

CS 365 — Programming Language Concepts

The History of Programming Languages

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The Lambda Calculus

$$\lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda z. \lambda s. m(nzs)s$$

Plankalkül

```
P1 max3 (V0[:8.0],V1[:8.0],V2[:8.0]) => R0[:8.0]  
max(V0[:8.0],V1[:8.0]) => Z1[:8.0]  
max(Z1[:8.0],V2[:8.0]) => R0[:8.0]  
END
```

```
P2 max (V0[:8.0],V1[:8.0]) => R0[:8.0]  
V0[:8.0] => Z1[:8.0]  
(Z1[:8.0] < V1[:8.0]) -> V1[:8.0] => Z1[:8.0]  
Z1[:8.0] => R0[:8.0]  
END
```

Rojas et al, [http://www.zib.de/zuse/Inhalt/Programme/Plankalkuel/
Plankalkuel-Report/Plankalkuel-Report.htm](http://www.zib.de/zuse/Inhalt/Programme/Plankalkuel/Plankalkuel-Report/Plankalkuel-Report.htm)

UNIVAC Short Code

$X3 = (X1 + Y1) / X1 * Y1$

X3 03 09 X1 07 Y1 02 04 X1 Y1

07Y10204X1Y1

0000X30309X1

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Short_Code_\(Computer_language\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Short_Code_(Computer_language))

FORTRAN

```
REAL SUM6,SUM7,SUM8,DIF6,DIF7,DIF8,SUMINF
*
OPEN(6,FILE='PRN')
SUM6=.9*(1.-0.1**6)/0.9
SUM7=.9*(1.-0.1**7)/0.9
SUM8=.9*(1.-0.1**8)/0.9
SUMINF=0.9/(1.0-0.1)
DIF6 = SUMINF - SUM6
DIF7 = SUMINF - SUM7
DIF8 = SUMINF - SUM8
WRITE(6,*) 'INFINITE SUM = ', SUMINF
WRITE(6,*) 'SUM6 = ', SUM6, '      INFINITE SUM - SUM6 = ', DIF6
WRITE(6,*) 'SUM7 = ', SUM7, '      INFINITE SUM - SUM7 = ', DIF7
WRITE(6,*) 'SUM8 = ', SUM8, '      INFINITE SUM - SUM8 = ', DIF8
STOP
END
```

<http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/fortran/Fortran.Example2.html>

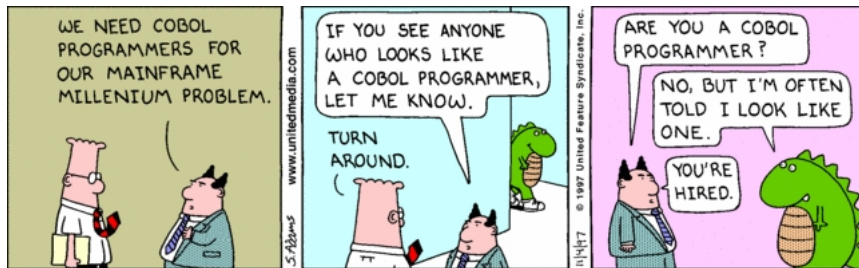
Fortran 77

```
PROGRAM TPK
  REAL A(0:10)
  READ (5,*) A
  DO 10 I = 10, 0, -1
    Y = FUN(A(I))
    IF ( Y . LT. 400) THEN
      WRITE(6,9) I,Y
      FORMAT(I10. F12.6)
    ELSE
      WRITE (6,5) I
      FORMAT(I10,' TOO LARGE')
    ENDIF
  CONTINUE
END
REAL FUNCTION FUN(T)
REAL T
FUN = SQRT(ABS(T)) + 5.0*T**3
END
```

COBOL

```
000100 ID DIVISION.
000200 PROGRAM-ID.  ACCEPT1.
000300 DATA DIVISION.
000400 WORKING-STORAGE SECTION.
000500 01 WS-FIRST-NUMBER PIC 9(3).
000600 01 WS-SECOND-NUMBER PIC 9(3).
000700 01 WS-TOTAL PIC ZZZ9.
000800*
000900 PROCEDURE DIVISION.
001000 0000-MAINLINE.
001100 DISPLAY 'ENTER A NUMBER: '.
001200 ACCEPT WS-FIRST-NUMBER.
001300*
001400 DISPLAY 'ANOTHER NUMBER: '.
001500 ACCEPT WS-SECOND-NUMBER.
001600*
001700 COMPUTE WS-TOTAL = WS-FIRST-NUMBER + WS-SECOND-NUMBER.
001800 DISPLAY 'THE TOTAL IS: ', WS-TOTAL.
001900 STOP RUN.
```

COBOL



Scott Adams, 1997

ALGOL

begin

integer N;

Read Int(N);

begin

real array Data[1:N];

real sum, avg;

integer i;

sum:=0;

for i:=1 step 1 until N do

begin real val;

Read Real(val);

Data[i]:=if val<0 then -val else val

end;

for i:=1 step 1 until N do

sum:=sum + Data[i];

avg:=sum/N;

Print Real(avg)

end

end

<http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/algol/average.htm>

LISP

```
(defun convert ()  
  (format t "Enter Fahrenheit ")  
  (LET (fahr)  
    (SETQ fahr (read fahr))  
    (APPEND '(celsius is) (*(- fahr 32)(/ 5 9)) )  
  )  
)
```

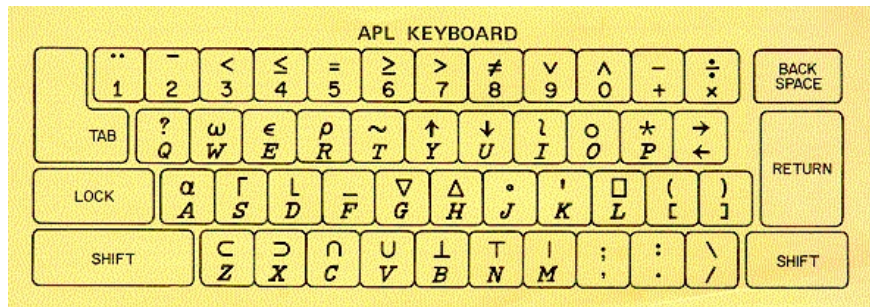
<http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/lisp/convert.html>

LISP



<http://deskthority.net/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=98>

APL



<http://www.rexswain.com/aplinfo.html>

```
⌈X[⌈X+.≠' ' ; ]
```

```
11fe+{t1 ωv.∧3 4=+/,~1 0 1◊.θ~1 0 1◊.ϕ◊ω}
```

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/APL_\(programming_language\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/APL_(programming_language))

SNOBOL

```

      &TRIM          =          1
      WORDPAT        =          BREAK(&LCASE &UCASE) SPAN(&LCASE &UCASE "'-") . W
      COUNT          =          ARRAY('3:9',0)
READ    LINE         =          INPUT                                :F(DONE)
NEXTW   LINE WORDPAT =          :F(READ)
      COUNT<SIZE(WORD)> = COUNT<SIZE(WORD)>+ 1          : (NEXTW)
DONE    OUTPUT       =          "WORD LENGTH      NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES"
      I              =          2
PRINT   I            =          I + 1
      OUTPUT         =          LPAD(I,5) LPAD(COUNT<I>,20)          :S(PRINT)

END
```

<http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/snobol/word.html>

BASIC

```
10 INPUT "ENTER TWO NUMBERS SEPARATED BY A COMMA:"  
20 LET S = N1 + N2  
30 LET D = N1 - N2  
40 LET P = N1 * N2  
50 LET Q = N1 / N2  
60 PRINT "THE SUM IS ", S  
70 PRINT "THE DIFFERENCE IS ", D  
80 PRINT "THE PRODUCT IS ", P  
90 PRINT "THE QUOTIENT IS ", Q  
100 END
```

<http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/basic/mathoper.htm>

LOGO

```
FORWARD 100 ; draws a square with sides 100 units long  
LEFT 90  
FORWARD 100  
LEFT 90  
FORWARD 100  
LEFT 90  
FORWARD 100  
LEFT 90
```

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logo_\(programming_language\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logo_(programming_language))

Forth

```
0 CONSTANT ${
: ->$$ CELLS + CELL+ @ COUNT ; ( addr ix -- 'strings )
: }$ CREATE ( addr*u u -- ) DUP , 0 ?DO , LOOP
DOES> ( ix -- c-addr u ) DUP @ 1- ROT - ->$$ ;
: }s$ CREATE ( addr*u u -- ) DUP 3 / , 0 ?DO , LOOP
DOES> ( ix -- c-addr u ) DUP @ 1- ROT - 3 * 3 CHOOSE + ->$$ ;
: }r$ CREATE ( addr*u u -- ) DUP , 0 ?DO , LOOP
DOES> ( -- c-addr u ) DUP @ CHOOSE ->$$ ;
S" phrases.forth" INCLUDED
' filler >BODY @ CONSTANT #phrases
' intros >BODY @ CONSTANT #intros
: Split-At-Char ( addr1 n1 char -- addr2+n2 n1-n2 addr2 n2 )
LOCALS| ch |
ch SKIP
2DUP ch SCAN TUCK 2>R - 2R> 2SWAP ;
: CR' CR 0 linecount ! ;
: SPACE' linecount @ IF SPACE 1 linecount +! THEN ;
: TYPE' DUP linecount +! TYPE ; ( char -- )
: -FITS? linecount @ + RMARGIN > ; ( #chars -- TRUE=fits-on-this-line )
: ANOTHER? DUP ; ( #chars -- TRUE=string-not-empty )
```

<http://www.forth.com/starting-forth/sf12/wordgame.forth>

Lucid

```
prime
  where
    prime = 2 fby (n whenever isprime(n));
    n = 3 fby n+2;
    isprime(n) = not(divs) asa divs or prime*prime > N
      where
        N is current n;
        divs = N mod prime eq 0;
      end;
  end
```

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucid_\(programming_language\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucid_(programming_language))

Prolog

```
gcd(A,B,GCD) :- A = B, GCD = A.  
gcd(A,B,GCD) :- A < B, NB is B - A, gcd(A,NB,GCD).  
gcd(A,B,GCD) :- A > B, NA is A - B, gcd(NA,B,GCD).  
  
fib(0,1).  
fib(1,1).  
fib(N,F) :- N > 1, N1 is N - 1, N2 is N - 2,  
           fib(N1,F1), fib(N2,F2), F is F1 + F2.  
  
ack(0,N,A) :- A is N + 1.  
ack(M1,0,A) :- M > 0, M is M - 1, ack(M,1,A).  
ack(M1,N1,A) :- M1 > 0, N1 > 0, M is M - 1, N is N - 1,  
               ack(M1,N,A1), ack(M,A1,A).
```

<http://cs.wvc.edu/KU/PR/Prolog.html>

```
BUBBLE:  PROCEDURE (ARRAY,N); /* BUBBLE SORT*/  
        DECLARE (I,J) FIXED BIN(15);  
        DECLARE S BIT(1);      /* SWITCH */  
        DECLARE Y FIXED BIN(15); /* TEMPO */  
        DO I = N-1 BY -1 TO 1;  
            S = '1'B;  
            DO J = 1 TO I;  
                IF X(J)>X(J+1) THEN DO;  
                    S = '0'B;  
                    Y = X(J);  
                    X(J) = X(J+1);  
                    X(J+1) = Y;  
                END;  
            END;  
            IF S THEN RETURN;  
        END;  
        RETURN;  
        END SRT;
```

Pascal

```
program ArithFunc;

    const
        Sentinel =0.0;
    var
        X:Real;
begin
    writeln('After each line enter a real number or 0.0 to stop');
    writeln;
    writeln('X', 'Trunc(x)' :16, 'Round(X)' :10, 'Abs(X)' :10,
            'Sqr(X)' :10, 'Sqrt(Abs(X))' :15);
    readln (X);
    while X <> Sentinel do
        begin
            writeln (Trunc(X) :17, Round(X) :10, Abs(X) :10:2,
                    Sqr(x) :10:2, Sqrt(Abs(X)) :10:2);
            readln(X);
        end
    end.
```

<http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/pascal/arithmetic.>

Ada

```
package body ArrayCalc is
  function sum return integer is
    temp: integer;
  -- Body of function sum
  begin
    temp := 0;
    for i in 1..v.sz loop
      temp := temp + v.val(i);
    end loop;
    v.sz:=0;
    return temp;
  end sum;

  procedure setval(arg:in integer) is
  begin
    v.sz:= v.sz+1;
    v.val(v.sz):=arg;
  end setval; end;
```

http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/ada/array_summation

BCPL

```
// Routine to compute a checksum of a
// named file, simplified from a compiler example.
GET "libhdr"

LET start() = VALOF
$( LET args      = VEC 50
  LET instream   = 0
  LET outstream  = 0
  LET sum        = 314159

  IF rdargs("FROM/A,TO/K", args, 50) = 0 DO
$( writes("Bad arguments for CHECKSUM*n")
  RESULTIS 20
$)

  instream := findinput(args!0)
  IF instream = 0 DO $( writef("can't open %s*n", args!0)
    RESULTIS 20
    $)
  selectinput(instream)
```

http://cgibin.erols.com/ziring/cgi-bin/cep/cep.pl?_alpha=b

B

```
printn(n,b) {  
    extrn putchar;  
    auto a;  
  
    if(a=n/b) /* assignment, not test for equality */  
        printn(a, b); /* recursive */  
    putchar(n%b + '0');  
}
```

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B_\(programming_language\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/B_(programming_language))

Simula

```
BEGIN INTEGER X, N, SUM, MAX;

IF LASTITEM THEN OUTTEXT ("NULL LIST") ELSE
BEGIN SUM:=MAX:=ININT;
N:=1;

WHILE LASTITEM DC
BEGIN X:=ININT;
N:=N+1;
IF X > MAX THEN MAX:=X;
SUM:=SUM+X;
END;
OUTTEXT("LIST LENGTH = ");      OUTINT (N, 6);
OUTTEXT("          HIGHEST = "); OUTINT (MAX, 6);
OUTTEXT("          AVERAGE = "); OUTFIX (SUM/N, 2,, 8);

END;
OUTIMAGE;
END
```

<http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/simula/f1.html>

Smalltalk

```
|scfk|  
f := Array new: 26.  
s := Prompter prompt: 'Enter line'  
default: ''.  
1 to: 26 do [:i | f at: i put: 0].  
1 to: s size do: [:i |  
c := (s at: i) asLowerCase.  
c isLetter  
ifTrue: [  
k := c asciiValue - &a asciiValue + 1  
]  
].  
~f
```

<http://www.engin.umd.umich.edu/CIS/course.des/cis400/smalltalk/freq.htm>

Eternal Flame by Bob Kanefsky
(Parody on *God lives on Terra* by Julia Ecklar)

*I was taught assembler
in my second year of school.
It's kinda like construction work –
with a toothpick for a tool.
So when I made my senior year,
I threw my code away,
And learned the way to program
that I still prefer today.*

Humor

*Now, some folks on the Internet
put their faith in C++.
They swear that it's so powerful,
it's what God used for us.
And maybe it lets mortals dredge
their objects from the C.
But I think that explains
why only God can make a tree.*

Humor

*For God wrote in Lisp code
When he filled the leaves with green.
The fractal flowers and recursive roots:
The most lovely hack I've seen.
And when I ponder snowflakes,
never finding two the same,
I know God likes a language
with its own four-letter name.*

Humor

*Now, I've used a SUN under Unix,
so I've seen what C can hold.
I've surfed for Perls, found what Fortran's for,
Got that Java stuff down cold.
Though the chance that I'd write COBOL code
is a SNOBOL's chance in Hell.
And I basically hate hieroglyphs,
so I won't use APL.*

Humor

*Now, God must know all these languages,
and a few I haven't named.
But the Lord made sure, when each sparrow falls,
that its flesh will be reclaimed.
And the Lord could not count grains of sand
with a 32-bit word.
Who knows where we would go to
if Lisp weren't what he preferred?*

*And God wrote in Lisp code
Every creature great and small.
Don't search the disk drive for man.c,
When the listing's on the wall.
And when I watch the lightning burn
Unbelievers to a crisp,
I know God had six days to work,
So he wrote it all in Lisp.*

*Yes, God had a deadline.
So he wrote it all in Lisp.*

Are programming languages languages?

In some universities, the systems used [to program computers] (BASIC, PASCAL, LISP, etc), metaphorically referred to as “programming languages,” can now be substituted for the study of French, German, or Russian, the faster to make the students computer literate. These are not, of course, languages at all; they are coding systems.

Theodore Roszak, “Computers and Reason”

Are programming languages languages?

The typical person's understanding of the language he uses, however, is not so profound as to prevent him from labeling something as a language that might resemble one only superficially. Thus, it is not surprising that the systems of notation which we use to communicate with our computers came to be known as "programming languages." In fact, the very first programmer, Lady Lovelace, seems to have had the idea of a programming language as early as 1846...

In view of the venerable past of the programming language concept, it would be pedantic to attempt to demonstrate that programming languages are not "real" languages. Languages are what they say they are, and we are perfectly entitled to include systems of communication between man and computer under the same rubric as systems of communication between man and man or beast and beast.