

# Ada Lovelace's Computer Program

## Apple Time

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20 Min	Short Talk
15 Min	Discussion / Breakout
10 Min	Prizes!

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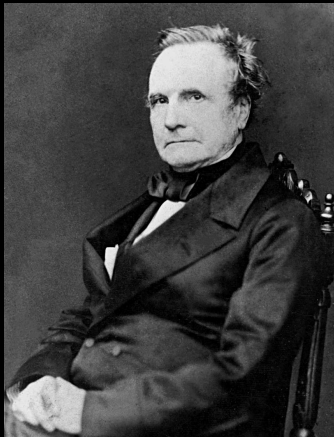
# Mathematical Tables – 200 years ago

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- Calculated values of logarithmic and trigonometric functions
- Built by hand by human "computers"
- Used to do rapid multiplication, division, and exponentiation



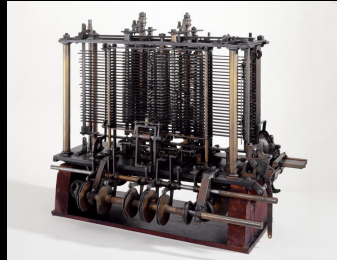
# Charles Babbage and the Difference Engine



- 1791–1871
- Idea for a *Difference Engine* to mechanically do the work of human computers
  - Began development in 1822
  - would have composed 25,000 parts, weighed 15 tons, stood 8 feet tall

# Analytical Engine

- Design began in 1833, described in 1837
- General purpose, i.e., Turing Complete
- Arithmetic logic unit, control flow (conditional branching and loops), memory, printer, and bell



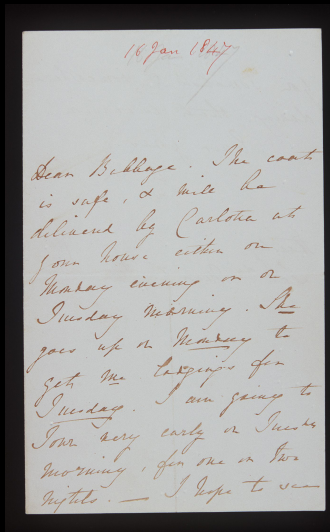
# Augusta Ada King (née Byron), Countess of Lovelace

- Dec. 10, 1815–Nov. 27, 1852
- Child of poet Lord Byron and Lady Byron
- 1833: Met Charles Babbage at a party
- 1835: Married William King who became Earl of Lovelace



# Babbage and Young Lady Byron

- 1833: Met at a party (Babbage age 41, Ada age 17)
- Ada had extensive mathematics education to "ward off wild, romantic sensibility" of her father
- They were in the same social circle and wrote each other frequently



# Sketch of the Analytical Engine

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### ARTICLE XXIX.

*Sketch of the Analytical Engine invented by Charles Babbage*  
Esq. By L. F. MENABREA, of Turin, Officer of the Military Engineers.

[From the Bibliothèque Universelle de Genève, No. 82. October 1842.]

[BEFORE submitting to our readers the translation of M. Menabrea's memoir 'On the Mathematical Principles of the ANALYTICAL ENGINE' invented by Mr. Babbage, we shall present to them a list of the printed papers connected with the subject, and also of those relating to the Difference Engine by which it was preceded.

For information on Mr. Babbage's "Difference Engine," which is but slightly alluded to by M. Menabrea, we refer the reader to the following sources:—

1. Letter to Sir Humphry Davy, Bart., P.R.S., on the Application of Machinery to Calculate and Print Mathematical Tables. By Charles Babbage, Esq., F.R.S. London, July 1822. Reprinted, with a Report of the Council of the Royal Society, by order of the House of Commons, May 1823.

2. On the Application of Machinery to the Calculation of Astronomical and Mathematical Tables. By Charles Babbage, Esq.—Memoirs of the Astronomical Society, vol. I. part 2. London, 1822.

3. Address to the Astronomical Society by Henry Thomas Colebrooke, Esq., F.R.S., President, on presenting the first Gold Medal of the Society to Charles Babbage, Esq., for the invention of the Calculating Engine.—Memoirs of the Astronomical Society. London, 1822.

4. On the Determination of the General Term of a New Class of Infinite Series. By Charles Babbage, Esq.—Transactions of the Cambridge Philosophical Society.

5. On Mr. Babbage's New Machine for Calculating and Printing Mathematical Tables.—Letter from Francis Baily, Esq., F.R.S., to M. Schumacher. No. 46, Astronomische Nachrichten. Reprinted in the Philosophical Magazine, May 1824.

6. On a Method of expressing by Signs the Action of Ma-

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# Bernoulli Numbers

$$\sum n = \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{2}n$$

$$\sum n^2 = \frac{1}{3}n^3 + \frac{1}{2}n^2 + \frac{1}{6}n$$

$$\sum n^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^4 + \frac{1}{2}n^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2$$

$$\sum n^m = \frac{1}{m+1}(B_0 n^{m+1} \pm \binom{m+1}{1} B_1 n^m + \binom{m+1}{2} B_2 n^{m-1} + \dots)$$

$$B_7 = -1(A_0 + B_1 A_1 + B_3 A_3 + B_5 A_5)$$

$$A_0 = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2n-1}{2n+1}$$

$$A_1 = \frac{2n}{2}$$

$$A_3 = \frac{2n(2n-1)(2n-2)}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4}$$

$$A_5 = \frac{2n(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3)(2n-4)}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6}$$

# Notes from the Translator

Note A Promise of a machine that can perform arbitrary mathematical operations

Note G *Lady Lovelace's Objection* – despite its power, the machine does not "think"

Note D "Diagram of development" for calculating  
$$B_7 = -1(A_0 + B_1 A_1 + B_3 A_3 + B_5 A_5)$$



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# Program Snippet ([GitHub Gist](#))

```
// ----- A0 -----
/* 01 */ v4 = v5 = v6 = v2 * v3;          // 2n
/* 02 */ v4 = v4 - v1;                    // 2n - 1
/* 03 */ v5 = v5 + v1;                    // 2n + 1

// In Lovelace's diagram, the below appears as v5 / v4, which is incorrect.
/* 04 */ v11 = v4 / v5;                   // (2n - 1) / (2n + 1)

/* 05 */ v11 = v11 / v2;                  // (1 / 2) * ((2n - 1) / (2n + 1))
/* 06 */ v13 = v13 - v11;                 // -(1 / 2) * ((2n - 1) / (2n + 1))
/* 07 */ v10 = v3 - v1;                   // (n - 1), set counter?

// On the first loop this calculates B3A3 and adds it on to v13.
// On the second loop this calculates B5A5 and adds it on.
while (v10 > 0)
{
    // ----- B3A3, B5A5 -----
    while (v6 > 2 * v3 - (2 * (v3 - v10) - 2))
    {
        // First Loop:
        /* 13 */ v6 = v6 - v1;              // 2n - 1
        /* 14 */ v7 = v1 + v7;             // 2 + 1
        /* 15 */ v8 = v6 / v7;             // (2n - 1) / 3
        /* 16 */ v11 = v8 * v11;           // (2n / 2) * ((2n - 1) / 3)
    }

    if (v10 == 2) {
        /* 21 */ v12 = v22 * v11;          // B3 * A3
    } else {
        /* 21 */ v12 = v23 * v11;          // B5 * A5
    }
}
```

# Resources

- *What Did Ada Lovelace's Program Actually Do?*  
TwoBitHistory.org
- Sketch of the Analytical Engine
- Translation of Note D to C. (gist)
- Wikipedia

# Breakout Discussions

- Introduce yourself to your group; what are you working on this summer?
- What is the most difficult bug you've encountered?
- What is the best thing you've attended so far this summer?  
And/or what are you most looking forward to?

## *Prizes!*

A prize will be awarded to anyone who shares their bug story at the end of the hour

# Tools

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