

# Fractals

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# Shapes and Order

- Simple shapes
- Simple periodic orders
- Completely random shapes and phenomena
- Complex characteristics
  - coastlines, trees and leaves, hierarchical structure of organs, genetic information, languages, ecosystems, changes in stock markets, etc.
  - How can we characterize these complex features.
- Let us see some images by searching with a keyword *fractal*.

Sample program

<https://github.com/modeling-and-simulation-mc-saga/AffineFractals>

# Symmetry: 対称性

- Symmetry: invariance under operations
- Uniform: invariant under translation in any directions
- Radial: invariant under rotation
- Periodic: invariant under translation with a fixed length to fixed directions
- tiling without repeats

[https://www.newscientist.com/article/](https://www.newscientist.com/article/2365363-mathematicians-discover-shape-that-can-tiling-a)

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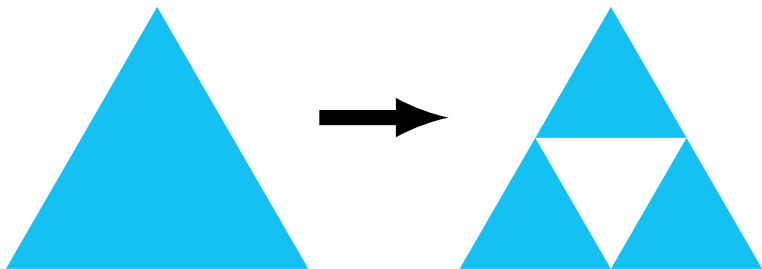
# Characteristic Length: 特徴的長さ

- Many natural and artificial systems have characteristic spacial or temporal lengths
  - Crystals have lattice constants, representing their periodic structure
  - The color of materials correspond to light of some characteristic wavelengths
- Noise does not have characteristic lengths
- Solar light  
<https://www.e-education.psu.edu/meteo300/node/683>

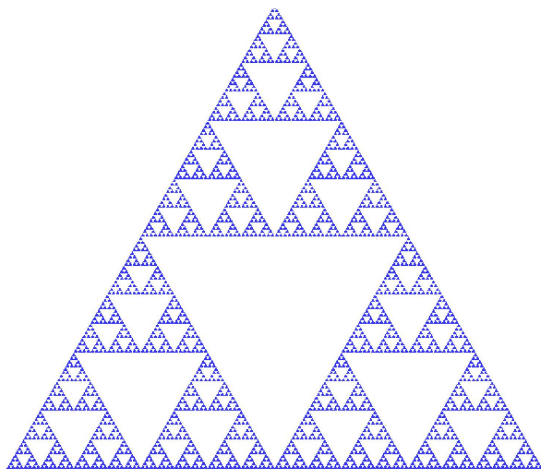
# Scale Invariance

- Invariant under expansion and reduction
- Similar shapes across different scales
- No characteristic lengths
- Some special distribution of scales

# Sierpinski gasket



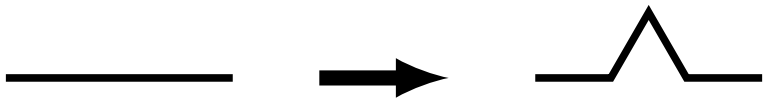
- Start from a equilateral triangle
- Remove the central equilateral triangle
- Remove the central equilateral triangles in remaining triangles.
- Repeat the operations



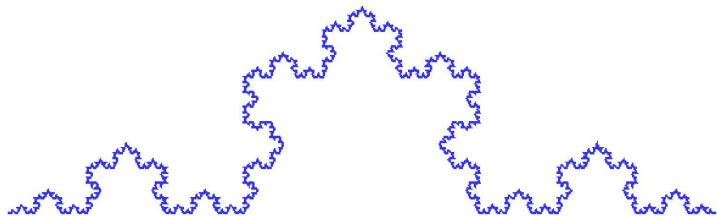
Each triangle is similar to the entire structure.



# Koch Curve



- Start from a straight line.
- Divide the line into three equal length segments.
- Place a equilateral triangle with a side length equal to one of three parts at the central segment.
  - The triangle does not have bottom side.
- Divide each line into three segments and place triangles at the each central segment.
- Repeat the operation



# Length of Koch Curve

- Assume the initial length as  $L(0) = \ell$
- Length at the first operation  $L(1) = (4/3)\ell$
- Length after  $n$  operations  $L(n) = (4/3)^n \ell$
- For  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $L(n) \rightarrow \infty$ 
  - An curve with *infinite length* lives in a finite area!

# Area of Sierpinski Gasket

- Assume the initial area as  $S(0) = s$
- Area at the first operation  $S(1) = (3/4)s$
- Area after  $n$  operations  $S(n) = (3/4)^n s$
- For  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $S(n) \rightarrow 0$ 
  - The area goes to zero!

# Dimension: 次元

- We believe living in a 3 spatial plus 1 temporal dimensional space.
- Dimensions are specified usually by integers
- Modern particle physics says that we live in a 10 or 26 dimensional space.

# Topological Dimensions

- Dimension: the number of coordinates for specifying one point in a space.
- Topological Dimension
  - Point: 0 dimensional object
  - Line or curve: 1 dimensional object
  - Plane or surface: 2 dimensional object
  - Space: 3 dimensional object
  - So on

# Dimensions considered by measurements

- Units for measurements.
- Volume :  $L^3$
- Change unit  $1/a \rightarrow$  Value of its volume changes  $a^3$   
ex.  $1\text{m}^3 = 10^6\text{cm}^3$
- Magnify the linear scale by  $a$ : The volume becomes  $a^3$  times larger.
- Dimension describes how a quantity scales with the measurement unit.

# Self-similarity dimension

- A shape consists of  $b$  similar shapes, each of which is identical to the whole shape but scaled down by a factor  $1/a$ .
- The fractal dimension of the shape is

$$D = \frac{\ln b}{\ln a} \quad (4.1)$$

- The shape appears similar when viewed at a scale  $1/a$ .
- Square  $b = a^2$

$$D = \frac{2 \ln a}{\ln a} = 2$$



# Self-similarity dimensions for Koch curve and Sierpinski gasket

- Koch curve

$$D = \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3} = 1.2618 \dots > 1$$

thicker than a curve

- Sierpinski gasket

$$D = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} = 1.58496 \dots < 2$$

thinner than a plane

# Hausdorff Measure

- A shape  $S$  is covered with enumerable shapes  $u_0, u_1, \dots$
- Those diameters  $U_0, U_1, \dots$  are less than  $L > 0$ .
- The hausdorff measure of the shape  $S$  is defined as

$$H^d(S) = \lim_{L \rightarrow 0} \inf_{U_i < L} \left( \sum_i |U_i|^d \right)$$

# Hausdorff dimension

- As the value of  $d$  decreases from infinity, there exists a critical value at which the Hausdorff measure transitions from zero to infinity.
- The critical value is called the Hausdorff dimension.

# Capacity dimension

- Self-similarity dimension
  - Applicable only for shapes with complete self-similarity.
- Hausdorff dimension
  - Includes limit operations.
  - Difficult for applying for realistic cases
- Need effective methods applicable for both observations and simulations.
- Fractal dimension provides a statistical interpretation.

# Capacity dimension

- A shape is covered with  $b$  similar shapes scaled down by a factor  $1/a$ .
- The capacity dimension  $D_c$  is defined as

$$D_c = \frac{\ln b}{\ln a}$$

# Box-Counting method

- Fractal dimension for data
- 2 dimensional cases
  - Squares covering the shape : linear size  $\ell$
  - The number of squares :  $n(\ell)$
  - Change its size to  $\ell/m$
  - repeat
- Plot  $n(\ell)$  against  $\ell$  in log-log plot.
- Fractal dimension : slope of the line

# Affine transformation

- rotation, scaling, shear (剪断), translation

$$\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x} + \vec{b} \quad (5.1)$$

- Express as a map  $W : X \rightarrow X$
- Consider a set of maps:  $\{W_i\}$
- Fixed point of the map: for a set of points  $U \subset X$

$$\bigcup_i W_i(U) = U \quad (5.2)$$

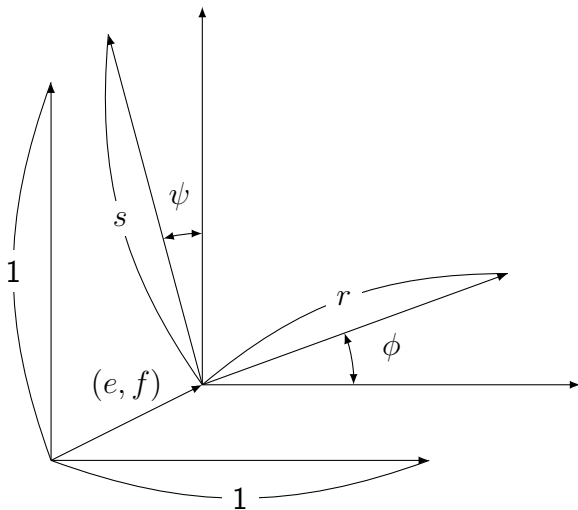
# Expressions of Affine transformation

- $L \times L$  initial image
- parameter set :  $(r, s, \phi, \psi, e, f)$

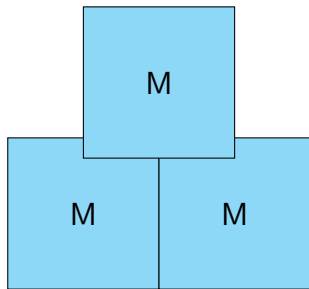
$$\vec{x} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} r \cos \phi & -s \sin \psi \\ r \sin \phi & s \cos \psi \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} + \begin{pmatrix} eL \\ fL \end{pmatrix}$$



# Affine Parameters



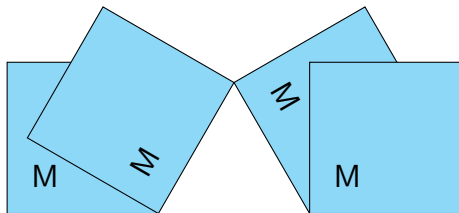
## Sierpinski gasket



$$\{(r, s, \phi, \psi, e, f)\}$$

$$= \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right), \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right), \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right) \right\}$$

## Koch curve



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \{(r, s, \phi, \psi, e, f)\} \\
 & = \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right), \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}, 0, 0 \right), \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{\pi}{3}, -\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right), \left( \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 0, 0, \frac{2}{3}, 0 \right) \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Affine transformation in Java

- Built-in AffineTransform class
  - initialize with affine parameters  $(r, s, \phi, \psi, e, f)$
- Preparing operation
  - AffineTransformOp class
  - Needs a AffineTransform instance for initialization
- Transforming images
  - AffineTransformOp.filter() method

# Classes

- AbstractFractal class
  - Initialize image
  - Update: Affine transformation
  - Show map
- Each fractal class only defines Affine transformation.

# Mandelbrot Set

- Consider a complex numbers  $c$  and a series

$$z_0 = c \quad (7.1)$$

$$z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c \quad (7.2)$$

- The Mandelbrot set  $M$  is defined as a set of complex numbers  $c$  for which the sequence  $z_\infty$  remains bounded.

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