J

a programming language

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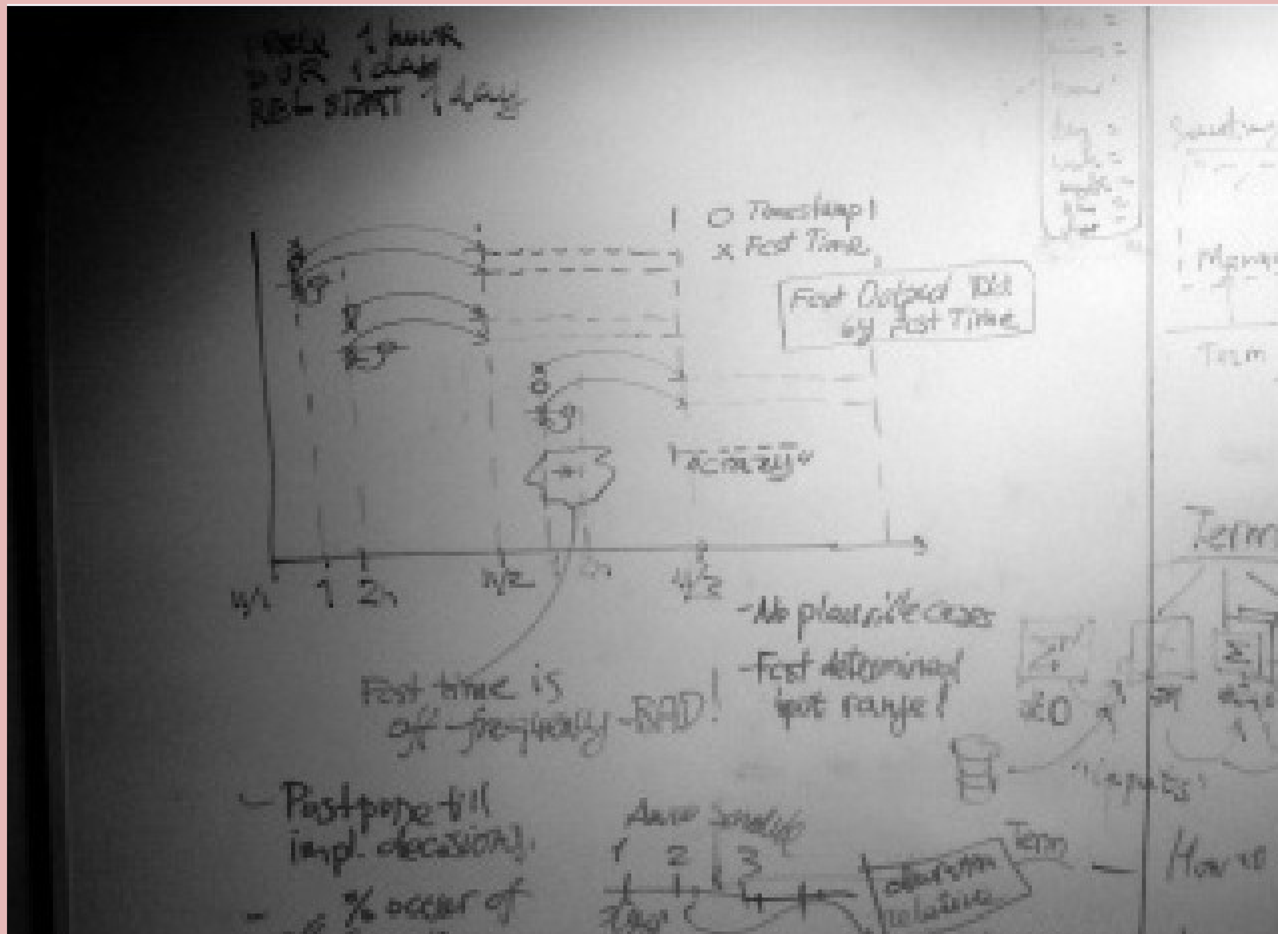
J first released in 1990

What sort of problem does J fit well?

subtraction!

subtraction: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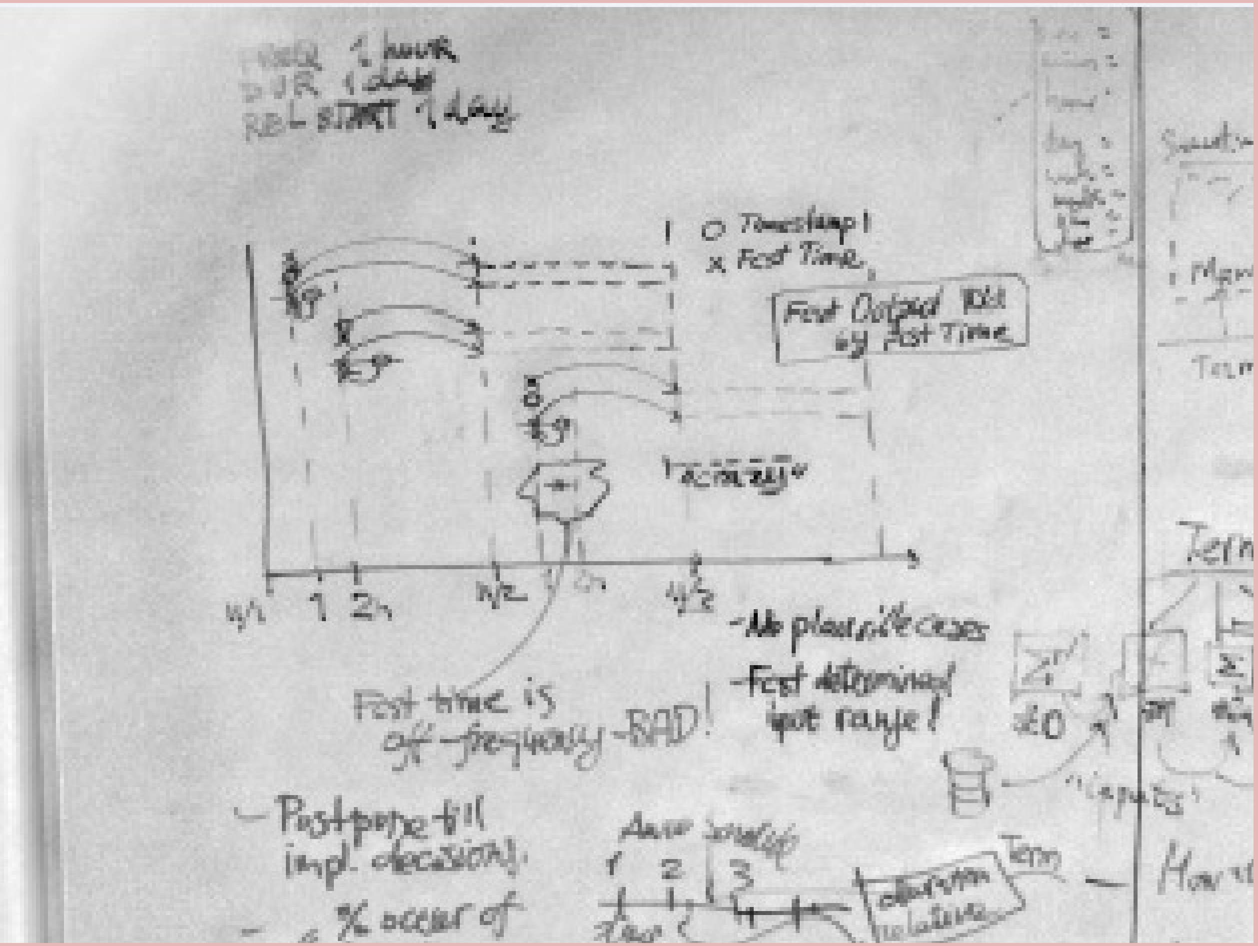
Term



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o Timestamp
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Background removal calculation by Oleg Kobchenko

http://www.jsoftware.com/jwiki/OlegKobchenko/Background%20Removal

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A noun is a collection.

Nouns are regular.

A verb applies across a whole noun.

Over fifty years of refinement

“APL is an array language with a highly-functional flavour, and a rich set of carefully-thought-out array operations.”

Simon Peyton Jones

1957 chalkboards

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mathematical notation
to express computation

1957 chalkboards
1962 a book

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A Programming Language

1957 chalkboards
1962 a book
1964 a paper

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a formal description of the
IBM System/360 series machine
architecture and functionality

1957	chalkboards
1962	a book
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example verb:
average

```
   MyList=: 7 4 6 8 2 3

   MyList
7 4 6 8 2 3
```

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   MyList=: 7 4 6 8 2 3

   MyList
7 4 6 8 2 3

   +/MyList
30

   # MyList
6
```

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30

   # MyList
6

   30 % 6
5
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   +/MyList
30
   # MyList
6

   (+/MyList) % (#MyList)
5
```

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30
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   average=: +/ % #

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5
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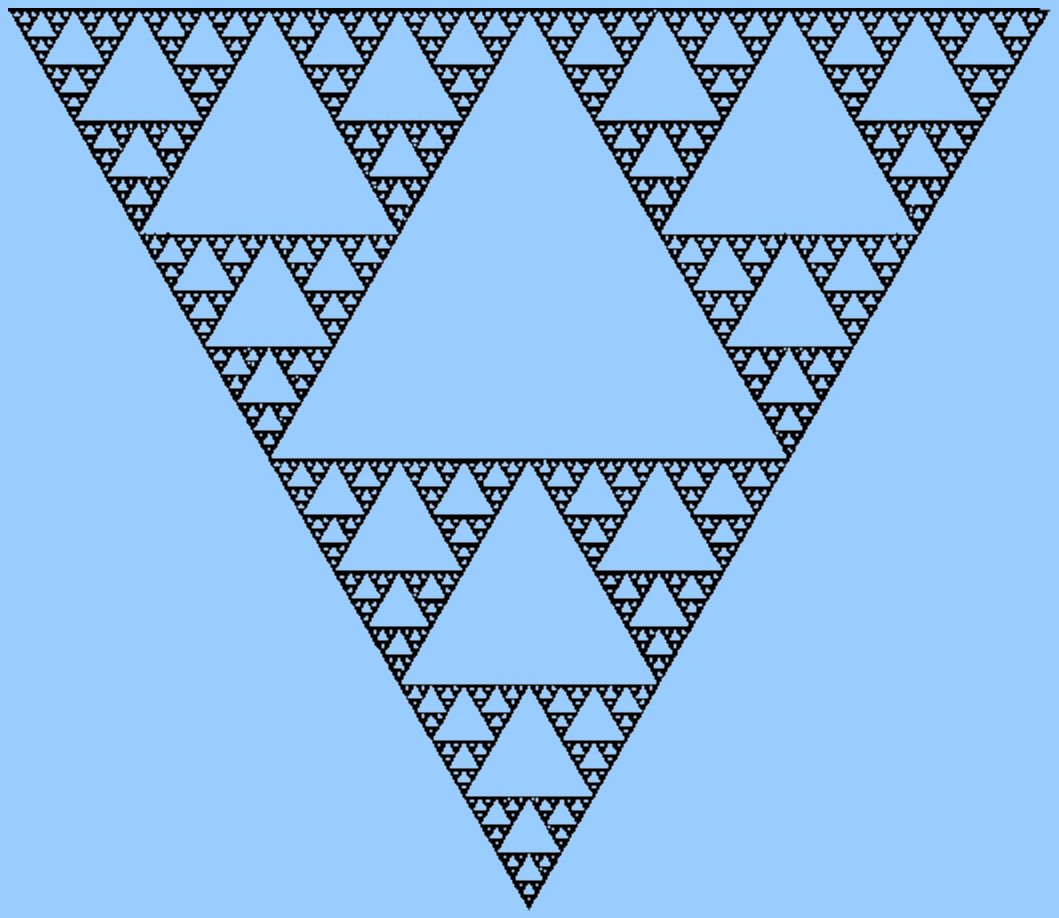
verb trains



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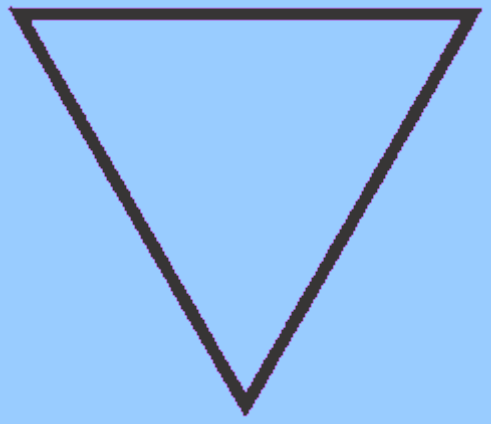

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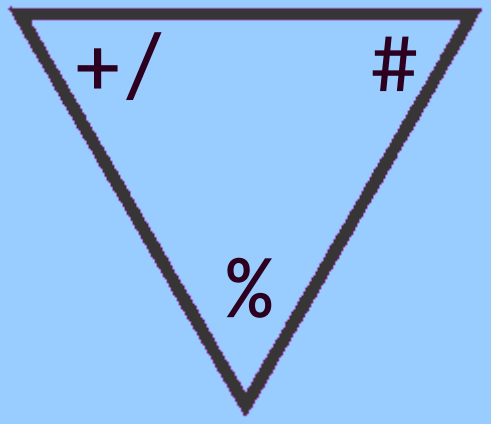

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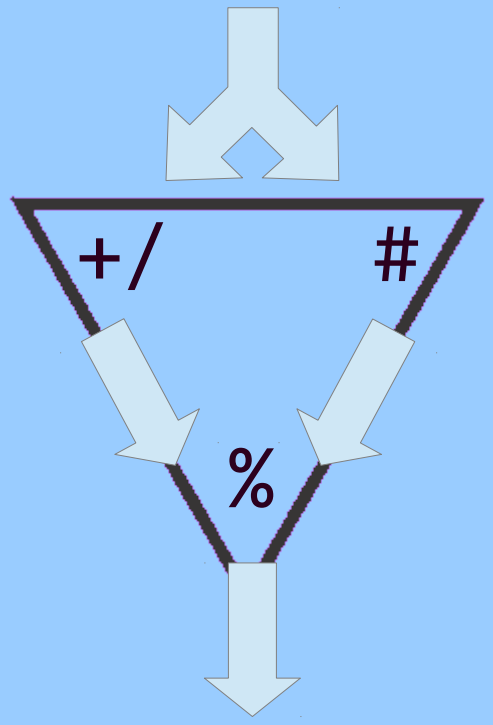

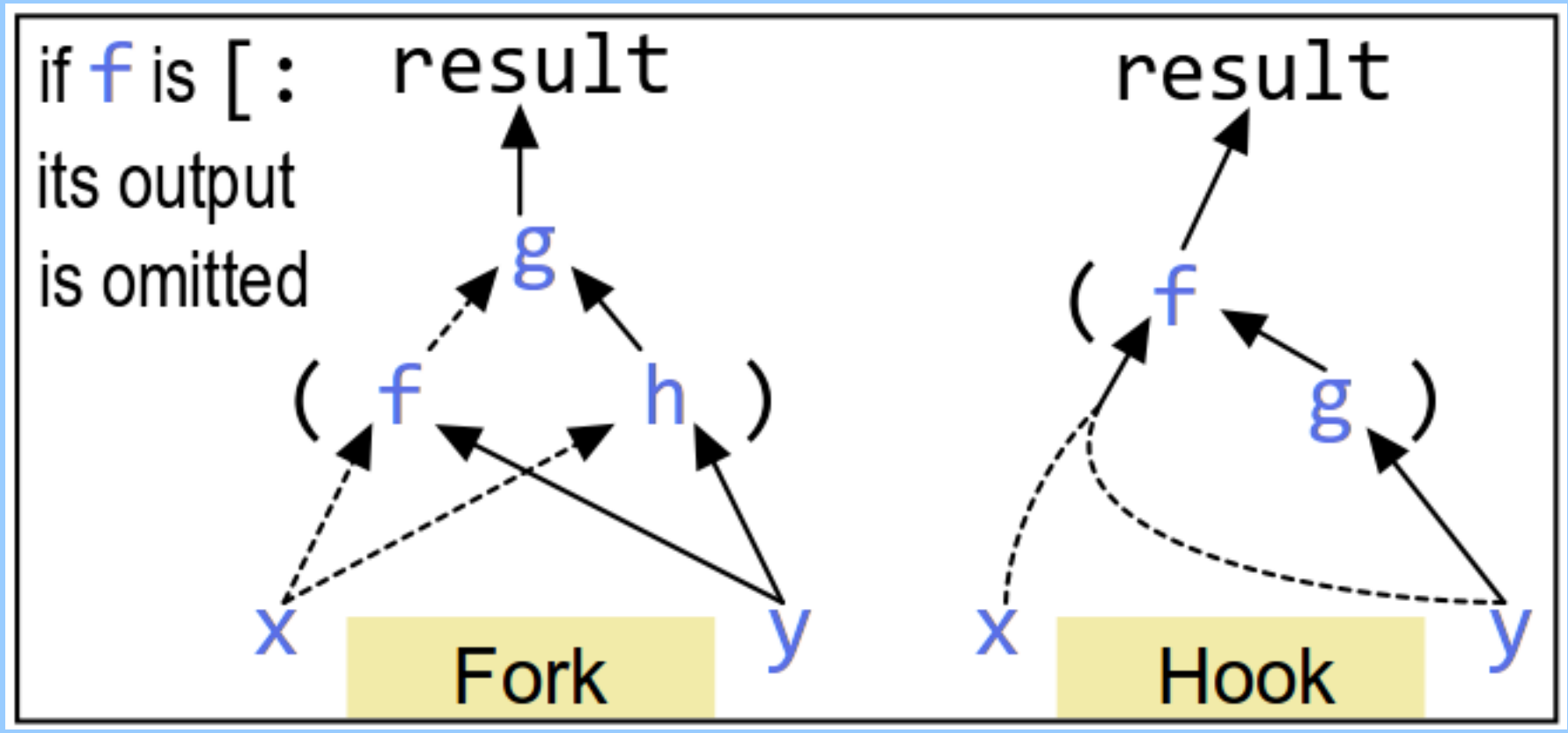
if f is [:
its output
is omitted
result
g
(f h)
x
y
Fork
result
(f
g)
x
y
Hook

f g h

f g

```
   isLeap=: 0 -/@:= 4 100 400 |/ ]

   isLeap 1900 1996 1997 2000
0 1 0 1
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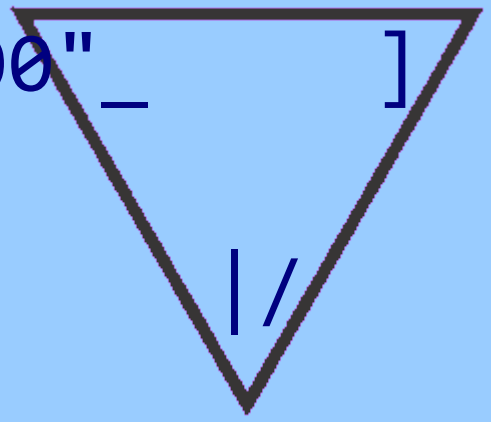

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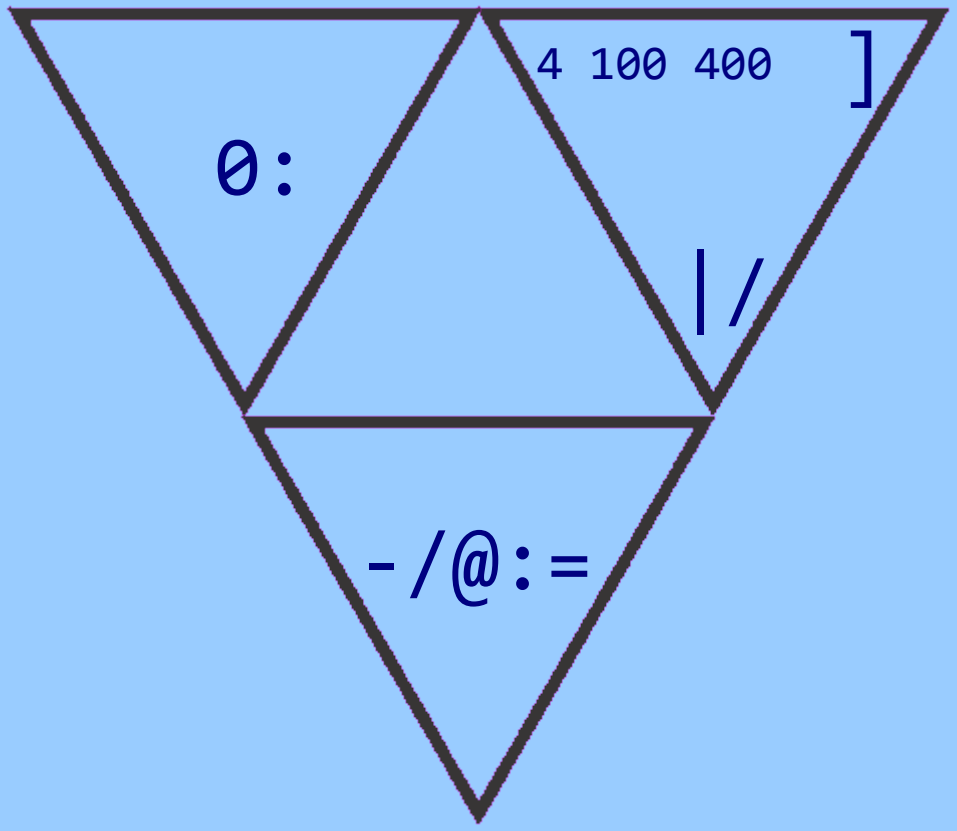

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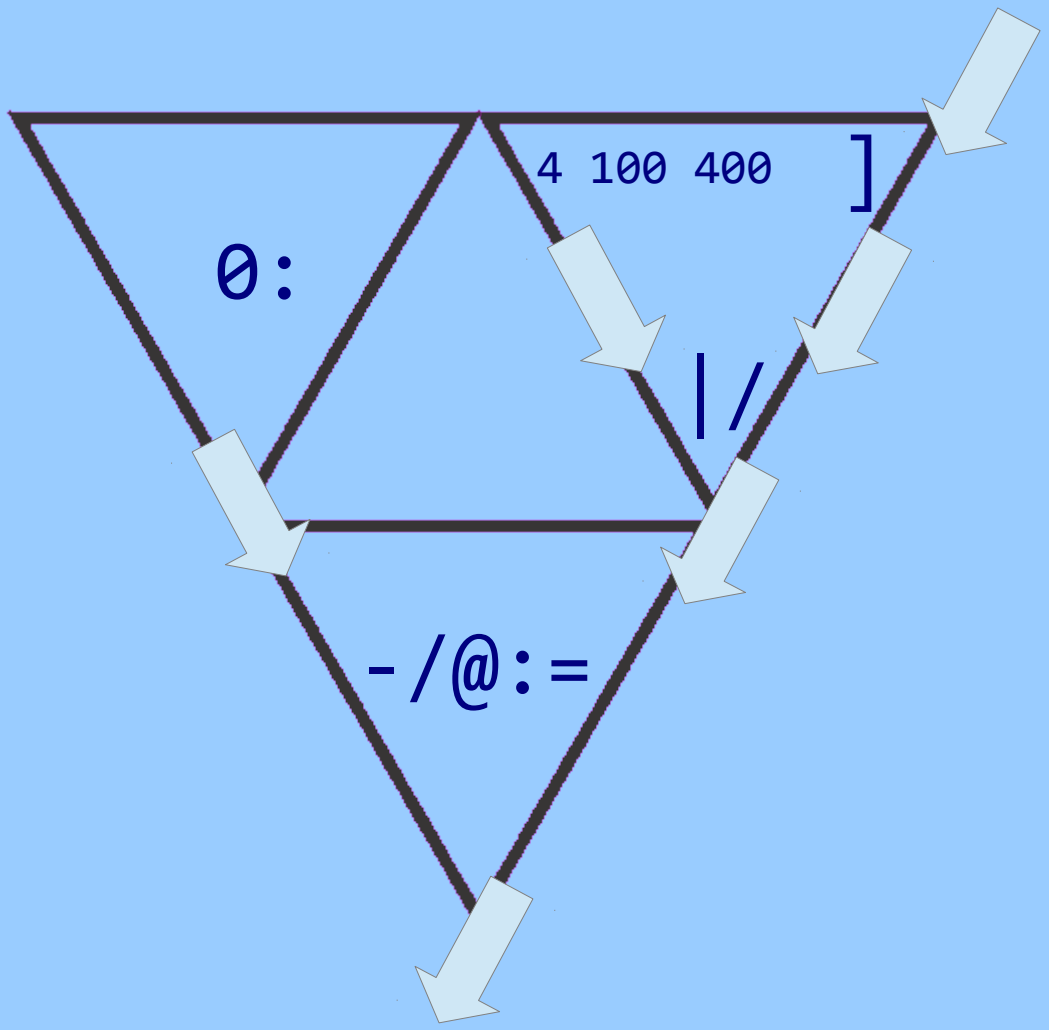

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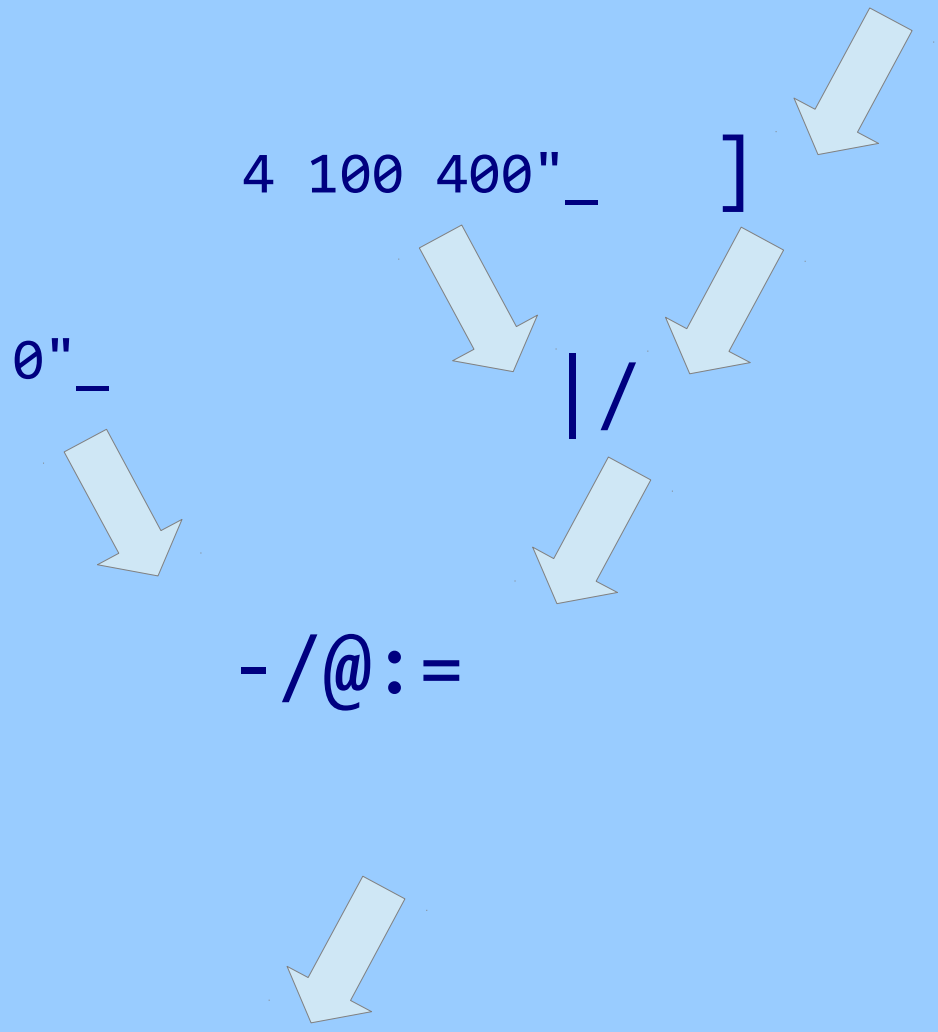

A verb train is denoted by adjacency.

A fork is a HOF. Adjacent verbs are its arguments.

Branching & converging.

verb: numeronym

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internationalization
i18n

```
   # 'word'
4
   {.'word'
w
   {:'word'
d
```

```
   # 'word'
4
   {.'word'
w
   {:'word'
d
   ( {. , {: ) 'word'
wd
```

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4
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wd
   'w2d'
w2d
```

```
    'w2d'
w2d
    'w','2','d'
w2d
```

```
   'w2d'
w2d
   'w','2','d'
w2d
   'w',2,'d'
|domain error
|   'w',2    ,'d'
```

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   ": 2            NB. ": means format
2
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|   'w',2    ,'d‘

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2
   '2' = ": 2
1
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2
   '2' = ": 2
1
   'w',(": 2),'d'
w2d
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   'w',(": 2),'d'
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   {. , ": , {:          NB. kinda
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   'w',(": 2),'d'
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   # 'internationalization'
20
   (#-2:) 'internationalization'
18
```

```
   'w',(": 2),'d'
w2d

   {. , ": , {:         NB. kinda

   # 'internationalization'
20
   (#-2:) 'internationalization'
18
   datatype (#-2:) 'text'
integer
   datatype ([: ": #-2:) 'text'
literal
```

```
middle=: [: ": #-2:
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middle=: [: ": #-2:

numeronym=: {. , middle , {:
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numeronym 'internationalization'
i18n
```

success!

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   middle=: [: ": #-2:

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   numeronym 'internationalization'
i18n

   NB. but short words, ewww...

   numeronym&> ;:'by the way'
b0y
t1e
w1y
```

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numeronym=: {. , middle , {:

long=: #>3:

n7m=: ]`numeronym @. long
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   n7m &> ;:'alphabetize if you will'
a9e
if
you
w2l
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substitutability

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