

# The Emergence of Patterns in Nature and Chaos Theory

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# 1 Introduction

Ryan

This project, at the outset, was very broadly concerned with the use of *Python* for computer algebra. Much to the reluctance of our supervisor we have however resolved to look at a broad variety of tools (see section 8.3), in particular a language we wanted an opportunity to explore was *Julia* [4]<sup>1</sup>.

In order to give the project a more focused direction we have decided to look into:<sup>2</sup>

- The Emergence of patterns in Nature
- Chaos Theory & Dynamical Systems
- Fractals

These three topics are very tightly connected and so it is difficult to look at any one in a vacuum, they also almost necessitate the use of software packages due to the fact that these phenomena appear to occur in recursive systems, more over such software needs to perform very well under recursion and iteration (making this a very good focus for this topic generally, and an excuse to work with *Julia* as well).

# 2 Programming Recursion

Ryan

As an introduction to *Python* generally, we undertook many problem questions which have been omitted from this outline, however, this one in particular offered an interesting insight into the difficulties we may encounter when dealing with recursive systems.

## 2.1 Iteration and Recursion

Consider the series shown in (1)<sup>3</sup>:

$$g(k) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3}}}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{4}}}}{4} \cdots \frac{\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{3 + \dots + \sqrt{k}}}}{k} \quad (1)$$

let's modify this for the sake of discussion:

$$h(k) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3 + \sqrt{2}}}{3} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4 + \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{2}}}}{4} \cdots \frac{\sqrt{k + \sqrt{k - 1 + \dots + \sqrt{3 + \sqrt{2}}}}}{k} \quad (2)$$

The function  $h$  can be expressed by the series:

$$h(k) = \prod_{i=2}^k \left( \frac{f_i}{i} \right) \quad : \quad f_i = \sqrt{i + f_{i-1}}, \quad f_1 = 1$$

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<sup>1</sup>See section

<sup>2</sup>The amount of independence that our supervisor afforded us to investigate other languages is something that we are both extremely grateful for.

<sup>3</sup>This problem is taken from Project A (44) of Dr. Hazrat's *Mathematica: A Problem Centred Approach* [15]

Within *Python*, it isn't difficult to express  $h$ , the series can be expressed with recursion as shown in listing 1, this is a very natural way to define series and sequences and is consistent with familiar mathematical thought and notation. Individuals more familiar with programming than analysis may find it more comfortable to use an iterator as shown in listing 2.

```

1  from sympy import *
2  def h(k):
3      if k > 2:
4          return f(k) * f(k-1)
5      else:
6          return 1
7
8  def f(i):
9      expr = 0
10     if i > 2:
11         return sqrt(i + f(i -1))
12     else:
13         return 1

```

Listing 1: Solving (2) using recursion.

```

1  from sympy import *
2  def h(k):
3      k = k + 1 # OBOB
4      l = [f(i) for i in range(1,k)]
5      return prod(l)
6
7  def f(k):
8      expr = 0
9      for i in range(2, k+2):
10          expr = sqrt(i + expr, evaluate=False)
11      return expr/(k+1)

```

Listing 2: Solving (2) by using a for loop.

Any function that can be defined by using iteration, can always be defined via recursion and vice versa [6, 5] (see also [31, 16] ).

there is however, evidence to suggest that recursive functions are easier for people to understand [2] and so should be favoured. Although independent research has shown that the specific language chosen can have a bigger effect on how well recursive as opposed to iterative code is understood [30].

The relevant question is “*which method is often more appropriate?*”, generally the process for determining which is more appropriate is to the effect of:

1. Write the problem in a way that is easier to write or is more appropriate for demonstration
2. If performance is a concern then consider restructuring in favour of iteration

- For interpreted languages such **R** and *Python*, loops are usually faster, because of the overheads involved in creating functions [31] although there may be exceptions to this and I'm not sure if this would be true for compiled languages such as *Julia*, *Java*, **C** etc.

### 2.1.1 Some Functions are more difficult to express with Recursion in

Attacking a problem recursively isn't always the best approach however. Consider the function  $g(k)$  from (1):

$$\begin{aligned} g(k) &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}}{3} \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3+\sqrt{4}}}}{4} \dots \frac{\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3+\dots+\sqrt{k}}}}{k} \\ &= \prod_{i=2}^k \left( \frac{f_i}{i} \right) \quad : \quad f_i = \sqrt{i + f_{i+1}} \end{aligned}$$

Observe that the difference between (1) and (2) is that the sequence essentially *looks* forward, not back. To solve using a `for` loop, this distinction is a non-concern because the list can be reversed using a built-in such as `rev`, `reversed` or `reverse` in *Python*, **R** and *Julia* respectively, which means the same expression can be implemented.

To implement with recursion however, the series needs to be restructured and this can become a little clumsy, see (3):

$$g(k) = \prod_{i=2}^k \left( \frac{f_i}{i} \right) \quad : \quad f_i = \sqrt{(k-i) + f_{k-i-1}} \quad (3)$$

Now the function could be performed recursively in *Python* in a similar way as shown in listing 3, but it's also significantly more confusing because the  $f$  function now has  $k$  as a parameter and this is only made significantly more complicated by the differing implementations of variable scope across common languages used in Mathematics and Data science such as `bash`, **R**, *Julia*, *Python*.

If however, the `for` loop approach was implemented, as shown in listing 4, the function would not significantly change, because the `reversed()` function can be used to flip the list around.

What this demonstrates is that taking a different approach to simply describing this function can lead to big differences in the complexity involved in solving this problem.

## 3 Fibonacci Sequence

Ryan:James

### 3.1 Introduction

Ryan

The *Fibonacci Sequence* and *Golden Ratio* share a deep connection<sup>4</sup> and occur in patterns observed in nature very frequently (see [29, 3, 23, 24, 19, 27]), an example of such an occurrence is discussed in section 3.4.1 .

In this section we lay out a strategy to find an analytic solution to the *Fibonacci Sequence* by relating it to a continuous series and generalise this approach to any homogenous linear recurrence relation.

This details some open mathematical work for the project and our hope is that by identifying relationships between discrete and continuous systems generally we will be able to draw insights with regard to the occurrence of patterns related to the *Fibonacci Sequence* and *Golden Ratio* in nature.

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<sup>4</sup>See section

```

1  from sympy import *
2  def h(k):
3      if k > 2:
4          return f(k, k) * f(k, k-1)
5      else:
6          return 1
7
8  def f(k, i):
9      if k > i:
10         return 1
11     if i > 2:
12         return sqrt((k-i) + f(k, k - i -1))
13     else:
14         return 1

```

Listing 3: Using Recursion to Solve (1)

```

1  from sympy import *
2  def h(k):
3      k = k + 1 # OBOB
4      l = [f(i) for i in range(1,k)]
5      return prod(l)
6
7  def f(k):
8      expr = 0
9      for i in reversed(range(2, k+2)):
10         expr = sqrt(i + expr, evaluate=False)
11     return expr/(k+1)

```

Listing 4: Using Iteration to Solve (1)

## 3.2 Computational Approach

Ryan

Given that much of our work will involve computational analysis and simulation we begin with a strategy to solve the sequence computationally.

The *Fibonacci* Numbers are given by:

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \quad (4)$$

This type of recursive relation can be expressed in *Python* by using recursion, as shown in listing 5, however using this function will reveal that it is extraordinarily slow, as shown in listing 6, this is because the results of the function are not cached and every time the function is called every value is recalculated<sup>5</sup>, meaning that the workload scales in exponential as opposed to polynomial time.

The `functools` library for python includes the `@functools.lru_cache` decorator which will modify a defined function to cache results in memory [13], this means that the recursive function will only need to calculate each result once and it will hence scale in polynomial time, this is implemented in listing 7.

```
1  def rec_fib(k):
2      if type(k) is not int:
3          print("Error: Require integer values")
4          return 0
5      elif k == 0:
6          return 0
7      elif k <= 2:
8          return 1
9      return rec_fib(k-1) + rec_fib(k-2)
```

Listing 5: Defining the *Fibonacci Sequence* (4) using Recursion

```
1  start = time.time()
2  rec_fib(35)
3  print(str(round(time.time() - start, 3)) + "seconds")
4
5  ## 2.245seconds
```

Listing 6: Using the function from listing 5 is quite slow.

```
1  start = time.time()
2  rec_fib(6000)
3  print(str(round(time.time() - start, 9)) + "seconds")
4
5  ## 8.3923e-05seconds
```

<sup>5</sup>Dr. Hazrat mentions something similar in his book with respect to *Mathematica*® [15, Ch. 13]

```

1   from functools import lru_cache
2
3   @lru_cache(maxsize=9999)
4   def rec_fib(k):
5       if type(k) is not int:
6           print("Error: Require Integer Values")
7           return 0
8       elif k == 0:
9           return 0
10      elif k <= 2:
11          return 1
12      return rec_fib(k-1) + rec_fib(k-2)
13
14
15 start = time.time()
16 rec_fib(35)
17 print(str(round(time.time() - start, 3)) + "seconds")
18 ## 0.0seconds

```

Listing 7: Caching the results of the function previously defined 6

Restructuring the problem to use iteration will allow for even greater performance as demonstrated by finding  $F_{10^6}$  in listing 8. Using a compiled language such as *Julia* however would be thousands of times faster still, as demonstrated in listing 9.

In this case however an analytic solution can be found by relating discrete mathematical problems to continuous ones as discussed below at section .

### 3.3 Exponential Generating Functions

#### 3.3.1 Motivation

Ryan

Consider the *Fibonacci Sequence* from (4):

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} \\ \iff a_{n+2} &= a_{n+1} + a_n \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

from observation, this appears similar in structure to the following *ordinary differential equation*, which would be fairly easy to deal with:

$$f''(x) - f'(x) - f(x) = 0$$

By ODE Theory we have  $y \propto e^{m_i x}$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ :

$$f(x) = e^{mx} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ r^m \frac{x^n}{n!} \right]$$

So using some sort of a transformation involving a power series may help to relate the discrete problem back to a continuous one.

```

1   def my_it_fib(k):
2       if k == 0:
3           return k
4       elif type(k) is not int:
5           print("ERROR: Integer Required")
6           return 0
7       # Hence k must be a positive integer
8
9       i = 1
10      n1 = 1
11      n2 = 1
12
13      # if k <=2:
14      #     return 1
15
16      while i < k:
17          no = n1
18          n1 = n2
19          n2 = no + n2
20          i = i + 1
21      return (n1)
22
23      start = time.time()
24      my_it_fib(10**6)
25      print(str(round(time.time() - start, 9)) + "seconds")
26
27      ## 6.975890398seconds

```

Listing 8: Using Iteration to Solve the Fibonacci Sequence

```

1  function my_it_fib(k)
2      if k == 0
3          return k
4      elseif typeof(k) != Int
5          print("ERROR: Integer Required")
6          return 0
7      end
8      # Hence k must be a positive integer
9
10     i = 1
11     n1 = 1
12     n2 = 1
13
14     # if k <=2:
15     #     return 1
16     while i < k
17         no = n1
18         n1 = n2
19         n2 = no + n2
20         i = i + 1
21     end
22     return (n1)
23 end
24
25 @time my_it_fib(10^6)
26
27 ## my_it_fib (generic function with 1 method)
28 ## 0.000450 seconds

```

Listing 9: Using Julia with an iterative approach to solve the 1 millionth fibonacci number

### 3.3.2 Example

Ryan

Consider using the following generating function, (the derivative of the generating function as in (7) and (8) is provided in section 3.3.3 )

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \cdot \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] \quad (6)$$

$$\implies f'(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_{n+1} \cdot \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] \quad (7)$$

$$\implies f''(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_{n+2} \cdot \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] \quad (8)$$

So the recursive relation from (5) could be expressed :

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+2} &= a_{n+1} + a_n \\ \frac{x^n}{n!} a_{n+2} &= \frac{x^n}{n!} (a_{n+1} + a_n) \\ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} a_{n+2} \right] &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} a_{n+1} \right] + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} a_n \right] \end{aligned}$$

And hence by applying (6):

$$f''(x) = f'(x) + f(x) \quad (9)$$

Using the theory of higher order linear differential equations with constant coefficients it can be shown:

$$f(x) = c_1 \cdot \exp \left[ \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) x \right] + c_2 \cdot \exp \left[ \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right) x \right]$$

By equating this to the power series:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \left( c_1 \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + c_2 \cdot \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right) \cdot \frac{x^n}{n!} \right]$$

Now given that:

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right]$$

We can conclude that:

$$a_n = c_1 \cdot \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + c_2 \cdot \left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$

By applying the initial conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= c_1 + c_2 \implies c_1 = -c_2 \\ a_1 &= c_1 \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) - c_2 \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \implies c_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \end{aligned}$$

And so finally we have the solution to the *Fibonacci Sequence* 5:

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right] \\ &= \frac{\varphi^n - \psi^n}{\sqrt{5}} \\ &= \frac{\varphi^n - \psi^n}{\varphi - \psi} \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

where:

- $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.61 \dots$
- $\psi = 1 - \varphi = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 0.61 \dots$

### 3.3.3 Derivative of the Exponential Generating Function

Base

RYAN

Differentiating the exponential generating function has the effect of shifting the sequence to the backward:  
[20]

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] \tag{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] \right) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( a_0 \frac{x^0}{0!} + a_1 \frac{x^1}{1!} + a_2 \frac{x^2}{2!} + a_3 \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \frac{x^k}{k!} \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{d}{dx} \left( a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{a_n}{(n-1)!} x^{n-1} \right] \\ \implies f'(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} a_{n+1} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Bridge

JAMES

This can be shown for all derivatives by way of induction, for

$$f^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+k} \cdot x^n}{n!} \quad \text{for } k \geq 0 \quad (13)$$

Assume that.  $f^{(k)}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+k} \cdot x^n}{n!}$

Using this assumption, prove for the next element  $k + 1$

We need  $f^{(k+1)}(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+k+1} \cdot x^n}{n!}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= f^{(k+1)}(x) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} (f^{(k)}(x)) \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+k} \cdot x^n}{n!} \right) \quad \text{by assumption} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+k} \cdot n \cdot x^{n-1}}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+k} \cdot x^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_{n+k+1} \cdot x^n}{n!} \\ &= \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, if the derivative of the series shown in (6) shifts the sequence across, then every derivative thereafter does so as well, because the first derivative has been shown to express this property (12), all derivates will.

### 3.3.4 Homogeneous Proof

Ryan:James

An equation of the form:

$$\sum_{i=0}^n [c_i \cdot f^{(i)}(x)] = 0 \quad (14)$$

is said to be a homogenous linear ODE: [35, Ch. 2]

**Linear** because the equation is linear with respect to  $f(x)$

**Ordinary** because there are no partial derivatives (e.g.  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(f(x))$ )

**Differential** because the derivates of the function are concerned

**Homogenous** because the **RHS** is 0

- A non-homogeneous equation would have a non-zero RHS

There will be  $k$  solutions to a  $k^{\text{th}}$  order linear ODE, each may be summed to produce a superposition which will also be a solution to the equation, [35, Ch. 4] this will be considered as the desired complete solution (and this will be shown to be the only solution for the recurrence relation (15)). These  $k$  solutions will be in one of two forms:

1.  $f(x) = c_i \cdot e^{m_i x}$

$$2. f(x) = c_i \cdot x^j \cdot e^{m_i x}$$

where:

- $\sum_{i=0}^k [c_i m^{k-i}] = 0$ 
  - This is referred to as the characteristic equation of the recurrence relation or ODE [21]
- $\exists i, j \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cap [0, k]$ 
  - These are often referred to as repeated roots [21, 36] with a multiplicity corresponding to the number of repetitions of that root [25, §3.2]

## Unique Roots of Characteristic Equation

RYAN

**Example** An example of a recurrence relation with all unique roots is the fibonacci sequence, as described in section 3.3.2 .

**Proof** Consider the linear recurrence relation (15):

$$\sum_{i=0}^n [c_i \cdot a_i] = 0, \quad \exists c \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall i < k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

This implies:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^k \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} c_i a_n \right] \right] = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{x^n}{n!} c_i a_n = 0 \quad (16)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^k c_i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} a_n = 0 \quad (17)$$

By implementing the exponential generating function as shown in (6), this provides:

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \left[ c_i f^{(i)}(x) \right] \quad (18)$$

Now assume that the solution exists and all roots of the characteristic polynomial are unique (i.e. the solution is of the form  $f(x) \propto e^{m_i x}$  :  $m_i \neq m_j \forall i \neq j$ ), this implies that [35, Ch. 4] :

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^k [k_i e^{m_i x}], \quad \exists m, k \in \mathbb{C}$$

This can be re-expressed in terms of the exponential power series, in order to relate the solution of the function  $f(x)$  back to a solution of the sequence  $a_n$ , (see section for a derivation of the exponential power series):

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{i=0}^k [k_i e^{m_i x}] &= \sum_{i=0}^k \left[ k_i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(m_i x)^n}{n!} \right] \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} k_i m_i^n \frac{x^n}{n!} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^k k_i m_i^n \frac{x^n}{n!} \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} \sum_{i=0}^k [k_i m_i^n] \right], \quad \exists k_i \in \mathbb{C}, \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cap [1, k]
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Recall the definition of the generating function from (6), by relating this to (19):

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} a_n \right] \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} \sum_{i=0}^k [k_i m_i^n] \right] \\
\implies a_n &= \sum_{i=0}^k [k_i m_i^n]
\end{aligned}$$

□

This can be verified by the fibonacci sequence as shown in section 3.3.2 , the solution to the characteristic equation is  $m_1 = \varphi, m_2 = (1 - \varphi)$  and the corresponding solution to the linear ODE and recursive relation are:

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= c_1 e^{\varphi x} + c_2 e^{(1-\varphi)x}, \quad \exists c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C} \\
\iff a_n &= k_1 n^\varphi + k_2 n^{1-\varphi}, \quad \exists k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}
\end{aligned}$$

### Repeated Roots of Characteristic Equation

RYAN

**Example** Consider the following recurrence relation:

$$\begin{aligned}
a_n - 10a_{n+1} + 25a_{n+2} &= 0 \\
\implies \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] - 10 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] + 25 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_{n+2} \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] &= 0
\end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

By applying the definition of the exponential generating function at (6) :

$$f''(x) - 10f'(x) + 25f(x) = 0$$

By implementing the already well-established theory of linear ODE's, the characteristic equation for (??) can be expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}
m^2 - 10m + 25 &= 0 \\
(m - 5)^2 &= 0 \\
m &= 5
\end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

Herein lies a complexity, in order to solve this, the solution produced from (21) can be used with the *Reduction of Order* technique to produce a solution that will be of the form [36, §4.3].

$$f(x) = c_1 e^{5x} + c_2 x e^{5x} \tag{22}$$

(22) can be expressed in terms of the exponential power series in order to try and relate the solution for the function back to the generating function, observe however the following power series identity (TODO Prove this in section ):

$$x^k e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{(n-k)!} \right], \quad \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \tag{23}$$

by applying identity (23) to equation (22)

$$\begin{aligned}
\implies f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ c_1 \frac{(5x)^n}{n!} \right] + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ c_2 n \frac{(5x^n)}{n(n-1)!} \right] \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} (c_1 5^n + c_2 n 5^n) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

Given the definition of the exponential generating function from (6)

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] \\
\iff a_n &= c_{15}^n + c_2 n 5^n
\end{aligned}$$

□

**Proof** In order to prove the the solution for a  $k^{\text{th}}$  order recurrence relation with  $k$  repeated Consider a recurrence relation of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{n=0}^k [c_i a_n] = 0 \\
\implies &\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^k c_i a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} = 0 \\
&\sum_{i=0}^k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_i a_n \frac{x^n}{n!}
\end{aligned}$$

By substituting for the value of the generating function (from (6)):

$$\sum_{i=0}^k [c_i f^{(k)}(x)] \quad (24)$$

Assume that (24) corresponds to a characteristic polynomial with only 1 root of multiplicity  $k$ , the solution would hence be of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^k [c_i m^i] &= 0 \wedge m = B, \quad \exists! B \in \mathbb{C} \\ \implies f(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^k [x^i A_i e^{mx}], \quad \exists A \in \mathbb{C}^+, \quad \forall i \in [1, k] \cap \mathbb{N} \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

(26)

If we assume that (see section 3.3.4):

$$k \in \mathbb{Z} \implies x^k e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{(n-k)!} \right] \quad (27)$$

By applying this to (25) :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^k \left[ A_i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(xm)^n}{(n-i)!} \right] \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^k \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} \frac{n!}{(n-i)} A_i m^n \right] \right] \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x^n}{n!} \sum_{i=0}^k \left[ \frac{n!}{(n-i)} A_i m^n \right] \right] \quad (29)$$

Recall the generating function that was used to get 24:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ a_n \frac{x^n}{n!} \right] \\ \implies a_n &= \sum_{i=0}^k \left[ A_i \frac{n!}{(n-i)!} m^n \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k \left[ m^n A_i \prod_0^k [n - (i-1)] \right] \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$\therefore i \leq k$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \left[ A_i^* m^n n^i \right], \quad \exists A_i \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

□

## General Proof

In sections 3.3.4 and 3.3.4 it was shown that a recurrence relation can be related to an ODE and then that solution can be transformed to provide a solution for the recurrence relation, when the characteristic polynomial has either complex roots or 1 repeated root. Generally the solution to a linear ODE will be a superposition of solutions for each root, repeated or unique and so a goal of our research will be to put this together to find a general solution for homogenous linear recurrence relations.

Sketching out an approach for this:

- Use the Generating function to get an ODE
- The ODE will have a solution that is a combination of the above two forms
- The solution will translate back to a combination of both above forms

### Power Series Combination

**James** In this section a proof for identity 27 is provided.

#### 1. Motivation

Consider the function  $f(x) = xe^x$ . Using the taylor series formula we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} xe^x &= 0 + \frac{1}{1!}x + \frac{2}{2!}x^2 + \frac{3}{3!}x^3 + \frac{4}{4!}x^4 + \frac{5}{5!}x^5 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{nx^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n-1)!} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $f(x) = x^2e^x$  will give:

$$\begin{aligned} x^2e^x &= \frac{0}{0!} + \frac{0x}{1!} + \frac{2x^2}{2!} + \frac{6x^3}{3!} + \frac{12x^4}{4!} + \frac{20x^5}{5!} + \dots \\ &= \frac{2 \cdot 1x^2}{2!} + \frac{3 \cdot 2x^3}{3!} + \frac{4 \cdot 3x^4}{4!} + \frac{5 \cdot 4x^5}{5!} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-1)x^n}{n!} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n-2)!} \end{aligned}$$

We conjecture that if we continue this on, we get:

$$x^k e^x = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n-k)!} \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cap 0$$

#### 2. Proof by Induction

To verify, let's prove this by induction.

(a) Base Test  $k = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} LHS &= x^0 e^x = e^x \\ RHS &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!} = e^x \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $LHS = RHS$ , so  $k = 0$  is true

(b) Bridge Assume  $x^k e^x = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n-k)!}$

Using this assumption, prove for the next element  $\$k+1\$$

We need  $\$x^{k+1}e^x = \sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n-(k+1))!}$  Sobymathematicalinduction  $f(x)=x^k e^x=\sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{(n-k)!}$  for  $k \geq 0$

Moving on, by applying identity (23) to equation (22)

### 3.4 Fibonacci Sequence and the Golden Ratio

Ryan

The *Fibonacci Sequence* is actually very interesting, observe that the ratios of the terms converge to the *Golden Ratio*:

$$\begin{aligned} F_n &= \frac{\varphi^n - \psi^n}{\varphi - \psi} = \frac{\varphi^n - \psi^n}{\sqrt{5}} \\ \iff \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} &= \frac{\varphi^{n+1} - \psi^{n+1}}{\varphi^n - \psi^n} \\ \iff \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{F_{n+1}}{F_n} \right] &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\varphi^{n+1} - \psi^{n+1}}{\varphi^n - \psi^n} \right] \\ &= \frac{\varphi^{n+1} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\psi^{n+1}]}{\varphi^n - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [\psi^n]} \end{aligned}$$

because  $|\psi| < 0$   $n \rightarrow \infty \implies \psi^n \rightarrow 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\varphi^{n+1} - 0}{\varphi^n - 0} \\ &= \varphi \end{aligned}$$

We'll come back to this later on when looking at spirals and fractals.

We hope to demonstrate this relationship between the ratio of successive terms of the fibonacci sequence without relying on ODEs and generating functions and by instead using limits and the *Monotone Convergence Theorem*, the hope being that this will reveal deeper underlying relationships between the *Fibonacci Sequence*, the *Golden Ratio* and there occurrences in nature (such as the example in section 3.4.1 given that the both appear to occur in patterns observed in nature).

We also hope to find a method to produce the diagram shown in figure computationally, ideally by using the *Turtle* function in *Julia*.

#### 3.4.1 Fibonacci Sequence in Nature

Ryan

The distribution of sunflower seeds is an example of the *Fibonacci Sequence* occurring in a pattern observed in nature (see Figure 3).

Imagine that the process a sunflower follows when placing seeds is as follows:<sup>6</sup>

1. Place a seed
2. Move some small unit away from the origin
3. Rotate some constant angle  $\theta$  (or  $\phi$ ) from the previous seed (with respect to the origin).
4. Repeat this process until a seed hits some outer boundary.

This process can be simulated in Julia [4] as shown in listing 10, which combined with *ImageMagick* (see e.g. 9), produces output as shown in figure 1 and 2.

A distribution of seeds under this process would be optimal if the amount of empty space was minimised, spirals, stars and swirls contain patterns compromise this.

To minimize this, the proportion of the circle traversed in step 3 must be an irrational number, however this alone is not sufficient, the decimal values must also be not to approximated by a rational number, for example [24]:

- $\pi \bmod 1 \approx \frac{1}{7} = 0.7142857142857143$
- $e \bmod 1 \approx \frac{5}{7} = 0.14285714285714285$

It can be seen by simulation that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  (because  $\phi \bmod 1 = \psi$ ) are solutions to this optimisation problem as shown in figure 2, this solution is unstable, a very minor change to the value will result in patterns re-emerging in the distribution.

Another interesting property is that the number of spirals that appear to rotate clockwise and anti-clockwise appear to be fibonacci numbers. Connecting this occurs with the relationship between the *Fibonacci Sequence* as discussed in section 3.4 is something we hope to look at in this project. Illustrating this phenomena with *Julia* by finding the mathematics to colour the correct spirals is also something we intend to look at in this project.

The bottom right spiral in figure 1 has a ratio of rotation of  $\frac{1}{\pi}$ , the spirals look similar to one direction of the spirals occurring in figure 2, it is not clear if there is any significance to this similarity.

## 4 Persian Recursion

Ryan

This section contains an example of how a simple process can lead to the development of complex patterns when exposed to feedback and iteration.

The *Persian Recursion* is a simple procedure developed by Anne Burns in the 90s [9] that produces fantastic patterns when provided with a relatively simple function.

The procedure begins with an empty or zero square matrix with sides  $2^n + 1$ ,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and some value given to the edges:

1. Decide on some four variable function with a finite domain and range of size  $m$ , for the example shown at listing 11 and in figure 5 the function  $f(w, x, y, z) = (w + x + y + z) \bmod m$  was chosen.
2. Assign this value to the centre row and centre column of the matrix
3. Repeat this for each newly enclosed submatrix.

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<sup>6</sup>This process is simply conjecture, other than seeing a very nice example at [MathIsFun.com](http://MathIsFun.com) [24], we have no evidence to suggest that this is the way that sunflowers distribute their seeds.

However the simulations performed within *Julia* are very encouraging and suggest that this process isn't too far off.

```

1   = 1.61803398875
2   = ^-1
3   = 0.61803398875
4   function sfSeeds(ratio)
5   = Turtle()
6   for in [(ratio*2*)*i for i in 1:3000]
7   gsave()
8   scale(0.05)
9   rotate()
10 #      Pencolor(, rand(1)[1], rand(1)[1], rand(1)[1])
11 Forward(, 1)
12 Rectangle(, 50, 50)
13 grestore()
14 end
15 label = string("Ratio = ", round(ratio, digits = 8))
16 textcentered(label, 100, 200)
17 end
18 @svg begin
19     sfSeeds()
20 end 600 600

```

Listing 10: Simulation of the distribution of sunflowers as described in section 3.4.1 [fn:un]

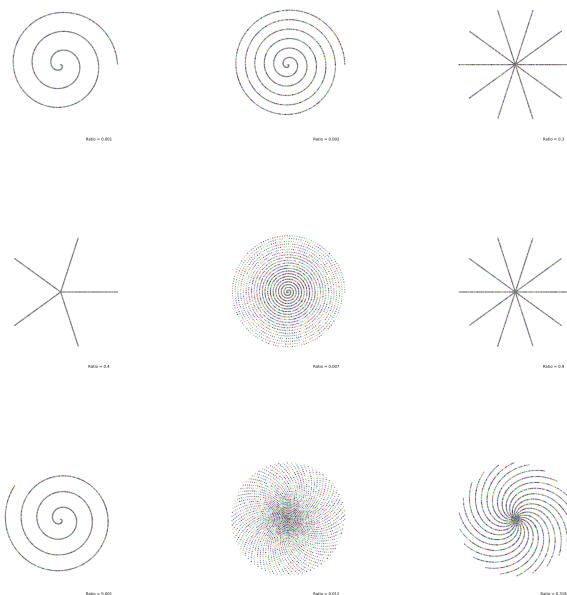
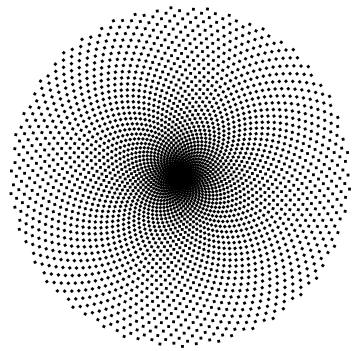


Figure 1: Simulated Distribution of Sunflower seeds as described in section 3.4.1 and listing 10



Ratio = 1.61803399

Figure 2: Optimisation of simulated distribution of Sunflower seeds occurs for  $\theta = 2\varphi\pi$  as described in section 3.4.1 and listing 10



Figure 3: Distribution of the seeds of a sunflower (see [7] licenced under CC)

This is illustrated in figure 4.

This can be implemented computationally by defining a function that:

- Takes the index of four corners enclosing a square sub-matrix of some matrix as input,
- proceeds only if that square is some positive real value.
- colours the centre column and row corresponding to a function of those four values
- then calls itself on the corners of the four new sub-matrices enclosed by the coloured row and column

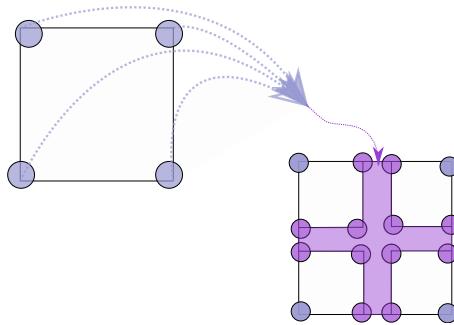


Figure 4: Diagram of the Persian Recursion, implemented with *Python* in listing 11

This is demonstrated in listing 11 with python and produces the output shown in figures 5, various interesting examples are provided in the appendix at section 8.1 .

By mapping the values to colours, patterns emerge, this emergence of complex patterns from simple rules is a well known and general phenomena that occurs in nature [10, 18].

Many patterns that occur in nature can be explained by relatively simple rules that are exposed to feedback and iteration [26, p. 16], this is a central theme of Alan Turing's *The Chemical Basis For Morphogenesis* [34] which we hope to look in the course of this research.

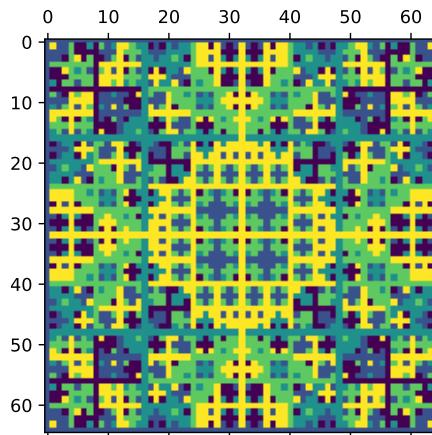


Figure 5: Output produced by listing 11 with 6 folds

## 5 Julia Sets

Ryan

```

1  %matplotlib inline
2  # m is colours
3  # n is number of folds
4  # Z is number for border
5  # cx is a function to transform the variables
6  def main(m, n, z, cx):
7      import numpy as np
8      import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
9
10     # Make the Empty Matrix
11     mat = np.empty([2**n+1, 2**n+1])
12     main.mat = mat
13
14     # Fill the Borders
15     mat[:,0] = mat[:, -1] = mat[0,:] = mat[-1,:] = z
16
17     # Colour the Grid
18     colorgrid(0, mat.shape[0]-1, 0, mat.shape[0]-1, m)
19
20     # Plot the Matrix
21     plt.matshow(mat)
22
23 # Define Helper Functions
24 def colorgrid(l, r, t, b, m):
25     # print(l, r, t, b)
26     if (l < r -1):
27         ## define the centre column and row
28         mc = int((l+r)/2); mr = int((t+b)/2)
29
30         ## Assign the colour
31         main.mat[(t+1):b,mc] = cx(l, r, t, b, m)
32         main.mat[mr,(l+1):r] = cx(l, r, t, b, m)
33
34         ## Now Recall this function on the four new squares
35             #l r   t   b
36         colorgrid(l, mc, t, mr, m)      # NW
37         colorgrid(mc, r, t, mr, m)      # NE
38         colorgrid(l, mc, mr, b, m)      # SW
39         colorgrid(mc, r, mr, b, m)      # SE
40
41 def cx(l, r, t, b, m):
42     new_col = (main.mat[t,l] + main.mat[t,r] + main.mat[b,l] +
43     ↪ main.mat[b,r]) % m
44     return new_col.astype(int)
45 main(5,6, 1, cx)

```

Listing 11: Implementation of the persian recursion scheme in *Python*

## 5.1 Introduction

Julia sets are a very interesting fractal and we hope to investigate them further in this project.

## 5.2 Motivation

Consider the iterative process  $x \rightarrow x^2$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , for values of  $x > 1$  this process will diverge and for  $x < 1$  it will converge.

Now Consider the iterative process  $z \rightarrow z^2$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , for values of  $|z| > 1$  this process will diverge and for  $|z| < 1$  it will converge.

Although this seems trivial this can be generalised.

Consider:

- The complex plane for  $|z| \leq 1$
- Some function  $f_c(z) = z^2 + c$ ,  $c \leq 1 \in \mathbb{C}$  that can be used to iterate with

Every value on that plane will belong to one of the two following sets

- $P_c$ 
  - The set of values on the plane that converge to zero (prisoners)
  - Define  $Q_c^{(k)}$  to be the the set of values confirmed as prisoners after  $k$  iterations of  $f_c$ 
    - \* this implies  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} [Q_c^{(k)}] = P_c$
- $E_c$ 
  - The set of values on the plane that tend to  $\infty$  (escapees)

In the case of  $f_0(z) = z^2$  all values  $|z| \leq 1$  are bounded with  $|z| = 1$  being an unstable stationary circle, but let's investigate what happens for different iterative functions like  $f_1(z) = z^2 - 1$ , despite how trivial this seems at first glance.

## 5.3 Plotting the Sets

Although the convergence of values may appear simple at first, we'll implement a strategy to plot the prisoner and escape sets on the complex plane.

Because this involves iteration and *Python* is a little slow, We'll denote complex values as a vector<sup>7</sup> and define the operations as described in listing 12.<sup>8</sup>

To implement this test we'll consider a function called `escape_test` that applies an iteration (in this case  $f_0 : z \rightarrow z^2$ ) until that value diverges or converges.

While iterating with  $f_c$  once  $|z| > \max(\{c, 2\})$ , the value must diverge because  $|c| \leq 1$ , so rather than record whether or not the value converges or diverges, the `escape_test` can instead record the number of

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<sup>7</sup>See figure for the obligatory XKCD Comic

<sup>8</sup>This technique was adapted from Chapter 7 of *Math adventures with Python* [12]

iterations ( $k$ ) until the value has crossed that boundary and this will provide a measurement of the rate of divergence.

Then the `escape_test` function can be mapped over a matrix, where each element of that matrix is in turn mapped to a point on the cartesian plane, the resulting matrix can be visualised as an image <sup>9</sup>, this is implemented in listing 13 and the corresponding output shown in 6.

with respect to listing 13:

- Observe that the `magnitude` function wasn't used:
  1. This is because a `sqrt` is a costly operation and comparing two squares saves an operation

```

1  from math import sqrt
2  def magnitude(z):
3      # return sqrt(z[0]**2 + z[1]**2)
4      x = z[0]
5      y = z[1]
6      return sqrt(sum(map(lambda x: x**2, [x, y])))
7
8  def cAdd(a, b):
9      x = a[0] + b[0]
10     y = a[1] + b[1]
11     return [x, y]
12
13
14 def cMult(u, v):
15     x = u[0]*v[0]-u[1]*v[1]
16     y = u[1]*v[0]+u[0]*v[1]
17     return [x, y]
```

Listing 12: Defining Complex Operations with vectors

This is precisely what we expected, but this is where things get interesting, consider now the result if we apply this same procedure to  $f_1 : z \rightarrow z^2 - 1$  or something arbitrary like  $f_{\frac{1}{4}+\frac{i}{2}} : z \rightarrow z^2 + (\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{2})$ , the result is something remarkably unexpected, as shown in figures 7 and 8.

To investigate this further consider the more general function  $f_{0.8e^{\pi i\tau}} : z \rightarrow z^2 + 0.8e^{\pi i\tau}$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ , many fractals can be generated using this set by varying the value of  $\tau$ <sup>10</sup>.

*Python* is too slow for this, but the *Julia* programming language, as a compiled language, is significantly faster and has the benefit of treating complex numbers as first class citizens, these images can be generated in *Julia* in a similar fashion as before, with the specifics shown in listing 14. The GR package appears to be the best plotting library performance wise and so was used to save corresponding images to disc, this is demonstrated in listing 15 where 1200 pictures at a 2.25 MP resolution were produced.<sup>11</sup>

A subset of these images can be combined using *ImageMagick* and bash to create a collage, *ImageMagick* can also be used to produce an animation but it often fails and a superior approach is to use *ffmpeg*, this is demonstrated in listing 16, the collage is shown in figure 9 and a corresponding animation is [available online](#)<sup>12</sup>.

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<sup>9</sup>these cascading values are much like brightness in Astronomy

<sup>10</sup>This approach was inspired by an animation on the *Julia Set* Wikipedia article [17]

<sup>11</sup>On my system this took about 30 minutes.

<sup>12</sup><https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/s/rbu25urfg8sbwfu/out.gif?dl=0>

```

1  %matplotlib inline
2  %config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'
3  import numpy as np
4  def escape_test(z, num):
5      ''' runs the process num amount of times and returns the count of
6          divergence'''
7      c = [0, 0]
8      count = 0
9      z1 = z #Remember the original value that we are working with
10     # Iterate num times
11     while count <= num:
12         dist = sum([n**2 for n in z1])
13         distc = sum([n**2 for n in c])
14         # check for divergence
15         if dist > max(2, distc):
16             #return the step it diverged on
17             return count
18         #iterate z
19         z1 = cAdd(cMult(z1, z1), c)
20         count+=1
21         #if z hasn't diverged by the end
22     return num
23
24
25
26 p = 0.25 #horizontal, vertical, pinch (zoom)
27 res = 200
28 h = res/2
29 v = res/2
30
31 pic = np.zeros([res, res])
32 for i in range(pic.shape[0]):
33     for j in range(pic.shape[1]):
34         x = (j - h)/(p*res)
35         y = (i-v)/(p*res)
36         z = [x, y]
37         col = escape_test(z, 100)
38         pic[i, j] = col
39
40 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
41
42 plt.axis('off')
43 plt.imshow(pic)
44 # plt.show()

```

Listing 13: Circle of Convergence of  $z$  under recursion

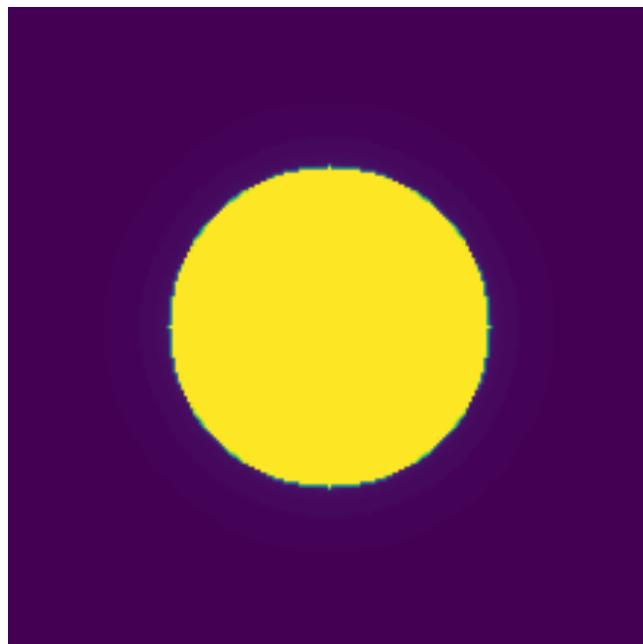


Figure 6: Circle of Convergence for  $f_0 : z \rightarrow z^2$

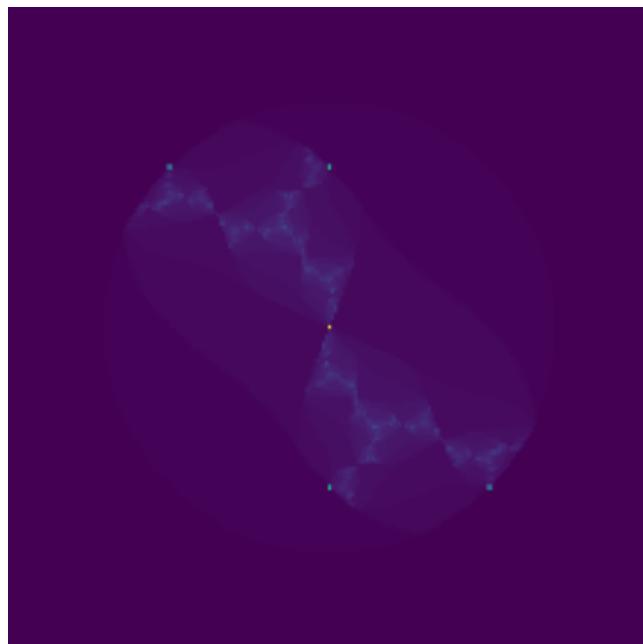


Figure 7: Circle of Convergence for  $f_0 : z \rightarrow z^2 - 1$

```

1  # * Define the Julia Set
2  """
3  Determine whether or not a value will converge under iteration
4  """
5  function juliaSet(z, num, my_func)
6      count = 1
7      # Remember the value of z
8      z1 = z
9      # Iterate num times
10     while count < num
11         # check for divergence
12         if abs(z1)>2
13             return Int(count)
14         end
15         #iterate z
16         z1 = my_func(z1) # + z
17         count=count+1
18     end
19     #if z hasn't diverged by the end
20     return Int(num)
21 end
22
23 # * Make a Picture
24 """
25 Loop over a matrix and apply apply the julia-set function to
26 the corresponding complex value
27 """
28 function make_picture(width, height, my_func)
29     pic_mat = zeros(width, height)
30     zoom = 0.3
31     for i in 1:size(pic_mat)[1]
32         for j in 1:size(pic_mat)[2]
33             x = (j-width/2)/(width*zoom)
34             y = (i-height/2)/(height*zoom)
35             pic_mat[i,j] = juliaSet(x+y*im, 256, my_func)
36         end
37     end
38     return pic_mat
39 end

```

Listing 14: Produce a series of fractals using julia

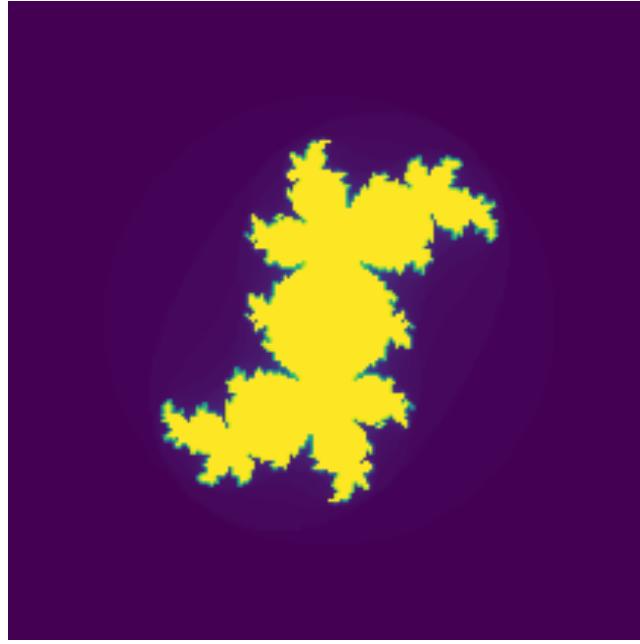


Figure 8: Circle of Convergence for  $f_{\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{2}} : z \rightarrow z^2 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{2}$

```

1  # * Use GR to Save a Bunch of Images
2  ## GR is faster than PyPlot
3  using GR
4  function save_images(count, res)
5      try
6          mkdir("/tmp/gifs")
7      catch
8      end
9      j = 1
10     for i in (1:count)/(40*2*)
11         j = j + 1
12         GR.imshow(make_picture(res, res, z -> z^2 + 0.8*exp(i*im*9/2))) #
13             # → PyPlot uses interpolation = "None"
14         name = string("/tmp/gifs/j", lpad(j, 5, "0"), ".png")
15         GR.savefig(name)
16     end
17 end
18 save_images(1200, 1500) # Number and Res

```

Listing 15: Generate and save the images with GR

Figure 9: Various fractals corresponding to  $f_{0.8e^{\pi i \tau}}$

```

1 # Use montage multiple times to get recursion for fun
2 montage (ls *png | sed -n '1p;0~600p') 0a.png
3 montage (ls *png | sed -n '1p;0~100p') a.png
4 montage (ls *png | sed -n '1p;0~50p') -geometry 1000x1000 a.png
5
6 # Use ImageMagick to Produce a gif (unreliable)
7 convert -delay 10 *.png 0.gif
8
9 # Use FFmpeg to produce a Gif instead
10 ffmpeg
11   -framerate 60
12   -pattern_type glob
13   -i '*.png'
14   -r 15
15   out.mov

```

Listing 16: Using bash, `ffmpeg` and *ImageMagick* to combine the images and produce an animation.

## 6 MandelBrot

Ryan

Investigating these fractals, a natural question might be whether or not any given  $c$  value will produce a fractal that is an open disc or a closed disc.

So pick a value  $|\gamma| < 1$  in the complex plane and use it to produce the julia set  $f_\gamma$ , if the corresponding prisoner set  $P$  is closed we this value is defined as belonging to the *Mandelbrot* set.

It can be shown (and I intend to show it generally), that this set is equivalent to re-implementing the previous strategy such that  $z \rightarrow z^2 + z_0$  where  $z_0$  is unchanging or more clearly as a sequence:

$$z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c \quad (31)$$

$$z_0 = c \quad (32)$$

This strategy is implemented in listing and produces the output shown in figure 10.

This output although remarkable is however fairly undetailed, by using *Julia* a much larger image can be produced, in *Julia* producing a 4 GB, 400 MP image can be done in little time (about 10 minutes on my system), this is demonstrated in listing and the corresponding FITS image is [available-online](#).<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>13</sup><https://www.dropbox.com/s/jd5qf1pi2h68f2c/mandelbrot-400mpx.fits?dl=0>

```

1  %matplotlib inline
2  %config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'
3  def mandelbrot(z, num):
4      ''' runs the process num amount of times and returns the count of
5          divergence'''
6      count = 0
7      # Define z1 as z
8      z1 = z
9      # Iterate num times
10     while count <= num:
11         # check for divergence
12         if magnitude(z1) > 2.0:
13             #return the step it diverged on
14             return count
15         #iterate z
16         z1 = cAdd(cMult(z1, z1),z)
17         count+=1
18         #if z hasn't diverged by the end
19     return num
20
21 import numpy as np
22
23
24 p = 0.25 # horizontal, vertical, pinch (zoom)
25 res = 200
26 h = res/2
27 v = res/2
28
29 pic = np.zeros([res, res])
30 for i in range(pic.shape[0]):
31     for j in range(pic.shape[1]):
32         x = (j - h)/(p*res)
33         y = (i-v)/(p*res)
34         z = [x, y]
35         col = mandelbrot(z, 100)
36         pic[i, j] = col
37
38 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
39 plt.imshow(pic)
40 # plt.show()

```

Listing 17: All values of  $c$  that lead to a closed *Julia-set*

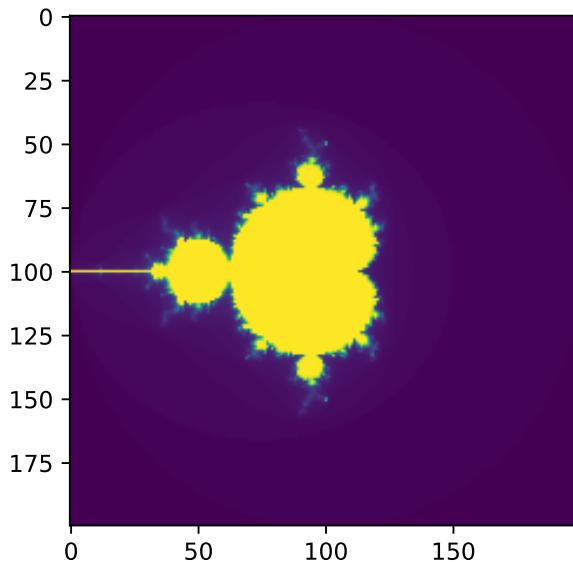


Figure 10: Mandelbrot Set produced in *Python* as shown in listing 17

```

1  function mandelbrot(z, num, my_func)
2      count = 1
3      # Define z1 as z
4      z1 = z
5      # Iterate num times
6      while count < num
7          # check for divergence
8          if abs(z1)>2
9              return Int(count)
10         end
11         #iterate z
12         z1 = my_func(z1) + z
13         count=count+1
14     end
15     #if z hasn't diverged by the end
16     return Int(num)
17 end
18
19 function make_picture(width, height, my_func)
20     pic_mat = zeros(width, height)
21     for i in 1:size(pic_mat)[1]
22         for j in 1:size(pic_mat)[2]
23             x = j/width
24             y = i/height
25             pic_mat[i,j] = mandelbrot(x+y*im, 99, my_func)
26         end
27     end
28     return pic_mat
29 end
30
31
32 using FITSIO
33 function save_picture(filename, matrix)32
34     f = FITS(filename, "w");

```

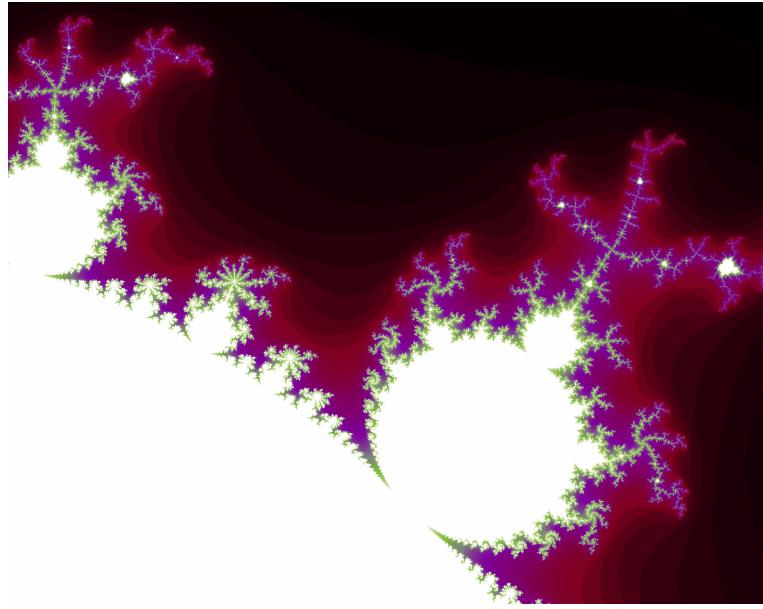


Figure 11: Screenshot of Mandelbrot FITS image produced by listing

## 7 Relevant Sources

To guide research for our topic *Chaos and Fractals* by Pietgen, Jurgens and Saupe [26] will act as a map of the topic broadly, other than the sources referenced already, we anticipate referring to the following textbooks that we access to throughout the project:

- *Integration of Fuzzy Logic and Chaos Theory* [22]
- *Advances in Chaos Theory and Intelligent Control* [1]
- *NonLinear Dynamics and Chaos* [32]
- *The NonLinear Universe* [28]
- *Chaos and Fractals* [26]
- *Turbulent Mirror* [8]
- *Fractal Geometry* [11]
- *Math Adventures with Python* [12]
- *The Topology of Chaos* [14]
- *Chaotic Dynamics* [33]

Ron Knott's website appears also to have a lot of material related to patterns, the *Fibonacci Sequence* and the *Golden Ratio*, we intend to have a good look through that material as well. [27]

## 8 Appendix

```

1   from __future__ import division
2   from sympy import *
3   x, y, z, t = symbols('x y z t')
4   k, m, n = symbols('k m n', integer=True)
5   f, g, h = symbols('f g h', cls=Function)
6   init_printing()
7   init_printing(use_latex='mathjax', latex_mode='equation')

8
9
10  import pyperclip
11  def lx(expr):
12      pyperclip.copy(latex(expr))
13      print(expr)

14
15  import numpy as np
16  import matplotlib as plt
17
18  import time

19
20  def timeit(k):
21      start = time.time()
22      k
23      print(str(round(time.time() - start, 9)) + "seconds")

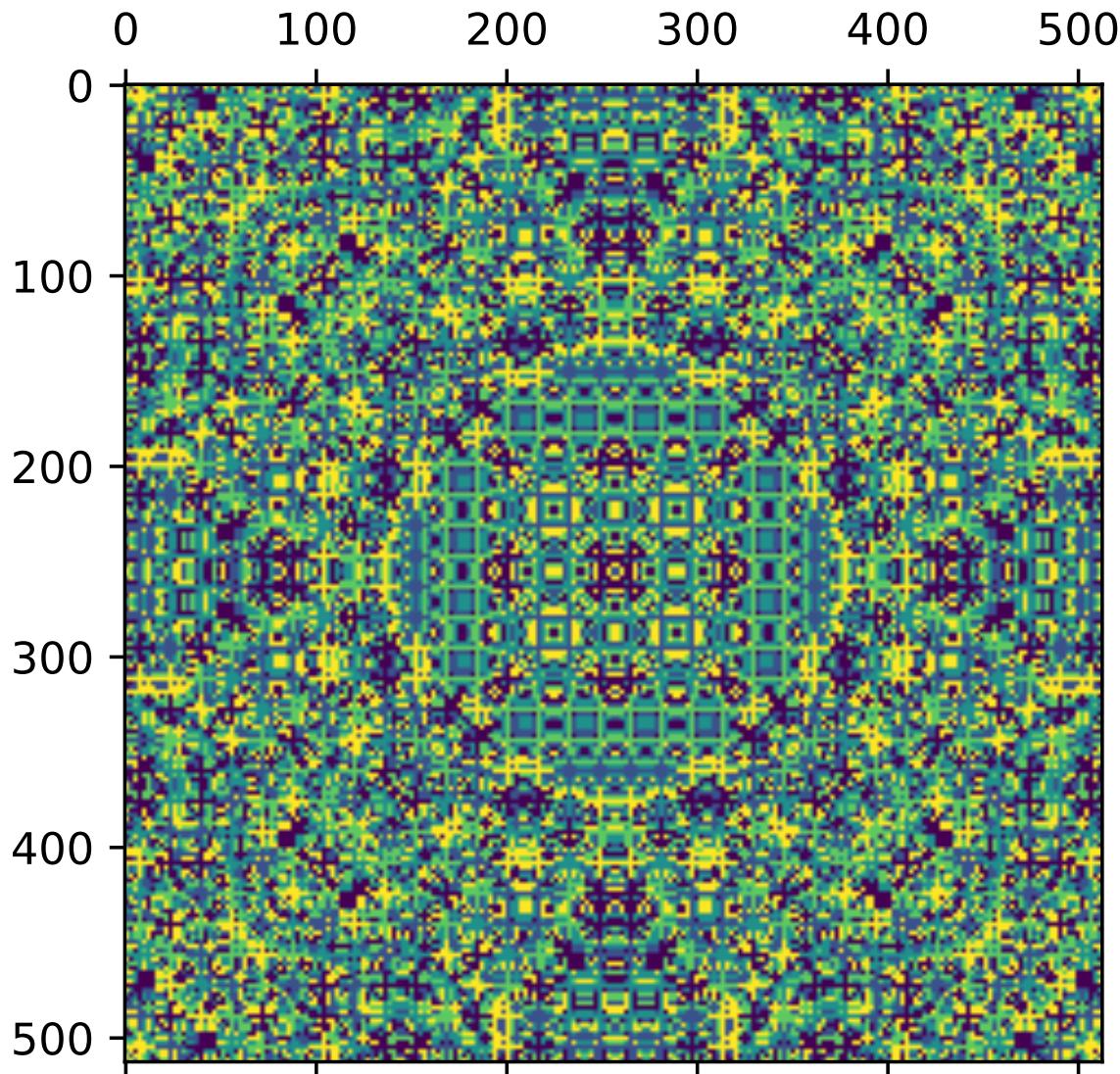
```

Listing 18: Preamble for *Python* Environment

## 8.1 Persian Recursian Examples

```
1 %config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'  
2 main(5, 9, 1, cx)
```

Listing 19: Enhance listing 11 to create 9 folds



## 8.2 Figures

```

1 %config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'
2 def cx(l, r, t, b, m):
3     new_col = (main.mat[t,l] + main.mat[t,r] + main.mat[b,l] +
4                 ↵ main.mat[b,r]-7) % m
5     return new_col.astype(int)
6 main(8, 8, 1, cx)

```

Listing 20: Modify the Function to use  $f(w, x, y, z) = (w + x + y + z - 7) \bmod 8$

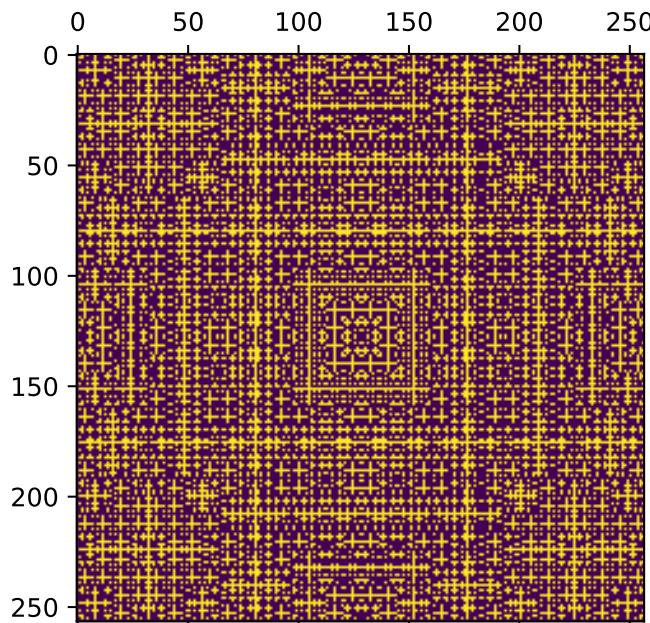


Figure 12: Output produced by listing 20 using  $f(w, x, y, z) = (w + x + y + z - 7) \bmod 8$

```

1 %config InlineBackend.figure_format = 'svg'
2 import numpy as np
3 def cx(l, r, t, b, m):
4     new_col = (main.mat[t,l] + main.mat[t,r]*m + main.mat[b,l]*(m) +
5                 ↵ main.mat[b,r]*(m))**1 % m + 1
6     return new_col.astype(int)
6 main(8, 8, 1, cx)

```

Listing 21: Modify the function to use  $f(w, x, y, z) = (w + 8x + 8y + 8z) \bmod 8 + 1$

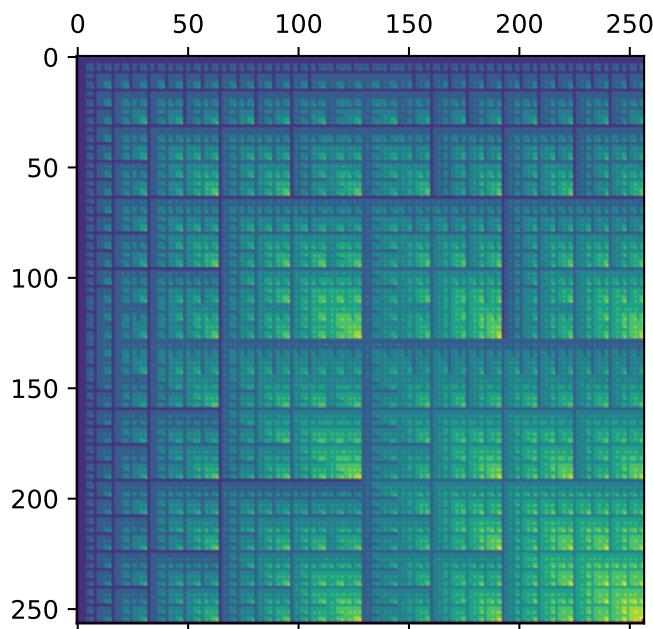


Figure 13: Output produced by listing 21 using  $f(w, x, y, z) = (w + 8x + 8y + 8z) \bmod 8 + 1$

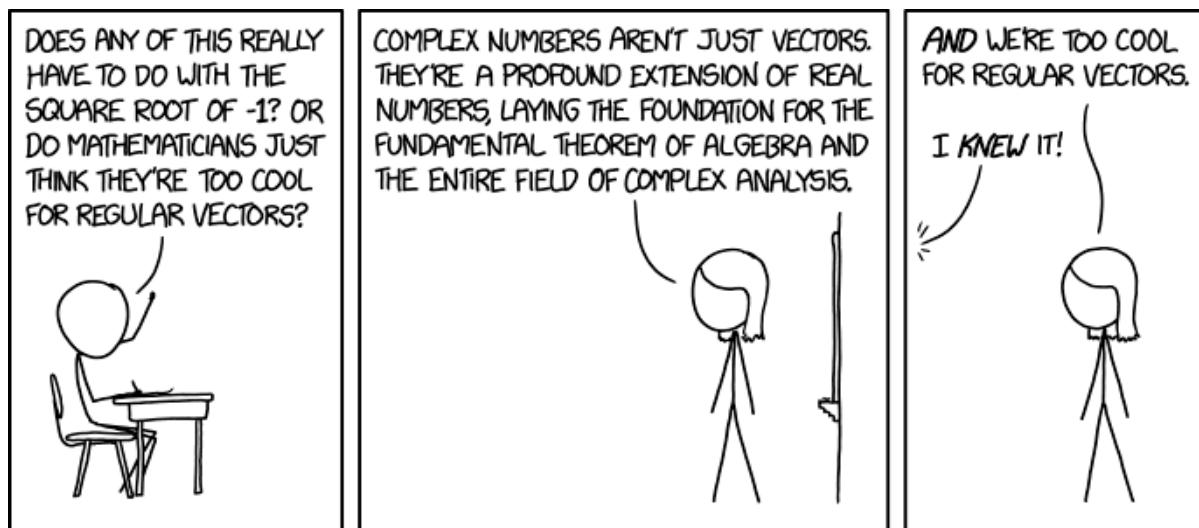


Figure 14: XKCD 2028: Complex Numbers

## 8.3 Why Julia

The reason we resolved to make time to investigate *Julia* is because we see it as a very important tool for mathematics in the future, in particular because:

- It is a new modern language, designed primarily with mathematics in mind
  - First class support for UTF8 symbols
  - Full Support to call **R** and **Python**.
- Performance wise it is best in class and only rivalled by compiled languages such as *Fortran* *Rust* and **C**
  - *Just in Time Compiling* allows for a very useable *REPL* making Julia significantly more appealing than compiled languages
  - The syntax of Julia is very similar to *Python* and **R**
- The `DifferentialEquations.jl` library is one of the best performing libraries available.

### Other Packages

Other packages that are on our radar for want of investigation are listed below, in practice it is unlikely that time will permit us to investigate many packages or libraries

- Programming Languages and CAS
  - Julia
    - \* SymEngine.jl
    - \* Symata.jl
    - \* SymPy.jl
  - Maxima
    - \* Being the oldest there is probably a lot too learn
  - Julia
  - Reduce
  - Xcas/Giac
  - Python
    - \* Numpy
    - \* Sympy
- Visualisation
  - Makie
  - Plotly
  - GNUPlot

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