CMSC427 Fractal exercises

Aside from the full questions below, the

a) In general you should be able to describe fractals as characterized by recursive structures, and self-similarity – and that fractal is short for fractional dimension.

b) Iterated function systems. You should be able to describe the operation of an IFS, and how the set of affine transformations represent a collection of self-similarities for the shape.

b) Midpoint displacement. For this, you can apply it to in two 2D to a line, or 3D to a rectangular or triangular grid. In all case you have to define a perpendicular bisector line, randomly select a point along it, and generate recursive case – and to account for multi-resolution

c) Mandelbrot sets. Here you should know the basics as the set of complex numbers for which an iterated sequence doesn't diverge, and the function that defines the sequence.

Full questions:

1. Given the fractal curve below, give (a) an Turtle graphics generator for it and (b) the fractal dimension.



2. If you're creating a midpoint displacement surface in 3D, how could you do it in a quadrilateral array (eg, a grid like above) if you want to produce triangles eventually?

3. **L-System** Given this diagram of recursive step of a possible L-system curve, with the initiator on the left and the next step on the right, answer the questions below.



a) Give an L-system with grammar for drawing the shape defined by the curve.

b) Give the fractal dimension of the curve.