

1. (10 points.) Define SCHEME functions with the following specifications.

- (a) (2 points.) Define a SCHEME function `max2` which takes two numeric inputs (call them  $x$  and  $y$ ) and returns the larger of the two. (You may not use the built-in scheme function `max` for this purpose—define your own function from scratch using a conditional.)

```
(define (max2 x y)
  (if (> x y) x y))
```

- (b) (2 points.) Define a SCHEME function `max3` which takes three numeric inputs (call them  $x$ ,  $y$ , and  $z$ ) and returns the largest of the three. (You may not use the built-in scheme function `max` for this purpose, but you may use your function `max2` from the previous problem.)

```
(define (max3 x y z)
  (max2 (max2 x y) z))
```

- (c) (2 points.) Define a SCHEME function `crazy` which takes a single input  $x$  and returns

$$\frac{(x+10)(x+10)+10}{x+10}.$$

```
(define (crazy x)
  (define (p10 y) (+ y 10))
  (/ (p10 (* (p10 x) (p10 x)))
     (p10 x)))
```

- (d) (2 points.) Define a SCHEME function `monster-fact` which takes a single numeric argument  $x$  and returns  $(x!)!$ . (Yes, that's the factorial of the factorial of  $x$ , so `(monster-fact 4)` should return  $(4!)! = 24! = 620448401733239439360000$ . You must define the `factorial` function from scratch, if you intend to use it.)

```
(define (monster-fact k)
  (define (factorial n)
    (if (= n 0)
        1
        (* n (factorial (- n 1)))))
  (factorial (factorial k)))
```

- (e) (2 points.) Define a SCHEME function `dfact` (which stands for “double factorial”). The double factorial function is defined (for the natural numbers  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ) by the recursive rule:

$$\text{dfact}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ n \cdot \text{dfact}(n-2) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

```
(define (dfact n)
  (cond ((= n 0) 1)
        ((= n 1) 1)
        (else (* n (dfact (- n 1))))))
```

2. (10 points.) In this problem, you will implement *Halley's method* for extracting square roots. Consider the following mysterious function of two variables  $Q$  and  $g$ :

$$h(Q, g) = \frac{g(g^2 + 3Q)}{3g^2 + Q}.$$

Edmond Halley (after whom the comet is named) noticed the following remarkable fact. For any (positive) number  $Q$  and any (positive) number  $g$ ,  $h(Q, g)$  is always closer to  $\sqrt{Q}$  than  $g$  was. In particular, for any specific fixed value of  $Q$  we can consider the sequence of numbers

$$g_s = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s = 0, \\ h(Q, g_{s-1}) & \text{for } s > 0. \end{cases}$$

Then these numbers  $g_0, g_1, \dots$  converge very quickly to  $\sqrt{Q}$ .

- (a) (1 points.) Write a SCHEME function `h` which computes the function above (so, the function `h` should take two arguments  $Q$  and  $g$ ).

```
(define (h Q g)
  (/ (+ (* g g g) (* 3 g Q))
     (+ (* 3 g g) Q)))
```

- (b) (3 points.) Write a function `Halley-iterate` which takes two numeric arguments,  $Q$  and  $t$ , and returns  $g_t$  (defined by the sequence above). Thus, if  $t = 0$ , your function should return 1; if  $t = 1$ , your function should return  $g_1 = h(Q, 1)$ , etc.

```
(define (Halley-iterate Q t)
  (cond ((= t 0) 1)
        (else (h Q (Halley-iterate Q (- t 1))))))
```

- (c) (4 points.) Write a function `Halley-approx` which takes a single numeric argument  $Q$  and returns an approximation  $\alpha$  to the square root of  $Q$  with the property that  $|\alpha^2 - Q| \leq .00001$ . To do this, your function should effectively compute the sequence  $g_0, g_1, g_2, \dots$  until it finds a  $g_t$  for which  $|g_t^2 - Q| \leq .00001$  (at which point it can simply return the value  $g_t$ ).

```
(define (Halley-approx Q)
  (define (Halley-work guess)
    (if (< (abs (- Q (* guess guess))) .00001)
        guess
        (Halley-work (h Q guess))))
  (Halley-work 1))
```

- (d) (2 points.) Show how to restructure your code from the previous problems so that `h` is defined in the scope of `Halley-approx`, and use this restructuring to make `h` a function of a single parameter  $g$ .

```
(define (Halley-approx Q)
  (define (h g)
    (/ (+ (* g g g) (* 3 g Q))
```

```

      (+ (* 3 g g) Q)))
(define (Halley-work guess)
  (if (< (abs (- Q (* guess guess))) .00001)
      guess
      (Halley-work (h guess))))
(Halley-work 1))

```

3. (10 points.) The integers 1, 2, 4, and 5 can be written as the *sum of two perfect squares*:

$$1 = 0^2 + 1^2, \quad 2 = 1^2 + 1^2, \quad 4 = 0^2 + 2^2, \quad \text{and} \quad 5 = 1^2 + 2^2.$$

On the other hand, neither 3, 6, nor 7 can be expressed this way.

In this problem, you will define a function `sum-of-squares` so that `(sum-of-squares n)` returns `#t` if the positive integer  $n$  can be written as a sum of squares of two integers and `#f` otherwise. You may assume that  $n$  is positive. If you wish, you may use the following function `is-square`, which returns `#t` if  $k$  is a perfect square, and `#f` otherwise:

```

(define (is-square k) (let ((int-root (round (sqrt k))))
  (= k (* int-root int-root))))

```

- (a) (2 points.) Define a SCHEME function `square-pieces` so that `(square-pieces x n)` returns `#t` if both  $x$  and  $(n - x)$  are perfect squares, and `#f` otherwise.

```

(define (square-pieces x n)
  (and (is-square x)
       (is-square (- n x))))

```

- (b) (4 points.) Observe that  $n$  can be written as a sum of two squares exactly when there is a number  $x \in \{0, \dots, n\}$  for which `(square-pieces x n)` returns `#t`. Write a SCHEME function `(test-upto k n)` which returns `#t` if there is a number  $x \in \{0, \dots, k\}$  for which `(square-pieces x n)` is true.

```

(define (test-upto k n)
  (if (< k 0) #f
      (or (square-pieces k)
          (test-upto (- k 1) n))))

```

- (c) (4 points.) Using the above functions, define the SCHEME function `sum-of-squares`. For full credit, indicate how the definitions of your helper functions can be made private; do you need to keep passing around the parameter  $n$ ?

```

(define (sum-of-squares n)
  (define (is-square k) (let ((int-root (round (sqrt k))))
    (= k (* int-root int-root))))

  (define (square-pieces x)
    (and (is-square x)
         (is-square (- n x))))

  (define (test-upto k)
    (if (< k 0) #f
        (or (square-pieces k)
            (test-upto (- k 1)))))

  (test-upto (ceiling (sqrt n))))

```

4. (10 points.)

- (a) (2 points.) Consider the following version of factorial:

```
(define (factorial n)
  (let ((recursive-value (factorial (- n 1))))
    (if (= n 0)
        1
        (* n recursive-value))))
```

For which, if any, values of  $n$  does this correctly compute  $n!$ ? Explain.

None. The function *always* generates a call to `(factorial (- n 1))` and hence generates an infinite sequence of calls regardless of  $n$ .

- (b) (2 points.) Consider the following declaration:

```
(define (f x)
  (define (g y) (+ x y))
  (define (h x) (+ x (g x)))
  (h (+ x 10)))
```

After this, what would `(f 100)` return?

It returns 320.

- (c) (2 points.) To what does the following expression evaluate?

```
(let ((x 10)
      (y 20)
      (z 40))
  (let ((x (+ x 10))
        (y (+ x 20)))
    (+ z (- x y))))
```

It returns 30.

- (d) (2 points.) Consider the following two implementations of the familiar function *times*.

```
(define (times x y)
  (cond ((= x 0) 0)
        ((= y 0) 0)
        (else (+ x (times x (- y 1))))))
```

and

```
(define (double x) (* 2 x))
(define (half x) (floor (/ x 2)))
(define (even? x) (= 0 (modulo x 2)))
(define (ftimes x y)
  (cond ((= x 0) 0)
        ((even? x) (double (ftimes (half x) y)))
        (else (+ y (ftimes (- x 1) y)))))
```

The both correctly compute multiplication (if the arguments are non-negative integers). However, the behavior of a call to `(times 1000000 1000001)` will be quite different from that of a call to `(ftimes 1000000 1000001)`. Explain.

The first one (*times*) will carry out  $y$  actual multiplications. If  $y$  is large, this can be slow. The second one *ftimes* reduces  $y$  by a factor one-half after no more than two calls, and hence generates a number

of calls that grows with the number of bits of  $y$ , rather than  $y$  itself. This code can multiply large numbers efficiently.

- (e) **(2 points.)** Consider the following flawed implementation of the Fibonacci sequence.

```
(define (fib n)
  (cond ((= n 0) 0)
        (else (+ (fib (- n 1))
                  (fib (- n 2))))))
```

For which values, if any, of  $n$  will this correctly compute the  $n$ th Fibonacci number? What's wrong?

It works for 0, but no other inputs—the problem is that there is no  $n$  for which both recursive calls (to  $n - 1$  and  $n - 2$ ) are both determined by the code.

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