Preface

This bibliography is divided into a number of sections according to the subject matter of the entries. These divisions are somewhat arbitrary, and frequently a document contains some material relating to a variety of areas. In such cases, the area of major applicability has been selected. There are certainly some errors of classification; corrections are welcome.

One problem in developing this bibliography has been to determine the relevance and significance of material that might be included. Some entries contain comparatively little material of substance that is directly related to the SNOBOL, SL5, and Icon languages. In the “applications” categories, some entries are included where it is known that SNOBOL, SL5, or Icon was used, even if that is not evident in the documents themselves.

Many of the documents listed in this bibliography are not readily available. This applies particularly to the internal reports of industrial organizations. Such organizations are usually unwilling to supply copies of reports, and readers are advised not to request such documents. Similarly, we are not in a position to supply copies of documents, except some of those authored at The University of Arizona.

The format of the entries is largely self-explanatory. In general, information has been recorded as it appears on the document itself (where the document was available). In some cases, an author’s name has been “normalized” to facilitate the computer preparation of this document. Information known to us, but not appearing on the document, is enclosed in brackets. This convention has not been applied uniformly with respect to addresses, which have sometimes been supplied without brackets. For some of the documents authored at Bell Laboratories, the corporate address (Murray Hill, New Jersey) has been used, although these documents actually may have originated at branch laboratories.

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