

# Computational Creativity

COULD AI BE THE NEXT DADA MOVEMENT?

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>>> print("Our Python. Our Future")

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# POINTS FOR DISCUSSION



Dark Arts 2020, Neeraj Pandey

Computational Creativity

AI-Art Movement, The new Dada Movement

Literature

Genetic Algorithms

Generative Techniques

Effective Complexity

Music Intelligence

Generative Design

# COMPUTATIONAL CREATIVITY

The use of computer technology to mimic, analyse, stimulate, and develop human creativity.

# CREATIVITY?

"I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free"



# CREATIVITY?

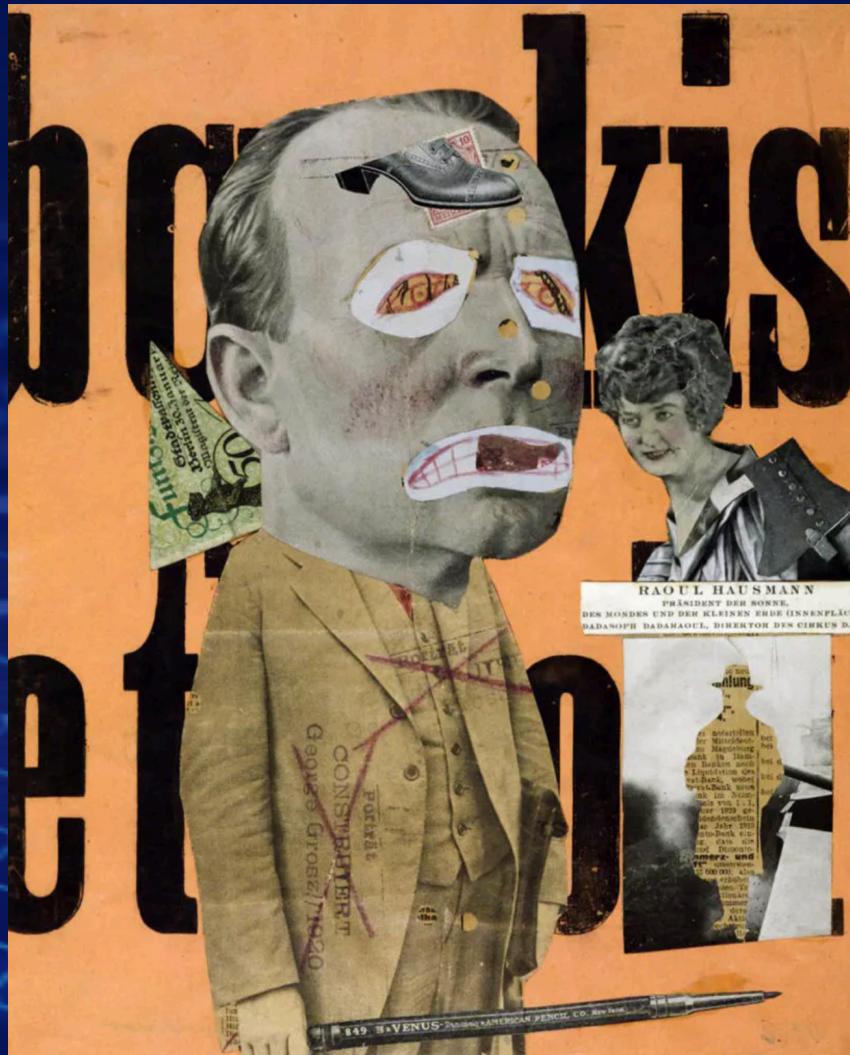
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**Novelty and Value**

*The Mechanical Head* (1920)

# DADAISM

Fountain (Duchamp), 1917



The Art Critic, 1919-20



# The new DADA Movement

## COMPUTATIONAL CREATIVITY



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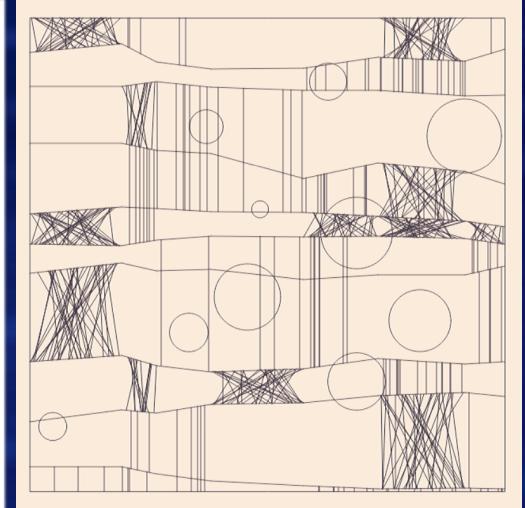


and left him worn them made them not allowed  
to rain.' only mean a window glass  
him hitched in an impulse was either cloud  
i'm asked him to myself the kind to pass

was found the tail and stand perplexed behind  
and if it seemed to sit and came to send  
provision there a scribble >from the kind  
for almost here estelle's to descend

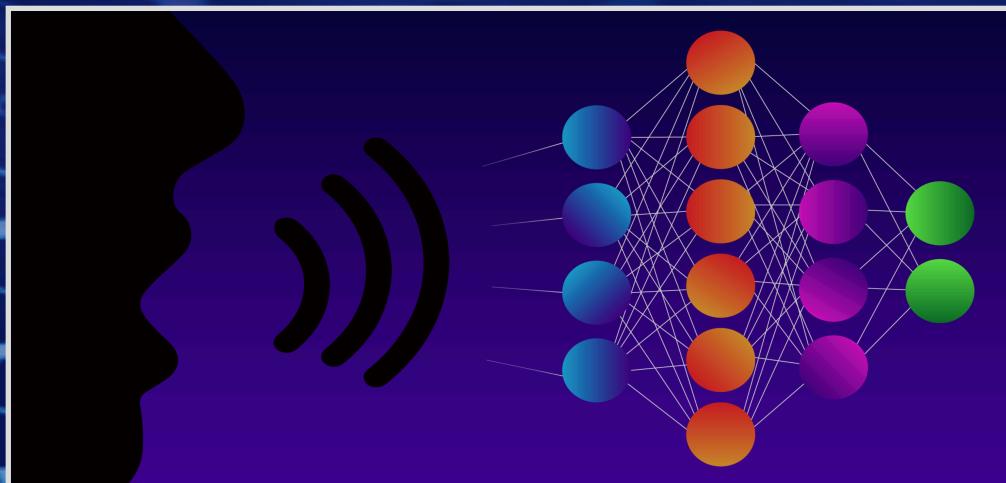
is but estelle to go with him a plane  
it then becoming reconciled to yield  
mebbe i'm her hardest hue to entertain  
a time?' 'it looks surprised to get to field

above a barrel from another street  
to give myself upstairs and dangle feet



# Literature and Poetry

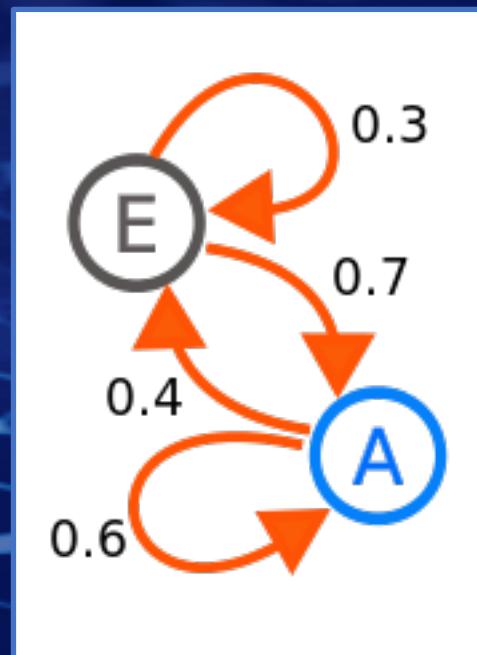
A type of writing in which words are used to create an image, sound, or emotion. Poetry is classified as a type of art since it has its own tone, form, picture, and rhythm.



# Markov Chains

A Markov chain or Markov process is a stochastic model describing a sequence of possible events in which the probability of each event depends only on the state attained in the previous event.

~wikipedia





# Poetry

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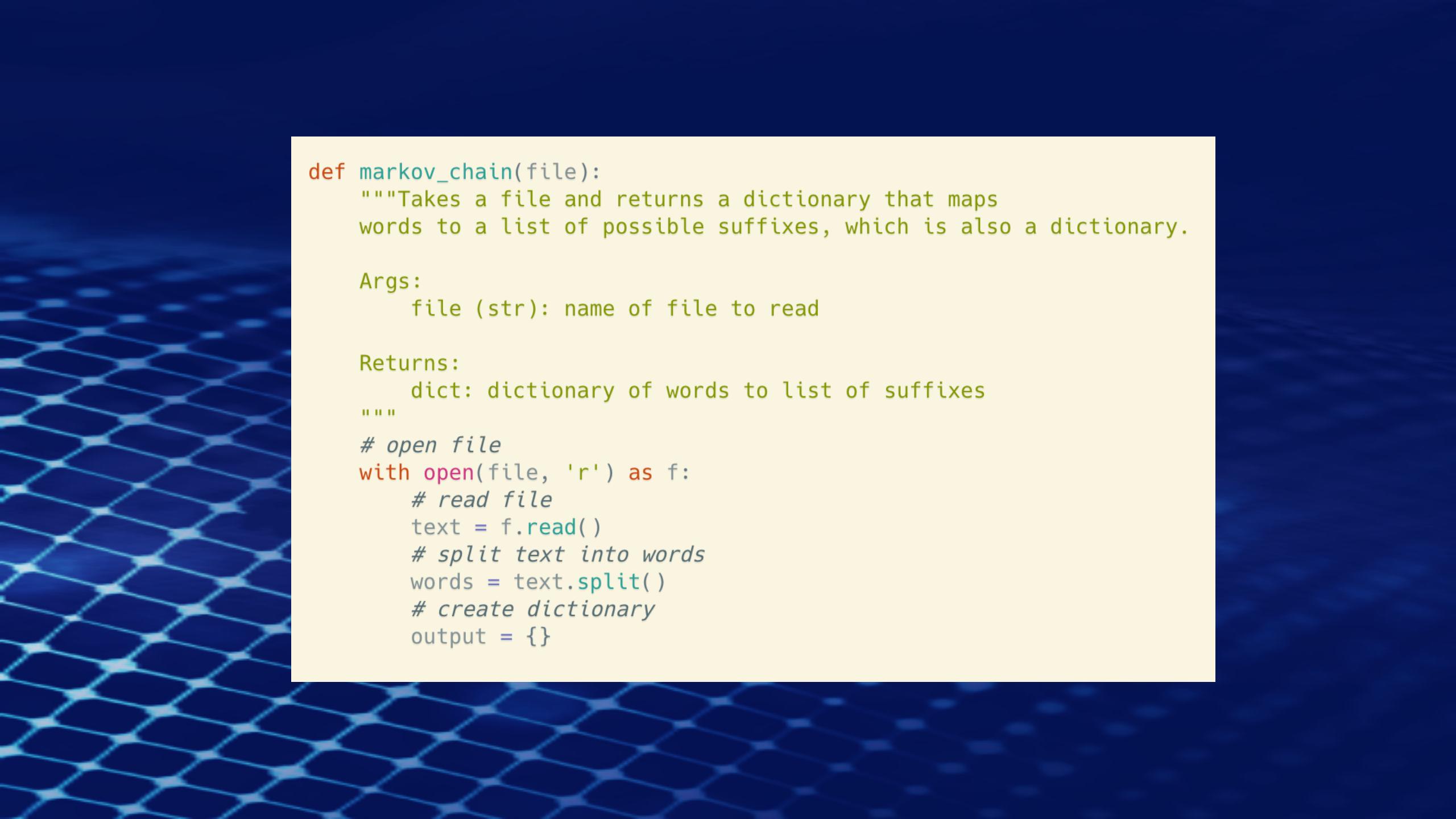
**while yet my mother died I was very young, And  
my tongue Could scarcely cry " 'weep! 'weep!  
'weep! 'weep! 'weep!"**

# Creating a Markov chain from text file

```
def markov_chain(file):
    """Takes a file and returns a dictionary that maps
    words to a list of possible suffixes, which is also a dictionary.

    Args:
        file (str): name of file to read

    Returns:
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    """
    # open file
    with open(file, 'r') as f:
        # read file
        text = f.read()
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        # create dictionary
        output = {}
        # loop through words
        for i in range(len(words) - 1):
            # if word is not in dictionary
            if words[i] not in output:
                # add word to dictionary
                output[words[i]] = [words[i + 1]]
            # if word is in dictionary
            else:
                # add word to dictionary
                output[words[i]].append(words[i + 1])
        # return dictionary
    return output
```

```
{  
  'When': ['my'],  
  'my': ['mother', 'father', 'tongue'],  
  'mother': ['died'],  
  'died': ['I'],  
  .  
  .  
  .  
  .  
  .  
  'in': ['soot'],  
  'soot': ['I']  
}
```

# Generating text from the Markov chain

```
def random_text(language, length):
    """ Generates random text from a markov chain.

    Args:
        language (dict): dictionary of words to list of suffixes
        length (int): length of text to generate

    Returns:
        str: random text
    """
    keys = list(language.keys()) # create list of keys
    option = random.choice(keys) # get random key, set as the first word
    text = [] # create empty list
    for i in range(length): # loop through length of text
        if option not in language: # if word is not in dictionary
            break
        else: # if word is in dictionary
            text.append(option)
            option = random.choice(language[option]) # set random word
    return " ".join(text) # return text
```

# Output

sweep very young, And my mother sold me while yet my mother Could scarcely  
cry " 'weep! 'weep! 'weep!"

'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep! 'weep! " 'weep!" 'weep!  
So your chimneys I sweep

scarcely cry " 'weep! 'weep!" So your chimneys I sleep. & in soot I sweep very  
young, And my father

my tongue died I sleep. & in soot I was

# Poem generated from William Shakespeare's sonnets

will if the death-bed whereon the perfumed  
a gilded tomb of brass or being fond  
is famish'd for it must expire consumed  
bear'st love are the bett'ring of skill that bond

did give profitless usurer that vexed  
be it to witness duty strongly knit  
and ruined love was summer's welcome next  
to woe the winter's ragged hand can sit

possession of fore-bemoaned moan the soil  
and found or on the hours that besiege  
in war is a dial-hand steal his spoil  
that cannot know for cure the wrackful siege

and thou usurer why are you in dark  
physic to grace a crow or eyes are mark

# Genetic Algorithms

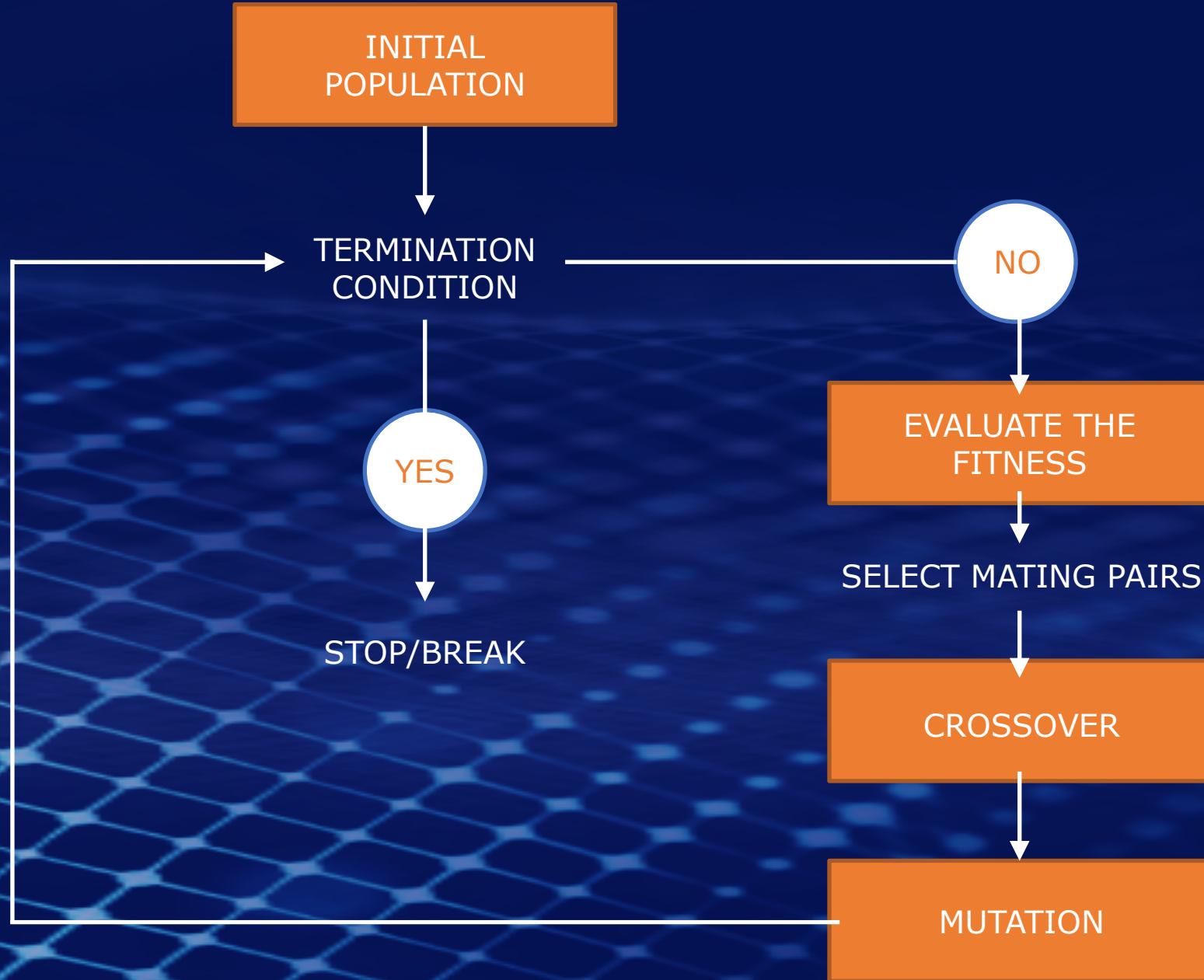
A method for solving both constrained and unconstrained optimisation problems based on a natural selection process that mimics biological evolution.

Five phases of GA(s):

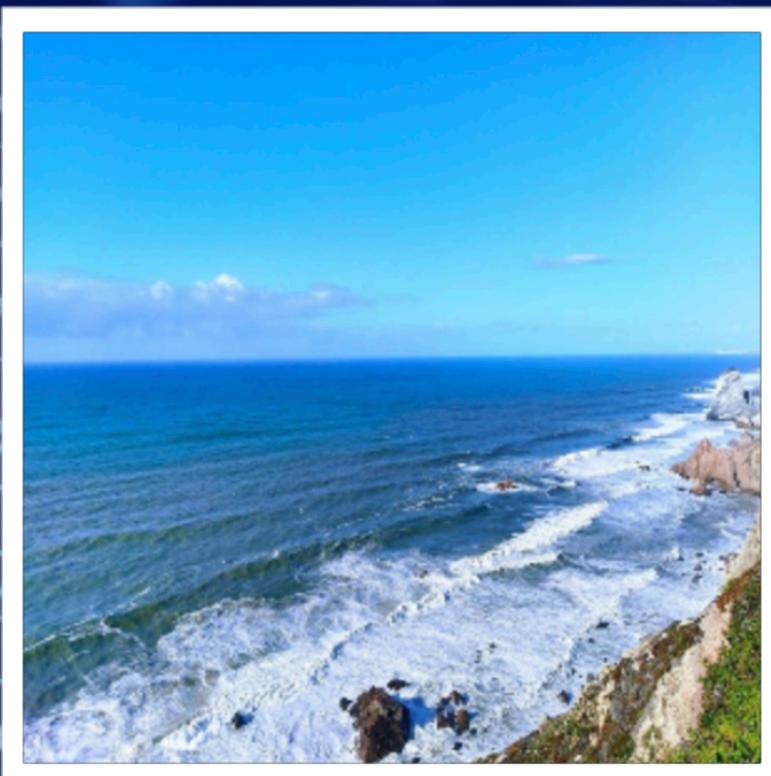
1. Initial Population
2. Fitness Function
3. Selection
4. Crossover
5. Mutation



<http://www.cosc.brocku.ca/%07Ebross/JNetic/>



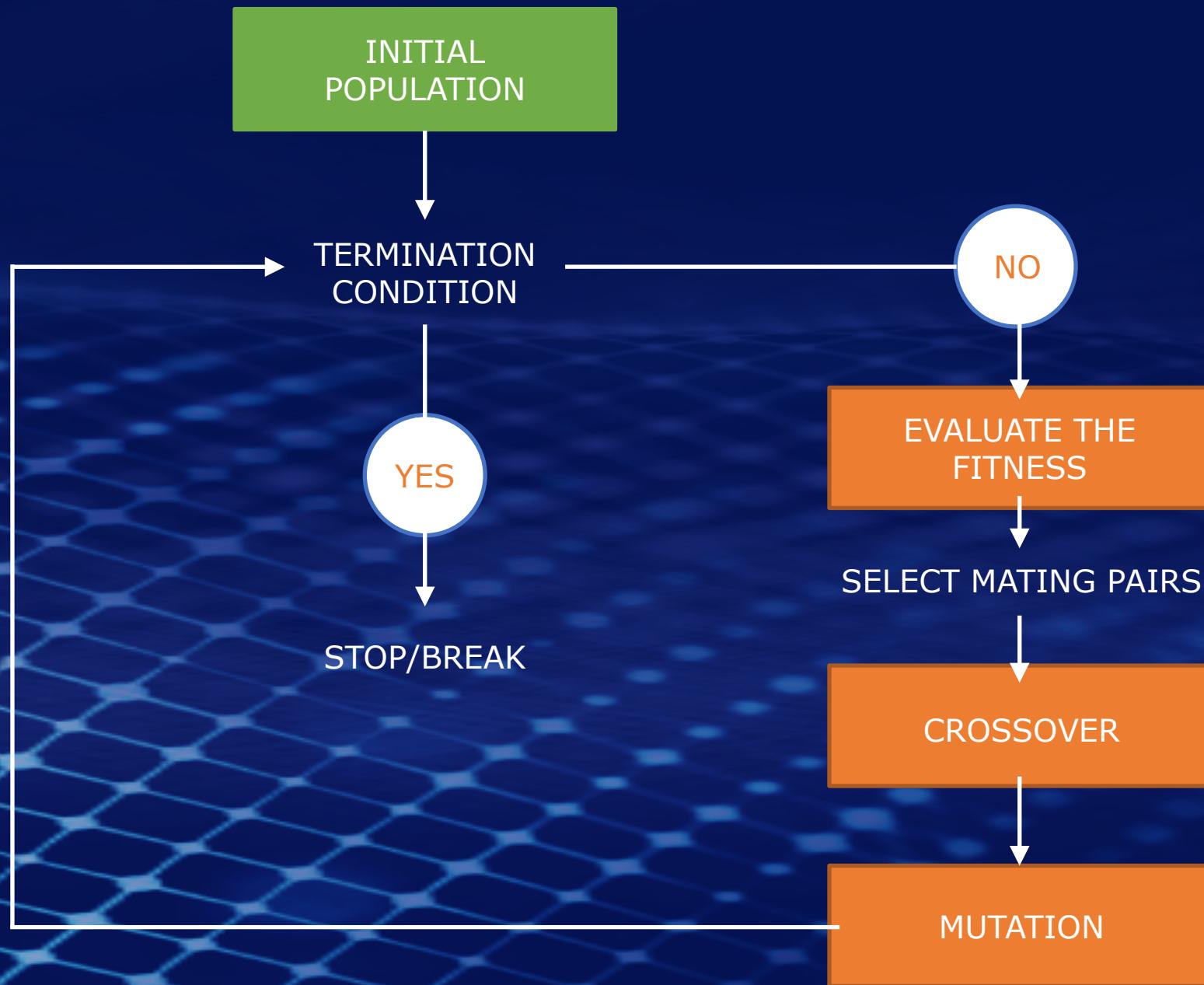
# OUTPUT USING GENETIC ALGORITHMS



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The background of the image features a vast array of solar panels, likely a solar farm, stretching across the horizon. The panels are a deep navy blue color and are arranged in a grid pattern. Above the panels, the sky is a dark, solid blue, creating a sense of depth and infinity.

“jareenyednap”



# Generate a random population for the pool

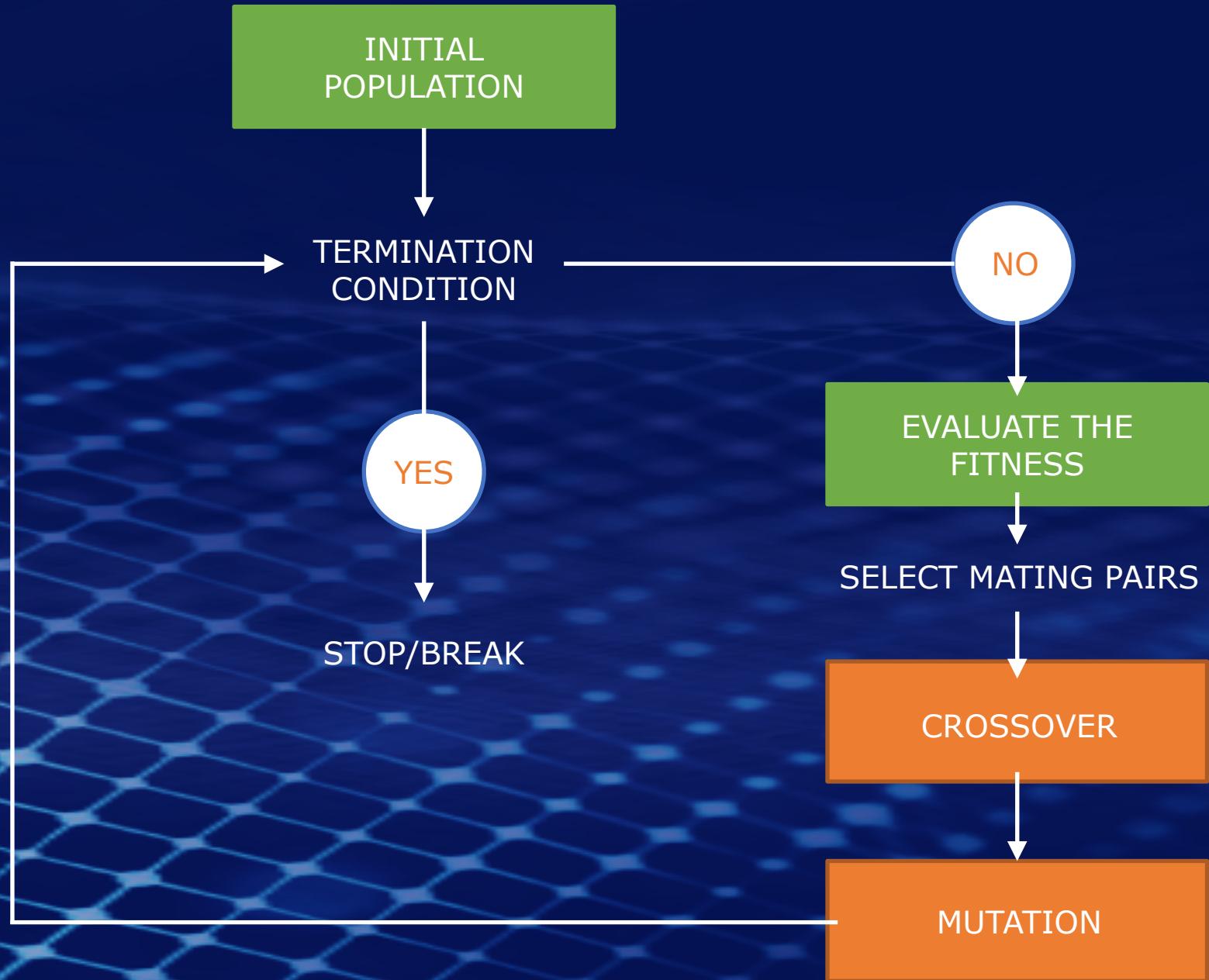


```
def random_population(size, gene_size):
    """Random population of `size` number of individuals of `gene_size` length
    Args:
        size (int): Number of individuals in population
        gene_size (int): The length of each individual
    Returns:
        List[str]: Population of individuals
    """
    population = []
    for i in range(size):
        individual = []
        for j in range(gene_size):
            individual.append(chr(int(random.randrange(32, 126, 1))))
        population.append("".join(individual))
    return population
```

# Generate a random population for the pool



```
population = random_population(20, len('jareenyednap'))  
[  
    '006/DtUxJ=G&', '/xjkj>}F#xGr', '4.6"qd#F$tgH', 'XVb5lUx`k):u', ``2Nr03!@cP^f', 'b T`xpE)GAS*',  
    ']U1b_SY>57(', 'Px!2ZKJ>rKyt', '[5V$(kCf4,z7', 'gRQIU(*T7L|[' , 'VL@yP.J=PghF', 'q@B6:(s ]10J',  
    '^X`_\\_Kc2;B0', '>Eh9$fQYqCi``', ',rxXu;cT("km', "o'a1Q1zn|}Z>", '4ike{RR`l@6j', 'aMKY0wr)2atg',  
    'kwT.:D8bh#<P', '2&Gy@Fh2|tH$'  
]
```



# Creating a fitness function



```
def fitness_func(individual, target):
    """Calculate the fitness of an individual

Args:
    individual (str): Individual chromosome
    target (str): Target string

Returns:
    fitness: Fitness value
"""

fitness = 0
for index in range(12):
    fitness += abs(ord(individual[index]) - ord(target[index]))
return fitness
```

# Creating a fitness function



```
def fit_fitness(population, fitness_func, target):
    """Fitness calculation

    Args:
        population (List[str]): Population of individuals
        fitness_func (func): Fitness function
        target (str): Target string
    Returns:
        fitness_list (List[tuple]): List of tuples of fitness and individual
    """
    fitness_list = []
    for individual in population:
        fitness_val = fitness_func(individual, target)
        if fitness_val == 0:
            fitness_list.append((individual, 1.0))
        else:
            fitness_list.append((individual, 1.0 / fitness_val))
    return fitness_list
```

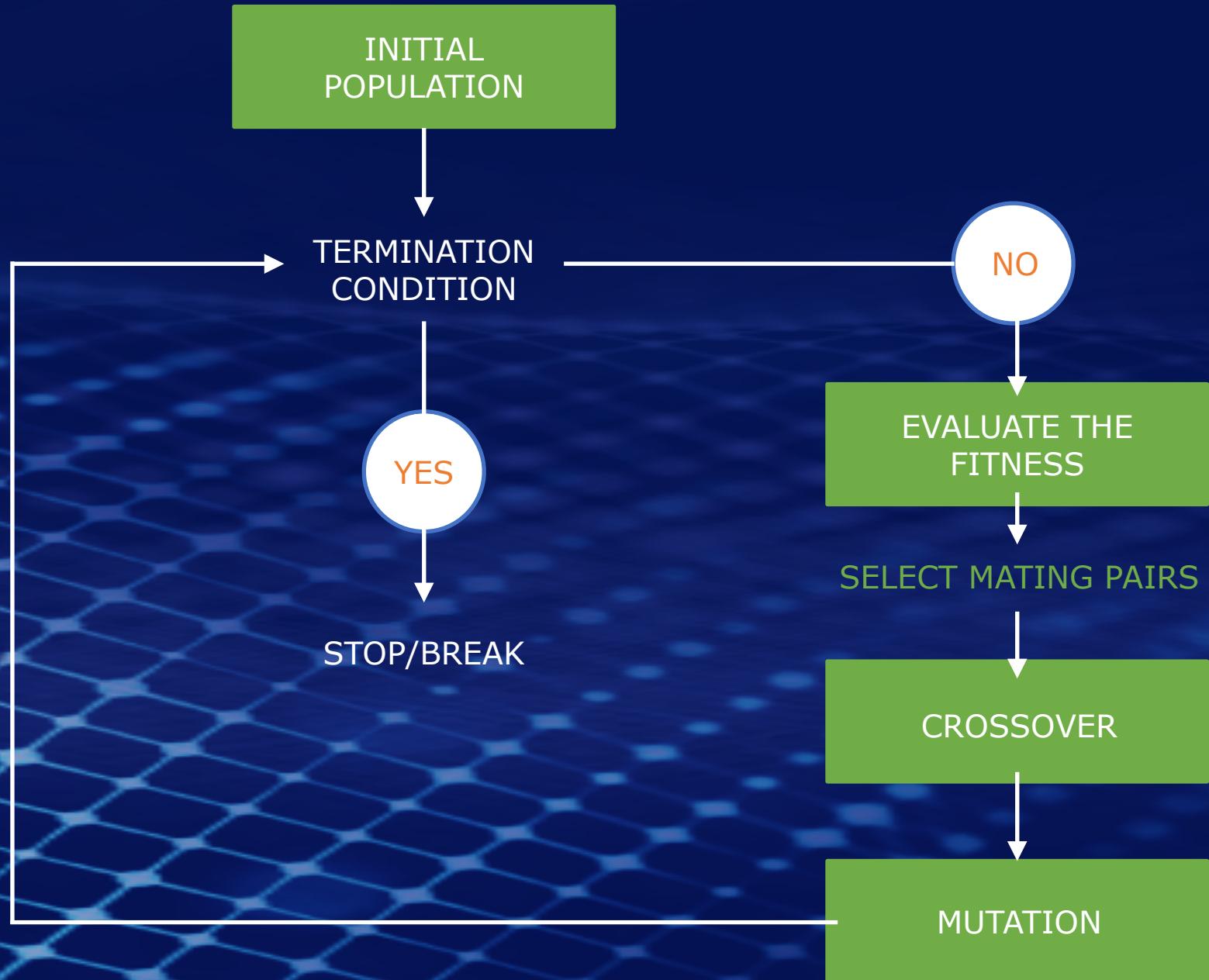
# Output of the fitness list

```
fitness_list = fit_fitness(population, fitness_func, 'jareenyednap')

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    ('p5>1]\\"c\\e=5Y', 0.003048780487804878),
    ('/Tpw})OS?_Lg', 0.0030581039755351682),
    ('U*:x!C!7u4cH', 0.001949317738791423),
    ('99#!nxaxS\\Ed', 0.002680965147453083),

    .
    .
    .
    .

    ('Df^n00+Lf#]X', 0.003003003003003003),
    ("j;!UJ$I'].!E", 0.0019083969465648854)
]
```



# Get a random parent for crossover

```
def get_random_individual(fitness_list):
    """Get a random individual from fitness list

Args:
    fitness_list (List[tuple]): List of tuples of fitness and individual
Returns:
    individual (str): Random individual
"""

    fitness_sum = sum(fitness for individual, fitness in fitness_list)
    n = random.uniform(0, fitness_sum)
    for value, fitness in fitness_list:
        if n < fitness:
            return value
        else:
            n -= fitness
    return value
```

# Crossover between the two parent individual

```
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def crossover(parent1, parent2):
    """Crossover between two parent individuals

    Args:
        parent1 (str): First parent
        parent2 (str): Second parent
    Returns:
        child1 (str): First child
        child2 (str): Second child
    """
    # Get random crossover point
    crossover_point = random.randrange(1, len(parent1))

    # Crossover parents
    child1 = parent1[:crossover_point] + parent2[crossover_point:]
    child2 = parent2[:crossover_point] + parent1[crossover_point:]

    return child1, child2
```

# Add mutation to an individual

```
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def mutation(individual, gene_size, mutation_rate):
    """Add mutation to individual

Args:
    individual (str): Individual chromosome
    gene_size (int): The length of each individual
    mutation_rate (float): Mutation rate

Returns:
    individual (str): Mutated individual
"""
    for index in range(len(individual)):
        if random.random() < mutation_rate:
            individual = individual[:index] + chr(random.randint(32, 126)) +
individual[index+1:]
    return individual
```

# Applying selection, crossover and mutation

```
def selection_mutation(population, fitness_func, size, fitness_list):
    """Selection and mutation

    Args:
        population (List[str]): Population of individuals
        fitness_func (func): Fitness function
        size (int): Size of population
        fitness_list (List[tuple]): List of tuples of fitness and individual

    Returns:
        population (List[str]): New population
    """
    # Select individuals
    population = []
    for index in range(size):
        parent1 = get_random_individual(fitness_list)
        parent2 = get_random_individual(fitness_list)

        # Crossover parents
        child1, child2 = crossover(parent1, parent2)

        # Apply mutation
        child1 = mutation(child1, 12, 0.05)
        child2 = mutation(child2, 12, 0.05)
        population.extend([child1, child2])

    return population
```

# ALL TOGETHER

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    target_string = 'jareenyednap'
    population = random_population(20, len(target_string))

    for i in range(10000):
        fitness_list = fit_fitness(population, fitness_func, target_string)
        population = selection_mutation(population, fitness_func, int(len(population) / 2),
                                         fitness_list)

        threshold_fitness = fitness_func(population[0], target_string)

        for individual in population:
            individual_fitness = fitness_func(individual, target_string)
            if individual_fitness <= threshold_fitness:
                fittest_string = individual
                threshold_fitness = individual_fitness
print('Final string: ', fittest_string)
```

# TARGET: “jareenyednap”

```
[  
'006/DtUxJ=G&', '/xjkj>}F#xGr', '4.6"qd#F$tgH', 'XVb5lUx`k):u', ``2Nr03!@cP^f', 'b T`xpE)GAS*',  
'`}U1b_SY>57(', 'Px!2ZKJ>rKyt', '[5V$(kCf4,z7', 'gRQIU(*T7L|[' , 'VL@yP.J=PghF', 'q@B6:(s ]10J',  
'^X`_\\_Kc2;B0', '>Eh9$fQYqCi`', ',rxXu;cT("km', "o'a1Q1zn|}Z>", '4ike{RR`l@6j', 'aMKY0wr)2atg',  
'kwT.:D8bh#<P', '2&Gy@Fh2|tH$'  
]
```



Generation 0: fyYEaq2%I'27  
Generation 1: U9"cUuu;[ [ ;o  
Generation 2: <bdm=fEUL[ ;o

Generation 3959: jareenxednap  
Generation 3960: jtreenxednap  
Generation 3961: jareenxed8ap  
Generation 3962: jareenxednap

Generation 9994: jareenyfdnap  
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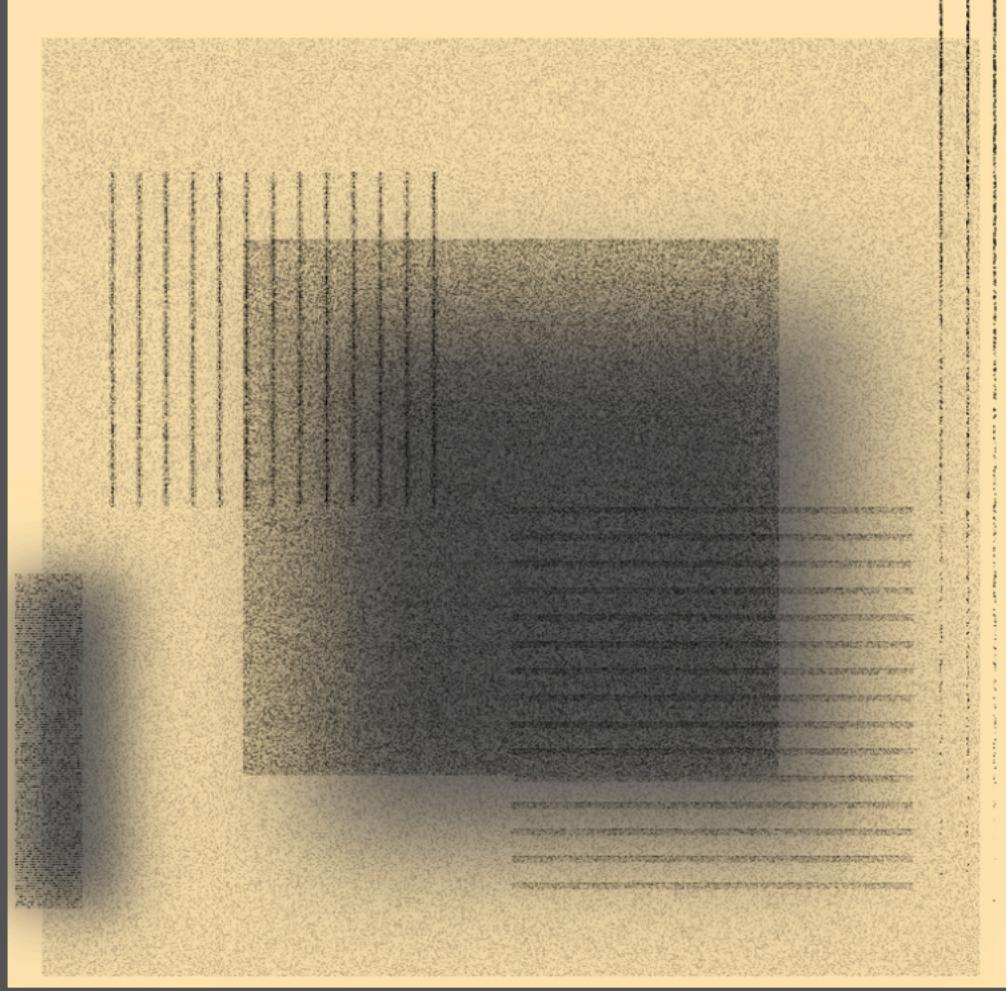


# GENERATIVE ART

Art created through the use of an autonomous system.

ALGORITHMS, MATHEMATICS, GENETIC SEQUENCES

[Chroma, Neeraj Pandey]



[Cityscapes, Neeraj Pandey]

## Building Blocks

- **Randomness:** This helps to add uniqueness to art pieces.
- **Algorithms:** Implementing an algorithm visually often generate aesthetic art pieces.
- **Geometry:** Most of the generative art incorporates shapes, and mathematics, even the high school geometry.

# RANDOM

Generates random floating point number



```
random() # floating values between 0 and 1
```

```
random([min], [max]) # random value between [min, max]
```

```
random(x) # random value between [0, x)
```



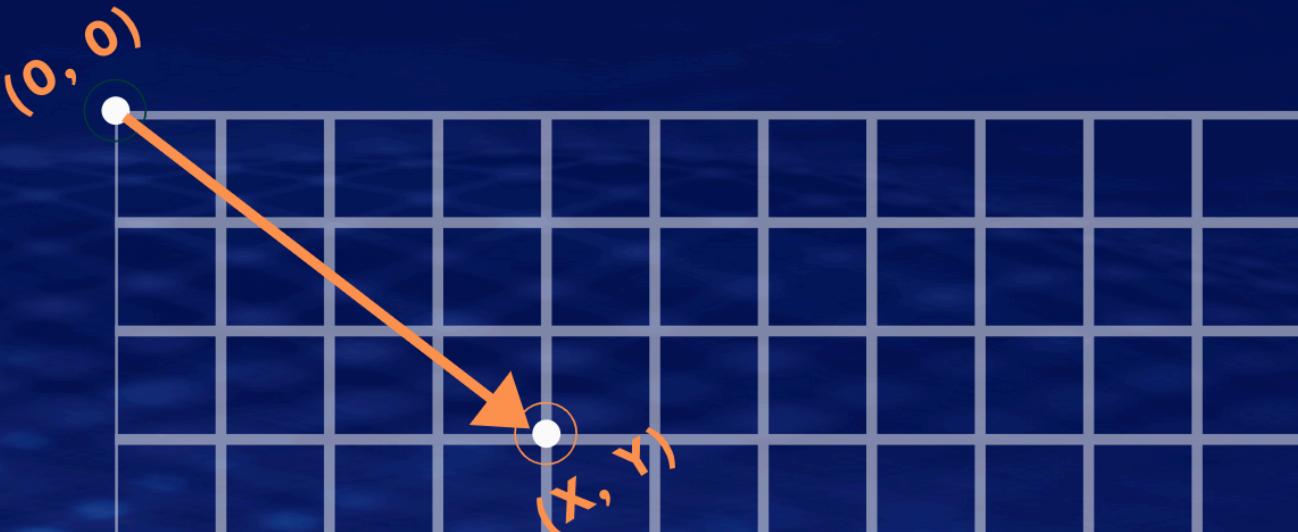


# ARTIST'S CANVAS



## DRAWING A POINT

We consider a 2-D cartesian plane, and each point as a vector.

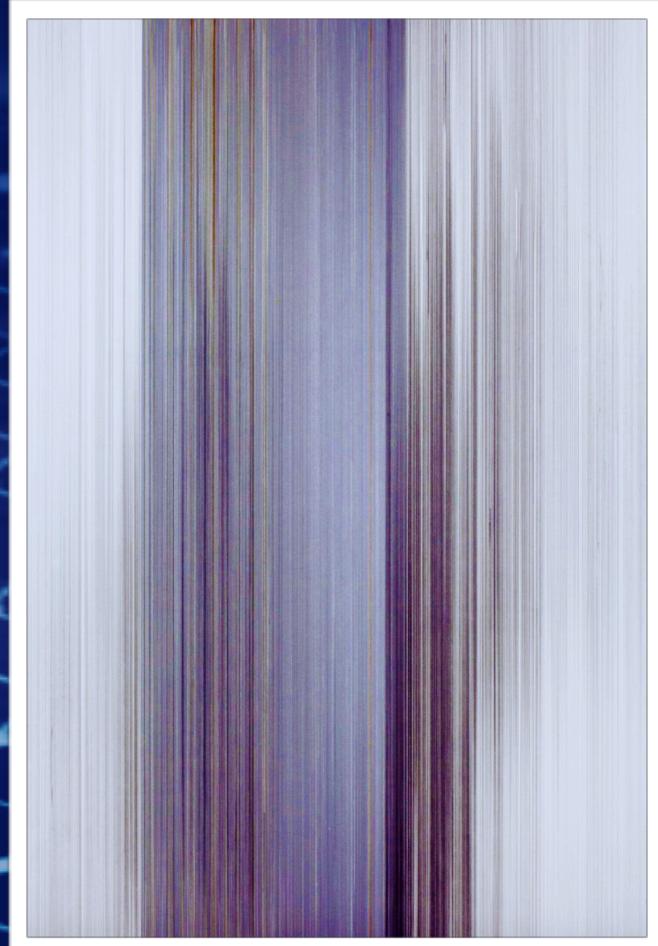


# Basic operations in Processing.py



```
point(x, y) # Creates a point at (x, y) from the origin  
point(x, y, z) # Creates a point at (x, y, z) from the origin  
dist(x1, y1, x2, y2) # Calculates the distance between two points  
line(x1, y1, x2, y2) # Create a line by joining two points  
stroke(color) # Sets the color used to draw lines  
strokeWeight(k) # Sets the thickness of the stroke with k
```

# USING LINES



# Basic Shapes in Processing



```
# Creates a rectangle at point a, b with "c" width and "d" height  
rect(a, b, c, d, t1, t3, br, bl)  
  
# Creates an ellipse at point a, b with "c" width and "d" height  
ellipse(a, b, c, d)  
  
# Creates a square  
square(x, y, c)
```

# USING RECTANGLES

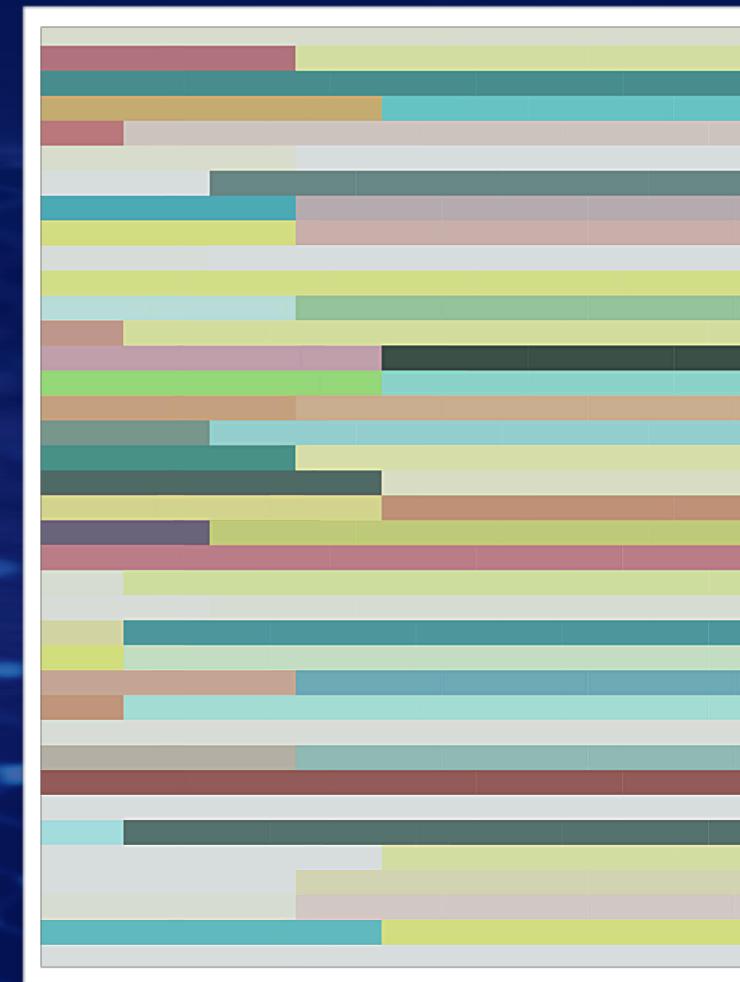




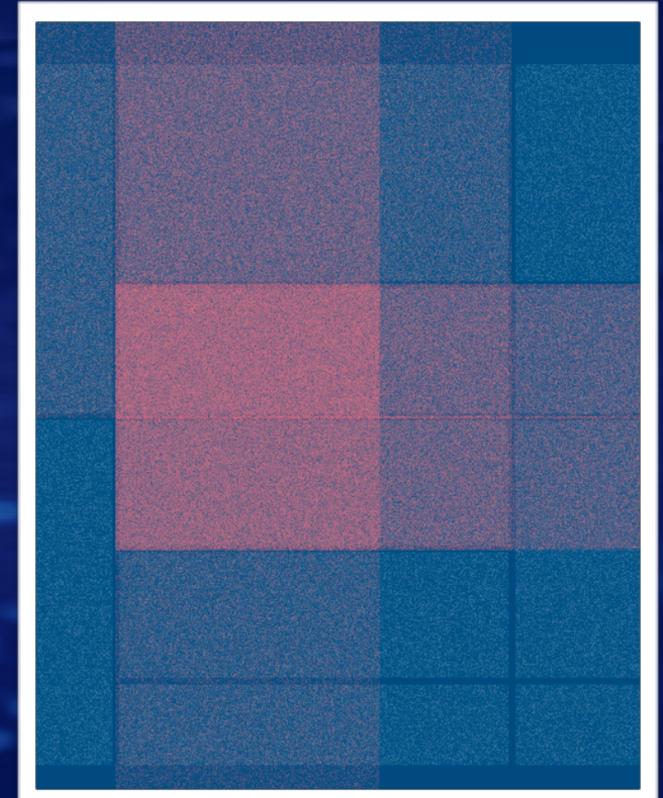
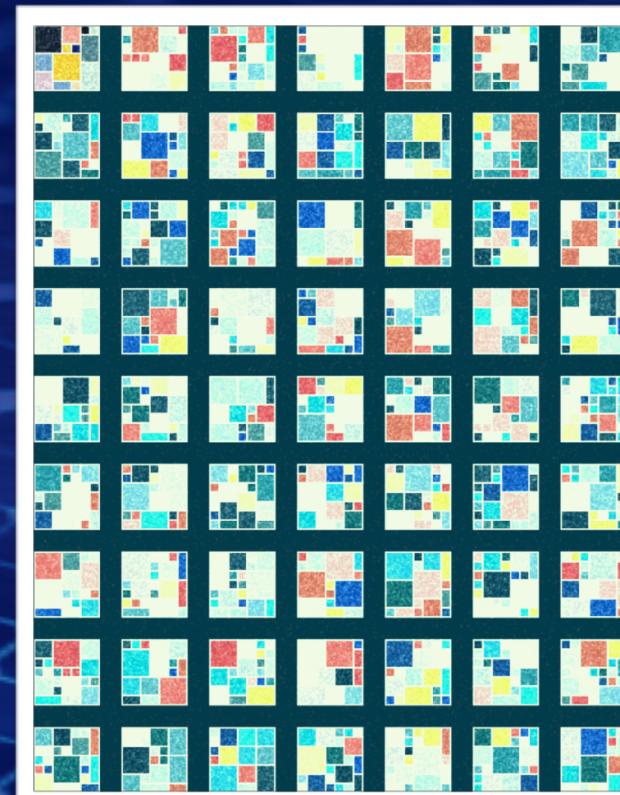
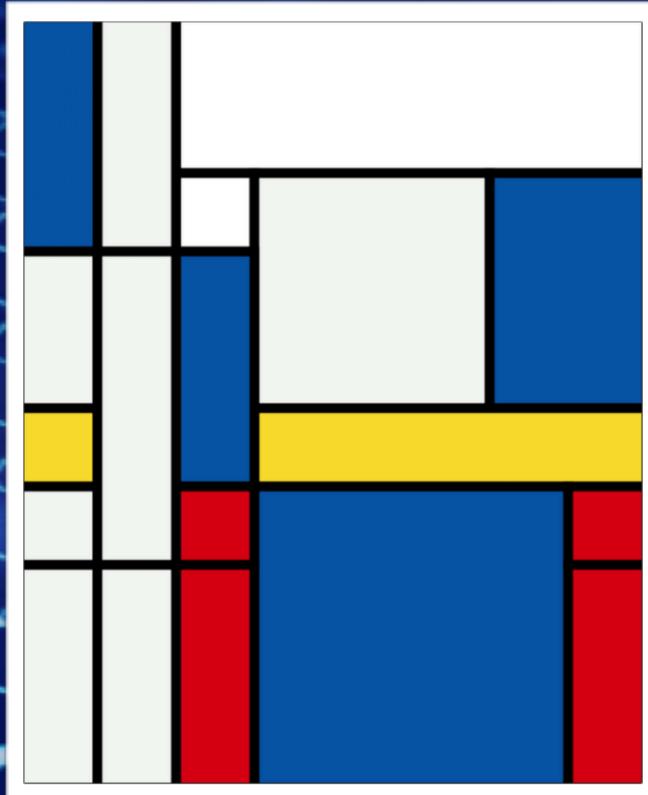
```
def setup():
    size(500, 700)
    background(0)

def draw():
    for y in range(0, 700, 10):
        x1 = random(0, 500)
        x2 = 500 - x1
        noStroke()
        fill(random(255))
        rect(0, y, int(x1), 15)
        fill(random(255))
        rect(int(x1), y, 500, 15)
    noLoop()
```

# USING RECTANGLES



# PIET MONDRIAN EXPERIMENTS



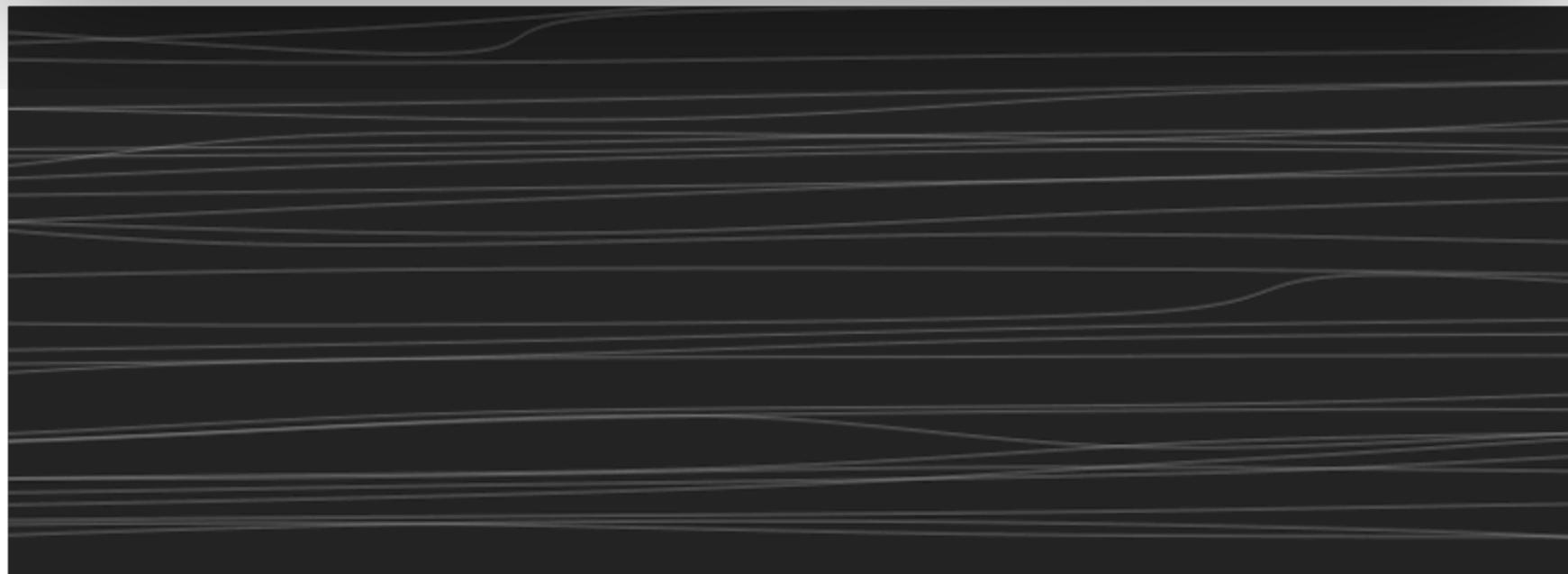
# PERLIN NOISE / SIMPLEX NOISE



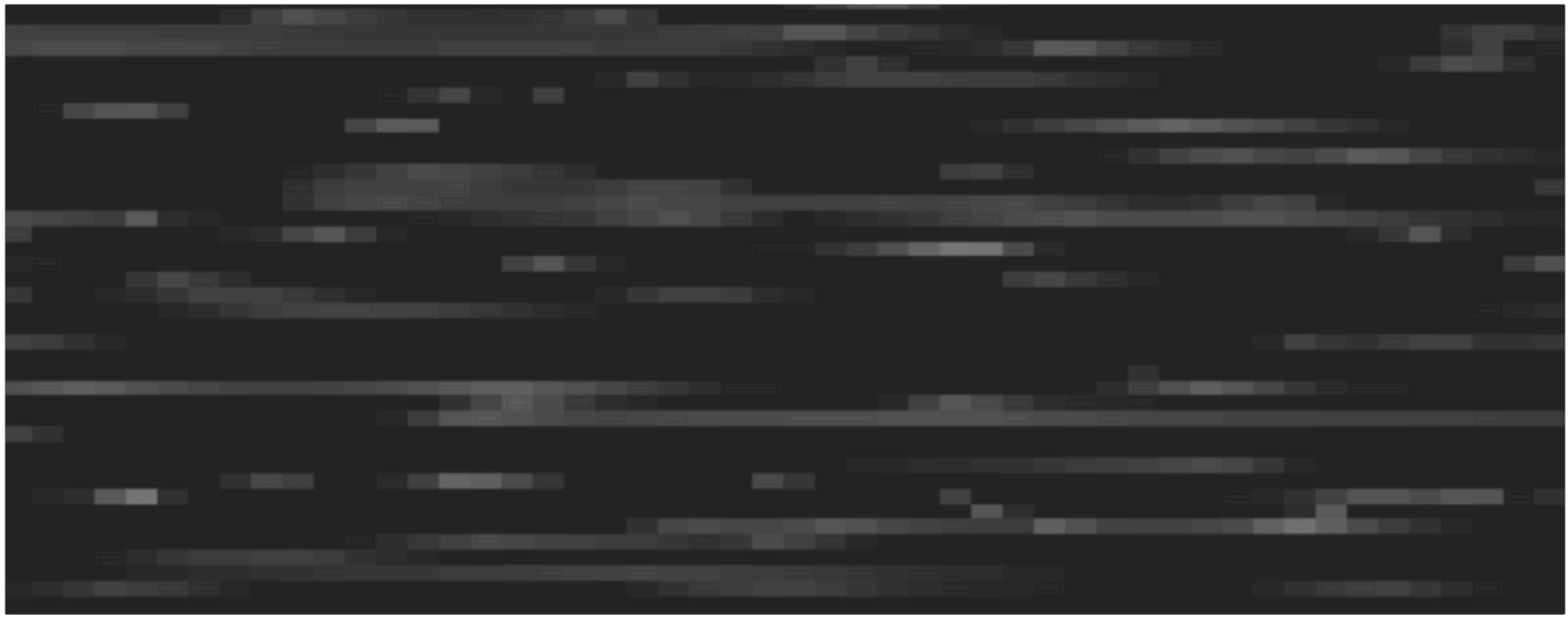
`noise(x, [y], [z]) # Returns the perlin noise value`

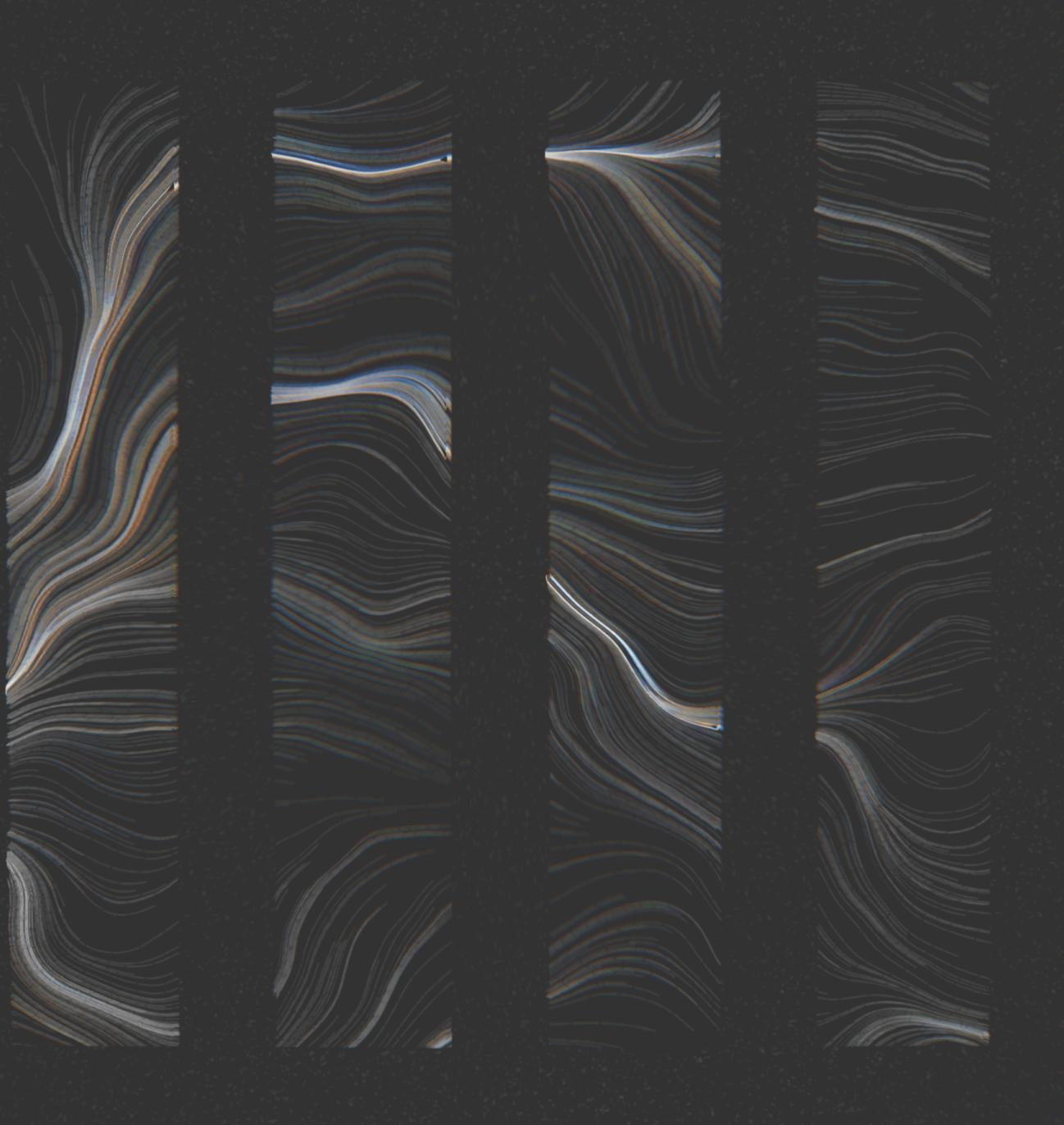
`noiseSeed(seed) # Sets the seed value for the noise()`

`noiseDetail(lod, falloff) # Adjusts the level of details produced by noise`



# PERLIN NOISE / SIMPLEX NOISE

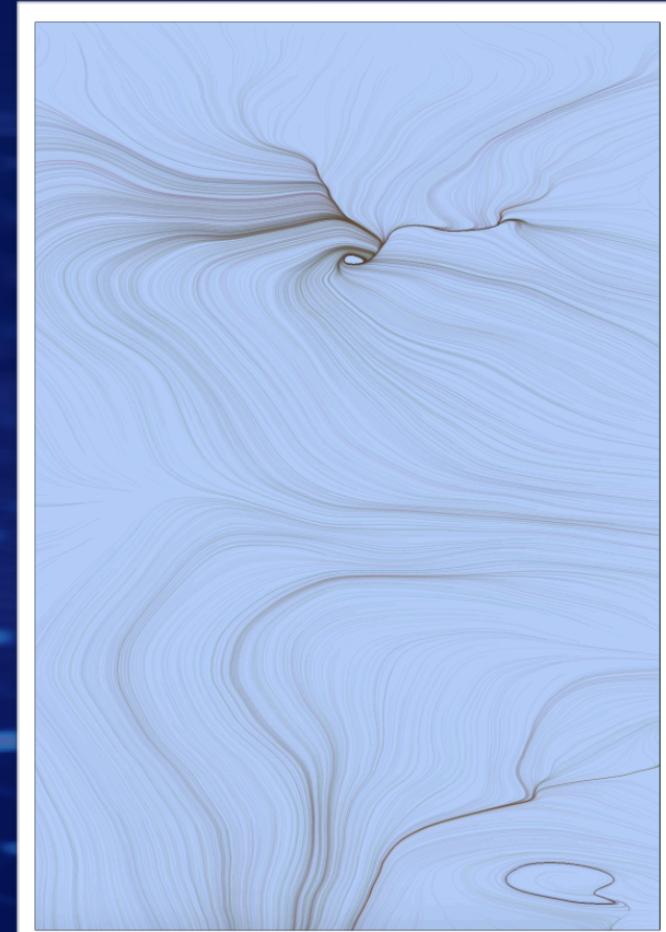
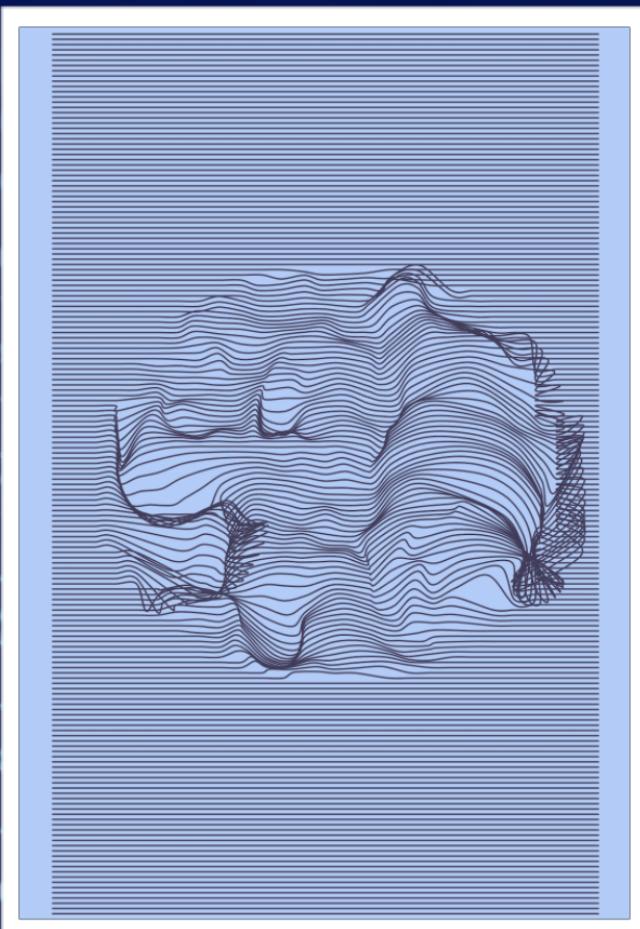


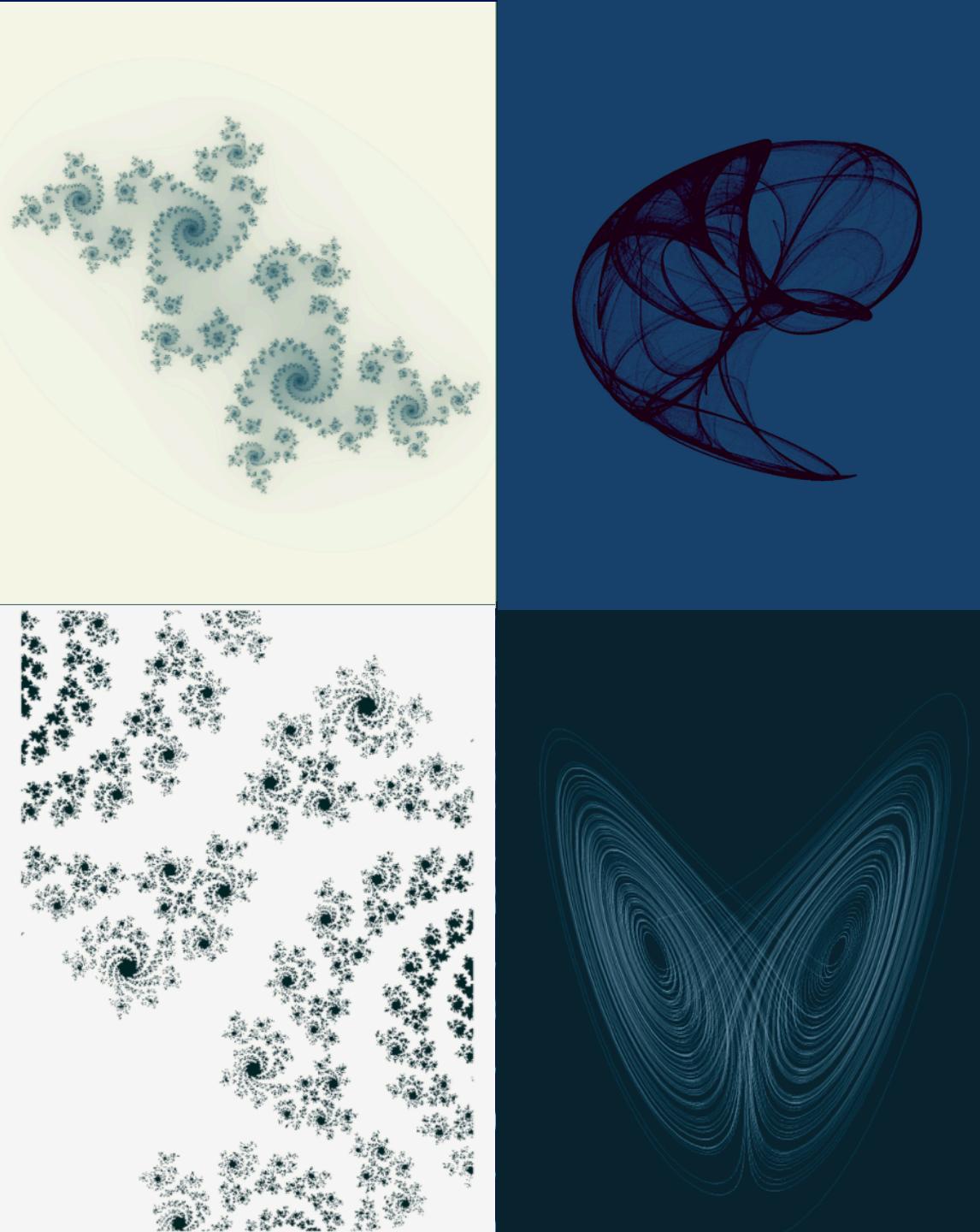


## PERLIN NOISE

Using Perlin Noise Field and Perlin noise generated random noise points  
(grain like texture)

# PERLIN NOISE FIELD

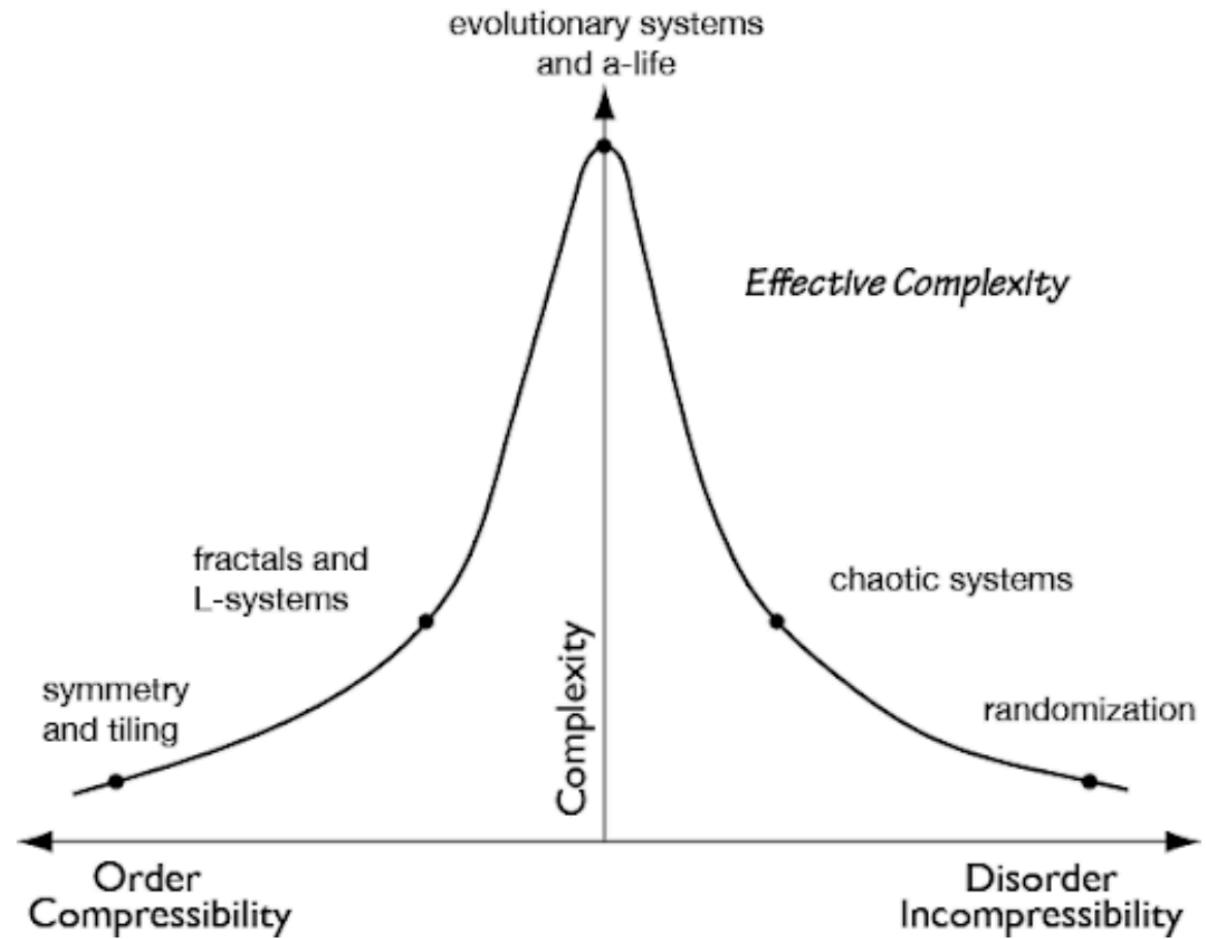


A collage of four abstract fractal and geometric art pieces. Top-left: A circular pattern of blue fractal spirals on a white background. Top-right: A dark blue sphere with intricate black line patterns resembling a stylized flower or mandala. Bottom-left: A dense, organic fractal pattern in dark blue and black on a white background, resembling a tree or complex cloud formation. Bottom-right: A dark teal background featuring a series of concentric, swirling light blue lines forming a butterfly-like shape.

# GEOMETRY FRACTALS CHAOS

Using geometrical patterns, fractals,  
and chaos theory to generate  
aesthetic art forms.

# EFFECTIVE COMPLEXITY



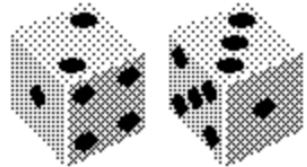
# GENERATIVE/MUSIC INTELLIGENCE

**THE DICE WALTZ**  
by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
written in GFA BASIC by Chris Earnshaw

DICE RECORD

Part 1	6	11	6	7	11	9	10	11
Part 2	8	5	7	6	9	5	2	5

Dice Mode



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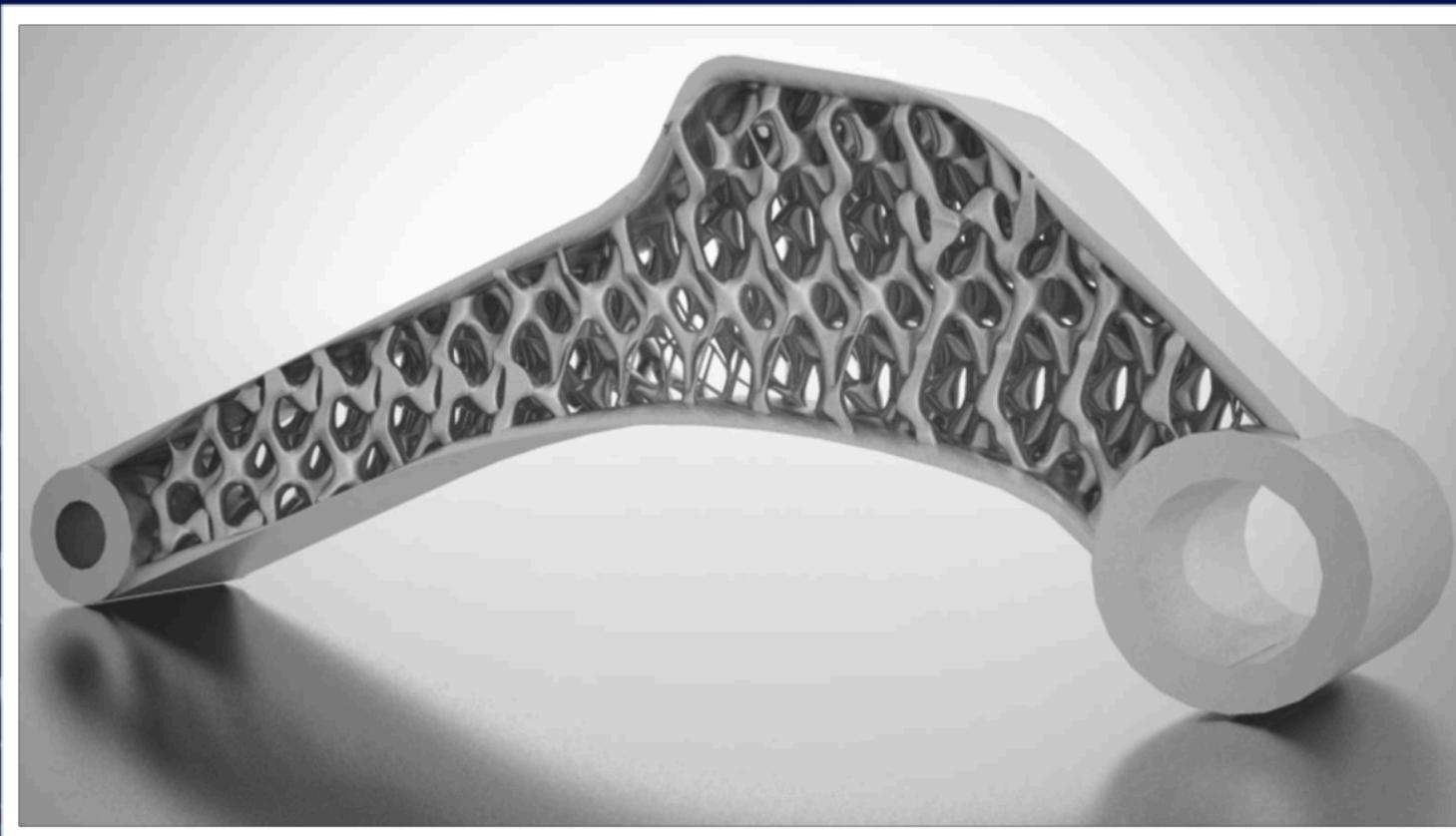
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Markov Chains

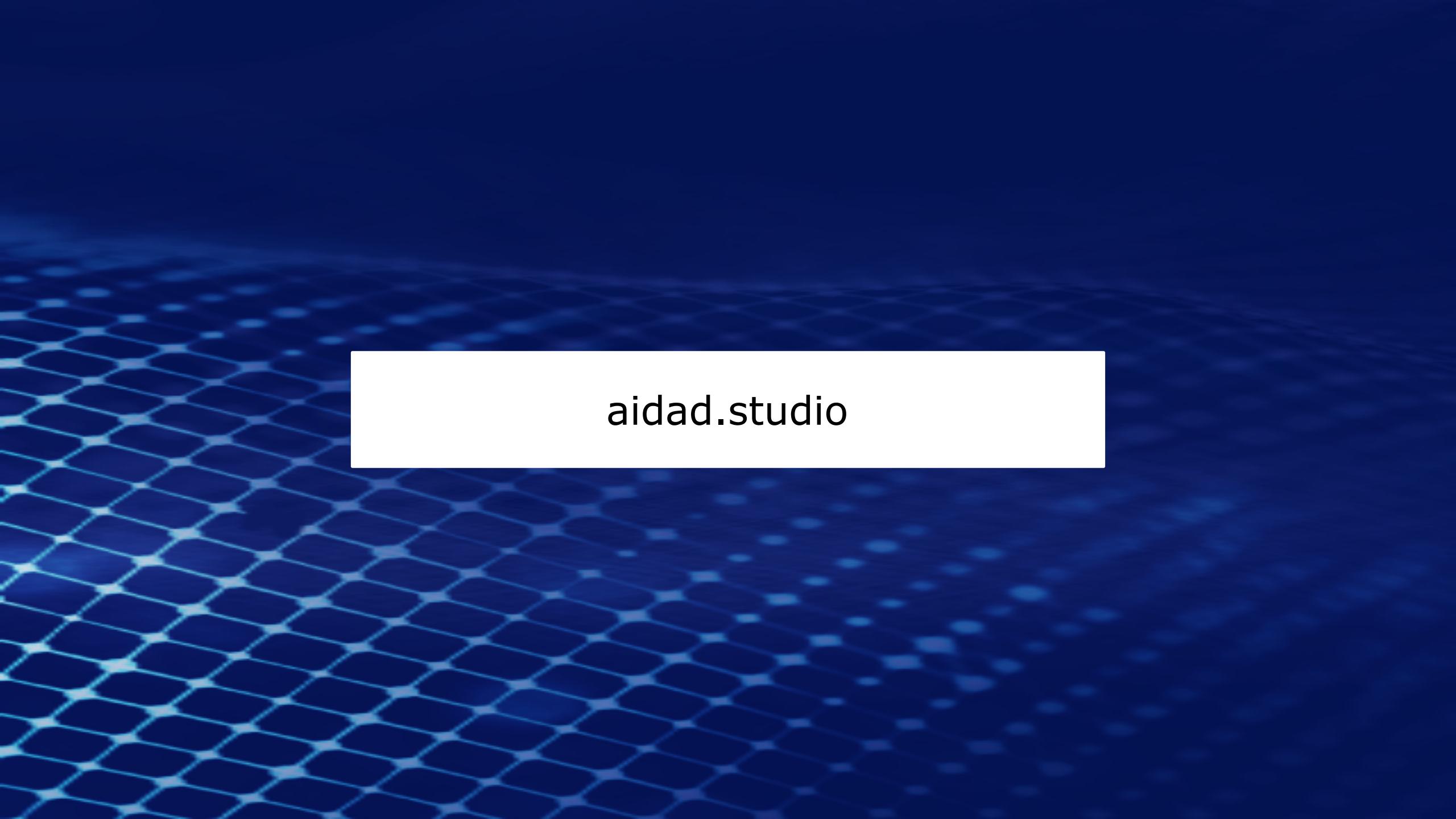
Genetic Algorithms

Deep Learning / Neural Networks

## GENERATIVE DESIGN



The above picture represents a part with lattice structure

The background of the image features a vast array of solar panels, likely silicon cells, arranged in a grid pattern. The panels are a deep navy blue color, with bright white or yellowish-yellow squares at the intersections of the grid, representing the individual cells. The perspective is from a low angle, looking across the panels towards a clear, light blue sky in the distance.

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