

# Assignment 3

## -Recursion-

### Fractals

### Grammar Solver

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# Recursion

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Did you mean: ***recursion***



# Recursion Overview

- Solving smaller versions of the same problem (**recursive case**) until we reach a version that is so simple, you can just do it (**base case**).

- Factorials:  $n! = n * (n-1) * (n-2) * \dots * 2 * 1$

$n!$  is just  $n * (n-1)!$

$(n-1)!$  is just  $(n-1) * (n-2)!$

$(n-2)!$  is just  $(n-2) * (n-3)!$

.....

$1!$  is just  $1$



# Recursion Practice

This week's section handout, Recursion #2:

Write a recursive function named **sumOfSquares** that takes in an integer  $n$  and returns the sum of squares from 1 to  $n$ , inclusive.

For example, **sumOfSquares(3)** should return 14 ( $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 14$ ). You can assume  $n \geq 1$ .

# Recursion Practice

## Base case?

What is the simplest  $n$  for which we can find the `sumOfSquares`?

ANS:  $n = 1$

(Remember, we were allowed to assume that  $n \geq 1$ )

$$\text{sumOfSquares}(1) = 1^2 = 1$$

# Recursion Practice

## Recursive case?

Given integer  $k$ , what's the input that's just one step smaller?

ANS:  $n = k - 1$

If we have  $\text{sumOfSquares}(k-1)$ , how do we get  $\text{sumOfSquares}(k)$ ?

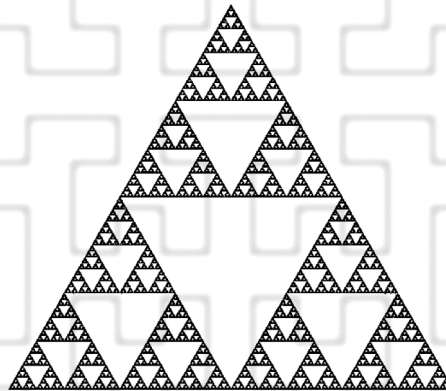
ANS:  $\text{sumOfSquares}(k)$   
 $= k^2 + \text{sumOfSquares}(k-1)$

# Recursion Practice

## Solution:

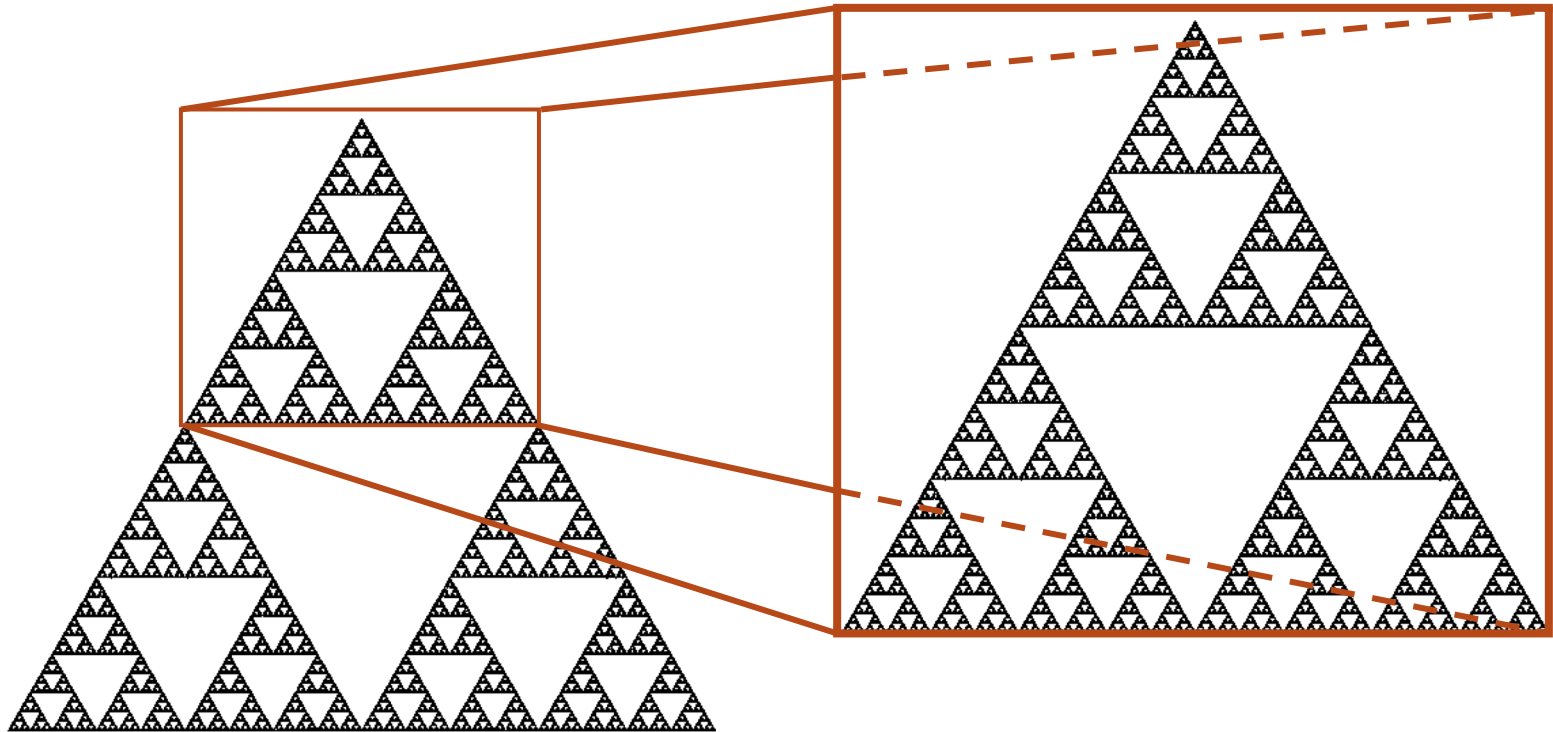
```
int sumOfSquares(int n) {  
    if(n == 1) {  
        return 1;  
    } else {  
        return n*n + sumOfSquares(n-1);  
    }  
}
```

# Part A. Fractals



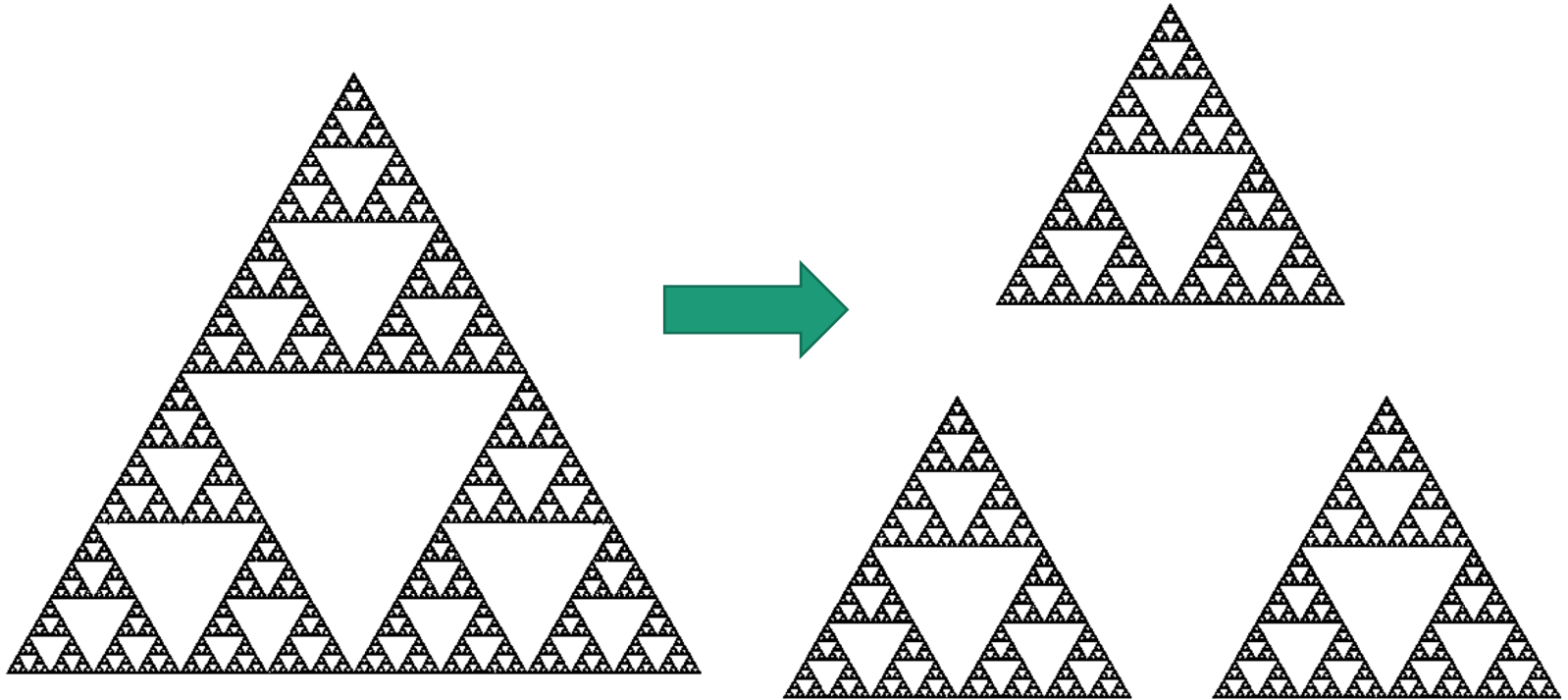
# What is a Fractal?

- A figure that displays **self-similarity** on all scales



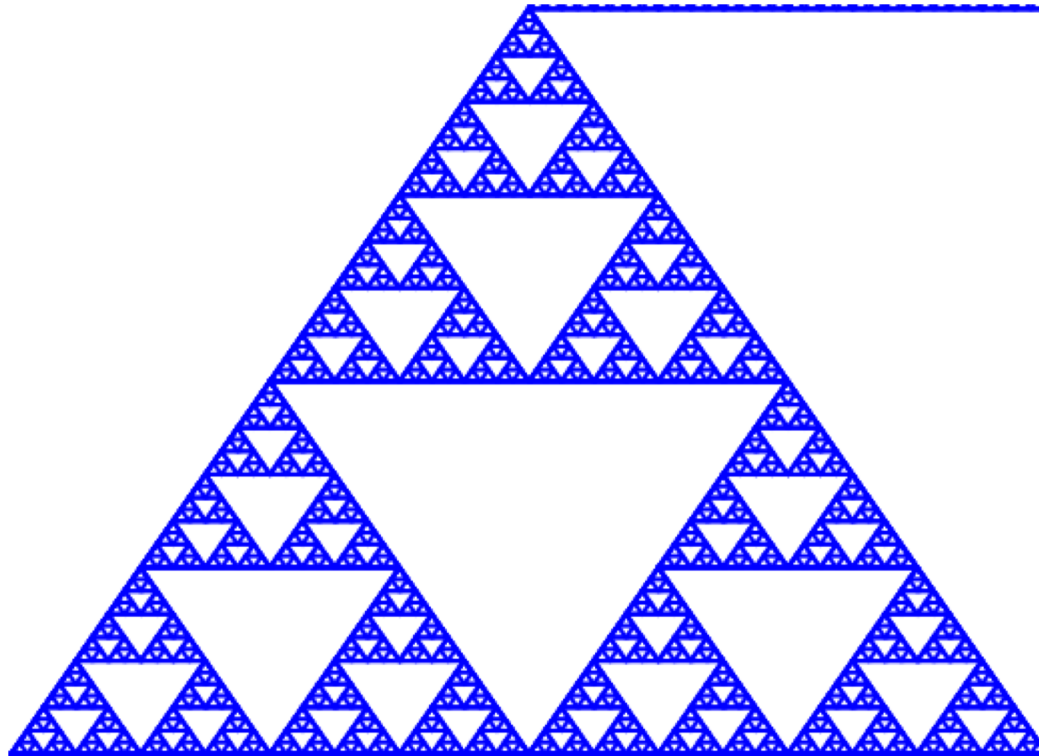
# What is a Fractal?

- Fractals are naturally **recursive** objects



1 big one = 3 smaller ones

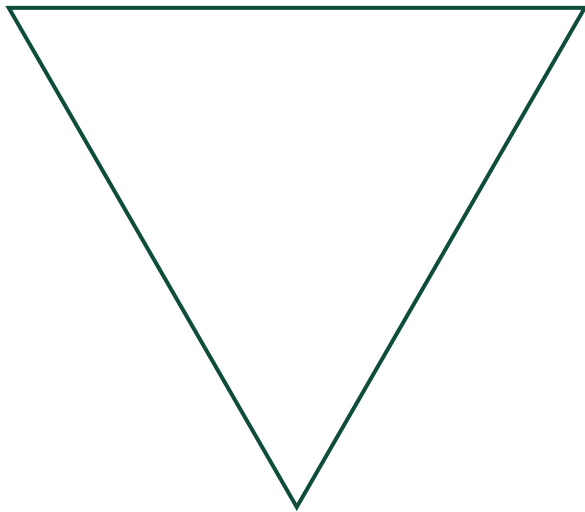
# Sierpinski Triangle



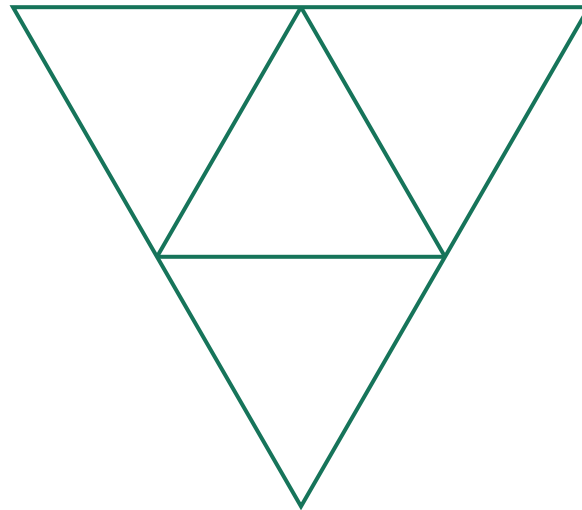


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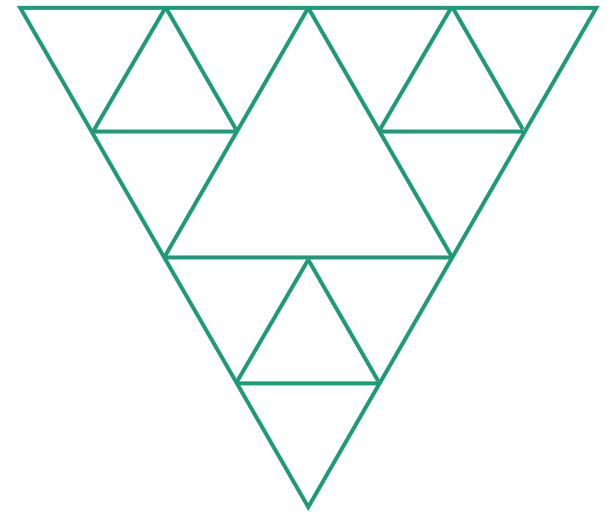
```
void drawSierpinskiTriangle(Gwindow &gw, double x,  
                           double y, double size, int order)
```



Order 1



Order 2

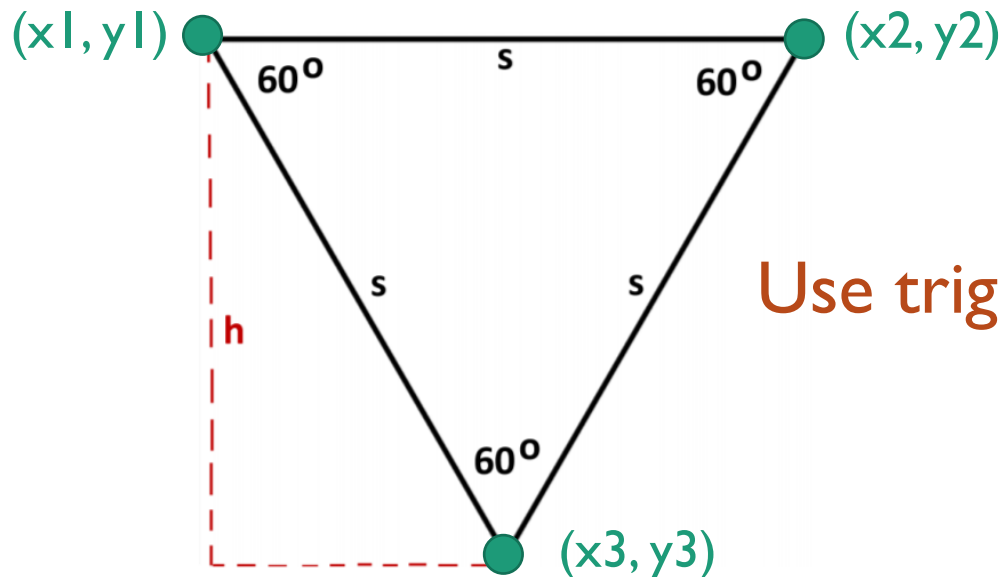


Order 3

# Drawing equilateral triangles

```
void drawLine(double x1, double y1,  
             double x2, double y2)
```

Usage → `gw.drawLine(20, 20, 40, 40);`



Use trig to find  $h$ !

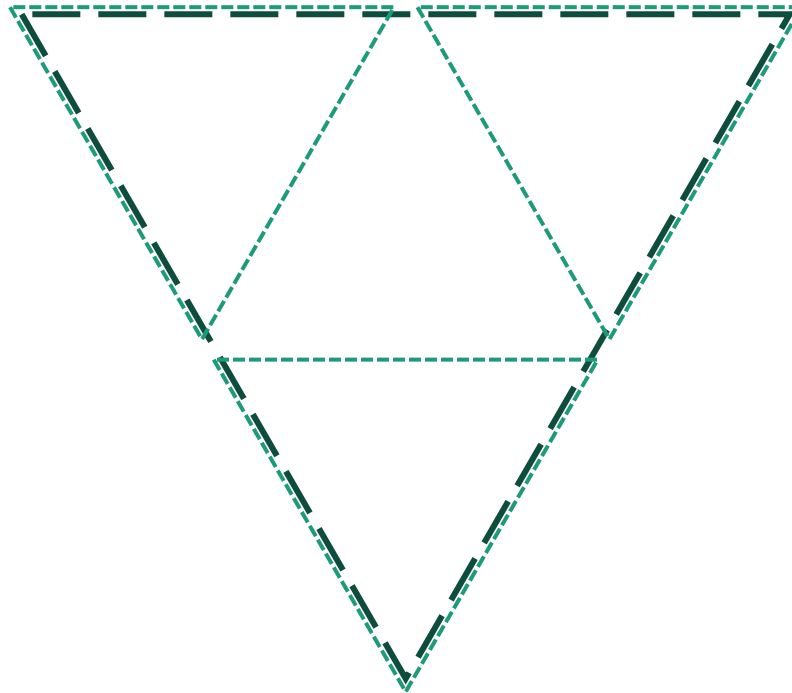
# Sierpinski Triangle

## Approach

- Must write **recursively**
  - No loops, no data structures allowed
  - What's a good base case? What's the recursive case?
- Hint: to draw the Order  $n$  triangle, you need to draw three smaller Order  $n - 1$  triangles.

# Sierpinski Triangle

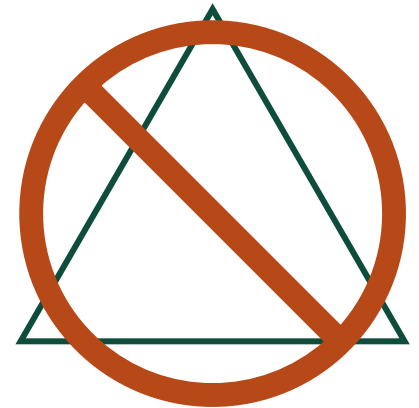
To draw an Order  $n$  Triangle here...



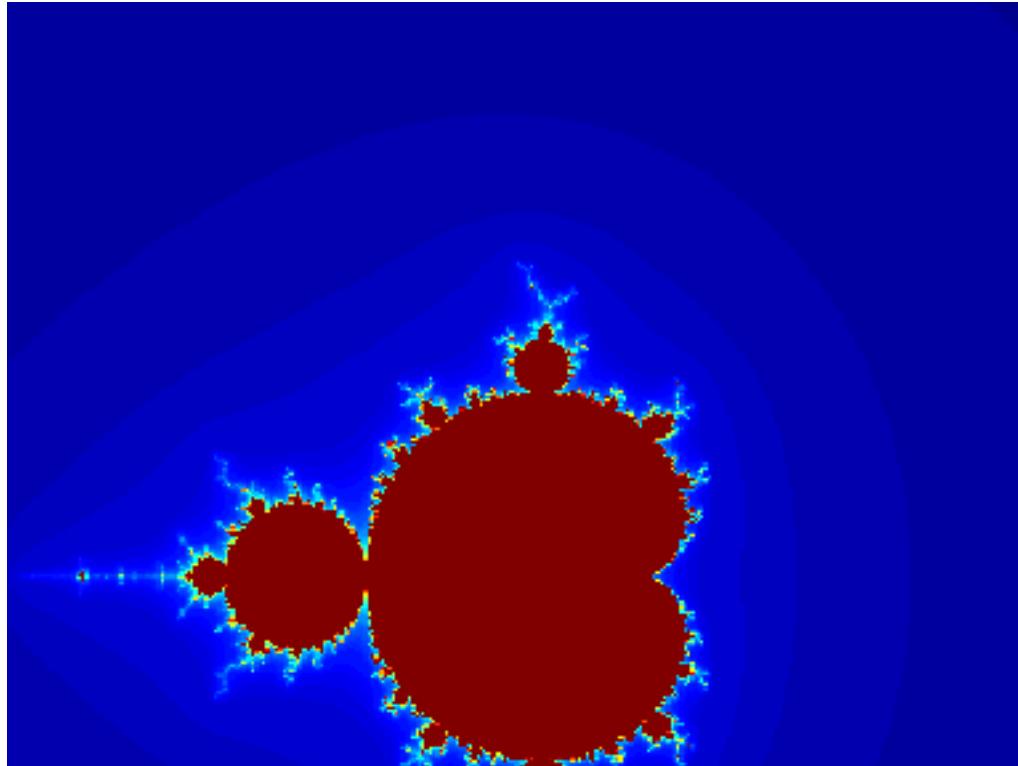
...you should draw Order  $n-1$  Triangles in these places!

# Sierpinski Triangle – tips

- All triangles you draw should **point downwards**
  - If you're drawing any upward-pointing triangles, double check your approach!
  - Each line in the final drawing should only be traced **once** – don't redraw any lines!
- Don't forget edge cases and exceptions!
  - Order 0 triangle?
  - Negative values for x, y, size, or order?



# Mandelbrot Set



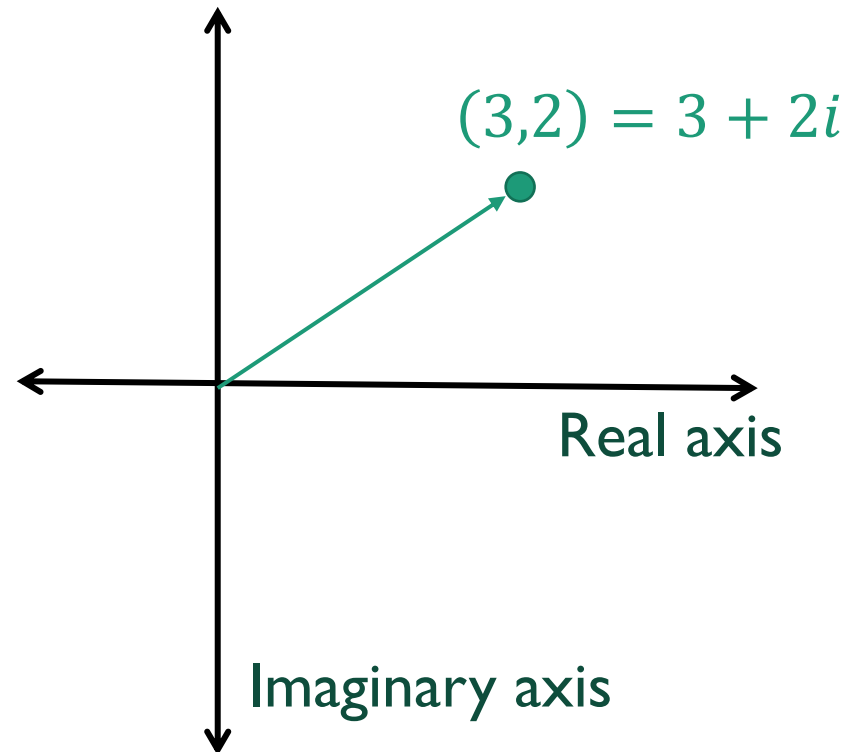
# Complex Numbers

Complex numbers are of the form

$$a + bi$$

where  $i$  is the imaginary number  $\sqrt{-1}$

Complex numbers  
can be graphed in  
the **complex plane**



# Complex Numbers

Real part  $a + bi$  Imaginary part

- Addition  $(a_1 + b_1i) + (a_2 + b_2i)$   
 $= (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)i$

Add real and imaginary parts separately

- Multiplication  $(a_1 + b_1i)(a_2 + b_2i)$   
 $= a_1a_2 + (a_1b_2 + a_2b_1)i - b_1b_2$

FOIL

- Absolute value  $|(a + bi)|$   
 $= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

Distance from origin of complex plane



# Complex Numbers

- We provide a **Complex** class to help you work with complex numbers

Function	Description
<code>Complex(double a, double b)</code>	Constructor to create a complex number $a + bi$
<code>c.abs()</code>	Returns absolute value of $c$
<code>c.real()</code>	Returns real part of $c$
<code>c.imag()</code>	Returns coefficient of imaginary part of $c$
<code>c1 + c2</code>	Returns sum of $c1$ and $c2$
<code>c1 * c2</code>	Returns product of $c1$ and $c2$

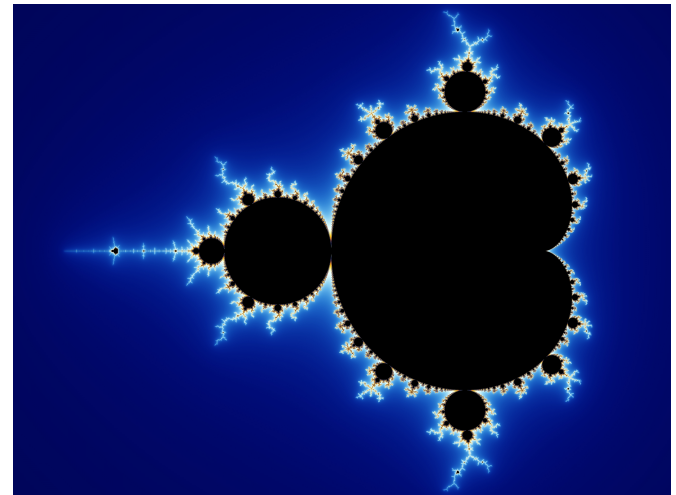
# Mandelbrot Set – what is it?

The set of all complex numbers  $c$  that satisfy the following property:

- The function  $f(z) = z^2 + c$  **does not diverge** when iterated from  $z = 0$ .
- i.e. the sequence  $f(0), f(f(0)), f(f(f(0))), \dots$  does not diverge to infinity

When you plot all the values in the Mandelbrot set, it looks like this →

(black = in the set)



# Mandelbrot Set – Recursion!

We can use the following recursive definition for the Mandelbrot Set to figure out what numbers are in it:

$$z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c$$

$$z_0 = 0, n \rightarrow \infty$$

- $z_0 = 0$
- $z_1 = z_0^2 + c = 0^2 + c = c$
- $z_2 = z_1^2 + c = c^2 + c$
- $z_3 = z_2^2 + c = (c^2 + c)^2 + c$
- Etc.

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- If  $|z_n|$  does not diverge after infinitely many iterations (or for our purposes, some large number like 200), then  $c$  is in the set.
- If  $|z_n|$  does diverge at some point (for our purposes, if it exceeds 4), then  $c$  is not in the set.

# Mandelbrot Set – Prototypes

```
void mandelbrotSet(Gwindow &gw, double minX, double incX,  
    double minY, double incY, int maxIterations, int color)
```

```
int mandelbrotSetIterations(Complex c, int maxIterations)
```

```
int mandelbrotSetIterations(Complex z, Complex c,  
    int remainingIterations)
```

# Mandelbrot Set – overall function

```
void mandelbrotSet(Gwindow &gw, double minX, double incX,  
double minY, double incY, int maxIterations, int color)
```

- minX and minY – the complex number at the upper left of your grid (dictates your “window”)
  - `Complex startingCoord = Complex(minX, minY);`
- incX and incY – the increment you should move as you go from square to square in your grid (“resolution”)
  - `(row = 3, col = 5) = (minX + 5 * incX, minY + 3 * incY)`
- maxIterations – the number of iterations you should try before determining that a number does not diverge

# Mandelbrot Set – helpers

```
int mandelbrotSetIterations(Complex c, int maxIterations)
int mandelbrotSetIterations(Complex z, Complex c,
    int remainingIterations)
```

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- Compute the number of iterations needed to determine if a particular number  $c$  diverges
- Same name, different parameters (“overloaded”)
- First = wrapper function
  - Returns how many iterations were needed for number  $c$
- Second = recursive helper function
  - Implements the recursive definition for the Mandelbrot Set
  - Remember:  $z$  starts at 0!

# Mandelbrot Set – structure

```
void mandelbrotSet(Gwindow &gw, double minX, double incX,
    double minY, double incY, int maxIters, int color) {
    //for each pixel
    Complex c = Complex(pixelX, pixelY);
    numIters = mandelbrotSetIterations(c, maxIters);
    //color pixel
}

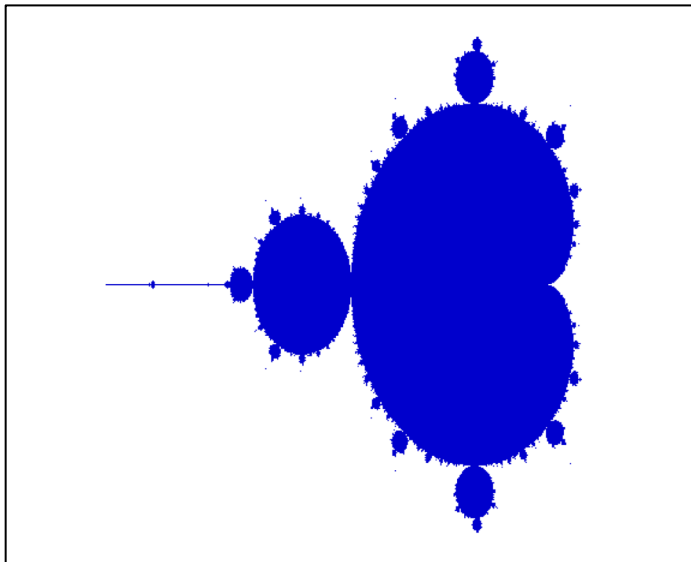
int mandelbrotSetIterations(Complex c, int maxIterations) {
    //call mandelbrotSetIterations
}
```



# Mandelbrot Set – coloring

```
void mandelbrotSet(Gwindow &gw, double minX, double incX,  
double minY, double incY, int maxIterations, int color)
```

- `color` – determines the color of your graph
  - `color != 0` – set the pixel's color to `color` if that pixel represents a number in the set

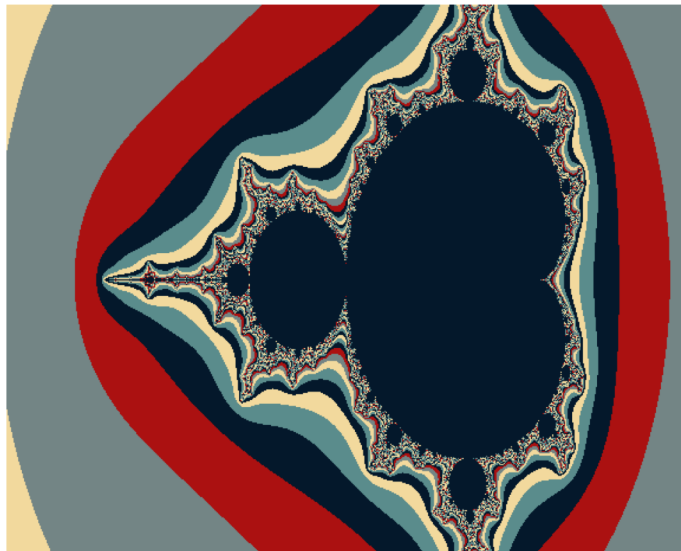


```
pixels[r][c] = color;
```

# Mandelbrot Set – coloring

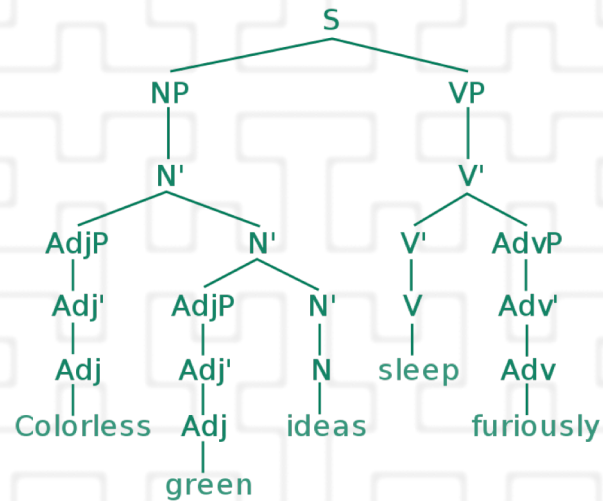
```
void mandelbrotSet(Gwindow &gw, double minX, double incX,  
double minY, double incY, int maxIterations, int color)
```

- `color` – determines the color of your graph
  - `color == 0` – set the pixel's color based on what `mandelbrotSetIterations` returned



```
pixels[r][c] =  
palette[numIterations  
% palette.size()];
```

# Part B. Grammar Solver



# What is a Grammar?

- A *formal language* is a set of words/symbols plus a set of rules that dictate how those symbols can be put together
  - A **grammar** describes the rules for a particular formal language

Symbols:

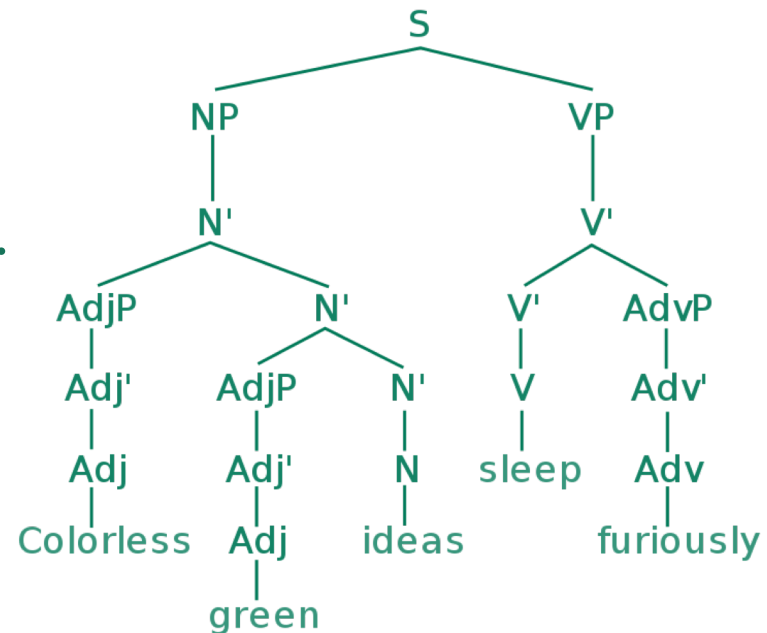
S, NP, AdjP, V', green, etc.

Rules:

$S \rightarrow NP + VP$

$NP \rightarrow N'$

$N' \rightarrow AdjP + N'$



# What is a Grammar?

- A grammar could reflect how we understand grammar in the English language (or any other spoken language), but *it doesn't have to*.
  - You can make a language out of *arbitrary* symbols and a grammar out of *arbitrary* relationships between those symbols!

You could have  $S \rightarrow NP + VP$

(Sentence  $\rightarrow$  Noun Phrase + Verb Phrase)

You could also have  $\blacklozenge \rightarrow \blacksquare + \&$

# Backus-Naur Form (BNF)

- A way of formatting the rules of a grammar
  - `non-terminal1 ::= rule | rule | rule | ...`
  - `non-terminal2 ::= rule | rule | rule | ...`
- non-terminal: a symbol that gets expanded into other symbols (think of this as a part of speech)
  - terminal: a symbol that does not expand (i.e. it terminates) (think of this as a word)
- rule: a sequence of symbols that a non-terminal can expand to. Different possible rules are separated by “|”

# BNF – an example

$\langle S \rangle ::= \langle NP \rangle \langle VP \rangle$   
 $\langle NP \rangle ::= \langle AdjP \rangle \langle NP \rangle \mid \text{dog} \mid \text{cat}$   
 $\langle VP \rangle ::= \text{eats} \mid \text{barks} \mid \text{naps}$   
 $\langle AdjP \rangle ::= \text{good} \mid \text{silly} \mid \text{sleepy}$

All non-terminals in this example are surrounded by  $\langle \rangle$ . But it does NOT have to be this way in all grammars!

- Start with  $\langle S \rangle$
- Follow its rule:  $\langle S \rangle \rightarrow \langle NP \rangle \langle VP \rangle$ 
  - Take  $\langle NP \rangle$ , choose a rule:  $\langle NP \rangle \rightarrow \langle AdjP \rangle \langle NP \rangle$ 
    - Take  $\langle AdjP \rangle$ , choose a rule:  $\langle AdjP \rangle \rightarrow \text{sleepy}$
    - Take  $\langle NP \rangle$ , choose a rule:  $\langle NP \rangle \rightarrow \text{cat}$
  - Take  $\langle VP \rangle$ , choose a rule:  $\langle VP \rangle \rightarrow \text{barks}$
- **Final sentence: sleepy cat barks**

# Grammar Solver

```
Vector<string> grammarGenerate(istream &input,  
                               string symbol, int times)
```

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- input – an input stream containing a grammar in Backus-Naur Form
- symbol – a starting symbol for each sentence to be generated
- times – the number of sentences to generate



# Grammar Solver

```
Vector<string> grammarGenerate(istream &input,  
                               string symbol, int times)
```

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1. Read the input file and store the grammar into some data structure
2. Randomly generate sentences (starting with the given symbol) from the grammar
  - Must be done **recursively!**
3. Return a vector of the sentences generated

# 1. Reading the Input File

- Read each line of the file and store grammar in a **Map** (no recursion needed):

```
non-terminal1 ::= rule | rule | rule | ..
```

## Helpful functions from strlib.h:

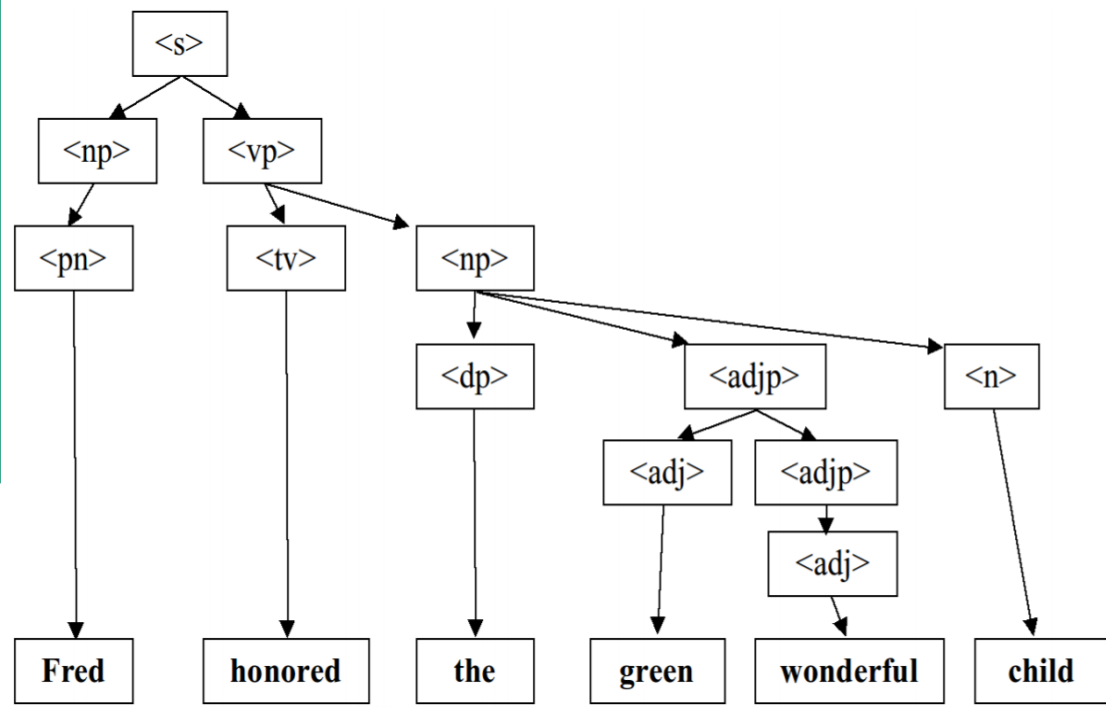
- `Vector<string> stringSplit(string s,  
 string delimiter)`
- `void trim(String s)`

## 2. Generating sentences

- **Recursively** generate random expressions given a starting symbol  $S$ .
  1. If  $S$  is a terminal, then that's it! The resulting expression is just  $S$  itself.
  2. If  $S$  is a non-terminal, randomly select one of its rules  $R$ .
  3. For each symbol in  $R$ , generate a random expression.

# 2. Generating sentences

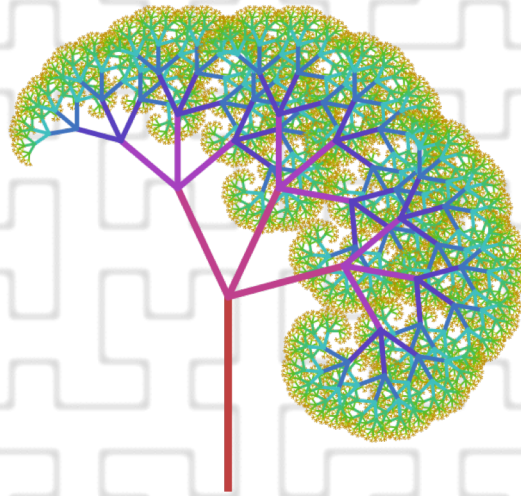
```
<s> ::= <np> <vp>
<np> ::= <dp> <adjp> <n> | <pn>
<dp> ::= the | a
<adjp> ::= <adj> | <adj> <adjp>
<adj> ::= big | fat | green | wonderful | fat
<n> ::= dog | cat | man | university | father
<pn> ::= John | Jane | Sally | Spot | Fred | E
<vp> ::= <tv> <np> | <iv>
<tv> ::= hit | honored | kissed | helped
<iv> ::= died | collapsed | laughed | wept
```





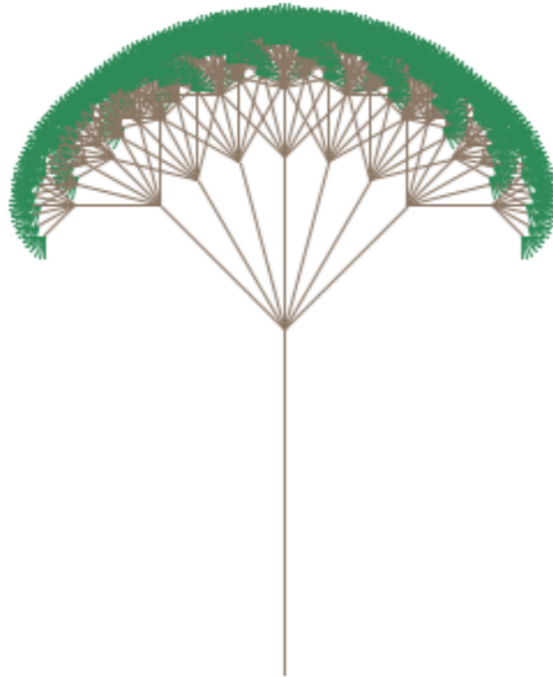
**Questions?**

# Extension: Fractal Tree



# Fractal Tree

- Draw a tree as shown below with (you guessed it) **recursion**

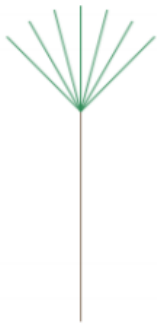


# Fractal Tree

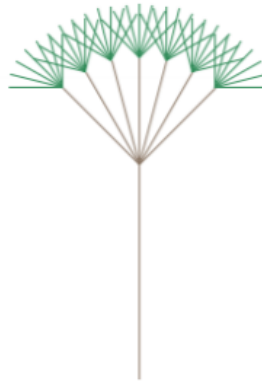
```
void drawTree(Gwindow &gw, double x,  
             double y, double size, int order)
```



*Order-1*



*Order-2*



*Order-3*



*Order-4*



*Order-5*



# Fractal Tree

