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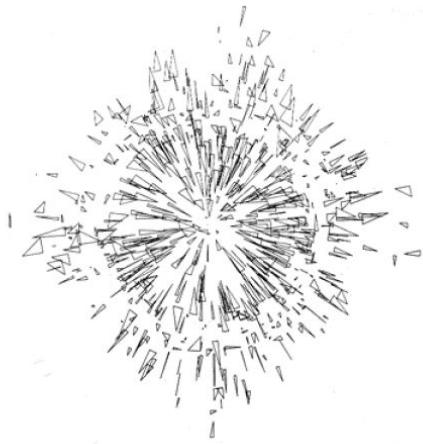


FIGURE 3. *Splatter Diagram* (often titled *Splatter Pattern* ), 1963. Ballistic Research Laboratories, Aberdeen, Maryland.

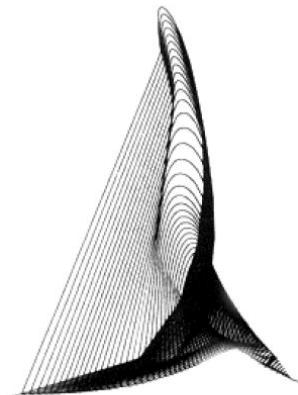


FIGURE 4. *Trajectories of a Ricocheting Projectile*, 1964. Ballistic Research Laboratories, Aberdeen, Maryland.

## Man versus Machine

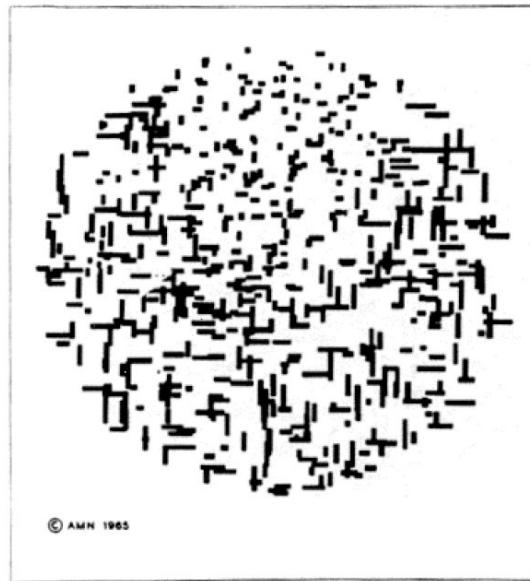


FIGURE 9. A. Michael Noll. *Computer Composition with Lines*, 1965.

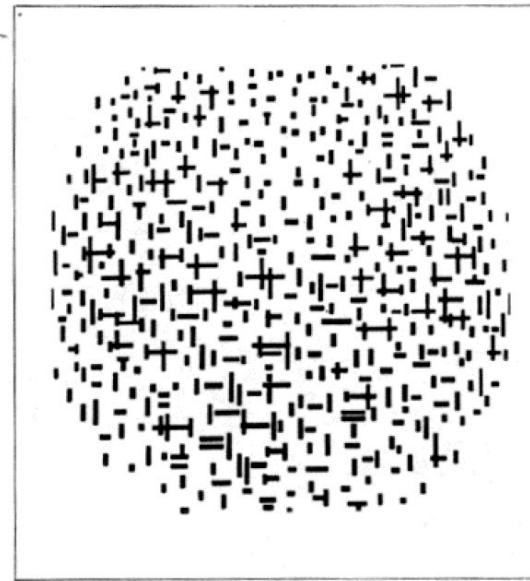


FIGURE 10. Black and white reproduction of Piet Mondrian's *Composition with Lines*, 1914.

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## Beauty of nature, harmony of mathematics

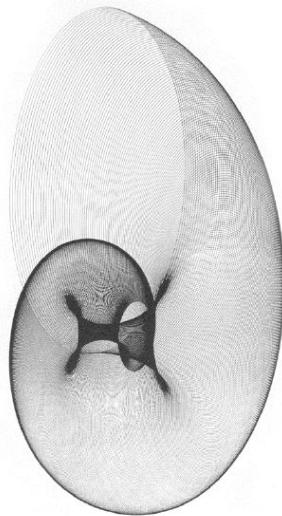


FIGURE 16. Kerry Strand from California Computer Products, *The Snail*, 1968.

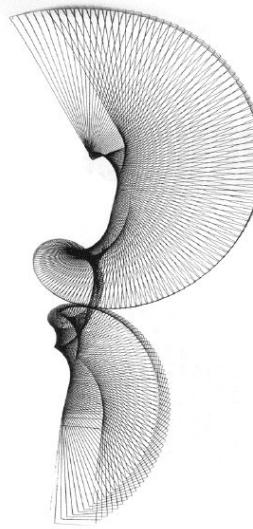


FIGURE 17. A. M. France *Sketch for a Mural*, 1969.

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the carapace conforms to a triangular diagram, more or less curvilinear, as in Fig. 513, 4, which represents the genus *Paralomis*. Here we can easily see that the posterior border is transversely elongated as compared with that of *Geryon*, while at the same time the anterior

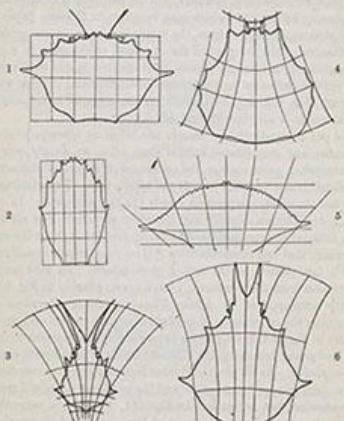


Fig. 513. Carapace of various crabs. 1, *Geryon*; 2, *Corytes*; 3, *Syematobia*; 4, *Paralomis*; 5, *Lopas*; 6, *Chorius*.

part is longitudinally extended as compared with the posterior. A system of slightly curved and converging ordinates, with orthogonal and logarithmically interspaced abscissal lines, as shewn in the figure, appears to satisfy the conditions.

In an interesting series of cases, such as the genus *Chorius*, or *Syematobia*, and in the spider-crabs generally, we appear to have

Dürer was acquainted with these oblique coordinates also, and I have copied two illustrative figures from his book\*.

In Fig. 511 I have sketched the common Copepod *Oikopleura nodosa*, and have inscribed it in a rectangular net, with abscissae three-fifths the length of the ordinates. Side by side (Fig. 512) is drawn a very different Copepod, of the genus *Sapphirina*; and about it is drawn a network such that each coordinate passes (as nearly as possible) through points corresponding to those of the former figure. It will be seen that two differences are apparent. (1) The values of  $y$  in Fig. 512 are large in the upper part of the figure, and diminish

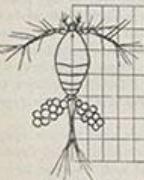


Fig. 511. *Oikopleura nodosa*.



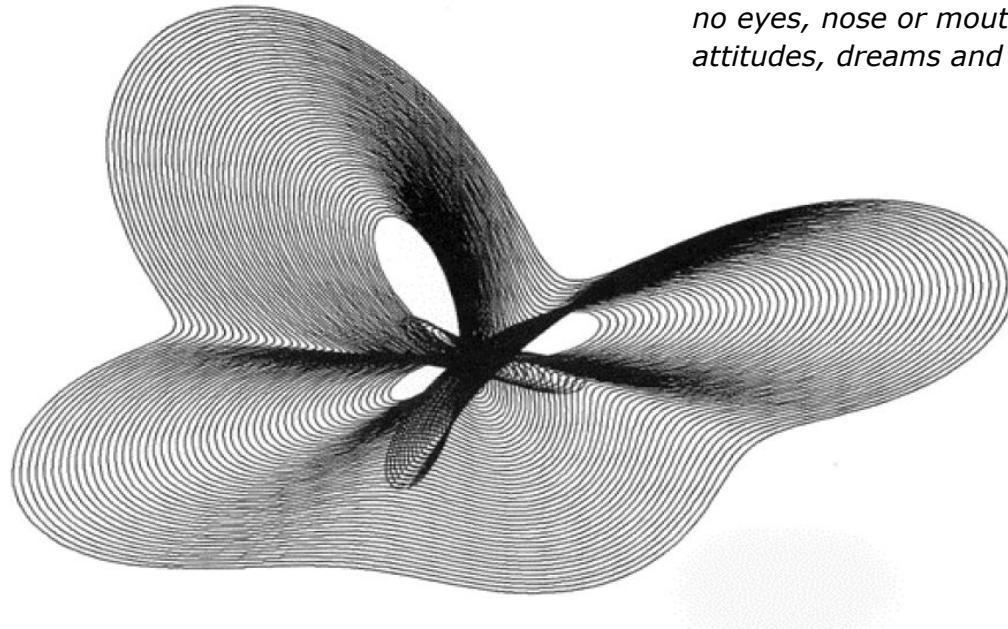
Fig. 512. *Sapphirina*.

rapidly towards its base. (2) The values of  $x$  are very large in the neighbourhood of the origin, but diminish rapidly as we pass towards either side, away from the median vertical axis; and it is probable that they do so according to a definite, but somewhat complicated,

\* It was these very drawings of Dürer's that gave to Peter Camper his notion of the "facial angle." Camper's method of comparison was the very same as ours, save that he only drew the axes, without filling in the network, of his coordinate system; he saw clearly the essential fact, that the skull *serves as a whole*, and that this - *not the index* - is the index to a general differentiation. The great object was to show that natural differentiation is to be traced to the skull, of which the directions of the facial line forms the norma or canon; and that these directions of the canons are always accompanied by correspondent form, size and position of the other parts of the cranium," etc.; from Dr T. Cogan's preface to Camper's work *On the Connexion between the Science of Anatomy and the Arts of Drawing, Painting and Sculpture* (1768), quoted in Dr R. Hamilton's Memoir of Camper, in *Lives of Eminent Naturalists* (*Nat. Libr.*), Edinburgh, 1840. See also P. Camper, *Dissertation sur les différences réelles que présentent les Traits du Visage chez les hommes de différents pays et de différents âges*, Paris, 1791 (op. posth.); cf. P. Topinard, *Etudes sur Pierre Camper, et sur l'angle facial dit de Camper*, *Revue d'Anthropol.* ii, 1874.

# Emergence of the Artist-Programmer

*"This drawing is of a real person:  
no eyes, nose or mouth, but the personality,  
attitudes, dreams and the conscience."*



Lloyd Sumner, Self portrait, 1968

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# ASCII art

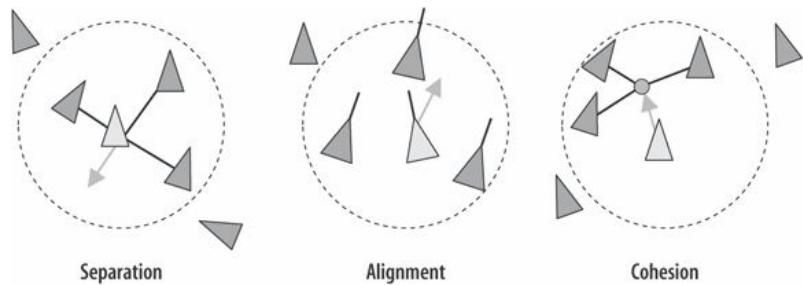






Inspiration from Nature

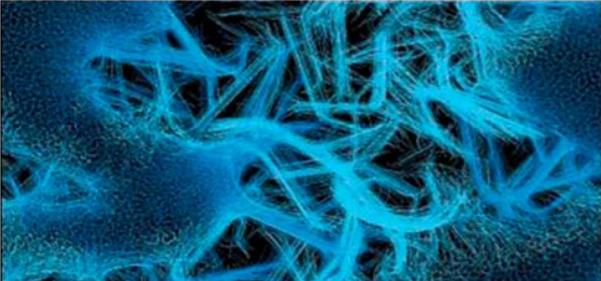
# Multi-agent systems



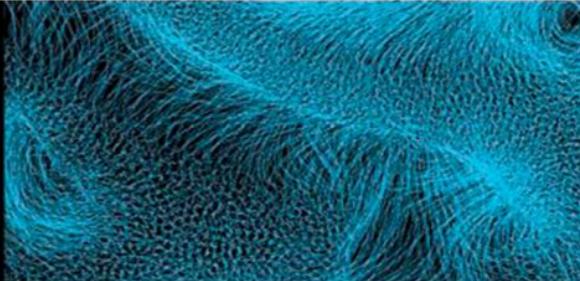
Boids, Craig Reynolds, 1986



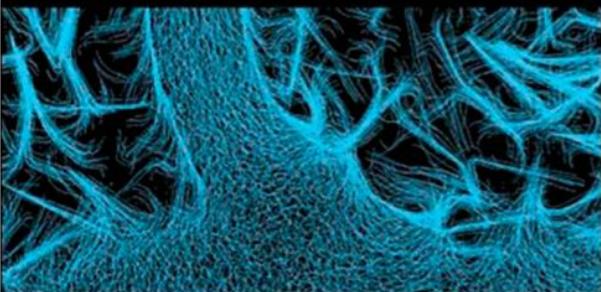
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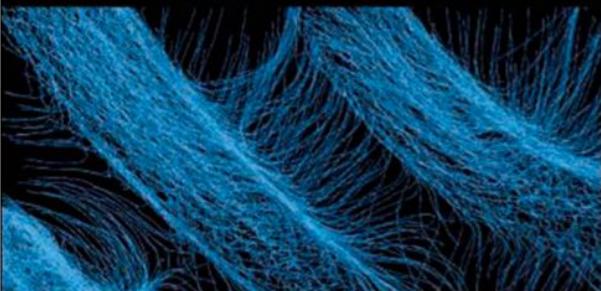
2D Logic Behaviour 3



Boundary Condition Behaviour 1



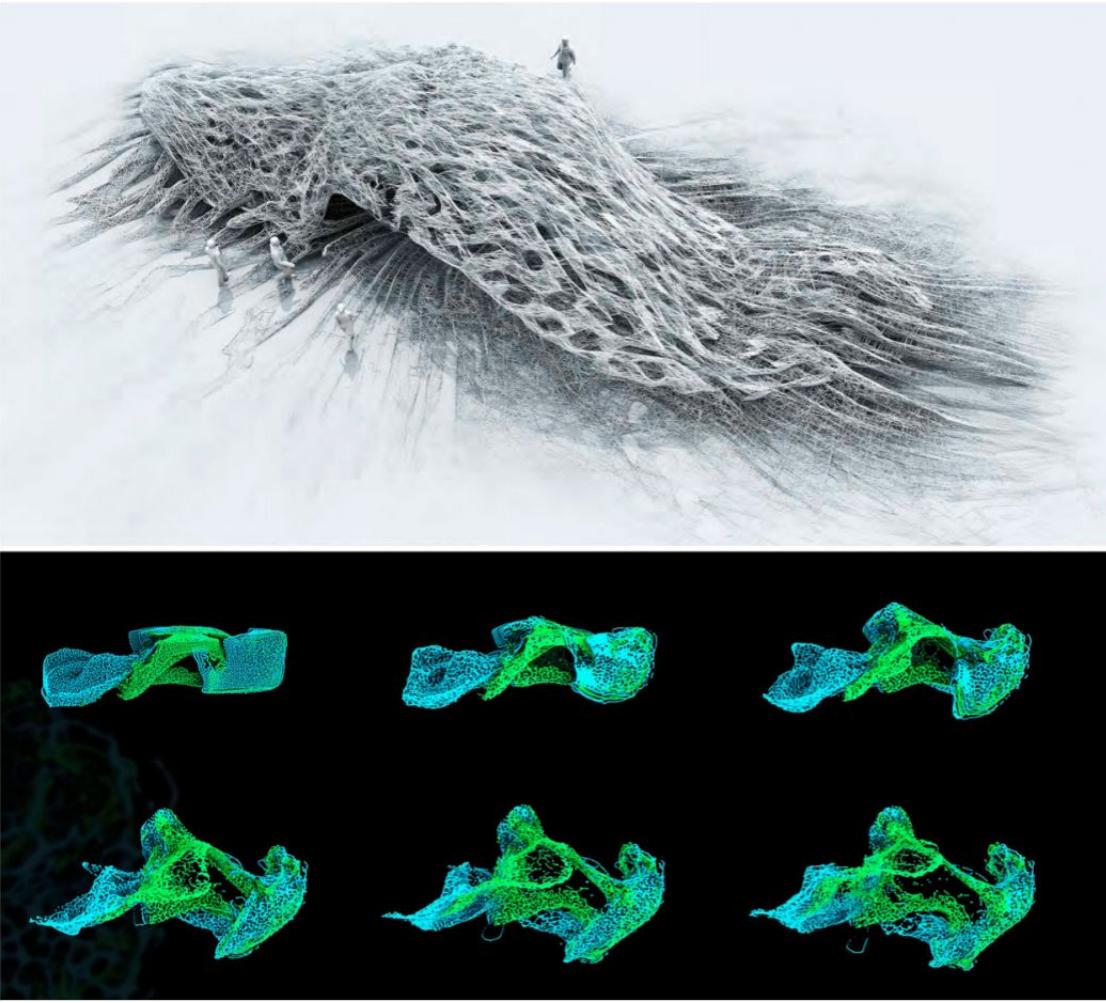
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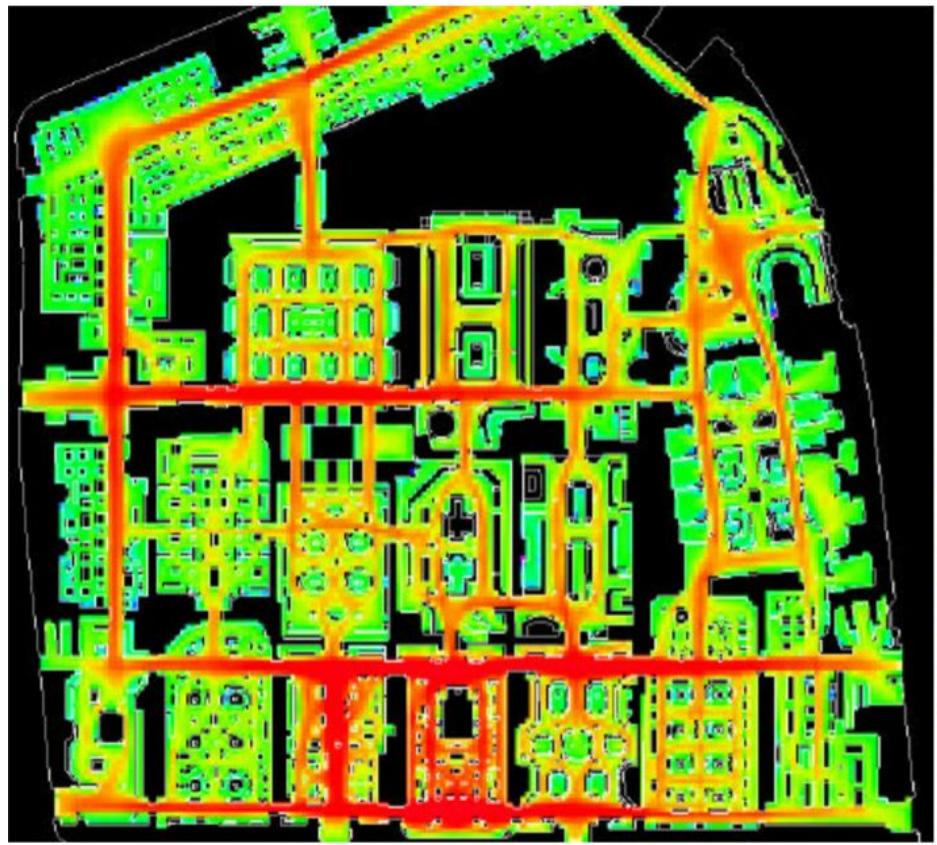
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2D Logic Behaviour 5

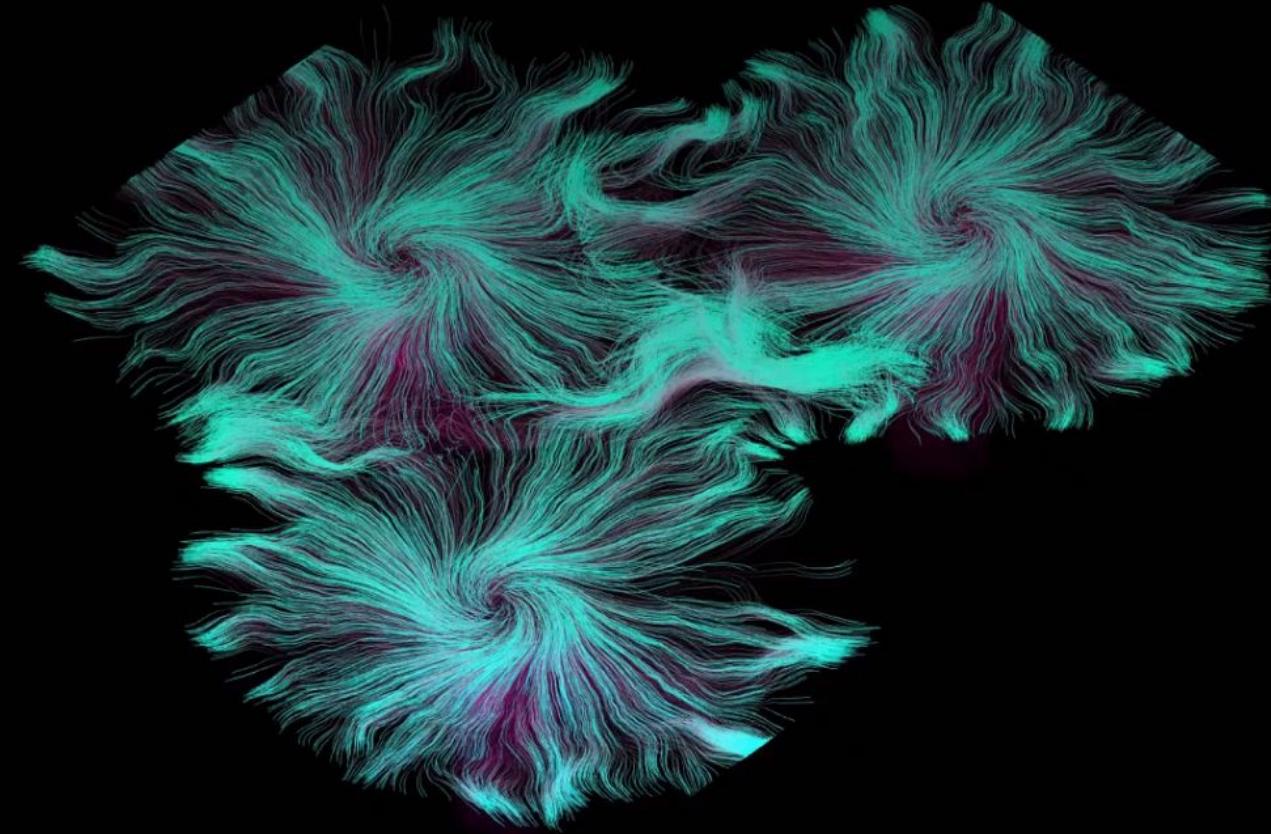


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# L-systems

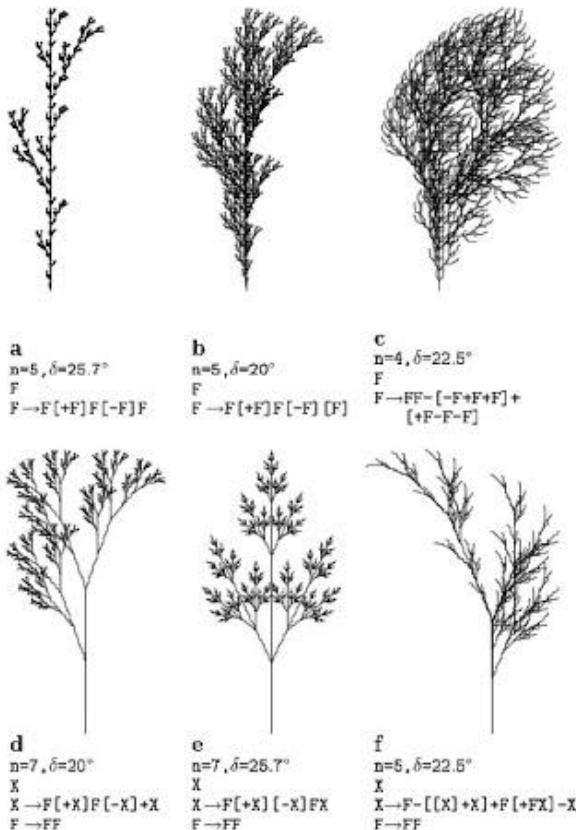
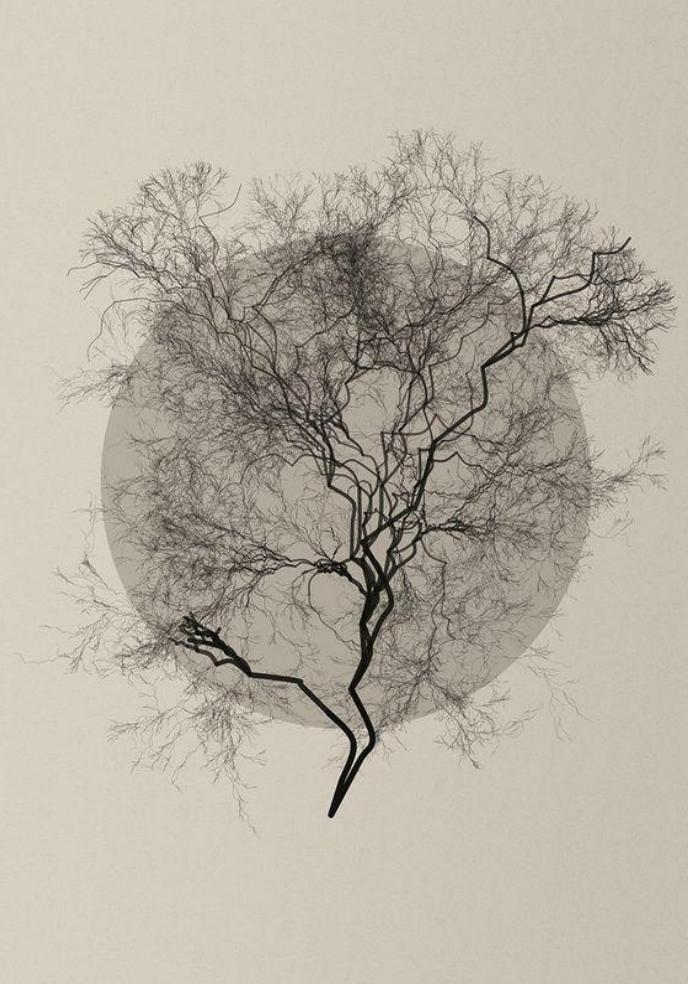
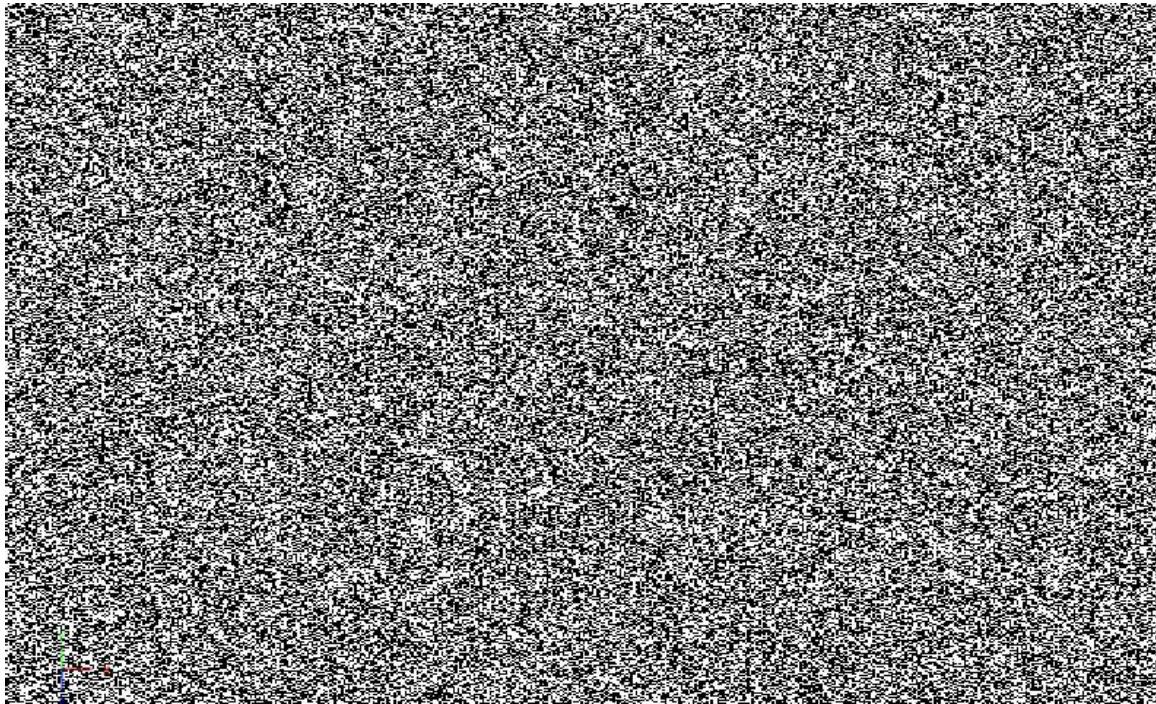


Figure 1.24: Examples of plant-like structures generated by bracketed OL-systems. L-systems (a), (b) and (c) are edge-rewriting, while (d), (e) and (f) are node-rewriting.

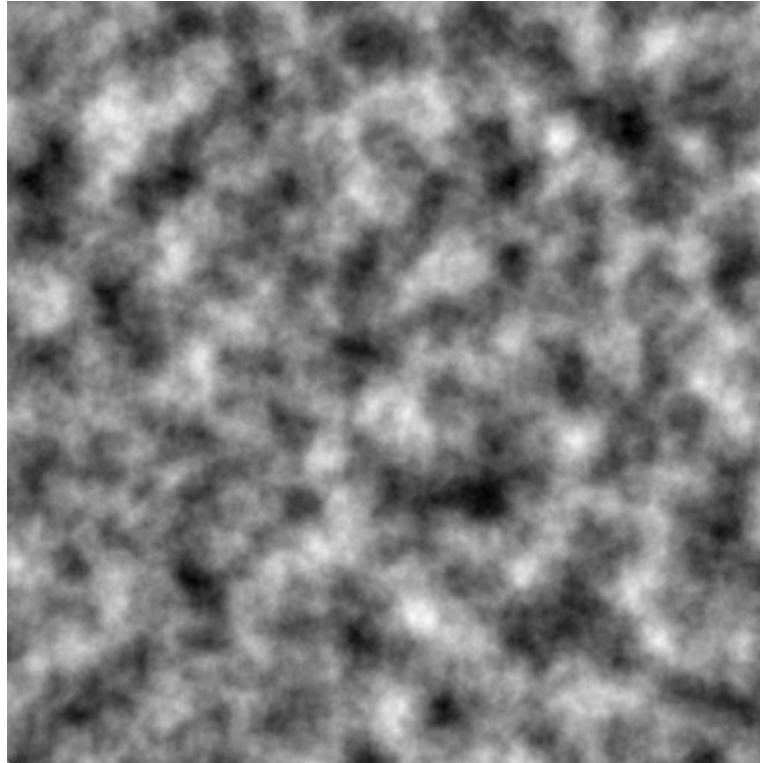


'Exploring the L system', Diana lange,

# Randomness

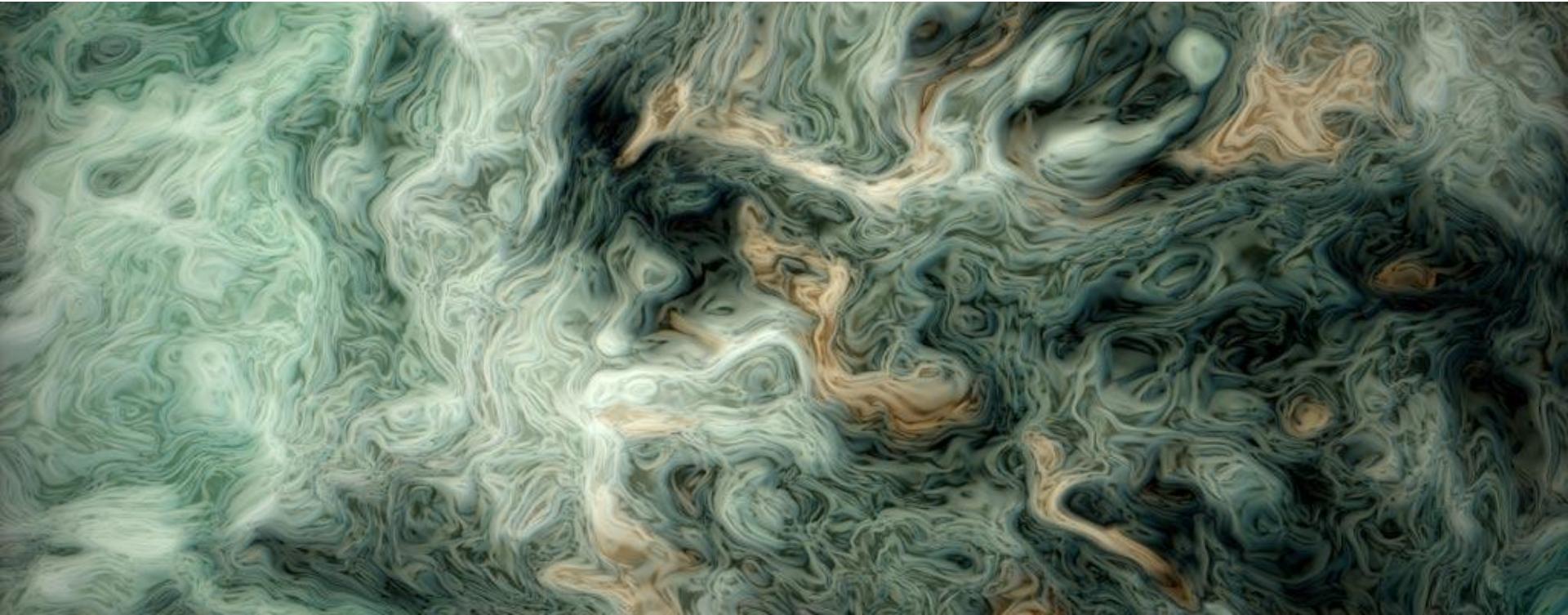


# Perlin Noise





$$f(p) = \text{fbm}(p + \text{fbm}(p + \text{fbm}(p)))$$







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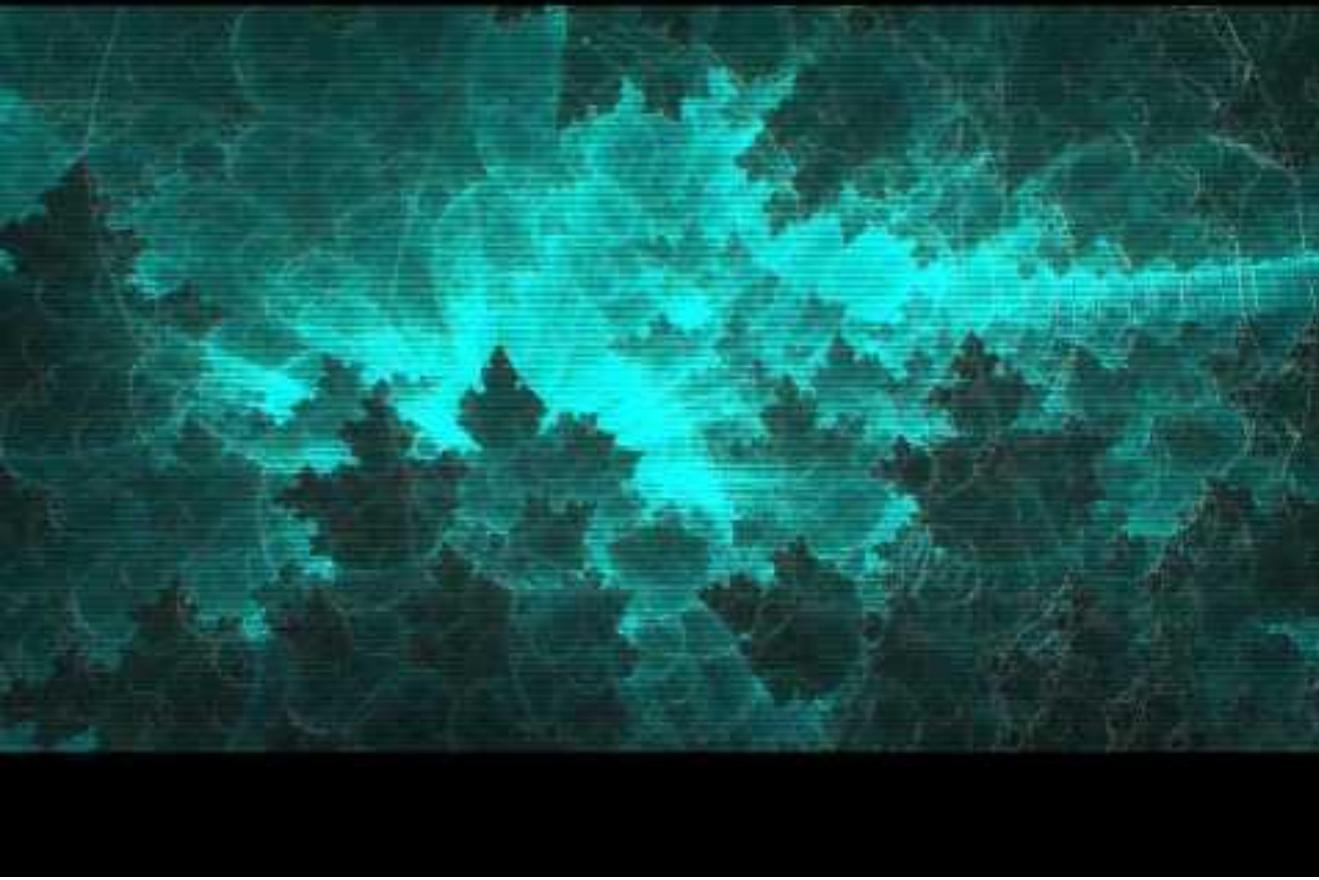
# Fractals





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# Schedule

