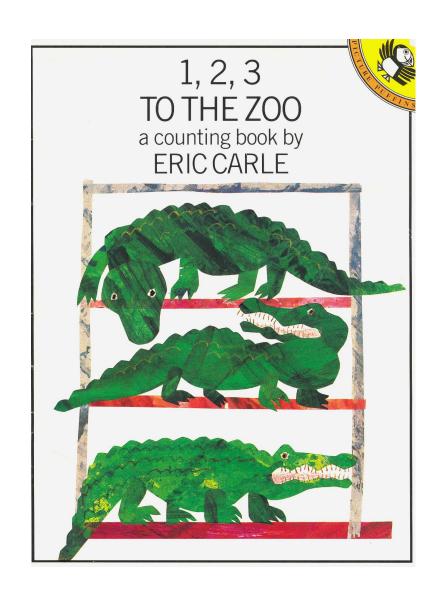
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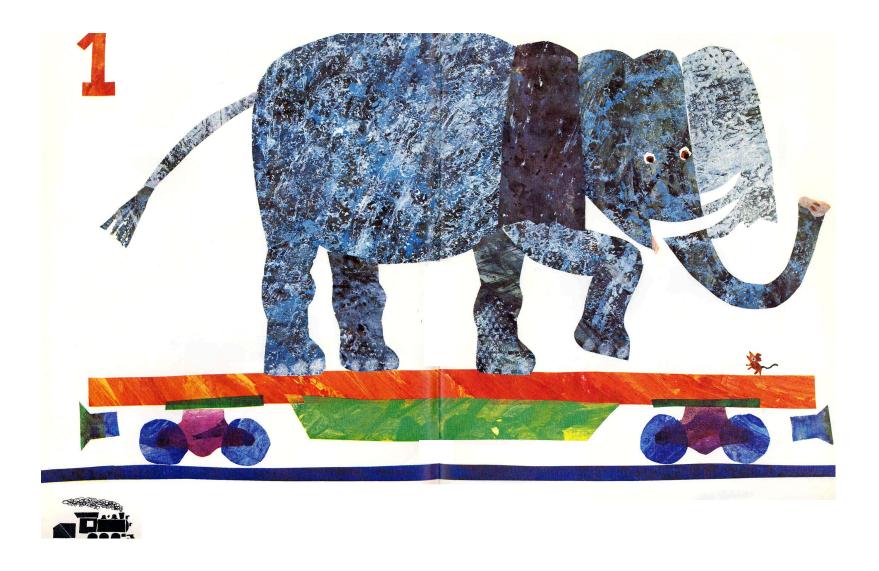
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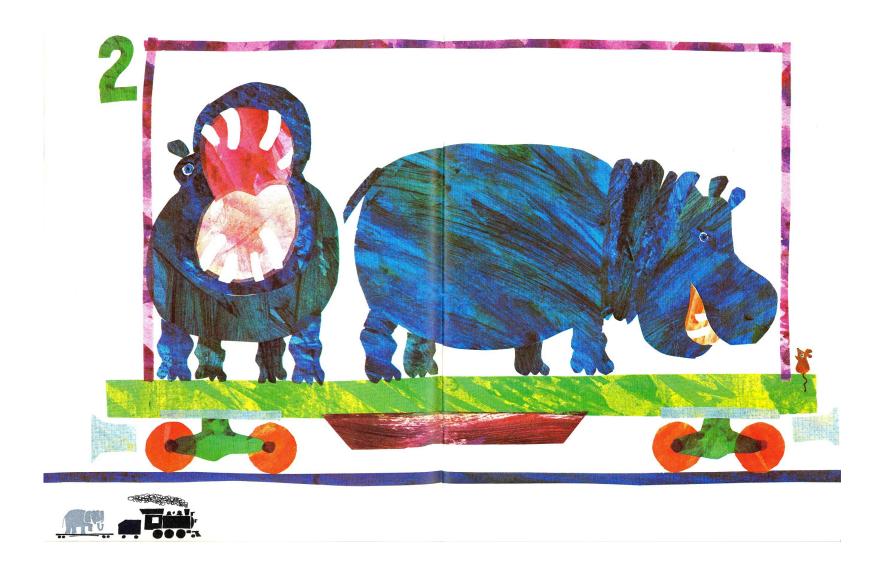
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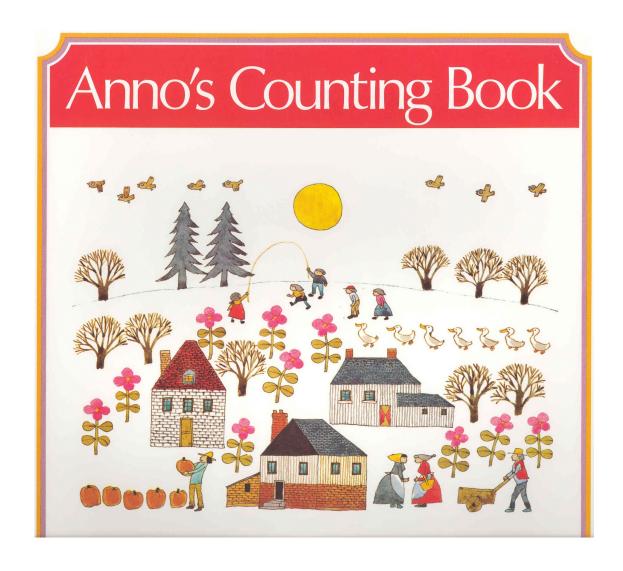
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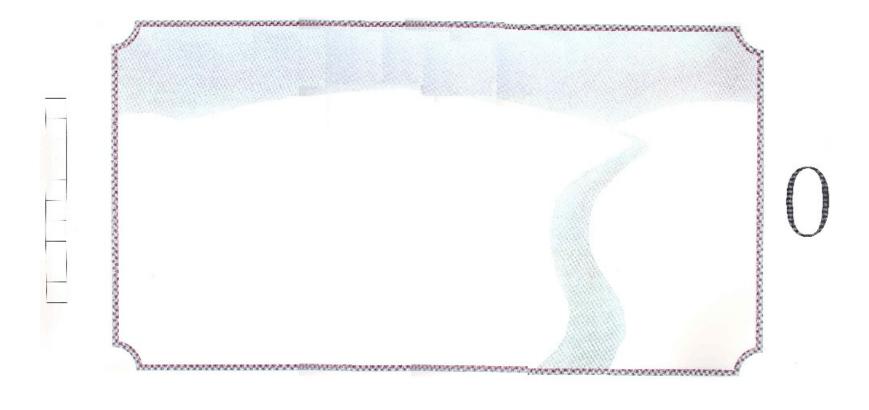












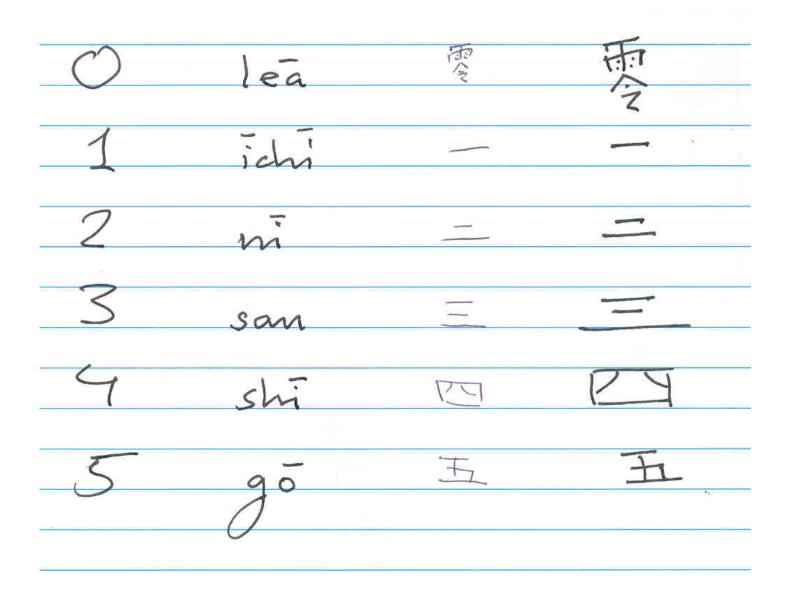




Zero appears in India, 7th century CE



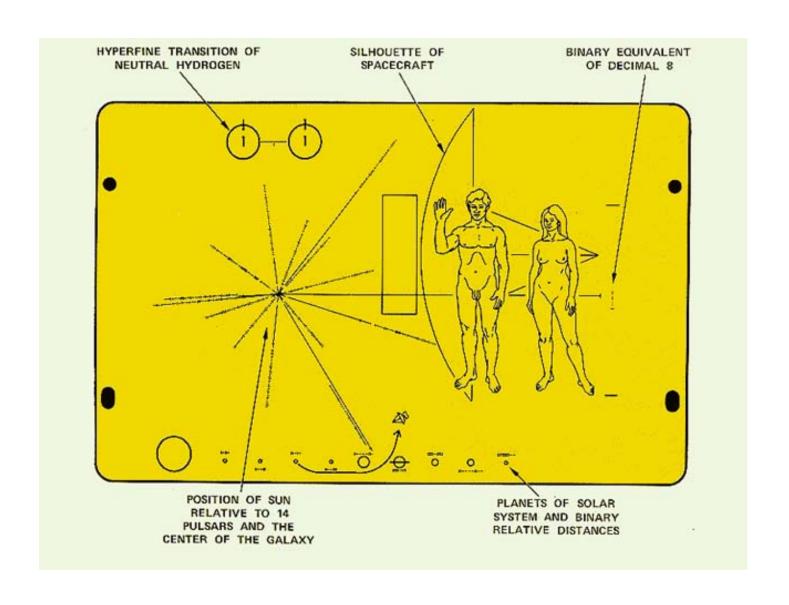
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Part 1

Aliens

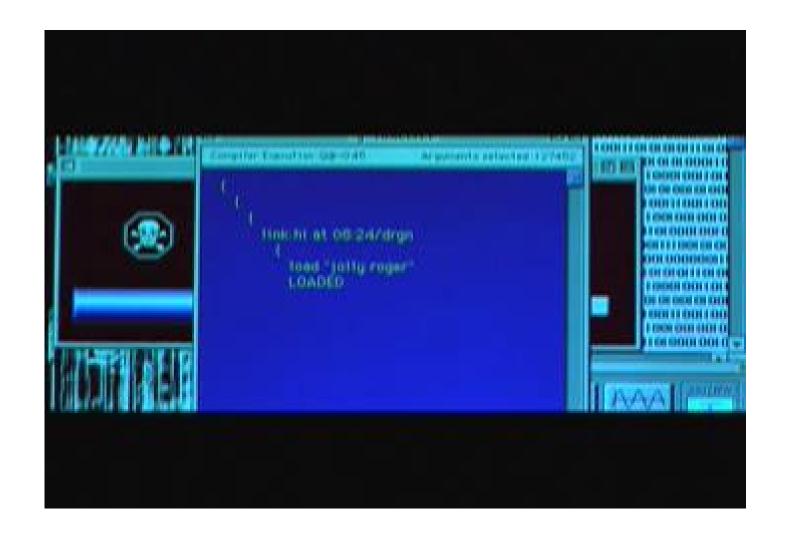
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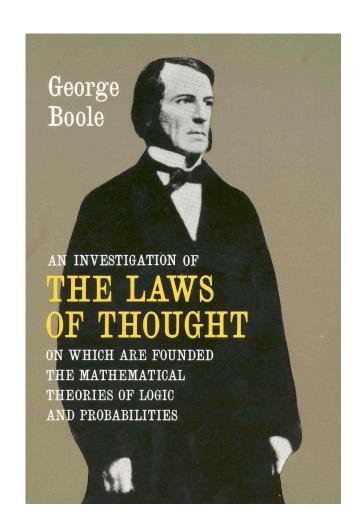
A universal programming language?



Part 2

Boolean algebra

George Boole (1815–1864)



Boole 1847: Mathematical analysis of logic

The primary canonical forms already determined for the expression of Propositions, are

All Xs are Ys,
$$x(1-y)=0$$
, ...A.
No Xs are Ys, $xy=0$, ...E.
Some Xs are Ys, $v=xy$, ...I.
Some Xs are not Ys, $v=x(1-y)$...O.

On examining these, we perceive that E and I are symmetrical with respect to x and y, so that x being changed into y, and y into x, the equations remain unchanged. Hence E and I may be interpreted into

respectively. Thus we have the known rule of the Logicians, that particular 26|27 affirmative and universal negative Propositions admit of simple conversion.

Boole 1854: Laws of Thought

Proposition IV.

That axiom of metaphysicians which is termed the principle of contradiction, and which affirms that it is impossible for any being to possess a quality, and at the same time not to possess it, is a consequence of the fundamental law of thought, whose expression is $x^2 = x$.

Let us write this equation in the form

$$x-x^2=0,$$

whence we have

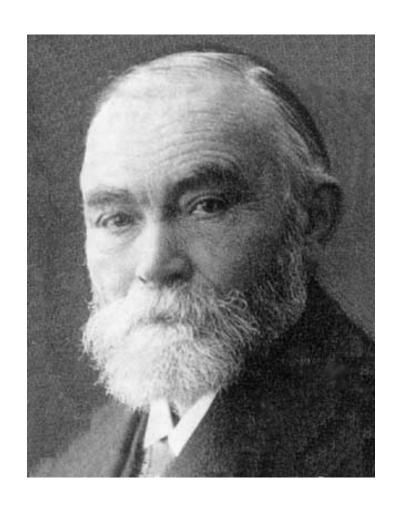
$$x\left(1-x\right)=0; \tag{1}$$

both these transformations being justified by the axiomatic laws of combination and transposition (II. 13). Let us, for simplicity

Part 3

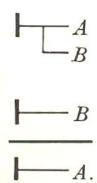
Frege's Begriffsschrift

Gotlob Frege (1848–1925)



Frege 1879 — modus ponens

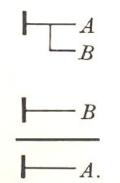
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$$\frac{\vdash B \supset A \qquad \vdash B}{\vdash A}$$

Frege 1879 — quantification

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$$\frac{\vdash A \supset \Phi(a)}{\vdash A \supset \forall a. \, \Phi(x)}$$

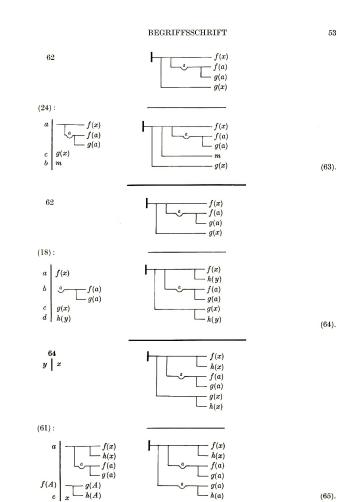
Frege 1879

FREGE 52We see how this judgment replaces one mode of inference, namely, Felapton or Fesapo, between which we do not distinguish here since no subject has been singled f(a) $\bigsqcup g(\mathfrak{a})$ (12): $\begin{array}{c|c} a & f(b) \\ b & g(b) \\ c & h(b) \end{array}$ $\bigsqcup_{h(b)}^{f(b)}$ -g(b) $f(\mathfrak{a})$ $g(\mathfrak{a})$ -f(a) $--g(\mathfrak{a})$ — h(a) - h(a) (60). 58 $\qquad \qquad \int_{\mathfrak{a}-f(\mathfrak{a})}^{f(c)}$ (9): $\sim f(a)$ $\sqsubseteq_{f(c)}$ (61). f(A) g(A)-g(x)-f(a) $-g(\mathfrak{a})$ (8): $\begin{array}{c|c}
a & f(x) \\
b & g(x)
\end{array}$ -f(a)- g(a)

This judgment replaces the mode of inference Barbara when the minor premiss, g(x), has a particular content.

-g(x)

(62).



Part 4

Gentzen's Natural Deduction

Gerhard Gentzen (1909–1945)



Gentzen 1934: Natural Deduction

&
$$-I$$

&-E

$$\vee$$
- I

 \vee -E

$$\frac{\mathfrak{A} \& \mathfrak{B}}{\mathfrak{A}} \quad \frac{\mathfrak{A} \& \mathfrak{B}}{\mathfrak{B}} \qquad \frac{\mathfrak{A}}{\mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B}} \quad \frac{\mathfrak{B}}{\mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B}}$$

$$\forall -I$$

$$\forall -E$$

$$\exists -I$$

$$\exists -E$$

 $\mathfrak{A} \supset \mathfrak{B}$

$$\supset -E$$

 \mathfrak{A} $\mathfrak{A} \supset \mathfrak{B}$

$$\frac{\neg -I}{[\mathfrak{A}]}$$

$$\frac{\wedge}{\neg \mathfrak{A}}$$

$$\neg -E$$

$$\frac{\mathfrak{A}-\mathfrak{A}}{\wedge} \frac{\Lambda}{\mathfrak{D}} .$$

Gentzen 1934: Natural Deduction

$$\begin{array}{c}
[A]^{x} \\
\vdots \\
B \\
\hline
A \supset B
\end{array} \supset -\mathbf{I}^{x}$$

$$\frac{A \supset B}{B} \longrightarrow \mathbf{A} \\
B$$

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \& B} \&-I \qquad \frac{A \& B}{A} \&-E_0 \qquad \frac{A \& B}{B} \&-E_1$$

A proof

$$\frac{[B \& A]^{z}}{A} \&-E_{1} \qquad \frac{[B \& A]^{z}}{B} \&-E_{0} \\
\frac{A \& B}{(B \& A) \supset (A \& B)} \supset-I^{z}$$

Simplifying proofs

$$\begin{array}{c}
[A]^{x} \\
\vdots \\
B \\
\hline
A \supset B
\end{array} \supset -I^{x} \qquad \vdots \\
A \\
A \\
B$$

$$A \supset B \Rightarrow B$$

$$\frac{\stackrel{\vdots}{A} \qquad \stackrel{\vdots}{B}}{A} \& -\text{I} \qquad \qquad \stackrel{\vdots}{\vdots} \\
\frac{A \& B}{A} \& -\text{E}_0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad A$$

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$$\frac{A \& B}{A \& B} \qquad A \& B$$

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 \frac{A \& B}{A} & \Rightarrow -E$$

$$\frac{[B]^{y} \quad [A]^{x}}{A \& B} \& -I \qquad \frac{[B]^{y} \quad [A]^{x}}{B \& A} \& -I \\
 \frac{A \& B}{A} \& -E_{1} \qquad \frac{B \& A}{B} \& -E_{0} \\
 \frac{A \& B}{A} \& -E_{0}$$

Simplifying a proof

Part 5

Church's Lambda Calculus

Alonzo Church (1903–1995)



Church 1932: Lambda Calculus

An occurrence of a variable \mathbf{x} in a given formula is called an occurrence of \mathbf{x} as a bound variable in the given formula if it is an occurrence of \mathbf{x} in a part of the formula of the form $\lambda \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{M}]$; that is, if there is a formula \mathbf{M} such that $\lambda \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{M}]$ occurs in the given formula and the occurrence of \mathbf{x} in question is an occurrence in $\lambda \mathbf{x}[\mathbf{M}]$. All other occurrences of a variable in a formula are called occurrences as a *free variable*.

A formula is said to be well-formed if it is a variable, or if it is one

Lambda



Reduction rules

$$(\lambda x. u) t \Rightarrow u[t/x]$$

$$\langle t, u \rangle_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t$$

$$\langle t, u \rangle_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad u$$

Simplifying a term

$$(\lambda z. \langle z_1, z_0 \rangle) \langle y, x \rangle$$

Simplifying a term

Simplifying a term

Church 1940: Typed Lambda Calculus

$$\frac{t:A \quad u:B}{\langle t,u\rangle:A\ \&\ B}\ \&\text{-I} \qquad \frac{s:A\ \&\ B}{s_0:A}\ \&\text{-E}_0 \qquad \frac{s:A\ \&\ B}{s_1:B}\ \&\text{-E}_1$$

A program

$$\frac{[z:B\&A]^{z}}{z_{1}:A} \&-E_{1} \qquad \frac{[z:B\&A]^{z}}{z_{0}:B} \&-E_{0} \\
\frac{\langle z_{1},z_{0}\rangle:A\&B}{\langle z_{1},z_{0}\rangle:(B\&A)\supset(A\&B)} \supset-I^{z}$$

Simplifying programs

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[x:A]^x
\frac{u : B}{\frac{\lambda x. u : A \supset B}{(\lambda x. u) t : B}} \supset I^{x} \qquad \vdots \qquad t : A
\frac{t : A}{t : A} \supset E \Rightarrow u[t/x] : B
                                   \frac{t : A \qquad u : B}{\langle t, u \rangle : A \& B} \& -\mathbf{I} \qquad \vdots \\ \frac{\langle t, u \rangle : A \& B}{\langle t, u \rangle_0 : A} \& -\mathbf{E}_0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad t : A
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Simplifying a program

$$\frac{[z:B\&A]^{z}}{z_{1}:A}\&-E_{1} \qquad \frac{[z:B\&A]^{z}}{z_{0}:B}\&-E_{0} \\
\frac{\langle z_{1},z_{0}\rangle:A\&B}{\langle z_{1},z_{0}\rangle:(B\&A)\supset(A\&B)}\supset-I^{z} \qquad \frac{[y:B]^{y}\quad [x:A]^{x}}{\langle y,x\rangle:B\&A}\supset-E \\
(\lambda z.\langle z_{1},z_{0}\rangle)\langle y,x\rangle:A\&B$$

Simplifying a program

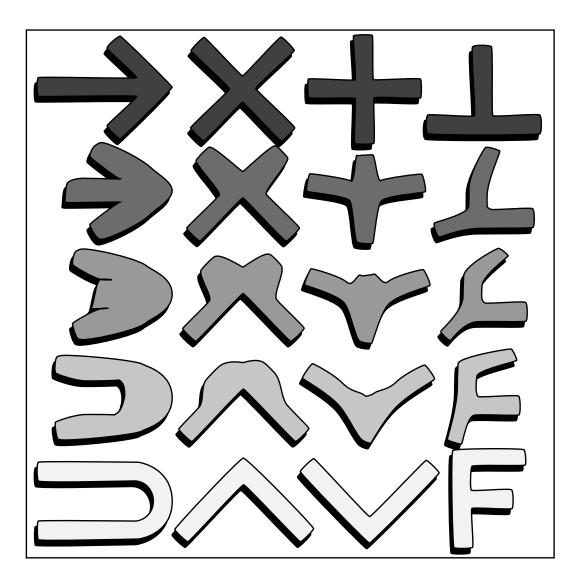
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\frac{(\lambda z.\langle z_{1},z_{0}\rangle)\langle y,x\rangle:A\&B}{\langle y,x\rangle:B\&A}\supset-E$$

$$\frac{[y:B]^{y}\quad[x:A]^{x}}{\langle y,x\rangle:B\&A}\&-I \qquad \frac{[y:B]^{y}\quad[x:A]^{x}}{\langle y,x\rangle:B\&A}\&-E_{0} \\
\frac{\langle y,x\rangle_{1}:A}{\langle y,x\rangle_{1}:A}\&-E_{1} \qquad \frac{\langle y,x\rangle_{0}:B\&A}{\langle y,x\rangle_{0}:B}\&-I$$

Simplifying a program

Part 6

The Curry-Howard Isomorphism



The Curry-Howard homeomorphism

Haskell Curry (1900–1982) / William Howard





Howard 1980

THE FORMULAE-AS-TYPES NOTION OF CONSTRUCTION

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Dedicated to H. B. Curry on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

The following consists of notes which were privately circulated in 1969. Since they have been referred to a few times in the literature, it seems worth while to publish them. They have been rearranged for easier reading, and some inessential corrections have been made.

Howard 1980

1. Formulation of the sequent calculus

Let $P(\supset)$ denote positive implicational propositional logic. The prime formulae of $P(\supset)$ are propositional variables. If α and β are formulae, so is $\alpha \supset \beta$. A sequent has the form $\Gamma \to \beta$, where Γ is a (possibly empty) finite sequence of formulae and β is a formula. The axioms and rules of inference of $P(\supset)$ are as follows.

- (1.1) Axioms: all sequents of the form $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$
- $(1.2) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, \ \alpha \to \beta}{\Gamma \to \alpha \supset \beta}$
- $(1.3) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \to \alpha \qquad \Delta \to \alpha \supset \beta}{\Gamma, \Delta \to \beta}$
- (1.4) Thinning, permutation and contraction rules

Howard 1980

2. Type symbols, terms and constructions

By a type symbol is meant a formula of P(D). We will consider a λ -formalism in which each term has a type symbol α as a superscript (which we may not always write); the term is said to be of type α . The rules of term formation are as follows.

- (2.1) Variables X^{α} , Y^{β} ,... are terms
- (2.2) λ -abstraction: from F^{β} get $(\lambda X^{\alpha}.F^{\beta})^{\alpha} \supset \beta$.
- (2.3) Application: from $G^{\alpha \supset \beta}$ and H^{α} get $(G^{\alpha \supset \beta}H^{\alpha})^{\beta}$.

Part 7

Programs and Proofs

Programs

- Lisp (McCarthy, 1960)
- Iswim (Landin, 1966)
- Scheme (Steele and Sussman, 1975)
- ML (Milner, Gordon, Wadsworth, 1979)
- Hope (Burstall, MacQueen, Sannella, 1980)
- Miranda (Turner, 1985)
- Haskell (Hudak, Peyton Jones, and Wadler, 1987)
- O'Caml (Leroy, 1996)
- Links (Wadler et al, 2005)

Proofs

- Automath (de Bruijn, 1970)
- Type Theory (Martin Löf, 1975)
- ML/LCF (Milner, Gordon, and Wadsworth, 1979)
- HOL (Gordon and Melham, 1988)
- CoQ (Huet and Coquand, 1988)
- Isabelle (Paulson, 1993)

Proofs/Programs

- Hindley/Milner (1969/1975)
- Girard/Reynolds (1972/1975)
- Linear Logic/Syntactic Control of Interference (1987/1978)
- Classical Logic/Continuation-Passing Style (1990)
- And dual to Or/Call-by-value dual to Call-by-name (2000)

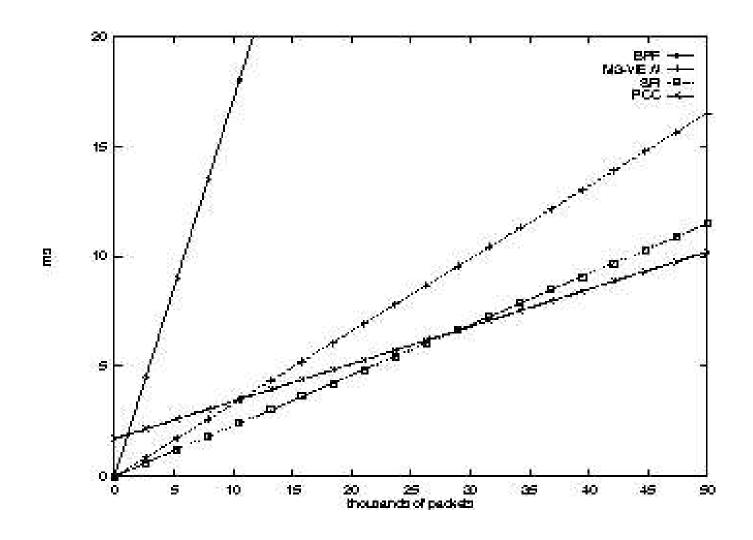
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Programs and Proofs on the Web

Java (Gosling, Joy, and Steele, 1996)



Proof-Carrying Code (Necula and Lee, 1996)



Typed Assembly Language (Morrisett et al 1998)



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What do you want to type check today?

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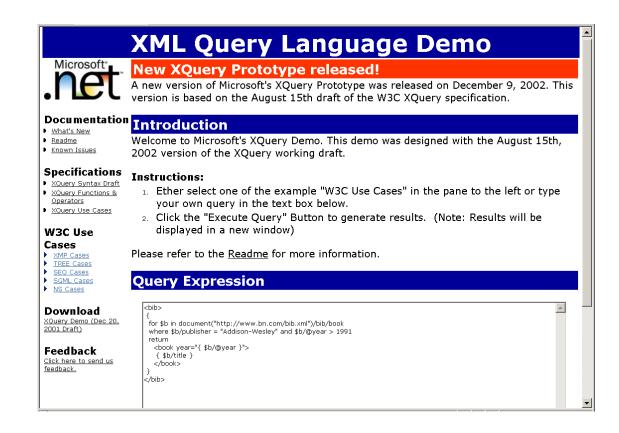
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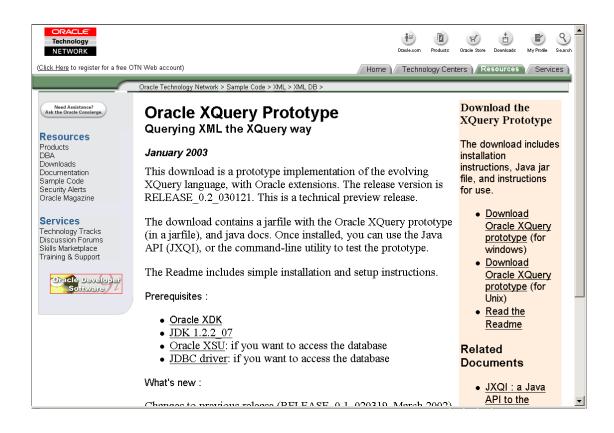
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Part 9

Conclusion

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