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- 1. Primitive types characterizing the machine.** We begin with a definition of the basic types that characterize our presumed JVM like machine i.e., byte addressable, two-complement and where words (W) are 32 bits wide, half words (H) are 16 bits, and bytes (B) are 8 bits.

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#include <stdint> // Standard header providing width integer types
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typedef int8_t B; // A byte, 8 bits
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typedef int16_t H; // Half a word, 16 bits; two bytes
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typedef int32_t W; // A full word of 32 bits; four bytes, two half words
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- 2. S-Expressions and handles.** An S-expression is either a dotted pair (consistuted by two, smaller, S-expressions) or an atom (which is a string of characters). An S-expression is represented by a 16 bits handle (the type H) encoding an integer h ,

$$2^{15} \leq h \leq 2^{15} - 1$$

The handle of a dotted pair is always positive. The handle of the special atom NIL is zero; handles of all other atoms are negative. The sign bit of a handle is therefore a boolean: if it set, then the handle is an atom.

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struct S { // handle of S expression
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    H h; // the handle
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};
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A handle makes it possible to access the representation of the actual data: In the case of an expression.

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- 3. Representation of atoms.** Also, for the purpose of our implementation we represent “atoms” (A) as the address of the first byte in sequence of bytes that end in the null byte, i.e., a byte in which all bits are zero, denoted in C by ‘\0’ and mathematically by \natural .

$$\text{'\0'} = \natural = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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typedef const B *const A; // Underlining representation of strings as pointers to bytes
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an unlabeled internal node in the binary tree representation of an S-expression.

A pair is stored in a word containing two half words. The car **and** the cdr parts of the node. We also pairs to make linked lists, where one half word is the contents of a list item, **and** the other is a pointer to the subsequent item.

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union Pair { // The perspectives of a pair.
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    W cons; 32; // I. A single word that can
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    struct { H car, cdr:16 }; // II. A pair of car and cdr, each in a word.
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    struct { H data, next:16 }; // III. An item in a linked list
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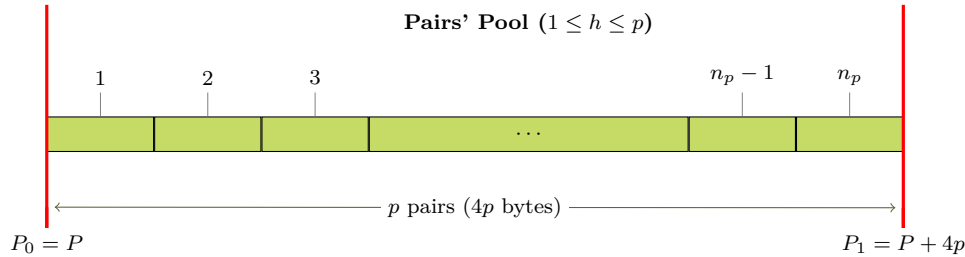
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};
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4. Handles as indices. An S-expression is either a dotted pair (consistuted by two, smaller, S-expressions) or an atom. Such an expression is represented by a half-word that represents an integer h ,

$$2^{15} \leq h \leq 2^{15} - 1$$

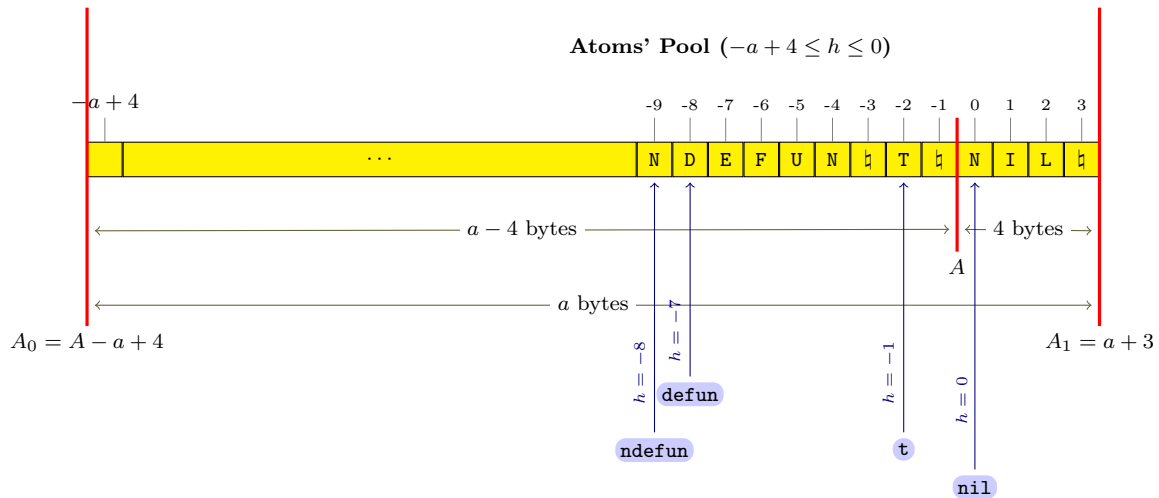
Dotted Pairs If $h > 0$, then the S-expression that h represents is a dotted-pair. The value of h is interpreted as an index in the pairs' pool: an array P of pairs whose indices are in the range $1, 2, \dots, p$, and where $p > 0$ is the number of pairs in the the statically allocated memory block used for storing pairs.



Atoms If $h \leq 0$, then this S-expression is an atom. The value of case h is interpreted as a, typically negative, index into the atoms' pool, an array A of a bytes, whose indices are in the range

$$-a + 4, -a + 3, \dots, 0, \dots, 3$$

where a is some fixed constant. In other words, A is some fixed memory address, used to access a memory block of a bytes that ranges from address $A_0 = A - a + 1$ to address $A_1 = A + 3$



We need to make array P follow array A in memory to conserve as much memory as possible. To **do** so, we allocate a memory block of $a + 4 * p$ bytes, **and** use two perspectives to access it.

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Allocate representation {
    perspective(byte [a + 4*p])
    perspective(char A[a]; pair P[p];)
}
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- integers *Positive integers* Positive integer designates a * pair, i.e., an internal node; a negative pair represents a string. A zero * integer designates the NIL atom. There is a bit of trickery to make sure * that if the index zero, the string behind it happens to be NIL. In a sense * the zero is also an index into the strings array. * Both pools are consecutive in memory: There is a large static buffer in which * both pools reside. */

5. Sizes of related to primitive types.

Constants {

$B_n \equiv 8 \times \text{sizeof } B$, // *Eight bits in byte*

$H_n \equiv 8 \times \text{sizeof } H$, // *Sixteen bits in a half word*

$W_n \equiv 8 \times \text{sizeof } W$, // *Thirty-two bits in a full word*

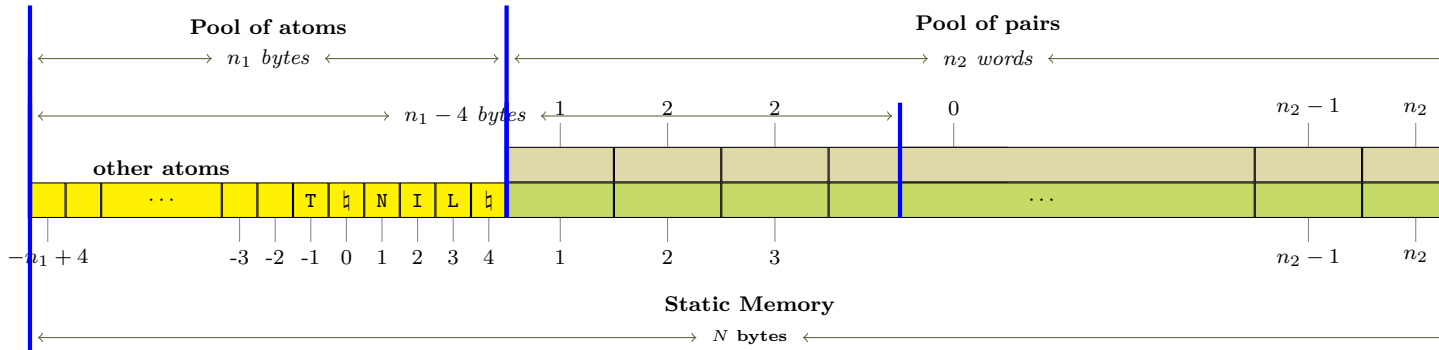
$H_c \equiv H_n - 1$, // *Number of bits in the characteristic of type H*

$H_x \equiv 2^{H_c}$ // *Maximal positive value representable in type H*

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6. Static memory. All memory allocations are from a pre-allocated fixed contiguous memory block, the *pool* of n bytes comprising:

1. *Pool of atoms.* A sub-block N_1 bytes, from which internal representations of atoms are allocated.
2. *Pool of pairs.* A sub-block n_2 words, from which internal representations of pairs are allocated.



Constants {

$N_1 \equiv 2^{13}$,

$N_2 \equiv 2^{15} - 1$,

$N \equiv N_1 \times \text{sizeof } B + N_2 \times \text{sizeof } W$,

}

static B M[N];