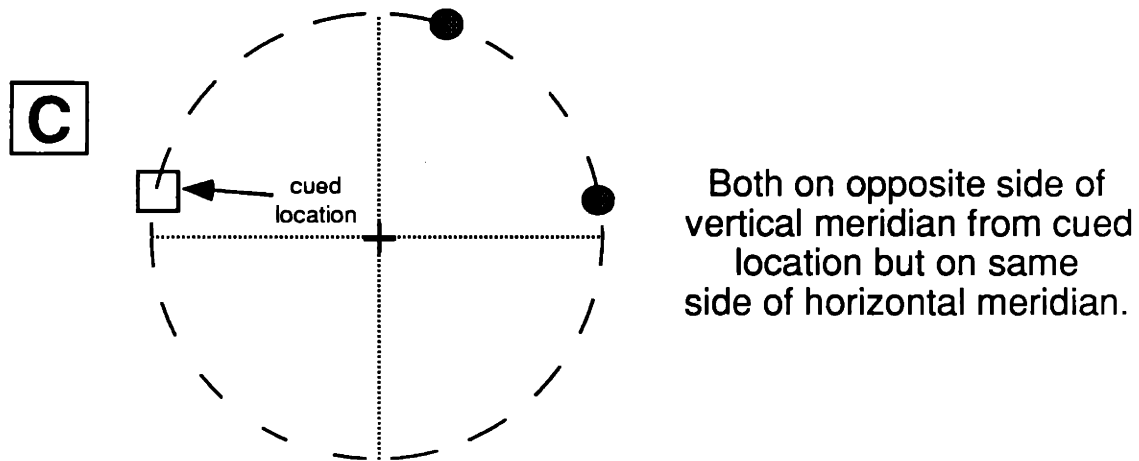
## Pairs of Stimulus Locations Within the Same Quadrant but Differing in Distance from the Cued Location



Both in same quadrant  
as cued location.



Both on same side of  
vertical meridian as cued  
location but on opposite  
side of horizontal meridian.



**Figure 11:** In order to test whether the response time increase in Experiment 2 could be attributed to distance, we compared response times for the three pairs of locations illustrated above. For each pair, the two locations are in the same quadrant of the visual field, but at different distances from the cued location.

In the location pair depicted in Figure 11a, both locations are in the same quadrant as the cue, and one location is the cued location itself. With this pair, there was a difference of 27 msec in the image condition, and almost no difference in the no-image condition: Response times were higher when an image must be moved from one location to another,  $F(1,98) = 3.4, p < .05$ .<sup>1</sup> However, there might be a special advantage when the test stimulus occurs at exactly the same location as the image. A better test would use two locations such as those depicted in Figure 11b, neither of which is the cued location. In this pair, both locations are in the quadrant below the quadrant occupied by the cue. Thus, they are both on the opposite side of the horizontal meridian from the cue, but on the same side of the vertical meridian. In this case, there was a 50

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<sup>1</sup> In these contrasts we are specifically testing for an increase that was greater in the image condition, and thus we can use a one-tailed test. The  $p$  values will be half as large as for a two-tailed test. Additionally, because these contrasts involve a combination of different factors and interactions from the overall analysis with different error terms, the error terms used in the contrasts were obtained by pooling the error terms from the relevant interactions in the overall ANOVA, according to the procedure described by Rosenthal & Rosnow (1985) chap. 6.

msec difference in the image condition, and only a 24 msec difference in the no-image condition. As with the first pair, this interaction was significant,  $F(1,84) = 2.9, p < .05$ , and thus adds additional weight to the claim that response time increases with distance, regardless of the relative location of the meridians. In the final pair, depicted in Figure 11c, both locations are on the opposite side of the vertical meridian from the cue, but are on the same side of the horizontal meridian. In this case, there was no measurable increase in response time with distance in either the image or no-image conditions. (In both cases the response time was very slightly lower for the longer distance.) Because of the geometry of the imaginary circle, the distance between each of these locations and the cued location is much less than for the second pair, and thus if response time depends on distance between image and stimulus, we would expect the difference between these two locations to be smaller and more difficult to measure. Therefore the lack of a detectable difference between these two locations is not too surprising.

Obviously, these tests are less than perfect. A firm conclusion would require another experiment using a different set of stimulus locations. Ideally, vertical and horizontal crossings should be tested independently, distance should be tested within a quadrant without using exactly the same location as the cue, and none of the stimuli should be positioned too near a meridian. Nevertheless, these comparisons generally point to a single consistent result. Neither of the meridian comparisons shows any hint of an increase in response time with meridian crossing. Two of the three distance comparisons show increases with increasing distance, and the third involves a difference in distances that is too small to elicit a measurable effect. Taken together, the results from these comparisons make it unlikely that the response time differences in Experiment 2

could be due to meridian crossings and not to the distance between the image and the stimulus.

*Testing for hemispheric differences.* This experiment, like the previous one, presents an opportunity to test for hemispheric differences in the use of image representations. To begin with, we performed separate analyses for the image and no-image conditions, using only data from trials in which the stimulus appeared at the cued location, on either the left or right side of the visual field. Surprisingly, in the image condition subjects responded more quickly to the left-hemifield (right-hemisphere) stimuli,  $F(1,14) = 4.7, p < .05$ . This difference probably has little to do with imagery, however, because there was an even larger advantage for the left-hemifield stimuli in the no-image condition, although it did not reach significance,  $F(1,14) = 2.4, p > .1$ . A third analysis combining the shape cue and no-shape cue data for the cued location showed that the overall right-hemisphere advantage was significant,  $F(1,14) = 5.1, p < .05$ , but that it did not differ between the two conditions,  $F < 1$ . Thus, when the stimulus is at the cued location, this experiment shows no advantage in imagery for either hemisphere, although it does suggest a general (perhaps attentional) advantage for the right hemisphere.

In Experiment 1 the cue always occurred at the center of the display, away from the stimulus locations, and there was at least some evidence for a left-hemisphere advantage in the imagery condition. Perhaps the left-hemisphere imagery advantage only appears when the location must be adjusted in the image. If so, then there should be a left-hemisphere advantage in Experiment 2 for those stimuli at the shortest distance away from the cued location. These stimuli require movement of the image, but they are still located in the same hemifield as the image. Unfortunately, there is no hint of a left-hemisphere imagery advantage in these trials either. In both the image and no-image

conditions, responses are faster for the left hemifield (right hemisphere), but the difference is not significant in either,  $F(1,14) = 1.8, p > .2$  for the no-image condition,  $F(1,14) = 3.7, p > .07$  for the image condition. When both conditions were combined in a single analysis, the overall right-hemisphere advantage was significant,  $F(1,14) = 11.1, p < .01$ . Although the advantage was slightly larger in the image condition, the difference between the two conditions was not significant,  $F < 1$ . As with the cued location, there appears to be a general right-hemisphere advantage, but no imagery advantage for either hemisphere. Therefore, Experiments 1 and 2 taken together shed little light on the question of hemispheric advantages in image generation or location adjustment.

*Error rates.* We subjected the error rates to an ANOVA analogous to that used for the response times, and for each of the important response time effects we examined the corresponding effect in the error rates. In no case did we find any evidence of a speed/accuracy trade-off. As expected, subjects made more errors when the shape was not cued,  $F(1,14) = 10.4, p < .01$ . There were more errors for the two orientations near  $180^\circ$  than for the two orientations near  $0^\circ$ ,  $F(1,42) = 45.9, p < .001$ , and this difference was more pronounced when the shape was not cued,  $F(1,42) = 16.8, p < .001$ . The letter R elicited the fewest errors,  $F(2,28) = 4.6, p < .02$ . Normal stimuli tended to produce fewer errors than mirror-reversed, but the trend was not significant,  $F(1,14) = 3.7, p < .08$ . There were no significant error differences due to distance,  $F(3,42) = 2.2, p > .1$ , cue hemifield,  $F < 1$ , or placement direction,  $F(1,14) = 1.1, p > .3$ .

The error analysis revealed other interesting findings. Error rates were higher for mirror-reversed stimuli than for normal stimuli if the shape was cued,  $F(1,14) = 16.7, p < .002$ . This pattern is consistent with the idea that all stimuli are rotated when the shape is unknown, and a few stimuli, especially those that are mirror-reversed, are rotated when the shape is known. In

addition, there were more errors with the no-shape cue than with the shape cue for the letter J,  $F(2,28) = 8.2, p < .005$ , and there were more errors for the number 4 when the stimulus was mirror-reversed than when it is not,  $F(2,28) = 5.4, p < .02$ . Although error rates were generally higher for the two orientations near  $180^\circ$ , there was little difference between orientations with the letter R,  $F(6,84) = 2.8, p < .02$ . There a single additional interaction for which  $p < .01$ , and eight for which  $p < .05$ . None of these interactions appeared directly relevant to the questions at hand.

## ***Discussion***

Although Experiment 2 uses a procedure that is different from Cooper & Shepard's, it leads to similar conclusions. In both experiments, adjustments of spatial properties require an amount of time proportional to the size of the adjustment, and in both experiments the need for this adjustment time varies depending on whether or not subjects know the shape of the stimulus in advance. The results from both experiments seem to reflect a shape-specific representation in which spatial properties are represented integrally with shape and in which these spatial properties are adjusted gradually.

If there is no linkage between the representation of shape and the representation of orientation or location, then it is difficult to explain why the time necessary to compensate for a change in one of these spatial properties should depend on knowledge of the shape. The data presented in Figure 8 illustrate this point for location adjustments. The pattern in these data is counterintuitive in that the condition with the faster response times also exhibits the larger slope. Overall, subjects were faster when they could prepare an image. When they did, however, they had relatively more trouble with



stimuli that were farther from the cued location. Cave & Kosslyn (1989) found a very similar pattern in a size scaling experiment. In that case, responses were generally faster when subjects prepared for the correct shape to appear than when they prepared for the incorrect shape. With the correct shape, however, response time increased more sharply with the ratio between expected and actual size than it did with the incorrect shape. Together these two results suggest that images can generally be used in visual perception to speed certain shape processing tasks, but that in doing so they make visual processing more susceptible to irrelevant differences in spatial properties. For an image representation to be optimally useful in a comparison with a visual stimulus, it must be encoded at the right location. By demonstrating this fact, Experiment 2 underscores once again that the organization of the image representation corresponds in many ways to the organization of the visual input. It also demonstrates a correspondence between mental rotation and other imagery paradigms, such as Farah's (1985) and the image scanning experiments, in which location plays a role.

The data from the no-image condition of Experiment 2 also show an increase in response time with distance, although it is smaller than in the image condition. Presumably this increase reflects differences in the allocation of attention to different locations in the visual field. If for some reason attention were allocated in a more focussed manner in the image condition than the no-image condition, then the entire distance effect might be due to attention, and not the adjustment of an image representation. The plausibility of this explanation, however, depends on the definition of attention. If attention is a general facilitation of processing that applies to any stimulus within a general region of the visual field, then it is difficult to understand why the allocation of this facilitation would vary between the image and no-image conditions. In both conditions, the test stimuli are exactly the same. The task is the same as well, in

the sense that in each condition the subject must decide whether a rotated character is mirror-reversed. The only thing that varies between the conditions is the subject's knowledge of the shape. There is no apparent reason why the allocation of this general facilitation would vary with the knowledge of shape, and thus it is more plausible to attribute the distance effect to image adjustment.

Note that Cooper & Shepard's data are subject to the same sort of attentional explanation. Subjects may set themselves for stimuli at a particular orientation, and their ability to select an orientation may vary with their knowledge of the shape. However, there is no reason to expect selection by orientation to differ with knowledge of shape, just as there is no reason to expect selection by location to differ with knowledge of shape. Therefore the attention explanation seems less plausible than the image adjustment explanation for the orientation case, just as it does for the location case.

Additionally, an account based entirely on general attentional differences will have trouble accounting for the data in Figure 9. These data show that the difference between easy and difficult orientations increases with larger distances, suggesting that at the larger distances subjects are more likely to rotate the stimulus after it appears. A general decrease in attentional facilitation should not make rotation any more necessary. However, these data fit well with an image explanation if we assume that image representations "fade" over time, as explained earlier. Because more time is necessary to adjust image location over longer distances, the image is more likely to fade, forcing the subject to rotate the stimulus when it appears. Therefore, these data support an explanation based on image location adjustment over one based on a change in general attentional facilitation.

On the other hand, attention might be a more specific sort of facilitation. It is conceivable that subjects can set themselves to expect a particular shape at a

particular location, and that when they do they respond more quickly to this shape at this location than to any other shape or to the same shape at any other location. However, there seems to be little difference between setting oneself to see a particular shape at a particular location and imaging that shape at that location. This sort of attention seems to have much in common with visual imagery, and if the distance effect is due to this sort of attention, then it might very well be considered the result of imagery.

*Rate of location adjustment.* Experiment 1 demonstrated that if location adjustments in image representations take any time at all, it is a very small amount of time, and thus not easy to measure. Nevertheless, Experiment 2 succeeded in measuring that adjustment time, and it is indeed fast enough to account for the similarity between the results of Experiment 1 and those of Cooper & Shepard. From the slope displayed in Figure 8, we can conclude that subjects in Experiment 1 probably required an extra 40 msec or so to respond to each stimulus in the shape cue condition because they did not know where it would appear. Of course, part of this extra time may be due to the allocation of attention rather than to image location adjustment. From these results, we conclude that the representations used in mental rotation are *not* location-independent, but they are the next best thing. The representation is coded for a specific location, but that represented location can be adjusted quickly and easily when necessary.

The results from Experiment 2 can be compared specifically with results from image scanning experiments by comparing the rate at which location is adjusted. To determine the rate at which images “move” in this experiment, we can use the slope for the image condition depicted in Figure 8. However, determining the adjustment rate is complicated in this experiment. The image and the focus of visual attention will be at the same location, and thus part of the

slope for the image condition might be due to attentional factors. The no-image condition demonstrates that responses are slower when the stimulus is at an unexpected location. If the extra processing necessary for unexpected locations can be done concurrently with the movement of the image, then the entire slope in the image condition should reflect location adjustment. If instead, the extra processing must be done before or after the location adjustment, then the location adjustment slope is only the difference between the slopes in the image and no-image conditions. Of course, if there is only a partial overlap between the extra processing and the image overlap, then the image adjustment slope will be somewhere between these two extremes.

If we cannot be certain of the image adjustment rate from the data for Experiment 2, we can at least determine upper and lower bounds. Assuming the slope in the image condition reflects only image adjustment time, then images in this experiment “move” at about 6.3 msec per degree of visual angle. If attention plays as big a role in the slope of the no-image condition as it does in the image condition, then the image adjustment rate is about half that amount. The maximum rate of 6.3 msec/degree is faster than the 17 msec/degree found by Kosslyn (1978) when he specifically instructed subjects to scan across images, and is also faster than the 19.8 msec/degree found by Finke & Pinker (1982) in their dots task. This difference in rates does not necessarily mean that different types of location adjustments are used in these different experiments. In the experiments by Kosslyn and by Finke & Pinker, subjects must maintain images of multiple distinct visual objects, and especially in the Finke & Pinker experiment they must be careful to accurately preserve the distances between objects. In our experiment, there is no spatial configuration of different objects to maintain. Because this task is simpler, subjects may be able to adjust location more rapidly.

The results from Experiment 2 demonstrate some of the similarities between the representation of orientation and location in visual images, and in doing so they shed new light on the nature of image representations in general. Location information, like orientation information, is encoded integrally with shape information. As with location, the adjustment of represented location is accomplished either continuously or in small steps. Because objects do not generally appear at a single standard location, however, location adjustments may not be necessary as often as orientation adjustments. In many circumstances, location adjustments may also be unnecessary because of eye movements. If a stimulus to be compared with an image appears at an unexpected orientation, the subject must either rotate the image or the stimulus representation, or else tilt the head. In most situations, however, if a stimulus appears at an unexpected location, subjects will first saccade to it to gain maximum acuity. If the image is located at the fovea, then it may not be necessary to adjust the image location. This possibility raises questions about the frame of reference used in image representations, which Experiment 3 is designed to address.

### ***Experiment 3***

If location is in fact encoded in these mental representations, then we can ask what sort of coordinate frame is used. The visual input is necessarily organized according to location on the retina. In order to navigate through space and manipulate physical objects, some stage of visual processing must include an integration of information from different fixations using a single (spatiotopic) frame of reference. Therefore, we can ask whether location is encoded retinotopically or spatiotopically in these image representations.

Up to this point we have emphasized the implications of these experiments for the nature of visual image representations. However, the subjects in these experiments were not instructed to use imagery; they were simply told to decide whether or not the shapes were mirror-reversed. Therefore, the task used here is in some sense a perceptual task as well as an imagery task, and understanding more about how this task is done will lead to a better understanding of at least one aspect of shape discrimination. By determining the coordinate frame used in these mental representations, we will gain another piece of evidence that can be helpful in ascertaining the level at which these representations are used in regular visual processing. Of course, in order for this evidence to be useful, we must have some idea of where in the stream of visual processing the retinal coordinates are converted to a more useful reference frame.

There are good reasons for expecting the coordinate shift to occur early in visual processing, and Feldman (1985a) uses this strategy in his Four Frames Model. In this model, visual information in the retinotopic frame is transferred to a part of the stable feature frame. The location within the stable feature frame for each fixation is determined by eye position. Thus multiple fixations can be integrated into a single, complete representation. The stable feature frame is still spatially organized: Shape properties are still an integral part of the representation of each shape. Instead of coding location in terms of retinal position, however, the stable feature frame codes location in relation to head position<sup>2</sup>. Virtually all high level visual processing is then based on the stable feature frame, and not the retinotopic frame.

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<sup>2</sup> Once coordinates are coded in a head-centered reference frame, another transform is necessary to produce coordinates coded in a reference frame based on the environment. This transform must take into account head and body position relative to the environment. For the

Feldman (1985a, 1985b) cites a number of reasons for implementing an early coordinate shift in his model. First, the early shift makes it easy to integrate information across fixations. Even when the viewer is too close to an object to see it all in a single fixation, it is possible to assemble all the parts together into a single coherent representation. He also feels that the stable feature frame can serve as a necessary "substrate" for our subjective experience of a visual world that is unified across fixations. He also states that it can be used for imagery, although he does not elaborate on the disadvantages of implementing imagery in the retinotopic rather than the spatiotopic frame. Finally, he lists perceptual experiments that are consistent with the presence of the stable feature frame. Among these experiments was one by Davidson, Fox, & Dick (1973). They presented subjects with an array of letters, had the subjects move their eyes, and then presented a mask at one of the letter locations. When the subjects were asked to report the location of the mask, they usually reported its correct spatiotopic location.

If the coordinate shift occurs as early in visual processing as Feldman claims, then image representations are almost certainly not coded retinotopically. In spite of his evidence, however, there are other reasons to believe that the coordinate shift occurs later in processing; perhaps *after* stimuli are compared with these image representations. One reason arises from the Davidson, Fox, & Dick's data. Although subject reports linked the mask with its spatiotopic location, it interfered with the letter at the same retinotopic location. Using a

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present purposes, we will ignore the distinction between head-centered and spatiotopic reference frames. The question we are pursuing concerns when coordinates are transformed from a retinotopic frame to a more useful reference frame, regardless of whether the new frame is head-centered or spatiotopic. In all the experiments described here, there were no head movements, and thus a transform from retinotopic to head-centered coordinates would be indistinguishable from a transform from retinotopic directly to spatiotopic coordinates.

similar methodology, Irwin, Brown, & Sun (1988) also found that mask interference depended on retinotopic location. They then tested the integration of information across saccades more carefully by replacing the mask with a small bar, and asking subjects to report the letter that occurred at the same location as the bar. As long as the delay between the letter array and the bar was short, subjects reported the letter at the same retinotopic location more often than the letter at the same spatiotopic location, even though in many trials they could also correctly report the spatiotopic location of the bar. With a longer delay, they more often reported the letter at the same spatiotopic location, but they also reported a different visual experience, with the stimuli before and after fixation no longer fused together as they were with the shorter delay. In their final experiment, Irwin, Brown, & Sun used a task that required the fusion of two dot patterns into a single form. Performance on this task was better when the two patterns occupied the same retinotopic location than when they occupied the same spatiotopic location.

Irwin, Brown, & Sun's results indicate that, at least over short time intervals, information across saccades is integrated within a retinotopic coordinate frame, rather than within a spatiotopic or head-centered system as it would be in the stable feature frame. They conclude that when the delay is longer and the information from different fixations is integrated spatiotopically, this integration is not done within the early stages of visual processing that are the basis for visual persistence. More recently, Irwin, Zacks, & Brown (1989) have collected additional evidence by testing for a spatial-frequency-specific priming effect. Normally, subjects are less accurate at detecting a grating stimulus when another grating of the same spatial frequency has just appeared at the same location. When Irwin, Zacks, & Brown's subjects moved their eyes



between the cue and the test gratings, there was no decrease in performance, even though the two gratings occupied the same spatiotopic location.

More serious doubts about the early coordinate shift arise from neuroanatomical and neurophysiological studies of the visual system. Although these studies have discovered numerous brain regions devoted to different aspects of visual processing, the receptive fields of the cells in almost all of these regions appear to be retinotopically organized. One partial exception is in posterior parietal cortex, where Andersen, Essick, & Siegel (1985) found individual units that responded to stimuli at a particular retinotopic location, but only for particular eye positions. These units could be part of a distributed representation that encodes location in head-centered coordinates (Zipser & Andersen, 1988). This area of the brain, however, appears to be devoted to the processing of location, while working in conjunction with another system in the temporal lobes that processes identity (Ungerleider & Mishkin, 1982). Lesions in this area interfere with monkeys' ability to detect the location of a stimulus, but not to identify visual patterns. Thus, the role of posterior parietal cortex in visual processing is much later than Feldman's stable feature frame. When Kosslyn, Flynn, Amsterdam, & Wang (in press) constructed a model of higher-level visual processing, the accumulated evidence from neuroanatomy and neurophysiology led them to omit an early spatiotopic frame. In their model the spatiotopic transform occurs in the location subsystem, after location information has been factored apart from shape information. The shape information that is matched against memory representations and categorized by the identity subsystem has not been transformed into spatiotopic coordinates.

Experiment 3 is designed to test whether the representations used in mental rotation are coded retinotopically or spatiotopically. The answer to this question is important in determining how these representations are used in

visual processing. It could also have general implications for the coding of location in all types of visual processing, and for the way that information is integrated across fixations. If retinotopic representations are used in mental rotation, then a coordinate shift is unlikely to occur early in visual processing.

The general strategy in Experiment 3 is to measure the response time advantage that occurs when the image occupies the stimulus location, as was demonstrated in Experiment 2. By introducing a saccade in between the image cue and the test stimulus, we can measure whether this advantage is associated with the retinotopic or the spatiotopic location. Given that image location can be adjusted so quickly, measuring the location advantage will be difficult in this experiment. The difficulty will be confounded somewhat by the layout of the display, which requires that the maximum distance between cue and test stimulus be smaller than in Experiment 2.

## ***Method***

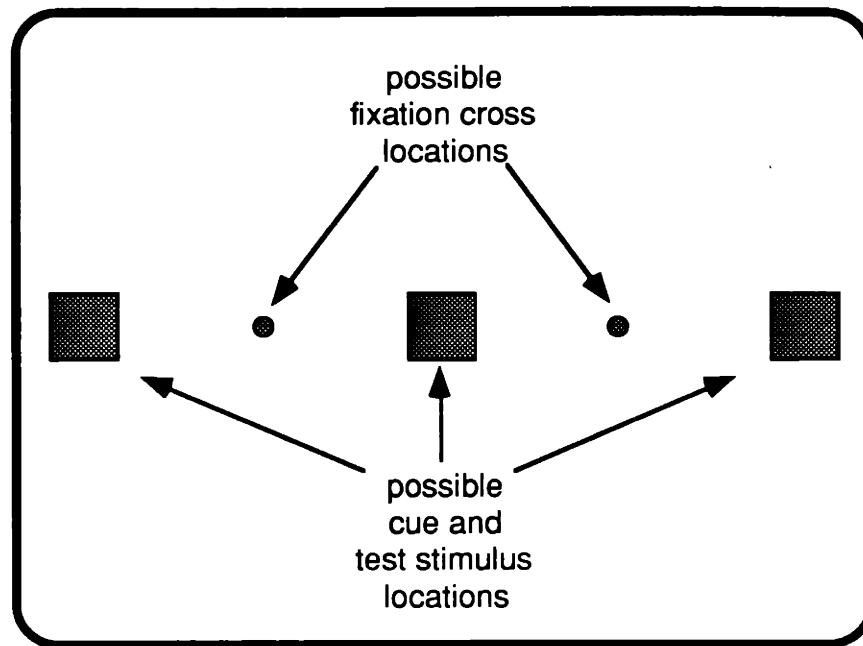
*Subjects.* As in Experiment 2, we used a pupil tracker in this experiment to monitor eye movements. Most subjects required practice before they could respond to a stimulus in the periphery without moving their eyes, and some were unable to finish the experiment or chose to quit early. Once the data for a subject were collected, all values that were more than three standard deviations from the mean for that subject were removed. By removing outlying data points in this fashion, we hoped to eliminate extraordinarily long response times that can occur when subjects lose concentration or miss a briefly-presented stimulus. After the outliers were removed, a few subjects did not have data for every combination of conditions. In all, a total of 75 subjects completed the experiment with a full set of data, and another 44 subjects did not. All subjects were from the

M. I. T. Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences subject pool, and all were paid for their time, whether or not they completed the experiment. Most were M. I. T. undergraduates, and their vision was normal or corrected to normal. These subjects did not participate in the earlier experiments.

*Apparatus.* The computer, display, pupil tracker, and video camera used in Experiment 2 were all used in this experiment.

*Stimuli.* The test stimuli were the same three characters, either normal or mirror-reversed, displayed at the same four orientations, 45°, 135°, 225°, and 315°. The two types of cues were also the same: Each shape cue was a normal character oriented appropriately, and each no-shape cue was a rectangle with a small arrow indicating the top, also oriented appropriately.

In this experiment, there were three possible locations at which the cue and test stimulus could appear, as shown in Figure 12: One at the center, one at the far left, and one at the far right. The fixation cross could appear at one of two locations: Either between the center and left stimulus locations, or between the center and right locations. A cue or test stimulus could only occur in one of the two locations next to the current fixation cross. The distance between each fixation cross and each of the two neighboring stimulus positions was 4.8 cm (5.5°). With this arrangement, a test stimulus occurring to the right of the left fixation cross would occupy the same location on the screen as a stimulus to the left of the right fixation cross.



**Figure 12: The two locations at which a fixation cross could appear, and the three locations at which a cue or test stimulus could appear.**

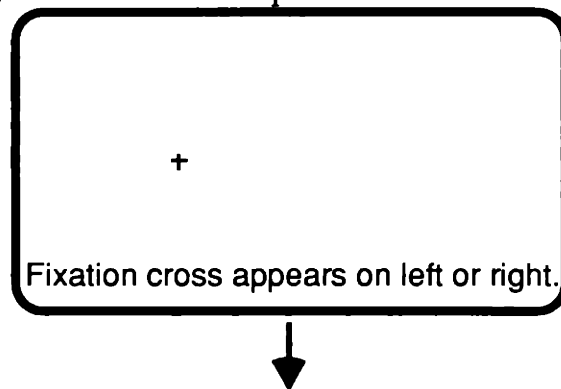
Suppose that a subject fixates on the left fixation cross and then views a cue to the right of the fixation cross (in the center of the screen). The subject then saccades to the right fixation cross. If a test stimulus now appears to the left of the new fixation cross, it will be in the same spatiotopic location as the cue. If it instead appears to the right of the fixation cross, it will be in the same retinotopic location as the cue. In this experiment, the cue and test stimulus always appeared at one of the two locations next to the current fixation cross. Therefore, the distance of the cue and test stimulus from the fovea was always constant.

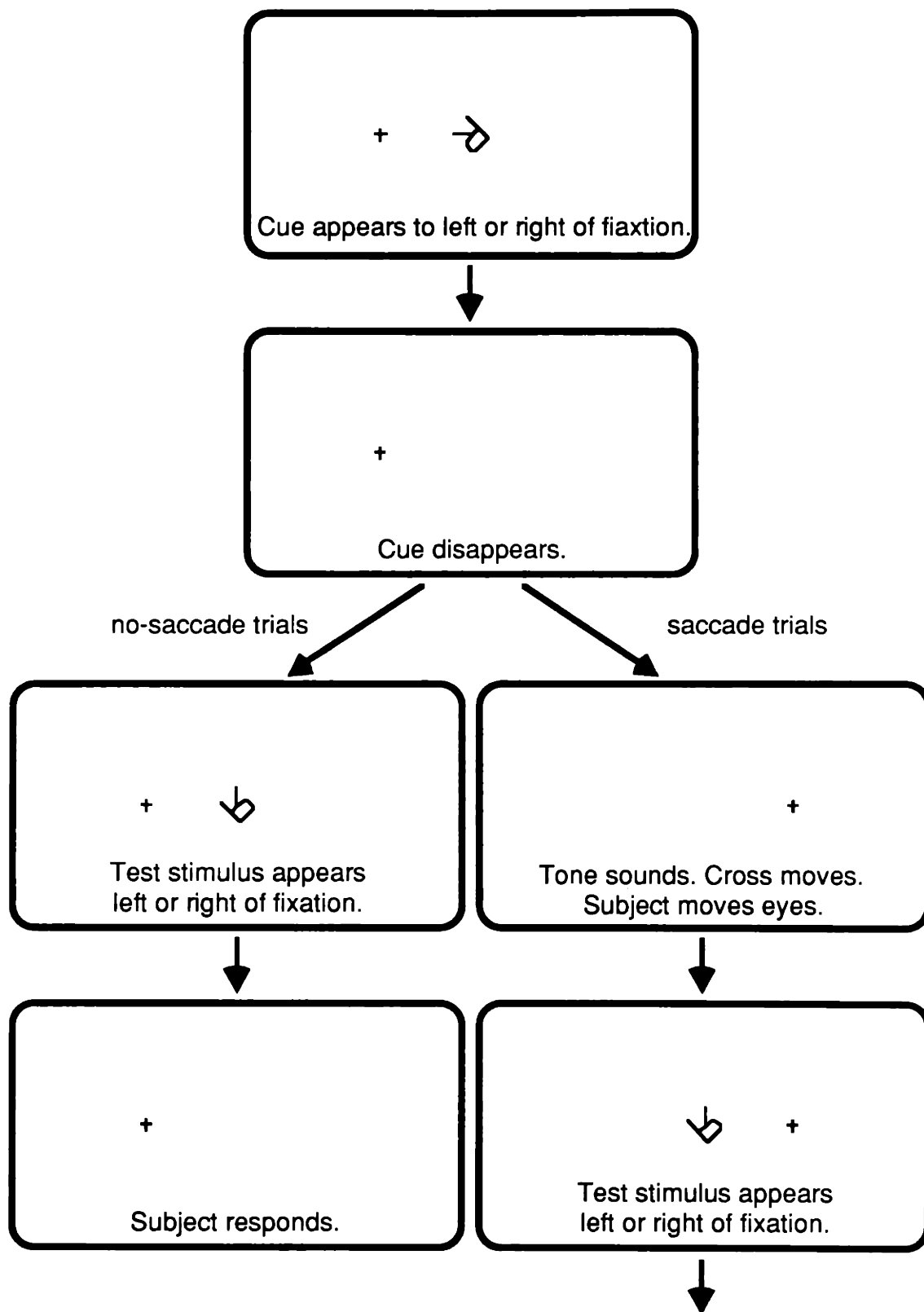
*Procedure.* As in the previous experiments, the subject was seated in front of the CRT in a dimly lit room. A chin rest and forehead restraint were used to maintain a constant viewing distance and prevent head movements. The subject was instructed to keep one hand on each of the response keys.

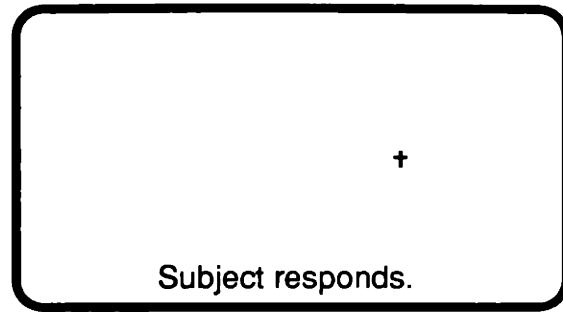
Because the eye tracker was used to monitor saccades in this experiment, a short calibration procedure was necessary for each subject prior to testing.

During this procedure, the eye tracker monitored eye position while the subject performed a simple visual task that required saccades back and forth between two points on the screen. The calibration program calculated the median difference between the pupil locations before and after each saccade, and this value was used in the regular experiment to predict the correct eye position after a saccade was cued. This calibration procedure was repeated at the beginning of each testing session.

Figure 13 illustrates the various steps of the experiment itself. Each trial began with the appearance of a fixation cross at one of the two possible locations. The subject was instructed to fixate on the cross when it appeared. After the cross had been visible for 1500 msec, the eye position was recorded and the cue appeared, either to the left or the right of the fixation cross. The cue was present for 700 msec, and then disappeared, leaving only the fixation cross for another 1500 msec. The subject was instructed to remain fixated on the cross during this entire time, and if the computer detected a substantial eye movement the trial was aborted, as in Experiment 2. Note that once the fixation cross appeared, the cue was equally likely to appear 4.8 cm to the left or to the right of the cross. Therefore the subject's best strategy was to follow the instructions and to fixate on the cross, half way between the two possible cue locations.







**Figure 13: The sequence of events for no-saccade trials and saccade trials in Experiment 3.**

The next step in the procedure varied between the two different types of trial. In the no-saccade trials, the test stimulus was presented for 120 msec, either at the cued location on one side of the fixation cross or at the uncued location on the other side. The subject then responded as in the previous experiments. In the saccade trials, however, a tone sounded, and the fixation cross moved to the other fixation location on the other side of the display. This was the subject's cue to shift fixation to the new location. At this point, the computer no longer compared the eye position to the standard eye position measured at the beginning of the trial. Instead, it calculated a new standard position by adjusting the old position according to the values from the calibration procedure. It then began comparing the eye position against the new standard, using the same threshold as before. If the eye position did not come within the threshold range of the new standard within 2000 msec, the trial was aborted. Once the eye position came within the threshold range, it was compared for an two additional pupil tracker cycles (approximately an additional 34 msec) to ensure that the eye was no longer moving.

After this third eye position comparison, the current eye position was taken as the new standard for the rest of the trial. The test stimulus then appeared on either side of the new fixation cross, and the subject responded appropriately. The test stimulus was equally likely to occur 4.8 cm to the left or

right of the new fixation cross. Thus, as before, once the new fixation cross appeared, the subject's best strategy is to follow the instructions and to fixate on the cross, half way between the two possible stimulus locations.

After an incorrect response, the screen flashed blue and a long tone sounded. In both types of trials, eye movements were monitored until the subject responded. If an uncued saccade occurred at any stage of the trial, the screen flashed red and a long tone sounded. Using the same procedure as in Experiment 1, trials with incorrect responses or incorrect eye movements were repeated after each block of 96 trials, and this process continued until all trials in the block had been completed correctly. Subjects were given an opportunity for a break after every 20 trials.

In this experiment, half the trials were saccade trials and half were not. Within each type, half were shape cue trials and half were not. The fixation could be either to the left or right of center, and the cue could be to the left or right of fixation. The test stimulus could be at the cued or uncued location, it could be one of three shapes, it could be at one of four orientations, and it could be either normal or mirror-reversed. All the different combinations produce a total of 768 trials for each subject. A different random order was generated for each. Most of the 75 subjects who completed the entire set of trials required four or five sessions, each lasting about an hour.

Given that subjects can adjust represented location in images so quickly, they might be able to produce either retinotopic or spatiotopic results by "moving" their images as they move their eyes. Assuming for the moment that images are coded spatiotopically, if the subject believes that the image should always be in the same retinotopic location as the cue, then after a saccade the subject could shift the image to the spatiotopic location that now corresponds to the retinotopic location of the cue. Likewise, if images are coded retinotopically,



subjects could move the image to the correct spatiotopic location after the saccade. To investigate this possibility, we randomly split the 75 subjects into three groups of 25 each, and gave each group slightly different instructions. All three groups were instructed to prepare for the test stimulus at the location occupied by the cue. Subjects in the retinotopic group were told that on saccade trials, they should expect the test stimulus at the same location relative to the fixation cross as the cue. Those in the spatiotopic group were told to expect the test stimulus at the same location on the screen as the cue. Those in the neutral group received no instructions either way. In all three trials, there was an equal number of trials at the cued and the uncued locations. As in the previous experiments, none of the instructions mentioned anything about imagery. If subjects are able to adjust image location before the stimulus appears, then the location for which subjects respond more quickly should vary with the instructions they receive.

## ***Results***

To determine whether the image representations used in this task are retinotopic or spatiotopic, we must look at those trials in which the test stimulus could occur at either the same retinotopic location or the same spatiotopic location as the cue. Therefore, we discarded data from all trials in which the cue appeared at the far left or right of the screen, because after a saccade the test stimulus could never occur at the same spatiotopic location in these trials. These trials were included in the experiment to ensure that subjects fixated at the appropriate location.

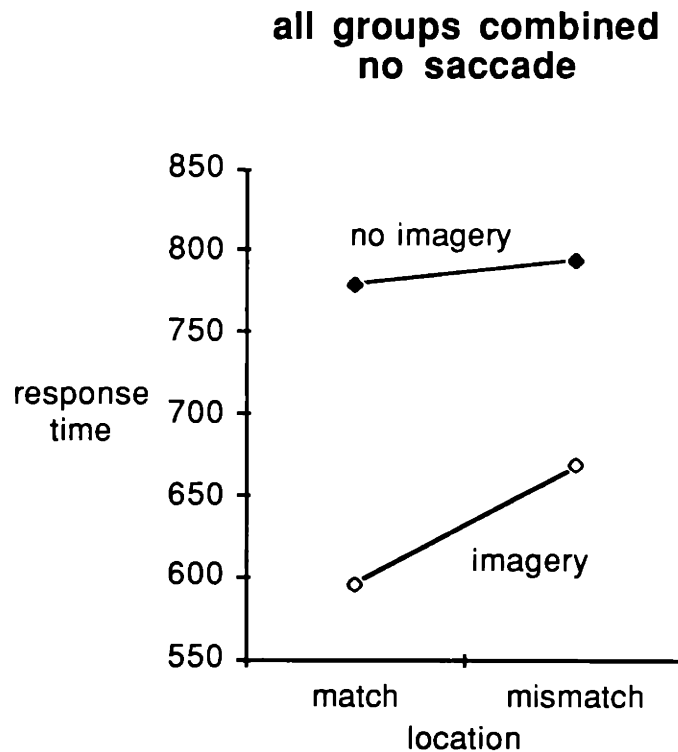
***Response times.*** The trials without saccades serve as a control condition to test whether the location-specificity found in Experiment 2 can be measured in

the current experiment. These trials demonstrated that subjects responded more quickly in this task when the test stimulus occurred at the same location as the cue. The response time data for trials with and without saccades were submitted to separate ANOVAs, with cue, orientation, location, handedness, shape (R, J, or 4), and type of instructions as factors. Subjects made incorrect responses on 2% of the trials, and these trials were excluded from the analyses. Because the results from Experiments 1 and 2 indicated that any retinotopic or spatiotopic advantage would be very subtle, we wanted to ensure that any small effects were not obscured by long response times from trials in which subjects lost their concentration. Therefore we excluded trials with response time values more than three standard deviations from the subject's mean. (On the average, only 7 of the 768 correct-response trials for each subject were excluded). In the results described below, the values  $F_f$  and  $p_f$  are from the analysis of trials in which the eyes remained fixed, and the values  $F_s$  and  $p_s$  are from the analysis of trials in which there was a saccade.

In both saccade and no-saccade trials, the results indicated that subjects were using images when possible, as they had in the previous experiments. Responses were faster when subjects knew the shape beforehand,  $F_f(1,72) = 170.9$ ,  $p_f < .001$ ,  $F_s(1,72) = 167.4$ ,  $p_s < .001$ . Contrasts indicated that they were also faster for the two orientations near  $0^\circ$  than for the two near  $180^\circ$ ,  $F_f(1,216) = 761.2$ ,  $p_f < .001$ ,  $F_s(1,216) = 712.7$ ,  $p_s < .001$ , and that the advantage for the easier orientations was greater when subjects knew the shape,  $F_f(1,216) = 48.0$ ,  $p_f < .001$ ,  $F_s(1,216) = 30.4$ ,  $p_s < .001$ , suggesting once again that knowledge of the shape allowed subjects to form images. As before, responses were slower when stimuli were mirror-reversed than when they were normal,  $F_f(1,72) = 128.9$ ,  $p_f < .001$ ,  $F_s(1,72) = 92.5$ ,  $p_s < .001$ , and as before they were generally faster for R and slower for 4,

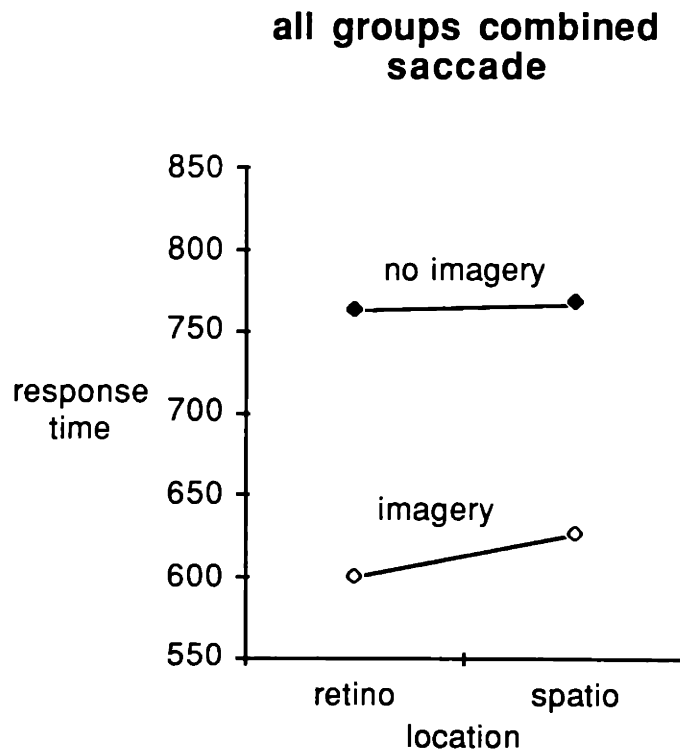
$F_f(2,144) = 14.9, p_f < .001, F_s(2,144) = 8.0, p_s < .01$ . The three different instruction sets had no significant overall effect on response times,  $F_f < 1, F_s < 1$ .

When the eyes remained fixed, subjects responded more quickly when the test stimulus occurred at the same location as the cue,  $F_f(1,72) = 74.4, p_f < .001$ . This advantage is no doubt due at least partly to attentional factors, and therefore it is important to test whether this location advantage is stronger in the image (shape cue) than in the no-image (no-shape cue) condition. In fact, it was stronger in the image condition,  $F_f(1,72) = 33.7, p_f < .001$ , as can be seen in Figure 14, confirming the finding from Experiment 2 that image representations include information about location.



**Figure 14: Mean response time for no-saccade trials when test stimulus location matched the cued location and when it did not. Responses were faster when the stimulus appeared at the cued location, but the advantage was much greater in the image condition.**

The results from the no saccade trials confirm that this particular task can be used to measure the advantage that comes from having an image in the right location. Thus we should be able to use the data from the saccade trials to answer whether location information in images is encoded retinotopically or spatiotopically. Overall, subjects responded faster to stimuli in the same retinotopic location as the cue than to those in the same spatiotopic location as the cue,  $F_s(1,72) = 7.7, p_s < .01$ . More importantly, the retinotopic advantage was stronger in the image condition than in the no image condition,  $F_s(1,72) = 5.9, p_s < .02$ , as is shown in Figure 15. From this difference we conclude that image representations are encoded in a retinotopic coordinate system.

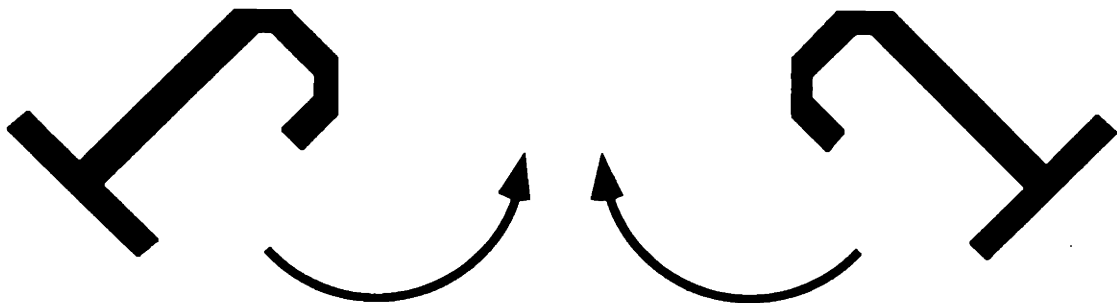


**Figure 15: Mean response time for saccade trials when test stimulus location matches the retinotopic location and when it matches the spatiotopic location. Responses were faster when the stimulus**

**appeared at the retinotopic location, and the advantage was much greater in the image condition.**

This experiment yielded a number of other results that are not directly relevant to the question of retinotopic representation, but may be interesting nonetheless. These effects tended to appear more often in the trials without eye movements. Forcing the subject to make a saccade between the cue and the test stimulus probably produces a certain amount of interference that may obscure some effects. This interference could explain why some effects reached significance only in the trials without saccades.

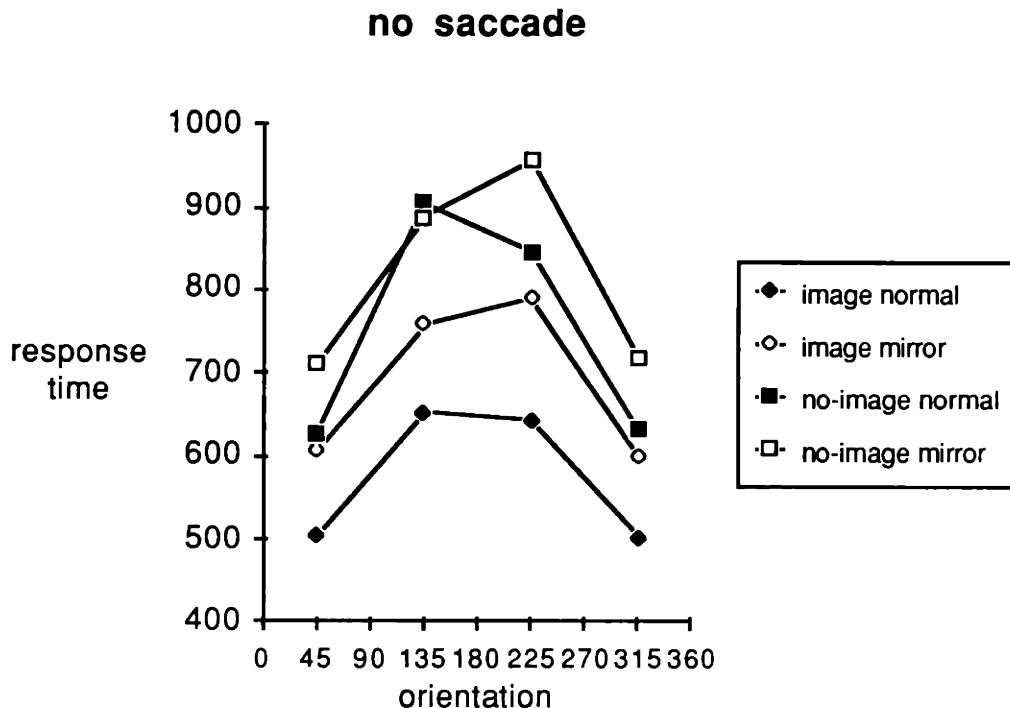
As in Experiment 2, this analysis suggests that even when subjects know the shape, they occasionally rotate the stimulus before responding, especially if it is mirror-reversed. With no saccade, the gap between normal and mirror-reversed response times was larger when the shape was known than when it was not,  $F_f(1,72) = 19.8, p_f < .001$ . Additionally, when the shape was known, response time differences between easy and difficult orientations were larger for mirror-reversed than for normal stimuli; when the shape was not known, orientation differences actually seemed to be *smaller* for the mirror-reversed stimuli than for the normals,  $F_f(3,216) = 7.0, p_f < .001$ . The same was true for the saccade trials,  $F_s(3,216) = 6.7, p_s < .001$ .



**Figure 16: The data from the no-saccade condition suggest that subjects sometimes rotate in the direction of the top front of the character, even if the shorter path is in the other direction.**

In addition, with or without saccades there are large differences in response times for the two difficult orientations, depending on the handedness of the stimulus,  $F_f(3,216) = 9.2, p_f < .001, F_s(3,216) = 4.8, p_s < .01$ . These interactions, along with the ones just described, reflect another effect that was not anticipated. The data suggest that subjects tend to rotate in the direction of the top front of the letter, even if rotating in this direction requires more time than rotating in the other direction. This method of rotation is illustrated in Figure 16. Thus, if a mirror-reversed stimulus is oriented at  $225^\circ$ , at least some of the subjects apparently rotated it counter-clockwise on at least some of the trials, even though they could save  $90^\circ$  of rotation by rotating it clockwise. Similarly, normal stimuli at  $135^\circ$  tended to rotate clockwise, even though the path of rotation would be shorter for a counterclockwise rotation. The evidence for this pattern is presented in Figure 17.

In the no image condition, response times for normal stimuli at  $135^\circ$  were greater than times for those at  $225^\circ$ , whereas the opposite pattern held for the mirror-reversed stimuli. This rotation towards the front seems most likely to occur with the shape J,  $F_f(6,432) = 5.0, p_f < .001, F_s(6,432) = 2.8, p_s < .02$ . The same pattern of rotating towards the front appeared in a weaker form in the image condition, as would be expected if subjects occasionally rotated stimuli in this condition. A hint of the same pattern also appeared in the data from Experiment 2, although it was less clean and not significant. An alternative explanation is that rotating a character towards the top back is more difficult than rotating it towards the top front.



**Figure 17: Data illustrating the tendency to rotate towards the top front of the character. For normal stimuli in the no-image condition, response time was elevated for 135°. For mirror-reversed stimuli, response time was higher for 225°.**

Responses to stimuli in the cued and uncued locations in the trials without saccades provided more evidence that subjects occasionally rotated stimuli in the image condition. When the shape was cued, there was a greater response time difference between easy and difficult orientations for stimuli that appeared at the uncued location than for those that appeared at the cued location; without the shape cue, the orientation difference was not greater for the uncued location, and may actually have been less,  $F_f(3.216) = 4.3, p_f < .01$ . This pattern suggests that when subjects know the shape, they are more likely to rotate the stimulus if it occurs at the uncued location. This is the same sort of pattern seen in Figure 9 in Experiment 2. If the stimulus is at the uncued location, then the image that was prepared beforehand must be moved to the new location before it

can be used, and thus subjects are more likely to abandon the image and rotate the stimulus.

Also in the no-saccade trials, subjects responded slowly to the shape J when it appeared at one of the two difficult orientations (135° and 225°); however, their responses were faster for the 135° J's if they knew the shape beforehand,  $F_f(6,432) = 2.9$ ,  $p_f < .01$ . There were three other significant interactions ( $p < .05$ ) in the no-saccade ANOVA, and three in the saccade ANOVA. None reached the significance level of the effects reported here ( $p > .01$  in all cases), and none appeared directly relevant to the questions at hand.

*Spatiotopic advantage.* The main analysis tested whether there was an advantage for the retinotopic location over the spatiotopic location, but it did not test whether the spatiotopic location had any advantage over other locations that did not match either the retinotopic or spatiotopic cue location. We tested for this advantage with another analysis that included two sets of saccade trials: those in which the test stimulus appeared at the spatiotopic cue location, and those in which the stimulus did not appear at the same retinotopic or spatiotopic location as the cue. In this second set of trials, the cue appeared at one edge of the display and the test stimulus appeared on the other. The other factors in this analysis (cue, orientation, handedness, shape, and type of instructions) were the same used in the main analysis.

As before, the important question is whether there is an advantage for the spatiotopic location in the image condition that does not exist in the no-image condition. The interaction shows a trend in that direction that is not quite significant,  $F(1,66) = 3.9$ ,  $p < .06$ . Response times were no faster for the spatiotopic location than for the nonspatiotopic location in the no-image condition, but they were 17 msec faster in the image condition. If there is in fact an advantage for stimuli at the spatiotopic location over those at other locations, it may be because



some subjects occasionally move their image to the spatiotopic location when they move their eyes. Another possibility is that subjects sometimes lose their image during the saccade and try to reconstruct it. If so, they are probably at least as likely to place it at the spatiotopic location as at the retinotopic location. If subjects do occasionally move an image to the spatiotopic location, we might expect that they would be more likely to do so when they are instructed to expect the stimulus at the spatiotopic location. However, the differences in the spatiotopic image advantage across the different instruction groups were not significant,  $F < 1$ .

*Error rates.* To test for possible speed/accuracy trade-offs, we performed two analogous ANOVAs using the error rates from the no-saccade trials and from the saccade trials, and in each we examined the main effects and interactions that corresponded to those we examined in the response time analyses. In both analyses, subjects made more errors when they did not know the shape,  $F_f(1,72) = 13.6$ ,  $p_f < .001$ ,  $F_s(1,72) = 28.6$ ,  $p_s < .001$ . They also made more errors for the two orientations near  $180^\circ$ ,  $F_f(1,216) = 103.7$ ,  $p_f < .001$ ,  $F_s(1,216) = 109.0$ ,  $p_s < .001$ . In the saccade trials, they made relatively more errors for orientations near  $180^\circ$  when they did not know the shape,  $F_s(3,216) = 6.3$ ,  $p_s < .025$ , as would be expected if they used images when they knew the shape. This effect did not reach significance in the no-saccade trials,  $F_f < 1$ , although the trend was in the right direction. In the saccade trials, the letter R elicited fewer errors than the other two shapes,  $F_s(2,144) = 4.8$ ,  $p_s < .02$ , although this effect was not significant in the no-saccade trials,  $F_f < 1$ . In neither the saccade or the no-saccade trials was there any significant difference in error rates due to handedness,  $F_f(1,72) = 1.3$ ,  $p_f < .2$ ,  $F_s < 1$ , or instructions,  $F_f(2,72) = 1.2$ ,  $p_f > .3$ ,  $F_s < 1$ .

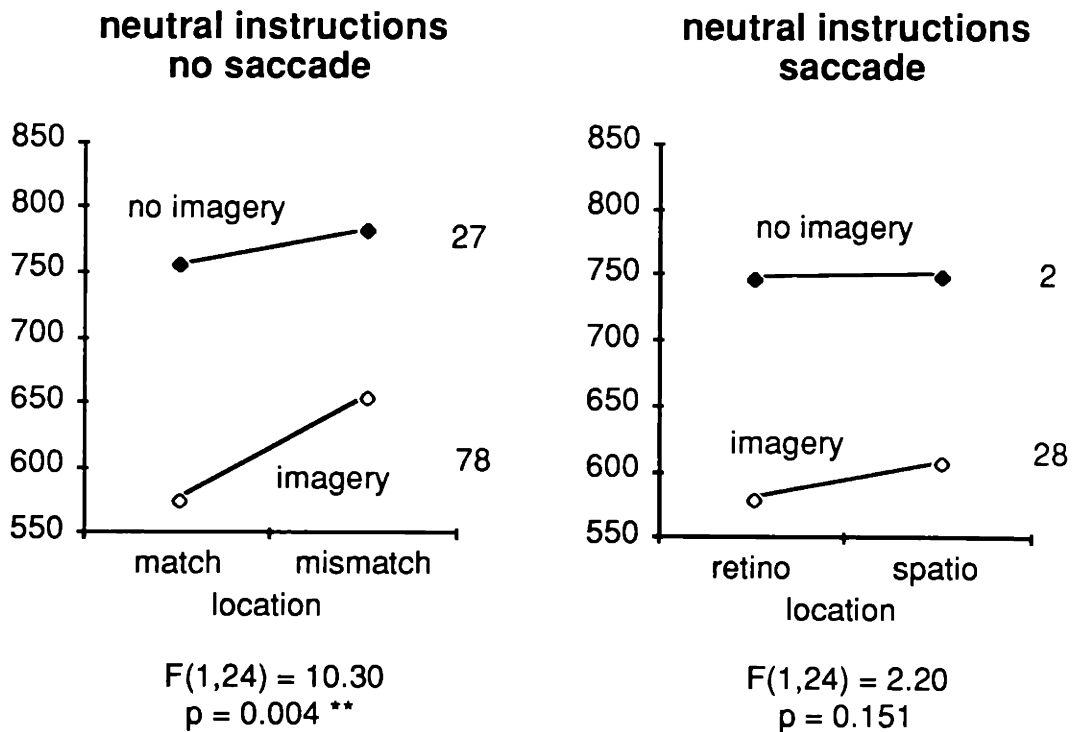
There was no significant overall difference between the error rates for stimuli at cued and uncued locations, either with or without saccades,  $F_f < 1$ ,  $F_s(1,72) = 1.1$ ,  $p_s > .25$ . In the no-saccade trials, however, there was an advantage for the cued location in the image condition that was balanced by an advantage for the *uncued* location in the no-image condition,  $F_f(1,72) = 6.4$ ,  $p_f < .02$ . Performance in the no-image condition was only slightly better at the uncued location than at the cued location, but it raises the possibility that the faster response times at the cued location might be due in part to a speed/accuracy trade-off rather than to the allocation of visual attention, as suggested earlier. Whatever the explanation for the no-image data, there is no hint of a speed/accuracy trade-off in the image condition: When subjects knew the shape beforehand, they responded faster to stimuli at the cued location *and* they made fewer errors. Thus there is no reason to doubt the conclusion that performance improves when the stimulus appears at the same location as the visual image. In the saccade trials, there was no interaction between cue and retinotopic/spatiotopic location,  $F(1,72) = 1.4$ ,  $p > .2$ , and thus there is no reason to believe that the retinotopic advantage in the response times is due to a speed/accuracy trade-off.

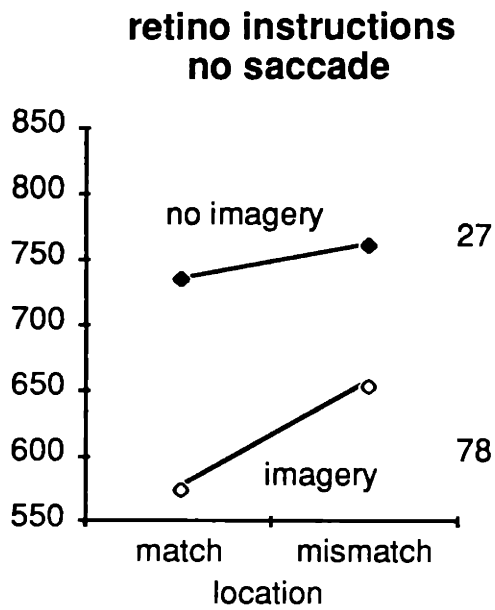
These two analyses produced some other results as well. As with the response time data, there were fewer significant effects in the saccade trials than in the no-saccade trials, probably because of the disruption associated with a saccade. In the saccade trials, there were a relatively large number of errors for the numeral 4 at 135° and for the letter J at 225°,  $F_s(6,432) = 2.7$ ,  $p_s < .02$ . A similar pattern appeared in the no-saccade trials, but only for mirror-reversed stimuli,  $F_f(6,432) = 2.1$ ,  $p_f < .05$ . These two shapes at these two orientations appear similar, and subjects probably confused them on some trials. In both analyses, the advantage for normal stimuli over mirror-reversed was strong in

the image condition, but there actually appeared to be a disadvantage for the normal stimuli in the no-image condition,  $F_f(1,72) = 22.1$ ,  $p_f < .001$ ,  $F_s(1,72) = 14.5$ ,  $p_s < .001$ . This somewhat surprising pattern was more clearly demonstrated in the no-saccade trials, in which the effects of cue generally depended on which of the three shapes was presented,  $F_f(2,144) = 4.0$ ,  $p_f < .025$ . Specifically, all of the normal stimuli showed an advantage when the shape was cued, but with the mirror-reversed stimuli the shape cue produced an advantage for the letter R, almost no advantage for the letter J, and an apparent *disadvantage* for the numeral 4,  $F_f(2,144) = 3.5$ ,  $p_f < .04$ .

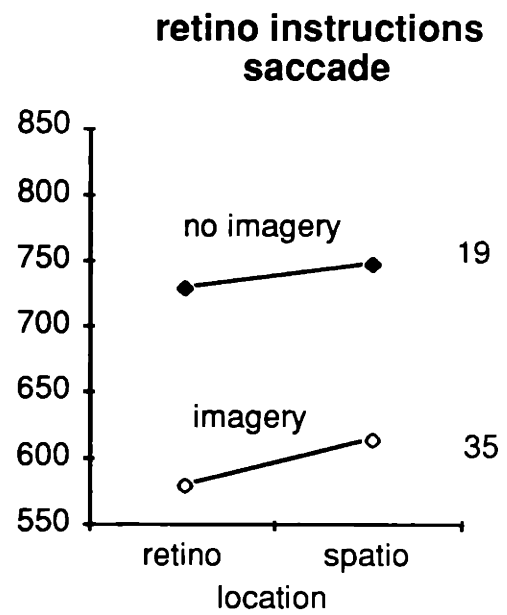
The difference in error rates between stimuli at easy and difficult orientations varied across different types of stimuli in the no-saccade trials, suggesting once again that subjects' rotation strategies varied across conditions. In the image condition, the difficult orientations produced relatively more errors when the stimulus was mirror-reversed than when it was not, whereas there was no such difference in orientation gaps between normal and mirror-reversed stimuli in the no-image condition,  $F_f(3,216) = 5.1$ ,  $p_f < .005$ . If anything, the orientation gap in the no-image condition was larger for normal than for mirror-reversed stimuli. In general, the orientation gap was fairly large in the no-image condition; in the image condition, the gap was small for normal stimuli, larger for mirror-reversed stimuli, and larger still for mirror-reversed stimuli at the uncued location,  $F_f(3,216) = 3.2$ ,  $p_f < .025$ . If we assume that subjects are more likely to make errors when they are forced to rotate the stimulus, then this pattern is generally consistent with the idea that subjects usually (or always) rotate in the no-image condition, but only rotate occasionally in the image condition, generally when the stimulus differs from the image in handedness or location. There were no other significant interactions in either the saccade or the no-saccade analysis ( $p < .05$  in all cases).

**Varying the instructions.** For both the saccade and the no-saccade data, separate response time ANOVAs were computed for the three types of instructions used. Each instruction group included 25 of the 75 subjects who participated in this experiment. Our purpose in manipulating the instructions was to determine whether subjects had the option of either moving their images with their eyes or attaching them to a point in space. Therefore our main concern is with the effects of location in the image and no-image condition for each type of instructions. Because there are a relatively small number of subjects in each instruction group, some of the effects described here did not achieve statistical significance, and firm conclusions are therefore inadvisable. Nevertheless, the results are important enough to warrant their presentation.

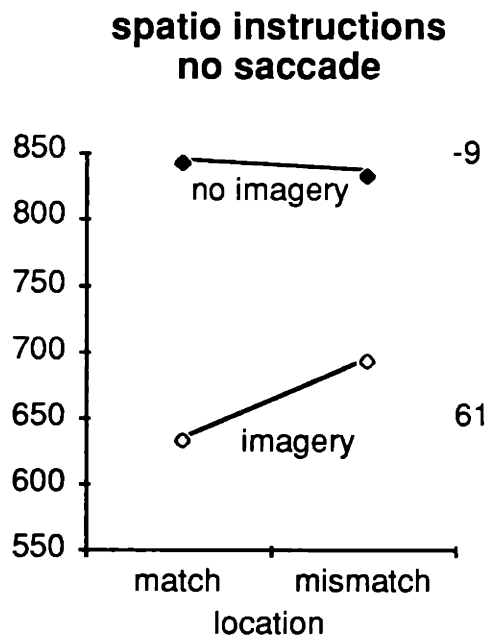




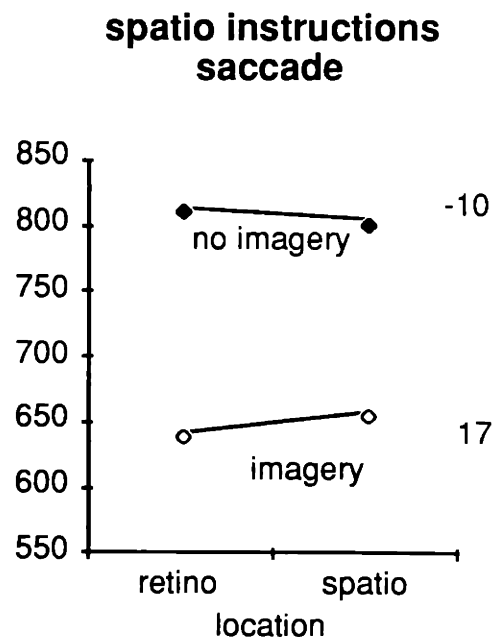
$F(1,24) = 18.662$   
 $p < 0.001$  \*\*\*



$F(1,24) = 1.010$   
 $p = 0.325$



$F(1,24) = 10.105$   
 $p = 0.004$  \*\*



$F(1,24) = 2.885$   
 $p = 0.102$

**Figure 18: Response times presented separately for the three instruction groups. The numbers to the right of each graph are the**

**differences between the two location conditions. Below each graph is the result of the statistical test for the interaction of cue type and test stimulus location.**

Figure 18 displays means from both no-saccade and saccade trials for the three instruction groups. The values to the right of each graph are the differences between response times for location mismatch and location match, or between spatiotopic and retinotopic location. When there is no saccade, the retinotopic and spatiotopic locations are the same, and thus there should be little difference between the three groups. In fact, the results for no-saccade trials with neutral instructions and retinotopic instructions were almost identical. As discussed earlier, there was in both cases an advantage for the cued location over the uncued location in the no-image condition, which probably stemmed mainly from attentional effects. The larger advantage in the image condition presumably reflects the savings that comes from having the image in the right location. The spatiotopic instructions produced a somewhat different result. In the no-image condition, there was no advantage associated with the cued location, and perhaps there was a slight disadvantage. It almost seems as if subjects were focussing their attention on the retinotopic location that would correspond to the correct spatiotopic location *if* there was an eye movement. Whatever the subjects were doing in this condition, there was still a strong cued-location advantage in the image condition, although it might have been somewhat less than in the other two conditions. In all three groups, the location advantage in imagery is highly significant, as indicated below each graph.

When a saccade occurred, the differences were all diminished somewhat, probably because of the disruption that the saccade introduced. The results in the no-image condition seem to reflect the instructions: responses to the retinotopic location were faster with retinotopic instructions, responses to the spatiotopic location were faster with spatiotopic instructions, and response times were

almost equal for the two locations with neutral instructions. This pattern suggests that subjects took note of the instructions and followed them, even though there were always equal numbers of stimuli at each location. In the image condition, the results also varied according to the instructions, but with one important difference: In every case, responses were faster when the stimulus appeared at the retinotopic location. The retinotopic advantage was greater with retinotopic instructions and less with spatiotopic instructions, but it was always in the same direction.

Because of the small number of subjects, this interaction failed to reach significance when the three instruction groups are analyzed individually. This interaction is significant, however, in the overall analysis, as described above. Additionally, in each of the three groups the trend is in the retinotopic direction. Taken together, these results make a strong case for the retinotopic coding of location in the image representations used in mental rotation, regardless of instructions and the allocation of attention.

These results also have implications for the conclusions from Experiment 2. We raised the possibility that the difference between the image and no-image conditions of Experiment 2 might be explained by differences in the allocation of attention between those conditions, and then concluded that such an explanation was not plausible. In the saccade trials of Experiment 3, subjects receiving spatiotopic instructions show a hint of a spatiotopic advantage in the no-image condition and a retinotopic advantage in the image condition. The no-image pattern suggests that subjects are allocating their attention more to the spatiotopic location, in accordance with the instructions. If there is indeed a retinotopic advantage in the imagery condition, then it appears to reflect image location adjustment, and not attention.

## ***General Discussion***

From the data in Experiment 3 we conclude that the visual image representations used in mental rotation interact with stimulus representations at a level before a spatiotopic coordinate transform. At this point it is difficult to guess the processing level at which imagery interacts with normal visual perception, but it is probably not one of the earliest levels. Thus the results from Experiment 3, along with those of Irwin, Brown, & Sun and from the neurophysiology of visual cortex, suggest that the spatiotopic transform does not occur at one of the very early stages of processing, as Feldman suggests. If not, then at what processing stage could we expect the shift to occur?

It might be useful to try to place the coordinate shift in relation to another landmark on the visual processing pathway: The point at which shapes in the visual input are matched against memory representations and categorized. Assuming that there is a single such stage in visual processing, it is the stage at which spatial properties such as location, size, and orientation are factored out and represented separately from shape. In other words, this stage marks the point at which spatially-organized representations are converted to abstract representations. (Note that "spatially-organized" does not mean "spatiotopically-organized." Spatially-organized representations can be coded retinotopically or spatiotopically.) Thus we can ask whether the spatiotopic transform occurs before or after the shift to abstract representations.

As mentioned earlier, the results from Cooper & Shepard's experiment and from numerous other imagery experiments indicate that the representations used in mental rotation are spatially-organized. (Although that claim is fiercely debated. See Pylyshyn, 1973, 1981, & 1984). Likewise, the dot pattern task used by Irwin, Brown, & Sun seems to rely on a spatially-organized representation as



well. In this task, subjects must determine the single position in a 3 x 3 grid that is not occupied by a dot in either of two patterns. When the two patterns are superimposed, this task is trivially easy. The task is much more difficult when the two patterns appear at different locations. Presumably in this case subjects rely more on abstract representations of the dot patterns. The form of these abstract representations probably emphasizes general shape properties of the pattern formed by each collection of dots. If so, these shape descriptions cannot easily be combined to determine the one unfilled position.

If the mirror-reversal task and the dots task are both done with retinotopic representations, then are all spatially-organized representations coded retinotopically? The alternative is that a representation that is spatially-organized and spatiotopic exists somewhere in the visual processing stream after the representations used in mental rotation and before the abstract coding. In Feldman's terms, there would be a retinotopic frame and a stable feature frame, but for some reason the stable feature frame would not be the basis for visual imagery (or at least for mental rotation), even though it would be spatially organized. If the spatiotopic transform is postponed until after the level of image representations, then is there much to be gained by doing it before object identification, or might it be postponed until the level of abstract coding?

This question is best considered in relation to Ungerleider & Mishkin's (1982) hypotheses about separate processing streams in the visual system. They present extensive evidence that there is one subsystem in the temporal lobe to identify shapes and a separate subsystem in the posterior parietal lobe to process locations. If a dedicated subsystem is handling location information, then this subsystem probably performs the spatiotopic transform. One advantage would be that the representations that this subsystem employs would be specialized for recording location and would not be complicated by the presence of complex

shape information, making the spatiotopic transform that much simpler. Therefore, the representations that contained spatiotopic location coordinates would not include shape information, and the representations in the identity subsystem that included shape information would not be spatiotopically coded. There would be no spatially-organized representation that included shape information and was encoded spatiotopically.

In light of the division of labor between the identity and location subsystems, the findings from Experiments 2 and 3 have important implications for the role of image representations in visual processing. If the identity subsystem specializes in recognizing shapes regardless of location, then it probably utilizes representations that are location-independent. If the representations used in mental rotation are location-specific, as Experiment 2 demonstrated, and if these representations are coded in a retinotopic reference frame, as Experiment 3 demonstrated, then these representations are probably situated at a level of processing before the identity processing stream and the location processing stream diverge.

One way in which visual imagery might be implemented at this processing level is illustrated in a model of high-level visual processing by Kosslyn, Flynn, Amsterdam, & Wang (in press). This model also demonstrates how the spatiotopic shift might be implemented in a system with separate subsystems for identity and location. The first stage of their model uses retinotopically coded representations of the input at a number of different scales. An "attention window" acts to select a particular area within one of these representations. The selected area is normalized to produce a location-independent and size-independent representation that is then passed on to the identity subsystem. In this process, the retinotopic location of the selected area is passed on to the location subsystem. This subsystem also receives information

about head and body position and uses it to transform retinotopic coordinates to spatiotopic coordinates. The abstract representation produced by the identity subsystem is recombined with the spatiotopic location information to make a complete, abstract representation of the visual input. Information can be fed backwards through both the identity and location subsystems to form visual images within the original retinotopic representations.

If there is no spatially-organized representation that is coded spatiotopically, then we must conclude that information from different fixations is not integrated at the level of spatially-organized representations, as Feldman claimed, but instead at the level of abstract representations. This point is also well-illustrated in the model by Kosslyn, Flynn, Amsterdam, & Wang. As the eyes move from position to position, and also as the attention window moves within each fixation, different abstract shape representations produced by the identity subsystem accumulate in an associative memory, each coupled with the appropriate spatiotopic coordinates provided by the location subsystem. Together they form an abstract representation of the environment, coded in spatiotopic coordinates.

In Feldman's view, the lack of a spatially-organized, spatiotopic representation leaves us without a viable substrate for our subjective visual experience. This is a very difficult issue to address. Even though we would describe the visual objects and scenes that we experience as "spatially-organized," we have little basis for concluding that these experiences must be grounded in spatially-organized representations, and not abstract recodings of spatially-organized information. Ultimately it seems more prudent to question the nature of the visual experience than the nature of the mental representation that is suggested by the experimental evidence.

In conclusion, the empirical results presented here provide evidence that subjects engaged in a mental rotation task utilize representations in which location information is coupled with shape information. The represented location can be adjusted, but these adjustments are performed gradually, either smoothly or in small steps. Thus location in these representations appears to be adjusted in a manner similar to that used for size and orientation adjustments. Location adjustments, however can be performed quickly, while orientation adjustments are relatively slow. These representations are coded retinotopically, but it makes little difference in everyday processing, because represented location can be adjusted quickly and easily whenever necessary.

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# Appendix 1

## Overall analysis from Experiment 1

This appendix contains the results from the analysis of variance including both the shape and no-shape cue trials that was reported in Experiment 1. Included are the means from each main effect and from every interaction that was significant ( $p < .05$ ). Listed below are the factors used in this analysis and the labels associated with them.

cue - type of cue presented before stimulus

orient - no-shape cue, giving information only about orientation

both - shape cue, giving information about both shape and orientation

test - character used for test stimulus

numfour - the digit 4

letterr - the letter R

letterj - the letter J

orient - orientation of cue and test stimulus

(The number in each label gives the orientation in degrees. 0° is the standard orientation, and the value increases as the shape rotates clockwise.)

ort000

ort045

ort090

ort135

ort180

ort225

ort270

ort315

hand - handedness of test stimulus

nor - normal

mir - mirror reversed

pos - location of test stimulus

pos1 - upper left

pos2 - lower left

pos3 - lower right

pos4 - upper right

Experiment 1 analysis

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SOURCE: cue
cue test orient hand pos
12269 3072 351.4358 193.9189 3.4987 SE
12219 3072 618.4828 424.8714 7.6656 SE

SOURCE: test
cue numfour orient hand pos
8158 2046 503.4602 339.8925 7.5106 SE
8175 2046 457.3911 339.0168 7.4913 SE
8155 2048 494.0265 386.1360 8.5525 SE

SOURCE: cue test
cue test orient hand pos
4087 1024 372.5567 207.5597 6.4862 SE
4093 1024 335.0731 183.4721 5.7335 SE
4089 1024 346.6775 188.1672 5.8802 SE
4071 1024 634.3638 392.1489 12.2547 SE
4082 1024 579.7091 407.8755 12.7461 SE
4066 1024 641.3755 468.4816 14.6401 SE

SOURCE: orient
cue test orient hand pos
3052 768 564.1684 396.4312 14.3050 SE
1070 768 393.3102 244.2487 8.8136 SE
3061 768 563.7793 387.6347 13.9876 SE
3070 768 386.3043 235.6694 8.5040 SE
3068 768 353.4801 206.8077 7.4625 SE
3062 768 453.7089 289.5550 10.4484 SE
3068 768 453.9588 286.5322 10.3394 SE
3037 768 710.3643 532.6974 19.2221 SE

SOURCE: cue orient
cue test orient hand pos
1534 384 392.9351 225.4389 11.5044 SE
1535 384 305.0451 136.1618 6.9485 SE
1534 384 394.9520 214.7562 10.9592 SE
1536 384 310.3822 179.6831 9.1694 SE
1534 384 291.9950 130.8420 6.6770 SE
1535 384 337.4490 152.0890 7.7613 SE
1534 384 340.6059 155.8462 7.9530 SE
1527 384 438.1217 265.2411 13.5355 SE
1518 384 735.4017 452.8888 23.1114 SE
1535 384 481.5753 292.0761 14.9049 SE
1527 384 732.6066 444.5664 22.6867 SE
1534 384 462.2263 259.5780 13.2465 SE
1534 384 414.9653 246.8812 12.5986 SE
1527 384 569.9687 343.0287 17.5051 SE
1534 384 567.3116 338.1775 17.2575 SE
1510 384 983.8069 590.4628 30.1319 SE

1015 256 559.8092 352.5514 22.0345 SE
1024 256 391.8955 256.3155 16.0197 SE
1020 256 602.9909 467.9361 29.2460 SE
1024 256 377.3936 230.5708 14.4107 SE
1023 256 343.6354 209.3926 13.0870 SE
1022 256 464.0013 325.0709 20.3169 SE
1021 256 455.4837 304.6521 19.0408 SE
1006 256 757.0023 597.9401 37.3713 SE

SOURCE: cue test orient
cue test orient hand pos
511 128 427.6608 270.7434 23.9306 SE
512 128 325.9434 143.1243 12.6505 SE
510 128 429.8034 249.0500 22.0131 SE
512 128 325.2461 194.1003 17.1562 SE
510 128 310.7038 136.6869 12.0815 SE
511 128 365.6829 144.0103 12.7288 SE
511 128 352.2830 152.6157 13.4895 SE
510 128 443.1204 265.8505 23.4981 SE
512 128 368.6270 206.8205 18.2805 SE
512 128 288.7721 134.3214 11.8724 SE
511 128 363.2715 156.9429 13.8719 SE
512 128 298.9668 144.9429 12.8113 SE
512 128 277.1270 120.1543 10.6202 SE
512 128 309.4160 145.6213 12.8712 SE
512 128 325.5723 146.4534 12.9448 SE
510 128 448.8320 291.5671 25.7711 SE
511 128 382.5176 187.8069 16.5999 SE
512 128 300.4199 129.0608 11.4075 SE
512 128 391.7813 224.0181 19.8006 SE
512 128 306.9336 195.7475 17.3018 SE
512 128 288.1545 133.8568 11.8314 SE
512 128 337.2480 161.9179 14.3117 SE
511 128 343.9525 167.7191 14.8244 SE
507 128 422.4128 236.8312 20.9331 SE
504 128 767.1960 425.5445 37.6132 SE
512 128 512.8223 292.6741 25.8690 SE
509 128 724.3542 383.8308 33.3262 SE
511 128 477.0853 258.1976 22.8217 SE
512 128 453.1973 257.8780 22.7934 SE
510 128 569.5176 292.9901 25.8969 SE
512 128 614.7109 357.4827 31.5973 SE
501 128 956.0267 519.7031 45.9357 SE
511 128 701.9082 533.2744 47.1352 SE
510 128 448.5326 266.7101 23.5741 SE
510 128 659.2650 370.0776 32.7105 SE
511 128 461.7402 278.7228 24.6359 SE
511 128 392.5820 226.1969 19.9932 SE
507 128 549.6341 338.5152 29.9208 SE
512 128 520.2090 281.8616 24.9133 SE
510 128 903.8021 571.2026 50.4877 SE
504 128 737.1009 388.5005 34.3389 SE
512 128 483.3711 313.6694 27.7247 SE
508 128 814.2005 547.3087 48.3757 SE
512 128 447.8535 241.7022 21.3637 SE
511 128 399.1165 252.8108 22.3455 SE
510 128 590.7546 591.8811 34.6377 SE
510 128 567.0130 364.9007 32.2530 SE
499 128 1091.5918 660.3997 58.3716 SE

SOURCE: cue test orient hand pos
12238 3072 552.6282 391.2345 7.0587 SE
12250 3072 417.2904 302.5944 5.4595 SE
1523 384 650.8127 453.4194 23.1385 SE



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SOURCE	test	cue	df	SS	MS	F	p
cs/	109538488.8353	15	109538488.8353	31.768	0.000	***	
test	2425863.8512	2	1212931.9256	8.570	0.001	**	
t9/	4245952.4476	30	141531.0616				

sub	cue	test	orient	hand	pos	time
16	2	3	8	2	4	6144
RANDOM	WITHIN	WITHIN	WITHIN	WITHIN	WITHIN	DATA
384	96	437.7422	234.9399	23.9785		
384	96	473.2292	312.3501	31.8791		
384	96	444.2188	273.8900	27.9538		
384	96	304.0495	156.5937	15.9823		
384	96	346.0365	206.4432	21.0700		
384	96	351.8663	206.2647	21.0518		
384	96	336.0599	198.4695	20.2562		
384	96	558.4948	344.1803	35.1278		
381	98	714.8533	594.3194	60.4573		
383	96	633.8625	395.2084	40.3358		
382	96	588.9436	355.5892	36.3330		
382	96	527.9991	369.2676	37.6882		
383	96	500.0104	306.0367	31.2370		
382	96	517.6076	332.1400	33.8989		
384	96	469.2630	270.2760	27.5849		
384	96	446.4323	233.1678	23.7976		
384	96	447.5677	264.2711	27.2942		
384	96	424.3281	234.2711	23.9102		
383	96	464.9609	279.1495	28.4906		
384	96	322.9063	185.9116	18.9745		
384	96	296.1563	144.1606	14.7133		
383	96	349.6866	235.4868	24.0343		
384	96	338.3958	218.6641	22.3173		
384	96	394.3385	238.6751	24.3597		
382	96	390.1450	179.5068	18.3208		
384	96	423.9479	266.8586	27.2361		
383	96	428.1354	243.0844	24.8097		
384	96	283.1536	165.8731	16.9294		
384	96	305.5703	176.5060	18.0146		
384	96	296.1146	137.3578	14.0190		
383	96	306.4358	147.3246	15.0363		
382	96	514.7622	364.8148	37.2338		
381	96	517.9835	305.4608	31.1760		
383	96	513.0352	297.1795	30.3708		
381	96	520.6719	313.2710	31.9731		
383	96	389.3455	228.7193	23.3436		
384	96	374.3620	229.2897	23.4014		
384	96	375.8255	206.9888	21.1237		
384	96	423.6953	287.6227	29.3534		
384	96	527.5026	372.3664	38.0045		
383	96	513.5851	309.2481	31.5625		
384	96	536.8177	301.6446	30.7865		
384	96	495.5078	283.2451	28.9086		
383	96	376.8351	204.0721	20.8280		
382	96	384.0990	249.6189	25.4766		
384	96	409.0495	255.7444	26.1018		
384	96	388.2734	230.0213	23.4765		
380	96	783.0148	561.9084	57.3495		
377	96	833.4878	534.4640	54.5485		
381	96	791.6415	531.0848	54.2036		
382	96	809.1710	605.8872	61.8381		
379	96	650.1085	527.0637	53.7932		
379	96	586.4497	418.1361	42.6758		
379	96	612.2135	486.7424	49.6779		
380	96	621.6276	526.1918	53.7042		

ct	cts/	os/	os/	co	cos/	to	tos/	cto	ctos/	hand	hs/	ch	chs/	th	ths/	cth	cths/	oh	ohs/	coh	cohs/	toh	tohs/	ctoh	ctohs/	pos	pos/	cp	cps/	tp	tps/	ctp	ctps/	op	ops/	cop	cops/	top	tops/	ctop	ctops/	hp	hps/	chp	chps/				
2	662673.7599	7	11072551.8980	7	25604231.3936	14	1585846.4108	14	1925933.2615	1	28133860.2234	1	1791643.3278	2	31583.1058	2	492989.4200	7	1075834.0127	7	56944.5371	14	533609.7628	14	612394.4205	3	39966.7513	6	47931.0402	6	1292398.3601	21	1292398.3601	21	1105651.6966	21	1086590.9080	42	1086590.9080	42	803931.1264	42	143604.1935	3	53624.9575	3	1540068.3743	43	1540068.3743
30	87791.3674	105	201105.1975	105	168757.3177	210	9328367.5191	210	44420.7977	15	680236.6581	15	443702.9868	30	124559.7711	30	82545.1403	105	70504.1653	105	6705370.5682	105	59862.7690	210	48073.0512	45	19325.9459	90	21750.5184	90	24988.2062	90	24988.2062	315	52650.0808	315	27212.8371	630	31206.8507	630	47868.0645	45	17874.9858	45	34223.7417				

3.774	0.035 *	55.059	0.000 ***	21.675	0.000 ***	2.474	0.003 **	2.916	0.000 ***	41.359	0.000 ***	4.038	0.063	0.127	0.881	2.986	0.066	2.180	0.042 *	0.127	0.996	0.637	0.833	0.910	0.549	0.689	0.563	0.966	0.417	0.679	0.667	0.320	0.925	2.059	0.005 **	1.935	0.009 **	0.831	0.769	0.754	0.872	1.350	0.270	0.522	0.669
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thp	154296.0732	6	25716.0122	0.960	0.457
thps/	2410952.0117	90	26786.3557		
cthp	170193.9078	6	28365.6513	1.446	0.206
cthps/	1765431.8219	90	19615.9091		
ohp	1642658.8723	21	78221.8511	2.520	0.000 ***
ohps/	9779457.2551	315	31045.9278		
cohp	409320.4854	21	19491.4517	0.583	0.929
cohps/	10534763.0998	315	33443.6924		
tohp	1206519.8106	42	28726.6622	1.051	0.386
tohps/	17215313.4494	630	27325.8944		
ctohp	1452673.3562	42	34587.4609	1.283	0.113
ctohps/	16985383.7088	630	26960.9265		

## Appendix 2

### Overall analysis from Experiment 2

This appendix contains the results from the analysis of variance reported in Experiment 2. Included are the means from each main effect and from every interaction that was significant ( $p < .05$ ). Listed below are the factors used in this analysis and the labels associated with them.

cue - type of cue presented before stimulus

orient - no-image (no-shape) cue

both - image (shape) cue

shape - character used for test stimulus

numfour - the digit 4

letterr - the letter R

letterj - the letter J

horz - location of cue

0 - on left

1 - on right

orient - orientation of cue and test stimulus in degrees

45

135

225

315

mirr - handedness of test stimulus

0 - normal

1 - mirror reversed

dis - distance between cue and stimulus

0 - same location as cue

1 - 1.9 cm from cue

2 - 8.3 cm from cue

3 - 11.0 cm from cue

vert - placement of stimulus in relation to cue

hi - in the direction towards the top of the imaginary circle

lo - in the direction towards the bottom



Experiment 2 analysis

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cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	n	N	MEAN	SD	SE	SOURCE: cue
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	8640	5760	643.7359	313.7203	4.1336	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	8640	5760	491.0638	226.0070	2.9779	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	5760	3840	604.9878	319.1001	5.1495	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	5760	3840	570.9118	293.4553	4.7356	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	2880	1920	684.0536	361.1589	8.2423	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	2880	1920	658.0042	330.1463	7.5345	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	2880	1920	589.1500	226.0979	5.1600	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	2880	1920	525.9220	246.4909	5.6254	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	2880	1920	483.8194	219.3223	5.0053	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	2880	1920	463.4500	205.9115	4.6993	both
SOURCE: horz												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	8640	5760	565.6429	265.5198	3.4985	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	8640	5760	569.1568	301.0798	3.9671	both
SOURCE: orient												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	4320	2880	491.7527	213.1122	3.9711	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	4320	2880	638.6550	304.2466	5.6693	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	4320	2880	491.4315	246.6177	5.5854	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	4320	2880	647.7604	317.0636	5.9081	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	2160	1440	541.0199	213.8569	5.6356	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	2160	1440	732.4169	320.3448	8.4418	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	2160	1440	548.8653	306.6374	8.1333	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	2160	1440	752.6417	333.1233	8.7886	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	2160	1440	442.4854	200.6801	5.2884	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	2160	1440	544.8931	234.9083	6.7174	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	2160	1440	433.9977	140.7974	3.7103	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	2160	1440	542.8792	261.0400	6.8790	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	582.4035	259.1384	11.8280	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	770.9604	311.0401	14.1970	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	608.6618	452.1820	20.6396	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	774.1889	349.8910	15.9703	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	538.3215	176.3358	8.0486	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	755.3451	394.0502	17.9858	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	546.5569	227.2506	10.3725	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	791.7931	380.0317	17.3460	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	502.3347	189.5393	8.6512	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	670.9451	224.6490	10.2538	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	691.3771	152.1452	6.9444	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	917.9431	246.6488	11.2579	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	474.4694	221.8265	10.1249	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	578.0410	279.5380	12.7591	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	466.8521	144.6678	6.6032	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	584.3257	287.8725	13.1375	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	438.5417	214.7684	9.1869	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	553.1097	253.4829	11.5028	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	427.9729	143.8703	6.6580	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	515.6535	223.7115	10.2110	both
SOURCE: cue												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	503.5285	223.4450	10.1988	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	407.1681	124.5318	5.6841	both
SOURCE: shape												
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	720	480	528.6583	262.9675	12.0028	orient
both	both	both	both	both	both	both	720	480	656.6375	247.9913	16.0078	both

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cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	n	N	MEAN	SD	SE
orient	numfour	1	315	0	1	1	240	240	685.4250	287.1019	18.5323
orient	numfour	1	315	0	1	1	240	240	668.7083	273.8611	17.6777
orient	numfour	1	225	0	1	1	240	240	726.5292	477.4148	30.8170
orient	numfour	0	225	0	2	2	720	240	647.9375	246.3484	15.9017
orient	numfour	0	225	0	2	2	240	240	733.0125	579.6034	37.4132
orient	numfour	0	225	0	3	3	240	240	643.2875	264.0754	17.0460
orient	numfour	0	45	0	3	3	240	240	710.8917	353.8038	22.8379
orient	letter	1	45	0	2	2	240	240	651.6694	249.9628	16.1350
orient	letter	1	45	0	2	2	240	240	657.0458	277.0459	17.4832
orient	letter	1	45	0	3	3	240	240	651.0167	331.5216	22.7164
orient	letter	1	135	0	3	3	240	240	645.6792	237.6276	19.2118
orient	letter	0	135	0	2	2	720	240	639.1222	239.0311	15.4294
orient	letter	0	135	0	2	2	240	240	687.2500	309.2100	19.9594
orient	letter	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	634.8042	276.5755	17.4529
orient	letter	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	697.4458	539.1615	34.8027
orient	letter	1	135	0	2	2	240	240	590.5194	196.9367	12.7122
orient	letter	1	135	0	2	2	240	240	589.3792	222.9170	14.3892
orient	letter	1	135	0	3	3	240	240	570.7125	223.4511	14.4237
orient	letter	0	135	0	2	2	240	240	594.8875	225.1645	14.5343
orient	letter	0	135	0	2	2	720	240	568.7139	196.7893	12.7027
orient	letter	0	135	0	2	2	240	240	588.3875	234.0328	15.1068
orient	letter	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	584.7667	237.4337	15.3263
orient	letter	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	625.8333	263.2767	16.9944
both	numfour	1	135	0	2	2	240	240	485.1111	171.6900	11.0825
both	numfour	1	135	0	2	2	240	240	576.6125	274.6686	17.7298
both	numfour	1	135	0	3	3	240	240	505.8292	248.7561	16.0571
both	numfour	1	135	0	3	3	240	240	534.7042	189.6490	12.2418
both	numfour	0	135	0	2	2	720	240	457.4569	134.9604	8.7117
both	numfour	0	135	0	2	2	240	240	560.9583	314.0354	20.2709
both	numfour	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	496.3458	246.0316	15.8813
both	numfour	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	590.3583	303.2944	19.5776
both	letter	1	135	0	2	2	720	240	440.1833	148.0709	9.5579
both	letter	1	135	0	2	2	240	240	493.5875	163.2233	10.5360
both	letter	1	135	0	3	3	240	240	462.6750	200.6289	12.9505
both	letter	1	135	0	3	3	240	240	521.4042	228.8720	14.7736
both	letter	0	135	0	2	2	720	240	411.0306	158.0006	10.1989
both	letter	0	135	0	2	2	240	240	513.3958	235.5712	15.2061
both	letter	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	466.3167	298.3029	19.2554
both	letter	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	531.9625	257.5964	16.6278
both	letter	1	135	0	2	2	720	240	427.5597	162.5371	9.2007
both	letter	1	135	0	2	2	240	240	483.8667	202.5148	13.0723
both	letter	1	135	0	3	3	240	240	474.3083	287.2613	18.5456
both	letter	1	135	0	3	3	240	240	481.3792	214.8212	13.8656
both	letter	0	135	0	2	2	720	240	435.7194	141.7894	9.1591
both	letter	0	135	0	2	2	240	240	456.2333	228.1376	14.7282
both	letter	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	426.3833	159.9174	10.3226
both	letter	0	135	0	3	3	240	240	492.1500	214.1160	13.8211
SOURCE: horz orient dis											
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	n <td>N<td>MEAN<td>SD<td>SE</td></td></td></td>	N <td>MEAN<td>SD<td>SE</td></td></td>	MEAN <td>SD<td>SE</td></td>	SD <td>SE</td>	SE
orient	numfour	1	315	0	1	1	1080	360	461.7991	137.2483	7.2336
orient	numfour	1	315	0	2	2	360	360	507.5917	167.4359	8.0246
orient	numfour	1	315	0	3	3	360	360	475.4194	182.4801	9.6175
orient	numfour	0	225	0	1	1	1080	360	490.5083	200.4293	10.5636
orient	numfour	0	225	0	2	2	360	360	615.6407	245.6618	12.9475
orient	numfour	0	225	0	3	3	360	360	621.5556	289.6345	15.2651
orient	numfour	0	45	0	1	1	1080	360	661.0111	318.3388	16.7779
orient	numfour	0	45	0	2	2	360	360	469.8750	147.0011	7.7476
orient	numfour	0	45	0	3	3	360	360	501.5194	168.8225	8.8977
orient	letter	1	45	0	1	1	1080	360	477.1250	171.1322	9.0195
orient	letter	1	45	0	2	2	360	360	524.0528	340.3485	17.9379
orient	letter	1	135	0	1	1	1080	360	620.4722	261.3018	13.7718
orient	letter	1	135	0	2	2	360	360	659.0833	305.0774	16.0790
orient	letter	1	135	0	3	3	360	360	648.0667	354.5504	18.6864
both	numfour	1	135	0	1	1	1080	360	660.8167	285.7703	15.0614
both	numfour	1	135	0	2	2	360	360	463.5028	153.5139	8.0909
both	numfour	1	135	0	3	3	360	360	523.2417	294.1386	15.5025
SOURCE: cue mirr vert											
cue	shape	horz	orient	mirr	dis	vert	n <td>N<td>MEAN<td>SD<td>SE</td></td></td></td>	N <td>MEAN<td>SD<td>SE</td></td></td>	MEAN <td>SD<td>SE</td></td>	SD <td>SE</td>	SE
orient	numfour	1	315	0	1	1	2160	1440	602.5336	270.1853	7.1200
orient	numfour	1	315	0	2	2	2160	1440	603.5764	295.4313	7.7853
orient	numfour	1	315	0	3	3	2160	1440	688.1908	375.8906	9.9056
orient	numfour	0	225	0	1	1	2160	1440	680.6340	292.6769	7.7127
orient	numfour	0	225	0	2	2	2160	1440	444.4542	205.3243	5.4108
orient	numfour	0	225	0	3	3	2160	1440	434.5542	171.8870	4.5296
both	numfour	1	135	0	1	1	2160	1440	534.4731	232.4363	6.1252
both	numfour	1	135	0	2	2	2160	1440	550.7738	260.5194	6.8653



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cs/	7287360.1046	14	520525.7218				om	879583.8554	3	293194.6185	7.474	0.000	***
shape	11959253.9989	2	5979626.9995	16.277	0.000	***	oms/	1647535.5054	42	39227.0358	4.399	0.009	**
ss/	10286514.8600	28	367375.5307				com	838038.4304	3	279346.1435			
cs	1171289.4691	2	585644.7341	5.189	0.012	*	coms/	2667349.6562	42	63508.3251			
css/	3160249.4172	28	112866.0506				som	229382.1526	6	38230.3588	0.618	0.715	
horz	35560.5588	1	35560.5588	0.246	0.628		soms/	5193798.0386	84	61830.9290			
hs/	2022765.6597	14	144483.2614				csom	399085.3213	6	66514.2202	1.235	0.297	
ch	19314.8417	1	19314.8417	0.399	0.538		csoms/	4522238.4141	84	59836.4097			
cha/	677866.8314	14	48419.0594				hom	40202.9052	3	13400.9684	0.386	0.764	
sh	81076.3929	2	40538.1965	0.722	0.495		homs/	1458823.4147	42	34733.8508			
sha/	1572821.2149	28	56172.1862				chom	232602.6692	3	77534.2231	1.225	0.313	
csa/	21885.4224	2	10942.7112	0.445	0.645		choms/	2659101.4723	42	63311.9398			
csa/	687923.2842	28	24568.6887				shom	235685.9536	6	39280.9923	1.049	0.400	
orient	66323955.1115	3	22107651.7038	53.691	0.000	***	shoms/	3144767.6950	84	37437.7107			
os/	17293741.7258	42	411755.7554				cshom	102437.2768	6	17072.8795	0.391	0.883	
co	6360493.8734	3	2120164.6245	19.423	0.000	***	cshoms/	3664974.9013	84	43630.6536			
cos/	4584508.4707	42	109154.9636				dis	7531944.7863	3	2510648.2621	32.653	0.000	***
ao	532908.6720	6	88018.1120	0.663	0.680		ds/	3229304.2948	42	76888.1975			
so/	11255091.9565	84	133989.1900				cd	812060.2106	3	270686.7369	5.613	0.002	**
cso	1107457.4798	6	184576.2466	2.394	0.035	*	cds/	2025550.6931	42	48227.3975			
cos/	6476744.3730	84	77104.0997				sd	4329846.1805	84	51545.7879			
ho	154965.1622	3	51655.0541	1.087	0.365		ads/	633313.2737	6	105552.2123	2.048	0.068	
hos/	1996098.7287	42	47526.1602				csd	188158.7246	6	31359.7874	1.365	0.238	
cho	84712.2028	3	28237.4009	0.899	0.450		csds/	1930096.1478	84	22977.3351			
chos/	1318594.6936	42	31395.1118				hd	788831.7490	3	262943.9163	3.804	0.017	*
sho	161182.3355	6	26863.7559	0.527	0.787		hds/	2903463.1465	42	69130.0749			
shos/	4285863.3232	84	51022.1824				chd	73186.3196	3	24395.4399	0.438	0.727	
csho	99461.8953	6	16576.9826	0.280	0.945		chds/	2398126.0877	42	55669.6688			
cshos/	4964680.0587	84	59103.3340				shd	19587.2229	6	3264.5371	0.084	0.998	
mlrr	24503998.7953	1	24503998.7953	29.265	0.000	***	shds/	3237509.0332	84	38779.8695			
ms/	11722264.8644	14	837304.6332				cshd	899648.1335	6	14941.3556	2.641	0.021	*
cm	340837.0297	1	340837.0297	2.161	0.164		cslds/	4768269.7229	84	56763.1157			
cms/	2208561.3335	14	157754.3810				od	49818.0179	9	55346.4464	1.525	0.146	
am	223688.9465	2	111844.4732	0.689	0.510		ods/	4574029.9479	126	36301.8250			
ams/	4545301.6341	28	162332.2012				cod	599691.2596	9	66632.3622	1.311	0.238	
cam	67412.0937	2	33706.0468	0.430	0.655		cods/	6405152.0973	126	50834.5405			
cams/	2194576.5429	28	78377.7337				sod	968250.3400	18	53791.6856	1.315	0.178	
hm	200205.6116	1	200205.6116	1.288	0.275		sods/	10306257.1722	252	40897.8459			
hms/	2176314.4227	14	155451.0302				csod	1107510.2223	18	61528.3457	1.473	0.100	
chm	371250.9705	1	371250.9705	4.052	0.064		csods/	10523389.2983	252	41759.4813			
chms/	1282587.9325	14	91613.4238				hod	711869.4164	9	79096.6018	1.996	0.045	*
shm	328467.8051	2	166233.9026	2.963	0.068		hods/	4992024.2530	126	39619.2401			
shms/	1551996.5437	28	55428.4480				chod	88186.4773	9	9798.4975	0.237	0.988	
cshm	7488.8617	2	3744.4309	0.110	0.896		chods/	5203370.7039	126	41296.5929			
cshtm	951086.3003	28	33967.3679				shod	832183.0077	18	46232.3893	1.007	0.452	
cshtms/							shods/	11570117.5140	252	45913.1647			

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chod	124325.3440	18	69084.7413	1.292	0.193	368678.0475	14	26334.1462	
chsods/	13478878.2333	252	53487.6120			50740.7484	2	25370.3742	0.584 0.564
nd	465500.6195	3	155500.2065	7.708	0.000 ***	1216134.2908	28	43440.5104	
nds/	847260.7956	42	20172.8761			67046.7534	2	33523.3767	0.706 0.502
cmd	101036.2198	3	33678.7399	0.861	0.469	1329333.4172	28	47476.1935	
cmds/	1642502.6601	42	39107.2067			41065.6460	3	13688.5487	0.274 0.844
amd	908295.8297	6	151382.6383	2.494	0.029 *	2098069.6154	42	49954.0385	
amds/	5099507.0688	84	60708.4175			236880.6900	3	78960.2300	1.669 0.188
cmd	597371.2479	6	99561.8747	1.351	0.244	1987187.9420	42	47313.5986	
cmds/	6188413.4203	84	73671.5883			187953.3413	6	31325.5569	0.634 0.702
hmd	283542.7591	3	94514.2530	2.100	0.115	4148940.3246	84	49392.1467	
hmds/	1890578.5482	42	45013.7750			300367.4088	6	50061.2348	1.835 0.102
chmd	20165.8848	3	6721.9616	0.162	0.921	2291836.7012	84	27283.7703	
chmds/	1743305.2803	42	41507.2686			189782.4205	3	63260.8068	1.735 0.174
shmd	557312.8758	6	92885.4793	1.380	0.232	1531510.7395	42	36464.5414	
shmds/	5652444.7625	84	67291.0091			61530.0084	3	20510.0028	0.835 0.482
chamd	540331.1907	6	90055.1984	2.063	0.066	1031283.3216	42	24554.3648	
chamds/	3666609.2634	84	43650.1103			345336.9493	6	57589.4915	1.056 0.396
omd	388160.7471	9	43128.9719	1.002	0.442	4581994.2839	84	54547.5510	
omds/	5421856.0740	126	43030.6038			444652.3793	6	74108.7299	1.241 0.294
comd	269602.4806	9	28955.8312	0.763	0.650	5016187.9062	84	59716.5227	
comds/	4944081.0256	126	39238.7383			55706.9424	1	55706.9424	0.841 0.375
sond	625279.6354	18	34737.7575	0.798	0.702	927358.6067	14	66239.9005	
sonds/	10966538.0224	252	43518.0080			218103.2168	1	218103.2168	6.608 0.022 *
csomd	777594.6359	18	43199.7020	0.890	0.591	462062.1738	14	33004.4410	
csomds/	12225803.0204	252	48515.0914			18222.7200	2	9116.3600	0.261 0.772
hcmd	586619.3496	9	65179.9277	1.350	0.218	977065.1044	28	34895.1823	
hcmds/	6083618.1733	126	48282.6839			88722.5116	2	44361.2558	0.878 0.427
chcmd	110310.5945	9	12256.7327	0.244	0.987	1414415.9904	28	50514.8568	
chcmds/	6325840.4909	126	50205.0833			13334.3085	1	13334.3085	0.566 0.464
shcmd	833842.5243	18	46324.5847	1.132	0.321	330073.6135	14	23576.8867	
shcmds/	10312294.0426	252	40921.8018			19472.2662	1	19472.2662	0.436 0.520
chshcmd	382765.6258	18	21264.7570	0.567	0.921	624886.2634	14	44634.7331	
chshcmds/	9457541.1155	252	37529.9251			127430.0635	2	63715.0318	1.635 0.213
vert	2.6889	1	2.6889	0.000	0.995	1090856.0820	28	38959.1458	
vs/	880548.5194	14	62896.3228			6977.2974	2	3488.6487	0.128 0.880
cv	30063.5456	1	30063.5456	0.452	0.512	763504.7754	28	27268.0277	
cvs/	931528.3191	14	66537.7371			234347.0504	3	78115.6835	3.190 0.033 *
sv	109785.4935	2	54892.7468	1.736	0.195	1028448.1239	42	24486.8601	
svs/	885360.4011	28	31620.0143			398709.5209	3	132903.1736	3.762 0.018 *
svv	17648.1438	2	8824.0719	0.127	0.881	1483855.2652	42	35329.8873	
svvs/	1939771.2104	28	69277.7575			346097.7954	6	57349.6326	1.166 0.332
hv	24228.5293	1	24228.5293	0.646	0.435	4131854.1259	84	49188.7596	
hvs/	524953.6014	14	37495.2572			450264.7409	6	75044.1235	2.115 0.060
chv	26610.5387	1	26610.5387	1.010	0.332	2980572.5855	84	35483.0070	

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homv	80597.1494	3	26865.7165	0.447	0.721				
homvs/	252327.7262	42	60124.4697						
chomv	192441.0768	3	64147.0256	1.096	0.361				
chomvs/	2457945.7991	42	58522.5190						
shomv	219639.2855	6	36606.5476	0.684	0.663				
shomvs/	4494347.0256	84	53504.1313						
cshomv	93576.7096	6	15596.1183	0.430	0.857				
cshomvs/	3045803.3530	84	36259.5875						
dv	223225.1053	3	74408.3684	1.970	0.133				
dvs/	1586194.4874	42	37766.5354						
cdv	40693.9324	3	13564.6441	0.357	0.784				
cdvs/	1595800.2396	42	37995.2438						
sdv	182523.1108	6	30420.5185	0.632	0.704				
sdvs/	4040727.5315	84	48103.8992						
csdv	570834.0064	6	95139.0011	1.954	0.082				
csdvs/	4090862.4326	84	48700.7432						
hdv	132013.4364	3	44004.4788	0.756	0.525				
hdvs/	2443959.7294	42	58189.5174						
chdv	105943.5531	3	35314.5177	0.456	0.714				
chdvs/	3251601.5239	42	77419.0839						
shdv	135029.1489	6	22504.8582	0.490	0.814				
shdvs/	3854346.1715	84	45885.0735						
csdv	49928.1588	6	8321.3598	0.171	0.984				
csdvs/	4087854.3712	84	48664.9330						
odv	575907.7073	9	63989.7453	1.383	0.203				
odvs/	5831358.3077	126	46280.6215						
codv	486906.9594	9	54100.7733	1.540	0.141				
codvs/	4426935.8832	126	35134.4118						
sodv	994507.4457	18	55250.4137	1.466	0.103				
sodvs/	9498014.1513	252	37690.5323						
csodv	718152.1125	18	39897.3396	1.121	0.332				
csodvs/	8568800.1483	252	35590.4768						
hdv	493347.9851	9	54816.4428	1.123	0.351				
hdvs/	6149613.8808	126	48806.4594						
chodv	419434.0253	9	46603.7806	1.518	0.148				
chodvs/	3867374.1182	126	30693.4454						
shodv	1053955.9889	18	58553.1105	1.057	0.397				
shodvs/	13963901.5296	252	55412.3077						
cshodv	953571.6841	18	52976.2047	1.309	0.182				
cshodvs/	10198376.6021	252	40469.7484						
mdv	68873.2901	3	22957.7634	0.448	0.720				
mdvs/	2145949.7438	42	51189.2796						
cmdv	83465.7009	3	27821.9003	0.570	0.638				
cmdvs/	2048363.5385	42	48770.5604						
smdv	153597.7852	6	25599.6309	0.430	0.857				
smdvs/	4995266.8206	84	59467.4621						
csmdv	386919.1620	6	64886.5270	1.455	0.204				
csmdvs/	3721659.7947	84	44305.4737						
hmdv	40053.4086	3	13351.1362	0.335	0.800				
hmdvs/	1671735.2517	42	39803.2203						
chmdv	580348.8076	3	193449.6025	3.686	0.019 *				
chmdvs/	2204323.3357	42	52483.8889						
shmdv	313262.5953	6	52210.4326	0.998	0.433				
shmdvs/	4396549.4862	84	52339.8748						
cshmdv	275285.2692	6	45880.8782	0.948	0.465				
cshmdvs/	4063730.6152	84	48377.7454						
omdv	463863.8968	9	51540.4330	1.055	0.401				
omdvs/	6155236.5478	126	48851.0837						
comdv	687657.6795	9	76406.4088	1.874	0.062				
comdvs/	5137420.0929	126	40773.1753						
somdv	1055116.2884	18	58617.5716	1.298	0.189				
somdvs/	11378281.5594	252	45151.9110						
csomdv	1098960.5579	18	61053.3643	1.499	0.090				
csomdvs/	10267206.2666	252	40742.8820						
hmdv	562897.7515	9	62544.1946	1.490	0.159				
hmdvs/	5289538.6846	126	41980.4658						
chmdv	285467.0800	9	31718.5644	0.564	0.825				
chmdvs/	7099684.3864	126	56267.3364						
shmdv	916358.9391	18	50908.8300	1.224	0.242				
shmdvs/	10483768.1377	252	41602.2545						
cshmdv	463884.1852	18	25771.3436	0.757	0.750				
cshmdvs/	8584338.7566	252	34064.8363						

## Appendix 3

### No-Saccade and Saccade analyses from Experiment 3

This appendix contains the results from the two analyses of variance for the saccade and no-saccade trials in Experiment 3. Included for both analyses are the means from each main effect and from every interaction that was significant in either analysis ( $p < .05$ ). Listed below are the factors used in these two analyses and the labels associated with them.

cue - type of cue presented before stimulus

sh0 - no-image (no-shape) cue

sh1 - image (shape) cue

dir - type of instructions given to subject

noi - neutral instructions, no suggestion of retino or spatio results

ret - when eyes move, suggest image be in same retinotopic location

spt - when eyes move, suggest image be in same spatiotopic location

pm - position match

In no-saccade trials:

pm1 - cue in same location as stimulus

pm0 - cue in different location than stimulus

In saccade trials:

pm1 - cue in same retinotopic location as stimulus

pm0 - cue in same spatiotopic location as stimulus

hm - handedness of test stimulus

hm1 - normal

hm0 - mirror reversed

shape - character used for test stimulus

numfour - the digit 4

letterr - the letter R

letterj - the letter J

ior - orientation of cue and test stimulus

ior0 - 45°

ior1 - 135°

ior2 - 225°

ior3 - 315°

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SOURCE: dir	dir	pm	ret	pm1	hm0	numfour	lor	n	MEAN	SD	SE	
dir	dir	pm	ret	pm1	hm0	numfour	lor	391	704.2375	274.4752	19.4083	
no1	no1	pm1	ret	pm1	hm1	letterj	ret	393	614.5575	281.6199	19.9135	
ret	ret	pm1	ret	pm1	hm1	letterj	ret	396	590.2825	230.4234	16.2934	
spt	spt	pm0	ret	pm0	hm0	numfour	ret	396	662.8325	297.7786	21.0561	
		pm0	spt	pm0	hm0	letterj	spt	393	816.6700	386.4273	27.3245	
		pm1	spt	pm1	hm1	letterj	spt	389	786.7525	324.6733	22.9579	
SOURCE: pm	dir	pm	spt	pm0	hm0	numfour	spt	399	700.2150	353.5969	25.0031	
dir	dir	pm0	spt	pm0	hm0	letterj	spt	395	578.8450	277.6280	19.6313	
		pm1	spt	pm1	hm1	letterj	spt	396	753.8575	368.8448	26.0083	
		pm1	spt	pm1	hm1	letterj	spt	392	793.1050	410.3848	29.0186	
		pm1	spt	pm1	hm0	letterj	spt	397	740.5775	331.4218	23.4351	
		pm1	spt	pm1	hm0	numfour	spt	394	769.7350	345.8778	24.4373	
		pm1	spt	pm1	hm1	letterj	spt	395	703.4000	355.8576	25.1829	
		pm1	spt	pm1	hm1	letterj	spt	397	676.9800	336.4010	23.7871	
		pm1	spt	pm1	hm1	numfour	spt	393	735.0925	419.8878	29.6906	
SOURCE: cue	dir	pm	dir	pm	hm	shape	lor	7031	786.6397	343.2104	5.7202	
dir	dir	pm	dir	pm	hm	shape	lor	7127	632.4789	272.0236	4.5337	
SOURCE: pm cue	dir	pm cue	dir	pm cue	hm	shape	lor	3520	1800	794.1172	334.4714	7.8836
		pm cue		pm cue	hm	shape	lor	3554	1800	668.6478	285.5103	6.7295
		pm1		pm1	hm1	shc0	lor	3511	1800	779.1622	351.6663	8.2889
		pm1		pm1	hm1	shc1	lor	3573	1800	596.3100	252.7862	5.9582
SOURCE: hm cue	dir	hm cue	dir	hm cue	hm	shape	lor	3495	1800	819.5861	341.9949	8.0609
		hm cue		hm cue	hm	shape	lor	3551	1800	689.1831	288.5496	6.8012
		pm		pm	hm0	shc1	lor	3536	1800	753.6933	341.3497	8.0457
		pm		pm	hm1	shc1	lor	3576	1800	575.7747	241.5361	5.6931
SOURCE: lor	dir	lor	dir	lor	hm	shape	lor	3495	1800	809.8122	345.3022	8.1388
		lor		lor	hm	shape	lor	3513	1800	801.5717	336.9603	7.9422
		lor		lor	hm0	shc0	lor	3577	1800	614.2339	295.4512	6.0210
		lor		lor	hm0	shc1	lor	3573	1800	612.6194	269.0965	6.3427
SOURCE: hm lor	dir	hm lor	dir	hm lor	hm	shape	lor	1720	900	874.6789	363.5989	12.1200
		hm lor		hm lor	hm0	shape	lor	1753	900	823.5556	317.9797	10.5993
		pm		pm	hm0	shc0	lor	1786	900	660.2261	263.6992	6.7900
		pm		pm	hm0	shc1	lor	1775	900	659.0778	278.5513	9.2850
		pm		pm	hm1	shc0	lor	1760	900	744.9456	313.0030	10.4334
		pm		pm	hm1	shc1	lor	1790	900	568.2417	258.3500	7.9450
		pm		pm	hm1	shc1	lor	1787	900	566.1611	230.9862	6.3662
SOURCE: shape lor	dir	shape lor	dir	shape lor	hm	shape	lor	1158	600	833.0942	368.1009	15.0277
		shape lor		shape lor	hm	shape	lor	1175	600	805.6900	343.1991	14.0110
		pm		pm	hm0	letterj	lor	1194	600	604.2542	251.0371	10.2485
		pm		pm	hm0	letterj	lor	1189	600	608.9317	292.7504	11.9515
		pm		pm	hm0	letterj	lor	1179	600	780.7250	322.7403	13.1758
		pm		pm	hm1	letterj	lor	1199	600	771.1617	311.1276	12.7017
		pm		pm	hm1	letterj	lor	1193	600	602.0667	251.2202	10.2560
		pm		pm	hm1	letterj	lor	1183	600	577.0283	242.7449	8.7261
		pm		pm	hm1	numfour	lor	1167	600	815.6175	343.0746	13.9651
		pm		pm	hm1	numfour	lor	1159	600	827.8633	353.2480	14.4213
		pm		pm	hm1	numfour	lor	1190	600	636.3808	262.8941	10.7336
		pm		pm	hm1	numfour	lor	1191	600	651.8983	288.5534	11.7801
SOURCE: shape lor	dir	shape lor	dir	shape lor	hm	shape	lor	1158	600	833.0942	368.1009	15.0277
		shape lor		shape lor	hm	shape	lor	1175	600	805.6900	343.1991	14.0110
		pm		pm	hm0	letterj	lor	1194	600	604.2542	251.0371	10.2485
		pm		pm	hm0	letterj	lor	1189	600	608.9317	292.7504	11.9515
		pm		pm	hm0	letterj	lor	1179	600	780.7250	322.7403	13.1758
		pm		pm	hm1	letterj	lor	1199	600	771.1617	311.1276	12.7017
		pm		pm	hm1	letterj	lor	1193	600	602.0667	251.2202	10.2560
		pm		pm	hm1	letterj	lor	1183	600	577.0283	242.7449	8.7261
		pm		pm	hm1	numfour	lor	1167	600	815.6175	343.0746	13.9651
		pm		pm	hm1	numfour	lor	1159	600	827.8633	353.2480	14.4213
		pm		pm	hm1	numfour	lor	1190	600	636.3808	262.8941	10.7336
		pm		pm	hm1	numfour	lor	1191	600	651.8983	288.5534	11.7801





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hs	117138.4478	2	58569.2239	1.150	0.319	pis/d	8065587.4923	216	37340.6828	
hss/d	7331230.6140	144	50911.3237			dpi	311123.3485	6	51853.8914	1.389 0.220
dhs	157053.7247	4	39263.4312	0.771	0.546	pis/d	8065587.4923	216	37340.6828	
hss/d	7331230.6140	144	50911.3237			hi	1669346.9006	3	556448.9669	9.228 0.000 ***
phs	66977.2853	2	33488.6626	1.041	0.356	hiss/d	13024916.3837	216	60300.5388	
phss/d	4633971.6910	144	32180.3590			dhi	438514.3251	6	73085.7208	1.212 0.301
dphs	190364.3622	4	47591.0906	1.479	0.212	hiss/d	13024916.3837	216	60300.5388	
phss/d	4633971.6910	144	32180.3590			phl	157344.8672	3	52448.3224	1.534 0.207
cue	42778012.5613	1	42778012.5613	170.840	0.000 ***	phls/d	7382879.3408	216	34179.9969	
cs/d	18028714.0396	72	250398.8061			dphl	47912.8742	6	7985.4790	0.234 0.965
dc	525406.9877	2	262703.4939	1.049	0.356	phis/d	7382879.3408	216	34179.9969	
cs/d	18028714.0396	72	250398.8061			sl	903819.0964	6	150636.5161	2.571 0.019 *
pc	1481752.4335	1	1481752.4335	33.663	0.000 ***	sis/d	25310164.4206	432	56588.3436	
pcs/d	3169231.9192	72	44017.1100			dsi	565051.7903	12	47087.6492	0.804 0.647
dpc	35059.7047	2	17529.8523	0.398	0.673	sis/d	25310164.4206	432	56588.3436	
pcs/d	3169231.9192	72	44017.1100			psi	40591.2825	6	6765.2137	0.193 0.979
hc	1015977.6089	1	1015977.6089	19.813	0.000 ***	psis/d	15147582.9019	432	35063.8493	
hcs/d	3692032.7813	72	51278.2331			psil	116663.3417	12	9721.9451	0.277 0.993
dhc	36662.4692	2	18331.2346	0.357	0.701	psis/d	15147582.9019	432	35063.8493	
hcs/d	3692032.7813	72	51278.2331			hsi	1144813.0111	6	190802.1685	4.957 0.000 ***
phc	11643.3800	1	11643.3800	0.210	0.648	hsis/d	16629306.3944	432	38493.7648	
phcs/d	3983350.5358	72	55324.3130			dhsi	459955.7664	12	38332.9805	0.996 0.452
dhc	84367.0790	2	42183.5395	0.762	0.470	hsis/d	16629306.3944	432	38493.7648	
phcs/d	3983350.5358	72	55324.3130			phsi	301419.9453	6	50236.6575	1.367 0.227
ac	61702.5633	2	30851.2817	0.653	0.522	phsis/d	15880682.5923	432	36760.8393	
acs/d	6006637.1323	144	47226.6468			dphsi	248086.3739	12	20673.8645	0.562 0.872
dpc	372521.7158	4	93130.4290	1.972	0.102	phsis/d	15880682.5923	432	36760.8393	
pcs/d	6006637.1323	144	47226.6468			ci	2187982.2949	3	729327.4316	16.239 0.000 ***
psc	3511.7853	2	1755.8926	0.050	0.951	cis/d	9700955.8654	216	44911.8327	
psc/d	5035829.6602	144	34971.0393			dci	141931.7928	6	23655.2988	0.527 0.788
dpac	301185.2472	4	75296.3118	2.153	0.077	cis/d	9700955.8654	216	44911.8327	
pac/d	5035829.6602	144	34971.0393			pcl	660510.1138	3	220170.0379	4.288 0.006 **
hsc	109377.7019	2	54688.8510	1.577	0.210	pcls/d	11090121.1008	216	51343.1532	
hcs/d	4994469.7994	144	34683.8181			dpci	153368.6448	6	25561.4408	0.498 0.810
dhsc	105009.2956	4	26252.3239	0.757	0.555	pcls/d	11090121.1008	216	51343.1532	
hcs/d	4994469.7994	144	34683.8181			hcl	919730.1644	3	306576.7215	6.959 0.000 ***
phsc	58260.6325	2	29130.3162	0.996	0.372	hcls/d	9515966.8988	216	44055.4023	
phscs/d	4212182.1873	144	29251.2652			dcl	40085.1608	6	6680.8601	0.152 0.989
dphsc	171506.0292	4	42876.5073	1.466	0.216	hcls/d	9515966.8988	216	44055.4023	
phscs/d	4212182.1873	144	29251.2652			phcli	29224.4911	3	9741.4970	0.254 0.859
lor	66607148.5382	3	22200716.1794	253.960	0.000 ***	phcls/d	8292131.0525	216	38385.2456	
ls/d	18882234.1338	216	87418.0284			dphcli	169660.2533	6	28276.7089	0.737 0.621
dl	689088.9583	6	114848.1597	1.314	0.252	phcls/d	8292131.0525	216	38385.2456	
ls/d	18882234.1338	216	87418.0284			scl	659413.2006	6	109902.2001	2.877 0.009 **
pl	10577.5704	3	3525.8568	0.094	0.963	scls/d	16500840.0327	432	38196.3890	

dsci	36640.3136	12	30536.6928	0.799	0.651
scls/d	16500840.0327	432	38196.3890		
psci	290426.1858	6	48404.3643	1.232	0.289
pscls/d	16975898.5898	432	39296.0616		
dpsci	143753.8650	12	11979.4888	0.305	0.988
pscls/d	16975898.5898	432	39296.0616		
hsci	253836.9714	6	42306.1619	1.052	0.391
hcls/d	17372880.2856	432	40215.0007		
dhsci	315260.4878	12	26271.7073	0.653	0.796
hcls/d	17372880.2856	432	40215.0007		
phsci	133188.3381	6	22198.0563	0.579	0.747
phcls/d	16559596.8694	432	38332.4002		
dphsci	350208.0269	12	29184.0022	0.761	0.690
phcls/d	16559596.8694	432	38332.4002		

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SOURCE: dir	ret	pm1	hm0	numfour	cue	lor	390	200	702.2700	247.8020	17.5222
dir	ret	pm1	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	393	200	711.0750	250.6585	17.7242
no1	ret	pm1	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	397	200	593.4400	219.8027	15.5424
ret	ret	pm1	hm1	numfour	cue	lor	396	200	625.7500	257.7417	18.2251
spt	ret	pm0	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	398	200	627.5300	268.6512	18.9965
	spt	pm0	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	398	200	735.8425	347.3097	24.5585
SOURCE: pm	spt	pm0	hm0	numfour	cue	lor	387	200	812.6100	368.4685	26.0547
dir	spt	pm0	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	388	200	751.2150	332.4310	23.5064
no1	spt	pm0	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	397	200	682.1850	356.9699	25.2416
ret	spt	pm0	hm1	numfour	cue	lor	395	200	708.6900	332.5502	23.5134
spt	spt	pm0	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	397	200	691.1150	350.0001	24.7487
	spt	pm1	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	395	200	763.8650	340.1242	24.0584
SOURCE: dir	spt	pm1	hm0	numfour	cue	lor	397	200	779.3500	339.4950	24.0059
no1	spt	pm1	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	395	200	784.4650	336.4353	23.7896
ret	spt	pm1	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	396	200	649.5700	307.3116	21.7502
spt	spt	pm1	hm1	numfour	cue	lor	398	200	687.9850	343.0884	24.2600
spt	spt	pm1	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	395	200	695.5250	363.8380	25.7272
SOURCE: cue	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	7140	3600	614.1742	262.5883	4.3765
dir	dir	pm	hm	shc1	cue	lor	7058	3600	765.7564	335.8532	5.5976
				shc0	cue	lor					
SOURCE: pm	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	3567	1800	627.3864	274.4898	6.4698
no1	dir	pm0	hm0	shc1	cue	lor	3519	1800	767.8411	346.3620	8.1638
ret	dir	pm1	hm1	shc1	cue	lor	3573	1800	600.9619	249.4986	5.8807
spt	dir	pm1	hm1	shc0	cue	lor	3539	1800	763.6717	325.0878	7.6624
					cue	lor					
SOURCE: hm	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	3559	1800	660.5600	268.3546	6.3252
no1	dir	pm0	hm0	shc1	cue	lor	3515	1800	804.2806	337.7734	7.9614
ret	dir	pm1	hm1	shc1	cue	lor	3581	1800	567.7883	248.2412	5.8511
spt	dir	pm1	hm1	shc0	cue	lor	3543	1800	727.2322	329.5401	7.7673
					cue	lor					
SOURCE: shape	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	3517	1800	786.6006	333.9808	7.8720
no1	dir	pm0	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	3527	1800	774.8261	326.0146	7.6842
ret	dir	pm1	hm1	numfour	cue	lor	3577	1800	596.8236	261.4528	6.1634
spt	dir	pm1	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	3577	1800	601.6108	259.5068	6.1166
					cue	lor					
SOURCE: pm	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	1746	900	845.0694	341.9370	11.3979
no1	dir	pm0	hm0	shc1	cue	lor	1759	900	806.4350	320.5983	10.6866
ret	dir	pm1	hm1	shc1	cue	lor	1784	900	635.0028	270.6973	9.0232
spt	dir	pm1	hm1	shc0	cue	lor	1785	900	643.1739	253.8735	8.4625
					cue	lor					
SOURCE: hm	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	1771	900	728.1317	315.3485	10.5116
no1	dir	pm0	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	1768	900	743.2172	328.4897	10.9497
ret	dir	pm1	hm1	numfour	cue	lor	1793	900	558.6444	246.2467	8.2082
spt	dir	pm1	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	1792	900	560.0478	258.5574	8.6186
					cue	lor					
SOURCE: shape	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	1185	600	765.3517	326.9453	13.3475
no1	dir	pm0	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	1176	600	757.5892	324.4167	13.2443
ret	dir	pm1	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	1192	600	564.9400	227.2479	9.2774
spt	dir	pm1	hm1	numfour	cue	lor	1190	600	595.0667	253.0267	10.3298
					cue	lor					
SOURCE: pm	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	1169	600	780.8542	340.1622	13.8871
no1	dir	pm0	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	1170	600	786.9892	324.1061	13.2316
ret	dir	pm1	hm1	numfour	cue	lor	1189	600	629.0242	273.6824	11.1730
spt	dir	pm1	hm1	letterj	cue	lor	1194	600	655.0783	277.1862	11.3161
					cue	lor					
SOURCE: hm	dir	pm	hm	shape	cue	lor	1183	600	803.5858	334.1237	13.6405
no1	dir	pm0	hm0	letterj	cue	lor	1181	600	792.9008	329.3157	13.4443
ret	dir	pm1	hm1	numfour	cue	lor	1196	600	596.5067	277.0616	11.3110
spt	dir	pm1	hm1	letterj	cue	lor					

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dpaci	211312.7912	6	35218.7985	0.925	0.478
pacis/d	8223872.3637	216	38073.4832		
sci	357717.6908	6	59619.6151	1.611	0.142
scis/d	15988384.8392	432	37010.1501		
dsci	350568.5430	12	29214.0452	0.789	0.662
scis/d	15988384.8392	432	37010.1501		
paci	178306.7498	6	29717.7916	0.781	0.585
pacis/d	16435500.2392	432	38045.1394		
dpaci	782235.2715	12	63186.2726	1.713	0.061
pacis/d	16435500.2392	432	38045.1394		
haci	240934.0762	6	40155.6794	1.104	0.359
hacis/d	15712945.9233	432	36372.5600		
dhaci	432542.3651	12	36045.1971	0.991	0.456
hacis/d	15712945.9233	432	36372.5600		
phaci	208671.1466	6	34778.5244	0.721	0.633
phacis/d	20828173.3525	432	48213.3662		
dpbaci	889637.2822	12	74136.4402	1.538	0.108
pbacis/d	20828173.3525	432	48213.3662		