# Lisp Machines and the Analysis of Their High-Level Language Computer Architecture

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#### Overview

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## Early history of Lisp

- Lambda Calculus introduced in 1930s by Alonzo Church
- Fortran in 1957
- No programming languages optimized for artificial intelligence
- Lisp designed in 1958 by John McCarthy
- Lisp code implemented on IBM 170 months after

## Lisp machines

- Lisp machines released in mid-1970s, became popular in 1980s
- Manufactured by Symbolics, Lisp Machines, Inc., Xerox, TI
- Offered GUIs, advanced programmability, flexibility
- Noncompetitive hardware
- Eventually became outperformed by general-purpose computers
- Vendors went bankrupt in 1990s



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#### **Theorem**

Theorem (Mass–energy equivalence)

$$E = mc^2$$

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