DigiMathArt

Connecting Math and Art through Programming A method of creating new neural networks

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Why new neural networks?

In order to develop our self-awareness / consciousness, to cope with the world, no matter if it is "real" or an "illusion", we need to use all our senses – more than those 5 still considered in the textbooks (sight, hearing, taste, smell and touch):

- feromonal,
- blue light,
- temperature (thermoception),
- kinesthetic (proprioception),
- pain (nociception),
- balance (equilibrioception),
- visceral (the perception of internal organs),
- **chemical** (such as chemoreceptors for detecting salt and carbon dioxide concentrations in the blood)

- ...and others...

and to "discover" **all the gifts we were packed with** form the very first moment we were "designed".

 Less than 2% of the DNA is responsible with protein production. The 98% non-coding DNA sequences (*introns* or "junk" DNA) it was believed to represent evolutionary waste.
 Studies from the past 15 years have contradicted this presumption.

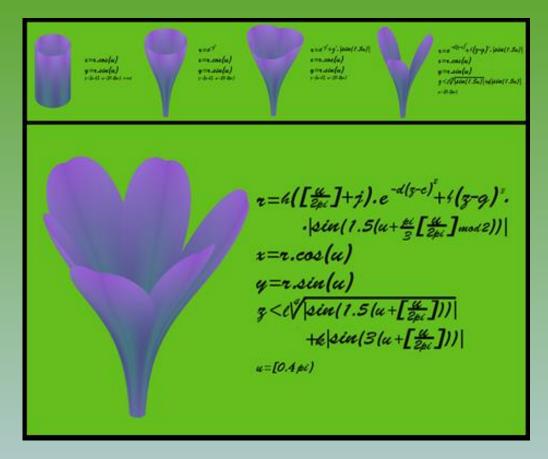
The complexity of an organism is weakly correlated to the number of protein-producing genes, whilst strongly associated with the number of non-coding genes. (Perkins, Jeffries and Sullivan, 2005)

The non-coding DNA sequences tend to be localized next to the genes involved in neuronal functions, triggering the expression of these genes. The "junk" DNA could orchestrate our brain's "wiring".

(Prabhakar, Noonan, Paabo and Rubin, 2006)

What is DigiMathArt?

method of studying,
learning and teaching
mathematics through
programming and
computer graphics



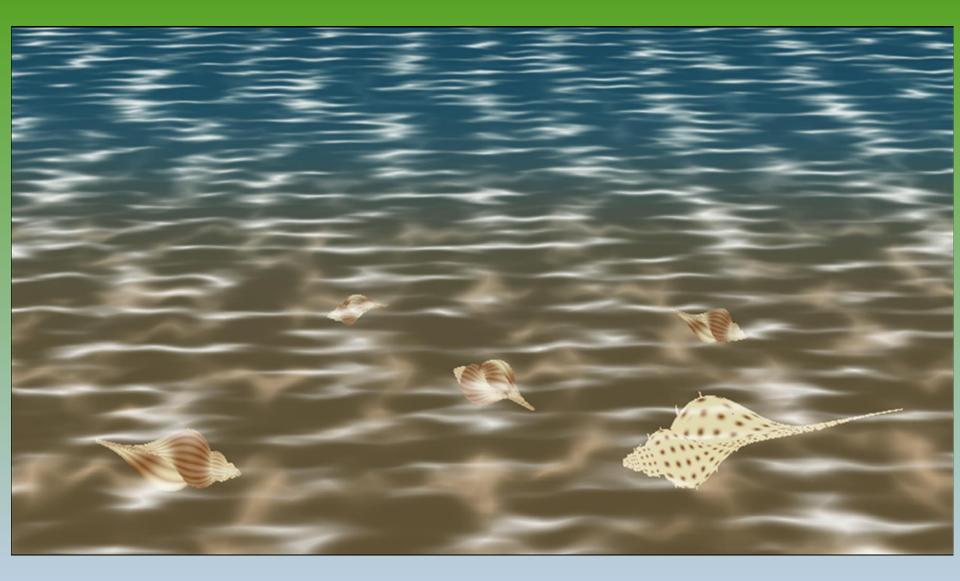
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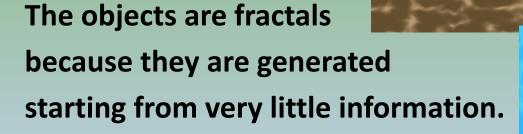


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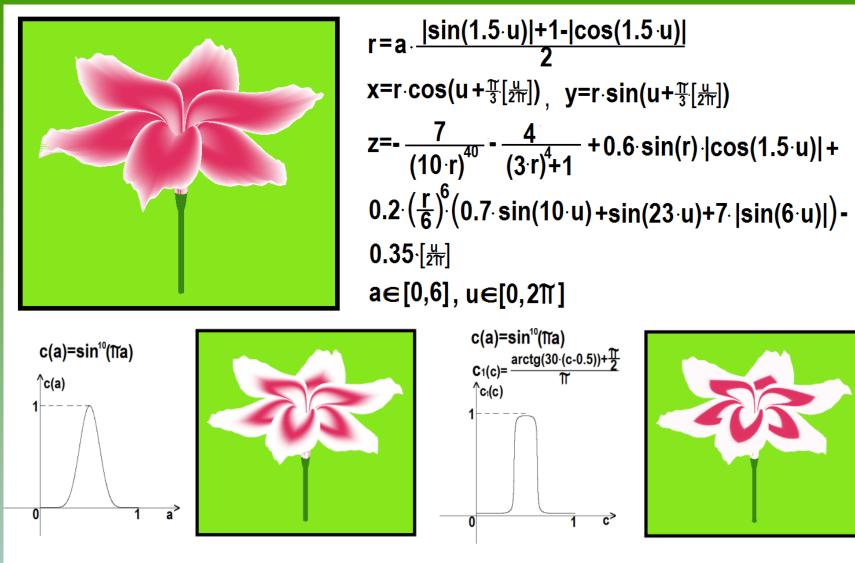


Method of generating Fractals

- Realistic Fractal Images
- One set of Parametric Equations
- Function Composition
- Geometric Transformations



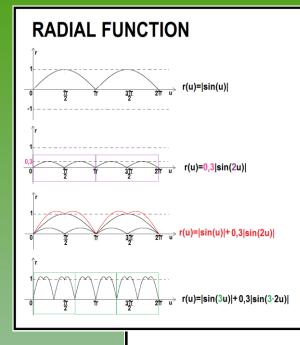




All points of the objects are represented by one single set of parametric equations. The parametric equations of the coordinates are determined through operations on functions and function composition. The same method is applied for the components of the color

 $R = R_{1} \cdot (1 - c_{1}) + R_{2} \cdot c_{1}$ $G = G_{1} \cdot (1 - c_{1}) + G_{2} \cdot c_{1}$ $B = B_{1} \cdot (1 - c_{1}) + B_{2} \cdot c_{1}$

Trigonometric functions



PARAMETRIC EQUATIONS OF THE CIRCLE $\begin{array}{c} & & & \\ &$

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{DOMAIN} \\ u \in [0, 2] \\ a \in [0, 1] \end{array}$

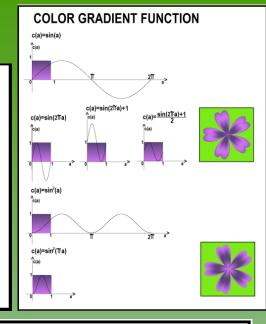
RADIAL FUNCTION r(u)= $a \cdot (|\sin(2.5 \cdot u)|+0.3 \cdot |\sin(5 \cdot u)|)$

PARAMETRIC EQUATIONS OF THE CIRCLE x=r(u)·cos(u) y=r(u)·sin(u)

COLOR GRADIENT FUNCTION

c=c(a) COLOR GRADIENT

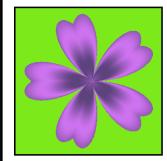
$R=R_{1} \cdot (1-c) + R_{2} \cdot c$ $G=G_{1} \cdot (1-c) + G_{2} \cdot c$ $B=B_{1} \cdot (1-c) + B_{2} \cdot c$



c++ PROGRAM

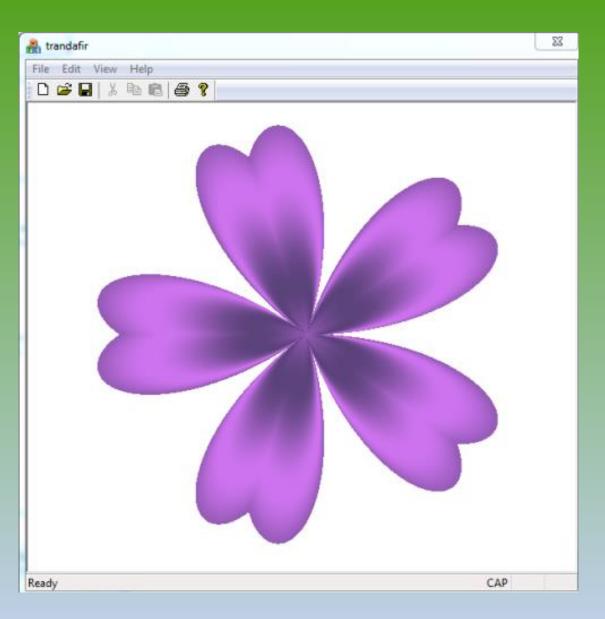
//VARIABLES

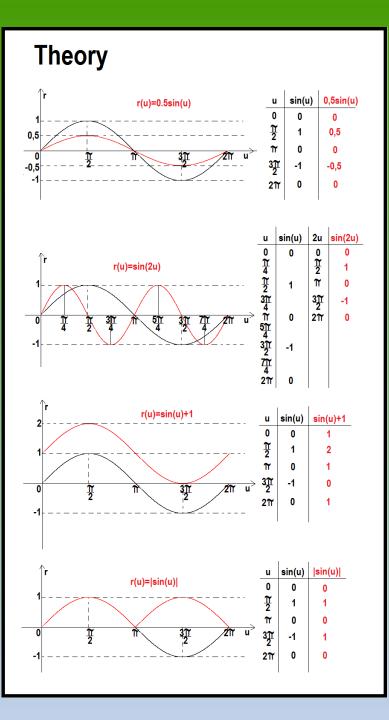
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float x, y, r, a, u, d=200, cx=300, cy=250, pi=3.14,
R1=207,G1=116,B1=241,R2=92,G2=67,B2=124,R,G,B,c;
//DOMAIN
for (u=0;u<=2*pi;u+=0.0005)
    for (a=0; a<=1; a+=0.002)
        //RADIAL FUNCTION
        r=a*(abs(sin(2.5*u))+0.3*abs(sin(5*u)));
        //PARAMETRIC EQUATION OF THE CIRCLE
        x=r*cos(u);
        v=r*sin(u);
        //COLOR GRADIENT FUNCTION
        c=(sin(2*pi*a)+1)/2;
        //COLOR GRADIENT
        R=R1*(1-c)+R2*c;
        G=G1*(1-c)+G2*c;
        B=B1*(1-c)+B2*c;
        //PLOT
        pDC->SetPixel(x*d+cx,-y*d+cy,RGB(R,G,B));
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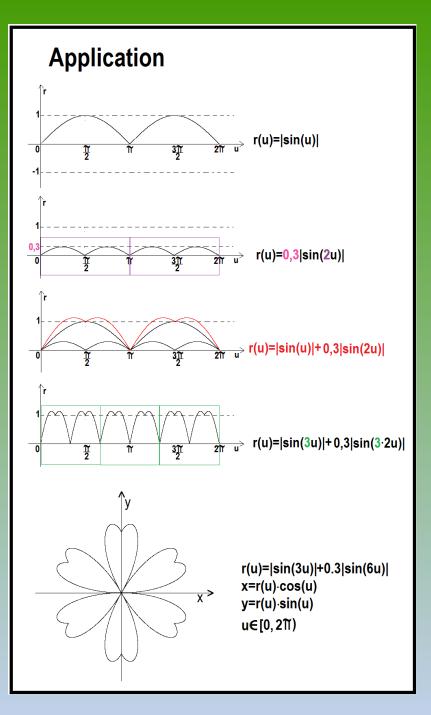


How does the method work?

- create an application
- chunk the theory into steps
- get all the formulas
 switch the formulas
 to the source code.
 Each step has its
 correspondent in the
 source code.



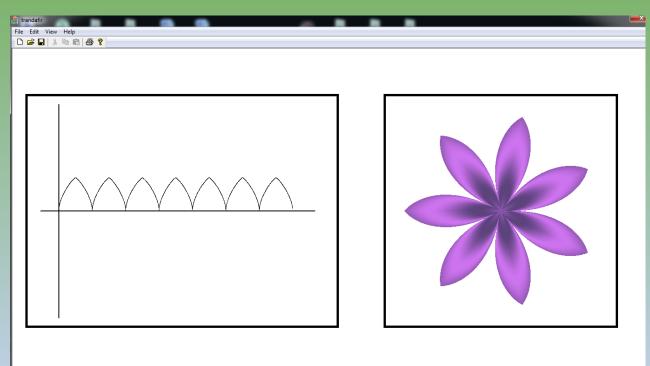




E.g.: detailed study of operations with trigonometric functions.

First, some theory, like what happens if I multiply the function with a number, or what if I multiply the argument with a number, and so on.

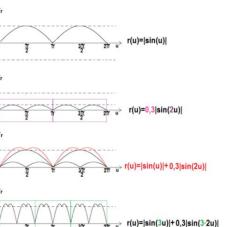
The result is a pattern I use to create different models of petals.



Trigonometric functions



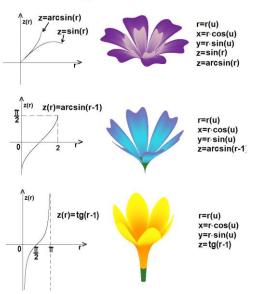
 $r(u)=a(|sin(2.5\cdot u)|+0.3\cdot |sin(5\cdot u)|)$ x=r(u).cos(u) y=r(u).sin(u) u€[0,211) R=R1.(1-c)+R2.c a€[0,1] G=G1 (1-c)+G2-c c=c(a) B=B+(1-c)+B2-c



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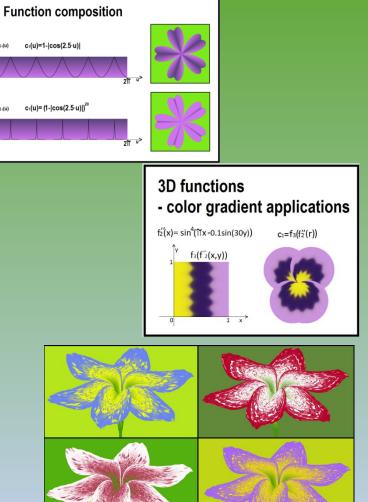
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Inverse trigonometric functions

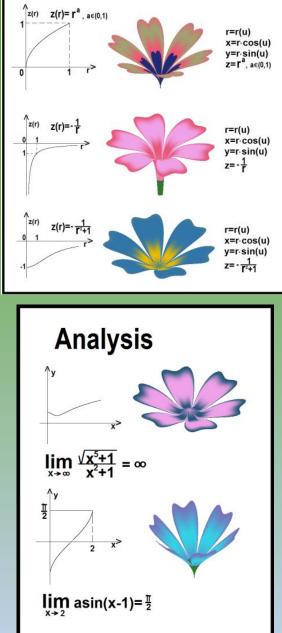


Functions

Trigonometric functions represents a part of a whole chapter about functions. Here are some examples:

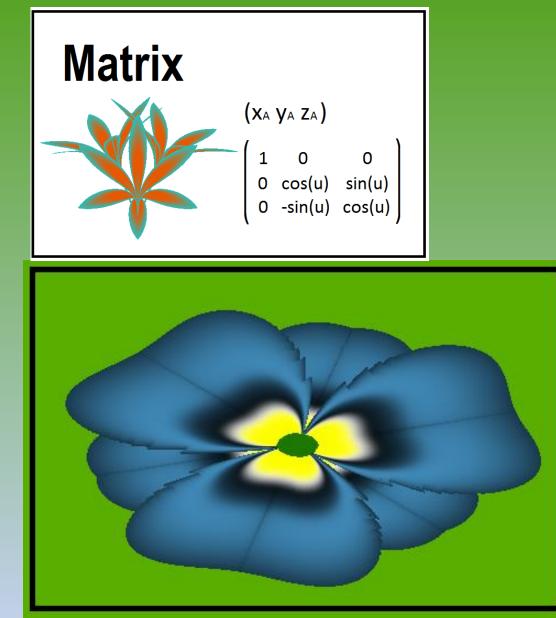


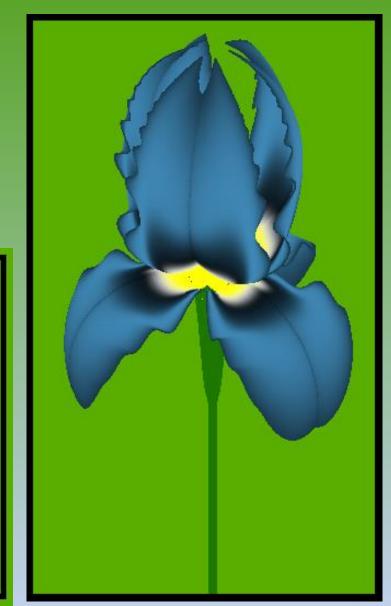
Algebraic functions



Other mathematical concepts, used to transform the objects already created :

- reflection of a flower onto a surface by means of analytic geometry,
- lightning effect by means of vectors or differential geometry...



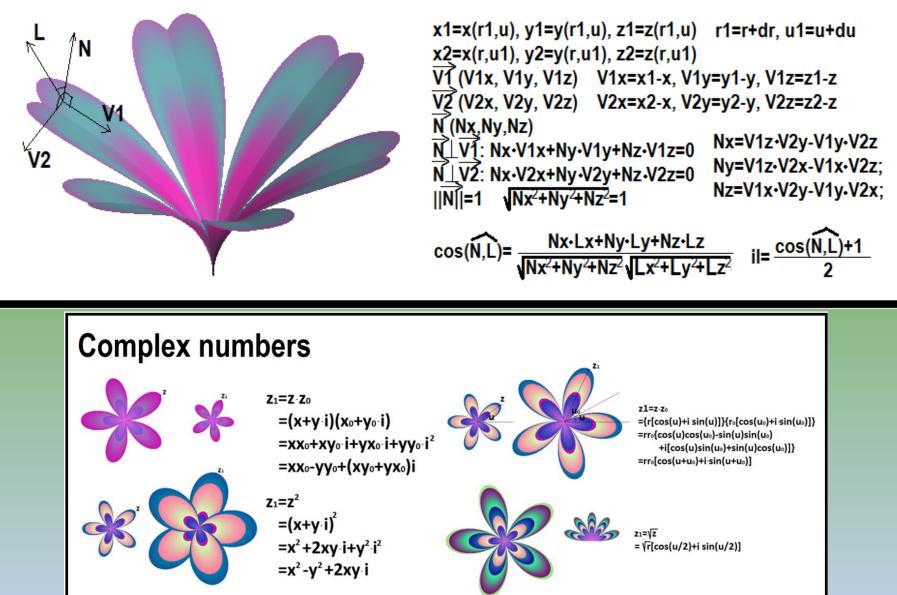


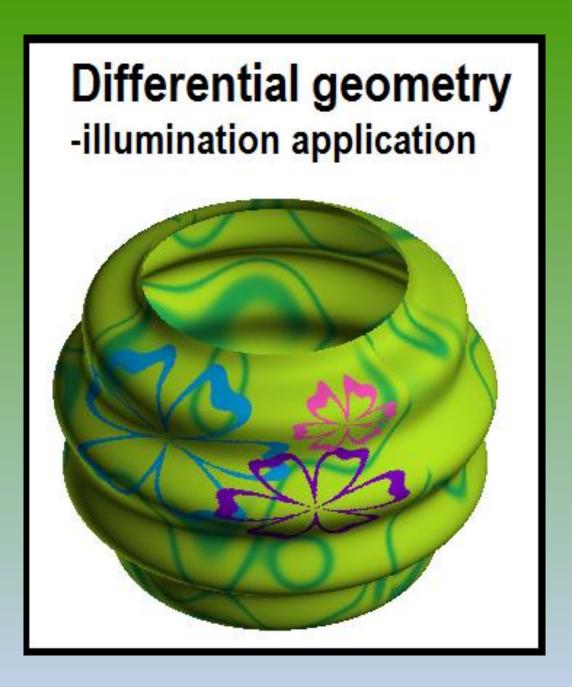
Analytic geometry - Reflection application

 $\mathcal{P}: ax+by+cz+d=0$ d: $\frac{X \cdot X_A}{a} = \frac{Y \cdot Y_A}{b} = \frac{Z \cdot Z_A}{c}$ {B} \in d: $\frac{X_B \cdot X_A}{a} = \frac{Y_B \cdot Y_A}{b} = \frac{Z_B \cdot Z_A}{c}$ {B} \in $\mathcal{P}: ax_B+by_B+cz_B+d=0$ $x_c=2 \cdot x_B \cdot x_A$ $y_c=2 \cdot y_B \cdot y_A$

ZC=2.ZB-ZA

Vectors -illumination application



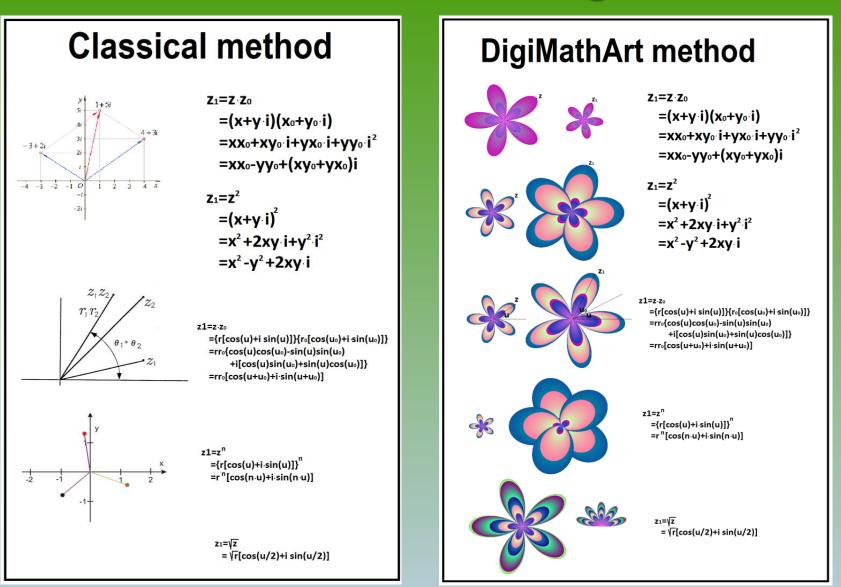


Most softwares use these methods, but kids only learn how to use the softwares.

The aim of DigiMathArt method is to teach mathematics by applying these methods and to create applications through computer programming.

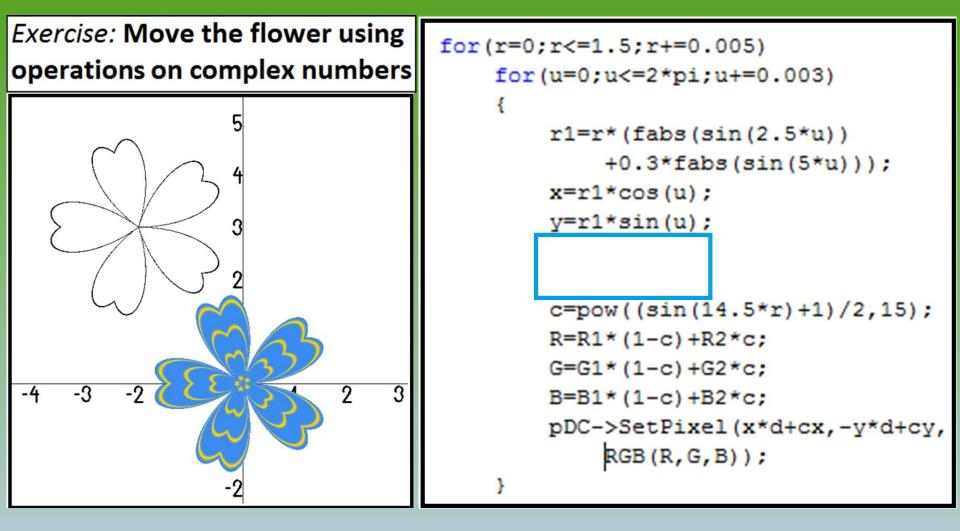
This learning system is so motivating that even a 13 years old teenager can understand, and even prove those formulas.

Classical method versus DigiMathArt

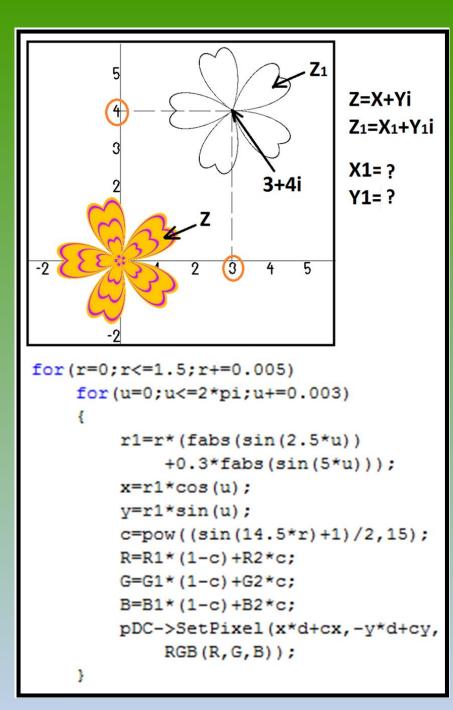


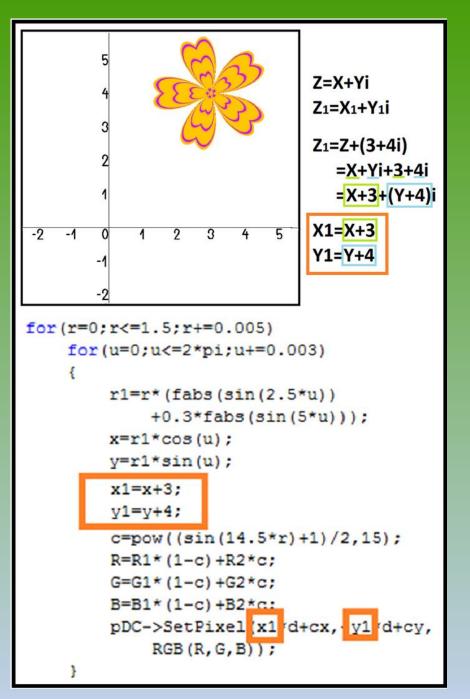
The theory is the same. In the classical method, the transformation is applied to one point, DMA method applies it to an object

Evaluation

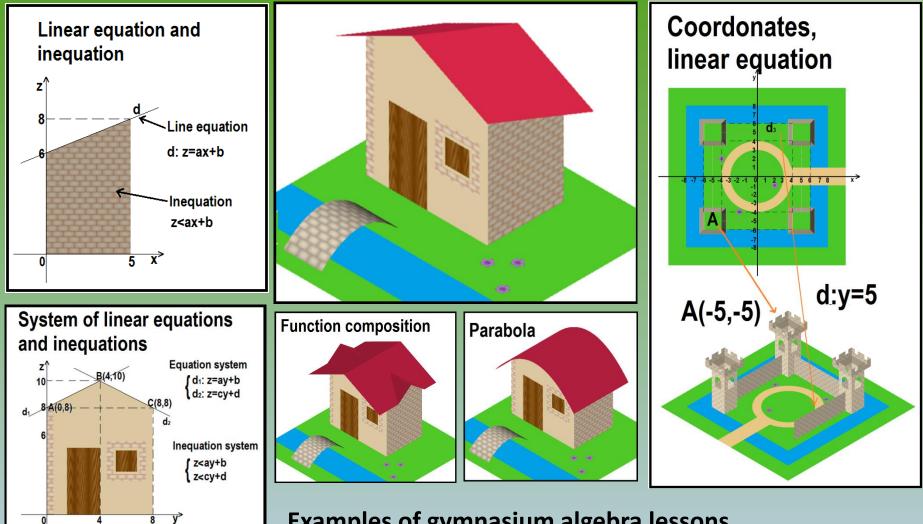


- do the math calculus and modify the source code



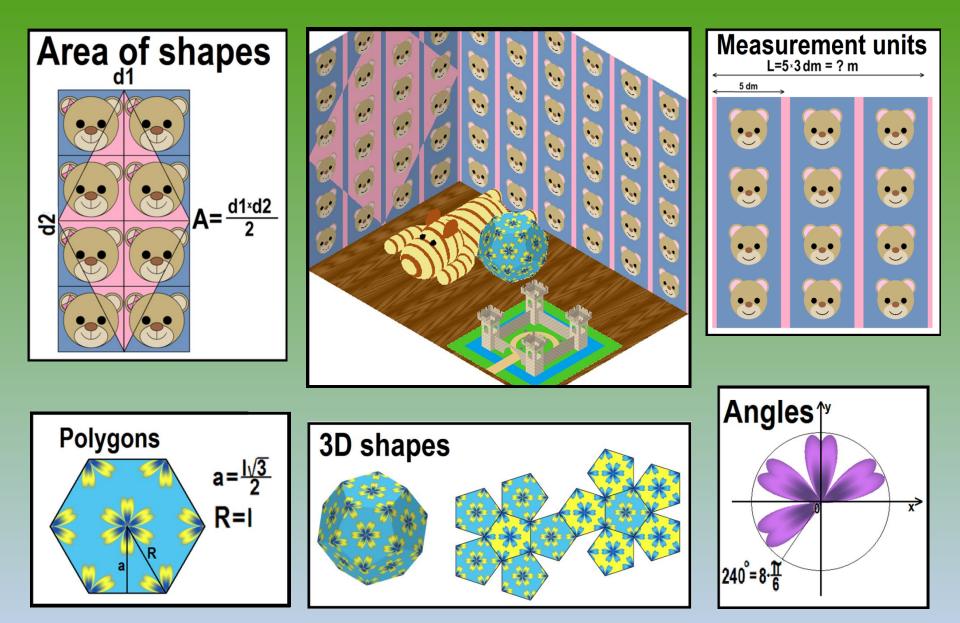


Gymnasium - Algebra

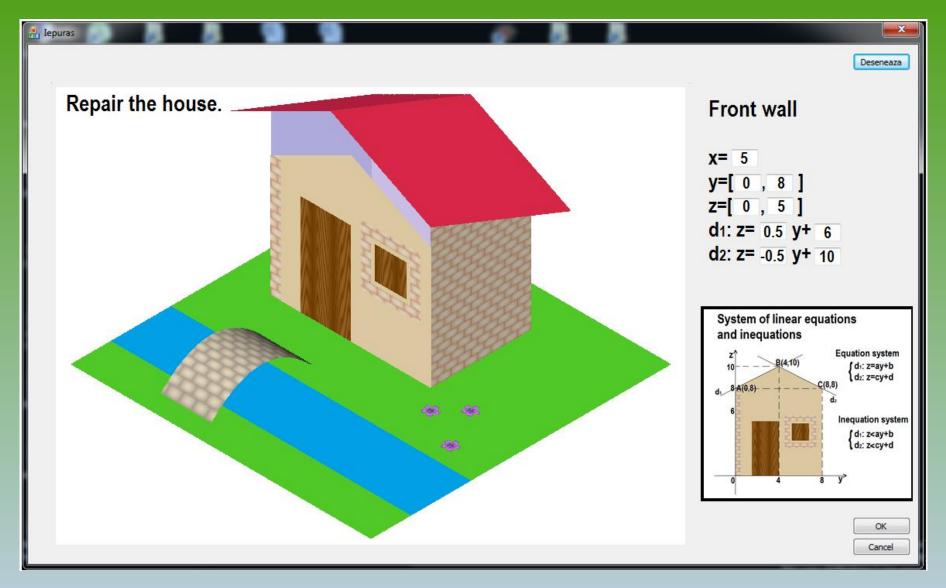


Examples of gymnasium algebra lessons, as simple as for a 7 years old child to understand

Geometry

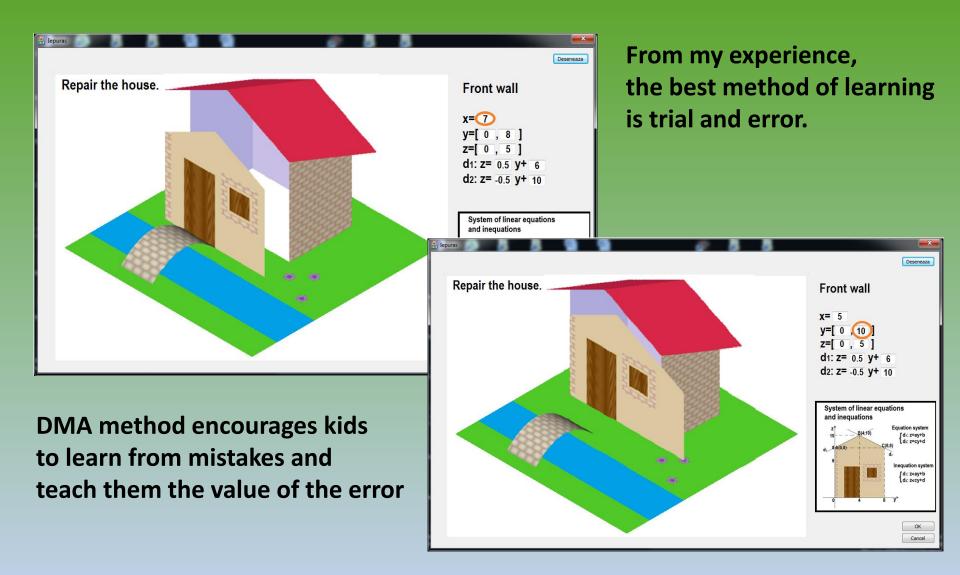


Evaluation



For gymnasium, I use applications with an interface for evaluation and for practice as well

Learning from mistakes



DMA = "Enriched environment"

An enriched environment increase:

cortical thickness and weight,

dendritic branching,

neurogenesis and newborn neuronal integration within the already existing neuronal networks,

expression of 41 genes involved in learning and memory, synaptic plasticity, neuro / vasculogenesis, cellular growth excitability, synaptic transmission, neurotrophic factors , dopaminergic, serotonergic and noradrenergic systems

(Baroncelli, Braschi, Spolidoro, et al., 2010