

Concatenative programming and stack-based languages

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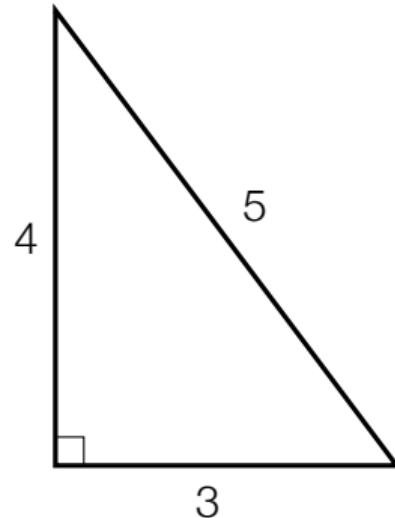
Continued for use in Colonies, after the Regiments of
the Chenango County now Stationed in New York, of the United
States from the 26th Day of February 1776 to the 15th Day of
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Name	Commission	Date	Mo.	Day	Year	Age	Years	Months
Athen Horton	Sept. 1776	July 26	1776	6	8	3	41	4
John Young	Aug. 1776	July 26	1776	7	1	1	41	7
Richard Lewis	2 Capt. 1776	July 26	1776	8	3	4	41	8
James Condie	2 Capt. 1776	July 26	1776	8	3	4	41	8
James Anderson	2 Capt. 1776	July 26	1776	7	1	1	41	7
Oliver Rollins	2 Capt. 1776	July 26	1776	6	5	2	41	6
George Sharpe	2 Capt. 1776	July 26	1776	6	6	2	41	6
Gilbert Norton	March 1776	July 26	1776	6	2	2	41	6
Willie Campbell	... 1776	July 26	1776	6	3	2	41	6
James Norton	... 1776	July 26	1776	3	4	1	41	3
William Davis	April 1776	July 26	1776	2	1	0	41	2
Peter Knott	... 1776	July 26	1776	3	1	0	41	3
John Knott	... 1776	July 26	1776	6	1	2	41	6
James Knott	... 1776	July 26	1776	5	1	1	41	5
John Kelly	... 1776	July 26	1776	5	1	2	41	5
David Johnson	Feb. 1776	July 26	1776	6	5	2	41	6
Sam'l Douglass	March 1776	July 26	1776	4	8	1	41	4
Elizabeth Tille	April 1776	July 26	1776	1	0	0	41	1
Geo. N. Green	March 1776	July 26	1776	4	1	1	41	4
Abiel Eaton	Sept. 1776	July 26	1776	6	6	6	41	6

John Green	July 26	1776	3	41	8
Joyce Burnell	March 1776	15	0	5	1
Charles Bruff	July 26	15	6	2	1
James H. Goulds	11	1	1	1	1
Stephen Lawrence	13	1	1	1	1
John Pepper	Sept. 1776	15	4	8	1
John Davis	March 1776	15	6	8	1
Stephen Bowditch	14	1	1	1	1
Joseph Dickerman	July 26	15	1	1	1
James H. Remond	March 24	15	3	1	1
Robert Livingston	6	15	5	3	2
Army Davis	Feb. 25	15	6	3	2
John Pitcher	23	15	6	3	2
Richard M. Donalds	Sept. 1776	15	0	4	2
John Mitchell	March 3	15	5	2	1
Emmely Scott	25	15	3	1	1
John Rogers	1	15	6	3	2
Matthew Northard	4	15	6	0	2
William Watson	7	15	6	0	1
Joseph Williams	Sept. 1776	15	1	4	1
John Jackson	March 6	15	3	3	1
John Pratt	28	15	6	0	1
John Parker	March 25	15	1	7	2
Emmely Watson	8	15	0	7	1
John Stevenson	8	15	1	1	1
James Galman	8	15	1	1	1
Peter Burgess	8	15	1	3	1
James Woodfords	March 10	15	1	2	1
John Rollins	Sept. 1776	15	6	3	2
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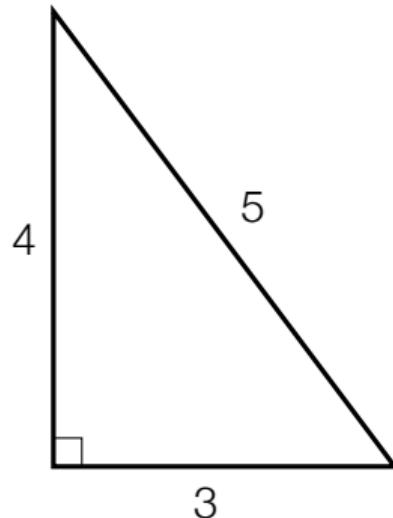
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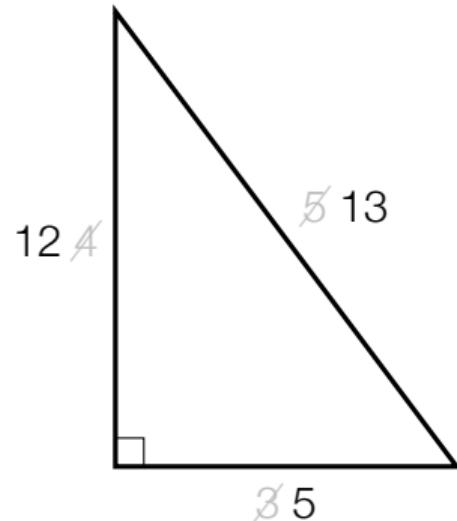


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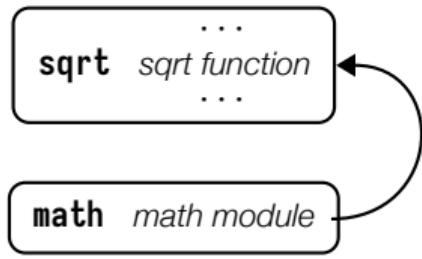
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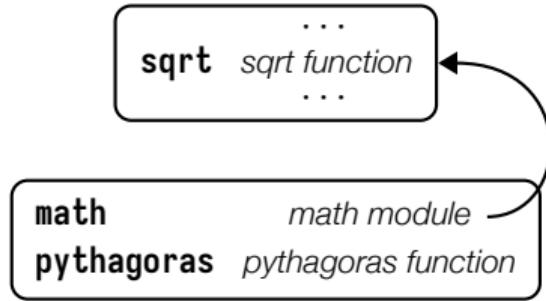


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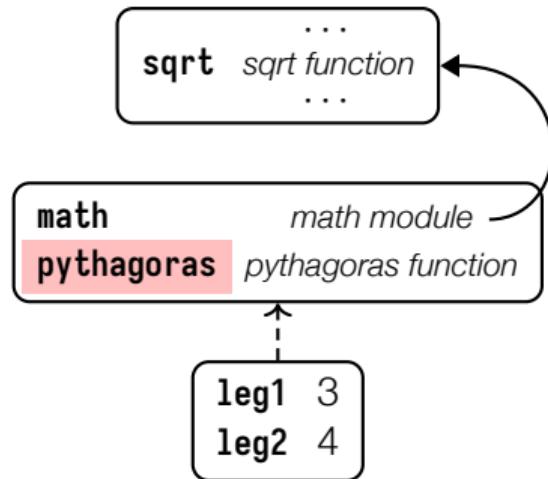


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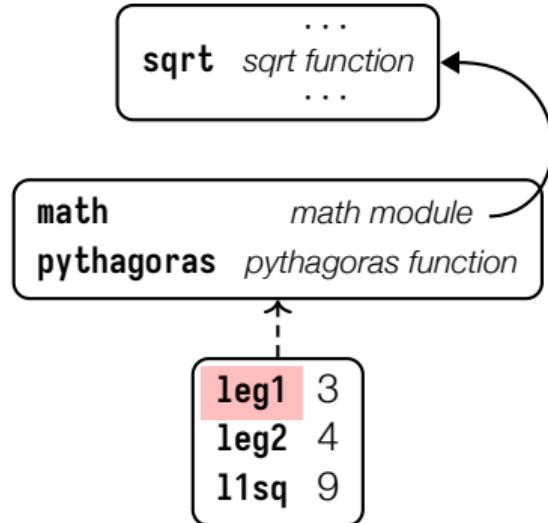


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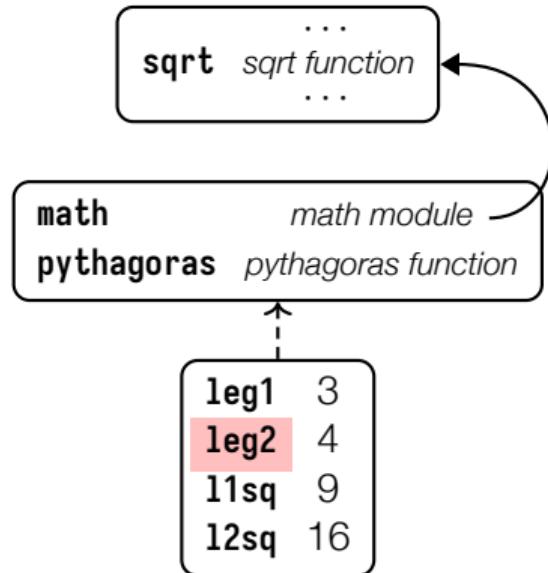


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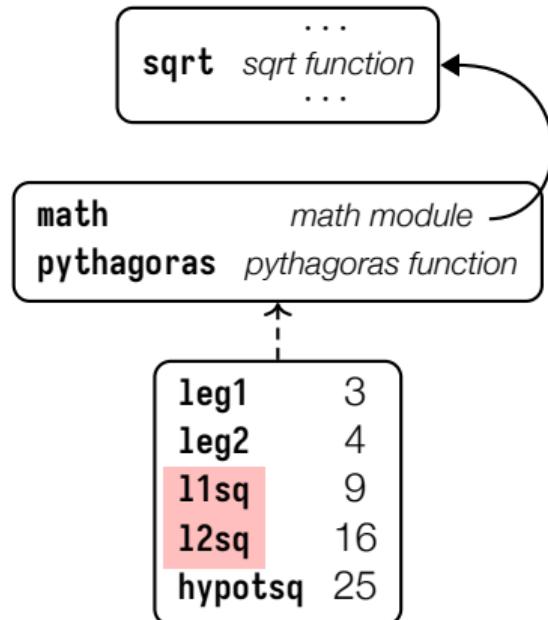


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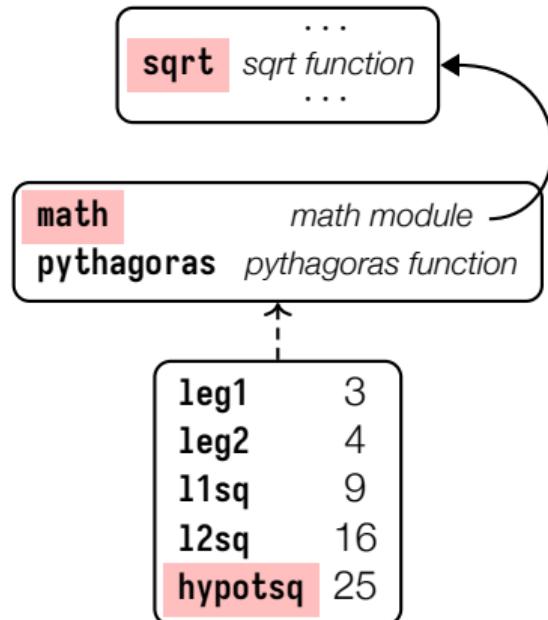


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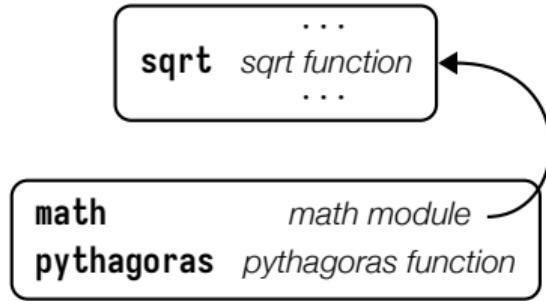


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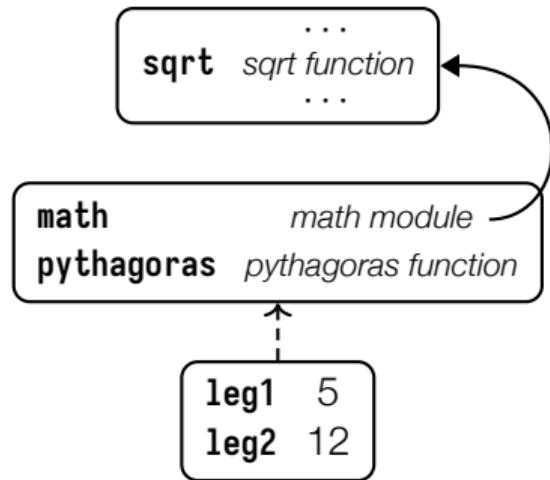


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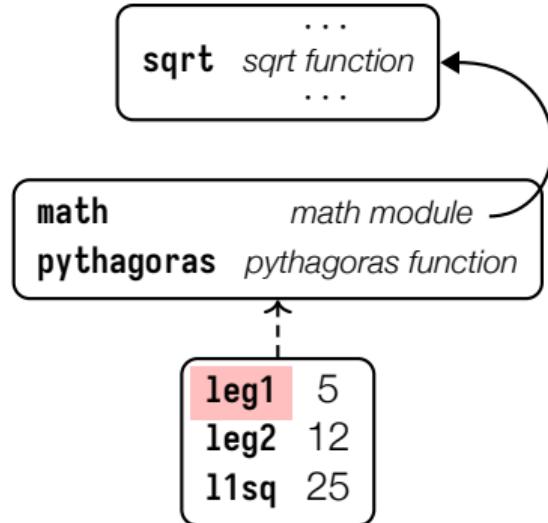
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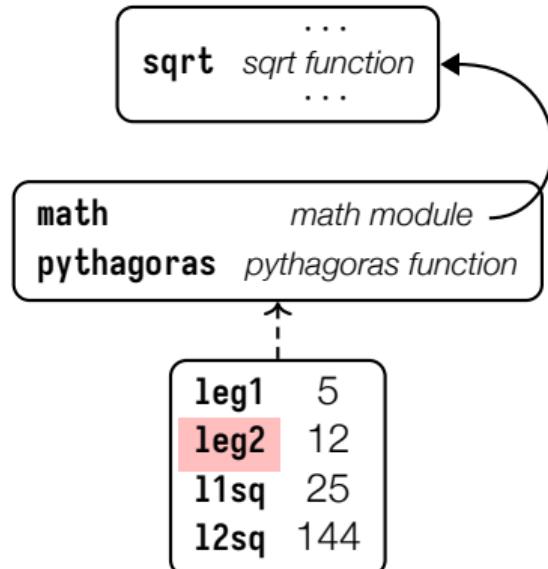
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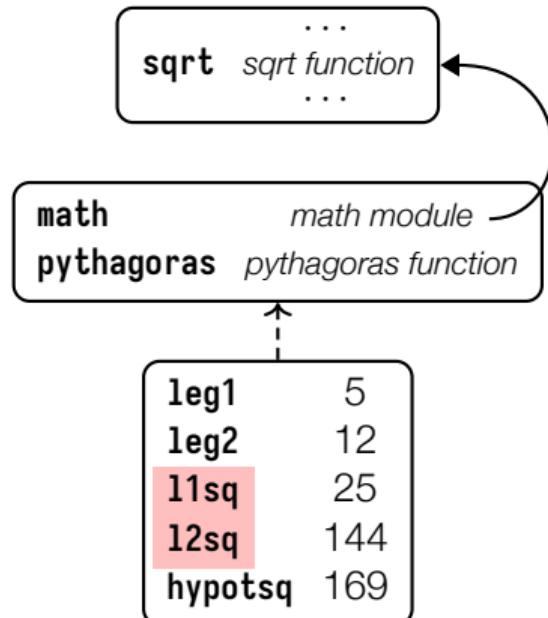
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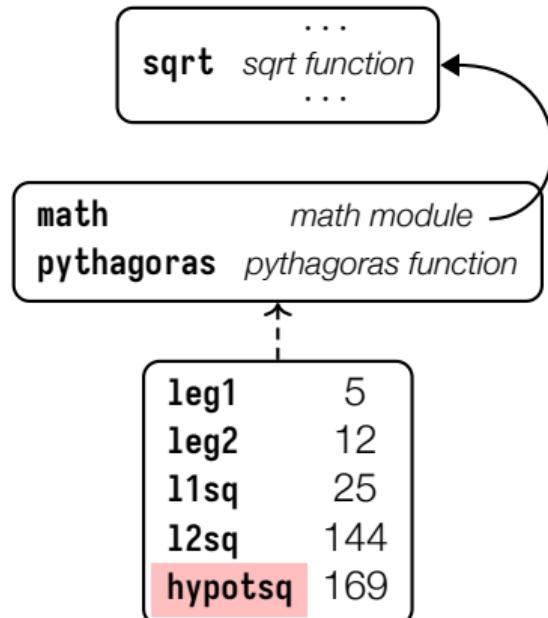
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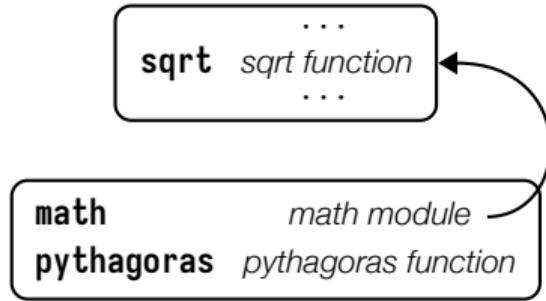
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Stack-based languages



Programs operate on a stack



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1 2 +

Programs operate on a stack



2 +

Programs operate on a stack



Programs operate on a stack

3

Pythagoras



3 3 * 4 4 * + sqrt

Pythagoras

3

3 * 4 4 * + sqrt

Pythagoras

3 3

* 4 4 * + sqrt

Pythagoras

9

4 4 * + sqrt

Pythagoras

9 4

4 * + sqrt

Pythagoras

9 4 4

* + sqrt

Pythagoras

9 16

+ sqrt

Pythagoras

25

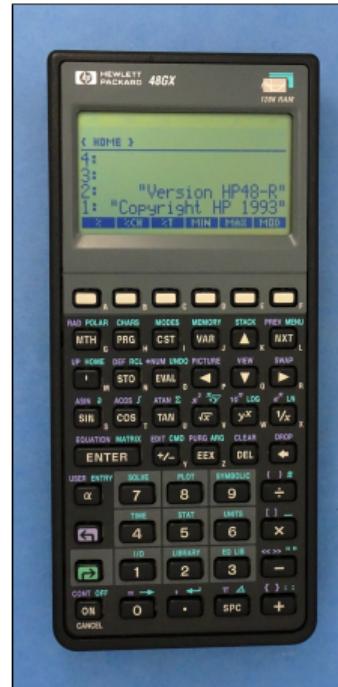
sqrt

Pythagoras

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Pythagoras

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Manipulating the stack

3 3 * 4 4 * + sqrt

Manipulating the stack

3 4 dup * swap dup * + sqrt

Manipulating the stack

3

4 dup * swap dup * + sqrt

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3 4

dup * swap dup * + sqrt

Manipulating the stack

3 4 4

* swap dup * + sqrt

Manipulating the stack

3 16

swap dup * + sqrt

Manipulating the stack

16 3

dup * + sqrt

Manipulating the stack

16 3 3

* + sqrt

Manipulating the stack

16 9

+ sqrt

Manipulating the stack

25

sqrt

Manipulating the stack

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Abstraction

3 4 dup * swap dup * + sqrt

Abstraction

```
3 4 [dup * swap dup * + sqrt] apply
```

Abstraction

3

4 [dup * swap dup * + sqrt] apply

Abstraction

3 4

[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] apply

Abstraction

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Abstraction

3 4

dup * swap dup * + sqrt

Abstraction

3 4 4

* swap dup * + sqrt

Abstraction

3 16

swap dup * + sqrt

Abstraction

16 3

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Abstraction

16 3 3

* + sqrt

Abstraction

16 9

+ sqrt

Abstraction

25

sqrt

Abstraction

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Digging for dirt



3 4 [dup * swap dup * + sqrt] apply

Digging for dirt

[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 3 4 ??? a]

Digging for dirt

[dup * swap dup * + sqrt]

3 4 ??? apply

Digging for dirt

```
[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 3
```

```
4 ??? apply
```

Digging for dirt

```
[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 3 4
```

??? apply

Digging for dirt

```
[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 3 4
```

dig2 apply

Digging for dirt

```
3 4 [dup * swap dup * + sqrt]
```

apply

Digging for dirt

3 4

dup * swap dup * + sqrt

Digging for dirt

3 4 4

* swap dup * + sqrt

Digging for dirt

3 16

swap dup * + sqrt

Digging for dirt

16 3

dup * + sqrt

Digging for dirt

16 3 3

* + sqrt

Digging for dirt

16 9

+ sqrt

Digging for dirt

25

sqrt

Digging for dirt

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Applying a quotation more than once

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[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] dup 3 4 dig2 apply drop | 5 12 dig2 apply drop
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[dup * swap dup * + sqrt]
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```
dup 3 4 dig2 apply drop 5 12 dig2 ap
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Applying a quotation more than once

```
rt] [dup * swap dup * + sqrt]
```

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3 4 dig2 apply drop 5 12 dig2 apply
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] [dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 3
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```
4 dig2 apply drop 5 12 dig2 apply di
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[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 3 4
```

```
dig2 apply drop 5 12 dig2 apply drop
```

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```
3 4 [dup * swap dup * + sqrt]
```

```
apply drop 5 12 dig2 apply drop
```

Applying a quotation more than once

```
[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 3 4
```

```
dup * swap dup * + sqrt drop 5 12 d:
```

Applying a quotation more than once

```
up * swap dup * + sqrt] 3 4 4
```

```
* swap dup * + sqrt drop 5 12 dig2 :
```

Applying a quotation more than once

```
dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 3 16
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swap dup * + sqrt drop 5 12 dig2 app
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Applying a quotation more than once

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```
+ sqrt drop 5 12 dig2 apply drop
```

Applying a quotation more than once

```
[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 25
```

```
sqrt drop 5 12 dig2 apply drop
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Applying a quotation more than once

```
[dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 5
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dup * swap dup * + sqrt] 5 12
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dig2 apply drop
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12 [dup * swap dup * + sqrt]      apply drop
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Applying a quotation more than once

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dup * swap dup * + sqrt drop

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* swap dup * + sqrt drop

Applying a quotation more than once

5 144

swap dup * + sqrt drop

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dup * + sqrt drop

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* + sqrt drop

Applying a quotation more than once

144 25

+ sqrt drop

Applying a quotation more than once

169

sqrt drop

Applying a quotation more than once

13

drop

Applying a quotation more than once



Meaning



What is the meaning of a stack program?



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1 2 +

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1

2 +

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1 2

+

What is the meaning of a stack program?

3

The stack doesn't have to start empty

1337 42

1 2 +

The stack doesn't have to start empty

1337 42 1

2 +

The stack doesn't have to start empty

1337 42 1 2	+
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The stack doesn't have to start empty

1337 42 3

1 2 + \implies Push 3 onto the stack

Programs can consume existing values

```
1337 42 3
```

```
dup *
```

Programs can consume existing values

```
1337 42 3 3
```

*

Programs can consume existing values

1337 42 9

dup * \implies *Pop one value from the stack, square it, and push the result onto the stack*

Stack effects

-- 3
1 2 +

Slava Pestov, Daniel Ehrenberg, Joe Groff. “Factor: A Dynamic Stack-based Programming Language”. ACM SIGPLAN Notices 45:12. December 2010.

Stack effects

$x \text{ -- } x^*x$
dup *

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x -- result
dup *

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More mathier

$$\hat{v} \triangleq \epsilon \mid \hat{v} \cdot v$$

$$literal \ni 0, 1, 42, \dots$$

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$$\text{builtin} \triangleq + \mid * \mid \text{sqrt} \mid \text{apply} \mid \text{dig2} \mid \text{drop} \mid \text{dup} \mid \text{swap} \mid \dots$$

$$\text{instruction} \triangleq \text{literal} \mid \text{builtin} \mid [\text{program}]$$

$$\text{program} \triangleq \text{instruction} \mid \text{program program}$$

$$[\![\text{program}]\!] \in \hat{v} \rightarrow \hat{v}$$

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Evaluating an example program

`[[1 2 +] V = ?`

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Evaluating an example program

$\llbracket 1 \ 2 \ + \rrbracket \hat{v} = \ ?$

Push 3 onto the stack

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Evaluating an example program

$$[\![1 \ 2 \ +]\!] \hat{v} \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{v} \cdot 3$$

Push 3 onto the stack

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Evaluating an example program

$$[\![1\ 2\ +]\!] \hat{v} \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{v} \cdot 3$$

$$[\![1]\!] \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1$$

$$[\![2]\!] \hat{v}_2 = \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2$$

$$[\![+\]\!] \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2)$$

$$[\![p_1\ p_2]\!] \hat{v}_4 = [\![p_2]\!] ([\![p_1]\!] \hat{v}_4)$$

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Evaluating an example program

$$\begin{aligned} [[1\ 2\ +]] \hat{v} &\stackrel{?}{=} \hat{v} \cdot 3 \\ &= [[2\ +]] ([[1]] \hat{v}) \quad p_1=1, p_2=2+, \hat{v}_4=\hat{v} \end{aligned}$$

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Evaluating an example program

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$$\begin{aligned} [[1]] \hat{v}_1 &= \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1 \\ [[2]] \hat{v}_2 &= \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2 \\ [[+]] \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 &= \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2) \\ [[p_1\ p_2]] \hat{v}_4 &= [[p_2]] ([[p_1]] \hat{v}_4) \end{aligned}$$

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Evaluating an example program

$$[\![1\ 2\ +]\!] \hat{v} \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \hat{v} \cdot 3$$

$$= [\![2\ +]\!] (\![1]\!] \hat{v}) \quad p_1=1, \ p_2=2+, \ \hat{v}_4=\hat{v}$$

$$= [\![2\ +]\!] (\hat{v} \cdot 1) \quad \hat{v}_1=\hat{v}$$

$$= [\![+\]\!] (\![2]\!] (\hat{v} \cdot 1)) \quad p_1=2, \ p_2=+, \ \hat{v}_4=\hat{v} \cdot 1$$

$$= [\![+\]\!] (\hat{v} \cdot 1 \cdot 2) \quad \hat{v}_2=\hat{v} \cdot 1$$

$$= \hat{v} \cdot (1 + 2) \quad \hat{v}_3=\hat{v}, \ i_1=1, \ i_2=2$$

$$= \hat{v} \cdot 3$$

$$[\![1]\!] \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1$$

$$[\![2]\!] \hat{v}_2 = \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2$$

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Evaluating an example program

$$[\![\text{dup} \ *]\!] \hat{v} = ?$$

$$[\![1]\!] \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1$$

$$[\![2]\!] \hat{v}_2 = \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2$$

$$[\![+\]\!] \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2)$$

$$[\![p_1 \ p_2]\!] \hat{v}_4 = [\![p_2]\!] ([\![p_1]\!] \hat{v}_4)$$

Evaluating an example program

$$[\![\text{dup} \ *]\!] \hat{v} = ?$$

Pop one value from the stack, square it, and push the result onto the stack

$$[\![1]\!] \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1$$

$$[\![2]\!] \hat{v}_2 = \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2$$

$$[\![+\]\!] \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2)$$

$$[\![p_1 \ p_2]\!] \hat{v}_4 = [\![p_2]\!] ([\![p_1]\!] \hat{v}_4)$$

Evaluating an example program

$$\llbracket \text{dup } * \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot i \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{v} \cdot (i \times i)$$

Pop one value from the stack, square it, and push the result onto the stack

$$\llbracket 1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1$$

$$\llbracket 2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_2 = \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2$$

$$\llbracket + \rrbracket \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2)$$

$$\llbracket p_1 \; p_2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4 = \llbracket p_2 \rrbracket (\llbracket p_1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4)$$

Evaluating an example program

$$[\![\text{dup} \ *]\!] \hat{v} \cdot i \stackrel{?}{=} \hat{v} \cdot (i \times i)$$

$$[\![1]\!] \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1$$

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$$[\![p_1 \ p_2]\!] \hat{v}_4 = [\![p_2]\!] (\,[\![p_1]\!] \hat{v}_4)$$

$$[\![*\]\!] \hat{v}_5 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_5 \cdot (i_1 \times i_2)$$

$$[\![\text{dup}]\!] \hat{v}_6 \cdot v = \hat{v}_6 \cdot v \cdot v$$

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Evaluating an example program

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{dup } * \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot i &\stackrel{?}{=} \hat{v} \cdot (i \times i) \\ &= \llbracket * \rrbracket (\llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot i) \quad p_1 = \text{dup}, \quad p_2 = *, \quad \hat{v}_4 = \hat{v} \cdot i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket 1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_1 &= \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1 \\ \llbracket 2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_2 &= \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\llbracket + \rrbracket \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2)$$

$$\llbracket p_1 \ p_2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4 = \llbracket p_2 \rrbracket (\llbracket p_1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4)$$

$$\llbracket * \rrbracket \hat{v}_5 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_5 \cdot (i_1 \times i_2)$$

$$\llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v}_6 \cdot v = \hat{v}_6 \cdot v \cdot v$$

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Evaluating an example program

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$$\llbracket 1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_1 = \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1$$

$$\llbracket 2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_2 = \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2$$

$$\llbracket + \rrbracket \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2)$$

$$\llbracket p_1 \ p_2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4 = \llbracket p_2 \rrbracket (\llbracket p_1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4)$$

$$\llbracket * \rrbracket \hat{v}_5 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 = \hat{v}_5 \cdot (i_1 \times i_2)$$

$$\llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v}_6 \cdot v = \hat{v}_6 \cdot v \cdot v$$

Evaluating an example program

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{dup } * \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot i &\stackrel{?}{=} \hat{v} \cdot (i \times i) \\ &= \llbracket * \rrbracket (\llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot i) && p_1 = \text{dup}, p_2 = *, \hat{v}_4 = \hat{v} \cdot i \\ &= \llbracket * \rrbracket (\hat{v} \cdot i \cdot i) && \hat{v}_6 = \hat{v}, v = i \\ &= \hat{v} \cdot (i \times i) && \hat{v}_5 = \hat{v}, i_1 = i, i_2 = i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket 1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_1 &= \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1 \\ \llbracket 2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_2 &= \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2 \\ \llbracket + \rrbracket \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 &= \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2) \\ \llbracket p_1 \ p_2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4 &= \llbracket p_2 \rrbracket (\llbracket p_1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4) \\ \llbracket * \rrbracket \hat{v}_5 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 &= \hat{v}_5 \cdot (i_1 \times i_2) \\ \llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v}_6 \cdot v &= \hat{v}_6 \cdot v \cdot v \end{aligned}$$

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Evaluating an example program

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{dup } * \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot i &\stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \hat{v} \cdot (i \times i) \\ &= \llbracket * \rrbracket (\llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot i) \quad p_1 = \text{dup}, \quad p_2 = *, \quad \hat{v}_4 = \hat{v} \cdot i \\ &= \llbracket * \rrbracket (\hat{v} \cdot i \cdot i) \quad \hat{v}_6 = \hat{v}, \quad v = i \\ &= \hat{v} \cdot (i \times i) \quad \hat{v}_5 = \hat{v}, \quad i_1 = i, \quad i_2 = i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket 1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_1 &= \hat{v}_1 \cdot 1 \\ \llbracket 2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_2 &= \hat{v}_2 \cdot 2 \\ \llbracket + \rrbracket \hat{v}_3 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 &= \hat{v}_3 \cdot (i_1 + i_2) \\ \llbracket p_1 \ p_2 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4 &= \llbracket p_2 \rrbracket (\llbracket p_1 \rrbracket \hat{v}_4) \\ \llbracket * \rrbracket \hat{v}_5 \cdot i_1 \cdot i_2 &= \hat{v}_5 \cdot (i_1 \times i_2) \\ \llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v}_6 \cdot v &= \hat{v}_6 \cdot v \cdot v \end{aligned}$$

Completeness



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$$0 \triangleq \lambda f . \lambda x . x$$

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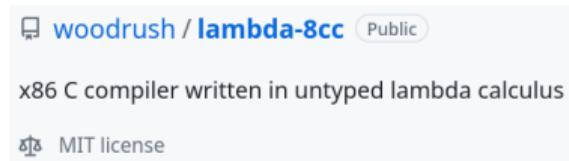
$$2 \triangleq \lambda f . \lambda x . f (f x)$$

⋮

$$\text{succ} \triangleq \lambda n . (\lambda f . \lambda x . f (n f x))$$

Yes, really

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It has long been known in computer science that lambda calculus is Turing-complete. lambda-8cc demonstrates this in a rather straightforward way by showing that C programs can directly be compiled into lambda calculus terms.

Yes, really

```
// rot13.c: Encodes/decodes standard input to/from the ROT13 cipher

#define EOF -1

int putchar(int c);
char getchar(void);

char c;
int offset;

int main (void) {
    for (;;) {
        c = getchar();
        if (c == EOF) {
            break;
        }

        offset = 0;
        if (('a' ≤ c && c < 'n') || ('A' ≤ c && c < 'N')) {
            offset = 13;
        } else if ((‘n’ ≤ c && c ≤ ‘z’) || (‘N’ ≤ c && c ≤ ‘Z’)) {
            offset = -13;
        }
        putchar(c + offset);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

Yes, really

Those pesky names

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literal $\ni 0, 1, 42, \dots$

builtin $\triangleq + | * | \text{sqrt} | \text{apply} | \text{dig2} | \text{drop} | \text{dup} | \text{swap} | \dots$

instruction $\triangleq \text{literal} | \text{builtin} | [\text{program}]$

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Scott J Maddox. “Foundations of Dawn: The Untyped Concatenative Calculus”.

<https://www.dawn-lang.org/posts-foundations-ucc/>

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$$[[p]] \hat{v} \triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [p]$$

$$[\text{apply}] \hat{v} \cdot [p] \triangleq [[p]] \hat{v}$$

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No, really

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concatenate

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reorder

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destroy

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$\llbracket \text{apply} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v}$	$\llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot v$
$\llbracket \text{cake} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [v \ p] \cdot [p \ v]$	$\llbracket k \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v}$
$\llbracket \text{compose} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot [p_1] \cdot [p_2]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [p_1 \ p_2]$	$\llbracket \text{quote} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [v]$
$\llbracket \text{cons} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [v \ p]$	$\llbracket s \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p_1] \cdot [p_2]$	$\triangleq \llbracket p_2 \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot [v \ p_1] \cdot v$
$\llbracket \text{dig2} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v_1 \cdot v_2 \cdot v_3$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot v_2 \cdot v_3 \cdot v_1$	$\llbracket \text{sip} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq (\llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v) \cdot v$
$\llbracket \text{dip} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq (\llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v}) \cdot v$	$\llbracket \text{swap} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v_1 \cdot v_2$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot v_2 \cdot v_1$
$\llbracket \text{drop} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v$	$\triangleq \hat{v}$	$\llbracket \text{take} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [p \ v]$

destroy

Minimalism

$\llbracket \text{apply} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v}$
$\llbracket \text{cake} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [v \ p] \cdot [p \ v]$
$\llbracket \text{compose} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot [p_1] \cdot [p_2]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [p_1 \ p_2]$
$\llbracket \text{cons} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [v \ p]$
$\llbracket \text{dig2} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v_1 \cdot v_2 \cdot v_3$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot v_2 \cdot v_3 \cdot v_1$
$\llbracket \text{dip} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq (\llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v}) \cdot v$
$\llbracket \text{drop} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v$	$\triangleq \hat{v}$

$\llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot v$
$\llbracket k \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v}$
$\llbracket \text{quote} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [v]$
$\llbracket s \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p_1] \cdot [p_2]$	$\triangleq \llbracket p_2 \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot [v \ p_1] \cdot v$
$\llbracket \text{sip} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq (\llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v) \cdot v$
$\llbracket \text{swap} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v_1 \cdot v_2$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot v_2 \cdot v_1$
$\llbracket \text{take} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [p \ v]$

copy

Minimalism

$\llbracket \text{apply} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v}$	$\llbracket \text{dup} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot v$
$\llbracket \text{cake} \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \hat{v} \cdot [v \ p] \cdot [p \ v]$	$\llbracket k \rrbracket \hat{v} \cdot v \cdot [p]$	$\triangleq \llbracket p \rrbracket \hat{v}$
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Brent Kirby. “The theory of concatenative combinators”.
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Minimalism

apply = [[]] dip k	dup = [] cake dip dip
cake = cons [cons sip] dup apply take	k = [drop] dip apply
compose = [[apply] dip apply] cons cons	quote = [] cons
cons = cake [] k	s = dig2 [dig2 cons] sip dig2 apply
dig2 = [] cons cons dip	sip = [quote compose] s apply
dip = cake k	swap = quote dip
drop = [] k	take = [dip] cons cons

Minimalism

apply **unquote**

cake = cons [cons sip] dup apply take

compose **concatenate**

cons = cake [] k

dig2 = [] cons cons dip

dip = cake k

drop **destroy**

dup **copy**

k = [drop] dip apply

quote **quote**

s = dig2 [dig2 cons] sip dig2 apply

sip = [quote compose] s apply

swap **reorder**

take = [dip] cons cons

Minimalism

apply = [[]] dip k

cake = cons [cons sip] dup apply take

compose = [[apply] dip apply] cons cons

cons **concatenate, quote**

dig2 = [] cons cons dip

dip = cake k

drop = [] k

dup = [] cake dip dip

k **destroy, unquote**

quote = [] cons

s = dig2 [dig2 cons] sip dig2 apply

sip **copy, reorder, unquote**

swap = quote dip

take = [dip] cons cons

Minimalism

apply = [[]] dip k

cake **concatenate, copy, reorder, quote**

compose = [[apply] dip apply] cons cons

cons = cake [] k

dig2 = [] cons cons dip

dip = cake k

drop = [] k

dup = [] cake dip dip

k **destroy, unquote**

quote = [] cons

s = dig2 [dig2 cons] sip dig2 apply

sip = [quote compose] s apply

swap = quote dip

take = [dip] cons cons

Apologies in advance

$\lambda x. \lambda y. y x = [[[swap\ drop\ apply]\ swap\ drop\ apply]\ swap\ dig2\ dup\ dig2\ cons\ swap\ dig2\ apply]\ [[swap\ drop\ apply]\ [swap\ drop\ apply]\ swap\ dig2\ dup\ dig2\ cons\ swap\ dig2\ apply]]\ [[[swap\ drop\ apply]\ [swap\ drop\ apply]\ swap\ dig2\ dup\ dig2\ cons\ swap\ dig2\ apply]\ swap\ drop\ apply]\ swap\ dig2\ dup\ dig2\ cons\ swap\ dig2\ apply]$

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Associativity

Concatenation revisited

$$[\![p_1 \ p_2]\!] \ \hat{\vee} \triangleq [\![p_2]\!] \ ([\![p_1]\!] \ \hat{\vee})$$

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Concatenation revisited

$$[\![p_1 \ p_2]\!] \ \hat{\vee} \triangleq ([\![p_2]\!] \circ [\![p_1]\!]) \ \hat{\vee}$$

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Concatenation revisited

$$[p_1 \ p_2] \triangleq [p_2] \circ [p_1]$$

Syntactic concatenation is semantic composition

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Concatenation revisited

$$[\![p_1 \ p_2]\!] \triangleq [\![p_2]\!] \circ [\![p_1]\!]$$



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Associativity of stack transformers

$\llbracket a \ b \ c \ d \rrbracket = \ ?$

Associativity of stack transformers

$\llbracket(a\ b)\ (c\ d)\rrbracket = \text{?}$

Associativity of stack transformers

$$[(a\ b)\ (c\ d))] = [c\ d] \circ [a\ b]$$

Associativity of stack transformers

$$[(a\ b)\ (c\ d)] = ([d] \circ [c]) \circ ([b] \circ [a])$$

Associativity of stack transformers

$$[(a\ b)\ (c\ d))] = ([d] \circ [c]) \circ ([b] \circ [a])$$

$$[a\ (b\ (c\ d))] = (([d] \circ [c]) \circ [b]) \circ [a]$$

Associativity of stack transformers

$$[(a\ b)\ (c\ d)] = ([d] \circ [c]) \circ ([b] \circ [a])$$

$$[a\ (b\ (c\ d))] = (([d] \circ [c]) \circ [b]) \circ [a]$$

$$[((a\ b)\ c)\ d)] = [d] \circ ([c] \circ ([b] \circ [a]))$$

Associativity of stack transformers

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$$[((a\ b)\ c)\ d] = [d] \circ ([c] \circ ([b] \circ [a]))$$

$$[(a\ (b\ c))\ d] = [d] \circ (([c] \circ [b]) \circ [a])$$

Associativity of stack transformers

$$[\![a\ b\ c\ d]\!] = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [\![(a\ b)\ (c\ d)]\!] = ([\![d]\!] \circ [\![c]\!]) \circ ([\![b]\!] \circ [\![a]\!]) \\ [\![a\ (b\ (c\ d))]\!] = (([\![d]\!] \circ [\![c]\!]) \circ [\![b]\!]) \circ [\![a]\!] \\ [\![(a\ b)\ c)\ d]\!] = [\![d]\!] \circ ([\![c]\!] \circ ([\![b]\!] \circ [\![a]\!])) \\ [\![a\ (b\ c))\ d]\!] = [\![d]\!] \circ (([\![c]\!] \circ [\![b]\!]) \circ [\![a]\!]) \end{array} \right\} = [\![d]\!] \circ [\![c]\!] \circ [\![b]\!] \circ [\![a]\!]$$

Associativity of stack transformers

$$[a \ b \ c \ d] = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} [[(a \ b) \ (c \ d))] = ([[d]] \circ [[c]]) \circ ([[b]] \circ [[a]]) \\ [[a \ (b \ (c \ d))]] = ((([[d]] \circ [[c]]) \circ [[b]]) \circ [[a]]) \\ [[((a \ b) \ c) \ d]] = [[d]] \circ ([[c]] \circ ([[b]] \circ [[a]])) \\ [[(a \ (b \ c)) \ d]] = [[d]] \circ ((([[c]] \circ [[b]]) \circ [[a]]) \end{array} \right\} = [[d]] \circ [[c]] \circ [[b]] \circ [[a]]$$

This is *not* changing the order that we execute instructions!

This is *not* the associativity of + and ×!

Jeremy Gibbons. “Continuation-Passing Style, Defunctionalization, Accumulations, and Associativity”. The Art, Science, and Engineering of Programming, 2022, Vol. 6, Issue 2, Article 7.

Associativity \Rightarrow parallelism



Compiling stack programs

$\langle 0 \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{mov \%ax, 0} \\ \text{push \%ax} \end{array}$

$\langle 1 \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{mov \%ax, 1} \\ \text{push \%ax} \end{array}$

$\langle 42 \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{mov \%ax, 42} \\ \text{push \%ax} \end{array}$

\vdots

$\langle + \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{pop \%ax} \\ \text{add \%ax, [%sp]} \\ \text{mov [%sp], \%ax} \end{array}$

$\langle * \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{pop \%ax} \\ \text{mul [%sp]} \\ \text{mov [%sp], \%ax} \end{array}$

$\langle \text{sqrt} \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{fild [%sp]} \\ \text{fsqrt} \\ \text{fisstp [%sp]} \end{array}$

$\langle \text{dup} \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{mov \%ax, [%sp]} \\ \text{push \%ax} \end{array}$

$\langle \text{drop} \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{pop \%ax} \end{array}$

$\langle \text{swap} \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{pop \%ax} \\ \text{pop \%bx} \\ \text{push \%ax} \\ \text{push \%bx} \end{array}$

Compiling stack programs

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$$\langle 42 \rangle \triangleq \begin{array}{l} \text{mov \%ax, 42} \\ \text{push \%ax} \end{array}$$
$$\vdots$$
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$$\langle p_1 \ p_2 \rangle \triangleq \langle p_1 \rangle \# \langle p_2 \rangle$$

Compiling our example expression

```
3 4 dup * swap dup * + sqrt
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Compiling our example expression

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3 4 dup * swap dup * + sqrt
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Compiling our example expression

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1 2 + | 2 2 * dup * swap dup * + sqrt |
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Compiling our example expression

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1 2 + 2 | 2 * dup * swap dup * + sqrt
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Compiling our example expression

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1 2 + 2 | 2 * dup * swap dup * + sqrt
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Compiling our example expression

⟨ 1 2 + 2 ⟩

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```
mov %ax, 1  
push %ax  
mov %ax, 2  
push %ax  
pop %ax  
add %ax, [%sp]  
mov [%sp], %ax  
mov %ax, 2  
push %ax
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⟨ 2 * dup * swap ⟩

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mov %ax, 2  
push %ax  
pop %ax  
mul [%sp]  
mov [%sp], %ax  
mov %ax, [%sp]  
push %ax  
push %ax  
pop %ax  
mul [%sp]  
mov [%sp], %ax  
pop %ax  
pop %bx  
push %ax  
push %bx
```

⟨ dup * + sqrt ⟩

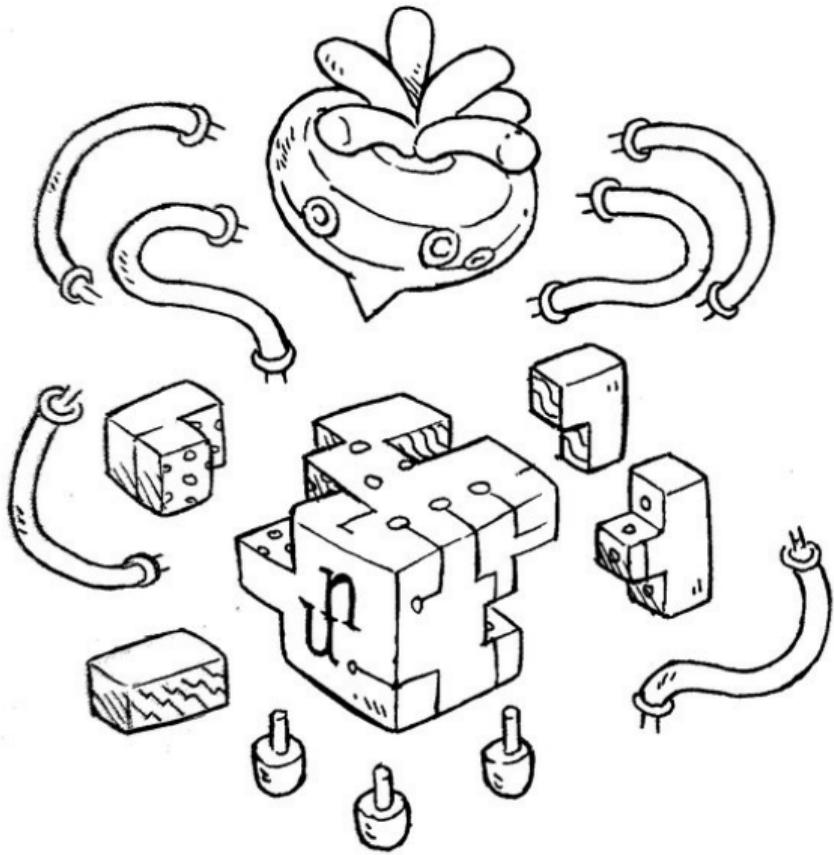
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mov %ax, [%sp]  
push %ax  
pop %ax  
mul [%sp]  
mov [%sp], %ax  
pop %ax  
add %ax, [%sp]  
mov [%sp], %ax  
fild [%sp]  
fsqrt  
fisstp [%sp]
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Compiling our example expression

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( 1 2 + 2 * dup * swap dup * + sqrt ) =
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mov %ax, 1
push %ax
mov %ax, 2
push %ax
pop %ax
pop %ax
add %ax, %bx
push %ax
mov %ax, 2
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fisstp [%sp]
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