Introduction to GP programming

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Start by creating a text file `prog.gp` with the following content:

```
dist(a,b) = sqrt(a^2+b^2);
```

and save it. Under GP do (without hitting return):

```
? \r
```

Under Windows drag the file icon to the gp window to complete the name:

```
? \r .../prog.gp
```

On Linux you can just type `\r prog.gp`. Call the function:

```
? dist(1,2)
%1 = 2.2360679774997896964091736687312762354
```

You can use the TAB key to complete function names.

In a GP file, line ending terminates the line unless they are preceded by $=$ or $\backslash$ or are in a section delimited by braces:

```
f(a,b) = if (abs(a)>abs(b), print(a), print(b))
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             print(a), \
             print(b))

f(a,b) =
{
  if (abs(a)>abs(b),
    print(a)
   ,print(b))
}
```

Example of function

Add to the file `prog.gp`

```
fibo(n)=
{
  my(u0=0,u1=1);
  for(i=2,n,
    [u0,u1]=[u1,u0+u1]);
  u1;
}
```

and try

```
? \r
? fibo(100)
```

- Put the opening brace on the line after the = sign.
- End the function by a semicolon.
- Declare any local variables with `my()`.
- Do not declare the loop index: it is local to the loop anyway.
- The function return value is the last computed value.
- Indent you code following the example.

While loop

Add

```
rho(n)=
{
  my(x=2,y=5);
  while(gcd(y-x,n)==1,
    x=(x^2+1)%n;
    y=(y^2+1)%n; y=(y^2+1)%n);
  gcd(n,y-x);
}
```

and do

```
\r
rho(2^64+1)
%1 = 274177
```

control flow: return

```
wieferich(n)=
{
  forprime(p=2, n,
    if(Mod(2,p^2)^(p-1)==1,
      return(p)));
}
? wieferich(10000)
%4 = 1093
```

control flow: break

```
wieferich2(n)=
{
  my(r);
  forprime(p=2, n,
    if(Mod(2,p^2)^(p-1)==1,
      r = p;
      break));
  r;
}
? wieferich2(10000)
%4 = 1093
```

Constructors

```
? V=vector(10,i,1/i)
%1 = [1,1/2,1/3,1/4,1/5,1/6,1/7,1/8,1/9,1/10]
? [1/i | i<-[1..10]]
%2 = [1,1/2,1/3,1/4,1/5,1/6,1/7,1/8,1/9,1/10]
? M=matrix(4,4,i,j,i*j)
%3 = [1,2,3,4;2,4,6,8;3,6,9,12;4,8,12,16]
```

The variables *i* and *j* are local to the contructors and must not be declared.

forvec

Instead of

```
s3(n)=
{
  my(m=sqrtint(n));
  for (i=1,m,
    for (j=1,m,
      for (k=1,m,
        if (i^2+j^2+k^2==n,
          return([i,j,k])))));
}
? s3(12345)
%2 = [4,77,80]
```

forvec

use `forvec`

```
s3(n)=
{
  my(m=sqrtint(n));
  forvec(v=vector(3,i,[1,m]),
    if (v*v~==n,
      return(v)));
}
? s3(12345)
%2 = [4,77,80]
```

For a better algorithm, see `qfsolve`.

associative array

```
birthday(n)=
{
  my(M = Map());
  for(i=1,oo,
    my(x=random(n), j);
    if(mapisdefined(M,x,&j),
      return([i,j]));
    mapput(M,x,i));
}
? birthday(2^20)
%2 = [417,383]
```