

## Programming as collaborative reference



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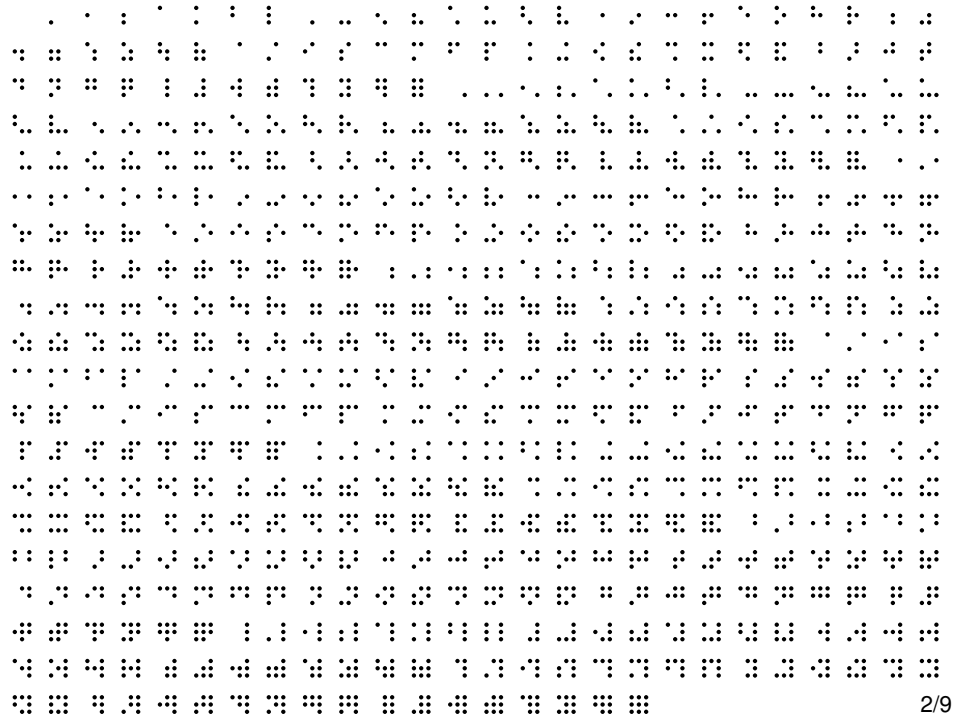
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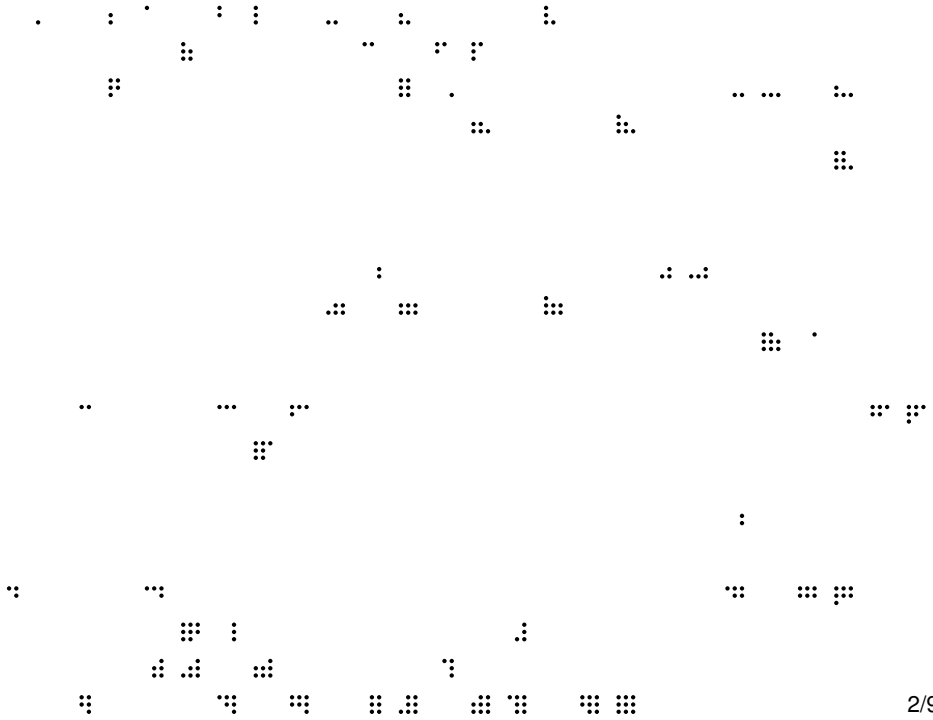
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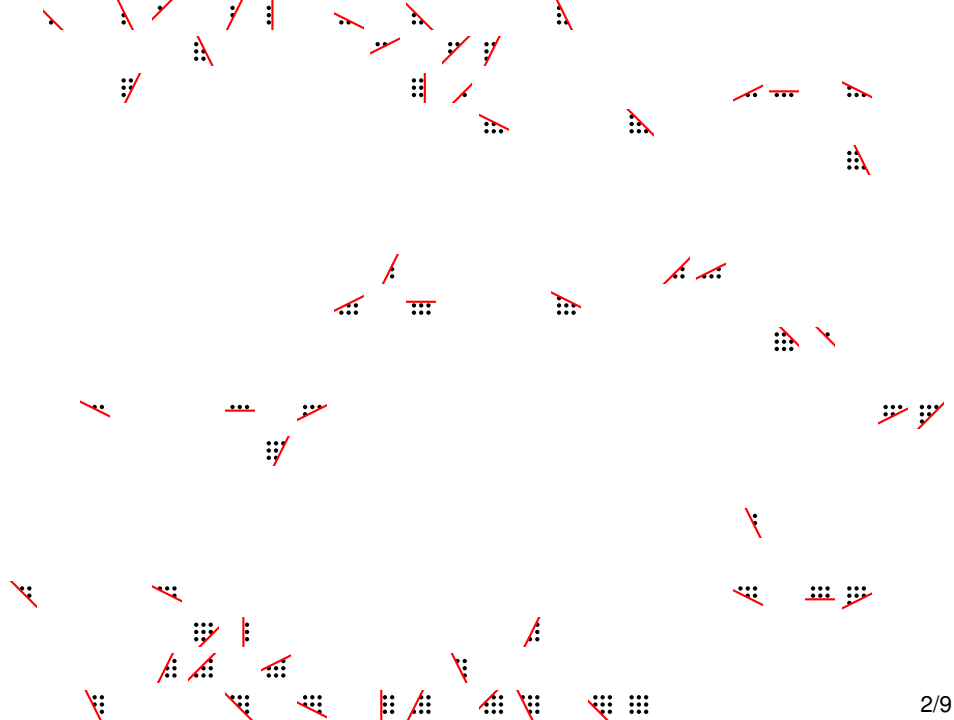


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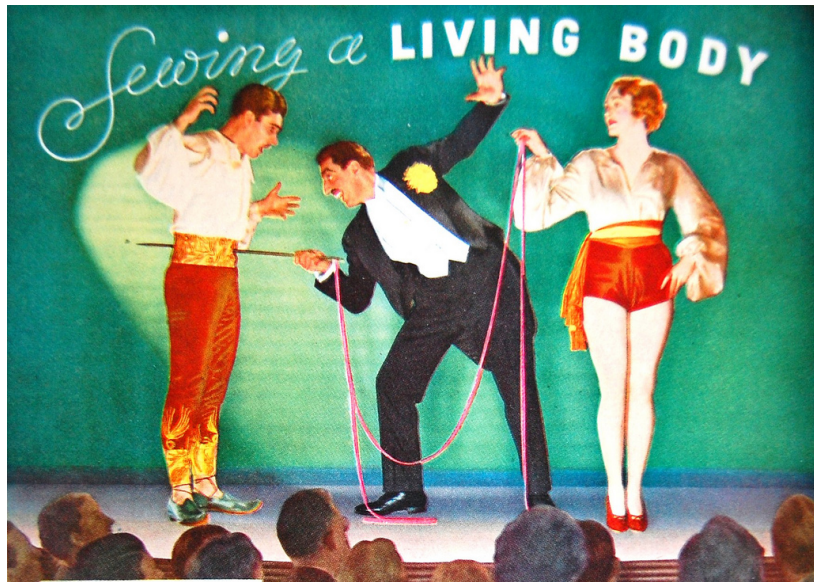
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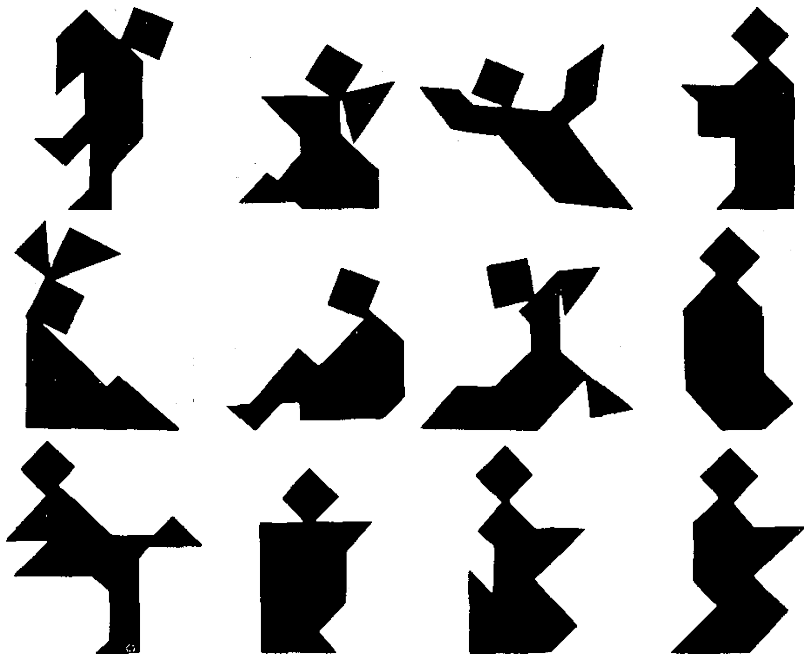
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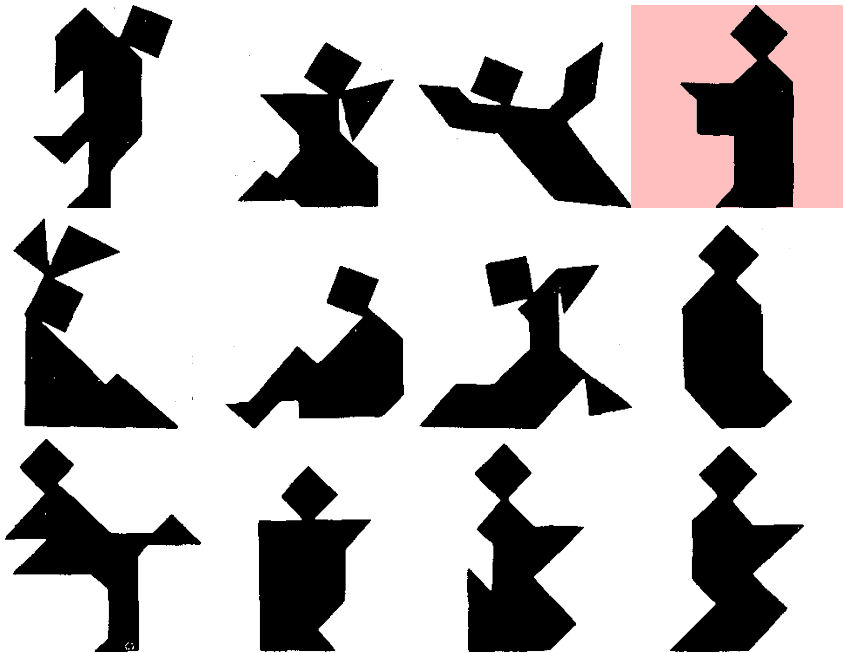
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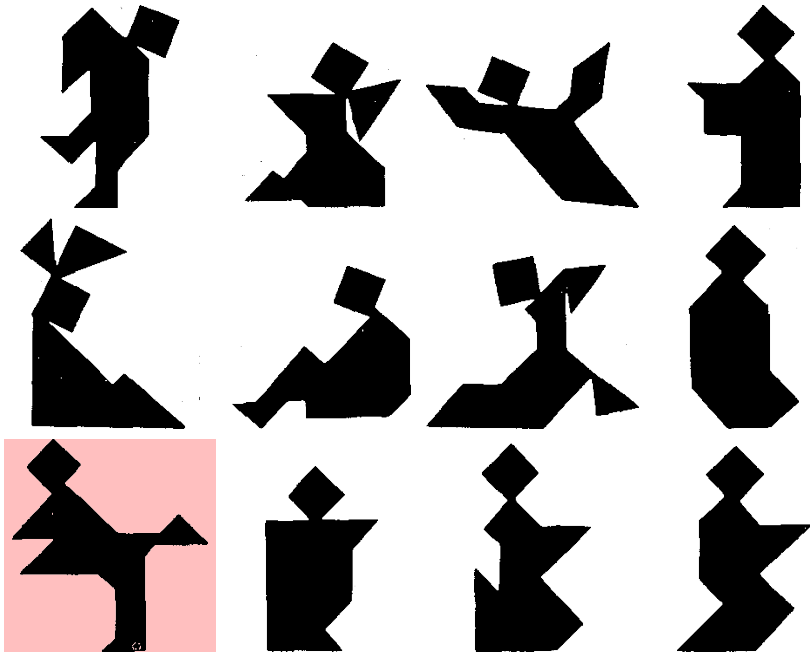
**“Referring as a collaborative process.”** *Cognition* 22(1):1–39.

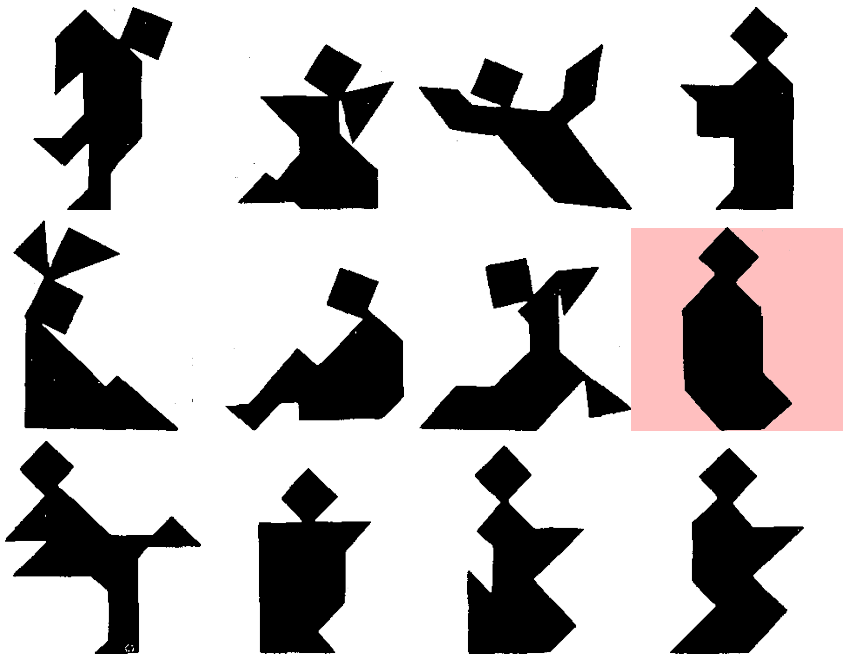
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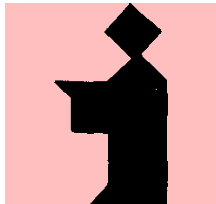












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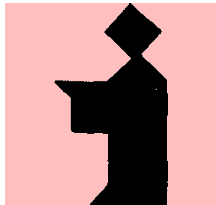
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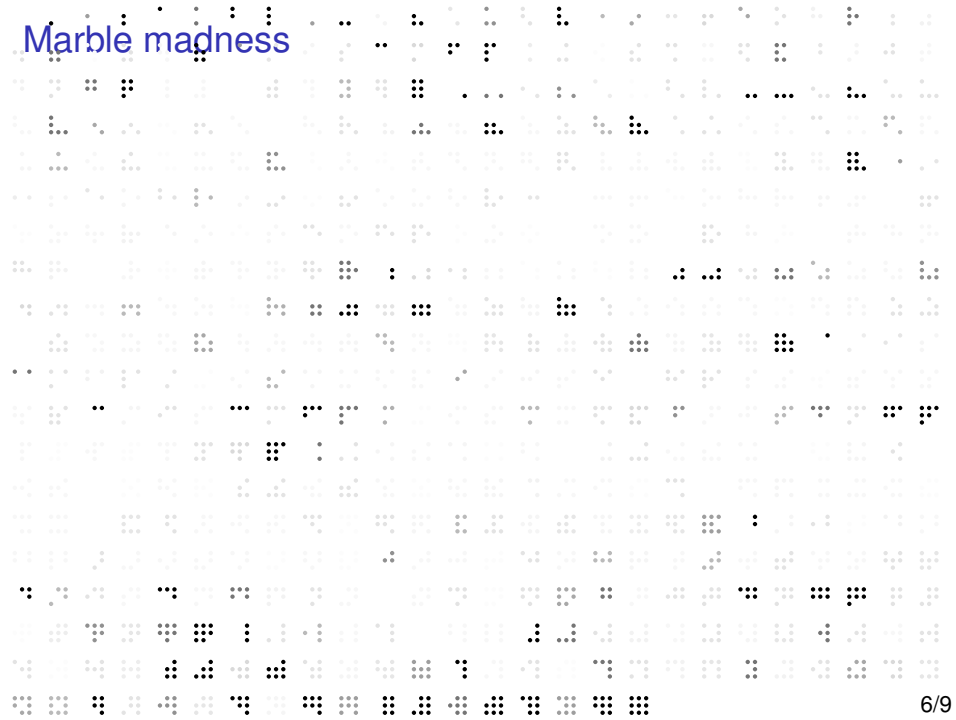
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.S | Type  
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- 7 とび込む
- 8 トビコム

BankAccountTests.java - Eclipse SDK

Run Window Help

BankAccountTests.java BankAccount.java

```
org.eclipse.samples.banking;

java.math.BigDecimal;

org.junit.Test;
static org.junit.Assert.*;

class BankAccountTests {
    test
    public void testDeposit() throws Exception {
        BankAccount account = new BankAccount();
        account.deposit(new BigDecimal(1000));

        assertEquals(
            // Create method 'deposit(BigDecimal)' in type 'BankAccount'
            // Add cast to 'account'
            // Rename in file (Ctrl+2 R direct access)
            // import java.math.BigDecimal;
            public class BankAccount {
                public void deposit(BigDecimal)
                // TODO Auto-generated
            }
        );
    }
}
```

@ Javadoc Declaration

arnings, 0 infos

Description	Resource	Path	Location
tax error, insert ";" to complete	BankAccount	BankingProject/src/org/ec	line 15
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## How do I base64 encode (decode) in C?

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GNU coreutils has it in lib/base64. It's a little bloated but deals with stuff around on your own, e.g.,

```
char base64_digit (n) unsigned n; {
    if (n < 10) return n - '0';
    else if (n < 10 + 26) return n - 'a';
    else if (n < 10 + 26 + 26) return n - 'A';
    else assert(0);
    return 0;
}
```

```
unsigned char base64_decode_digit(char c) {
    switch (c) {
        case '=' : return 62;
        case '.' : return 63;
        default :
            if (isdigit(c)) return c - '0';
            else if (islower(c)) return c - 'a' + 10;
            else if (isupper(c)) return c - 'A' + 10 + 26;
            else assert(0);
    }
    return 0xff;
}
```

```
unsigned base64_decode(char *s) {
    char *p;
    unsigned n = 0;

    for (p = s; *p; p++)
        n = 64 * n + base64_decode_digit(*p);

    return n;
}
```

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Targets:

- ▶ Overloading resolution: overlapping?
- ▶ Type inference: undecidable?

**A principled distinction between what's said & what's meant.**