

Mandelbrot Set

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1 Introduction

Mandelbrot set is the set of complex numbers c such that starting from $z_0 = 0$ and applying:

$$z_{k+1} = z_k^2 + c$$

repeatedly, $\forall k > 0, |z_k| \leq 2$

2 Implementation Details

Drawing mandelbrot set is quite easy. All we need to do is map each pixel with a complex number(c) and repeat the iteration to a "Max" number. If $|z_k| \leq 2$ upto max iteration then we color the pixel black else we color it white, or for more fun we might use the iteration count itself for coloring. Real part of complex number corresponds to x-coordinate, and imaginary part corresponds to y-coordinate. x-coordinate is columns number of screen, and y is the row number, when we try to map (x,y) of a grid to rows and columns of a matrix. The screen in which we plot is a matrix, so we draw such that the center is (0,0) and also:

$$\begin{aligned} |c| > 2 &\implies |z_1| > 2 \\ &\implies |c| \leq 2 \end{aligned}$$

for any chance of convergence. So, we have to scale our screen or else only very small portion of the screen will have any drawing and that is no fun. So apply two transformation to (x,y) of each pixel. We first shift the origin to center, then we scale it such that $\forall c \in$ transformed set, $|c| \leq 2$ i.e the full screen has the width of 4 i.e radius of 2.

2.1 Transformation Simple

$$\begin{aligned} X &= (x - \frac{width}{2}) \times \frac{4}{width} \\ Y &= (y - \frac{height}{2}) \times \frac{4}{width} \end{aligned}$$

Note: I have scaled equally in both directions to prevent distortion of image, and y axis is inverted, but this doesn't much affect our shape.

2.2 Linear Mapping

To make the function broader and allow zooming easily we may also define:

$$\begin{aligned} X &= output_{xmin} + \frac{output_{xmax} - output_{xmin}}{input_{xmax} - input_{xmin}} \times (x - input_{xmin}) \\ Y &= output_{ymin} + \frac{output_{ymax} - output_{ymin}}{input_{ymax} - input_{ymin}} \times (y - input_{ymin}) \end{aligned}$$

2.3 A bit of Complex algebra

Lets say $z_k = z_{k_r} + z_{k_i}i$ and $c = c_r + c_i i$ then

$$z_{k+1} = (z_{k_r}^2 - z_{k_i}^2 + c_r) + (2z_{k_r}z_{k_i} + c_i)i$$

where $c_r = X$ and $c_i = Y$.

2.4 Zooming in

Zooming is simply scaling the portion up or down. This can be easily achieved by chainging the ouput_{max} and output_{min} limits for x and y. Also maximum iteration count and precision has to be increased. In the program you may scroll up or down to zoom in but remeber that it takes time for image to render to wait for image to render before zooming continuously.

3 Setting up SDL2

To setup SDL2 in windows follow these instructions. Setting up SDL2 in linux follow this site.

4 Building

Simply:

```
1 make mandel.exe
```

5 Key Bindings

Use W,S,A,D to move. SPACE to zoom in. Scrolling down and pressing SPACE do the same thing.

6 Code

6.1 Headers and function initialization

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  #include <math.h>
4  #include <SDL2/SDL.h>
5
6
7  #define WIDTH 1000
8  #define HEIGHT 600
9  int MAX_ITER= 50;
10
11 double out_max_x= 2;
12 double out_min_x=-2;
13 double out_max_y= 2;
14 double out_min_y=-2;
15 int zoom_forever = 0;
16
17
18 int draw(SDL_Renderer **,int);
19 double map(double,double ,double, double, double);
20 void change_viewport_wrt_mouse(int,int,float,float);
21
22 int main(int argc, char *argv[])
23 {
24     if (SDL_Init(SDL_INIT_VIDEO))
25     {
26         printf ("SDL_Init Error: %s", SDL_GetError());
27         return 1;
28     }
29     SDL_Window *window = NULL;
30     SDL_Renderer *renderer = NULL;
31
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32 window = SDL_CreateWindow("Mandelbrot Set", SDL_WINDOWPOS_CENTERED, SDL_WINDOWPOS_CENTERED,
33 if (window == NULL)
34 {
35     printf ("SDL_CreateWindow Error: %s", SDL_GetError());
36     SDL_Quit();
37     return 2;
38 }
39
40 renderer = SDL_CreateRenderer(window, -1, SDL_RENDERER_ACCELERATED);
41 if (renderer == NULL)
42 {
43     SDL_DestroyWindow(window);
44     printf ("SDL_CreateRenderer Error: %s", SDL_GetError());
45     SDL_Quit();
46     return 3;
47 }
48
49 SDL_Event event;
50 int quit = 0;
51
52 //Factor is a random number that will spice things up for the image.
53 int factor = 10;
54
55 //Default value of to_render is true and is set true again when the user does some action
56 int to_draw = 1;
57 //Clear using white color before going inside the loop
58 SDL_SetRenderDrawColor(renderer, 255, 255, 255, SDL_ALPHA_OPAQUE);
59 SDL_RenderClear(renderer);
60
61 //Relative position of mouse_x and mouse_y
62 int mouse_x, mouse_y;
63 // offsets to zoom in or out or move image sidewise
64 float offset_x, offset_y;
65 while (!quit){
66     while (SDL_PollEvent(&event))
67     {
68         offset_x = (out_max_x - out_min_x);
69         offset_y = (out_max_y - out_min_y);
70         SDL_GetMouseState(&mouse_x, &mouse_y);
71         switch (event.type) {
72             case SDL_QUIT:
73                 quit = 1;
74                 break;
75             case SDL_MOUSEWHEEL:
76                 if(event.wheel.y > 0)
77                     // scroll down
78                 {
79                     printf("\r%-40s", "Zooming in on mouse pointer. Wait for image to render!");
80                     fflush(stdout);
81                     offset_x /= 4;
82                     offset_y /= 4;

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83         MAX_ITER += 20;
84     }else if (event.wheel.y < 0)
85         // scroll up
86     {
87         printf("\r%-40s","Zooming out. Wait for image to render!");
88         fflush(stdout);
89         offset_x *=2;
90         offset_y *=2;
91         if (MAX_ITER >= 50) {
92             MAX_ITER -= 10;
93         }
94     }
95     }
96     change_viewport_wrt_mouse(mouse_x,mouse_y,offset_x,offset_y);
97     SDL_SetRenderDrawColor(renderer, 255, 255, 255, SDL_ALPHA_OPAQUE);
98     SDL_RenderClear(renderer);
99     to_draw = 1;
100     break;
101 case SDL_KEYDOWN:
102     switch (event.key.keysym.sym)
103     {
104         case SDLK_w:
105             //Move up
106             //Since y axis is inverted subtracting will take us to upper part of screen
107             printf("\r%-40s","Moving up. Wait for image to render!");
108             out_min_y -= offset_y/4;
109             out_max_y -= offset_y/4;
110             break;
111         case SDLK_s:
112             //Move down
113             printf("\r%-40s","Moving down. Wait for image to render!");
114             out_min_y += offset_y/4;
115             out_max_y += offset_y/4;
116             break;
117         case SDLK_a:
118             //Move left
119             printf("\r%-40s","Moving Left. Wait for image to render!");
120             out_min_x -= offset_x/4;
121             out_max_x -= offset_x/4;
122             break;
123         case SDLK_d:
124             //Move right
125             printf("\r%-40s","Moving Right. Wait for image to render!");
126             out_min_x += offset_x/4;
127             out_max_x += offset_x/4;
128             break;
129         case SDLK_SPACE:
130             //Zoom in
131             printf("\r%-40s","Zooming in on mouse pointer. Wait for image to render!");
132             change_viewport_wrt_mouse(mouse_x,mouse_y,offset_x/4,offset_y/4);
133             break;

```

```

134         }
135         SDL_SetRenderDrawColor(renderer, 255, 255, 255, SDL_ALPHA_OPAQUE);
136         SDL_RenderClear(renderer);
137         to_draw = 1;
138         break;
139     }
140
141 }
142
143
144 //Draw pixels on the renderer
145 if (to_draw) {
146     to_draw = draw(&renderer, factor);
147     SDL_RenderPresent(renderer);
148     printf("\r%-40s", "Image Rendered! You may now zoom or pan.");
149     fflush(stdout);
150 }
151
152
153 }
154
155 //free resources
156 SDL_DestroyRenderer(renderer);
157 SDL_DestroyWindow(window);
158 SDL_Quit();
159 return 0;
160 }

```

6.2 Main logic

```

1  int draw(SDL_Renderer **renderer, int factor){
2      for (int x = 0; x < WIDTH; x++) {
3          for (int y = 0; y < HEIGHT; y++) {
4              // Mapping the screen with the limits.
5              double smaller = WIDTH > HEIGHT ? HEIGHT:WIDTH;
6              double c_real = map(x, 0, smaller, out_min_x, out_max_x);
7              double c_img = map(y, 0, smaller, out_min_y, out_max_y);
8
9              double z_real = 0;
10             double z_img = 0;
11             int iter_count = 0;
12             while (pow(z_real, 2) + pow(z_img, 2) <= 4 && iter_count < MAX_ITER) {
13                 double temp_real = pow(z_real, 2) - pow(z_img, 2) + c_real;
14                 double temp_img = 2*z_real*z_img + c_img;
15                 z_real = temp_real;
16                 z_img = temp_img;
17                 iter_count++;
18             }
19
20             //If any number exits before reaching MAX_ITER then, it is not in the set. So colour

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21     if (iter_count == MAX_ITER) {
22         //printf("SELECT %.2f %.2f %d %d\n",c_real,c_img,x,y);
23         //Draw with black
24         SDL_SetRenderDrawColor(*renderer, 0,0, 0, SDL_ALPHA_OPAQUE);
25         SDL_RenderDrawPoint(*renderer,x,y);
26     }else{
27         //Draw with custom shade
28         SDL_SetRenderDrawColor(*renderer, iter_count*factor*5,iter_count*factor, iter_count
29         SDL_RenderDrawPoint(*renderer,x,y);
30     }
31 }
32 }
33 return 0;
34 }

```

6.3 Change Viewport Wrt Mouse position

```

1 void change_viewport_wrt_mouse(int mouse_x,int mouse_y,float offset_x, float offset_y){
2     double smaller = WIDTH > HEIGHT ? HEIGHT:WIDTH;
3     double mouse_x_mapped = map(mouse_x,0,smaller, out_min_x,out_max_x);
4     double mouse_y_mapped = map(mouse_y,0,smaller, out_min_y,out_max_y);
5     out_min_x = mouse_x_mapped - offset_x;
6     out_max_x = mouse_x_mapped + offset_x;
7     out_min_y = mouse_y_mapped - offset_y;
8     out_max_y = mouse_y_mapped + offset_y;
9
10 }

```

6.4 Map Function

```

1 double map(double input_value, double input_min, double input_max, double output_min, double
2     return output_min + (output_max-output_min)/(input_max-input_min)*(input_value-input_min);
3 }

```

7 Output



