Tutorial Exercise 1.

The simulation above is very restricted in that it represents a hand simply as a pair of numbers. Suppose we also want to keep track of the actual cards in the hand, both their values and their suits. One way to do this is with a data abstraction card to represent a card, and, using card, to implement a data abstraction card-set to represent a set of cards. A hand in the above simulation would then be represented as a hand up-card together with a set of cards. Sketch a sample implementation that carries this out, using list structure to represent the cards and card sets. How do you need to change the procedures make-hand, make-new-hand, hand-up-card, hand-total, and hand-add-card? What else do you need to change in order to get the simulation to work (other than perhaps devising new strategies that take advantage of this extra information about hands)?

Answer

Well, through data abstraction, a card can be represented by two numbers—the value of the card and a digit varies from 1 to 4 which stands for the suit of the card. Using this, we are now able to represent a hand, as is shown in Figure 1.

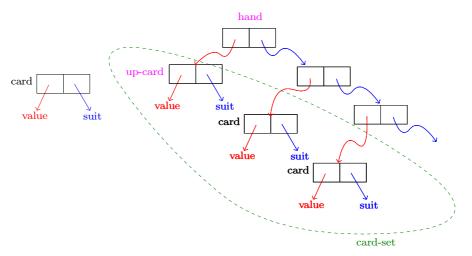


Figure 1. The Representation of a Card and a Hand

To implement a card in Lisp, we can use a constructor procedure make-card that creates a card from two kinds of data and two selector card-value and card-suit:

```
(define (make-card value suit)
  (cons value suit))
(define (card-value card)
  (car card))
(define (card-suit card)
  (cdr card))
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Having these building blocks, we are now able to represent a hand inn a clear way:

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(define (make-hand up-card card-set)
  (cons up-card card-set))
(define (hand-up-card hand)
  (car (car hand)))
(define (hand-total hand)
  (car (cdr hand)))
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