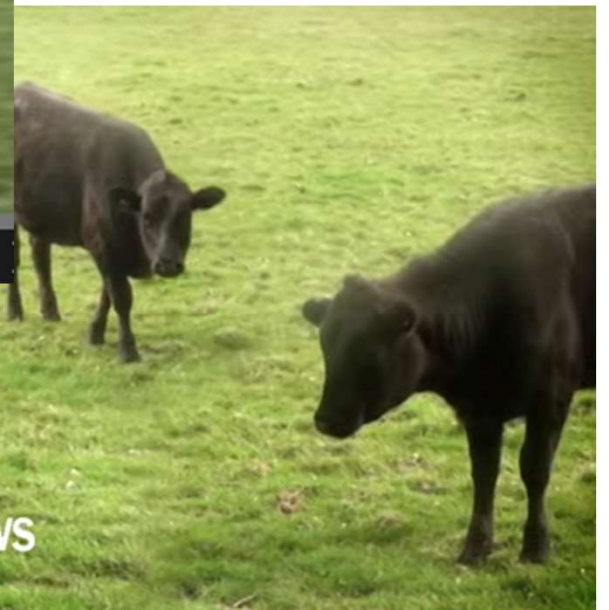


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```
3*4 +
```

```
2*7 +
```

```
4*4
```

Sequential design...

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```

```
3*4 + dot ([2, 4], [7, 4])
```

Recursive design...

dot ...

```
def dot( L, K ):
    if len(L) == 0 or len(K) == 0:
        return 0.0
    if len(L) != len(K):
        return 0.0
    else:
        return L[0]*K[0] + dot(L[1:],K[1:])
```

`dot([3,2,4], [4,7,4])`

L = [3,2,4] and K = [4,7,4]

$3*4 + \text{dot}([2,4], [7,4])$

L = [2,4] and K = [7,4]

$2*7 + \text{dot}([4], [4])$

L = [4] and K = [4]

$4*4 + \text{dot}([], [])$

L = [] and K = []

0.0

16.0

30.0

42.0

slow and steady!



There are four different values of L and four different values of K – all alive, simultaneously, in the stack

```
Python 3.6
1 def dot( L, K ):
2     if len(L) == 0 or len(K) == 0:
3         return 0.0
4     if len(L) != len(K):
5         return 0.0
6     else:
7         return L[0]*K[0] + dot(L[1:],K[1:])
8
9
10 print(dot([3,2,4],[4,7,4]))
```

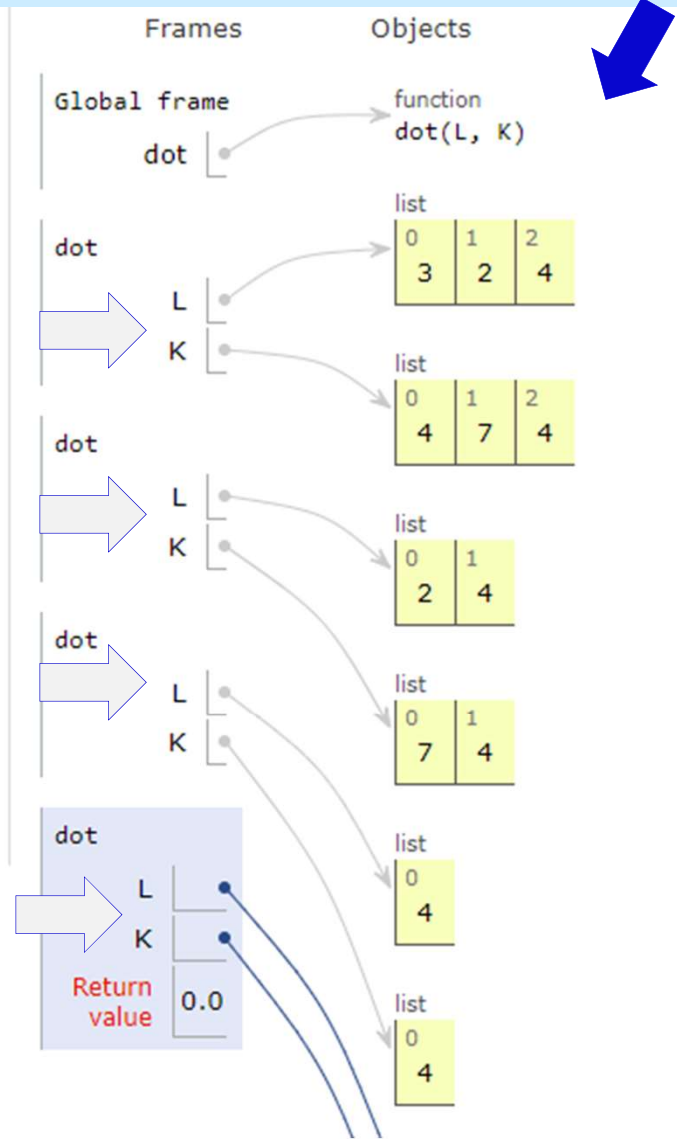
[Edit this code](#)

Line that has just executed
Line of code to execute

Line of code to set a breakpoint; use the Back and Forward buttons to jump there.

Navigation controls: << First, < Back, Step 18 of 21, Forward >, Last >>

Seeing the "stack" ...



Recursion's idea:

You handle the FIRST

Recursion handles the REST

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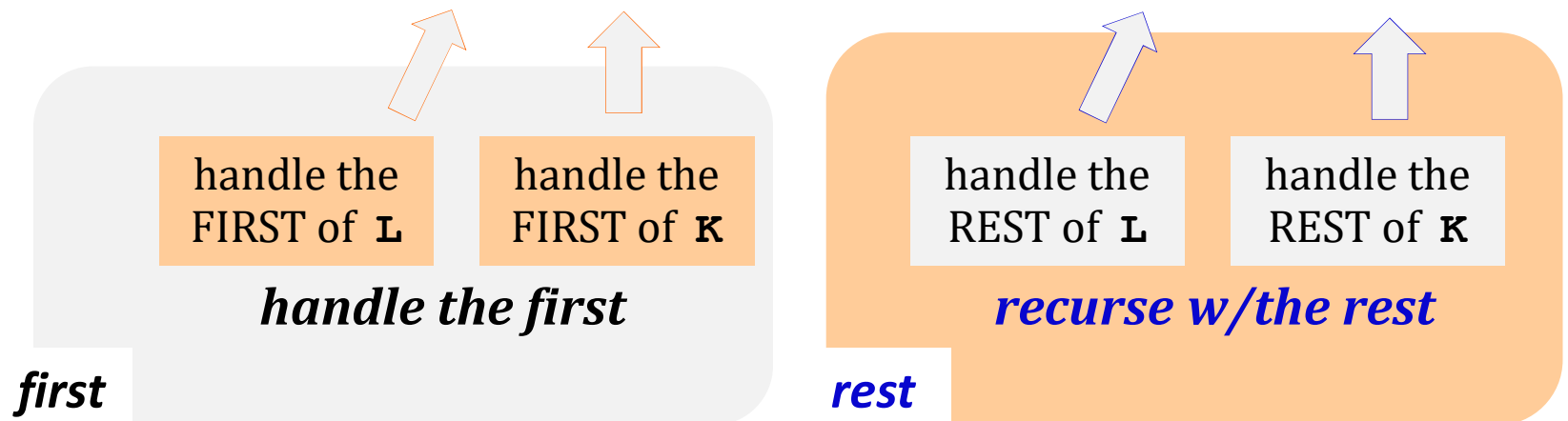
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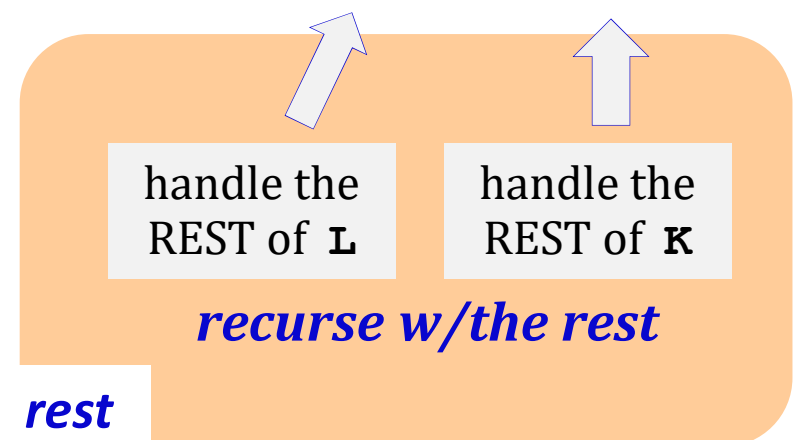
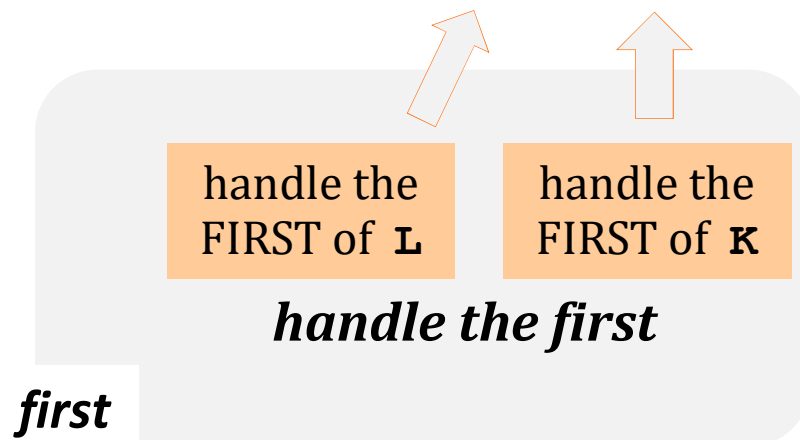
```
    if len(L) != len(K):  
        return 0.0
```

Base Cases

```
    else:
```

```
        return L[0]*K[0] + dot(L[1:],K[1:])
```

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Some *random* asides...

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choice( 'mudd' )
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... or 1 character from a string

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```
list(range(5)) → [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
list(range(1,5)) → [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

How would you get a random integer from 0 to 99 inclusive?

```
uniform(low, hi)
```

chooses a random **float** from low to hi

```
>>> uniform(41.9, 42.1)
42.08010107642389
```

floats have 16 places of precision

Aargh – so close!

A "random" function...

```
from random import *
```

```
def guess ( hidden ) :
```

```
    """ tries to guess our "hidden" #
```

```
    """
```

Remember, this is [0,1,...,98,99]

```
    compguess = choice ( list ( range ( 100 ) ) )
```

```
    if compguess == hidden :
```

```
        print ( 'I got it!' )
```

```
    else :
```

```
        guess ( hidden )
```

print the guesses ?

slow down...

return the number of guesses ?

investigate expected # of guesses?!??

Recursive guess-counting

```
from random import *  
import time
```

```
def guess( hidden ):  
    """ guessing game """  
    compguess = choice( list(range(100)) )  
  
    # print('I choose', compguess)  
    # time.sleep(0.05)  
  
    if compguess == hidden: # at last!  
        # print('I got it!')  
        return 1  
    else:  
        return 1 + guess( hidden )
```

code available
in hw2pr2

Name(s):

Random "Quiz"

1/1 4/7

2/4 3/8

3/7 3/9

how likely is each?

```
from random import *
```

```
choice ( [1,2,3,2] )
```

What's the most likely return value here?

```
choice ( list(range(5))+[4,2,4] )
```

What's the most likely return value?

```
choice ( list(range(7)) )
```

More likely even or odd? 0 is even!

Careful on these...

```
choice ( '1,2,3,4' )
```

What's the most likely return value here?

```
choice ( ['1,2,3,4'] )
```

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choice ( '[1,2,3,4]' )
```

What's the most likely return value here?

```
uniform( -20.5, 0.5 )
```

What are the chances of this being > 0?

```
choice (0,1,2,3,4)
```

```
choice ([list(range(5))])
```

```
choice [list(range(5))]
```

Which **two** of these 3 are *syntax errors*?
Also, what does the **third** one - the one syntactically correct - actually *do*?

Syntax corner...

Data is in black. Probabilities are in blue.

Team up and try this on the backpage first...

```
from random import *
```

```
choice ( [1,2,3,2] )
```

What's the most likely return value here?

2

2/4

probabilities in blue...

```
choice ( list(range(5)) + [4,2,4,2] )
```

[0,1,2,3,4]

What's the most likely return value?

4

3/8

[0,1,2,3,4,4,2,4]

```
choice ( list(range(7)) )
```

More likely even or odd? 0 is even!

even

4/7

Careful on these...

[0,1,2,3,4,5,6]

```
choice ( '1,2,3,4' )
```

What's the most likely return value here?

,

3/7

```
choice ( ['1,2,3,4'] )
```

What's the most likely return value here?

'1,2,3,4'

1/1

```
choice ( '[1,2,3,4]' )
```

What's the most likely return value here?

;

3/9

```
uniform( -20.5, 0.5 )
```

What are the chances of this being > 0?

1/42

```
choice (0,1,2,3,4)
```

syntax error: needs list [...] or str '...'

```
choice ([list(range(5))])
```

correct: always returns [0,1,2,3,4]

1/1 chance

```
choice [list(range(5))]
```

syntax error: needs parens: choice(...)

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```
from random import *  
choice ( [1,2,3,2] )
```

What's the most likely return value here? **2**

Team up and try this on the backpage first...

2/4

probabilities in blue...

```
choice ( list(range(5))+[4,2,4,2] )
```

What's the most likely return value here?

3/8

4/7

3/7

1/1

3/9

Pass these eastward!

```
choice ([list(range(5))])  
choice [list(range(5))]
```

syntax error: needs list [...] or str '...'

correct: *always* returns [0,1,2,3,4]

1/1 chance

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The two *Monte Carlos*

and their denizens...



Monte Carlo casino, Monaco



Insights via
random trials

Monte Carlo
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and their denizens...



Bond, James Bond

Monte Carlo casino, Monaco



Ulam, Stan Ulam

Monte Carlo
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Monte Carlo in action

How many doubles will you get in **N** rolls of 2 dice?

N is the total number of rolls

```
def countDoubles( N ):
    """ input: the # of dice rolls to make
        output: the # of doubles seen """
    if N == 0:
        return 0          # zero rolls, zero doubles...
    else:
        d1 = choice( [1,2,3,4,5,6] )
        d2 = choice( list(range(1,7)) )
        if d1 != d2:
            return 0+countDoubles( N-1 )  # not doubles
        else:
            return 1+countDoubles( N-1 )  # DOUBLES! Add 1
```

} How are these the two dice?

where and how is the check for doubles being done?

Monte Carlo *Let's Make a Deal...*

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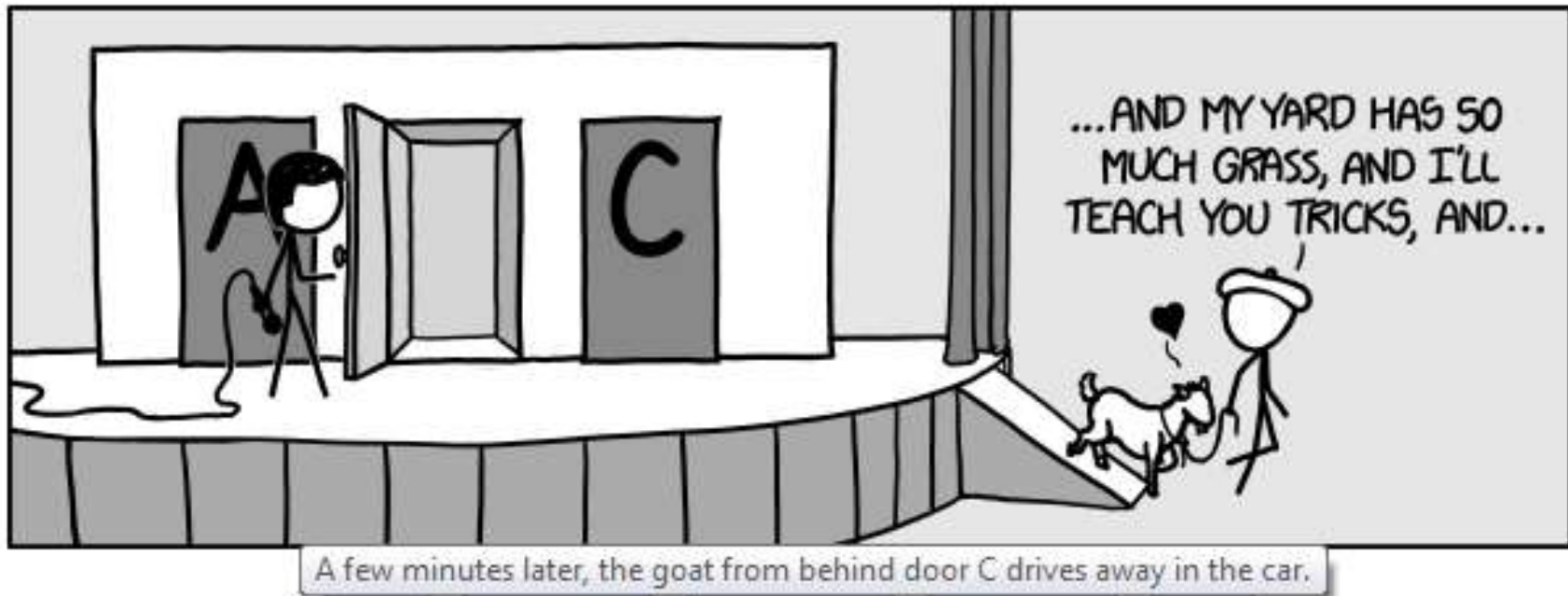


Monte Carlo *Let's Make a Deal...*



Let's make a deal: XKCD's take...

MONTY HALL



... what if you considered the goat the grand prize!?

Monte Carlo Monty Hall

Suppose you always **switch** to the other door...

What are the chances that you will win the prize ?



Let's play (randomly) 300 times and see!

Monte Carlo Monty Hall

Your initial choice!

'switch' or 'stay'

number of times to play

```
def MCMH( init, sors, N ):
    """ plays the "Let's make a deal" game N times
        returns the number of times you win the *Spam!*
    """
    if N == 0: return 0           # don't play, can't win
    przDoor = choice([1,2,3])     # where the spam (prize) is...

    if init == przDoor and sors == 'stay': result = 'Win!'
    elif init == przDoor and sors == 'switch': result = 'lose'
    elif init != przDoor and sors == 'switch': result = 'Win!'
    else: result = 'lose'

    print 'Time', N, 'you', result

    if result == 'Win!': return 1 + MCMH( init, sors, N-1 )
    else: return 0 + MCMH( init, sors, N-1 )
```

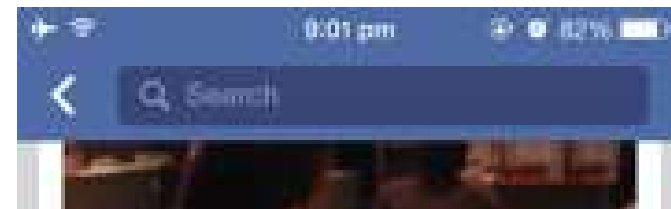

If you win some SPAM... ? or pmfp... ?




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If you win some SPAM... ? or pmfp... ?




we made a sale!! Inbox x

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Hi Professor,
Thought you'd enjoy this.
Julia and I will be sure to cut you 33.3% of the profits!

Phoebe



 **Rosh Lam**
Is this actually for sale? I'm interested in buying. \$1
7 minutes ago · Like · Reply

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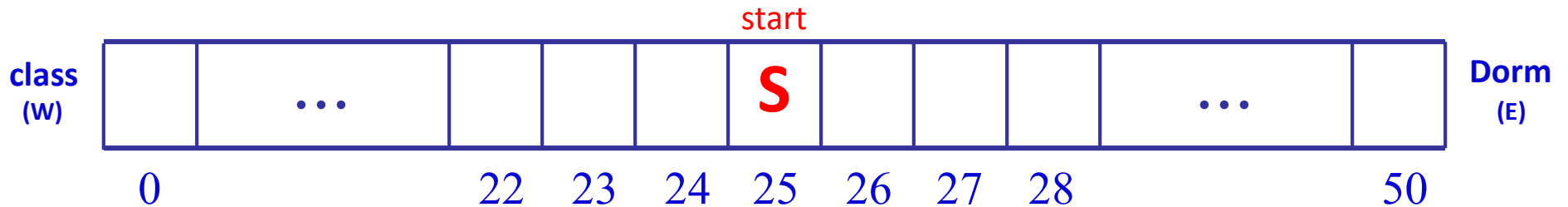
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An example *closer to home*

hw2pr2



An overworked 5C student (**S**) leaves H/S after their "late-night" breakfast – or lunch. Each moment, they randomly stumble toward class (**W**) or the dorm (**E**)

Once the student arrives at the dorm or classroom, the trip is complete.
The program should then print the total number of steps taken.

Write a program to model *and analyze!* this scenario...

rwpos (st, nsteps)

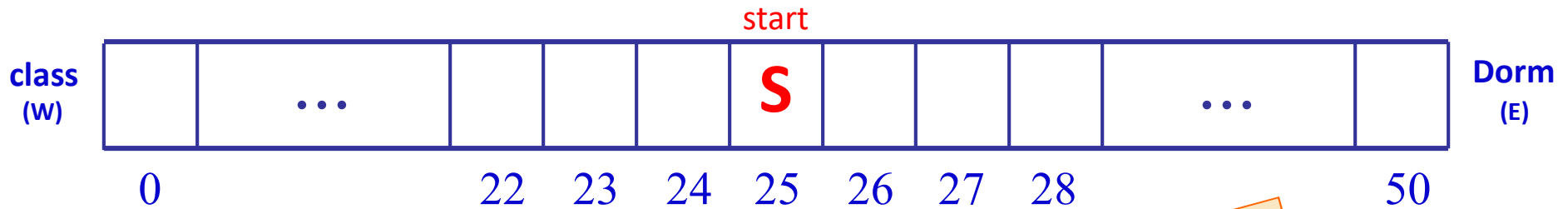
take **nsteps** random
steps starting at **st**

rwsteps (st, low, hi)

take random steps starting at **st**
until you reach either **low** or **hi**

An example *closer to home*

hw2pr2



An overworked 5C student (**S**) is in a "late-night" breakfast room, randomly choosing a direction to walk.

On either end of the hallway is a door. When the student reaches either door, the trip is complete. **(S)** is the total number of steps taken.

Write a program to model *and analyze!* this scenario...

rwpos (st, nsteps)

take **nsteps** random steps starting at **st**

rwsteps (st, low, hi)

take random steps starting at **st** until you reach either **low** or **hi**

Lab 2 ~ *Python's Etch-a-Sketch*

Lab! *Python's Etch-a-Sketch*



No way this is real... but it is !

more *usual* etch-a-sketch work...



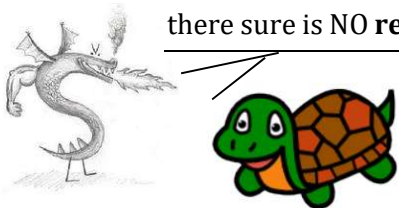
Single-path recursion

```
def tri(): # define it!  
    """ a triangle!  
    """  
    forward(100)  
    left(120)  
    forward(100)  
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    forward(100)  
    left(120)  
  
# run  
tri()
```

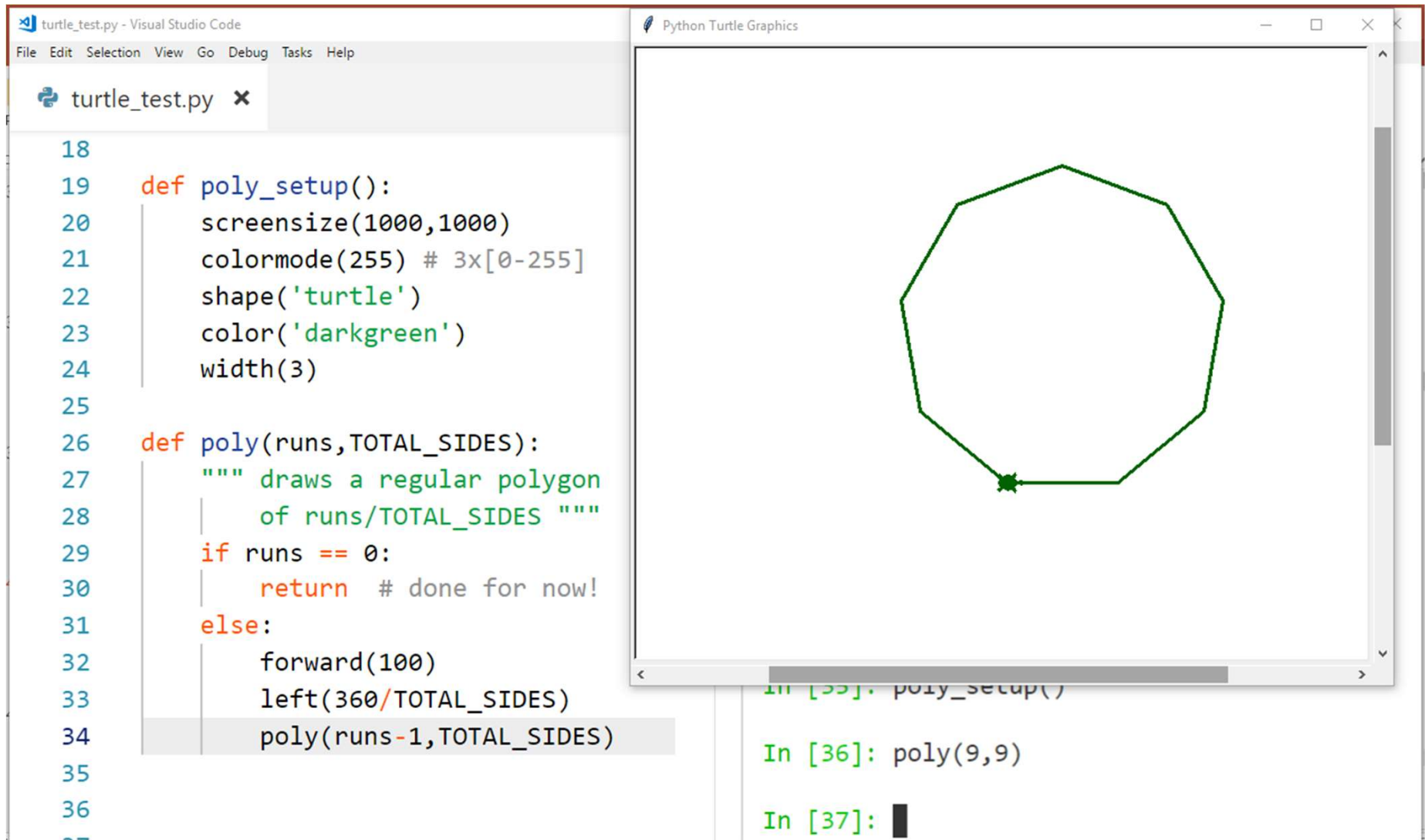
Let's **tri** this with recursion:

```
def tri( n ):  
    """ draws a triangle """  
    if n == 0: return  
    else:  
        forward(100) # one side  
        left(120)    # turn 360/3  
        tri( n-1 )  # draw rest
```

I don't know about **tri**, but
there sure is **NO return ...!**



Turtle's ability? It varies...



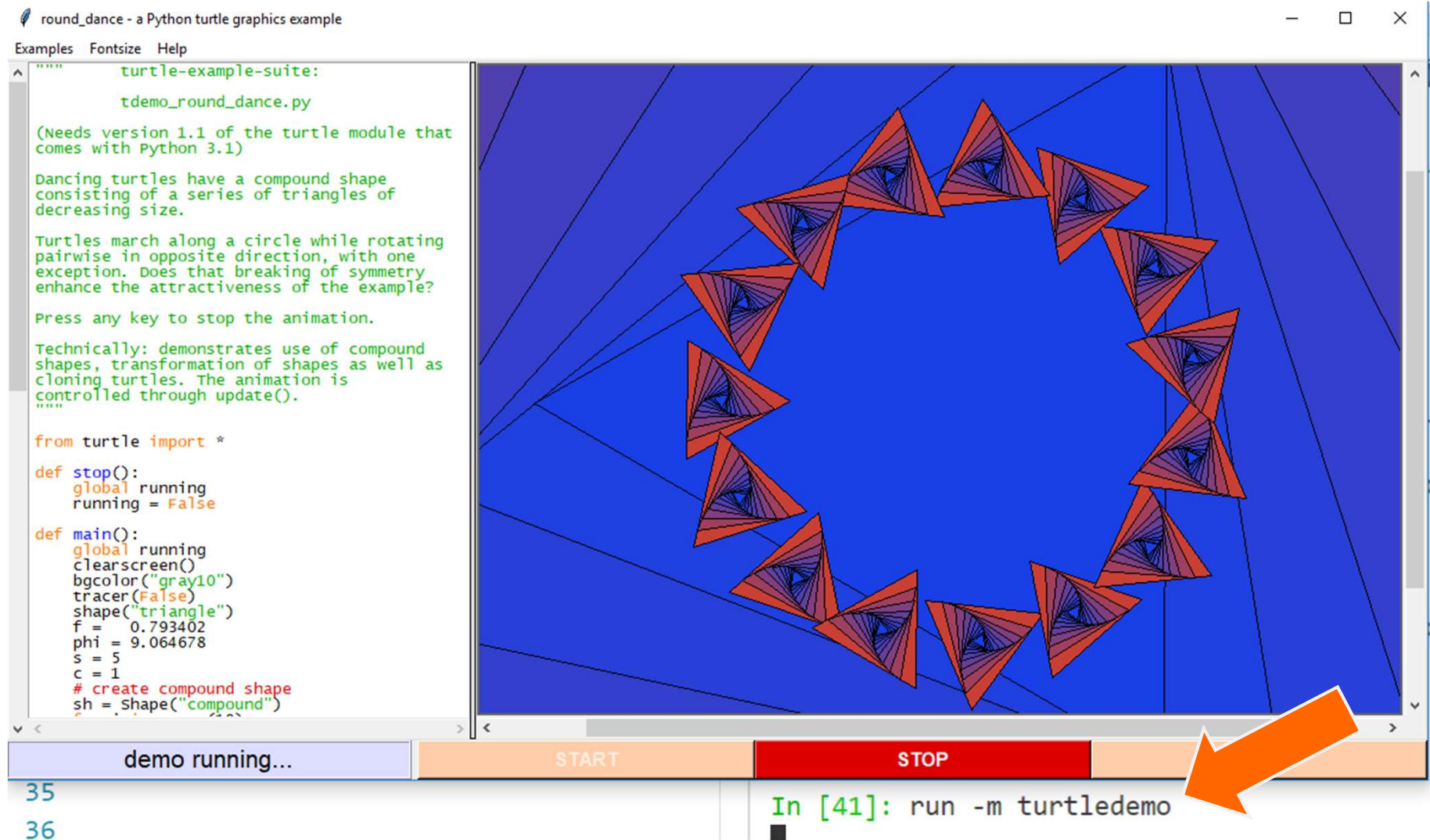
The image shows a screenshot of a Python IDE (Visual Studio Code) with two windows. The left window displays the source code for a turtle graphics program, and the right window shows the resulting output.

```
18
19 def poly_setup():
20     screensize(1000,1000)
21     colormode(255) # 3x[0-255]
22     shape('turtle')
23     color('darkgreen')
24     width(3)
25
26 def poly(runs, TOTAL_SIDES):
27     """ draws a regular polygon
28         of runs/TOTAL_SIDES """
29     if runs == 0:
30         return # done for now!
31     else:
32         forward(100)
33         left(360/TOTAL_SIDES)
34         poly(runs-1, TOTAL_SIDES)
35
36
37
```

The right window, titled "Python Turtle Graphics", displays a dark green regular nonagon (9-sided polygon) on a white background. The turtle's head is visible at the bottom vertex of the polygon. Below the window, the command prompt shows the following interactions:

```
In [35]: poly_setup()
In [36]: poly(9,9)
In [37]: █
```

Turtle's ability? It varies widely!



round_dance - a Python turtle graphics example

Examples Fontsize Help

```
""" turtle-example-suite:
    tdemo_round_dance.py

(Needs version 1.1 of the turtle module that
comes with Python 3.1)

Dancing turtles have a compound shape
consisting of a series of triangles of
decreasing size.

Turtles march along a circle while rotating
pairwise in opposite direction, with one
exception. Does that breaking of symmetry
enhance the attractiveness of the example?

Press any key to stop the animation.

Technically: demonstrates use of compound
shapes, transformation of shapes as well as
cloning turtles. The animation is
controlled through update().
"""

from turtle import *

def stop():
    global running
    running = False

def main():
    global running
    clearscreen()
    bgcolor("gray10")
    tracer(False)
    shape("triangle")
    f = 0.793402
    phi = 9.064678
    s = 5
    c = 1
    # create compound shape
    sh = Shape("compound")
```

demo running... START STOP

In [41]: run -m turtledemo

35
36

Warning: *Terminator error!*

```
turtle_test.py x  TERMINAL  1: ipython  +  -  x
```

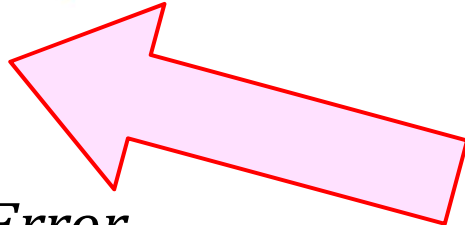
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35
```

```
Terminator
Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-42-eb9a76ec3ae6> in <module>
()
----> 1 poly(9,9)

C:\Users\zdodds\Desktop\Desktop\cs5_fall_20
18\2018_week_2\turtle_test.py in poly(runs,
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C:\Users\zdodds\Anaconda3\lib\turtle.py in
forward(distance)

Terminator:
```



Problem: *Terminator Error*



Solution: *Just run it again!*

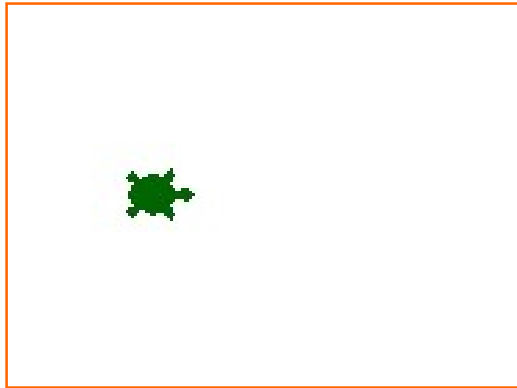


I'll be back...

-- just call me again

Be the turtle !

(1) What would `chai(100)` draw?



```
def chai(dist):  
    """ mystery fn! """  
    if dist < 5: return  
  
    forward(dist)  
    left(90)  
    forward(dist/2.0)  
    right(90)  
    # recurse here?  
    right(90)  
    forward(dist)  
    left(90)  
    # recurse here?  
    left(90)  
    forward(dist/2.0)  
    right(90)  
    backward(dist)
```

(2)



one possible result of `rwalk(20)`

Have `rwalk` draw a "stock-market" path of **N** steps of 10 pixels each. *Use recursion.*

```
from random import *
```

```
def rwalk(N):
```

```
    """ make N 10-pixel steps, NE or SE """
```

```
    if N == 0: return
```

```
    elif choice(['left', 'right']) == 'left':
```

```
        left(45)  
        forward(10)
```



```
    else: # this handles 'right'
```



Extra! How could you make this a bull (or a bear) market?

Extra #2! What if the line `chai(dist/2)` were placed between the two `right(90)` lines? And/or between the two `left(90)` lines?

```
from random import *
```

`rwalk(N)` is a random
"stock market" walk...

```
def rwalk(N):
```

```
    """ make N 10-px steps, NE or SE """
```

```
    if N == 0:        return
```

```
    elif choice(['left', 'right']) == 'left':
```

```
        left(45)  
        forward(10)  
        right(45) ←  
        rwalk( N-1 )
```

What if we *didn't* turn back
to face east each time?

```
    else:    # 'right'
```

```
        right(45)  
        forward(10)  
        left(45) ←  
        rwalk( N-1 ) ←
```

"Single-path" (or *counting*) recursion

Single-path recursion

What does `chai(100)` do here?



```
def chai(dist):  
    """ mystery! """  
    if dist < 5:  
        return  
  
    forward(dist)  
    left(90)  
    forward(dist/2.0)  
    right(90)  
  
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    forward(dist)  
    left(90)  
  
    left(90)  
    forward(dist/2.0)  
    right(90)  
    backward(dist)
```

How could you add more to each T's tips?

Why are there two identical commands in a row ~ twice!?

Branching recursion

Now, what does `chai(100)` do?



```
def chai(dist):  
    """ mystery! """  
    if dist < 5:  
        return
```

```
        forward(dist)  
        left(90)  
        forward(dist/2.0)  
        right(90)  
        chai(dist/2) ←  
        right(90)  
        forward(dist)  
        left(90)  
        chai(dist/2) ←  
        left(90)  
        forward(dist/2.0)  
        right(90)  
        backward(dist)
```

"Multiple-path" (or *branching*) recursion

Cyriak: *conceptually disruptive* recursion...

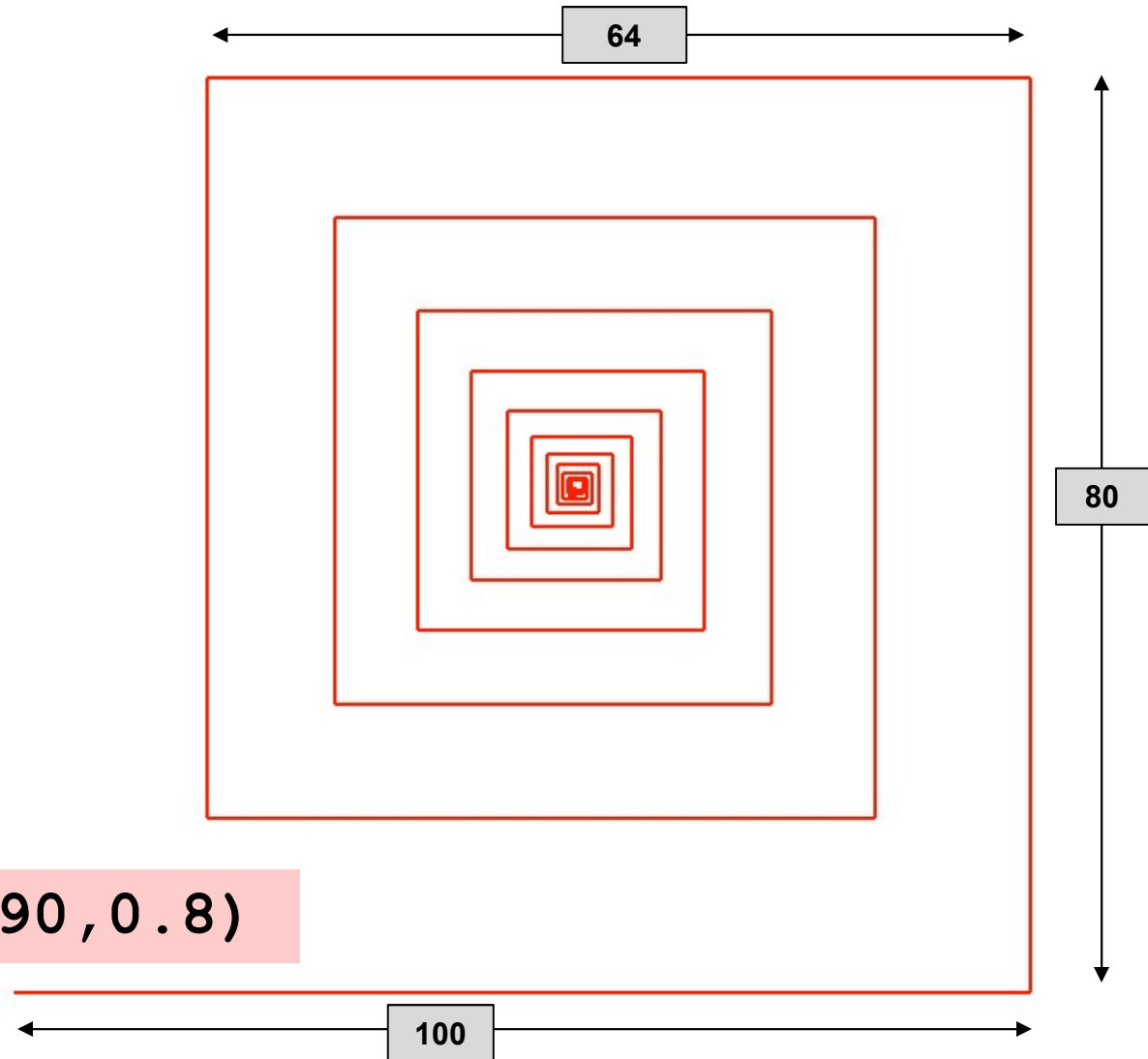


is the *branching*, not the *single-path* variety.

Single-path or *Branching* recursion here?

lab ~ hw2pr1

fractal art



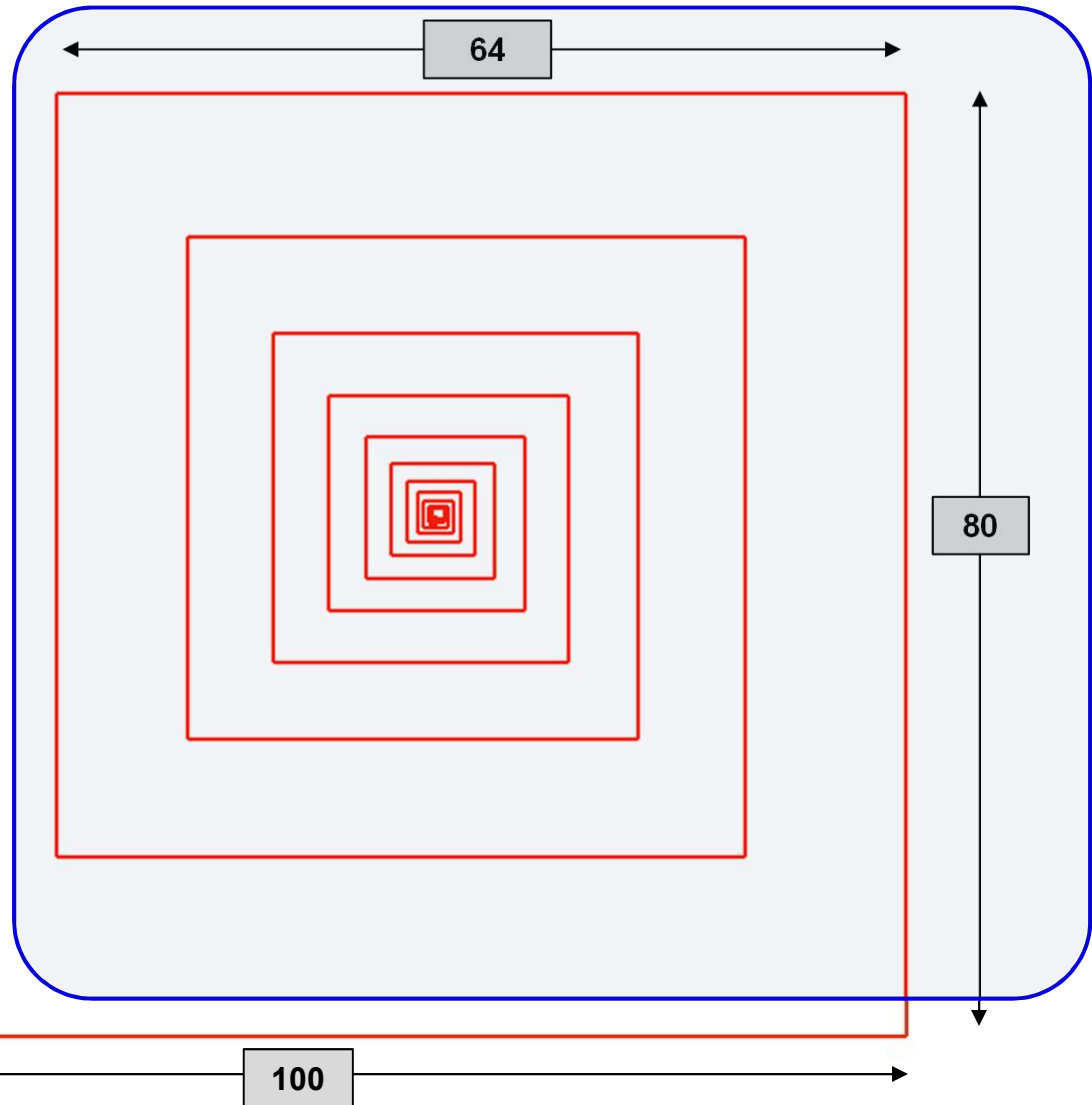
```
spiral(100, 90, 0.8)
```

```
spiral( initLength, angle, multiplier )
```

lab ~ hw2pr1

fractal art

```
spiral(80, 90, 0.8)
```

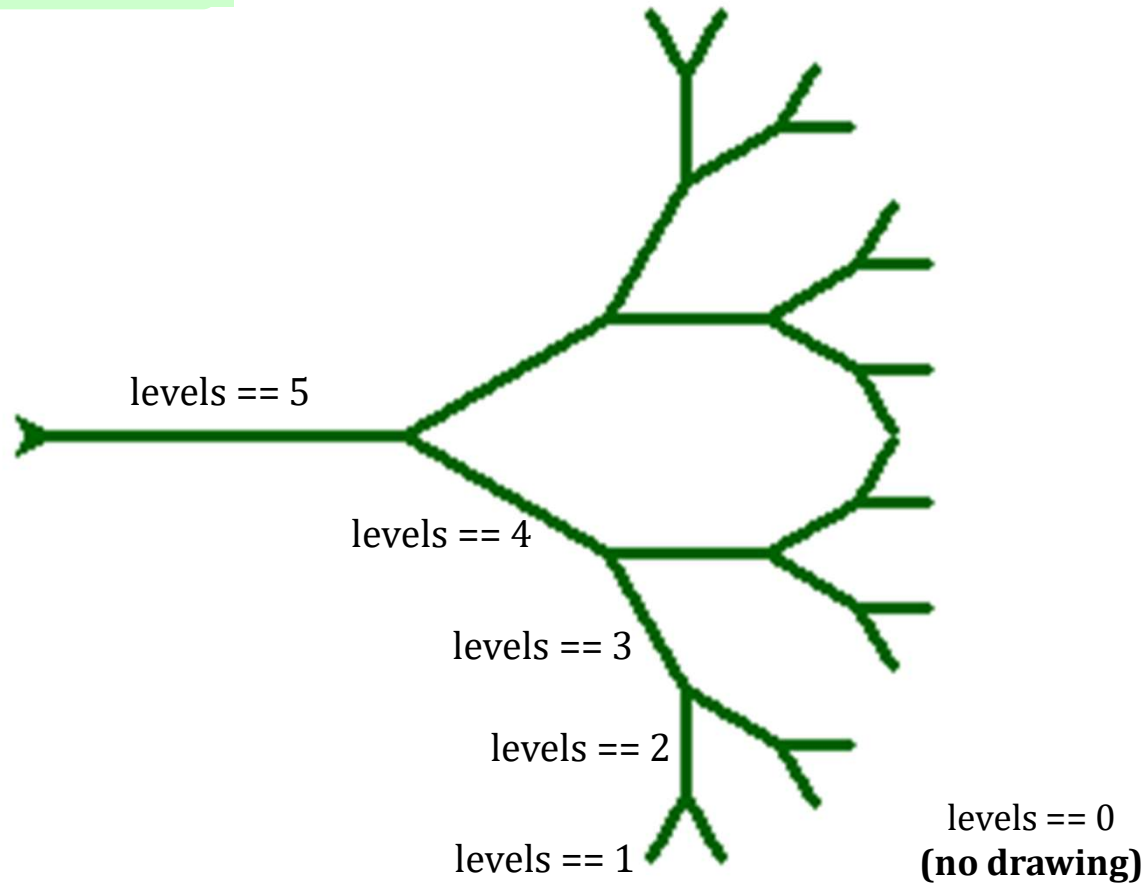


```
spiral(100, 90, 0.8)
```

```
spiral( initLength, angle, multiplier )
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smtree( trunkLength, levels )
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smtree( 100, 5 )
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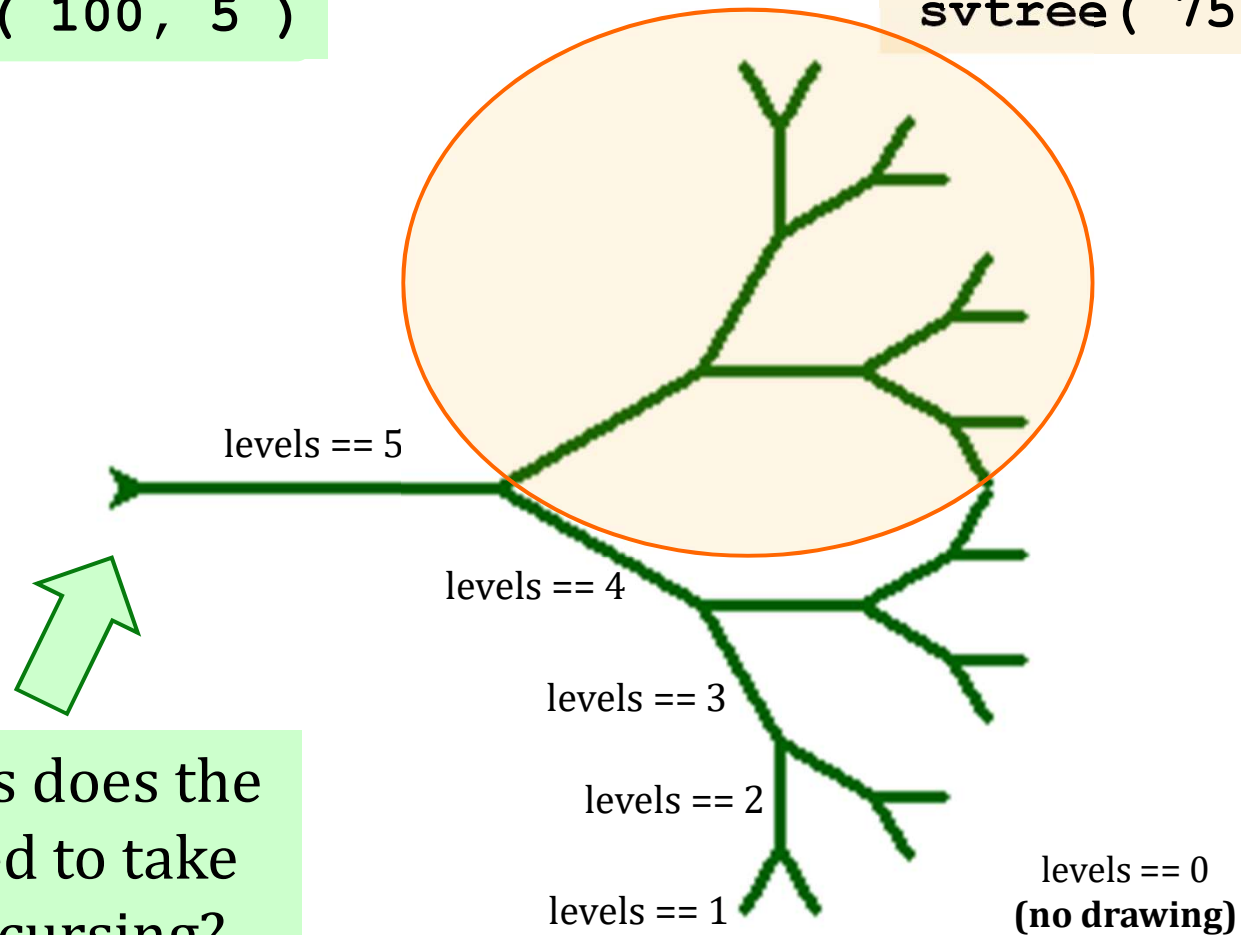


Single-path or *Branching* recursion here?

`svtree(trunkLength, levels)`

`svtree(100, 5)`

`svtree(75, 4)`



What steps does the turtle need to take before recursing?

Branching recursion!

`svtree (trunkLength, levels)`

`svtree (100, 5)`

step #3: draw a smaller svtree!

step #2: turn a bit...

step #1: go forward...

levels == 5

step #6: get back to the start by turning and moving!

step #4: turn to another heading

levels == 4

levels == 3

levels == 2

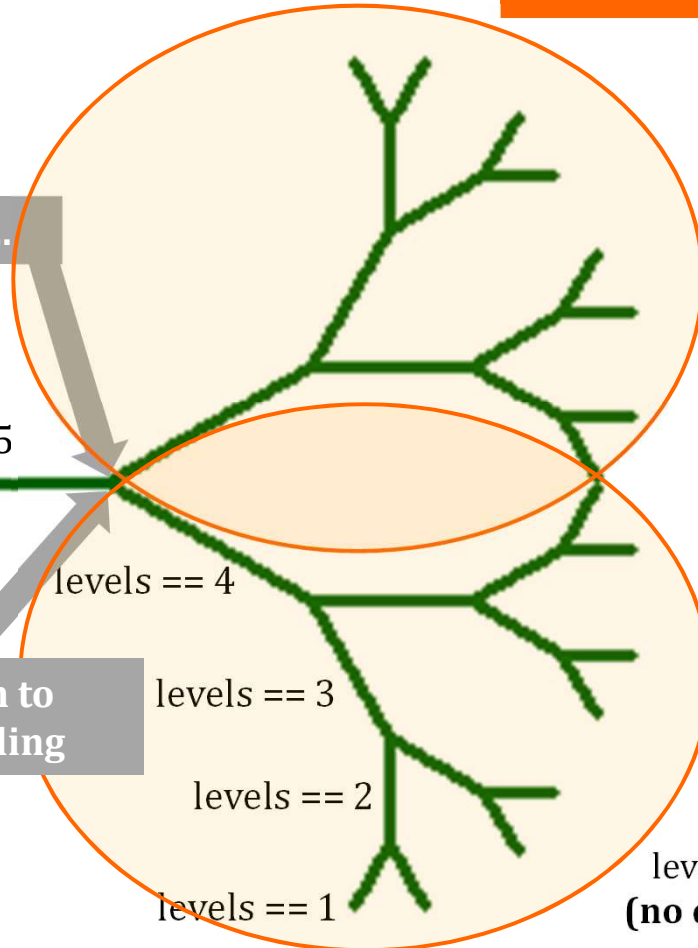
levels == 1

levels == 0
(no drawing)

Be sure the turtle always returns to its starting position!

step #5: draw another smaller svtree!

Branching recursion!

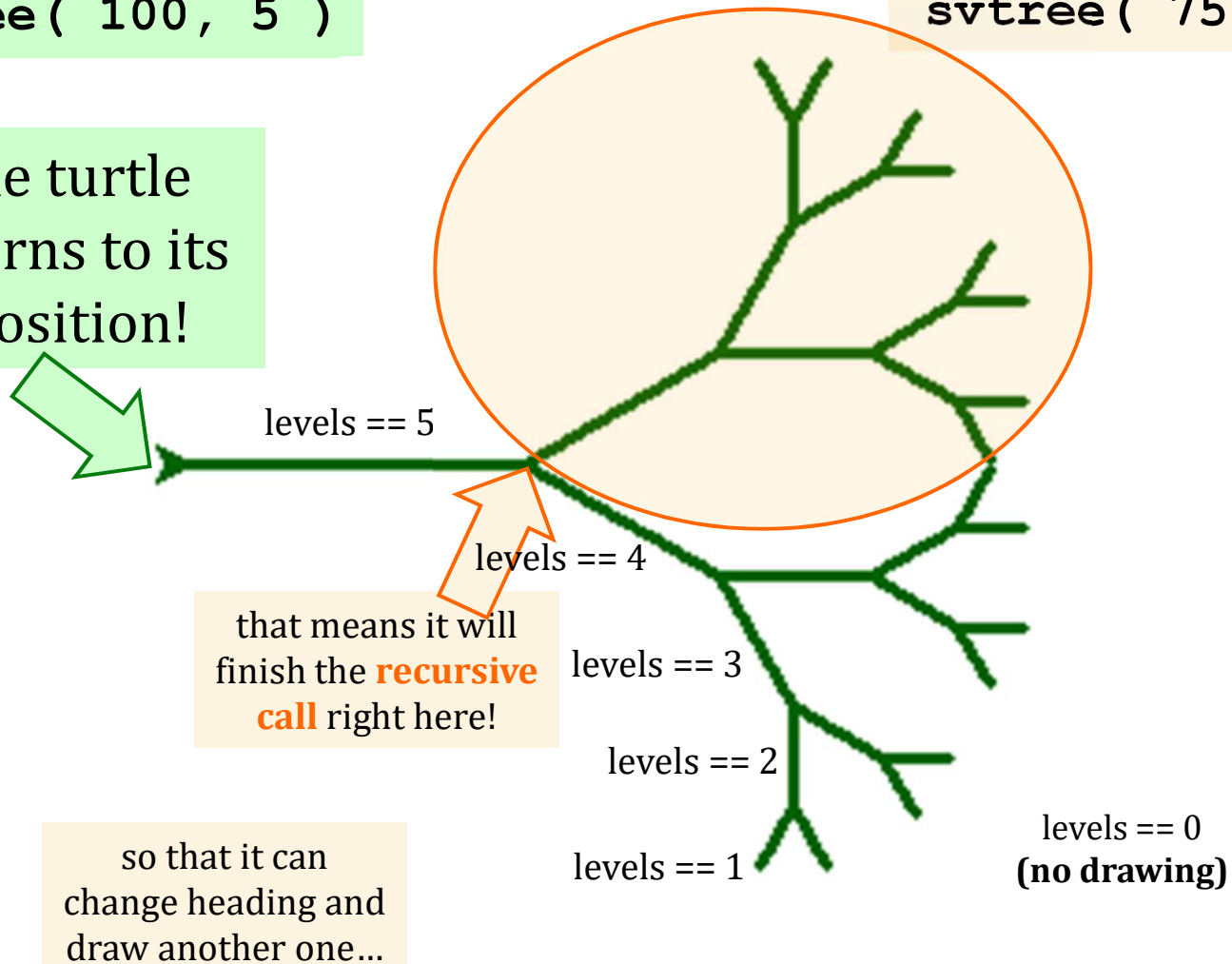


`svtree(trunkLength, levels)`

`svtree(100, 5)`

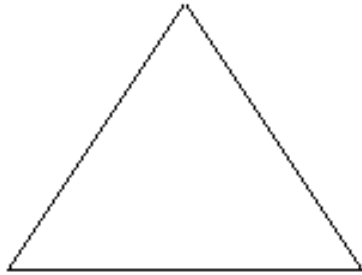
`svtree(75, 4)`

Be sure the turtle
always returns to its
starting position!

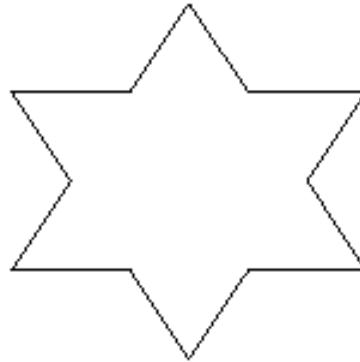


Branching recursion!

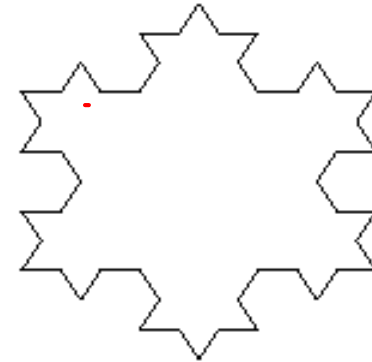
The Koch curve



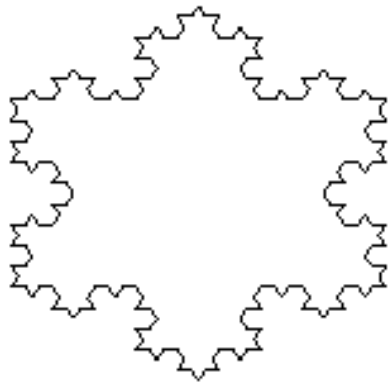
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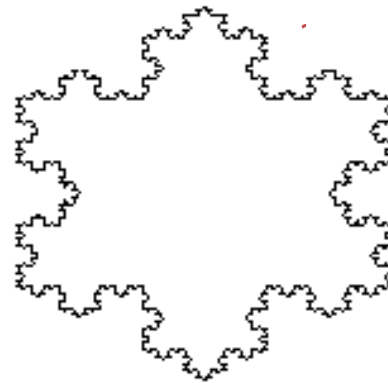
snowflake(100, 1)



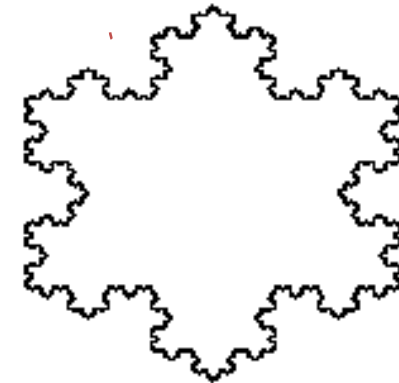
snowflake(100, 2)



snowflake(100, 3)



snowflake(100, 4)



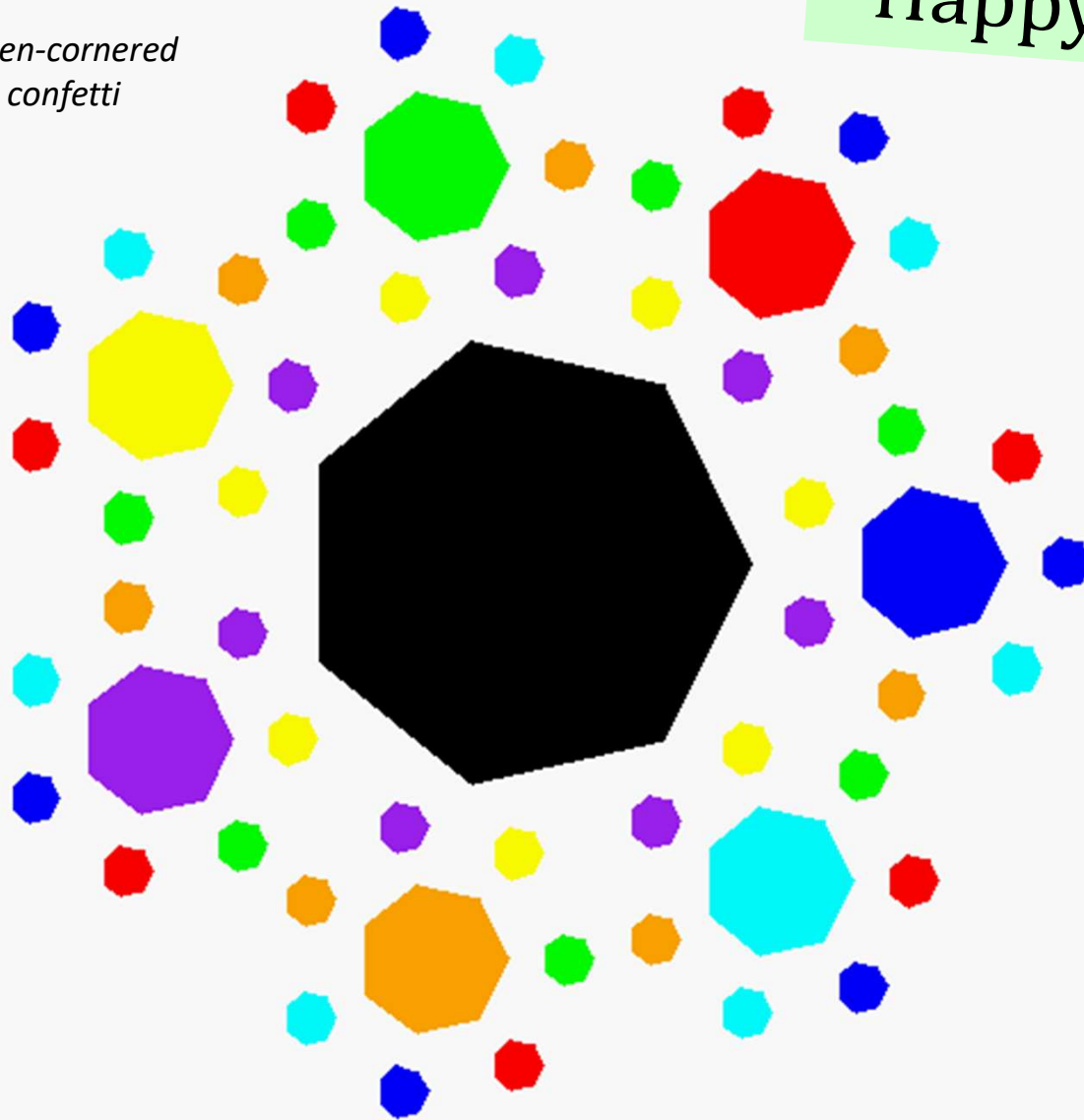
snowflake(100, 5)

Single-path or *Branching* recursion here?

Recursive art? Create your own...

Happy turtling in lab!

*seven-cornered
confetti*



What? This is too happy to be art... My recursive compositions burninate even Cyriak's brain!

