



Programming Language Concepts

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Functional Programming (Lists)

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How to Distinguish Between Function Application and Data: Quoting



- A quoted item evals to itself

- treating expressions as data

- (+ 2 3) to 5
- (quote (+ 2 3)) to (+ 2 3)
- (quote pi) to pi
- pi to pi

'A
'B
'C

- Example

→ • (fun A)

- will try to apply function fun to the variable (parameter A)
- will evaluate A to it's value

→ • (fun 'A): will apply it to the symbol "A"

Lists

- LISP stands for list processing
- A list is a sequence of zero or more items
- In scheme
 - null list: '()
 - ¹(²it seems ³that): a three element list
 - '((it seems that) you (like) me)
 - four elements, the first and third of which are lists
 - Parentheses are important
 - like is a symbol/atom, but (like) is a list with one element

() '()

(+ a b)
'(+ a b) like (like)

[]
[a]
[a b c]
[[] b []]

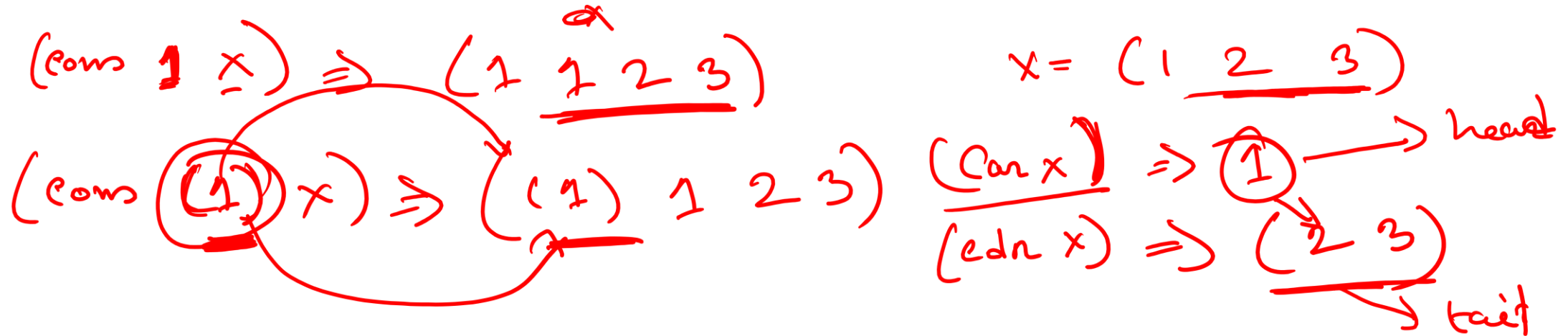
'()
'(a)
'(a ()())

Lists

- The diff between
 - (it seems that you like me) ⁶
 - ((it seems that) you (like) me) ⁴
- The diff between (a) and (a ()) ²
- Is (+ 2 3) a exp or a list?
 - Both
 - Scheme interpreter interprets (+ 2 3) as an exp, and responds with its value 5
 - It's also a list: three elements
 - quoting tells Scheme to interpret it as a list
 - '(+ 2 3) gets (+ 2 3)

(Built-in) Operations On lists

- (null? x): true if x is the empty list and false otherwise
- (car x): the first element of a nonempty list x
- (cdr x): the rest of the list x without the first element
 - It always returns a list
- (cons a x): returns a list whose car (head) is a and cdr (tail) is x



Operations On lists

- (null? x) #f
- (null? '()) #t
- (car '(a)) = a; (cdr '(a)) = ()
- (define x '((it seems that) you (like) me))

$x = (1\ 2\ 3)$

- (car x) (1)
- (car (car x)) 2
- (cdr (car x)) (3)
- (cdr x) 4
- (car (cdr x)) (it seems that)
- (cdr (cdr x)) it
- (car (cdr x)) (seems that)
- (cdr (cdr x)) (you (like) me)
- Syntactic sugars: (car (cdr x)) as (cadr x) you
- (cdr (cdr x)) as (caddr x) ((like) me)

Your Turn

(define x ‘((it seems that) you (like) me))

What's the result of (car (car x))?

- A. (it seems that)
- B. (it)
- C. it
- D. seems
- E. it seems

Your Turn

(define x '((it seems that) you (like) me))

What's the result of (cdr (cdr x))?

- A. you
- B. (like me)
- C. ((like) me) ✓
- D. (like) me
- E. (like)

Cons

- (cons a l)
 - cons takes two arguments: the first one is any exp, the second one is usually a list
 - Returns a list whose head is a and tail is l

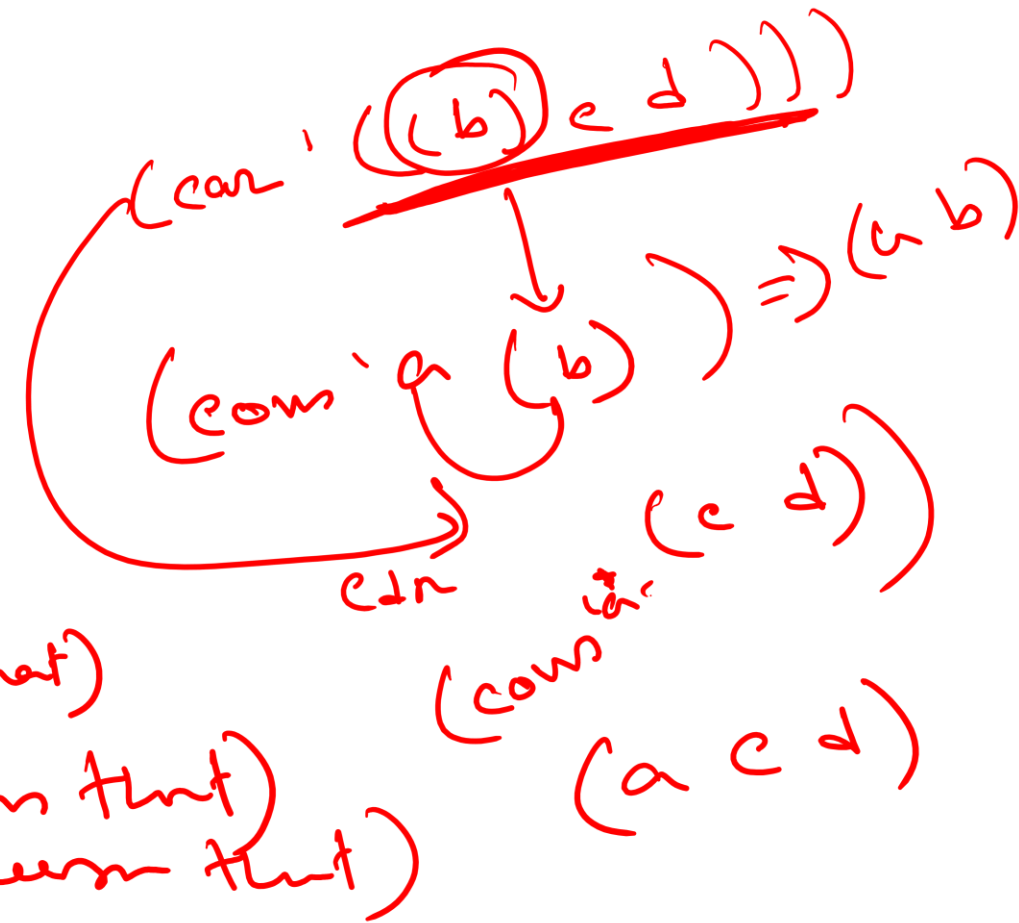
- Examples

- (cons 'a '()) = (a)
- (cons '(a b (c)) '()) = ((a b (c)))
- (cons 'a (car '((b) c d))) = (a b)
- (cons 'a (cdr '((b) c d))) = (a c d)

□ For any a and x, (car (cons a x)) = a; (cdr (cons a x)) = x

- '(it seems that) same as

- (cons 'it (cons 'seems (cons 'that '())))
- '(it (seems (that ())))
- same as (list 'it 'seems 'that)



Your Turn

What's the result of (cons 'a '())?

- A. a
- B. (a)
- C. ((a))
- D. ()
- E. None of the above

Your Turn

How should we use cons to produce '(a b)'?

- A. (cons 'a 'b)
- B. (cons a b)
- C. (cons 'a (cons 'b '()))
- D. (cons a (cons b '()))
- E. None of the above

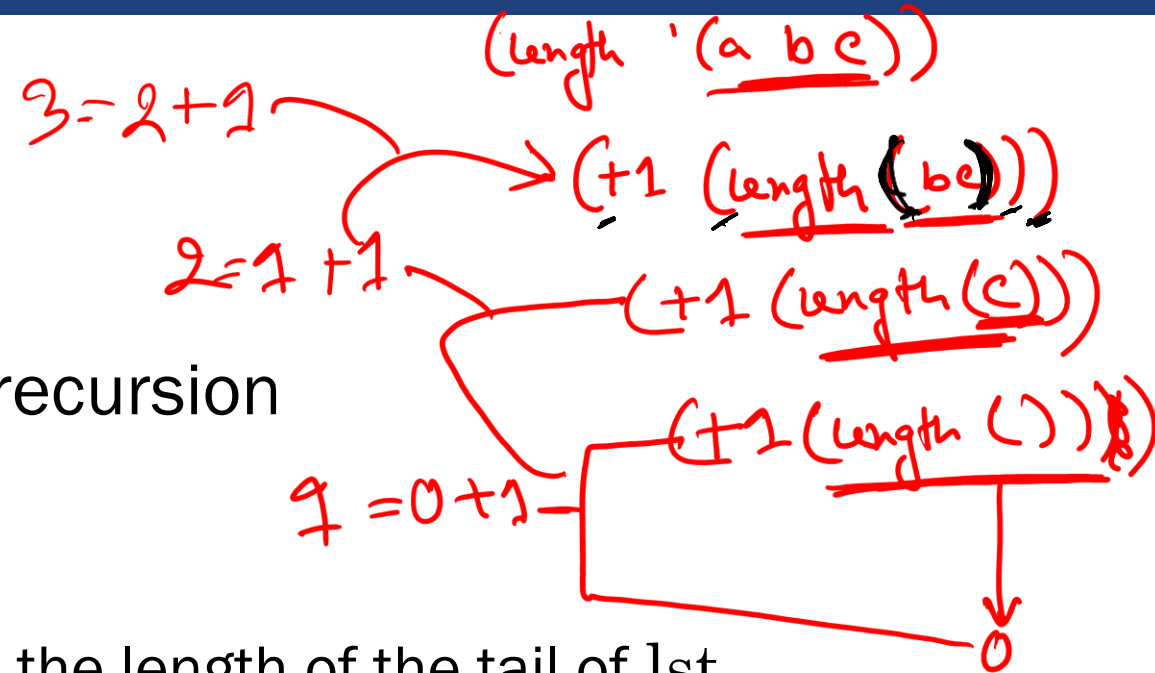


List Manipulation: Length

- (define (length lst) ✓
 (cond ((null? lst) 0) ✓
 (else (+ 1 (length (cdr lst))))))
- Programming pattern: case analysis and recursion
- Two cases
 - When lst empty, return 0
 - When lst is nonempty, the length is one plus the length of the tail of lst

Examples:

- (length '(a b c)) $\Rightarrow 3$
- (length '((a) b (a (b) c))) = 3





Appending Two Lists

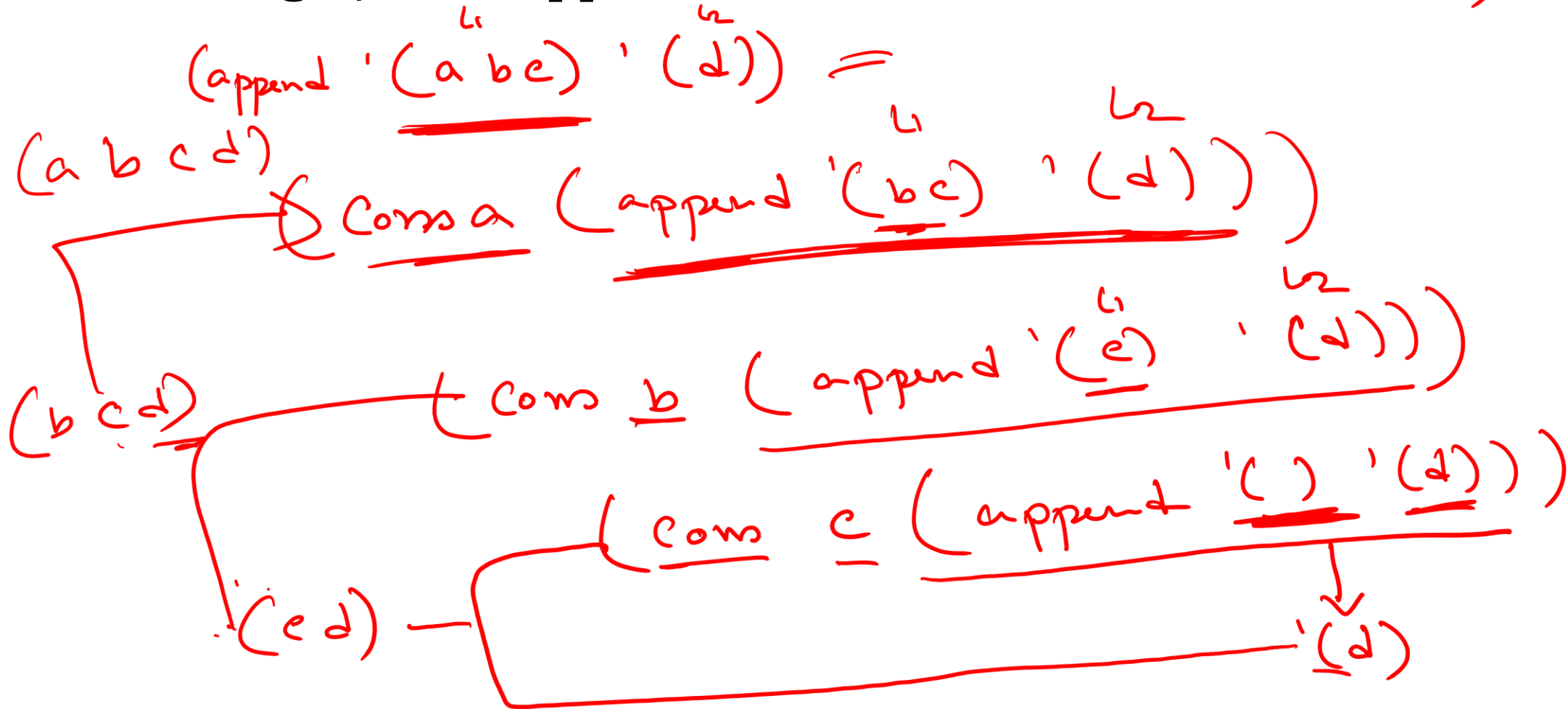
- $(\text{append } '() \text{ '}(a \ b \ c \ d)) = (a \ b \ c \ d)$
- $(\text{append } '(a \ b \ c) \ '(d)) = (a \ b \ c \ d)$
 - Note append is different from cons
- Two cases for $(\text{append } l1 \ l2)$
 - When $l1$ is null, then return $l2$
 - When $l1$ is not null, put $(\text{car } l1)$ and $(\text{append } (\text{cdr } l1) \ l2)$ together via cons
- $(\text{define } (\text{append } l1 \ l2))$
 $(\text{if } (\text{null? } l1) \ l2 \ (\text{cons } (\text{car } l1) (\text{append } (\text{cdr } l1) \ l2))))$

$(\text{cons } (a) \ x)$
 $(\text{append } l1 \ l2)$



Appending Two Lists

- Invocation graph for $(\text{append } \text{'(a b c)} \text{'(d)}) \Rightarrow \text{'(a b c d)}$



What is the result of (append '(a b) '(c d))?

- A. '(a b c d)
- B. `((a b) c d)
- C. '(((a b)) c d)

- (define (member? a lst)
 - (cond ((null? lst) #f)
 - ((equal? a (car lst)) #t) ←
 - (else (member? a (cdr lst))))))
- Examples
 - (member? 3 '(1 3 2)) returns #t ✓
 - (member? 'a '(a b c)) returns #t
 - (member? '(a) '((a) b c)) returns #t
- Note that equal? can also compare lists
 - In contrast, = compares only numbers

Mapping a function across list elements



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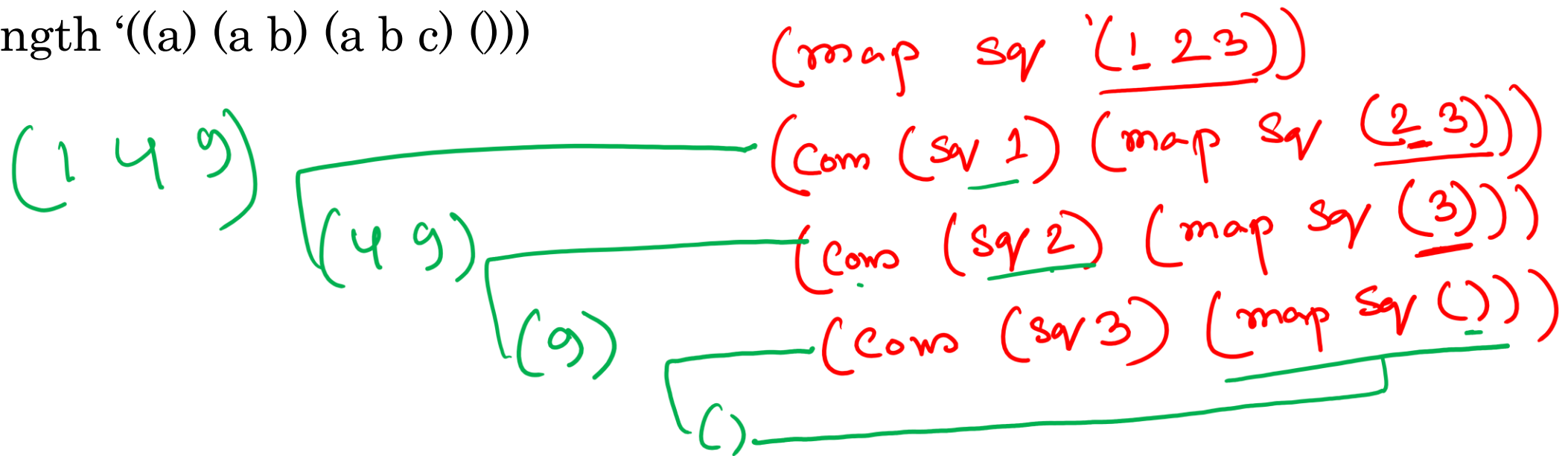
- $(\text{map } \text{square } (1\ 2\ 3\ 4)) = (1\ 4\ 9\ 16)$
- $(\text{map } \text{plusOne } (3\ 7\ 8\ 9)) = (4\ 8\ 9\ 10)$
- Two cases
 - $(\text{map } f\ ()) = ()$
 - $(\text{map } f\ (\text{cons } a\ y)) = (\text{cons } (f\ a)\ (\text{map } f\ y))$
- $(\text{define } (\text{map } f\ x)$
 $(\text{if } (\text{null? } x)\ '() \text{ } \text{cons } (f\ (\text{car } x))\ (\text{map } f\ (\text{cdr } x))))$

Mapping a function across list elements: Examples



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- `(map square '(1 2 3)) = (1 4 9)`
 - draw the invocation graph
- Examples
 - `(map (lambda (x) (> x 10)) '(3 7 12 9))`
 - `(map (lambda (x) (if (even? x) 'Even 'Odd)) '(3 7 12 9))`
 - `(map length '((a) (a b) (a b c) ()))`



Your Turn

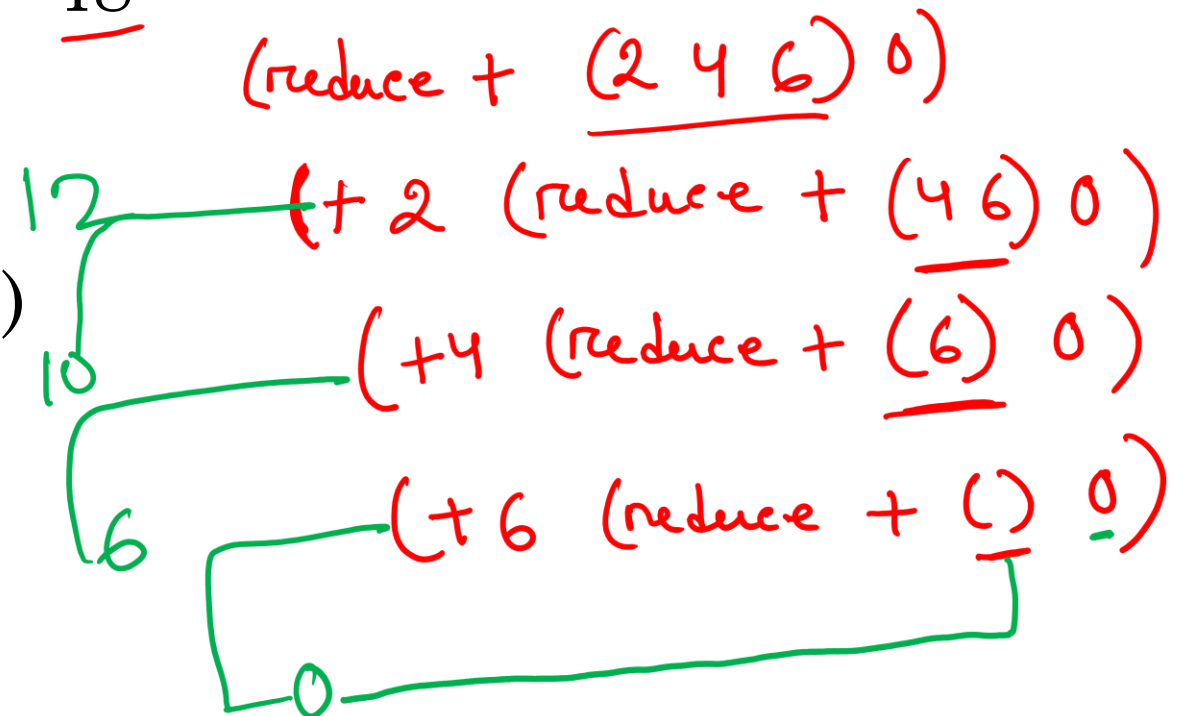
What's the result of
`(map (lambda (x) (list x (+ x 1))) '(3 7 12 9))`?

- A. `(4 8 13 10)`
- B. `(3 7 12 9)`
- C. `(3 4 7 8 12 13 9 10)`
- D. `((3 4) (7 8) (12 13) (9 10))`
- E. None of the above

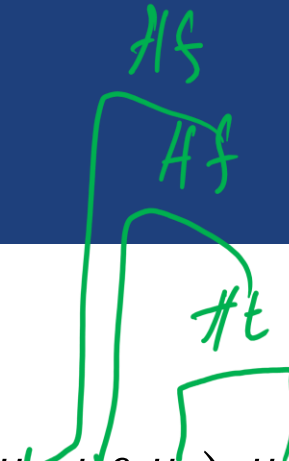
Reduce

- $(\text{reduce } + \text{ '}(2 \ 4 \ 6) \ 0) = 2 + 4 + 6 + 0 = 12$
- $(\text{reduce } * \text{ '}(2 \ 4 \ 6) \ 1) = 2 * 4 * 6 * 1 = 48$
- $(\text{define } (\text{reduce } f \ l \ v))$
 $(\text{if } (\text{null? } l) \ v$
 $(f \ (\text{car } l) \ (\text{reduce } f \ (\text{cdr } l) \ v))))$

draw the invocation graph



Your Turn



What's the result of
(reduce (lambda (x y) (and x y)) '(#t #f #t) #t)?

- A. #t
- B. #f
- C. (#t #f #t #t)
- D. Runtime error
- E. None of the above

Association Lists

- A list of pairs
 - $((a\ 1)\ (b\ 2)\ (c\ 3)\ \dots)$
 - Called dictionaries in some languages: map keys to values
 - Can be used to implement symbol tables: map a var to its associated bindings

- `bind`: returns an association list with a new binding for a key

- What happens if there is already a binding for the key
 - Two choices: remove the old binding, or keep it

→ • (define (bind key value env)
 (cons (list key value) env))

- Examples

• (bind d 4 ((a 1) (b 2) (c 3))) \Rightarrow ((d 4) (a 1) (b 2) (c 3))
 • (bind a 10 ((a 1) (b 2) (c 3))) \Rightarrow ((a 10) (a 1) (b 2) (c 3))

Handwritten diagrams illustrating the `bind` function:

- A list $((a\ 6)\ (b\ 6)\ (c\ 9))$ with the first element $(a\ 6)$ crossed out and a new element $(a\ 7)$ added below it, connected by an arrow.
- A list $((d\ 4)\ (a\ 1)\ (b\ 2)\ (c\ 3))$ with a new element $(a\ 10)$ added at the front.

Association Lists

- lookup: look up the value for a key in an association list; return the key-value pair

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(define (lookup bkey al)
  (cond ((null? al) #f)
        ((equal? key (caar al)) (car al))
        (else (lookup key (cdr al)))))
```

- a built-in Scheme function called assoc

Examples

- (lookup 'a '((a 1) (b 2) (a 3))) -> '(a 1)
- (lookup 'b '((a 1) (b 2) (a 3))) -> '(b 2)
- (lookup 'c '((a 1) (b 2) (a 3))) -> #f

car ((a 5) (b 6) (c 8))

car ~~al~~ (a 5)

(car #f) (lookup)