4.9 Pairs and Lists

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Pairs and Lists in The Racket Guide introduces pairs and lists.
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A *pair* combines exactly two values. The first value is accessed with the car procedure, and the second value is accessed with the cdr procedure. Pairs are not mutable (but see Mutable Pairs and Lists).

A *list* is recursively defined: it is either the constant null, or it is a pair whose second value is a list.

A list can be used as a single-valued sequence (see Sequences). The elements of the list serve as elements of the sequence. See also in-list.

Cyclic data structures can be created using only immutable pairs via read or make-reader-graph. If starting with a pair and using some number of cdrs returns to the starting pair, then the pair is not a list.

See Reading Pairs and Lists for information on reading pairs and lists and Printing Pairs and Lists for information on printing pairs and lists.

4.9.1 Pair Constructors and Selectors

```
(pair? v) \rightarrow boolean? procedure v: any/c
```

Returns #t if v is a pair, #f otherwise.

```
> (pair? 1)
#f
> (pair? (cons 1 2))
#t
> (pair? (list 1 2))
#t
> (pair? '(1 2))
#t
> (pair? '())
#f
```

```
(\text{null? } v) \rightarrow \text{boolean?} procedure v: \text{any/c}
```

Returns #t if v is the empty list, #f otherwise.

Examples:

```
> (null? 1)
#f
> (null? '(1 2))
#f
> (null? '())
#t
> (null? (cdr (list 1)))
#t
```

```
(cons a d) \rightarrow pair? procedure a : any/c d : any/c
```

Returns a newly allocated pair whose first element is a and second element is d.

Examples:

```
> (cons 1 2)
'(1 . 2)
> (cons 1 '())
'(1)
```

```
(\operatorname{car} p) \to \operatorname{any/c} procedure p : \operatorname{pair}?
```

Returns the first element of the pair p.

Examples:

```
> (car '(1 2))
1
> (car (cons 2 3))
2
```

```
(\operatorname{cdr} p) \to \operatorname{any/c} procedure p : \operatorname{pair}?
```

Returns the second element of the pair p.

```
> (cdr '(1 2))
'(2)
> (cdr '(1))
'()
```

null : null?

The empty list.

Examples:

```
> null
'()
> '()
'()
'()
> (eq? '() null)
#t

(list? v) → boolean?

procedure
```

Returns #t if v is a list: either the empty list, or a pair whose second element is a list. This procedure effectively takes constant time due to internal caching (so that any necessary traversals of pairs can in principle count as an extra cost of allocating the pairs).

Examples:

v: any/c

```
> (list? '(1 2))
#t
> (list? (cons 1 (cons 2 '())))
#t
> (list? (cons 1 2))
#f
(list v ...) → list?
procedure
```

Returns a newly allocated list containing the vs as its elements.

Examples:

v: any/c

```
> (list 1 2 3 4)
'(1 2 3 4)
> (list (list 1 2) (list 3 4))
'((1 2) (3 4))

(list* v ... tail) → any/c
v : any/c
tail : any/c
```

Like list, but the last argument is used as the tail of the result, instead of the final element. The result is a list only if the last argument is a list.

```
> (list* 1 2)
'(1 . 2)
> (list* 1 2 (list 3 4))
'(1 2 3 4)
```

```
(build-list \ n \ proc) \rightarrow list? procedure n: exact-nonnegative-integer? proc: (exact-nonnegative-integer? . -> . any)
```

Creates a list of n elements by applying proc to the integers from 0 to (sub1 n) in order. If lst is the resulting list, then (list-ref lst i) is the value produced by (proc i).

Examples:

```
> (build-list 10 values)
'(0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9)
> (build-list 5 (lambda (x) (* x x)))
'(0 1 4 9 16)
```

4.9.2 List Operations

```
(length \ lst) \rightarrow exact-nonnegative-integer? procedure lst: list?
```

Returns the number of elements in lst.

Examples:

```
> (length (list 1 2 3 4))
4
> (length '())
0
```

```
(list-ref lst pos) → any/c
  lst : pair?
  pos : exact-nonnegative-integer?
```

Returns the element of *lst* at position *pos*, where the list's first element is position 0. If the list has *pos* or fewer elements, then the exn:fail:contract exception is raised.

The *lst* argument need not actually be a list; *lst* must merely start with a chain of at least (add1 *pos*) pairs.

```
> (list-ref (list 'a 'b 'c) 0)
'a
> (list-ref (list 'a 'b 'c) 1)
```

```
'b
> (list-ref (list 'a 'b 'c) 2)
'c
> (list-ref (cons 1 2) 0)
1
> (list-ref (cons 1 2) 1)
list-ref: index reaches a non-pair
   index: 1
   in: '(1 . 2)
```

```
\begin{array}{c} (\textbf{list-tail} \ \textit{lst pos}) \rightarrow \textbf{any/c} \\ \textit{lst} : \textbf{any/c} \\ \textit{pos} : \textbf{exact-nonnegative-integer?} \end{array}
```

Returns the list after the first *pos* elements of *lst*. If the list has fewer than *pos* elements, then the exn:fail:contract exception is raised.

The *lst* argument need not actually be a list; *lst* must merely start with a chain of at least *pos* pairs.

Examples:

```
> (list-tail (list 1 2 3 4 5) 2)
'(3 4 5)
> (list-tail (cons 1 2) 1)
2
> (list-tail (cons 1 2) 2)
list-tail: index reaches a non-pair
index: 2
in: '(1 . 2)
> (list-tail 'not-a-pair 0)
'not-a-pair
```

```
 \begin{array}{c} (\mathsf{append}\ lst\ \dots) \to \mathsf{list?} \\ lst: \mathsf{list?} \\ (\mathsf{append}\ lst\ \dots\ v) \to \mathsf{any/c} \\ lst: \mathsf{list?} \\ v: \mathsf{any/c} \end{array}
```

When given all list arguments, the result is a list that contains all of the elements of the given lists in order. The last argument is used directly in the tail of the result.

The last argument need not be a list, in which case the result is an "improper list."

```
> (append (list 1 2) (list 3 4))
'(1 2 3 4)
> (append (list 1 2) (list 3 4) (list 5 6) (list 7 8))
'(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8)
```

```
(reverse \ lst) \rightarrow list? procedure lst : list?
```

Returns a list that has the same elements as *lst*, but in reverse order.

Example:

```
> (reverse (list 1 2 3 4))
'(4 3 2 1)
```

4.9.3 List Iteration

```
(map proc lst ...+) → list?
proc : procedure?
lst : list?
```

Applies *proc* to the elements of the *lsts* from the first elements to the last. The *proc* argument must accept the same number of arguments as the number of supplied *lsts*, and all *lsts* must have the same number of elements. The result is a list containing each result of *proc* in order.

Examples:

```
(andmap proc lst ...+) → any
proc : procedure?
lst : list?
```

Similar to map in the sense that proc is applied to each element of lst, but

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The andmap function is actually closer to foldl than map, since andmap doesn't produce a list. Still, (andmap f (list x y z)) is equivalent to (and (f x) (f y) (f z)) in the same way that (map f (list x y z)) is equivalent to (list (f x) (f y) (f z)).
```

• the result is #f if any application of *proc* produces #f, in which case *proc* is not applied to later elements of the *lsts*; and

• the result is that of *proc* applied to the last elements of the *lsts*; more specifically, the application of *proc* to the last elements in the *lsts* is in tail position with respect to the andmap call.

If the lsts are empty, then #t is returned.

Examples:

```
> (andmap positive? '(1 2 3))
#t
> (andmap positive? '(1 2 a))
positive?: contract violation
    expected: real?
    given: 'a
> (andmap positive? '(1 -2 a))
#f
> (andmap + '(1 2 3) '(4 5 6))
9
```

```
(ormap proc lst ...+) → any
procedure?
lst: list?
```

Similar to map in the sense that proc is applied to each element of lst, but

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To continue the andmap note above, (ormap f (list x y z)) is equivalent to (or (f x) (f y) (f z)).
```

- the result is #f if every application of proc produces #f; and
- the result is that of the first application of *proc* producing a value other than #f, in which case *proc* is not applied to later elements of the *lsts*; the application of *proc* to the last elements of the *lsts* is in tail position with respect to the ormap call.

If the *lsts* are empty, then #f is returned.

```
> (ormap eq? '(a b c) '(a b c))
#t
> (ormap positive? '(1 2 a))
#t
> (ormap + '(1 2 3) '(4 5 6))
5
```

```
(for-each proc lst ...+) → void?
proc : procedure?
lst : list?
```

Similar to map, but *proc* is called only for its effect, and its result (which can be any number of values) is ignored.

Example:

```
(foldl proc init lst ...+) → any/c
proc : procedure?
init : any/c
lst : list?
```

Like map, foldl applies a procedure to the elements of one or more lists. Whereas map combines the return values into a list, foldl combines the return values in an arbitrary way that is determined by *proc*.

If foldl is called with n lists, then proc must take n+1 arguments. The extra argument is the combined return values so far. The proc is initially invoked with the first item of each list, and the final argument is init. In subsequent invocations of proc, the last argument is the return value from the previous invocation of proc. The input lsts are traversed from left to right, and the result of the whole foldl application is the result of the last application of proc. If the lsts are empty, the result is init.

Unlike foldr, foldl processes the *lsts* in constant space (plus the space for each call to *proc*).

```
(foldr proc init lst ...+) → any/c
proc : procedure?
init : any/c
lst : list?
```

Like foldl, but the lists are traversed from right to left. Unlike foldl, foldr processes the *lsts* in space proportional to the length of *lsts* (plus the space for each call to *proc*).

Examples:

```
> (foldr cons '() '(1 2 3 4))
'(1 2 3 4)
> (foldr (lambda (v l) (cons (add1 v) l)) '() '(1 2 3 4))
'(2 3 4 5)
```

4.9.4 List Filtering

```
(filter pred lst) → list?
  pred: procedure?
  lst: list?
```

Returns a list with the elements of *lst* for which *pred* produces a true value. The *pred* procedure is applied to each element from first to last.

Example:

```
> (filter positive? '(1 -2 3 4 -5))
'(1 3 4)
```

```
(remove v lst [proc]) → list?
  v : any/c
  lst : list?
  proc : procedure? = equal?
```

Returns a list that is like lst, omitting the first element of lst that is equal to v using the comparison procedure proc (which must accept two arguments).

```
> (remove 2 (list 1 2 3 2 4))
'(1 3 2 4)
> (remove 2 (list 1 2 3 2 4) =)
'(1 3 2 4)
> (remove '(2) (list '(1) '(2) '(3)))
'((1) (3))
> (remove "2" (list "1" "2" "3"))
'("1" "3")
> (remove #\c (list #\a #\b #\c))
'(#\a #\b)
```

```
(\mathbf{remq}\ v\ lst) \to \mathbf{list}? procedure v: \mathbf{any/c} lst: \mathbf{list}?
```

```
Returns (remove v lst eq?).
```

```
Examples:
```

```
> (remq 2 (list 1 2 3 4 5))
 '(1 3 4 5)
 > (remq '(2) (list '(1) '(2) '(3)))
 '((1) (2) (3))
 > (remq "2" (list "1" "2" "3"))
 '("1" "3")
 > (remq #\c (list #\a #\b #\c))
 '(#\a #\b)
(remv v lst) \rightarrow list?
 v: any/c
 lst : list?
```

procedure

procedure

Returns (remove *v* lst eqv?).

Examples:

```
> (remv 2 (list 1 2 3 4 5))
'(1 3 4 5)
> (remv '(2) (list '(1) '(2) '(3)))
'((1) (2) (3))
> (remv "2" (list "1" "2" "3"))
'("1" "3")
> (remv #\c (list #\a #\b #\c))
'(#\a #\b)
```

```
(remove* v-lst lst [proc]) → list?
                                                                         procedure
 v-lst : list?
 lst : list?
 proc : procedure? = equal?
```

Like remove, but removes from *lst* every instance of every element of *v-lst*.

Example:

```
> (remove* (list 1 2) (list 1 2 3 2 4 5 2))
  '(3 4 5)
(remq* v-lst lst) \rightarrow list?
```

Returns (remove* *v-lst lst* eq?).

Example:

v-lst : list? lst : list?

```
> (remq* (list 1 2) (list 1 2 3 2 4 5 2))
  '(3 4 5)
(remv* v-lst lst) \rightarrow list?
                                                                             procedure
  v-lst : list?
  lst : list?
Returns (remove* v-lst lst eqv?).
Example:
  > (remv* (list 1 2) (list 1 2 3 2 4 5 2))
  '(3 4 5)
(sort lst
                                                                             procedure
        less-than?
       [#:key extract-key
        #:cache-keys? cache-keys?]) → list?
  lst : list?
  less-than?: (any/c any/c . -> . any/c)
```

Returns a list sorted according to the less-than? procedure, which takes two elements of lst and returns a true value if the first is less (i.e., should be sorted earlier) than the second.

The sort is stable; if two elements of lst are "equal" (i.e., less-than? does not return a true value when given the pair in either order), then the elements preserve their relative order from lst in the output list. To preserve this guarantee, use sort with a strict comparison functions (e.g., < or string<?; not <= or string<=?).

Because of the peculiar fact that the IEEE-754 number system specifies that +nan.0 is neither greater nor less than nor equal to any other number, sorting lists containing this value may produce a surprising result.

The #:key argument extract-key is used to extract a key value for comparison from each list element. That is, the full comparison procedure is essentially

```
(lambda (x y)
  (less-than? (extract-key x) (extract-key y)))
```

extract-key : (any/c . -> . any/c) = (lambda (x) x)

cache-keys? : boolean? = #f

By default, extract-key is applied to two list elements for every comparison, but if cachekeys? is true, then the extract-key function is used exactly once for each list item. Supply a true value for cache-keys? when extract-key is an expensive operation; for example, if fileor-directory-modify-seconds is used to extract a timestamp for every file in a list, then cache-keys? should be #t to minimize file-system calls, but if extract-key is car, then cache-keys? should be #f. As another example, providing extract-key as (lambda (x) (random)) and #t for cache-keys? effectively shuffles the list.

Examples:

4.9.5 List Searching

```
(member v lst [is-equal?]) \rightarrow (or/c list? #f)
     v : any/c
     lst : list?
     is-equal? : (any/c any/c -> any/c) = equal?
```

Locates the first element of *lst* that is equal? to *v*. If such an element exists, the tail of *lst* starting with that element is returned. Otherwise, the result is #f.

Examples:

```
> (member 2 (list 1 2 3 4))
'(2 3 4)
> (member 9 (list 1 2 3 4))
#f
> (member #'x (list #'x #'y) free-identifier=?)
'(#<syntax:eval:509:0 x> #<syntax:eval:509:0 y>)
> (member #'a (list #'x #'y) free-identifier=?)
#f
```

```
  (\text{memv } v \mid lst) \rightarrow (\text{or/c list? \#f})  procedure   v : \text{any/c}    lst : \text{list?}
```

Like member, but finds an element using eqv?.

```
> (memv 2 (list 1 2 3 4))
'(2 3 4)
> (memv 9 (list 1 2 3 4))
#f
```

```
(\text{memq } v \mid st) \rightarrow (\text{or/c list? #f}) procedure v : \text{any/c} lst : \text{list?}
```

Like member, but finds an element using eq?.

Examples:

```
> (memq 2 (list 1 2 3 4))
'(2 3 4)
> (memq 9 (list 1 2 3 4))
#f
```

```
(memf proc lst) → (or/c list? #f)
 proc : procedure?
 lst : list?
```

Like member, but finds an element using the predicate *proc*; an element is found when *proc* applied to the element returns a true value.

Example:

```
(findf proc lst) → any/c
  proc : procedure?
  lst : list?
```

Like memf, but returns the element or #f instead of a tail of lst or #f.

Example:

```
(assoc v lst [is-equal?]) → (or/c pair? #f)
  v : any/c
  lst : (listof pair?)
  is-equal? : (any/c any/c -> any/c) = equal?
```

Locates the first element of *lst* whose car is equal to *v* according to *is-equal?*. If such an element exists, the pair (i.e., an element of *lst*) is returned. Otherwise, the result is #f.

```
> (assoc 3 (list (list 1 2) (list 3 4) (list 5 6)))
'(3 4)
> (assoc 9 (list (list 1 2) (list 3 4) (list 5 6)))
#f
```

```
(assv \ v \ lst) \rightarrow (or/c \ pair? \ \#f) procedure v : any/c lst : (listof \ pair?)
```

Like assoc, but finds an element using eqv?.

Example:

```
> (assv 3 (list (list 1 2) (list 3 4) (list 5 6)))
'(3 4)
```

```
(assq\ v\ lst) \rightarrow (or/c\ pair?\ \#f) procedure v: any/c lst: (listof\ pair?)
```

Like assoc, but finds an element using eq?.

Example:

```
> (assq 'c (list (list 'a 'b) (list 'c 'd) (list 'e 'f)))
'(c d)
```

```
(assf proc lst) → (or/c list? #f)
proc : procedure?
lst : list?
```

Like assoc, but finds an element using the predicate *proc*; an element is found when *proc* applied to the car of an *lst* element returns a true value.

Example:

4.9.6 Pair Accessor Shorthands

```
(\operatorname{caar} v) \to \operatorname{any/c} procedure v : (\operatorname{cons/c} \operatorname{pair? any/c})
```

Returns (car (car v)).

```
Example:
```

```
> (caar '((1 2) 3 4))
  1
(cadr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v : (cons/c any/c pair?)
Returns (car (cdr v)).
Example:
  > (cadr '((1 2) 3 4))
  3
(cdar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v : (cons/c pair? any/c)
Returns (cdr (car v)).
Example:
  > (cdar '((7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8 9))
  '(6 5 4 3 2 1)
(cddr \ v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v : (cons/c any/c pair?)
Returns (cdr (cdr v)).
Example:
  > (cddr '(2 1))
  '()
(caaar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v : (cons/c (cons/c pair? any/c) any/c)
Returns (car (car (car (car v))).
Example:
  > (caaar '(((6 5 4 3 2 1) 7) 8 9))
  6
(caadr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c pair? any/c))
Returns (car (cdr v))).
```

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Example:
  > (caadr '(9 (7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8))
  7
(cadar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v : (cons/c (cons/c any/c pair?) any/c)
Returns (car (cdr (car v))).
Example:
  > (cadar '((7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8 9))
  6
(caddr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c any/c pair?))
Returns (car (cdr (cdr v))).
Example:
  > (caddr '(3 2 1))
  1
(cdaar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v: (cons/c (cons/c pair? any/c) any/c)
Returns (cdr (car (car v))).
Example:
  > (cdaar '(((6 5 4 3 2 1) 7) 8 9))
  '(5 4 3 2 1)
(cdadr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                procedure
  v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c pair? any/c))
Returns (cdr (car (cdr v))).
Example:
  > (cdadr '(9 (7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8))
  '(6 5 4 3 2 1)
```

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 $(cddar \ v) \rightarrow any/c$

Returns (cdr (cdr (car v))).

v : (cons/c (cons/c any/c pair?) any/c)

procedure

```
Example:
```

```
> (cddar '((7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8 9))
      '(5 4 3 2 1)
 (cdddr \ v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  procedure
      v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c any/c pair?))
Returns (cdr (cdr (cdr v))).
Example:
     > (cdddr '(3 2 1))
      '()
 (caaaar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   procedure
      v: (cons/c (cons/c pair? any/c) any/c) any/c)
Returns (car (car
Example:
     > (caaaar '((((5 4 3 2 1) 6) 7) 8 9))
      5
 (caaadr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                                                                                                                                                  procedure
      v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c (cons/c pair? any/c) any/c))
Returns (car (car (cdr v)))).
Example:
     > (caaadr '(9 ((6 5 4 3 2 1) 7) 8))
     6
 (caadar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   procedure
      v: (cons/c (cons/c any/c (cons/c pair? any/c)) any/c)
Returns (car (cdr (cdr (car v)))).
Example:
     > (caadar '((7 (5 4 3 2 1) 6) 8 9))
      5
 (caaddr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                                                                                                                                                                   procedure
      v : (cons/c any/c (cons/c any/c (cons/c pair? any/c)))
Returns (car (cdr (cdr v)))).
```

```
Example:
```

```
> (caaddr '(9 8 (6 5 4 3 2 1) 7))
  6
(cadaar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                           procedure
  v: (cons/c (cons/c any/c pair?) any/c) any/c)
Returns (car (cdr (car (car v)))).
Example:
  > (cadaar '(((6 5 4 3 2 1) 7) 8 9))
  5
(cadadr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                           procedure
  v : (cons/c any/c (cons/c (cons/c any/c pair?) any/c))
Returns (car (cdr (cdr (cdr v)))).
Example:
  > (cadadr '(9 (7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8))
  6
(caddar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                           procedure
  v: (cons/c (cons/c any/c (cons/c any/c pair?)) any/c)
Returns (car (cdr (cdr (car v)))).
Example:
  > (caddar '((7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8 9))
  5
(cadddr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                           procedure
  v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c any/c pair?)))
Returns (car (cdr (cdr (cdr v)))).
Example:
  > (cadddr '(4 3 2 1))
  1
(cdaaar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                           procedure
  v: (cons/c (cons/c pair? any/c) any/c) any/c)
Returns (cdr (car (car (car v)))).
```

```
Example:
```

```
> (cdaaar '((((5 4 3 2 1) 6) 7) 8 9))
  '(4 3 2 1)
(cdaadr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                             procedure
  v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c (cons/c pair? any/c) any/c))
Returns (cdr (car (cdr v)))).
Example:
  > (cdaadr '(9 ((6 5 4 3 2 1) 7) 8))
  '(5 4 3 2 1)
(cdadar v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                             procedure
  v: (cons/c (cons/c any/c (cons/c pair? any/c)) any/c)
Returns (cdr (car (cdr (car v)))).
Example:
  > (cdadar '((7 (5 4 3 2 1) 6) 8 9))
  '(4 3 2 1)
(cdaddr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                             procedure
  v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c any/c (cons/c pair? any/c)))
Returns (cdr (cdr (cdr (cdr v)))).
Example:
  > (cdaddr '(9 8 (6 5 4 3 2 1) 7))
  '(5 4 3 2 1)
(cddaar \ v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                             procedure
  v: (cons/c (cons/c any/c pair?) any/c) any/c)
Returns (cdr (cdr (car (car v)))).
Example:
  > (cddaar '(((6 5 4 3 2 1) 7) 8 9))
  '(4 3 2 1)
(cddadr \ v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                             procedure
  v: (cons/c any/c (cons/c (cons/c any/c pair?) any/c))
Returns (cdr (cdr (cdr (cdr v)))).
```

```
Example:
```

```
> (cddadr '(9 (7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8))
  '(5 4 3 2 1)
(cdddar \ v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                           procedure
  v : (cons/c (cons/c any/c (cons/c any/c pair?)) any/c)
Returns (cdr (cdr (cdr (car v)))).
Example:
  > (cdddar '((7 6 5 4 3 2 1) 8 9))
  '(4 3 2 1)
(cdddr v) \rightarrow any/c
                                                                           procedure
  v : (cons/c any/c (cons/c any/c pair?)))
Returns (cdr (cdr (cdr (cdr v)))).
Example:
  > (cddddr '(4 3 2 1))
  '()
```

4.9.7 Additional List Functions and Synonyms

```
(require racket/list)
package: base
```

The bindings documented in this section are provided by the racket/list and racket libraries, but not racket/base.

```
empty : null?
```

The empty list.

Examples:

```
> empty
'()
> (eq? empty null)
#t
```

```
(cons? v) \rightarrow boolean? procedure v: any/c
```

The same as (pair? v).

```
Example:
```

```
> (cons? '(1 2))
#t
```

```
(empty? v) \rightarrow boolean? procedure v : any/c
```

The same as (null? v).

Examples:

```
> (empty? '(1 2))
#f
> (empty? '())
#t
```

```
(first lst) \rightarrow any/c procedure lst: list?
```

The same as (car lst), but only for lists (that are not empty).

Example:

```
> (first '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
1
```

```
(\mathbf{rest}\ lst) \to \mathbf{list}? procedure lst: \mathbf{list}?
```

The same as (cdr lst), but only for lists (that are not empty).

Example:

```
> (rest '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
'(2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10)
```

```
\begin{array}{c} (\textbf{second} \ lst) \rightarrow \ \texttt{any} \\ lst : \texttt{list?} \end{array}
```

Returns the second element of the list.

```
> (second '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
2
```

```
(	third\ lst) 	o 	ext{any} procedure lst: 	ext{list?}
```

Returns the third element of the list.

Example:

```
> (third '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
3
```

```
(\textbf{fourth}\ lst) \rightarrow \text{any} procedure lst: list?
```

Returns the fourth element of the list.

Example:

```
> (fourth '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
4
```

```
(\mathbf{fifth}\ lst) \to \mathbf{any} procedure lst: list?
```

Returns the fifth element of the list.

Example:

```
> (fifth '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
5
```

```
(sixth lst) \rightarrow any procedure lst: list?
```

Returns the sixth element of the list.

Example:

```
> (sixth '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
6
```

```
\begin{array}{c} (\textbf{seventh} \ lst) \rightarrow \textbf{any} \\ lst : \textbf{list?} \end{array}
```

Returns the seventh element of the list.

```
> (seventh '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
7
```

```
 \begin{array}{c} (\textbf{eighth} \ lst) \ \rightarrow \ \textbf{any} \\ lst : list? \end{array}
```

Returns the eighth element of the list.

Example:

```
> (eighth '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
8
```

```
(ninth \ lst) \rightarrow any procedure lst : list?
```

Returns the ninth element of the list.

Example:

```
> (ninth '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
9
```

```
 \begin{array}{c} (\textbf{tenth} \ lst) \rightarrow \text{any} \\ lst : list? \end{array}
```

Returns the tenth element of the list.

Example:

```
> (tenth '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
10
```

```
(last \ lst) \rightarrow any procedure lst: list?
```

Returns the last element of the list.

Example:

```
> (last '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10))
10
```

```
(last-pair p) \rightarrow pair? procedure p : pair?
```

Returns the last pair of a (possibly improper) list.

```
> (last-pair '(1 2 3 4))
'(4)
```

```
(\text{make-list } k \ v) \rightarrow \text{list?} procedure k : \text{exact-nonnegative-integer?}
```

```
v: any/c
```

Returns a newly constructed list of length k, holding v in all positions.

Example:

```
> (make-list 7 'foo)
'(foo foo foo foo foo foo)
```

```
(list-update lst\ pos\ updater) \rightarrow list? procedure lst: list? pos: (and/c (>=/c 0) (</c (length lst))) updater: (-> any/c any/c)
```

Returns a list that is the same as *lst* except at the specified index. The element at the specified index is (*updater* (*list-ref lst pos*)).

Example:

```
> (list-update '(zero one two) 1 symbol->string)
'(zero "one" two)
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

```
 \begin{array}{l} (\textbf{list-set} \ \textit{lst pos value}) \rightarrow \textbf{list?} & \textbf{procedure} \\ \textit{lst} : \textbf{list?} \\ \textit{pos} : (\texttt{and/c} \ (>=/c \ 0) \ (</c \ (\texttt{length} \ \textit{lst}))) \\ \textit{value} : \texttt{any/c} \\ \end{array}
```

Returns a list that is the same as *lst* except at the specified index. The element at the specified index is *value*.

Example:

```
> (list-set '(zero one two) 2 "two")
  '(zero one "two")
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

```
(index-of lst v [is-equal?]) → (or/c exact-nonnegative-integer? #f) procedure
  lst : list?
  v : any/c
  is-equal? : (any/c any/c . -> . any/c) = equal?
```

Like member, but returns the index of the first element found instead of the tail of the list.

```
> (index-of '(1 2 3 4) 3)
2
```

Added in version 6.7.0.3 of package base.

```
 \begin{array}{ll} (\textbf{index-where} \ lst \ proc) \rightarrow (or/c \ exact-nonnegative-integer? \ \#f) & procedure \\ lst : list? & \\ proc : (any/c . -> . any/c) & \end{array}
```

Like index-of but with the predicate-searching behavior of memf.

Example:

```
> (index-where '(1 2 3 4) even?)
1
```

Added in version 6.7.0.3 of package base.

```
(indexes-of lst v [is-equal?])
  → (listof exact-nonnegative-integer?)
  lst : list?
  v : any/c
  is-equal? : (any/c any/c . -> . any/c) = equal?
```

Like index-of, but returns the a list of all the indexes where the element occurs in the list instead of just the first one.

Example:

```
> (indexes-of '(1 2 1 2 1) 2)
'(1 3)
```

Added in version 6.7.0.3 of package base.

```
\begin{array}{l} (\textbf{indexes-where} \ lst \ proc) \rightarrow (list of \ exact-nonnegative-integer?) & procedure \\ lst : list? \\ proc : (any/c . -> . any/c) \end{array}
```

Like indexes-of but with the predicate-searching behavior of index-where.

Example:

```
> (indexes-where '(1 2 3 4) even?)
'(1 3)
```

Added in version 6.7.0.3 of package base.

```
(take \ lst \ pos) \rightarrow list? procedure lst : any/c pos : exact-nonnegative-integer?
```

Returns a fresh list whose elements are the first *pos* elements of *lst*. If *lst* has fewer than *pos* elements, the exn:fail:contract exception is raised.

The *lst* argument need not actually be a list; *lst* must merely start with a chain of at least *pos* pairs.

Examples:

```
> (take '(1 2 3 4 5) 2)
'(1 2)
> (take 'non-list 0)
'()
```

```
(drop \ lst \ pos) \rightarrow any/c procedure lst : any/c pos : exact-nonnegative-integer?
```

Just like list-tail.

```
(split-at lst pos) → list? any/c
  lst : any/c
  pos : exact-nonnegative-integer?
```

Returns the same result as

```
(values (take lst pos) (drop lst pos))
```

except that it can be faster.

```
(takef lst pred) → list?
  lst : any/c
  pred : procedure?
```

Returns a fresh list whose elements are taken successively from *lst* as long as they satisfy *pred*. The returned list includes up to, but not including, the first element in *lst* for which *pred* returns #f.

The *lst* argument need not actually be a list; the chain of pairs in *lst* will be traversed until a non-pair is encountered.

```
> (takef '(2 4 5 8) even?)
'(2 4)
> (takef '(2 4 6 8) odd?)
'()
> (takef '(2 4 . 6) even?)
'(2 4)
```

Drops elements from the front of *lst* as long as they satisfy *pred*.

Examples:

```
> (dropf '(2 4 5 8) even?)
'(5 8)
> (dropf '(2 4 6 8) odd?)
'(2 4 6 8)
```

```
(splitf-at lst pred) → list? any/c
lst : any/c
pred : procedure?
```

Returns the same result as

```
(values (takef lst pred) (dropf lst pred))
```

except that it can be faster.

```
(take-right \ lst \ pos) \rightarrow any/c procedure lst : any/c pos : exact-nonnegative-integer?
```

Returns the list's pos-length tail. If lst has fewer than pos elements, then the exn:fail:contract exception is raised.

The *lst* argument need not actually be a list; *lst* must merely end with a chain of at least *pos* pairs.

Examples:

```
> (take-right '(1 2 3 4 5) 2)
'(4 5)
> (take-right 'non-list 0)
'non-list
```

Returns a fresh list whose elements are the prefix of *lst*, dropping its *pos*-length tail. If *lst* has fewer than *pos* elements, then the exn:fail:contract exception is raised.

The *lst* argument need not actually be a list; *lst* must merely end with a chain of at least *pos* pairs.

```
> (drop-right '(1 2 3 4 5) 2)
'(1 2 3)
> (drop-right 'non-list 0)
```

```
(split-at-right \ lst \ pos) \rightarrow list? \ any/c procedure lst : any/c pos : exact-nonnegative-integer?
```

Returns the same result as

```
(values (drop-right lst pos) (take-right lst pos))
```

except that it can be faster.

Examples:

```
> (split-at-right '(1 2 3 4 5 6) 3)
'(1 2 3)
'(4 5 6)
> (split-at-right '(1 2 3 4 5 6) 4)
'(1 2)
'(3 4 5 6)
```

```
(takef-right lst pred) → any/c
  lst : any/c
  pred : procedure?
(dropf-right lst pred) → list?  procedure
  lst : any/c
  pred : procedure?
(splitf-at-right lst pred) → list? any/c
  lst : any/c
  pred : procedure?
```

Like takef, dropf, and splitf-at, but combined with the from-right functionality of takeright, drop-right, and split-at-right.

True if l is a prefix of r.

Example:

```
> (list-prefix? '(1 2) '(1 2 3 4 5))
#t
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

```
(take-common-prefix \ l \ r \ [same?]) \rightarrow list? procedure
```

```
l: list? r: list? same?: (any/c any/c . -> . any/c) = equal?
```

Returns the longest common prefix of l and r.

Example:

```
> (take-common-prefix '(a b c d) '(a b x y z))
'(a b)
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

Returns the tails of l and r with the common prefix removed.

Example:

```
> (drop-common-prefix '(a b c d) '(a b x y z))
'(c d)
'(x y z)
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

Returns the longest common prefix together with the tails of l and r with the common prefix removed.

Example:

```
> (split-common-prefix '(a b c d) '(a b x y z))
  '(a b)
  '(c d)
  '(x y z)
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

```
(add-between lst procedure v [#:before-first before-first #:before-last before-last #:after-last after-last #:splice? splice?]) \rightarrow list?
```

```
lst : list?
v : any/c
before-first : list? = '()
before-last : any/c = v
after-last : list? = '()
splice? : any/c = #f
```

Returns a list with the same elements as lst, but with v between each pair of elements in lst; the last pair of elements will have before-last between them, instead of v (but before-last defaults to v).

If *splice?* is true, then *v* and *before-last* should be lists, and the list elements are spliced into the result. In addition, when *splice?* is true, *before-first* and *after-last* are inserted before the first element and after the last element respectively.

Examples:

Like append, but the last argument is used as a list of arguments for append, so (append* lst ... lsts) is the same as (apply append lst ... lsts). In other words, the relationship between append and append* is similar to the one between list and list*.

```
(flatten v) \rightarrow list? procedure v: any/c
```

Flattens an arbitrary S-expression structure of pairs into a list. More precisely, v is treated as a binary tree where pairs are interior nodes, and the resulting list contains all of the non-null leaves of the tree in the same order as an inorder traversal.

Examples:

```
> (flatten '((a) b (c (d) . e) ()))
'(a b c d e)
> (flatten 'a)
'(a)
```

Returns the first duplicate item in lst. More precisely, it returns the first x such that there was a previous y where (same? (extract-key x) (extract-key y)).

If no duplicate is found, then failure-result determines the result:

- If *failure-result* is a procedure, it is called (through a tail call) with no arguments to produce the result.
- Otherwise, failure-result is returned as the result.

The *same?* argument should be an equivalence predicate such as equal? or eqv? or a dictionary. The procedures equal?, eqv?, and eq? automatically use a dictionary for speed.

Examples:

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

Changed in version 6.11.0.2: Added the #:default optional argument.

```
(remove-duplicates lst
```

procedure

Returns a list that has all items in *lst*, but without duplicate items, where *same?* determines whether two elements of the list are equivalent. The resulting list is in the same order as *lst*, and for any item that occurs multiple times, the first one is kept.

The #:key argument extract-key is used to extract a key value from each list element, so two items are considered equal if (same? (extract-key x) (extract-key y)) is true.

Examples:

```
> (remove-duplicates '(a b b a))
'(a b)
> (remove-duplicates '(1 2 1.0 0))
'(1 2 1.0 0)
> (remove-duplicates '(1 2 1.0 0) =)
'(1 2 0)
```

```
(filter-map proc lst ...+) → list?
proc : procedure?
lst : list?
```

Like (map *proc lst* ...), except that, if *proc* returns #false, that element is omitted from the resulting list. In other words, filter-map is equivalent to (filter (lambda (x) x) (map *proc lst* ...)), but more efficient, because filter-map avoids building the intermediate list.

Example:

```
> (filter-map (lambda (x) (and (positive? x) x)) '(1 2 3 -2 8))
'(1 2 3 8)
```

```
(count proc lst ...+) → exact-nonnegative-integer? proc : procedure?
lst : list?
```

Returns (length (filter-map proc lst ...)), but without building the intermediate list.

```
> (count positive? '(1 -1 2 3 -2 5))
4
```

```
(partition pred lst) → list? list?
  pred : procedure?
  lst : list?
```

Similar to filter, except that two values are returned: the items for which *pred* returns a true value, and the items for which *pred* returns #f.

The result is the same as

```
(values (filter pred lst) (filter (negate pred) lst))
```

but *pred* is applied to each item in *lst* only once.

Example:

```
> (partition even? '(1 2 3 4 5 6))
'(2 4 6)
'(1 3 5)
```

```
(range end) → list?
  end : real?
(range start end [step]) → list?
  start : real?
  end : real?
  step : real? = 1
```

Similar to in-range, but returns lists.

The resulting list holds numbers starting at *start* and whose successive elements are computed by adding *step* to their predecessor until *end* (excluded) is reached. If no starting point is provided, 0 is used. If no *step* argument is provided, 1 is used.

Like in-range, a range application can provide better performance when it appears directly in a for clause.

Examples:

```
> (range 10)
'(0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9)
> (range 10 20)
'(10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19)
> (range 20 40 2)
'(20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38)
> (range 20 10 -1)
'(20 19 18 17 16 15 14 13 12 11)
> (range 10 15 1.5)
'(10 11.5 13.0 14.5)
```

Changed in version 6.7.0.4 of package base: Adjusted to cooperate with for in the same way that in-range does.

```
Returns (append* (map proc lst ...)).
```

Example:

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```
> (append-map vector->list '(#(1) #(2 3) #(4)))
'(1 2 3 4)
```

```
(filter-not pred lst) \rightarrow list? procedure pred: (any/c . -> . any/c) lst: list?
```

Like filter, but the meaning of the *pred* predicate is reversed: the result is a list of all items for which *pred* returns #f.

Example:

```
> (filter-not even? '(1 2 3 4 5 6))
'(1 3 5)
```

```
(shuffle\ lst) \rightarrow list? procedure lst: list?
```

Returns a list with all elements from *lst*, randomly shuffled.

Examples:

```
> (shuffle '(1 2 3 4 5 6))
'(3 2 6 4 5 1)
> (shuffle '(1 2 3 4 5 6))
'(2 1 5 4 3 6)
> (shuffle '(1 2 3 4 5 6))
'(2 6 5 1 3 4)
```

```
(combinations lst) → list?
  lst : list?
(combinations lst size) → list?
  lst : list?
  size : exact-nonnegative-integer?
```

```
Wikipedia combinations
```

Return a list of all combinations of elements in the input list (aka the powerset of *lst*). If *size* is given, limit results to combinations of *size* elements.

```
> (combinations '(1 2 3))
'(() (1) (2) (1 2) (3) (1 3) (2 3) (1 2 3))
> (combinations '(1 2 3) 2)
```

```
'((1 2) (1 3) (2 3))
```

```
(in-combinations lst) → sequence?
  lst : list?
(in-combinations lst size) → sequence?
  lst : list?
  size : exact-nonnegative-integer?
```

Returns a sequence of all combinations of elements in the input list, or all combinations of length *size* is given. Builds combinations one-by-one instead of all at once.

Examples:

```
> (time (begin (combinations (range 15)) (void)))
cpu time: 44 real time: 15 gc time: 0
> (time (begin (in-combinations (range 15)) (void)))
cpu time: 0 real time: 0 gc time: 0
```

Returns a list of all permutations of the input list. Note that this function works without inspecting the elements, and therefore it ignores repeated elements (which will result in repeated permutations). Raises an error if the input list contains more than 256 elements.

Examples:

```
> (permutations '(1 2 3))
'((1 2 3) (2 1 3) (1 3 2) (3 1 2) (2 3 1) (3 2 1))
> (permutations '(x x))
'((x x) (x x))
```

```
(in-permutations \ lst) \rightarrow sequence? procedure lst: list?
```

Returns a sequence of all permutations of the input list. It is equivalent to (in-list (permutations 1)) but much faster since it builds the permutations one-by-one on each iteration Raises an error if the input list contains more than 256 elements.

```
(argmin proc lst) → any/c
proc : (-> any/c real?)
lst : (and/c pair? list?)
```

Returns the first element in the list lst that minimizes the result of proc. Signals an error on an empty list. See also min.

```
> (argmin car '((3 pears) (1 banana) (2 apples)))
```

```
'(1 banana)
> (argmin car '((1 banana) (1 orange)))
'(1 banana)
```

```
(argmax proc lst) → any/c
proc : (-> any/c real?)
lst : (and/c pair? list?)
```

Returns the first element in the list lst that maximizes the result of proc. Signals an error on an empty list. See also max.

Examples:

```
> (argmax car '((3 pears) (1 banana) (2 apples)))
'(3 pears)
> (argmax car '((3 pears) (3 oranges)))
'(3 pears)
```

```
(group-by key lst [same?]) → (listof list?)
  key : (-> any/c any/c)
  lst : list?
  same? : (any/c any/c . -> . any/c) = equal?
```

Groups the given list into equivalence classes, with equivalence being determined by *same?*. Within each equivalence class, group-by preserves the ordering of the original list. Equivalence classes themselves are in order of first appearance in the input.

Example:

```
> (group-by (lambda (x) (modulo x 3)) '(1 2 1 2 54 2 5 43 7 2 643 1 2 0))
'((1 1 43 7 643 1) (2 2 2 5 2 2) (54 0))
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

```
(cartesian-product lst ...) \rightarrow (listof list?) procedure lst : list?
```

Computes the n-ary cartesian product of the given lists.

```
> (cartesian-product '(1 2 3) '(a b c))
'((1 a) (1 b) (1 c) (2 a) (2 b) (2 c) (3 a) (3 b) (3 c))
> (cartesian-product '(4 5 6) '(d e f) '(#t #f))
'((4 d #t)
   (4 d #f)
   (4 e #t)
   (4 e #f)
   (4 f #f)
```

```
(5 d #t)

(5 d #f)

(5 e #t)

(5 e #f)

(5 f #t)

(5 f #f)

(6 d #t)

(6 d #f)

(6 e #t)

(6 e #f)

(6 f #t)
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

```
(remf pred lst) → list?
pred: procedure?
lst: list?
```

Returns a list that is like *lst*, omitting the first element of *lst* for which *pred* produces a true value.

Example:

```
> (remf negative? '(1 -2 3 4 -5))
'(1 3 4 -5)
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

```
(remf* pred lst) → list?
pred: procedure?
lst: list?
```

Like remf, but removes all the elements for which *pred* produces a true value.

Example:

```
> (remf* negative? '(1 -2 3 4 -5))
'(1 3 4)
```

Added in version 6.3 of package base.

4.9.8 Immutable Cyclic Data

```
(\text{make-reader-graph } v) \rightarrow \text{any/c} procedure v: \text{any/c}
```

Returns a value like v, with placeholders created by make-placeholder replaced with the values that they contain, and with placeholders created by make-hash-placeholder with an

immutable hash table. No part of v is mutated; instead, parts of v are copied as necessary to construct the resulting graph, where at most one copy is created for any given value.

Since the copied values can be immutable, and since the copy is also immutable, makereader-graph can create cycles involving only immutable pairs, vectors, boxes, and hash tables.

Only the following kinds of values are copied and traversed to detect placeholders:

- pairs
- vectors, both mutable and immutable
- boxes, both mutable and immutable
- hash tables, both mutable and immutable
- instances of a prefab structure type
- placeholders created by make-placeholder and make-hash-placeholder

Due to these restrictions, make-reader-graph creates exactly the same sort of cyclic values as read.

Example:

```
(placeholder? v) \rightarrow boolean? procedure v: any/c
```

Returns #t if v is a placeholder created by make-placeholder, #f otherwise.

```
(\mathsf{make-placeholder}\ v) \to \mathsf{placeholder}? procedure v: \mathsf{any/c}
```

Returns a placeholder for use with placeholder-set! and make-reader-graph. The *v* argument supplies the initial value for the placeholder.

```
(placeholder-set! ph datum) → void?
  ph : placeholder?
  datum : any/c
```

Changes the value of ph to v.

```
(placeholder-get ph) \rightarrow any/c
```

```
ph : placeholder?
```

Returns the value of *ph*.

```
(hash-placeholder? v) \rightarrow boolean? procedure v : any/c
```

Returns #t if v is a placeholder created by make-hash-placeholder, #f otherwise.

Like make-immutable-hash, but produces a table placeholder for use with make-reader-graph.

Like make-immutable-hasheq, but produces a table placeholder for use with make-reader-graph.

Like make-immutable-hasheqv, but produces a table placeholder for use with make-reader-graph.