

# A Cunning Plan

The Lambda Calculus, Lisp, Scheme, and R

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8   \(n) cat(sprintf("%+2s: %+3s\n", n |> .to.integer(), fibonacci(n) |> .to.integer()))
9   -> dev.null
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5 (let ((x '(0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10)))
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# R: A Language for Data Analysis and Graphics

ROSS IHAKE and Robert GENTLEMAN

In this article we discuss our experience designing and implementing a statistical computing language. In developing this new language, we sought to combine what we felt were useful features from two existing computer languages. We feel that the new language provides advantages in the areas of portability, computational efficiency, memory management, and scoping.

**Key Words:** Computer language; Statistical computing.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This article discusses some issues involved in the design and implementation of a computer language for statistical data analysis. Our experience with these issues occurred while developing such a language. The work has been heavily influenced by two existing languages—Becker, Chambers, and Wilks' S (1985) and Steel and Sussman's Scheme (1975). We felt that there were strong points in each of these languages and that it would be interesting to see if the strengths could be combined. The resulting language is very similar in appearance to S, but the underlying implementation and semantics are derived from Scheme. In fact, we implemented the language by first writing an interpreter for a Scheme subset and then progressively mutating it to resemble S.

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## SCHEME

### AN INTERPRETER FOR EXTENDED LAMBDA CALCULUS

by

Gerald Jay Sussman and Guy Lewis Steele Jr.

#### Abstract:

Inspired by ACTORS [Greif and Hewitt] [Smith and Hewitt], we have implemented an interpreter for a LISP-like language, SCHEME, based on the lambda calculus [Church], but extended for side effects, multiprocessing, and process synchronization. The purpose of this implementation is tutorial. We wish to:

Source: [Sussman and Steele, 1975]







A programming language that scales with you: from small scripts to large multiplatform applications.



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1  :{  
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- Num is a *type class*

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class Num a where
  (+) :: a -> a -> a
  (-) :: a -> a -> a
  (*) :: a -> a -> a
  negate :: a -> a
  abs :: a -> a
  signum :: a -> a
  fromInteger :: Integer -> a
  {-# MINIMAL (+), (*), abs, signum, fromInteger, (negate | (-)) #-}
-- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
instance Num Word -- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
instance Num Integer -- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
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instance Ord Int -- Defined in 'GHC.Classes'
instance Enum Int -- Defined in 'GHC.Enum'
instance Num Int -- Defined in 'GHC.Num'
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instance Floating Double -- Defined in 'GHC.Float'
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instance Num Double -- Defined in 'GHC.Float'
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The BNF form summarizes the grammar for the Lambda Calculus:

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$$\langle \text{application} \rangle ::= (\langle \lambda \text{ expression} \rangle) \langle \lambda \text{ expression} \rangle$$
$$\langle \text{abstraction} \rangle ::= \lambda \langle \text{variable} \rangle. \langle \lambda \text{ expression} \rangle$$

Source: [Révész, 1988]

## Lambda Calculus: Implementation

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Description: R is based on S and Scheme: syntactically, R has the appearance of S, but its implementation is similar to Scheme. Scheme is "An Interpreter for Extended Lambda Calculus". Insight into the Lambda Calculus from within R therefore gives us a fresh understanding of R's roots in functional programming. The Lambda Calculus was created by the American logician Alonzo Church; a1 is named in his honor.



Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alonzo\\_Church](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alonzo_Church)



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## Switching between worlds: .to.logical

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```
.to.logical
```

```
function (b)
  (IF(b) (TRUE)) (FALSE)
<bytecode: 0x55fc452616e0>
<environment: namespace:al>
```

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```
true |> .to.logical()
```

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```

```
1 true |> .to.logical()
```

```
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```
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```

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<environment: namespace:al>
```

```
1 true |> .to.logical()
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
1 false |> .to.logical()
```

## Switching between worlds: `.to.logical`

```
1 .to.logical
```

```
function (b)
  (IF(b)(TRUE))(FALSE)
<bytecode: 0x55fc452616e0>
<environment: namespace:al>
```

```
1 true |> .to.logical()
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
1 false |> .to.logical()
```

```
[1] FALSE
```



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```
1 and(false)(true) |> .to.logical()
2 and(false)(false) |> .to.logical()
3 and(true)(false) |> .to.logical()
4 and(true)(true) |> .to.logical()
```

[1] FALSE

[1] FALSE

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[1] TRUE



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```
1 or(false)(true) |> .to.logical()
2 or(false)(false) |> .to.logical()
3 or(true)(false) |> .to.logical()
4 or(true)(true) |> .to.logical()
```

[1] TRUE

[1] FALSE

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$$\text{not} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} pFT$$

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```
1 not(false) |> .to.logical()
2 not(true) |> .to.logical()
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
[1] FALSE
```

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$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} C_N \stackrel{\alpha}{=} \lambda f. \lambda x. f^N(x)$$

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1

```
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```

```
function (n)
n(function(x) x + 1)(0)
<bytecode: 0x55fc442ceef0>
<environment: namespace:al>
```

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```
1 .to.integer
```

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```

```
1 C0 |> .to.integer()
2 C1 |> .to.integer()
3 C2 |> .to.integer()
4 C3 |> .to.integer()
```

```
[1] 0
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
[1] 3
```

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```
1  `.to.integer`<- \(n) n(\(x) x+1)(0)
```

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```

$$\underbrace{(\lambda f. \lambda x. x)}_{n=C_0} \underbrace{(\lambda x. x + 1)}_f \underbrace{(0)}_x \xrightarrow{\beta} 0$$

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$$\xrightarrow{\beta} 1$$

$$\underbrace{((\lambda f. \lambda x. f(f(x))))}_{n=C_2} (\lambda x. x + 1) (0) \xrightarrow{\beta} \underbrace{(\lambda x. x + 1)}_f \underbrace{(\lambda x. x + 1)}_f \underbrace{(0)}_x$$

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$$\xrightarrow{\beta} \underbrace{(\lambda x. (\lambda x. x + 1) + 1)}_{f(f(x))} \underbrace{(0)}_x$$



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```
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```

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$$\xrightarrow{\beta} 1$$

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$$\xrightarrow{\beta} \underbrace{(\lambda x. (\lambda x. x + 1) + 1)}_{f(f(x))} \underbrace{(0)}_x$$

$$\xrightarrow{\beta} 2$$



- successor

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```
1 succ(C0) |> .to.integer()
2 succ(C10) |> .to.integer()
```

```
[1] 1
[1] 11
```

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```

```
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[1] 11
```

- predecessor

$$\text{pred} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda n. \lambda n(\lambda p. \lambda z. z(\text{succ}(p(T)))(p(T)))(\lambda z. z(C_0)(C_0))(F)$$

- successor

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```
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```
1 pred(C1) |> .to.integer()
2 pred(C10) |> .to.integer()
```

```
[1] 0
[1] 9
```



- addition

$$\text{add} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda n. \lambda m. (m \text{ succ}) n$$



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```
1  add(C0)(C1) |> .to.integer()
2  add(C1)(C2) |> .to.integer()
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
[1] 3
```

- addition

$$\text{add} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda n. \lambda m. (m \text{ succ}) n$$

```
1 add(C0)(C1) |> .to.integer()
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```

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```
1 sub(C1)(C1) |> .to.integer()
2 sub(C2)(C1) |> .to.integer()
```

```
[1] 0
```

```
[1] 1
```



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```

```
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```
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```

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```
1  exp(C2)(C1) |> .to.integer()
2  exp(C2)(C2) |> .to.integer()
```

```
[1] 2
```

```
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```





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```
1 `zerop?`(C0) |> .to.logical()
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```

```
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```

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- less-than-or-equal

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3 `zerop?`(C2) |> .to.logical()
```

```
[1] TRUE
[1] FALSE
[1] FALSE
```

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$$\text{le} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda n. \lambda m. \text{zerop?}(\text{sub}(n)(m))$$

```
1 le(C1)(C1) |> .to.logical()
2 le(C1)(C2) |> .to.logical()
3 le(C2)(C1) |> .to.logical()
```

```
[1] TRUE
[1] TRUE
[1] FALSE
```



- is-equal

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3  eq(C2)(C1) |> .to.logical()
4  eq(C2)(C2) |> .to.logical()
```

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```

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```

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1  (\(y) (\(x) y(x(x))) (\(x) y(x(x)))) (
2  \(\(r) \(\(n) IF(`zerop?'(n)) (C0) (add(n)(r(pred(n)))) (C3) |> .to.integer()
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1  (\(y) \(x) y(x(x))) \(x) y(x(x))) (
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3      \(p) \(x) \(y) p(x)(y)) (
4        \(n) n(\(m) \(x) \(y) y)(\(x) \(y) x))(n)) (
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6            r((\(n) n(\(p) \(z) z(\(n) \(f) \(x) f(n(f)(x)))(p(\(x) \(y) x)))(
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```

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```
1 Y(\(r) \(n)
2   `zerop?`(n)(C0)
3   (`IF`(eq(n)(C1))
4     (C1)
5     (\(x) add (r( sub(n)(C1) )) (r( sub(n)(C2) )) (x)))) -> fibonacci
6
7 lapply(list(C0, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10),
8   \(n) cat(sprintf("%+2s: %+3s\n", n |> .to.integer(), fibonacci(n) |> .to.integer()))
9   -> dev.null
```

```
0: 0
1: 1
2: 1
3: 2
4: 3
5: 5
6: 8
7: 13
8: 21
9: 34
10: 55
```

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