

# 1 - introduction

programming linguistics: the study of programming languages

programming languages		natural languages
syntax	→	form
semantics	→	meaning
• can be analyzed, designed, and implemented on computers		• can only be analyzed

programming languages' fundamental requirements

universal = every program must have a solution that can be programmed in the language

(church-turing hypothesis) like loops, recursion.

natural = for solving problems within its intended application area (like numerics, strings, files)

implementable = on a computer. (mathematical notation and natural languages are not implementable, so they cannot be classified as programming languages)

efficient = works with acceptable CPU and memory

concepts of programming languages → underlying design

- data(values) and types
- variables and storage
- bindings and scope
- procedural abstraction
- data abstraction
- generic abstraction
- type systems
- control flow
- concurrency

paradigms of programming languages → different selection of key concepts for different styles

\*imperative = use of variables, commands, and procedures Fortran, C, C++, Java

object oriented = use of objects, classes, and inheritance C++, Java

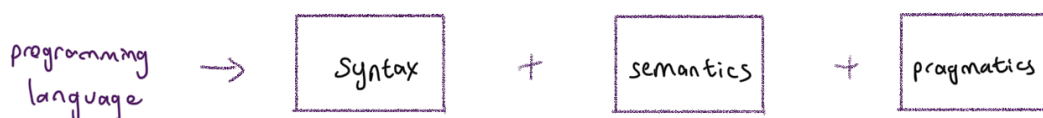
concurrent = use of concurrent processes, and various control abstractions Ada

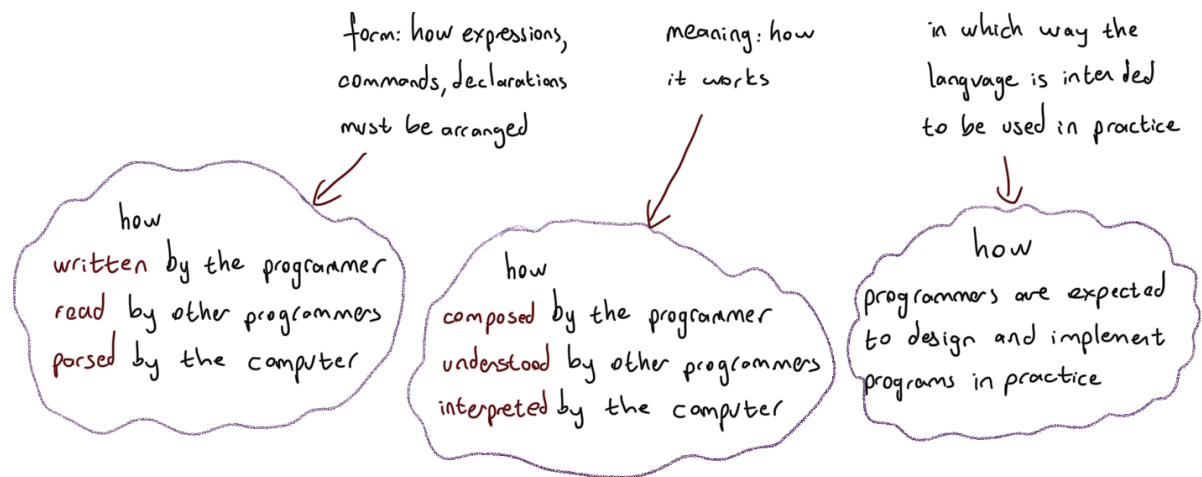
\*functional = use of functions ML and Haskell

\*logic = use of relations Prolog (was the ancestor, but still the most popular)

scripting = by the presence of very high-level features Python

\* mainly there are three types. imperative, functional, logic. object-oriented languages are all imperative. (objects are just like big variables)





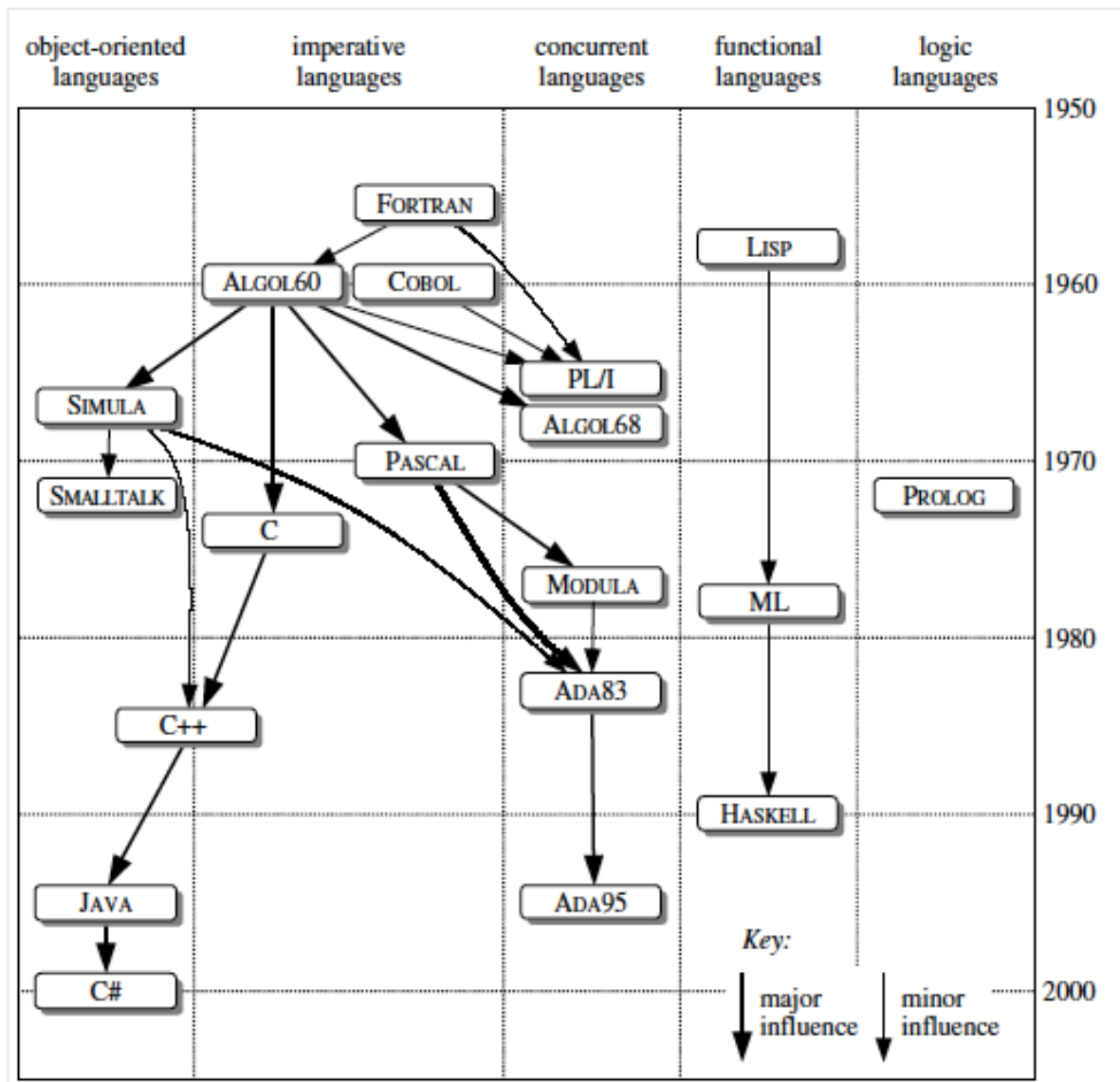
### high level languages:

- independent of the machines on which programs are executed
- implemented by compiling programs into machine language
  - by interpreting them directly
  - by some combination of compilation and interpretation
- FORTRAN was the earliest major high-level language

language processors = any system for processing (executing, or preparing for execution) programs. include compilers

interpreters

auxiliary tools (like source-code editors and debuggers) like eclipse, visual studio



**C** → originally designed to be the system prog. lang. of the Unix operating system  
 ↳ is suitable for writing both high/low level, but its low-level features are easily misused, causing code to be unportable and unmaintainable.

**C++** → designed by adding object oriented concepts to C  
 ↳ its design is clumsy, because it has all C's shortcomings and some more of its own

**JAVA** → designed by simplifying C++, by removing all its shortcomings.

**C#** → similar to java. more efficient implementation for ordinary application programming