Specification of Source §4 GPU—2021 edition

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The language Source is the official language of the textbook *Structure and Interpretation of Computer Programs*, JavaScript Adaptation. Source is a sublanguage of ECMAScript 2018 (9th Edition) and defined in the documents titled "Source §x", where x refers to the respective textbook chapter.

Changes

Source §4 GPU allows for Source programs to be accelerated on the GPU if certain conditions are met. The exact specifications for this is outlined on page 13. Source §4 GPU defines a formal specification to identify areas in the program that are embarrssingly parallel (e.g. for loops etc.) . These will then be run in parallel across GPU threads. Experimentation has shown that Source §4 GPU is orders of magnitude faster than Source §4 for heavy CPU bound tasks (matrix multiplication of large matrices)

Programs

A Source program is a *program*, defined using Backus-Naur Form¹ as follows:

¹ We adopt Henry Ledgard's BNF variant that he described in *A human engineered variant of BNF*, ACM SIGPLAN Notices, Volume 15 Issue 10, October 1980, Pages 57-62. In our grammars, we use **bold** font for keywords, *italics* for syntactic variables, ϵ for nothing, $x \mid y$ for x or y, and $x \dots$ for zero or more repetitions of x.

```
program ::= statement ...
                                                             statement sequence
     statement ::= const name = expression;
                                                             constant declaration
                                                             variable declaration
                  | let;
                                                             variable assignment
                  assignment;
                   expression[expression] = expression;
                                                             array assignment
                                                             function declaration
                  function name (parameters) block
                   return expression;
                                                             return statement
                     if-statement
                                                             conditional statement
                   while (expression) block
                                                             while loop
                   for ( ( assignment | let );
                           expression;
                           assignment) block
                                                             for loop
                                                             break statement
                     break;
                                                             continue statement
                   continue;
                   block
                                                             block statement
                  expression;
                                                             expression statement
    parameters := \epsilon \mid name(, name) \dots
                                                             function parameters
    if-statement ::= if (expression) block
                     else ( block | if-statement )
                                                             conditional statement
                                                             block statement
          block ::= \{ program \}
            let ::= let name = expression
                                                             variable declaration
    assignment ::= name = expression
                                                             variable assignment
     expression ::= number
                                                             primitive number expression
                  | true | false
                                                             primitive boolean expression
                  null
                                                             primitive list expression
                   string
                                                             primitive string expression
                  name
                                                             name expression
                  | expression binary-operator expression
                                                             binary operator combination
                   unary-operator expression
                                                             unary operator combination
                  expression (expressions)
                                                             function application
                  ( name | ( parameters ) ) => expression
                                                             function definition (expr. body)
                   | ( name | ( parameters ) ) => block
                                                             function definition (block body)
                  expression ? expression : expression
                                                             conditional expression
                  | expression[expression]
                                                             array access
                     [ expressions ]
                                                             literal array expression
                  ( expression )
                                                             parenthesised expression
binary-operator
                ::= + | - | * | / | % | === | !==
                  | > | < | >= | <= | && | | |
                                                             binary operator
 unary-operator ::= ! | -
                                                             unary operator
    expressions ::= \epsilon \mid expression(, expression)...
                                                             argument expressions
```

Binary boolean operators

Conjunction

```
expression_1 \  \, \textbf{\&\&} \  \, expression_2 stands for expression_1 \  \, ? \  \, expression_2 : \  \, \textbf{false} \textbf{Disjunction} expression_1 \  \, | | \  \, expression_2 stands for expression_1 \  \, ? \  \, \textbf{true} : expression_2
```

Loops

while-loops

While loops are seen as abbreviations for function applications as follows:

Simple for-loops

```
\textbf{for (} assignment_1; expression ; assignment_2 \textbf{)} block stands for assignment_1 \\ \textbf{while (} expression\textbf{)} \textbf{ } \{\\ block \\ assignment_2 \\ \}
```

for-loops with loop control variable

```
\mbox{for (let } name = expression_1 \mbox{; } expression_2 \mbox{ ; } assignment \mbox{) } block stands for
```

```
let name = expression1;
for (name = name; expression2; assignment) {
    const _copy_of_name = name;
    {
        const name = _copy_of_name;
        block
    }
}
```

Restrictions

- Return statements are only allowed in bodies of functions.
- Return statements are not allowed in the bodies of while and for loops.
- There cannot be any newline character between **return** and *expression* in return statements.
- \bullet There cannot be any newline character between ($\it name\,|\,$ ($\it parameters$) $\,)$ and => in function definition expressions.
- Local functions within an outer function must precede all other statements in body of the outer function.

Names

Names² start with _, \$ or a letter³ and contain only _, \$, letters or digits⁴. Reserved words⁵ such as keywords are not allowed as names.

Valid names are x, _45, \$\$ and π , but always keep in mind that programming is communicating and that the familiarity of the audience with the characters used in names is an important aspect of program readability.

In addition to names that are declared using const, function, => (and let in Source §3 and 4), the following names refer to primitive functions and constants:

- math_name, where name is any name specified in the JavaScript Math library, see ECMAScript Specification, Section 20.2. Examples:
 - math_PI: Refers to the mathematical constant π ,
 - math sgrt (n): Returns the square root of the *number* n.
- runtime(): Returns number of milliseconds elapsed since January 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC
- parse_int(s, i): interprets the *string* s as an integer, using the positive integer i as radix, and returns the respective value, see ECMAScript Specification, Section 18.2.5.
- undefined, NaN, Infinity: Refer to JavaScript's undefined, NaN ("Not a Number") and Infinity values, respectively.
- is_boolean(x), is_number(x), is_string(x), is_function(x): return true if the type of x matches the function name and false if it does not. Following JavaScript, we specify that is_number returns true for NaN and Infinity.

 $^{^2}$ In ECMAScript 2018 (9th Edition), these names are called identifiers.

³ By *letter* we mean Unicode letters (L) or letter numbers (NI).

⁴ By *digit* we mean characters in the Unicode categories Nd (including the decimal digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9), Mn, Mc and Pc.

⁵ By Reserved word we mean any of: break, case, catch, continue, debugger, default, delete, do, else, finally, for, function, if, in, instanceof, new, return, switch, this, throw, try, typeof, var, void, while, with, class, const, enum, export, extends, import, super, implements, interface, let, package, private, protected, public, static, yield, null, true, false.

- prompt(s): Pops up a window that displays the *string* s, provides an input line for the user to enter a text, a "Cancel" button and an "OK" button. The call of prompt suspends execution of the program until one of the two buttons is pressed. If the "OK" button is pressed, prompt returns the entered text as a string. If the "Cancel" button is pressed, prompt returns a non-string value.
- display(x): Displays the value x in the console⁶; returns the argument a.
- display (x, s): Displays the string s, followed by a space character, followed by the value x in the console⁶; returns the argument x.
- error(x): Displays the value x in the console⁶ with error flag. The evaluation of any call of error aborts the running program immediately.
- \bullet error(x, s): Displays the string s, followed by a space character, followed by the value x in the console⁶ with error flag. The evaluation of any call of error aborts the running program immediately.
- stringify(x): returns a string that represents⁶ the value x.

All Source primitive functions, except stringify, can be assumed to run in O(1) time, except display, error and stringify, which run in O(n) time, where n is the size (number of components such as pairs) of their argument.

List Support

The following list processing functions are supported:

- pair (x, y): *primitive*, makes a pair from x and y.
- is_pair(x): *primitive*, returns true if x is a pair and false otherwise.
- head(x): *primitive*, returns the head (first component) of the pair x.
- tail(x): *primitive*, returns the tail (second component) of the pair x.
- is_null(xs): *primitive*, returns true if xs is the empty list null, and false otherwise.
- is_list(x): Returns true if x is a list as defined in the lectures, and false otherwise. Iterative process; time: O(n), space: O(1), where n is the length of the chain of tail operations that can be applied to x.
- list (x1, x2,..., xn): *primitive*, returns a list with n elements. The first element is x1, the second x2, etc. Iterative process; time: O(n), space: O(n), since the constructed list data structure consists of n pairs, each of which takes up a constant amount of space.
- draw_data(x): primitive, visualizes x in a separate drawing area in the Source Academy using a box-and-pointer diagram; time, space: O(n), where n is the number of data structures such as pairs in x.
- equal (x1, x2): Returns true if both have the same structure with respect to pair, and the same numbers, boolean values, functions or empty list at corresponding leave positions (places that are not themselves pairs), and false otherwise; time, space: O(n), where n is the number of pairs in x.
- length (xs): Returns the length of the list xs. Iterative process; time: O(n), space: O(1), where n is the length of xs.
- map(f, xs): Returns a list that results from list xs by element-wise application of f. Recursive process; time: O(n), space: O(n), where n is the length of xs.
- build_list(n, f): Makes a list with n elements by applying the unary function f to the numbers 0 to n 1. Recursive process; time: O(n), space: O(n).

⁶The notation used for the display of values is consistent with JSON, but also displays undefined and function objects.

- for_each(f, xs): Applies f to every element of the list xs, and then returns true. Iterative process; time: O(n), space: O(1), where n is the length of xs.
- list_to_string(xs): Returns a string that represents list xs using the text-based box-and-pointer notation [...].
- reverse (xs): Returns list xs in reverse order. Iterative process; time: O(n), space: O(n), where n is the length of xs. The process is iterative, but consumes space O(n) because of the result list.
- append (xs, ys): Returns a list that results from appending the list ys to the list xs. Recursive process; time: O(n), space: O(n), where n is the length of xs.
- member (x, xs): Returns first postfix sublist whose head is identical to x (===); returns [] if the element does not occur in the list. Iterative process; time: O(n), space: O(1), where n is the length of xs.
- remove (x, xs): Returns a list that results from xs by removing the first item from xs that is identical (===) to x. Recursive process; time: O(n), space: O(n), where n is the length of xs.
- remove_all(x, xs): Returns a list that results from xs by removing all items from xs that are identical (===) to x. Recursive process; time: O(n), space: O(n), where n is the length of xs.
- filter(pred, xs): Returns a list that contains only those elements for which the one-argument function pred returns true. Recursive process; time: O(n), space: O(n), where n is the length of xs.
- enum_list(start, end): Returns a list that enumerates numbers starting from start using a step size of 1, until the number exceeds (>) end. Recursive process; time: O(n), space: O(n), where n is the length of xs.
- list_ref(xs, n): Returns the element of list xs at position n, where the first element has index 0. Iterative process; time: O(n), space: O(1), where n is the length of xs.
- accumulate (op, initial, xs): Applies binary function op to the elements of xs from right-to-left order, first applying op to the last element and the value initial, resulting in r_1 , then to the second-last element and r_1 , resulting in r_2 , etc, and finally to the first element and r_{n-1} , where n is the length of the list. Thus, accumulate (op, zero, list (1, 2, 3)) results in op (1, op (2, op (3, zero))). Recursive process; time: O(n), space: O(n), where n is the length of xs, assuming op takes constant time.

Pair Mutators

The following pair mutator functions are supported:

- $set_head(p, x)$: primitive, changes the pair p such that its head is x. Returns undefined.
- set tail (p, x): primitive, changes the pair p such that its tail is x. Returns undefined.

Array Support

The following array processing functions are supported:

- $array_length(x)$: primitive, returns the current length of array x, which is 1 plus the highest index i that has been used so far in an array assignment on x.
- is_array(x): primitive, returns returns true if x is an array, and false if it is not.

Stream Support

The following stream processing functions are supported:

- stream_tail(x): *Built-in*, assumes that the tail (second component) of the pair x is a nullary function, and returns the result of applying that function.

 *Laziness: Yes: stream_tail only forces the direct tail of a given stream, but not the rest of the stream, i.e. not the tail of the tail, etc.
- stream (x1, x2,..., xn): *Built-in*, returns a stream with n elements. The first element is x1, the second x2, etc.

Laziness: No: In this implementation, we generate first a complete list, and then a stream using list_to_stream.

• is_stream(x): Returns true if x is a stream as defined in the lectures, and false otherwise.

Laziness: No: is_stream needs to force the given stream.

- list_to_stream(xs): transforms a given list to a stream.

 *Laziness: Yes: list_to_stream goes down the list only when forced.
- stream_to_list(s): transforms a given stream to a list.

 *Laziness: No: stream_to_list needs to force the whole stream.
- stream_length(s): Returns the length of the stream s. *Laziness:* No: The function needs to force the whole stream.
- stream_map(f, s): Returns a stream that results from stream s by element-wise application of f.

Laziness: Yes: The argument stream is only explored as forced by the result stream.

• build_stream(n, f): Makes a stream with n elements by applying the unary function f to the numbers 0 to n - 1.

 ${\it Laziness:}$ Yes: The result stream forces the applications of fun for the next element.

• stream_for_each(f, s): Applies f to every element of the stream s, and then returns true.

Laziness: No: stream_for_each forces the exploration of the entire stream.

• stream_reverse(s): Returns finite stream s in reverse order. Does not terminate for infinite streams.

Laziness: No: stream_reverse forces the exploration of the entire stream.

• stream_append(xs, ys): Returns a stream that results from appending the stream ys to the stream xs.

Laziness: Yes: Forcing the result stream activates the actual append operation.

- stream_member(x, s): Returns first postfix substream whose head is equal to x (===); returns null if the element does not occur in the stream.

 *Laziness: Sort-of: stream_member forces the stream only until the element is found.
- stream_remove(x, s): Returns a stream that results from given stream s by removing the first item from s that is equal (===) to x. Returns the original list if there is no occurrence. *Laziness*: Yes: Forcing the result stream leads to construction of each next element.
- stream_remove_all(x, s): Returns a stream that results from given stream s by removing all items from s that are equal (===) to x.

 *Laziness: Yes: The result stream forces the construction of each next element.
- stream_filter(pred, s): Returns a stream that contains only those elements for which the one-argument function pred returns true.

 *Laziness: Yes: The result stream forces the construction of each next element. Of course, the construction of the next element needs to go down the stream until an element is found.

for which pred holds.

- enum_stream(start, end): Returns a stream that enumerates numbers starting from start using a step size of 1, until the number exceeds (>) end.

 *Laziness: Yes: Forcing the result stream leads to the construction of each next element.
- integers_from(n): Constructs an infinite stream of integers starting at a given number n. *Laziness*: Yes: Forcing the result stream leads to the construction of each next element.
- eval_stream(s, n): Constructs the list of the first n elements of a given stream s. *Laziness:* Sort-of: eval_stream only forces the computation of the first n elements, and leaves the rest of the stream untouched.
- stream_ref(s, n): Returns the element of stream s at position n, where the first element has index 0.

Laziness: Sort-of: stream_ref only forces the computation of the first n elements, and leaves the rest of the stream untouched.

Numbers

We use decimal notation for numbers, with an optional decimal dot. "Scientific notation" (multiplying the number with 10^x) is indicated with the letter e, followed by the exponent x. Examples for numbers are 5432, -5432.109, and -43.21e-45.

Strings

Strings are of the form "double-quote-characters", where double-quote-characters is a possibly empty sequence of characters without the character ", and of the form 'single-quote-characters', where single-quote-characters is a possibly empty sequence of characters without the character',

Arrays

Arrays in Source are created using literal array expressions:

```
let my_array_1 = [];
let my_array_2 = [42, 71, 13];
```

Arrays in Source are limited to integers as keys. In statements like

```
a[i];
a[j] = v;
```

the values i and j must be integers if a is an array.

Note that pairs in Source are represented by arrays with two elements. Therefore,

```
is_pair([1, 2]);
and
equal(pair(1, 2), [1, 2]);
```

evaluate to true.

Access of an array with an integer index to which no prior assignment has been made on the array, returns undefined.

Typing

Expressions evaluate to numbers, boolean values, strings or function values. Only function values can be applied using the syntax:

```
expression ::= name(expressions)
```

The following table specifies what arguments Source's operators take and what results they return.

operator	argument 1	argument 2	result
+	number	number	number
+	string	string	string
_	number	number	number
*	number	number	number
/	number	number	number
용	number	number	number
===	any	any	bool
! ==	any	any	bool
>	number	number	bool
>	string	string	bool
<	number	number	bool
<	string	string	bool
>=	number	number	bool
>=	string	string	bool
<=	number	number	bool
<=	string	string	bool
& &	bool	any	any
11	bool	any	any
!	bool		bool
_	number		number

Preceding ? and following if, Source only allows boolean expressions.

Only numbers are allowed in the key of member expressions of arrays (arr[key]).

Interpreter Support

• apply_in_underlying_javascript(f, xs): *primitive*, calls the function f with arguments xs. For example:

```
function times(x, y) {
    return x * y;
}
apply_in_underlying_javascript(times, list(2, 3)); // returns 6
```

• parse (x): *primitive*, returns the parse tree that results from parsing the string x as a Source program. The following two pages describe the shape of the parse tree.

```
program ::= statement ...
                                                   list("sequence", list of <statement>)
 statement ::= const name = expression;
                                                   list("constant declaration", <name>, <expression>)
                                                   see below
                let;
                assignment;
                                                   see below
                expression[expression] = expression; list("array_assignment", <expression>, <expression>)
                function name (parameters) block treat as: const name = parameters => block;
                return expression;
                                                   list("return_statement", <expression>)
                if-statement
                                                   see below
                while (expression) block
                                                   list("while_loop", <expression>, <statement>)
                for ( ( assignment | let );
                      expression;
                      assignment) block
                                                   list("for loop", <statement>, <expression>, <statement>,
                                                       <statement>)
                break;
                                                   list("break statement")
                continue;
                                                   list("continue statement")
                block
                                                   see below
                expression;
                                                   see below
parameters ::= \epsilon \mid \text{name}(, \text{name}) \dots
                                                   list of <name>
if-statement ::= if (expression) block
                else (block | if-statement)
                                                   list("conditional_statement", <expression>,
                                                      <statement>, <statement>)
     block ::= { program }
                                                   list("block", <statement>)
        let ::= let name = expression
                                                   list("variable declaration", <name>, <expression>)
assignment ::= name = expression
                                                   list("assignment", <name>, <expression>)
```

```
expression::= number
                                                        self-evaluating
                  true | false
                                                        self-evaluating
                  null
                                                        self-evaluating
                                                        self-evaluating
                  string
                                                        list("name", string) or list("name", string, location)
                  name
                                                        list("application", <name>, list of <expression>)
                  expression binary-operator expression
                  unary-operator expression
                                                        list("application", <name>, list of <expression>)
                  expression ( expressions )
                                                        list("application", <expression>, list of <expression>)
                  ( name | ( parameters ) ) => expression list("function_definition", <parameters>,
                                                        list("return_statement", <expression>))
                  ( name | ( parameters ) ) => block
                                                        list("function_definition", <parameters>, <statement>)
                  expression ? expression : expression
                                                        list("conditional_expression", <expression>,
                                                            <expression>, <expression>)
                  expression[expression]
                                                        list("array access", <expression>, <expression>)
                  [ expressions ]
                                                        list("array expression", list of <expression>)
                  (expression)
                                                        treat as: expression
binary-operator ::= + | - | * | / | % | === | !==
                  > | < | >= | <= | && | | |
                                                        list("name", string)
 unary-operator::= ! | -
                                                        list("name", string)
   expressions::= \epsilon | expression ( , expression ) ...
                                                        list of <expression>
```

Comments

In Source, any sequence of characters between "/*" and the next "*/" is ignored.

After "//" any characters until the next newline character is ignored.

Deviations from JavaScript

We intend the Source language to be a conservative extension of JavaScript: Every correct Source program should behave *exactly* the same using a Source implementation, as it does using a JavaScript implementation. We assume, of course, that suitable libraries are used by the JavaScript implementation, to account for the predefined names of each Source language.

This section lists some exceptions where we think a Source implementation should be allowed to deviate from the JavaScript specification, for the sake of internal consistency and esthetics.

Empty block as last statement of toplevel sequence: In JavaScript, empty blocks as last statement of a sequence are apparently ignored. Thus the result of evaluating such a sequence is the result of evaluating the previous statement. Implementations of Source might stick to the more intuitive result: undefined. Example:

The result of evaluating this program can be undefined for implementations of Source. Note that this issue only arises at the toplevel—outside of functions.

GPU Acceleration

This section outlines the specifications for programs to be accelerated using the GPU.

```
gpu_statement ::= for ( gpu_for_let;
                                gpu_condition;
                                gpu_for_assignment ) gpu_block;
           gpu_for_let ::= let name = 0 ;
    gpu_for_condition ::= name < (number | name);</pre>
                        | name <= (number | name);
  gpu_for_assignment ::= name = name + 1;
           gpu_block ::= { gpu_statement } | { core_statements }
      core\_statements ::= core\_statement...gpu\_result\_assignment
gpu_result_assignment ::= gpu_access[gpu_name] = gpu_result;
          gpu_access ::= name | gpu_access[gpu_name]
           gpu_result ::= number | [ gpu_result... ]
       core\_statement ::= const name = gpu\_expression;
                        gpu_let;
                        gpu_assignment;
                        gpu_expression[gpu_expression] = gpu_expression;
                          while(gpu_expression) gpu_block
                        for ( ( gpu_assignment | gpu_let );
                                gpu_expression;
                                gpu_assignment ) gpu_block
      gpu\_assignment ::= name = gpu\_expression
              gpu_let ::= let name = gpu_expression
      gpu_expression ::=
                          number
                        | true | false
                          null
                           name
                           string
                          gpu_expression binary_operator gpu_expression
                           unary_operator gpu_expression
                        | gpu_function( gpu_expressions )
                          gpu_expression : gpu_expression
                          gpu_expression [ gpu_expression ]
                        | gpu_expressions |
                        | ( gpu_expression )
     gpu\_expressions ::= \epsilon \mid gpu\_expression (, gpu\_expression) \dots
```

Restrictions

Even if the BNF syntax is met, GPU acceleration can only take place if all the restrictions below are satisfied. If all criteria are met, the *gpu_statement* loops are embarrassingly parallel.

Special For Loops

In the BNF, we have special loops that take on this form:

```
for ( gpu_for_let;
    gpu_condition;
gpu_for_assignment )
```

These are the loops that will be taken into consideration for parallelization. However, on top of the BNF syntax, the below requirement must also be statisfied:

- the names declared in each *gpu_for_let* have to be different across the loops
- in each loop, the *gpu_condition* and the *gpu_for_assignment* must use the name declared in the respective *gpu_for_let* statement

GPU Function

A *gpu_function* has to be a *math_** function

Core Statement

Within core_statement, there are some constraints:

- no assignment to any global variables (all assignments can only be done to variables defined in the *gpu_block*)
- \bullet no use of the variable in $gpu_result_assignment$ at an offset from the current index e.g. cannot be i 1

GPU Result Statement

The $gpu_result_assignment$ is the statement that stores a value calculated in core statements into a result array. It access an array at a certain coordinate e.g. $array[i_1][i_2][i_3]$. For this:

 \bullet This result array has to be defined outside the $gpu_block.$

- The sequence of coordinates which we access in the result array $i_1, i_2, i_3...i_k$ must be a prefix of the special for loop counters $[c_1, c_2...c_n]$.
- If you have n special for loops, the array expression can take on k coordinates where $0 < k \le n$. The order matters as well, it has to follow the same order as the special for loops: you cannot have $name[c_2][c_1]$.

Examples

Below are some examples of valid and invalid source gpu programs:

Valid - Using first loop counter. (meaning the loop will be run across N threads; the first loop is parallelized away):

```
for (let i = 0; i < N; i = i + 1) {
    for (let k = 0; k < M; k = k + 1) {
        res[i] = arr[k % 2] + 1;
    }
}</pre>
```

Invalid - Counter used is not a prefix of for loop counters:

```
for (let i = 0; i < N; i = i + 1) {
   for (let k = 0; k < M; k = k + 1) {
      res[k] = arr[i % 2] + 1;
   }
}</pre>
```

Valid - Using first three loop counters (meaning the loop will be run across N*M*C threads, if available):

```
for (let i = 0; i < N; i = i + 1) {
    for (let j = 0; j < M; j = j + 1) {
        for (let k = 0; k < C; k = k + 1) {
            let x = math_pow(2, 10);
            let y = x * (1000);
            arr[i][j][k] = (x + y * 2);
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

Invalid - Indices are in wrong order (must respect for loop counter orders):

```
for (let i = 0; i < N; i = i + 1) {
   for (let j = 0; j < M; j = j + 1) {
      for (let k = 0; k < C; k = k + 1) {
      let x = math_pow(2, 10);
}</pre>
```

```
let y = x * (1000);

res[k][j][i] = (x + y * 2);

}
```

Invalid - Using an index that is not part of a special for loop (see above):

```
for (let i = 0; i < N; i = i + 1) {
   for (let j = 0; j < M; j = j + 1) {
      for (let k = 1; k < C; k = k + 2) {
      res[k] = arr1[i] + arr2[j];
      }
}</pre>
```

Appendix: List library

Those list library functions that are not primitive functions are pre-declared as follows:

```
// list.js START
/**
 * makes a pair whose head (first component) is <CODE>x</CODE>
 * and whose tail (second component) is <CODE>y</CODE>.
 * @param {value} x - given head
 * @param {value} y - given tail
 * @returns {pair} pair with <CODE>x</CODE> as head and <CODE>y</CODE> as tail.
function pair(x, y) {}
 * returns <CODE>true</CODE> if <CODE>x</CODE> is a
 * pair and false otherwise.
 * @param {value} x - given value
 * @returns {boolean} whether <CODE>x</CODE> is a pair
function is_pair(x) {}
/**
 * returns head (first component) of given pair <CODE>p</CODE>
 * @param {pair} p - given pair
 * @returns {value} head of <CODE>p</CODE>
 */
function head(p) {}
/**
 * returns tail (second component of given pair <CODE>p</CODE>
 * @param {pair} p - given pair
 * @returns {value} tail of <CODE>p</CODE>
 */
function tail(p) {}
/**
 * returns <CODE>true</CODE> if <CODE>x</CODE> is the
 * empty list <CODE>null</CODE>, and <CODE>false</CODE> otherwise.
 * @param {value} x - given value
 * @returns {boolean} whether <CODE>x</CODE> is <CODE>null</CODE>
function is_null(x) {}
```

```
/**
 * Returns <CODE>true</CODE> if
 \star <CODE>xs</CODE> is a list as defined in the textbook, and
 * <CODE>false</CODE> otherwise. Iterative process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(1)</CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE>
 * is the length of the
 * chain of <CODE>tail</CODE> operations that can be applied to <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * recurses down the list and checks that it ends with the empty list null
 * @param {value} xs - given candidate
 * @returns whether {xs} is a list
function is_list(xs) {
   return is_null(xs) || (is_pair(xs) && is_list(tail(xs)));
 * Given <CODE>n</CODE> values, returns a list of length <CODE>n</CODE>.
 * The elements of the list are the given values in the given order.
 * @param {value} value1, value2, ..., value_n - given values
 * @returns {list} list containing all values
function list(value1, value2, ...values ) {}
 * visualizes <CODE>x</CODE> in a separate drawing
 * area in the Source Academy using a box-and-pointer diagram; time, space:
 \star O(n), where n is the number of data structures such as
 * pairs in <CODE>x</CODE>.
 * @param {value} x - given value
 * @returns {value} given <CODE>x</CODE>
function draw_data(x) {}
/**
 * Returns <CODE>true</CODE> if both
 * have the same structure with respect to <CODE>pair</CODE>,
 * and the same numbers, boolean values, functions or empty list
 * at corresponding leave positions (places that are not themselves pairs),
 * and <CODE>false</CODE> otherwise; time, space:
 \star <CODE>0(n)</CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE> is the number of pairs in
 \star <CODE>x</CODE>.
 * @param {value} x - given value
 * @param {value} y - given value
 * Greturns {boolean} whether <CODE>x</CODE> is structurally equal to <CODE>y</CO
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```
function equal(x, y) {
    return (is_pair(x) && is_pair(y))
        ? (equal(head(x), head(y)) \&\&
            equal(tail(x), tail(y)))
        : x === y;
}
 * Returns the length of the list
 * <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * Iterative process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space:
 * <CODE>O(1) </CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {number} length of <CODE>xs</CODE>
function length(xs) {
    function iter(ys, acc) {
       return is_null(ys)
           ? acc
           : iter(tail(ys), acc + 1);
    return iter(xs, 0);
}
/**
 * Returns a list that results from list
 * <CODE>xs</CODE> by element-wise application of unary function <CODE>f</CODE>.
 * Recursive process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>,
 * space: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE
 * <CODE>f</CODE> is applied element-by-element:
 * < CODE > map(f, list(1, 2)) < / CODE > results in < CODE > list(f(1), f(2)) < / CODE > .
 * @param {function} f - unary
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {list} result of mapping
 */
function map(f, xs) {
    return is_null(xs)
        ? null
        : pair(f(head(xs)), map(f, tail(xs)));
}
/**
 * Makes a list with <CODE>n</CODE>
 * elements by applying the unary function <CODE>f</CODE>
```

```
\star to the numbers 0 to <CODE>n - 1</CODE>, assumed to be a non-negative integer.
 * Recursive process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>.
 * @param {number} n - given non-negative integer
 * @param {function} f - unary function
 * @returns {list} resulting list
 */
function build_list(n, f) {
    function build(i, f, already_built) {
        return i < 0
            ? already_built
            : build(i - 1, f, pair(f(i),
                already_built));
   return build(n - 1, f, null);
}
/**
 * Applies unary function <CODE>f</CODE> to every
 * element of the list <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * Iterative process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(1)</CODE>,
 * Where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * <CODE>f</CODE> is applied element-by-element:
 * <CODE>for_each(fun, list(1, 2))</CODE> results in the calls
 \star <CODE>fun(1)</CODE> and <CODE>fun(2)</CODE>.
 * @param {function} f - unary
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {boolean} true
function for_each(f, xs) {
    if (is_null(xs)) {
        return true;
    } else {
        f(head(xs));
        return for_each(f, tail(xs));
    }
}
 * Returns a string that represents
 * list <CODE>xs</CODE> using the text-based box-and-pointer notation
 * <CODE>[...]</CODE>.
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {string} <CODE>xs</CODE> converted to string
```

```
function list_to_string(xs) {
    return is_null(xs)
        ? "null"
        : is_pair(xs)
            ? "[" + list_to_string(head(xs)) + "," +
                list_to_string(tail(xs)) + "]"
            : stringify(xs);
}
/**
 * Returns list <CODE>xs</CODE> in reverse
 * order. Iterative process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>,
 * space: <CODE>O(n) </CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE
 * The process is iterative, but consumes space <CODE>O(n)</CODE>
 * because of the result list.
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {list} <CODE>xs</CODE> in reverse
function reverse(xs) {
    function rev(original, reversed) {
        return is_null(original)
            ? reversed
            : rev(tail(original),
                pair(head(original), reversed));
    return rev(xs, null);
}
 * Returns a list that results from
 * appending the list <CODE>ys</CODE> to the list <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * Recursive process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space:
 * <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 \star In the result, null at the end of the first argument list
 * is replaced by the second argument, regardless what the second
 * argument consists of.
 * @param {list} xs - given first list
 * @param {list} ys - given second list
 * @returns {list} result of appending <CODE>xs</CODE> and <CODE>ys</CODE>
function append(xs, ys) {
    return is_null(xs)
        ? ys
        : pair(head(xs),
            append(tail(xs), ys));
```

```
/**
 * Returns first postfix sublist
 * whose head is identical to
 * <CODE>v</CODE> (using <CODE>===</CODE>); returns <CODE>null</CODE> if the
 * element does not occur in the list.
 * Iterative process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>,
 * space: < CODE > O(1) < / CODE >, where < CODE > n < / CODE > is the length of < CODE > xs < / CODE >
 * @param {value} v - given value
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {list} postfix sublist that starts with <CODE>v</CODE>
 */
function member(v, xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? null
        : (v === head(xs))
            ? xs
            : member(v, tail(xs));
}
/** Returns a list that results from
 * <CODE>xs</CODE> by removing the first item from <CODE>xs</CODE> that
 * is identical (<CODE>===</CODE>) to <CODE>v</CODE>.
 * Returns the original
 * list if there is no occurrence. Recursive process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE>
 * is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * @param {value} v - given value
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {list} <CODE>xs</CODE> with first occurrence of <CODE>v</CODE> remove
function remove(v, xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? null
        : v === head(xs)
            ? tail(xs)
            : pair(head(xs),
                remove(v, tail(xs)));
}
 * Returns a list that results from
 * <CODE>xs</CODE> by removing all items from <CODE>xs</CODE> that
 * are identical (<CODE>===</CODE>) to <CODE>v</CODE>.
```

```
* Returns the original
 * list if there is no occurrence.
 * Recursive process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE>
 * is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * @param {value} v - given value
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {list} <CODE>xs</CODE> with all occurrences of <CODE>v</CODE> removed
 */
function remove_all(v, xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? null
        : v === head(xs)
            ? remove_all(v, tail(xs))
            : pair(head(xs),
                remove_all(v, tail(xs)));
}
/**
 * Returns a list that contains
 * only those elements for which the one-argument function
 * <CODE>pred</CODE>
 * returns <CODE>true</CODE>.
 * Recursive process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>,
 * where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * @param {function} pred - unary function returning boolean value
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {list} list with those elements of <CODE>xs</CODE> for which <CODE>pr
function filter(pred, xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? xs
        : pred(head(xs))
            ? pair(head(xs),
                filter(pred, tail(xs)))
            : filter(pred, tail(xs));
}
 * Returns a list that enumerates
 * numbers starting from <CODE>start</CODE> using a step size of 1, until
 * the number exceeds (<CODE>&gt;</CODE>) <CODE>end</CODE>.
 * Recursive process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>,
```

```
* where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * @param {number} start - starting number
 * @param {number} end - ending number
 * @returns {list} list from <CODE>start</CODE> to <CODE>end</CODE>
 */
function enum_list(start, end) {
   return start > end
        ? null
        : pair(start,
            enum_list(start + 1, end));
}
/**
 * Returns the element
 * of list <CODE>xs</CODE> at position <CODE>n</CODE>,
 * where the first element has index 0.
 * Iterative process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n) </CODE>, space: <CODE>O(1) </CODE>,
 * where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @param {number} n - given position
 * @returns {value} item in <CODE>xs</CODE> at position <CODE>n</CODE>
function list_ref(xs, n) {
   return n === 0
        ? head(xs)
        : list_ref(tail(xs), n - 1);
}
/** Applies binary
 * function <CODE>f</CODE> to the elements of <CODE>xs</CODE> from
 * right-to-left order, first applying <CODE>f</CODE> to the last element
 * and the value <CODE>initial</CODE>, resulting in <CODE>r</CODE><SUB>1</SUB>,
 * then to the
 * second-last element and <CODE>r</CODE><SUB>1</SUB>, resulting in
 * <CODE>r</CODE><SUB>2</SUB>,
 * etc, and finally
 * to the first element and <CODE>r</CODE><SUB>n-1</SUB>, where
 * <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of the
 * list. Thus, <CODE>accumulate(f,zero,list(1,2,3))</CODE> results in
 * <CODE>f(1, f(2, f(3, zero)))</CODE>.
 * Recursive process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n) </CODE>, space: <CODE>O(n) </CODE>,
 * where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>
 * assuming <CODE>f</CODE> takes constant time.
```

Appendix: Stream library

Those stream library functions that are not primitive functions are pre-declared as follows:

```
// stream.js START
// Supporting streams in the Scheme style, following
// "stream discipline"
 * assumes that the tail (second component) of the
 * pair {x} is a nullary function, and returns the result of
 * applying that function. Throws an exception if the argument
 * is not a pair, or if the tail is not a function.
 * Laziness: Yes: {stream_tail} only forces the direct tail
 * stream, but not the rest of the stream, i.e. not the tail
 * of the tail, etc.
 * @param {Stream} xs - given stream
 * @returns {Stream} result stream (if stream discipline is used)
function stream_tail(xs) {
    if (is_pair(xs)) {
        const tail = head(xs);
        if (is_function(tail)) {
            return tail();
        } else {
            error(tail,
                  'stream_tail(xs) expects a function as ' +
                  'the tail of the argument pair xs, ^{\prime} +
                  'but encountered ');
    } else {
        error(xs, 'stream_tail(xs) expects a pair as ' +
              'argument xs, but encountered ');
    }
}
 * Returns <CODE>true</CODE> if
 \star <CODE>xs</CODE> is a stream as defined in the textbook, and
 * <CODE>false</CODE> otherwise. Iterative process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(1)</CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE>
 * is the length of the
```

```
* chain of <CODE>stream_tail</CODE> operations that can be applied to <CODE>xs</
 \star recurses down the stream and checks that it ends with the empty stream null.
 * Laziness: No: <CODE>is_stream</CODE> needs to force the given stream.
 * @param {value} xs - given candidate
 * @returns {boolean} whether <CODE>xs</CODE> is a stream
function is_stream(xs) {
    return is_null(xs) || (is_pair(xs) && is_list(stream_tail(xs)));
/**
 * Given list <CODE>xs</CODE>, returns a stream of same length with
 * the same elements as <CODE>xs</CODE> in the same order.
 * Laziness: Yes: <CODE>list_to_stream</CODE>
 * goes down the list only when forced.
 * @param {list} xs - given list
 * @returns {stream} stream containing all elements of <CODE>xs</CODE>
function list_to_stream(xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? null
        : pair(head(xs),
            () => list_to_stream(tail(xs)));
}
/**
 * Given stream <CODE>xs</CODE>, returns a list of same length with
 * the same elements as <CODE>xs</CODE> in the same order.
 * Laziness: No: <CODE>stream_to_list</CODE> needs to force the whole
 * stream.
 * @param {stream} xs - stream
 * @returns {list} containing all elements of <CODE>xs</CODE>
 */
function stream_to_list(xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? null
        : pair(head(xs), stream_to_list(stream_tail(xs)));
}
/**
```

```
* Given <CODE>n</CODE> values, returns a stream of length <CODE>n</CODE>.
 * The elements of the stream are the given values in the given order.
 * Lazy? No: A
 * complete list is generated,
 * and then a stream using <CODE>list_to_stream</CODE> is generated from it.
 * @param {value} value1, value2, ..., value_n - given values
 * @returns {stream} stream containing all values
function stream() {
 var the_list = null
  for (var i = arguments.length - 1; i >= 0; i--) {
   the_list = pair(arguments[i], the_list)
 return list_to_stream(the_list)
/**
 * Returns the length of the stream
 * <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * Iterative process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space:
 * <CODE>0(1) </CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * Lazy? No: The function needs to explore the whole stream
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * @returns {number} length of <CODE>xs</CODE>
 */
function stream length(xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? 0
        : 1 + stream_length(stream_tail(xs));
}
/**
 * Returns a stream that results from stream
 * <CODE>xs</CODE> by element-wise application
 * of unary function <CODE>f</CODE>.
 * <CODE>f</CODE> is applied element-by-element:
 * <CODE>stream_map(f, stream(1,2))</CODE> results in
 * the same as <CODE>stream(f(1), f(2)) </CODE>.
 * Lazy? Yes: The argument stream is only explored as forced by
              the result stream.
 * @param {function} f - unary
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * @returns {stream} result of mapping
```

```
function stream_map(f, s) {
   return is_null(s)
        ? null
        : pair(f(head(s)),
            () => stream_map(f, stream_tail(s)));
}
 * Makes a stream with <CODE>n</CODE>
 * elements by applying the unary function <CODE>f</CODE>
 * to the numbers 0 to <CODE>n - 1</CODE>, assumed to be a non-negative integer.
 * Lazy? Yes: The result stream forces the application of <CODE>f</CODE>
             for the next element
 * @param {number} n - given non-negative integer
 * @param {function} f - unary function
 * @returns {stream} resulting stream
 */
function build_stream(n, fun) {
    function build(i) {
        return i >= n
            ? null
            : pair(fun(i),
                () \Rightarrow build(i + 1));
   return build(0);
}
 * Applies unary function <CODE>f</CODE> to every
 \star element of the stream <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * Iterative process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(1)</CODE>,
 * Where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * <CODE>f</CODE> is applied element-by-element:
 * <CODE>stream_for_each(f, stream(1, 2)) </CODE> results in the calls
 \star <CODE>f(1)</CODE> and <CODE>f(2)</CODE>.
 * Lazy? No: <CODE>stream_for_each</CODE>
 * forces the exploration of the entire stream
 * @param {function} f - unary
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * @returns {boolean} true
 */
```

```
function stream_for_each(fun, xs) {
    if (is_null(xs)) {
       return true;
    } else {
        fun(head(xs));
        return stream_for_each(fun, stream_tail(xs));
}
/**
 * Returns stream <CODE>xs</CODE> in reverse
 * order. Iterative process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>,
 * space: <CODE>O(n) </CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE
 * The process is iterative, but consumes space <CODE>O(n)</CODE>
 * because of the result stream.
 * Lazy? No: <CODE>stream reverse</CODE>
 * forces the exploration of the entire stream
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * @returns {stream} <CODE>xs</CODE> in reverse
 */
function stream_reverse(xs) {
    function rev(original, reversed) {
        return is_null(original)
            ? reversed
            : rev(stream_tail(original),
                pair(head(original), () => reversed));
   return rev(xs, null);
}
 * Returns a stream that results from
 * appending the stream <CODE>ys</CODE> to the stream <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * In the result, null at the end of the first argument stream
 * is replaced by the second argument, regardless what the second
 * argument consists of.
 * Lazy? Yes: the result stream forces the actual append operation
 * @param {stream} xs - given first stream
 * @param {stream} ys - given second stream
 * @returns {stream} result of appending <CODE>xs</CODE> and <CODE>ys</CODE>
 */
function stream_append(xs, ys) {
   return is_null(xs)
```

```
? ys
        : pair(head(xs),
            () => stream_append(stream_tail(xs), ys));
}
/**
 * Returns first postfix substream
 * whose head is identical to
 * <CODE>v</CODE> (using <CODE>===</CODE>); returns <CODE>null</CODE> if the
 * element does not occur in the stream.
 * Iterative process; time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>,
 * space: <CODE>O(1) </CODE>, where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE
 * Lazy? Sort-of: <CODE>stream_member</CODE>
 * forces the stream only until the element
 * is found.
 * @param {value} v - given value
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * Greturns {stream} postfix substream that starts with <CODE>v</CODE>
function stream_member(x, s) {
   return is_null(s)
        ? null
        : head(s) === x
            ? s
            : stream_member(x, stream_tail(s));
}
/** Returns a stream that results from
 * <CODE>xs</CODE> by removing the first item from <CODE>xs</CODE> that
 * is identical (<CODE>===</CODE>) to <CODE>v</CODE>.
 * Returns the original
 * stream if there is no occurrence.
 * Lazy? Yes: the result stream forces the construction of each next element
 * @param {value} v - given value
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * @returns {stream} <CODE>xs</CODE> with first occurrence of <CODE>v</CODE> remo
function stream_remove(v, xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? null
        : v === head(xs)
            ? stream_tail(xs)
            : pair(head(xs),
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? pair(head(s),

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() => stream_remove(v, stream_tail(xs)));
}
/**
 * Returns a stream that results from
 * <CODE>xs</CODE> by removing all items from <CODE>xs</CODE> that
 * are identical (<CODE>===</CODE>) to <CODE>v</CODE>.
 * Returns the original
 * stream if there is no occurrence.
 * Recursive process.
 * Lazy? Yes: the result stream forces the construction of each next
 * element
 * @param {value} v - given value
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * @returns {stream} <CODE>xs</CODE> with all occurrences of <CODE>v</CODE> remov
function stream_remove_all(v, xs) {
   return is_null(xs)
        ? null
        : v === head(xs)
            ? stream_remove_all(v, stream_tail(xs))
            : pair(head(xs), () => stream_remove_all(v, stream_tail(xs)));
}
/**
 * Returns a stream that contains
 * only those elements of given stream <CODE>xs</CODE>
 * for which the one-argument function
 * <CODE>pred</CODE>
 * returns <CODE>true</CODE>.
 * Lazy? Yes: The result stream forces the construction of
              each next element. Of course, the construction
              of the next element needs to go down the stream
              until an element is found for which <CODE>pred</CODE> holds.
 * @param {function} pred - unary function returning boolean value
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * @returns {stream} stream with those elements of <CODE>xs</CODE> for which <COD
function stream_filter(p, s) {
   return is_null(s)
        ? null
        : p(head(s))
```

```
() => stream_filter(p, stream_tail(s)))
            : stream_filter(p, stream_tail(s));
}
 * Returns a stream that enumerates
 * numbers starting from <CODE>start</CODE> using a step size of 1, until
 * the number exceeds (<CODE>&qt;</CODE>) <CODE>end</CODE>.
 * Lazy? Yes: The result stream forces the construction of
              each next element
 * @param {number} start - starting number
 * @param {number} end - ending number
 * @returns {stream} stream from <CODE>start</CODE> to <CODE>end</CODE>
function enum stream(start, end) {
   return start > end
        ? null
        : pair(start,
            () => enum_stream(start + 1, end));
}
 * Returns infinite stream if integers starting
 * at given number <CODE>n</CODE> using a step size of 1.
 * Lazy? Yes: The result stream forces the construction of
              each next element
 * @param {number} start - starting number
 * @returns {stream} infinite stream from <CODE>n</CODE>
function integers_from(n) {
   return pair(n,
       () => integers_from(n + 1));
}
 * Constructs the list of the first <CODE>n</CODE> elements
 * of a given stream <CODE>s</CODE>
 * Lazy? Sort-of: <CODE>eval_stream</CODE> only forces the computation of
 \star the first <CODE>n</CODE> elements, and leaves the rest of
 * the stream untouched.
 * @param {stream} s - starting number
 \star @param {number} n - number of elements to place in result list
 * @returns {list} result list
```

```
function eval_stream(s, n) {
   return n === 0
        ? null
        : pair(head(s),
            eval_stream(stream_tail(s),
                n - 1));
}
/**
 * Returns the element
 * of stream <CODE>xs</CODE> at position <CODE>n</CODE>,
 \star where the first element has index 0.
 * Iterative process;
 * time: <CODE>O(n)</CODE>, space: <CODE>O(1)</CODE>,
 * where <CODE>n</CODE> is the length of <CODE>xs</CODE>.
 * Lazy? Sort-of: <CODE>stream_ref</CODE> only forces the computation of
                  the first <CODE>n</CODE> elements, and leaves the rest of
                  the stream untouched.
 * @param {stream} xs - given stream
 * @param {number} n - given position
 * @returns {value} item in <CODE>xs</CODE> at position <CODE>n</CODE>
function stream_ref(s, n) {
    return n === 0
        ? head(s)
        : stream_ref(stream_tail(s), n - 1);
}
//
// stream.js END
```