Assignment 3.

Fractals.

The term **fractal** has been generalized to include objects outside of Mandelbrot's original definition.

By **fractal object** we will understand any object that has the property of self-similarity.

The objects obtained in the following are approximations of an ideal fractal object, being obtained in a finite number of iterations. Below, 1 and 3 are examples, 2 and 4 are problems to be solved.

1. The **Julia-Fatou set** is obtained by using an iterative process.

Starting from $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, we obtain the complex numbers $(z_n)_{n\geq 0}$ \Leftrightarrow as following: $z_{n+1}=z_n^2+c$, where $c\in\mathbb{C}$.

A complex number $x \in \mathbb{C}$ belongs to the Julia-Fatou set $J_c \diamondsuit if$, starting with $z_0 = x$, the following conditions are <u>not</u>

fulfilled: $(\exists z \in \mathbb{C})(\lim_{n \to \infty} z_n = z)$ or $\lim_{n \to \infty} |z_n| = \infty$. The program t3p1.cpp generates 2 approximations of the Julia-Fatou set corresponding to the values \underline{c}_1 and \underline{c}_2 for $c \in \mathbb{C}$; values indicated in the images below.

The 2 conditions from above were used in the program as

 $(\exists n_0 > 0)(z_{n_0} = z_{n_0+1})$ and $(\exists n_0 \ge 0)(\exists M > 0)(|z_{n_0}| > M)$ i.e., in a finite number of iterations n_0 , it is tested if the sequence (z_n) becomes constant or $|z_n|$ exceeds M (whose value is chosen big enough).

If after the completion of $\mathbf{n_0}$ iterations no condition becomes true then the respective point belongs to the Julia-Fatou set and it was painted red in the figure.

The <u>Mandelbrot set</u> is also obtained by using an iterative process.

A number $c \in \mathbb{C}$ belongs to the Mandelbrot set \mathbb{M}_{\bullet} if $\lim_{n \to \infty} |z_n| \neq \infty$, where the sequence $(z_n)_{n\geq 0}$ is obtained as following: $z_0=0+0i$ and $z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c, \forall n \ge 0$

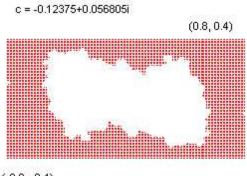
a. It is requested to build the Mandelbrot set, using the contraposition $((P\Rightarrow Q)\Leftrightarrow (\neg Q\Rightarrow \neg P))$ of the following property of the Mandelbrot set: if the complex number c belongs to the Mandelbrot set then $|z_n|\leq 2, \forall n\geq 0$. In conclusion, the iterative process stops if $\|\mathbf{z}_n\|$ exceeds 2.

- b. It is requested to make a classification of the points not belonging to the Mandelbrot set, by painting them with different colors in function of the number of iterations that was necessary to detect their nonmembership.
- The program t3p3.cpp generates recursively fractals built using the Turtle graphics.

In Turtle graphics the images are obtained by moving a cursor on the screen; the cursor is moving according to some commands (relative to its position on the screen) move forward and draw, turn left or right with a certain angle):

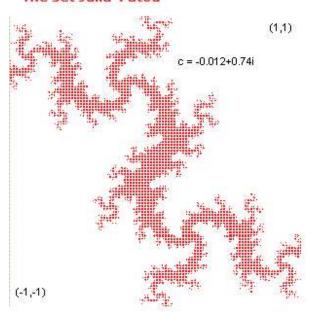
- a. The Koch snowflake (or the Koch island),
- b. Binary trees,
- c. Fractal tree,
- d. The Hilbert curve.
- 4. It is requested to draw the following pictures (by using the Turtle graphics): $\underline{1}$, $\underline{2}$, $\underline{3}$.

Draw all the levels, not only the levels showed in the images.



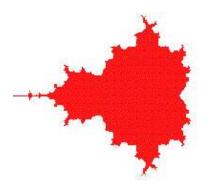
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The set Julia-Fatou

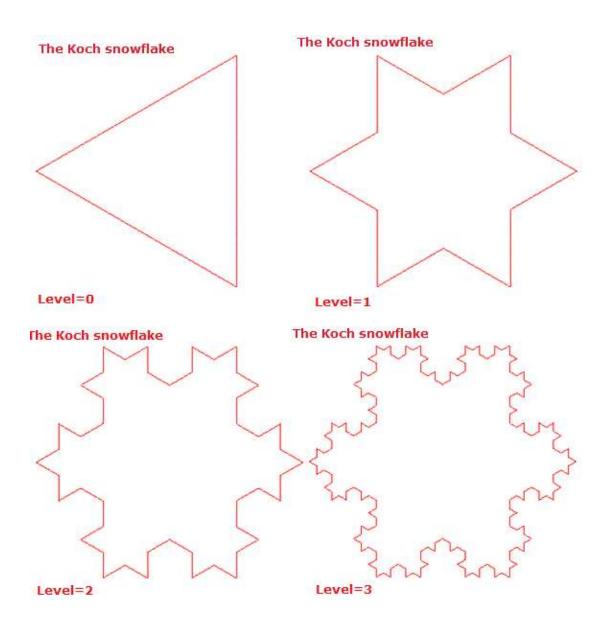


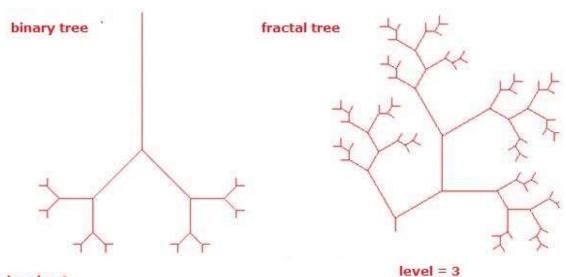
The set Julia-Fatou

The Mandelbrot set (2,2)



(-2, -2)





level = 4



The Hilbert curve level=4

Image 1 level = 2

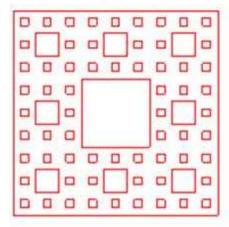


Image 2

