Frieze step pattern



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## What is this Course About?



- Algorithmic Art
- Satisfies QA\*
- The focus is programming and math in the context of visual art.

# What is Processing?

Processing is an open source programming language and environment

for people who want to create images, animations, and interactions.

[processing.org]



Iterated function system

## **Processing is Good for:**

**Art Creation** 

Exploration

## Scientific & Mathematical Visualization → Understanding



## When to use Processing

- Processing is great for rapidly writing small programs that involve any sort of visualization, 2D or 3D.
- Easy to:
  - Create a drawing window.
  - Write code without a lot of overhead.
  - Read, manipulate, and save images.
  - Generate animations.
  - Apply transformations.
  - Interact with user via key and mouse
  - Convert programs to javascript for running on web.



Rotate Dots Example

# Pushing the limits of Processing

Processing may be slow or difficult to apply for programs that:

- Have a complex structure
- Involve large amounts of data
- Have complex user interaction.
- Are not visually oriented.



Iterated function system



# *Algorithmic Art* What is an Algorithm?

In the logician's voice:

An algorithm is

a finite procedure,

written in a fixed symbolic vocabulary,

governed by precise instructions,

moving in discrete steps, 1, 2, 3,...,

whose execution requires no insight, cleverness, intuition, intelligence, or perspicuity,

and that sooner or later comes to an end.

From The Advent of the Algorithm, by David Berlinski



Janet Parke, Souls Bend, Hearts Break



Harold Cohen, Painting by AARON 7

# Origami

Origami Crane Instructions:

http://www.origami-fun.com/support-files/origamicrane-print.pdf

 Origami and Math: Robert Lang TED talk: http://www.ted.com/talks/robert\_lang\_folds\_way\_nev origami.html







### Art Creation

Jared Tarbell, Substrate 2003, http://www.complexification.net/gallery/





Mike Field, Firestorm 2001

http://www.math.uh.edu/~mike/ag/recent/recent.html

Roman Verostko Cyberflower Red 2002 http://www.verostko.com/gallery.html Also, see examples on <u>Hello Processing</u>

#### **Processing Art Examples**

- Lots are online, e.g.
  - <u>http://processing.org/exhibition/</u>
  - <u>http://www.openprocessing.org</u>/
- Books:
  - Generative Art, <u>http://zenbullets.com/books.php</u>,
     Matt Pearson
  - Form + Code, <u>http://formandcode.com/</u>, Casey Reas, Chandler McWilliams, LUST





#### Image Manipulation



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#### Science Phyllotaxis (Leaf Arrangement): Pine Cones, Cacti, & Fibonacci Numbers



Red: 8 Yellow: 13

White: 21

Fibonacci Sequence: 0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 ...

Image taken from: <u>http://faculty.smcm.edu/sgoldstine/pinecones.html</u> Also see: <u>http://www.maths.surrey.ac.uk/hosted-sites/R.Knott/Fibonacci/fibnat.html#plants</u>

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## **Phyllotaxis & Processing**

# Fibonacci Sequence: 0 1 1 2 3 5 8 13 21 34 55 89 ...



21 34 5 "Divergence angle" = angle between leaves = 360/tau = 222.5 (or  $137.5^{\circ}$ ) where tau=golden ratio

## Understanding Transformations and Symmetry: Frieze Patterns



See FriezePatterns example (via Processing)

#### Symmetry: Point Group



Symmetry : Wallpaper Group





## Math: Complex Numbers

- Physics: AC circuits, quantum mechanics
- Mathematics: Solutions to cubic and quartics
- Art & Science: Fractals
- Computer Graphics Transformations:
  - Complex numbers  $\rightarrow$  2D Rotations
  - Quaternions  $\rightarrow$  3D Rotations

"So, progresses arithmetic sublety the end of which, as is said, is as refined as it is useless." Cardano (1501-1576)

# Math: Polynomiography

Formally, polynomiography is the art and science of visualization in approximation of zeros of polynomials. This visualization is via fractal and non-fractal images created based on the mathematical convergence properties of iteration functions. [http://www.polynomiography.com/about.php]





P(z) = - z<sup>4</sup> + 1 Roots: 1, -1, i, -i

## Polynomiography



real = (-1.0, 1.0) imag = (-1.0, 1.0)p(z) =  $-1.0 z^{6} + (-1.0 + 1.0i) z^{4} + (1.0 + 1.0i) z^{1} + (1.0 + 1.0i) z^{0}$ 



real = (-1.0,1.0) imag = (-1.0,1.0)  $p(z) = -1.0 z^{A}8 + 1.0 z^{A}0$ 

$$P(z) = -z^{6} + (-1 + i) z^{4} + (1 + i) z + (1 + i)$$

$$P(z) = -z^8 + 1$$

#### **Fractals**

#### Mandelbrot and Julia Sets: Iterate: $z_n = z_{n-1}^2 + c$

What is happening?





## Example: $z \rightarrow z^5$



### Example: $z \rightarrow 1/z$



#### Example: $z \rightarrow z^2$



-1 < x < 1, -1 < y < 1

#### Example: $z \rightarrow z^2 - 2$



#### Example: $z \rightarrow z^3 - 1$



#### Example: $z \rightarrow z^3 + 1$

