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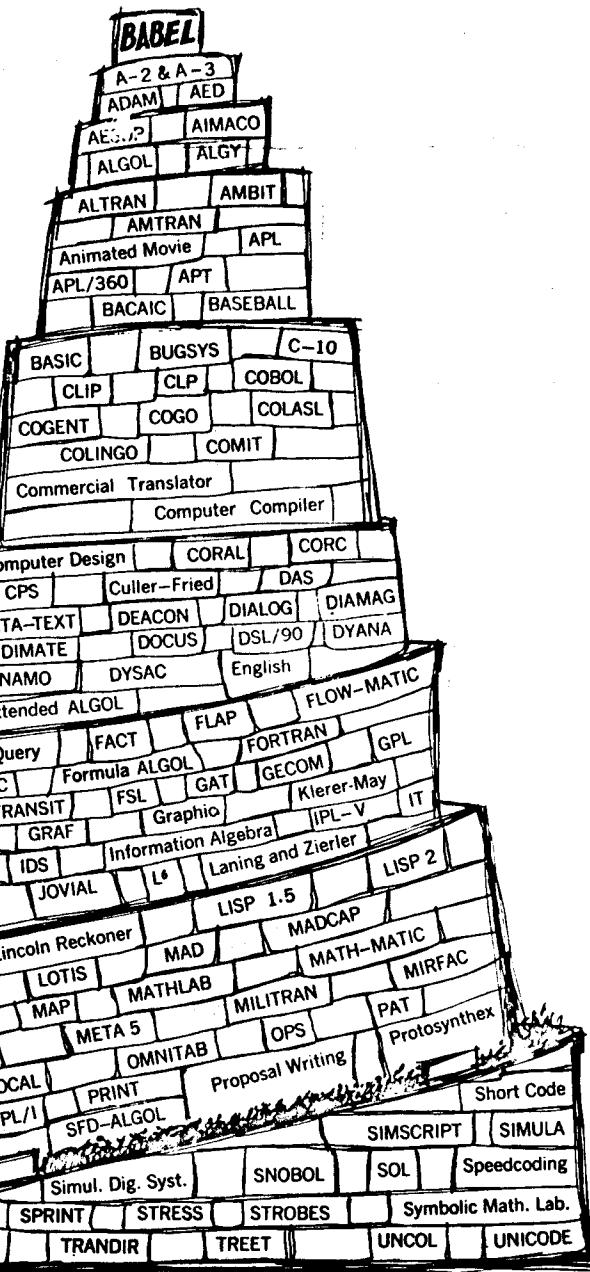
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## SAMPLE PROGRAM—JOVIAL

**Problem:** Construct a subroutine with parameters  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A$  and  $B$  are integers and  $2 < A < B$ . For every odd integer  $K$  with  $A \leq K \leq B$ , compute  $f(K) = (3K + \sin(K))^{\frac{1}{2}}$  if  $K$  is a prime, and  $f(K) = (4K + \cos(K))^{\frac{1}{2}}$  if  $K$  is not a prime. For each  $K$ , print  $K$ , the value of  $f(K)$ , and the word PRIME or NONPRIME as the case may be.

Assume there exists a subroutine or function PRIME (K) which determines whether or not  $K$  is a prime, and assume that library routines for square root, sine and cosine are available. This program also assumes the existence of three output routines. [Note: JOVIAL has ODD as a primitive.]

*Program:*

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PROC  SPEC (A1, B1)$  ITEM A1 I U 47 $
                  ITEM B1 I U 47 $

BEGIN  WRITE (0) $
       IF NOT ODD (A1)$
          A1 = A1 + 1$
          FOR K = A1, 2, B1$
              BEGIN  WRITEN (15, K, 0)$
                  IFEITH  PRIME (K) $
                  BEGIN WRITEN (30, SQR, (3*K + SIN (K)), 5)$
                      WRITEH (45, 5H(PRIME))$
                  END  ORIF 1 $
                  BEGIN WRITEN (30, SQR (4*K + COS (K)), 5) $
                      WRITEH (45, 8H(NONPRIME))$

              END
          END  WRITE (1) $
      END  WRITE (4) $
  END

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The language serves simultaneously as a reference, publication, and hardware language. JOVIAL was designed for the professional programmer and definitely to be used in a batch environment. However, a much later and much simpler version called JTS (see Sandin and Foote [SN65]) was installed under SDC's time-sharing system, and an interpretive extended subset version called TINT was specifically designed and implemented for on-line use. (See Kennedy [KE 65].)

JOVIAL has had the misfortune to suffer throughout its history from all the problems that could possibly arise from an attempt to have wide usage, maintain compiler independence, avoid dialects, and control subsetting and extensions. The proliferation of documents and systems on differing machines did not help the situation, although there were continuous attempts in SDC to control this problem. The earliest description seems to be the one by Schwartz, Petersen, and Olson [SC60]. The reader interested in pursuing which versions existed on which machines should see the papers by Shaw [SH63b] and Steel [ST66], but even these are not complete. (See also Figure

VIII-1.) There have been several JOVIAL compilers. The latest one by Perstein [PE66a] is probably the most positive side, in August, 1966, three JOVIAL compilers were made in SDC with the intention of making any new JOVIAL compiler much easier to implement. In the manual. If the new compiler is to be compatible with (JOVIAL 3), it must implement the specification given in Perstein [PE66a]. Some features which are not included in the specification are given with the specifications of JOVIAL 3. The features are dependent, e.g., precision of floating-point numbers. Definitions have been given in the manual, but there is a little problem of incompatibility between them.

Until 1967 there was no standard JOVIAL. From the viewpoint of American standards, the situation is not clear, but obviously there has been tremendous progress in the field itself. As a result of interest by the industry, a USASI standard might be developed.

The original CLIP language was developed at the University of Michigan Book, and the former supercomputer system. Since then, numerous further development of JOVIAL has been carried out. The JOVIAL group is directly involved with the implementation of JOVIAL and the groups to control the maintenance of the language.

The basic objective of the JOVIAL language is to provide a language by professional programmers for solving scientific and engineering problems. In the various JOVIAL documents, there are notations for defining syntax and semantics, arbitrary notation that in my opinion is not standard. However, the latter appears to be the most important part of the language.

One complaint which has been made about the JOVIAL language is that its activity is a shortage of documentation. The documentation of JOVIAL weighs almost nothing. Since that was written in 1962, the number of JOVIAL documents has decreased in quantity. Natural language descriptions of JOVIAL are limited to a few papers of interest to limited groups of people. One of the main reasons for it is of widespread interest in JOVIAL (see Kennedy [KE62]) to detailed descriptions of the language and its features. Other references are listed at the end of this section.

<sup>4</sup> Shaw [SH00].

<sup>5</sup> Shaw [SH63b], p. 90.

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