

```
def double(x):
    if isinstance(x, (float, int)):
       return 2 * x
    else:
       raise TypeError('Can only double a number')
```

Raise Statements

Python exceptions are raised with a raise statement

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raise <expression>
```

<expression> must evaluate to a subclass of BaseException or an instance of one

Exceptions are constructed like any other object. E.g., TypeError('Bad argument!')

TypeError -- A function was passed the wrong number/type of argument

NameError -- A name wasn't found

KeyError -- A key wasn't found in a dictionary

RecursionError -- Too many recursive calls

```
deef quadruple(x):
    try:
        return double(double(x))
    except TypeError as e:
        #e: give a name to TypeError
    return 0
```

Try Statements

Try statements handle exceptions

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try:
     <try suite>
except <exception class> as <name>:
     <except suite>
...
```

Execution rule:

The <try suite> is executed first

If, during the course of executing the <try suite>, an exception is raised that is not handled otherwise, and

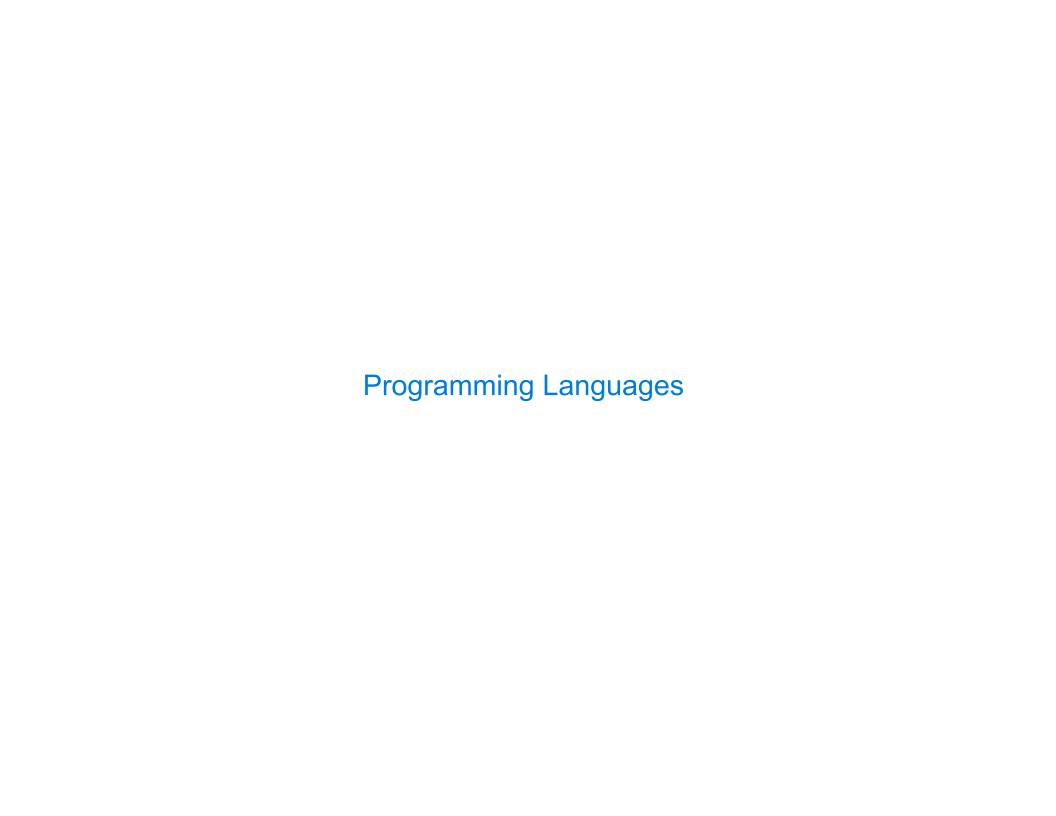
If the class of the exception inherits from <exception class>, then

The <except suite> is executed, with <name> bound to the exception

Example: Reduce

Reducing a Sequence to a Value

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def reduce(f, s, initial):
    """Combine elements of s pairwise using f, starting with initial.
    E.g., reduce(mul, [2, 4, 8], 1) is equivalent to mul(mul(mul(1, 2), 4), 8).
    >>> reduce(mul, [2, 4, 8], 1)
    64
                                                                        16,777,216
    0.00
                                                                            64
                                                            pow
f is ...
                                                                pow
  a two-argument function
s is ...
                                                                  pow
  a sequence of values that can be the second argument
initial is ...
                                                                      pow
  a value that can be the first argument
                                                            reduce(pow, [1, 2, 3, 4], 2)
                                             (Demo)
```



Programming Languages

A computer typically executes programs written in many different programming languages

Machine languages: statements are interpreted by the hardware itself

- A fixed set of instructions invoke operations implemented by the circuitry of the central processing unit (CPU)
- Operations refer to specific hardware memory addresses; no abstraction mechanisms

High-level languages: statements & expressions are interpreted by another program or compiled (translated) into another language

- Provide means of abstraction such as naming, function definition, and objects
- Abstract away system details to be independent of hardware and operating system

Python 3

def square(x):
 return x * x

from dis import dis
dis(square)

Python 3 Byte Code

LOAD_FAST	0 (x)
LOAD_FAST	0 (x)
BINARY_MULTIPLY	
RETURN_VALUE	

Metalinguistic Abstraction

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A powerful form of abstraction is to define a new language! E.g.,
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Problem domain: The MediaWiki mark-up language was designed for generating static web pages. It has built-in elements for text formatting and cross-page linking. It is used, for example, to create Wikipedia pages

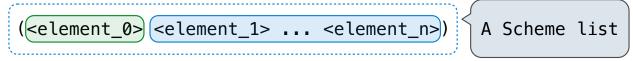
A programming language has:

- Syntax: The legal statements and expressions in the language
- Semantics: The execution/evaluation rule for those statements and expressions



Reading Scheme Lists

A Scheme list is written as elements in parentheses:



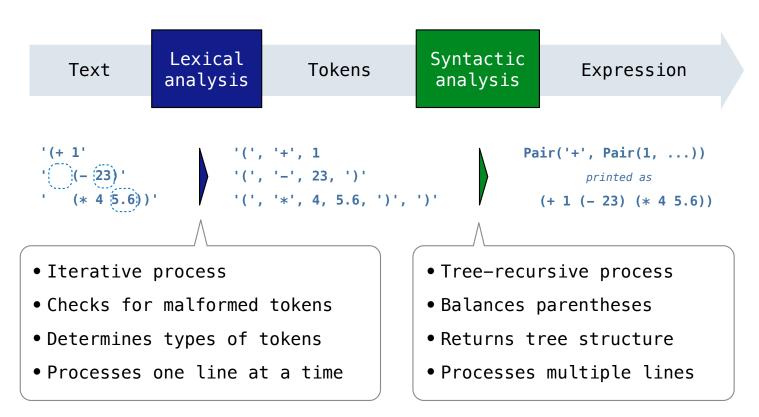
Each <element> can be a combination or primitive

$$(+ (* 3 (+ (* 2 4) (+ 3 5))) (+ (- 10 7) 6))$$

The task of parsing a language involves coercing a string representation of an expression to the expression itself

Parsing

A Parser takes text and returns an expression



Syntactic Analysis

Syntactic analysis identifies the hierarchical structure of an expression, which may be nested

Each call to scheme_read consumes the input tokens for exactly one expression

Base case: symbols and numbers

Recursive call: scheme_read sub-expressions and combine them

Scheme-Syntax Calculator

Calculator Syntax

The Calculator language has primitive expressions and call expressions. (That's it!)

A primitive expression is a number: 2 -4 5.6

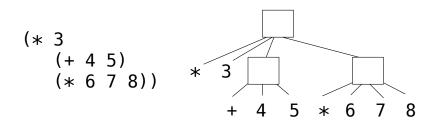
A call expression is a combination that begins with an operator (+, -, *, /) followed by 0 or more expressions: (+ 1 2 3) (/ 3 (+ 4 5))

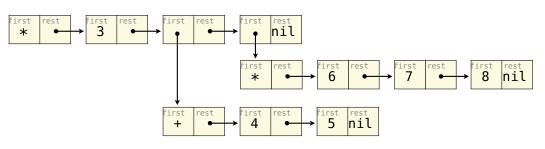
Expressions are represented as Scheme lists (Pair instances) that encode tree structures.

Expression

Expression Tree

Representation as Pairs





Calculator Semantics

The value of a calculator expression is defined recursively.

Primitive: A number evaluates to itself.

Call: A call expression evaluates to its argument values combined by an operator.

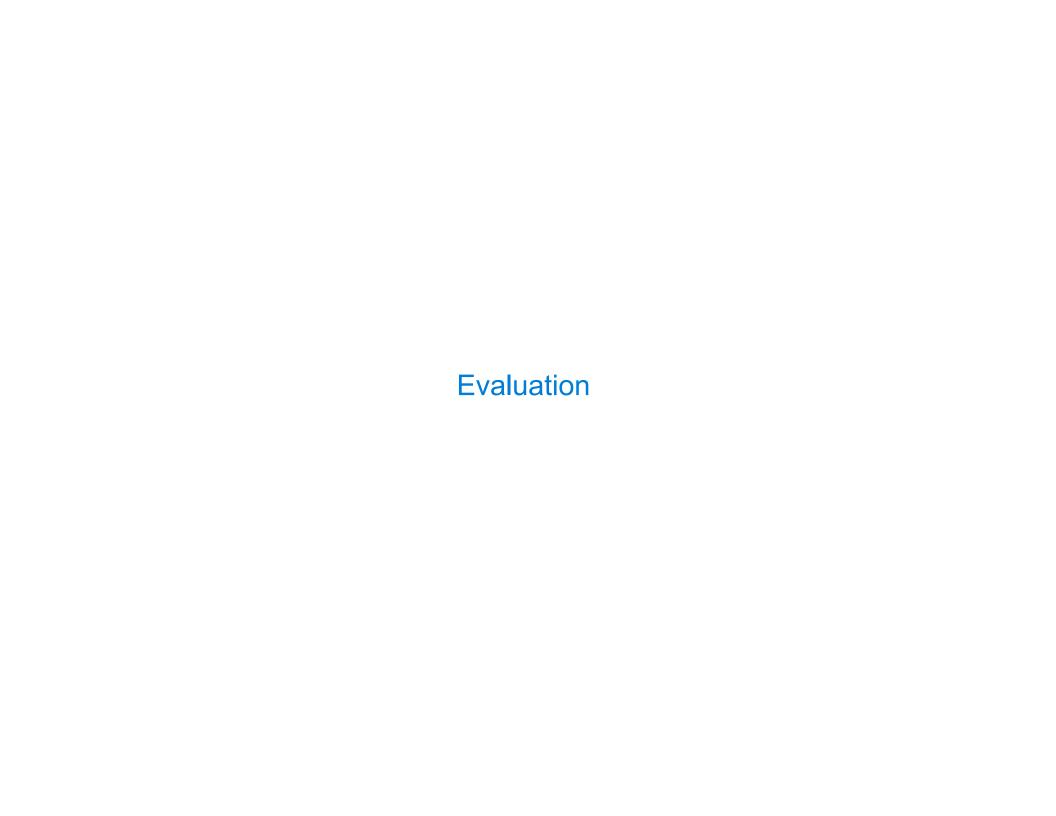
+: Sum of the arguments

*: Product of the arguments

-: If one argument, negate it. If more than one, subtract the rest from the first.

/: If one argument, invert it. If more than one, divide the rest from the first.

(+ 5 (* 2 3) (* 2 5 5)) Expression Tree 61 * 2 3 * 2 5



The Eval Function

The eval function computes the value of an expression, which is always a number

It is a generic function that dispatches on the type of the expression (primitive or call)

Implementation

def calc eval(exp):

if isinstance(exp, (int, float)):
 return exp

elif isinstance(exp, Pair):

arguments = exp.rest.map(calc_eval)

return calc_apply(exp.first, arguments)

else:

raise TypeError

Recursive call returns a number for each operand

A Scheme list of numbers

Language Semantics

A number evaluates...

to itself

A call expression evaluates...

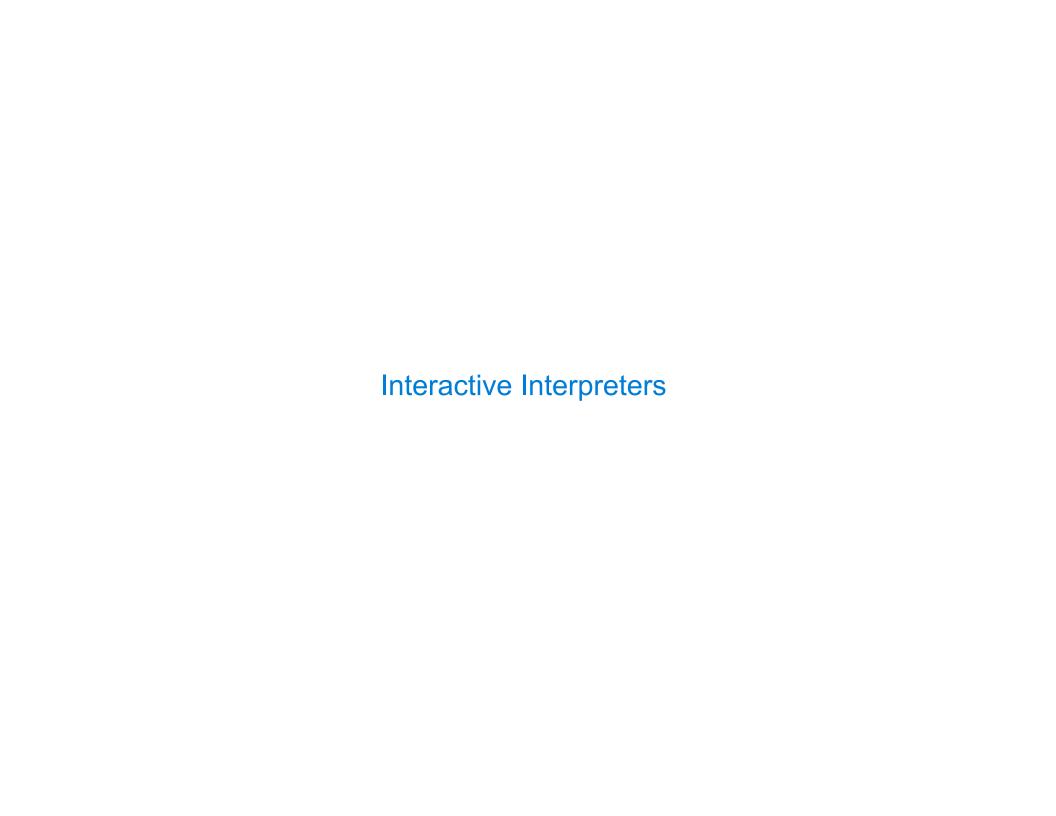
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Applying Built-in Operators

The apply function applies some operation to a (Scheme) list of argument values In calculator, all operations are named by built-in operators: +, -, *, /

Implementation

Language Semantics



Read-Eval-Print Loop

The user interface for many programming languages is an interactive interpreter

- 1. Print a prompt
- 2. Read text input from the user
- 3. Parse the text input into an expression
- 4. **Evaluate** the expression
- 5. If any errors occur, report those errors, otherwise
- 6. **Print** the value of the expression and repeat

Raising Exceptions

Exceptions are raised within lexical analysis, syntactic analysis, eval, and apply

Example exceptions

- Lexical analysis: The token 2.3.4 raises ValueError("invalid numeral")
- •Syntactic analysis: An extra) raises SyntaxError("unexpected token")
- Eval: An empty combination raises TypeError("() is not a number or call expression")
- •Apply: No arguments to raises TypeError("- requires at least 1 argument")

Handling Exceptions

An interactive interpreter prints information about each error

A well-designed interactive interpreter should not halt completely on an error, so that the user has an opportunity to try again in the current environment