Symbols and Programming

Problem Set

### Q1

Define LENGTH using MAPCAR, LAMBDA, + and APPLY.

 $Q_2$ 

Define a recursive function SUBS that returns a sublist of a given list, with key parameters start and end. (subs '(a b c d e) :start 1 :end 3) should give '(b c).

Q3

REDUCE is a built-in that takes a two-parameter function and a list. It operates by first applying the function to the first two members, obtaining a result; then it applies the function to this result and the third member, obtaining another result; then it applies the function to the latest result and the fourth member, and so on. For instance (reduce #'+ '(1 2 3 4)) will first add 1 and 2 obtaining 3, then add 3 and 3 obtaining 6, then add 6 and 4 finally obtaining and returning 10. Define your own REVERSE – the function that reverses a list, using REDUCE, LAMBDA and CONS.

Q 4

Define a recursive function POS+ that takes a list and returns a version where each element is summed with its position – position count starts at 0. For instance (pos+ '(7 5 1 4)) should give (7 6 3 7).

Q 5

Define a function PREC that takes a symbol and a list, and returns all the members in the list that immediately precede the given symbol. For instance (prec 'a '(a 1 a 2 b b 2 a a a)) should return (1 2 A A). Define both a recursive and iterative version.

Q 6

The Fibonacci sequence is an infinite series of numbers starting with 0 and 1, where the rest of the numbers are computed by adding the previous two numbers in the series:

$$0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89...$$

for instance, we obtain 55 by adding 34 and 21; 89 by adding 55 and 34.

There is a one-to-one correspondence between the set of non-negative integers and the Fibonacci sequence, in the sense that every non-negative integer corresponds to one and only one Fibonacci number.

| Integer          | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| Fibonacci Number | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 13 | 21 | 34 | 55 | 89 |

Define FIBO that returns the corresponding Fibonacci number for a given non-negative integer.

Q 7

Given a list, remove all the elements that come between two occurrences of the symbol T. For instance, (A B T C T T G) should give (A B T T T G), (A B T C T G T G A T C) should give (A B T T T T C).

Q8

Define a function DEFRAG that takes a list of zero or more \*s and \*s and rearranges them so that all the stars precede the pluses. For instance (defrag '(+ + \* + \* +)) gives (\* \* + + + +).

Q9

Take an integer n and generate n many random tosses of a fair coin. Your output should be a list of Hs and Ts.

O 10

Given a list of coin tosses, count the number of successes – let head be a successful, and tail be an unsuccessful toss.

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Given a list of coin tosses, calculate the proportion of Hs. For instance, a call like (berno (toss-coin 100)) should give a number between 0 and 1. Remember that you can convert ratios to floating point numbers via FLOAT.

#### O 12

Let us call "an experiment" a hundred successive tosses of a fair coin. You can represent an experiment as a hundred element list of Hs and Ts. Take an integer n and generate n many experiments, collecting them in a list.

# Q 13

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Given a list of values, construct a frequency table. For instance (freq-table '(a b r a c a d a b r a))
should give ((A . 5) (R . 2) (B . 2) (D . 1) (C . 1)), or (freq-table '(1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1))
should give ((1 . 6) (0 . 5)).
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### O 14

Take an integer n, generate n many experiments, and tabulate the frequency of heads across the experiments. For instance a run for 100000 experiments - each of them 100 tosses of a fair coin - may give

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((46.5799)
(50 . 7853) (41 . 1593) (54 . 5907) (51 . 7716)
(56 . 3949) (57 . 2993) (45 . 4934) (43 . 3026)
(49 . 7761) (52 . 7227) (55 . 4884) (44 . 3853)
(47 . 6638) (48 . 7379) (42 . 2245) (53 . 6866)
(58 . 2193) (60 . 1093) (40 . 1063) (59 . 1537)
(38 . 461) (61 . 693) (64 . 155) (71 . 1) (37 . 295)
(35 . 85) (39 . 670) (33 . 26) (62 . 458) (68 . 10)
(63 . 244) (36 . 156) (70 . 4) (65 . 77) (66 . 58)
(34 . 51) (67 . 26) (32 . 12) (31 . 6) (72 . 1)
(69 . 1) (73 . 1))
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meaning, for instance, that in 6638 of 100000 experiments the number of heads was 47.

# Q 15

The output for the previous exercise would look much informative if it is sorted. The builtin function SORT takes two arguments. One is the list (or sequence) to be sorted and the other is a two argument predicate (= a function that returns T or NIL) that compares its arguments. The predicate should be given in such a way that when it gives T, it would mean the first argument precedes the second. For instance, to sort a list of integers named intlist in ascending order (from smaller to larger), do (sort intlist #'<). The predicate can be as complex as you like lambda's are very helpful with sort.

Sort your freq-tables with respect to first and second components.