

The Structure of an Interpreter

Base cases:

Eval

- Primitive values (numbers)
- Look up values bound to symbols

Recursive calls:

- Eval(operator, operands) of call expressions
- Apply(procedure, arguments)
- Eval(sub-expressions) of special forms

Requires an environment for symbol lookup

statements other than call expressions

Base cases:

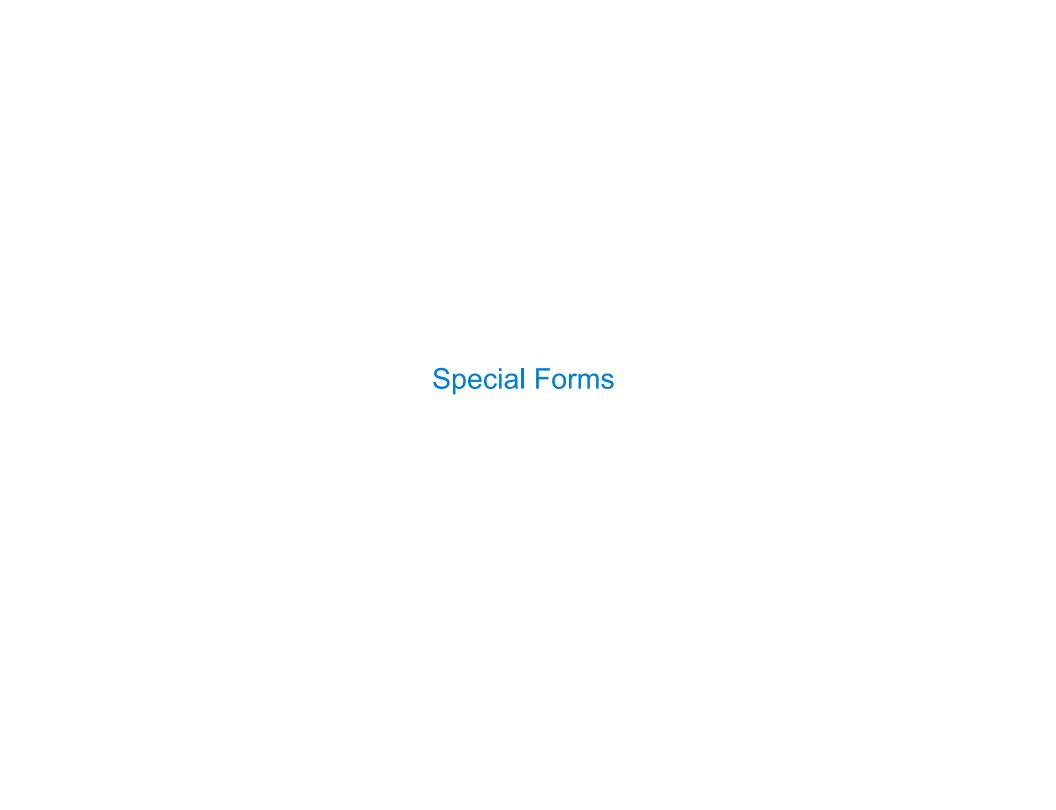
Apply

• Built-in primitive procedures

Recursive calls:

• Eval(body) of user-defined procedures

Creates a new environment each time a user-defined procedure is applied



Scheme Evaluation

The scheme_eval function choose behavior based on expression form:

- Symbols are looked up in the current environment
- Self-evaluating expressions are returned as values
- All other legal expressions are represented as Scheme lists, called combinations

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Special forms are identified by the first list element

(define <name> <expression>)

(define (demo s) (if (null? s) '(3) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s)))))

(demo (list 1 2))
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scm> 2
 scheme_eval(2, <Global Frame>):
 scheme eval(2, <Global Frame>) -> 2
 scm>(-2)
 scheme_eval(<(- 2)>, <Global Frame>):
      scheme_eval('-', <Global Frame>):
     scheme_eval('-', <Global Frame>) -> #[-]
     scheme_eval(2, <Global Frame>):
     scheme_eval(2, <Global Frame>) -> 2
 scheme_eval(<(-2)>, <Global Frame>) -> -2
 scm> (define (demo s) (if (null? s) '(3) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s)))))
 scheme_eval(<(define (demo s) (if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s)))))>, <Global Frame>):
 scheme_eval(<(define (demo s) (if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s)))))>, <a href="fige-16">f<Global Frame</a>) -> demo
 demo
                     this just defines a function
scm> (demo (list 1 2))
scheme_eval(<(demo (list 1 2))>, <Global Frame>):
    scheme_eval('demo', <Global Frame>):
    scheme_eval('demo', <Global Frame>) -> (lambda (s) (if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s)))))
    scheme_eval(<(list 1 2)>, <Global Frame>):
        scheme_eval('list', <Global Frame>):
        scheme_eval('list', <Global Frame>) -> #[list]
        scheme_eval(1, <Global Frame>):
        scheme_eval(1, <Global Frame>) -> 1
                                                       find out it's list
        scheme_eval(2, <Global Frame>):
        scheme eval(2, <Global Frame>) -> 2
    scheme_eval(<(list 1 2)>, <Global Frame>) -> (1 2) I | now we have a func, an arg, and an environment
    scheme_eval(<(if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s))))>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
        scheme_eval(<(null? s)>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                                           a frame where s=(1, 2), followed by global
            scheme_eval('null?', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
            scheme_eval('null?', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> #[null?]
            scheme_eval('s', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
            scheme_eval('s', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> (1 2)
        scheme_eval(<(null? s)>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> False
        scheme_eval(<(cons (car s) (demo (cdr s)))>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
            scheme_eval('cons', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
            scheme_eval('cons', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> #[cons]
            scheme_eval(<(car s)>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                scheme_eval('car', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                scheme_eval('car', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> #[car]
                scheme_eval('s', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                scheme_eval('s', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> (1 2)
            scheme_eval(<(car s)>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> 1
            scheme_eval(<(demo (cdr s))>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
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scheme_eval(<(cdr s)>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                     scheme_eval('cdr', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                     scheme_eval('cdr', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> #[cdr]
                                     scheme_eval('s', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                     scheme_eval('s', <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> (1 2)
                              scheme_eval(<(cdr s)>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> (2)
                             scheme_eval(<(if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s))))>, <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                     scheme_eval(<(null? s)>, <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                            scheme_eval('null?', <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                                                                                                                                            the environment changes
                                            scheme_eval('null?', <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> #[null?]
                                                    scheme_eval(<(cdr s)>, <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                            scheme_eval('cdr', <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                            scheme_eval('cdr', <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> #[cdr]
                                                            scheme_eval('s', <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                            scheme_eval('s', <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> (2)
                                                    scheme_eval(<(cdr s)>, <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> ()
                                                    scheme_eval(<(if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s))))>, <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                            scheme_eval(<(null? s)>, <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                                   scheme_eval('null?', <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                                   scheme_eval('null?', <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>) -> #[null?]
                                                                   scheme_eval('s', <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                                   scheme_eval('s', <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>) -> ()
                                                            scheme_eval(<(null? s)>, <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>) -> True r detect the base case
                                                           scheme_eval(<(quote (3))>, <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>):
                                                            scheme_eval(<(if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s))))>, <{s: ()} -> <Global Frame>>) -
> (3)
                                             scheme_eval(<(demo\ (cdr\ s))>, <{s: (2)} -> <Global\ Frame>>) -> (3)
                                      scheme_eval(<(cons (car s) (demo (cdr s)))>, <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> (2 3) a recursive result
                              scheme_eval(<(if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s)_(demo_(cdr s))))>, <{s: (2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> (2 3)
               scheme_eval(<(base) (ensemble for the least of the least 
        scheme_eval(<(if (null? s) (quote (3)) (cons (car s) (demo (cdr s))))>, <{s: (1 2)} -> <Global Frame>>) -> (1 2 3)
scheme_eval(<(demo (list 1 2))>, <Global Frame>) -> (1 2 3)
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the final result



Logical Special Forms

Logical forms may only evaluate some sub-expressions

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• If expression: (if f consequent <alternative</pre>)
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• And and or: (and <e1> ... <en>), (or <e1> ... <en>)
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• Cond expression: (cond (<p1> <e1>) ... (<pn> <en>) (else <e>))

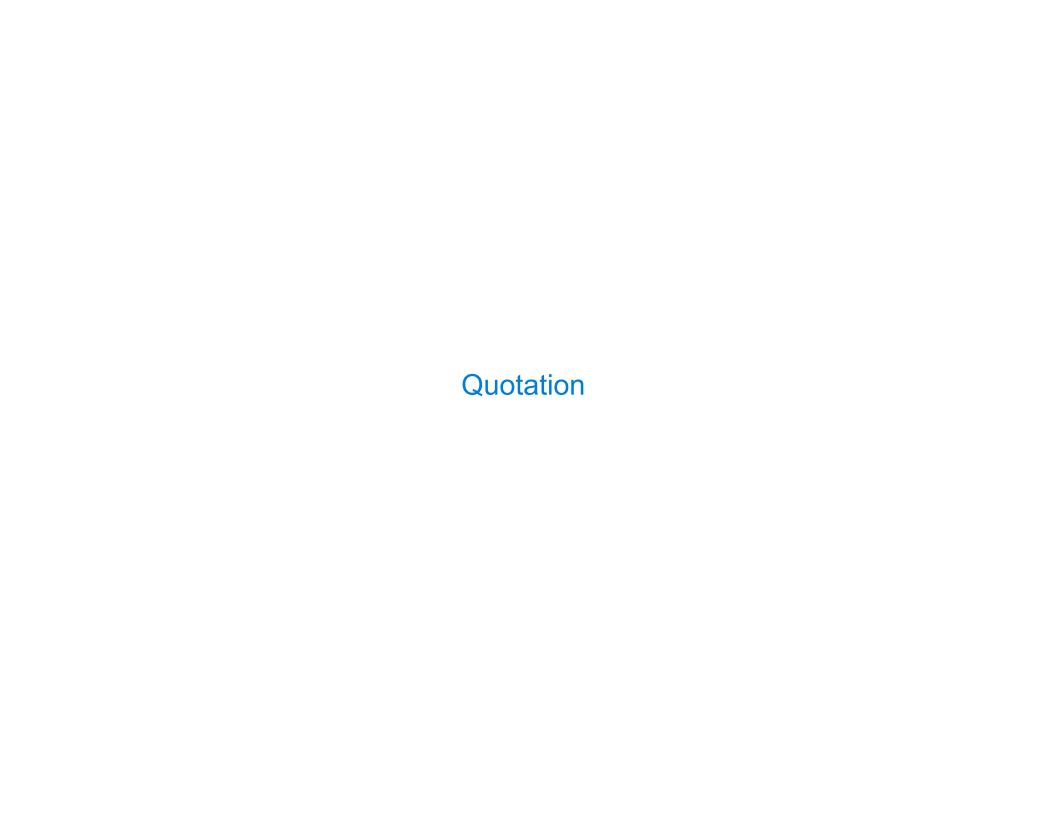
The value of an if expression is the value of a sub-expression:

- Evaluate the predicate
- Choose a sub-expression: <consequent> or <alternative>
- Evaluate that sub-expression to get the value of the whole expression

do_if_form

(Demo)

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scm> (if #t 1 2)
scheme_eval(<(if True 1 2)>, <Global Frame>):
    scheme_eval(True, <Global Frame>):
    scheme_eval(True, <Global Frame>) -> True
                                                            2 is never evaluated
    scheme_eval(1, <Global Frame>):
    scheme_eval(1, <Global Frame>) -> 1
scheme eval(<(if True 1 2)>, <Global Frame>) -> 1
scm> (if #t 1 (/ 1 0))
scheme_eval(<(if True 1 (/ 1 0))>, <Global Frame>):
                                                           1/0 is never evaluated.
    scheme_eval(True, <Global Frame>):
                                                           so there will be no error
    scheme_eval(True, <Global Frame>) -> True
    scheme eval(1, <Global Frame>):
    scheme_eval(1, <Global Frame>) -> 1
scheme eval(<(if True 1 (/ 1 0))>, <Global Frame>) -> 1
1
scm> (if #f 1 (/ 1 0))
scheme_eval(<(if False 1 (/ 1 0))>, <Global Frame>):
    scheme_eval(False, <Global Frame>):
    scheme_eval(False, <Global Frame>) -> False
                                                           1/0 is evaluated, and thus
    scheme eval(<(/ 1 0)>, <Global Frame>):
        scheme_eval('/', <Global Frame>):
                                                           there is zero division error
        scheme_eval('/', <Global Frame>) -> #[/]
        scheme_eval(1, <Global Frame>):
        scheme_eval(1, <Global Frame>) -> 1
        scheme eval(0, <Global Frame>):
        scheme_eval(0, <Global Frame>) -> 0
        scheme eval exited via exception
    scheme eval exited via exception
Traceback (most recent call last):
      (/10)
  0
Error: division by zero
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Quotation

The quote special form evaluates to the quoted expression, which is not evaluated

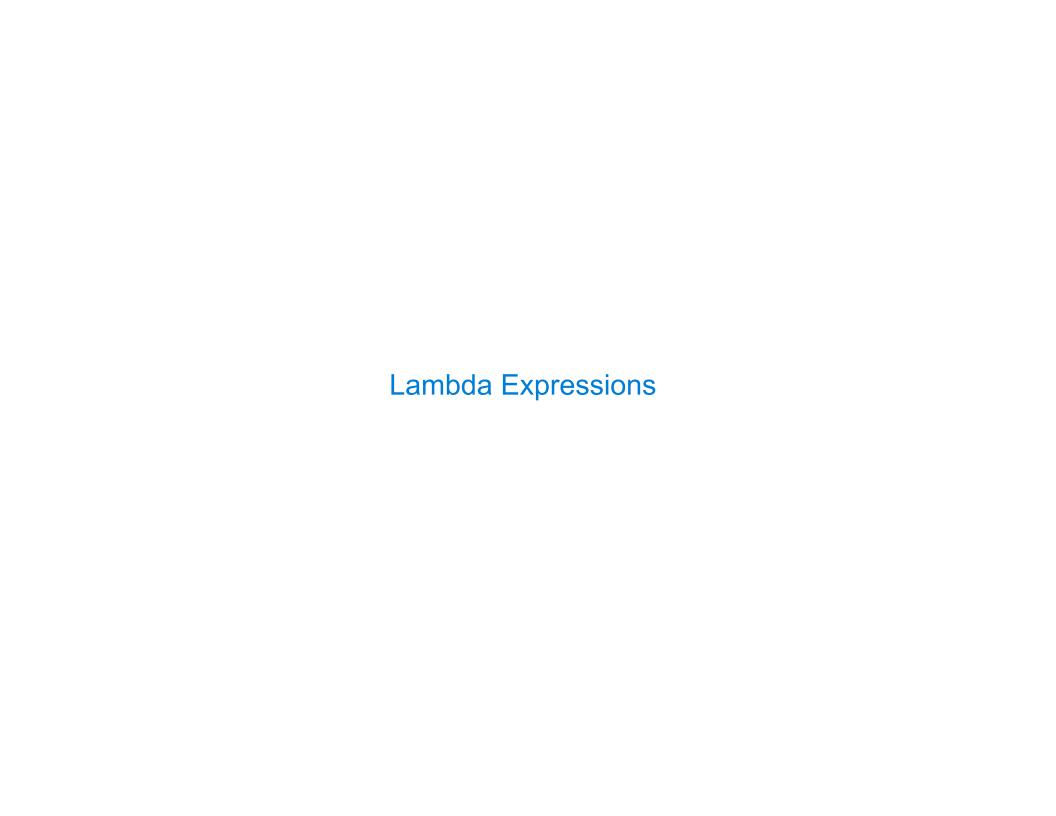
The <expression> itself is the value of the whole quote expression

'<expression> is shorthand for (quote <expression>)

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(quote (1 2)) is equivalent to '(1 2)
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The scheme_read parser converts shorthand ' to a combination that starts with quote

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Lambda Expressions

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Lambda expressions evaluate to user-defined procedures
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(lambda (<formal-parameters>) <body>)
(lambda (x) (* x x))
```

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class LambdaProcedure:
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Frames and Environments

A frame represents an environment by having a parent frame

Frames are Python instances with methods **lookup** and **define**In Project 4, Frames do not hold return values

```
f1: [parent=g]

x 2
z 4
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(Demo)

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>>> g = Frame(None)
>>> g
<Global Frame>
>>> f1 = Frame(q)
>>> f1
<{} -> <Global Frame>>
>>> g.define('y', 3)
>>> q.define('z', 5)
>>> g.lookup('y')
>>> g.lookup('z')
>>> f1.define('x', 2)
>>> f1.define('z', 4)
>>> f1
<{x: 2, z: 4} -> <Global Frame>>
>>> f1.lookup('x')
>>> f1.lookup('z')
>>> f1.lookup('y')
```



Define Expressions

Define binds a symbol to a value in the first frame of the current environment.

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(define <name> <expression>)
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- 1. Evaluate the <expression>
- 2. Bind <name> to its value in the current frame

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(define \times (+ 1 2))
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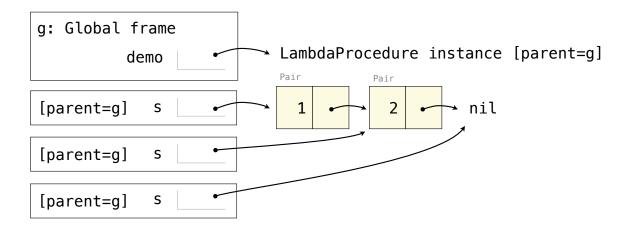
Procedure definition is shorthand of define with a lambda expression

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(define (<name> <formal parameters>) <body>)
(define <name> (lambda (<formal parameters>) <body>))
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Applying User-Defined Procedures

To apply a user-defined procedure, create a new frame in which formal parameters are bound to argument values, whose parent is the **env** attribute of the procedure

Evaluate the body of the procedure in the environment that starts with this new frame



Eval/Apply in Lisp 1.5

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apply[fn;x;a] =
      [atom[fn] \rightarrow [eq[fn;CAR] \rightarrow caar[x];
                    eq[fn;CDR] - cdar[x];
                    eq[fn;CONS] \rightarrow cons[car[x];cadr[x]];
                    eq[fn;ATOM] \rightarrow atom[car[x]];
                    eq[fn; EQ] \rightarrow eq[car[x]; cadr[x]];
                    T \rightarrow apply[eval[fn;a];x;a]];
      eq[car[fn]; LAMBDA] \rightarrow eval[caddr[fn]; pairlis[cadr[fn]; x; a]];
      eq[car[fn]; LABEL] \rightarrow apply[caddr[fn]; x; cons[cons[cadr[fn];
                                                    caddr[fn]];a]]]
eval[e;a] = [atom[e] - cdr[assoc[e;a]];
      atom[car[e]]-
                 [eq[car[e],QUOTE] - cadr[e];
                eq[car[e];COND] - evcon[cdr[e];a];
                 T - apply[car[e];evlis[cdr[e];a];a]];
     T - apply[car[e];evlis[cdr[e];a];a]]
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