Fractals

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- Introduction
- Practals by repeated operations
- Fractal dimension
- Affine transformation
- Simulation

Shapes and Order

- Simple shapes
- Simple periodic order
- Completely random shapes and phenomena
- Complex characteristics
 - coastlines, trees and leafs, hierarchical structure of organs, genetic information, languages, ecosystems, population, changes in stock markets, etc.
 - How to characterize these complex features.

Symmetry

- Symmetry: invariance under operation
- Uniform: invariant under translation to any directions
- Radial: invariant under rotation
- Periodic: invariant under translation with fixed length to some directions

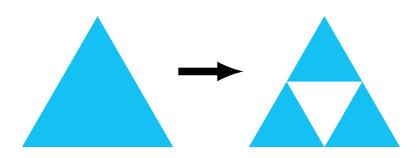
Characteristic Length

- Many natural and artificial systems have characteristic spacial or temporal length
 - crystals have lattice constants
 - periodic structure
 - color of materials: response to light with some characteristic length
- Noise: no characteristic length

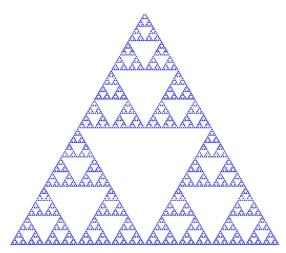
scale invariance

- Similar shapes under different scales
- invariant under expansion and reduction
- no characteristic length

Sierpinski gasket



- Start from a equilateral triangle
- Hollow out the central equilateral triangle
- Hollow out the central equilateral triangles in remaining triangles.
- Repeat the operations

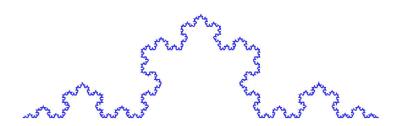


Each triangle is similar to the whole.

Koch Curve



- Start from a line
- Divide the line into three equal parts
- Put a equilateral triangle whose side is one of three parts. The triangle does not have bottom.
- Divide each line into three and put triangles at the center of each line.
- Repeat the operation



Length of Koch Curve

- Initial length $L(0) = \ell$
- Length at the first operation $L(1) = (4/3)\ell$
- Length after n operations $L(n) = (4/3)^n \ell$
- For $n \to \infty$, $L(n) \to \infty$

Area of Sierpinski Gasket

- Initial area S(0) = s
- Area at the first operation S(1)=(3/4)s
- Area after n operations $S(n) = (3/4)^n s$
- For $n \to \infty$, $S(n) \to 0$

Dimension

- We live in a 3spatial plus 1temporal dimensional space.
- Dimensions are usually integers
- Modern particle physics says that we live in a 10 or 26 dimensional space.

Topological Dimensions

- Dimension: the number of coordinates for specifying one point in a space.
- Topological Dimension
 - Point : 0 dimensional object
 - Line or curve : 1 dimensional object
 - Plane or surface: 2 dimensional object
 - Space: 3 dimensional object
 - So on

Dimensions for measurements

- Units for measurements.
- Volume : L^3
- Change unit $1/a \to \text{Value}$ of its volume changes a^3 $1\text{m}^3 = 10^6\text{cm}^3$
- Dimension describes how a quantity scales with the measurement unit.

Self-similarity dimension

- A shape consists of b similar shapes which are the same as the whole shape with 1/a scale down.
- The fractal dimension of the shape is

$$D = \frac{\ln b}{\ln a}$$

• The shape looks similar if you look the shape with its 1/a scale.

Self-similarity dimensions for Koch curve and Sierpinski gasket

Koch curve

$$D = \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3} = 1.2618... > 1$$

thicker than a curve

Sierpinski gasket

$$D = \frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2} = 1.58496 \dots < 2$$

thinner than a plane

Hausdorff Measure

- A shape S is covered with enumerable shapes u_0, u_1, \ldots
- Those diameters U_0, U_1, \ldots are less than L > 0.
- ullet The hausdorff measure of the shape S is defined as

$$H^{d}(S) = \lim_{L \to 0} \inf_{U_{i} < L} \left(\sum_{i} |U_{i}|^{d} \right)$$

Hausdorff dimension

- ullet By decreasing the value of d from infinite, there is the critical value where the Hausdorff measure jumps from zero to infinite.
- It is called the Hausdorff dimension.

Capacity dimension

- Self-similarity dimension
 - Applicable only for shapes with complete self-similarity.
- Hausdorff dimension
 - Includes limit operations.
 - Difficult for applying for realistic cases
- Need effective methods applicable for observations and simulations.
- Fractal dimension with statistical meanings.

Capacity dimension

- A shape is covered with b similar shapes with 1/a scale-down.
- The capacity dimension D_c is defined as

$$D_c = \frac{\ln b}{\ln a}$$

Box-Counting method

- Fractal dimension for data
- 2 dimensional cases
 - ullet Squares covering the shape : linear size ℓ
 - The number of squares : $n(\ell)$
 - ullet Change its size to ℓ/m
 - repeat
- Plot $n(\ell)$ against ℓ in log-log plot.
- Fractal dimension : slope of the line

Affine transformation

• rotation, scaling, shear (剪断), translation

$$\vec{x} \mapsto A\vec{x} + \vec{b}$$
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- Express as a map $W: X \to X$
- Consider a set of maps: $\{W_i\}$
- ullet Fixed point of the map: for a set of points $U\subset X$

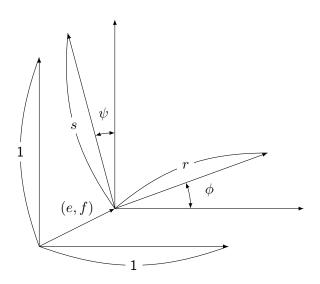
$$\bigcup_{i} W_i(U) = U \tag{2}$$

Expressions of Affine transformation

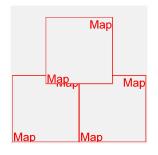
- ullet L imes L initial image
- parameter set : (r, s, ϕ, ψ, e, f)

$$\vec{x} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} r\cos\phi & -s\sin\psi \\ r\sin\phi & s\cos\psi \end{pmatrix} \vec{x} + \begin{pmatrix} eL \\ fL \end{pmatrix}$$

Affine Parameters

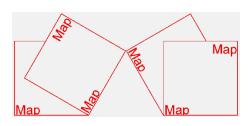


Sierpinski gasket



$$\begin{split} & \left\{ (r, s, \phi, \psi, e, f) \right\} \\ & = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right), \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right) \right\} \end{split}$$

Koch curve



$$\begin{split} & \left\{ (r,s,\phi,\psi,e,f) \right\} \\ & = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right), \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{3}, 0, 0 \right), \right. \\ & \left. \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{\pi}{3}, -\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \sin \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right), \left(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, 0, 0, \frac{2}{3}, 0 \right) \right\} \end{split}$$

Affine transformation in Java

- Built-in AffineTransform class
 - initialize with affine parameters (r, s, ϕ, ψ, e, f)
- Preparing operation
 - AffineTransformOp class
 - Needs a AffineTransform instance for initialization
- Transforming images
 - AffineTransformOp.filer() method

Classes

- AbstractFractal class
 - Initialize image
 - Update: Affine transformation
 - Show map
- Each fractal class only defines Affine transformation.

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Sample program https:
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// {\tt github.com/modeling-and-simulation-mc-saga/AffineFractals}
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