

# Hyperbolic Geometry and Chaos in the Complex Plane

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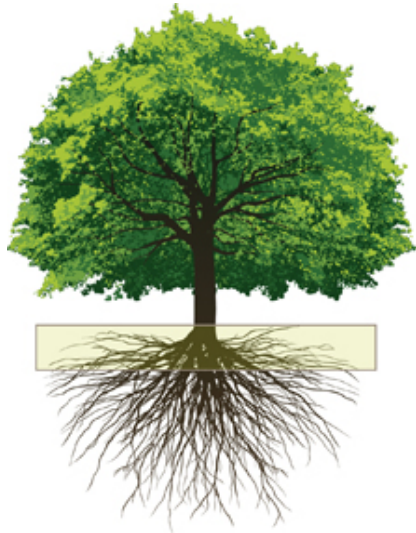
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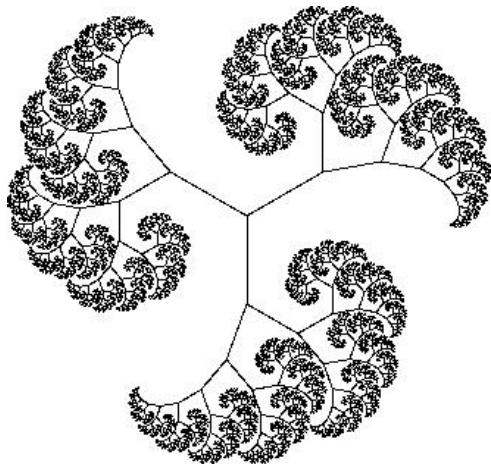
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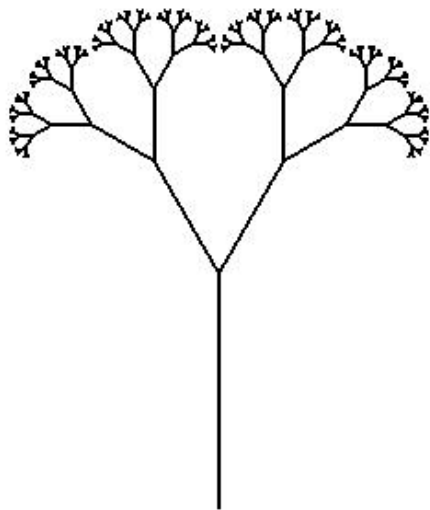




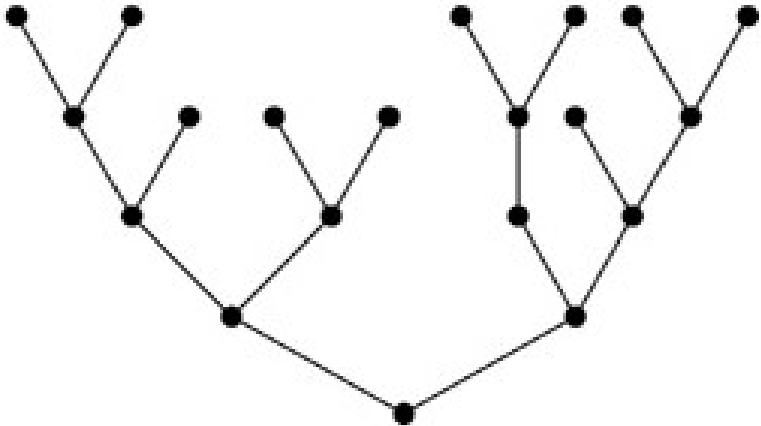




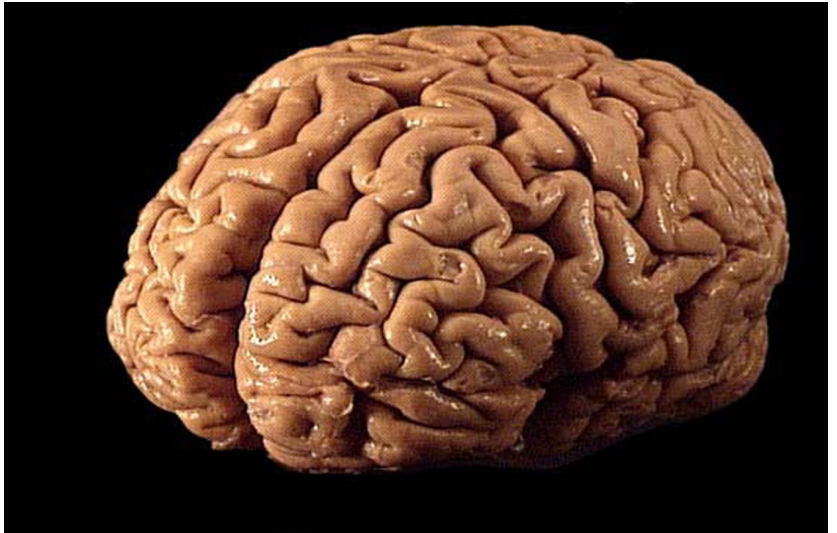
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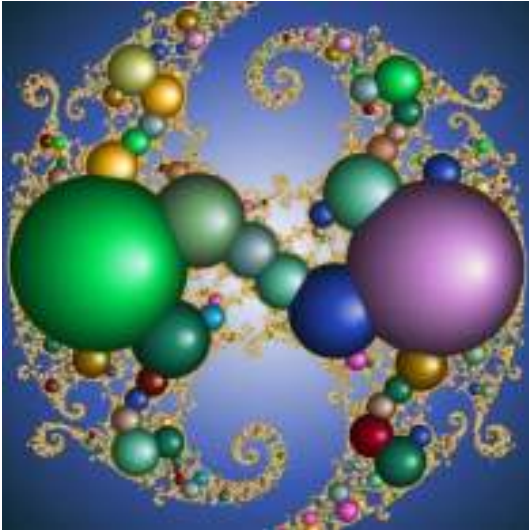




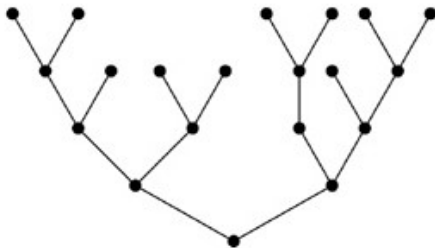








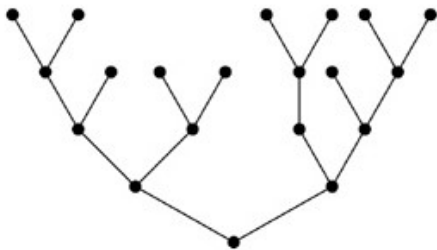
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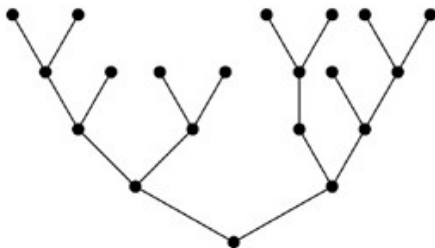


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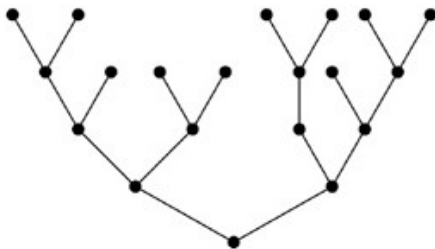
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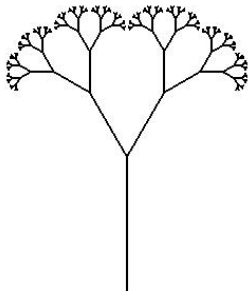
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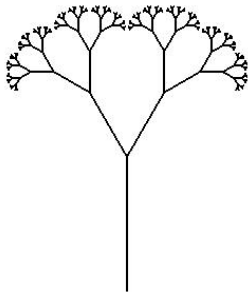
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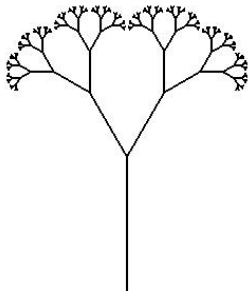
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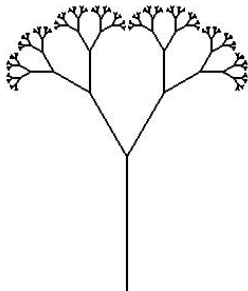
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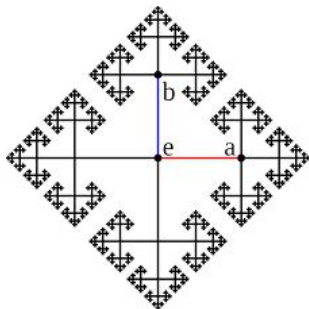
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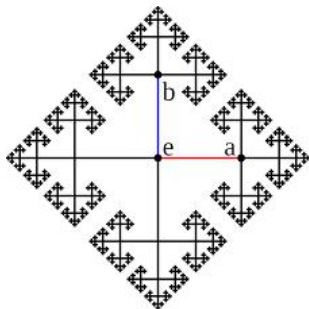
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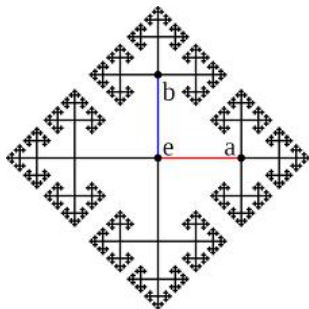
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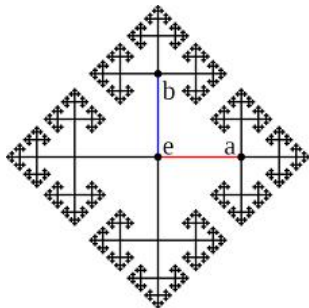
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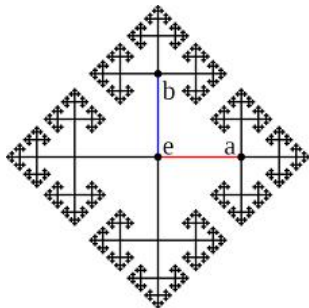
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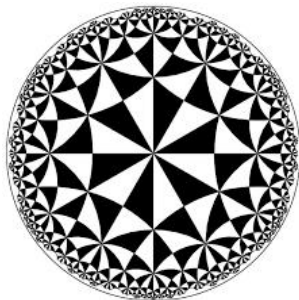
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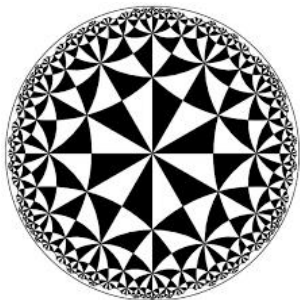
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Circle Limit III, 1959

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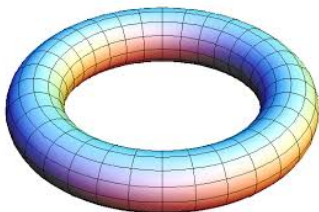
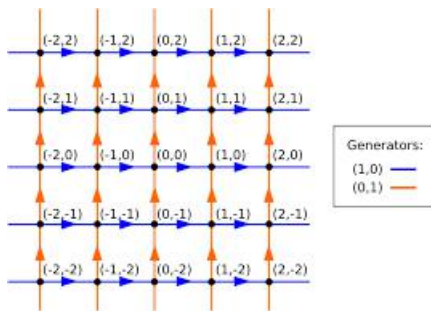
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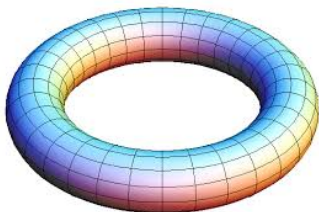
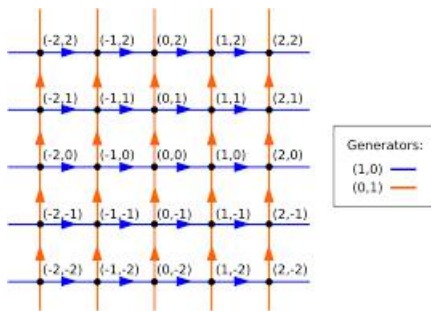
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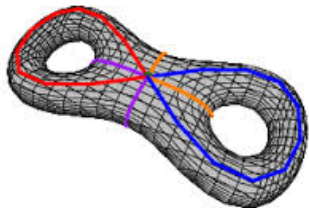
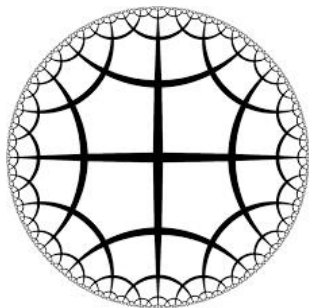
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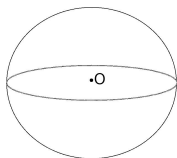
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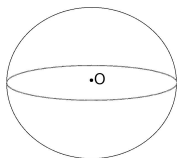
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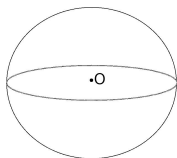


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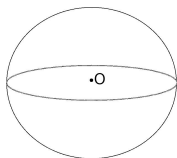




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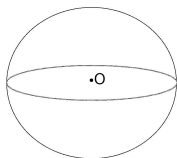
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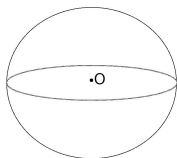
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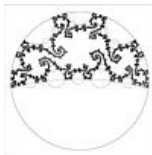
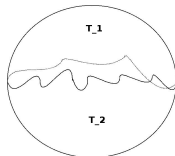


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