

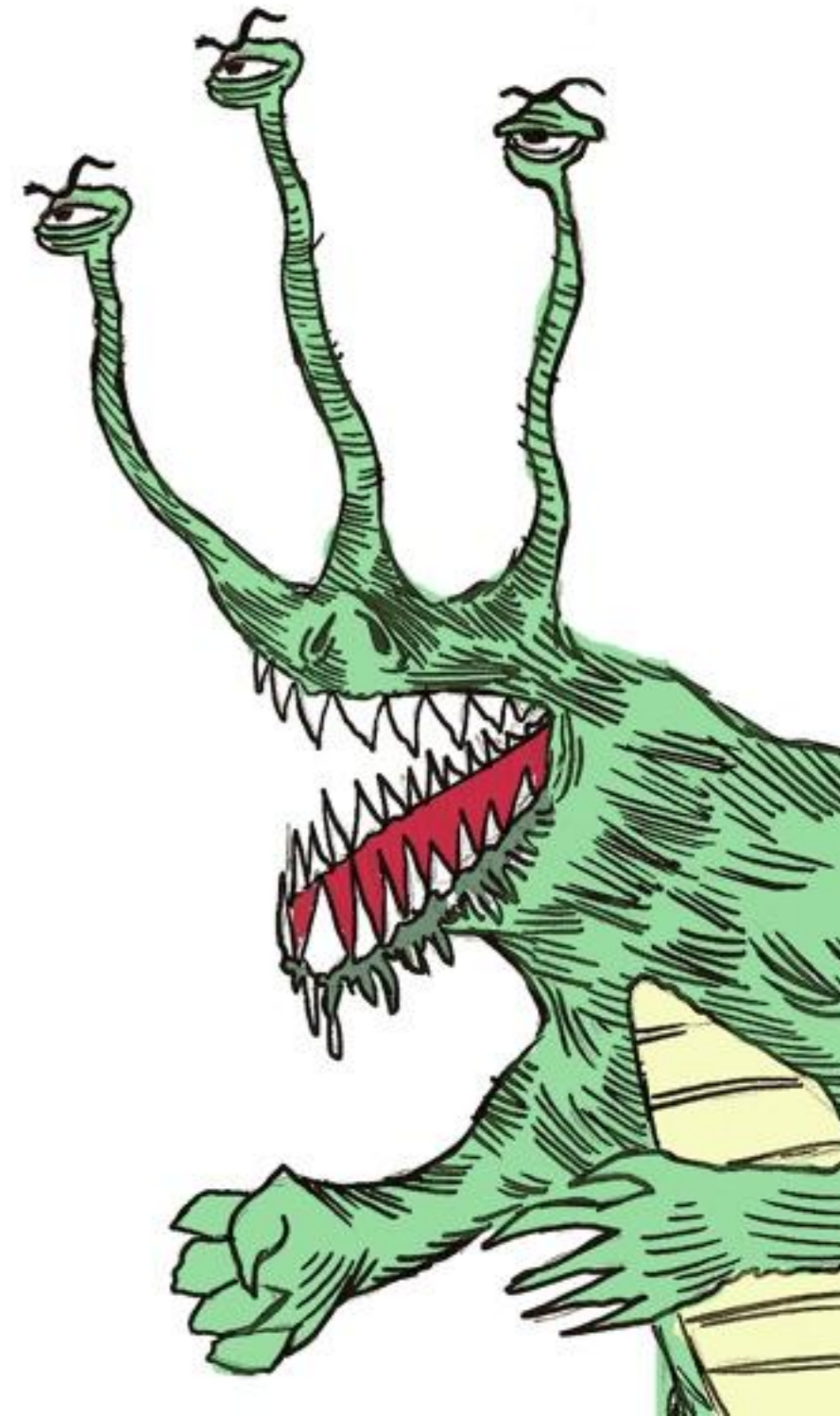
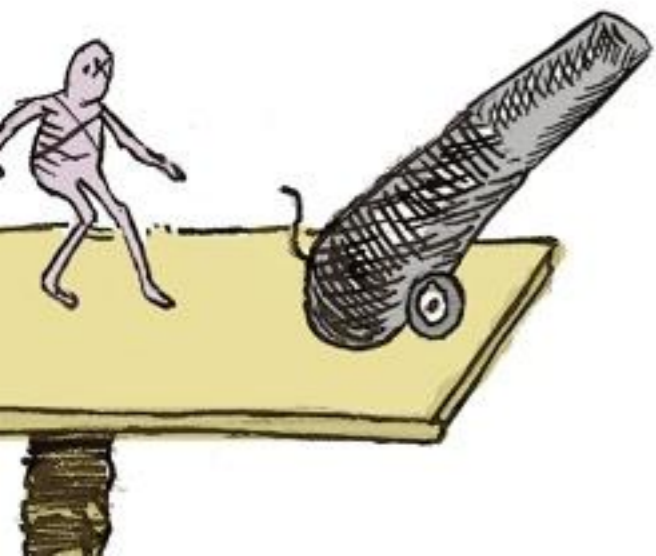
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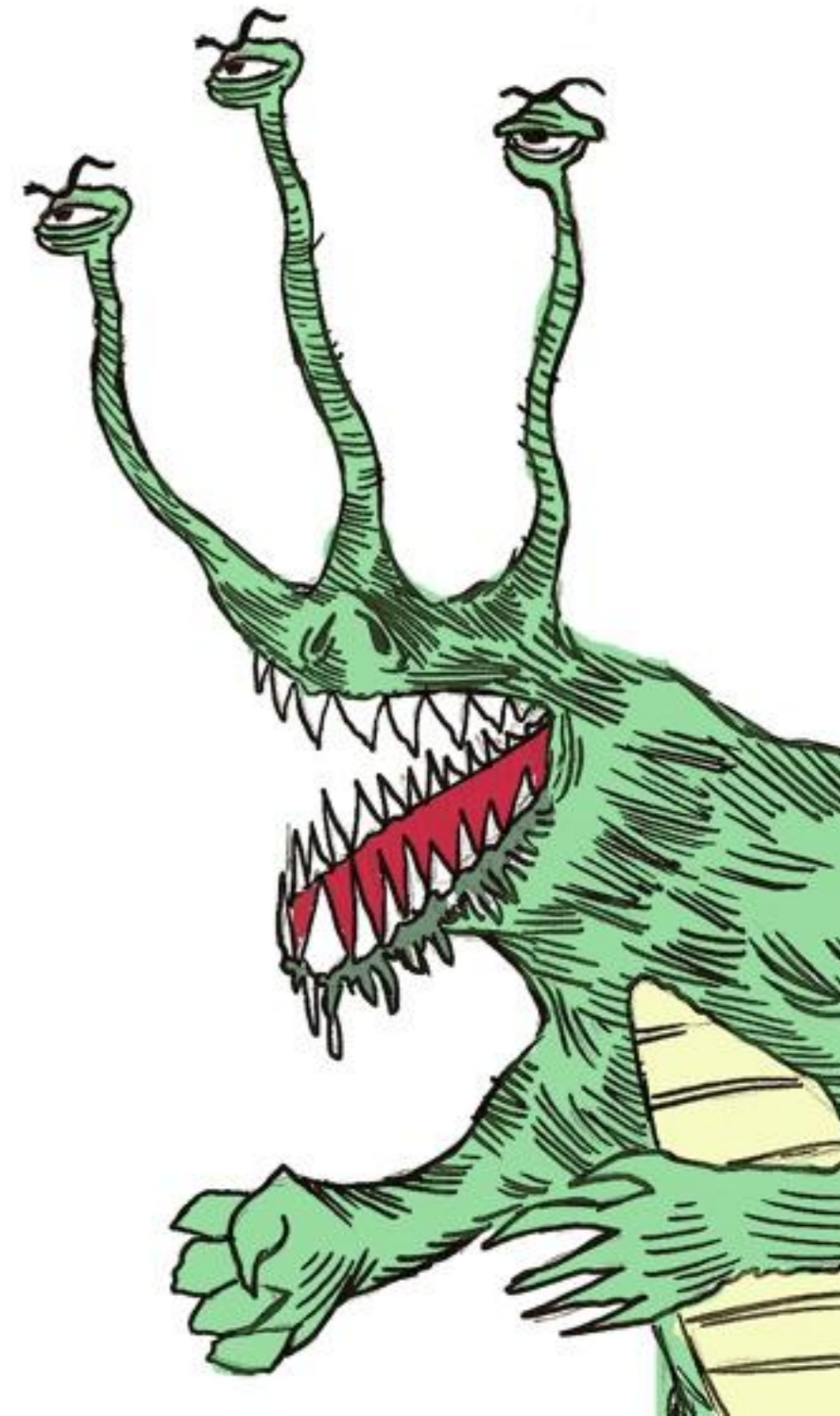
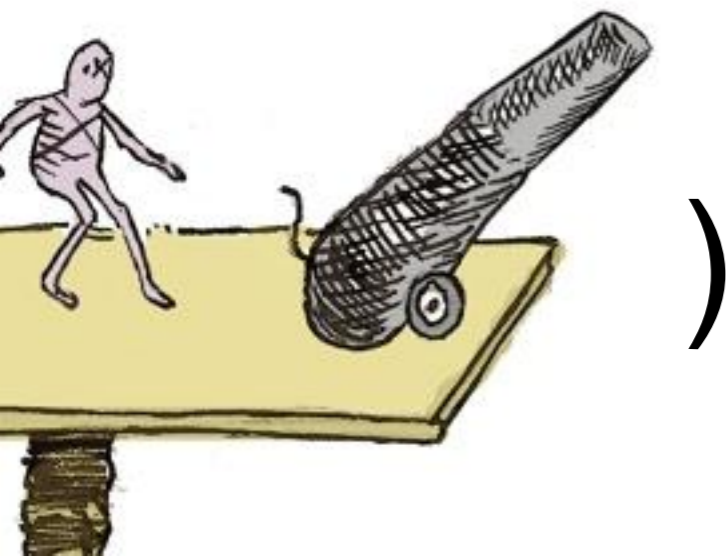
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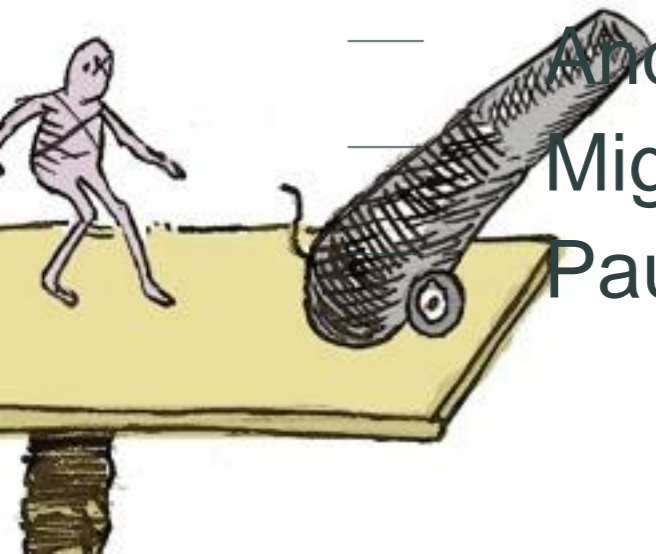




# Collaborators

- Ken Perlin
- Bruce Homer
- Catherine Milne
- Katherine Isbister
- Trace Jordan
- Joel Wein
- Carl Skelton
- Mary Flanagan
- Chuck Kinzer
- Andy Phelps
- Miguel Nussbaum
- Paul O’Keefe

- Yan Wang
- Ruth Schwartz
- Jon Frye
- Yoo Kyung Chang
- Lizzie Hayward
- Tsu-Ting Huang
- Helen Zeng
- Charles Hendee
- Murphy Stein
- Juan Barrientos



# 13 faculty at 9 Universities

Comprised of 13 faculty (at 9 institutions), specializing in STEM Education, Science of Learning, Educational Technology, Psychology, Game Design, Computer Science, and Software Engineering. Funded by Microsoft Research.

**NYU** (Ken Perlin, Jan Plass, **Co-Directors**, Cath Milne)

**NYU Poly** (Katherine Isbister, Carl Skelton, Joel Wein)

**CUNY** Graduate Center (Bruce Homer)

**Columbia** (Steve Feiner)

**Teachers College** (Chuck Kinzer)

**Parsons School of Design** (Colleen Macklin)

**Dartmouth** (Mary Flanagan)

**Rochester Institute of Technology** (Andy Phelps)

**Catholic University of Chile**, Santiago (Miguel Nussbaum)





# Computational Thinking

**Ezmerelda** Make New Item

- My Shoes
  - pointFeetLeft
  - pointFeetRight
  - leftSideShoes
  - slideLeft
  - everydayShoes
  - pointFeetOut
  - pointFeetIn
  - slideRight
  - rightSideShoes
  - leftSideShoesTwo
- My Shirts
  - armsOut
  - raiseArms
  - rightSideShirt
  - raiseLeftArm
  - raiseRightArm
  - everydayShirt
  - leftSideShirt
  - armsForward
  - armsOutUp
- My Pants
  - rightSidePants
  - turnLeft

**armsOut**

```
public class armsOut extends Shirt {  
  
    public void setUp() {  
        setColor( "red" );  
        setSize( 4 );  
    }  
  
    public void whenWearing() {  
  
        setLeftArm( forward );  
        setLeftArm( side );  
        setLeftArm( up );  
        setLeftArm( blowOut );  
  
        setRightArm( forward );  
        setRightArm( side );  
        setRightArm( up );  
        setRightArm( blowOut );  
  
    }  
}
```



save cancel delete undo

```
doAction(1) ( wear( EverydayOutfit ) )  
doAction(2) ( StartDance( lookAtMeDance ) )  
doAction(3) ( StartDance( TheCrabDance ) )  
doAction(4) ( StartDance( TheOde ) )
```

# Lots of collaborators/partners



## Collaborators



- Board of Advisors
- Faculty from NYU, New York City, National, International
- Network of Middle and High Schools in New York City
- Organizations offering After-School programs
- Media Developers & Broadcasters
- Museums



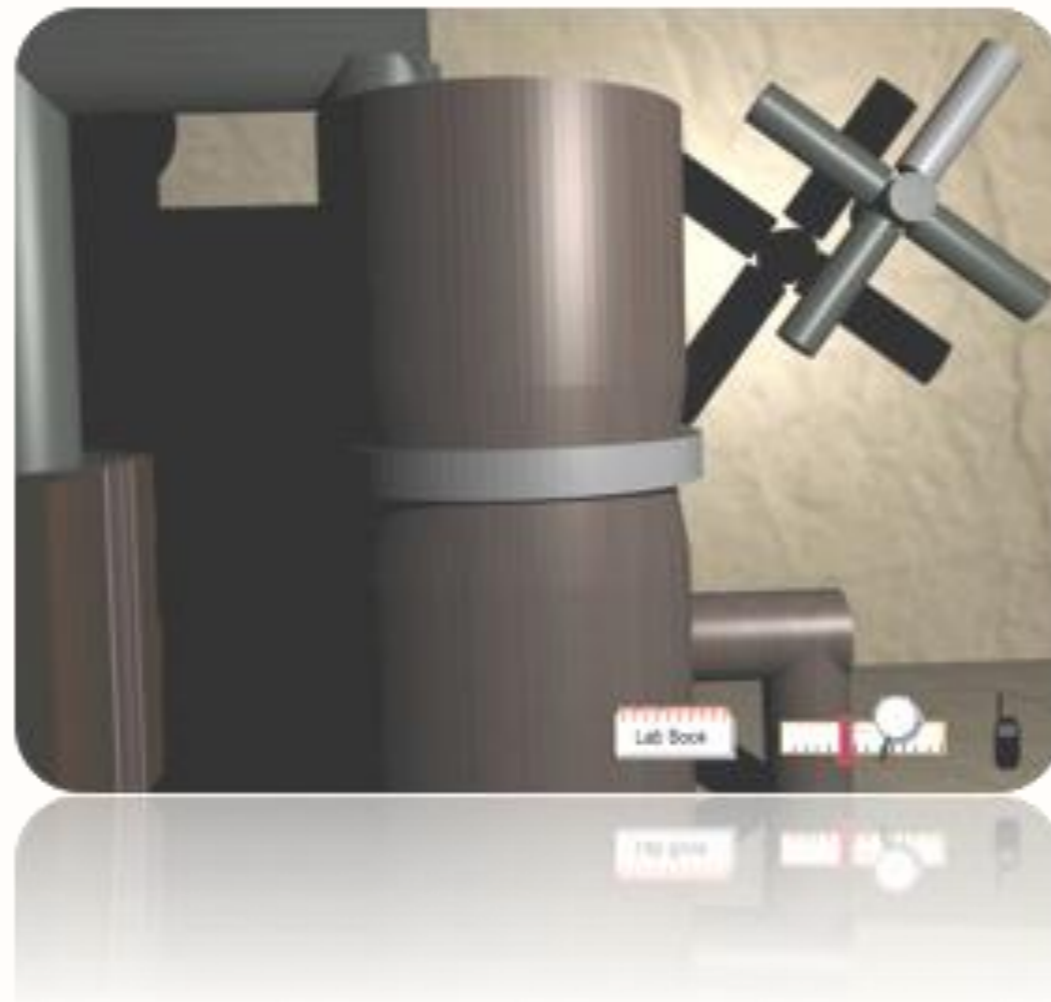


# Science learning games

## Adventure Game for Science

### Learning

- Strong Narrative
- Science Problems Embedded



# Simulation games

## AR Simulation Game for Science Learning

- Geo-Located Hot Zones
- Authentic Scientific Data for

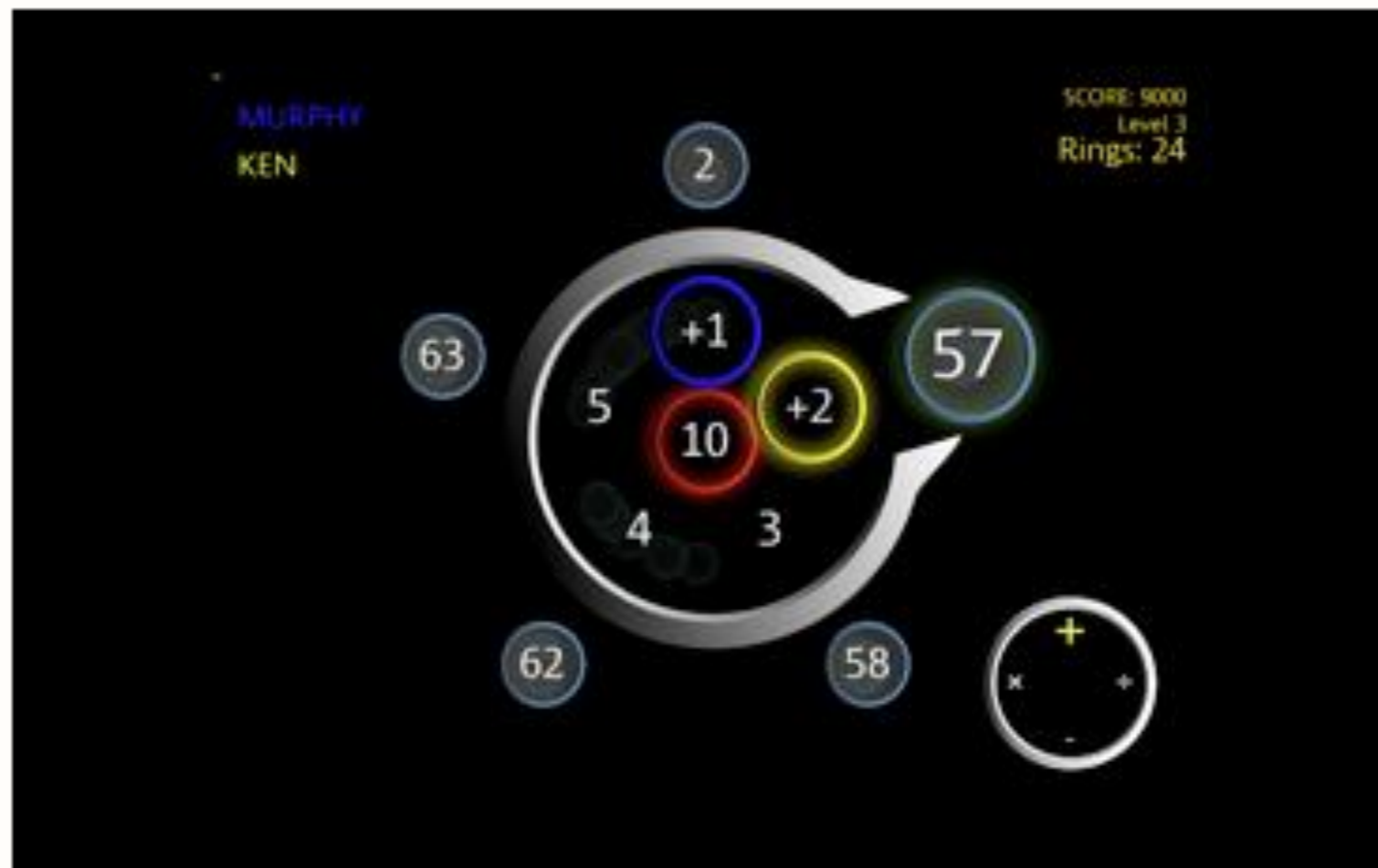




# Games to practice math skills

## Games and Learning

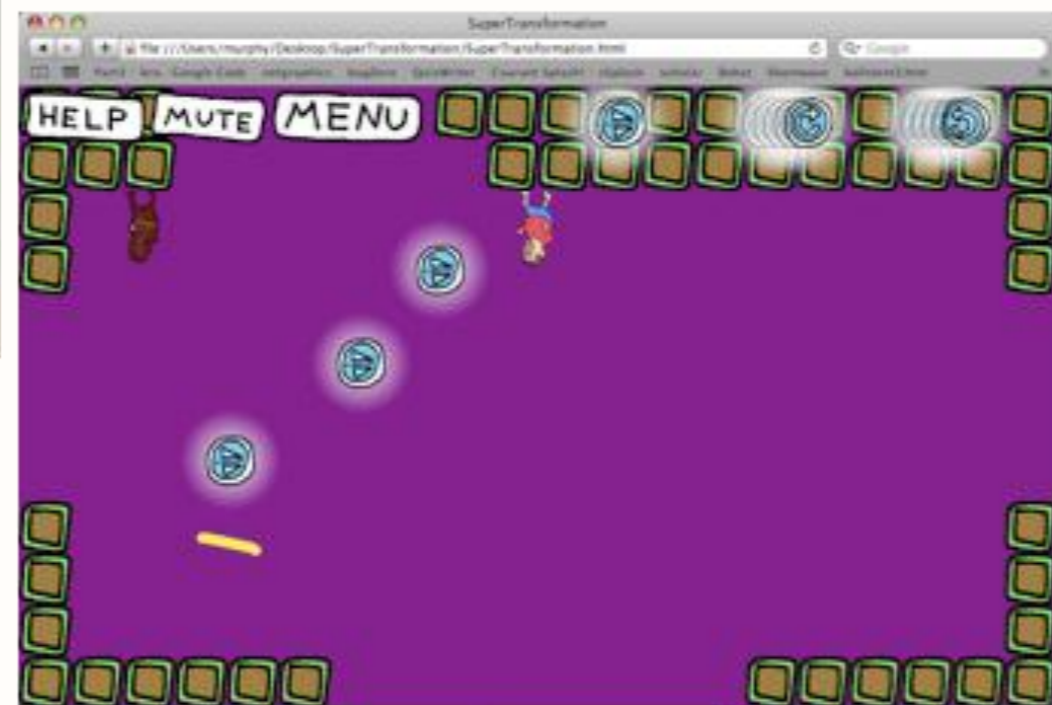
- Math Skills: Factor Reactor



# Games to practice math skills

## Games and Learning

- Math Skills: Supertransformation!





# Games are research instruments!

Development Research:

Game prototypes as research instruments

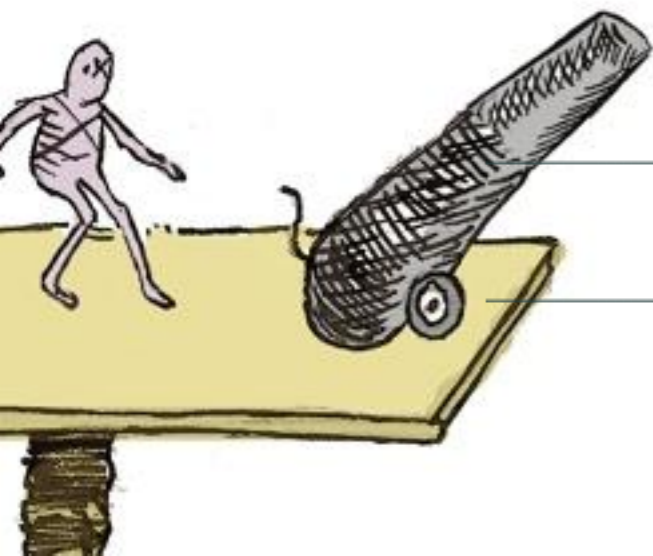
Vary design factors:

**Social:**

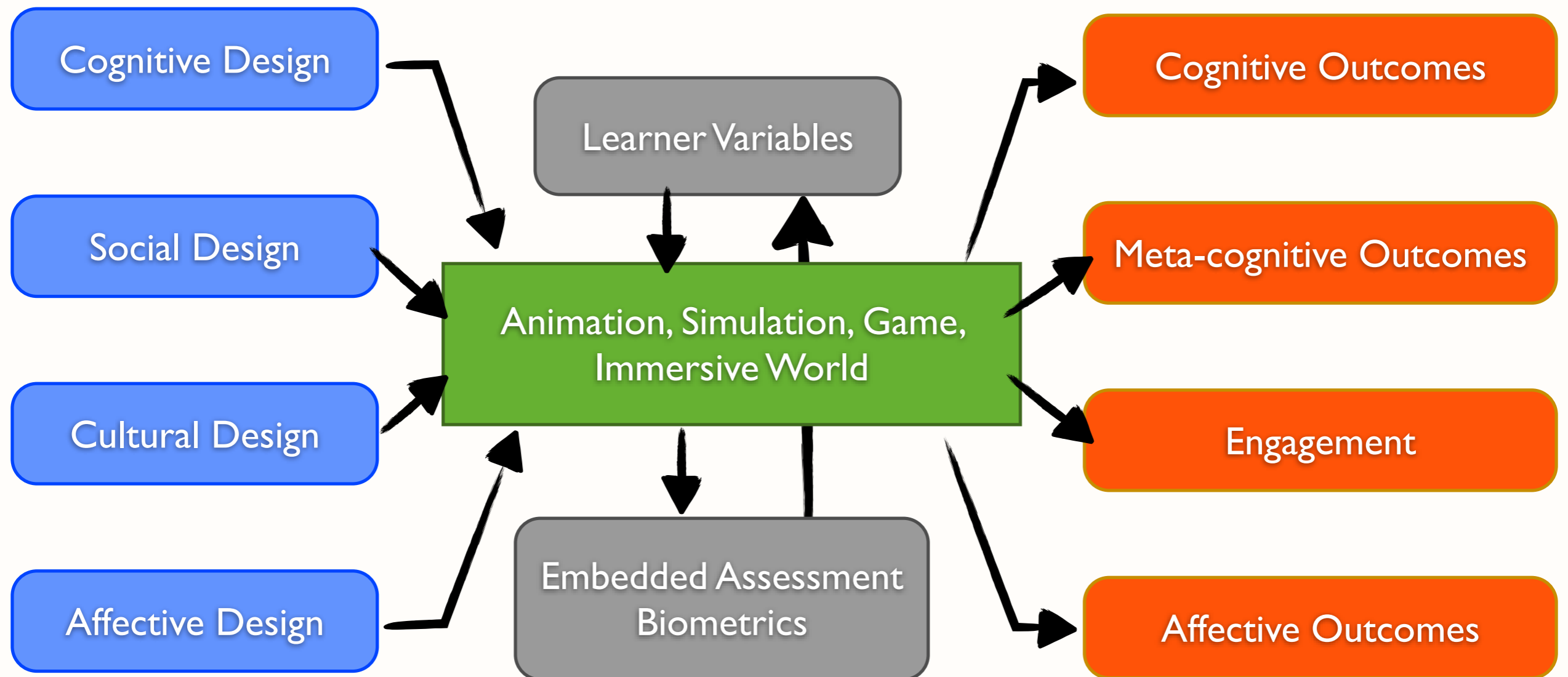
solo/competitive/cooperative

**Emotional:** action/contemplation

**Ergonomic:** 2D,3D,form-factor



# From game design to learning

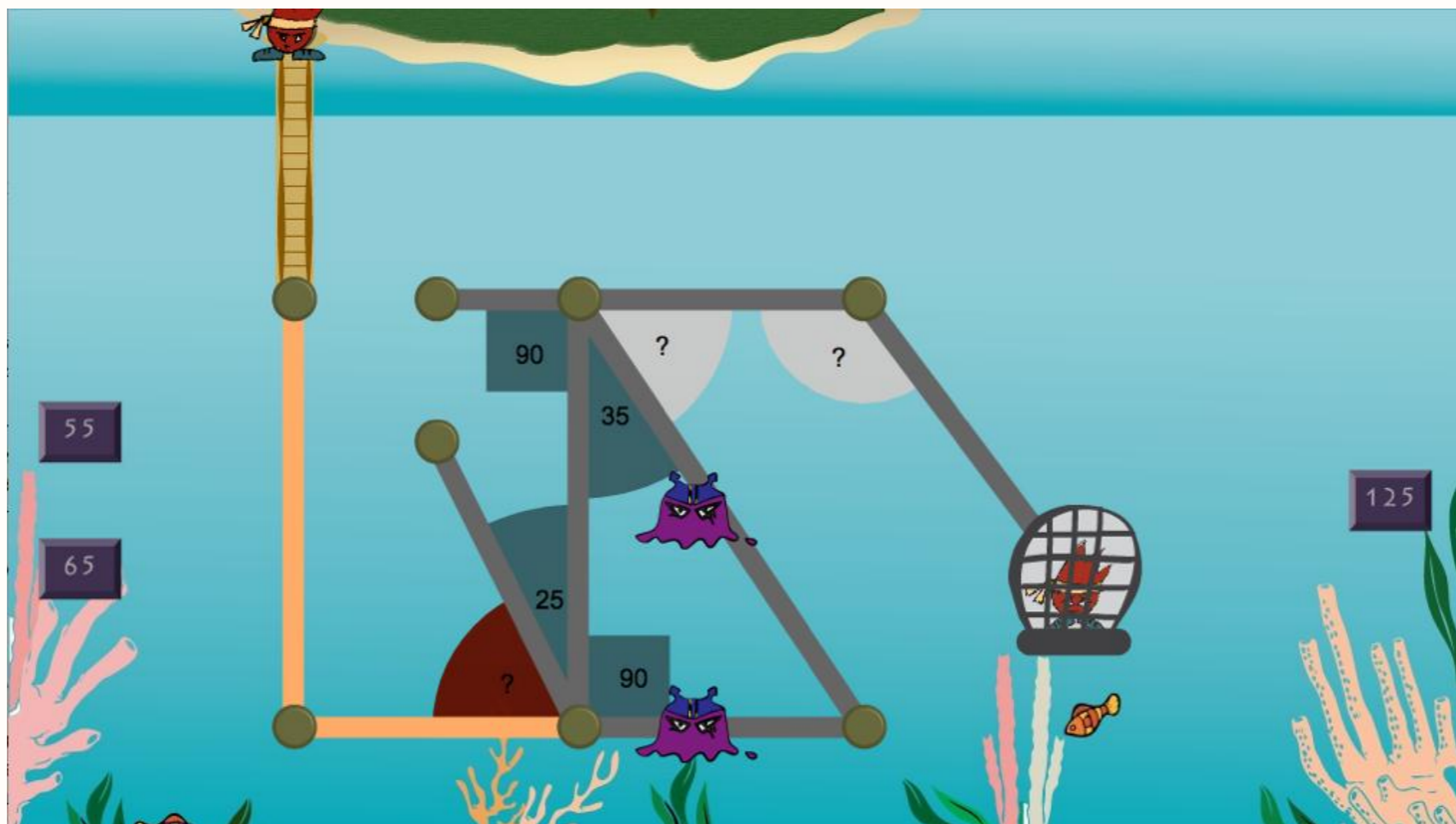


# “Learning Mechanics”

## Learning Mechanics Research

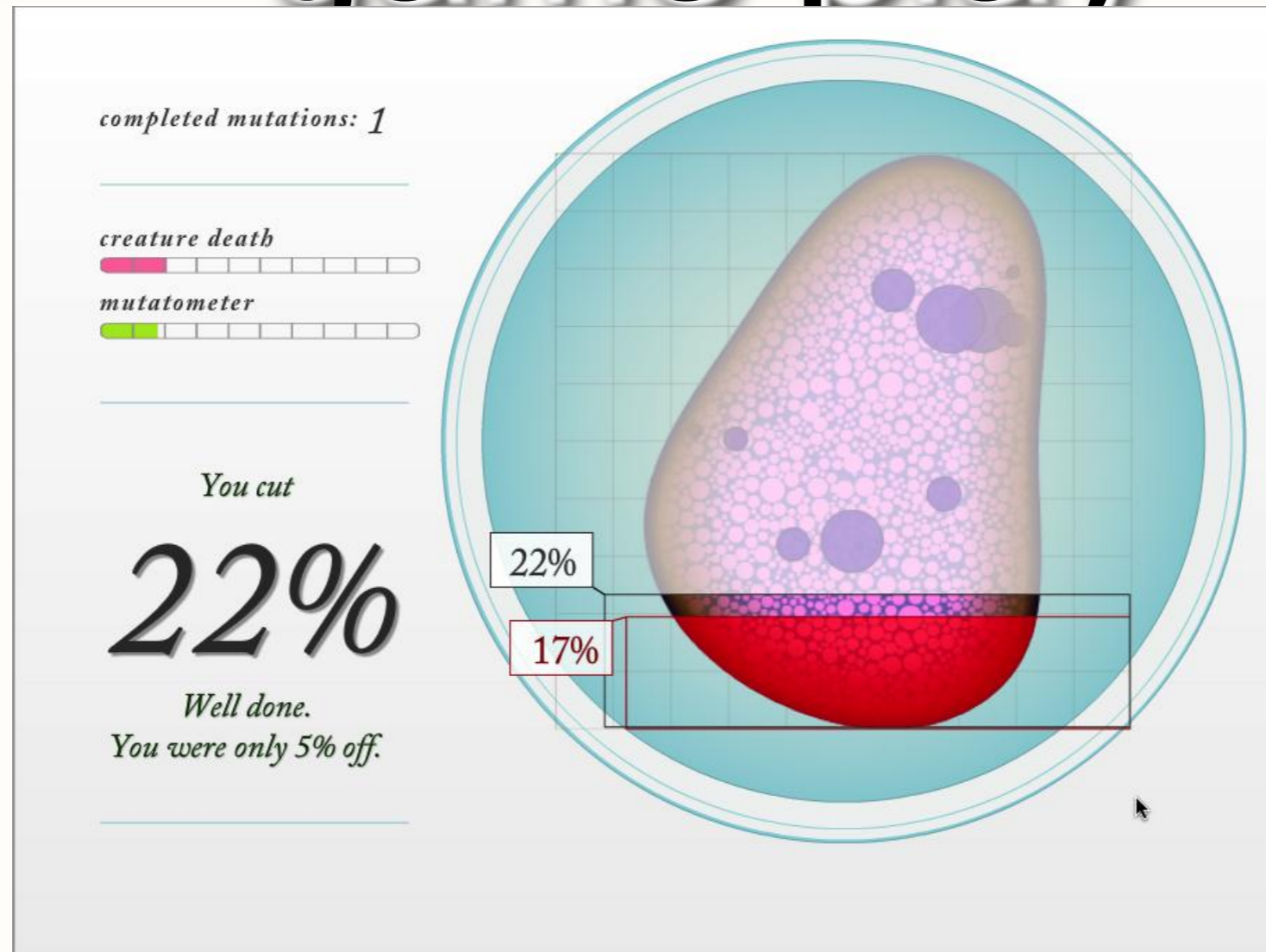
Two learning mechanics:

- Solve missing angles by selecting correct number
- Better: Solve missing angles by identifying correct rule





# Example: The math is the game play



TEACHING ESTIMATION:  
G4LI game prototype by Mary  
Flanagan,



# Social body language



## Movement-Based Play . (NYU Poly)

- A Controlled Comparison of Movement Based Games
- In-school study with low/medium/high movement Wii games.
- Players rated emotions after each round.
- Video coded for manipulation check.



### Results

- Higher arousal/energy when more movement.
- Same amount of positive feedback in all conditions.



Not just grammar --  
literature.





# Not just grammar -- literature.

“Computer science doesn’t  
just need a grammar. It  
needs a literature.”

-Marvin Minsky



# Plastic dinosaurs!





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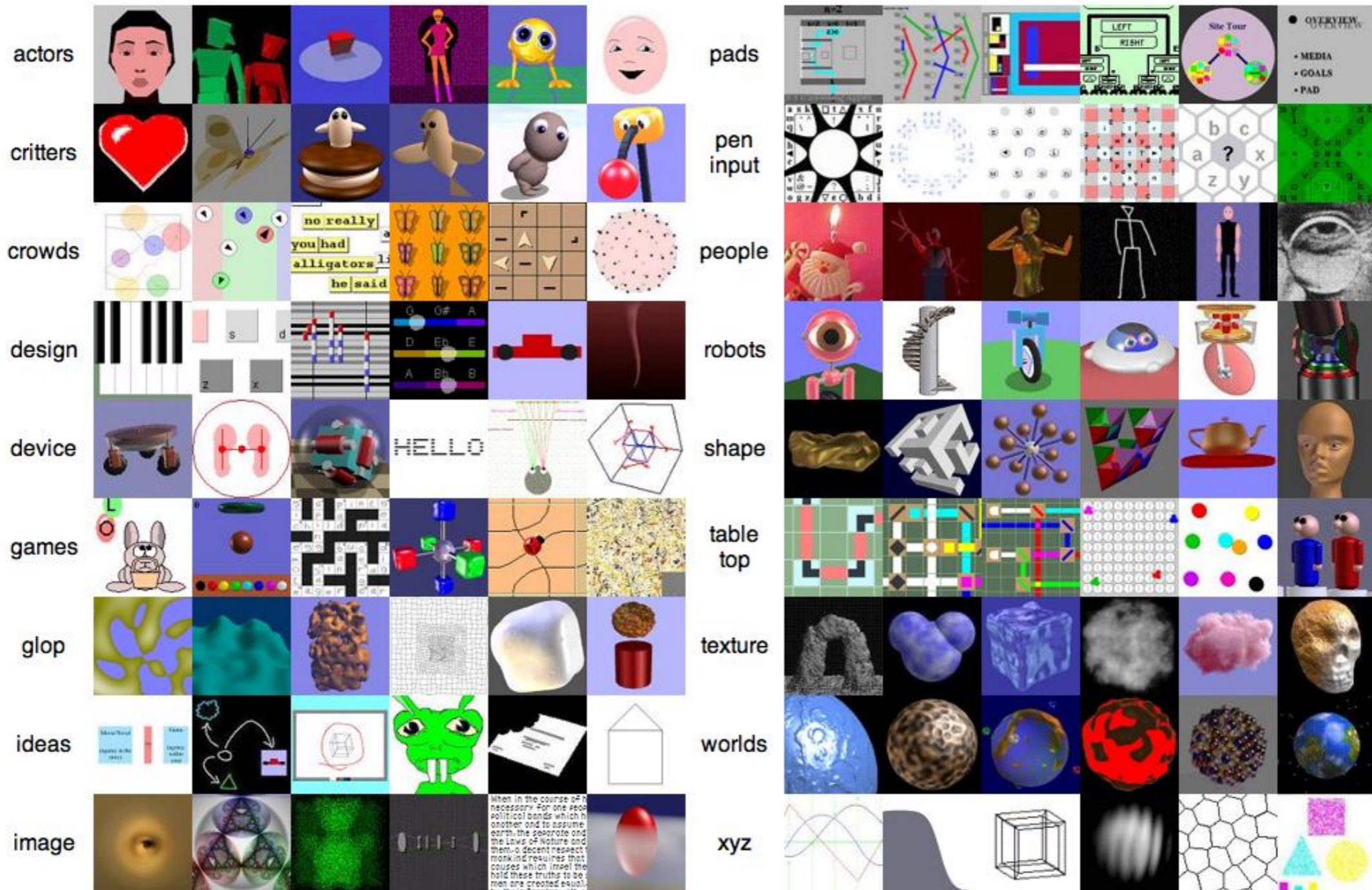


# Plastic dinosaurs!





# Keep a notebook.





# Quick sketch for “math is the game play”

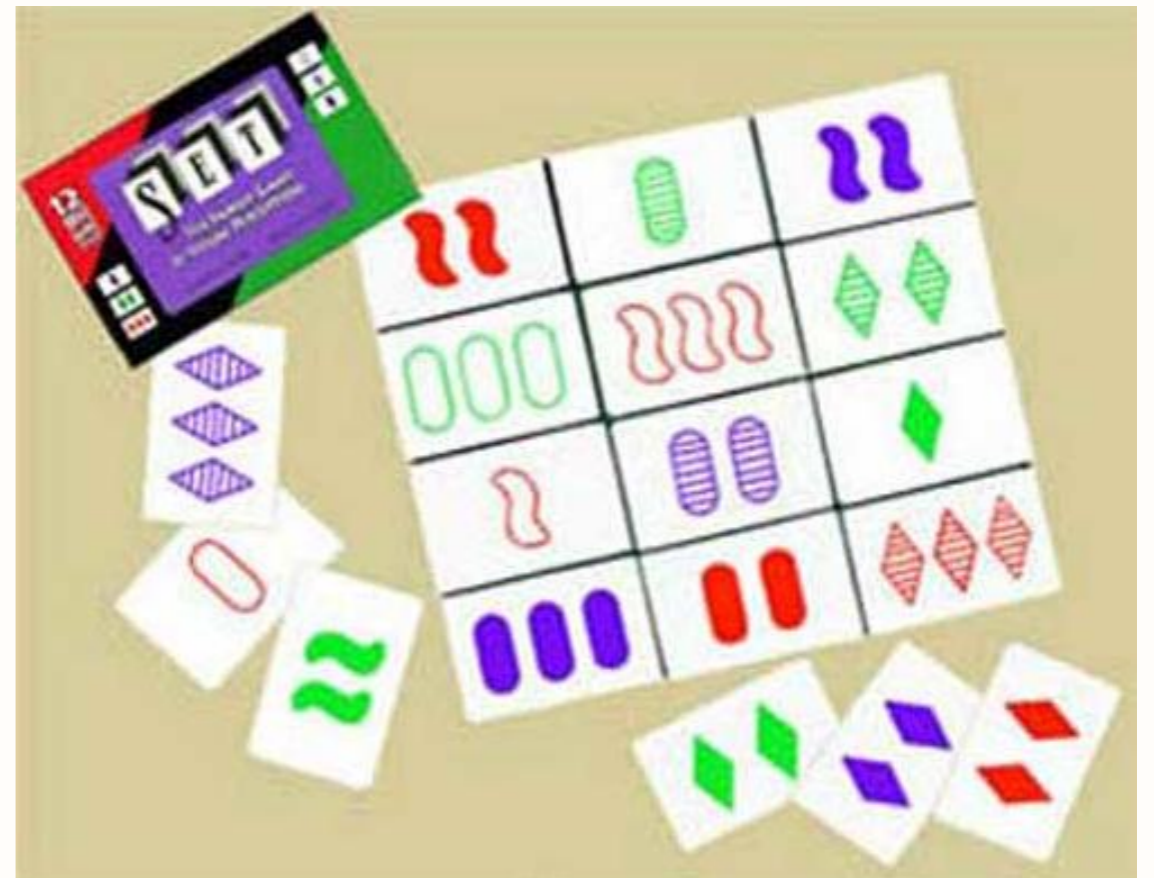
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























# Mash-ups



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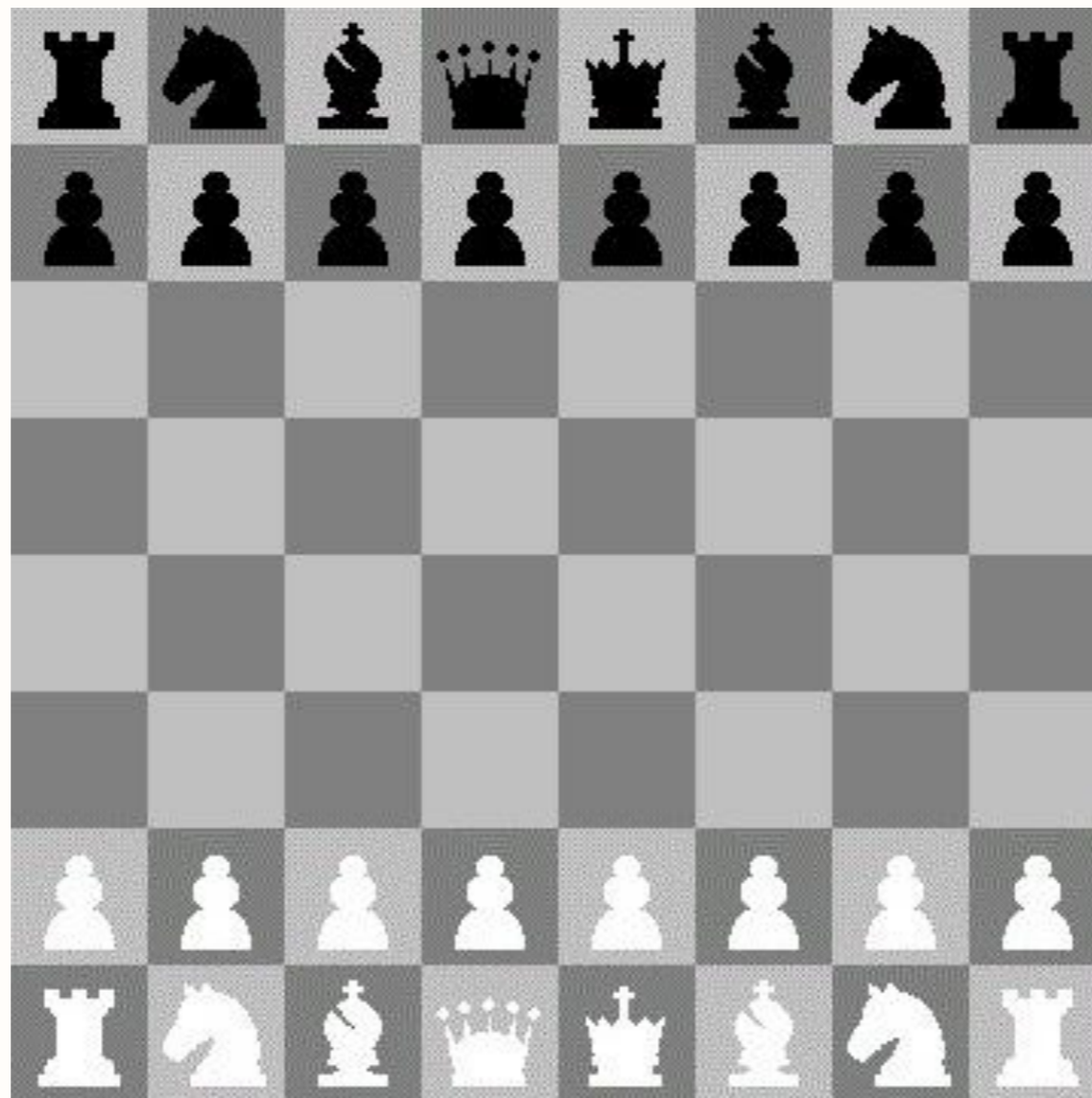


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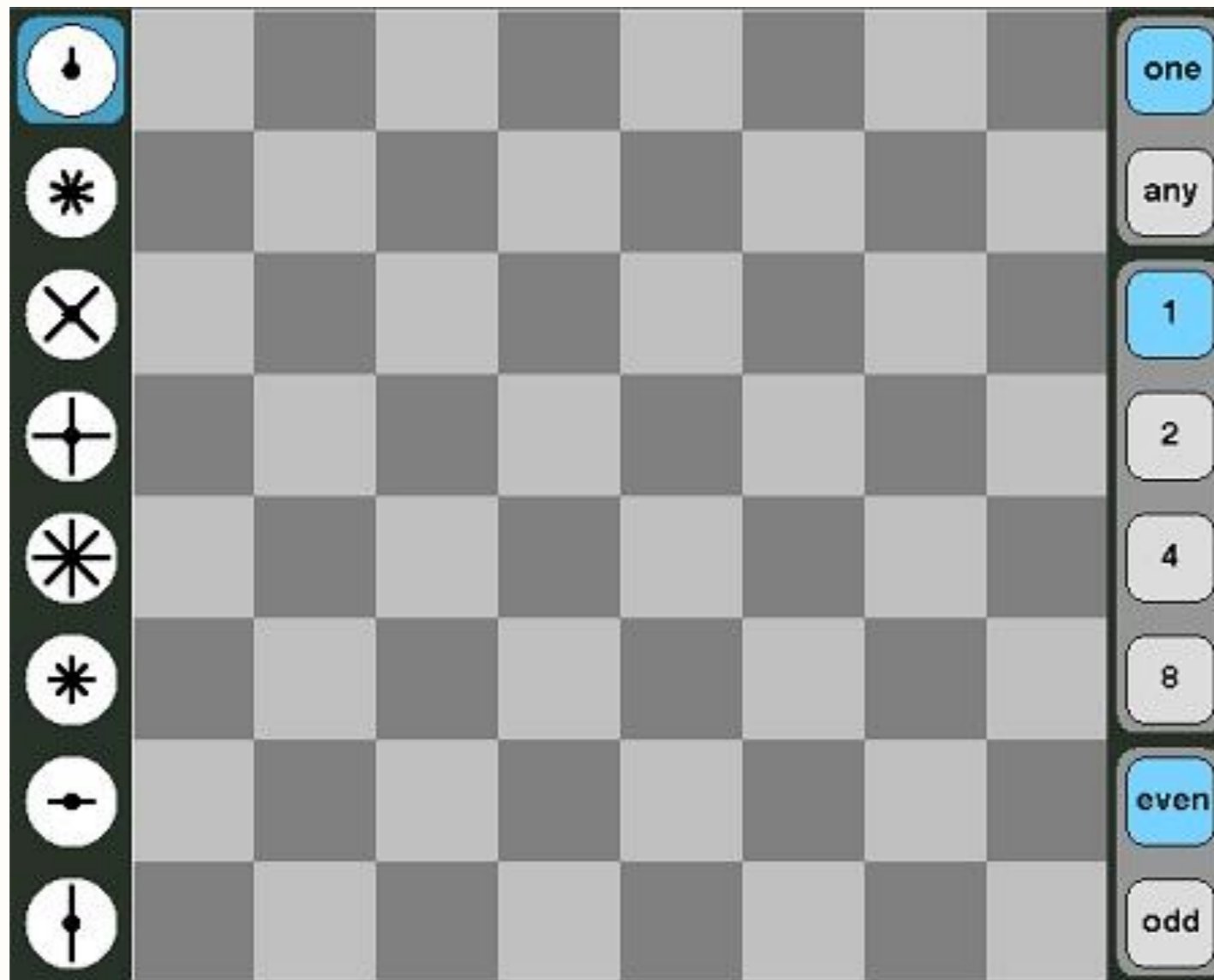
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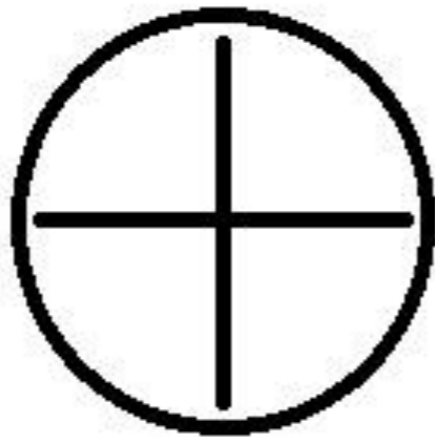
# Computational thinking about chess



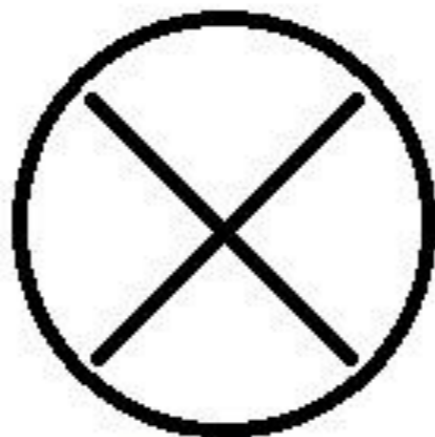
# Create your own game rules...



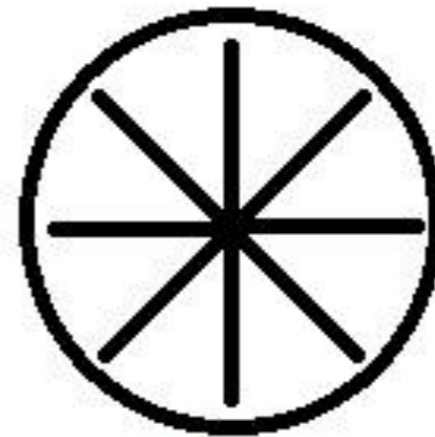
# Lots of possible games!



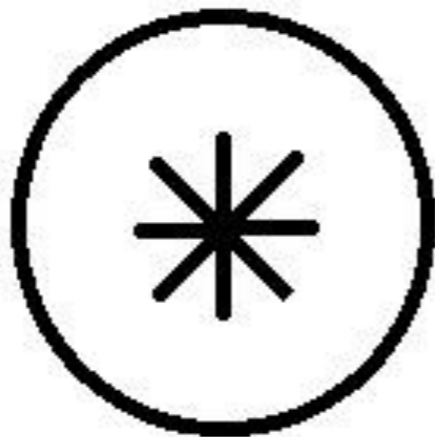
Rook



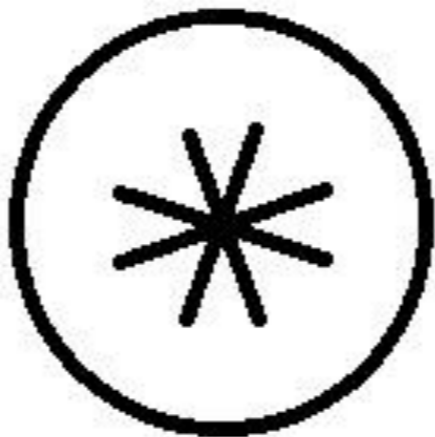
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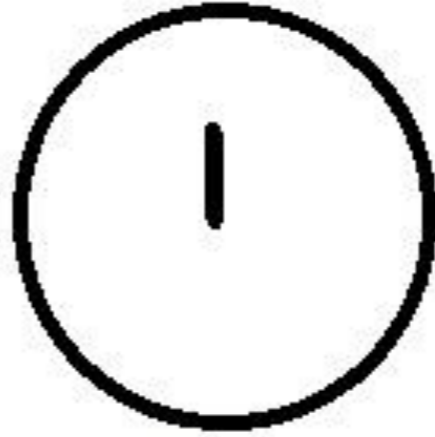
Queen



King



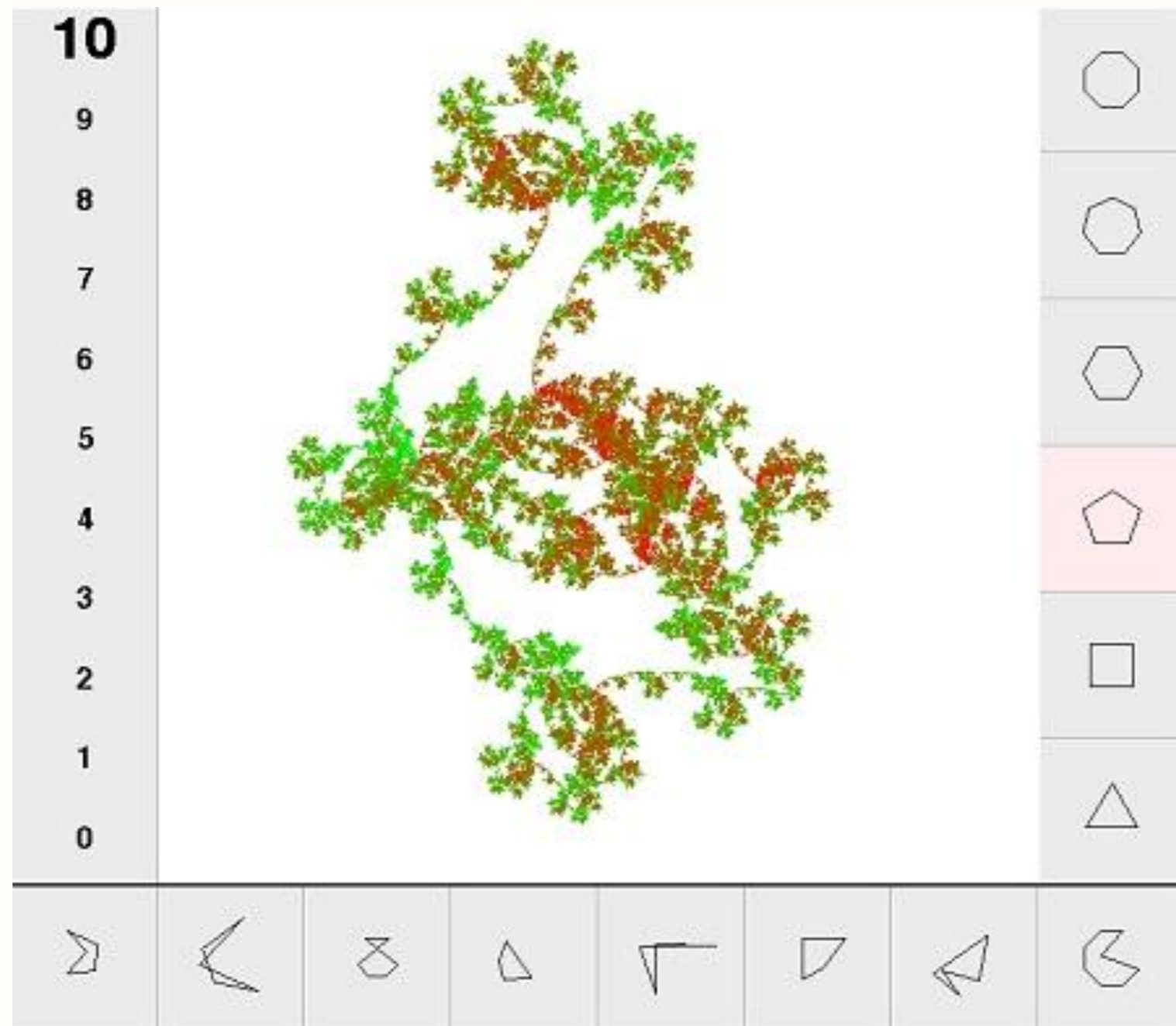
Knight



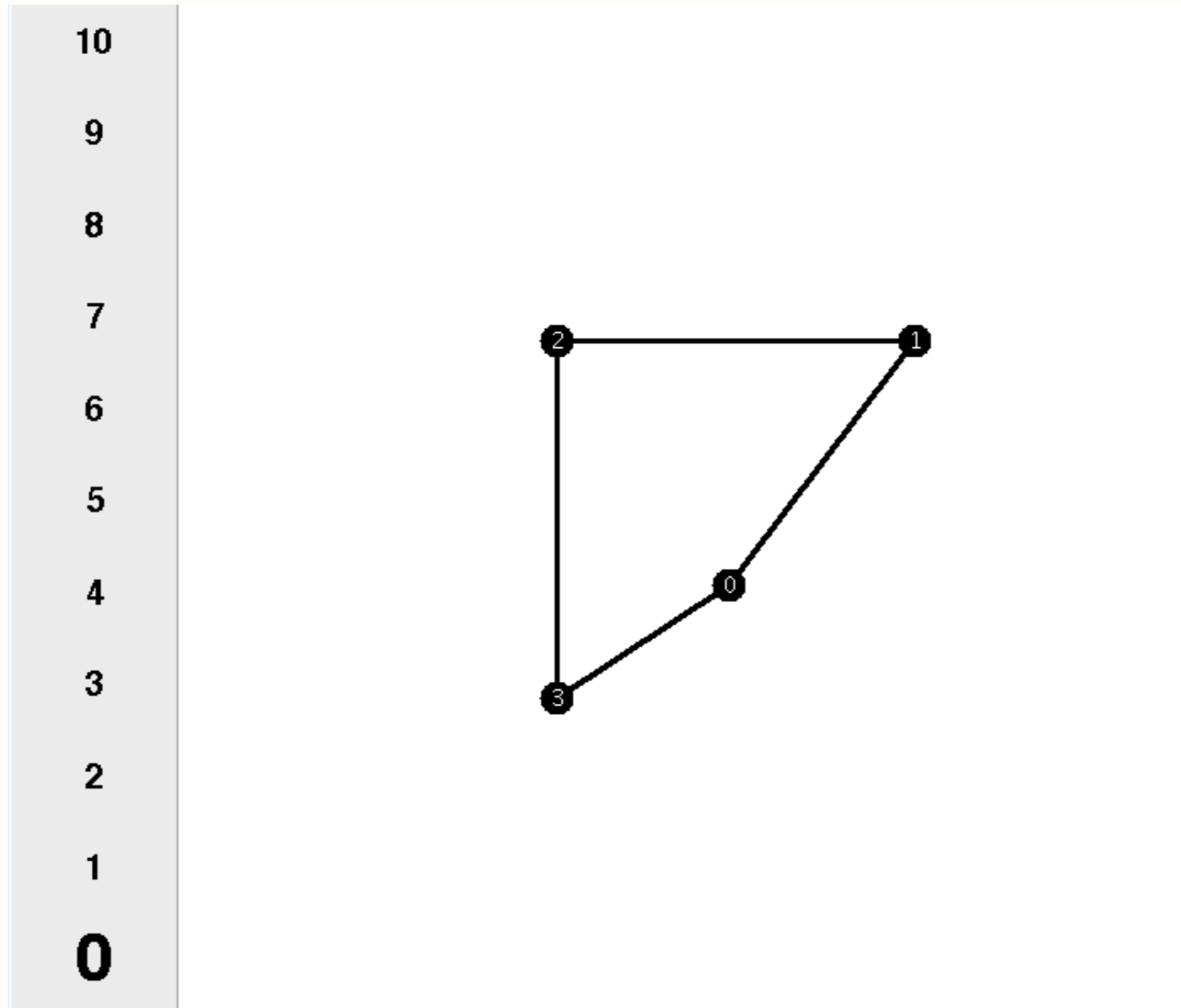
Pawn



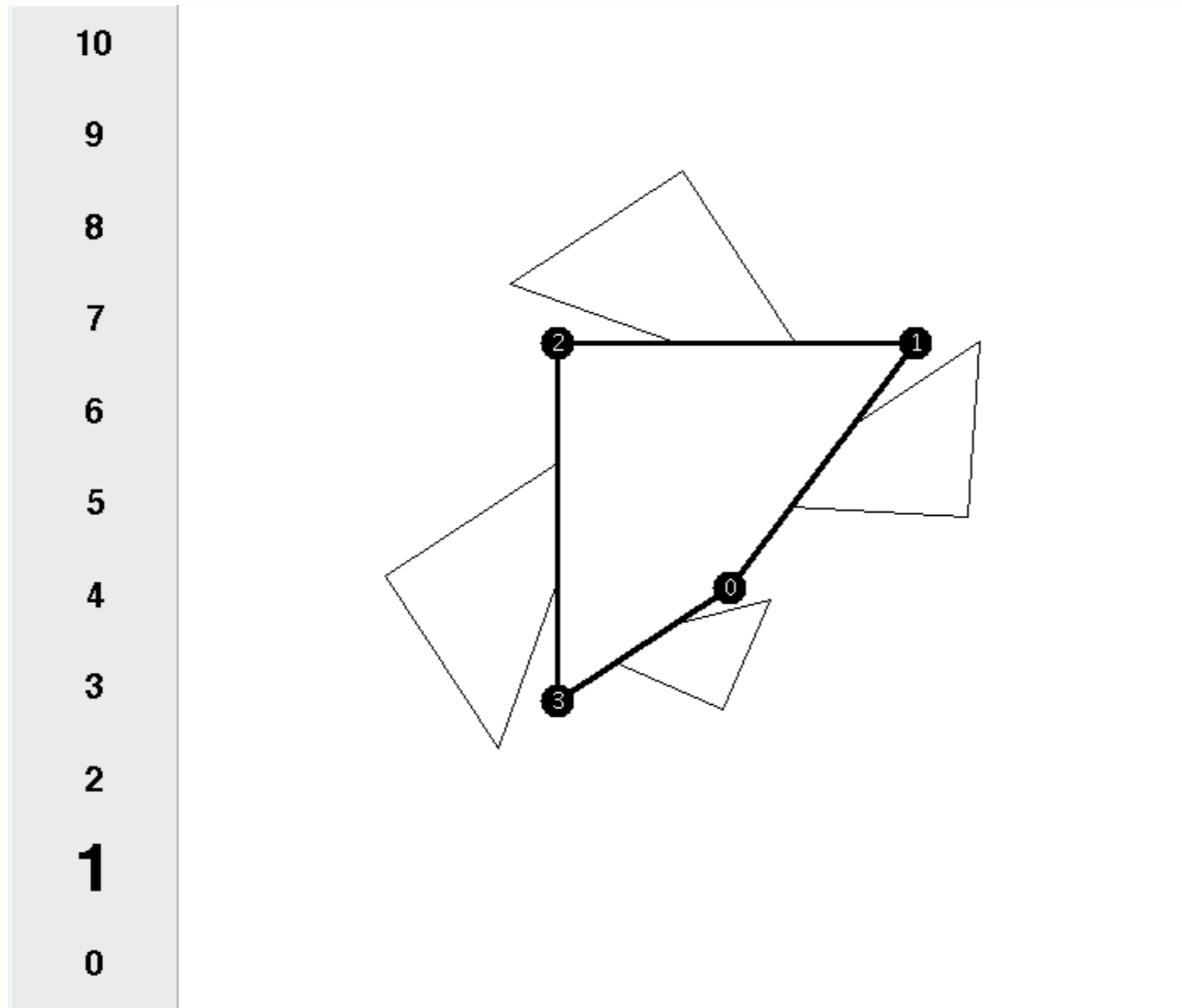
# Explore by constructing.



# Fractal construction kit

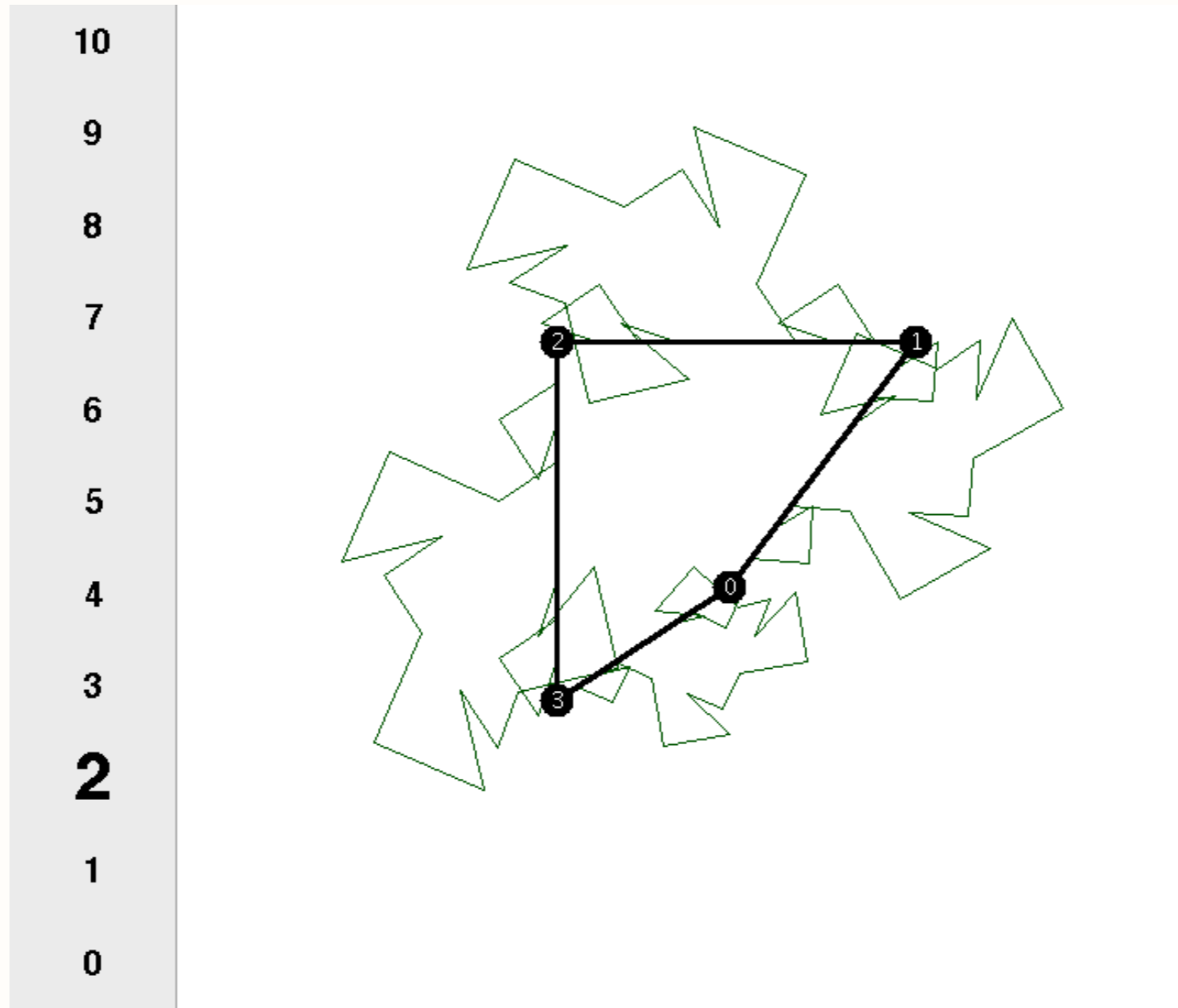


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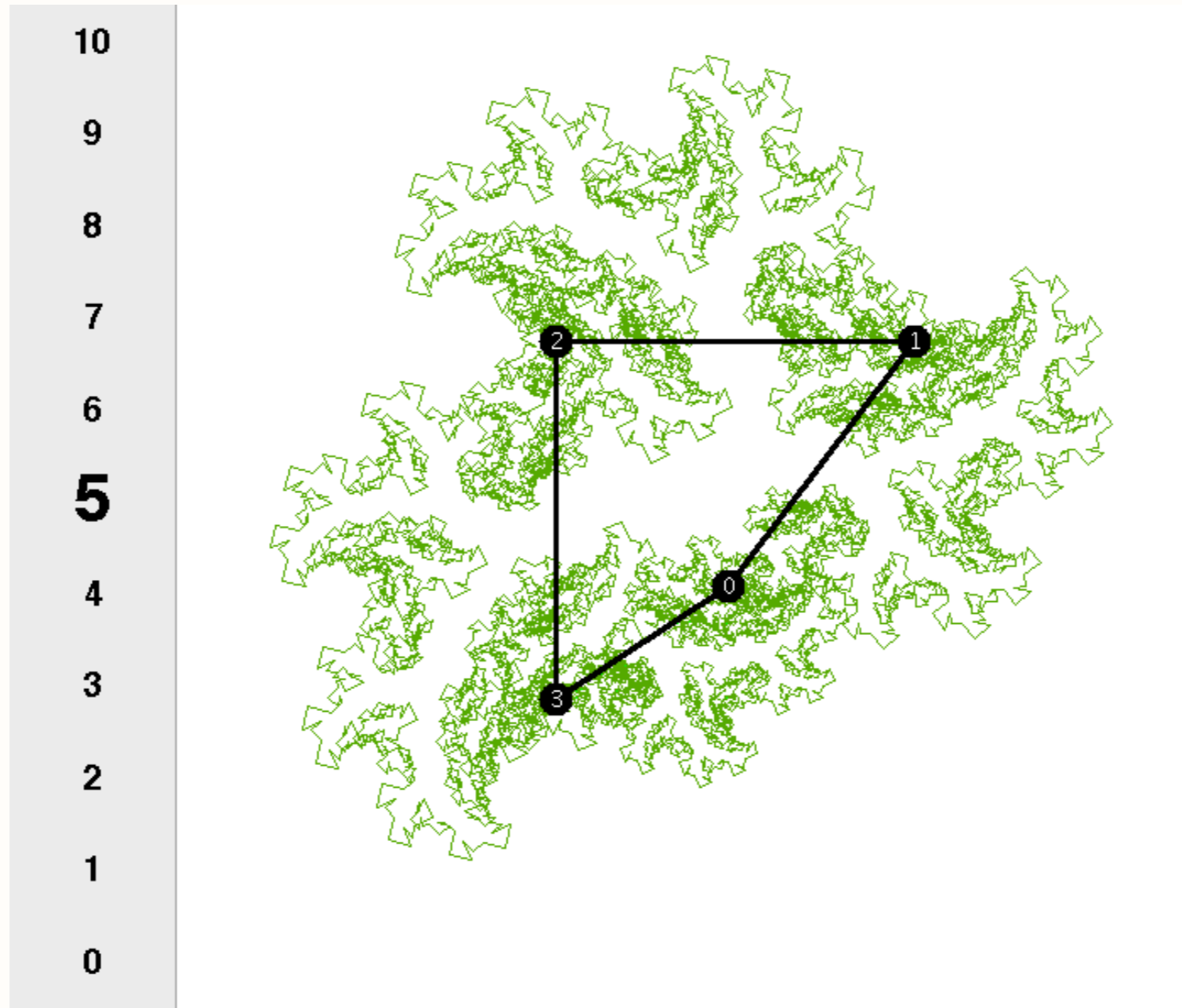




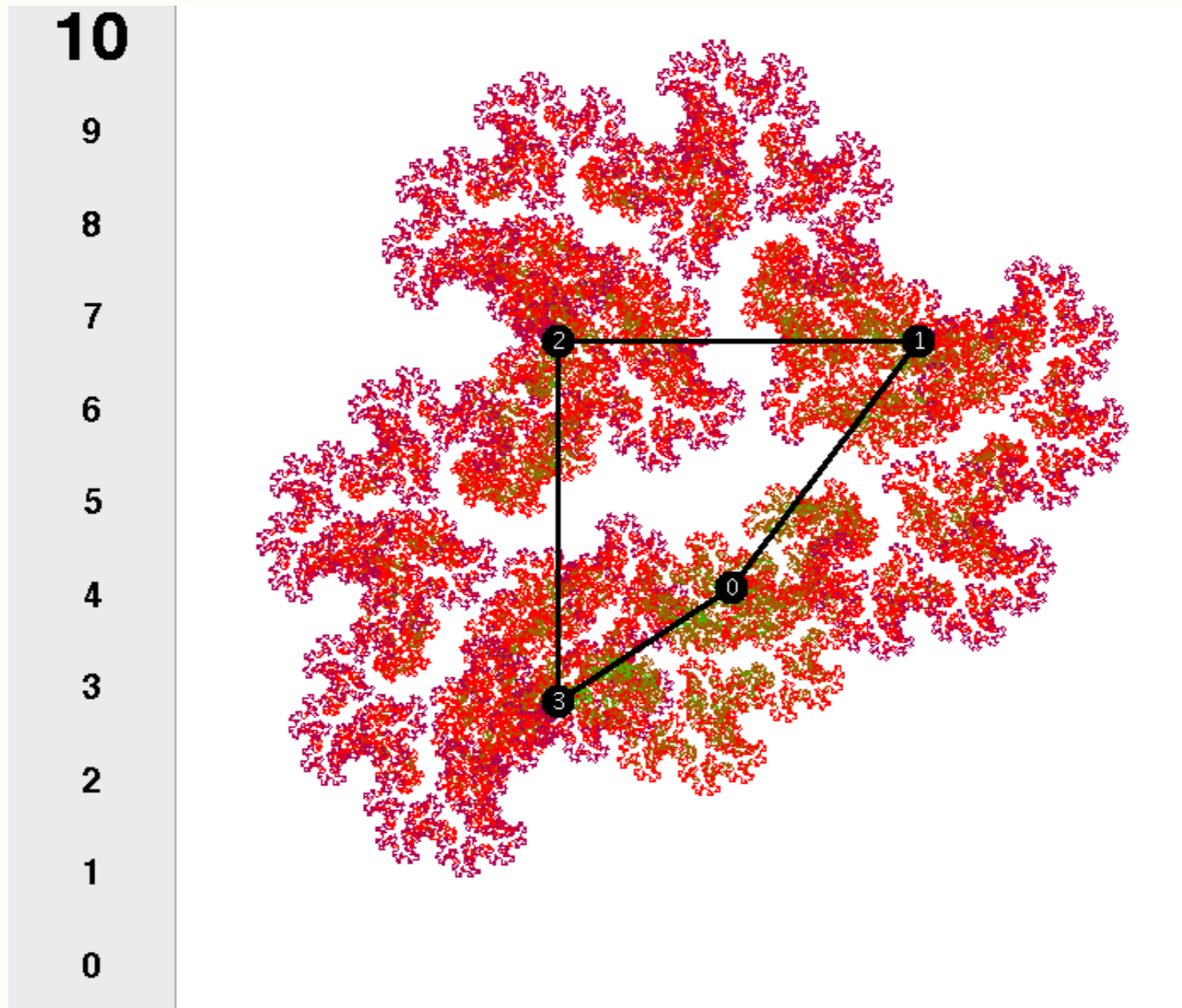
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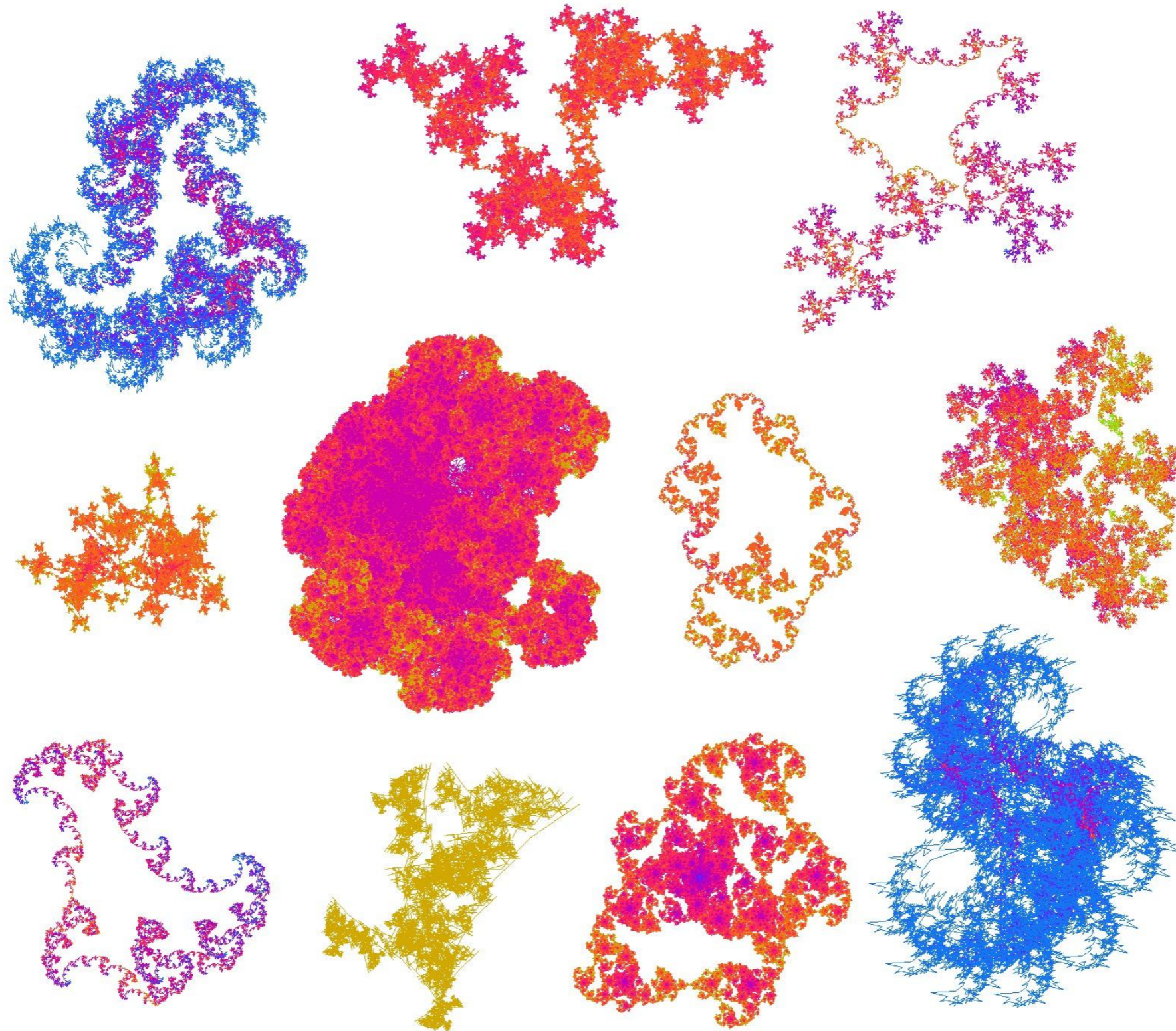


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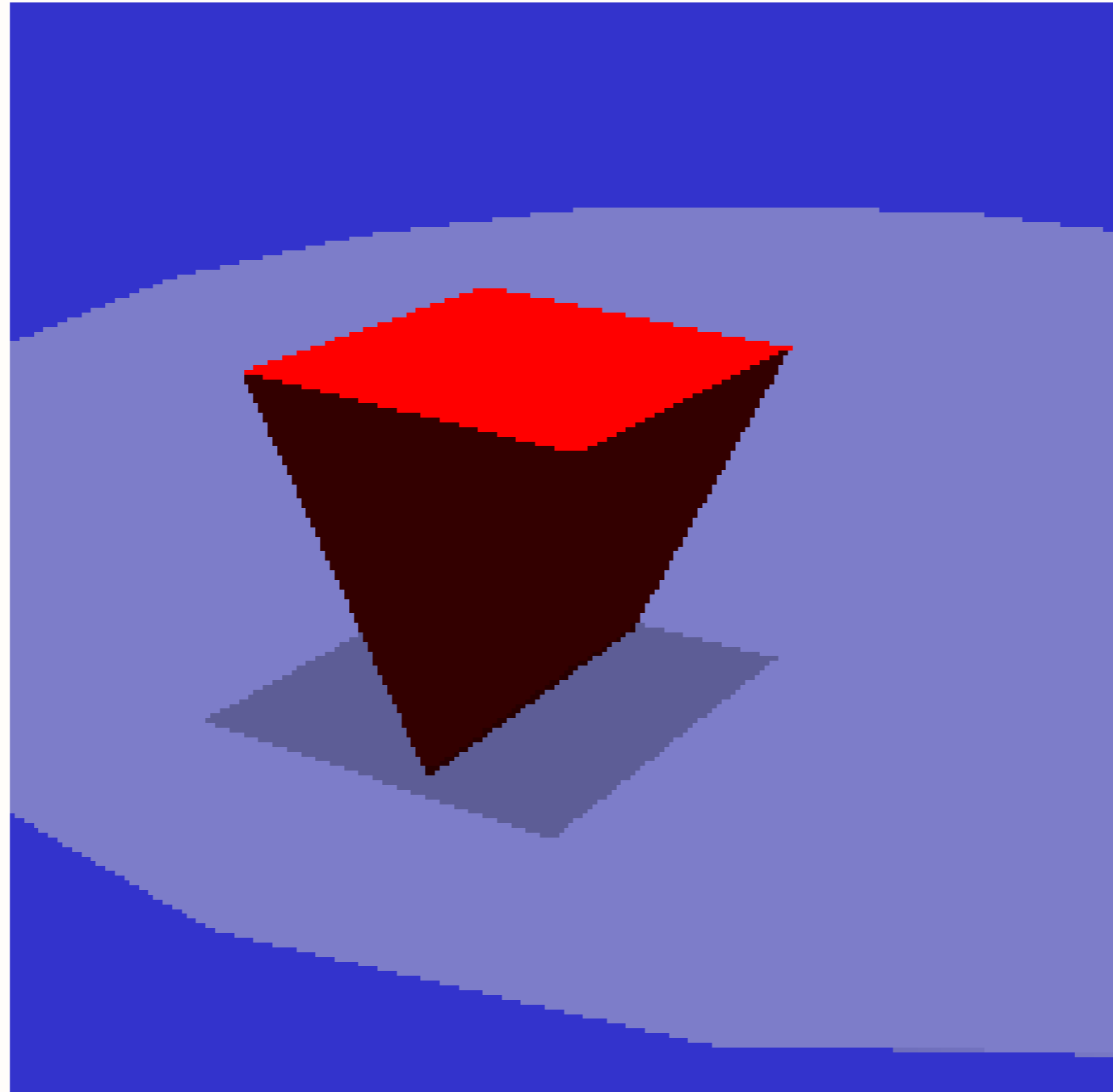




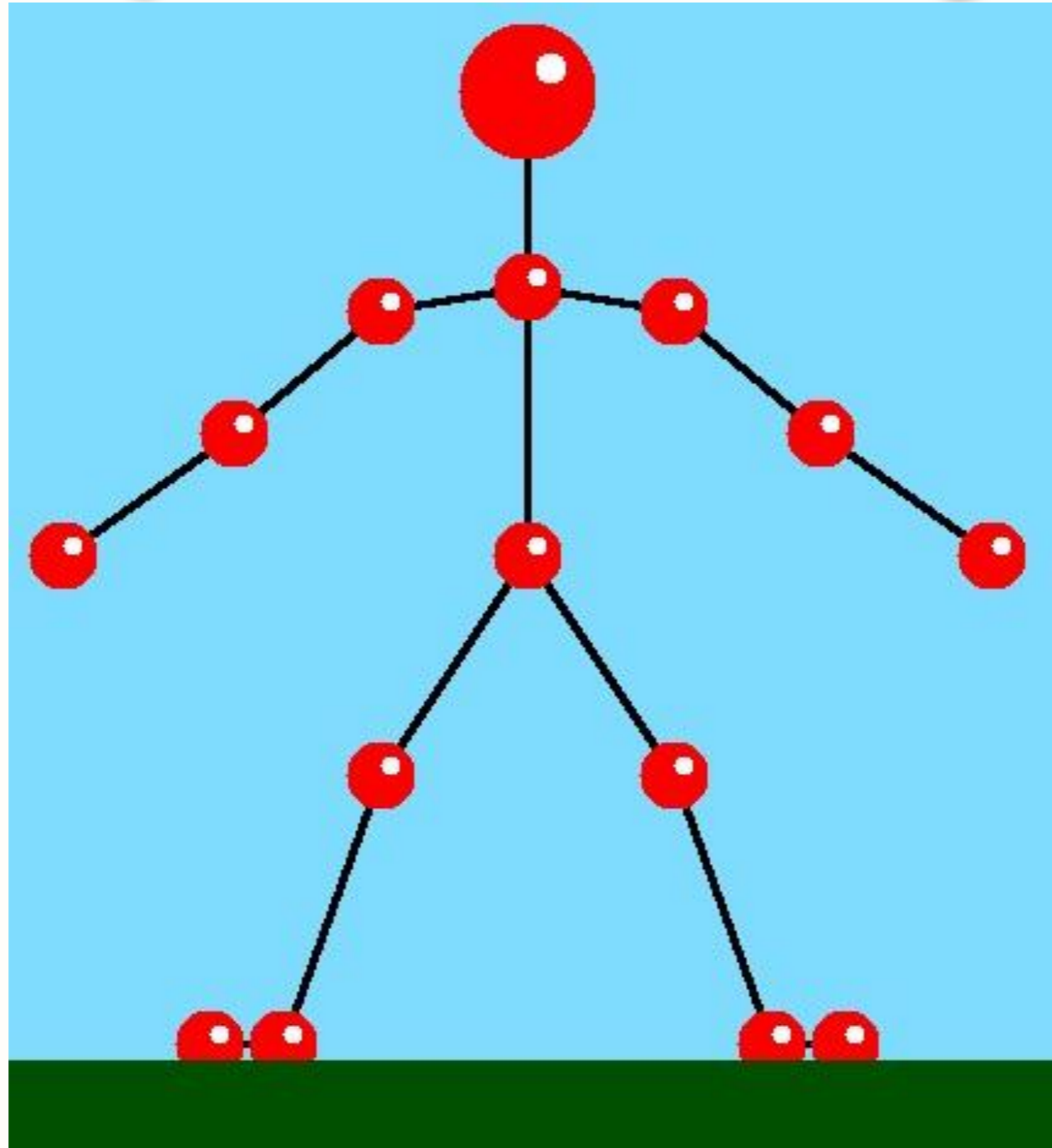
# Examples of constructed fractals



# The importance of personality

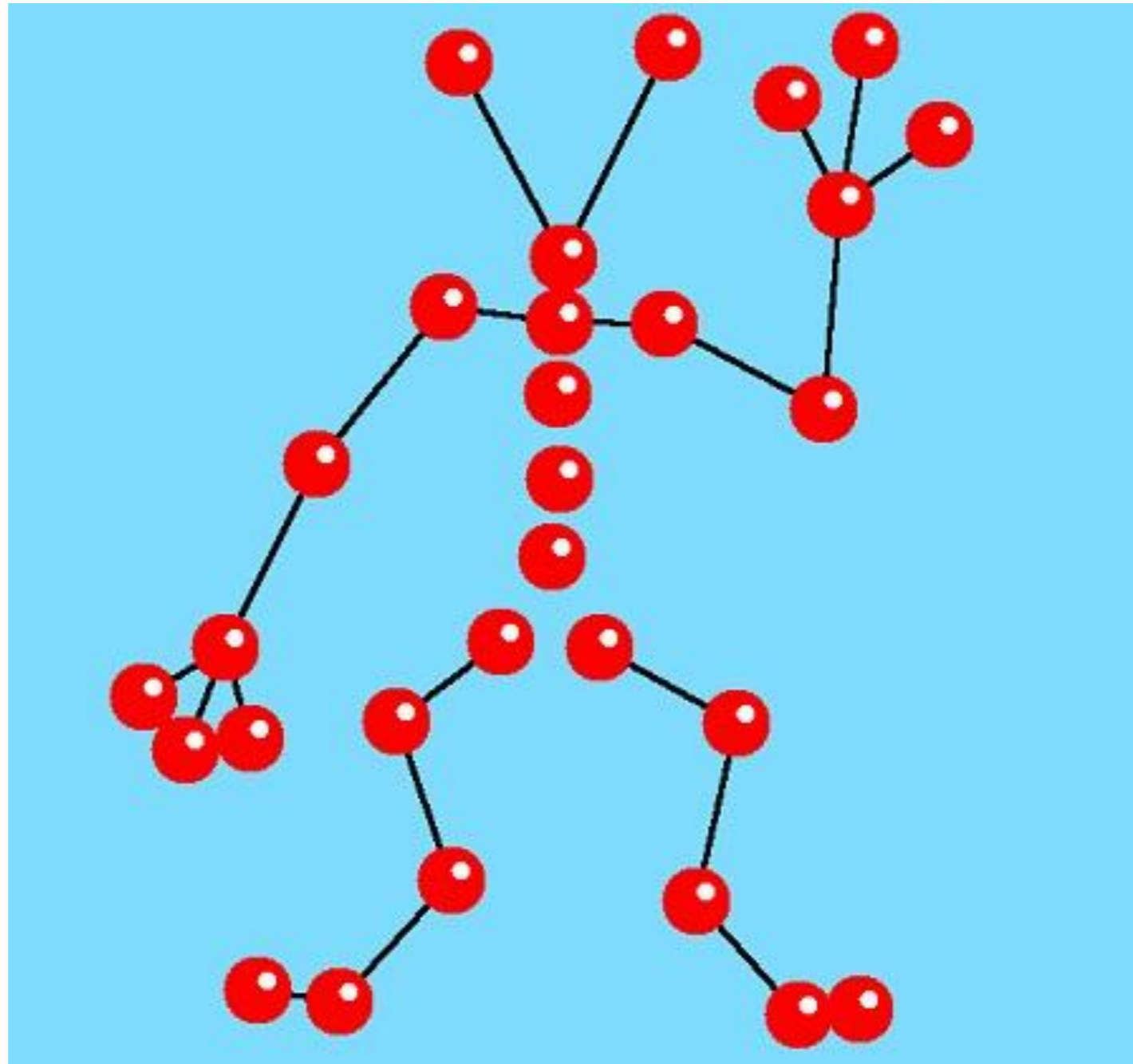


# Construction kits with personality

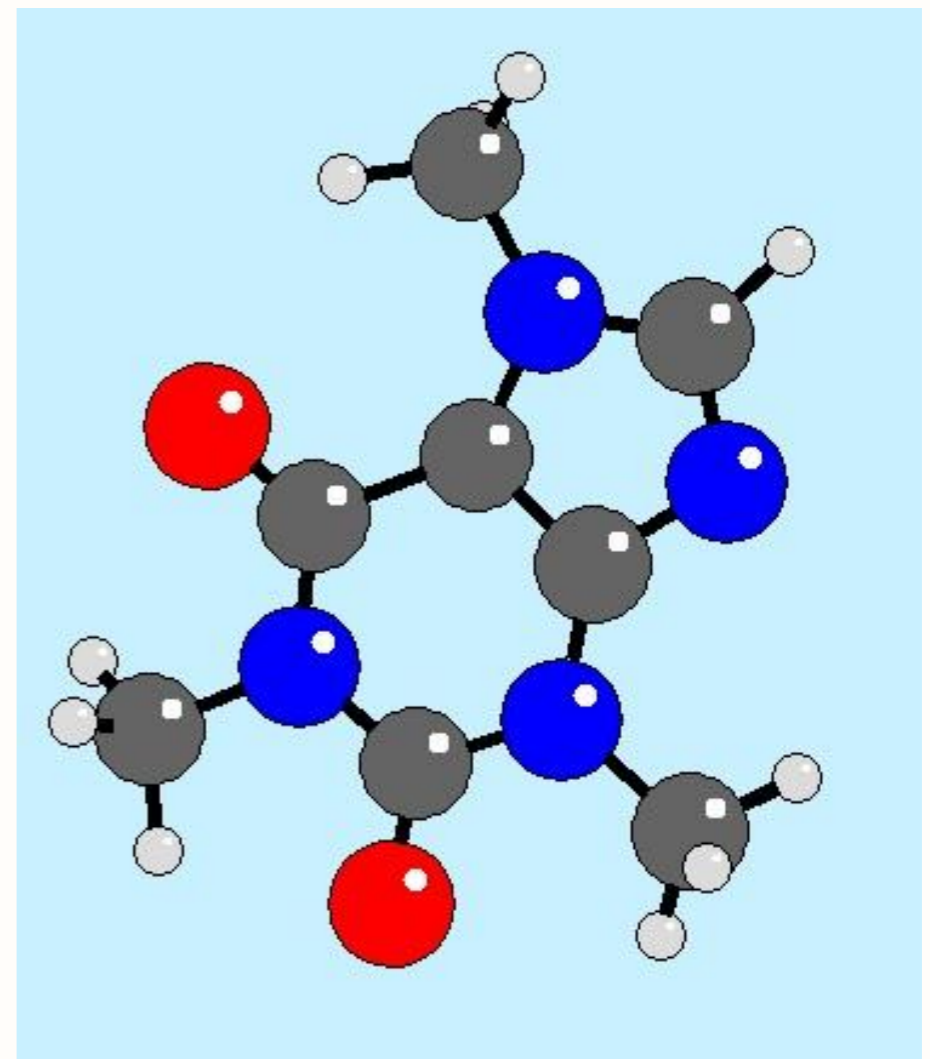
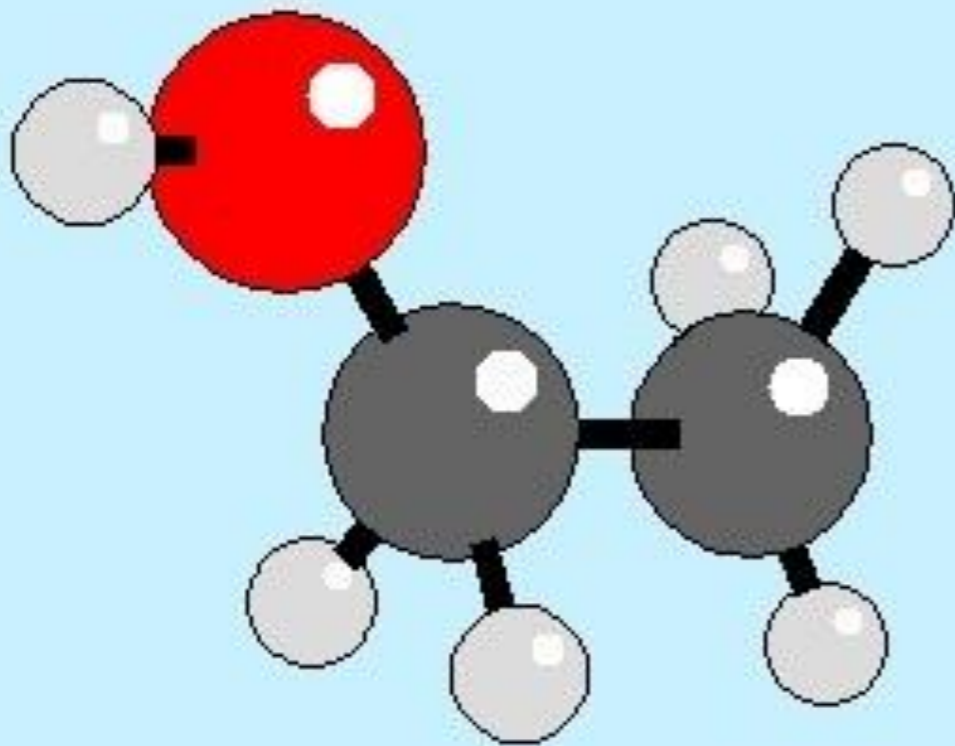




# Construction kits with personality.



# Chemistry construction games



# Evolving form factors





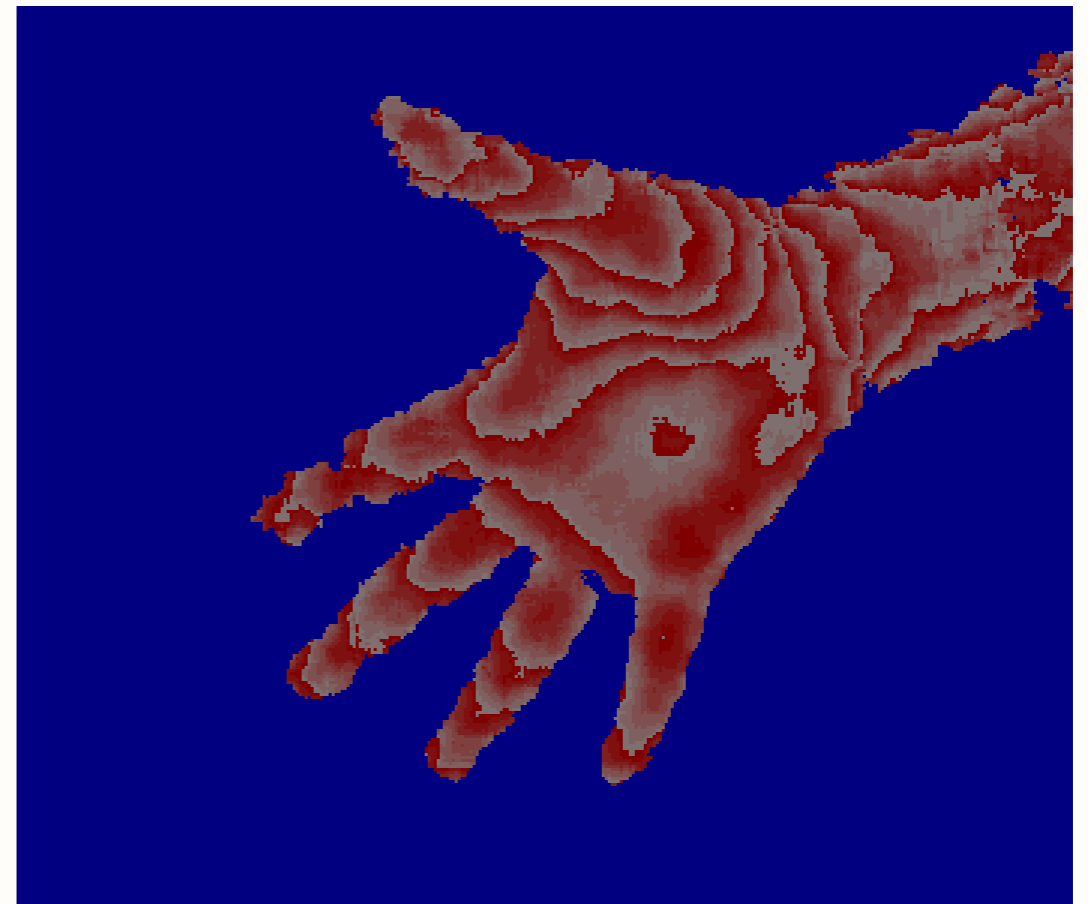
# Evolving expectations



# Use Microsoft Kinect...

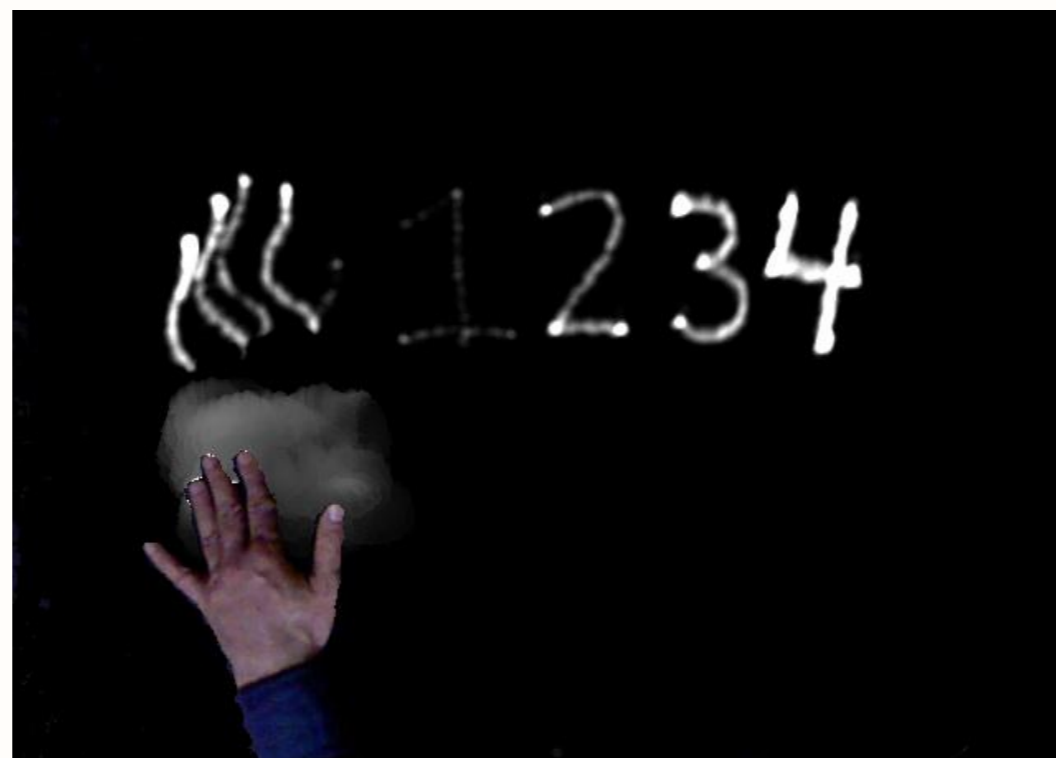
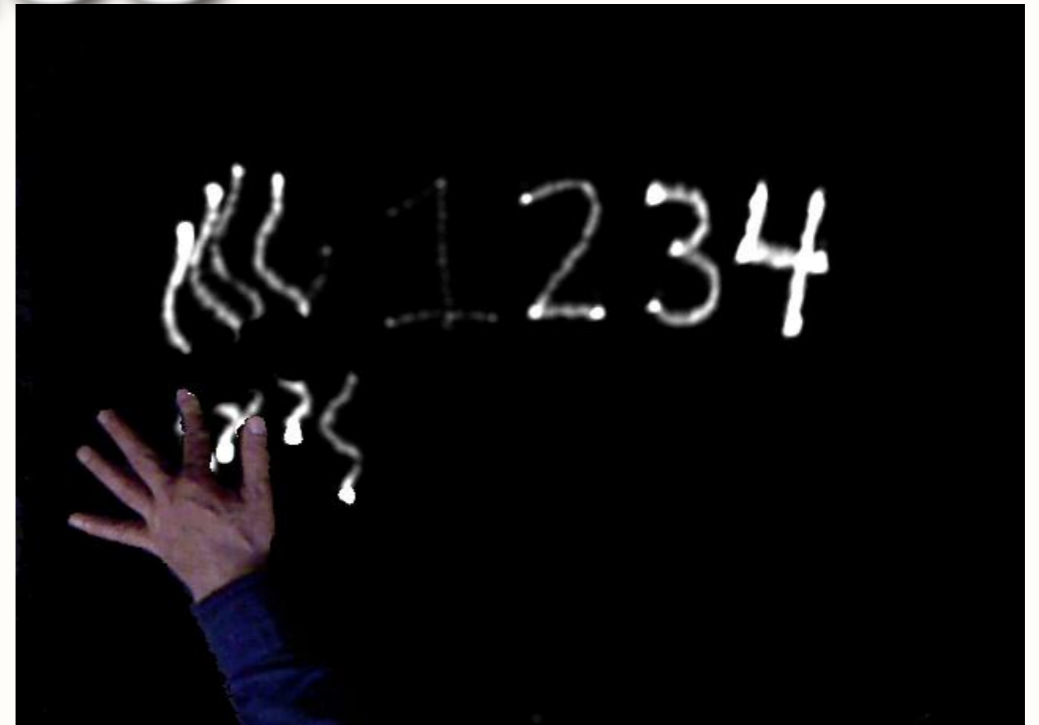
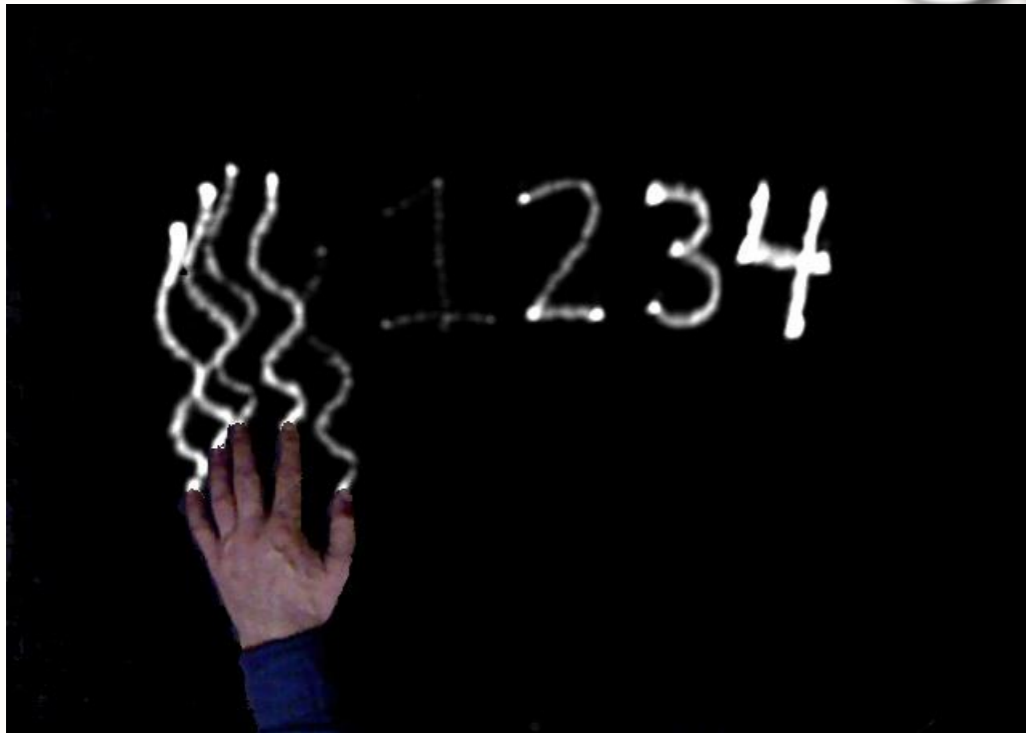


...but use it creatively





# Fingerpaint games, on any surface



# Games with everyday objects



Merve Keles, Murphy Stein, Xin Li, Senem Cinar

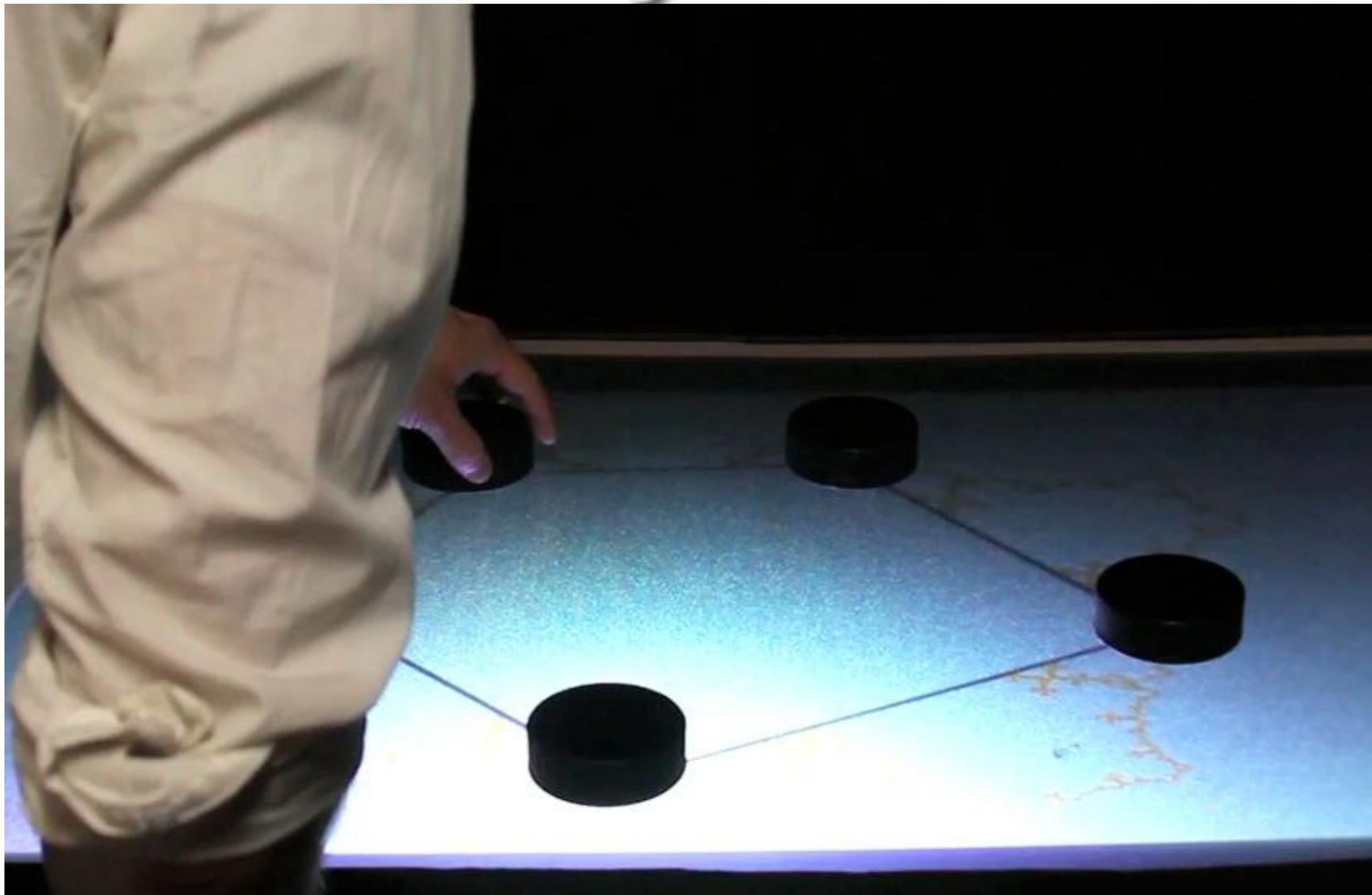


# Games with everyday objects





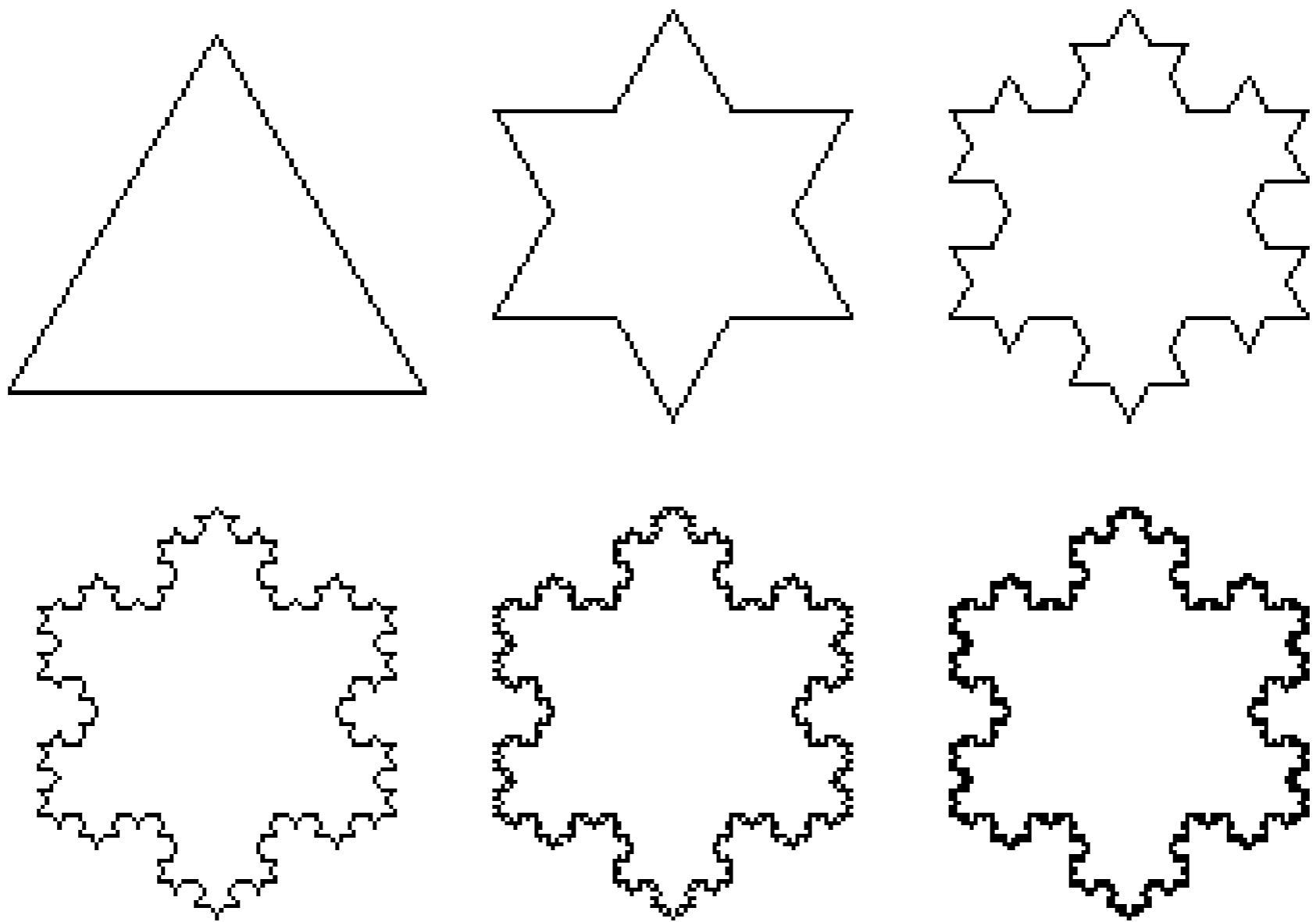
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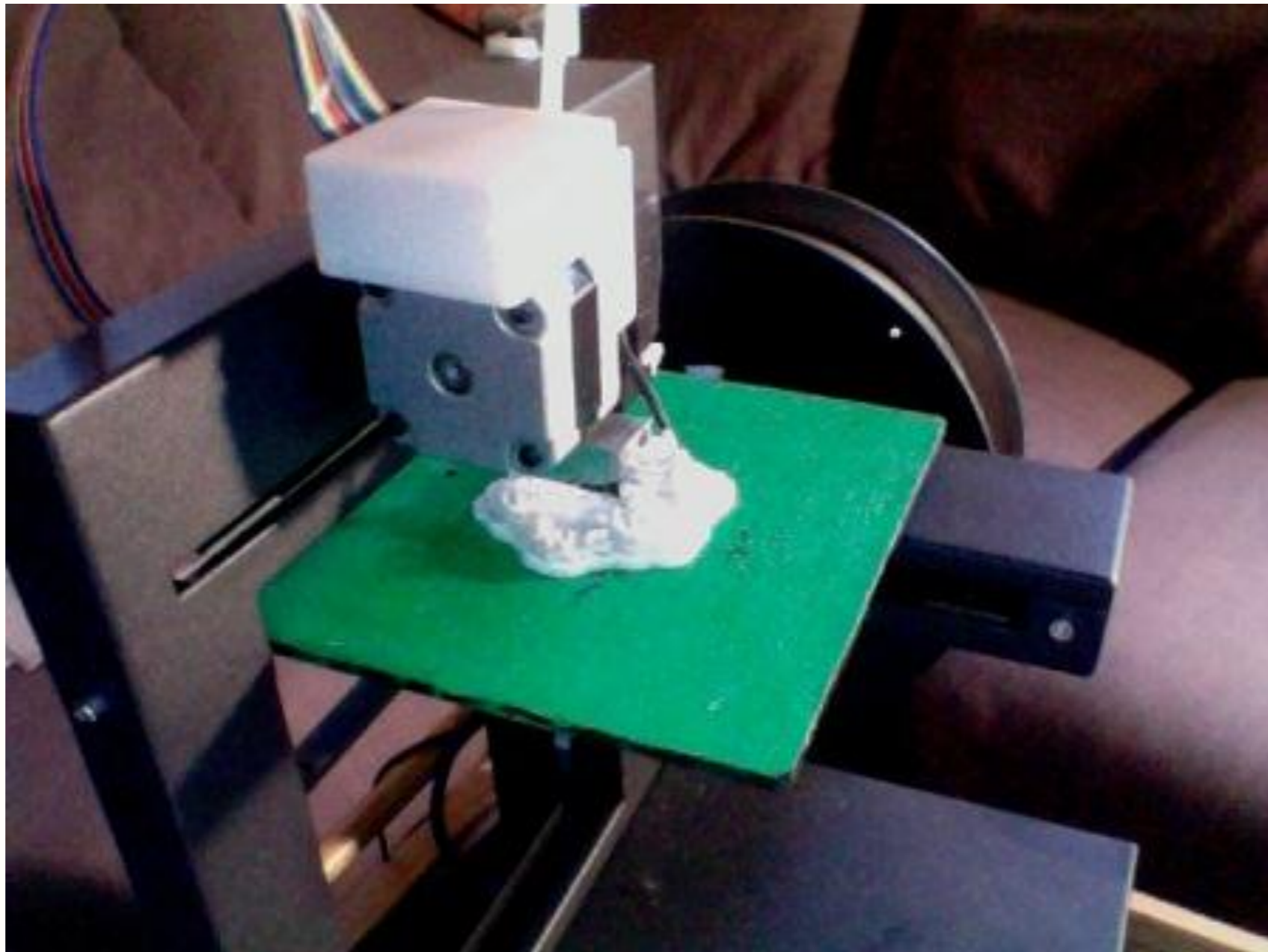


# Eg: simple fractal rule





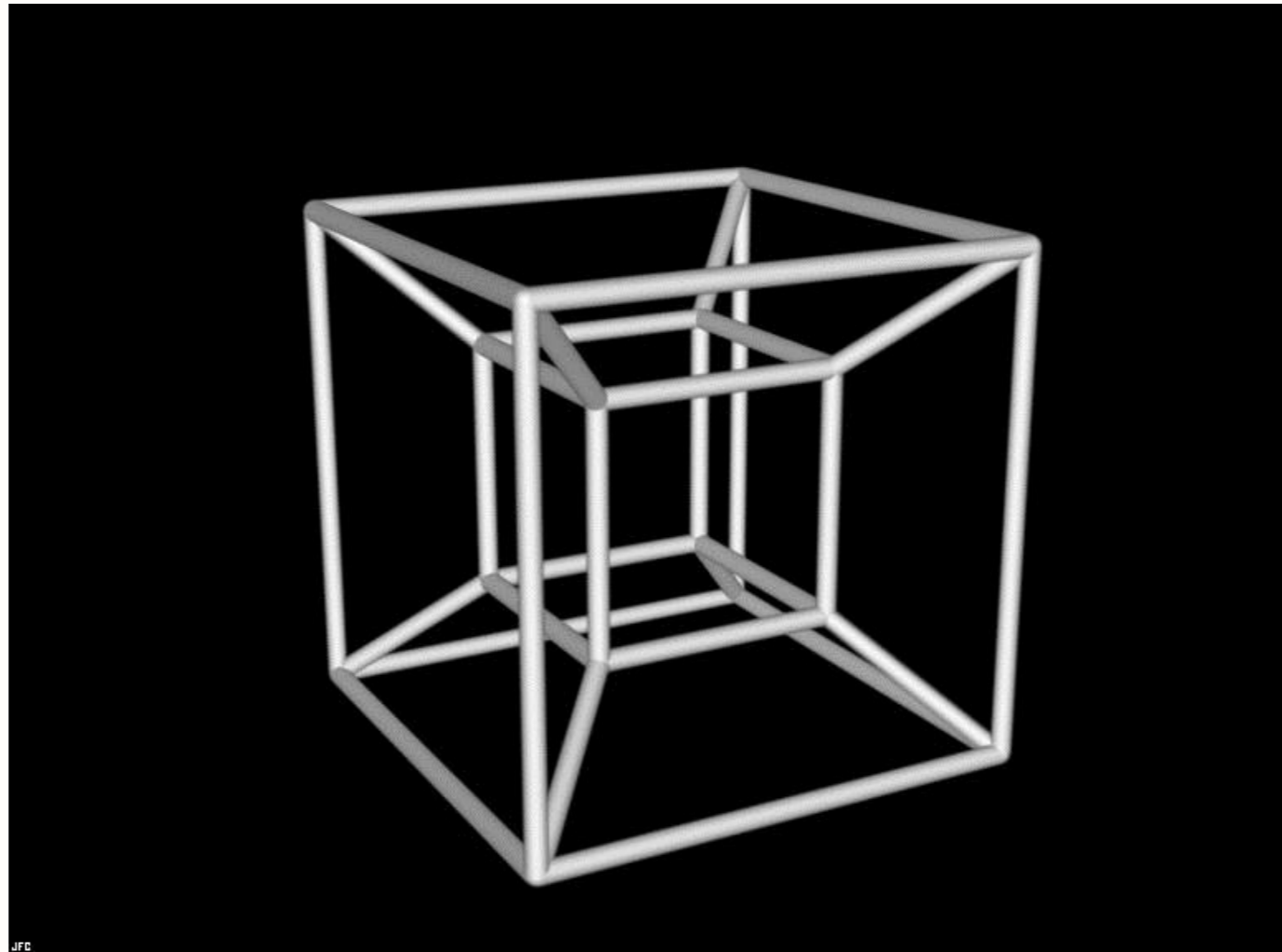
# 3D printing



# Make your own game objects



# Math objects



Hypercube

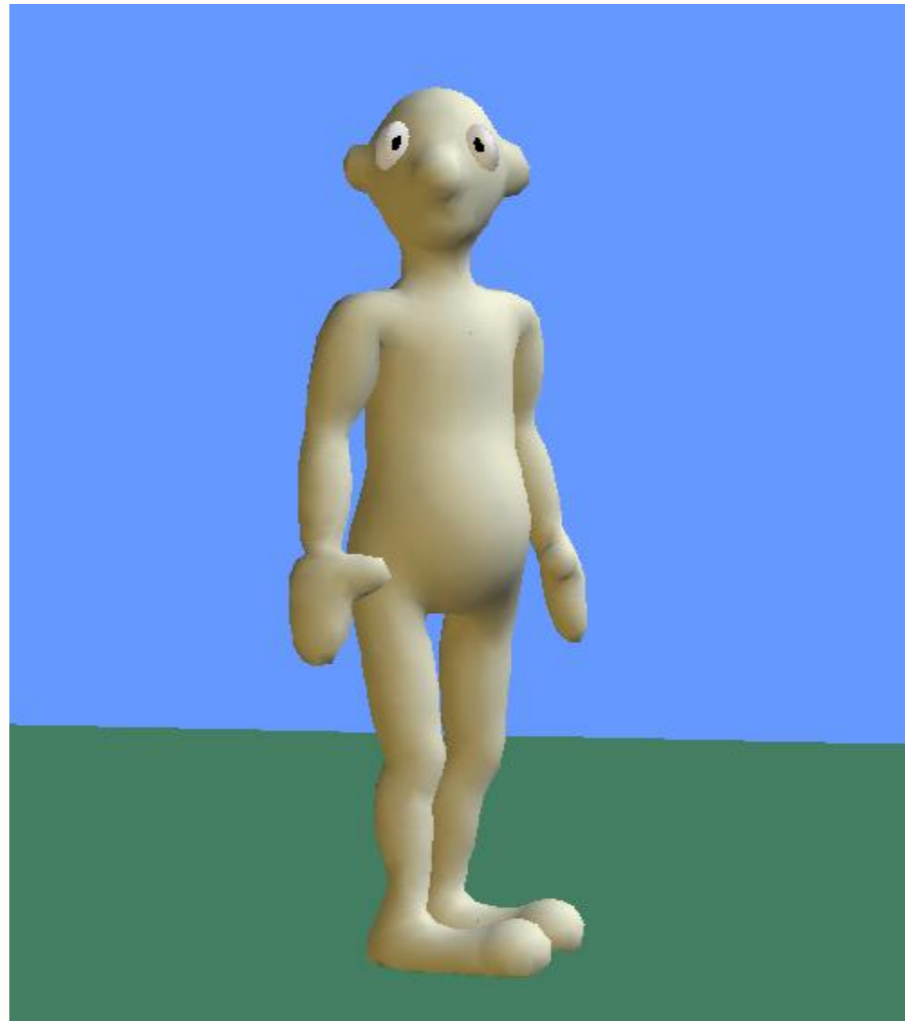


can become real objects.



3D printed hypercube zoetrope

# Game characters



Character in a learning game

can become real too.

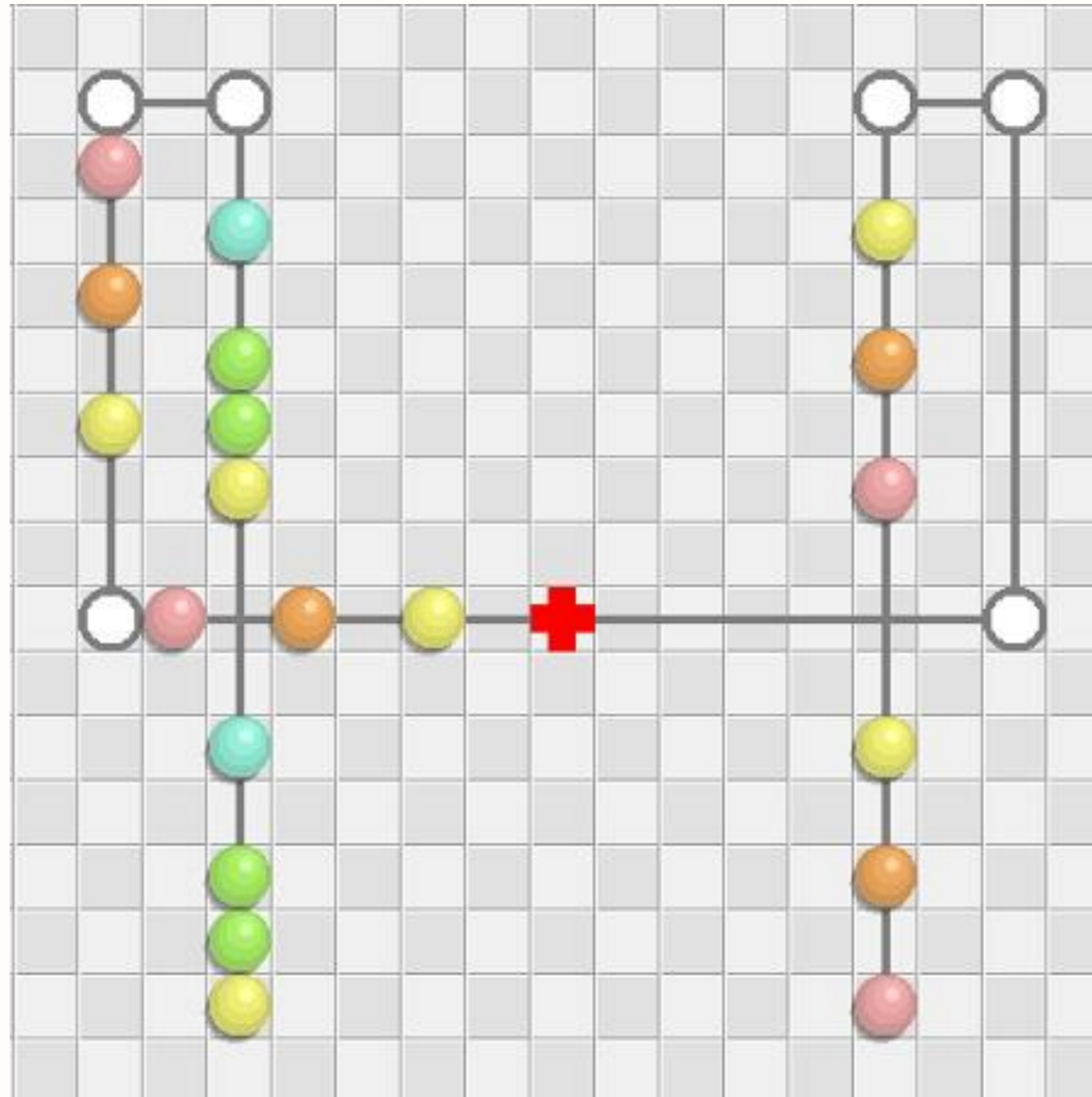


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# Collaborative music



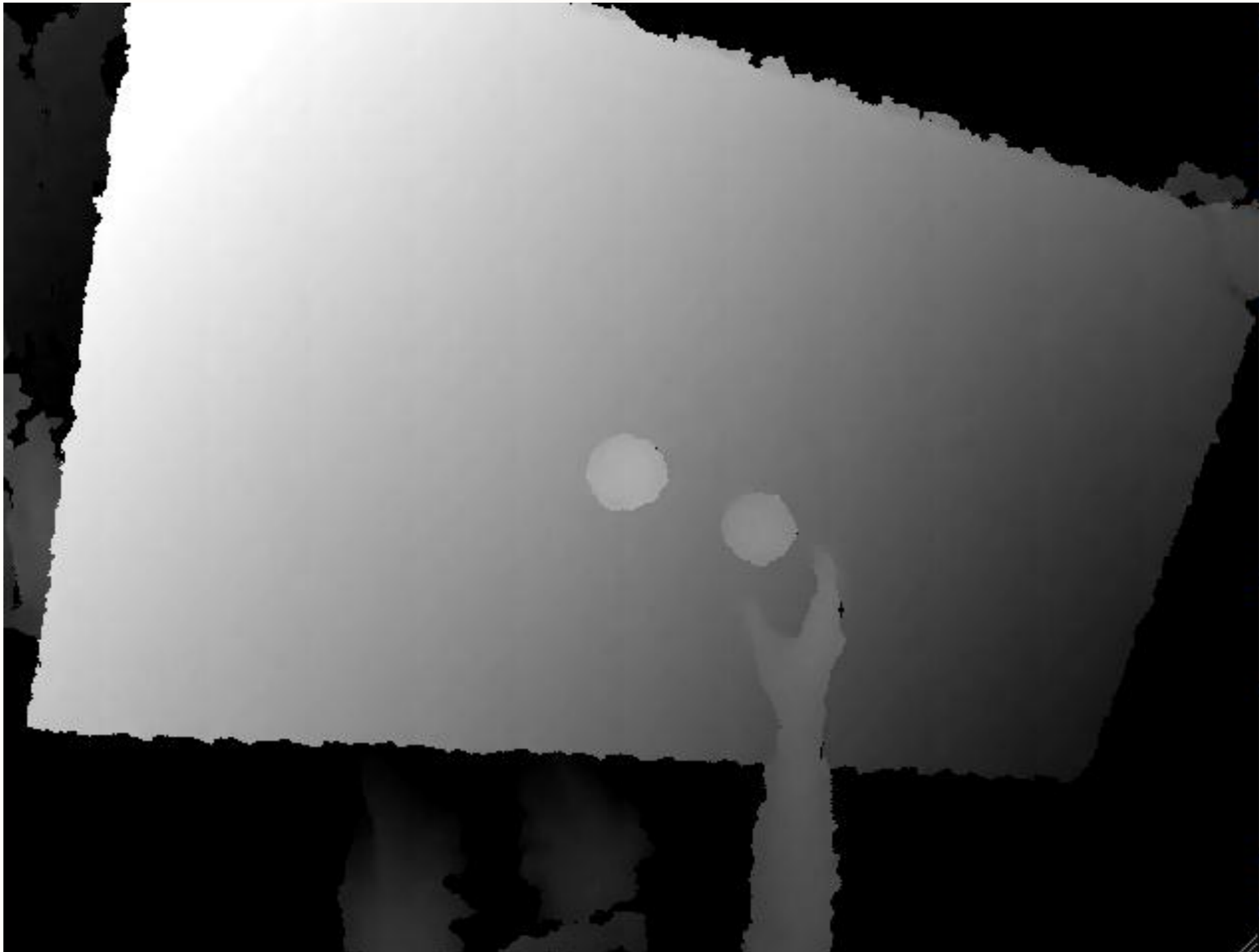


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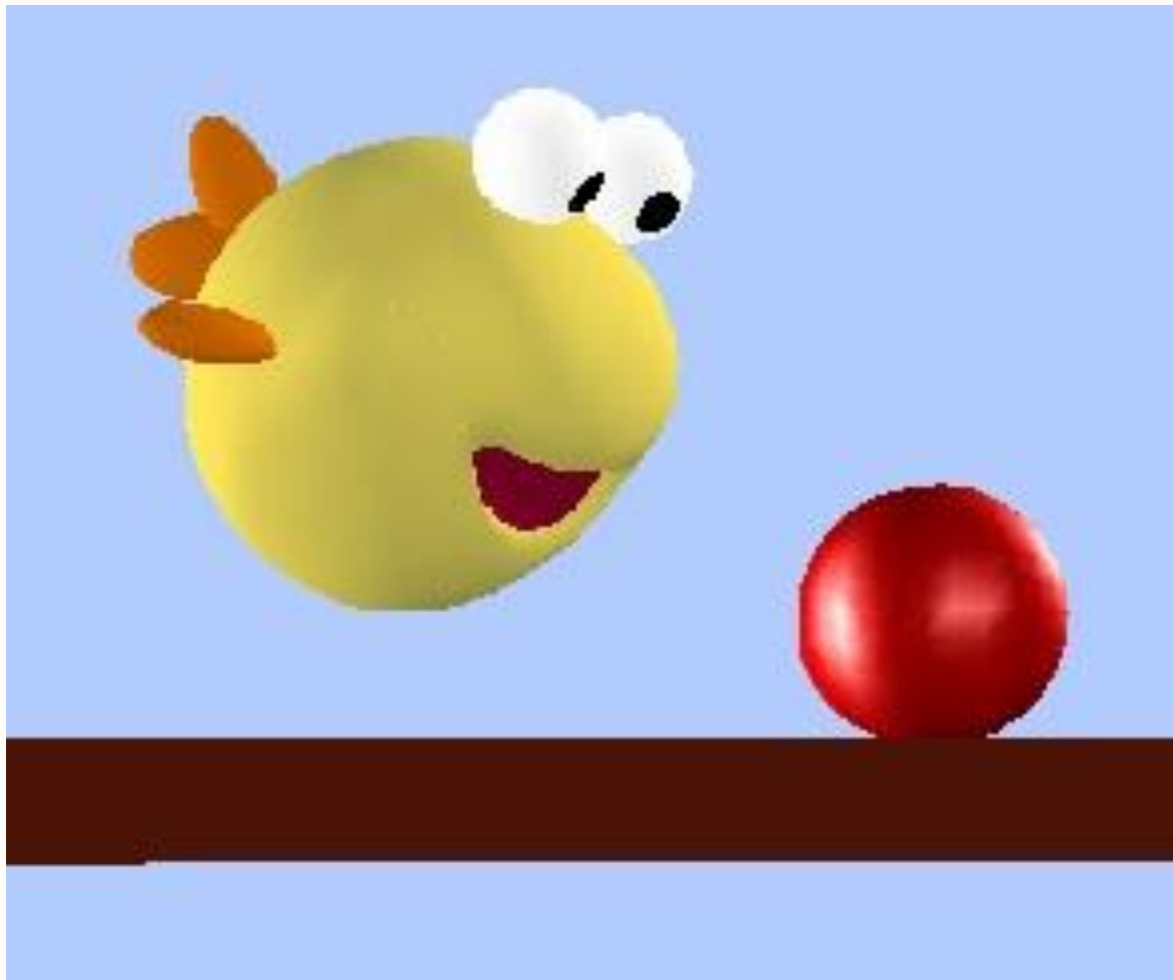




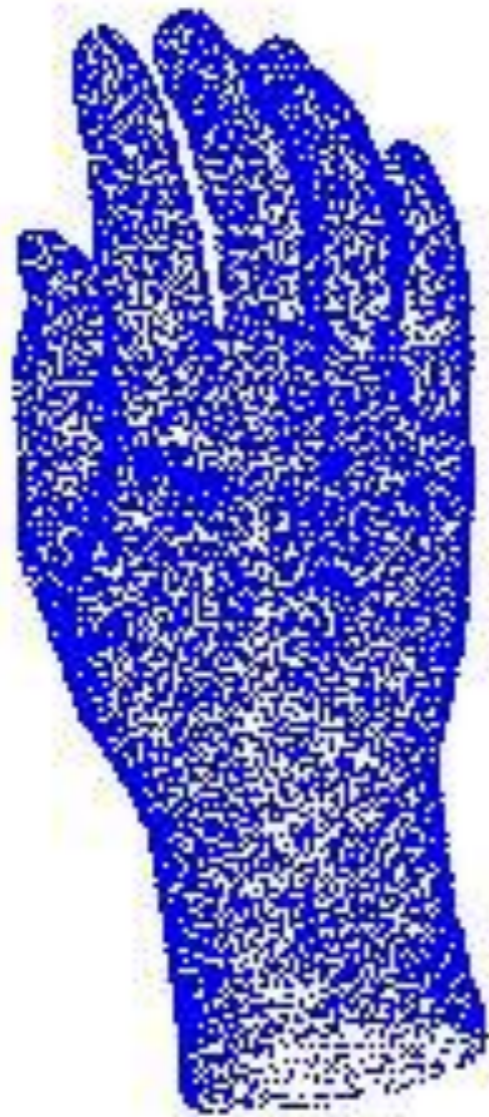
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# Design groups from the Urban Assembly school



**Lyanna, Taylor, Alex Nicole, Lanisha**



**Symphonie, Giselle, Jasmine, Jordan, Kyeana**



**Natea, Anna, Javeen, Cheyenne**





# Farm Animals (Early Designs)

**Game Prototype**

Scene Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Scene Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Links From: \_\_\_\_\_

Links To: Level 2

What's going on here:

- Level 1 one is ALWAYS positive numbers

Game Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Game Team: \_\_\_\_\_

go To Shop  
Back to menu

5

Coordinates

6 2  
x y

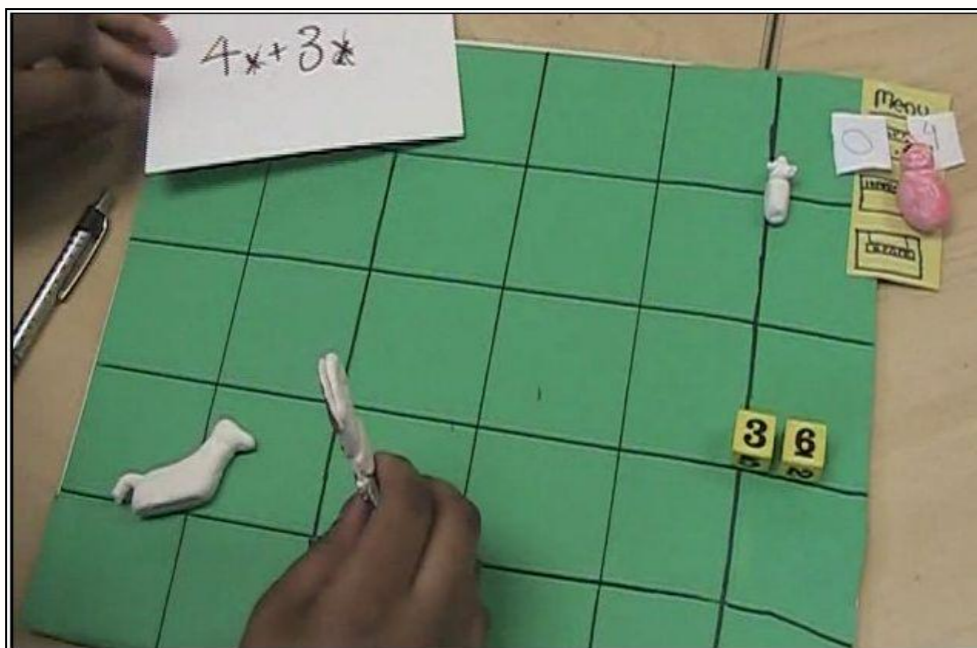
Animals

Inventory

+ - + -



# Early prototyping and testing





# Digital Prototype



1<sup>st</sup> Playable Productions





# Computational literacy



# Play is the key to learning.

