

# Are you self-similar?

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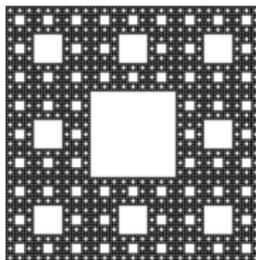
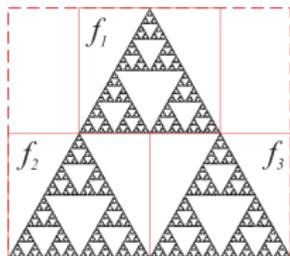
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A **self-similar set** for family  $\mathcal{F}$  is a nonempty compact set  $A \subset X$  which is fixed point of the operator  $\mathcal{F}$ :

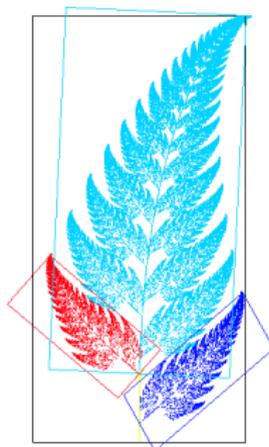
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$\mathcal{F}$  : similarities



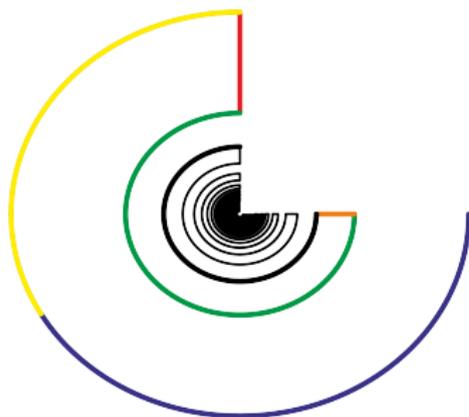
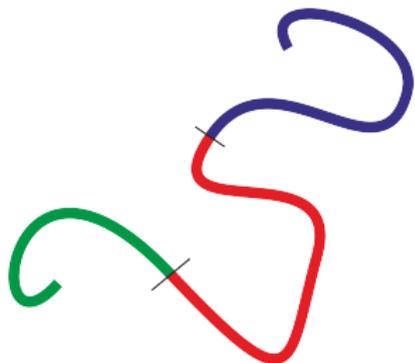
contractive affine transformations



# Examples for $X$ - metric space

$\mathcal{F}$ : Banach contractions  
 $\text{Lip}f < 1$

weak contractions  
 $\forall x \neq y \ d(f(x), f(y)) < d(x, y)$



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A compact space  $A = \mathcal{F}(A)$  for finite  $\mathcal{F} = \{f: A \rightarrow A, \text{ continuous map}\}$  is **topological fractal** if  $A$  is a Hausdorff space and  $\mathcal{F}$  is *topologically contracting*; for every open cover  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $A$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any maps  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in \mathcal{F}$  the set  $f_1 \circ \dots \circ f_n(A) \subset U \in \mathcal{U}$ .

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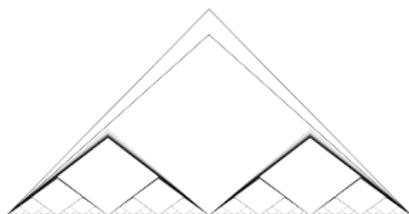
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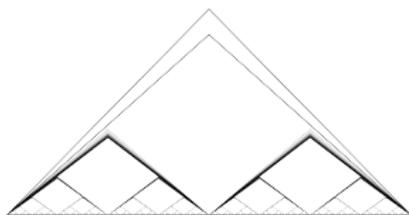
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For zero-dimensional space  $X$

- $X$  countable and  $ht(X) = \alpha + 1 \Rightarrow X$  is an Euclidean fractal
- $X$  countable and  $ht(X)$  - limit ordinal  $\Rightarrow X$  is not a topological fractal
- $X$  uncountable  $\Rightarrow X$  is an Euclidean fractal

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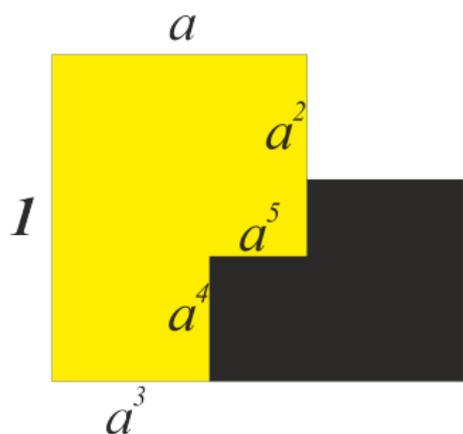
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In progress...

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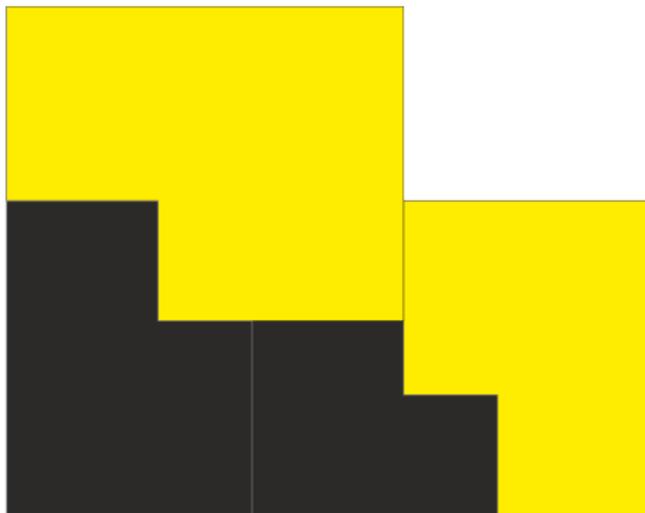
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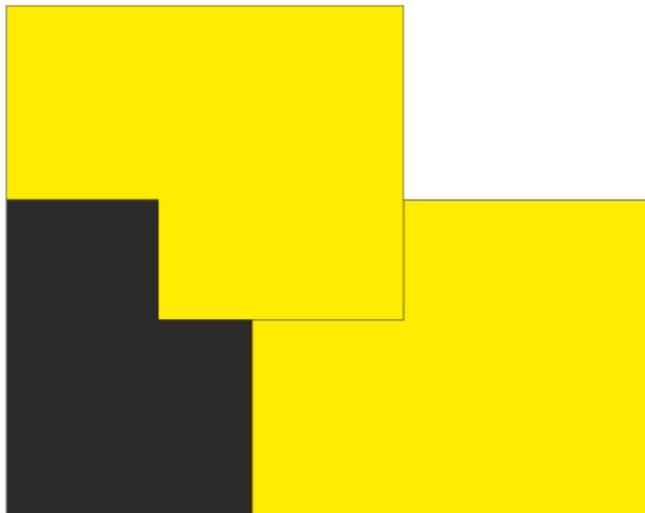
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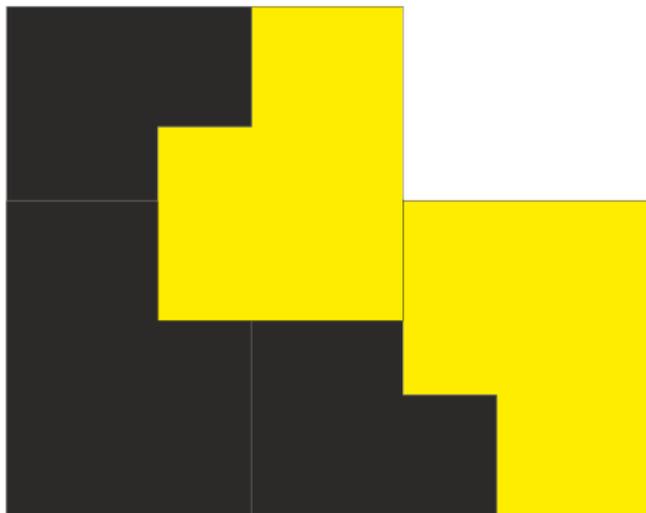
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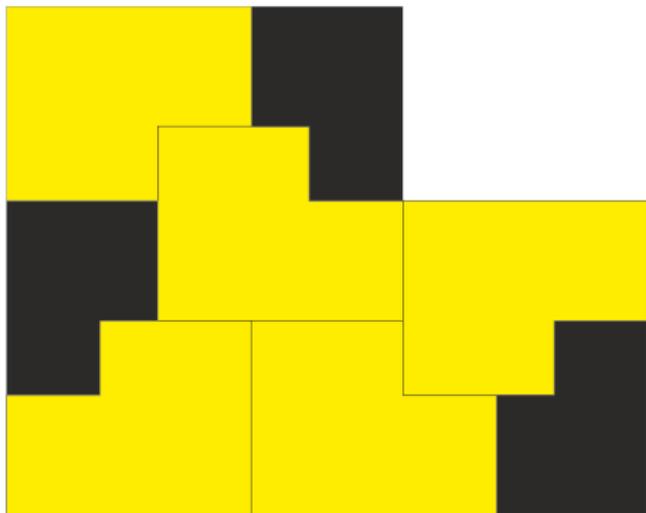


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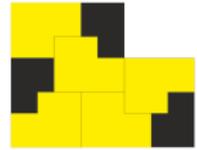




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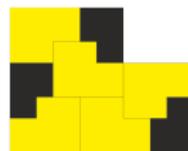
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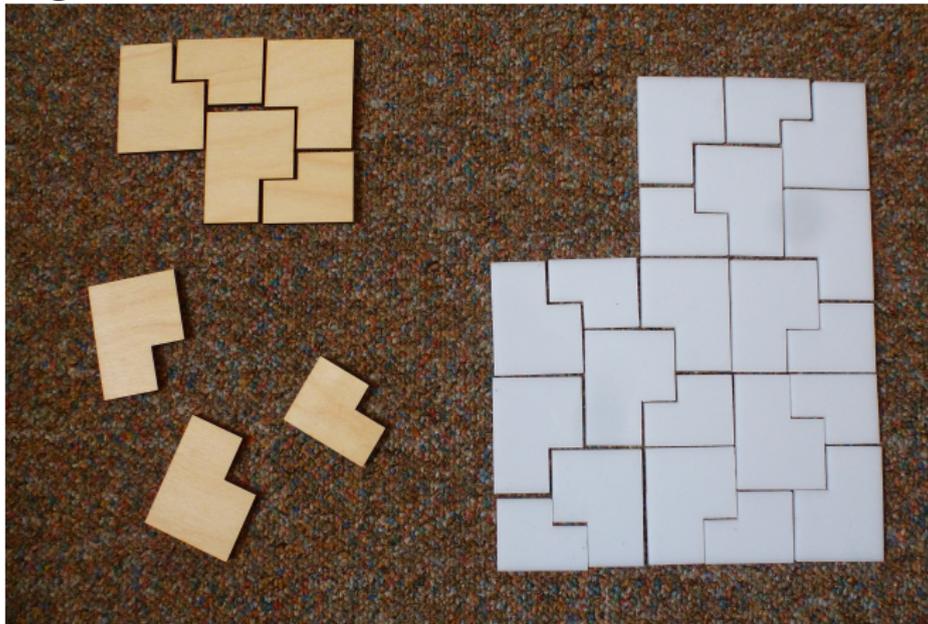
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$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

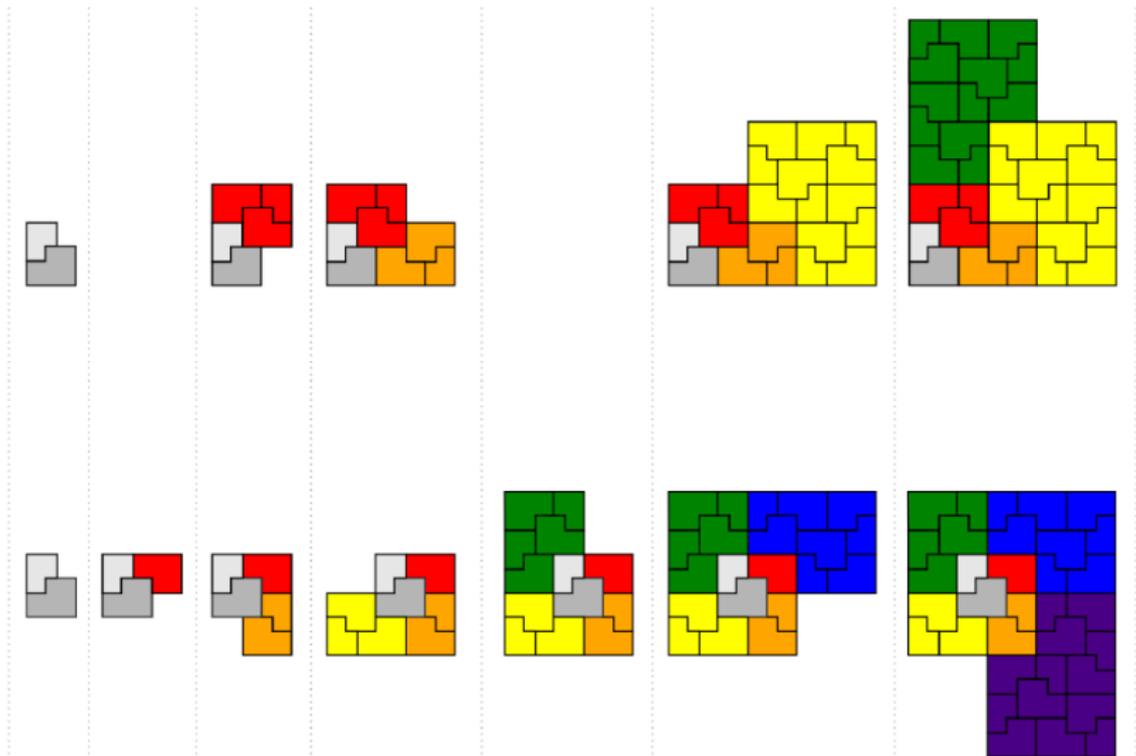
Fibonacci sequence

# Let's play!

Take all of the bee-shaped tiles and fit them together to make a large bee.



# Self-similar polygonal tilings



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