

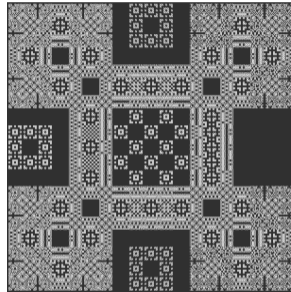
Numberscope

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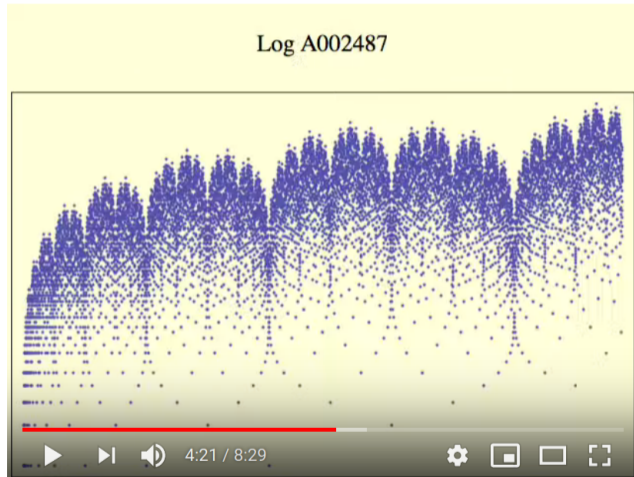
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The OEIS Movie

Numberscope: the dream

An **online tool** that easily pairs a sequence (e.g. input OEIS number) with a visualization tool (e.g. graph).

Audience: researchers, citizen scientists, artists, anyone.

Community extensible: open source, community wiki, API for creating and contributing visualization methods, sequence input etc.

What might we visualize, though?



growth rate

divisibility properties

self-similarity

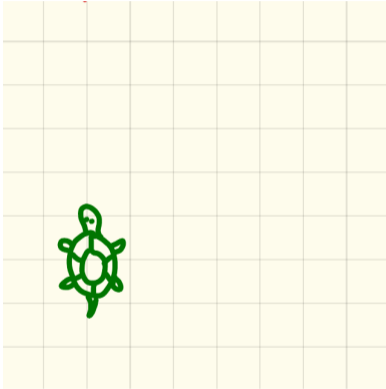
fractal nature

substring statistics

modular periodicity

...

Turtle on a Sequence

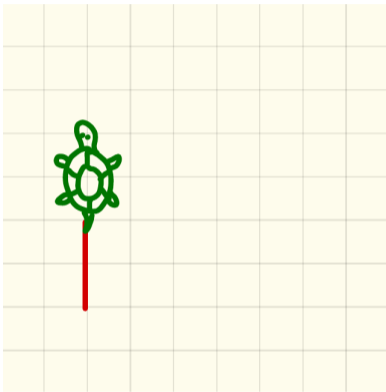


Sequence: 0, 1, 0, 0, ...

0: 90 degrees, 1 step

1: 270 degrees, 2 steps

Turtle on a Sequence

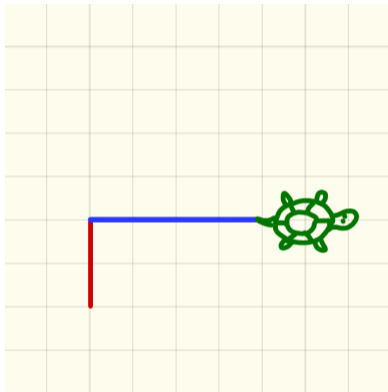


Sequence: 0, 1, 0, 0, ...

0: 90 degrees, 1 step

1: 270 degrees, 2 steps

Turtle on a Sequence

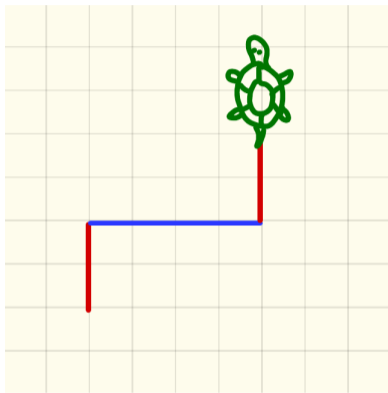


Sequence: 0, 1, 0, 0, ...

0: 90 degrees, 1 step

1: 270 degrees, 2 steps

Turtle on a Sequence

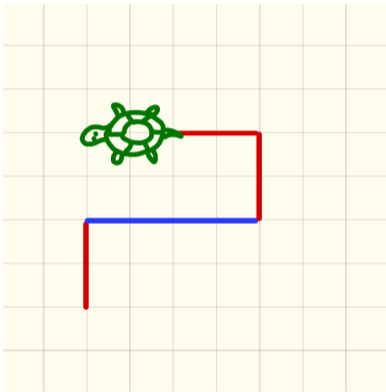


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Turtle on a Sequence



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Turtle on a Sequence



Hofstadter Figure-Figure A005228

3,7,12,18,26,35,45,56,69,83,98,114,...

press h for help

9960 length (f/g; v/b)

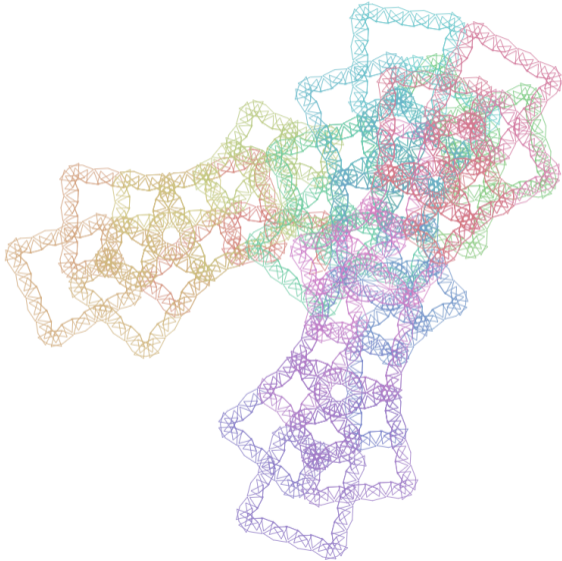
3 modulus (m/n; o/p)

Turtle Rules:

press a/x to add/remove

Term	Angle	Speed	Steps	Speed
0	137.0	0.000	3.0	0.00
1	0.0	0.000	2.0	0.00
2	105.0	0.000	1.0	0.00

Turtle on a Sequence



2-adic val of Z

0,0,1,0,2,0,1,0,3,0,1,0,2,0,1,0,4,0,...

press h for help

9960 length (f/g; v/b)

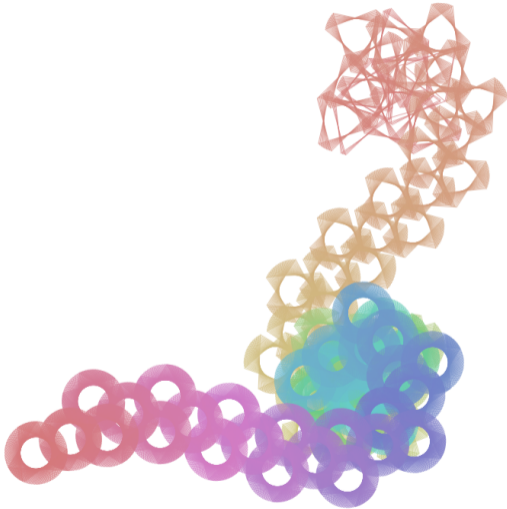
2 modulus (m/n; o/p)

Turtle Rules:

press a/x to add/remove

Term	Angle	Speed	Steps	Speed
0	120.0	0.000	8.0	0.00
1	24.0	0.000	7.0	0.00

Turtle on a Sequence



Number of divisors of n
A000005

2,2,3,2,4,2,4,3,4,2,6,2,4,4,5,2,6,2,...

press h for help

9960 length (f/g; v/b)

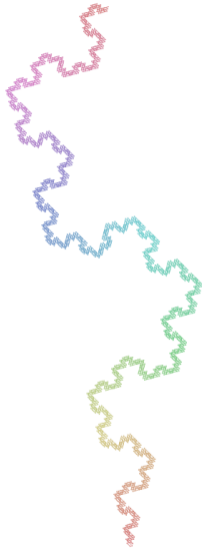
2 modulus (m/n; o/p)

Turtle Rules:

press a/x to add/remove

Term	Angle	Speed	Steps	Speed
0	119.0	0.000	8.0	0.00
1	60.0	0.000	9.0	0.00

Turtle on a Sequence



Thue-Morse

A010060

1,1,0,1,0,0,1,1,0,0,1,0,1,1,0,1,0,0,...

press h for help

9960 length (f/g; v/b)

2 modulus (m/n; o/p)

Turtle Rules:

press a/x to add/remove

Term	Angle	Speed	Steps	Speed
0	0.0	0.000	1.0	0.00
1	60.0	0.000	0.0	0.00

Turtle on a Sequence



Continued fraction Pi

A001203

7,15,1,292,1,1,1,2,1,3,1,14,2,1,1,2,...

press h for help

9960 length (f/g; v/b)

0 modulus (m/n; o/p)

Turtle Rules:

press a/x to add/remove

Term	Angle	Speed	Steps	Speed
0	0.0	0.000	0.0	0.00
1	0.0	0.000	1.0	0.00
2	1.0	0.000	0.0	0.00
3	2.0	0.000	0.0	0.00
4	4.0	0.000	0.0	0.00
5	8.0	0.000	0.0	0.00
6	16.0	0.000	0.0	0.00
7	32.0	0.000	0.0	0.00
8	64.0	0.000	0.0	0.00
9	128.0	0.000	0.0	0.00

Self-Similarity Telescope

	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5
a_n	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5
a_{n+1}	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5	a_6
a_{n+2}	a_3	a_4	a_5	a_6	a_7
a_{n+3}	a_4	a_5	a_6	a_7	a_8
a_{n+4}	a_5	a_6	a_7	a_8	a_9

contraction = 1

translation = 1

Self-Similarity Telescope

	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5
a_{2n}	a_2	a_4	a_6	a_8	a_{10}
a_{2n+3}	a_5	a_7	a_9	a_{11}	a_{13}
a_{2n+6}	a_8	a_{10}	a_{12}	a_{14}	a_{16}
a_{2n+9}	a_{11}	a_{13}	a_{15}	a_{17}	a_{19}
a_{2n+12}	a_{14}	a_{16}	a_{18}	a_{20}	a_{22}

contraction = 2

translation = 3

Self-Similarity Telescope

	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5
a_n	a_1	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5
a_{n+1}	a_2	a_3	a_4	a_5	a_6
a_{n+2}	a_3	a_4	a_5	a_6	a_7
a_{n+3}	a_4	a_5	a_6	a_7	a_8
a_{n+4}	a_5	a_6	a_7	a_8	a_9

Compare the **highlighted term** with the **column header**.

Colour according to (3 modes):

- ▶ Distance similarity: $|a_i - a_j|$
- ▶ Divisibility detection: $\gcd(a_i, a_j)$
- ▶ p-adic similarity: $|v_p(a_i) - v_p(a_j)|$

Self-Similarity Telescope

Integers

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, ...

Distance similarity (x to change)

0 modulus (m/n; j/k; z)

1.000 contract (up/down; i/o; c)

1.00 translate (right/left; s/d; t)

20 fade (f/g)

0.00 frequency

indices compared: 146 224 diff=78

values compared: 146

224

difference: 78

e/r change seq; y toggle random; u jiggle; h help

Self-Similarity Telescope

Integers

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, ...

Distance similarity (x to change)

38 modulus (m/n; j/k; z)
1.000 contract (up/down; i/o; c)
1.00 translate (right/left; s/d; t)
13 fade (f/g)
0.02 frequency

indices compared: 101 150 diff=49

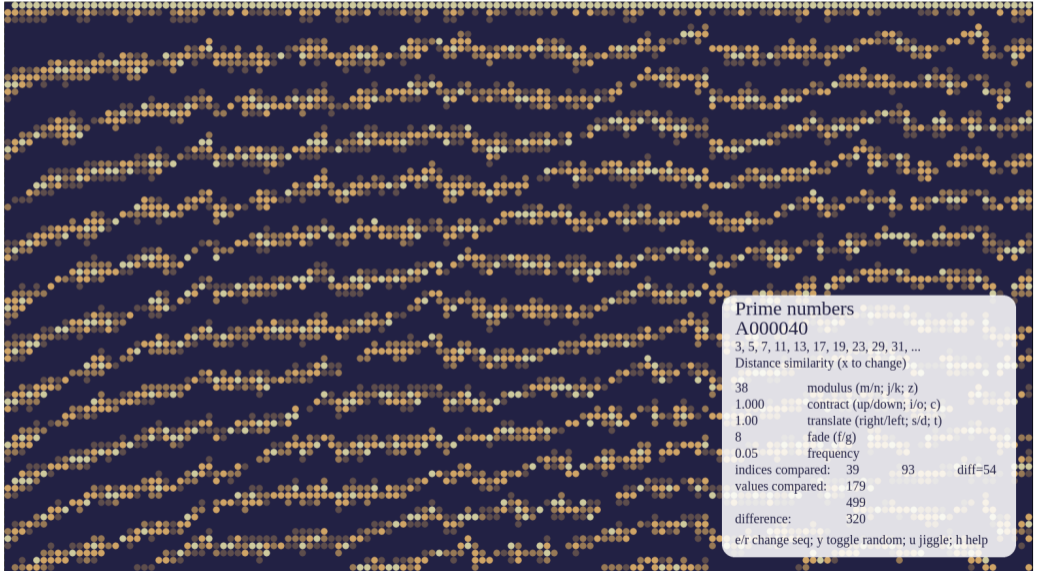
values compared: 101

150

difference: 49

e/r change seq; y toggle random; u jiggle; h help

Self-Similarity Telescope

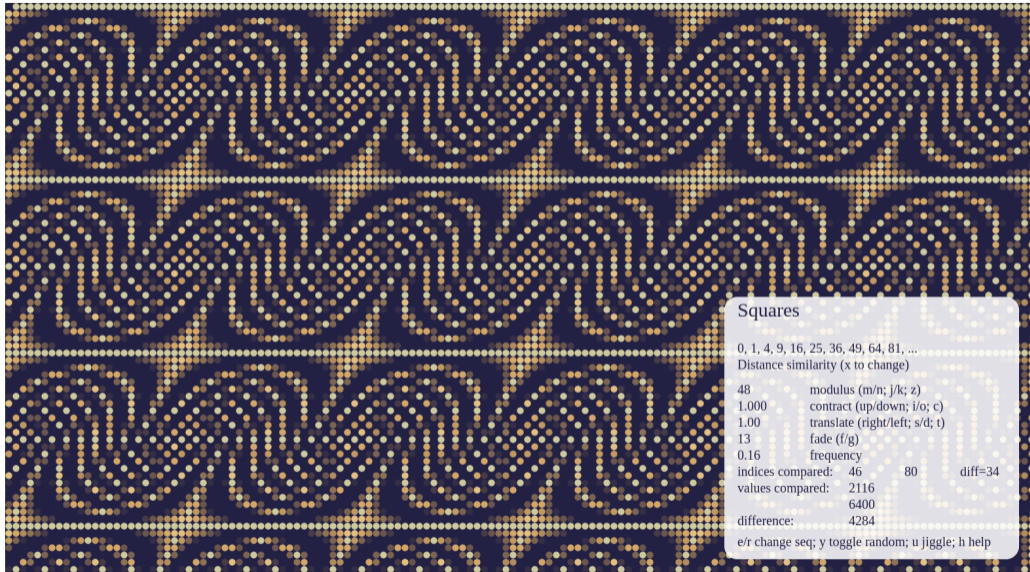


Prime numbers
A000040
3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, ...
Distance similarity (x to change)

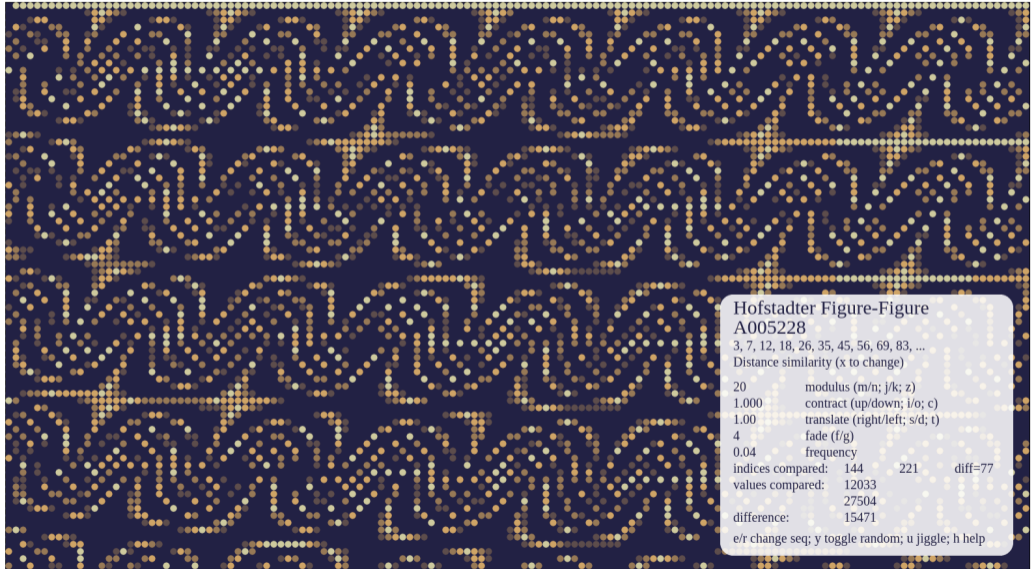
38	modulus (m/n; j/k; z)		
1.000	contract (up/down; i/o; c)		
1.00	translate (right/left; s/d; t)		
8	fade (f/g)		
0.05	frequency		
indices compared:	39	93	diff=54
values compared:	179		
	499		
difference:	320		

e/r change seq; y toggle random; u jiggle; h help

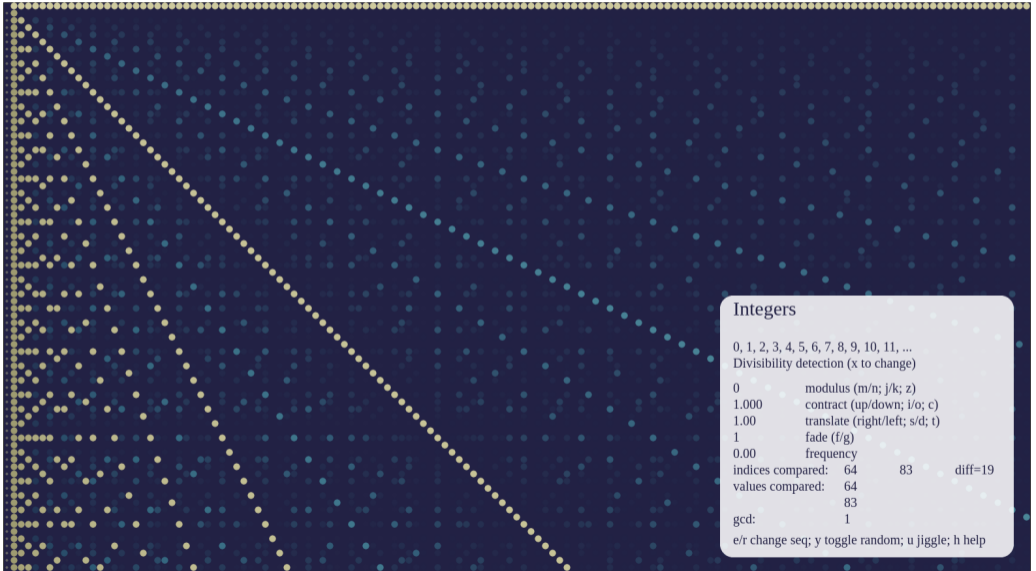
Self-Similarity Telescope



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Self-Similarity Telescope

Coeffs of j q -expansion
A000521

744, 196884, 21493760, 864299970, 20245856256, ..

Divisibility detection (x to change)

0 modulus (m/n; j/k; z)
1.000 contract (up/down; i/o; c)
1.00 translate (right/left; s/d; t)
6 fade (f/g)

NaN.00 frequency

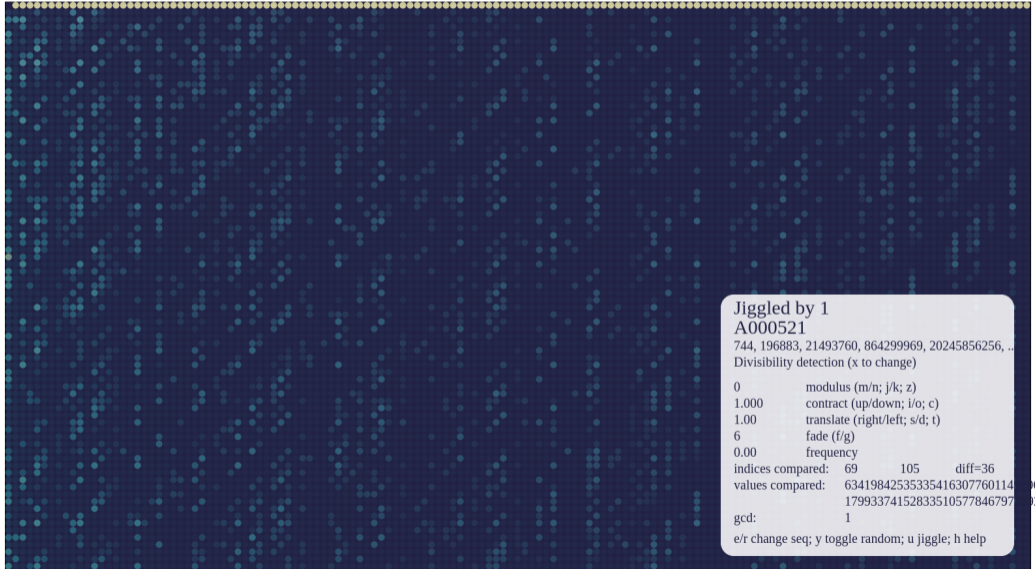
indices compared: -4 -1 diff=3

values compared:

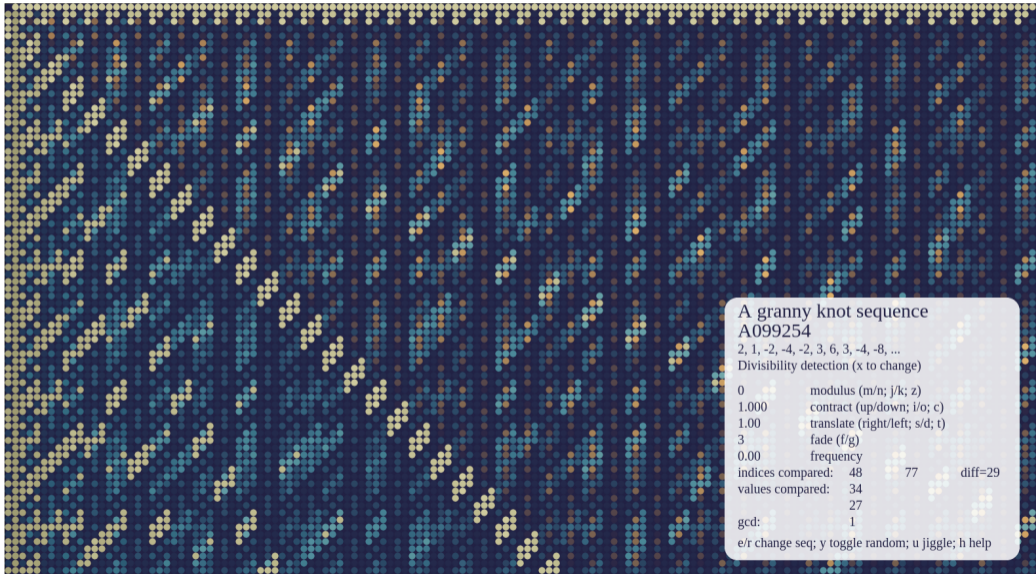
gcd:

e/r change seq; y toggle random; u jiggle; h help

Self-Similarity Telescope



Self-Similarity Telescope



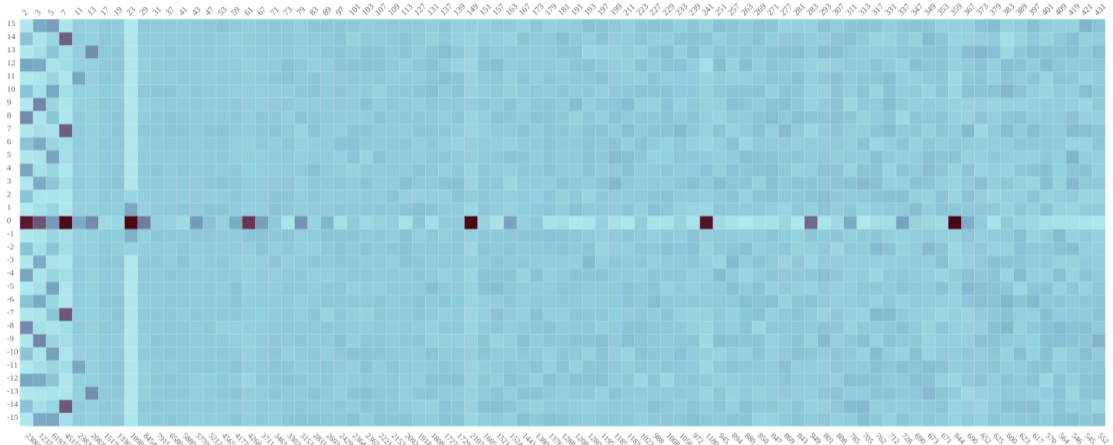
Prime Filter

	2	3	5	7	11
$a_n + 2$	0	0	0	0	0
$a_n + 1$	0	0	0	0	0
a_n	0	0	0	0	0
$a_n - 1$	0	0	0	0	0
$a_n - 2$	0	0	0	0	0

At each coordinate (prime, sequence), we record with a darker colour if the first N terms are frequently divisible by the prime.

Precisely, a histogram of the *sum of the valuations mod p* , or *the frequency of $0 \pmod p$* (two modes).

Prime Filter



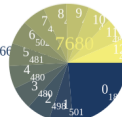
Ramanujan Tau

-24, 252, -1472, 4830, -6048, -16744, 84480, -113643, -115920, 534612, -370944, -577738, 401856, 1217160, 987136, -6905934, 2727432, 1066

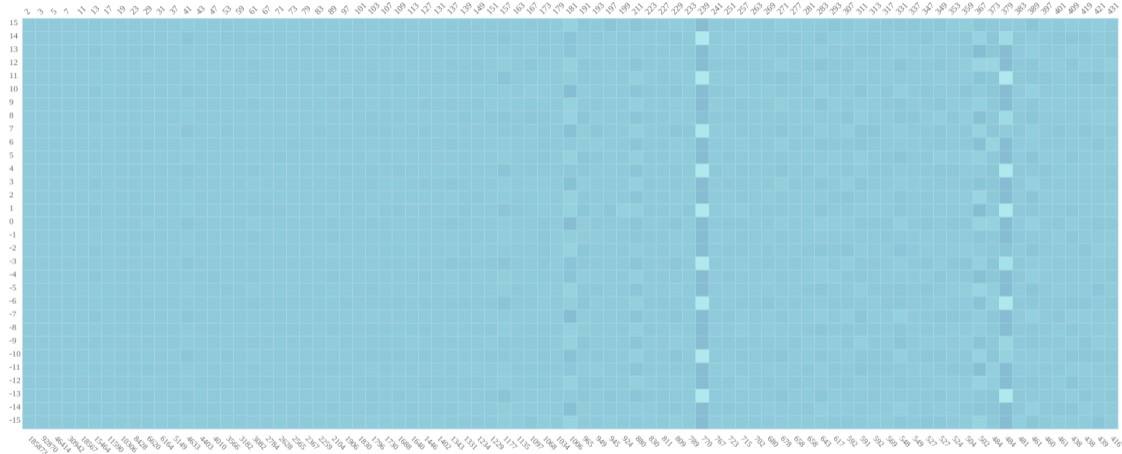
Valuations, total sum

Terms beginning at 0, ending at 8000

Press h for help



Prime Filter



Beatty (floor $n \cdot (\sqrt{2})$)

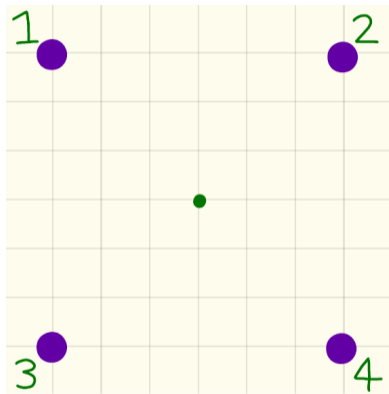
1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, ...

Valuations, total sum

Terms beginning at 0, ending at 10000

...

Chaos Game

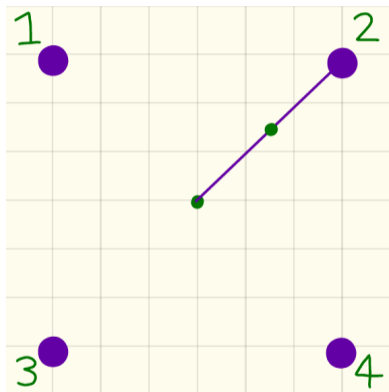


Sequence: 2, 4, 3, 3, ...

Start at origin...

At each term, step halfway to the corresponding corner.

Chaos Game

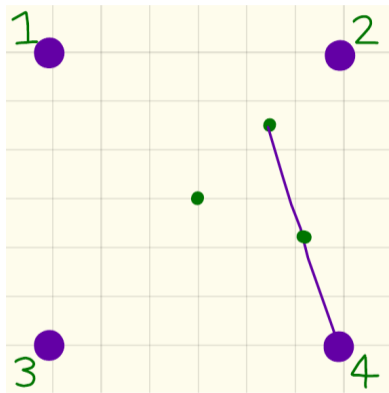


Sequence: 2, 4, 3, 3, ...

Start at origin...

At each term, step halfway to the corresponding corner.

Chaos Game

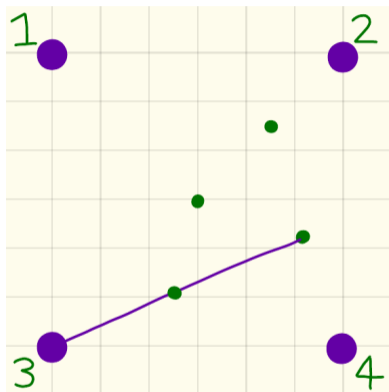


Sequence: 2, 4, 3, 3, ...

Start at origin...

At each term, step halfway to the corresponding corner.

Chaos Game

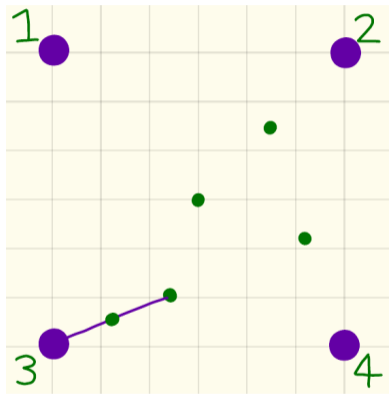


Sequence: 2, 4, 3, 3, ...

Start at origin...

At each term, step halfway to the corresponding corner.

Chaos Game

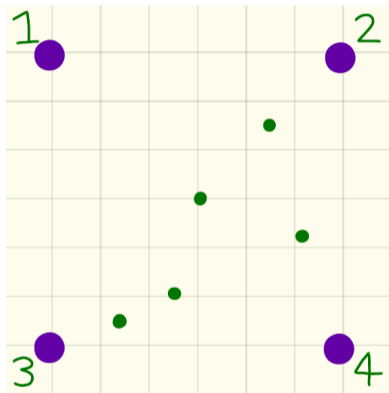


Sequence: 2, 4, 3, 3, ...

Start at origin...

At each term, step halfway to the corresponding corner.

Chaos Game

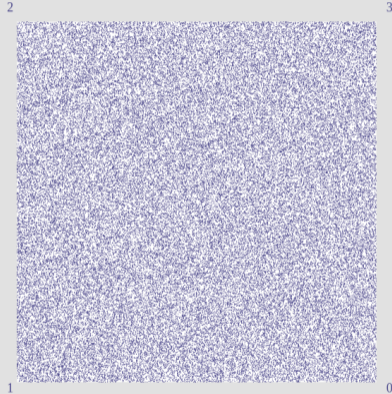


Sequence: 2, 4, 3, 3, ...

Start at origin...

At each term, step halfway to the corresponding corner.

Prime Filter



Random Modulo 4

2, 3, 3, 3, 2, 0, 3, 1, 3, 0, 3, 3, 3, 1, 1, ...

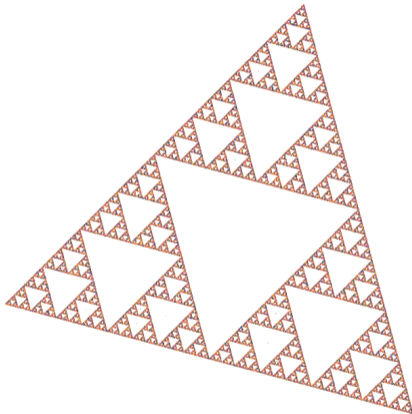
Modulus (m/n):	4
Fractional step (u/i):	0.50
Number of Walkers (t/y):	1
Size of dots (f/g):	1
Darkness (j/k):	250
Head fade (v/b):	10
Color style (c):	colour by walker

q: toggle random

l: toggle background

p: change palette

Prime Filter



Random Modulo 3

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0, 2, 2, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 0, 2, 1, 0, ...

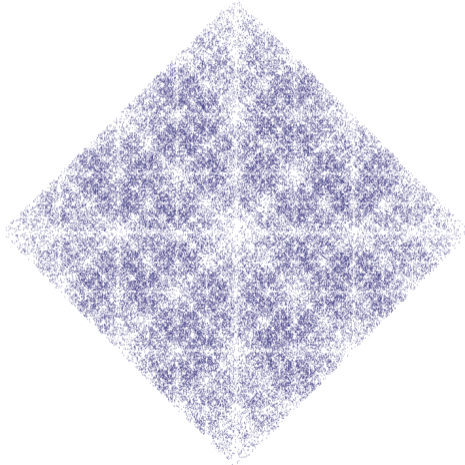
Modulus (m/n):	3
Fractional step (u/i):	0.50
Number of Walkers (t/y):	6
Size of dots (f/g):	1
Darkness (j/k):	250
Head fade (v/b):	10
Color style (c):	colour by walker

q: toggle random

l: toggle background

p: change palette

Prime Filter



Prime numbers

A000040

3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, ...

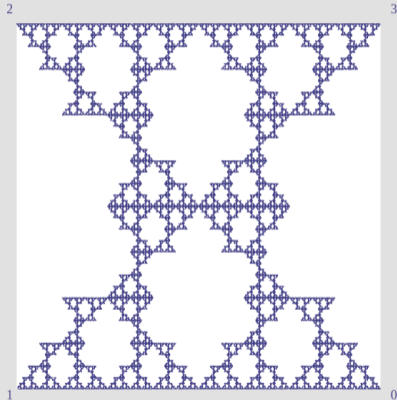
Modulus (m/n):	8
Fractional step (u/i):	0.50
Number of Walkers (t/y):	1
Size of dots (f/g):	1
Darkness (j/k):	250
Head fade (v/b):	10
Color style (c):	colour by walker

q: toggle random

l: toggle background

p: change palette

Prime Filter



3^n modulo 1000003

1, 3, 9, 27, 81, 243, 729, 2187, 6561, 19683, ...

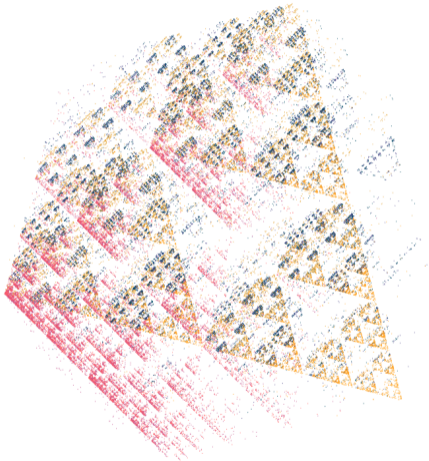
Modulus (m/n): 4
Fractional step (u/i): 0.50
Number of Walkers (t/y): 1
Size of dots (f/g): 1
Darkness (j/k): 250
Head fade (v/b): 10
Color style (c): colour by walker

q: toggle random

l: toggle background

p: change palette

Prime Filter



Number of divisors of n
A000005

2, 2, 3, 2, 4, 2, 4, 3, 4, 2, 6, 2, 4, 4, 5, ...

Modulus (m/n): 12
Fractional step (u/i): 0.50
Number of Walkers (t/y): 6
Size of dots (f/g): 1
Darkness (j/k): 250
Head fade (v/b): 10
Color style (c): colour by walker

q: toggle random
l: toggle background
p: change palette

Thank you!

If you are interested in being a beta tester, please email me.

If you have a favourite integer sequence, please email me.

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