

# Spirals, Trees, and Snowflakes

## TurtleWorld

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## Honey, I shrunk the Buggle

- o Turtles\* are like Buggles,  
only smaller\*\* and more  
carefree (no grid).
- o To create a new Turtle
  - `new Turtle();`
- o At birth, Turtles are  
centered, pointing EAST,  
pen\*\*\* down, and red.



\* If you have programmed in LOGO, Turtles should be old friends.

\*\* So small, in fact, that you cannot see them.

\*\*\* Turtles have pens rather than brushes.

## Turtle Commands

Go Forward: public void fd (double dist);  
Go Backward: public void bd (double dist);  
Turn Left: public void lt (double angle);  
Turn Right: public void rt (double angle);  
Pen Up: public void pu();  
Pen Down: public void pd();  
Get Heading: public double getHeading();  
Set Heading: public void setHeading (double newHeading);  
Get Color: public Color getColor();  
Set Color: public void setColor (Color newColor);  
Get Position: public double getX(); public double getY();  
Set Position: public setX(double newX); public setY(double newY);  
public setPosition(double newX, double newY);  
Go Home (to point (0,0), facing east, pen down): public void home ();

\* When a `double` parameter is specified, Java will automatically convert  
an `int` argument to a `double`. E.g. `fd(36)` is treated like `fd(36.0)`;

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## What's a double?

It's a `double`-precision floating point number. E.g.:

```
double x = 3.72;  
x + 1.234 // Value = 4.954  
x + 2 // Value = 5.72 (2 automatically converted to 2.0 first)  
x * 2 // Value = 7.44 (2 automatically converted to 2.0 first)  
x / 2 // Value = 1.86 (2 automatically converted to 2.0 first)  
  
(int) x // Value = 3 ("int cast", converts to integer by truncation)  
Math.round(x) // Value = 4 (rounds to nearest integer)  
Math.floor(x) // Value = 3 (rounds toward negative infinity)  
Math.floor(-5.12) // Value = -6 (rounds toward negative infinity)  
Math.ceil(x) // Value = 4 (rounds toward positive infinity)  
Math.ceil(-5.12) // Value = -5 (rounds toward positive infinity)  
  
(double) 17 // Value = 17.0 ("double cast", converts to a double)
```

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## Be Careful with Division

7/2 // Value = 3 (integer division)

7.0/2 // Value = 3.5 (floating point division)

7/2.0 // Value = 3.5 (floating point division)

7.0/2.0 // Value = 3.5 (floating point division)

((double) 7)/2 // Value = 3.5 (floating point division)

7/((double) 2) // Value = 3.5 (floating point division)

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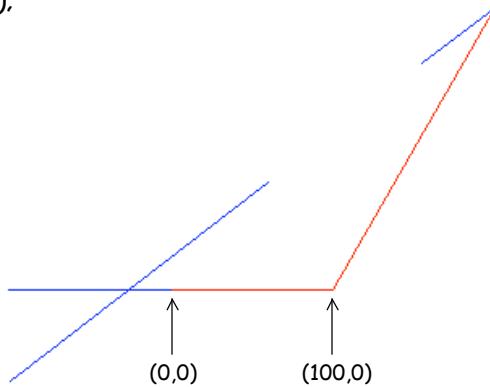
(double) 7/2 // Value = ((double) 7)/2 = 3.5 (floating point division)

(double) (7/2) // Value = 3.0 (result of integer division  
// converted to double)

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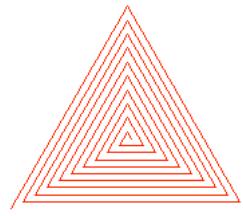
## Myrtle the Turtle Goes on a Hike

```
public void run() {  
    Turtle myrtle = new Turtle();  
    myrtle.fd(100);  
    myrtle.lt(60);  
    myrtle.fd(200);  
    myrtle.rt(22.5);  
    myrtle.setColor(Color.blue);  
    myrtle.bd(56.78);  
    myrtle.pu();  
    myrtle.bd(120);  
    myrtle.pd();  
    myrtle.bd(200);  
    myrtle.home();  
    myrtle.bd(100);  
}
```

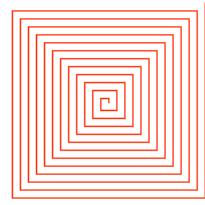


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## Spiro the Spiraling Turtle



spiro.spiral(30,120,0,6);



spiro.spiral(50,90,0,3);



spiro.spiral(50,72,0,2);



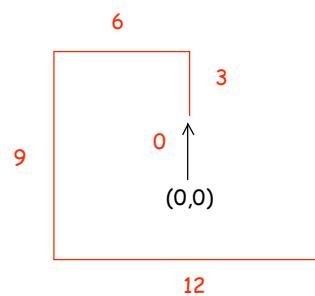
spiro.spiral(40,60,0,6);

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**spiral(steps, angle, length, increment);**

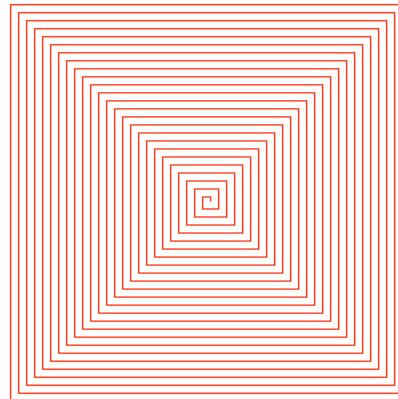
E.g., spiral(100, 90, 0, 3);

length  
100 steps remain  
fd(0);  
angle  
99 steps remain  
lt(90);  
increment  
98 steps remain  
fd(0+3);  
1t(90);  
97 steps remain  
fd(3+3);  
1t(90);  
96 steps remain  
fd(6+3);  
1t(90);  
95 steps remain  
fd(9+3);  
1t(90);  
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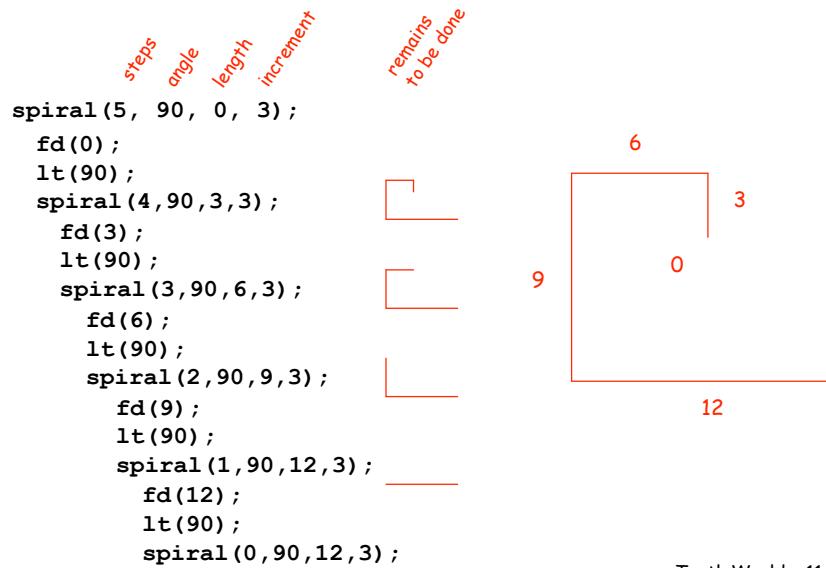
After 100 Steps:



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## Designing a Java spiral() Method

Think invocation trees!



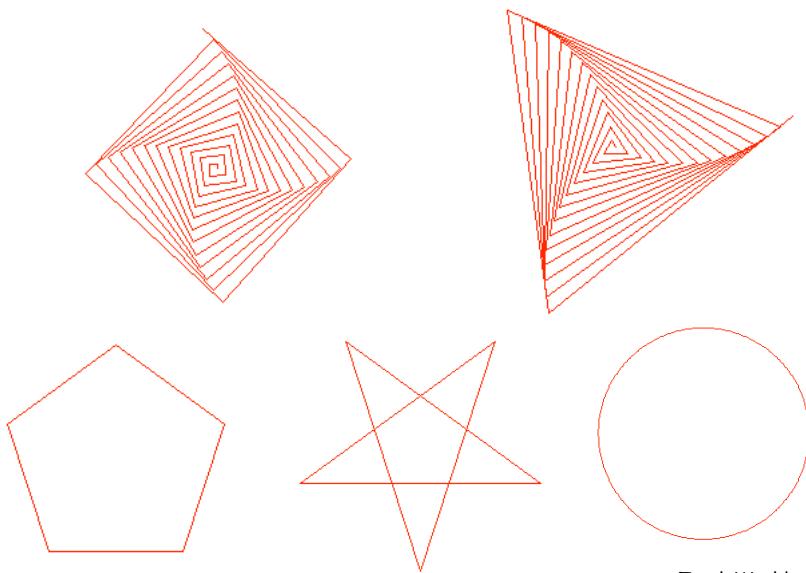
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## Let's Write the spiral() Method in Java

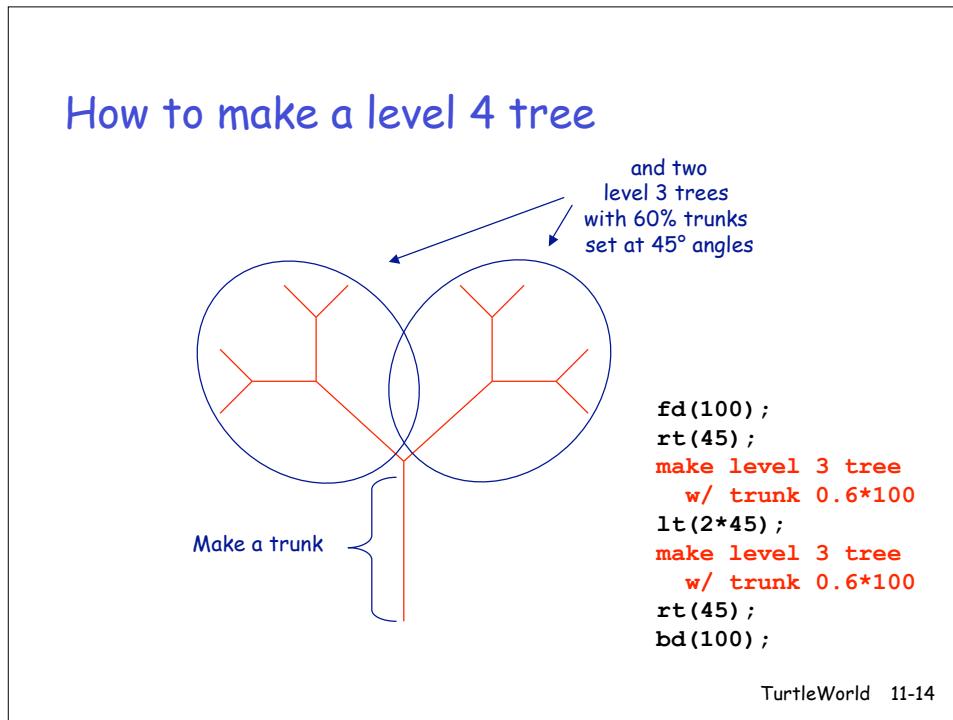
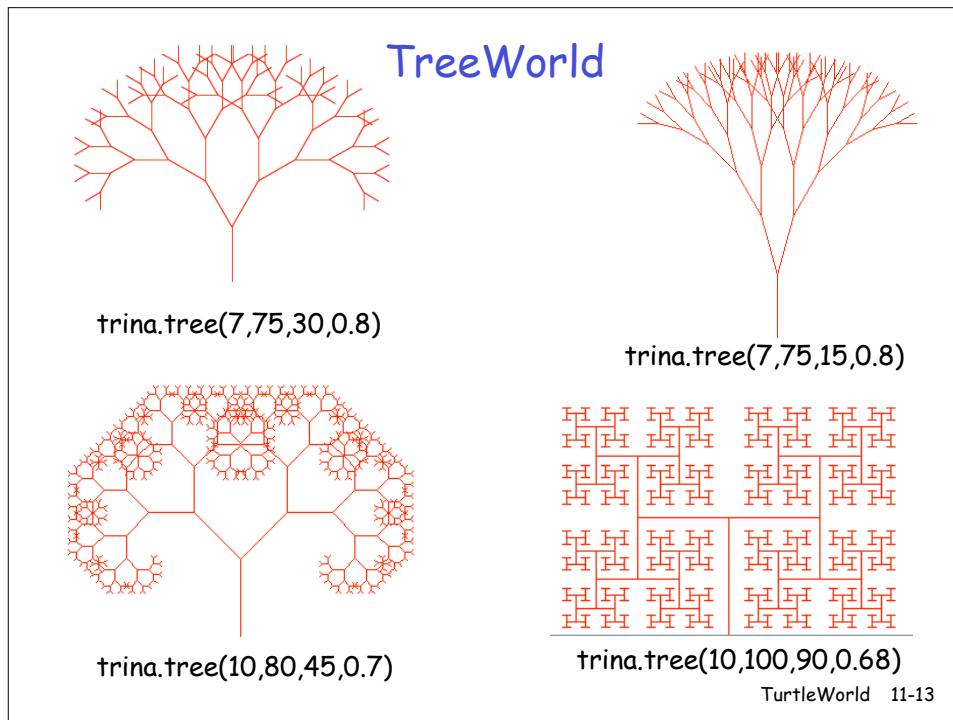
```
public void spiral(int steps, double angle,
                   double length, double increment)
{
    }
```

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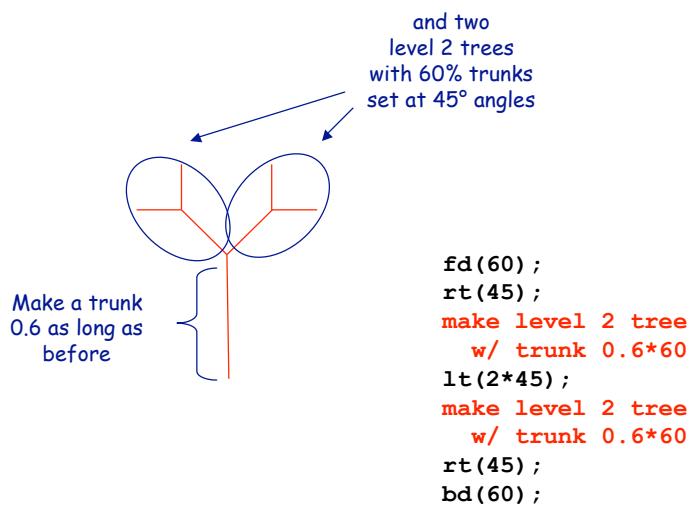
## How Do You Draw These with spiral()?



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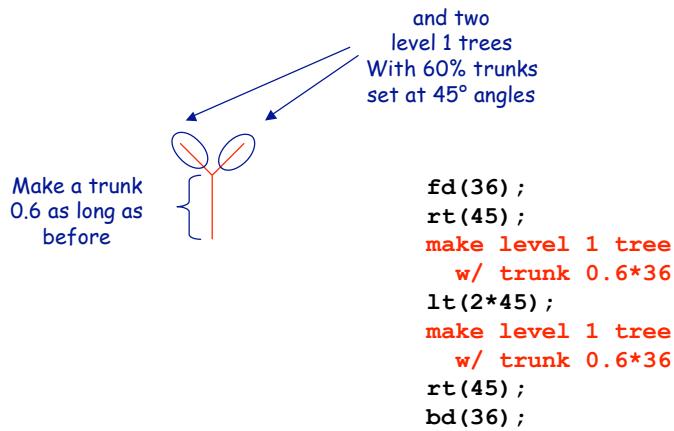


## How to make a level 3 tree



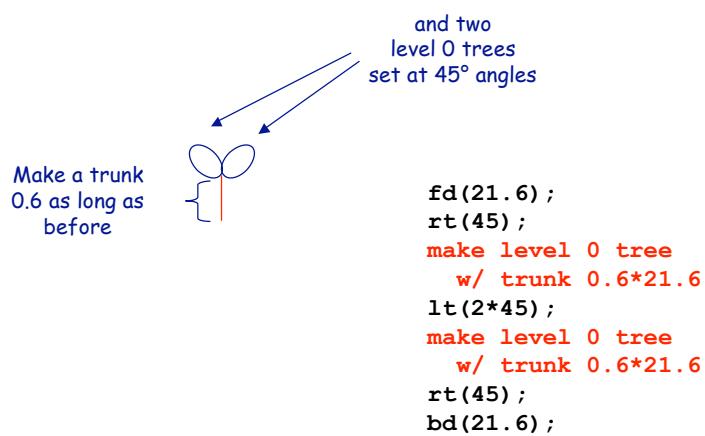
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## How to make a level 2 tree



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## How to make a level 1 tree



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## How to make a level 0 tree

Do nothing!

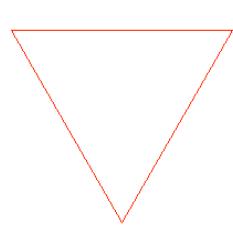
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## Let's Write tree() in Java

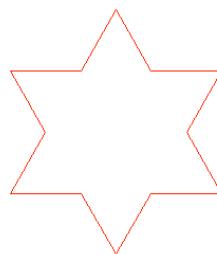
```
public void tree(int levels, double length,  
                 double angle, double shrink) {  
  
}  
}
```

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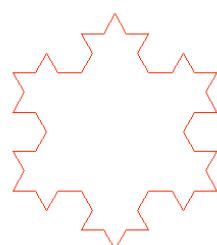
## Snowflakes (the Koch curve)



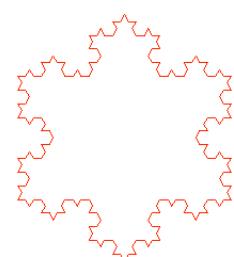
`snowy.snowflake(0.200);`



`snowy.snowflake(1.200);`



`snowy.snowflake(2.200);`



`snowy.snowflake(3.200);`

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## A Snowflake has 3 Sides

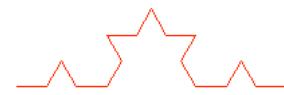
```
public void snowflake (int levels, double length) {  
    snowside(levels, length);  
    rt(120);  
    snowside(levels, length);  
    rt(120);  
    snowside(levels, length);  
    rt(120);  
}
```

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snowy.snowside(0,200);



snowy.snowside(2,200);



snowy.snowside(1,200);



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## Let's Write snowside() in Java

```
public void snowside (int levels, double length) {  
  
}  
}
```

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