Programming Languages

Session 3 – Main Theme
Control Structures:
Loops, Conditionals, and Case Statements

Dr. Jean-Claude Franchitti

New York University
Computer Science Department
Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences

Adapted from course textbook resources
Programming Language Pragmatics (3rd Edition)
Michael L. Scott, Copyright © 2009 Elsevier
Agenda

1. Session Overview
2. Control Structures: Loops, Conditionals, and Case Statements
3. Conclusion
What is the course about?

Course description and syllabus:

» [http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/CSCI-GA.2110-001](http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/CSCI-GA.2110-001)


Textbook:

» *Programming Language Pragmatics (3rd Edition)*
  
  Michael L. Scott
  
  Morgan Kaufmann
  

Additional References:

» Osinski, Lecture notes, Summer 2008

» Barrett, Lecture notes, Fall 2008

» Gottlieb, Lecture notes, Fall 2009

» Grimm, Lecture notes, Spring 2010
Session Agenda

- Session Overview
- Control Structures: Loops, Conditionals, and Case Statements
- Conclusion
Session 2 Review

- Use of Types
- Name, Scope, and Binding
- Names
- Binding
- Early vs. Late Binding Time Advantages Detailed
- Lifetimes
- Lifetime and Storage Management
- Garbage Collection
- Scopes
- Scope Rules
- Scope Rules – Example: Static vs. Dynamic
- The Meaning of Names within a Scope
- Bindings of Referencing Environments
- Separate Compilation
- Conclusions
Agenda

1. Session Overview
2. Control Structures: Loops, Conditionals, and Case Statements
3. Conclusion
Control Structures: Loops, Conditionals, and Case Statements

- Control Flow
- Control Structures
- Statement Grouping
- Expression Evaluation
- Sequencing
- Semicolons
- Selection
- Lists / Iteration
- Recursion
- Conclusions
Basic paradigms for control flow:

- Sequencing
- Selection
- Iteration
- Procedural Abstraction
- Recursion
- Concurrency
- Exception Handling and Speculation
- Nondeterminacy
Structured vs. Unstructured Flow

- Early languages relied heavily on unstructured flow, especially goto’s.
- Common uses of goto have been captured by structured control statements.
  - Fortran had a DO loop, but no way to exit early except goto
  - C uses break for that purpose
The Infamous Goto

- In machine language, there are no if statements or loops
- We only have branches, which can be either unconditional or conditional (on a very simple condition)
- With this, we can implement loops, if statements, and case statements. In fact, we only need
  - 1. increment
  - 2. decrement
  - 3. branch on zero
  - to build a universal machine (one that is Turing complete).
- We don’t do this in high-level languages because unstructured use of the goto can lead to confusing programs. See “Go To Statement Considered Harmful” by Edgar Dijkstra
A control structure is any mechanism that departs from the default of straight-line execution.

- selection
  - if statements
  - case statements

- iteration
  - while loops (unbounded)
  - for loops
  - iteration over collections

- other
  - goto
  - call/return
  - exceptions
  - continuations
In assembly language, (essentially) the only control structures are:

- Progression: Move to the next statement (increment the program counter).
- Unconditional jump:
  ```
  JMP A       Jump to address A
  ```
- Conditional jump:
  ```
  JMZ R,A     If (R==0) then jump to A
  ```

Possible forms of conditions and addresses vary.
Many languages provide a way to group several statement together

- PASCAL introduces begin-end pair to mark sequence
- C/C++/JAVA abbreviate keywords to { }
- ADA dispenses with brackets for sequences, because keywords for the enclosing control structure are sufficient

```plaintext
for J in 1..N loop ... end loop
```

- More writing but more readable

- Another possibility – make indentation significant (e.g., ABC, PYTHON, HASKELL)
Languages may use various notation:

- prefix: (+ 1 2) – Scheme
- postfix: 0 0 moveto – Postscript
- infix: 1 + 2 – C/C++, Java

Infix notation leads to some ambiguity:

- associativity: how operators of the same precedence are grouped
  - $- x + y - z = (x + y) - z$ or $x + (y - z)$?

- precedence: the order in which operators are applied
  - $- x + y * z = (x + y) * z$ or $x + (y * z)$?
- Infix, prefix operators
- Precedence, associativity (see Figure 6.1)
  - C has 15 levels - too many to remember
  - Pascal has 3 levels - too few for good semantics
  - Fortran has 8
  - Ada has 6
    - Ada puts and & or at same level
  - Lesson: when unsure, use parentheses!
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fortran</th>
<th>Pascal</th>
<th>C</th>
<th>Ada</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><code>**</code></td>
<td><code>not</code></td>
<td><code>**</code> (post-inc., dec.)</td>
<td><code>abs</code> (absolute value),</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>++</code>, <code>-</code> (pre-inc., dec.),</td>
<td><code>not, **</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>+</code>, <code>-</code> (unary),</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>&amp;</code>, <code>*</code> (address, contents of),</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>!</code>, <code>~</code> (logical, bit-wise not)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>*</code>, <code>/</code></td>
<td><code>*</code>, <code>/</code>,</td>
<td><code>*</code> (binary), <code>/</code>,</td>
<td><code>*</code>, <code>/</code>, <code>mod, rem</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>*</code>, <code>/</code></td>
<td><code>div</code>, <code>mod</code>, <code>and</code></td>
<td><code>mod</code> (modulo division)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>+</code>, <code>-</code> (unary and binary)</td>
<td><code>+</code>, <code>-</code> (unary and binary), <code>or</code></td>
<td><code>+</code>, <code>-</code> (binary)</td>
<td><code>+</code>, <code>-</code> (binary)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>&lt;&lt;</code>, <code>&gt;&gt;</code></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>&lt;&lt;</code>, <code>&gt;&gt;</code> (left and right bit shift)</td>
<td><code>+</code>, <code>-</code> (binary), <code>&amp;</code> (concatenation)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>.eq..ne..lt..le..gt..ge.</code></td>
<td><code>&lt;=</code>, <code>&gt;=</code>, <code>&lt;=</code>, <code>&gt;=</code></td>
<td><code>&lt;</code>, <code>&lt;=</code>, <code>&gt;=</code> (inequality tests)</td>
<td><code>=</code>, <code>/=</code>, <code>&lt;</code>, <code>&lt;=</code>, <code>&gt;=</code></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>not.</code></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>==</code>, <code>!=</code> (equality tests)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>&amp;</code> (bit-wise and)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>^</code> (bit-wise exclusive or)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>`</td>
<td>` (bit-wise inclusive or)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>.and.</code></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>&amp;&amp;</code> (logical and)</td>
<td><code>and</code>, <code>or</code>, <code>xor</code> (logical operators)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>.or.</code></td>
<td></td>
<td>`</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>.eqv..neqv.</code></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>?:</code> (if...then...else)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>(logical comparisons)</code></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>==</code>, <code>==</code>, <code>!=</code>, <code>/=</code>, <code>\=</code>, <code>&gt;=</code>, <code>&gt;</code></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>&gt;=</code>, <code>&lt;=</code>, <code>&amp;=</code>, <code>^=</code>, `</td>
<td>=`</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><code>,</code> (sequencing)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Figure 6.1** Operator precedence levels in Fortran, Pascal, C, and Ada. The operator `s at the top of the figure group most tightly.
- Ordering of operand evaluation (generally none)
- Application of arithmetic identities
  - distinguish between commutativity, and (assumed to be safe)
  - associativity (known to be dangerous)
    - 
      \[(a + b) + c \text{ works if } a=\text{maxint} \text{ and } b=\text{minint} \text{ and } c<0\]
      
      \[a + (b + c) \text{ does not}\]
  - inviolability of parentheses
- Short-circuiting

  » Consider \((a < b) \&\& (b < c)\):
    
    • If \(a \geq b\) there is no point evaluating whether \(b < c\) because \((a < b) \&\& (b < c)\) is automatically false

  » Other similar situations

    if \((b \neq 0 \&\& a/b == c)\) ...
    if \((*p \&\& p->foo)\) ...
    if \((f || messy())\) ...
Variables as values vs. variables as references

» value-oriented languages
  • C, Pascal, Ada

» reference-oriented languages
  • most functional languages (Lisp, Scheme, ML)
  • Clu, Smalltalk

» Algol-68 kinda halfway in-between

» Java deliberately in-between
  • built-in types are values
  • user-defined types are objects - references
Expression-oriented vs. statement-oriented languages

- expression-oriented:
  - functional languages (Lisp, Scheme, ML)
  - Algol-68

- statement-oriented:
  - most imperative languages

- C kinda halfway in-between (distinguishes)
  - allows expression to appear instead of statement
- Orthogonality
  » Features that can be used in any combination
    • Meaning is consistent
      if (if b != 0 then a/b == c else false) then ...
      if (if f then true else messy()) then ...

- Aggregates
  » Compile-time constant values of user-defined composite types
Initialization

- Pascal has no initialization facility (assign)
- Assignment statements provide a way to set a value of a variable.
- Language may not provide a way to specify an initial value. This can lead to bugs.
- Some languages provide default initialization.
  - C initializes external variables to zero
- System may check dynamically if a variable is uninitialized
  - IEEE floating point uses special bit pattern (NaN)
  - Requires hardware support and expensive software checking
- Compiler may statically check – Java, C#
  - May be overly conservative
- OO-languages use constructors to initialize dynamically allocated variables
Assignment

» statement (or expression) executed for its side effect

» assignment operators (+=, -=, etc)
  • handy
  • avoid redundant work (or need for optimization)
  • perform side effects exactly once

» C --, ++
  • postfix form
 Side Effects
  » often discussed in the context of functions
  » a side effect is some permanent state change caused by execution of function
  • some noticeable effect of call other than return value
  • in a more general sense, assignment statements provide the ultimate example of side effects
    – they change the value of a variable
    – **Side effects change the behavior of subsequent statements and expressions.**
SIDE EFFECTS ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO THE WHOLE VON NEUMANN MODEL OF COMPUTING

- In (pure) functional, logic, and dataflow languages, there are no such changes
  - These languages are called SINGLE-ASSIGNMENT languages
Several languages outlaw side effects for functions

- easier to prove things about programs
- closer to Mathematical intuition
- easier to optimize
- (often) easier to understand

But side effects can be nice

- consider rand()
- Side effects are a particular problem if they affect state used in other parts of the expression in which a function call appears
  - It's nice not to specify an order, because it makes it easier to optimize
  - Fortran says it's OK to have side effects
    - they aren't allowed to change other parts of the expression containing the function call
    - Unfortunately, compilers can't check this completely, and most don't at all
There is a difference between the container for a value ("memory location") and the value itself.

- l-value refers to the locations. (They are on the left hand side.)
- r-value refers to the values.
  - $3 = x + 1$ – Illegal! "3" Can’t be an l-value
  - $x = x + 1$ – x is both an l-value and an r-value

Imperative languages rely on side effects

- Some languages introduced assignment operators.
- Consider $a[f(i)] += 4$
  - More convenient than $a[f(i)] = a[f(i)] + 4$
  - Ensures that $f(i)$ is evaluated once

Some languages allow multiway assignment:

- $a,b,c = getabc()$ – Python, Perl
Sequencing

- Sequencing
  - specifies a linear ordering on statements
    - one statement follows another
  - very imperative, Von-Neuman
- **Pascal**: `begin ... end`
- **C, C++, Java**: `{ ... }
- **Ada**: Brackets for sequence are unnecessary. Keywords for control structures suffice.
  
  ```
  for J in 1 .. N loop ... end loop
  ```
- **ABC, Python**: Indicate structure by indentation.
- Pascal: Semicolons are separators
- C etc.: Semicolons are terminators

```plaintext
begin X := 1;
    Y := 2
end

{ X = 1;
  Y = 2;
}
```
Selection

» sequential if statements

if ... then ... else
if ... then ... elsif ... else

(cond

(C1) (E1)
(C2) (E2)
...
(Cn) (En)
(T) (Et)
)

- if Condition **then** Statement – PASCAL, ADA
- if (Condition) Statement – C/C++, JAVA
- To avoid ambiguities, use end marker: **end if**, “}”
- To deal with multiple alternatives, use keyword or bracketing:
  ```
  if Condition **then**
   Statements
  elsif Condition **then**
   Statements
  else
   Statements
  end if;
  ```
Nesting and the infamous “dangling else” problem:

```plaintext
if Condition1 then
  if Condition2 then
    Statements1
  else
    Statements2
end if;
```

The solution is to use end markers. In Ada:

```plaintext
if Condition1 then
  if Condition2 then
    Statements1
  end if;
else
  Statements2
end if;
```
Selection

» Fortran computed gotos

» jump code
  
  • for selection and logically-controlled loops
  
  • no point in computing a Boolean value into a register, then testing it
  
  • instead of passing register containing Boolean out of expression as a synthesized attribute, pass inherited attributes INTO expression indicating where to jump to if true, and where to jump to if false
Jump is especially useful in the presence of short-circuiting

**Example** (section 6.4.1 of book):

```plaintext
if ((A > B) and (C > D)) or (E <> F) then
    then_clause
else
    else_clause
```
- Code generated w/o short-circuiting (Pascal)

```
r1 := A               -- load
r2 := B
r1 := r1 > r2
r2 := C
r3 := D
r2 := r2 > r3
r1 := r1 & r2
r2 := E
r3 := F
r2 := r2 $<>$ r3
r1 := r1 $|$ r2
if r1 = 0 goto L2

L1:    then_clause        -- label not actually used
        goto L3

L2:    else_clause

L3:
```
Code generated w/ short-circuiting (C)

\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{r1} := A \\
&\text{r2} := B \\
&\text{if } r1 \leq r2 \text{ goto L4} \\
&\text{r1} := C \\
&\text{r2} := D \\
&\text{if } r1 > r2 \text{ goto L1} \\
\end{align*}
\]

L4: \[
\begin{align*}
&\text{r1} := E \\
&\text{r2} := F \\
&\text{if } r1 = r2 \text{ goto L2} \\
\end{align*}
\]

L1: \[
\begin{align*}
&\text{then\_clause} \\
&\text{goto L3} \\
\end{align*}
\]

L2: \[
\begin{align*}
&\text{else\_clause} \\
\end{align*}
\]

L3:
Short-Circuit Evaluation

```
if (x/y > 5) { z = ... } // what if y == 0?
if (y == 0 || x/y > 5) { z = ... }
```

But binary operators normally evaluate both arguments. Solutions:

- a lazy evaluation rule for logical operators (LISP, C)
  
  ```
  C1 && C2 // don’t evaluate C2 if C1 is false
  C1 || C2 // don’t evaluate C2 if C1 is true
  ```

- a control structure with a different syntax (ADA)
  
  ```
  if C1 and then C2 then -- if C1 is false
  if C1 or else C2 then -- if C1 is true
  ```
Multi-way Selection

» Case statement needed when there are many possibilities “at the same logical level” (i.e. depending on the same condition)

```diff
    case Next_Char is
        when 'I' => Val := 1;
        when 'V' => Val := 5;
        when 'X' => Val := 10;
        when 'C' => Val := 100;
        when 'D' => Val := 500;
        when 'M' => Val := 1000;
        when others => raise Illegal_Roman_Numeral;
    end case;
```

» Can be simulated by sequence of if-statements, but logic is obscured
Ada Case Statement:

- no flow-through (unlike C/C++)
- all possible choices are covered
  - mechanism to specify default action for choices not given explicitly
- no inaccessible branches:
  - no duplicate choices (C/C++, ADA, JAVA)
- choices must be static (ADA, C/C++, JAVA, ML)
- in many languages, type of expression must be discrete (e.g. no floating point)
Implementation of Case:

» A possible implementation for C/C++/JAVA/ADA style case (if we have a finite set of possibilities, and the choices are computable at compile-time):
  • build table of addresses, one for each choice
  • compute value
  • transform into table index
  • get table element at index and branch to that address
  • execute
  • branch to end of case statement

» This is not the typical implementation for a ML/HASKELL style case
Complications

```vhdl
case (x+1) is
  when integer'first..0 ) Put_Line ("negative");
  when 1 ) Put_Line ("unit");
  when 3 | 5 | 7 | 11 ) Put_Line ("small prime");
  when 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 ) Put_Line ("small even");
  when 21 ) Put_Line ("house wins");
  when 12..20 | 22..99 ) Put_Line ("manageable");
  when others ) Put_Line ("irrelevant");
end case;
```

Implementation would be a combination of tables and if statements
Unstructured Flow (Duff’s Device)

```c
void send (int *to, int *from, int count) {
    int n = (count + 7) / 8;
    switch (count % 8) {
        case 0: do { *to++ = *from++;
        case 7: *to++ = *from++;
        case 6: *to++ = *from++;
        case 5: *to++ = *from++;
        case 4: *to++ = *from++;
        case 3: *to++ = *from++;
        case 2: *to++ = *from++;
        case 1: *to++ = *from++;
        } while (--n > 0);
    }
```
Enumeration-controlled

Pascal or Fortran-style for loops

- scope of control variable
- changes to bounds within loop
- changes to loop variable within loop
- value after the loop
Indefinite Loops

- All loops can be expressed as while-loops
  - good for invariant/assertion reasoning
- condition evaluated at each iteration
- if condition initially false, loop is never executed

```
while condition loop ... end loop;
```

is equivalent to

```
if condition then
    while condition loop ... end loop
end if;
```

if condition has no side-effects
Executing While at Least Once

有时我们希望在结束时检查条件，而不是在开始时；这将保证循环至少被执行一次。

- repeat ... until condition; (PASCAL)
- do { ... } while (condition); (C)

while形式最常见，可以通过while + 一个布尔变量来模拟：

```pascal
first := True;
while (first or else condition) loop
  ...
  first := False;
end loop;
```
Breaking Out

A more common need is to be able to break out of the loop in the middle of an iteration.

- `break` (C/C++, JAVA)
- `last` (PERL)
- `exit` (ADA)

```plaintext
loop
  ... part A ...
  exit when condition;
  ... part B ...
end loop;
```
Breaking Way Out

Sometimes, we want to break out of several levels of a nested loop

- give names to loops (ADA, PERL)
- use a goto (C/C++)
- use a break + label (JAVA)

Outer: `while C1 loop ...
Inner: `while C2 loop ...
Innermost: `while C3 loop ...
   `exit Outer when Major_Failure;
   `exit Inner when Small_Annoyance;
...
`end loop Innermost;
`end loop Inner;
`end loop Outer;
Definite Loops

- Counting loops are iterators over discrete domains:
  - `for J in 1..10 loop ... end loop;`
  - `for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { ... }

Design issues:

- evaluation of bounds (only once, since ALGOL 60)
- scope of loop variable
- empty loops
- increments other than 1
- backwards iteration
- non-numeric domains
Evaluation of Bounds

```ada
for J in 1..N loop
    ...
    N := N + 1;
end loop; -- terminates?
```

» Yes – in ADA, bounds are evaluated once before iteration starts. Note: the above loop uses abominable style. C/C++/JAVA loop has hybrid semantics:

```java
for (int j = 0; j < last; j++) {
    ...
    last++; -- terminates?
}
```

» No – the condition “j < last” is evaluated at the end of each iteration
The Loop Variable
- is it mutable?
- what is its scope? (i.e. local to loop?)

Constant and local is a better choice:
- constant: disallows changes to the variable, which can affect the loop execution and be confusing
- local: don’t need to worry about value of variable after loop exits

Count: integer := 17;
...
for Count in 1..10 loop
  ...
end loop;
... -- Count is still 17
Different Increments

ALGOL 60:

```plaintext
for j from exp1 to exp2 by exp3 do ...
```

» too rich for most cases; typically, exp3 is +1 or -1.
» what are semantics if exp1 > exp2 and exp3 < 0?

C/C++:

```plaintext
for (int j = exp1; j <= exp2; j += exp3) ...
```

ADA:

```plaintext
for J in 1..N loop ...
for J in reverse 1..N loop ...
```

Everything else can be programmed with a while loop.
Non-Numeric Domains

ADA form generalizes to discrete types:

```ada
for M in months loop ... end loop;
```

Basic pattern on other data types:

- Define primitive operations: first, next, more_elements
- Implement for loop as:

```ada
iterator = Collection.Iterate();
element thing = iterator.first;
for (element thing = iterator.first;
    iterator.more_elements();
    thing = iterator.next()) {
    ...
}
List Comprehensions

- **PYTHON** calls them “generator expressions”
- Concise syntax for generating lists
- Example:

  ```python
  l = [1,2,3,4]
t = 'a', 'b'
c1 = [x for x in l if x % 2 == 0]
c2 = [(x,y) for x in l if x < 3 for y in t]
  print str(c1) # [2,4]
  print str(c2) # [(1, 'a'),(1, 'b'),(2, 'a'),(2, 'b')]
  ```

- Shorthand for:

  ```python
  c2 = [ ]
  for x in l:
      if x < 3:
          for y in t:
              c2.append((x,y))
  ```
Pre- and Post-conditions

How can we prove that a loop does what we want? *pre-conditions* and *post-conditions*:

\[
\{ P \} \ S \ \{ Q \}
\]

If proposition \( P \) holds before executing \( S \), and the execution of \( S \) terminates, then proposition \( Q \) holds afterwards.

Need to formulate:

- pre- and post-conditions for all statement forms
- syntax-directed rules of inference

\[
\frac{\{ P \text{ and } C \} \ S \ \{ P \}}{\{ P \text{ and } C \} \text{ while } C \text{ do } S \text{ endloop } \{ P \text{ and not } C \}}
\]
Efficient Exponentiation

function Exp (Base: Integer;
    Expon: Integer) return Integer is
    N: Integer := Expon; -- successive bits of exponent
    Res: Integer := 1; -- running result
    Pow: Integer := Base; -- successive powers: Base2l
begin
    while N > 0 loop
        if N mod 2 = 1 then
            Res := Res * Pow;
        end if;
        Pow := Pow * Pow;
        N := N / 2;
    end loop;
    return Res;
end Exp;
Adding invariants

function Exp (Base: Integer;
    Expon: Integer) return Integer is

    N: Integer := Expon;  -- successive bits of exponent
    Res: Integer := 1;    -- running result
    Pow: Integer := Base; -- successive powers: Base^{2^i}

begin
    {i = 0} -- count iterations
    i := i + 1

    while N > 0 loop
        {Res := Base^{(Expon mod 2^i)}}
        i := i + 1

        if N mod 2 = 1 then
            {Res := Res * Pow;}
            Res := Res * Pow;
        end if;

        {Pow := Base^{2^i}}
        Pow := Pow * Pow;

        {N := Expon/(2^i)}
        N := N / 2;
    end loop;

    return Res;
end Exp;
Recursion

- equally powerful to iteration
- mechanical transformations back and forth
- often more intuitive (sometimes less)

*naïve* implementation less efficient

- no special syntax required
- fundamental to functional languages like Scheme
Tail recursion

No computation follows recursive call

- In this case we do not need to keep multiple copies of the local variables since, when one invocation calls the next, the first is finished with its copy of the variables and the second one can reuse them rather than pushing another set of local variables on the stack. This is very helpful for performance.

```c
int gcd (int a, int b) {
    /* assume a, b > 0 */
    if (a == b) return a;
    else if (a > b) return gcd (a - b, b);
    else return gcd (a, b - a);
}
```
Iterative version of the previous program:

```c
int gcd (int a, int b) {
    /* assume a, b > 0 */
    start:
        if (a == b) return a;
        if (a > b) {
            a = a - b;
            goto start;
        }
        b = b - a;
        goto start;
}
```
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rank</th>
<th>Language</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>APL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Ada95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Perl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Python</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Developed by Kenneth Iverson in the early 1960’s

Tool for mathematicians
  » Tool for thought
  » Way of thinking
  » Very high level language for matrix manipulation

Widely used by actuaries in Insurance

Use restricted by special character set including greek letters and other symbols
Typing and Scope

- Dynamic Scope
- Two Types – Numbers and Characters
  - Automatic conversion between floating point and integer
  - Strings are character vectors
  - Boolean values are 0 and 1
- Type associated with Values, not names
  - Tagged types
  - Run-time checking
An APL program to find all prime numbers $\leq$ an integer
(http://www.users.cloud9.net/~bradmcc/APL.html):

\[
\text{PRIMES} : (\sim R \in R \circ \times R) / R \leftarrow 1 \downarrow i R
\]
This line of code calculates the prime numbers from 2 to the starting value of R, in this example 20.

- the "iota function" of R fills a vector (and that will be R again) with numbers from 1 to the value of the variable (20 in this example), the first element is dropped (that is the 1); so to the right of the "/" there will be 2 3 4 5 ... 18 19 20

- the "small.circle-dot-multiply" defines an outer product so all elements of R are multiplied by all elements of R giving a matrix; check whether elements of R are in the matrix and make a vector containing "1"-s at the place where that is true and "0"-s where that is not true

- inverse that vector and use it to grab that elements from R using the "over" function
- Simple syntax
  - Right to left evaluation
  - Infix operators and functions
  - Modifiers (verbs and adverbs)
    - Modifiers are operators that modify the operation of other operators
    - Can be parsed with only 3 states (Zaks)

- Expression Language
  - No selection or looping statements
  - Only goto

- Scalar operators automatically extend to matrices
  - Loops are unusual in APL
Operations on numbers

Monadic

- \( [B, \lfloor B \rfloor \text{ -- ceiling/floor} \)

\[
\lfloor 3.4 \rfloor = 4
\]

- \{floor\} \{minimum\} \{ symbol\)
  \{floor\}B returns the largest integer that is less than or equal to B. (For positive numbers, this is usually the integer part of B.)
  The dyadic form, A\{minimum\}B, returns the lesser of A and B. To find the smallest element in a vector, \{minimum\} is used with the reduce operator, as in \{minimum\}/B.

- \{ceiling\} \{maximum\} \{ symbol\)
  \{ceiling\}B returns the smallest integer that is greater than or equal to B. (For positive numbers, this rounds B up to the next higher integer.)
  The dyadic form, A\{maximum\}B, returns the greater of A and B. To find the largest element in a vector, \{maximum\} is used with the reduce operator, as in \{maximum\}/B.

\{quotequad\} \{square with quote symbol\)
\{quotequad\} is used for character input and output. Assigning a value to \{quotequad\}, as in \{quotequad\}{<}B, causes the value of B to be displayed (without a carriage return being appended at the end). Referencing \{quotequad\}, as in Z{<}{quotequad}, causes a line of character input to be read from the user.

Dyadic

- \( A[B, A[B \text{ -- max, min} \)

\[
A[B \text{ returns maximum of } x \text{ or } y \quad 2 [ 3 = 3
\]

- \{ln\} \{log\} \{circled start symbol\)
  \{ln\}B returns the natural log of B. A{log}B returns the base-A log of B.
Operations on Arrays

- **interval**
  - $\mathbb{I}n$ returns a vector of integers from origin to $n$
  - $\mathbb{I}4 = 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4$

- **size**
  - $\mathbb{O}0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 = 4$

- **Dyadic**
  - **shape**
    - reshapes an array
    - $2 \ 2 \mathbb{O}0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3$ creates a $2 \times 2$ array

- **Transpose**
  - Rotates an array along the major diagonal

- **Domino**
  - Does matrix inversion and division
Operations on Arrays (continued)

- **{drop}** - (down arrow symbol)
  A{drop}B returns a copy of vector B without the first A (if A>0) or last A (if A<0) elements. If B is a matrix, A must be two numbers, with A[1] giving the number of rows and A[2] giving the number of columns to drop.

- **{take}** – (up arrow symbol)
  A{take}B returns the first A (if A>0) or last A (if A<0) elements of a vector B. If B is a matrix, A is must be two numbers, with A[1] giving the number of rows and A[2] giving the number of columns to return.

- **{epsilon} {enlist} {membership}** (epsilon symbol)
  A{membership}B returns a Boolean array having the same shape as A. Ones in the result mark elements of A that occur in B; zeros mark elements that don’t occur in B.
  The monadic form, {enlist}B, flattens and raves a nested array. It returns a simple (non-nested) vector containing all the elements in B.

- **{gradeup}** (triangular up arrow symbol)
  {gradeup}B returns a permutation vector that describes how to arrange the elements of a numeric vector B in ascending order. The expression B[{gradeup}B] can be used to obtain a sorted copy of B.
  The dyadic form, A{gradeup}B, is used for character data. The left argument (A) specifies the collating sequence. If B is a matrix, the result describes how to arrange the rows in alphabetic order. B[{gradeup}B:] returns a sorted copy of B.

- **{transpose}** (empty set symbol)
  {transpose}B returns the transpose of a matrix B. (It flips the matrix across the main diagonal, so the first row becomes the first column.) More generally, transpose reverses the order of the dimensions in B. Consequently, it has no effect on vectors or scalars.
  The dyadic form, A{transpose}B, reorders the dimensions of B according to A. If A is a permutation vector (i.e., if it has no duplicate elements), the shape of the result Z is related to the shape of B by the identity ({shape}Z)[A] <---> {shape}B.
  If A has duplicate elements, transpose takes a diagonal slice along the dimensions corresponding to the duplicated elements. The most common case of this form is 1 1{transpose}B, which returns the main diagonal of a matrix B.
Operators on Operators

- ⊗.+ -- outer product
  
  1 2 ⊗.+ 3 4
  4 5
  5 6

- +.≪ -- inner product
  
  1 2 +.≪ 3 4 – matrix multiplication
  7 14

- +/- -- reduction
  
  +/2 3 4 = 9
  equivalent to 2 + 3 + 4

- +\ -- scan
  
  +\2 3 4 = 2 5 9
  like reduction, but with intermediate results
  ^\0 0 1 0 1 = 0 0 1 1 1 -- turns on all bits after first 1

- Any dyadic operator can be used for + or ≪
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Language</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>APL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Ada95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Perl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Python</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Ada95

- Overview of Ada95
  - http://cs.nyu.edu/courses/fall01/G22.2110-001/pl.lec3.ppt

- Ada Summary
  - http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2110-001/handouts/AdaIntro.html

- Notes on Ada
  - http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2110-001/handouts/AdaNotes.html

- Syntax of Ada95:
  - http://www.cs.nyu.edu/courses/fall05/G22.2110-001/RM-P.html
<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>APL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Ada95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Perl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Python</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
See

» [http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2110-001/handouts/JDictionary.pdf](http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2110-001/handouts/JDictionary.pdf)
Appendix

1. APL
2. Ada95
3. J
4. Perl
5. Python
See

http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2110-001/handouts/PrototypingInPerl.pdf
Appendix

1. APL
2. Ada95
3. J
4. Perl
5. Python
Introduction to Python

http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2110-001/handouts/PythonIntro.pdf

Python Summary

http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2110-001/handouts/PythonSummary.pdf

Notes on Python

http://www.nyu.edu/classes/jcf/g22.2110-001/handouts/PythonNotes.html
Assignments & Readings

- Readings
  - Chapter Sections 6.1-6.5

- Programming Assignment:
  - See Programming Assignment #1 posted under “handouts” on the course Web site
  - Due on July 3, 2014
Next Session:

- Subprograms:
  - Functions and Procedures
  - Parameter Passing
  - Nested Procedures
  - First-Class and Higher-Order Functions