

# L-Systems

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L-Systems, being substitution based, seemed like a good idea to implement in mathematica using *rules* and *replacements*. Worked fine, I just got stuck when implementing the variation for trees.

I got most of the rules and starting axioms from here:

<http://algorithmicbotany.org/papers/abop/abop-ch1.pdf>

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(* L-System plotter, using "Turtle" (AnglePath) Plotting *)

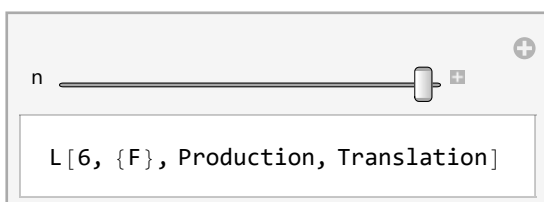
L[n_Integer, axiom_List, Production_List, Translation_List] := Module[{i = 1, a},
  a = axiom;
  While[i ≤ n,
    a = a /. Production // Flatten; i++
  ];
  Graphics[a /. Translation // AnglePath // Line, ImageSize → Medium]
]
```

## Kock Curve and Snowflake

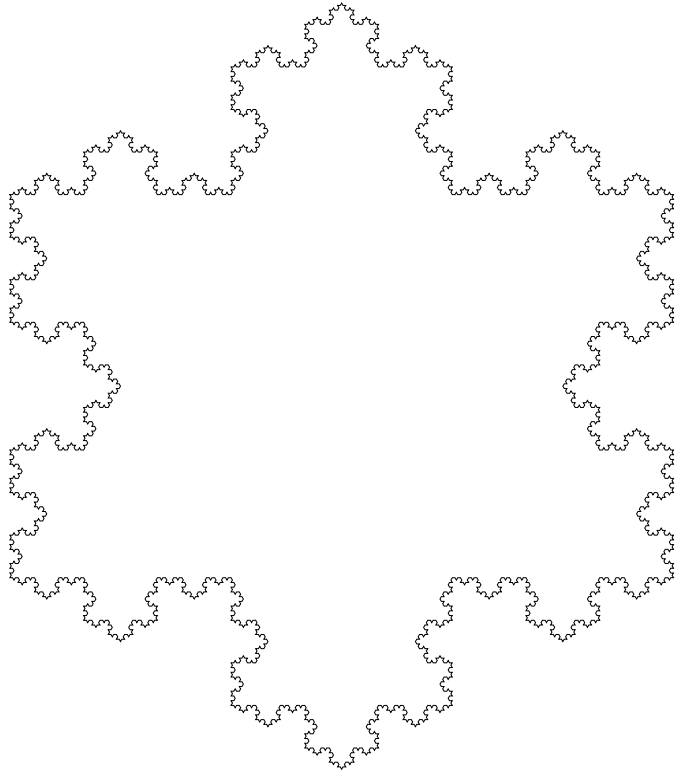
```
(* Definiton of L-System *)

a = {F}; (* axiom or start *)
Production = {F → {F, r[60], F, r[-120], F, r[60], F}}; (* recursion rules *)
Translation = {F → {1, 0}, r[x_] → {0, x Degree}}; (* drawing (turtle) translation *)
```

Manipulate[L[n, {F}, Production, Translation], {{n, 1}, 0, 6, 1}]



```
L[5, {F, r[-120], F, r[-120], F, r[-120]}, Production, Translation]
```



## Sierpinsky Triangle

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(* Definiton of L-System *)
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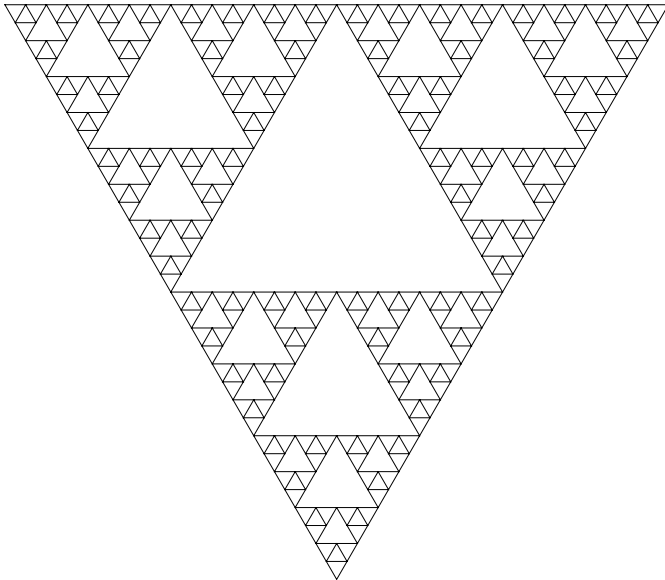
```
a = {F, m, G, m, G}; (* axiom or start *)
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Production = {G → {G, G}, F → {F, m, G, p, F, p, G, m, F}}; (* recursion rules *)
```

```
Translation = {F → {1, 0}, G → {1, 0}, p → {0, 120 Degree}, m → {0, -120 Degree}};
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```
(* drawing (turtle) translation *)
```

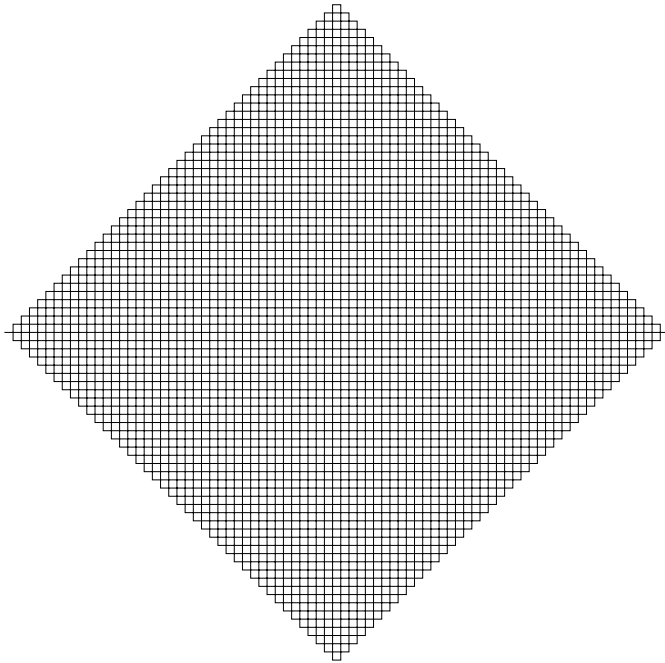
```
a = {F, m, G, m, G};  
L[5, a, Production, Translation]
```



## A Peano Curve

```
(* Definiton of L-System *)  
  
a = {F}; (* axiom or start *)  
Production = {F → {F, p, F, m, F, m, F, m, F, p, F, p, F, p, F, m, F}};  
(* recursion rules *)  
Translation = {F → {1, 0}, p → {0, 90 Degree}, m → {0, -90 Degree}};  
(* drawing (turtle) translation *)
```

```
a = {F};  
L[4, a, Production, Translation]
```

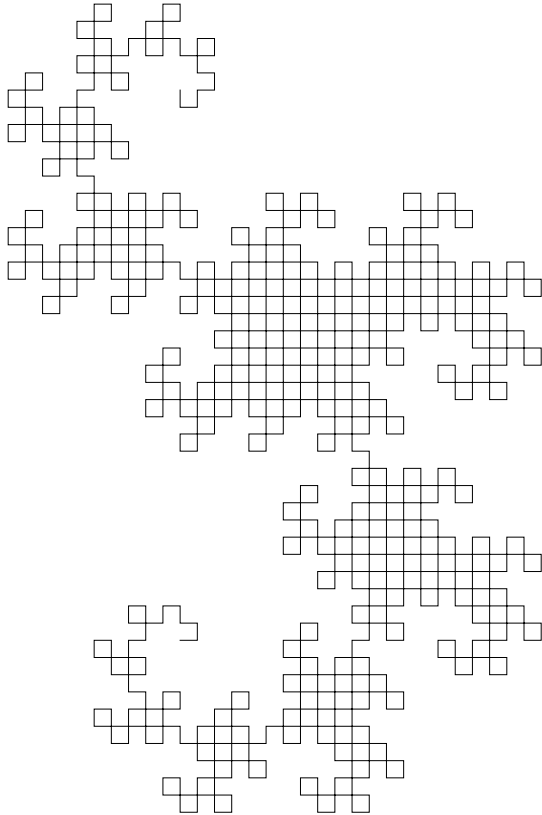


### Another Peano Curve (similar to the one drawn in class)

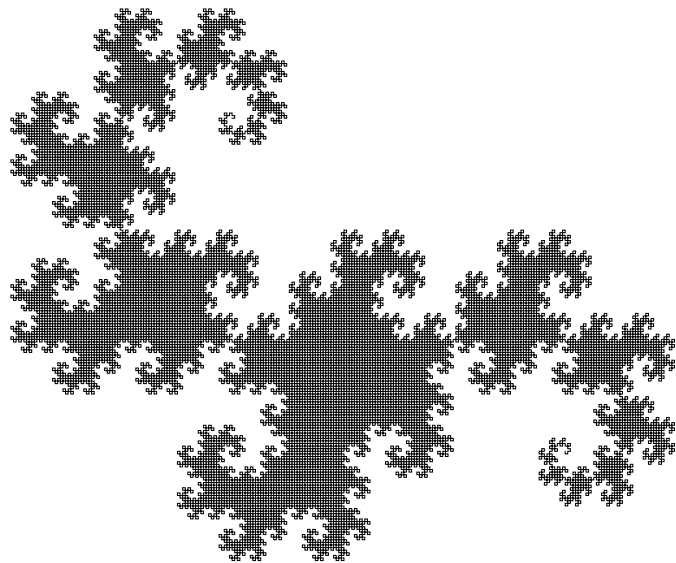
```
(* Definiton of L-System *)  
  
a = {F}; (* axiom or start *)  
Production = {F → {F, p, F, p, p, F, p, p, F, F, m, m, F, m, m, F, m, F}};  
(* recursion rules *)  
Translation = {F → {1, 0}, p → {0, 60 Degree}, m → {0, -60 Degree}};  
(* drawing (turtle) translation *)
```



```
a = {F, X};  
L[10, a, Production, Translation]
```



```
a = {F, X};  
L[15, a, Production, Translation]
```



Binary Tree (try I)

This is where I failed..... I could not implement the idea "save state and return" with my implementation. Hence I cannot draw tree-like L-systems since I require to store and return. Perhaps this is not suitable for using AnglePath, and needed to code my own drawing code.

```
(* Definiton of L-System *)  
  
a = {F}; (* axiom or start *)  
Production = {F -> {T, r[45], F, r[180], R, r[90], F, r[180], R, r[45], R, r[135]},  
              T -> {T, T}}; (* recursion rules *)  
Translation = {F -> {1, 0}, r[x_] -> {0, x Degree}, R -> {1, 0}, T -> {1, 0}};  
(* drawing (turtle) translation *)
```

```
a = {F};  
a = a /. Production // Flatten  
{T, r[45], F, r[180], R, r[90], F, r[180], R, r[45], R, r[135]}  
  
a = {F}  
L[2, a, Production, Translation]  
{F}
```

