

Pulsing Images
The two images at the top are completed versions of the first cycles shown at bottom left and right. If you view either image in drawing mode using the links below you will see that the polygons pulse in and out as they complete each cycle.
These images used a version of the String Art file that allows one to automate $\boldsymbol{S}$ as a function of $\boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{a}$, and $\boldsymbol{T}$, much like the automating $\boldsymbol{P}$ file controls $\boldsymbol{P}$.


Setting $\boldsymbol{P}=\mathbf{2 S} \pm 1$ ensures one level change images with $\operatorname{GCD}(\boldsymbol{S}, \boldsymbol{P})=1$. The term $\boldsymbol{a}$ in the $\boldsymbol{S}$ function is included to control where the first cycle ends in order to create images that are one time around (MA. This is because $\boldsymbol{P} \cdot \boldsymbol{J}$ is MMI MOD $\boldsymbol{n}$.)

As you can tell from the first three images below, the parameter $\boldsymbol{T}$ controls the number of "replications" of the image seen. Each image is symmetric on the line from vertex 5 to midway between 0 and 1 . Think of the cross-overs as the ends of fingers that are just touching and are hugging a central figure. One can see $\boldsymbol{T}-1$ sets of arms, alternating fingertouch sides with each hugging all prior sets of arms like (slightly off-center) nesting dolls (or 2 crabs fighting).

These pulsing images need not be $\boldsymbol{n}$-gons matching the $\boldsymbol{n}$ in the underlying image as witnessed by the lower left image. The subdivision points have been included in this image. Notice that every $4^{\text {th }}$ point on the $1^{\text {st }}, 3^{\text {rd }}, 5^{\text {th }}$, and $7^{\text {th }}$ line of the VF is used in this instance but no points on the even VF lines are used in the first cycle. The second cycle reverses this pattern. This pattern is quite different from the other images which use points on all of the VF lines in the first cycle.
$1^{\text {st }}$ cycle given $\boldsymbol{n}=13, \boldsymbol{J}=6, \boldsymbol{S}=\boldsymbol{a}+(\boldsymbol{T}-1) \cdot \boldsymbol{n}, \boldsymbol{P}=2 \boldsymbol{S}-1$ for $\boldsymbol{T}=\underline{2}, \underline{5}, \& \underline{10}$. Imagine $\boldsymbol{T}-1$ hugging arms nesting dolls per cycle.


