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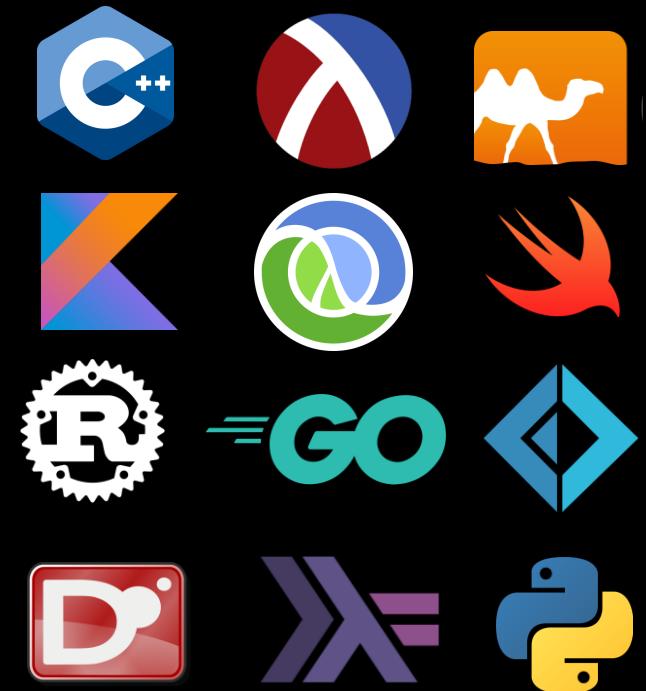
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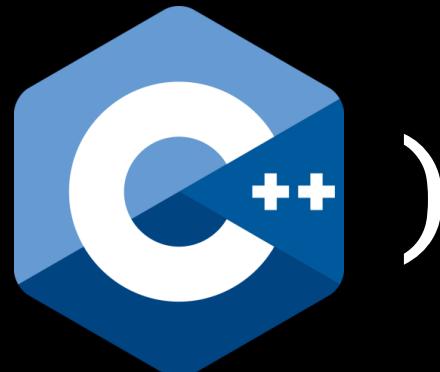
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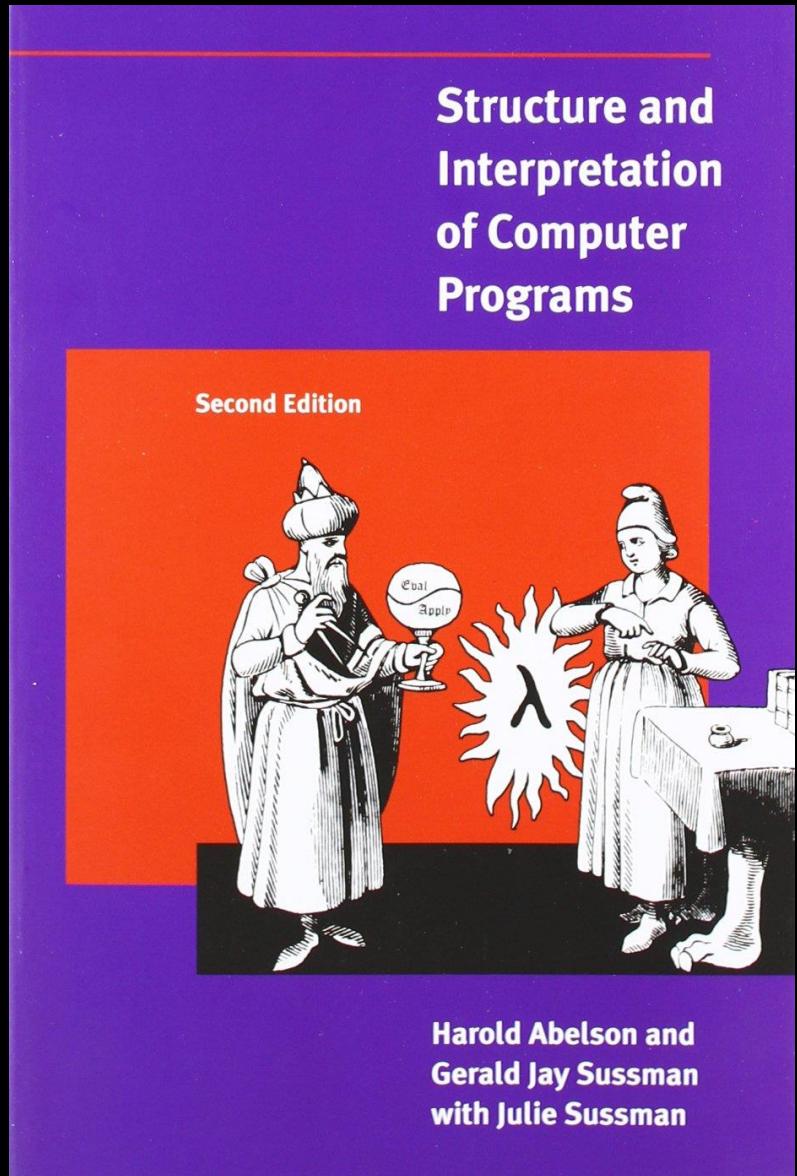
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2. Highlights
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4. Conclusion





Reviews

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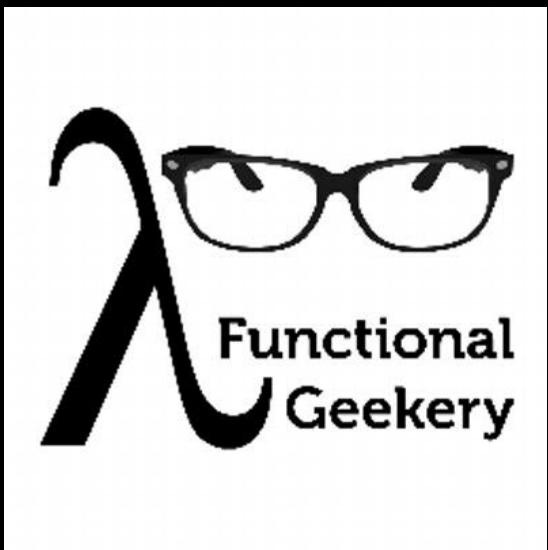
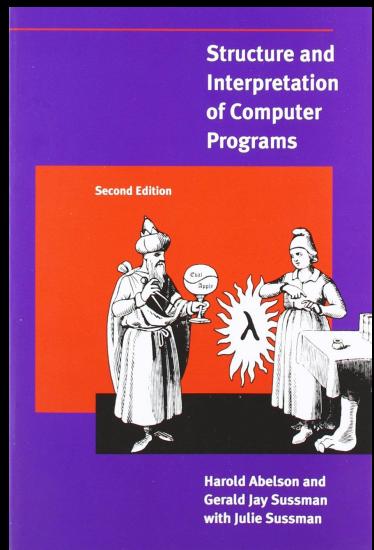
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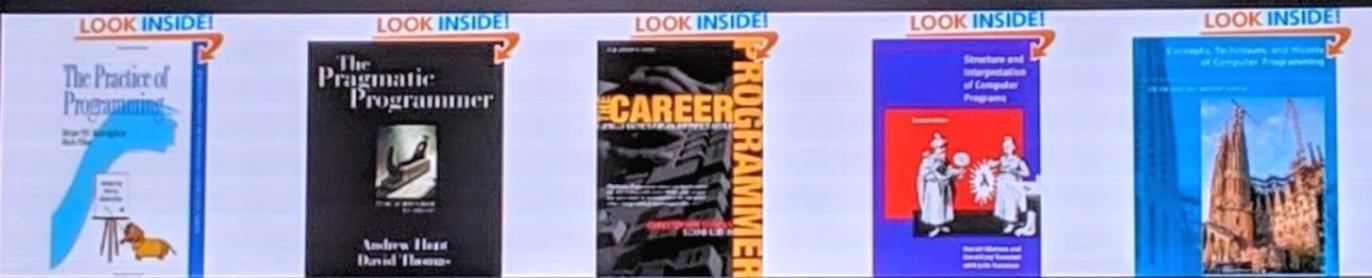
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SICP was revolutionary in many different ways...

SICP is about standing back from the details to learn big-picture ways to think about the programming process. It focused attention on the central idea of abstraction... the idea of functions as data... [and] three different programming paradigms: functional, object oriented, and declarative.

<https://people.eecs.berkeley.edu/~bh/sicp.html>

Programming Paradigms for Dummies: What Every Programmer Should Know

Peter Van Roy

This chapter gives an introduction to all the main programming paradigms, their underlying concepts, and the relationships between them. We give a broad view to help programmers choose the right concepts they need to solve the problems at hand. We give a taxonomy of almost 30 useful programming paradigms and how they are related. Most of them differ only in one or a few concepts, but this can make a world of difference in programming. We explain briefly how programming paradigms influence language design, and we show two sweet spots: dual-paradigm languages and a definitive language. We introduce the main concepts of programming languages: records, closures, independence (concurrency), and named state. We explain the main principles of data abstraction and how it lets us organize large programs. Finally, we conclude by focusing on concurrency, which is widely considered the hardest concept to program with. We present four little-known but important paradigms that greatly simplify concurrent programming with respect to mainstream languages: declarative concurrency (both eager and lazy), functional reactive programming, discrete synchronous programming, and constraint programming. These paradigms have no race conditions and can be used in cases where no other paradigm works. We explain why for multi-core processors and we give several examples from computer music, which often uses these paradigms.

More is not better (or worse) than less, just different.

– The paradigm paradox.

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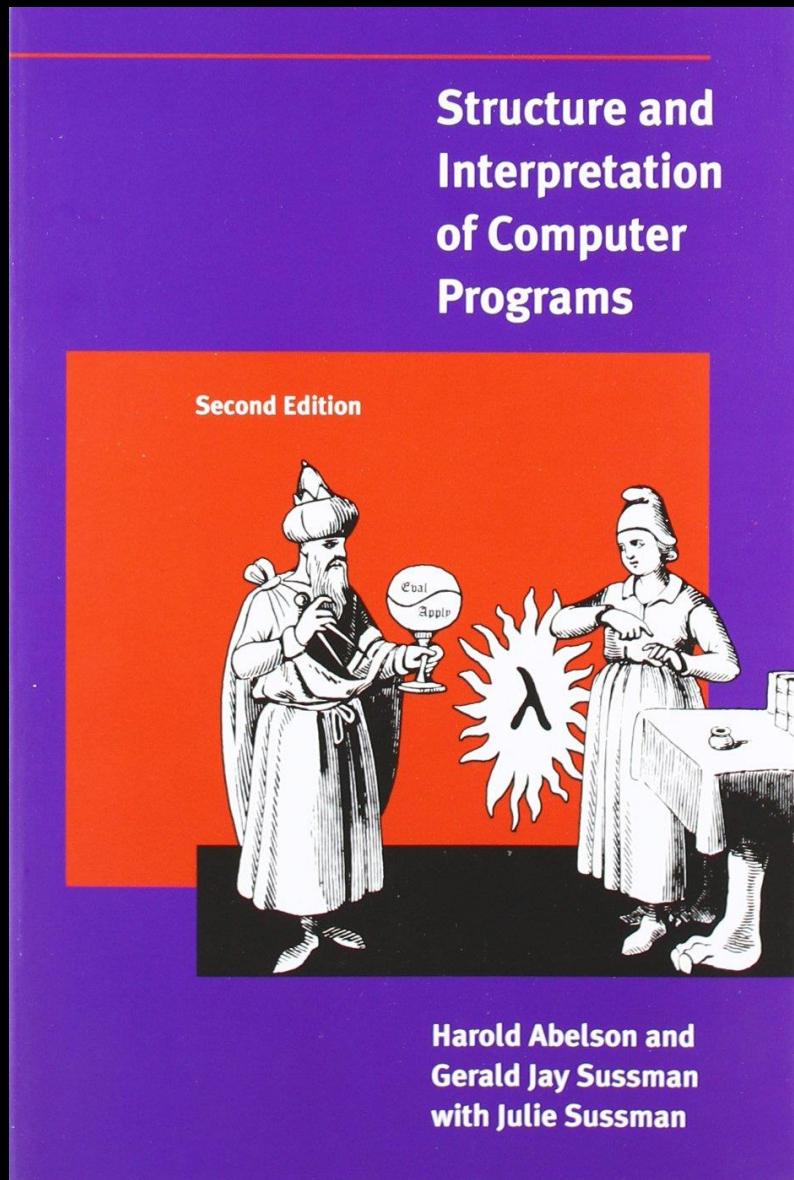
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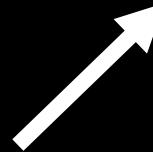


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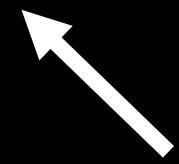
**“I think that it’s extraordinarily
important that we in computer
science keep **fun** in computing.”**

Alan J. Perlis
Dedication, SICP

“A programmer should acquire
good **algorithms** and **idioms**.”



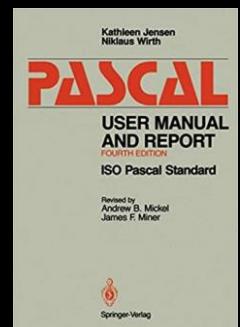
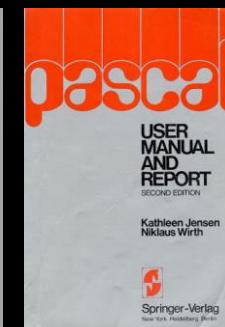
Alan J. Perlis
Forward, SICP



“The discretionary exportable functionality entrusted to the individual **Lisp programmer is more than an **order of magnitude** greater than that to be found within **Pascal** enterprises.”**



**Alan J. Perlis
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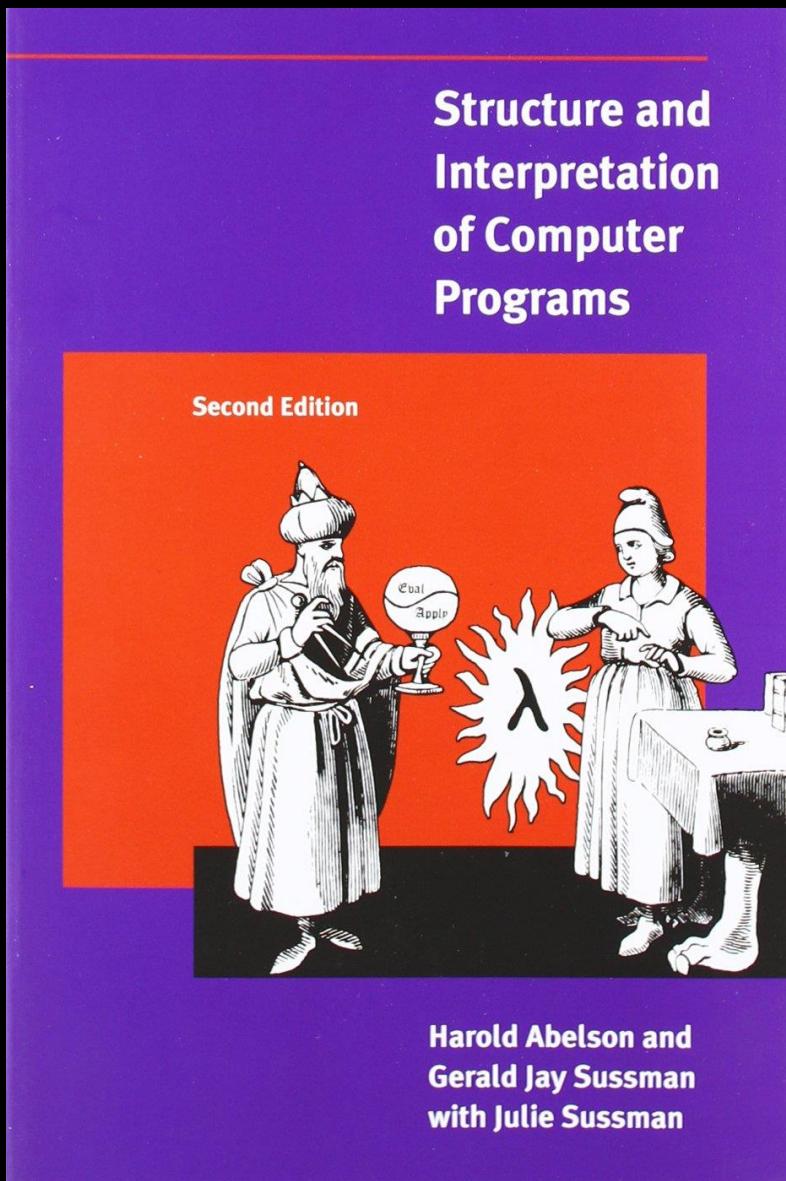
“Pascal is for building pyramids – imposing, breathtaking, static structures built by armies pushing heavy blocks into place. Lisp is for building organisms – imposing, breathtaking, dynamic structures built by squads fitting fluctuating myriads of simpler organisms into place.”

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“Scheme, the dialect of Lisp that we use, is an attempt to bring together the power and elegance of Lisp and Algol.”

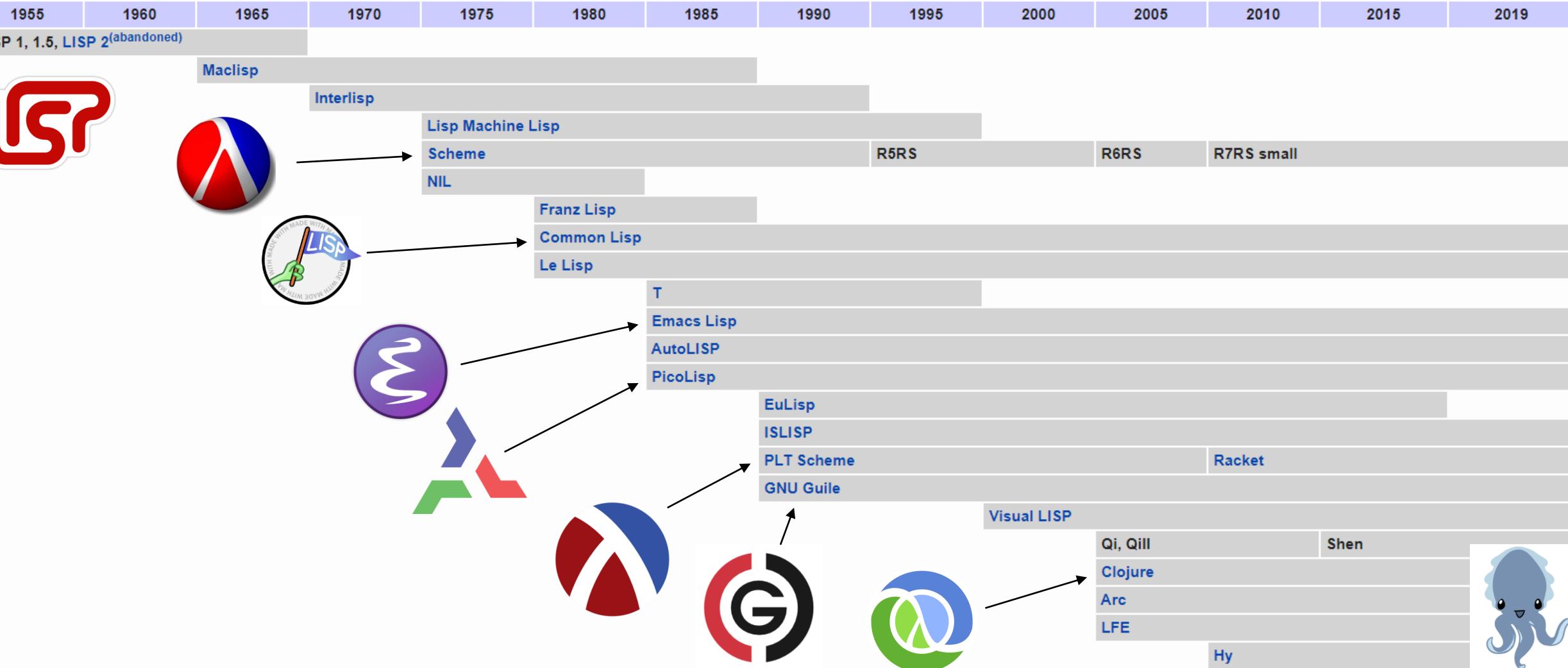
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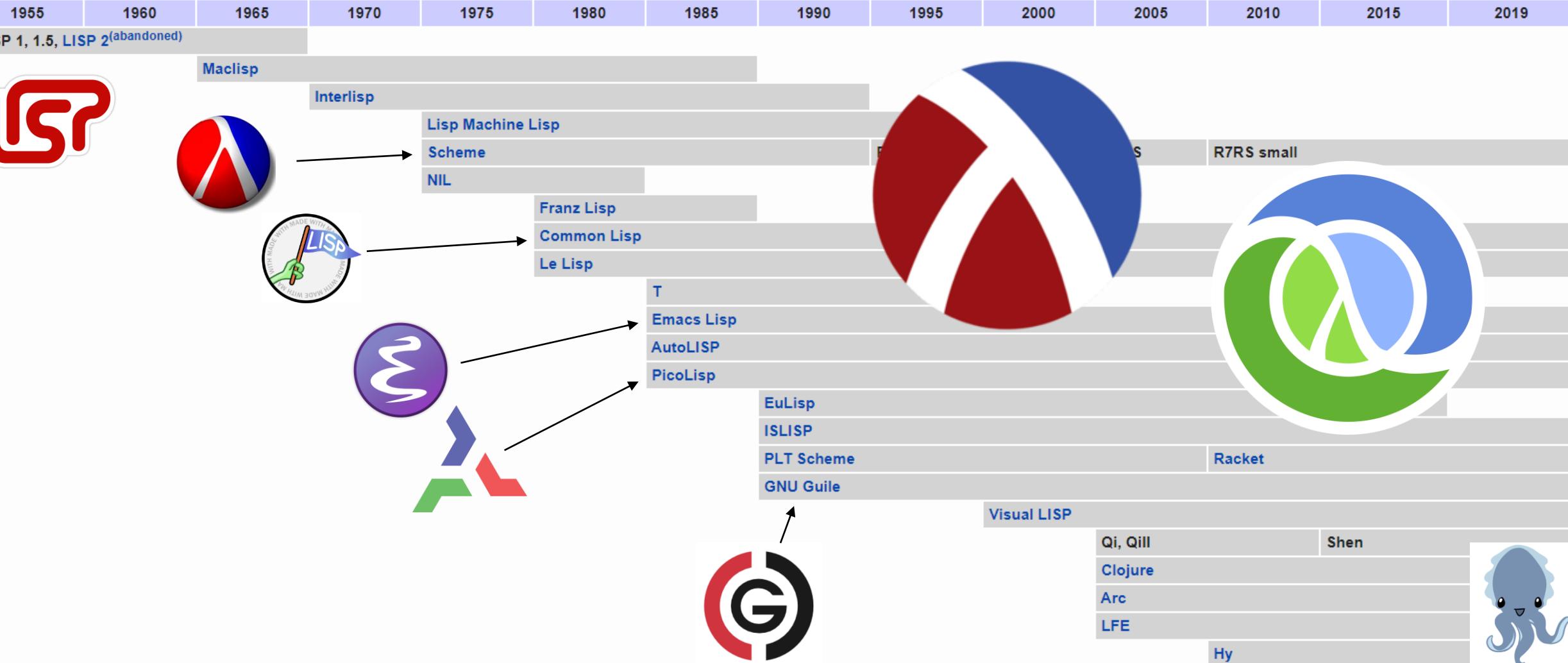


Mini ISP History

Timeline of Lisp dialects (edit)



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Late 50s



McCarthy

Mid 70s

Scheme



ALGOL

Algol Committee
(incl. Perlis)

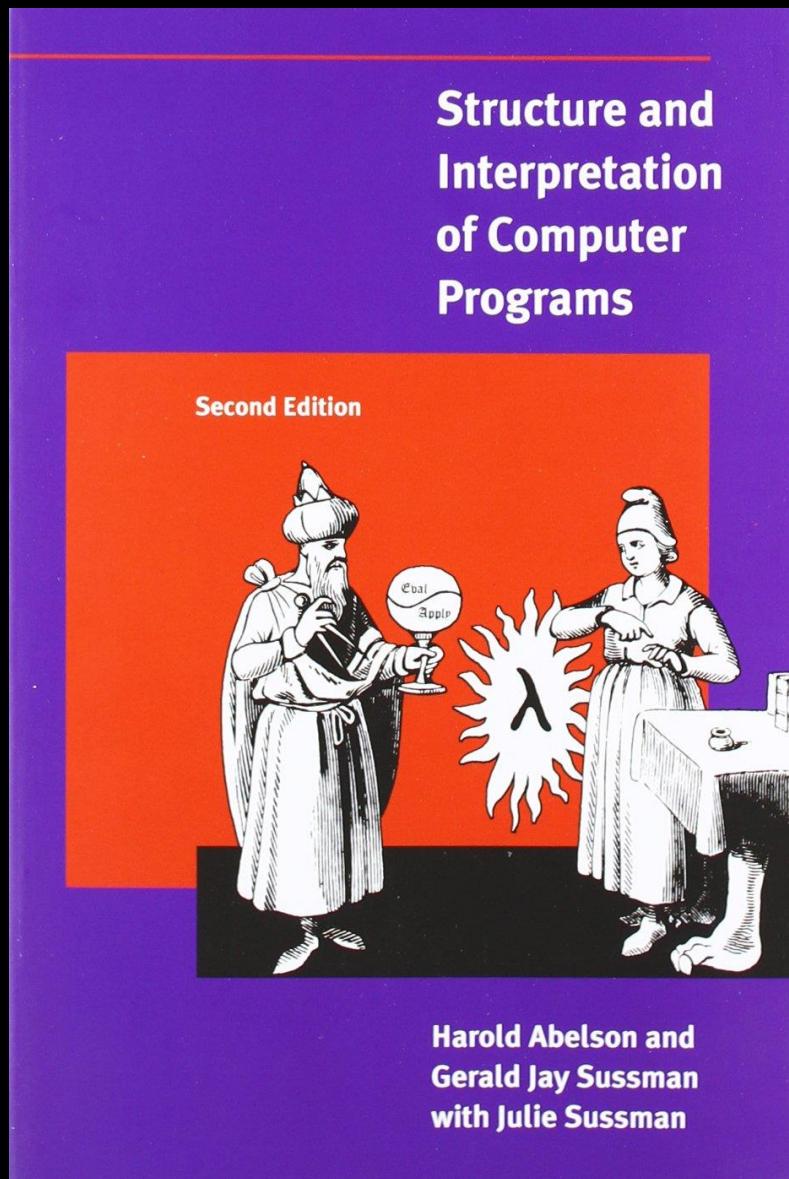
90s

Racket
(originally
PLT Scheme)



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Original Talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIPaby7suOc> Clojure Website: <https://clojure.org/> As mentioned at the end of the ...

```
:data (:data  
  [:data "data"]))  
File its-not-code.clj  
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```



In Pascal the plethora of declarable data structures induces a specialization within functions that inhibits and penalizes causal cooperation. It is better to have 100 functions operate on one data structure than to have 10 functions operate on 10 data structures. As a result the pyramid must stand unchanged for a millennium; the organism must evolve or perish.

<http://pu.inf.uni-tuebingen.de/users/klaeren/epigrams.html>



```
(define p (cons 42 1729))  
(car p) ; 42  
(cdr p) ; 1729
```

	Language	First	Rest
	Scheme	car	cdr
	Racket	first	rest
	Clojure	first	rest
	Haskell	head	tail
	C++	rv::take(1)	rv::tail
	Elixir	hd	tl
	OCaml	hd	tl
	APL	1↑	1↓



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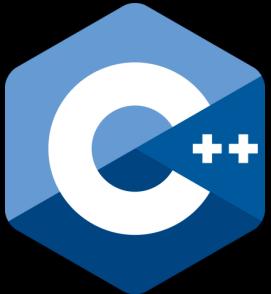
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(define p (cons 42 1729))  
(car p) ; 42  
(cdr p) ; 1729
```



```
auto p = std::pair{42, 1729};  
p.first; // 42  
p.second; // 1729
```



```
(define (cons x y)
  (define (dispatch m)
    (cond ((eq? m 'car) x)
          ((eq? m 'cdr) y)))
  dispatch)
```



```
enum class msg : bool { FIRST, SECOND };

auto pair(auto x, auto y) {
    return [x, y](auto m) {
        if (m == msg::FIRST)      return x;
        else /* (m == msg::SECOND) */ return y;
    };
}
```



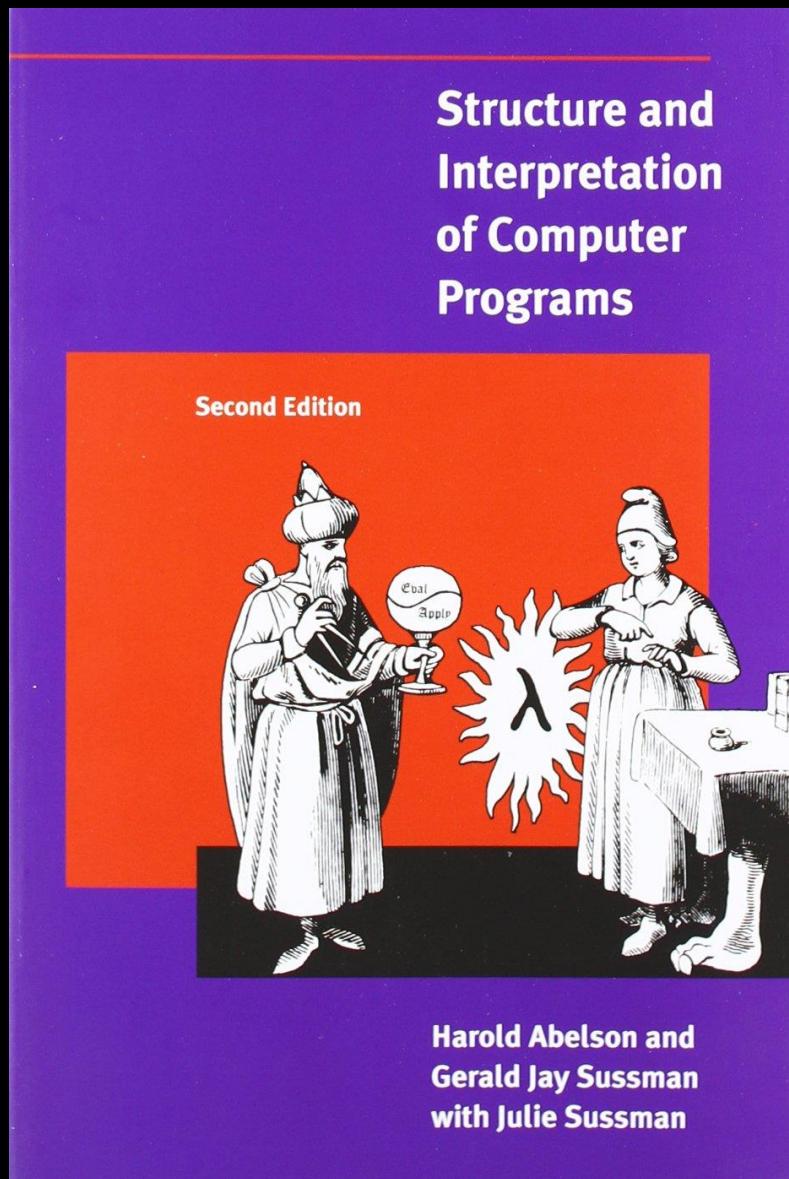
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auto pair(auto x, auto y) {
    return [x, y](auto m) {
        if (m == msg::FIRST)      return x;
        else /* (m == msg::SECOND) */ return y;
    };
}

auto p = pair(42, 1729);

fmt::print("{}\n", p(msg::FIRST)); // 42
fmt::print("{}\n", p(msg::SECOND)); // 1729
```

Highlights



Data Abstraction

The general technique of isolating the parts of a program that deal with how data objects are represented from the parts of a program that deal with how data objects are used is a powerful design methodology called *data abstraction*. We will see how data abstraction makes programs much easier to design, maintain, and modify.

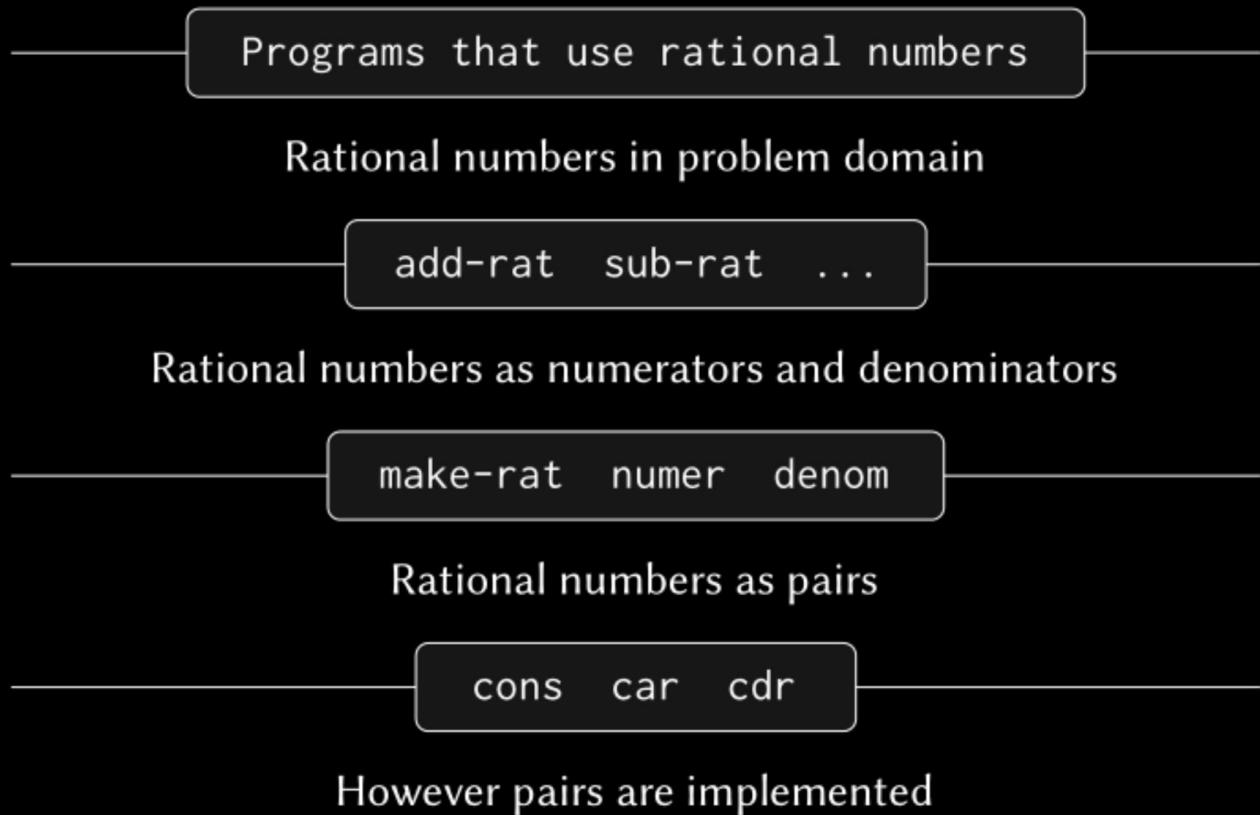
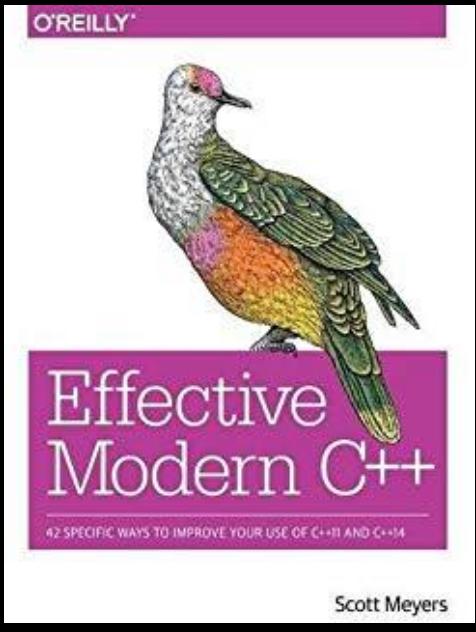
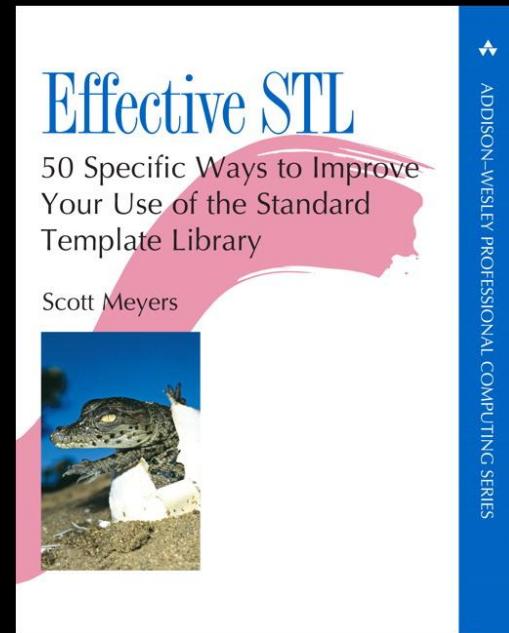
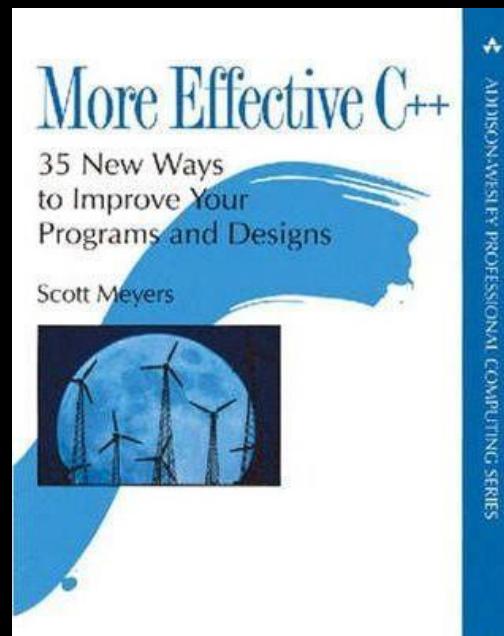
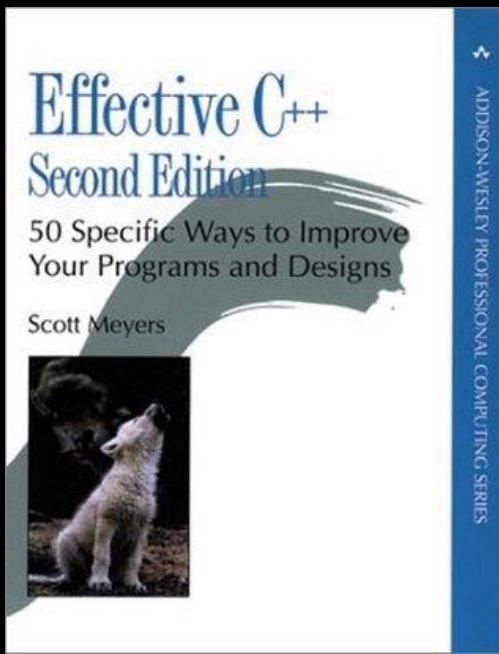
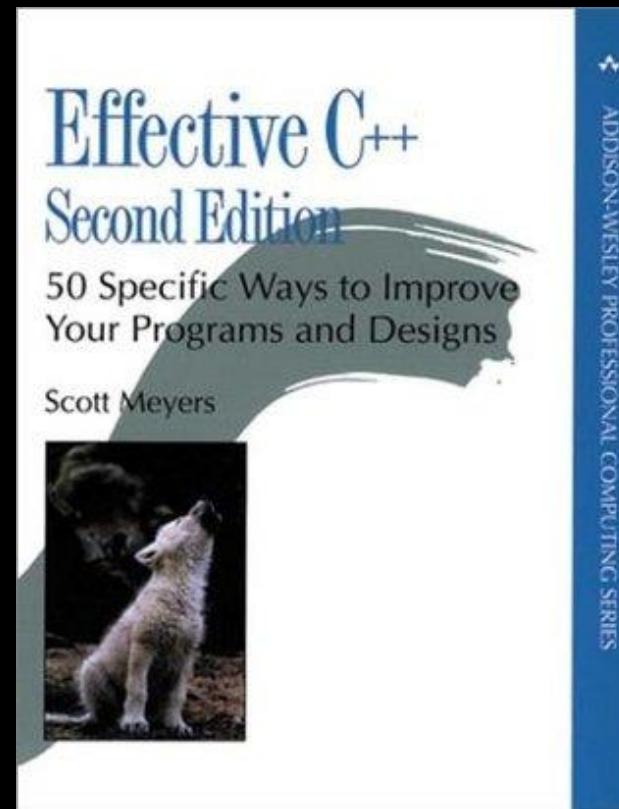


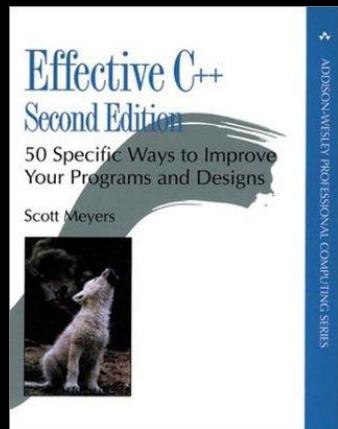
Figure 2.1: Data-abstraction barriers in the rational-number package.



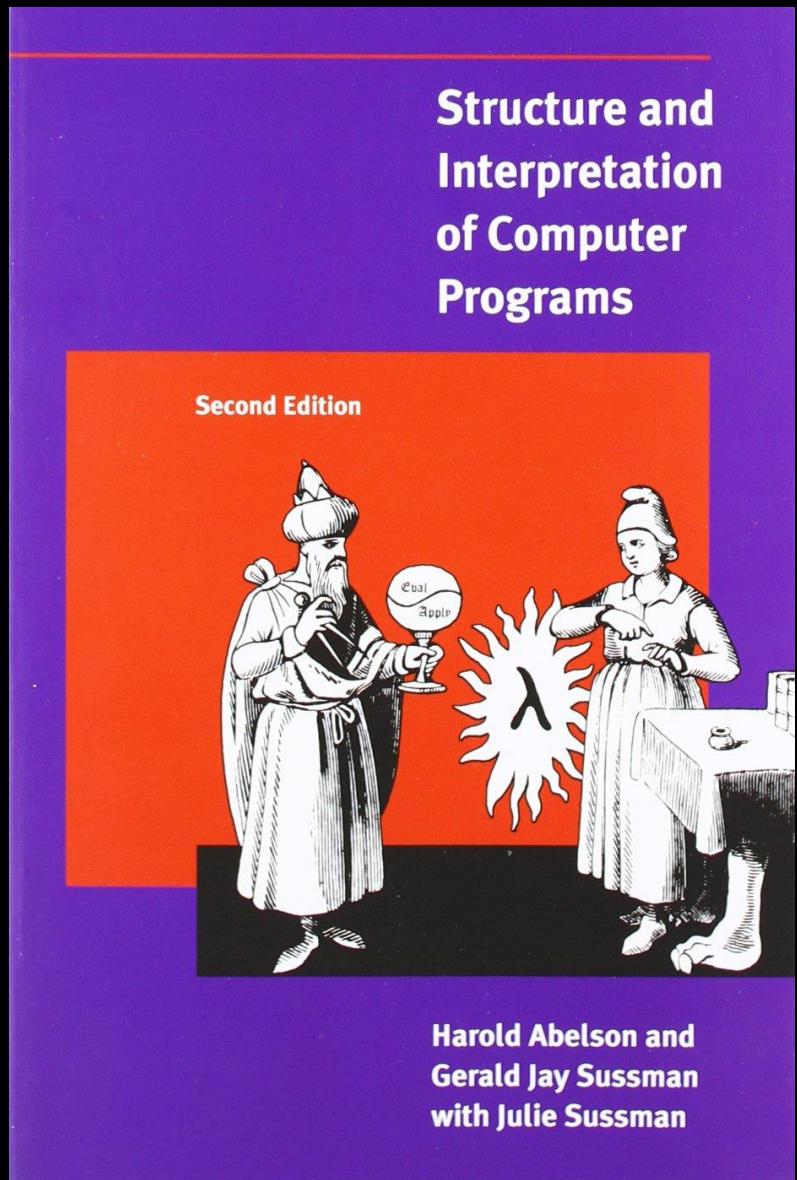
Item 23: Prefer non-member non-friend functions to member functions.



We'll begin with encapsulation. If something is encapsulated, it's hidden from view. The more something is encapsulated, the fewer things can see it. The fewer things can see it, the greater flexibility we have to change it, because our changes directly affect only those things that can see what we change. The greater something is encapsulated, then, the greater our ability to change it. That's the reason we value encapsulation in the first place: it affords us the flexibility to change things in a way that affects only a limited number of clients.



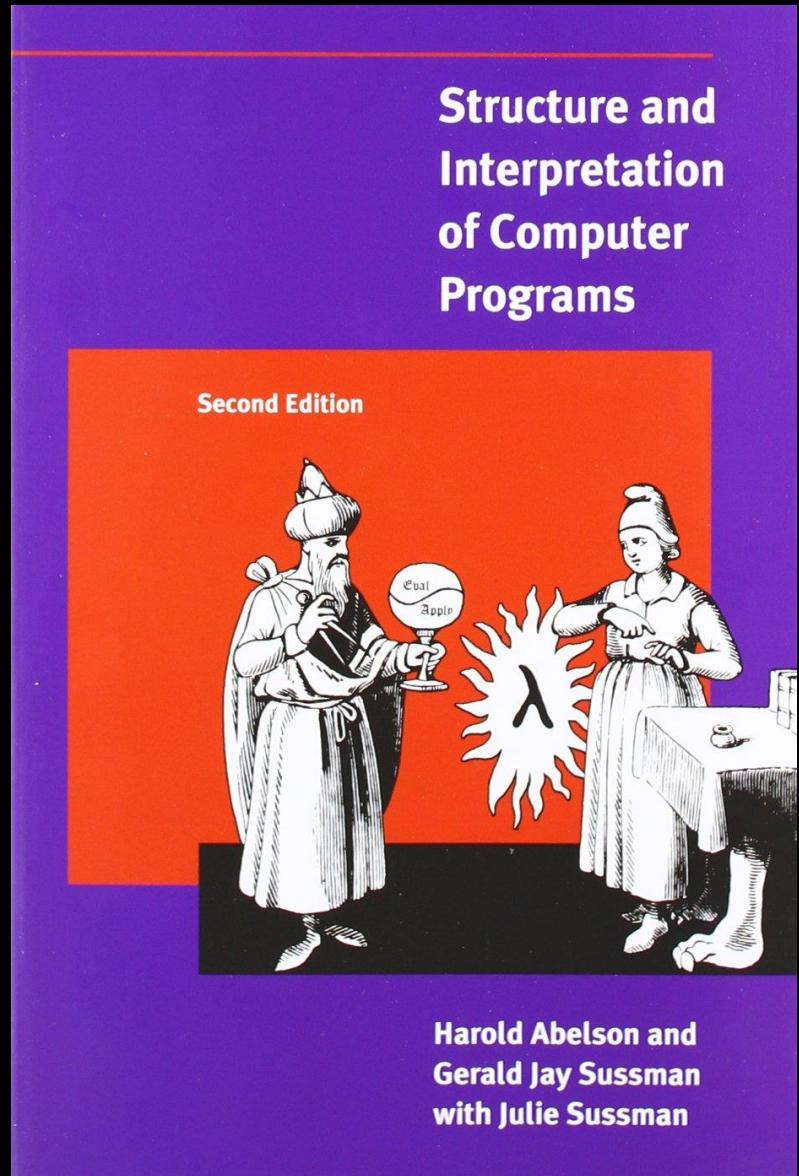
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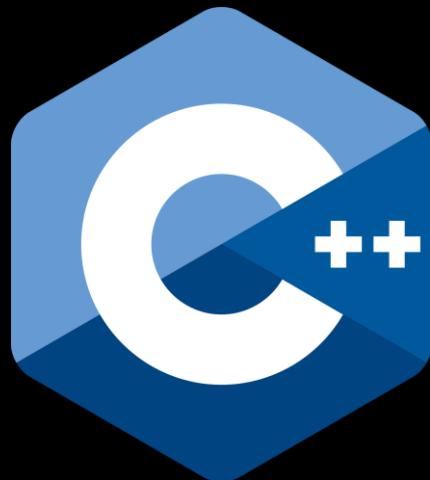
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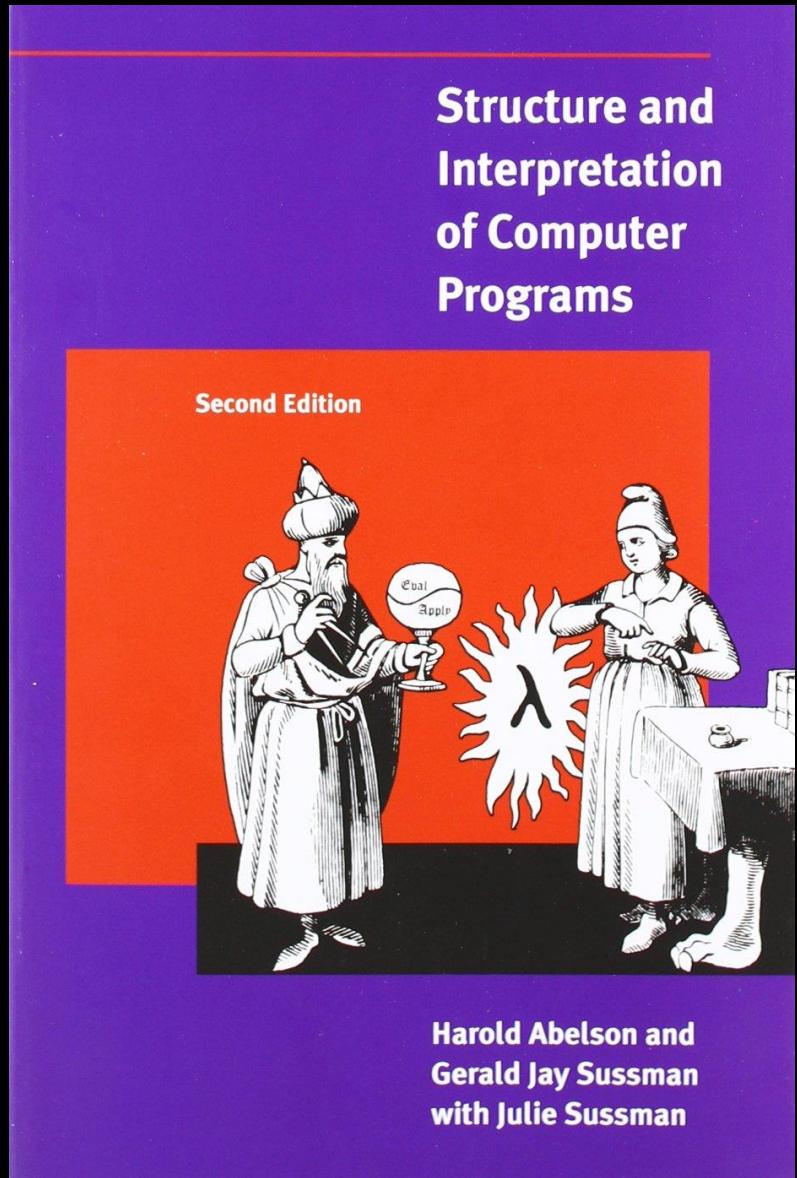
							
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Everything is an object (uniform reference)	NO	NO	NO	YES	kind of	YES	YES
Garbage Collection	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

							
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Problems in





Warmup Problem: Sum Square of Two Largest

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Given a list of n ($n > 1$) positive integers,
return the sum of the squares of the two
largest.

Example: [1, 2, 3] $\rightarrow 2^2 + 3^2 = 13$
[1, 8, 2, 6, 3] $\rightarrow 8^2 + 6^2 = 100$



x86-64 gcc 10.2 -std=c++20 -O2



```
auto solution(auto const& v) {
    auto const [a, b] = std::accumulate(
        std::cbegin(v),
        std::cend(v),
        std::pair{0, 0},
        [] (auto acc, auto e) {
            auto [a, b] = acc;
            if (e > a) { std::swap(a, b); a = e; }
            else if (e > b) { b = e; }
            return std::pair{a, b};
        });
    return a * a + b * b;
}
```

[[digression]]

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it would also be nice to implement reduction (reduction operator was introduced by Kenneth Iverson in APL)

```
(define (reduce iterator)
  (lambda (function . initial-value)
    (define (add-to x)
      (set! initial-value (function initial-value x)))
    (cond (initial-value
            (set! initial-value (car initial-value))
            (iterator add-to)
            initial-value)
          (else
            (let ((marker #!false))
              (define (first-time x)
                (set! initial-value x)
                (set! marker #!true)
                (set! first-time add-to))
              (iterator (lambda (x) (first-time x))))
            (if marker initial-value (function)))))))
```

[[end of digression]]



```
auto solution(auto const& v) {
    auto const [a, b] = std::accumulate(
        std::cbegin(v),
        std::cend(v),
        std::pair{0, 0},
        [] (auto acc, auto e) {
            auto [a, b] = acc;
            if (e > a) { std::swap(a, b); a = e; }
            else if (e > b) { b = e; }
            return std::pair{a, b};
        });
    return a * a + b * b;
}
```



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            return std::pair{a, b};
        });
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}
```

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C++14 Generic
Lambdas

C++17 CTAD



```
auto solution2(auto v) {
    using namespace std::ranges;
    nth_element(v, std::begin(v) + 2, std::greater{}));
    transform(std::cbegin(v), std::cbegin(v) + 2, std::begin(v),
              [](auto e) { return e * e; });
    return std::accumulate(std::begin(v), std::begin(v) + 2,
                          0, std::plus{}));
}
```



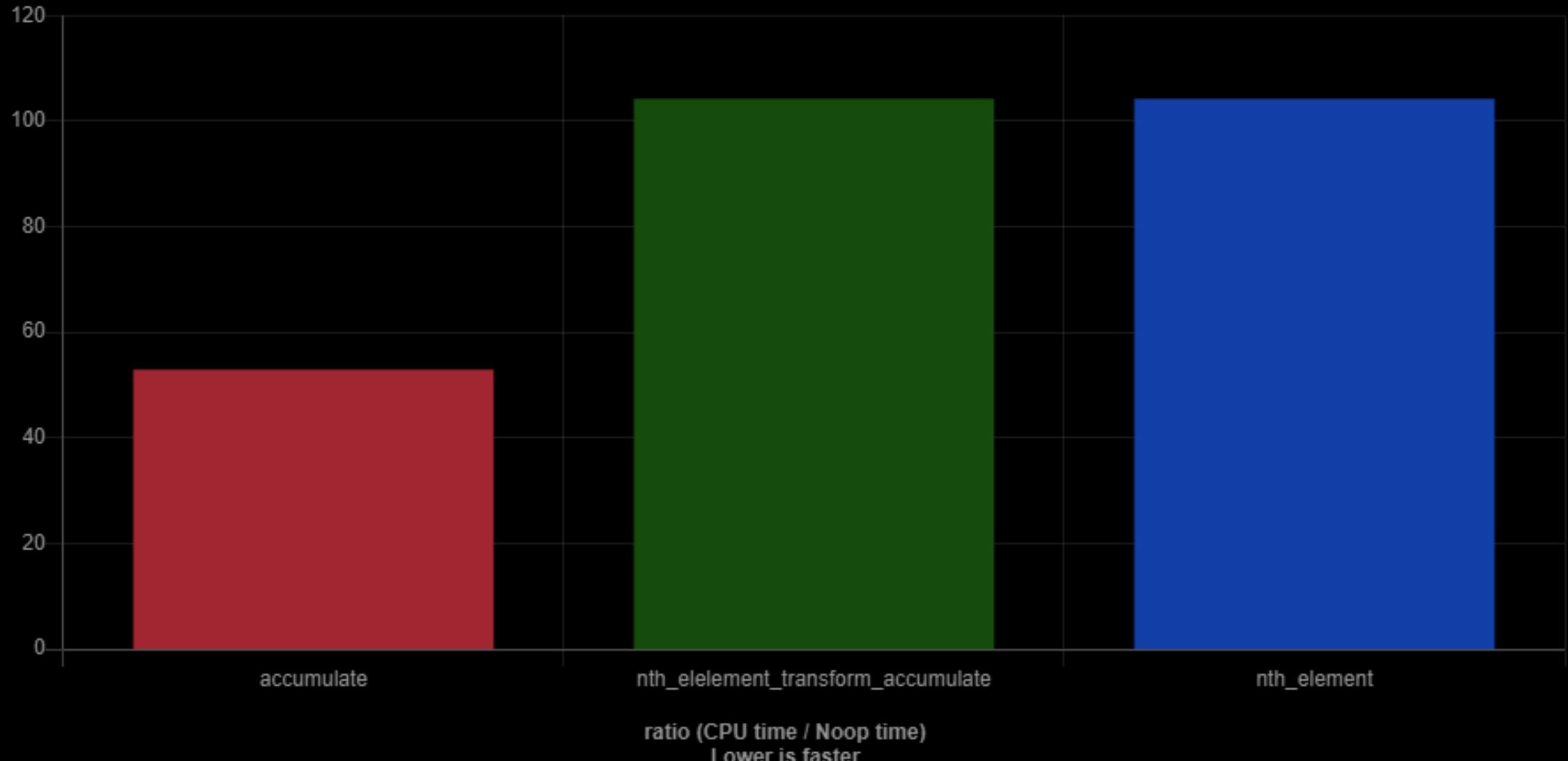
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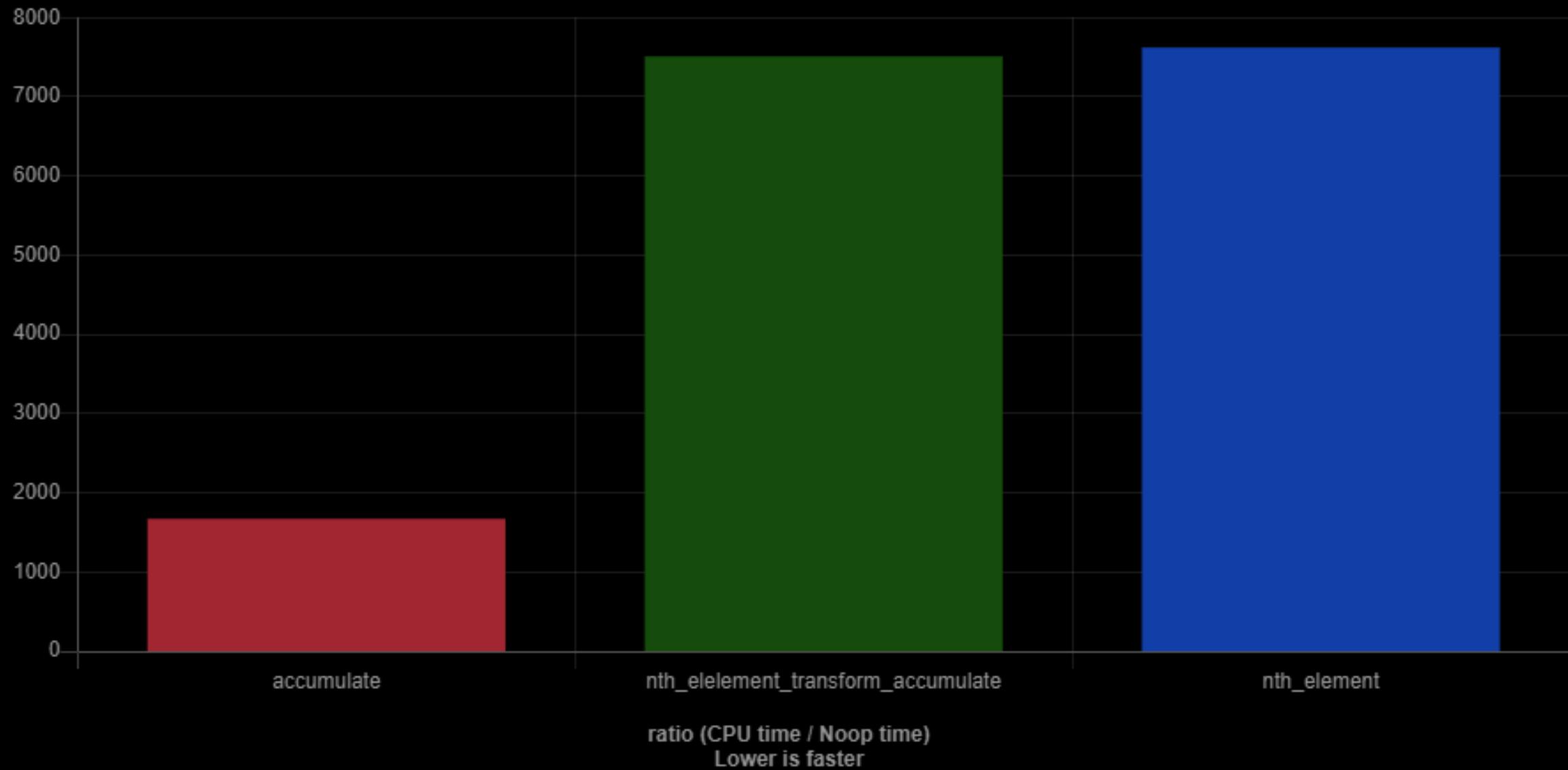
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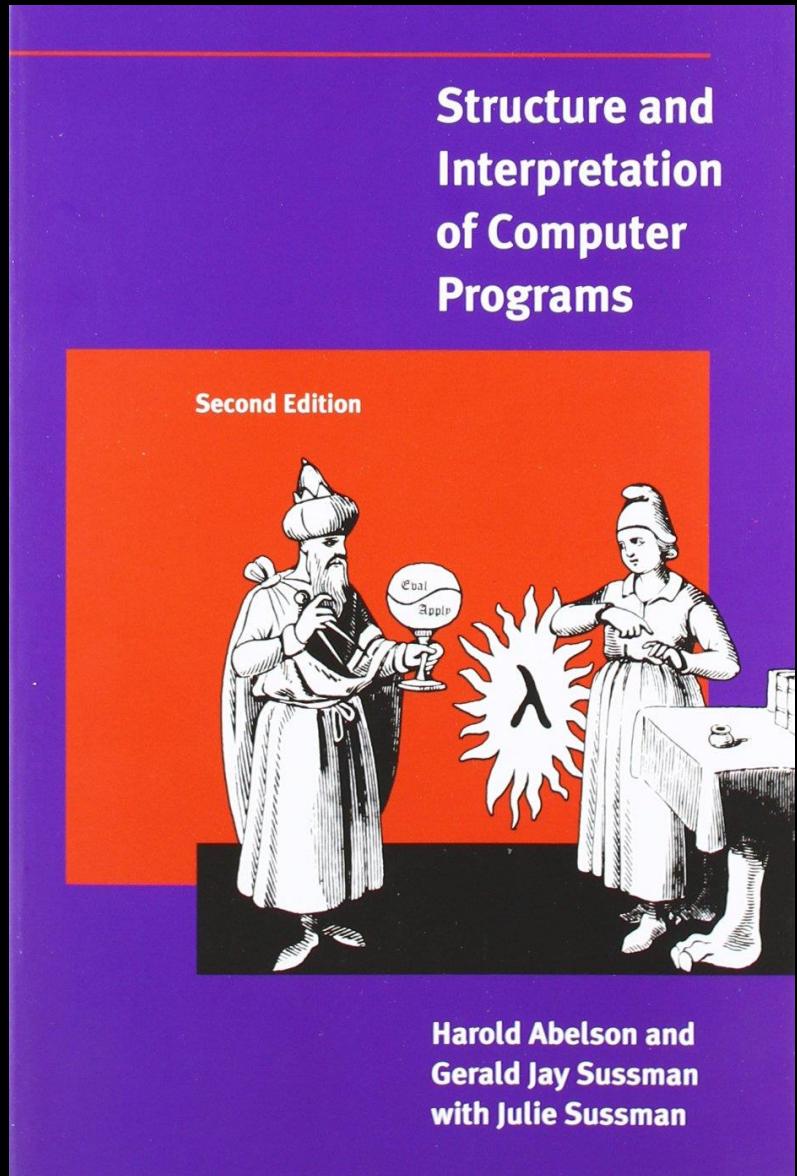
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auto solution3(auto v) {  
    using namespace std::ranges;  
    nth_element(v, std::begin(v) + 2, std::greater{});  
    return v[0] * v[0] + v[1] * v[1];  
}
```







Problem 1:

Even Fibonacci

(vs Sum Odd Squares)



```
(define (sum-odd-squares tree)
  (cond ((null? tree) 0)
        ((not (pair? tree)))
        (if (odd? tree) (square tree) 0)))
        (else (+ (sum-odd-squares (car tree))
                  (sum-odd-squares (cdr tree)))))))
```



```
(define (even-fibs n)
  (define (next k)
    (if (> k n)
        nil
        (let ((f (fib k)))
          (if (even? f)
              (cons f (next (+ k 1)))
              (next (+ k 1)))))))
  (next 0))
```



```
(define (fib n)
  (fib-iter 1 0 n))
(define (fib-iter a b count)
  (if (= count 0)
      b
      (fib-iter (+ a b) a (- count 1)))))

(define (even-fibs n)
  (accumulate
    cons
    nil
    (filter even? (map fib (enumerate-interval 0 n)))))
```



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A Method for Analyzing Loop Programs

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Abstract—This paper presents a method for automatically analyzing loops, and discusses why it is a useful way to look at loops. The method is based on the idea that there are four basic ways in which the logical structure of a loop is built up. An experiment is presented which shows that this accounts for the structure of a large class of loops. The paper discusses how the method can be used to automatically analyze the structure of a loop, and how the resulting analysis can be used to guide a proof of correctness for the loop. An automatic system is described which performs this type of analysis. The paper discusses the relationship between the structure building methods presented and programming language constructs. A system is described which is designed to assist a person who is writing a program. The intent is that the system will cooperate with a programmer throughout all phases of work on a program and be able to communicate with the programmer about it.

Index Terms—Loops, plans, program analysis, program verification, program understanding.

I. INTRODUCTION

THIS paper presents one part of a general method (described in full in [28]) for analyzing programs. The

shows why the resulting proof is more useful than a proof based on a single loop invariant.

An experiment is discussed in Section V which shows that the PBM's can be used to analyze the loops in a representative sample of programs from the IBM Scientific Subroutine Package (SSP) [12]. The SSP was chosen as an object of study because it is a large group of clearly written programs which is an actual commercial product. The experiment also shows that the pieces which result from the analysis are largely simple and easy to understand. A system (described in Section VI) has been implemented which performs this type of analysis automatically. Section VII describes the relationship between the PBM's and current programming language constructs. It also discusses how a language could be extended in order to include constructs based on the PBM's.

The method for analyzing the logical structure of loops presented in this paper was developed as part of a larger research project. The goal of this project is to develop a system which can assist a person who is writing a program. Research on this system [20]-[23], [25], [27], [28] is being carried out by a

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namespace rv = std::ranges::views;

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    };
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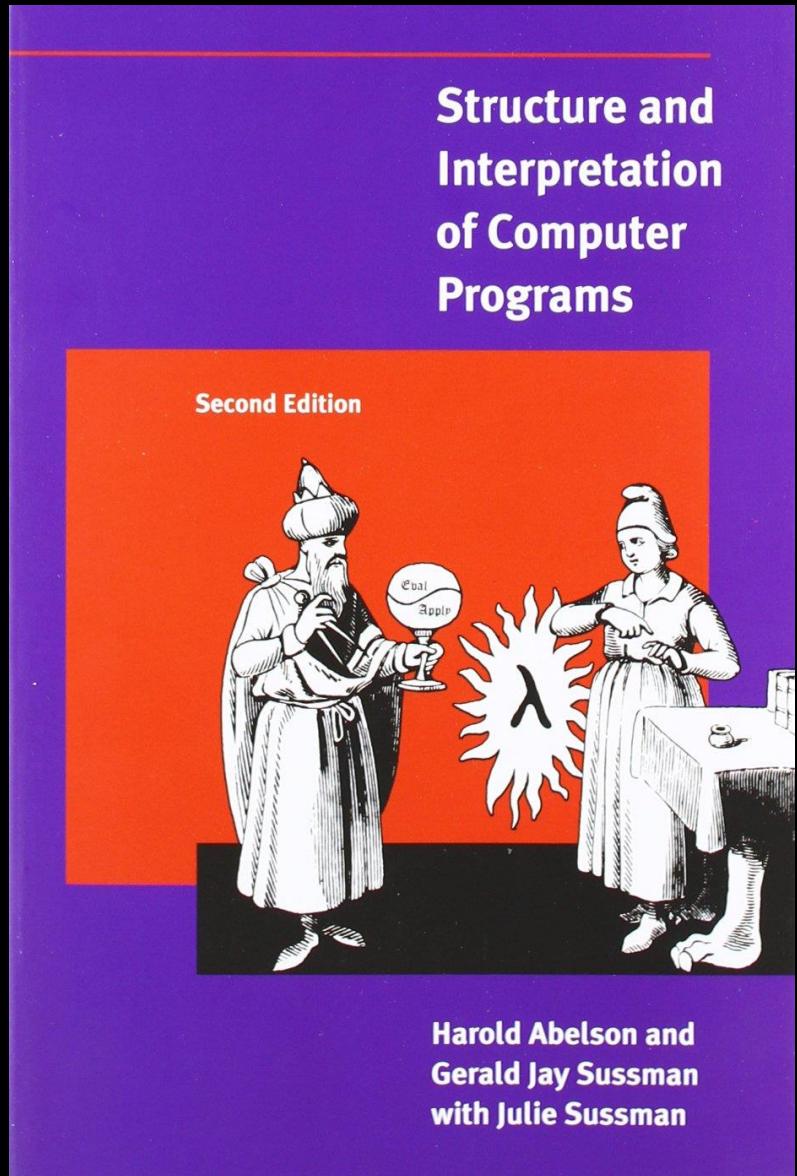
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Problem 2: Pi Approximation (Leibniz)

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdots}{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 7 \cdots}.$$

$$\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots$$

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4. Add them up
5. Multiply by 8

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```
auto leibniz_pi_approximation(int n) {
    return (rv::iota(0, n)
        | rv::transform([](auto e){ return 1 + 2 * e; })
        | rv::chunk(2)
        | rv::transform([](auto rng) { return 1.0 / (rng[0] * rng[1]); })
        | hs::accumulate(0.0, std::plus{})) * 8;
}
```



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}

fmt::print("{}\n", leibniz_pi_approximation(10000)); // 3.1414926535900367
```

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```
auto leibniz_pi_approximation2(int n) {
    auto const signs = {1,-1};
    return (rv::zip_with(
        [](auto e, auto sign) { return sign * 1.0 / e; },
        rv::iota(0, n) | rv::transform([](auto e){ return 1 + 2 * e; }),
        rv::cycle(signs))
    | hs::accumulate(0.0, std::plus{})) * 4;
}
```



```
auto leibniz_pi_approximation2_alt(int n) {
    return (rv::iota(0, n)
        | rv::transform([s = -1](auto e) mutable {
            s = s > 0 ? -1 : 1;
            return s * 1.0 / (1 + 2 * e); })
        | hs::accumulate(0.0, std::plus{})) * 4;
}
```

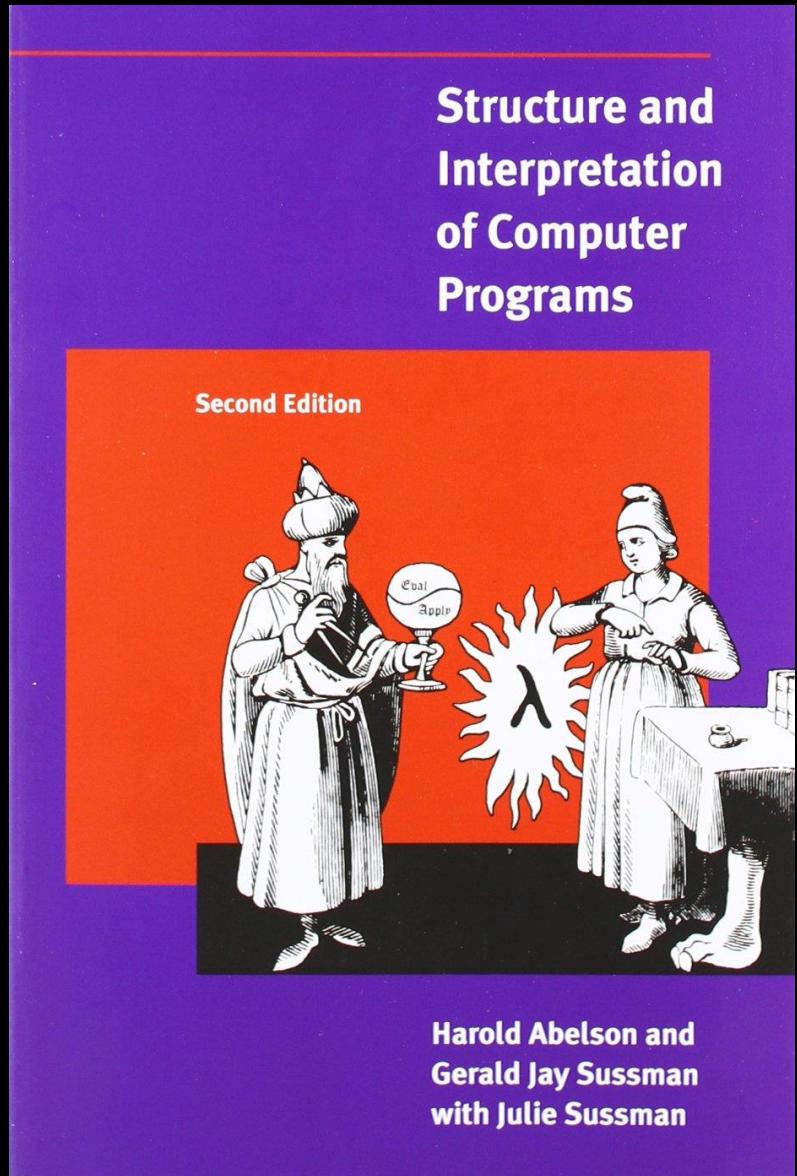


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        | rv::transform([s = -1.0](auto e) mutable {
            s *= -1;
            return s / (1 + 2 * e); })
        | hs::accumulate(0.0, std::plus{})) * 4;
}
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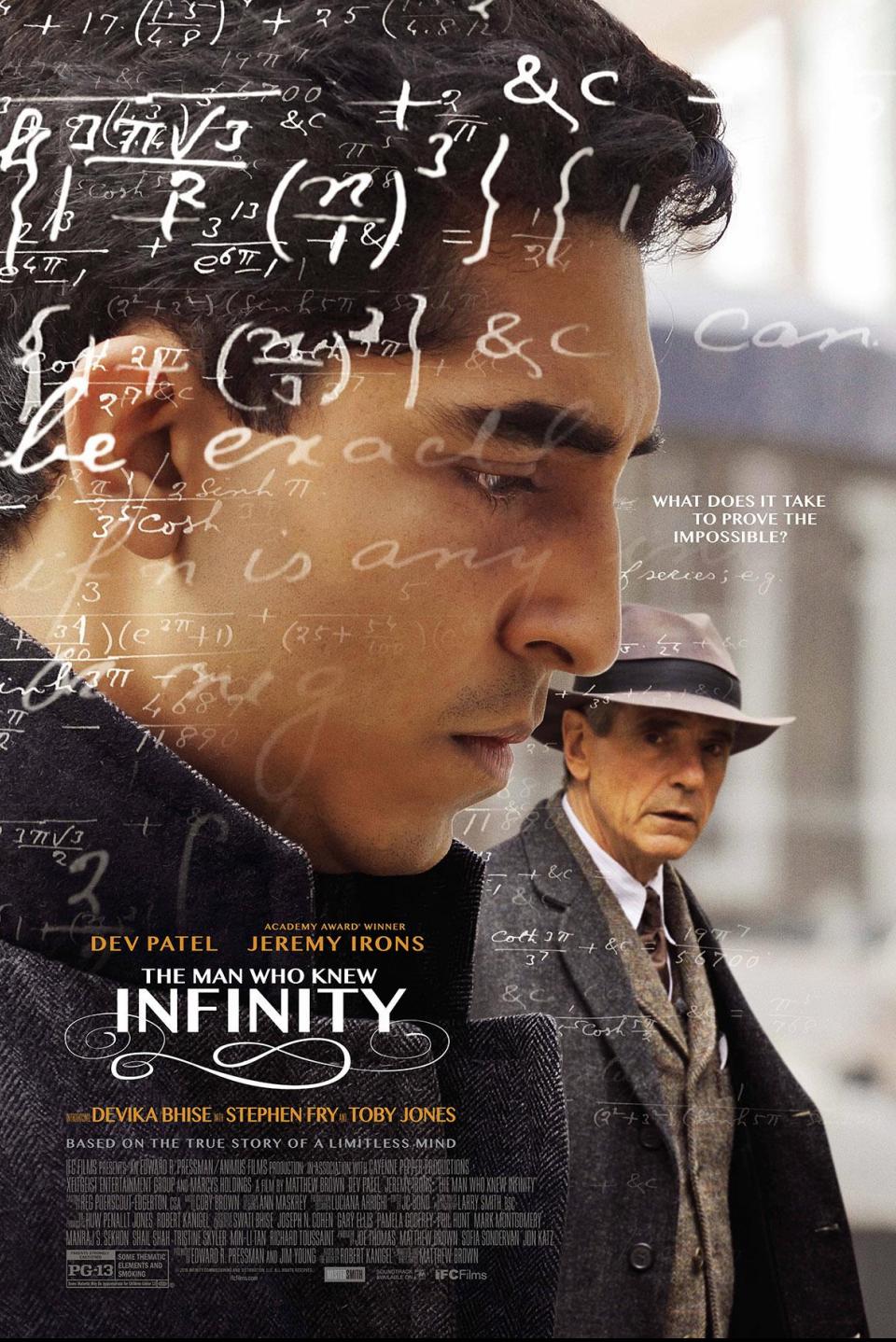
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Problem 3: Ramanujan Numbers

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Usual Arithmetic Conversions

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    cout << boolalpha;
    short s          = -1;
    unsigned int ui = 1729;
    cout << (s < ui) << endl;
}
```

- What does this print?

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Highly Artificial Example

- [GH-843](#) implemented by AlexGuteniev

```
#include <atomic>
#include <iostream>
#include <thread>
using namespace std;
int main() {
    int i{500};
    i += 500; // ordinary read/write
    { atomic_ref atom{i};
        thread t1{[&atom] { for (int val{0}, x{0}; x < 70;) {
            if (atom.compare_exchange_weak(val, val + 10)) { ++x; }}}};
        thread t2{[&atom] { for (int val{0}, y{0}; y < 29;) {
            if (atom.compare_exchange_weak(val, val + 1)) { ++y; }}}};
        t1.join(); t2.join();
    cout << i << endl; // ordinary read, 1729
}
```



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$$a^3 + b^3$$

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$$a^3 + b^3$$

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$$1^3 + 12^3$$

$$9^3 + 10^3$$



```
void ramanujan_numbers() {

    auto sum_cubes = [] (auto t) -> int {
        auto const [a, b] = t;
        return (a * a * a) + (b * b * b);
    };

    auto wpairs = rv::cartesian_product(rv::iota(1, 33), rv::iota(1, 33))
        | rv::filter([](auto r) { return std::get<0>(r) < std::get<1>(r); })
        | rv::transform(sum_cubes)
        | ranges::to<std::vector<int>>
        | ra::sort;

    auto ramanujan = wpairs
        | rv::adjacent_filter(std::equal_to{})
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    std::cout << ramanujan; // [1729, 4104, 13832, 20683, 32832]
}
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void ramanujan_numbers() {  
  
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    auto wpairs = rv::triangle_product(rv::iota(1, 33), rv::iota(1, 33))  
        | rv::transform(sum_cubes)  
        | ranges::to<std::vector<int>>  
        | ra::sort;  
  
    auto ramanujan = wpairs  
        | rv::adjacent_filter(std::equal_to{})  
        | rv::drop(1);  
  
    std::cout << ramanujan; // [1729, 4104, 13832, 20683, 32832]  
}
```



```
void ramanujan_numbers() {  
  
    auto sum_cubes = [](auto t) -> int { ... };  
  
    auto is = rv::iota(1, 33);  
    auto ramanujan = rv::ordered_triangle_product(is, is, sum_cubes)  
        | rv::transform(sum_cubes)  
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}
```



C++17 Structured Bindings

```
void ramanujan_numbers() {
```

C++14 Generic Lambdas

```
    auto sum_cubes = [](auto t) -> int {
        auto const [a, b] = t;
        return (a * a * a) + (b * b * b);
    };
```

```
    auto ramanujan = rv::iota(1)
        |> rv::ordered_triangle_product(_, _, sum_cubes)
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        |> rv::adjacent_filter(_, std::equal_to{})
```

|> rv::drop(_, 1)

```
|> rv::take(_, 5);
```

C++23 Pipeline Operator

C++20/23/xx Ranges

```
    std::cout << ramanujan; // [1729, 4104, 13832, 20683, 32832]
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Conclusion

- SICP is an absolutely brilliant & timeless textbook
- You will learn about the fundamentals of CS in not just one but three different programming paradigms
- Many of the examples / exercises in the text are challenging – but it is incredibly rewarding and fun to solve them (in whichever language you choose)
- IT IS FREE! (as well as the MIT & Berkeley Lectures)

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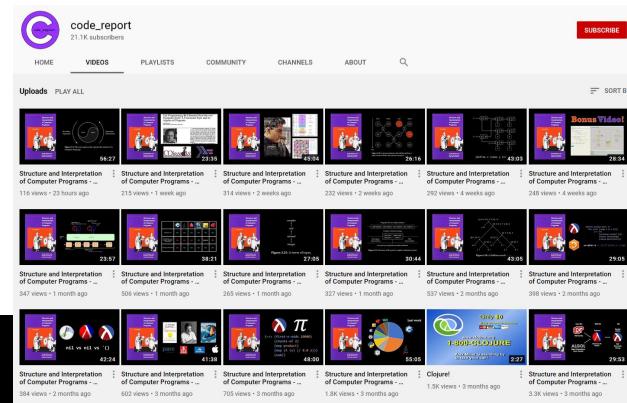
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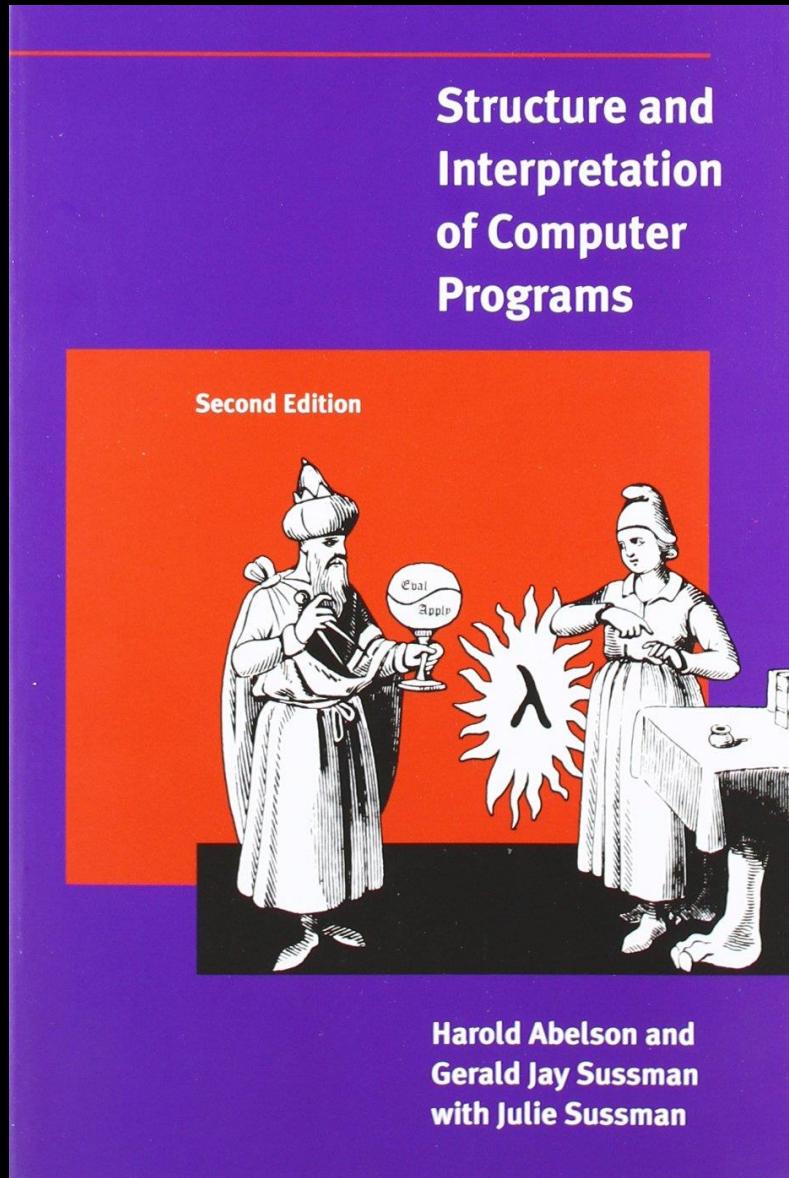
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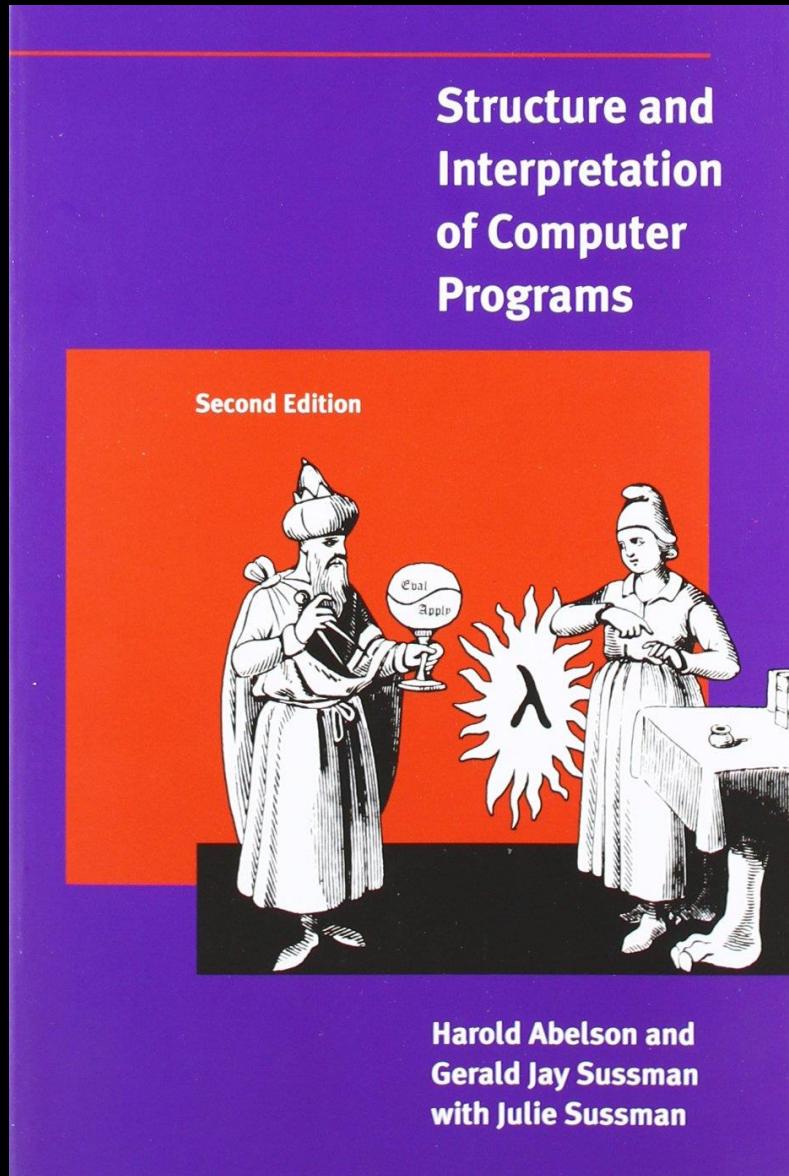
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