

*Complex Numbers*

*Mandelbrot Set*

*Julia set  
of Quadratic Polynomials*

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*This presentation contains parts of the following sources  
From Youtube.com*

## ***Dimension 5, 6***

***Lecture movies by Adrien Douady***

***From Prof. Bob Devaney's site Boston University***

<http://math.bu.edu/DYSYS/FRACGEOM/index.html>

*For slides, their slides are prettier than mine. So I am borrowing Bob's slide from his website.*

*Xavier Buff & Arnaud Chéritat Université Paul Sabatier (Toulouse III)*

Before the talk starts

1. Part of Dimension Ep. 5 complex numbers I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kbM96Jr4nk>

2. For 2 min from 8.50 min of Dimensions Ep 6

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XzT5XSgkLvK>

[From 8 min 50 second](#)

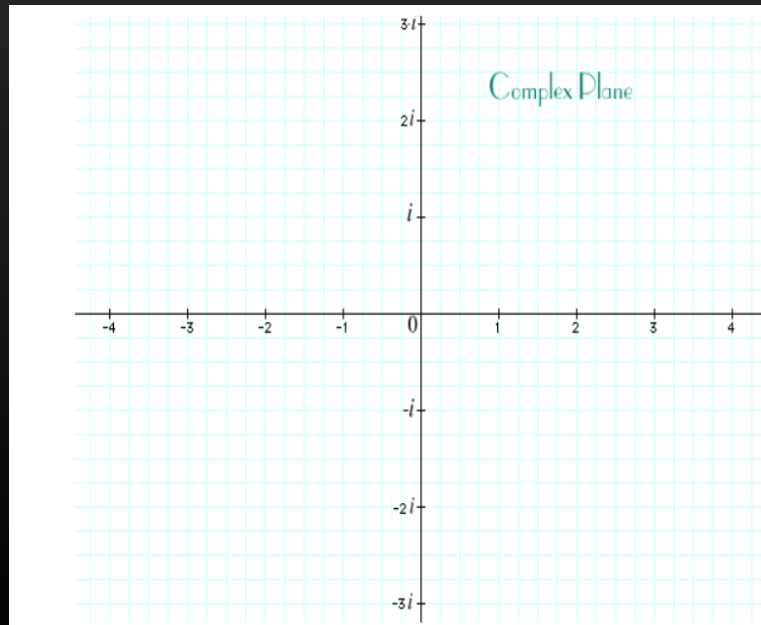
After the talk

we continue watch Ep. 6 to the end

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onMLujxxwug>

In the usual real plane  $R^2$ ,  
Add component wise and

Give life of algebra by :  
 $i^2 = -1$



## *Arithmetic in complex plane $\mathbb{C}$*

Consider  $i$  as a variable in college algebra

Whenever you see

$$i^2$$

**Substitute  $i^2$  by -1.**

$$\begin{aligned} & (a + bi) + (c + di) \\ &= (a + c) + (b + d)i \end{aligned}$$

For example,

$$\begin{aligned} & (2 + i) + (3 + 7i) \\ &= 5 + 8i \end{aligned}$$

$$(2 + i) + (3 + 5i)$$

$$= (2 + 3) + 5i$$

$$= 5 + 8i$$

$$i^3, i^4$$

$$i^3 = i^2 \cdot i$$

$$= (-1)i$$

$$= -i$$

$$i^4 = (i^2)^2 = (-1)^2 = 1$$



### *Example* (FOIL)

$$(2 + i) \cdot (3 + 5i)$$

$$= 2(3 + 5i) + i(3 + 5i)$$

$$= (2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 5i) + (i \cdot 3 + i \cdot 5 \cdot i)$$

$$= (6 + 10i) + (3 \cdot i + 5 \cdot i \cdot i)$$

$$= (6 + 10i) + (3 \cdot i + 5(-1))$$

$$= (6 - 5) + (10i + 3 \cdot i)$$

$$= 1 + 13i$$

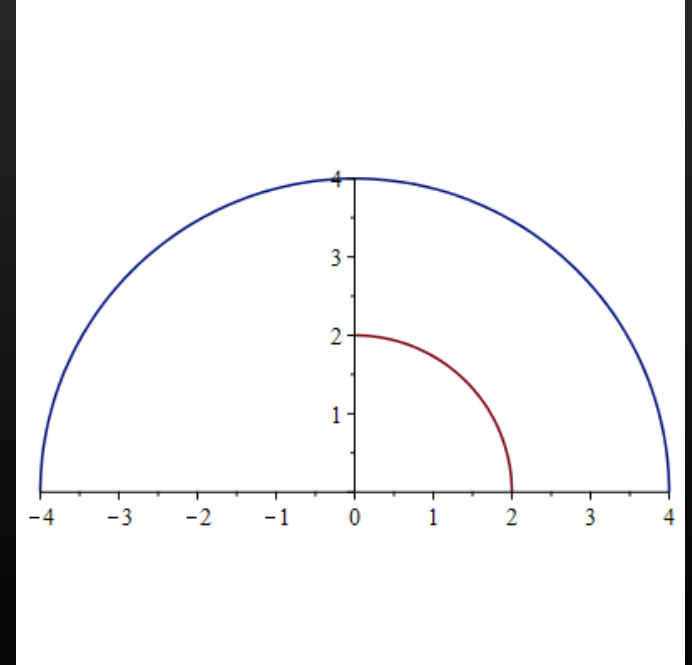
## Beauty of Multiplication of two complex numbers

- Radius (length ) are multiplied
- Angles are added.
- Richard Feynman once said the most beautiful formula ...

*Euler's formula:*

$$r_1 e^{ia} \cdot r_2 e^{ib} = r_1 r_2 e^{i(a+b)}$$

*writing  $\cos a + i \sin b$  as  $e^{ia}$*



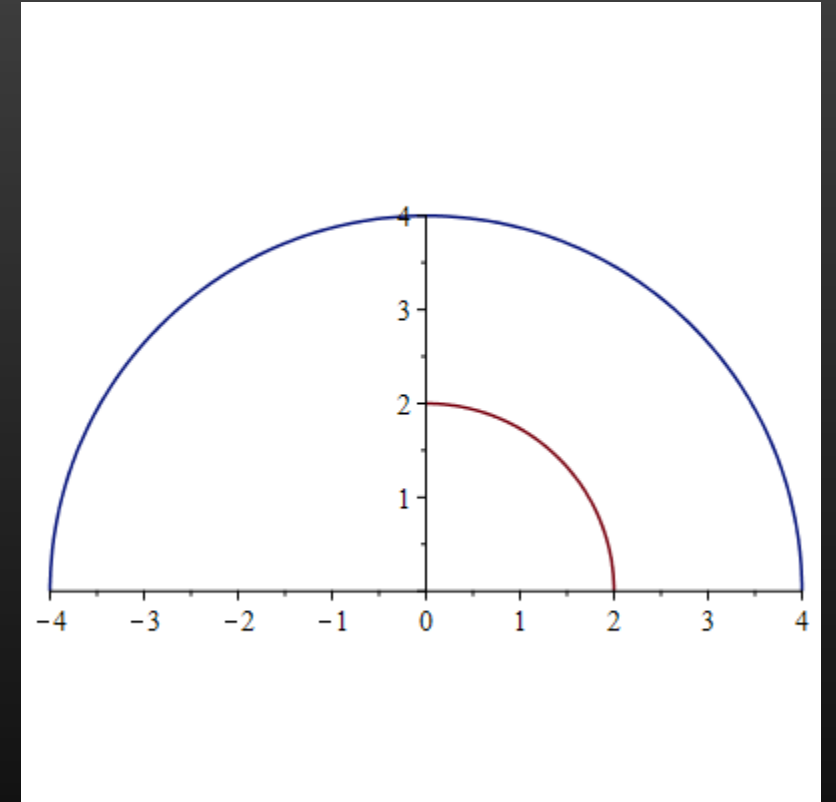
# Beauty of Multiplication of two complex numbers

When a complex number

$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

is squared, Radius is squared and angle is doubled.

Notice that the quarter circle with radius 2 is mapped to the half circle with radius 4.



*The algebra*

$$i^2 = -1$$

*brings*

*beautiful*

*and*

*rich*

*structure*

*to mathematics*

## *Iterates of a function: repeated Composition by itself*

$$f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

$$(f \circ f)(z) = f(f(z))$$

$$(f \circ f \circ f)(z) = f(f \circ f(z)) = f(f(f(z)))$$

***Write iterates using power***

$$f^{(1)}(z) = f(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{(n)}(z) &= f\left(f^{(n-1)}(z)\right) \\ &= f\left(f\left(f \cdots (z)\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$f(z) = z^2 - 2$$

$$f^{(1)}(\mathbf{0}) = f(\mathbf{0}) = -2$$

$$f^{(2)}(\mathbf{0}) = f\left(f^{(1)}(\mathbf{0})\right) = f(-2)$$

$$= (-2)^2 - 2 = 2$$

$$f^{(3)}(\mathbf{0}) = f(2) = 2^2 - 2 = 2$$

$$f^{(4)}(\mathbf{0}), = 2 \dots,$$

# Iterates of $f^{(n)}(\mathbf{0})$ , $f(z) = z^2 - 2$

$f^{(1)}(\mathbf{0})$	$f(\mathbf{0})$	$\mathbf{0}^2 - 2$	$-2$
$f^{(2)}(\mathbf{0})$	$f\left(f^{(1)}(\mathbf{0})\right)$	$f(-2)$	$2$
$f^{(3)}(\mathbf{0})$	$f\left(f^{(2)}(\mathbf{0})\right)$	$f(2)$	$2$
$f^{(4)}(\mathbf{0})$		$f(2)$	$2$
$\vdots$		$\vdots$	$\vdots$

***Definition:*** fixed point

**$z$  is a fixed point of  $f(z)$  iff  
 $z=f(z)$**

***$z = 2$  is a fixed point of  $f(z) = z^2 - 2$***

**0 and  $-2$  are preimages of a fixed point of  $z^2 - 2$ .**



More example:  $f(z) = z^2 + i$

$$f^{(1)}(\mathbf{0}) = f(\mathbf{0}) = \mathbf{0}^2 + i = i$$

$$f^2(\mathbf{0}) = f(f(\mathbf{0})) = i^2 + i = -\mathbf{1} + i$$

$$\begin{aligned} f^3(\mathbf{0}) &= f\left(f^{(2)}(\mathbf{0})\right) = f(-\mathbf{1} + i) \\ &= (-\mathbf{1} + i)^2 + i \\ &= ((-\mathbf{1})^2 - 2i + (i)^2) + i \\ &= \mathbf{1} - 2i - \mathbf{1} + i = -i \end{aligned}$$

$$f(z) = z^2 + i$$

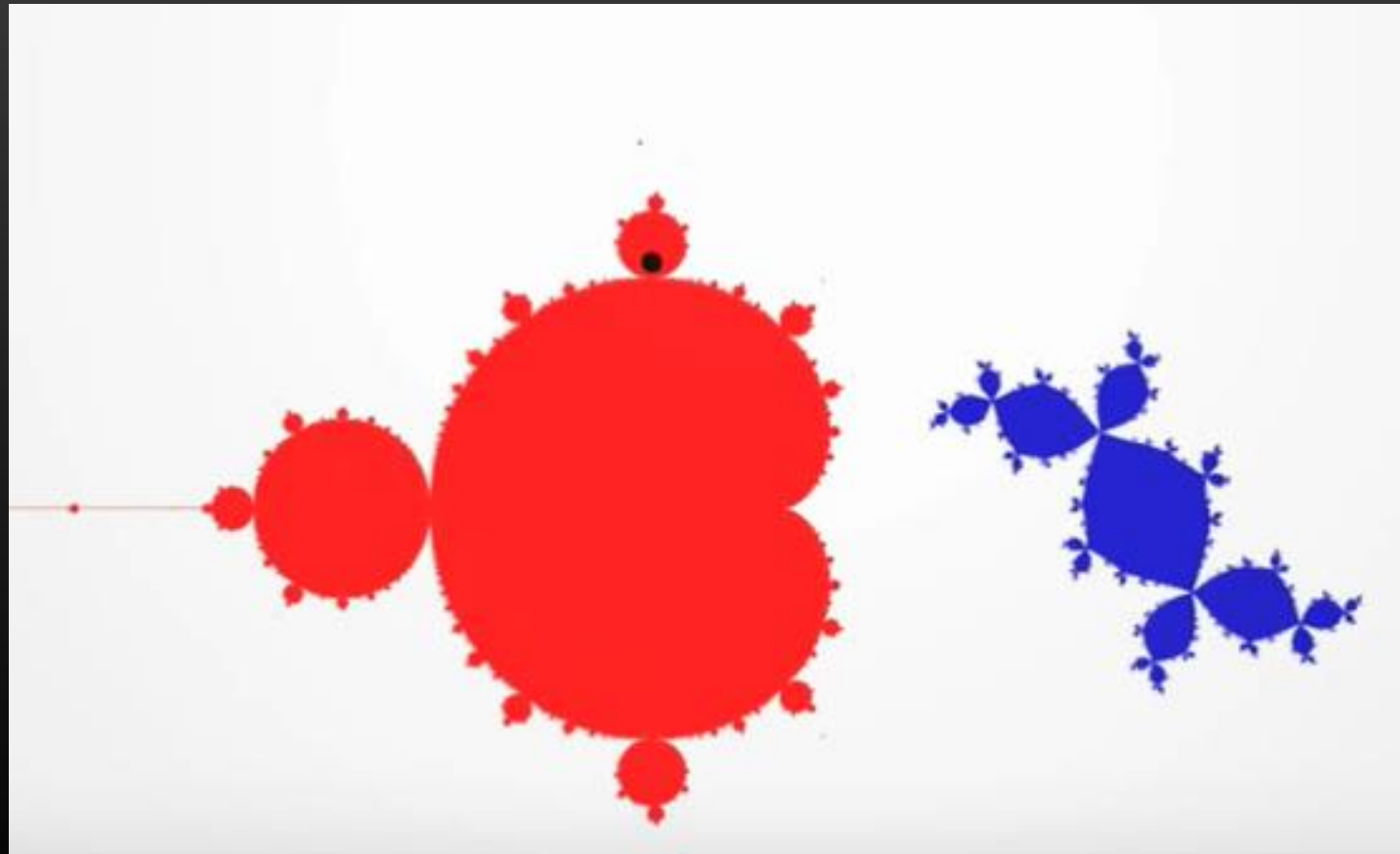
**Every two periods  $-1+i$  and  $i$  are repeated!!!**

- $f(0) = i$
- $f^{(2)}(0) = -1 + i$
- $f^{(3)}(0) = -i$
- $f^{(4)}(0) = -1 + i$
- $f^{(5)}(0) = -i$
- $f^{(6)}(0) = -1 + i$
- $f^{(7)}(0) = -i$
- ...
- $-1 + i$  and  $-i$  are called periodic points with period 2 of the polynomial  $f(z) = z^2 + i$
- $i$  is preperiodic: it is a preimage of a periodic point.

## Definition: Periodic point , pre-periodic point

- $z$  is a periodic point of  $f$  if  $f^{(k)}(z) = z$
- The smallest positive number  $k$  is called the period of  $z$
- Preimages of periodic point is called pre-periodic point.
- For  $f(z) = z^2 + i$ 
  - $-1 + i$  and  $-i$  are periodic points with period 2
  - $i$  is preperiodic

In the movie, the red set is called Mandelbrot set and the red set is called the filled in Julia set of  $z^2 + c$ , where  $c$  is the point where the black dot in the red set is pointing.



## *Definition*

*Mandelbrot set  $M$*

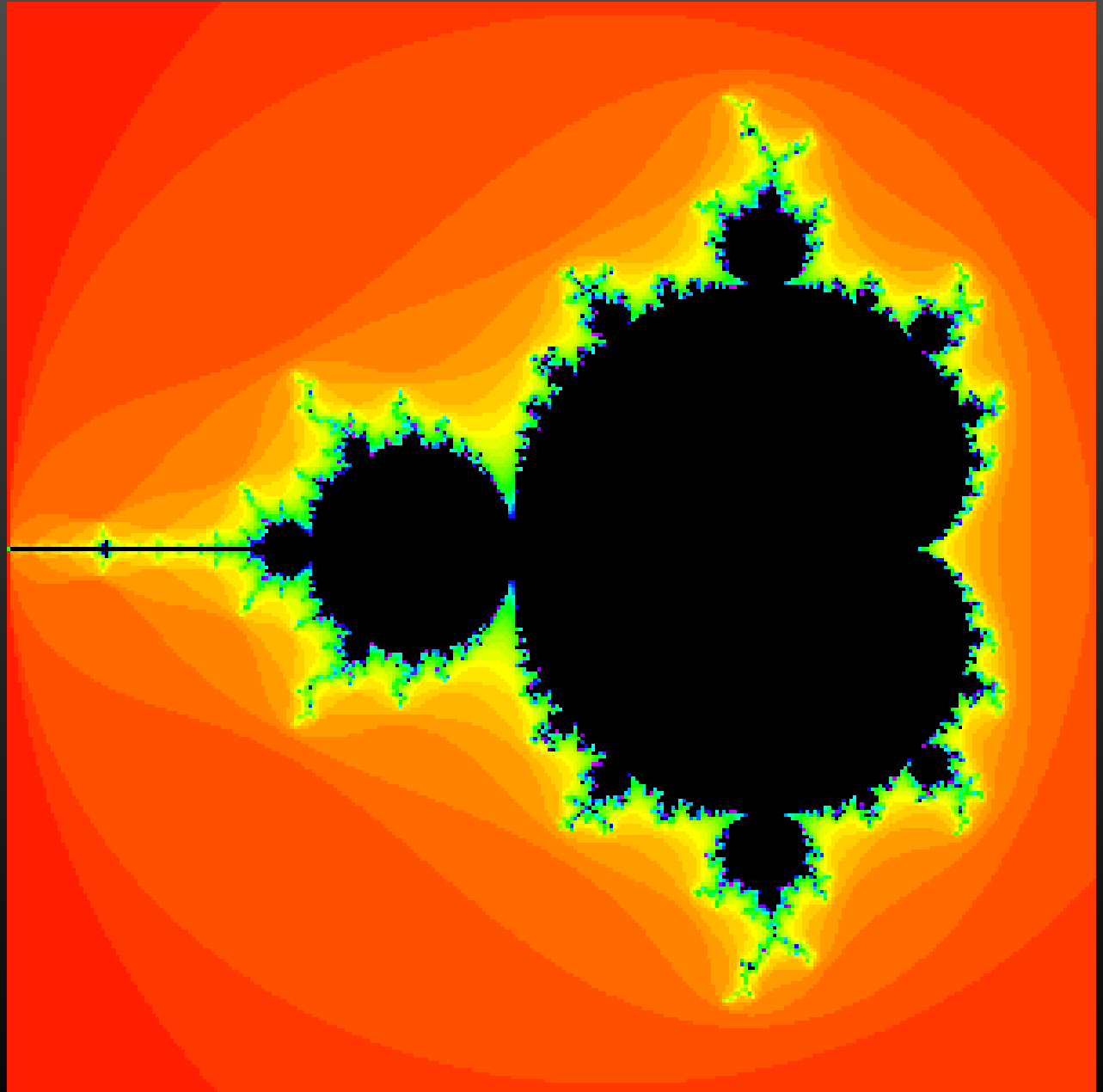
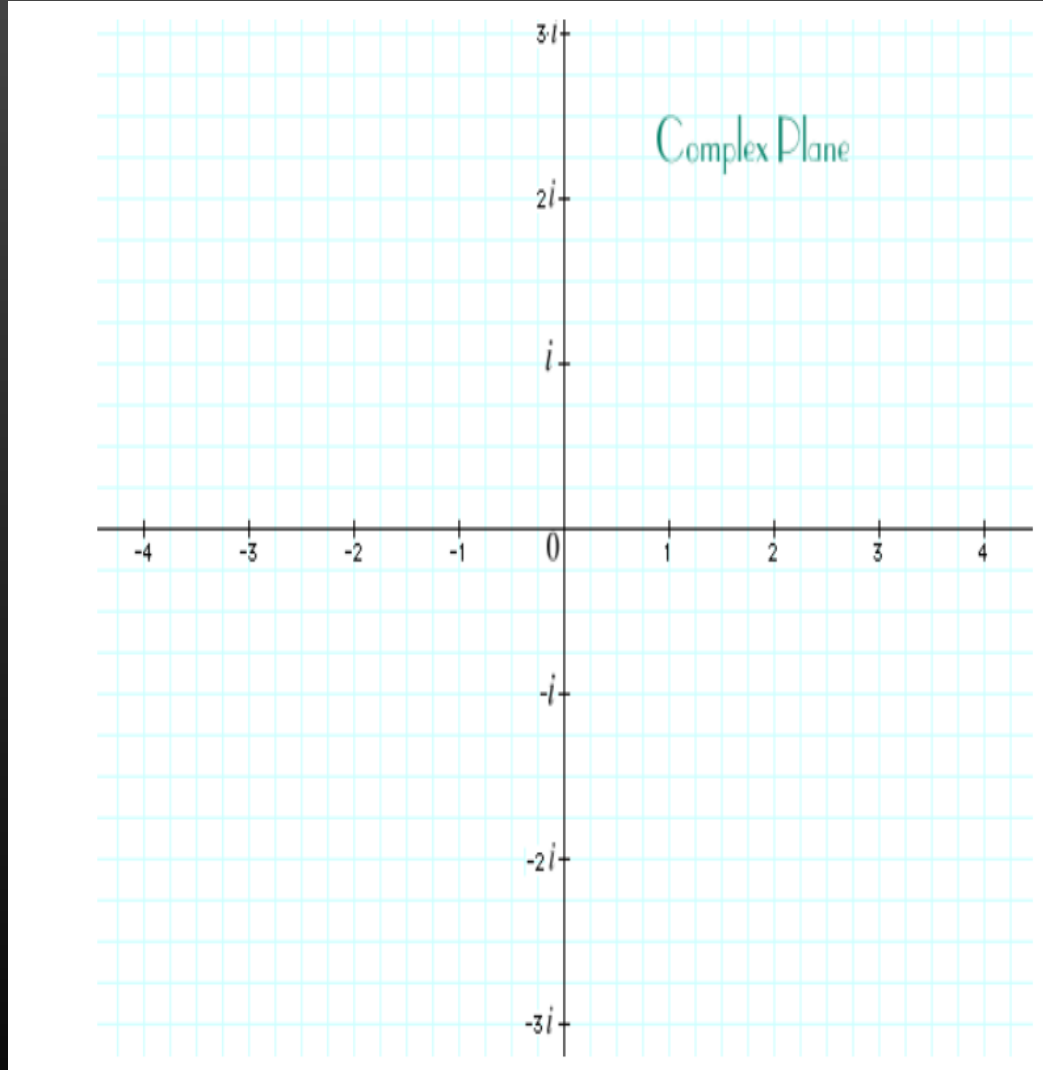
*Denote*

$$f_c^{(n)} = z^2 + c$$

$$M = \{c \in \mathbb{C} \mid |f_c^{(n)}(0)| \text{ is bounded}\}$$

*It is known that*

$$c \in M \text{ iff } \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f_c^{(n)}(0)| \leq 2$$



# How to check if it is in M?

- Pick a point  $c$
- $f(z) = z^2 + c$
- Compute  $z_n = f^{(n)}(0), n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- If  $z_n$  does not diverges to infinity then it is in M.

How to make Mandelbrot set? How to check if it is in M?

$c=0$  is in M

$$z_0 = 0$$

$$z_1 = z_0^2 + 0 = 0$$

$$z_2 = z_1^2 + 0$$

$$= 0^2 + 0 = 0$$

...

$$z_n = 0$$

And  $|z_n| = 0$  for all n

So  $c=0$  is in M

$c=4$  is not in M

$$z_0 = 0$$

$$z_1 = z_0^2 + 4 = 4$$

$$z_2 = 4^2 + 4 = 20 > 4^2$$

$$z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c > 4^n$$

Conclude

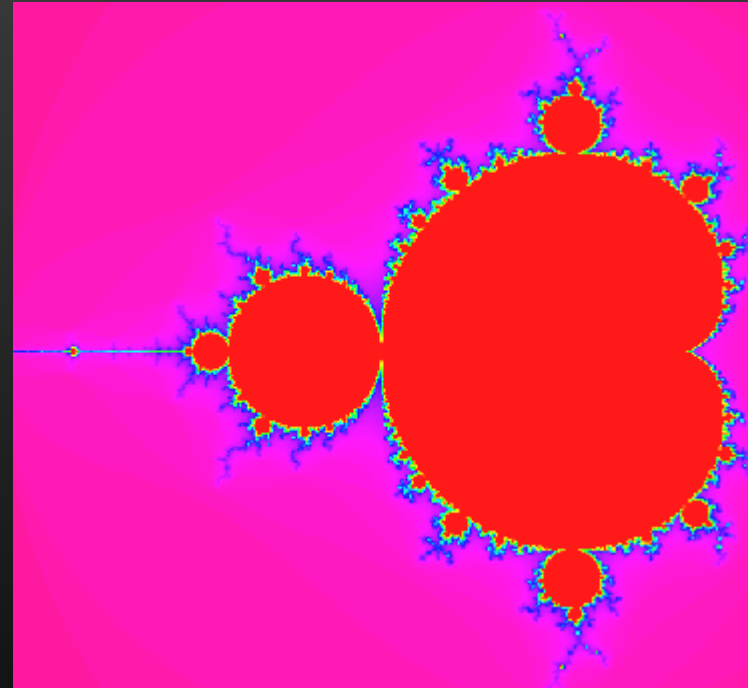
$\{|z_n|\}$  is not bounded

So,  $c=4$  is not in M



# How does a computer plot Mandelbrot set

```
mandelbrotC := proc(X,Y)
  local Z, ct;
  Z := X + I*Y;
  for ct from 1 while ct<120 and evalf(abs(Z))<2.0
    do
      Z := Z^2 + (X + I*Y)
    od;
  -ct*3;|
end:
densityplot('mandelbrotC' (x,y) ,
  x=-2..0.55, y=-1.15..1.15,
  grid=[500,500],
  scaling=constrained,colorstyle = HUE,
  style=PATCHNOGRID, axes=NONE);
```



How does a computer plot Mandelbrot set

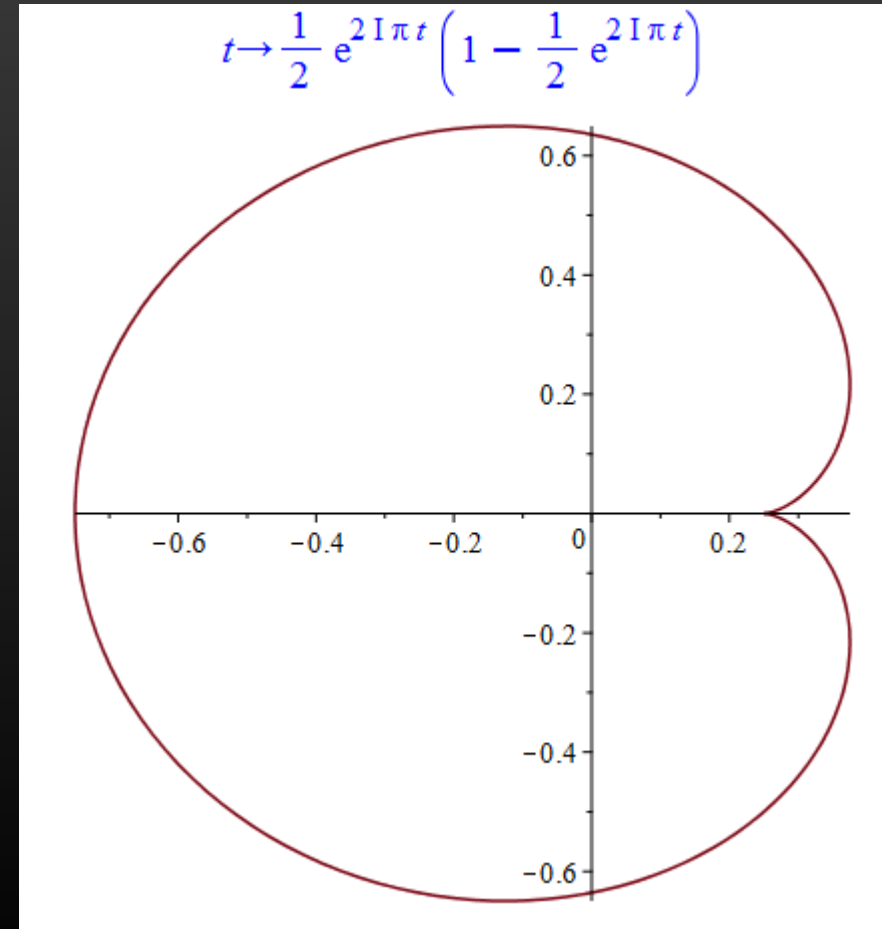
- Density plot in the range:  $[-2, 0.55] \times [-1.5, 1.5]$
- Choose a number of grid points, say  $200 \times 200$ .
- Use every grid point as constant value  $c$  of  $f$
- Set  $f(z) = z^2 + c$
- Compute  $z_n = f^{(n)}(0)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 100$
- If  $|z_n| < 2$  plot the grid point  $c$  in  $M$ .
- Else go to the next grid.

# *Mandelbrot set*

## *Main Body of M*

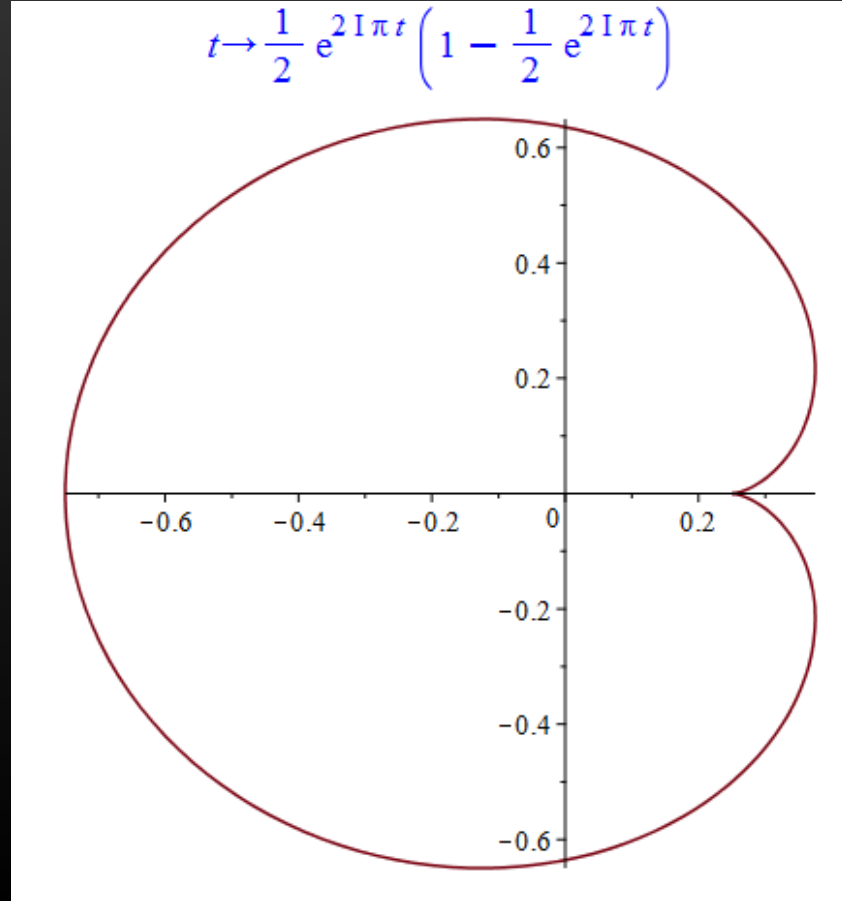
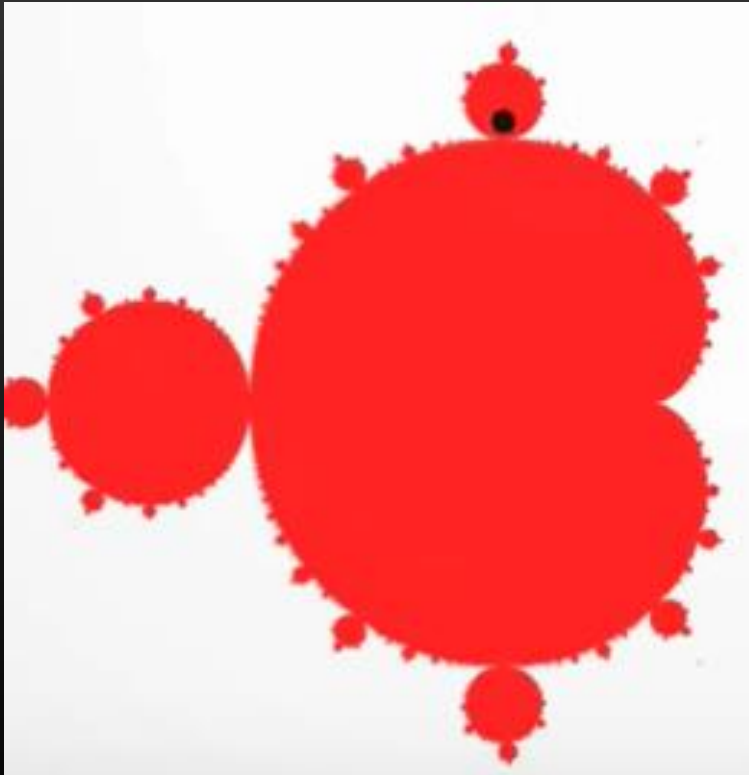
Cardioid is the locust of

$$C(t) = \frac{e^{2\pi it}}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{e^{2\pi it}}{2} \right)$$

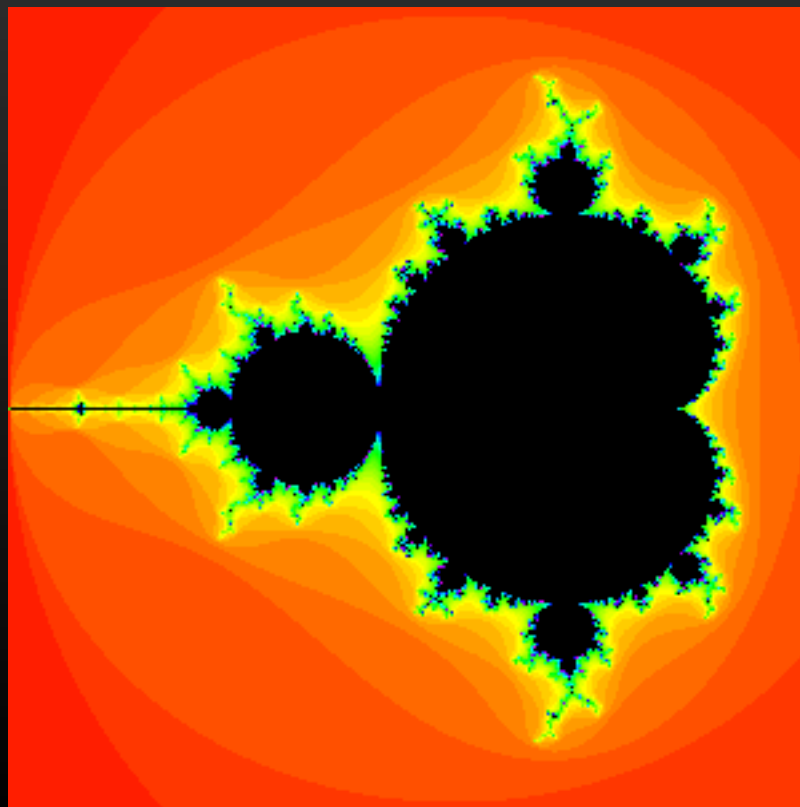


*Bulbs are attached at points,  $C\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \left(1 - \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2}\right)$*

*Notice that there are rational number many bulb points on the main cardioid*



$$C_{\frac{p}{q}} = \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \right)$$



*Crazy but Interesting*

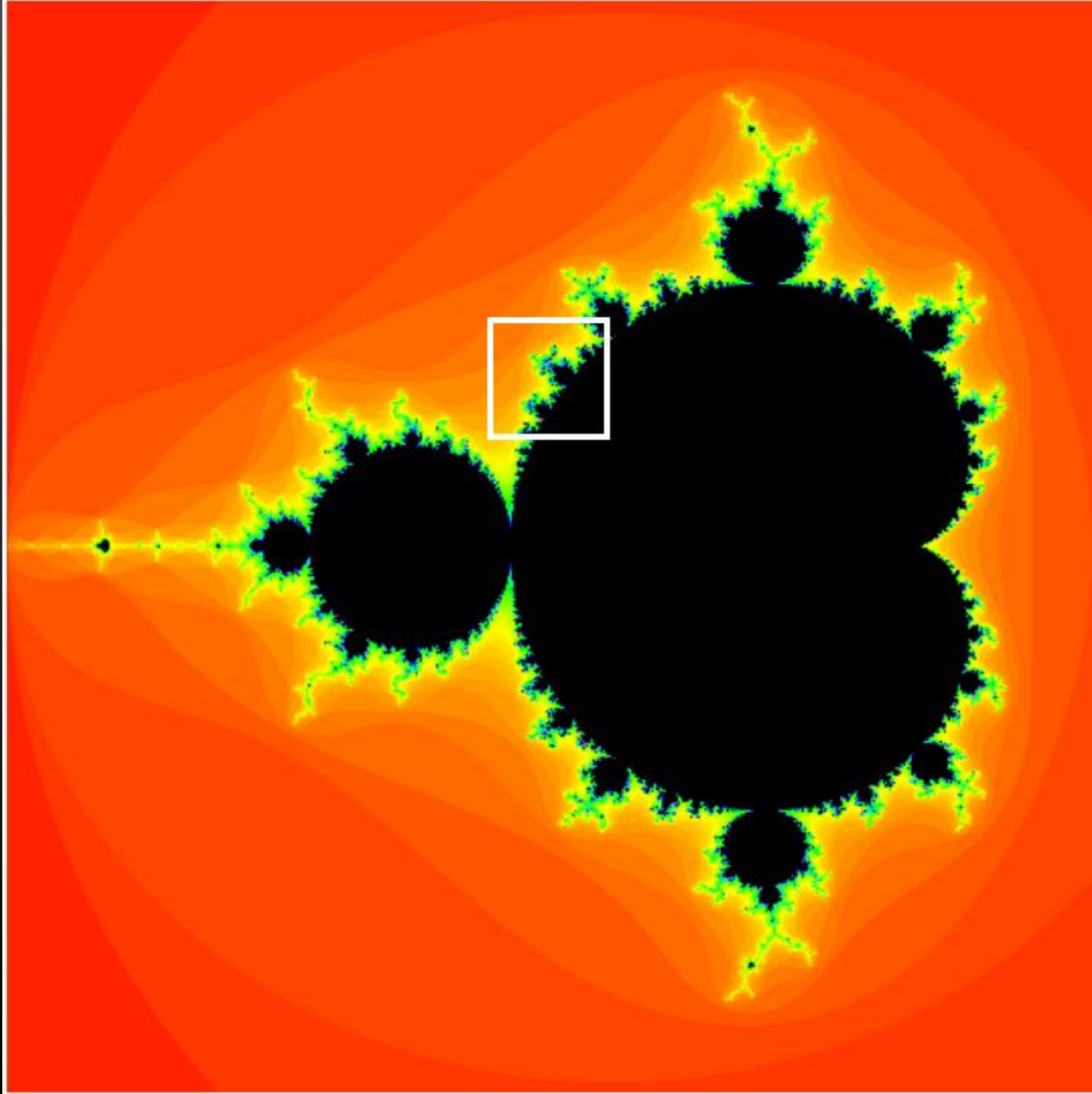
*Self – Similar*

**M is Connected**

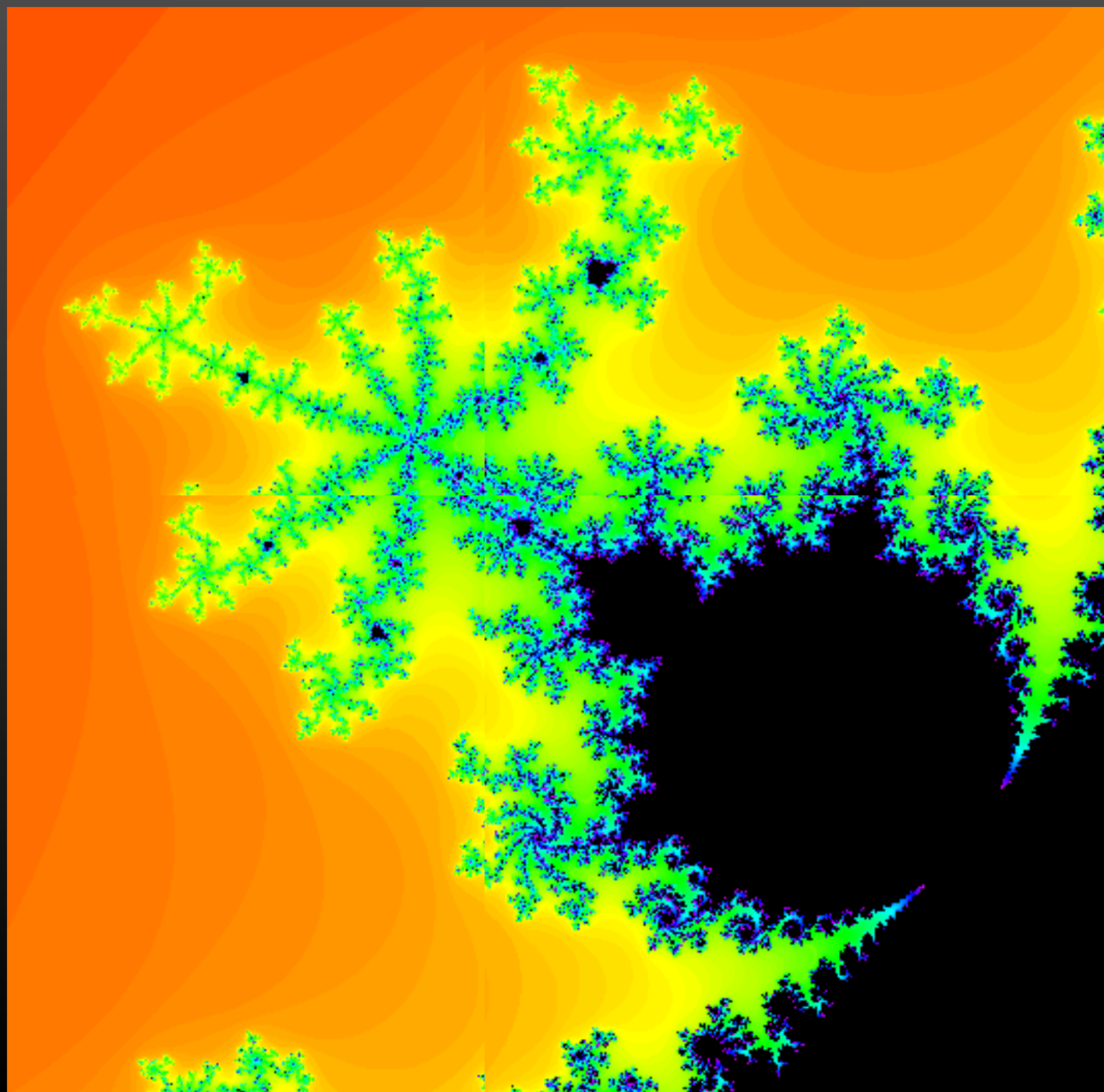
**We don't know if M is  
locally connectedness.  
is still open**

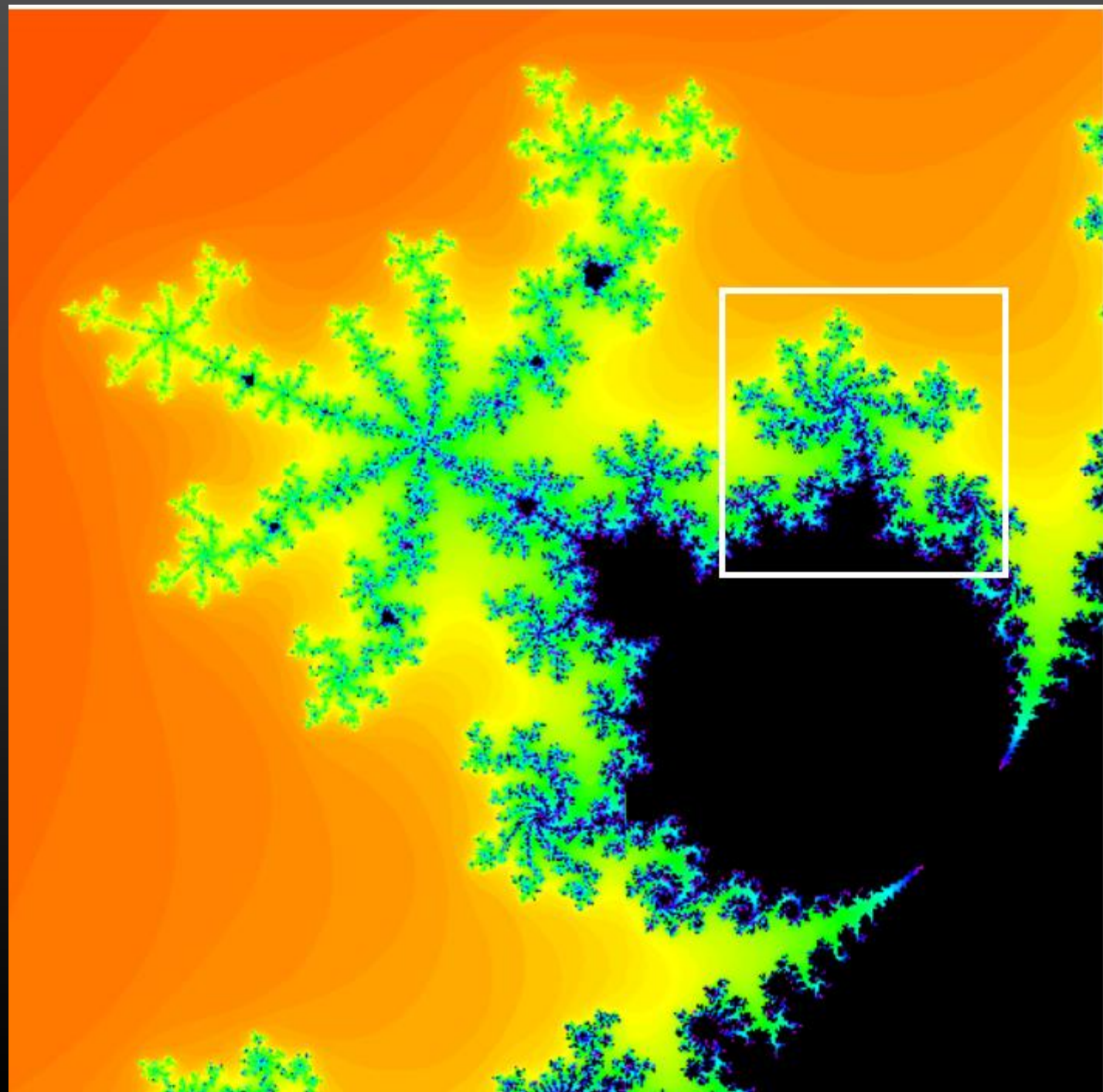
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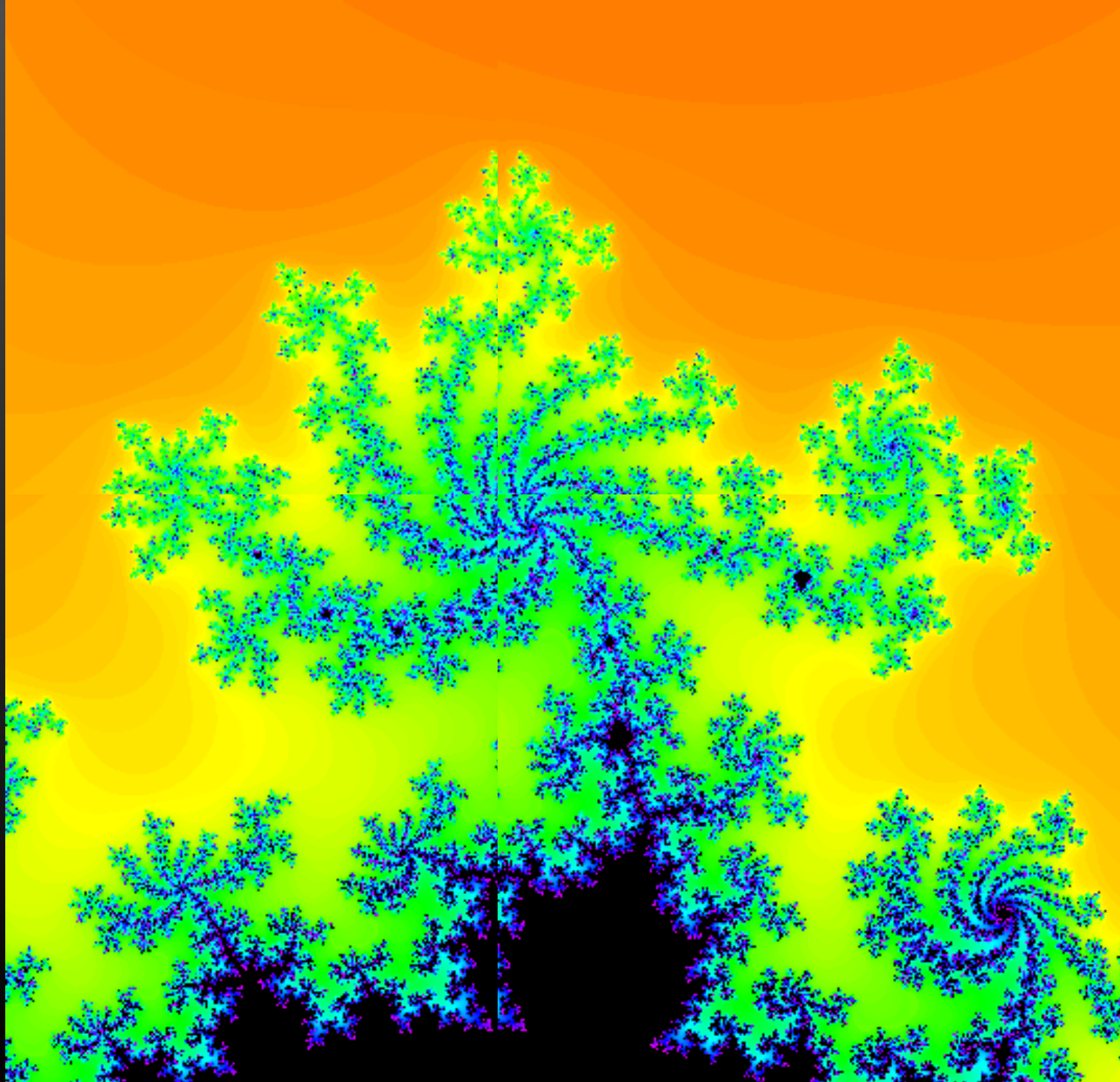
- We will zoom where drawn by squares



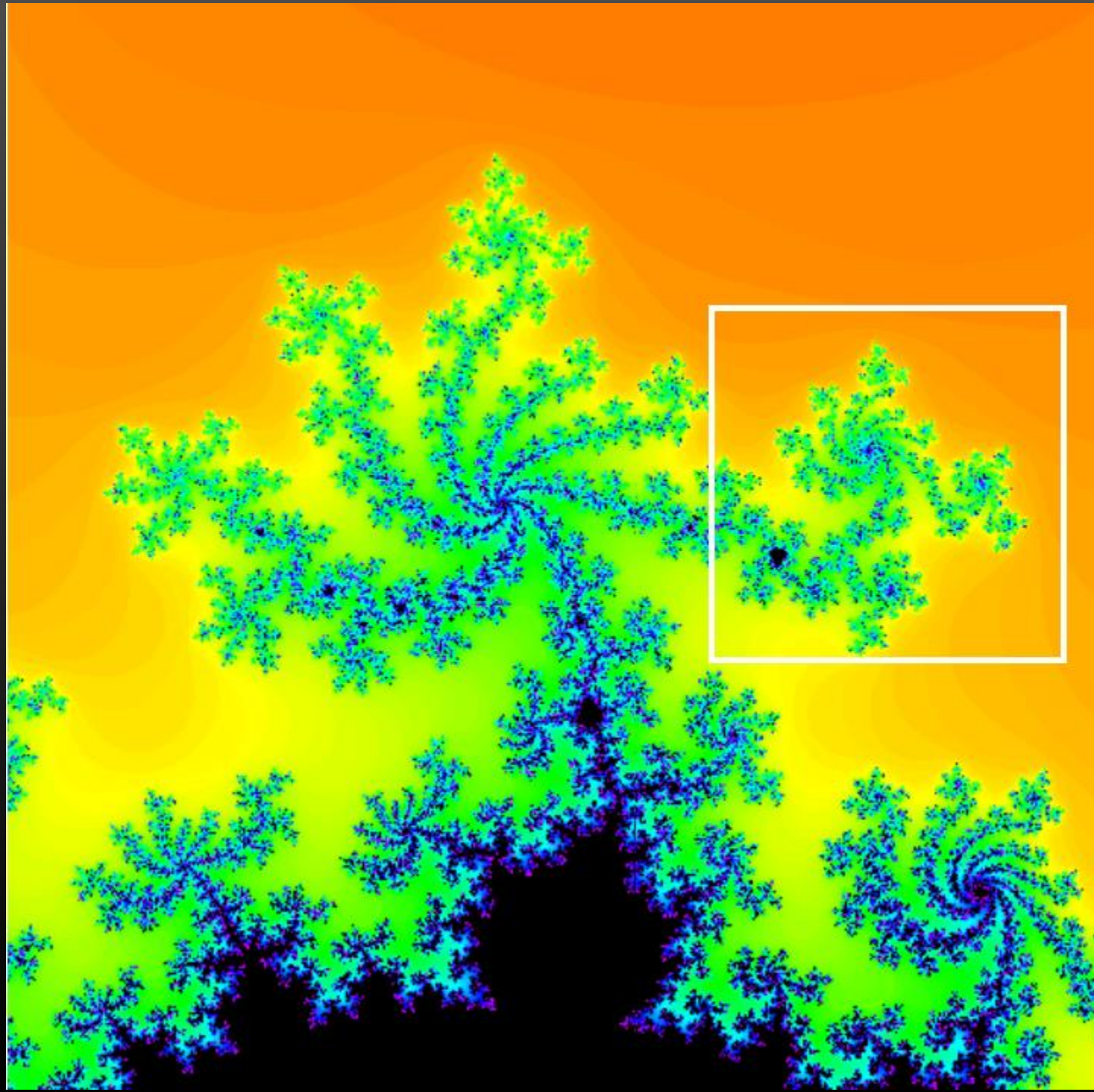


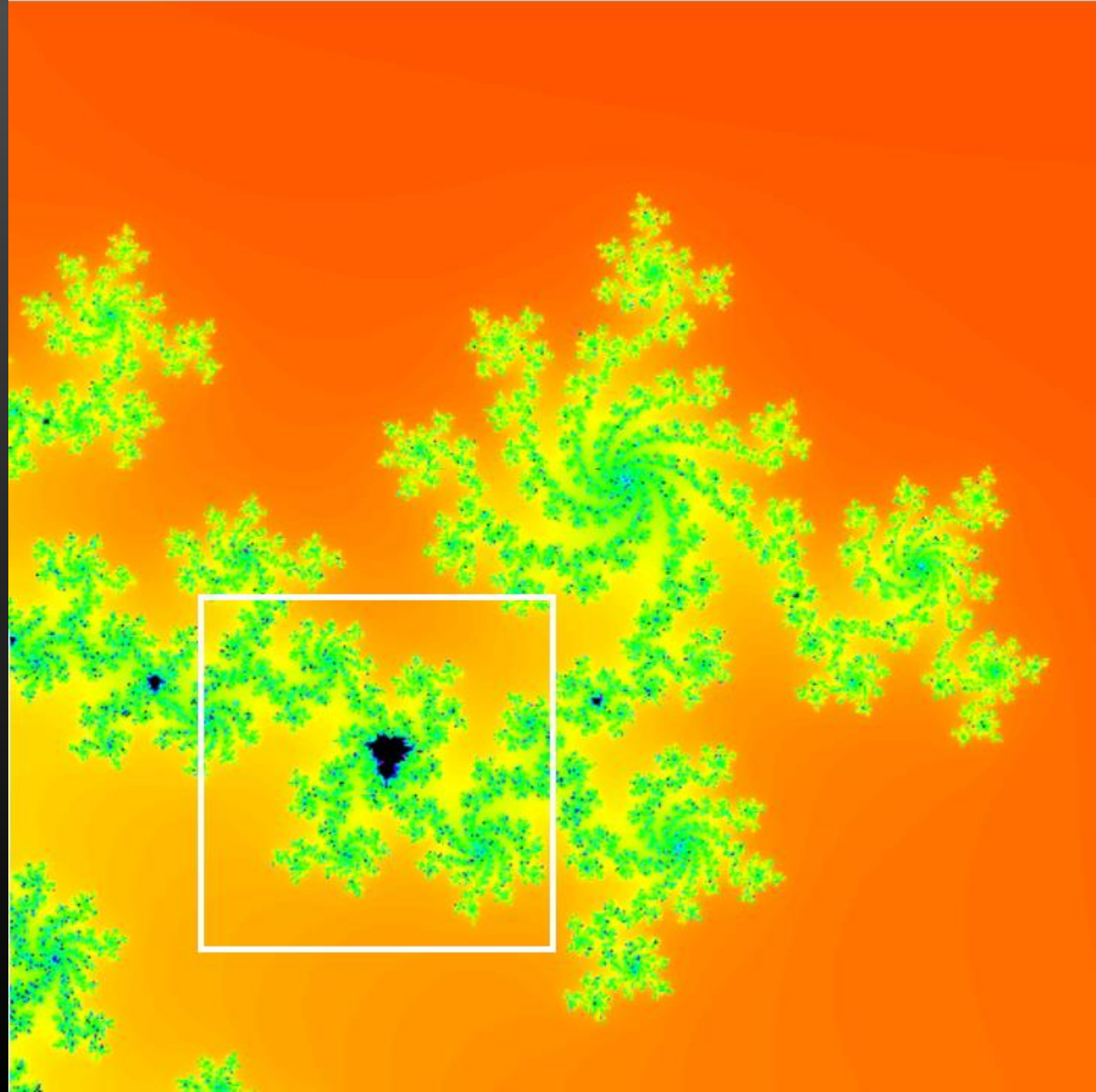




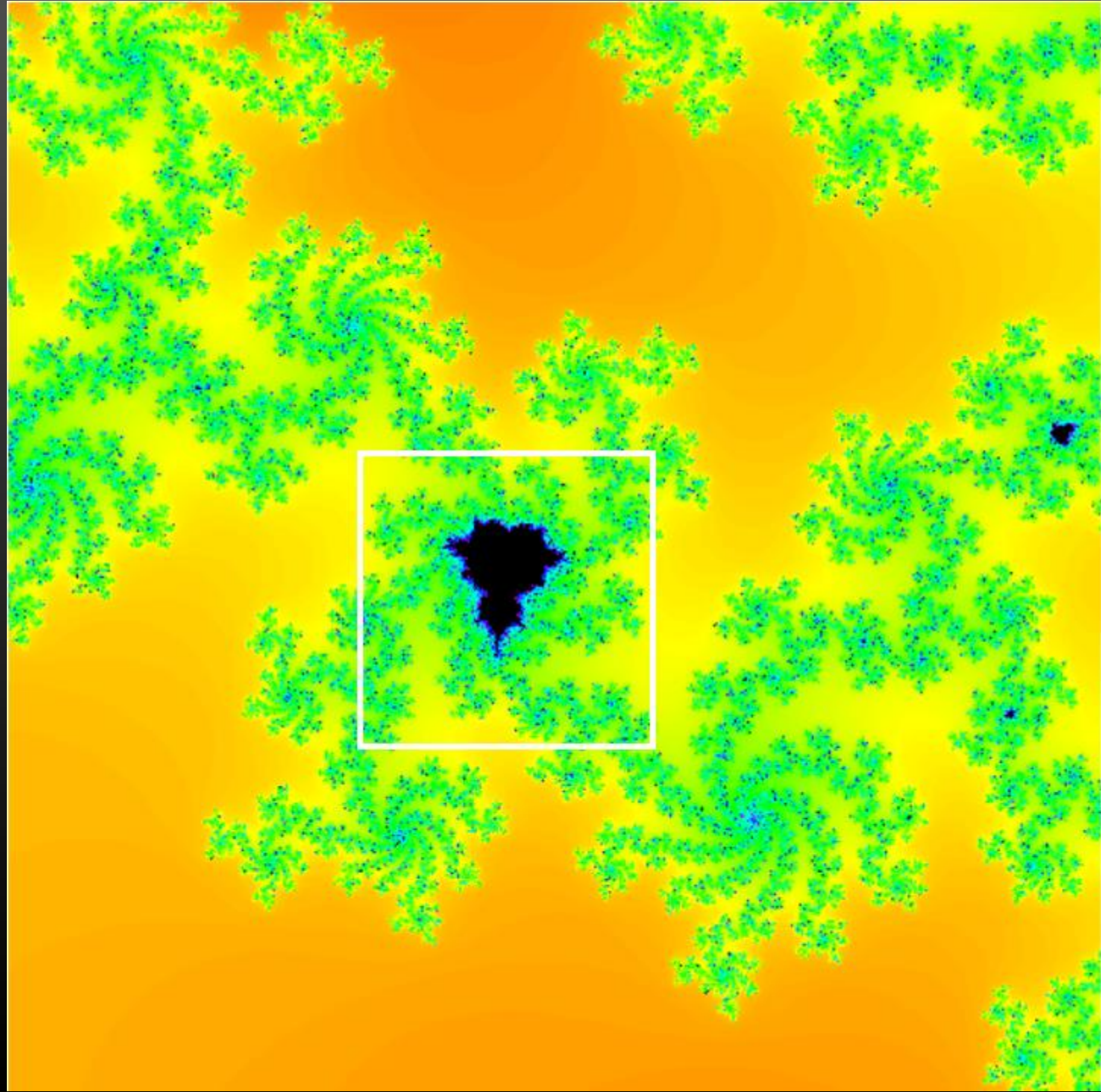


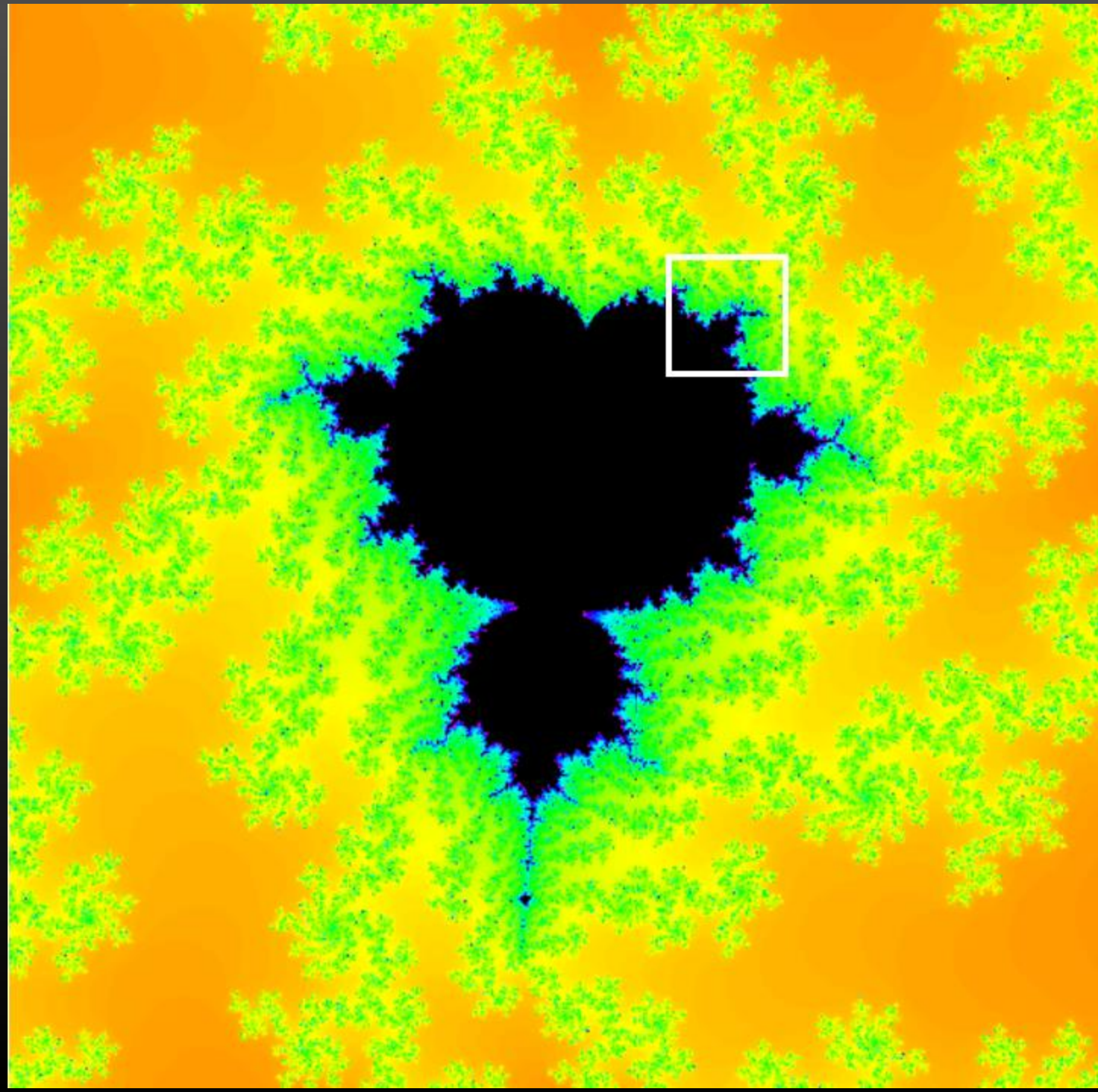




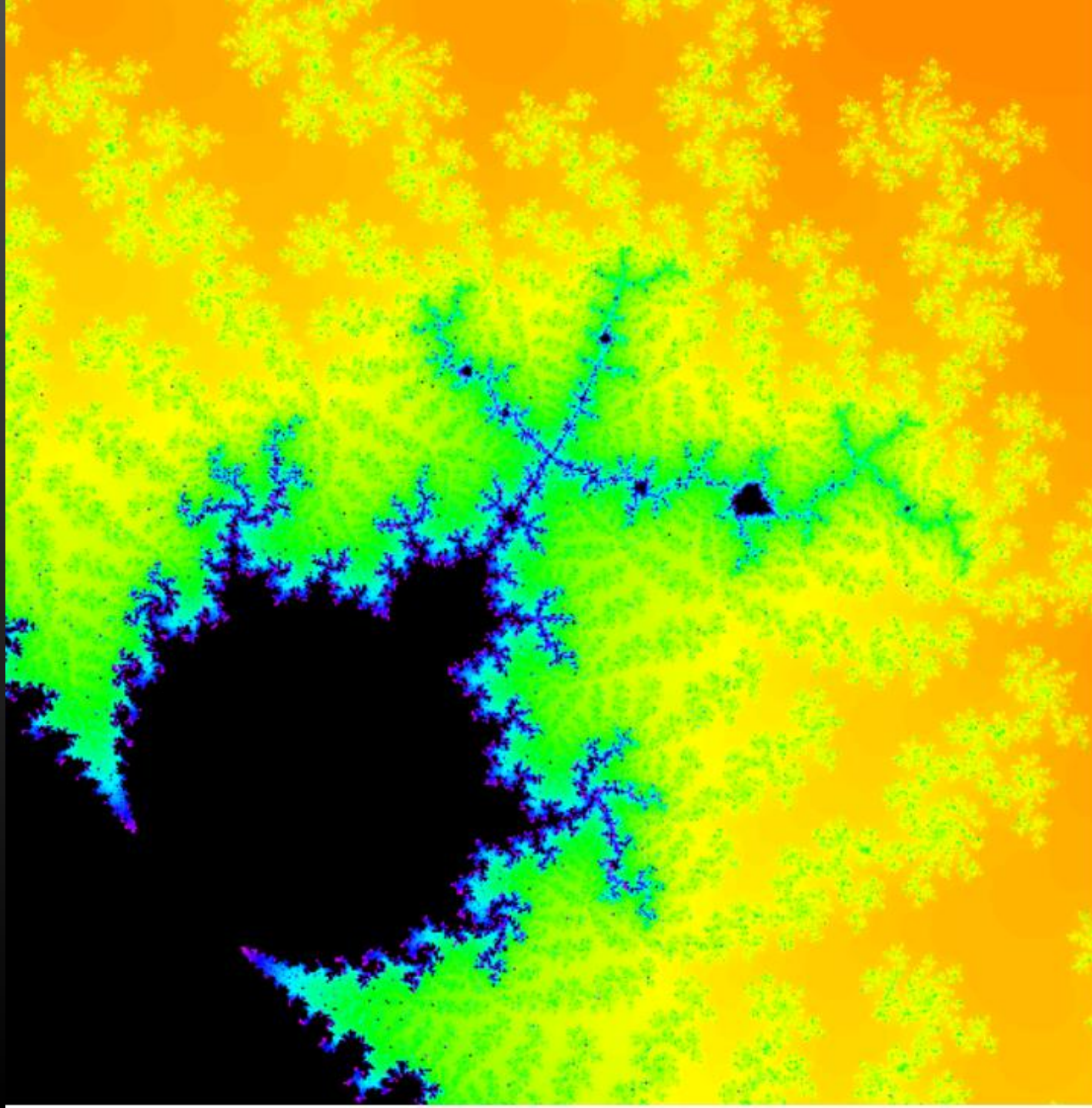






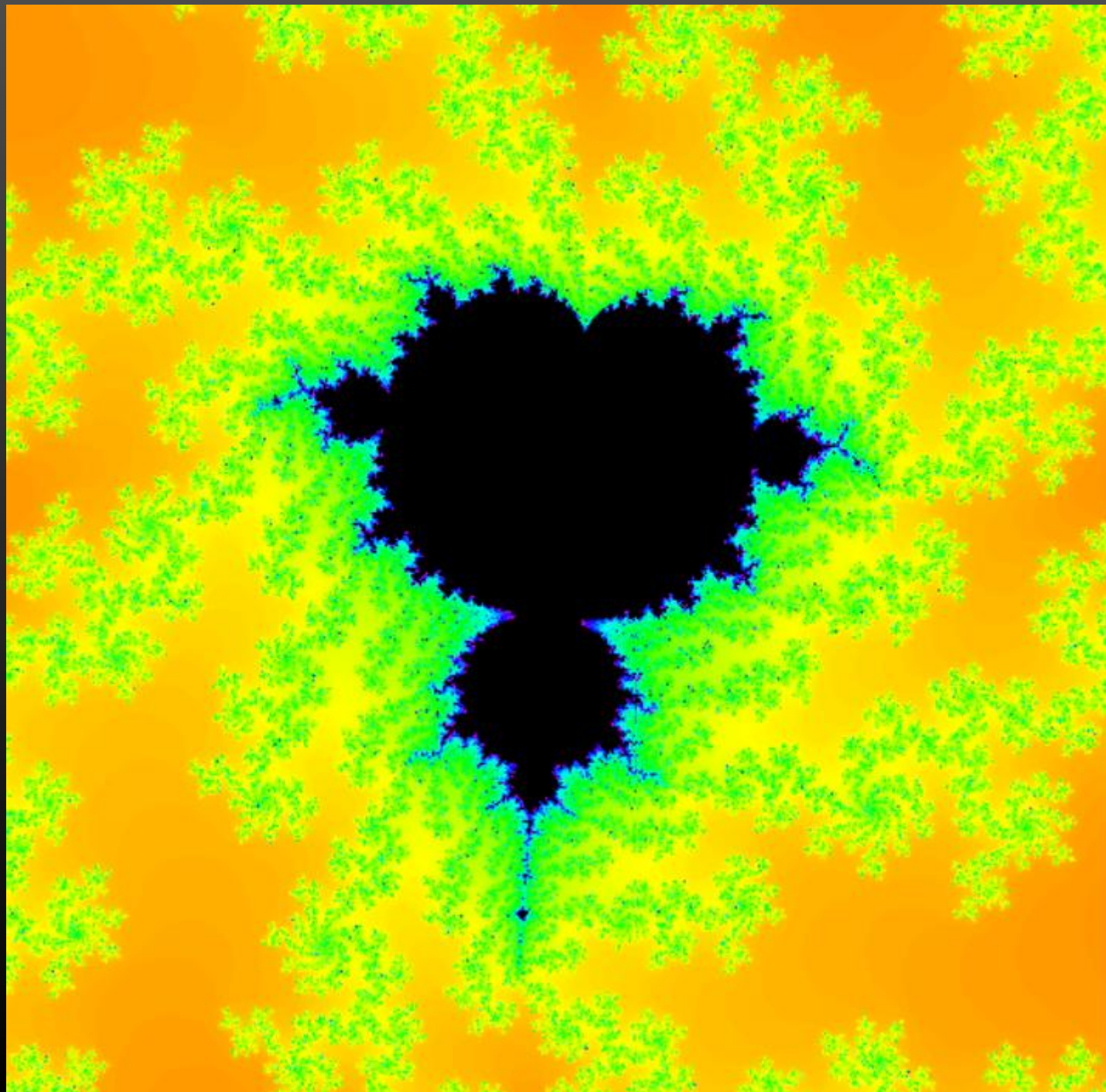




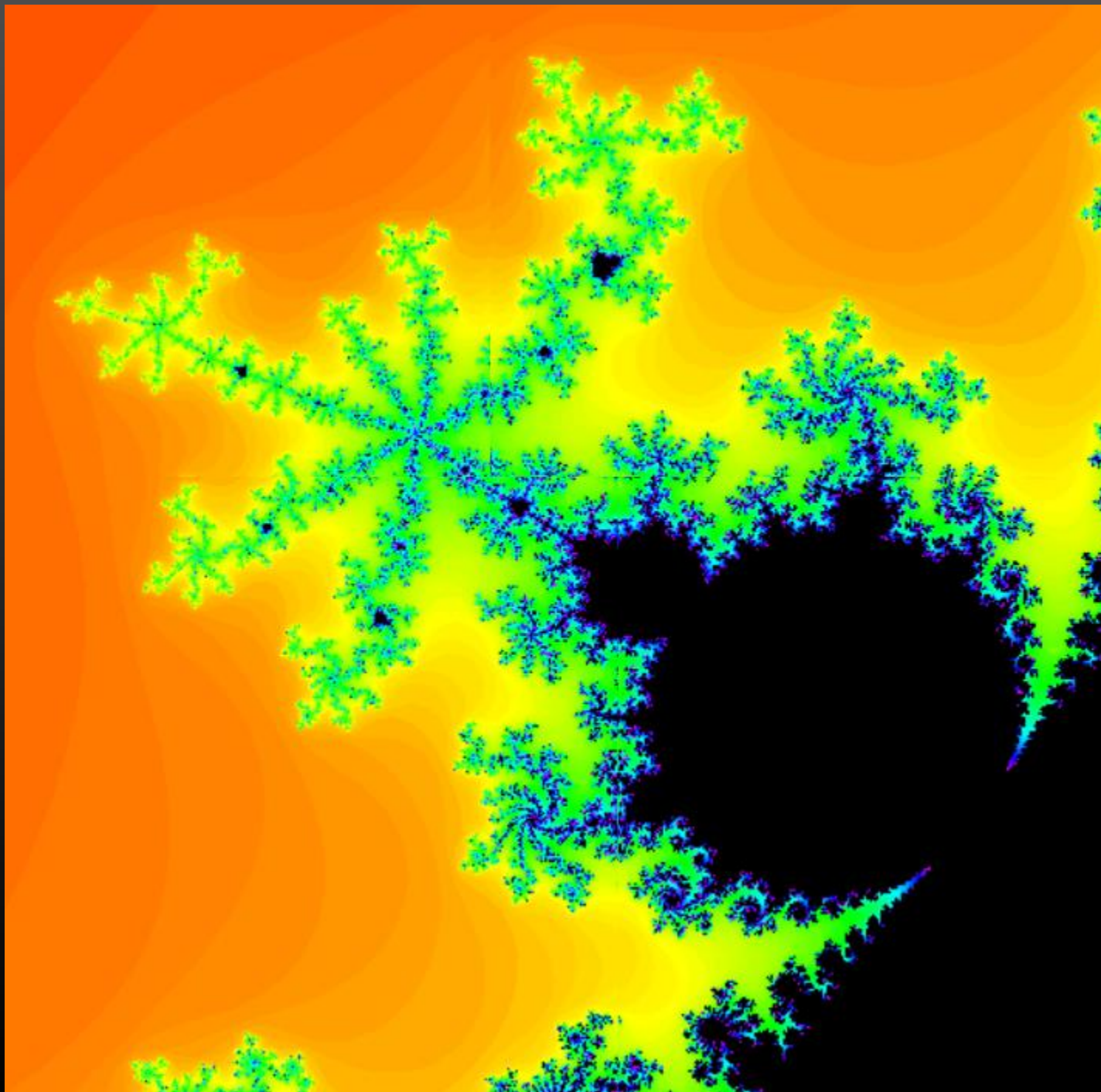


$\frac{3}{4}$  bulb





$\frac{1}{16}$   
antenna



$\frac{3}{7}$  bulb

# Julia sets

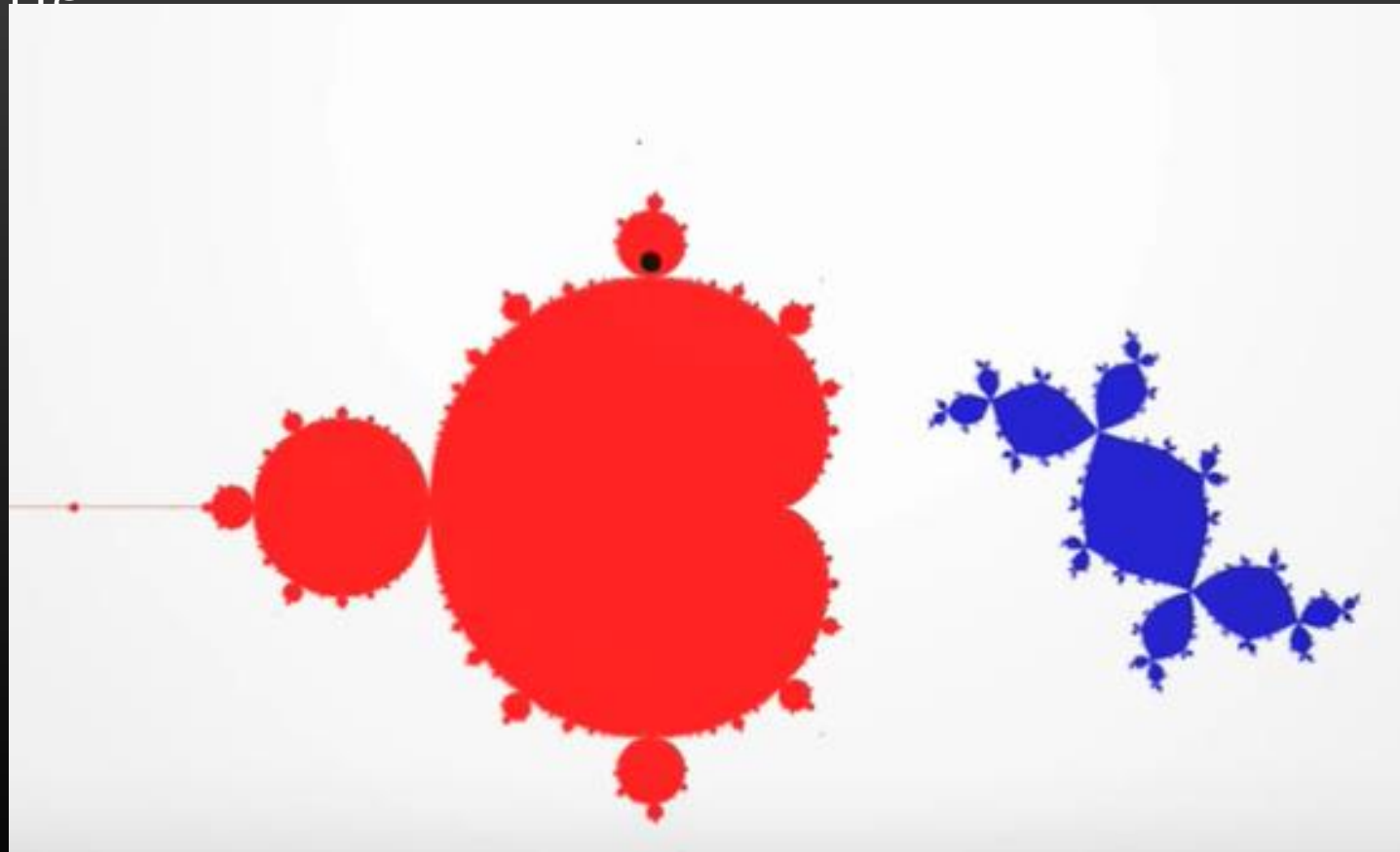
How it looks?

Relation between  $M$  and  $J$  and  $FJ$

Definitions of filled Julia set and Julia set

What is a Julia set and how to plot them?

$z^2 + c$ , where  $c$  is the point where the black dot in the red set is pointing



$$z^2+c$$

## *Definitions*

$$\textit{Filled Julia} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid f^{(n)}(z) \rightarrow \infty\}$$

*Julia set is the boundary of Filled Julia Set*

*Julia set is the closure of repelling periodic points*

*Fix a complex number  $c$   
consider a quadratic polynomial  
 $f(z) = z^2 + c$*

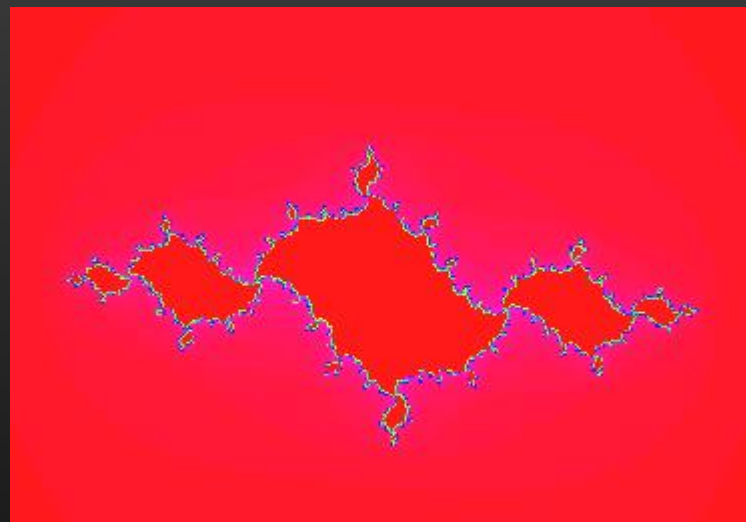
**For every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  
Compute iterates of  $f(z)$   
Check  
 $f^{(n)}(z) \rightarrow \infty$**



## Maple

```
with(plots) :  
JuliaSet := proc(X, Y)  
  local Z, ct;  
  Z := X + I*Y;  
  for ct from 1 while ct < 120 and evalf(abs(Z)) < 2.0  
  do  
    Z := Z^2 - 1.037 + 0.17*I  
  od;  
  -ct;  
end;  
densityplot('JuliaSet'(x, y),  
  x=-2..2, y=-1.5..1.5,  
  grid=[500, 500],  
  scaling=constrained, colorstyle=HUE,  
  style=PATCHNOGRID, axes=NONE);
```

$$c = -1.037 + 0.17i$$
$$f(z) = z^2 - 1.037 + 0.17i$$



*Fix a complex number  $c$   
consider a quadratic polynomial  
 $f(z) = z^2 + c$*

**For every  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  
Compute iterates of  $f(z)$   
Check  
 $f^{(n)}(z) \rightarrow \infty$**



*Most Julia set we see has Lebesgue measure (area) 0.*

*Picture we see are filled Julia set  
whose boundary is the Julia set.*

*To visualize Julia set we need to plot filled Julia set.*

*It is open question if there is a Julia set of quadratic  
with positive Lebesgue measure.*

*Fractal dimension (Hausdorff dimension) is invented*

# *Relation between Julia set of $z^2 + c$ and where in Mandelbrot set*

*Main Body of M*

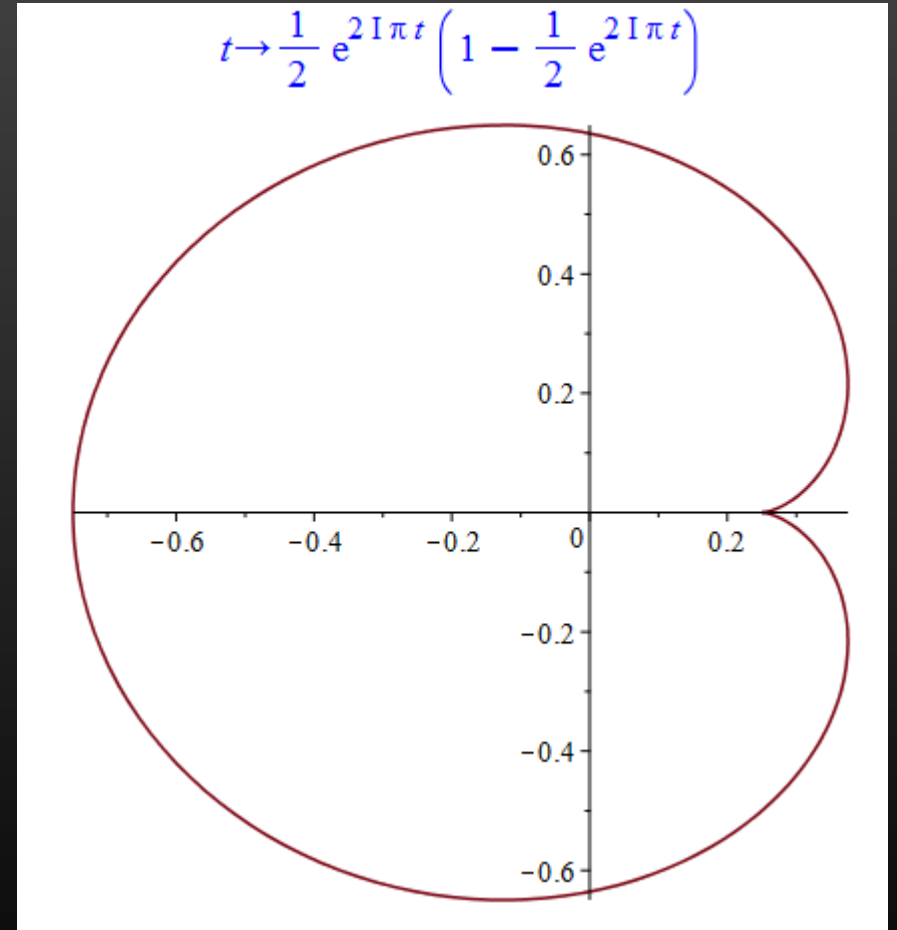
**Cardioid**

*Bulbs are attached at points*

*$C_{\frac{p}{q}}$  are interesting.*

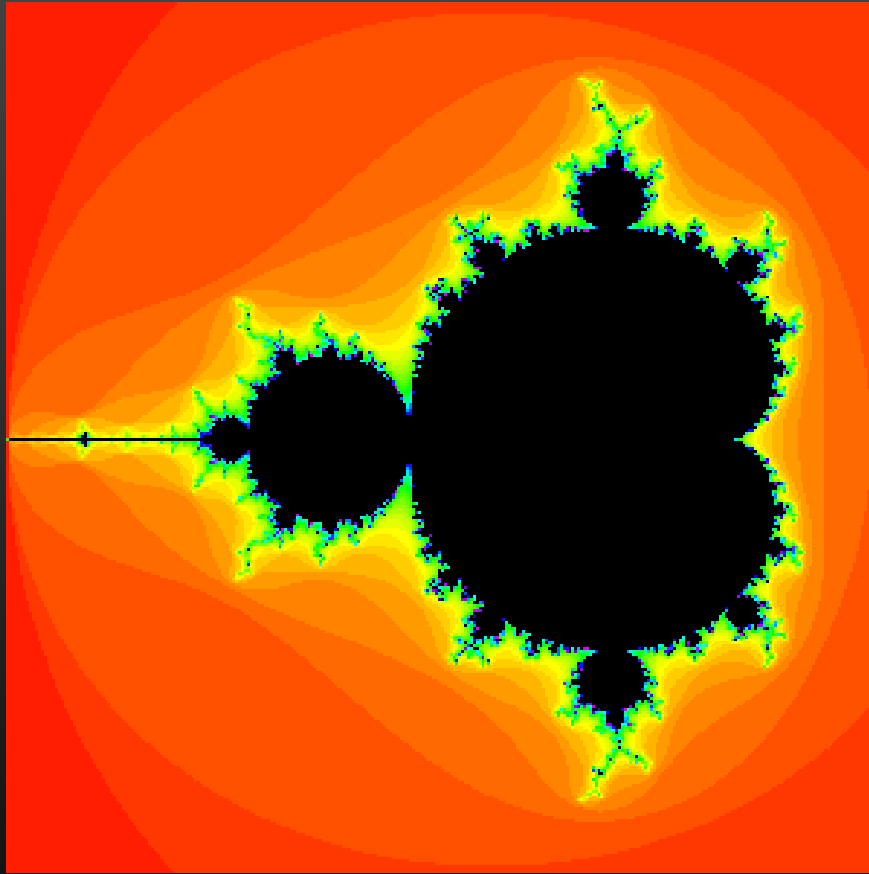
*periodic points of  $z^2 + c$   
with period  $q$*

$$C_{\frac{p}{q}} = \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \right)$$

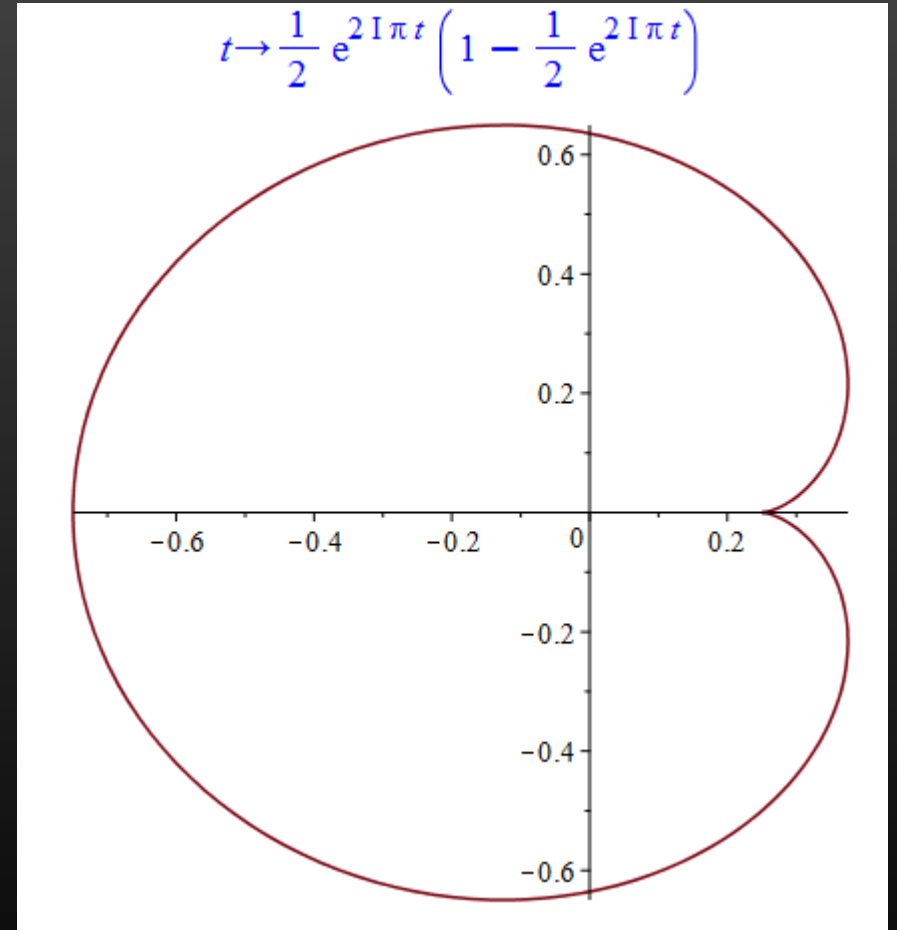


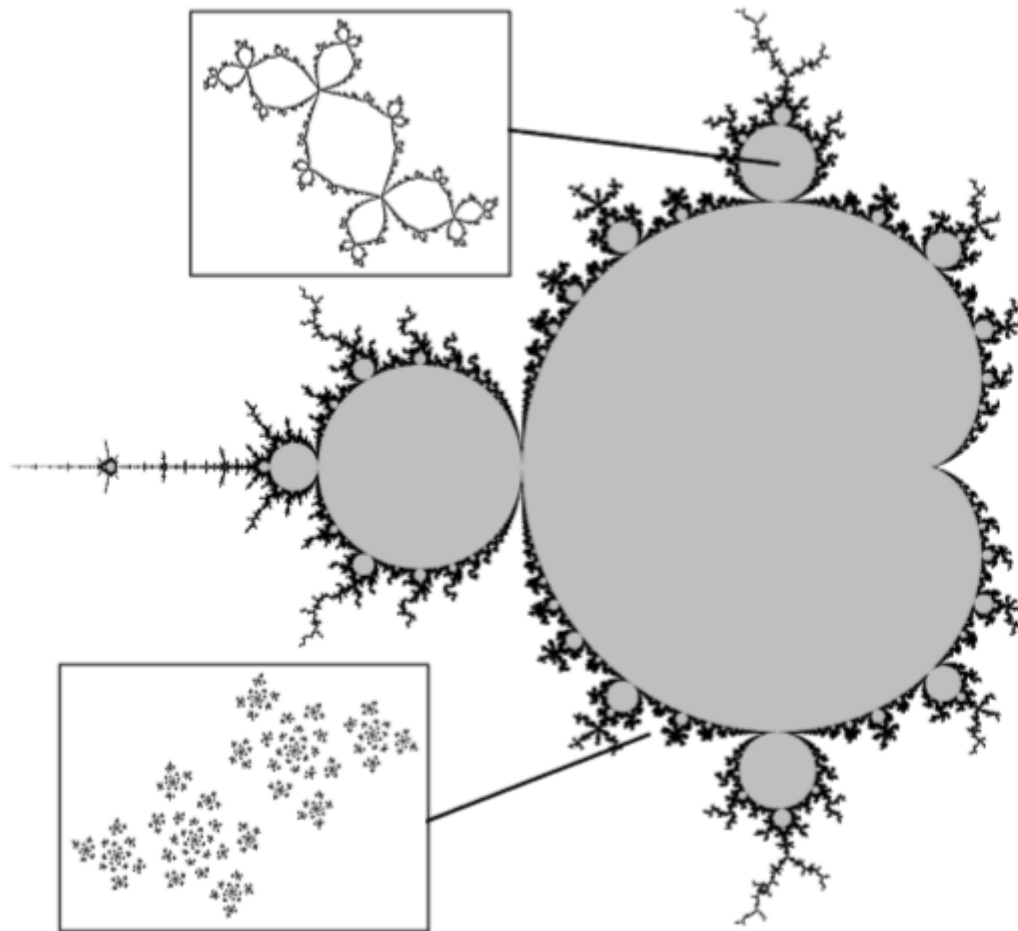
# *Main Body of M*

## Cardioid



$$C_{\frac{p}{q}} = \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \right)$$





Dichotomy :

$-J(P_c)$  connected  $\iff c \in M$   
 $-J(P_c)$  Cantor otherwise

The boundary  $\partial M$  is the  
 bifurcation locus of the dynam-  
 ics, i.e. the set of parameters  $c$   
 where the Julia set do not vary  
 continuously with respect to  $c$ .

The slide is from “Polynomial Juliasets with positive measure” by  
 Xavier Buff & Arnaud Chéritat Université Paul Sabatier (Toulouse III) presented in  
 memory of Adrien Douady in

*Theorem (Fatou Julia, 1919):  
Julia set of  $f: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is*

*Either connected*

*or*

*Totally disconnected*

*Points  $c$  Outside of Mandelbrot set, Filled Julia set  $z^2 + c$  is totally disconnected like dusts*

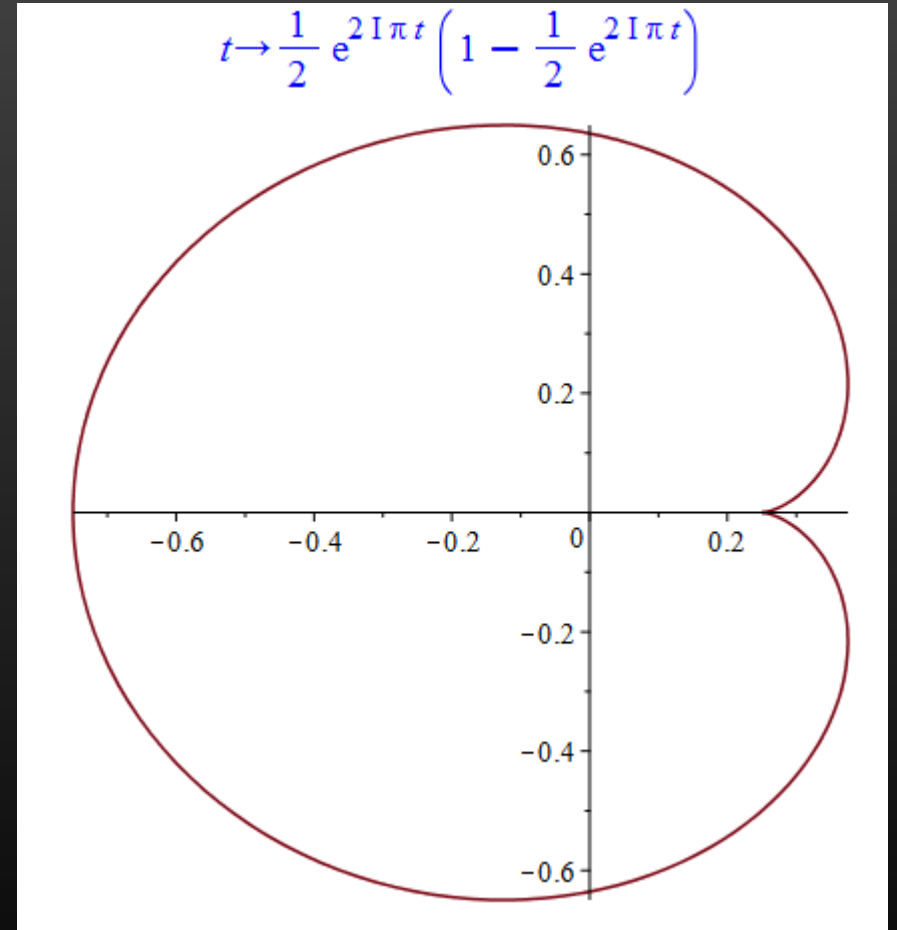
*Julia set of  $z^2 + c$ ,  
with  $c$  in Bulb of Mandelbrot set*

*Main Body of  $M$   
Cardioid has bulbs at  $C_{\frac{p}{q}}$*

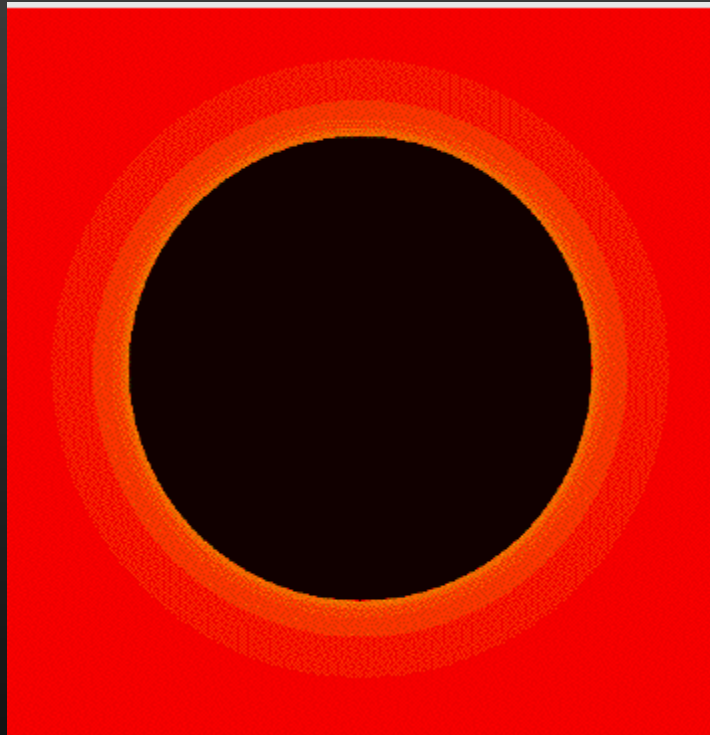
*Julia set of  $z^2 + C_{\frac{p}{q}}$*

*has  
periodic points  
with period  $q$*

$$C_{\frac{p}{q}} = \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{e^{2\pi\frac{p}{q}i}}{2} \right)$$



*Julia set of  $z^2 + 0$  is the unit circle.*



At golden ratio  $c$

$$\frac{a+b}{a} = \frac{a}{b} = \phi$$

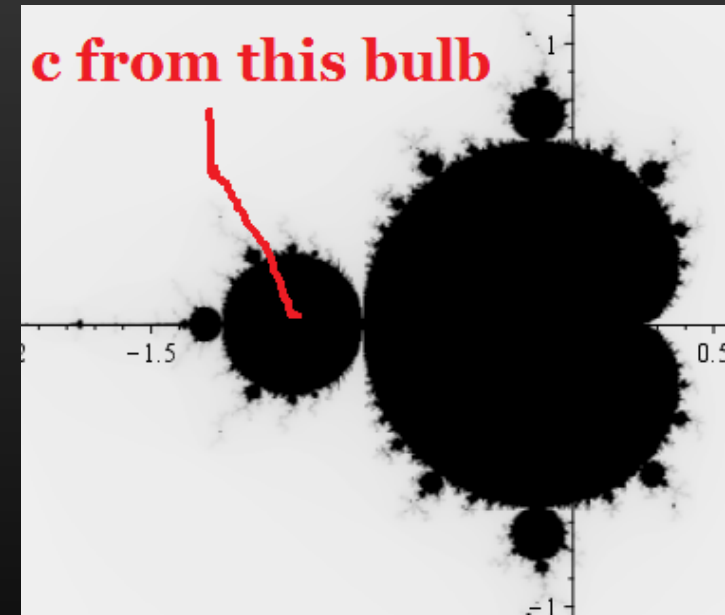
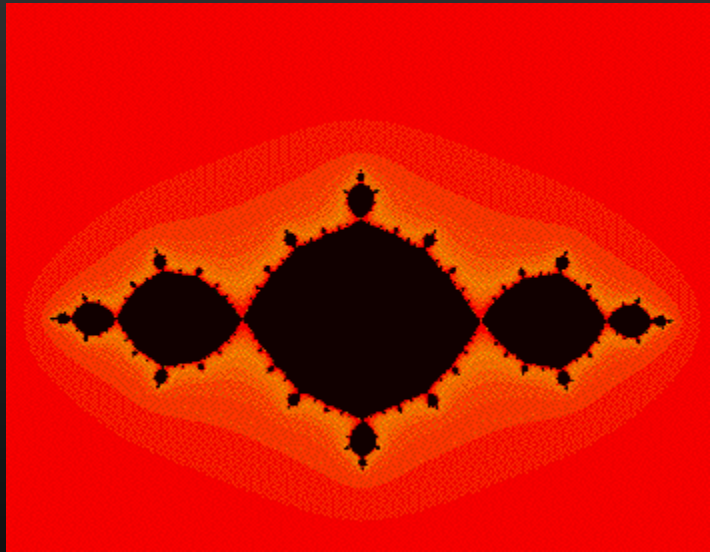
$$\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618 \dots$$

Julia set of  $z^2 + \phi$

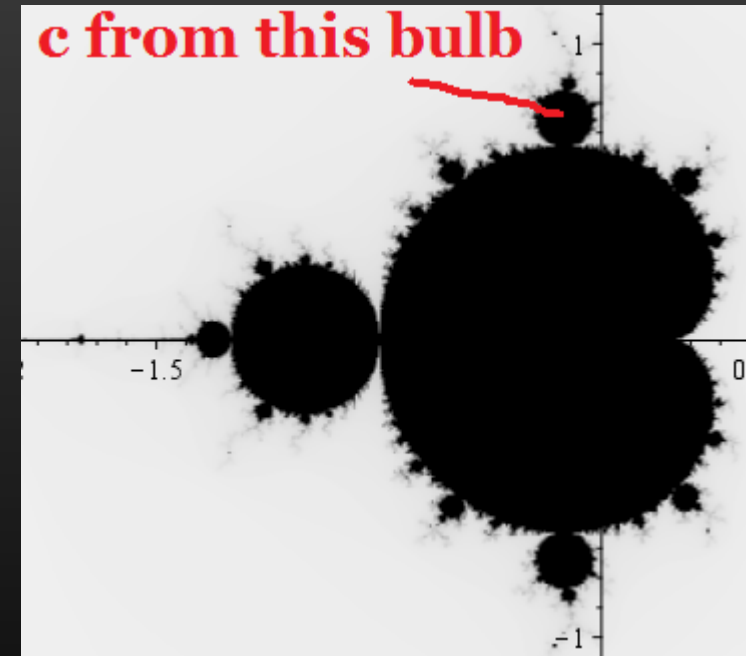
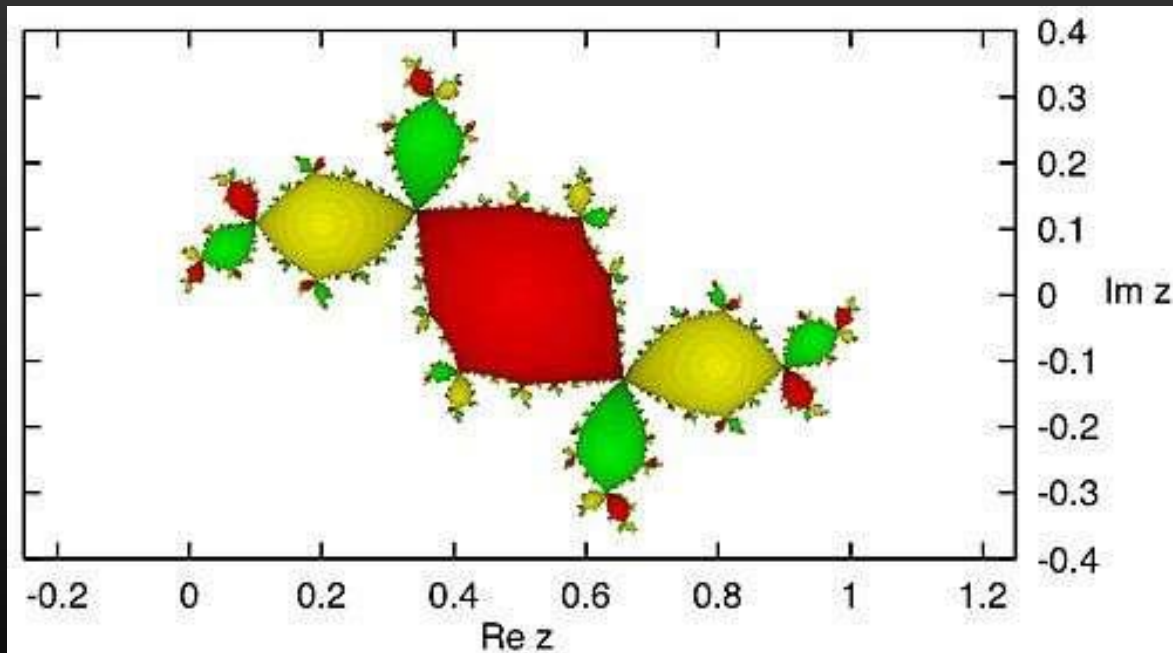




*Julia set of  $f(z) = z^2 - 1$   
-1 is at the bulb  $C(1/2)$*



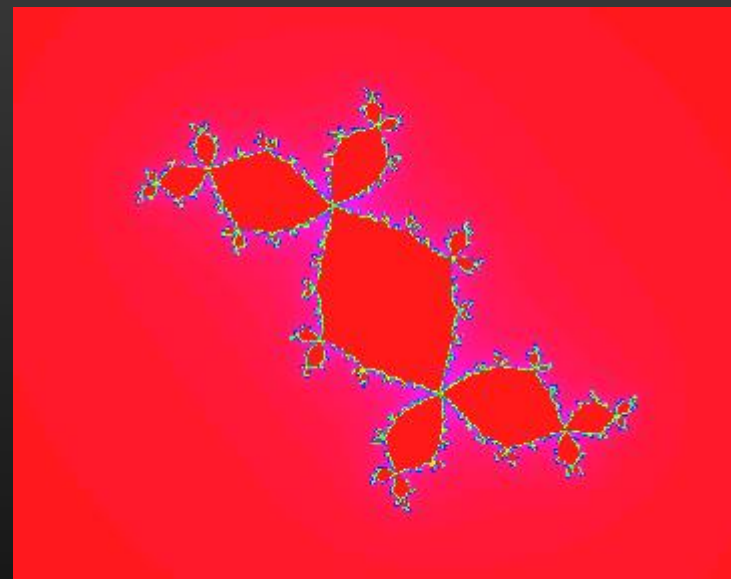
In the north bulb at  $1/3$  bulb period 3  
Douady's rabbit Julia set of  $z^2 + c$ ,  
 $c = -0.125 + 0.731i$ ,  
 $c \sim -0.12256 + 0.74486i$



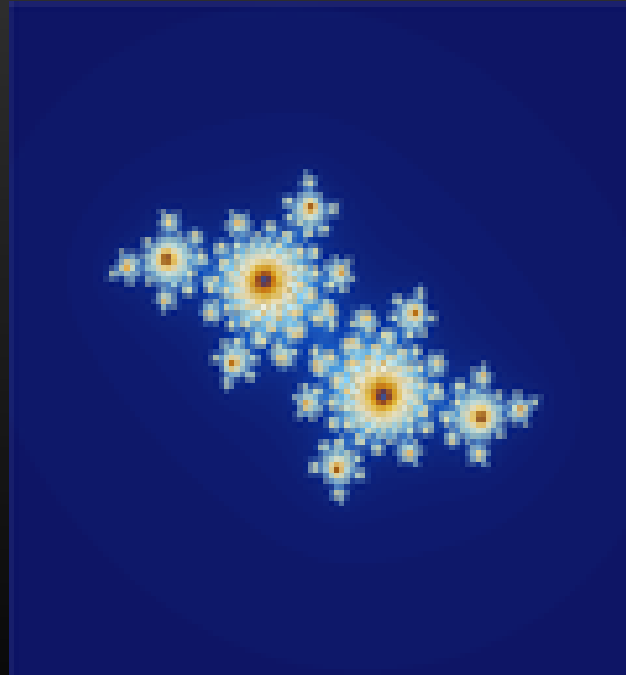
From Wikipedia

# Maple produced Julia set Rabbits at $c = -0.12 + 0.75i$

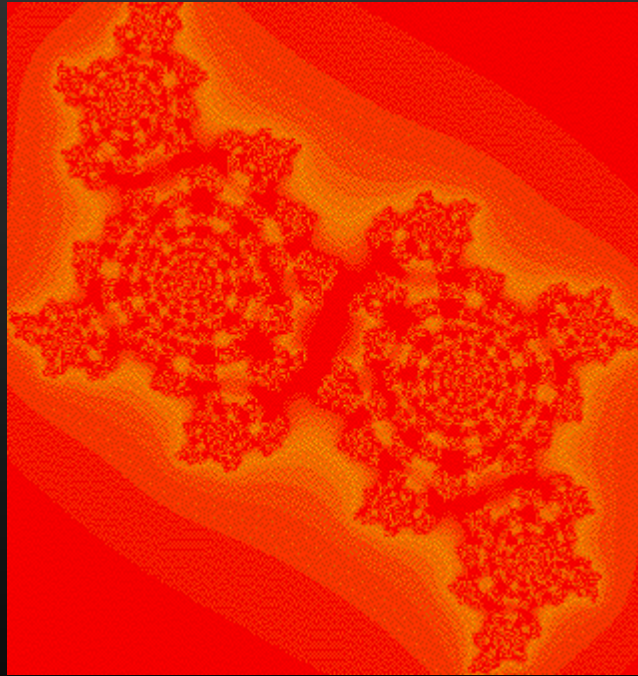
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  do  
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  od;  
  -ct;  
end:  
densityplot('JuliaSet'(x, y),  
  x=-2..2, y=-1.5..1.5,  
  grid=[500, 500], colorstyle=HUE,  
  scaling=constrained,  
  style=PATCHNOGRID, axes=NONE);
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Julia set for  $f_c$ ,  $c=(\phi-2)+(\phi-1)i = -0.4+0.6i$



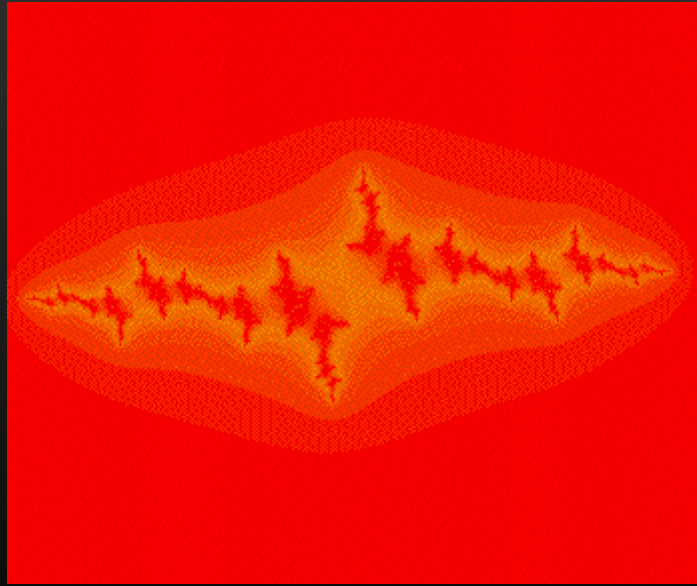
Getting chaotic



Chaos !!!!

Julia set for

filled Julia sets that is not connected is similar to the Cantor Middle Thirds Set.



*Most Julia set we see have measure (area) 0.*

*Julia set of  $z^2+c$   
with  $c$  on the boundary of Mandelbrot set  
are more interesting points,  
starting to be chaotic!!!*

*Cantor set: Totally disconnected like dusts*

*Recently, found Julia sets with positive measure.*



More crazy/interesting points

Misiurewicz points

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Are Points  $c$  in  $M$ , for which

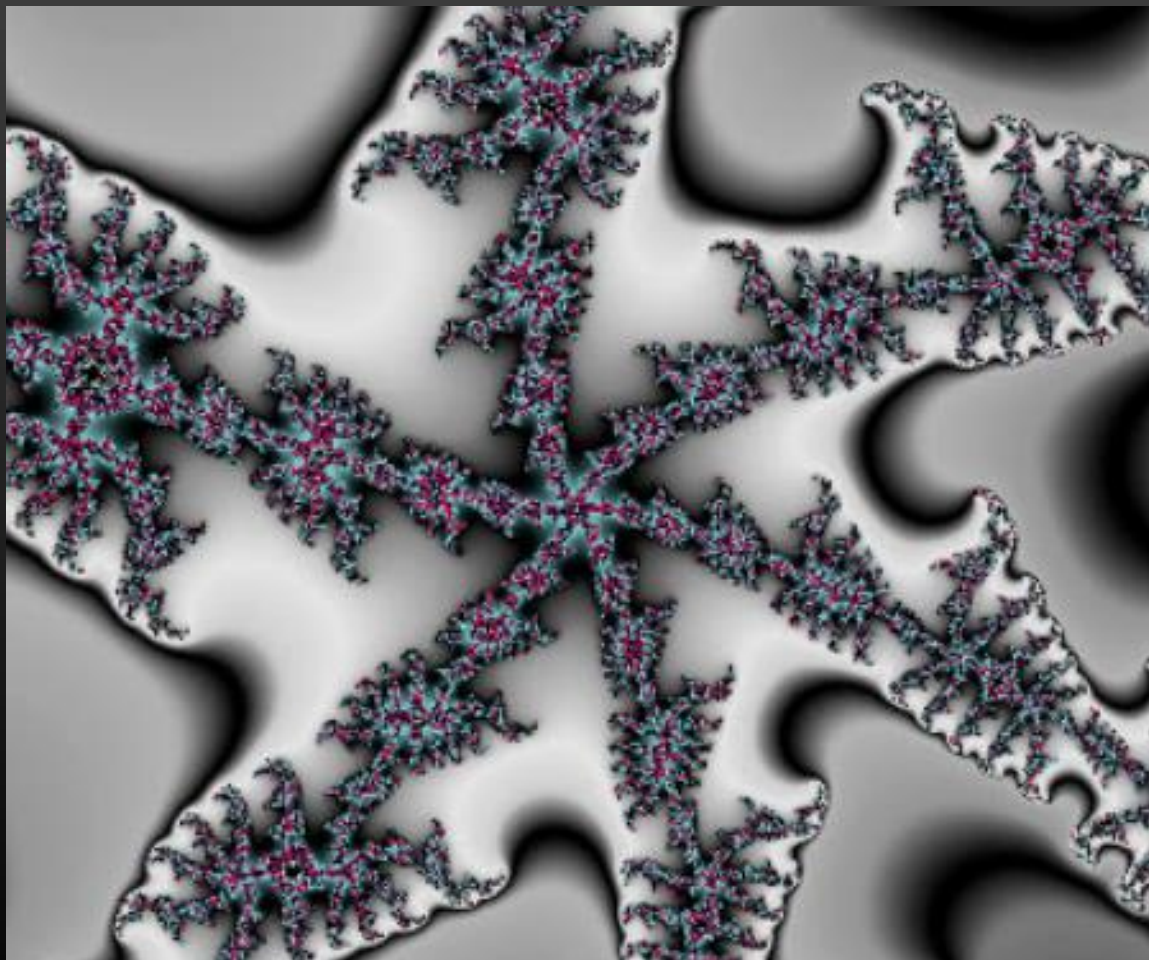
$0$  is preperiodic of  $z^2 + c$ .

***Notice that  $0$  is the only critical point of  $z^2 + c$ .***

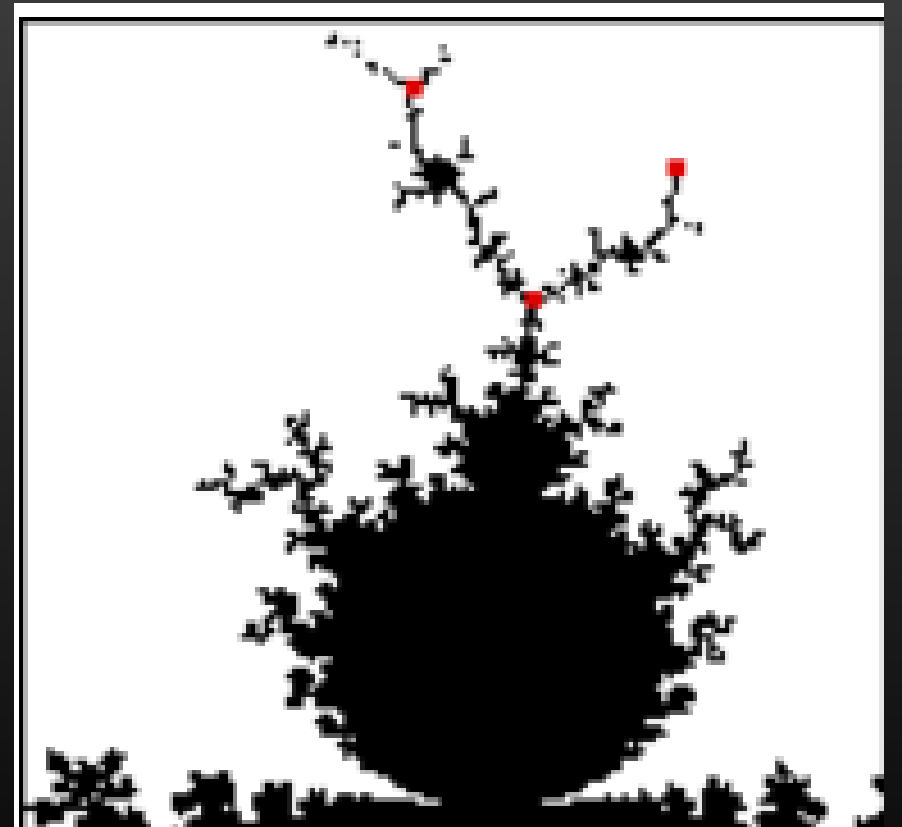
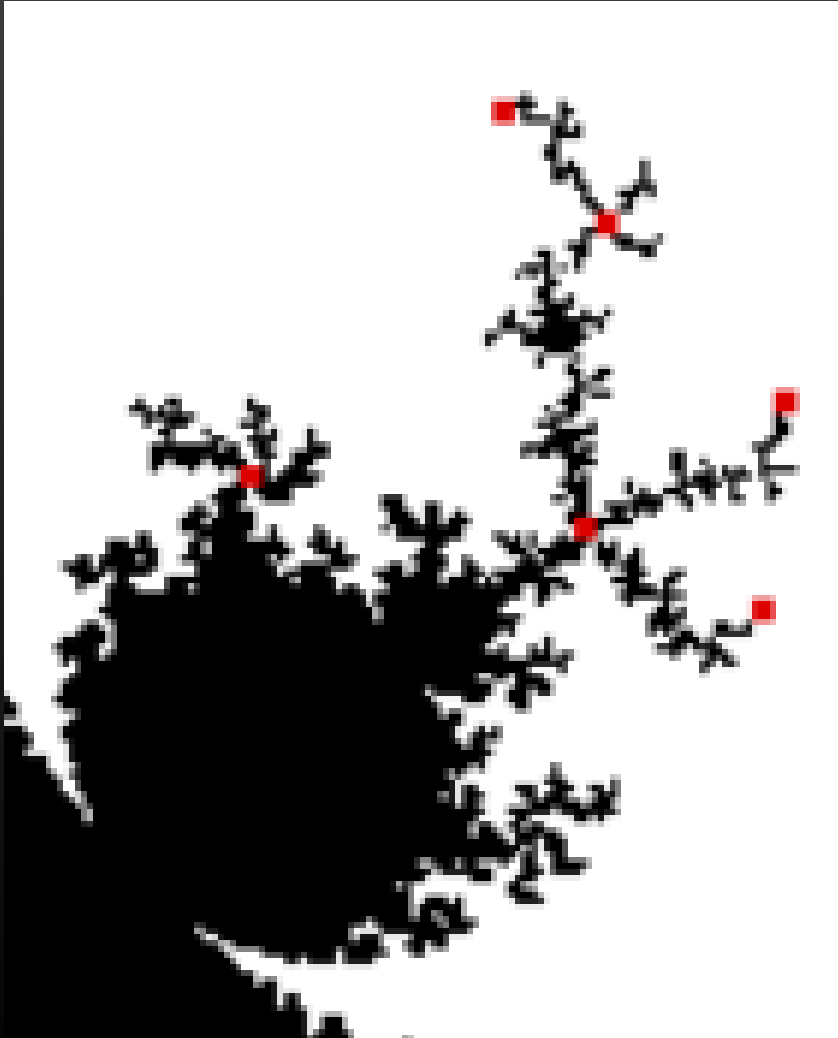
## *Misiurewicz points*

- Dense in the boundary of  $M$
- Filled Julia set is equal to Julia set.
- Filled Julia set has no interior
- Mandelbrot set and Julia set are asymptotically similar.
- It disconnect  $M$  at least into 3 components

M-set:  $c = 0.4244 + 0.200759i$

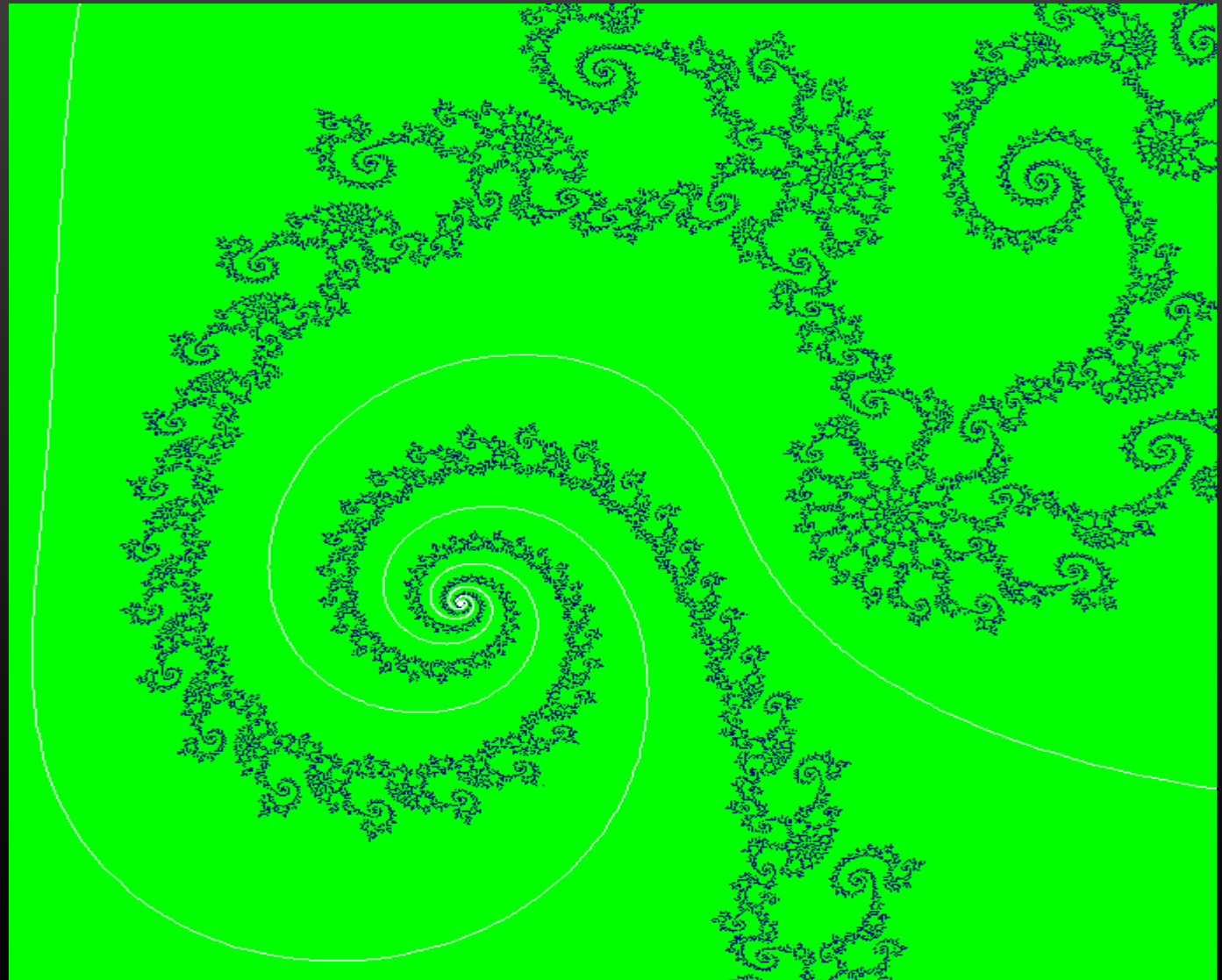


*From Wikipedia*  
*Misiurewicz points*



$$M_{21} = -2, M_{22} = i, C = M_{23}$$

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misiurewicz\\_point](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Misiurewicz_point)



*Julia set of  $f(z) = z^2 + 1$  is totally disconnected*

*Has a Lebesgue measure 0*

*OK to end here*

*Or go more*

## *Hausdorff Dimension?*

*Partition of a set into  $N$  cells  
with cells with diameter  $d$*

*$\delta$  such that*

$$N (diameter)^\delta = 1$$

## *Example: Cantor set*

*Hausdorff dimension*  $\frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$

*in n step*

$$N = 2^n$$

$$2^n \left( \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^n \right)^\delta = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \left( \frac{2}{3^\delta} \right)^n = 1 \rightarrow \delta = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3}$$



*Example: Cantor set*  
*Looks like dusts*

*Totally disconnected*



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- Thank you