

Programming Paradigms

Control Abstraction (Part 2)

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Overview

- **Calling Sequences**
- **Parameter Passing** ←
- **Exception Handling**
- **Coroutines**
- **Events**

Parameter Passing

- What does it mean if a parameter is passed to a callee?
- Different PLs have **different parameter passing modes**
 - Call by value
 - Call by reference
 - Call by value/result
 - Call by sharing

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Quiz: What does the code print?

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Passing Models in Popular PLs

- **C**: By value, except arrays are passed by reference
 - Passing pointers can emulate call by reference
- **Fortran**: All arguments are passed by reference
- **Java**: Hybrid passing model
 - Built-in, primitive types: By value
 - Instances of classes: By sharing