

# ITP20005

# Good Programming /

# Racket Basics (1)

Lecture02

JC

# Quiz1 answers from students

"I want to know how programming code changes into machine language"

⇒ This is what compilers do!!

"...want to learn a racket language..."

⇒ Racket is just a tool to study PL theories.

"Understanding the principles of PL is important to not only learn other languages but also understand how the program works..."

"...want to know how programming language is being made..."



# Quiz1 answers from students

"...PL will not disappear unless the form or the medium might be changed..."

"...new PL can appear..."

"...PL will be same as our verbal language..."

"...in the future, computers can fully understand human languages...we don't need any PL in that day..."

"...programmers will disappear as AI can replace them. but PLs cannot be replaced..." ⇒ <https://www.wired.co.uk/article/google-ai-language-create>

"...I want to learn new language..."

⇒ We learn language principles which will help you learn new language quickly!

"...learn structures of many other languages..."

⇒ We learn a common notation (BNF) to understand language structures.

"...PL history"

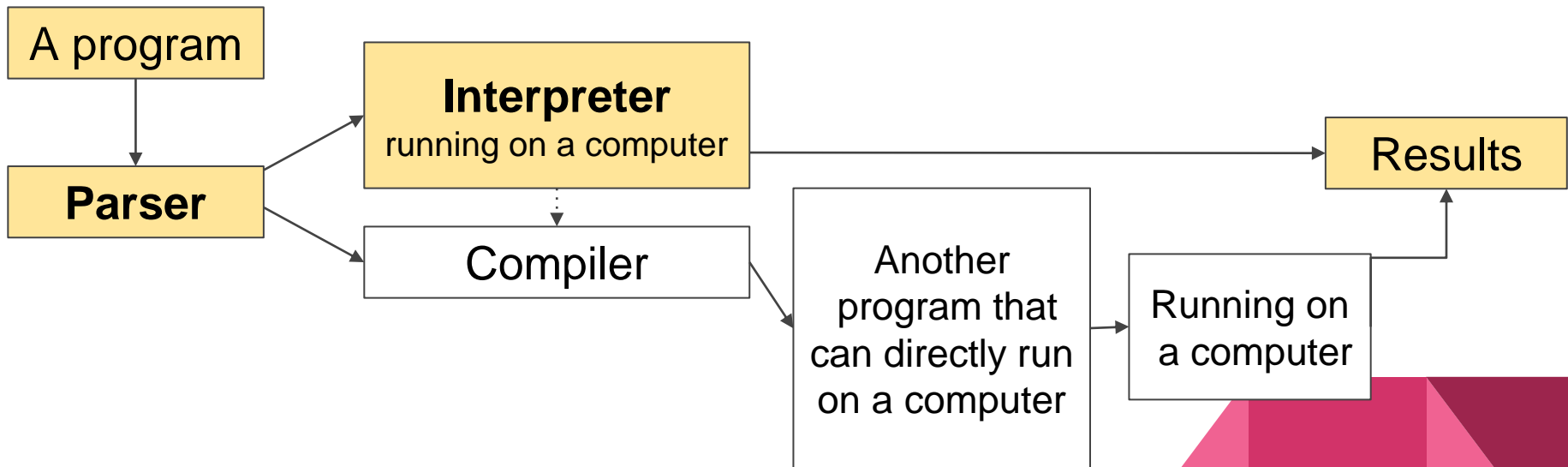
⇒ [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/25/Genealogical\\_tree\\_of\\_programming\\_languages](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/25/Genealogical_tree_of_programming_languages)

# Teaching approach for this PL class

- By implementing **interpreters**
  - Write **programs** to learn **concepts**.
  - We are going to use Racket (formerly *Scheme*) and variants
  - Textbook (Free Ebook, Version 2007-04-26)
    - Programming Languages: Application and Interpretation
      - Shriram Krishnamurthi (Brown University)
      - <http://www.plai.org> First Edition
- Another approach we partially adopt
  - Survey approach
    - Good to learn the consequences of languages.
- Others
  - Definitional interpreter approach
  - Rigorous approach

# Big Picture (modeling languages)

- Just write an interpreter to explain a language.
- By writing an interpreter, we can understand the language!
- Interpreter can be converted into a compiler!!!





# What do we learn?

# Topics we cover and schedule (tentative)

- Racket tutorials (L2,3)
- Modeling languages (L4,5)
- Interpreting arithmetic (L5)
- Language principles
  - Substitution (L6)
  - Function (L7)
  - Deferring Substitution (L8, L9, HW)
  - First-class Functions (L10-L12)
  - Laziness (L13,14)
  - Recursion (L15,16)
  - Mutable data structures (L17,18)
  - Variables (L19,L20)
  - Continuations (L21,22,23)
  - Garbage collection (L24)
  - Semantics (L25)
  - Type (L25,26)
- Guest Video Lecture (L28)

No class: October 2 (Fri, Chuseok), October 9 (Fri, Hangul day)  
Online only class can be provided.



# What is a computer program?





# What is good programming?

Tinker until it works????

# What is good programming?

The creation of software that relies on **SYSTEMATIC** thought, planning, and understanding...

# CREATION GENESIS 1-2

© Mark Barry 2012. Please do not republish without permission, but feel free to copy for personal use.

DAYS 1-3

**GOD FORMS THE CREATION**

**1**



God separates the light from the darkness

1:3-5

**2**



God separates the water from the sky

1:6-8

**3**



God separates the earth from the sea

God creates vegetation

1:9-13

DAYS 4-6

**GOD FILLS THE CREATION**

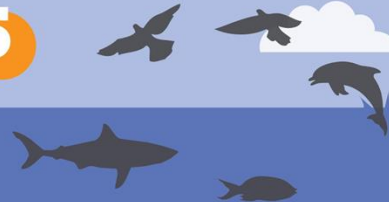
**4**



God creates the sun, moon and stars

1:14-19

**5**



God creates the sea creatures and birds

1:20-23

**6**



God creates the land creatures and humanity

God gives vegetation for food

1:24-31

**7**

God rests from his work of creation

2:1-3

What is

The creation  
thought, pla

g?

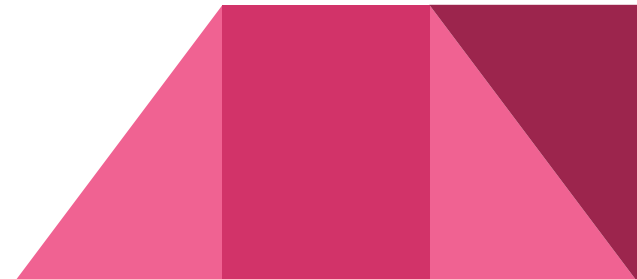
TIC

# Phases until a program runs

# Until a program works...

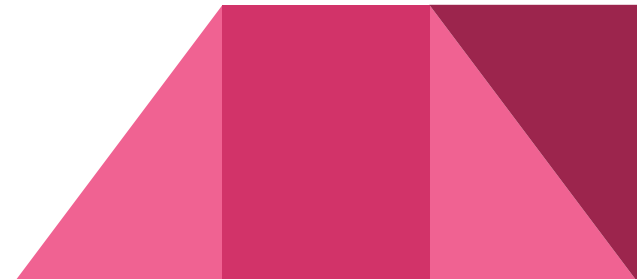
## ***[Design a program]***

- [Write the program by a **programming language**]
- [Interpret or compile the program]
- [Run it and see the results]



# Elements for Systematic Program Design

- Problem Analysis and Data Definitions
- Contract (Signature), Purpose (Effect) statement, Header
- Functional Examples
- Function Definition
- Testing



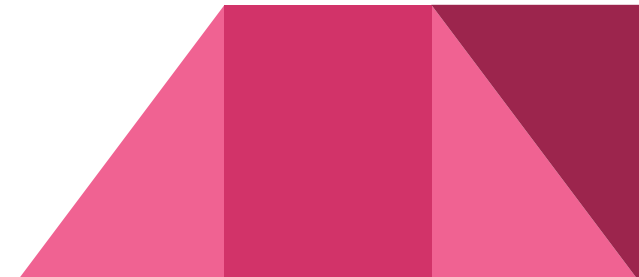
# Until a program works...

[Design a program]

→ ***[Write the program by a **programming language**]***

→ [Interpret or compile the program]

→ [Run it and see the results]





# Programing Languages (by Krishnamurthi)

- Peculiar syntax (c.f. grammar = syntax + morphology)
- Some behaviors associated with each syntax
- Numerous useful libraries
- A collection of idioms that programmers of that language use

Grammar vs. Syntax in the view of natural language: <https://orbi.kr/0003544888>

# Until a program works...

[Design a program]

→ [Write the program by a **programming language**]

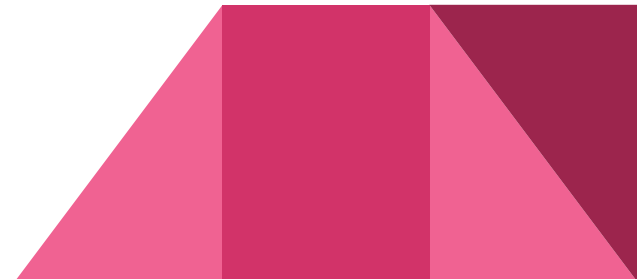
→ ***[Interpret or compile the program]***

→ [Run it and see the results]

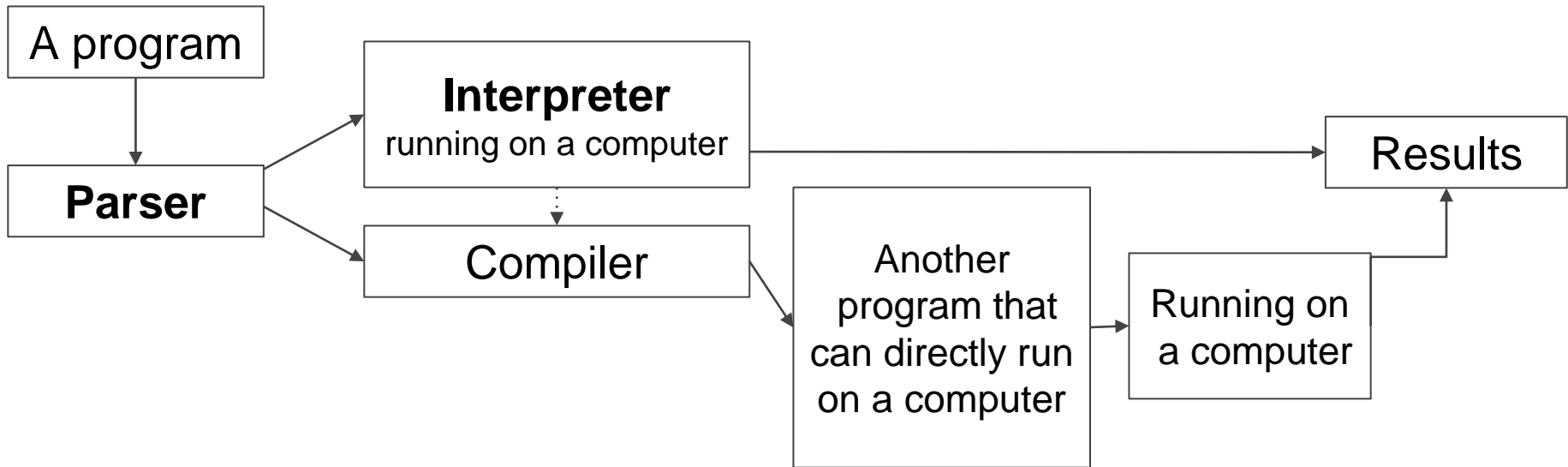


# Interpreters and Compilers


- An **interpreter** takes a program and produces a result
  - bash
  - Racket
  - Search engine (Google, Naver,...)???
- A **compiler** takes a program and produces a (binary) program
  - gcc
  - javac
  - Racket



# Big Picture



# Understand preliminary language elements for computers (in Racket)



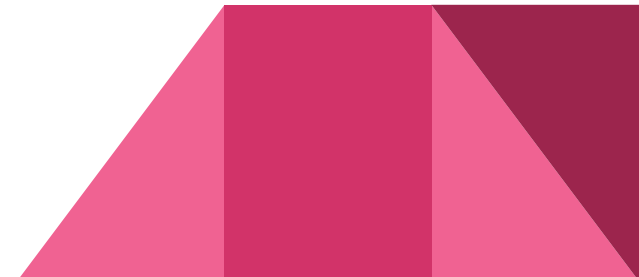
# What kinds of PL elements exist for Computers?

(e.g., variable,...)

# Basic programming language elements

(used in this class and Racket)

- Numbers and Arithmetic
- Variables and Functions
- Conditional Expressions
- Conditional Functions
- Symbols



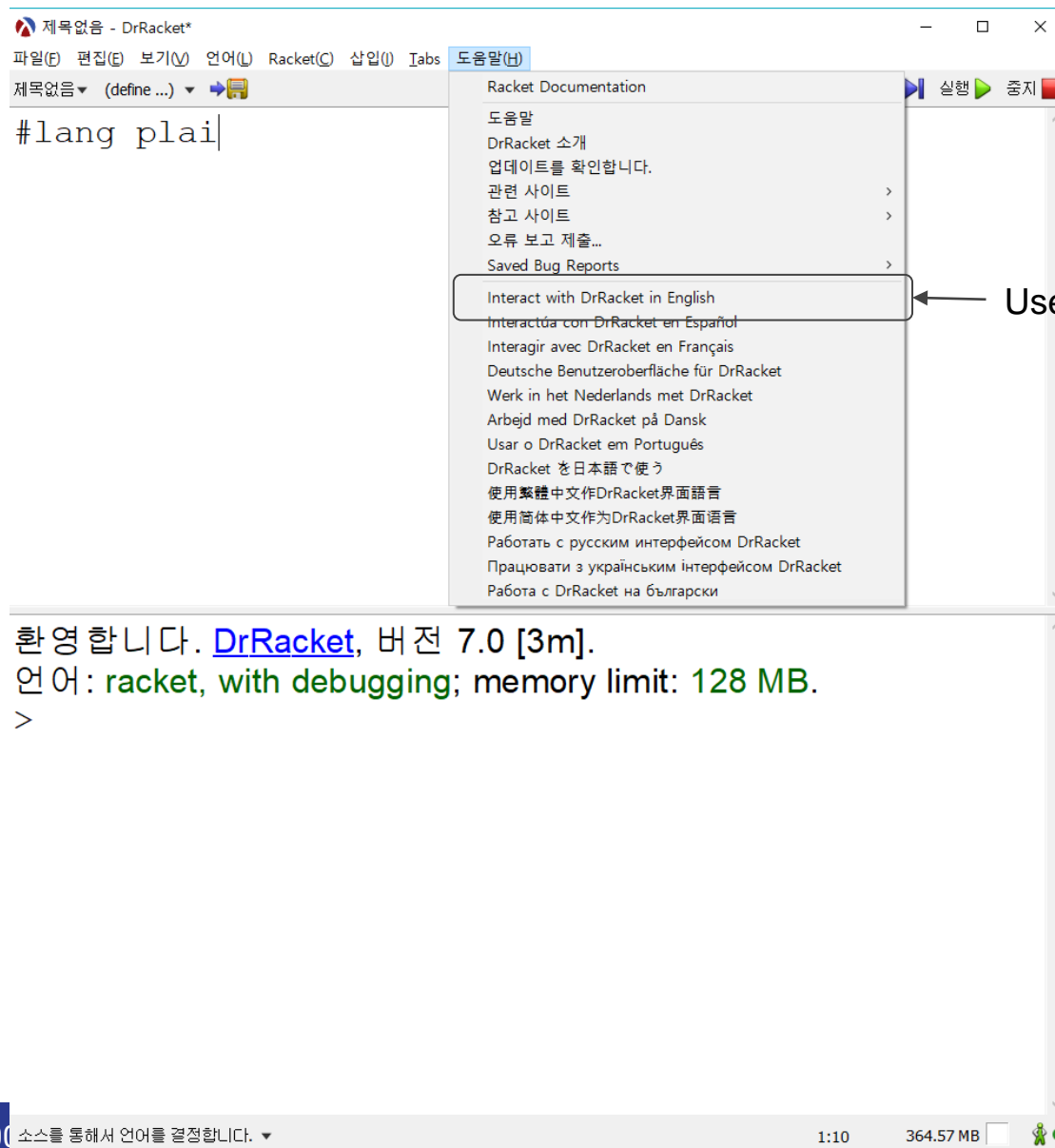
# DrRacket

- Our programming language to study PL
- Install Dr. Racket
  - <http://racket-lang.org/>
- Language level: plai (<https://docs.racket-lang.org/plai/index.html>)
- Each file should be prefixed with: **#lang plai**
- Example
  - Type the following in the Definitions window:  
**#lang plai**  
**; this is a comment line**  
**(define (area-of-square a)**  
 **(\* a a))**  
**(test (area-of-square 4) 16)**
  - Click Run





# DrRacket (2)



Use DrRacket in English

# Racket basic syntax

**(operator operand<sub>1</sub> operand<sub>2</sub> ...)** ; expression/block/statement

**(+ 1 2)** ; *Summate 1 and 2*

*;; Define a function, 'jc' with a parameter 'b' and its body summantes 1 and 'b'*

**(define (jc b) (+ 1 b))**

*;; jc 3!*

**(jc 3)**

# Basic programming language elements

- Numbers and Arithmetic

- In Racket, numbers can be integers, rationals, reals, or complex.

42   22/7   3.141   2+3i

- Arithmetic operations with operators and various arguments  
(opr args1 ...)  
(ftn args1 ...)

# Basic programming language elements

- Numbers and Arithmetic

- In Racket, numbers can be integers, rationals, reals, or complex.

42    22/7    3.141    2+3i

- Arithmetic operations with operators and various arguments:

(+ 1 2 3)

[https://docs.racket-lang.org/reference/generic-numbers.html#%28part.\\_.Arithr](https://docs.racket-lang.org/reference/generic-numbers.html#%28part._.Arithr)

(- 5.1 4)

(/ 22 7)

(modulo 23 3)

(max 1 4 3 5 6)

(min 2 5 3 4 5)

(abs -6)

(sqrt 4)

# Basic programming language elements

- Variables and Functions

`(define (function-name param1 ...) ; define a function  
body)`

`(function-name args1 ... ) ; call the  
function`

# Basic programming language elements

- Variables and Functions

- A square of side-length  $a$  has the area  $a^2$   
(define (area-of-square a)  
 (\* a a))

(area-of-square 5)

(area-of-square 3)



# Basic programming language elements

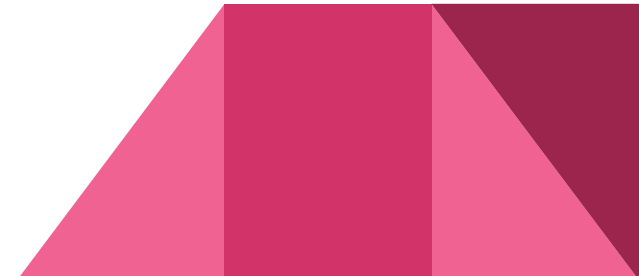
- Variables and Functions

- A disk of radius  $r$  has the approximate area  $3.14 \cdot r^2$

```
(define (area-of-disk r)  
  (* 3.14 (* r r)))
```

```
(area-of-disk 5)
```

```
(area-of-disk 3)
```



# Basic programming language elements

- Variables and Functions
  - Design the function for the area of a ring





# Basic programming language elements

- Variables and Functions
  - Design the function for the area of a ring

; area-of-ring: number number -> number **[Contract]**

; to compute the area of a ring whose radius **[Purpose]**  
; outer and whose hole has a radius of inner

; (area-of-ring 5 3 ) should produce 50.24 **[Example]**

(define (area-of-ring outer inner)  
 (- (area-of-disk outer)  
 (area-of-disk inner)))

**[Header]**

**[Body]**

# Basic programming language elements

- Variables and Functions
  - Design the function for the area of a ring

; area-of-ring: number number -> number **[Contract]**

; to compute the area of a ring whose radius **[Purpose]**  
; outer and whose hole has a radius of inner

(define (area-of-ring outer inner) **[Header]**  
 (- (area-of-disk outer) **[Body]**  
 (area-of-disk inner)))

(test (area-of-ring 5 3) 50.24) **[Tests]**

# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Expressions
  - Booleans and relations  
(and (> 4 3) (<= 10 100))  
(or (> 4 3) (= 10 100))  
(not (= 2 3 ))

# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Expressions

- Booleans and relations

- Functions that test conditions

- ;; [contract] is-5?: number -> boolean

- ;; [purpose] to determine whether n is equal to 5

- (define (is-5? n)  
 (= n 5))

- (test (is-5? 5) true)

- (test (is-5? 7) false)

- (test (is-5? 8) false)

# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Expressions

- Booleans and relations
- Functions that test conditions

`:: is-between-5-6-or-over-10?: number -> boolean`

`:: to determine whether n is between 5 and 6`

`:: (exclusive) or larger than or equal to 10`

`(define (is-between-5-6-or-over-10? n)`

`(or (and (< 5 n) (< n 6))`

`(>= n 10)))`

# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Expressions

- Booleans and relations
- Functions that test conditions

`;; is-between-5-6-or-over-10?: number -> boolean`

`;; to determine whether n is between 5 and 6 (exclusive)`

`;; or larger than or equal to 10`

```
(define (is-between-5-6-or-over-10? n)
  (or (is-between-5-6? n) (>= n 10)))
```

`;; is-between-5-6-or-over-10?: number -> boolean`

`;; to determine whether n is between 5 and 6 (exclusive)`

```
(define (is-between-5-6? n)
  (and (< 5 n) (< n 6)))
```

# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Functions

```
(define (function-name param1 ...)  
  (cond  
    [ce1 body1]  
    ...  
    [else body]))
```

# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Functions

Suppose the bank pays 4% for deposits of up to \$1,000 (inclusive), 4.5% for deposits of up to \$5,000 (inclusive), and 5% for deposits of more than \$5,000. Write the function `interest-rate` which calculates the interest rate for a given amount.





# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Functions

Suppose the bank pays 4% for deposits of up to \$1,000 (inclusive), 4.5% for deposits of up to \$5,000 (inclusive), and 5% for deposits of more than \$5,000. Write the function `interest-rate` which calculates the interest rate for a given amount.

```
;; interest-rate : number -> number
```

```
;; to determine the interest rate for the given amount
```

```
(define (interest-rate amount) ...)
```

```
...
```

```
(test (interest-rate 1000) 0.040)
```

```
(test (interest-rate 2000) 0.045)
```

# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Functions

Suppose the bank pays 4% for deposits of up to \$1,000 (inclusive), 4.5% for deposits of up to \$5,000 (inclusive), and 5% for deposits of more than \$5,000. Write the function `interest-rate` which calculates the interest rate for a given amount.

```
;; interest-rate : number -> number
```

```
;; to determine the interest rate for the given amount
```

```
(define (interest-rate amount)
```

```
  (cond
```

```
    [(<= amount 1000) 0.040]
```

```
    [(<= amount 5000) 0.045]
```

```
    [(> amount 5000) 0.050]))
```

```
(test (interest-rate 1000) 0.040)
```

```
(test (interest-rate 2000) 0.045)
```

# Basic programming language elements

- Conditional Functions

Suppose the bank pays 4% for deposits of up to \$1,000 (inclusive), 4.5% for deposits of up to \$5,000 (inclusive), and 5% for deposits of more than \$5,000. Write the function `interest-rate` which calculates the interest rate for a given amount.

```
;; interest-rate : number -> number
```

```
;; to determine the interest rate for the given amount
```

```
(define (interest-rate amount)
```

```
  (cond
```

```
    [(<= amount 1000) 0.040]
```

```
    [(<= amount 5000) 0.045]
```

```
    [else 0.050]))
```

```
(test (interest-rate 1000) 0.040)
```

```
(test (interest-rate 2000) 0.045)
```

# Basic programming language elements

- Symbols

- A symbol is an identifier preceded by a single forward quotation mark:

'the 'dog 'cat 'two^3 'and%so%on?

- Only one basic operation on symbols: symbol=?

(define (reply s)

(cond

[(symbol=? s 'GoodMorning) 'Hi]

[(symbol=? s 'HowAreYou?) 'Fine]

[(symbol=? s 'GoodAfternoon) 'INeedANap]

[(symbol=? s 'GoodEvening) 'BoyAmITired]))



Then, how we can design a program?

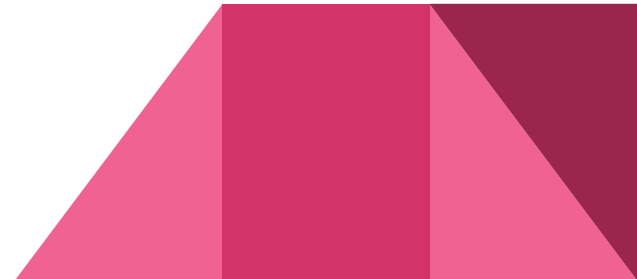
# Steps to Good Programming

# The Design Recipe for functions

- Contract (Signature)  
; area-of-ring: number number -> number
- Purpose  
; to compute the area of a ring whose radius is  
; outer and whose hole has a radius of inner
- Tests  
(test (area-of-ring 5 3) 50.24)
- Header  
(define (area-of-ring outer inner)
- Body  
(- (area-of-disk outer)  
  (area-of-disk inner)))

# Test-Driven Development

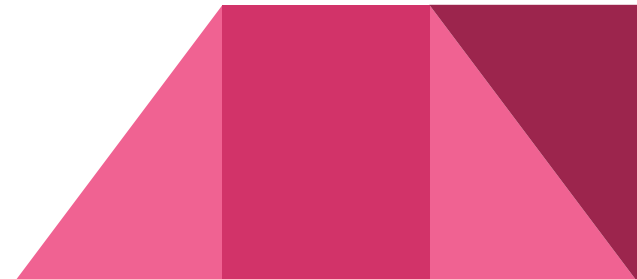
- Write test cases before writing programs.
- Write the simplest code to pass those tests.
- If your code doesn't do everything you want it to, *write more tests and repeat.*





# Test-Driven Development (2)

- Code and Tests are two wheels in a bike.
  - Tests are a great source of documents.
    - Precise
    - Executable and always in sync with code
  - Help us keep the design simple.
  - Help us make incremental progress.
  - Protect our code!!!



# Test-Driven Development (3)

- Testing in Racket with the PLAI setting
  - (test result\_expression expected\_expression)  
(test (area-of-square 4) 16)  
produces  
good (area-of-square 4) "at line 3"  
expected: 16  
given: 16
  - (test/exn result\_expr error\_message)  
(test/exn (error "/: division by zero") "by zero")
  - (test/pred result\_expr pred?)
  - (test/regexp result\_expr error\_message\_regexp)  
<http://docs.racket-lang.org/plai/plai-scheme.html>

# More resources

1. [http://plrg.kaist.ac.kr/doku.php?id=home:lectures:cs320\\_2018\\_2](http://plrg.kaist.ac.kr/doku.php?id=home:lectures:cs320_2018_2)
2. <http://www.cs.brown.edu/courses/cs173/2008/>
3. <http://pl.barzilay.org/>
4. <http://www.eng.utah.edu/~cs5510/f09/>
5. <http://users.eecs.northwestern.edu/~robby/courses/395-2010-winter/>



JC

[jcnam@handong.edu](mailto:jcnam@handong.edu)  
<https://lifove.github.io>

\* Slides are from Prof. Sukyoung Ryu's PL class in 2018 Spring  
or created by JC based on the main text book.