



# 太极图形课

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第05讲 Procedural Animation





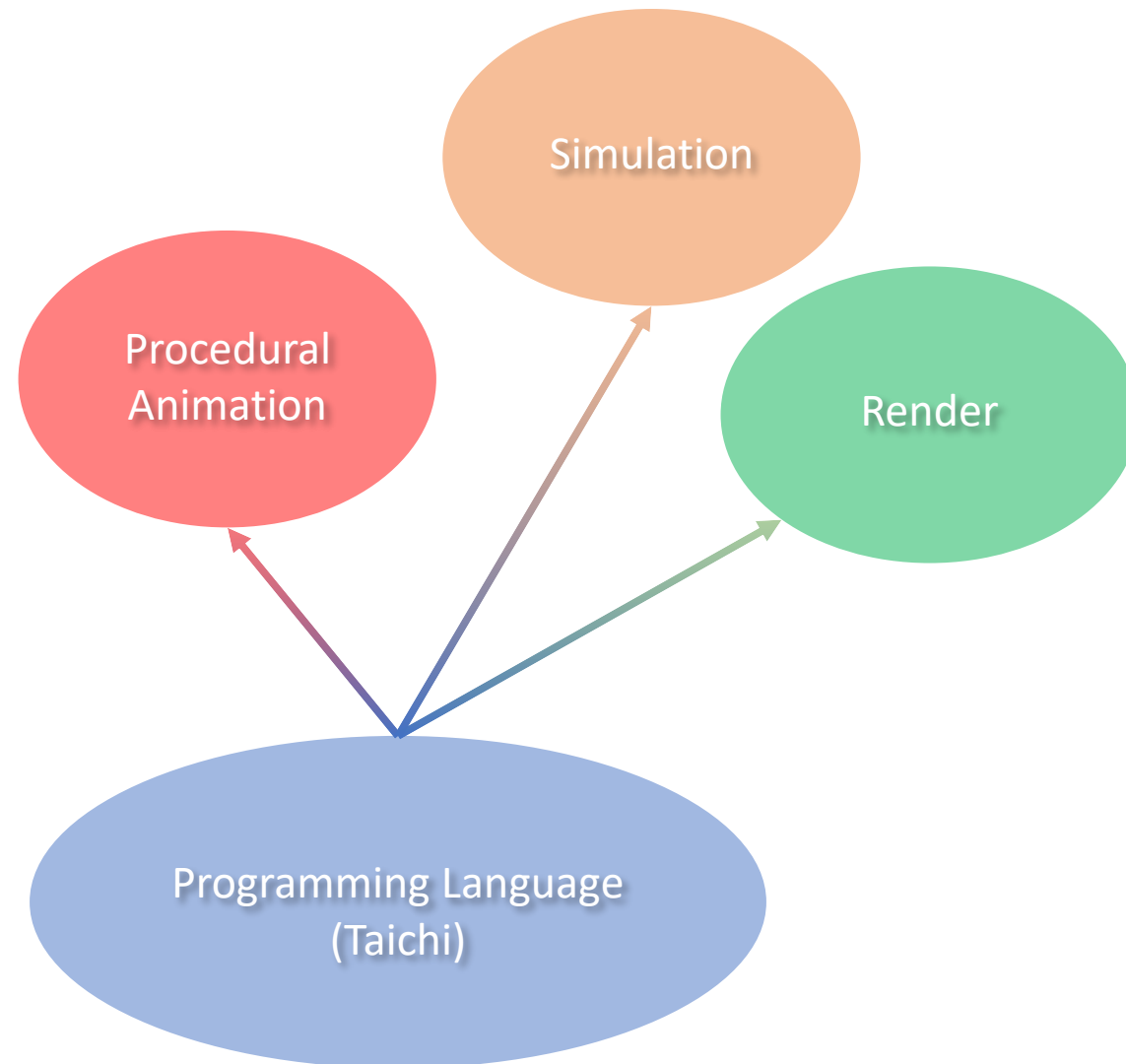
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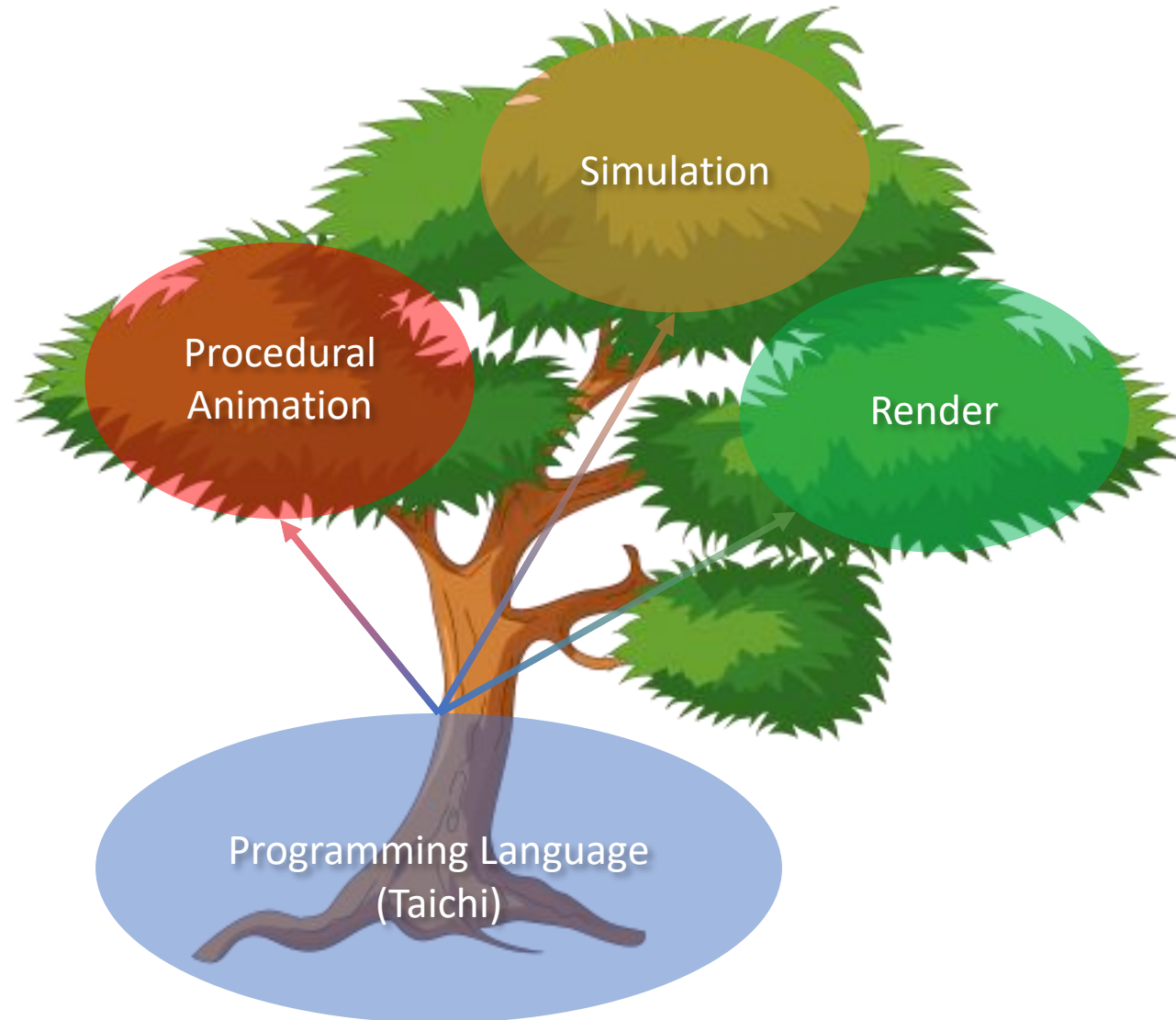
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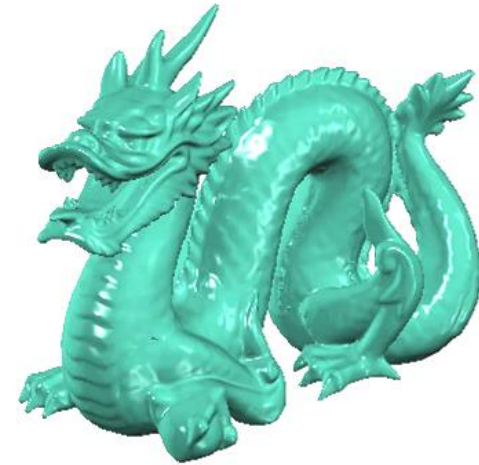
# Previously in this Taichi Graphics Course

- E1: Basics in Taichi:
  - data / computation / visualization
- E2: Improve the extensibility / maintainability of your code
  - Metaprogramming / Objective data-oriented programming
- E3: Performance is always the key
  - Advanced data layouts: dense and sparse
- E4: Miscs. and tips
  - Sparse linear algebra / debugging / performance profiling + tuning
- Using [docs.taichi.graphics](https://docs.taichi.graphics) and [api-docs.taichi.graphics](https://api-docs.taichi.graphics) as your manuals

Taichi → Graphics



# The G in Graphics is for Generation



Rules  
Laws of physics  
Data  
...  
You name it

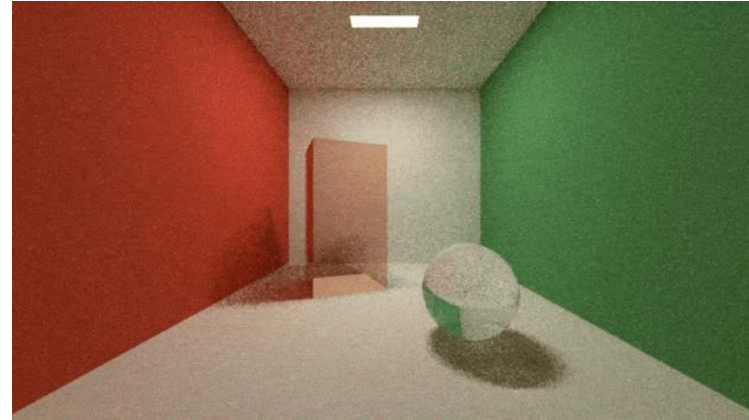
Computer Graphics

Content

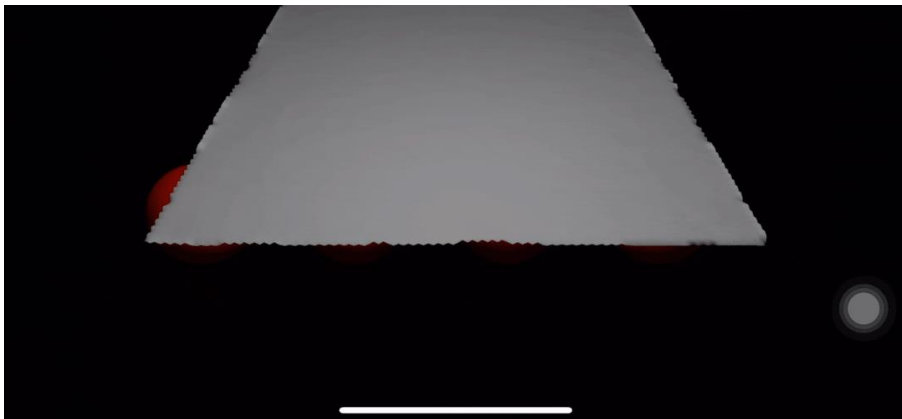
# Next part in this Taichi Graphics Course



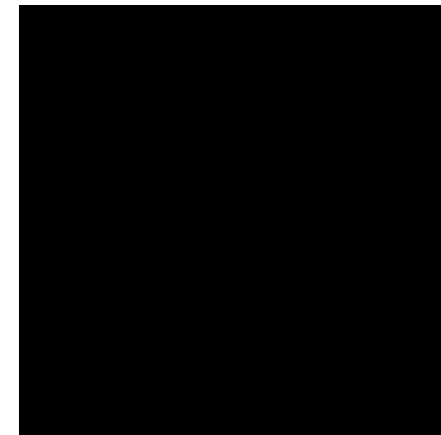
Procedural Animation



Render



Deformable Simulation



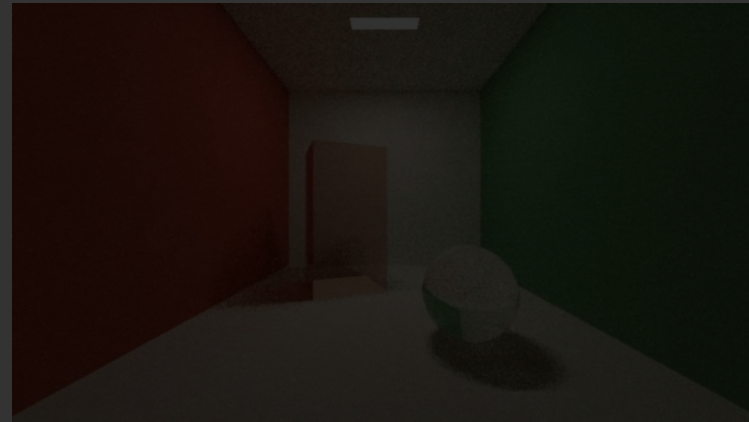
Fluid Simulation



# Today



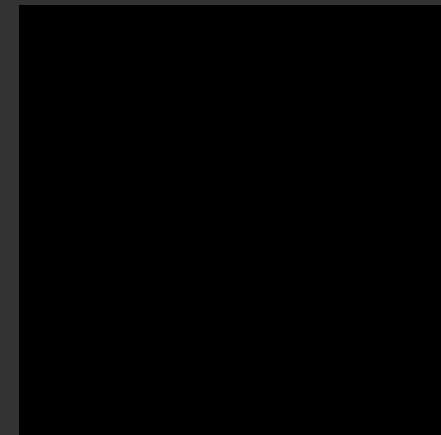
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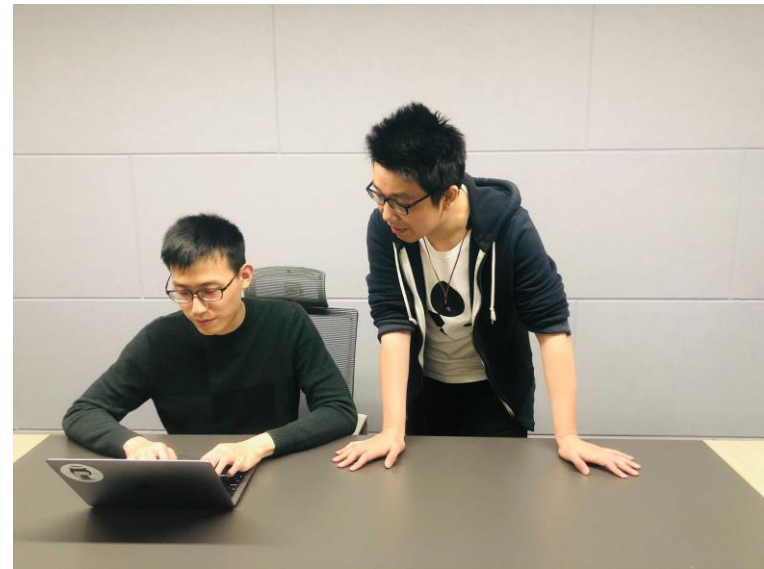
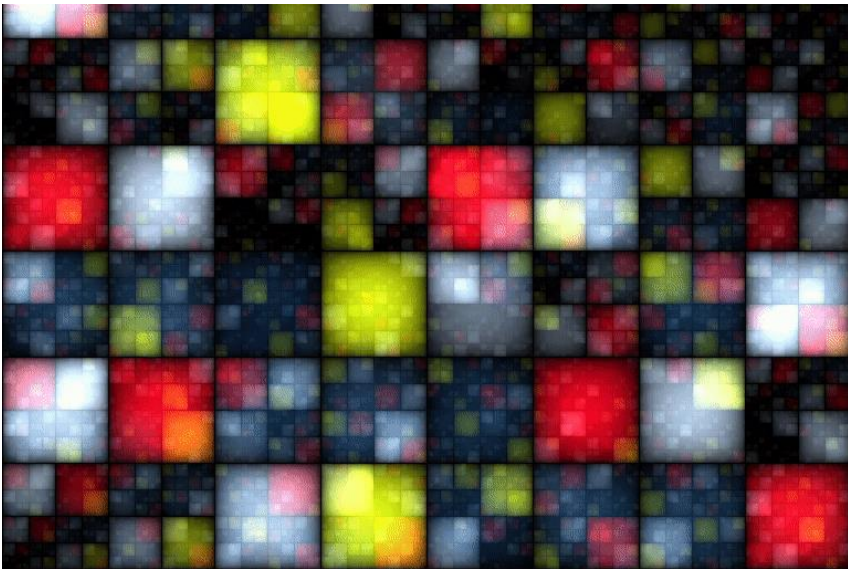
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# Before we start today...

- Check <https://github.com/taichiCourse01/--Shadertoy>
- Will have a 15-mins quiz in the end
- Yuanming will take the quiz with you



# Procedural Animation

# Procedural modeling/animation

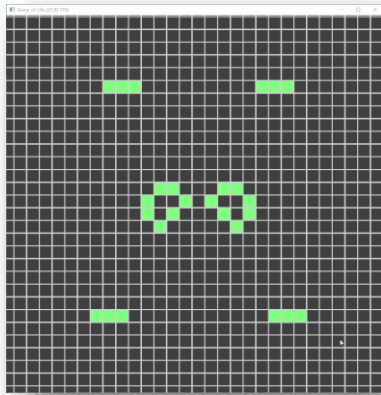
Rules



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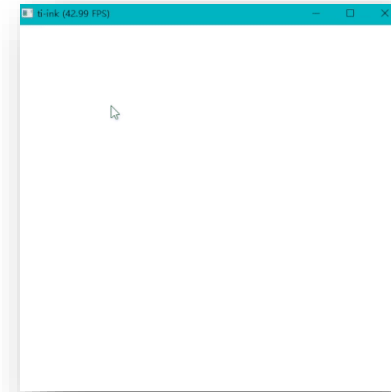
# Submitted procedural animations



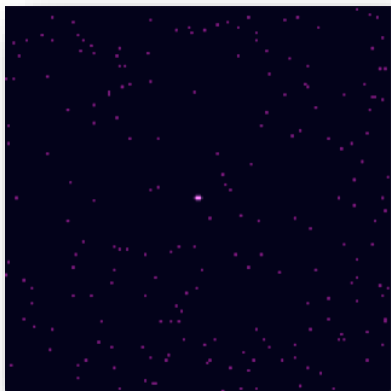
GoL @wuyingnan



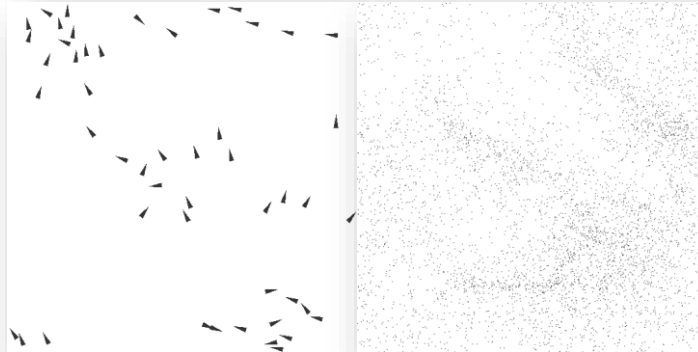
Ant Colony  
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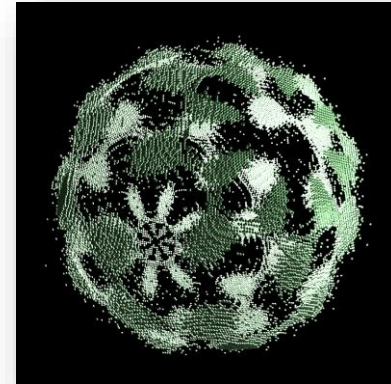
Moxi (墨戏) @Vineyo



DLA@theAfish



Flocking  
@SIGUSR97



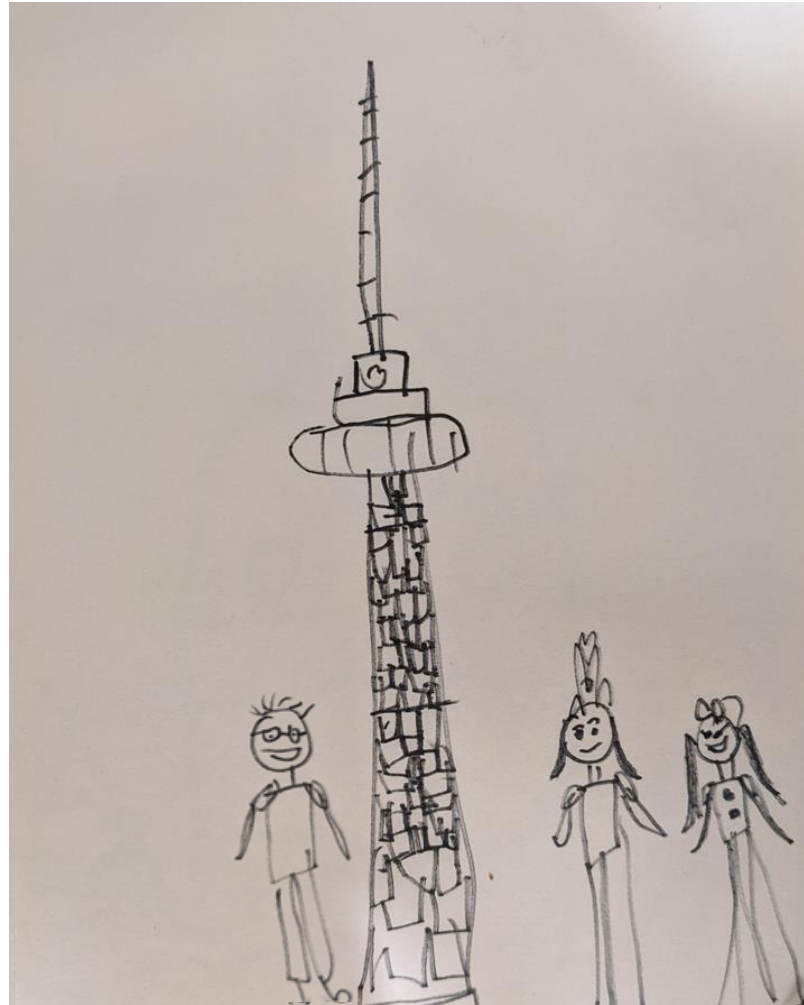
Mandelbulb  
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TIL: A fancy galaxy 😊



# A simplest “procedural” animation: an analogy



[Image courtesy of Elinor Liu]

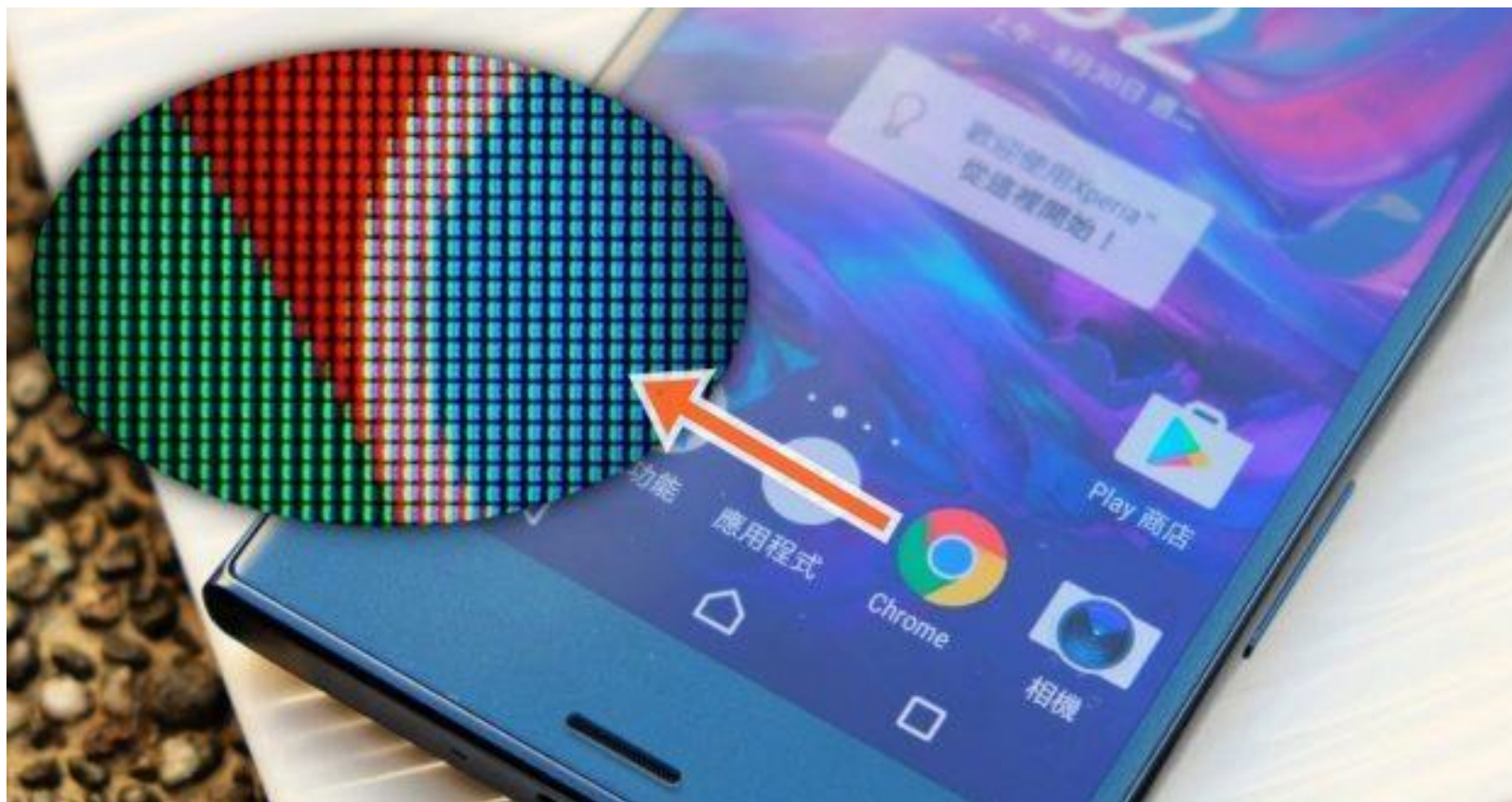
# Procedural animation:

- Drawing / animating images on your screen
  - ... with a few (or no) external assets
  - ... based on your rules



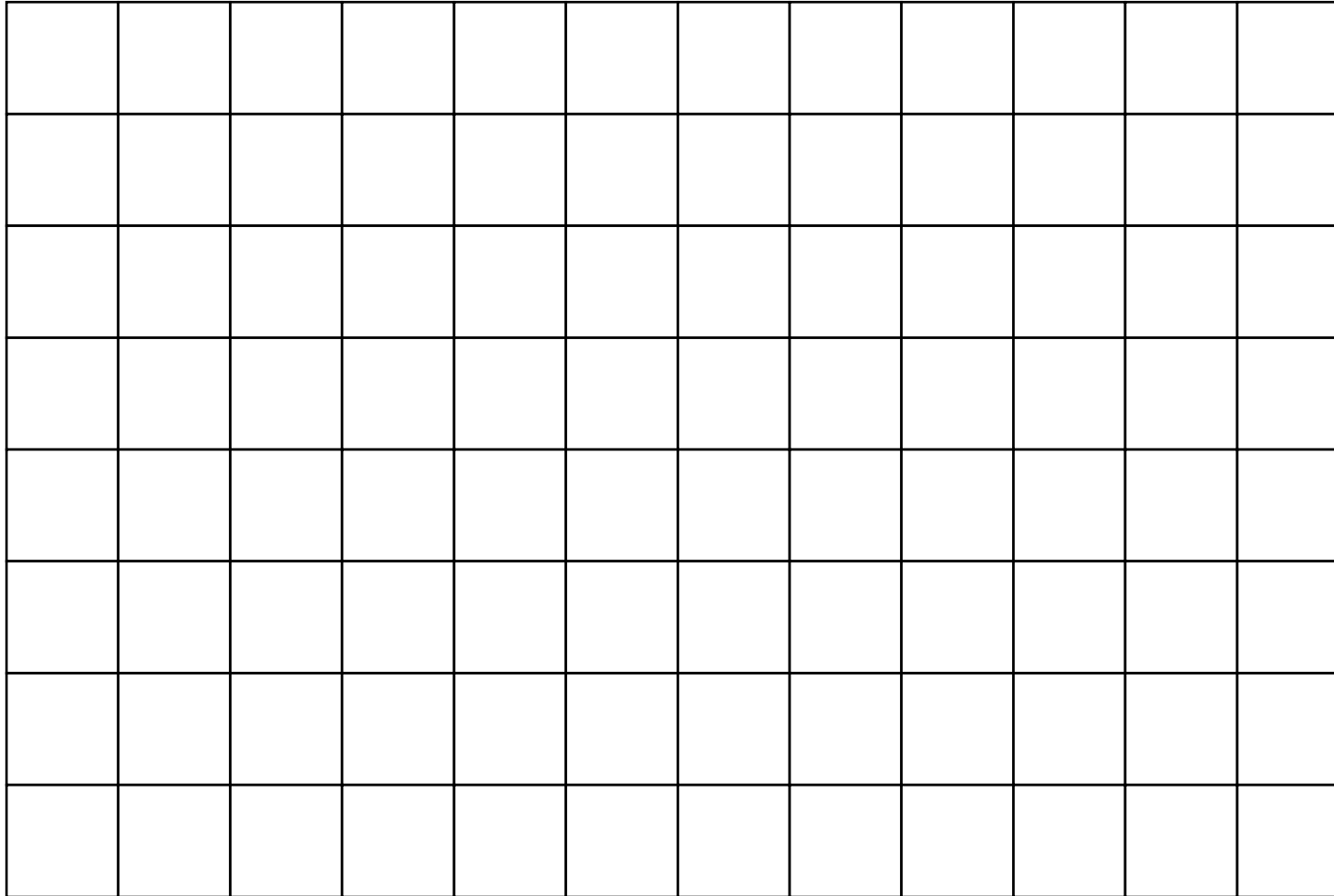


# Your screen when zoomed in

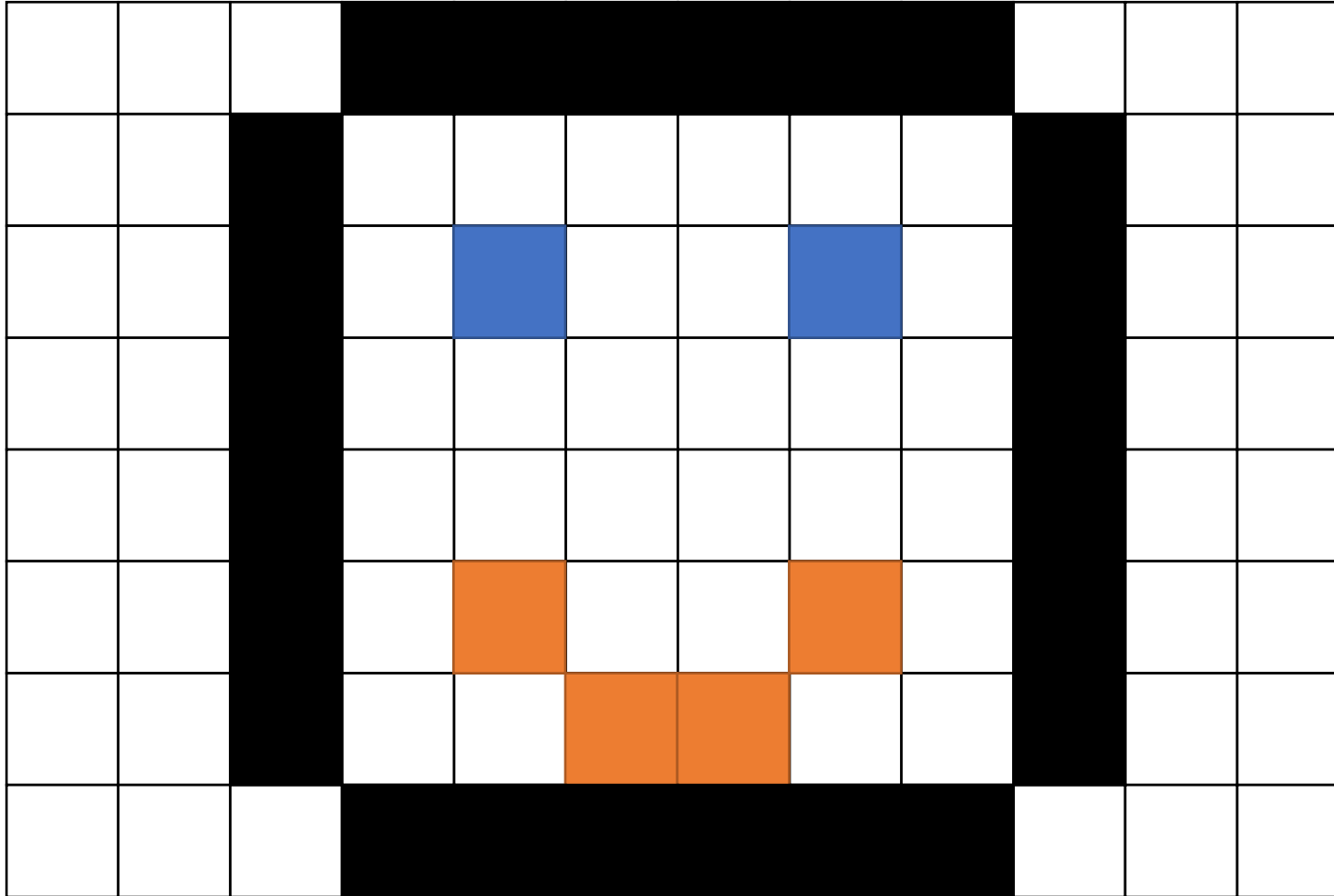


[Image courtesy of semiinsights.com]

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# Procedural animations: a step-by-step example

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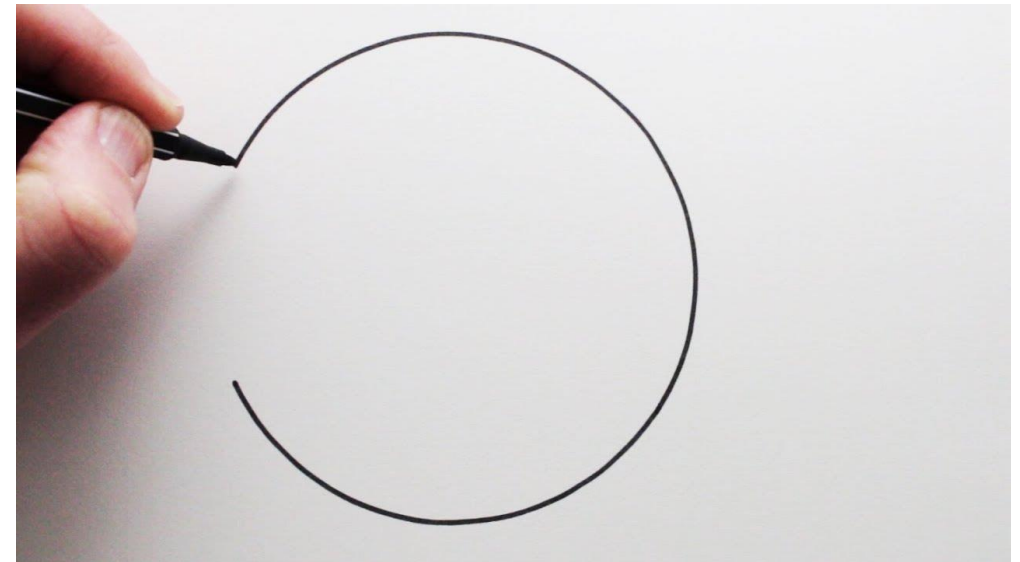
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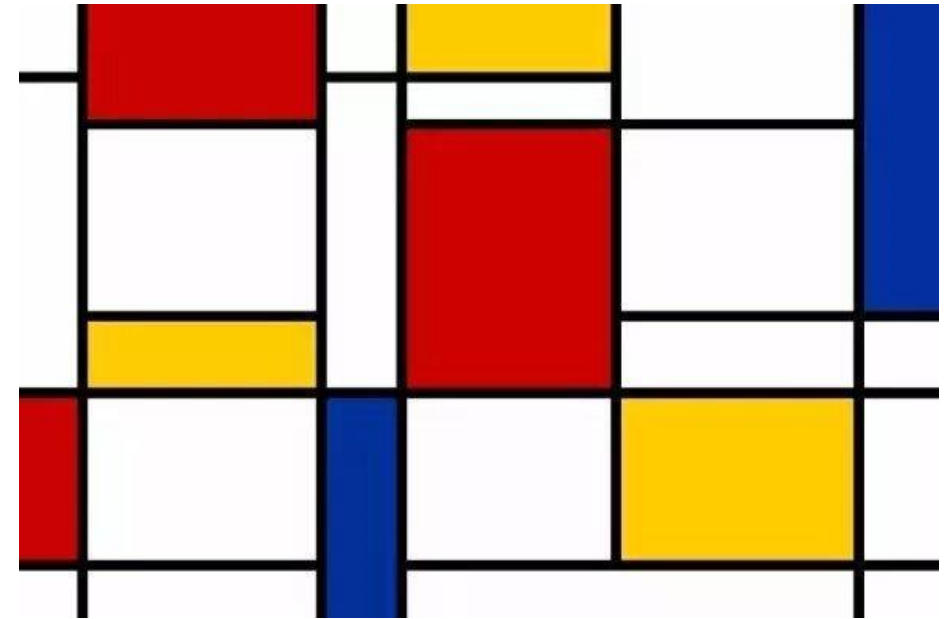
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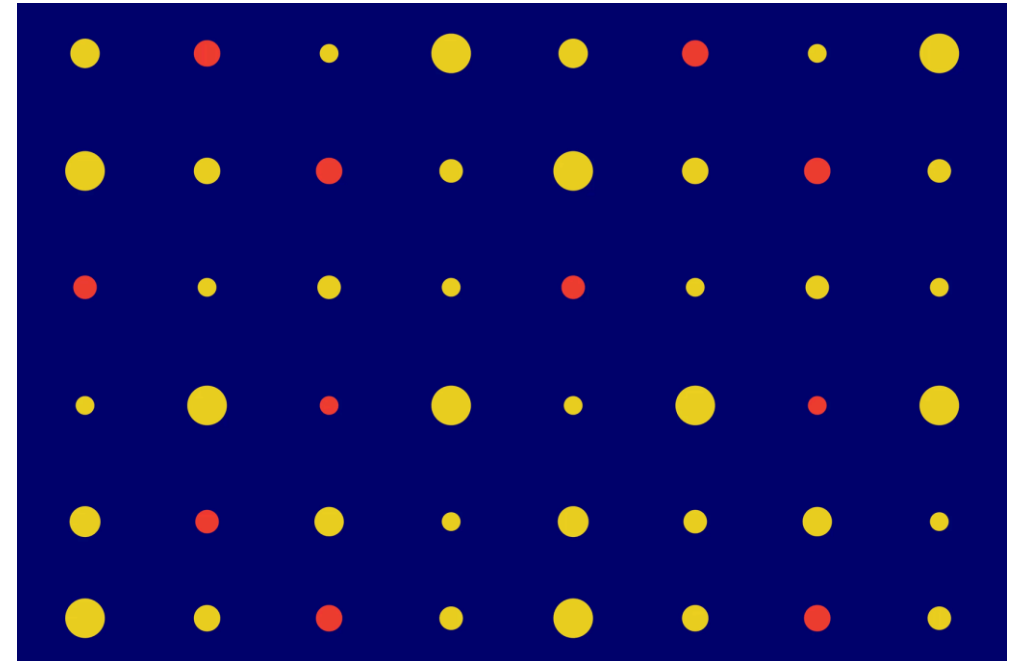
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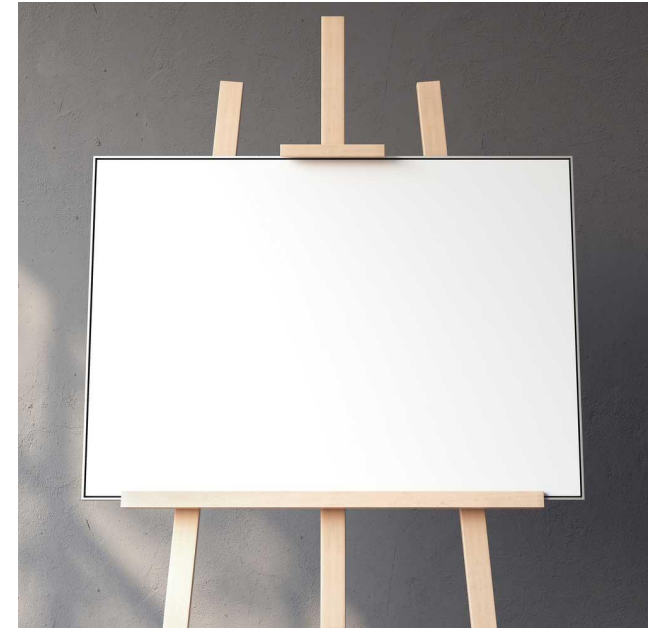
```
import taichi as ti
ti.init(arch = ti.cuda)

res_x = 512
res_y = 512
pixels = ti.Vector.field(3, ti.f32, shape=(res_x, res_y))

@ti.kernel
def render():
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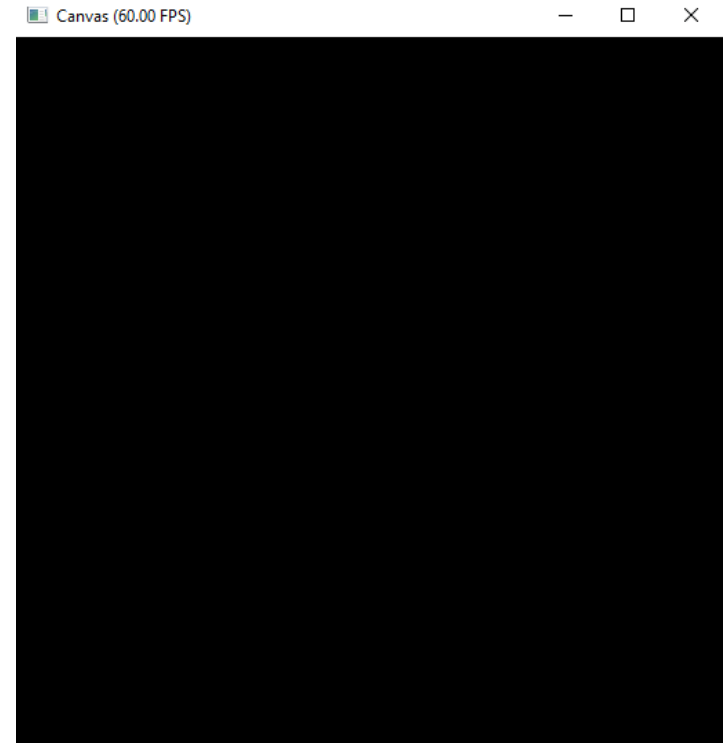
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# Put some colors on your canvas

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def render(t:ti.f32):
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    for i,j in pixels:
        r = 0.5 * ti.sin(float(i) / res_x) + 0.5
        g = 0.5 * ti.sin(float(j) / res_y + 2) + 0.5
        b = 0.5 * ti.sin(float(i) / res_x + 4) + 0.5
        color = ti.Vector([r, g, b])
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```



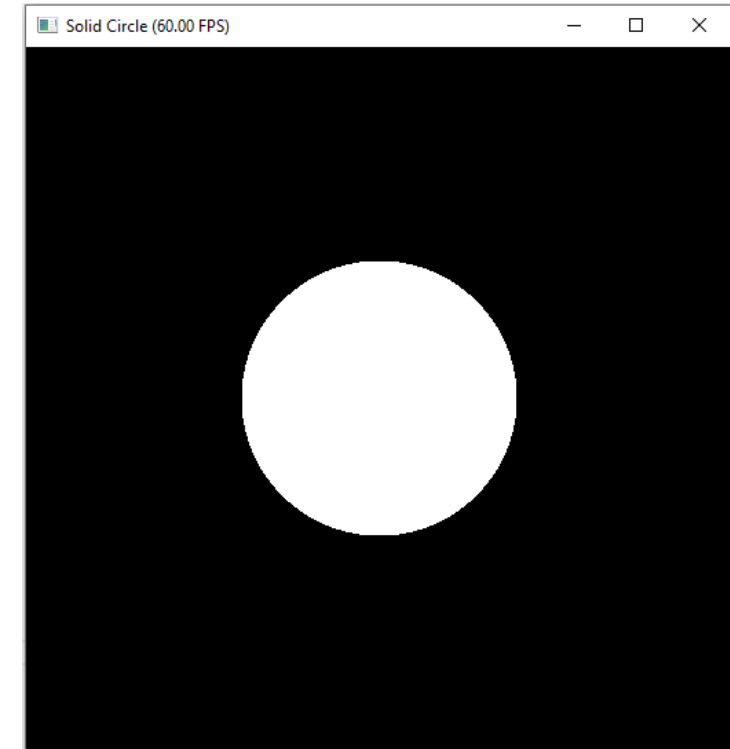


# Draw a basic unit

```
@ti.kernel
def render(t:ti.f32):
    for i,j in pixels:
        color = ti.Vector([0.0, 0.0, 0.0]) # init your canvas to black
        pos = ti.Vector([i//scatter, j//scatter])
        center = ti.Vector([res_x//2, res_y//2])
        r1 = 100.0
        r = (pos - center).norm()

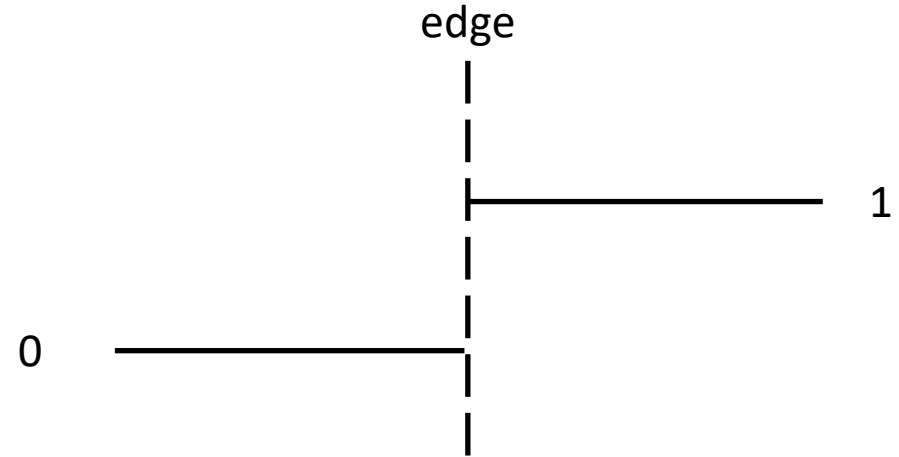
        if r < r1:
            color = ti.Vector([1.0, 1.0, 1.0])

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```



# Some helper functions: step

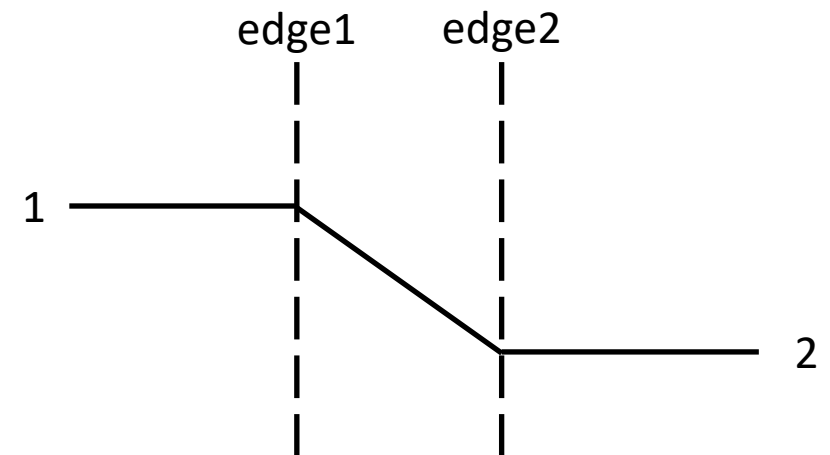
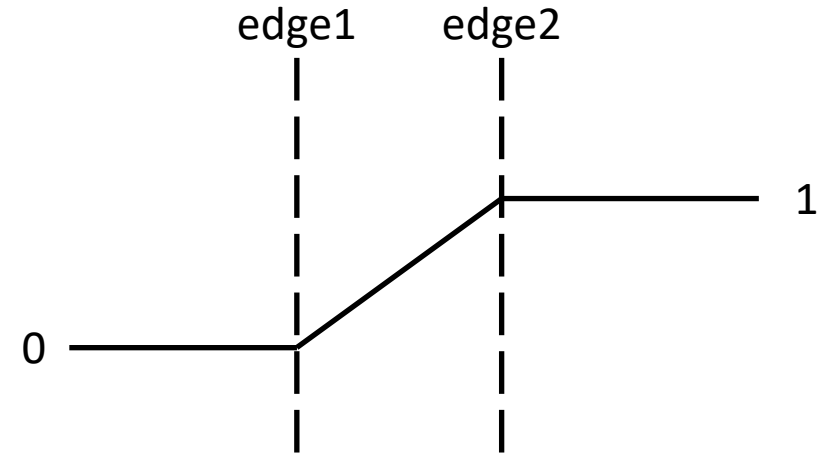
```
@ti.func
def step(edge, v):
    ret = 0.0
    if (v < edge): ret = 0.0
    else: ret = 1.0
    return ret
```



# Some helper functions: linearstep

```
@ti.func
def linearstep(edge1, edge2, v):
    assert(edge1 != edge2)
    t = (v-edge1) / float(edge2-edge1)
    t = clamp(t, 0.0, 1.0)

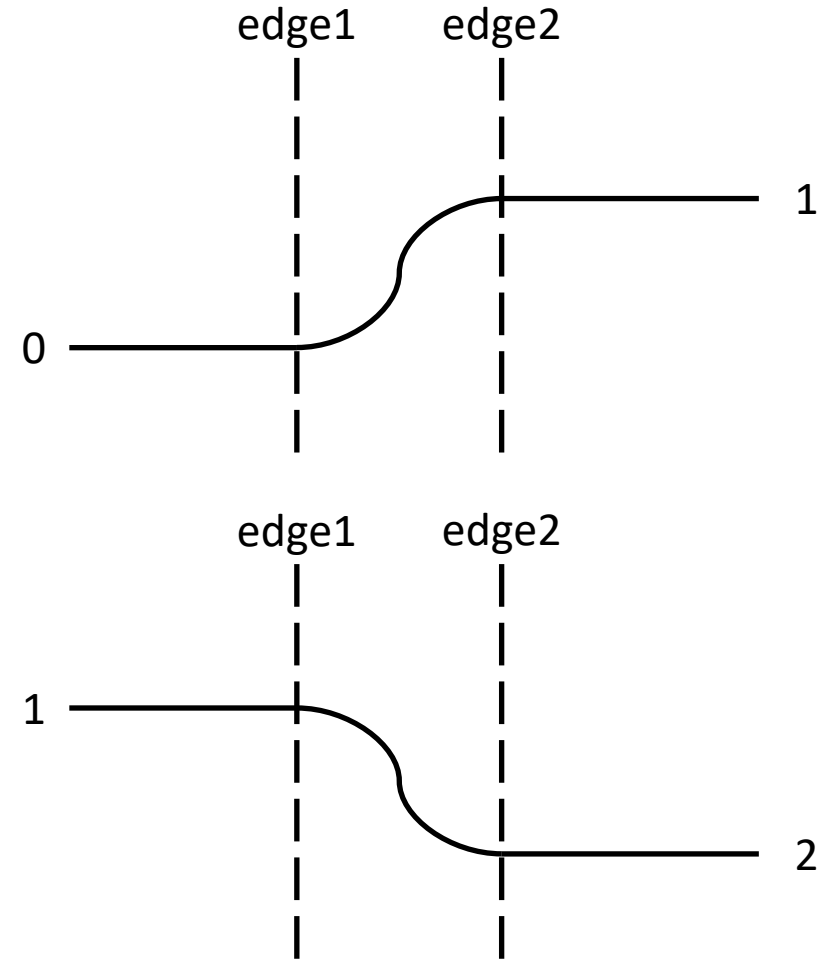
    return t
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@ti.func
def smoothstep(edge1, edge2, v):
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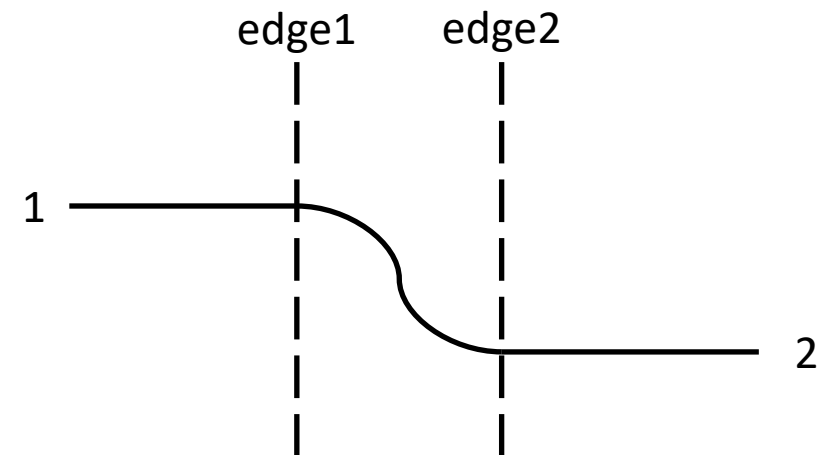
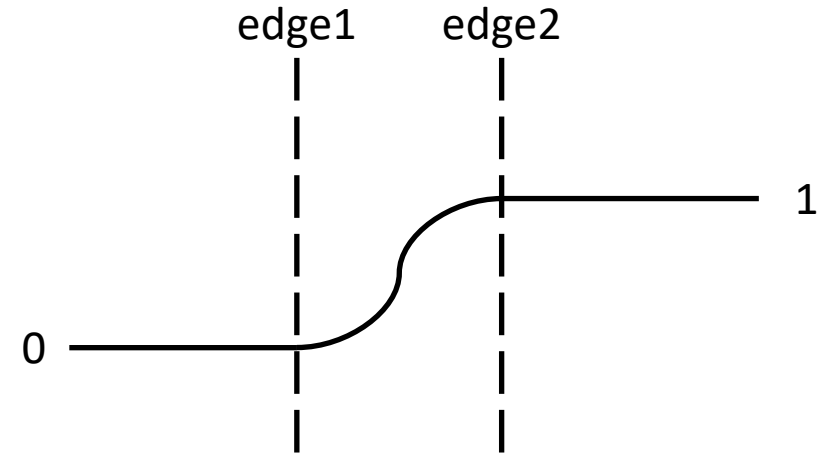
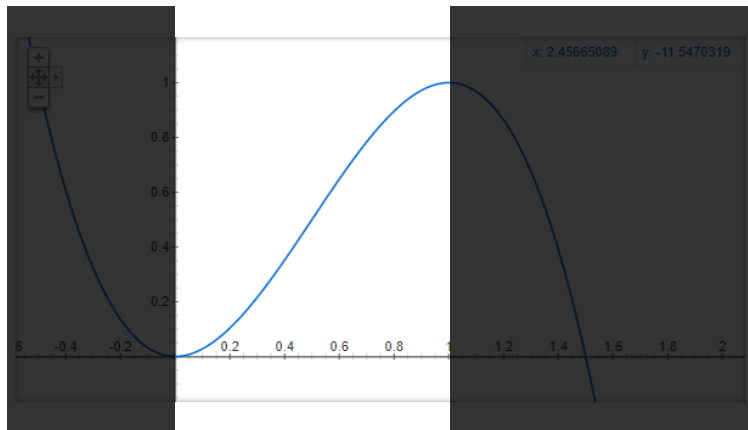
    return (3-2 * t) * t**2
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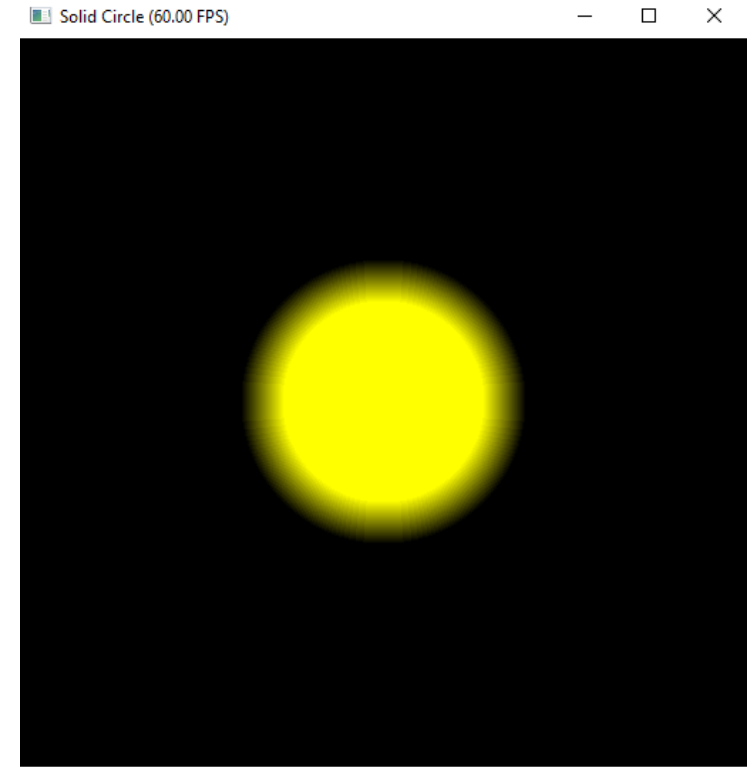
# Draw a basic unit

```
@ti.func
def circle(pos, center, radius, blur):
    r = (pos - center).norm()
    t = 0.0
    if blur > 1.0: blur = 1.0
    if blur <= 0.0:
        t = 1.0-hsf.step(1.0, r/radius)
    else:
        t = hsf.smoothstep(1.0, 1.0-blur, r/radius)
    return t

@ti.kernel
def render(t:ti.f32):
    for i,j in pixels:
        ...

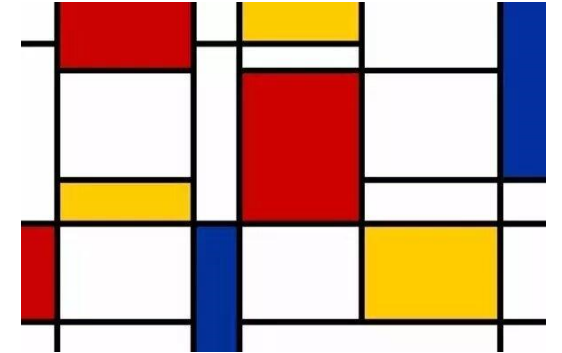
        c = circle(pos, center, r1, 0.1)

        color = ti.Vector([1.0, 1.0, 1.0]) * c
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# Repeat the basic units: tiles

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			



j

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$$j \bmod 3$$

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def render(t:ti.f32):
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    for i,j in pixels:
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        tile_size = 64

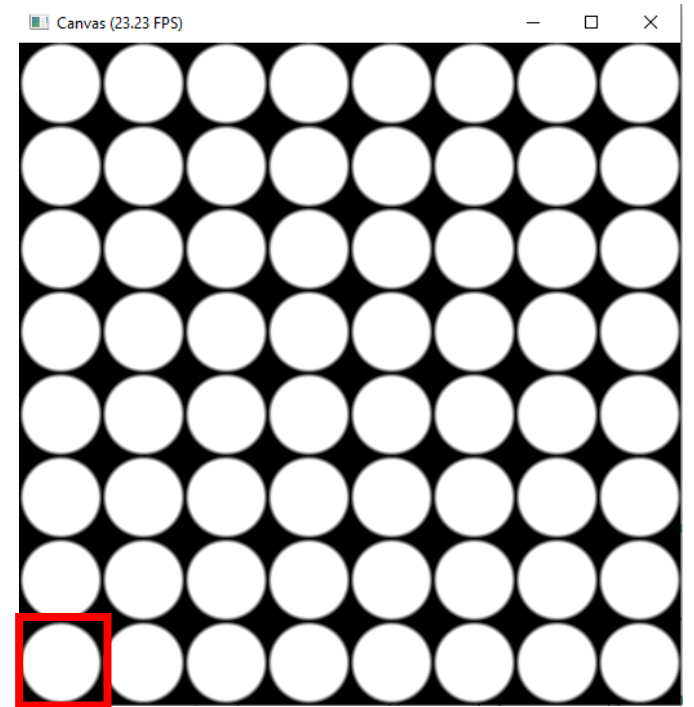
        center = ti.Vector([tile_size//2, tile_size//2])
        radius = tile_size//2

        pos = ti.Vector([hsf.mod(i, tile_size), hsf.mod(j, tile_size)])
        # scale i, j to [0, tile_size-1]

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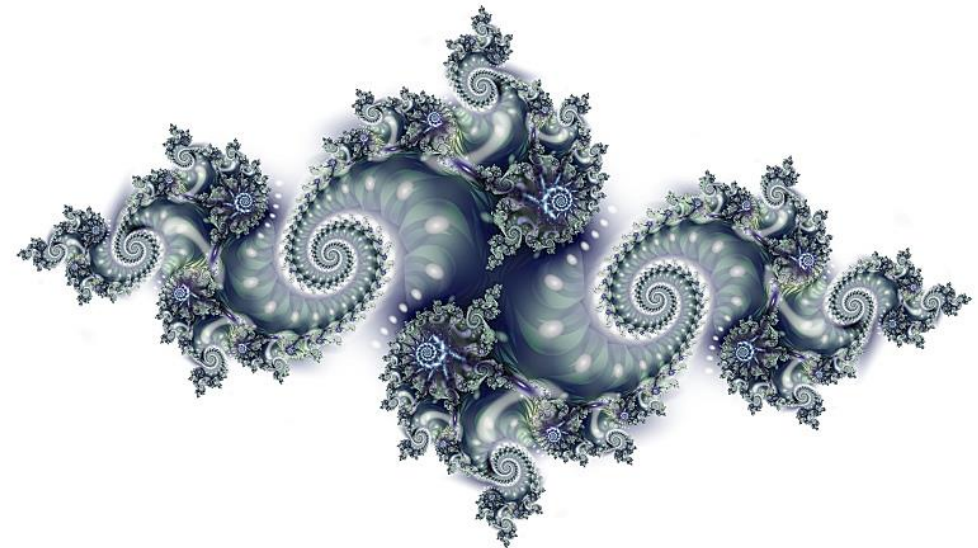
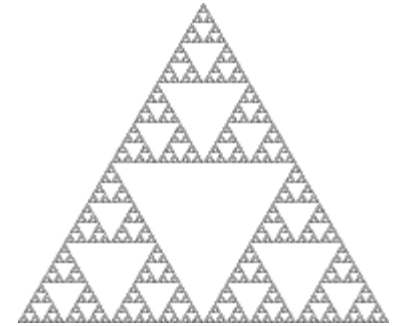
        color += ti.Vector([1.0, 1.0, 1.0])*c

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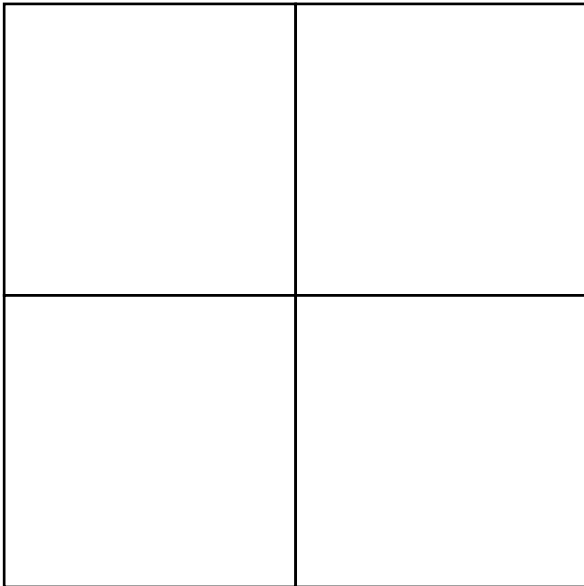
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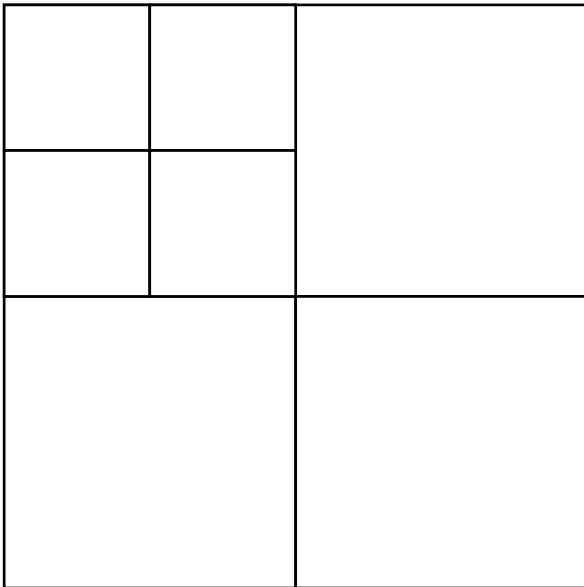
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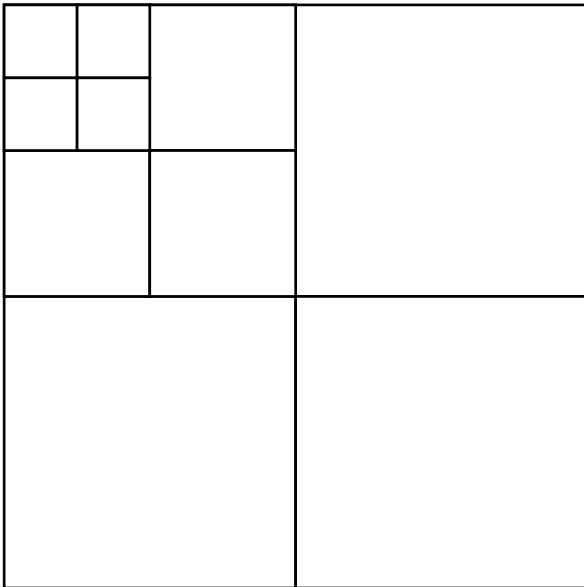
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```

```
    tile_size = 16
```

```
    for k in range(3):
```

```
        center = ti.Vector([tile_size//2, tile_size//2])
        radius = tile_size//2
```

```
        pos = ti.Vector([hsf.mod(i, tile_size), hsf.mod(j,
tile_size)]) # scale i, j to [0, tile_size-1]
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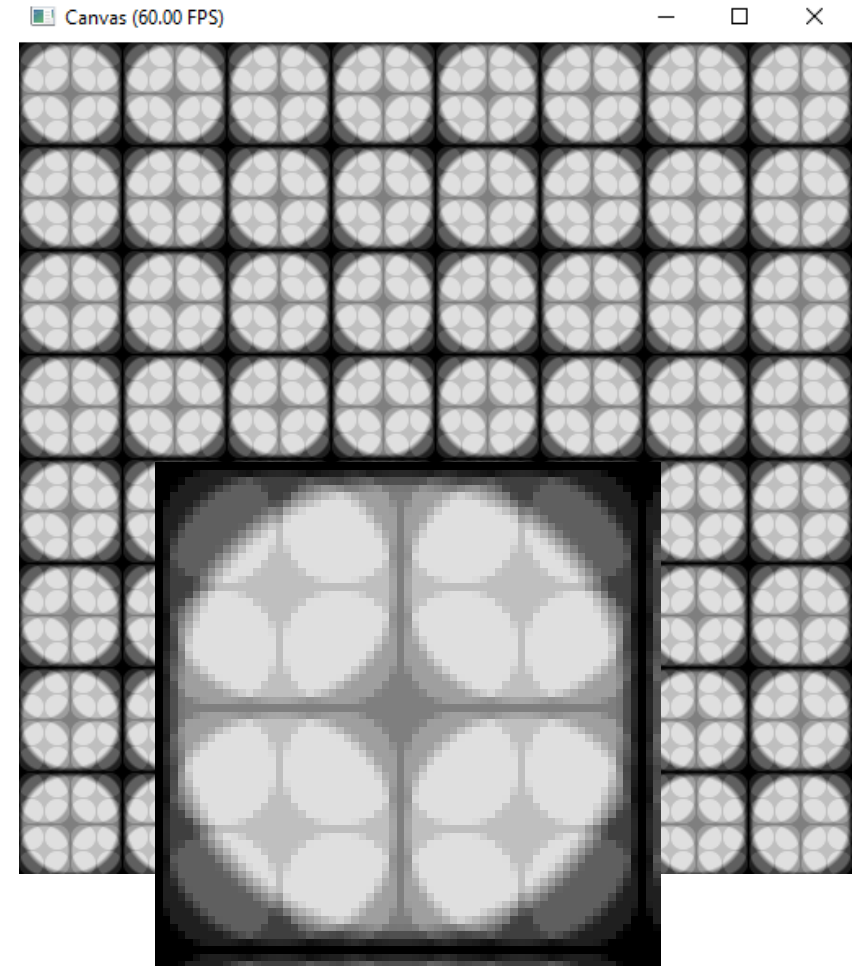
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        c = circle(pos, center, radius, 0.1)
```

```
        color += ti.Vector([1.0, 1.0, 1.0])*c
```

```
        color /= 2
```

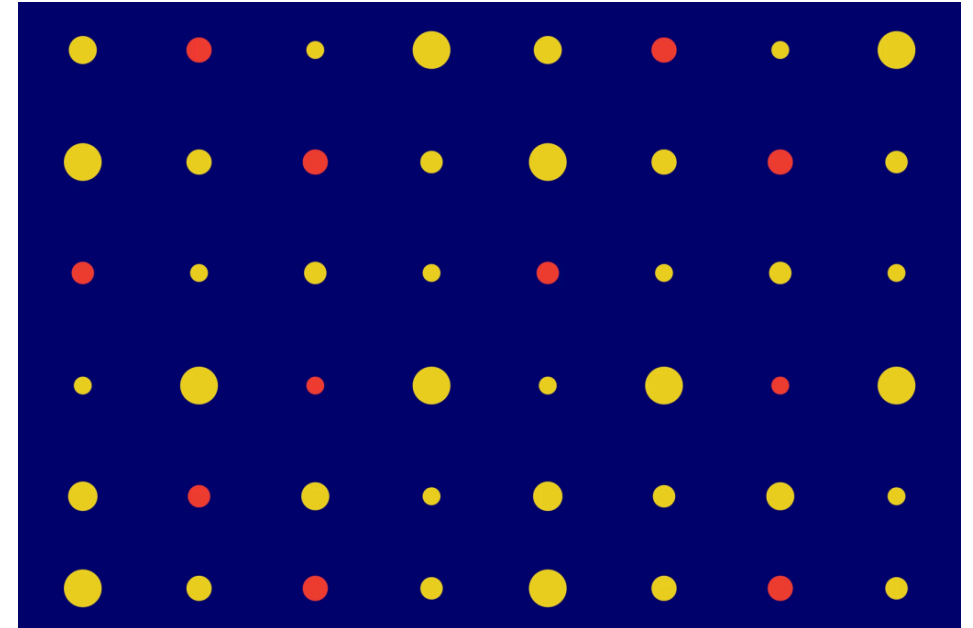
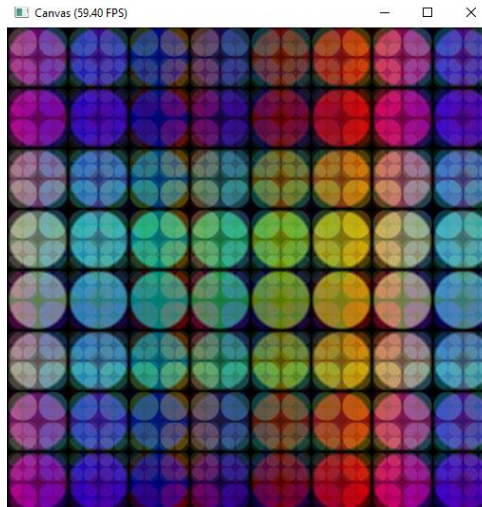
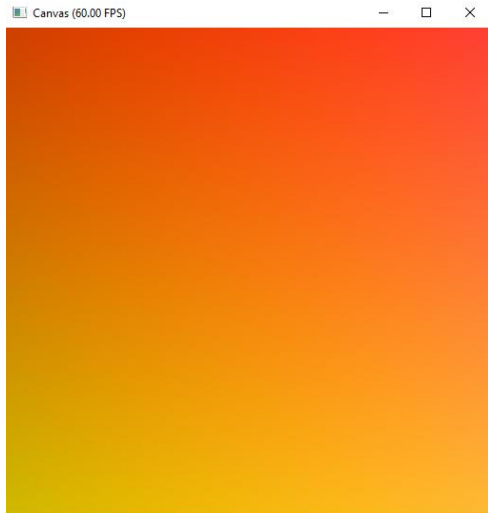
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        tile_size *= 2
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```
    pixels[i,j] = color
```



# Animate your pictures

```
@ti.kernel
def render(t:ti.f32):
    # draw something on your canvas
    for i,j in pixels:
        r = 0.5 * ti.sin(t+float(i) / res_x) + 0.5
        g = 0.5 * ti.sin(t+float(j) / res_y + 2) + 0.5
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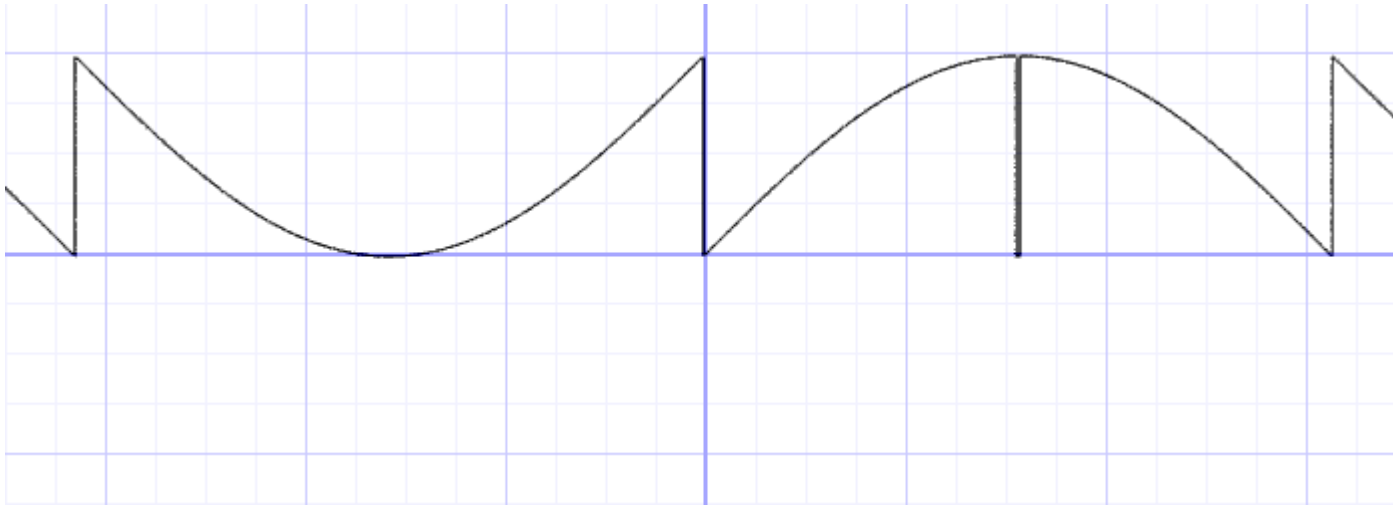
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- $y = \text{rand}(x)$  or `y = ti.random()` ?



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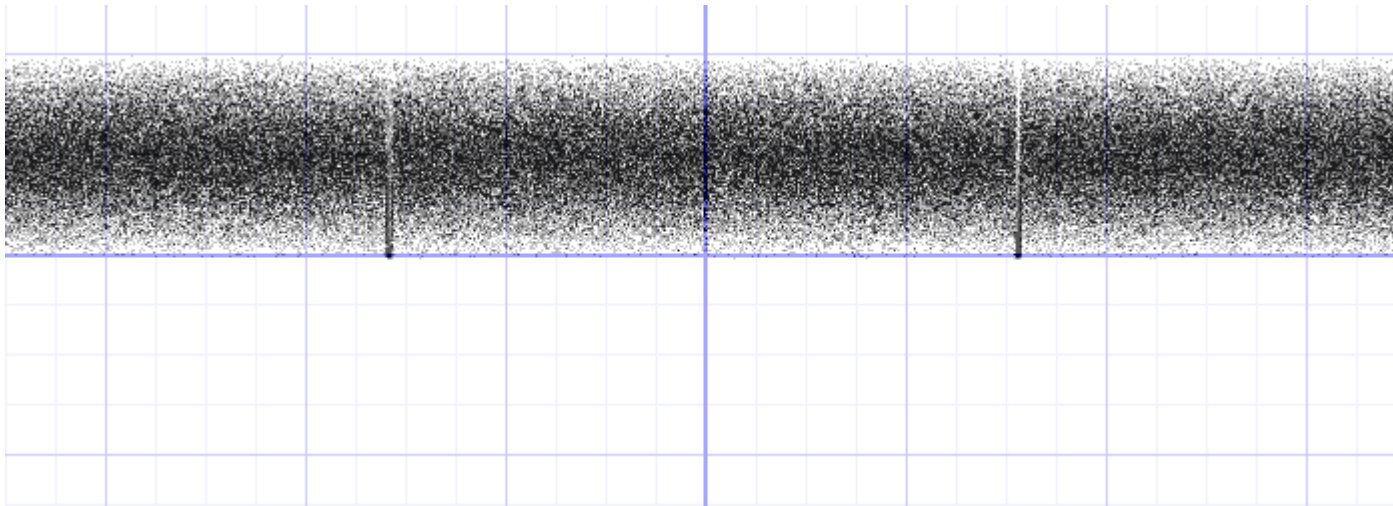
- $y = \text{fract}(\sin(x) * 1.0)$



[Image courtesy to *The Book of Shaders*]

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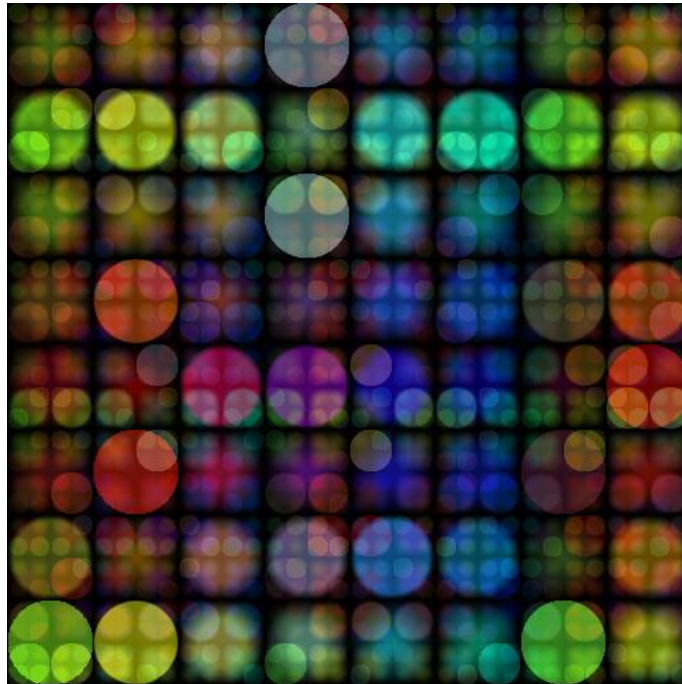
- $y = \text{fract}(\sin(x) * 100000.0)$



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# Introduce some randomness (Chaos!)

```
blur =hsf.fract(ti.sin(float(0.1*t+i//tile_size*5+j//tile_size*3)))  
c = circle(pos, center, radius, blur)
```



# Balance between: the randomness and the smoothness

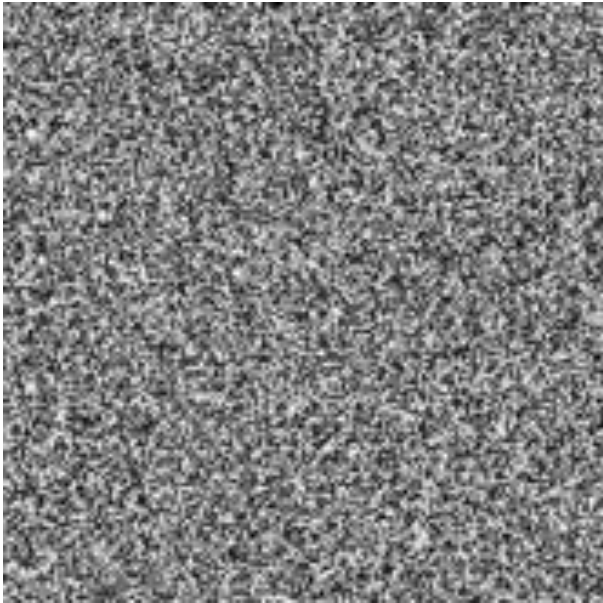
- Perlin noise:
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perlin\\_noise](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perlin_noise)



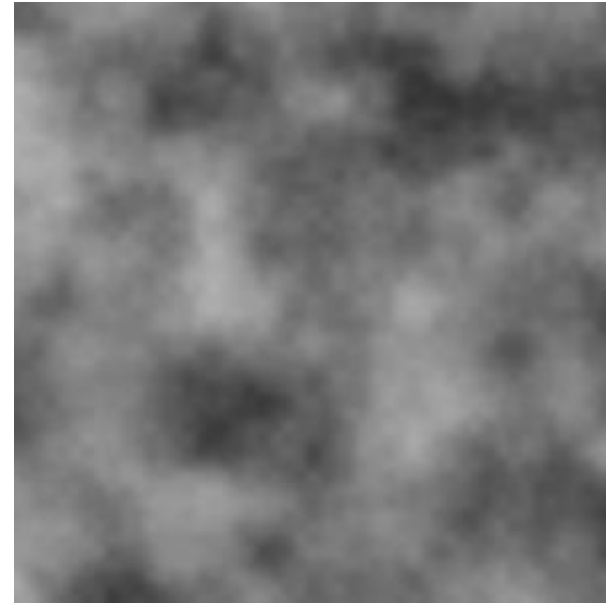


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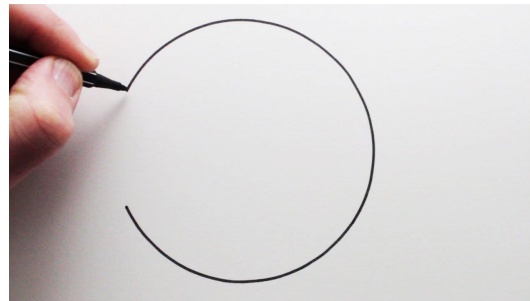
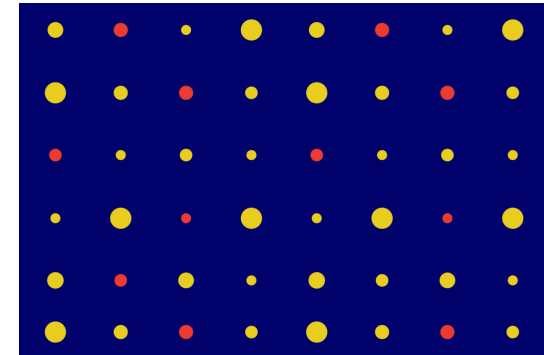
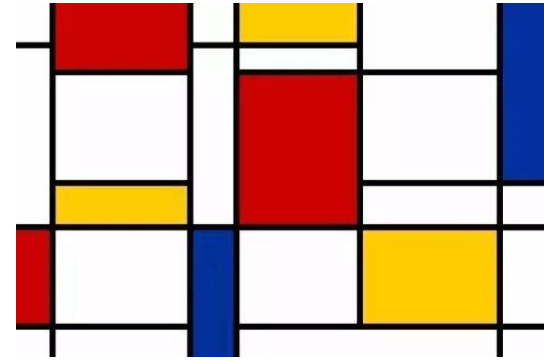
White noise



Perlin noise

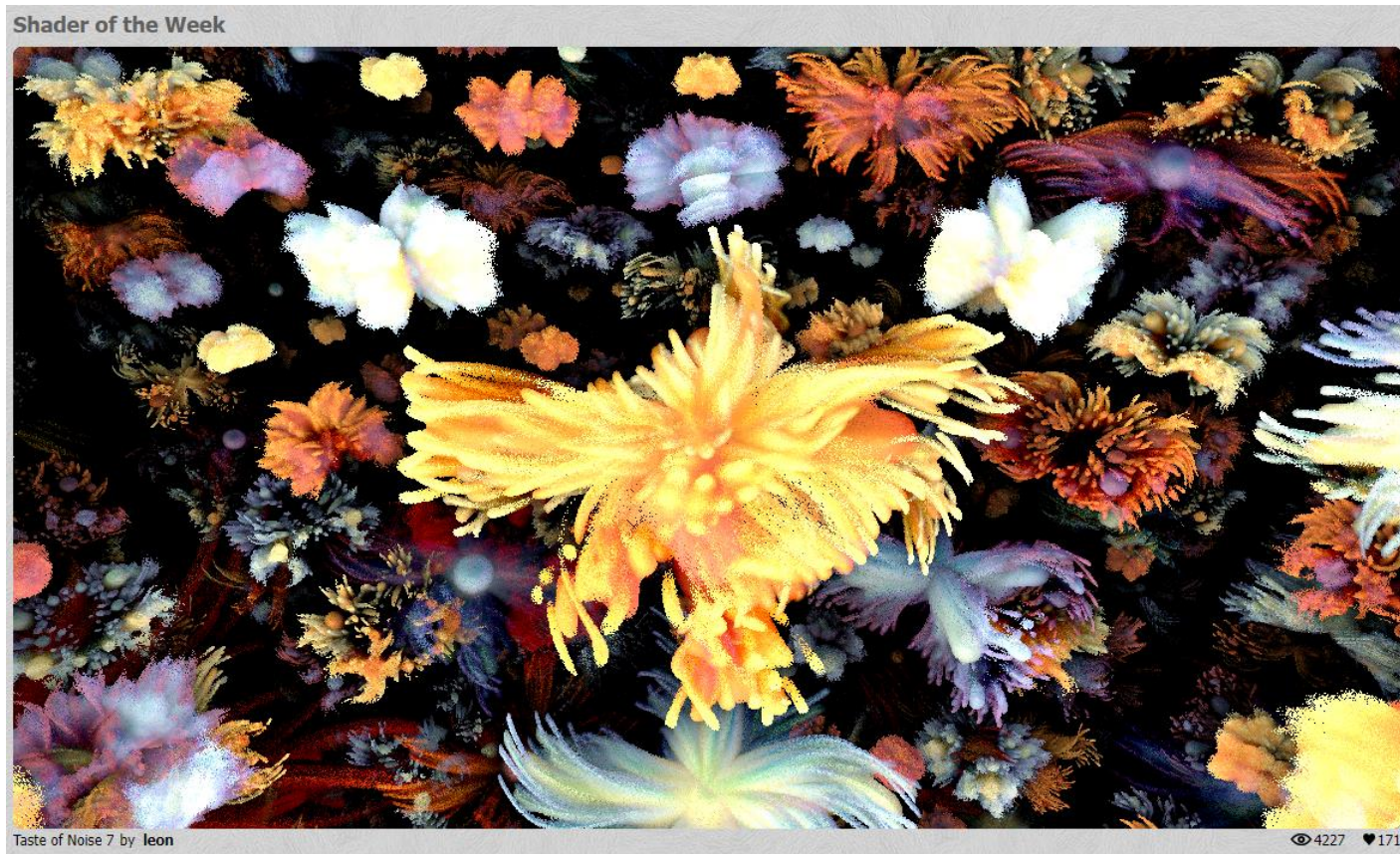
# Procedural animations: a step-by-step example

- Steps:
  1. Setup your canvas
  2. Put some colors on your canvas
  3. Draw a basic unit
  4. Repeat the basic units: tiles and fractals
  5. Animate your pictures
  6. Introduce some randomness (Chaos!)



# A great website for procedural animations

- <https://www.shadertoy.com/>





# Check our compiled examples

- <https://github.com/taichiCourse01/--Shadertoy>

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## 太极图形课S1-Procedural Animations示例程序-Shadertoy

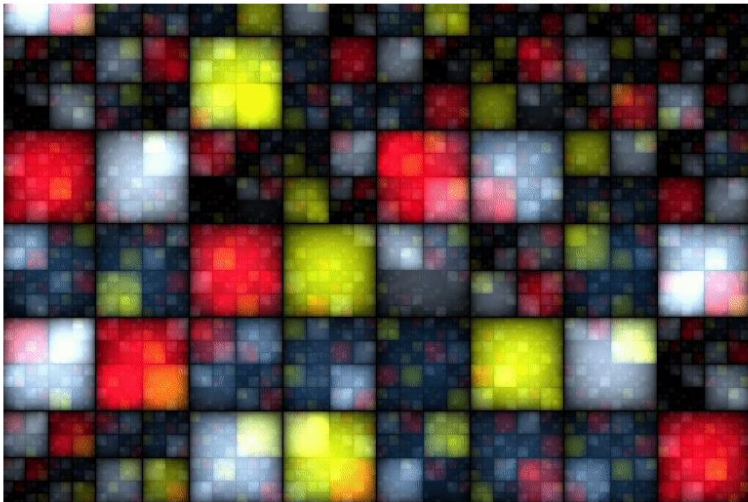
### 背景简介

本文实现了一些Procedural Animation的示例程序。其中不少是借鉴的Shadertoy.com上的对应例子写的。

### 课堂Quiz

请填写./quiz/quiz\_fractal\_tiling.py以达到(类似的)如下效果:

Fractal tiling (# reference ==> <https://www.shadertoy.com/view/Ml2GWy#>)



# More examples: geometries

- <https://www.shadertoy.com/view/MdXSzS>



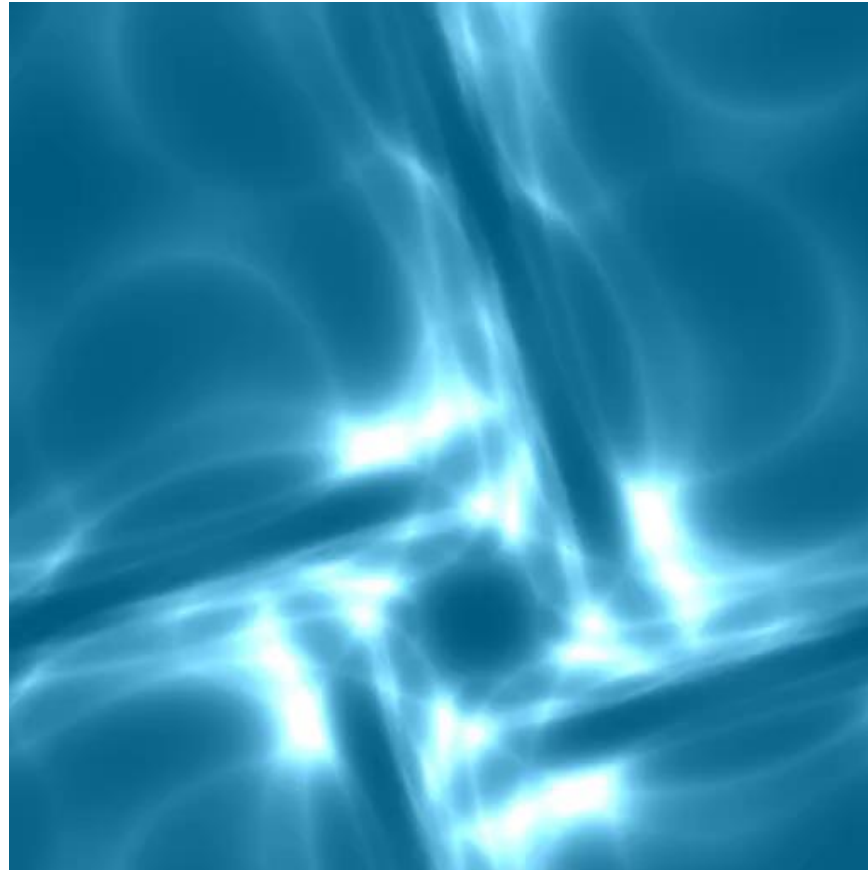
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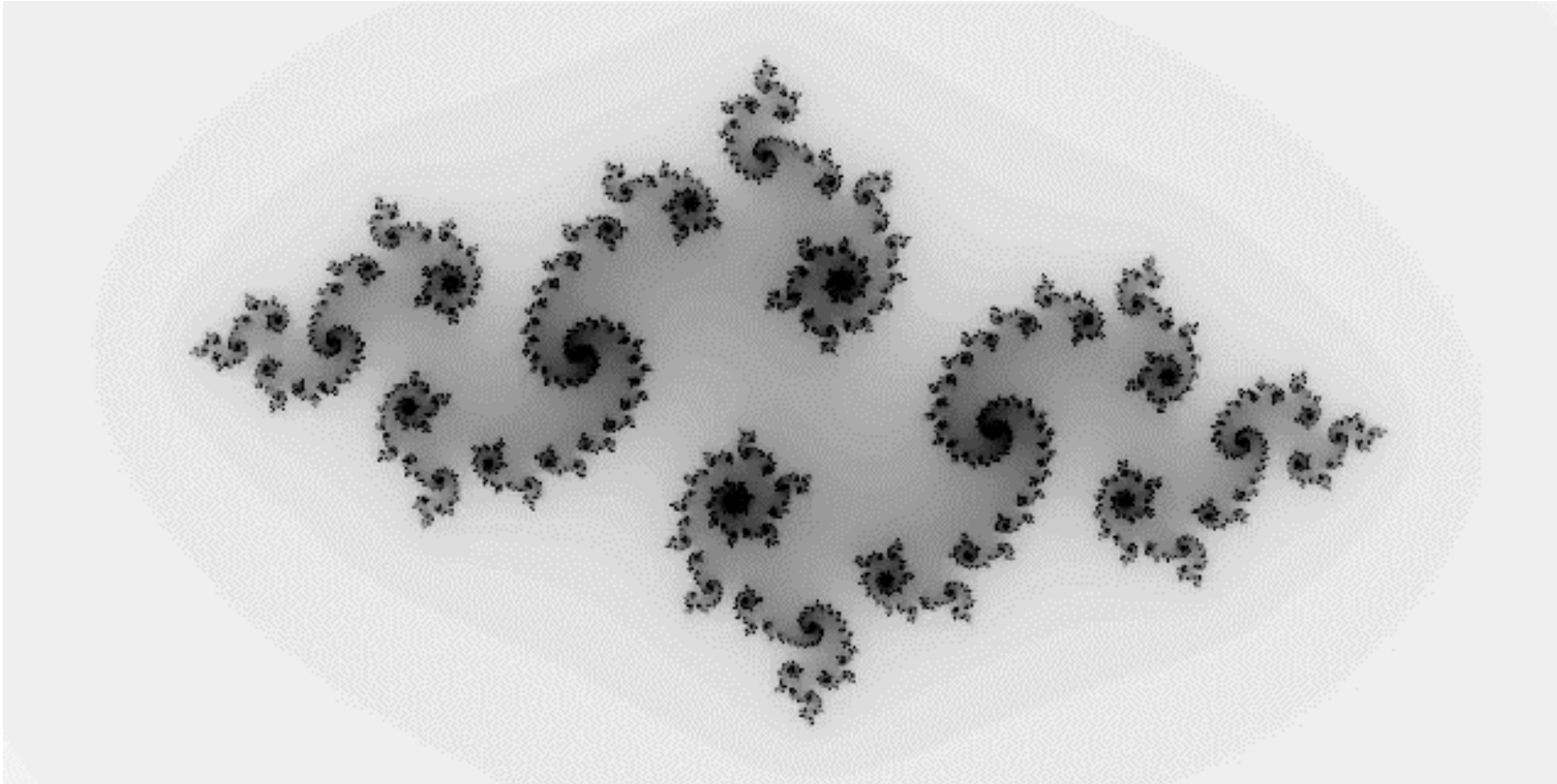
# More examples: random textures

- <https://www.shadertoy.com/view/MdIXz8>



# More examples: fractals

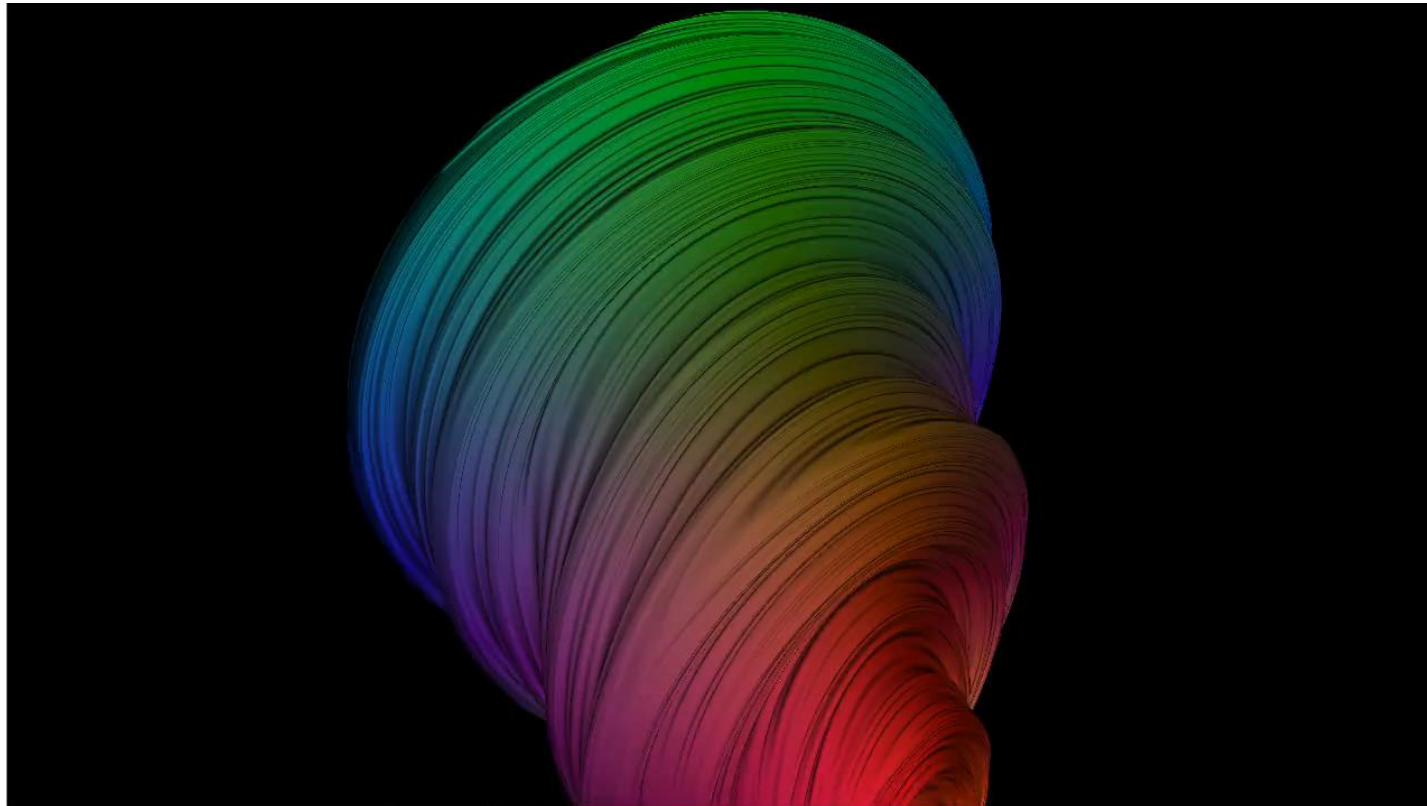
- A 2D Julia-set





# More examples: fractals

- 3D slides of a 4D Julia-set (by Dunfan Lu @AmesingFlank)



# More examples: a 3D space walkthrough

- Interstellar (by Andrew Sun @victoriacity)



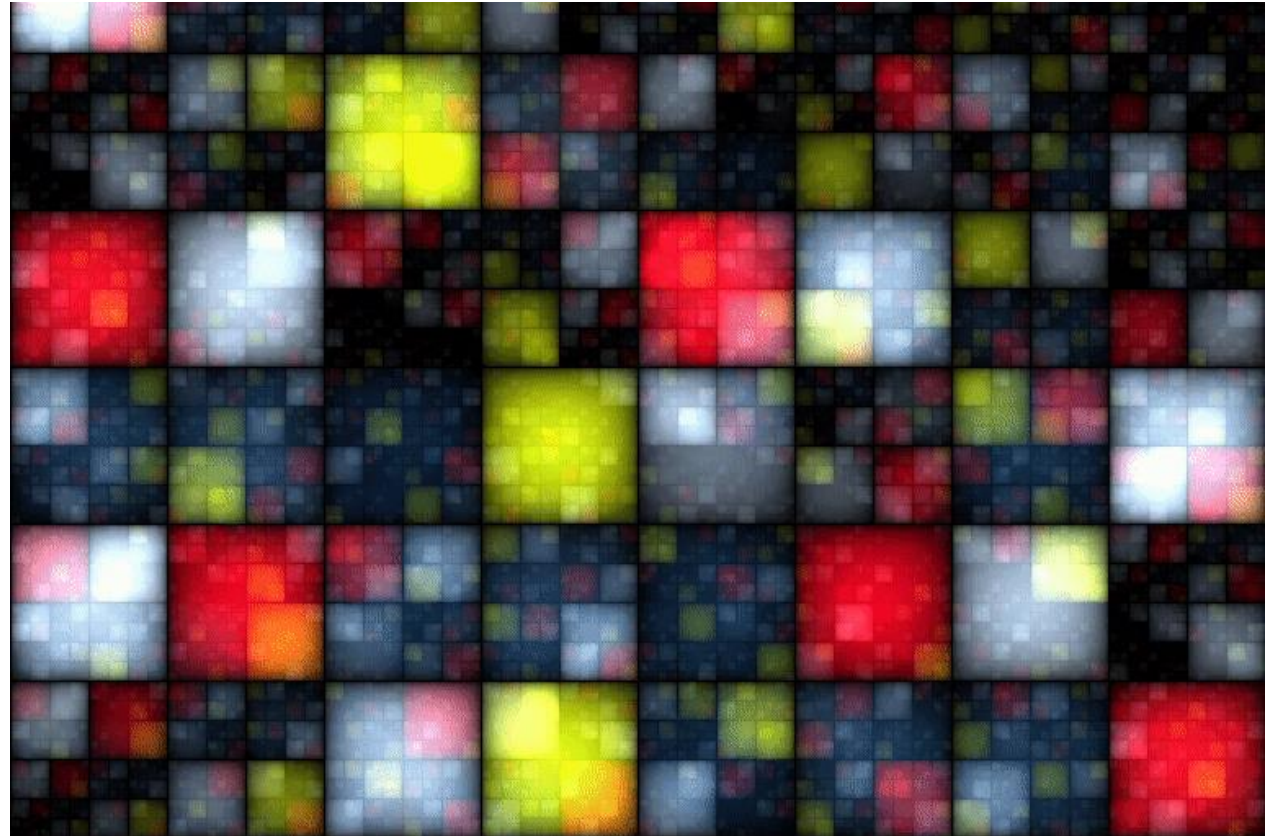
Quiz



# Quiz:

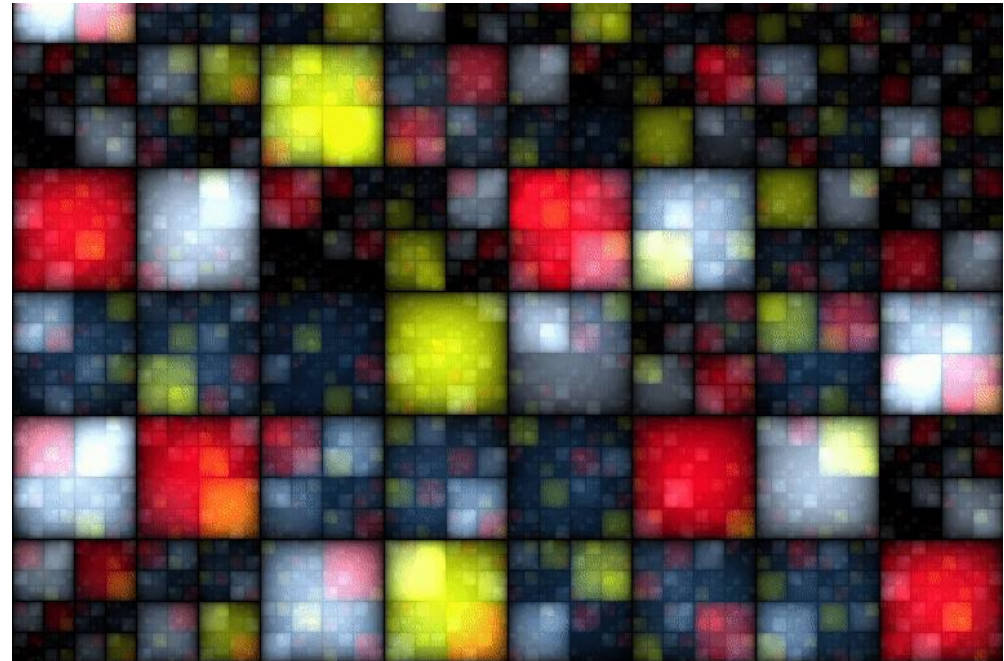
Generate the following procedural animations in 15 mins

- <https://github.com/taichiCourse01/--Shadertoy>
  - Check for the quiz folder
  - Fill quiz\_fractal\_tiling.py



# Remark

- Procedural animation is a lot of fun!
- Your best friends in Procedural animations
  - Tiles, fractals and noises
- References:
  - The book of shaders: [[link](#)]



# Homework

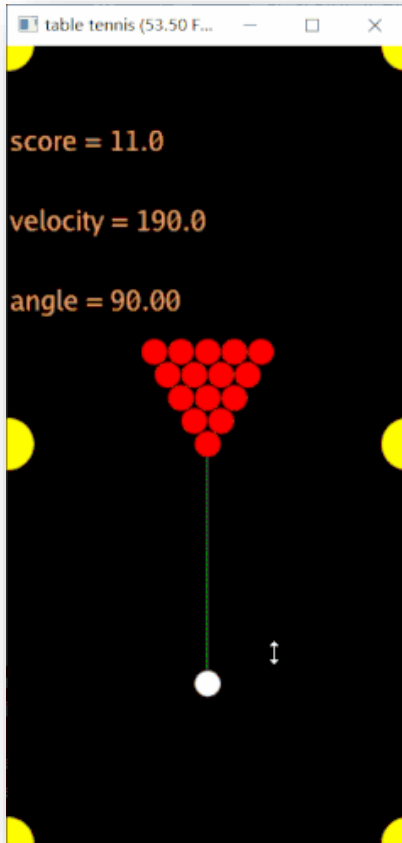
# Homework today

- Check [shadertoy.com](https://shadertoy.com) for inspirations
  - Put the webpage references if you did your homework based on any shadertoy examples
  - Try to figure out how your shadertoy works
- Check our compiled examples in Taichi, and get some handy helper functions
  - <https://github.com/taichiCourse01/--Shadertoys>
- Go code your favorite procedural animation!

# Share your homework

- Could be ANYTHING you programmed using Taichi
- Help us find your homework by using [Template](#)
- Share it with your classmates at forum.taichi.graphics
  - 太极图形课作业区: <https://forum.taichi.graphics/c/homework/14>
  - Share your Taichi zoo link or your github link
  - Compile a .gif animation at your will

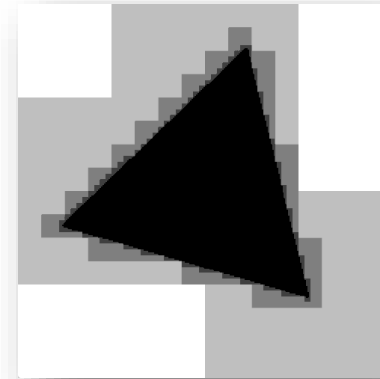
# Excellent homework assignments



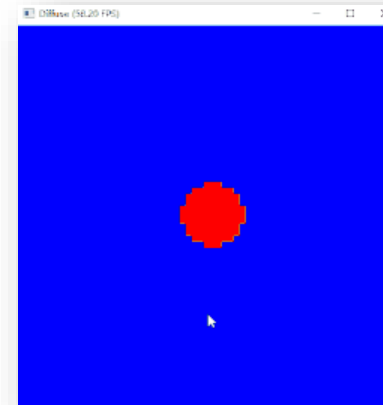
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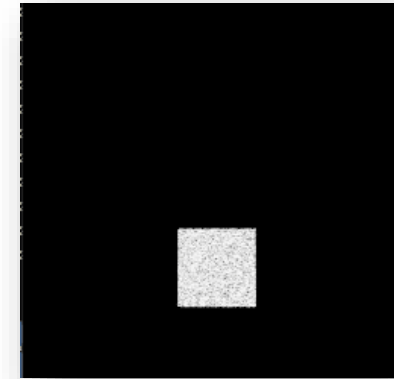
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@k-ye



@cflw



@MengMeng3399



@casenoone



@metachow

# Gifts for the gifted

- Check your Github issues 😊
- Our Next check date will be: Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

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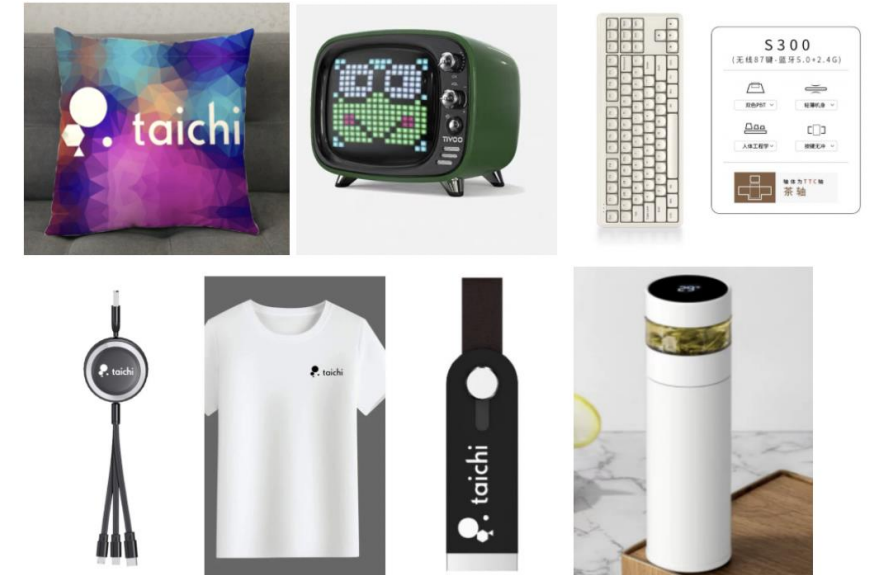
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### Dependency graph

Dependencies Dependents

Repositories that depend on taichi

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Pierce-qiang / taichi_learn	☆ 1	👤 0
casenoone / vortex-particles-method-2d	☆ 5	👤 0
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# A reminder for the final project

- Deadline **Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022**
- Submit using a ~~private~~ repo at GitHub/Gitee. Invite [tgc01@taichi.graphics](mailto:tgc01@taichi.graphics) to your repo
- Use the Taichi [Template](#) to create your repo
- Small-scaled teamwork ( $\leq 3$ ) is welcome, manage your Git commits with care
- Gifts and job/intern opportunity await



# Questions?

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