

Exercise 2.33.

Fill in the missing expressions to complete the following definitions of some basic list-manipulation operations as accumulations:

```
(define (map p sequence)
  (accumulate (lambda (x y) <??>) nil sequence))

(define (append seq1 seq2)
  (accumulate cons <??> <??>))

(define (length sequence)
  (accumulate <??> 0 sequence))
```

Answer.

Remember that `accumulate` assembles a new object by applying the operator it was provided onto all the elements in a list. To do this, in the body of `accumulate`, the operator combines the first element with the accumulation of the rest of the list.

We've seen in section 2.2.1 that the procedure `map` takes as its arguments a procedure of one argument and a list, and returns a list of results produced by applying the procedure to each element in the list. In the view of `accumulate`, this process can be carried out by combining a list that contains only the first element of a sequence with the list that contains the rest of the elements. And before that, the designated procedure should be applied to the newly joined element. Using this description, we can write `map` in terms of `accumulate`:

```
(define (map p sequence)
  (accumulate (lambda (x y)
                (append (list (p x))
                        y))
              nil
              sequence))
```

where the parameter `x` and `y` correspond to the first element and a list of subsequent elements of a sequence in respect.

To give the definition of `append` in this way, recall the recursive plan we took in implementing `append` in section 2.2.1:

- If `seq1` is the empty list, then the result is just `seq2`.
- Otherwise, `append` the `cdr` of `seq1` and `seq2`, and `cons` the `car` of `seq1` onto the result.

This indicates that in the body of `accumulate`, `cons` acts as the operator `op`, `seq2` sets the `initial` value of the combination and `seq1` therefore takes the place of `sequence`.

```
(define (append seq1 seq2)
  (accumulate cons seq2 seq1))
```

As is introduced in section 2.2.1, we get the `length` of a list with a recursive plan:

- The `length` of the empty list is 0.
- The `length` of any list is 1 plus the `length` of the `cdr` of the list.

As far as `accumulate` concerns, the reduction step can be captured by an operation which adds 1 to the accumulation of the rest of the sequence. This reveals the complete picture of `length` defined by `accumulate`:

```
(define (length sequence)
```

```
(accumulate (lambda (x y) (+ 1 y))  
            0  
            sequence))
```