

Simple Fun Fourier Drawing Programm

Inspiration

- 3Blue1Brown's amazing **video** about fourier series
- Fourier Series can draw anything!
- In the form of Integral, the series will approach the original image as the number of terms rise

$$f(t) = \int_0^1 c_n e^{2i\pi n * t} dt$$

- The Mathematical Principle behind the image is just amazing

Data Format

- prepare your data in the following json format, where each object of series represents a term of fourier series

```
{
  "series": [
    {
      "n" : 0,
      "real" : 1,
      "imag" : 2
    }
  ]
}
```

- **n** represents exactly n in the form, which should be a Integer, and controls how fast the vector spins
- **real** and **imag** represent the complex constant c_n in the form, control the starting position and length of the vector
- Then put them in one directory without other files. Each file will be transformed to a closed curve. In order to draw a image with multiple curves, you'll need the same amount of json files.

Usage

- Use existing **Makefile**
 - **make** : build the executables
 - **make clean** : clean the generated executables/artifacts
 - **make doc** : generate a pdf version of the document
 - **make png** : use the json file in directory **data** to draw the whole image and save the output in directory **out**
 - **make gif** : render the drawing process as an animation and save the output in directory **out**
 - * warning : too many frames may cause a horrible runtime which would take hours to render

- `make evo` : render the evolution process as the number of vectors rises for each image
- Use executable directly
 - `Main <filetype> <source path> <output path>`
 - `filetype` : `png`, `gif` or `evo`
 - `source path` : the path where json file exists
 - `output path` : the path where images are saved to

Customization

- At the beginning of the source code are several option that can be customized easily
 - `width`, `height` : the height and width of the generated image
 - `white`, `black` : the standard pixel color
 - `pixelArt` : the function that dertermines color and by default draws black
 - `pointCount` : the number of points to be painted
 - `gifStep` : how many pixels will be rendered each frame
 - * `warning` : terrible runtime if set too small
 - `filename` : the name of outputed image
 - `scaleFactor` : how much the final image will be scaled

Dependencies

- `aeson` : for json input parsing
- `JuicyPixels` : for pixel drawing
- `attoparsec` : for some weird functions
- `pandoc` : to convert this manual to pdf
- `juicy-draw` : for line drawing (not included in the final version)

Known Limits

- Due to lack of time I didn't implemented the part where original image are converted to Fourier Series and instead just used 3Blue1Brown's functions to calculate the series link
- Also due to lack of time I didn't optimized the gif generation algorithm, which has a terrible runtime when there's too many points. The optimization seems eazy but I had a real head ache on understanding the state monad XD. It took me around 10 hours to render the whole project, so **Do Not Try At Home**, unless you have plenty of computing horse power and time
- Didn't draw the vectors in the gif
- Should have been drawing vectorgraph from the very beginning. bitmap images are just too slow in this case