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Figure: Pythagoras Tree and Binary Numbers

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The evolution of the Sierpinski triangle



Iterating from a square

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### Pattern

Magnification by 2 requires 2<sup>d</sup> copies for a d-dimensional figure.

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# Generalization Scaling by a factor F requires $F^d$ copies for d-dimensional figure.

C copies, scaling by a factor F

$$C = F^d$$

$$\ln C = \ln F^d$$

$$d = \frac{\ln C}{\ln F}$$
(dimension)

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Figure: Middle Third Removed

$$c = \frac{a_1}{3} + \frac{a_2}{3^2} + \frac{a_3}{3^3} + \frac{a_4}{3^4} + \cdots \qquad (a_i = 0, 2)$$

Educated Guess dimension?

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### Pattern

2 copies scale by factor 3

$$d = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3} \approx 0.6309$$

infinitely broken line

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# Why Why Why?

$$c = \frac{a_1}{3} + \frac{a_2}{3^2} + \frac{a_3}{3^3} + \frac{a_4}{3^4} + \cdots$$
  $(a_i = 0, 2)$ 

### Pattern

a + b with a, b from Cantor set excavated from [0, 1] gives the entire [0, 2].

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Figure: infinitely iterations later...

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### Pattern

### 4 pieces needed to scale by 2

$$d = \frac{\ln 4}{\ln 2} = 2$$

2d curve, what?

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Figure: Dragon Curve

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### Pattern

2 pieces needed to scale by  $\sqrt{2}$ 

$$d = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln \sqrt{2}} = \frac{\ln 2}{\frac{1}{2}\ln 2} = 2$$

Space filling

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1. 
$$Z_{n+1} = Z_n^2 + c$$

- 2. starting from origin
- 3.  $z_0, z_1, z_2 \cdots$  does not escape to  $\infty$
- 4. plot *c*

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Figure: 2-dimensional boundary!

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# Get your hands dusty!



Figure: Sponge Bob Menger

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$$d = \frac{\ln C}{\ln F}$$

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# Beyond "Similarity Dimension"

### Say What?

fractal dimension > topological dimension

# Say What?

The minimum number of sets of diameter at most d need to cover the set S is denoted N(S, d)

$$dim(S) = \lim_{d \to 0} \frac{\ln N(S, d)}{\ln 1/d}$$

(Minkowski Dimension)

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Shout out for: "measure theory"

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Figure: What do you discover?

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### Correspondence

- 1. of solids
- 2. of edges
- 3. (faces at vertex)  $\longleftrightarrow$  (edges on face)



Figure: From Kepler's Book

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# 20 - 30 + 12 = 2



Figure: notice the pentagon diagonal

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Figure: find diagonal,  $\varphi$ 

$$\frac{1}{\varphi} = \frac{\varphi - 1}{1}$$

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### Definition

Two segments are in golden ratio when the smaller to the larger is in the same ratio as the larger is to the whole.



### Pattern



Figure: Icosahedron from golden rectangles

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# Rotational Groups in $\mathbb{R}^3$ (Finite Ones)

- 1. rotational symmetry of dodecahedron (equivalently, its dual)
- 2. cube (octahdron)
- 3. tetrahedron
- 4. regular n-gon
- 5. rotations in multiples of  $\frac{2\pi}{k}$



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 $OP \cdot OP' = r^2$ 

(inversion about a circle)

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### Pattern

- 1. all points on circle stays fixed
- 2. exchanges center and infinity
- 3. pairs up points

# Where do Things Go?

- 1. line through center maps to itself
- 2. circle not through center goes to circle not through center
- 3. circle through center goes to line not through center
- 4. line not through center goes to circle through center *invariant: angle*

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# Draw a Circle Tangent to Three Given

Figure: Apollonius Problem & Inversion

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# **Projective Transformation**



 $PF_1 + PF_2 = AB = const.$  (ellipse)

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### Theorem

The "cross ratio" of 4 points

$$r = \frac{AC}{AD} \bigg/ \frac{BC}{BD}$$

(ratio of ratios)

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is invariant under projective transformation.

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Theorem The Euler characteristic of a shape

 $\chi = \mathit{face} - \mathit{edge} + \mathit{vertex}$ 

is invariant under topological deformation.



Figure: Triangulation of Sphere