



Lecture 12 - part 2



Recap last lecture:

1. Finished general graphs (digraphs, topological sort/ordering)
2. Basic combinatorics:

sequences (k^n), permutations ($n!$), combinations ($\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{(n-k)!k!}$)

3. Recursion/induction

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$$\frac{11!}{4! \cdot 4! \cdot 2!} = \frac{11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} = 11 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 = 34650$$

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1's s's p's

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Brain warm-up: a combinatorics problem:

Combinatorics will show up on the final exam.

Homework: Read Schaum 5.1 - 5.5!

Solve the solved problems pg 96!



Recap recursions

$$F_0 = 0$$

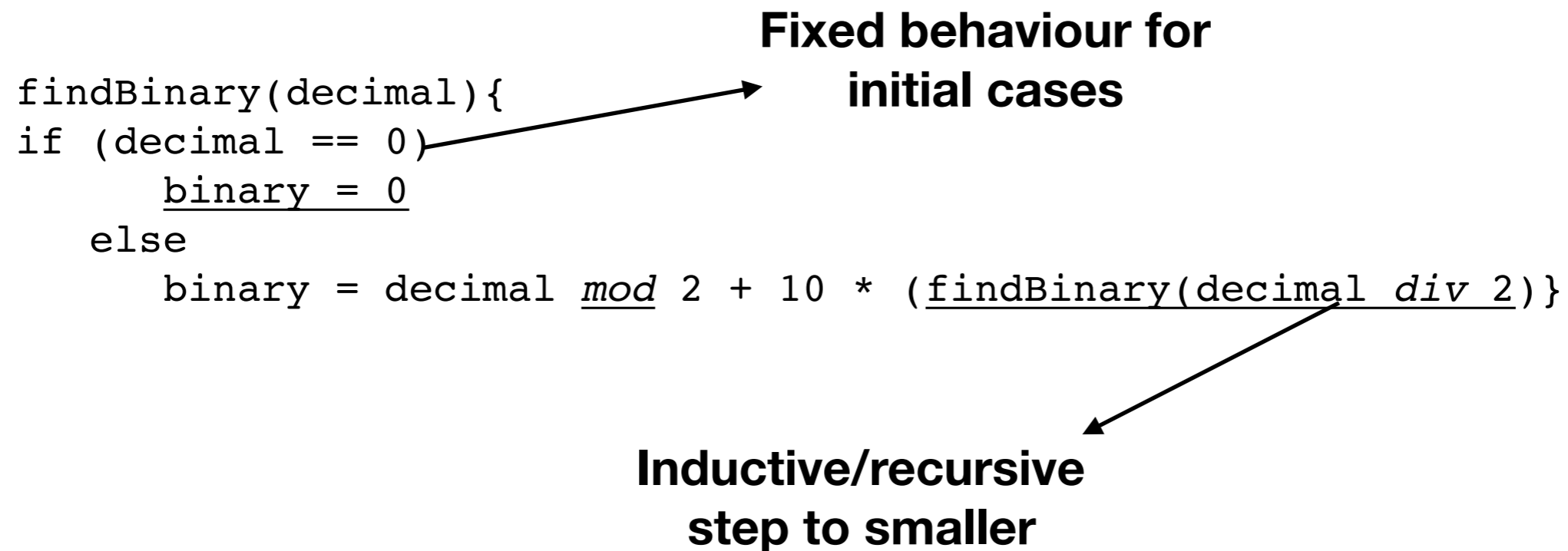
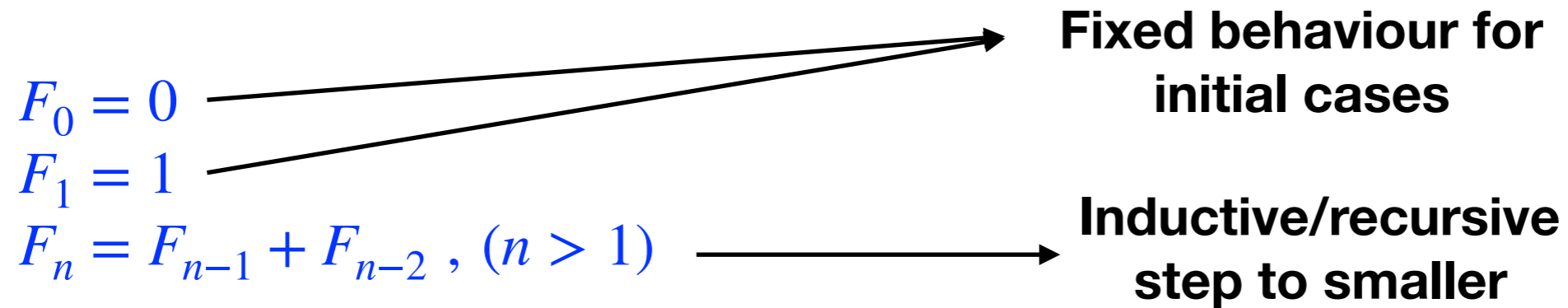
$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, (n > 1)$$

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findBinary(decimal){  
  if (decimal == 0)  
    binary = 0  
  else  
    binary = decimal mod 2 + 10 * (findBinary(decimal div 2))  
}
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Recap recursions





Closed expressions...

$$f(1) = 1$$

$$f(n) = n^2 + f(n - 1)$$

$$n(n + 1)(2n + 1)/6$$

$$t_0 = 5, t_1 = 6$$

$$t_n = t_{n-1} + 6t_{n-2} - 12n + 8, \quad n \geq 2$$

$$t_n = 3^n + (-2)^n + 2n + 3$$

How? Need to prove something is true *for all numbers n *



Proving that something holds *for all n*: induction

(i) base case

ensure $P(0)$ holds (is true) [can start at some $l > 0$]

(ii) inductive step (step case)

prove that [if $P(k)$ holds, then so does $P(k+1)$] (for all k)

Alternatively:

(ii) inductive step (step case)'

prove that [prove that if $P(k')$ holds for all value $k' < k$ then it holds for k] (for all k)



Proving that something holds *for all n*: induction

$$\text{Prove: } 1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^n (\ell \times \ell!) = (n + 1)!, \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Base: k=1; 1+1x1! = 2 = 2!

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$$\text{Assumption: } 1 + \sum_{l=1}^k (l \times l!) = (k + 1)!$$

$$\text{Want to show: } 1 + \sum_{l=1}^{k+1} (l \times l!) = (k + 2)!$$

$$1 + \sum_{l=1}^{k+1} (l \times l!) = 1 + \sum_{l=1}^k (l \times l!) + [(k + 1) \times (k + 1)!] = \underbrace{(k + 1)!}_{\text{by assumption}} + [(k + 1) \times (k + 1)!]$$

$$= (k + 1)! + [(k + 1) \times (k + 1)!] = (k + 2) \times (k + 1)! = (k + 2)! \blacksquare$$



Recursively defined functions and proofs
over integers via induction will appear in exam.

Homework: read Schaum 3.6.
Schaum 1.8; 11.3.



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Can be used to provide definitions of:

- sets,
- relations,
- sequences,
- functions,
- trees,
- orders,
- syntax...

Structural induction:

- proving various properties of structures (e.g. *trees, as we will see*)



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basis (*basis clause*)

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inductive step (*inductive clause*)

2) *if* $x \in E$, *then* $x + 2 \in E$

exclusion (*extremal clause*)

3) *E has no other elements beside those specified by 1 and 2.*

Basis and induction steps may be complicated and contain many lines



Examples

- The odd natural numbers are often specified using dots: $\{1,3,5,7, \dots\}$ with dots (“etc.”). Same for even.
- This is ambiguous. How about “odd numbers divisible only with 1 and themselves” (primes + 1)
- Inductive definition is fully unambiguous.
- **Languages (a term in CS)** are often defined inductively (examples next).
- These languages also define the preorder traversal for binary trees (explained later)
- This symmetric arrangement is a way to enumerate nodes in a binary tree.
More about (binary) trees in the next lectures.



Induction over structures

**(how to prove something holds
for all objects in some (infinite)
inductively defined set)**



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set of all strings denoted using the “Kleene star”:

$$\Sigma^* = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \Sigma^k; \Sigma^k = \{x_1x_2x_3\dots x_k \mid x_j \in \Sigma\}$$

-empty string: ϵ (sometimes λ)



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**A language is a subset of strings over some alphabet
(a collection of *words*)**

Will do this more seriously shortly



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$b, abb, ababb, abababb \dots ababababb$

In other words, words of the form $(ab)^n b, n \geq 0$



Looking ahead: language of **binary trees over {a,b}**

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$b, +aa, +ab, ++abb, +b+aa, ++aa+ab, +++aa+ab++abb\dots$

These are encoded binary trees



Looking ahead: language of **binary trees**

b, +aa, +ab, ++abb, +b+aa, ++aa+ab, +++aa+ab++abb...

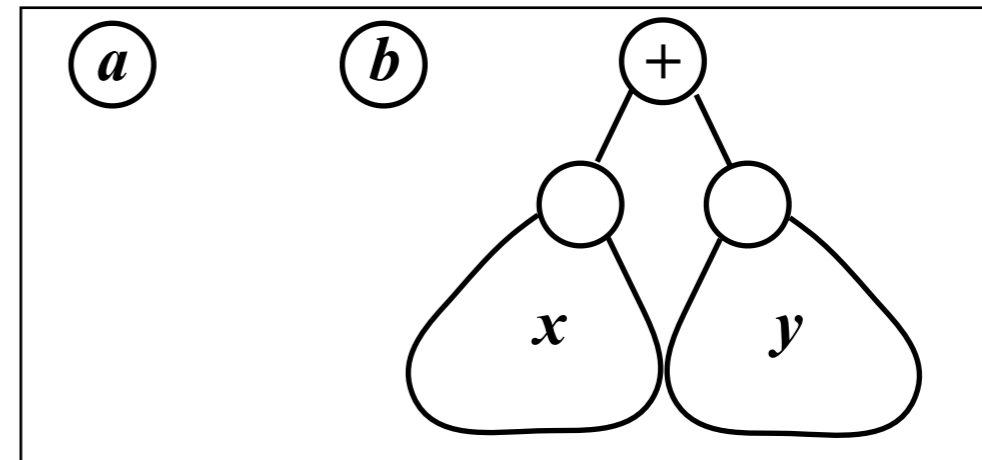
Why are these *trees*?!?!?

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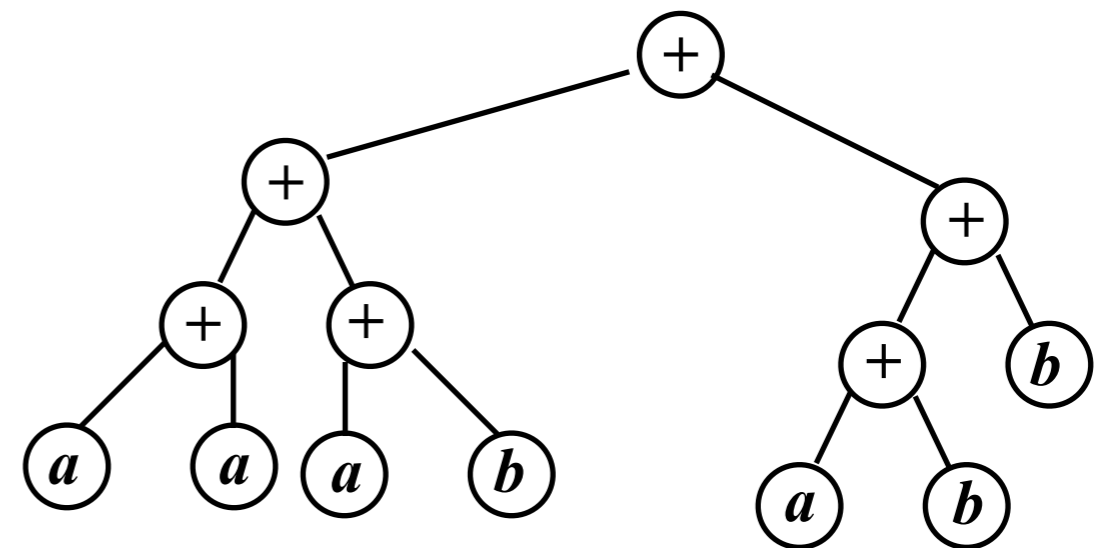
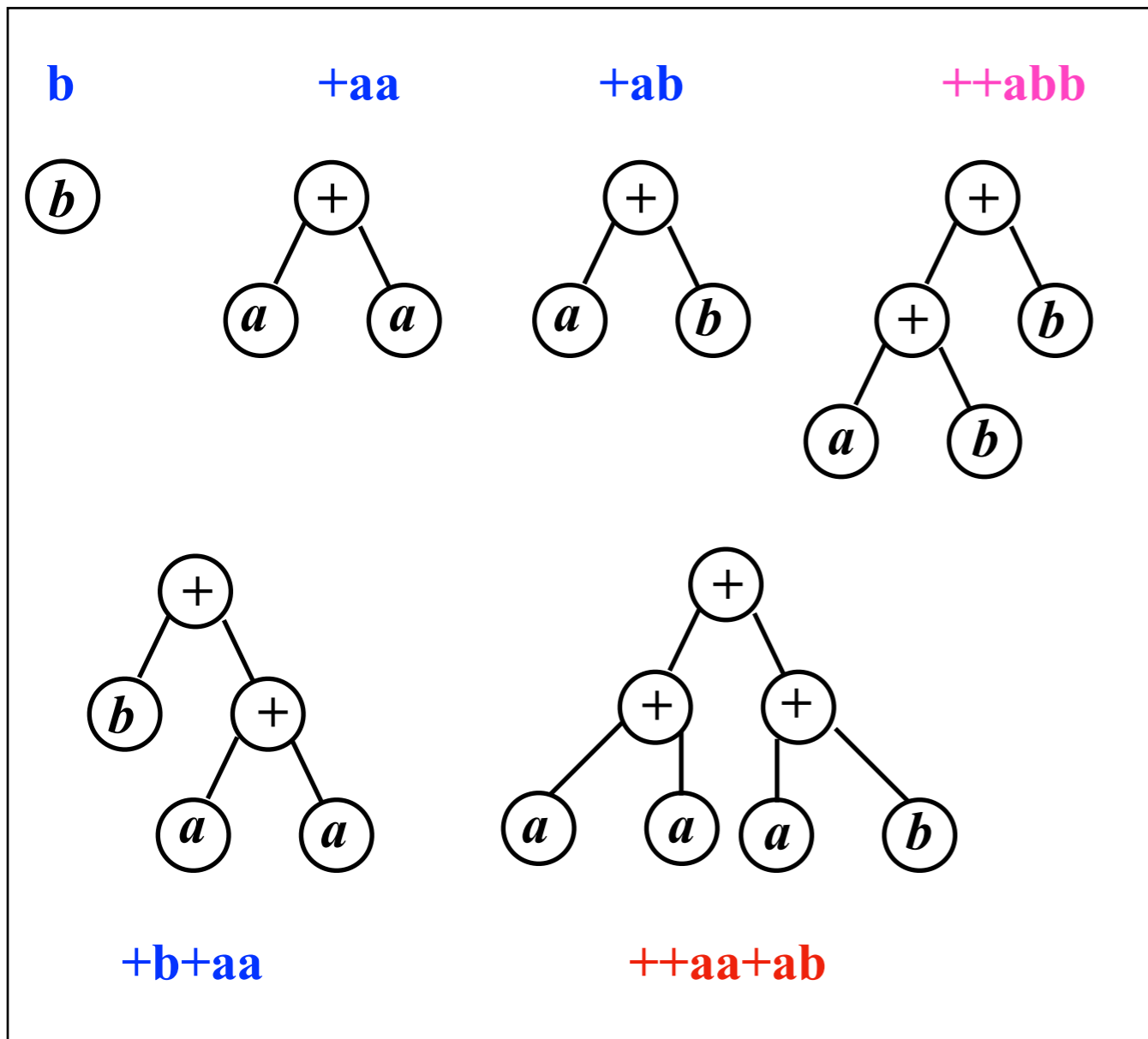
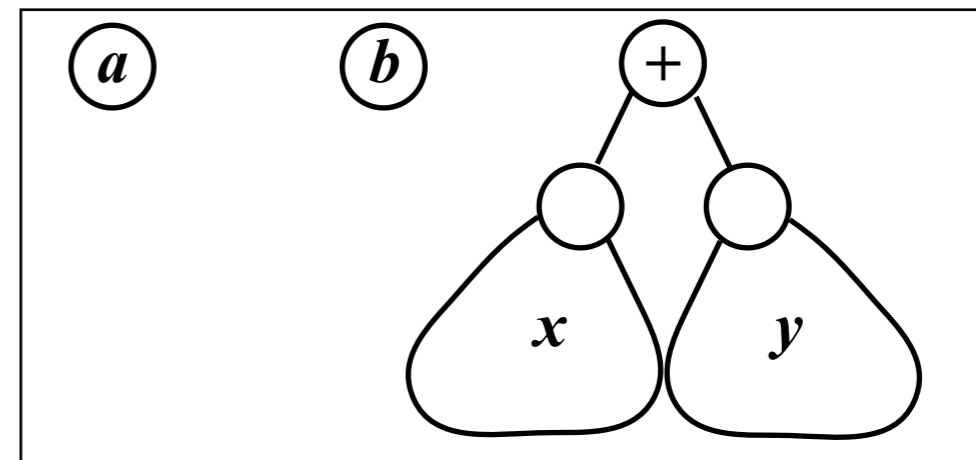
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Basic idea (extended binary trees):

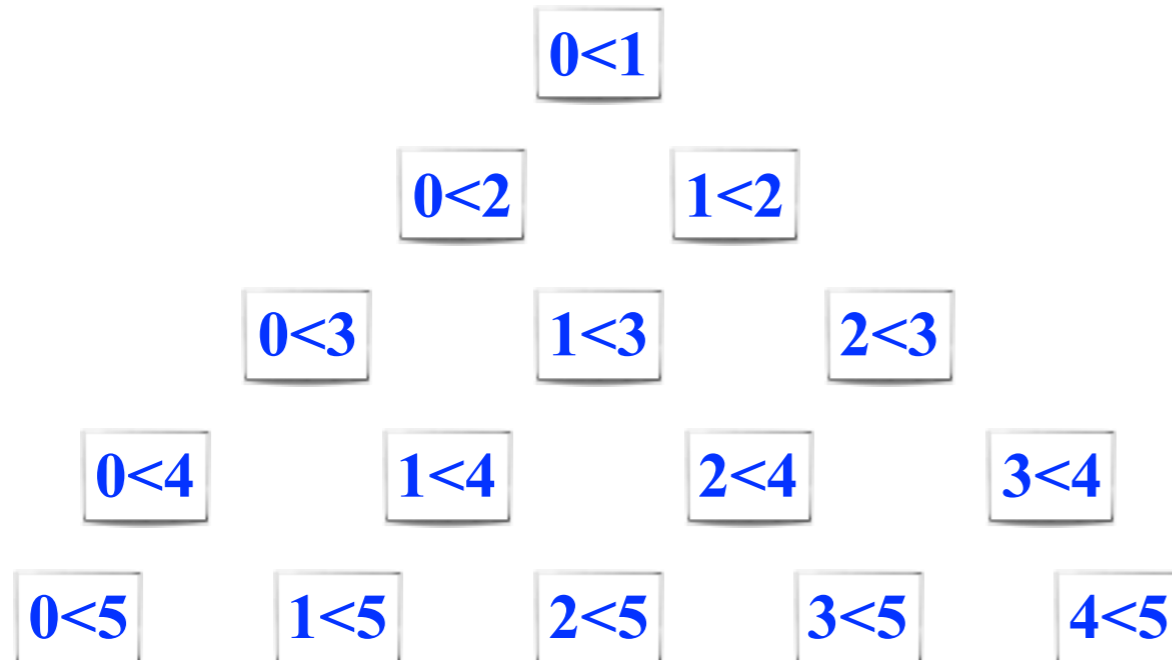
- 1) the empty set is an extended binary tree
- 2) a vertex r (the root of T) and the left (a) and right (b) subtree (also trees) whose roots are the children of r .

More on this in subsequent lectures



Inductive defs. continued: relations

- 1) $0 < 1$
- 2) *if $x < y$ then $x < y + 1$ and $x + 1 < y + 1$*
- 3) *the relation $<$ has no other elements aside from what is specified by 1)&2)*



equivalently:

- 1) $(0,1) \in <$
- 2) *If $(x,y) \in <$ then $(x,y+1), (x+1,y+1) \in <$*
- 3) *no other elements*

Seen so far: inductively defined sets

- numbers
- strings
- relations (pairs)



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Inductively defined sets look like:

basis: 1) explicit elements are $\in V$

inductive step (inductive clause)

2) if $x, \dots, z \in V$, then some consturctions of $x\dots z \in V$

exclusion (extremal clause)

3) V has no other elements beside those specified by 1 and 2.



Intuitive example

Unstructured tree graph:

- 1) A single vertex is a tree
- 2) If T is a tree, then the graph obtained by adding a vertex and connecting it to one of the vertices of T is a tree
- 3) Only graphs obtainable by 1) and 2) are trees

Lemma: a tree over n vertices has $n-1$ edges.

induction over vertex numbers of trees!

-basis: $n=1$ true;

-step: consider any n -vertex graph G ; it was constructed from an $n-1$ vertex graph G' by inductive definition, by adding one edge to a new vertex.

By assumption G has $n-2$ edges. But since G' was obtained by adding one new edge, G' has $n+1$ edges.

Digression



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Solving ...

1) $\epsilon \in L$

2) $x \in L \Rightarrow axb \in L$

3) Nothing else is in L .



Recursive/inductive definitions in (programming) languages: *syntax*

“integers” (whole numbers)

$\langle \text{integer} \rangle ::= \langle \text{sign} \rangle \langle \text{natural} \rangle \mid \langle \text{natural} \rangle$

$\langle \text{natural} \rangle ::= \langle \text{digit} \rangle \mid \langle \text{digit} \rangle \langle \text{natural} \rangle$

$\langle \text{digit} \rangle ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid 5 \mid 6 \mid 7 \mid 8 \mid 9$

$\langle \text{sign} \rangle ::= + \mid -$

$\langle \text{integer} \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \text{sign} \rangle \langle \text{natural} \rangle \Rightarrow - \langle \text{natural} \rangle \Rightarrow - \langle \text{digit} \rangle \langle \text{natural} \rangle$

$\Rightarrow - 4 \langle \text{natural} \rangle \Rightarrow - 4 \langle \text{digit} \rangle \Rightarrow - 42$

So - 42 is an interger...



synthax: statements

$\langle \text{assignment} \rangle ::= \langle \text{variable} \rangle = \langle \text{expression} \rangle$

$\langle \text{statement} \rangle ::= \langle \text{assignment} \rangle \mid \langle \text{compound-statement} \rangle \mid$
 $\langle \text{if-statement} \rangle \mid \langle \text{while-statement} \rangle$

$\langle \text{if-statement} \rangle ::= \mathbf{if} \langle \text{test} \rangle \mathbf{then} \langle \text{statement} \rangle \mid$
 $\mathbf{if} \langle \text{test} \rangle \mathbf{then} \langle \text{statement} \rangle \mathbf{else} \langle \text{statement} \rangle$

$\langle \text{while-statement} \rangle ::= \mathbf{while} \langle \text{test} \rangle \mathbf{do} \langle \text{statement} \rangle$

BNF: Backus-Naur form



Arithmetic expressions

 \mathcal{R} $D = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$

also denoted ϵ = empty word

1) every element of $D^* - \{\lambda\}$ is in R

2) if $x \in R$, then $(-x) \in R$

if $x, y \in \mathcal{R}$, then $(x + y) \in R$, $(x - y) \in R$, $(x * y) \in R$, $(x / y) \in R$

[3) R has no other elements]

This defines a language. “+”, “-”, “*”, “/” are symbols, with no intrinsic meaning.

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((1+13)*8)

(27/(15+12-27))

(3-(-(-5/7)))

Which are valid “arithmetic expressions”?

Try to not interpret...

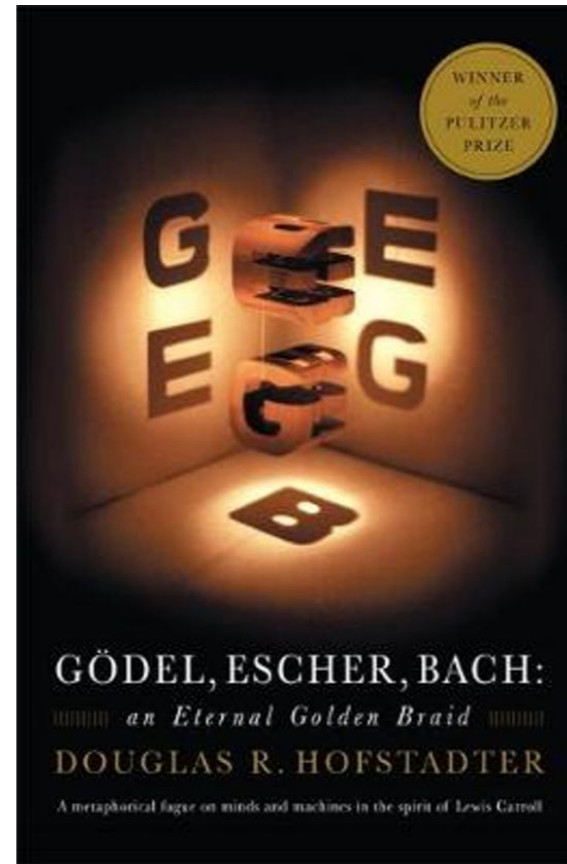
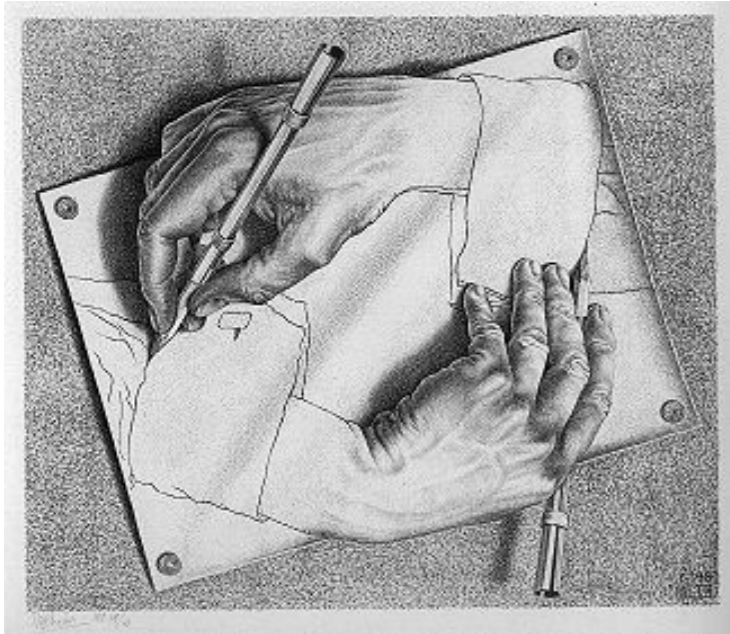


In the definition of arithmetic expressions we make a distinction between

- the syntax (the *form*; the *valid strings*; the *arithmetic expression*)
and
- semantics (the *meaning*; the interpretation; the value or an integer).

Based on the inductive syntax definition, we can define the semantics precisely, so that each syntactically correct string acquires a unique meaning.

See also §2.2



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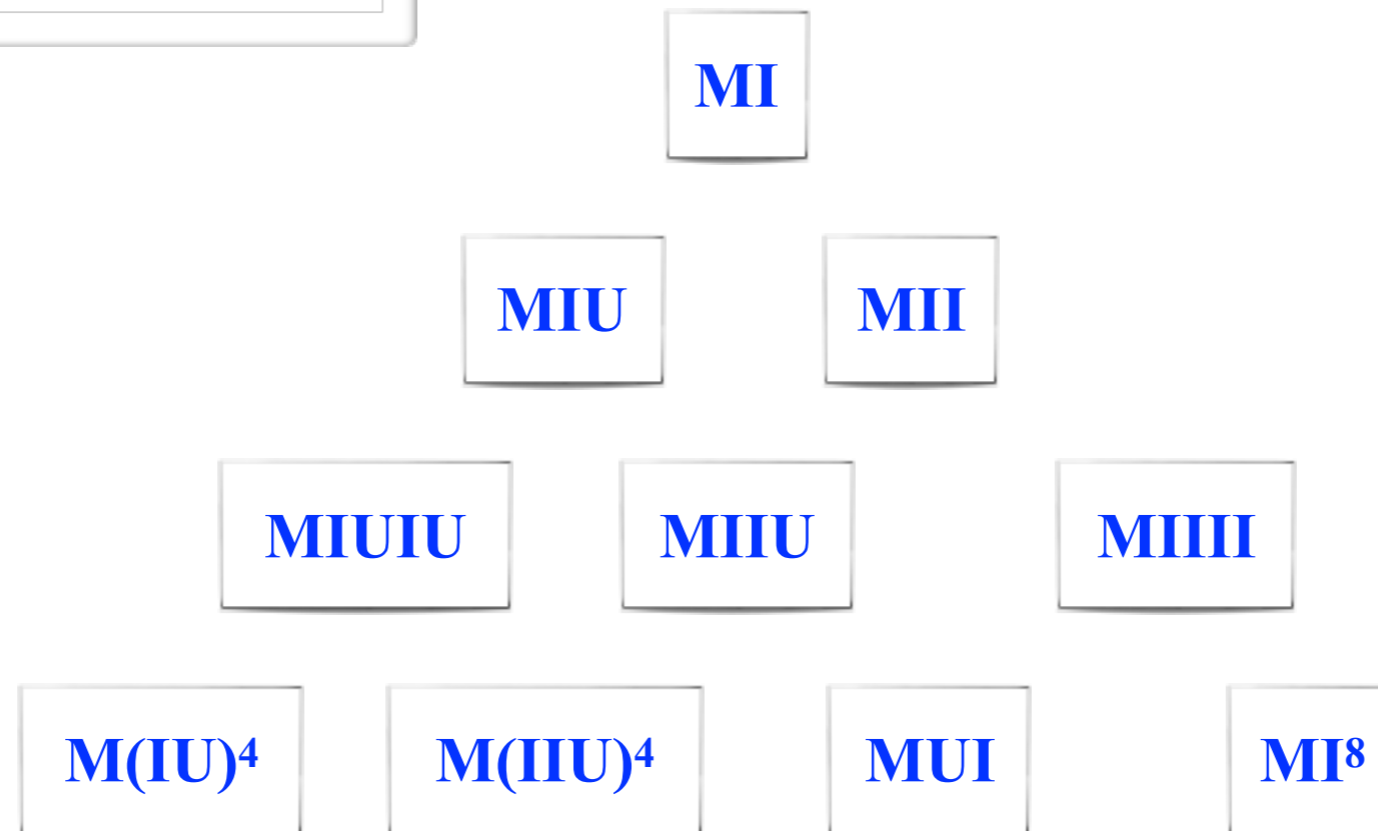


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Example:

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Recursion — digression

“self-similar” objects...

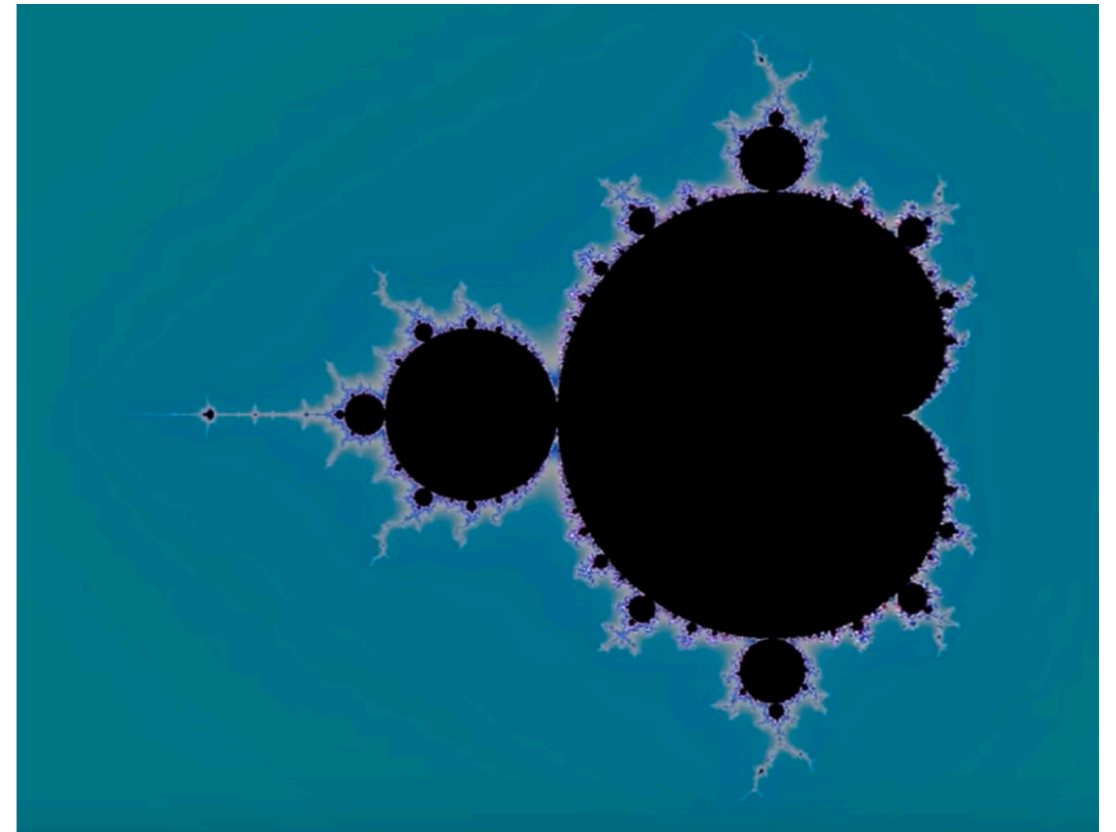
Fractals are self-similar geometric objects.

One of the best known fractals is the Mandelbrot fractal.

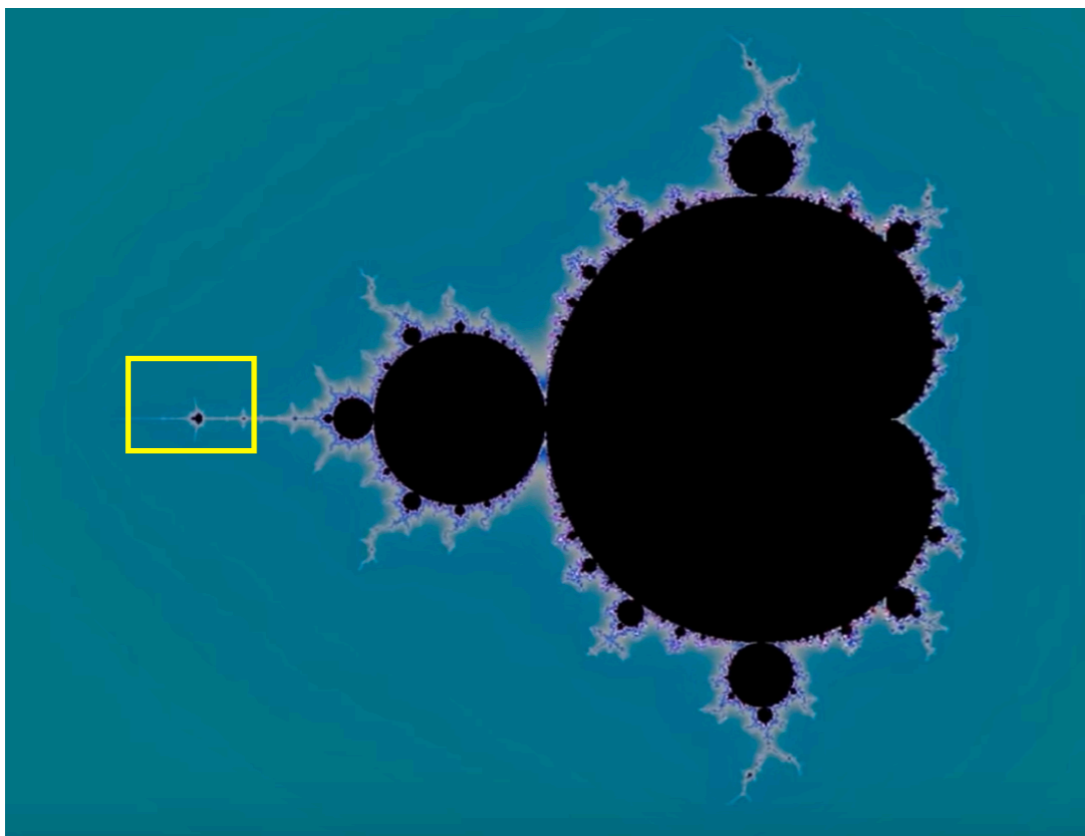
$$z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c; z_0 = 0$$

The point c will be colored, if this sequence is not bounded from above. Color depends on when it grows above some value.

Unlike many other fractals, this figure does not repeat itself when zoomed. But it is self similar

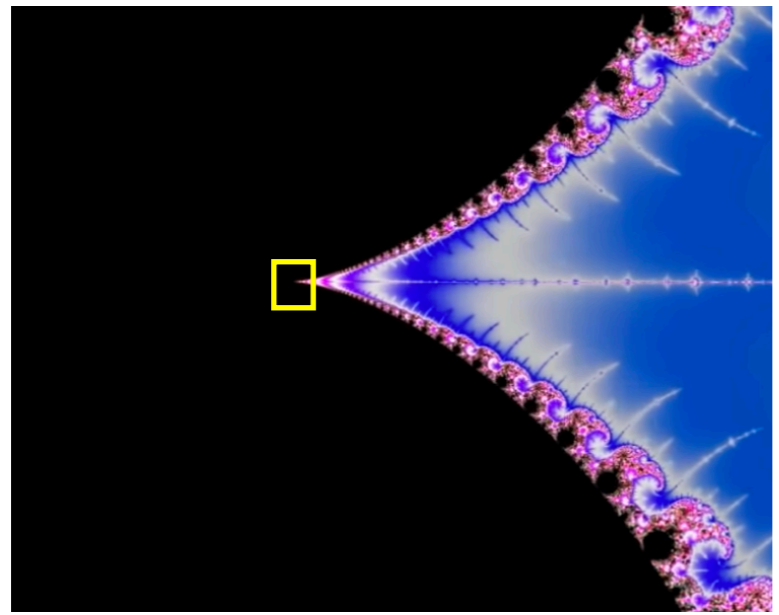
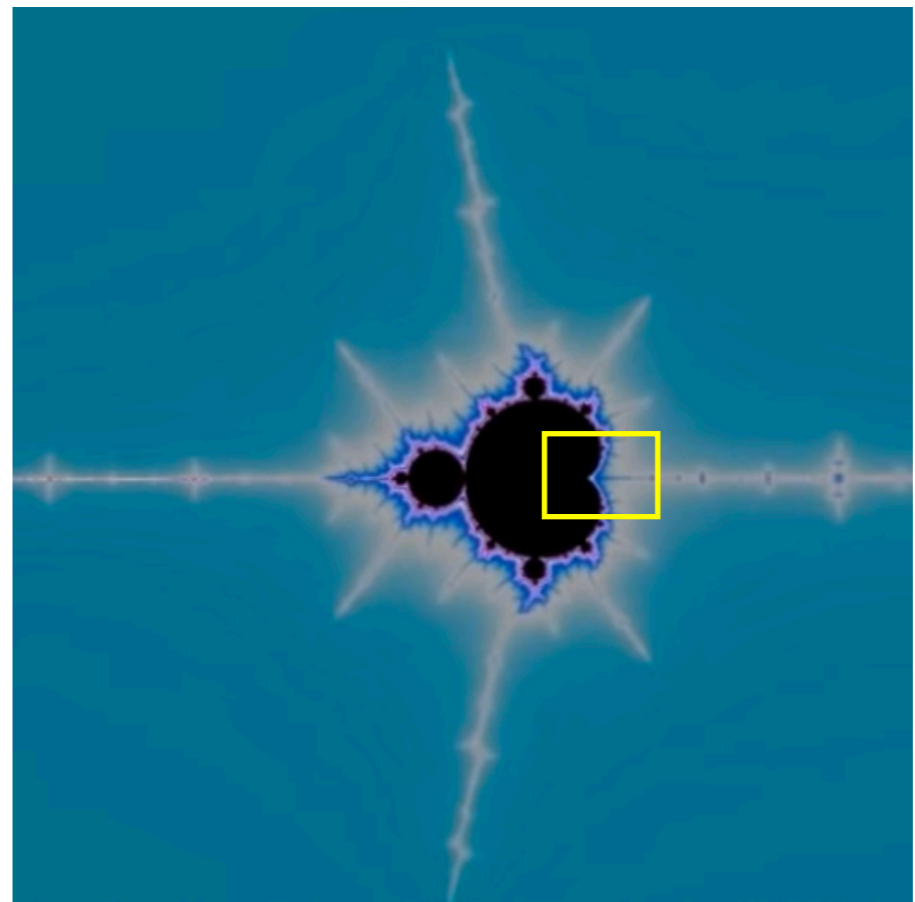


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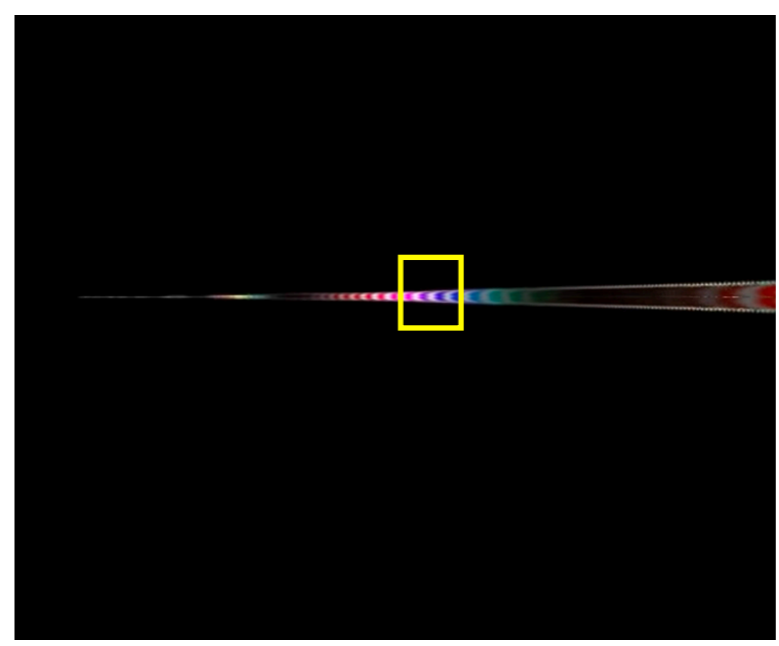


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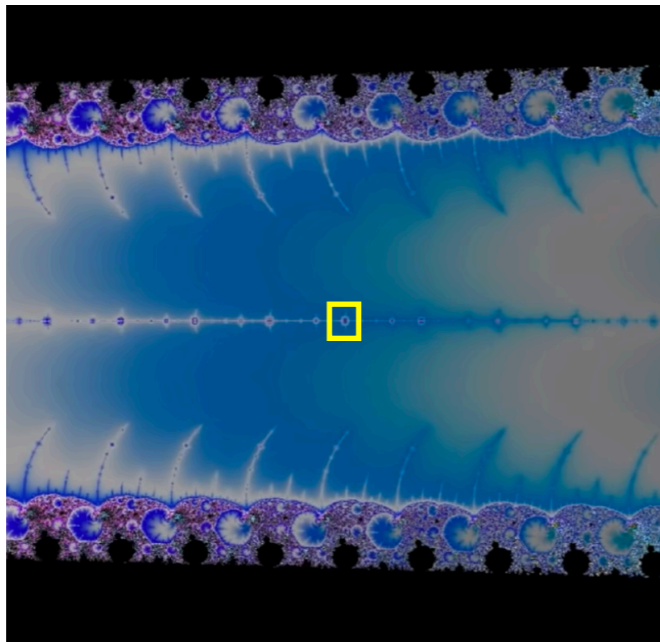


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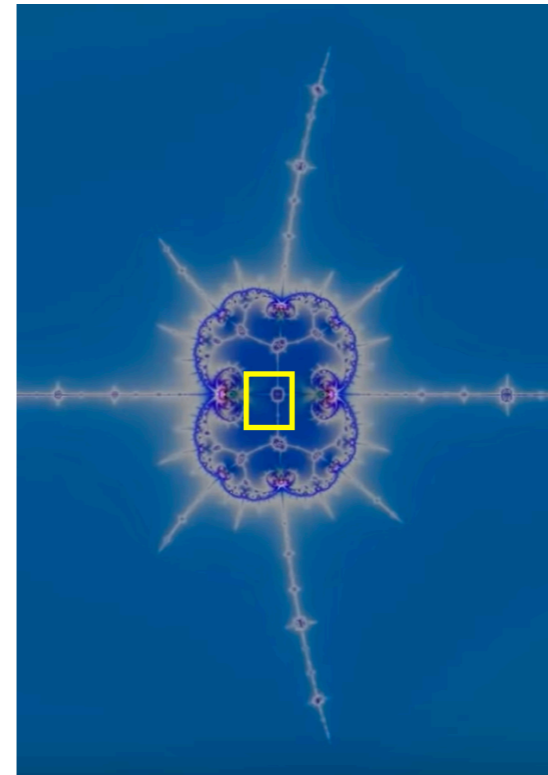


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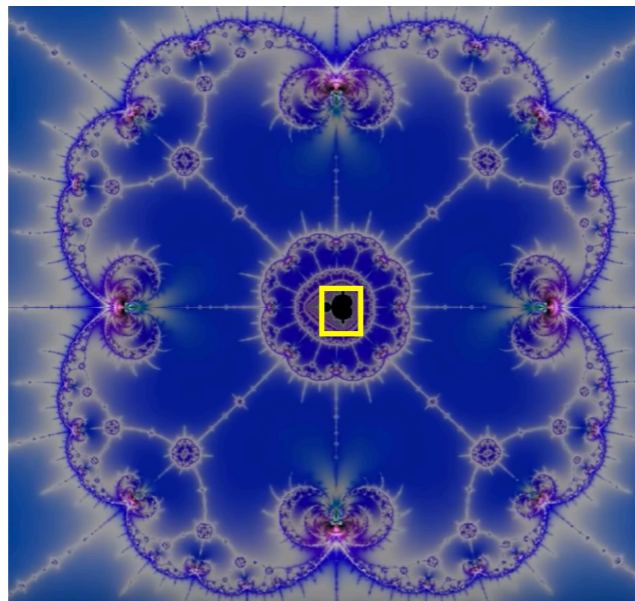
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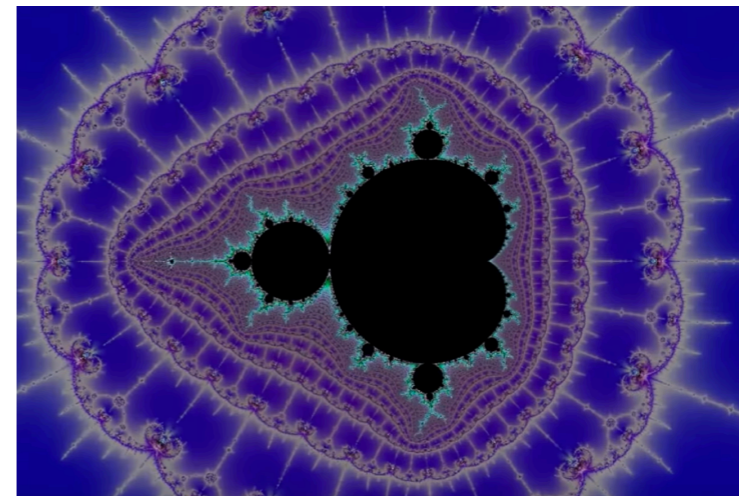
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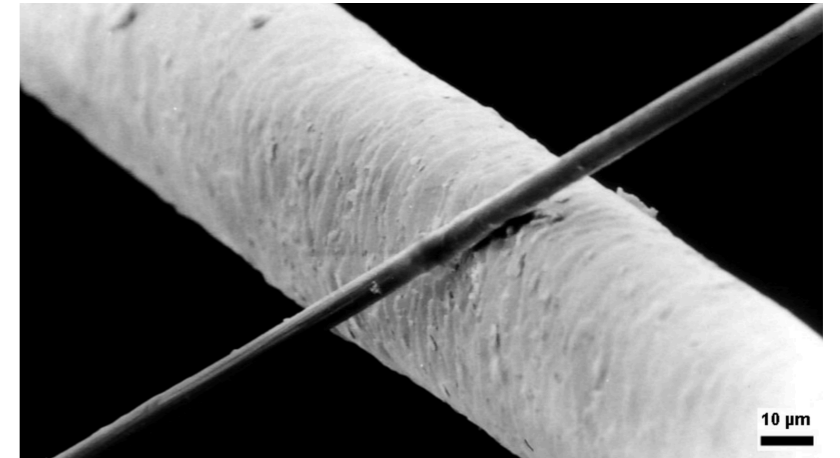
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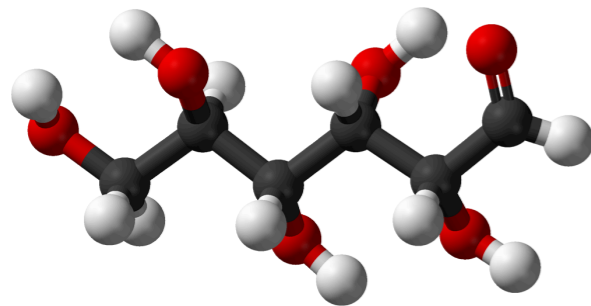
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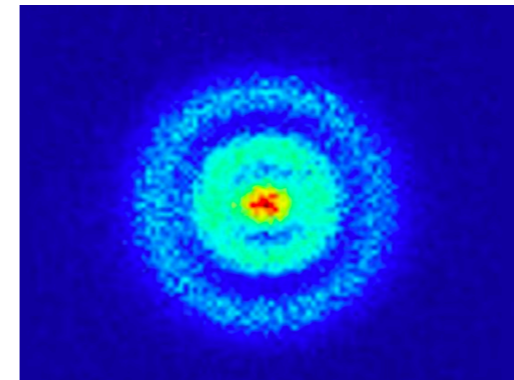
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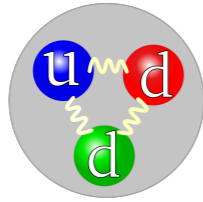
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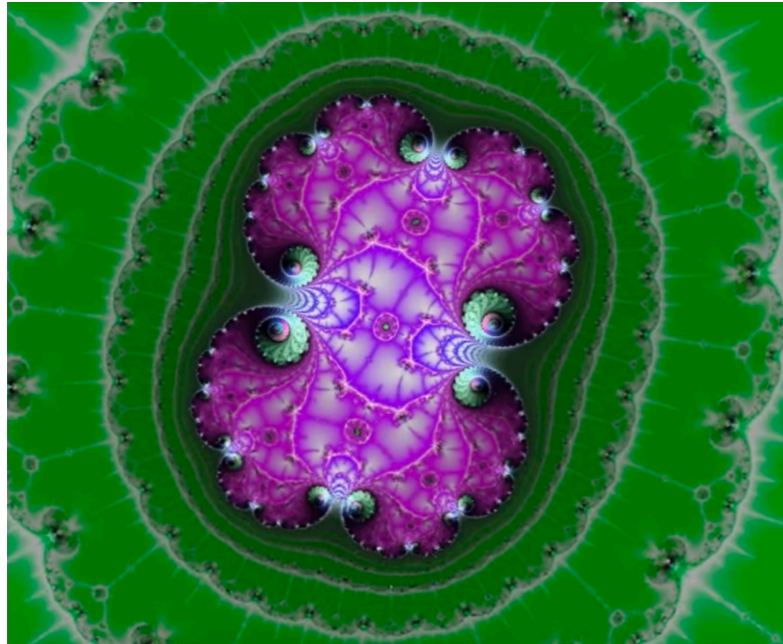
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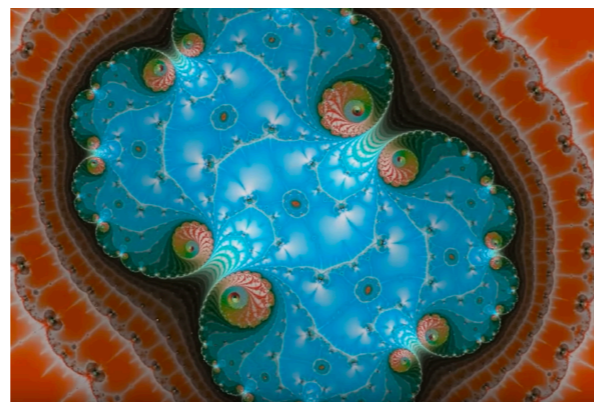


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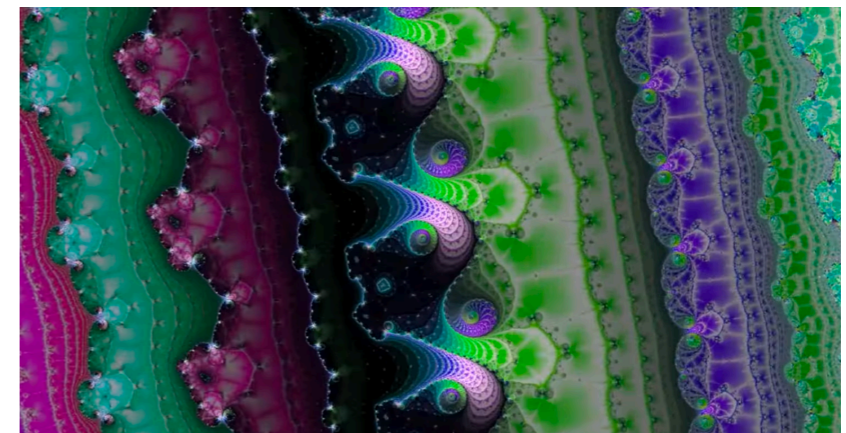
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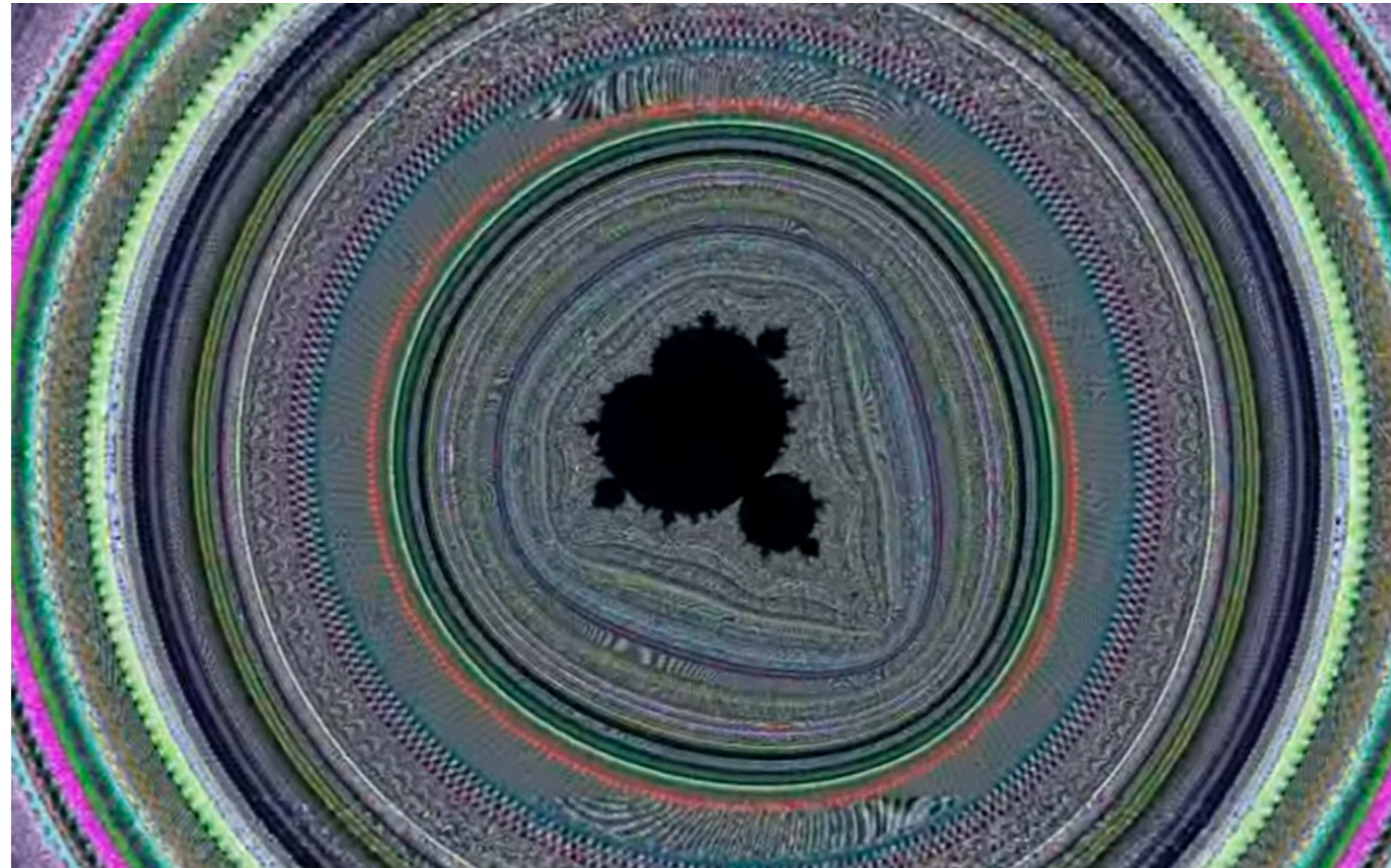


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Theorem. Every word in L begins with “ M ”.

(i) base step

MI begins with M

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(b) Mxx begins with M

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Principle of induction (structural)



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Induction over size again.. so integers

“under the hood”..



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Theorem. The number of letters I in the word w of L is never divisible by 3.

Call this property P of the word w

(i) base step

MI has one “I”

(ii) induction over the construction

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- (b) Mxx has a double number of Is as M , so P holds
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Theorem. The number of letters I in the word w of L is never divisible by 3.

Call this property P of the word w

0 IS divisible by 3.

$P(\text{MU})$ is false

Comment... properties like P which are maintained by the constructions are called invariants...

Practice:



The Blurpsen set is the smallest set with the following properties:

- (1) Δ is a Blurps.
- (2) If x is a Blurps, then $x\Delta\Delta$ and $\diamond xx\diamond$ are Blurps.
- (3) If x and y are Blurps, then $x\Delta y$ is also a Blurps.

Show that all (words in the language) Blurps have an odd number of triangles Δ or contain at least one diamond \diamond .

(exercise 66 in exercise sheet)