

Project Documentation

The Mandelbrot Set

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Inception Artifact

Project Description

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Exemplary Use-case

- The user will input a valid arbitrary plane
- The application will render a picture of the set that lies in the specified plane
- Depending on the plane given: the application will render the picture in a timely manner

Background

The Mandelbrot Set describes the behavior of the complex-valued function $f(x) = x^2 + c$ under iteration. It is a function of the initial input x and the offset c , both of which are complex numbers, making it a 4-dimensional object overall. The normal image that we see (the one that's our server icon) is the two-dimensional slice through the plane $c=0$.

History

- Modification
- Date

Analysis Artifact

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Identified Classes

- Controller Classes: Plane, Holomorphism
- Output Classes: Color Scheme

Class Responsibilities

- Accept angles and convert them into orthonormal basis: **Plane**
- Generate/yield all the points in our image, respecting image edges and resolution: **Plane**
- Iterate our function on each point until divergence/threshold, store result in an array: **Holomorphism**
- Display array of numbers as color-coded image: **Window**

Class Relations

- Additional use cases.
 - The user will input an invalid arbitrary plane
 - Such as two colinear vectors or uses angles bigger than $\pi - \pi - 2\pi$
 - The application will give a meaningful error message
 - Such as Invalid plane input

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