

Give combinations of `cars` and `cdrs` that will pick 7 from each of the following lists:

(1 3 (5 7) 9)

$$((7))$$
$$(1\ (2\ (3\ (4\ (5\ (6\ 7))))))$$

Answer.

Rather than writing code directly, we are going to draw the corresponding box-and-pointer diagrams of the lists above. Figure 1 through figure 3 show the representation of these expressions in terms of

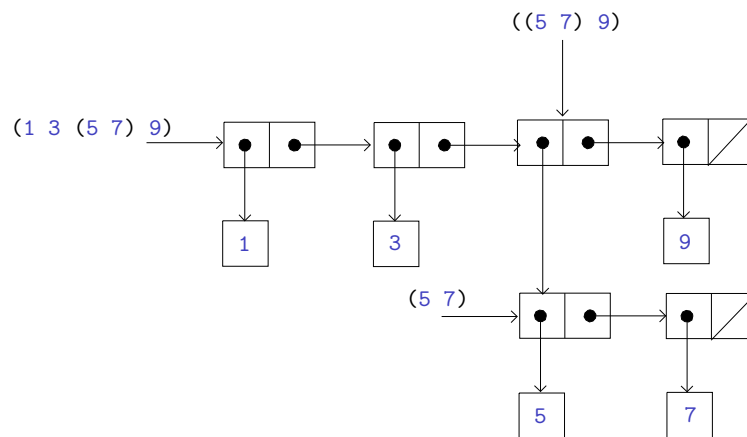


Figure 1. Structure formed by (list 1 3 (list 5 7) 9)

pairs. Using these diagrams, we can pick 7 from each of these lists with the following expressions:

```
(car  
  (cdr  
    (car  
      (cdr  
        (cdr (list 1  
                  3  
                (5 7)  
              9))))))  
;Value: 7
```



```
(car (car (list (list 7))))  
;Value: 7
```



```
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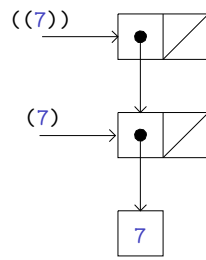


Figure 2. Representation of $((7))$ in terms of pairs

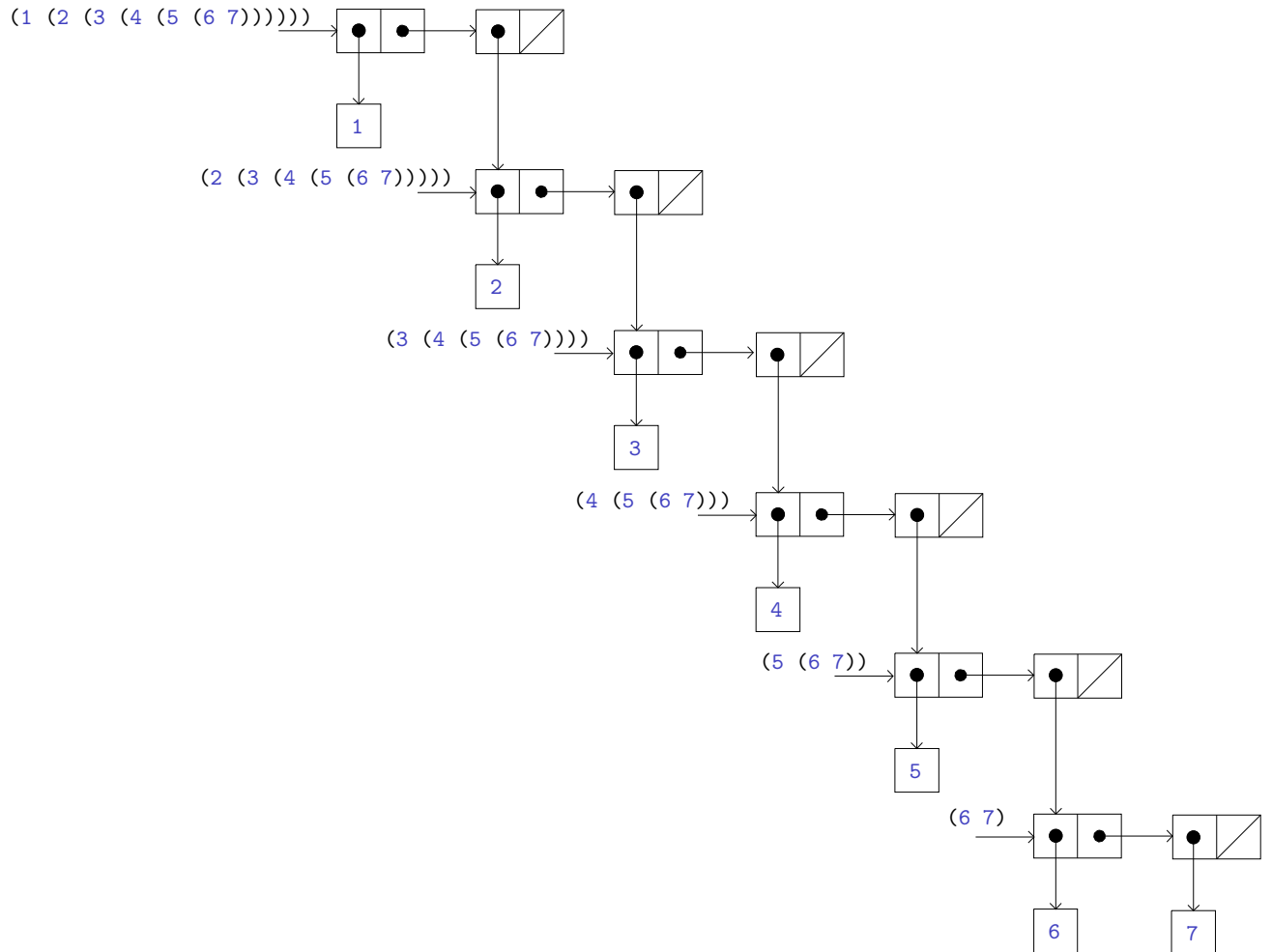


Figure 3. Representing $(1 (2 (3 (4 (5 (6 7)))))$ in box-and-pointer notation

```
(cdr (list 1
          (list 2
                (list 3
                     (list 4
                          (list 5
                               (list 6 7))))))))))
;Value: 7
```