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This booklet is the last in a series of nine booklets which constitute the Hofstra University Teacher Training Institute (TTI) packet. The Institute was a National Science Foundation supported three-year program for exemplary secondary school mathematics teachers. Its purpose was to broaden and update the backgrounds its participants with courses and special events and to train and support them in preparing and delivering dissemination activities among their peers so that the Institute's effects would be multiplied.

This packet of booklets describes the goals, development, structure, content, successes and failures of the Institute. We expect it to be of interest and use to mathematics educators preparing their own teacher training programs and to teachers and students of mathematics exploring the many content areas described.

"The Computer as an Experimental Tool in Teaching Mathematics" was a basic course offered as part of TTI's cycle of courses. This booklet describes the content and approach of this course - mathematics is taught in a way analogous to how science is generally taught. Using the personal computer as an experimental tool in a mathematics laboratory provides the student with an opportunity to get involved in the discovery process: to make conjectures, to test them, to see the results and thus be able to adjust the conjectures being tested. A list of course topics is presented and several are described more
fully: Iterated Quadratic Maps, Fractals, Momentum in Baseball, and Sorting with the Computer.
The computer as an experimental tool in teaching mathematics

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Science in high school and college is generally taught with the aid of laboratories. Laboratories provide the student with a chance to get involved in the discovery process: to make conjectures, to test them, and to see the results of this process. The advent of personal computers with graphics has made it possible to use the computer as a similar experimental tool in a mathematics laboratory. This paper describes the authors' collective experience in using the computer as an experimental tool in such a laboratory.

This paper is an expanded version of a talk by one of the authors (HMH) at the December 1987 meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. The paper reflects the experience of HMH in teaching an experimental course to selected high school teachers in a National Science Foundation Sponsored Teacher Training Institute at Hofstra University, as well as the experience of JB and RS in applying the techniques of that course in the high schools. We have not sought to provide a text on education, but rather to share some of our experiences.

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1. Overview

This set of notes is based on 1987 and 1988 class in the NSF-sponsored Teacher Training Institute at Hofstra University. The 1987 class met for a total of 30 hours (twelve 2-1/2 hour classes); the 1988 class for 9 such sessions. The audience consisted of superior, well-motivated high school teachers, who had a prior course in Pascal. Many had no recent experience with calculus. Many possible courses can be designed around these topics, which provide enough material and references for a one-year sequence.

The goal of the class was to develop the use of the computer (in high school and calculus level mathematics) as an experimental tool in discovering mathematical ideas. The course emphasized experimental mathematics, in analogy with typical physics and chemistry classes. Thus we seek to use the "discovery method" in a variety of "advanced" topics accessible to high school students. Specific topics were chosen to demonstrate numerical and graphical techniques. The topics were chosen on the basis of mathematics level required, accessibility to the discovery method, and my personal interests, as well as to provide a useful and diverse experience for the audience. No specific attempt was made to cover the Advanced Placement syllabus or other syllabi, although the topic on sorting was added to the course at student request. A typical one-semester course would cover 4-6 topics. The topics are:

1. A model for population dynamics.

2. Random numbers.
   Linear congruence random number generator. What is a random number? Use of computer graphics. The birthday problem and its consequences. Probability and baseball - see Section 4.
3. Fractals I.

Self-similarity. Regular fractals and recursion. See Section 3.

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7. Hooke's law and the vibrating spring.

Derivation of sinusoidal motion from elementary principles.

8. Matrix models (age structured populations).


See Section 5.

We now illustrate several of the above topics.
2. Iterated quadratic maps

The study of iterated quadratic maps is a nice demonstration of the use of computer graphics to uncover beautiful and interesting phenomena in mathematics.

We begin by considering the process of iteration. Let $f$ be a function from the real numbers to the real numbers. One may choose a real number $x_0$, and form the sequence

$$x_0, x_1 = f(x_0), x_2 = f(x_1), x_3 = f(x_2), \ldots$$

(Many students have seen the iteration process in the computation of compound interest. Here the amount of money in an account at the end of each period is obtained by multiplying the amount at the end of the previous period by the quantity $(1 + \text{the interest rate per period})$. Thus compound interest involves iterating the function

$$f(x) = (1 + r)x$$

where $r$ denotes the interest rate and $x$ the amount of money.) We are concerned with properties of the sequence of points obtained by iterating the map $f$. Among the simplest questions one can ask is whether the sequence $x_0, x_1, x_2, \ldots$ is bounded or not.

We also make this question simpler by first considering only linear maps:

$$f(x) = ax + b.$$ 

In this case, it is not hard to see that the sequence of points obtained by iteration is
bounded if $|a| < 1$, and in general unbounded if $|a| > 1$. If $b = 0$, then $f$ takes the simpler form $f(x) = ax$, and an easy calculation yields

$$x_n = a^n x_0.$$ 

The convergence properties of the sequence of points $\{x_n\}$ follow easily. (In the example of compound interest above, $a = 1 + r$.) In the case where $b$ is not necessarily equal to 0,

$$x_n = a^n x_0 + a^{n-1}b + a^{n-2}b + a^{n-3}b + \ldots + b$$

$$= a^n x_0 + (1 - a^n)b / (1 - a),$$

summing a geometric series. The convergence properties of the sequence of points $\{x_n\}$ follow easily. We leave details and a more precise discussion to the reader.

We now consider the case of quadratic maps:

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c.$$ 

The answer is now more interesting, even in seemingly trivial cases such as $f(x) = x^2$. Here the sequence of points obtained by iteration is bounded provided the first point $x_0$ satisfies $|x_0| \leq 1$, and unbounded provided that the first point $x_0$ satisfies $|x_0| > 1$. The most frequently studied case is

$$f(x) = x^2 + c.$$
Here the results depend upon both the starting point \( x_0 \) and the parameter \( c \) in a complex way.

We now consider iterating the equation

\[
\begin{align*}
    f(z) &= z^2 + c \\
    \text{(2.1)}
\end{align*}
\]

for complex \( z \) (and possibly complex \( c \)).

(We recall here that a complex number is a number of the form \( a + bi \), where \( i \) denotes \( \sqrt{-1} \). Complex numbers are added as if they were binomials with \( i \) as a variable; for example, \((a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + b) + (c + d)i\). Similarly, complex numbers are multiplied as if they were binomials with \( i \) as a variable, except that \( i^2 \) is replaced by \(-1\); for example, \((a + bi) \cdot (c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i\). Complex numbers may be represented as points in the plane, with the complex number \( a + bi \) plotted as the point \((a,b)\). The length of a complex number is then given by the Pythagorean theorem: \( |a + bi| = (a^2 + b^2)^{1/2} \).)

As above, for the results of iterating (2.1) for \( c = 0 \) are easy to see: if \( |z| < 1 \) then the iterates approach 0; if \( |z| = 1 \), then the iterates all have absolute value 1, and if \( |z| > 1 \) then the iterates approach \( \infty \). The question is how do we study equation (2.1) if \( c \) is not zero. It is here that computers come to the rescue.

First, to a computer a complex number is just a pair of real numbers or a vector, \( z = x + iy \) corresponds to \((x,y)\).

If we suppose that \( c \) is real, we may write the results of applying \( f \) to \( z = x + iy \) as
Therefore one can just write a brief computer program to study the iteration, for example:

```
program iterate;

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uses
crt;

var
  x,y,xnew,ynew,c : real;
  i,imax : integer;

begin
  writeln('How many iterates?');
  readln(imax);
  writeln('What are the coordinates of the starting point, z0?');
  readln(x,y);
  for i = 1 to imax do
    begin
      xnew := x*x - y*y + c;
      ynew := 2xy;
      x := xnew;
    end;
```

Perhaps one can tell whether the sequence of points generated by this program approaches \( \infty \) or not. However, since we cannot compute the entire sequence of iterates, it would be nice to have a criterion for testing whether the sequence of points generated by this program approaches \( \infty \). The following lemma provides such a criterion.

2.2. Lemma. Suppose \(|c| < 1 \) and \(|z| \geq 2\). Then \(|z^2 + c| \geq |z| + 1\).

Proof. \(|z^2 + c| \geq |z^2| - |c| \) \((\text{by the triangle inequality})\)

\[
\begin{align*}
&\geq |z^2| - 1 \quad \text{(since } |c| < 1) \\
&\geq 2|z| - 1 \quad \text{(since } |z| \geq 2) \\
&= |z| + (|z| - 1) \\
&\geq |z| + 1 \quad \text{(since } |z| \geq 2),
\end{align*}
\]

as required.//

Lemma 2.2 implies that once the length of any iterate \( z_n \) exceeds 2, then subsequent iterates march off to \( \infty \): \(|z_{n+k}| \geq 2 + k\). The following figure illustrates the inequalities in the Lemma 2.2.
\[ \{ z : \|z\| = r \} \]

\[ \sim \{ z^2 - c \|z\| = r \} \]

\[ \{ z^2 : \|z\| = r, \text{ note } \|z^2\| = r^2 \} \]
We now combine Lemma 2.2 with computer graphics to draw a picture of which points approach $\infty$. The program is written in Turbo Pascal 5 for the IBM PC using Hercules compatible color graphics, and is easily modified for other languages and computers.

program mandel;

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uses
crt, graph;

var
i,j: integer; {screen coordinates}
k: integer; {counter}
col: word; {color}
x,y: real; {"math" coordinates}
xn: real; {nxew; the variable ynew is not needed in this program}
z: real; {square of length of (x,y)};
c: real; {constant in quadratic map}

begin
readln(c); {c must satisfy $-1 < c < 1$; the renderer may add a check on c if required}
initgraph(0,0,'');  \{ Turbo 5 comand for hercules color graphics on
         IBM PC, modify as appropriate \}

for i := 0 to 319 do
  for j := 0 to 199 do  \{ loop over 320 x 200 graphics screen \}
    begin
      x := (i-160)/128.0;
y := (100-j)/64.0;  \{ x and y scale factors, adjust as
      appropriate, note the use of "100-j" in order to make
      the y-axis point up as usual, the action usually takes
      place within -1 < x < 1 and -1 < y < 1 \}
k := 0;        \{ initialize counter \}
z := x*x + y*y;  \{ initialize length squared \}
while ((k < 10) and (z < 4.0)) do
  \{ the "k < 10" criterion prevents infinite loops and
  might be adjusted by the reader. The "z < 4" criterion
  detects points for which we know that future iterates
  will approach infinity; see Lemma 2.2, above. Some
  points take more than 10 iterations to escape the
  disk "z < 4". \}
  begin
      \{ first replace x + iy by (x+iy) squared + c \}
xn := x*x - y*y + c;  \{ real part \}
y := 2*x*y;             \{ imaginary part \}
x := xn;
z := x*x + y*y;  \{compute length\}
\n\nk := k+1; \{iterate counter\}
\nend;

if k := 10 then \{point did not escape\}
    col := 0
else
    col := k - 3*(k \text{ div} 3) + 1; \{point did escape;\}
    color := k \text{ mod } 3 + 1
    indicates time until
    escape. Other formulas
    might be used.)
    
    putpixel(i,j,col);
end; \{loop through points\}
end. \{program\}

We now illustrate the results of several runs of this program.

\textbf{page 14}: run with $c = 0.56$.

\textbf{page 15}: run with $c = 0.56$, but with "$k < 10$" replaced by "$k < 20$",
"if $k = 10$" replaced by "if $k = 20$", and blown up by 200\%.
We make several observations and suggest several exercises.

(1) If $c$ is real, as in the program, the resulting picture is symmetrical about both the $x$ and $y$ axes. We leave the proof as an exercise, but give a few hints. First, replace $z$ by $-z$, and observes that $z^2 + c = (-z)^2 + c$. Thus the fates of the points $z$ and $-z$ are the same. This yields symmetry about the origin. For symmetry about the $y$-axis, replace $y$ by $-y$, and compute the length of $z^2 + c = (x+iy)^2 + c$ and $(x-iy)^2 + c$. Then show symmetry about the $x$-axis, using geometry.

(2) What happens if $c$ is not real?

(3) The figures drawn by the program mandel above appear self-similar in that that each blob corresponds to two smaller blobs, of roughly similar shapes. The term "self-similar" will be defined in Section 3, below. Here is a sketched explanation of why the figures are self similar. Suppose that a given blob consists of points which leave the circle $|z| < 2$ in $k$ iterations. Then there are points which map to this blob in one iteration, and thus leave the circle $|z| < 2$ in $k+1$ iterations. Since the map $f(z) = z^2 + c$ is usually two to one, there will be two blobs which leave the circle $|z| < 2$ in $k+1$ iterations. See the following figure.
For self-similarity, we invoke the fact that $f$ has a derivative $f'(z) = 2z$. Thus $f$ rotates and stretches small vectors $\Delta z$ by a locally constant amount:

$$f(z + \Delta z) = f(z) + 2z \cdot \Delta z + \text{(small error)}.$$

Multiplication by $2z$ multiplies lengths by $|2z|$ and rotates vectors through an angle $\arg(z)$ with $\cos(\arg(z)) = x$ and $\sin(\arg(z)) = y$ where $z = x + yi$. We refer the reader to any introductory text on complex variables. This implies that blobs are stretched and rotated by locally constant amounts.

We encourage the reader to experiment further. For further reading we suggest the following.

References


Remarks. We began with some simple questions. We first observed that the computer could be used to conduct experiments in order to try to answer those questions. We then saw that one could prove a useful rule (the lemma above) in order to use the computer to answer questions about the properties of certain sequences. This combines inductive reasoning from the experiments with deductive reasoning used in mathematical proofs. Many mathematicians are familiar with this combination of techniques, yet current curricula provide little useful experience for the student. Finally, we used computer graphics (combining algebra and geometry) to illustrate the
answers to a mathematical question. The study of the properties of the answers leads to a new field, the field of fractals, which is explored further in the next chapter.
3. MORE ON FRACTALS

FRACTAL GEOMETRY

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Fractal Geometry is one of the fastest growing mathematical disciplines.

The term "fractal" was coined by B. Mandelbrot of I.B.M, in the 1970's to describe the geometry of chaos. There are many ways to describe what a fractal is. Some of these descriptions are:

a) A fractal is a figure that has a FRACTIONAL dimension.
   A line has dimension 1
   A square has dimension 2
   A cube has dimension 3
   A fractal can have dimension 1.2345---

b) A fractal is a process of becoming rather than being

c) A fractal can be a self-similar object. This means that at any level of magnification, any part of a fractal can look exactly like the initial view. Self-similarity is related to the process of RECURSION

d) An object of great complexity.

e) A geometry that accurately describes the real world (or any other world)

In this session, we will examine the following ideas:

a) Randomness and chaos... The CHAOS GAME
b) Self-similarity ......... The KOCH SNOWFLAKE and its cousins
c) Dimension, both topological and fractal
d) Applications of these ideas in the Math curriculum
e) Computer generation of these shapes

**THE CHAOS GAME**

Start with the vertices of a triangle, say \( X_1, X_2 \) and \( X_3 \). Let P be any point in the plane. The CHAOS GAME is played as follows:

a) Choose any one of the three vertices at random, say \( X_1 \).

b) Mark the MIDPOINT of the segment \( PX_1 \). call this point P.

c) Go back to step (a)

Question: WHAT is the resulting object, and what are its properties

WHY does the object appear as it does?
The figure produced by the CHAOS GAME is shown at the right. Although the object was formed by a random process, it appears to have a definite form and structure.

**Observations:**

a) The object has the property of being **SELF-SIMILAR** if you examine any of the sub-triangles, you will notice that they are **IDENTICAL** to the original, except for **SCALE**.

This property of self-similarity defines the figure as a **FRACTAL**.

b) We can calculate the area of the object.

\[ A = \frac{A}{4} - \frac{A}{(3/16)} - \frac{A}{(9/64)} - \cdots - \frac{A}{(1/4)(3/4)^n} - \cdots \]

where \( A \) is the area of the entire triangle.

c) This concept leads to further exploration:

i) What happens if we went \( \frac{1}{3} \) the way from the vertex?

ii) What happens if we went \( \frac{1}{3} \) the way from \( P \)?

iii) What if a square, or any other polygon were used instead of the triangle?

The figure formed is called the **SIERPINSKI TRIANGLE**. Cousins of the triangle are the **SIERPINSKI CARPET**, pictured below left, and the **MENGER SPONGE**, pictured below right.

By changing the initial conditions, but by using the same process, more realistic images, such as the fern, pictured below, can be generated.

A simple **BASIC** program to generate the Sierpinski triangle is:

Program is in **APPLESOFT.** Adjust graphics for your own computer)

```
10 X(1) = __ : Y(1) = __ : X(2) = __ : Y(2) = __ : X(3) = __ : Y(3) = __ (Choose your own coordinates for the triangle's vertices)
20 XP = __ : YP = __ : REM choose your own starting point (XP,YP)
30 HGR : HCOLOR = 7
40 R = INT(3 * RND(1) + 1)
50 XP = ( X(R) + XP ) / 2 : YP = ( Y(R) + YP ) / 2
60 H Plot XP,YP
70 GOTO 40
```

**Fractal (25)** geometry
THE KOCH SNOWFLAKE

The KOCH SNOWFLAKE is one of a class of fractals in which a straight line segment is replaced with a polygonal line, called a generator.

The SNOWLINE is constructed in the following manner:

a) Begin with a line segment

b) Divide the segment into 3 equal parts, and replace the middle third with two line segments,

c) repeat (b) on each of the resulting line segments.

d) go to (c)

We observe that at each stage, the length of line segment increases by a factor of \( \frac{4}{3} \), hence at stage \( n \), the length of the "curve" is

\[ L_n = L \left( \frac{4}{3} \right)^n \]

where \( L \) is the length of the initial line segment.

Clearly, we can see that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} L_n = \infty \), hence is an unbounded length in a finite span.

To do this program in BASIC is quite complex, because to do it efficiently requires RECURSION, or the ability of a subroutine (procedure, function) to call itself up. Below are two programs to draw the Koch line and the snowflake:

LOGO

```
TO KOCH :LENGTH :LEVEL
  IF :LEVEL = 0 [FORWARD :LENGTH STOP]
  KOCH :LENGTH/3 :LEVEL-1
  LEFT 60
  KOCH :LENGTH/3 :LEVEL-1
  RIGHT 120
  KOCH :LENGTH/3 :LEVEL-1
  LEFT 60
  KOCH :LENGTH/3 :LEVEL-1
END
```

PASCAL

```
PROCEDURE KOCH(D:REAL;L:INTEGER)
  BEGIN
    IF L = 0 THEN MOVE(D)
    ELSE
      BEGIN
        KOCH(D/3,L-1);TURN(60);
        KOCH(D/3,L-1);TURN(-120);
        KOCH(D/3,L-1);TURN(60);
      END
  END;
```

Fractal \(-\frac{2}{3}\) geometry
The Koch Line has some interesting properties:

a) For any initial span, the "length" of the curve is infinite.

b) Although the curve is continuous, at no point is there a derivative.
   (An example of where continuity is not sufficient for the existence of a derivative.)

The Koch Line can be expanded to the Koch Snowflake by:

**LOGO**

```
TO SNOWFLAKE :LENGTH :LEVEL
    REPEAT 3 [KOCH :LEVEL :LENGTH RIGHT 120]
END
```

**PASCAL**

```
FOR I := 1 TO 3 DO
    BEGIN
        KOCH(LENGTH,LEVEL);
        TURN(-120);
    END;
```

The first five stages of the Snowflake are shown below:

![Koch Snowflake Stages]

Can we prove that the area is bounded, without actual computation?
Can the "actual" area of the snowflake be calculated?
Here we have an example of an infinite perimeter bounding a finite area.

Fractals are used to model the real world. One application of the snowflake is in the representation of islands and clouds. The coastlines of islands and the boundaries of clouds can be thought of as random. By introducing random lengths and angles into the generator, we can simulate these natural structures.

![Random Koch Island]

Fractal (-4-2)7 geometry
DIMENSION

It is our normal understanding that the "dimension" of an object is an integer. We know this because we associate dimension with direction. We say that a line is 1-dim because we can travel in essentially one direction, forwards (or backwards). A plane is 2-dim because we can walk not only forwards (but backwards) but up and down. We have a sense that dimension is related to the "amount of space that is taken up". This notion of dimension is called the TOPOLOGICAL definition of dimension.

We can see how dimension is developed by the following considerations:

a) consider the line of length 1

Suppose that we triple the length. Now we can see that three of the original segments will cover the new length.

We can write $3^1 = 3$, where the power, 1, is the dimension.

b) If we consider a unit square, and triple the dimensions, it requires 9 of the original squares to cover the new one.

We can write $3^2 = 9$, where the power, 2, is the dimension.

c) If we consider a unit cube, and triple the dimensions, it requires 27 of the original cubes to "fill" the new one.

We can write $3^3 = 27$, where the power, 3, is the dimension.

These examples lead to a relationship between the number of self-similar parts $N$ generated and the scaling factor ($R$). It is:

<table>
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<th>Dimension</th>
<th>$N$</th>
<th>$R^D = N$</th>
<th>$D = \log(N)/\log(R)$</th>
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<td>Unit line</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>$3^1 = 3$</td>
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<td>Unit square</td>
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and these conform to our usual sense of dimension.

Applying this relationship to our two "strange" objects, the gasket and the snowflake, we see:

TRIANGLE

If we think of the lower left as the "unit" triangle, the triangle's sides are twice as large, and there are three triangles generated. Hence

$$R = 2, \quad N = 3 \quad \text{Log}(3)/\log(2) = 1.5849...$$

SNOWFLAKE

Each length is divided into $C$ equal sections, and 4 segments replace the original 3, hence

$$R = 3, \quad N = 4 \quad \text{Log}(4)/\log(3) = 1.2618...$$

These strange objects have fractional dimensions. A question that arises is: "What is a meaning of a fractional dimension?"

Fractal ( -5- ) geometry
The CARPET's dimension can be calculated by observing that the original square is reduced by a factor of 3, and 8 squares are generated:

\[ R = 3 \quad N = 8 \quad \log(8)/\log(3) = 1.89 \ldots \]

**THE CANTOR SET**

One of the earliest fractals developed was the CANTOR SET. It is derived by

a) Start with a line segment
b) Divide into 3 equal parts, and remove the middle third

c) on each of the resulting segments, repeat part (b)

**FRACTAL GENERATION USING TRANSFORMATIONS OF THE PLANE**

The regular fractals discussed so far can be generated by considering the movements of points in the plane (or space) by means of

**AFFINE TRANSFORMATIONS**

An **AFFINE TRANSFORMATION** is a **LINEAR TRANSFORMATION** followed by some **TRANSLATION** or **SHIFT**. **LINEAR FUNCTIONS** consist of such movements as **REFLECTION**, **EXPANSION**, **DILATION**, **ROTATION**, and **SHEARING**.

Suppose that \( T \) is a linear function of the plane to itself, and suppose that the point \((x,y)\) is mapped, under \( T \), to the point \((x',y')\).

We can then write:

\[
(x,y)T = (x',y')
\]

\((x',y')\) is called the **IMAGE** of \((x,y)\) under \( T \).

This means that there are real numbers \( a, b, c \) and \( d \), where

\[
x' = ax + by \\
y' = cx + dy
\]

This system of linear equations can be written as a **MATRIX** equation

\[
(x',y') = (x,y)T = (x,y) \begin{pmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{pmatrix}
\]

An **AFFINE TRANSFORMATION**, \( A \), can be written

\[
(x,y)A = (x,y)T + (r,s)
\]

where \((r,s)\) is a translation, or shift \( r \) units Horizontally and \( s \) units vertically.

\[ Fractal \quad \text{(-2D geometry)} \]
Returning to the SERIPINSKI TRIANGLE:

Our goal is to see where points go under affine transformations.

For the TRIANGLE, we will need to consider THREE transformations

- $A_1$: The image of $(x,y)$ will be in the LOWER-LEFT triangle.
- $A_2$: The image of $(x,y)$ will be in the LOWER-RIGHT triangle.
- $A_3$: The image of $(x,y)$ will be in the TOP triangle.

This gives the following set of affine transformations:

For $A_1$:

- $(0,0)A_1 = (0,0)$
- $(1,0)A_1 = (1/2,0)$
- $(h,k)A_1 = (h/2,k/2)$

Resulting in:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} (x,y)$$

For $A_2$:

- $(0,0)A_2 = (1/2,0)$
- $(1,0)A_2 = (1,0)$
- $(h,k)A_2 = ((h+1)/2,k/2)$

Resulting in:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} + (1/2,0) (x,y)$$

For $A_3$:

- $(0,0)A_3 = (h/2,k/2)$
- $(1,0)A_3 = ((h+1)/2,k/2)$
- $(h,k)A_3 = (h,k)$

Resulting in:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} + (h/2,k/2) (x,y)$$
Fractal analysis is being used in studying almost all natural phenomenon. One example is in Motion pictures. The STAR TREK AND STAR WARS worlds were generated by fractal programming of computers. Below is a "simple" example of a randomly-generated landscape.

\[ \text{A GALLERY OF FRACTALS} \]

a) From the chaos game, if the point is chosen a distance 1/3 to the vertex instead of the 1/2, the result is:

\[ \text{b) The world-famous BIFURCATION graph} \]

\[ \text{c) The grand-daddy of all fractals, the MANDELBROT SET} \]
A SET OF PROBLEMS FOR YOU TO TRY

1. Start with a square and replace each side of the square with the generator

Let \( P = \text{initial perimeter} \) and \( A = \text{initial area} \).

a) Letting \( SQ(0) \) be the initial square, draw \( SQ(1) \) and \( SQ(2) \)

b) Find the dimension of this fractal \( ( SQ(\infty) ) \)

c) Find the area \( A(n) \) of \( SQ(n) \) and hence \( AF = \lim_{n \to \infty} A(n) \)

d) Find the perimeter \( P(n) \) of \( SQ(n) \), and \( PF = \lim_{n \to \infty} P(n) \)

e) Write a program to produce the this fractal.

This fractal is known as the KOCH ISLAND

2. Give a geometric argument to show that the area of the SNOWFLAKE is bounded by the hexagon that circumscribes it at level 1.

3. Refer to the CANTOR SET, page 6,

   a) Calculate its dimension
   
   b) calculate its length

4. Start with a square and form the fractal by replacing each of the sides with the generator

   a) Draw level 1 and level 2 of this fractal.
   
   b) What is the dimension of this fractal?

5. Do the same as problem 3 with the generator

Fractal \((-9-)\) geometry
6. Refer to the SIERPINSKI CARPET on page 2

Let $M(0)$ be the complete square at level 0,
$M(1)$ be the square, at level 1, with the central square removed,
$M(2)$ be at level 2, where the 8 additional squares are removed.

a) What is the dimension of this fractal?

b) At stage $n$
   i) $S(n) =$ number of squares removed. What is $S(n)$?
   ii) What is the area of each of these squares?
   iii) What is the total area, $TA(n)$, removed

c) What is the area of this fractal?

7. Refer to the MENGER Sponge on page 2.

a) Find the fractal dimension of the sponge

b) Calculate the surface area of this fractal.

c) Calculate the volume of this fractal.

8. Consider the following construction (drawn in 3-D perspective)

   a) What is the dimension of this fractal

   b) What is the surface area of this fractal?

   c) What is the volume of this fractal?

   d) What is the height of this fractal?

   e) What is the relation between this fractal and the MENGER SPONGE?

9. a) Derive the affine transformations for the CARPET

   b) Derive the affine transformations for the SPONGE
1. a) $SO(1)$ is
   b) $D = \frac{\log(8)}{\log(4)} = 1.5$
   c) $A(n) = A$ for every $A$.
   d) $P(n) = 2^n P \rightarrow \infty$
   e) see next page (after # 9)

2. Just prove that at each stage the triangles added in are within the line joining the farthest endpoints of the two adjacent sides:

3. a) $D = \frac{\log(2)}{\log(3)} \approx 0.63$
   b) $0$

4. Level 1:

   $\text{Dim} = \frac{\log(8)}{\log(3)} \approx 1.89$

5. Level 1:

   $\text{Dim} = \frac{\log(9)}{\log(3)} = 2$
   (Is this a fractal???)

6. a) $D = \frac{\log(8)}{\log(3)}$
   b) i) $S(n) = 8^n$
      ii) $(1/9^n)A$
      iii) $TA(n) = (8/9)^n A$
   c) $0$ (consider the geometric series described by part (b))

7. a) $\frac{\log(20)}{\log(3)} \approx 2.7268$
   b) At each stage, each sub-cube's surface area is increased by a factor of 2
   c) 0... relate to CARPET

8. a) $\frac{\log(13)}{\log(3)} \approx 2.334$
   b) At stage $n$, the surface-area is $(13/9)^n$ of the initial square hence is infinite.
   c) At stage $n$, the volume is increased by $(13/27)^n/27$
      (assume there is an initial cube of volume 1)
      $\text{Volume} = 1/14$ of the initial surrounding cube
   d) Height is $(1/3) + (1/9) + (1/27) + \ldots = 1/2$

Fractal (-11-) geometry
9. a) Requires 8 affine transformations

b) Requires 20 affine transformations.

Note the geometric "similarities" between the following fractals. Do you suppose that there may be some relationship between them?

le) LOGO program

```
TO ISLAND :LENGTH :LEVEL
  IF :LEVEL = 0 FD :LENGTH STOP
  ISLAND :LENGTH/4 :LEVEL-1
  LEFT 90
  ISLAND :LENGTH/4 :LEVEL-1
  RIGHT 90
  ISLAND :LENGTH/4 :LEVEL-1
  LEFT 90
  ISLAND :LENGTH/4 :LEVEL-1
  LEFT 90
  ISLAND :LENGTH/4 :LEVEL-1
  RIGHT 90
  ISLAND :LENGTH/4 :LEVEL-1
END

TO KOCHISLAND :LENGTH :LEVEL
  REPEAT 4 [ ISLAND :LENGTH :LEVEL RIGHT 90 ]
END
```

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ADDENDUM

I.

The following problems are examples of how the idea of SELF-SIMILARITY can be used to simplify the solution.

1. CONTINUED FRACTIONS

Let \( \sqrt{5} = 1 + \cfrac{1}{1 + \cfrac{1}{1 + \cfrac{1}{1 + \cdots}} \) \\

The self-similarity in this problem is quite evident. We can re-write this expression as:

\[
X = 1 + \frac{1}{X} \\
\]

which results in the quadratic equation \( x^2 - X - 1 = 0 \)

hence \( X = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \)

2. This is a problem that was given to me by a student:

\[
\ln(X) \\
\ln(X) \\
\]

Evaluate \( \ln(X) \)

Let this expression be represented by \( Y \), then clearly, we can write

\[
Y = \ln(X^Y) \\
Y = Y \cdot \ln(X) \\
1 = \ln(X) \\
e = X \)
3. A and B, in turn, roll a fair die. A rolls first. The first person to roll a "6" wins. What is the probability, \( a \), that A wins?

The tree below shows the progress of the game for the first 5 rolls.

Clearly, \( a = (1/6) + (25/36)(1/6) + (25/36)^2(1/6) + \cdots \)

We can use the idea of SELF-SIMILARITY by observing that the tree can be re-written to look like

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{The tree is self-similar here, hence it proba} \\
\end{align*}
\]

giving the equation \( a = (1/6) + (25/36)a \) \( \implies a = 6/11 \)

4. The classic GAMBLER'S RUIN PROBLEM

A and B play a game. A starts with $3 and B starts with $2. The game is as follows:

Each, in turn, flips a fair coin. If the tosser gets a HEAD, then he receives $1 from the other person; otherwise he gives $1 to the other person.

What is the probability that the first person wins?

In the solution, a tree will again be used. Let \((a,b)\) represent how much money each has at each stage of the game. A tree, for the first 5 tosses is shown below:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{which gives the infinite series} \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[ a = (1/4) + 2(1/16) + 5(1/64) + 13(1/256) + \cdots \]

which is not an easy series to evaluate.
...appealing to SELF-SIMILARITY, we can reduce the tree to the following, using the state 3,1 as the starting point:

which gives the infinite series:

\[ a = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}a + \frac{1}{4}a + \frac{1}{16}a + \frac{1}{64}a + \cdots \]

\[ = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}a + \frac{1}{3}a \quad \text{(Sum the infinite geometric series)} \]

Hence \( a = \frac{3}{5} \)

We can reduce the tree still further by making the observation that the state (2,3) is the same as the state (3,2), except that it represents the probability of B winning (\( b = 1 - a \))

This now gives the equation \( a = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}a + \frac{1}{2}(1-a) \)

The class of problems where we can use the techniques of SELF-SIMILARITY is large and varied. This method of solution introduces the student to another way of viewing phenomena as a process, and in a fractal way. This method can also help to introduce the student to the ideas and techniques of RECURSION and to reinforce the tool of INDUCTION.
following is a collection of **AFFINE TRANSFORMATIONS** that you can in construction your self-similar fractals.

Let \((x,y)\) be the given point, and \((x',y') = (x,y)A\)

**SCALING**

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix}
\]

**ROTATION**

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(a) & \sin(a) \\ -\sin(a) & \cos(a) \end{pmatrix}
\]

**REFLECTION**

a) **X-axis**

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}
\]

b) **Y-axis**

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
\]

**SHEAR**

a) **X-direction**

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ a & 1 \end{pmatrix}
\]

b) **Y-direction**

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
\]

**TRANSLATION**  (note: write \((x,y)\) as \((x,y,1)\))

\[
A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ h & k & 1 \end{pmatrix}
\]
4. Is there momentum in baseball?

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Sportswriters often discuss "momentum". We sought to determine whether there is momentum in baseball, in one special case, the 1986 Mets, using elementary probability. The results are interesting and the problem and techniques interested our class (outstanding high school teachers participating in a National Science Foundation sponsored Teacher Training Institute) and should interest many others. The calculations may stimulate additional investigation into ordinary events using elementary probability.

The 1986 Mets season** may be summarized as follows, where \( W_n \) denotes a string of \( n \) Wins, and \( L_n \) a string of \( n \) losses:

\[
W_2, L_3, W_11, L_1, W_6, L_1, W_1, L_2, W_1, L_2, W_3, L_2, W_6, L_2, W_1, L_1, W_2, L_1, W_3, L_1, W_1, L_2, W_1, L_1, W_1, L_2, W_8, L_1, W_1, L_3, W_5, L_3, W_3, L_2, W_3, L_2, W_3, L_2, W_3, L_1, W_8, L_1, W_1, L_2, W_4, L_1, W_3, L_1, W_1, L_1, W_2, L_1, W_4, L_1, W_5 (108 wins in 162 games).
\]

We shall say define momentum as the tendency for wins to follow wins. This allows the questions about momentum to be phrased mathematically as follows:
1) If the Mets won the last game, what is the probability that they win the present game?

2) If the Mets won the last n games (for a fixed n), what is the probability that they win the present game?

3) Are there any statistically significant differences?

We shall use test the null hypothesis that there is no momentum, in which case the results of successive games are independent. More precisely, we consider the Bernoulli trials (see [1]) or any elementary statistics textbook) model that the 1987 Mets season consisted of 162 independent games, with a probability p of winning each game of 108/162 or .667.

For n independent Bernoulli trials, each with a probability p of success and q = 1 - p of failure, and np and nq ≥ 25, the expected results are essentially normal with mean np and variance npq [1].

There were n = 107 games played following wins (the Mets won the last game). Of these, the Mets won 76, this gives a conditional probability for a win following a win of

\[ p(\text{win}|\text{previous win}) = \frac{76}{107} = .710. \]

However, the null hypothesis gives an expected number of wins of
with a standard deviation of

\[ \sqrt{npq} = \sqrt{107 \times 0.667 \times 0.333} = 4.88 \]

games. The number of excess wins, 4.7, is less than one
standard deviation, and thus not statistically significant.

These calculations were repeated for the case of 2 or 3
previous consecutive wins, with the following results.

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<th>Actual results</th>
<th>Null hypothesis</th>
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<td>(successes)</td>
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In neither case is the difference between the null hypothesis
and the actual results statistically significant.

We invite the reader to continue with larger n, as we
did, and see what happens. (We found no statistically
significant "momentum" with our definition.) We note that
had we found momentum from one game to the next, we would
have considered a Markov chain model (see, for example [1])
which estimates the probability of winning each game from the
results of the immediately previous game. We also invite
other definitions of momentum.

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5. SORTING WITH THE COMPUTER. Joyce Bernstein

Introduction to Sorts:

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Teaching sort algorithms in a computer science class provides a
nice bridge between programming and mathematics. It becomes necessary
to understand what graphs of certain functions look like far removed
from the origin. Recursion, used in the most efficient sort, is a
close cousin of induction.

When choosing a sort, there are three main considerations:

i. Programming time - for small arrays or files, use a simple sort.

ii. Execution time - measure of efficiency, a function of number of
comparisons and data movements.

iii. Memory requirements - usually sacrificed in a trade-off for
better efficiency.

Efficiency becomes important as the number of files to be sorted
grows large. We measure efficiency using a figure proportional to some
function g(N), of N, the size of the sort. "Big O" notation,
O(g(N)), means proportional to g(N).

\[ f(N) = \Omega(g(N)) \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(N) \leq k \cdot g(N) \]

For all of the sorts we will consider, which require both comparisons
and data movements, g(N) is either \( n^2 \) or \( n \log n \).

It is instructive to graph \( n^2 \) and \( n \log n \), especially as \( n \) gets large.

I. Exchange sorts: Exchange sorts move data into place, by position,
one at a time.

The Bubble Sort, one of the easiest sorts to program, brings the
smallest item to the front of the list in a manner which resembles
"bubbling."

The algorithm does the following:

i. Compare items in pairs from the top of the list to the bottom,
exchanging them if the front item is larger than the back item.
\((n-1)\) comparisons.

ii. Repeat the process another \((n-2)\) times. The \( j \)th iteration makes
\( n-j \) comparisons. We can sum the comparisons, \( n(n-1)/2 \), and assume
that swaps occur about half the time, or \( n(n-1)/4 \).

\[ \ln(n-1)/4! = (1/4)ln^2-n! \leq (1/4)ln^2 = O(n^2) \]

Bubblesort is obviously an \( O(n^2) \) sort.
The Quicksort, invented by C.A.R. Hoare in 1962, moves one record at a time into its final position. However, in the process, which is recursive, the other records are moved to a position closer to their final ones. The algorithm involves a partitioning of the array into 2^k portions on the kth calling. In the first pass, a pivot element is selected (usually the median). At the end of the first pass, this element is in its final position, all elements smaller than it are ahead of it, and all elements larger are behind it. The algorithm calls itself, choosing a pivot from each "half" of the list, and the simpler problem of sorting two smaller arrays is set up. The comparison takes place as follows: (assume the first pivot is item 1. When would you want to make a different choice?). Assign two variables, i & j, with i initially 2 and j initially N. Compare element i to the pivot. If it is smaller, increase i by 1. Stop when you get to an element greater than the pivot. Do the reverse with item j. Keep decreasing j by 1 until you get to an item less than the pivot. Exchange items i and j.

The quicksort is a powerful O(n log n) sort. Only necessary moves are made, reducing overhead. This algorithm can be made even more powerful by moving pointers instead of data.

II. Insertion sorts: Each successive item is moved into an already sorted list.

Linear insertion mimicks the way many of us arrange playing cards in our hand when we pick them up one at a time. Pick up any card. Pick up the second card and put it in order. Pick up the third card and put it in order, etc. The algorithm inserts the new element j by first comparing it to element j - 1, which is already sorted, then to element j - 2, etc, moving each of these elements up one place until it finds an element smaller than it. The new element is placed in its proper place. Notice the special condition which takes place when the element to be inserted is the smallest element on the list, up to the time of this insertion. The while loop is bypassed, so that the comparison at place > temp is not read when place = 0.

In order to insert the jth item, approximately (j-1)/2 comparisons and data movements are required. Summing over the n elements in the array, we see that linear insertion is an O(n^2) sort. It is a very inefficient sort when the data is already almost in order.

Binary insertion is a simple, efficient sort. Each new element is inserted into the previously sorted partial list by using a binary search to locate the place of insertion. As with all "divide and conquer" strategies, binary insertion is an O(n log n) sort.
Shell sort is a powerful insertion sort. Studies of $N$ randomly
arranged data items show that elements, on the average, travel a
distance of $N/3$ places to final, sorted positions. In 1959, Donald
Shell used this fact in his sort algorithm, which initially moves data
over large distances, approximately equal to $N/3$. This method has the
tendency, on the average, of moving elements closer to their final
location very early in the sort process.

Shell partitioned the list to be sorted into $k$ "chains", each
approximately $1/3$ the size of the total list. Each chain was "sorted"
using an exchange (hubb). The algorithm shown here, somewhat
improved, uses a linear insertion for each chain. The first chain
consists of elements 1, $k+1$, $2k+1$, etc. The second chain consists of
elements 2, $k+2$, $2k+2$, etc., and the $j$th chain ($j<k$) consists of
elements $j$, $j+k$, $j+2k$, etc. Thus, in the initial set of passes,
elements are separated by a distance of $k$. $k$ is then decremented to
approximately $k/3$ and the process is repeated. When $k$ is one, the
list should be nearly sorted, and a final linear insertion sort of the
entire list occurs. A linear sort at the end is faster than a binary
sort because, although binary methods are better for randomly sorted
large lists, a linear sort is faster if the number of comparisons is
small or if the list is almost in order (see note).

There are various versions of this sort, each using different rules
for partitioning the list. A less efficient algorithm uses $N/2$, $N/4$,
etc. The one shown here is better than this version. Another
version of the Shell sort uses decrements of ..., $2^{p-1}$,
..., 31, 15, 7, 3, 1. The number of comparisons and moves is relatively
low. Note that each pair of successive decrements is relatively
prime.

note: It is interesting to note that for small $n$, an $O(n^2)$ sort is
often more efficient than an $O(n \log n)$ sort because their simplicity
requires little overhead except comparisons and passes, making the
constant of proportionality relatively small.

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(Joyce Bernstein)
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(Program which demonstrates an improved bubble, sort, quicksort, linear)
(insertion sort, binary insertion sort, and shellsort)
(copy for educational use only)
const
maxnum = 2000;
type
list = array [1..maxnum] of integer;
var
n, size of array
choice:integer, menu selection
a,b: list, unsorted and sorted lists

procedure makeList(var a:list; n:integer);
genrates an array of size n of random numbers greater than or equal
(zero and less than 1000)
var
i:integer;
begin
for i := 1 to n do
a[i] := random(1000);
end;

procedure showList(a:list;n:integer);
displays array in rows of 10 elements
var
i:integer;
begin
for i := 1 to n do
begin
write(a[i]:4,',');
if i mod 10 = 0 then writeln;
end;
writeln;
end;

procedure insertion(var a:list;n:integer);
var
i, list index for move once place is found
j, index for array item begin placed
place, eventually, index of first item smaller than item to insert
temp: integer, value of item being inserted
found: boolean, flag for location of insertion spot
begin
for j := 2 to n do
begin
  temp := a[j]; first j - 1 elements already sorted
  place := j - 1;
  found := false;
  while (place > 0) and not found do
    if a[place] > temp
      then place := place - 1

```plaintext
else found := true;
for i := 1 downto place + 1 do
  a[i + 1] := a[i];
  a[place + 1] := temp
end
end;

(**************************procedure binaryinsertion*************************)
procedure binaryinsertion(var a: list; n: integer);
var
  i, {list index for move once place is found}
  j, {index of item being inserted}
  top, bottom, middle, {section boundaries and center}
  temp: integer;
beginn
  for j := 2 to n do
    begin
      temp := a[j];
      top := 0;
      bottom := j;
      repeat
        middle := (top + bottom) div 2;
        if a[middle] <= temp
          then top := middle
          else bottom := middle;
        until top + 1 = bottom;
        for i := j downto bottom do
          a[i + 1] := a[i];
        a[bottom] := temp
      end
end;

(**************************procedure shellsort*******************************)
procedure shellsort(var a: list; n: integer);
var
  i, {index used for mass shifting of chain items}
  j, {some multiple of k, plus m --- index of item being inserted}
  k, {becomes approx 1/3 size of array, size of first increment}
  m, {loop marker for each of the k chains}
  place, {index if item in chain smaller than insertion spot}
  temp : integer; {item being inserted}
  found: boolean;
beginn
  k := 1;
  while (3*k + 1) < (n div 3) do
    k := 3*k + 1; {sets size of increment based on n}
  repeat
    for m := 1 to k do {for each of the k chains}
      begin
        j := k + m;
        while j <= n do
          begin
            temp := a[j]; {element to be sorted}
            i := j - k;
            found := false;
...
while not found and (j > 0) do
  if a[i] > temp
    then i := i - 1;
    else found := true;
  place := i + k; // where item is being inserted
  i := i - k;
  while i >= place do
    begin // move rest of chain down
      a[i + k] := a[i];
      i := i - k;
    end;
  a[place] := temp;
  j := j + k;
end {while}
end {for}
k := (k - 1) div 3 // next increment size
until k < 1
end

(*procedure quicksort*)

procedure quicksort(var a:list; n:integer);
procedure partition(r,s:integer;var j : integer);
var
  i, j: integer;
  temp: integer;
begin
  i := r + 1; // index one past pivot
  j := s;  // last index in swap range
  repeat
    while (a[i] <= a[r]) and (i < s) do // find an element to swap
      i := i + 1;
    while (a[j] >= a[r]) and (j > r) do
      j := j - 1;
    if i < j
      then
        begin // swap
          temp := a[i];
          a[i] := a[j];
          a[j] := temp;
        end;
    until i >= j; // Swap finished for this pivot
  temp := a[r];
  a[r] := a[j];
  a[j] := temp; // puts pivot in place {j returned to calling program}
end;
procedure sort(m, n:integer);
{recursive procedure which redivides the sort field}
var
  j: integer;
  temp: integer;
begin
  if n - m > 1 // provides the halting case
    then
      begin // partition (m, n, j) {receives the next dividing point, j}
sort(m, i - 1);
sort(i + 1, n);
end
else if (n - m = 1) and (a[m] > a[n])
then
begin  {do a final swap}
tmp := a[m];
a[m] := a[n];
a[n] := tmp;
end
end;
begin
sort(1, n)
end;

(* * * * * * * procedure bubble* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *)
procedure bubblesort(var a:list;n:integer);
var
i;  {index of items being compared}
i;  {loop variable limit}
las tswitch, {flag for order in the data}
temp :  {swap temp} integer;
begin
j := n - 1;
repeat
  las tswitch := 1;
  for i := 1 to j do
    if a[i] > a[i + 1]
    then
      begin  {swap}
tmp := a[i];
a[i] := a[i + 1];
a[i + 1] := tmp;
las tswitch := i;
      end;
    j := lastswitch - 1;  {end of unsorted data}
  until las tswitch = 1
end;

(* * * * * * * * procedure selection* * * * * * * * * * * * * *)
procedure selection(var a:list;n:integer);
var
i,j,s,k:integer;
begin
for j := 1 to n - 1 do
  {generates a[j] thru a[n]}
begin
k := j;
{k carries smallest element in decreasing block}
s := a[j];
for i := j + 1 to n do
  begin
    if a[i] < s then
      begin
        s := a[i];
k := i;
      end;
procedure heap(var a:list;n:integer);
var
i, (index);
x:integer; (temp for array element)

procedure fixheap(var a:list;top,bottom:integer);
(assumes items top + 1 to bottom are a heap)
(returns items top to bottom in a heap)
var
i, (index)
x:integer; (temp for array element)
begin
i := 2 * top;
if i <= bottom then
begin
if i < bottom then if a[i] < a[i + 1] then i := i +1;
if a[top] < a[i] then
begin
x := a[top];
a[top] := a[i];
a[i] := x; (heap is good except at i)
fixheap(a,i,bottom)
end;
end;
end;

begin(heap)
for i := n div 2 downto 1 do fixheap(a,i,n);
for i := n downto 2 do
begin
x := a[1];
a[1]:= a[i];
a[i] := x;
fixheap(a,1,1-1)
end;
end;

(* * * * * * * * * Main Program* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *)
begin
choice := 0;
Writeln('This program sorts any number of items from 2 to ',maxnum);
Writeln('Enter the number to be sorted');
readln(n);
makelist(a,n);
showlist(a,n);
while choice <> 8 do
begin

repeat
  writeln('Please choose a sort.');
  writeln(' 1: bubblesort(improved)');
  writeln(' 2: quicksort');
  writeln(' 3: linear insertion');
  writeln(' 4: binary insertion');
  writeln(' 5: Shell');
  writeln(' 6: selection');
  writeln(' 7: heap');
  writeln(' 8: end');
  readln(choice);
until (choice > 0) and (choice < 9);

  case choice of
  1: begin
     b := a;
     bubblesort(b, n);
     showlist(b, n);
  end;
  2: begin
     b := a;
     quicksort(b, n);
     showlist(b, n);
  end;
  3: begin
     b := a;
     insertion(b, n);
     showlist(b, n);
  end;
  4: begin
     b := a;
     binaryinsertion(b, n);
     showlist(b, n);
  end;
  5: begin
     b := a;
     shellsort(b, n);
     showlist(b, n);
  end;
  6: begin
     b := a;
     selection(b, n);
     showlist(b, n);
  end;
  7: begin
     b := a;
     heap(b, n);
     showlist(b, n);
  end;
  end;
end.