

Recursion With Fractals

Recursion

- Solve a problem by solving smaller versions of the same problem
 - Divide and Conquer Algorithms
 - Backtracking
- Recursive Method – a method that calls itself
 - “Loop-like”
 - Call stack
- Recursive Methods Required
 - Halting Condition
 - Recursive Call

Example

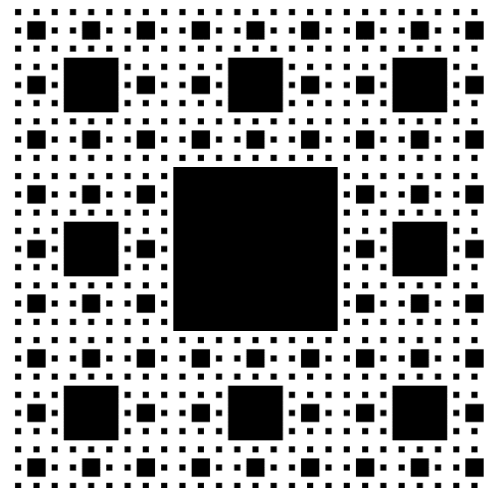
```
public static void countDown(int i)
{
    if(i < 0 )//Halting Condition
        return;
    System.out.println(i);
    countDown(i-1);//Recursive Call
}
```

Sierpinski's Carpet

Concept

- Cut area in to 9 equal squares
 - 3 Horizontal
 - 3 Vertical
- Fill in the Center Square
- Repeat this process for the 8 surrounding squares until a limit has been reached
 - Recursive Depth
 - Pixel Limit

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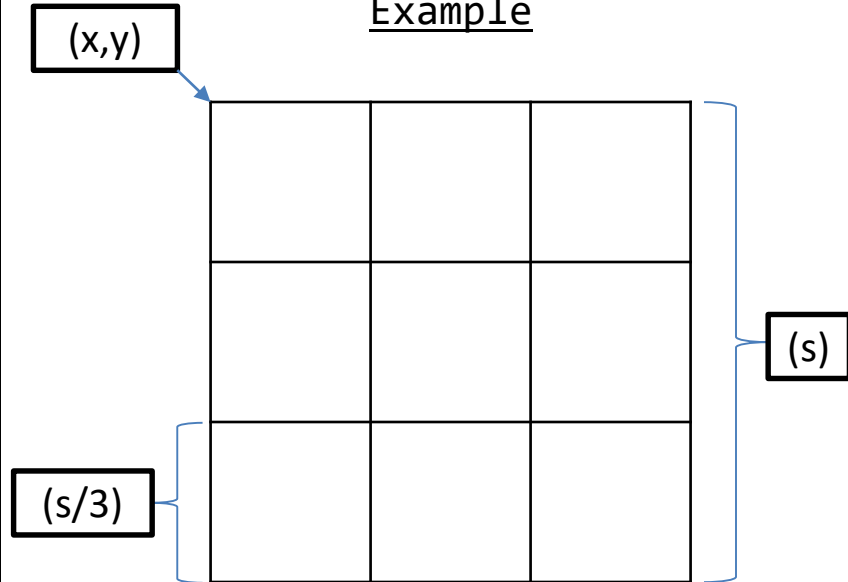


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Solution of the Small Problem

- Cut area in to 9 equal squares given the length (s) of a side and a starting top left coordinates (x,y)
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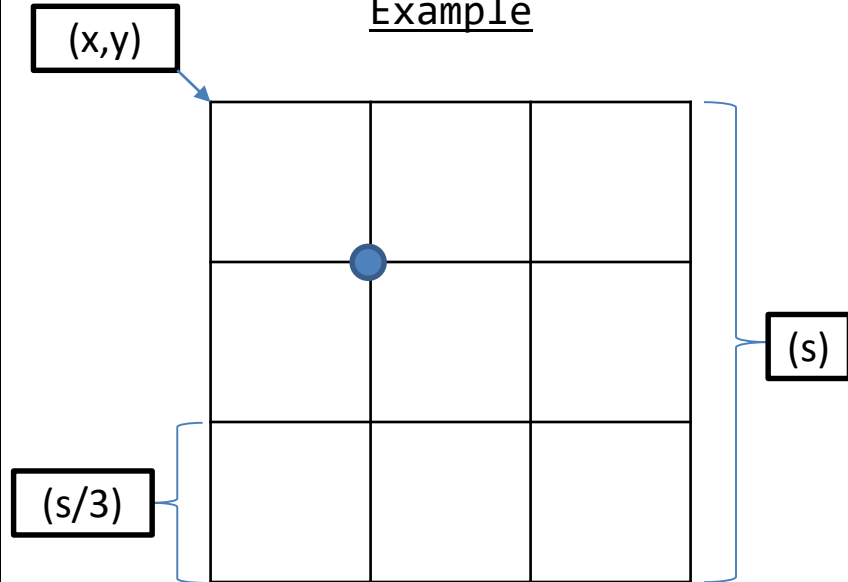


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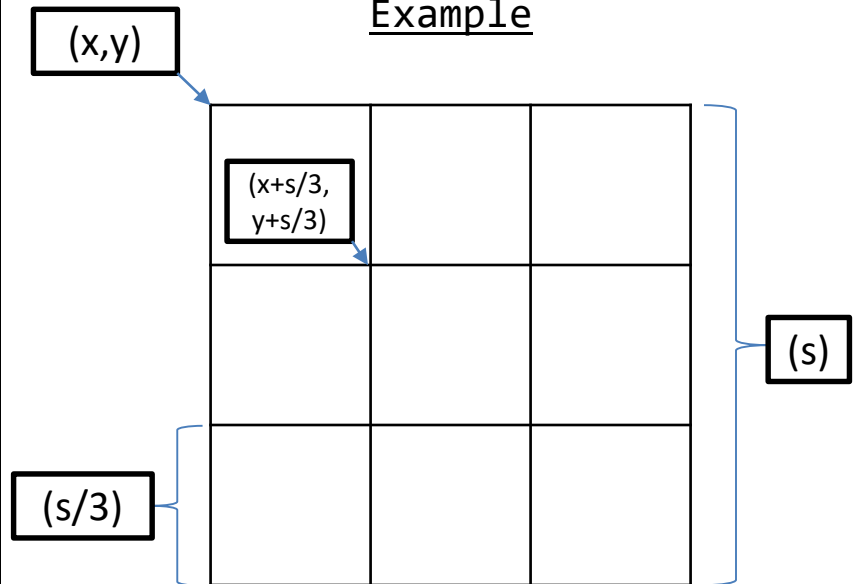


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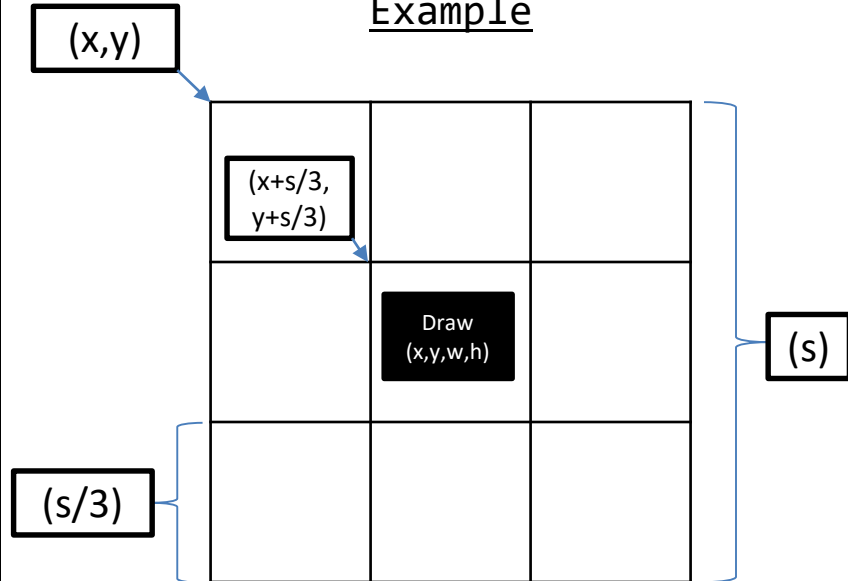


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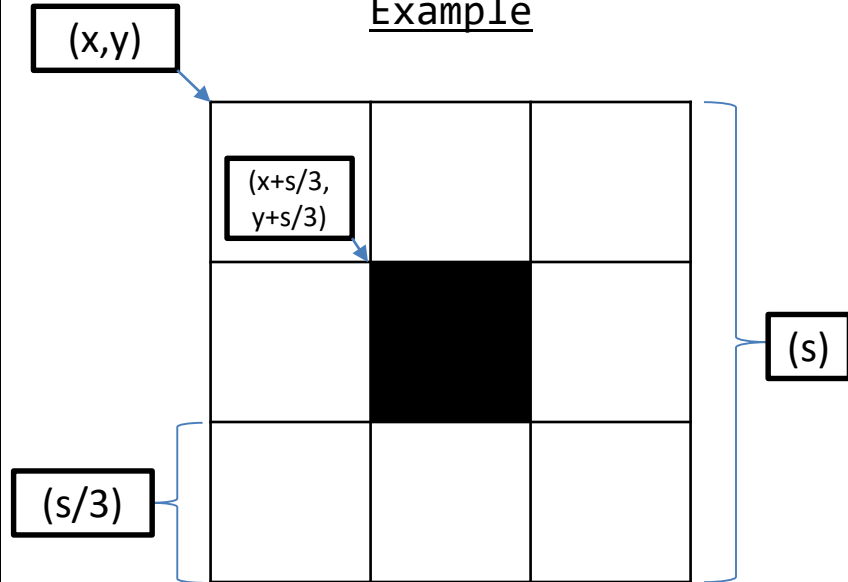


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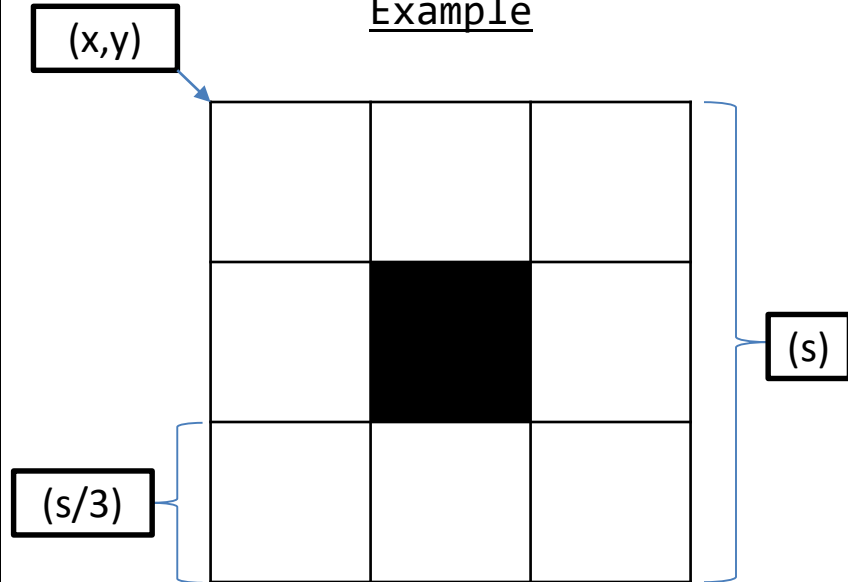


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- Repeat this process for the 8 surrounding squares until a limit has been reached
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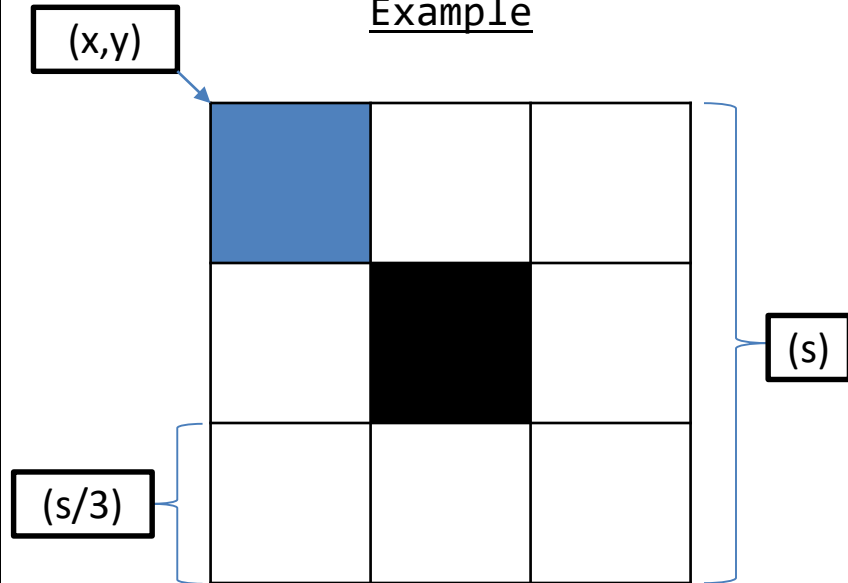


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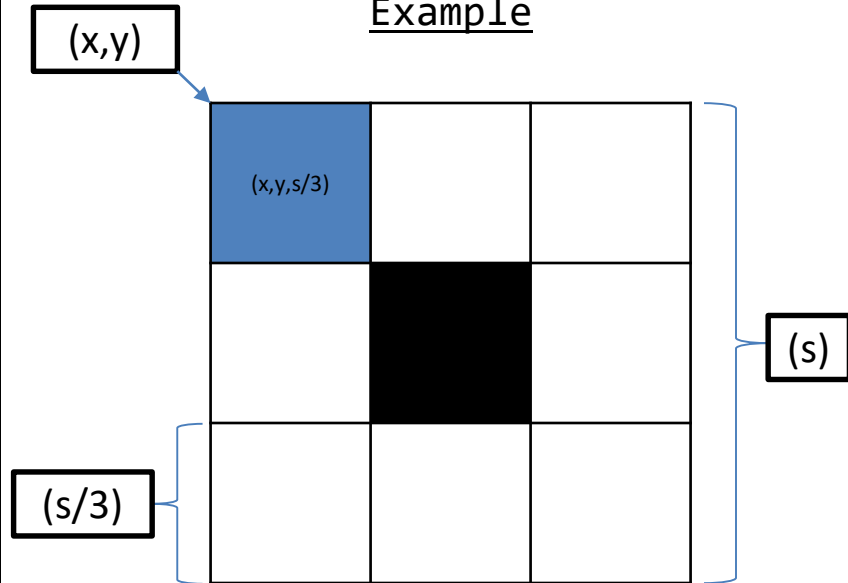


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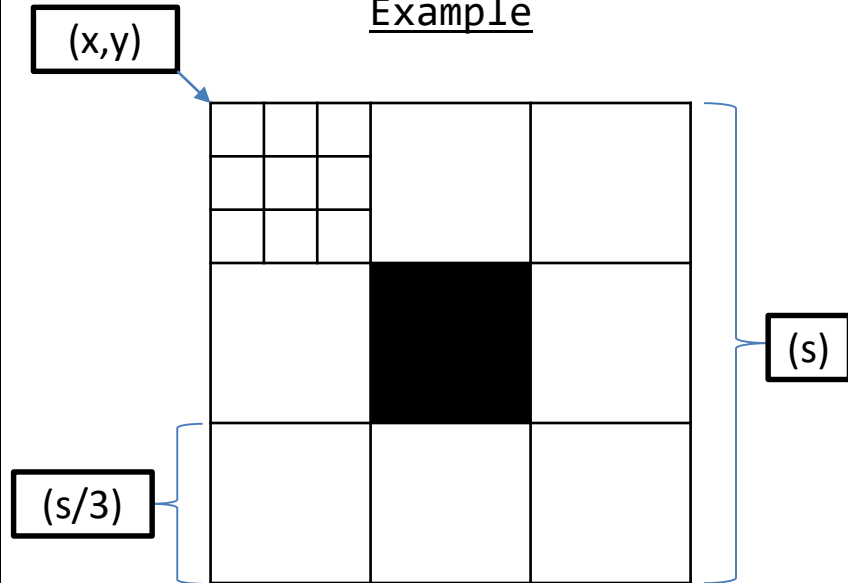


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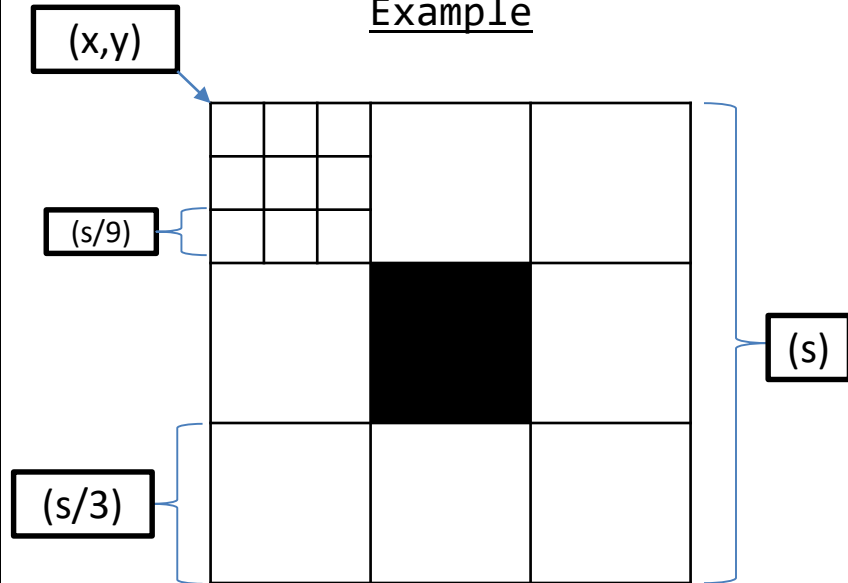


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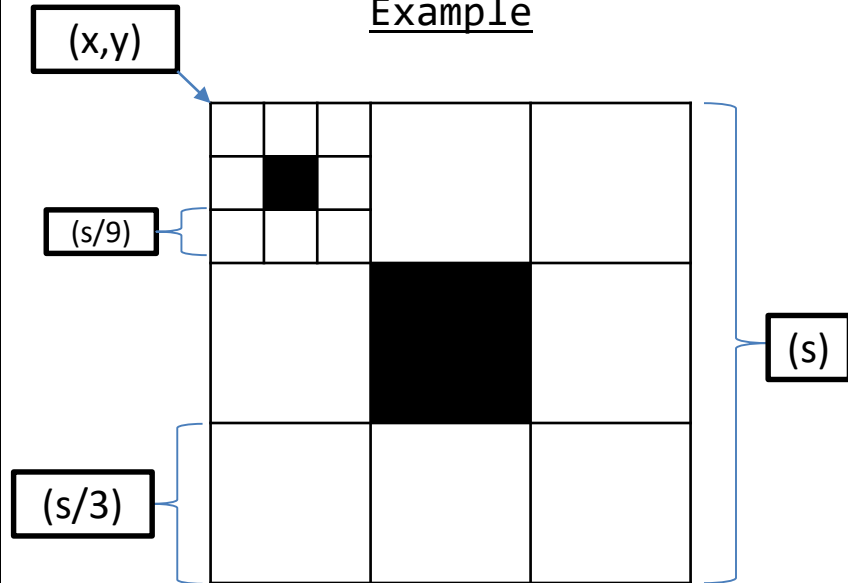


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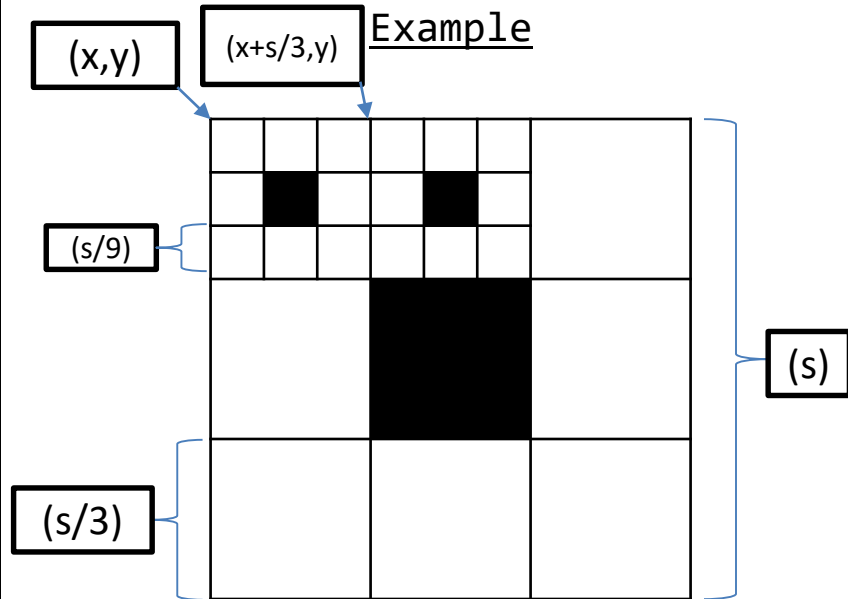
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