

**MATH 118 : COMPUTER PROJECT 3**  
**DRAWING A FRACTAL**

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This is an exercise of how iterated function systems produce fractals as their attractors. Define four linear transformations of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= \text{scale by } 1/3 \\ T_2 &= \begin{cases} \text{scale by } 1/3, \\ \text{rotate counterclockwise } 60^\circ, \\ \text{translate by } (1/3, 0). \end{cases} \\ T_3 &= \begin{cases} \text{scale by } 1/3, \\ \text{rotate clockwise } 60^\circ, \\ \text{translate by } (1/2, \sqrt{3}/2). \end{cases} \\ T_4 &= \begin{cases} \text{scale by } 1/3, \\ \text{translate by } (2/3, 0). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 1.** Code these four linear transformations in *Mathematica*.

Note that a line is graphics primitive

```
Line[{{x1,y1},{x2,y2}, ..., {xn, yn}}]
```

that doesn't actually get drawn until you use the command `Show[Graphics[...]]` on it.

- Exercise 2.** (a) Extend your definitions of the  $T_i$ 's so that they can take `Lines` as their arguments and output the `Line` connecting  $T_i$  of all the points. (You might find the functions `Part` and `Apply` useful).  
(b) Extend further to a list, so that  $T_i$  of a list of lines gives the list of  $T_i$  of all the lines.

Now we can define

```
Kochize[x_] := {T1[x], T2[x], T3[x], T4[x]}
```

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Define myline = Line[{{0,0},{0,1}}].
```

**Exercise 3.** Output and use `Show[...]` to draw the iterations `Nest[Kochize, myline, n]` for  $1 \leq n \leq 6$ .

These are approximations to the *Koch curve*.

**Exercise 4.** Play with this technique to draw a Koch curve with "points" of different angles.