CicholVM

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Source language

- **Subset of Python 3**
- Limited to integer arithmetic
- Only functions (no OO)
- No global variables
- No standard library
- Special I/O functions
For example

def fact(n):
    f = 1
    while n > 0:
        f = f * n
        n = n - 1
    return f

def main():
    n = read()
    prnt(fact(n))
    return 0
Compiler

- Implemented in Python 3
- Uses built-in AST module
- **Two passes** to resolve forward references
  - Generate intermediate representation
  - Generate byte-code
Virtual machine

- Register-machine
- Implemented in C++11
- Virtual registers allocated at runtime
- Only 64-bit integer arithmetic
VM instructions

- Arithmetic: add, sub, …
- Control flow: conditional jump, unconditional jump, function call
- Comparisons
- Allocate virtual registers
- Simple I/O
Post-mortem debugging

- Debugging after the program has terminated
- Inspect state of crashed program
- CicholVM writes out inverse instructions
- VM state saved on exit
CicholGUI

- Graphical user-interface for reverse execution
- written in C++ and Qt
Benchmark

- Calculate \textbf{fact(25)} 1000 times
- \textasciitilde300 times slower