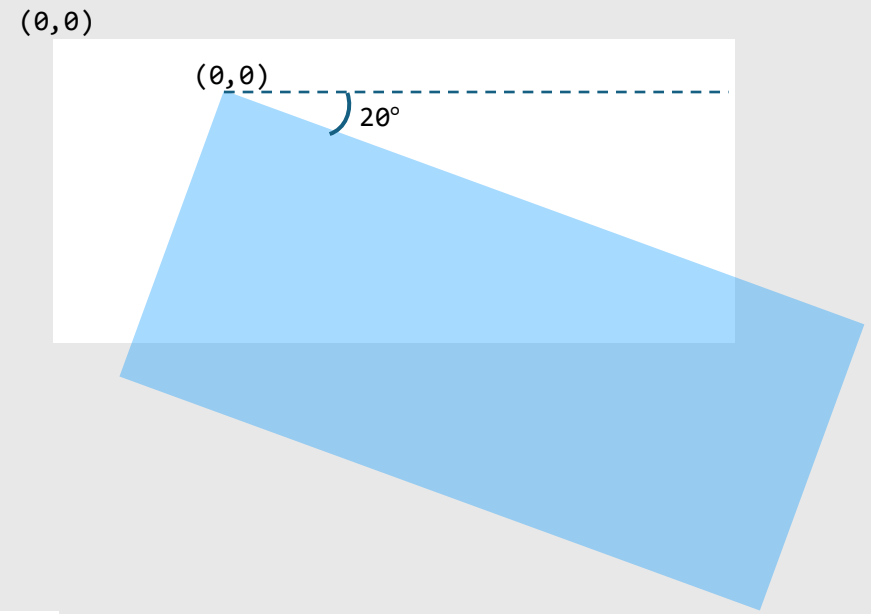


# L-Systems

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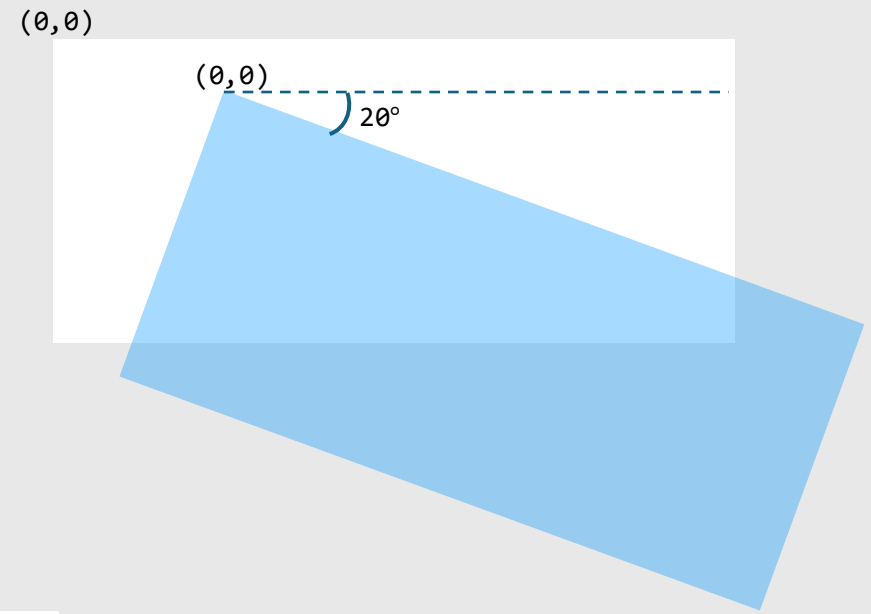


## L-systems



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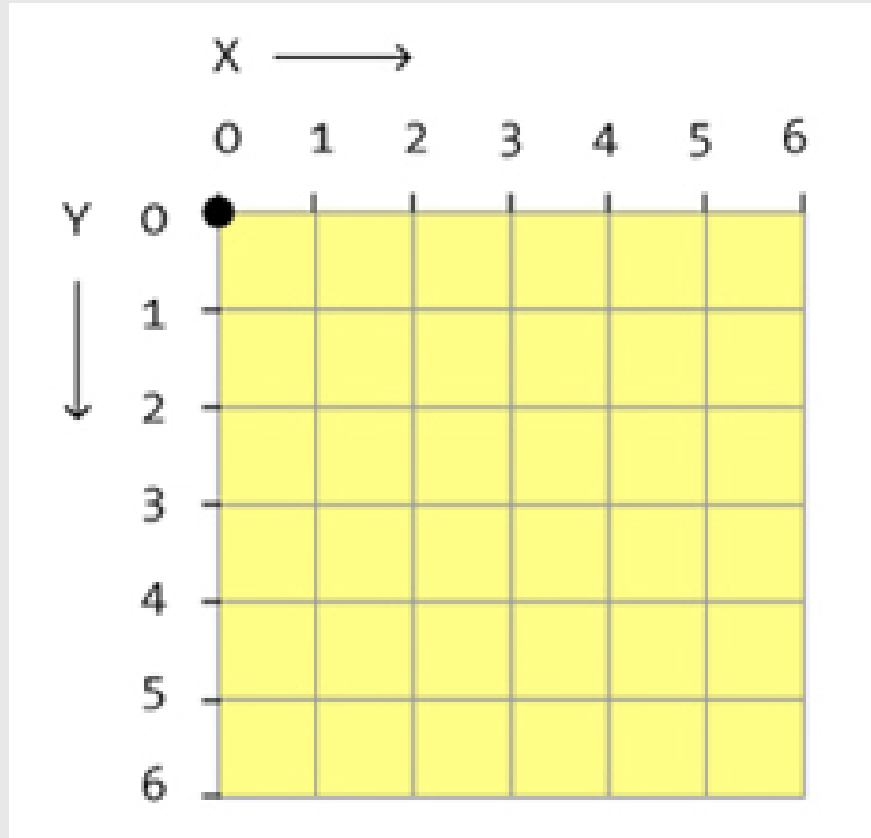
## Translation and Rotation



## L-systems



# Coordinate System in Py5



# Canvas in Py5

$(0,0)$

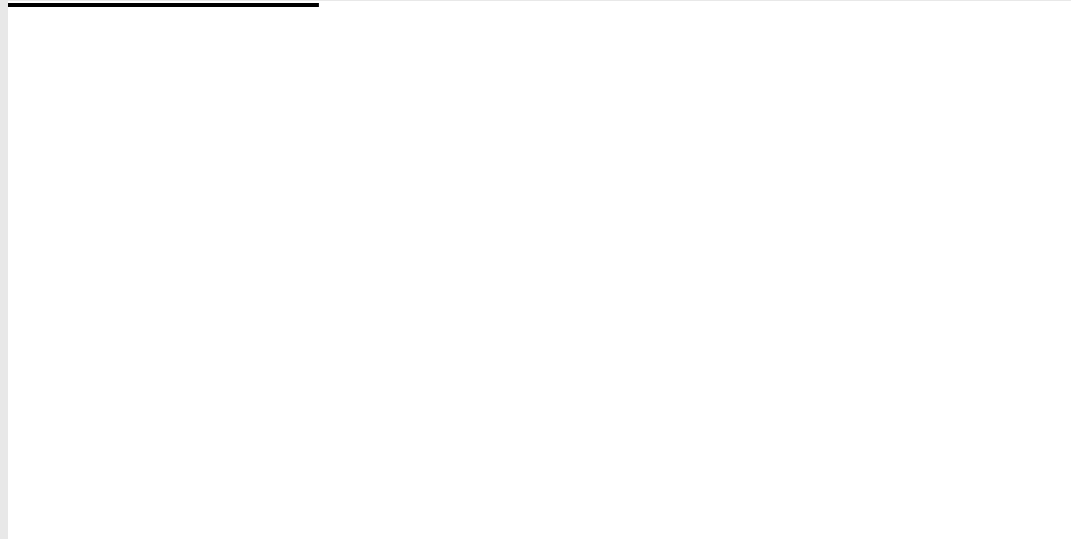


# Canvas in Py5

Draw a line from **(0, 0)** to **(50, 0)**

```
py5.line(0, 0, 50, 0)
```

(0,0) (50,0)



# Frame of Reference in Py5

Canvas

$(0,0)$



Frame of  
Reference

$(0,0)$



# Frame of Reference in Py5

Frame of Reference  
is directly on the canvas by  
default

(0,0)

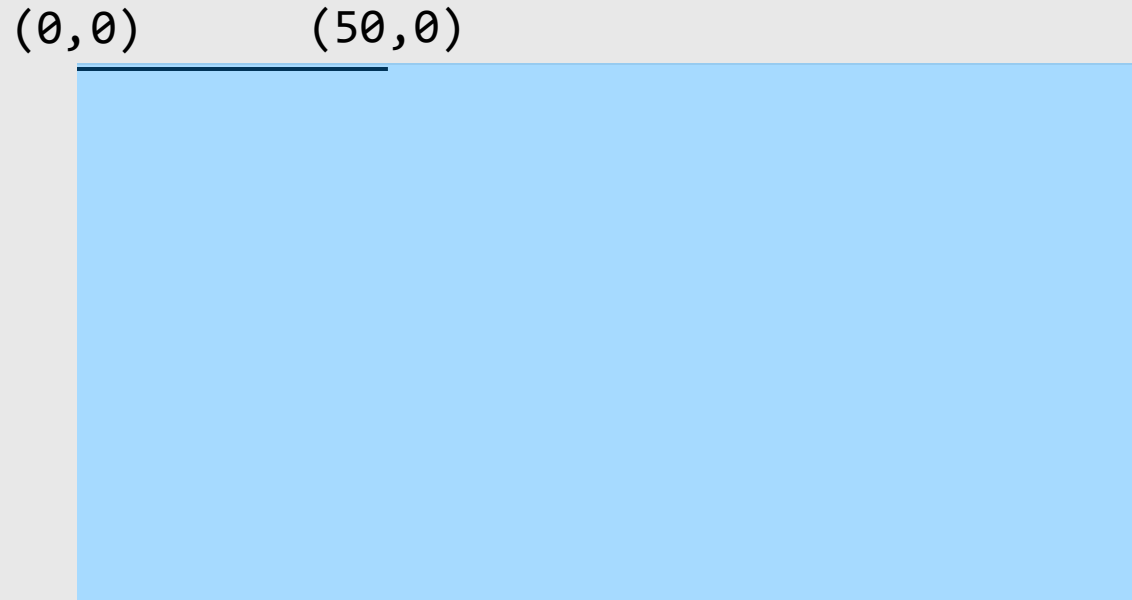




# Frame of Reference in Py5

Draw a line from **(0, 0)** to **(50, 0)**

```
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```




# Translation in Py5

Translate moves the **frame of reference**  
origin to the location specified

```
py5.translate(200, 100)
```

(0,0)

(0,0)



# Translation in Py5

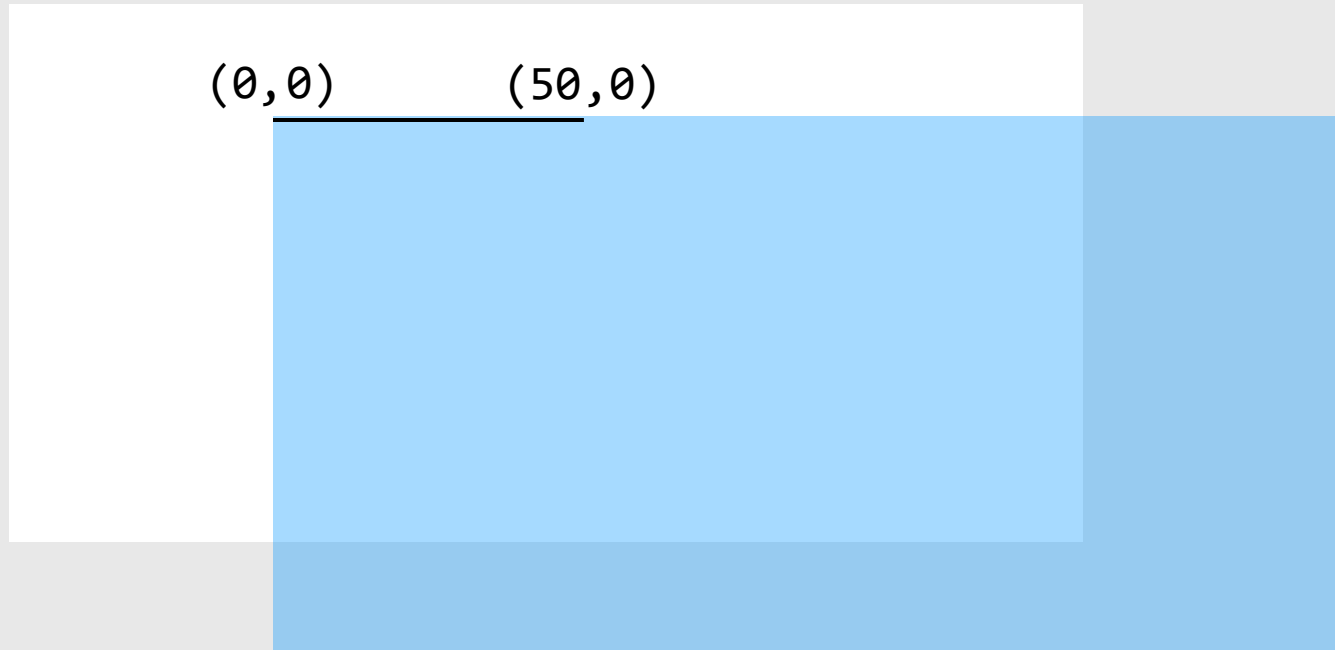
Draw a line **after translation**:  
you are using the current frame of reference

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py5.translate(200, 100)  
py5.line(0, 0, 50, 0)
```

(0,0)

(0,0)

(50,0)



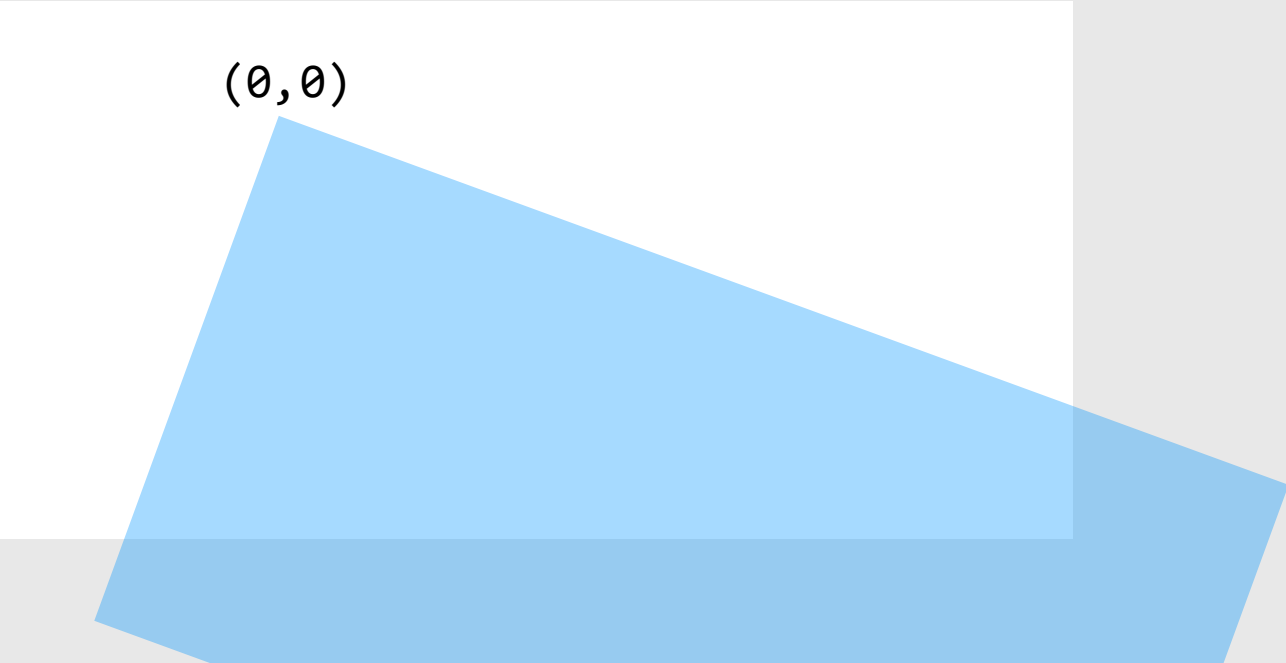
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Rotation rotates the **frame of reference** from the origin by the specified angle (radians)

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```

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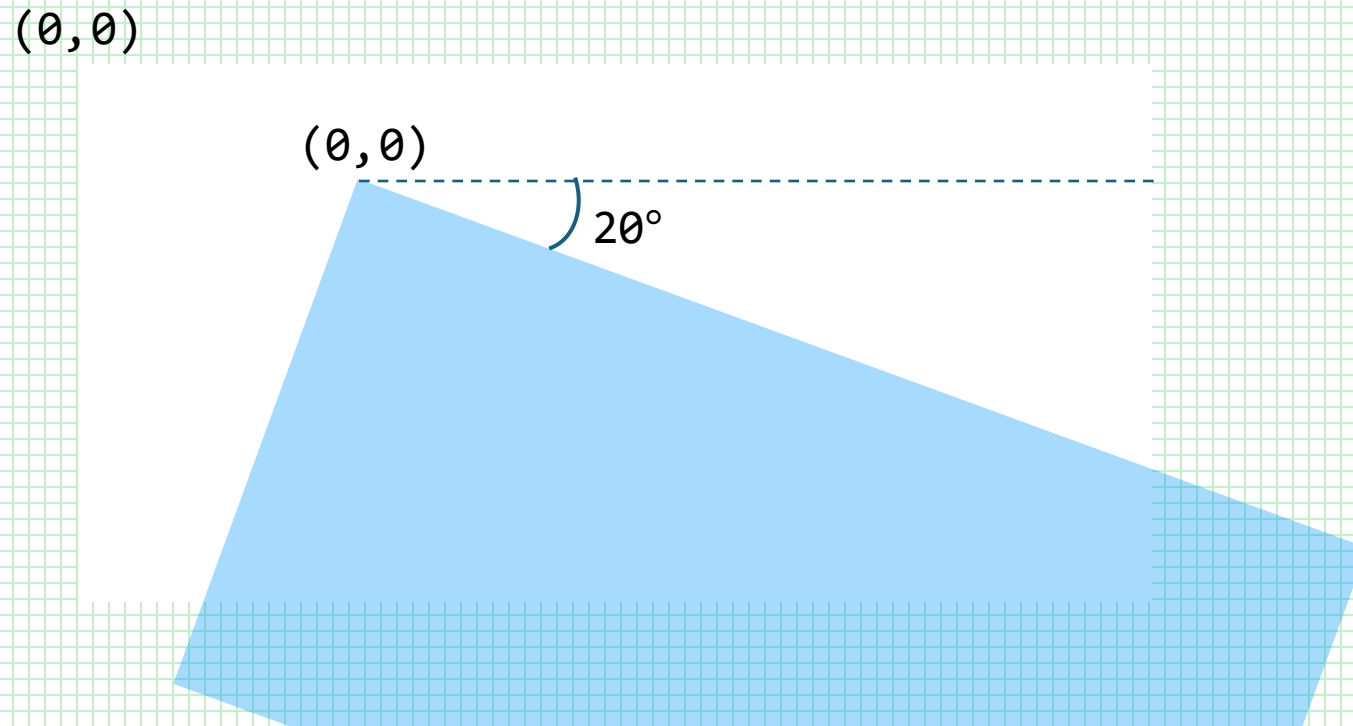
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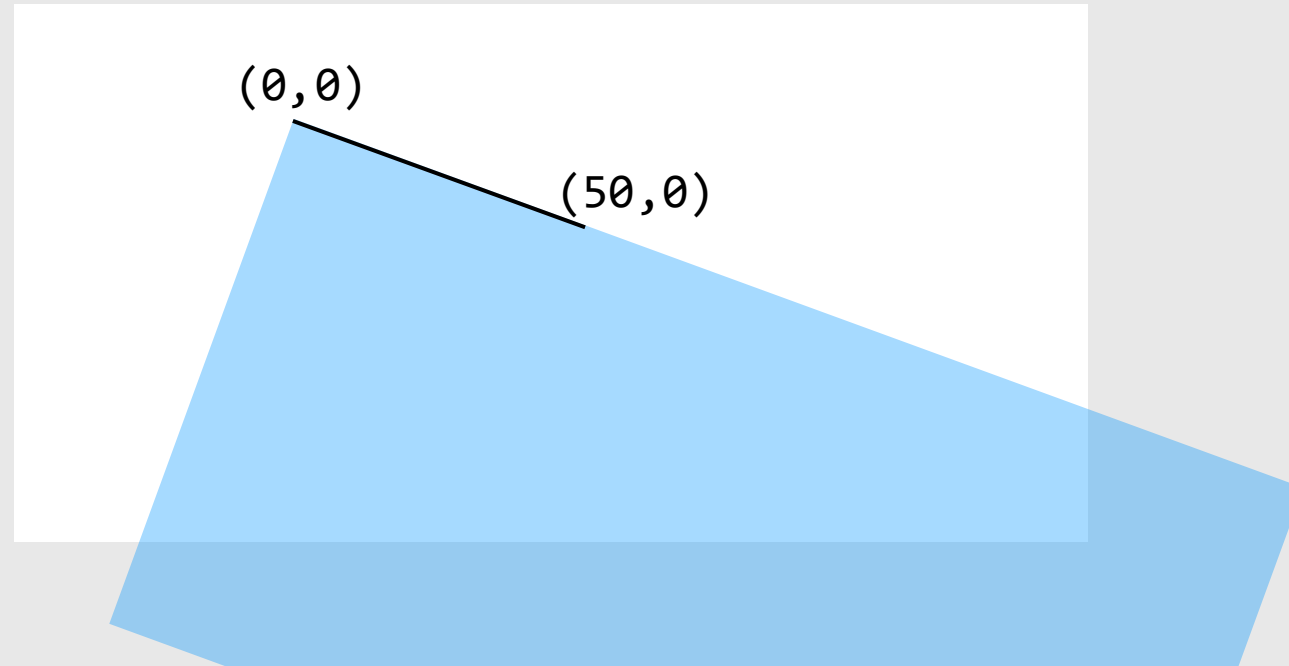


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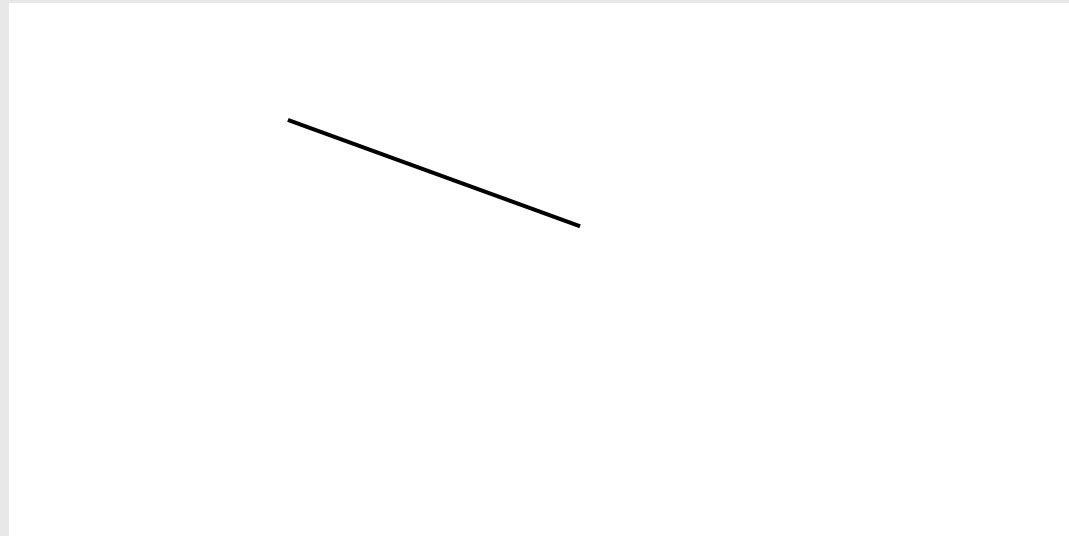
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# Rotation in Py5

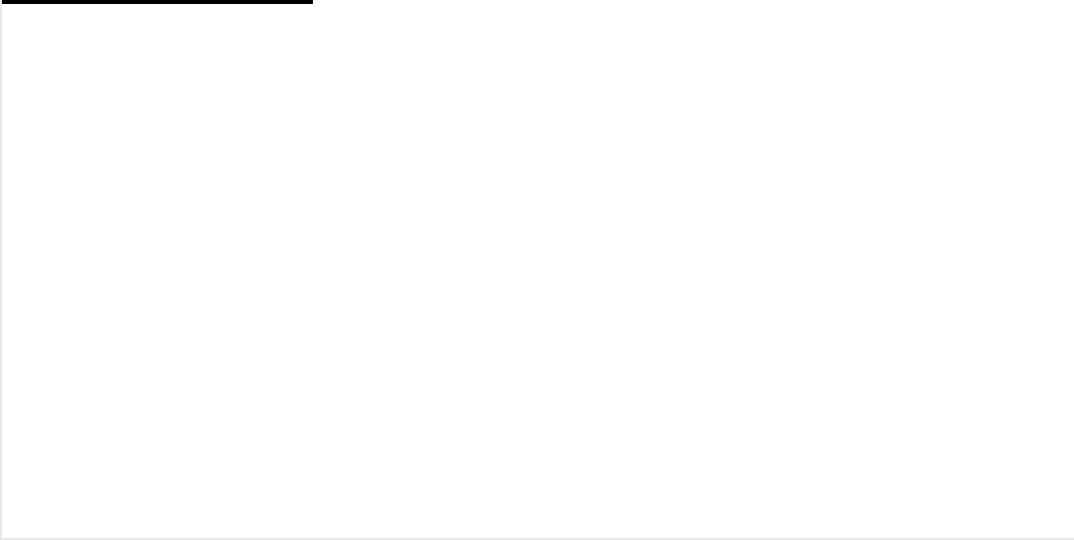
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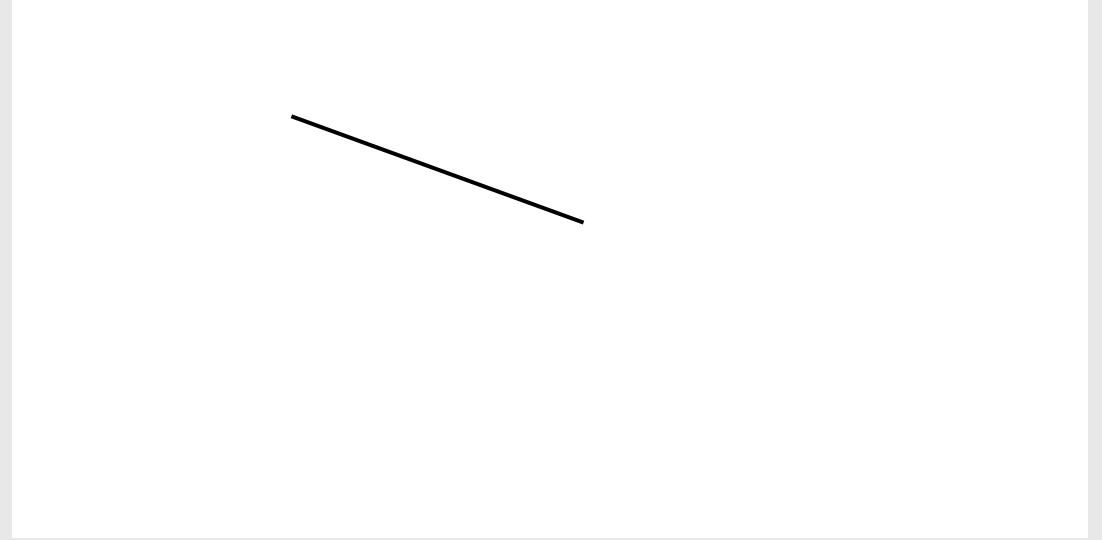


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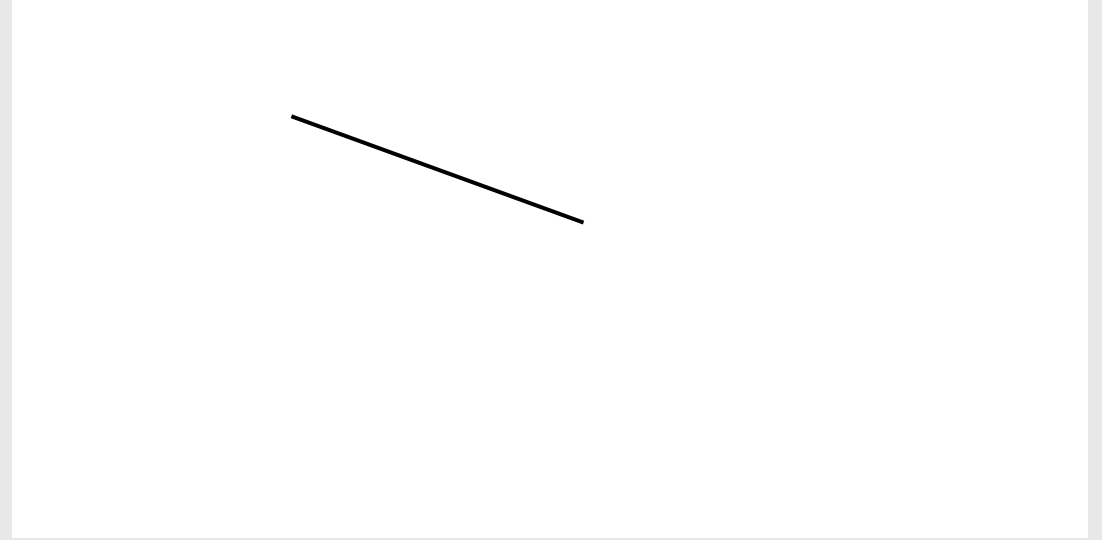




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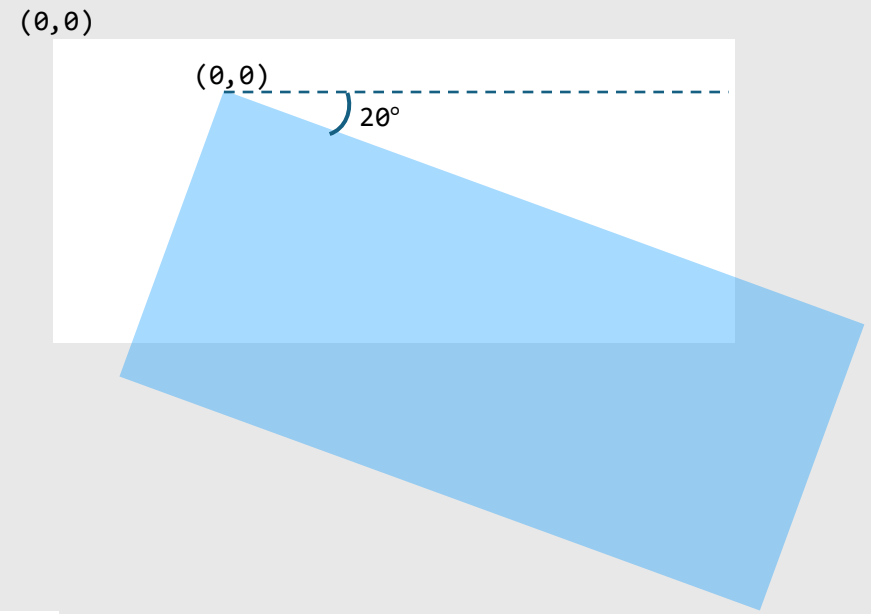
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# Today's Lecture

## Translation and Rotation



L-systems

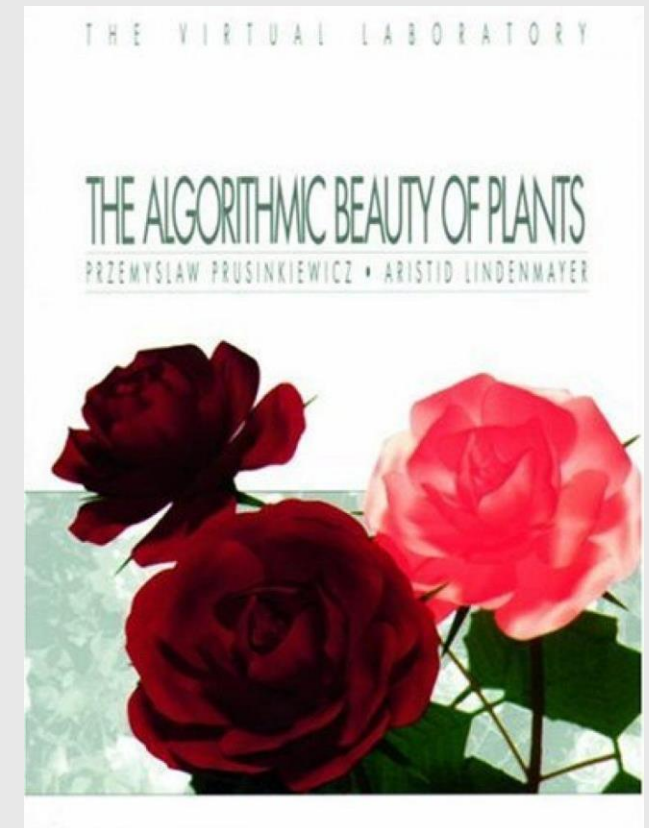


# Lindenmayer Systems

**L-system:** Technique to generate recursive fractal patterns

Conceived as a mathematical theory of plant development

The central concept of L-systems is that of **rewriting**



# L-systems

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Example: *AAA*, or *B*, or *ACBAB*

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3. **Rules:** ways of transforming the sentence that are applied recursively, starting with the axiom, generating new sentences repeatedly

Example:  $A \rightarrow AB$

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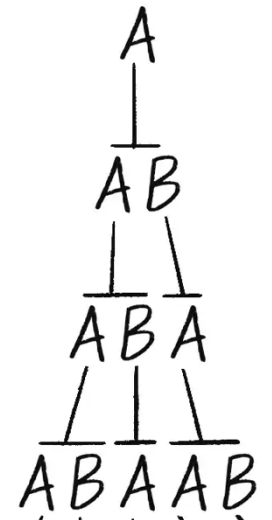
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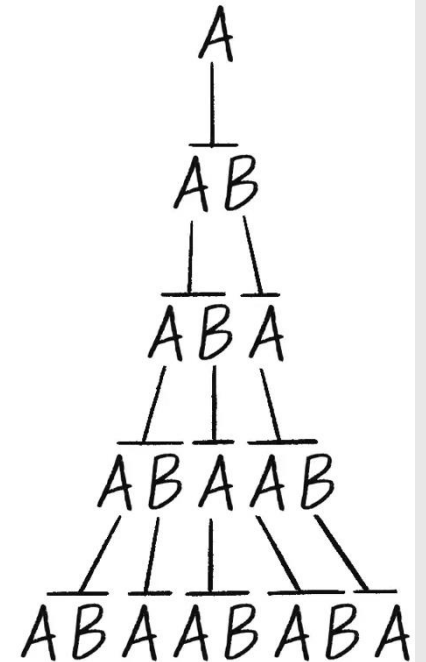
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generation 4:



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[illegible]

# Another Example: L-system Fractal

Alphabet	$A, B$
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Generation 0	$A$
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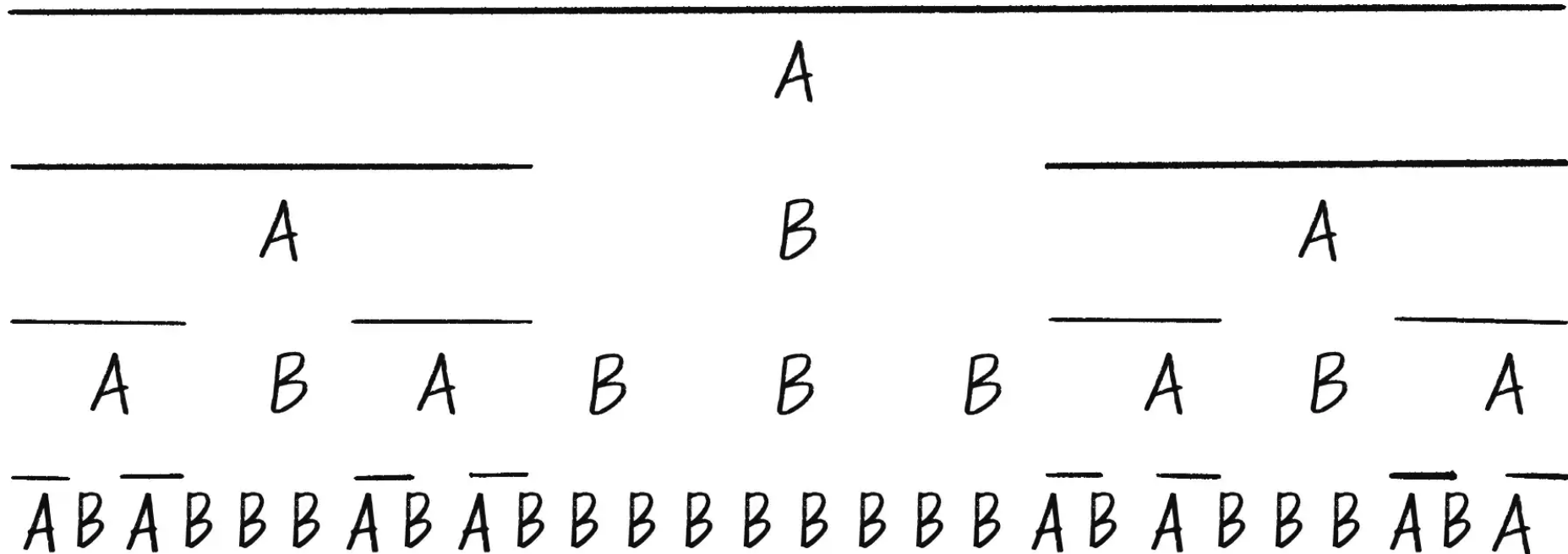
To turn this into a drawing,  
translate the system's alphabet:

$A$	Draw a line forward
$B$	Move forward (without drawing a line)



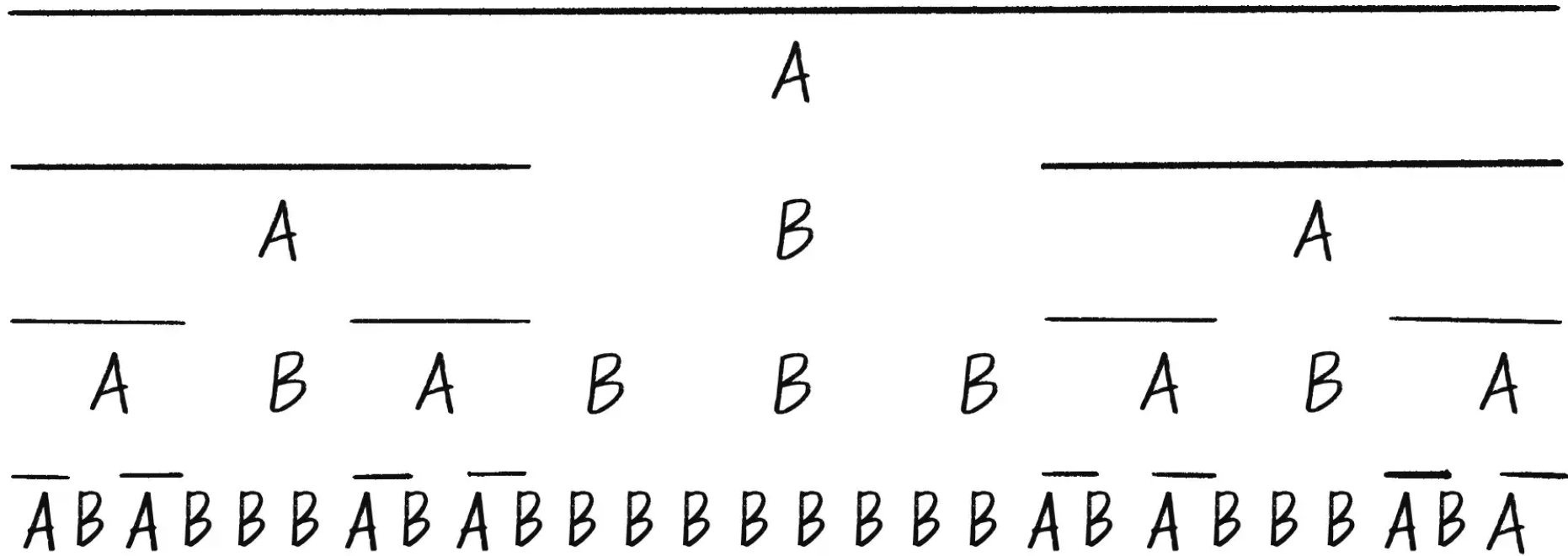
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## Cantor Set



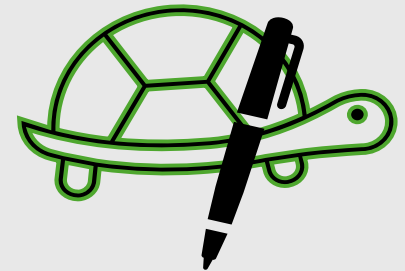
# Drawing with L-systems

Drawing Alphabet:

$F$	Draw a line forward
$G$	Move forward (without drawing a line)
$+$	Turn right
$-$	Turn left
$[$	Save current state
$]$	Restore current state

# Drawing with L-systems

This type of drawing framework is often referred to as **turtle graphics**



# Drawing with L-systems in Py5

Drawing Alphabet with Py5 code:

$F$		<code>line(0, 0, 0, length)</code> <code>translate(0, length)</code>
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Generation 0

$F$

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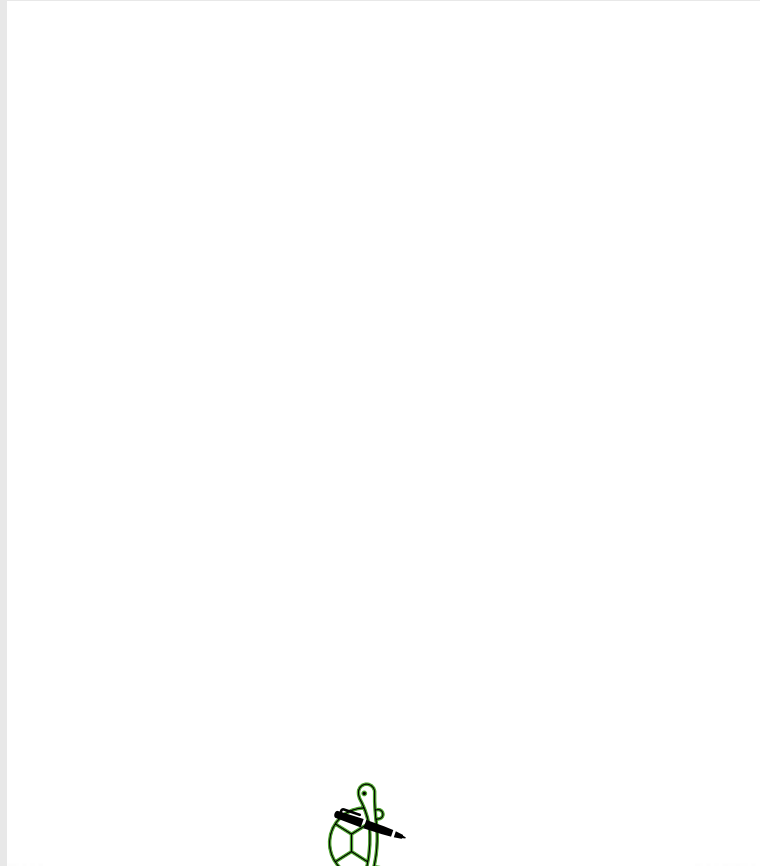
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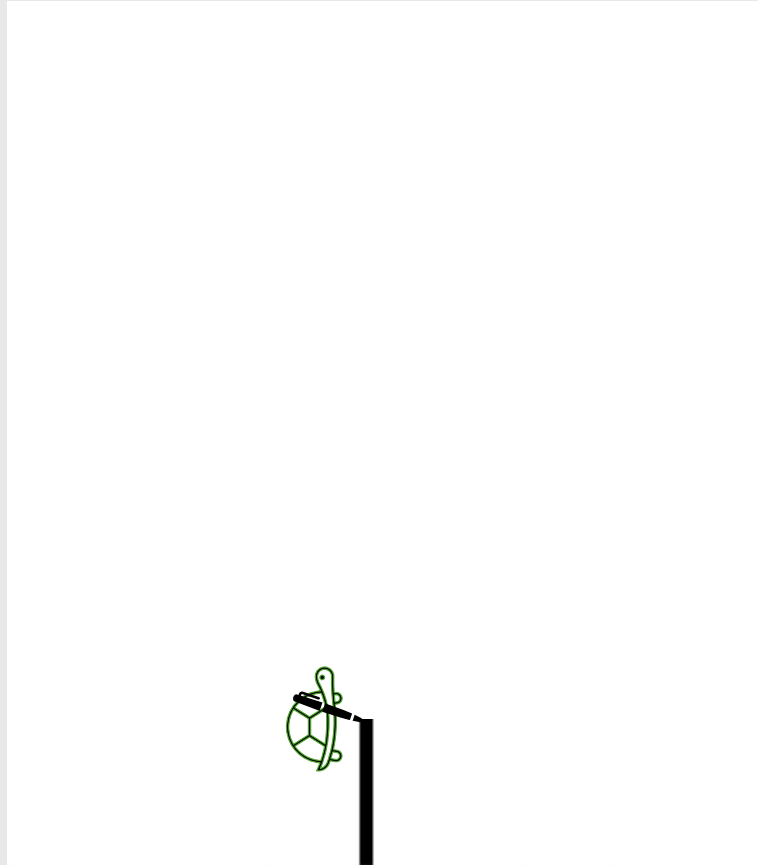
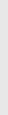
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*F*



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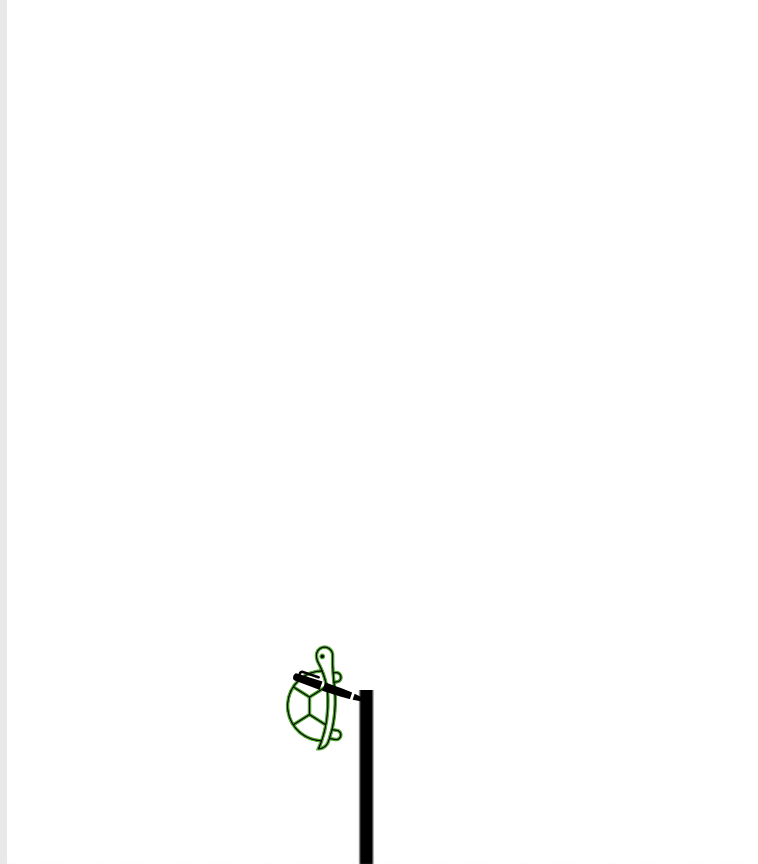




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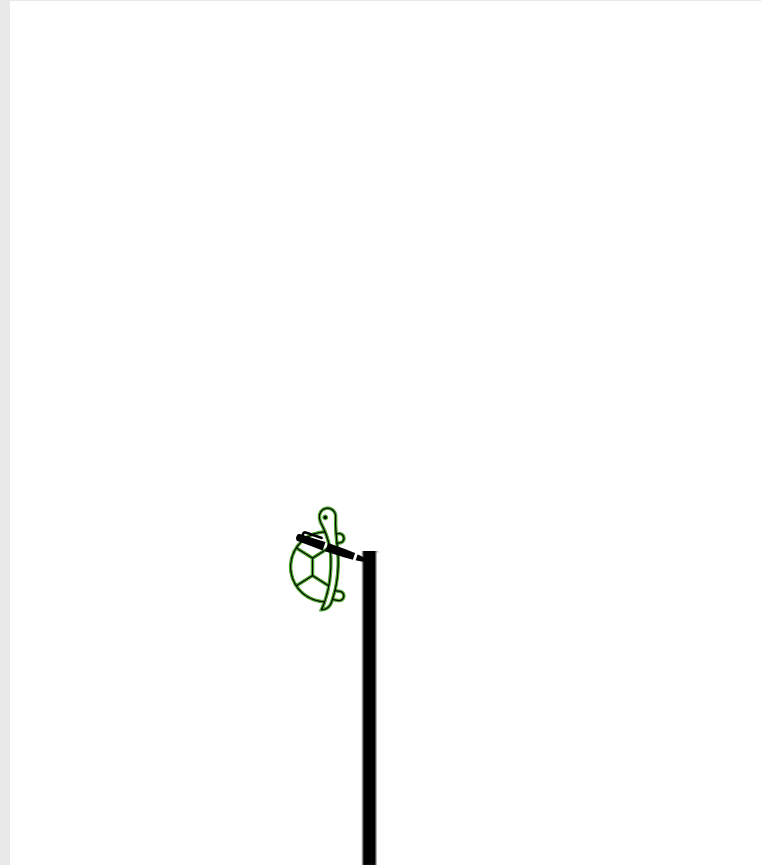
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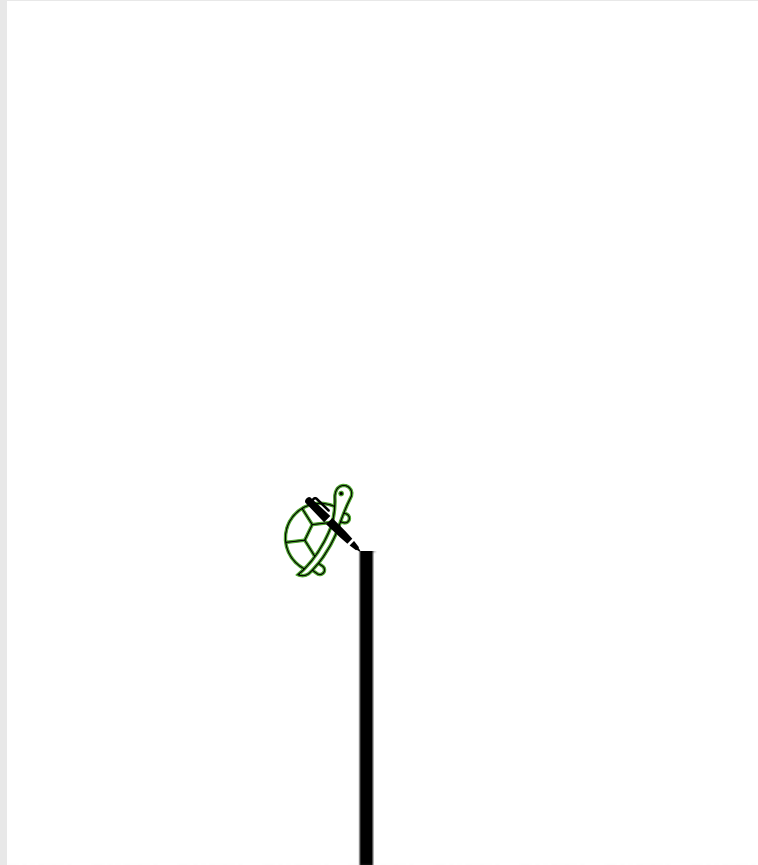
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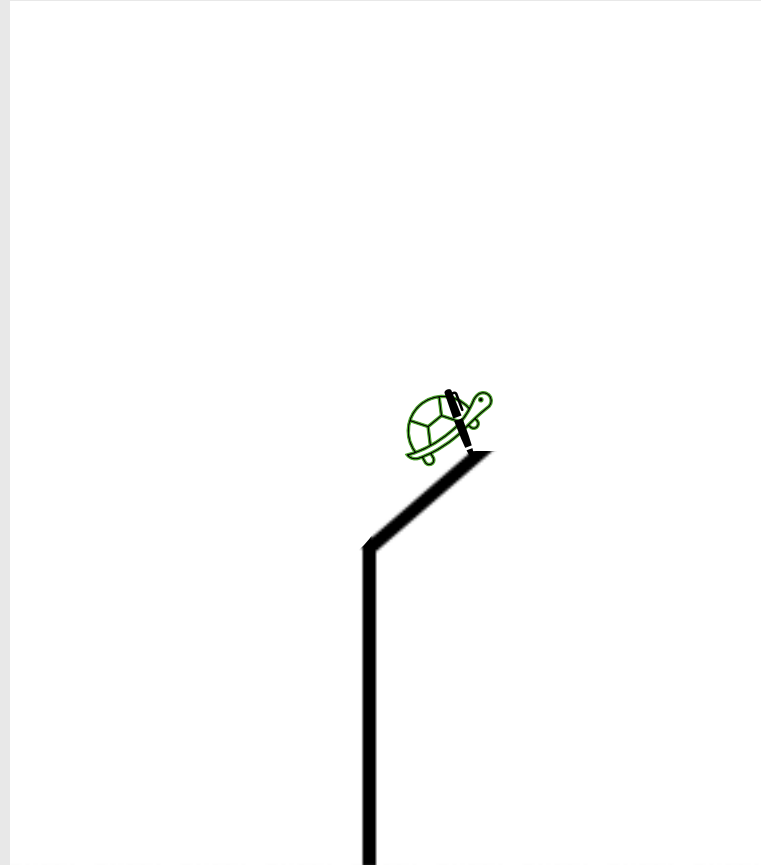
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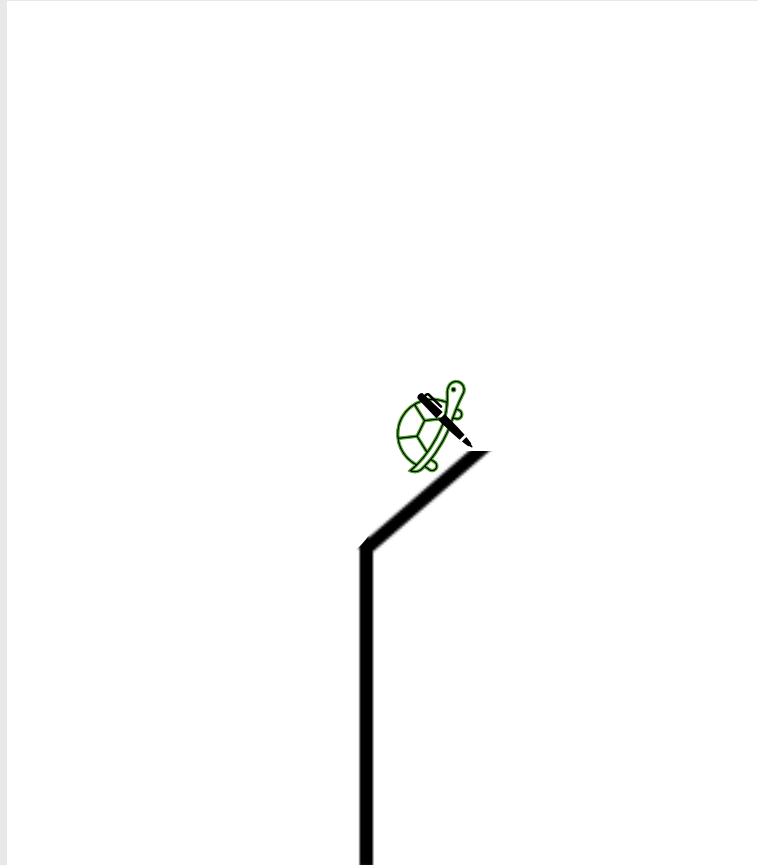
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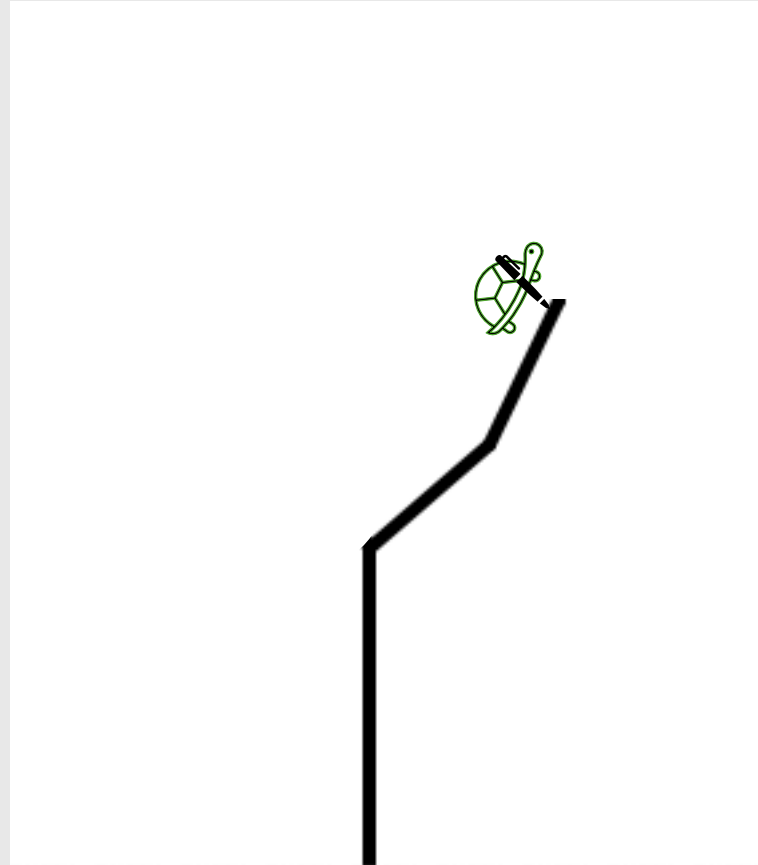
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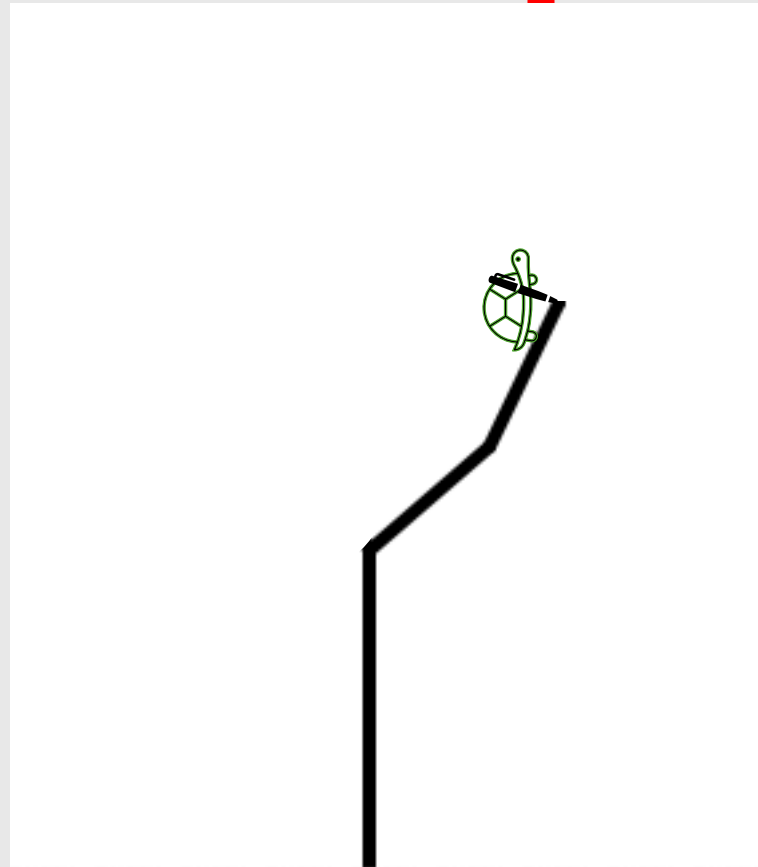
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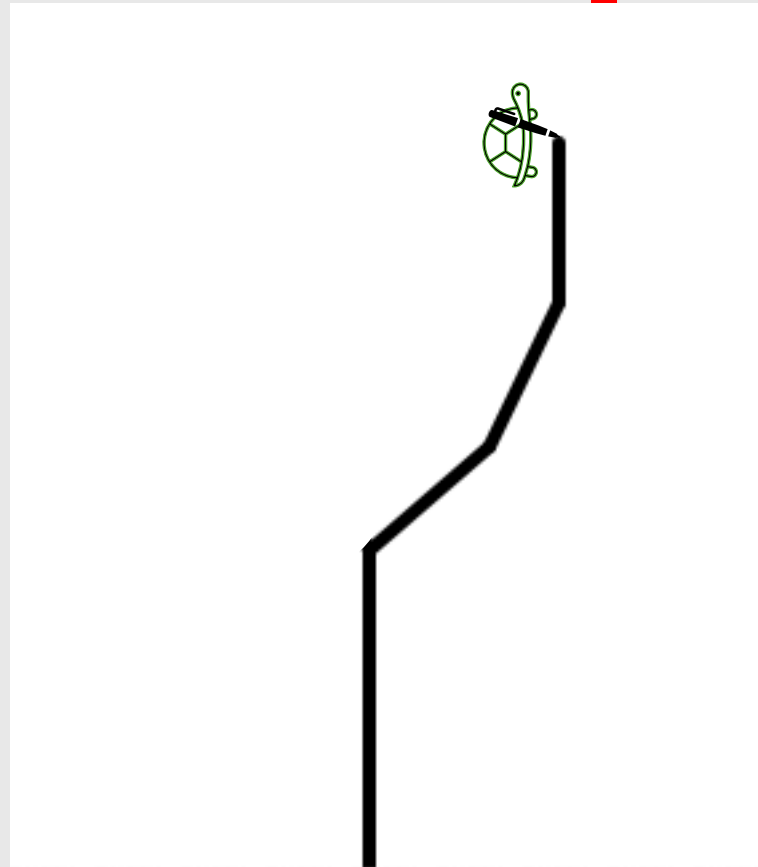




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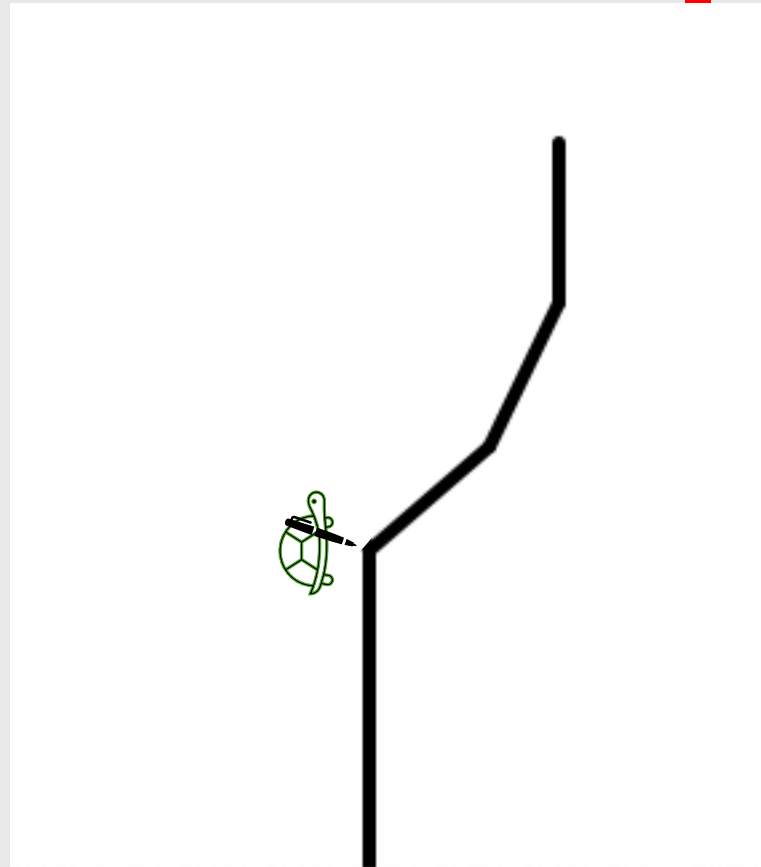
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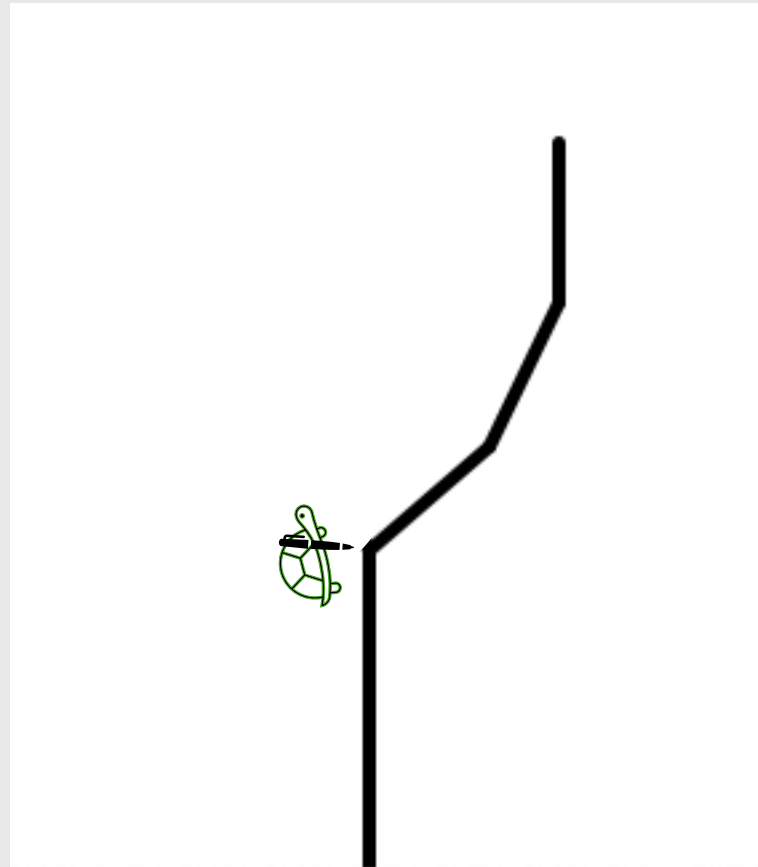
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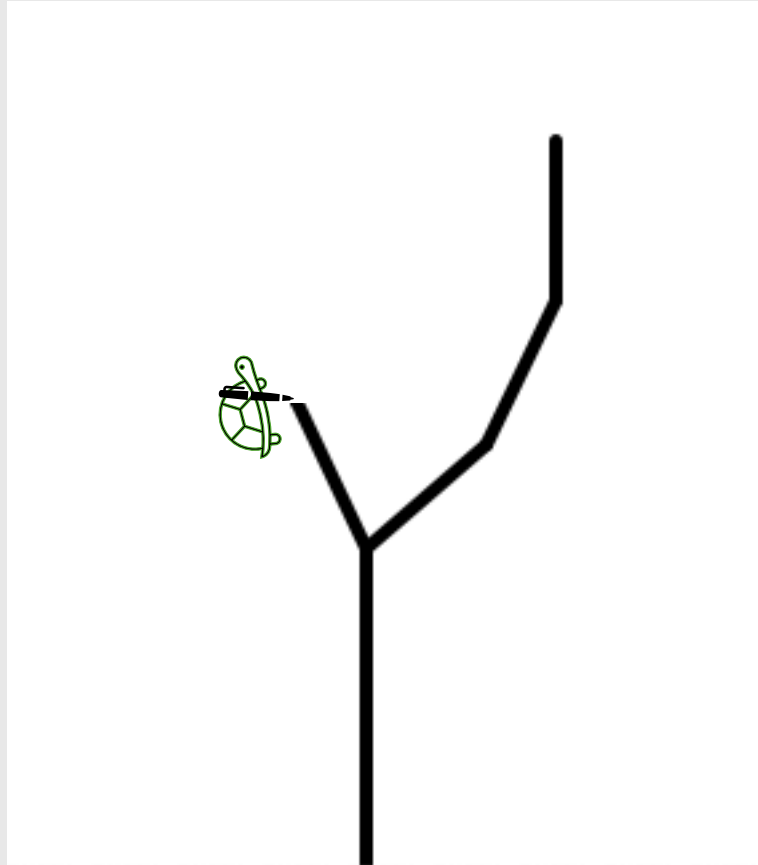
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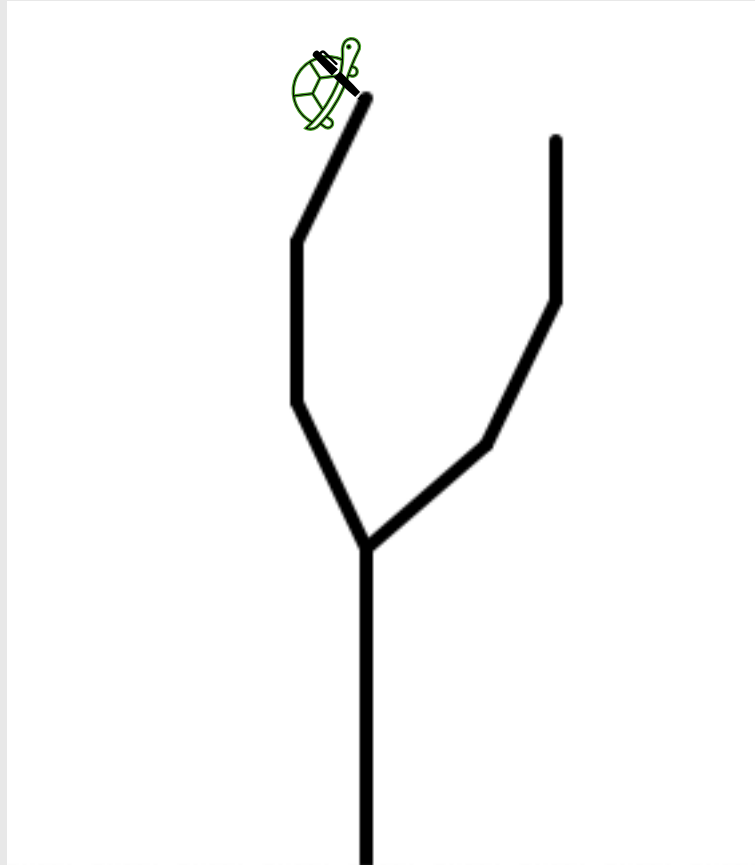
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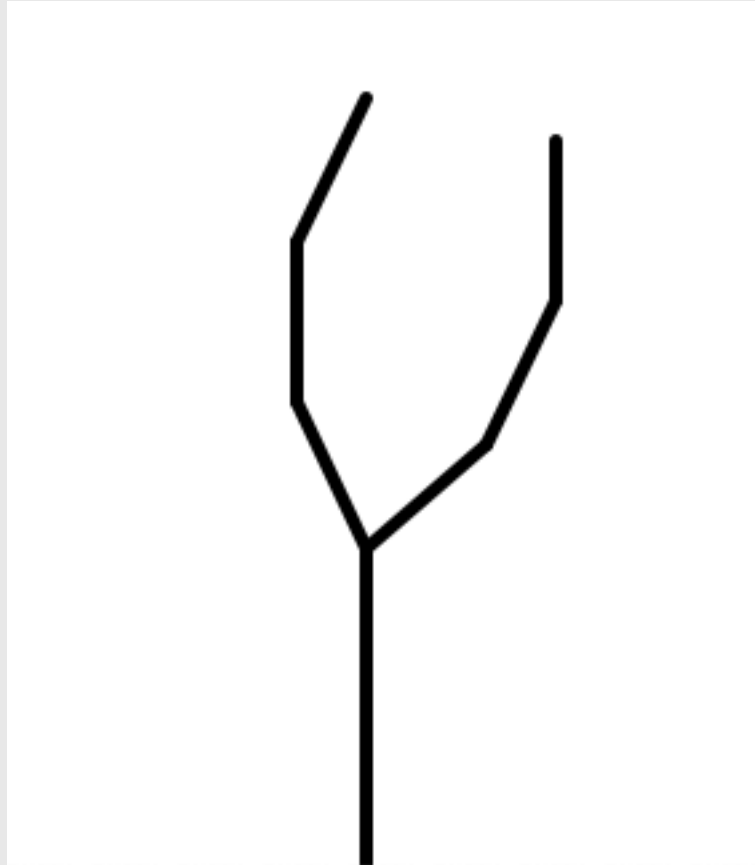
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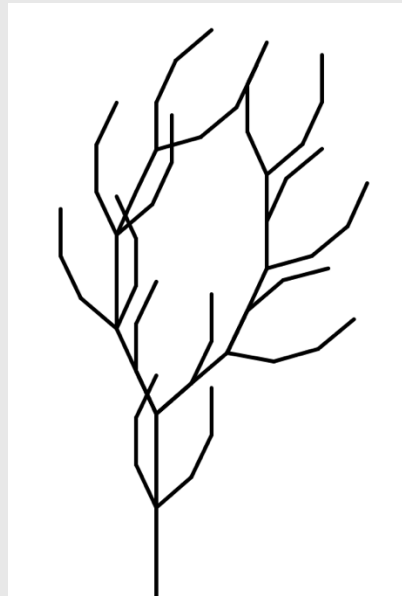
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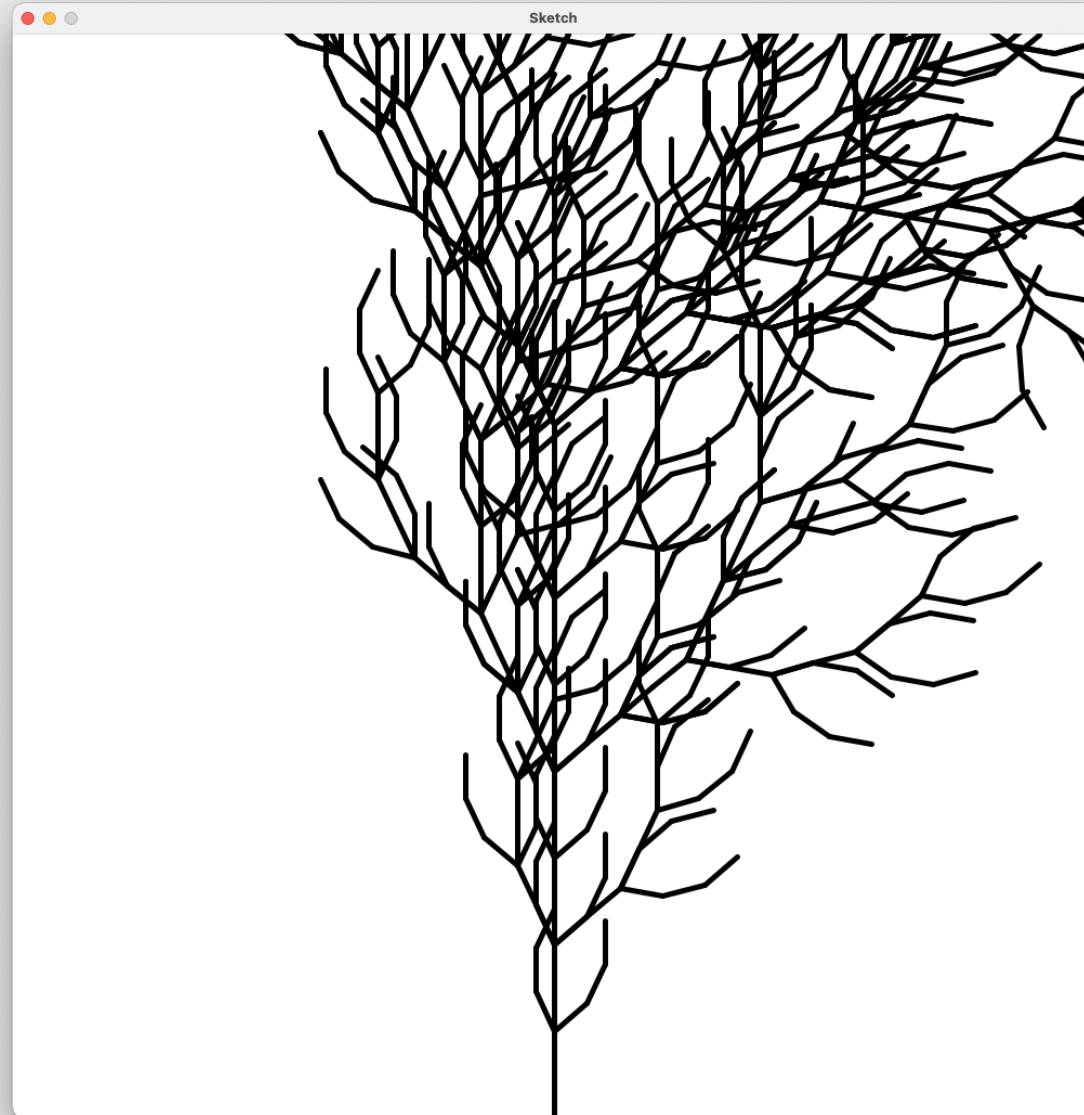


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Generation 2	$FF + [+F - F - F] - [-F + F + F]FF + [+F - F - F] - [-F + F + F] + [+FF + [+F - F - F] - [-F + F + F] - FF + [+F - F - F] - [-F + F + F] - FF + [+F - F - F] - [-F + F + F]]$ $- [-FF + [+F - F - F] - [-F + F + F] + FF + [+F - F - F]$ $- [-F + F + F] + FF + [+F - F - F] - [-F + F + F]]$

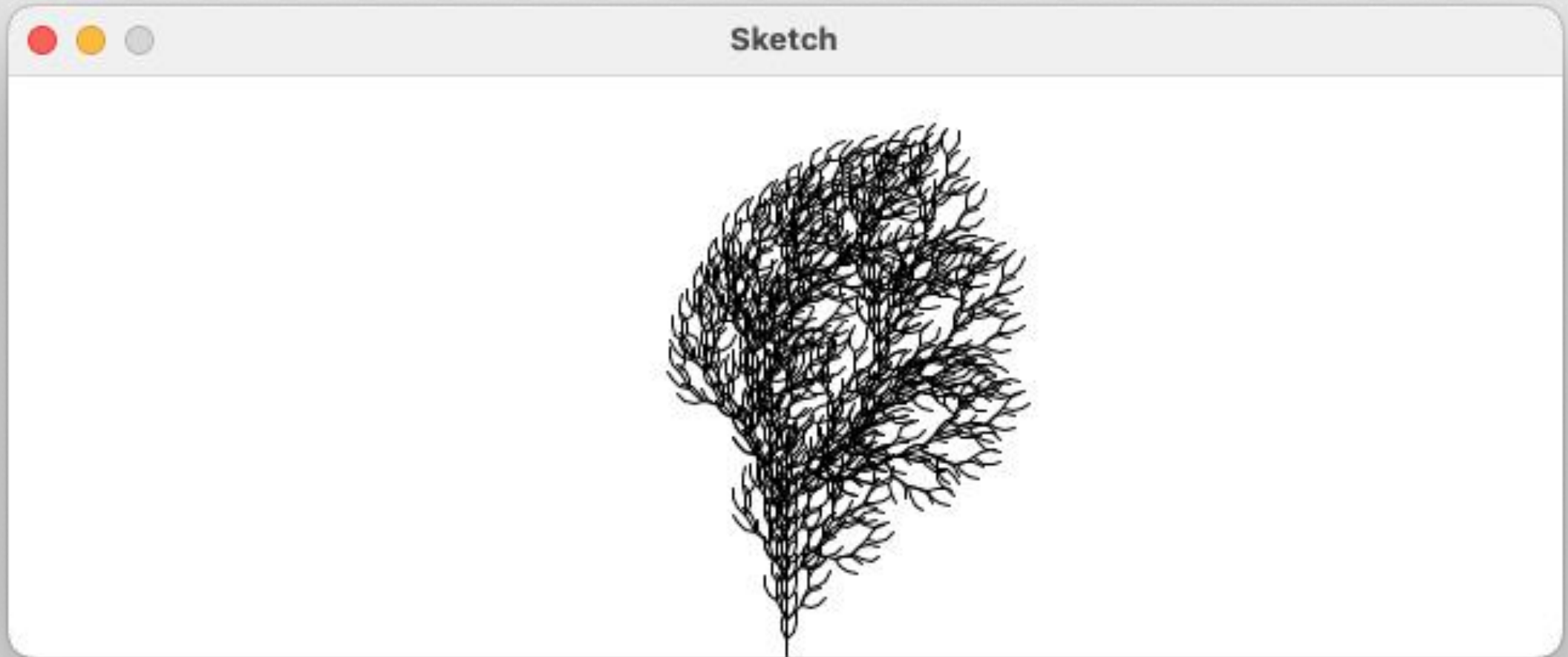


# Example: L-system with Turtle Graphics



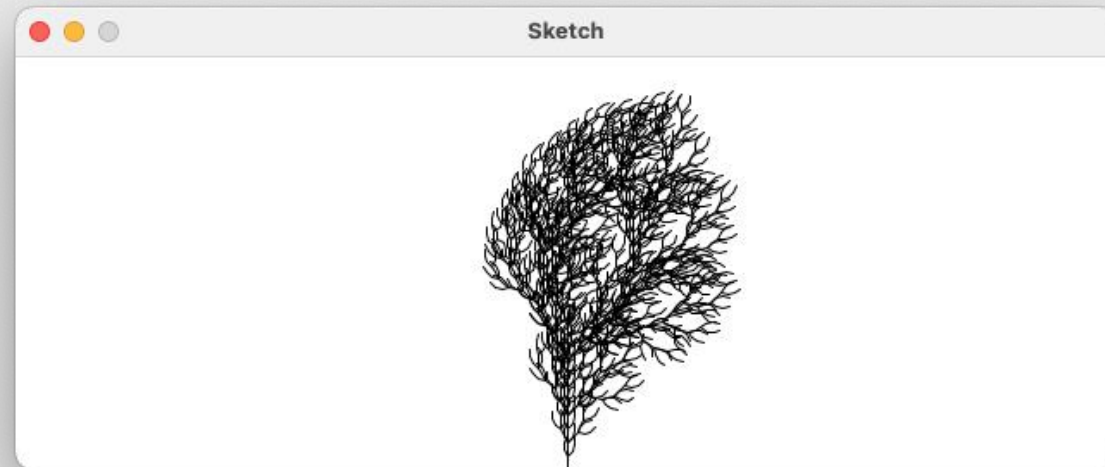


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Alphabet	$F, G, +, -, [, ]$
Axiom	$F$
Rules	$F \rightarrow FF + [+ F - F - F] - [- F + F + F]$



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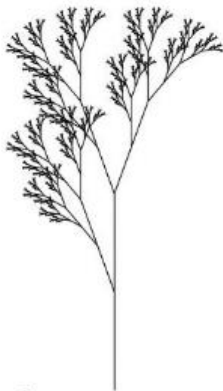
**a**  
 $n=5, \delta=25.7^\circ$   
 $F$   
 $F \rightarrow F[+F]F[-F]F$



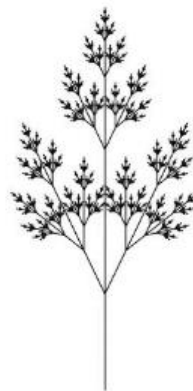
**b**  
 $n=5, \delta=20^\circ$   
 $F$   
 $F \rightarrow F[+F]F[-F][F]$



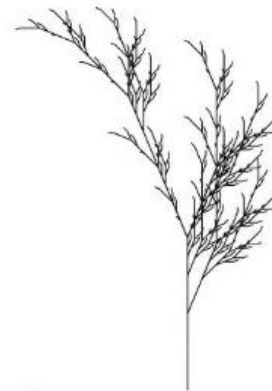
**c**  
 $n=4, \delta=22.5^\circ$   
 $F$   
 $F \rightarrow FF - [-F+F+F] +$   
 $[+F-F-F]$



**d**  
 $n=7, \delta=20^\circ$   
 $X$   
 $X \rightarrow F[+X]F[-X]+X$   
 $F \rightarrow FF$



**e**  
 $n=7, \delta=25.7^\circ$   
 $X$   
 $X \rightarrow F[+X][-X]FX$   
 $F \rightarrow FF$



**f**  
 $n=5, \delta=22.5^\circ$   
 $X$   
 $X \rightarrow F - [[X]+X] + F[+FX] - X$   
 $F \rightarrow FF$

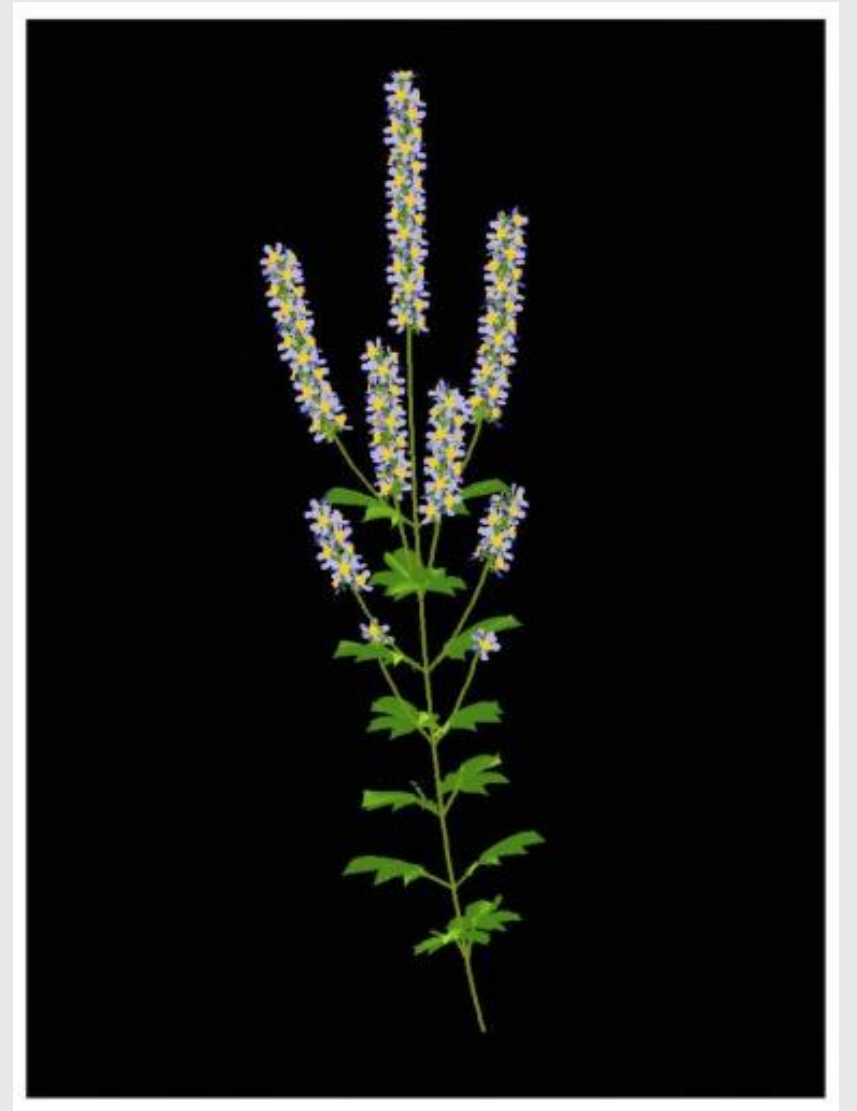
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$n=7$ ,  $\delta=22.5^\circ$

$\omega$  : A  
 $p_1$  :  $A \rightarrow [\&FL!A]/////', [\&FL!A]////////', [\&FL!A]$   
 $p_2$  :  $F \rightarrow S ///// F$   
 $p_3$  :  $S \rightarrow F L$   
 $p_4$  :  $L \rightarrow [', ', \wedge \wedge \{-f+f+f-|-f+f+f\}]$

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# L-system Research





# Lindenmayer Systems

“The central concept of L-systems is that of rewriting. In general, rewriting is a technique for defining complex objects by successively replacing parts of a simple initial object using a set of *rewriting rules* or production.”

- Aristid Lindenmayer

