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Interpreters, More Scheme

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Note: For extended explanations of the concepts on this discussion, feel free to look at the **Appendix** section on the back of the worksheet.

Interpreters

Q1: From Pair to Expression

Recall that our Scheme interpreter is written in Python. The Python data structure that we use to represent Scheme lists is the Pair class, which is almost identical to the Link class you have already encountered.

Write out the Scheme expression with proper syntax that corresponds to the following Pair constructor calls.

```
>>> Pair('+', Pair(1, Pair(2, Pair(3, Pair(4, nil)))))
```

```
>>> Pair('+', Pair(1, Pair(Pair('*', Pair(2, Pair(3, nil))), nil)))
```

```
>>> Pair('and', Pair(Pair('<', Pair(1, Pair(0, nil))), Pair(Pair('/', Pair(1, Pair(0, nil))), nil)))
```

Scheme Eval/Apply

Scheme evaluates an expression by obeying the following evaluation rules:

- Call scheme eval on the input expression
 - If the input expression is self-evaluating (e.g. number, boolean), output that value.
 - If the input expression is a special form, follow the evaluation rules for that special form.
 - Otherwise, the input expression is a call expression, and you follow the rules of evaluation for call expressions.

The tricky part of this is the evaluation rules for compound expressions (call expressions and special forms). As an example, let's look at the evaluation rules for call expressions.

Here's how you learned how to evaluate a Scheme call expression:

- Evaluate the operator to get a procedure.
- Evaluate each operand to get arguments.
- Apply the procedure to the arguments.

And here's how the Scheme interpreter handles it in Python:

- Call scheme_eval on the operator to get a procedure.
- Call scheme_eval on each operand to get arguments.
- \bullet Call ${\tt scheme_apply}$ to apply the procedure to the arguments.

Notice the similarities here? Every time we need to evaluate some subexpression in Scheme, the underlying Python implementation calls scheme_eval recursively on that call expression!

Let's see if you can extend this to other special forms.

Q2: Connecting Scheme to Python

Recall the rules for how you handle a define special form in Scheme:

To evaluate (define <symbol> <expr>)

- Evaluate <expr> to get a value.
- Bind that value to <symbol> in the current frame.

Now write out how the Scheme interpreter handles (define <symbol> <expr>) using scheme_eval and/or scheme_apply.

Let's do and now. Write out the rules for how you handle an and special form in Scheme:

Now write out how the Scheme interpreter handles an and special form using scheme_eval and/or scheme_apply.

Q3: Counting Eval and Apply

How many calls to scheme_eval and scheme_apply would it take to evaluate each of the following expressions?

Take the following Scheme expression as an example: $(*\ 2\ (+\ 3\ 4))$

To evaluate this entire expression, we...

• Call scheme_eval on (* 2 (+ 3 4)) - Call scheme_eval on * - Call scheme_eval on 2 - Call scheme_eval on (+ 3 4) * Call scheme_eval on + * Call scheme_eval on 3 * Call scheme_eval on 4 * Call scheme_apply to apply + to (3 4) \rightarrow (+ 3 4) evaluates to 7 - Call scheme_apply to apply * to (2 7) \rightarrow (* 2 (+ 3 4)) evaluates to 14

In total, there are 7 calls to scheme_eval and 2 calls to scheme_apply to get our final result of 14. A visualization of these specific calls are shown below, where each underline is a call to scheme_eval and each overline is a call to scheme_apply:

```
scm> (+ 1 2)
```

For this particular prompt please list out the inputs to scheme_eval and scheme_apply.

```
scm> (+ 2 4 6 8)
scm> (+ 2 (* 4 (- 6 8)))
scm> (and 1 (+ 1 0) 0)
scm> (and (+ 1 0) (< 1 0) (/ 1 0))
```

More Scheme

Q4: Reverse

Write the procedure reverse, which takes in a list 1st and outputs a reversed list.

Hint: you may find the built-in append procedure useful.

(define (reverse lst) 'YOUR-CODE-HERE		
)		

Q5: Longest Increasing Subsequence

Write the procedure longest-increasing-subsequence, which takes in a list 1st and returns the longest subsequence in which all the terms are increasing. Note: the elements do not have to appear consecutively in the original list. For example, the longest increasing subsequence of (1 2 3 4 9 3 4 1 10 5) is (1 2 3 4 9 10). Assume that the longest increasing subsequence is unique.

Hint: The built-in procedures length and filter might be helpful to solving this problem.

```
; helper function
; returns the values of 1st that are bigger than x
; e.g., (larger-values 3 '(1 2 3 4 5 1 2 3 4 5)) --> (4 5 4 5)
(define (larger-values x lst)
   _____)
(define (longest-increasing-subsequence 1st)
   (if (null? 1st)
      nil
      (begin
          (define first (car lst))
          (define rest (cdr lst))
          (define large-values-rest
             (larger-values first rest))
          (define with-first
               .____)
          (define without-first
             _____)
          (if _____
             with-first
             without-first))))
(expect (longest-increasing-subsequence '()) ())
(expect (longest-increasing-subsequence '(1)) (1))
(expect (longest-increasing-subsequence '(1 2 3)) (1 2 3))
(expect (longest-increasing-subsequence '(1 9 2 3)) (1 2 3))
(expect (longest-increasing-subsequence '(1 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 3)) (1 2 3))
(expect (longest-increasing-subsequence '(1 9 8 7 2 3 6 5 4 5)) (1 2 3 4 5))
(expect (longest-increasing-subsequence '(1 2 3 4 9 3 4 1 10 5)) (1 2 3 4 9 10))
```

Q6: Cons All

Implement cons-all, which takes in an element first and a list of lists rests, and adds first to the beginning of each list in rests:

```
scm> (cons-all 1 '((2 3) (2 4) (3 5)))
((1 2 3) (1 2 4) (1 3 5))
```

You may find it helpful to use the built-in map procedure.

```
(define (cons-all first rests)
   'YOUR-CODE-HERE
)
```

Q7: List Change

Implement the list-change procedure, which lists all of the ways to make change for a positive integer total amount of money, using a list of currency denominations, which is sorted in descending order. The resulting list of ways of making change should also be returned in descending order.

To make change for 10 with the denominations (25, 10, 5, 1), we get the possibilities:

```
10
5, 5
5, 1, 1, 1, 1
1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1
```

To make change for 5 with the denominations (4, 3, 2, 1), we get the possibilities:

```
4, 1
3, 2
3, 1, 1
2, 2, 1
2, 1, 1, 1
1, 1, 1, 1
```

Therefore, your function should behave as follows for these two inputs

```
scm> (list-change 10 '(25 10 5 1))
((10) (5 5) (5 1 1 1 1 1) (1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1))
scm> (list-change 5 '(4 3 2 1))
((4 1) (3 2) (3 1 1) (2 2 1) (2 1 1 1) (1 1 1 1 1))
```

You may want to use cons-all in your solution.

You may also find the built-in append procedure useful.

```
;; List all ways to make change for TOTAL with DENOMS
(define (list-change total denoms)
   'YOUR-CODE-HERE
```

Appendix: Explanation of Material

Interpreters

An interpreter is a program that allows you to interact with the computer in a certain language. It understands the expressions that you type in through that language, and performs the corresponding actions in some way, usually using an underlying language.

In Project 4, you will use Python to implement an interpreter for Scheme. The Python interpreter that you've been using all semester is written (mostly) in the C programming language. The computer itself uses hardware to interpret machine code (a series of ones and zeros that represent basic operations like adding numbers, loading information from memory, etc).

When we talk about an interpreter, there are two languages at work:

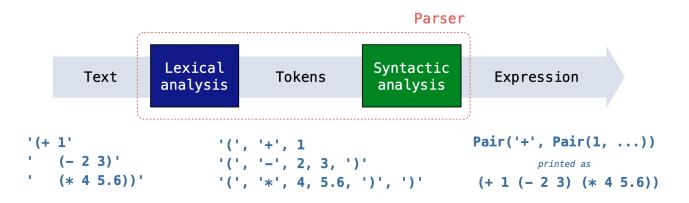
- 1. The language being interpreted/implemented. For Project 4, we are interpreting the Scheme language.
- 2. **The underlying implementation language.** For Project 4, we will implement an interpreter for Scheme using Python.

REPL

Many interpreters use a Read-Eval-Print Loop (REPL). This loop waits for user input, and then processes it in three steps:

- **Read:** The interpreter takes the user input (a string) and passes it through a parser. The parser processes the input in two steps:
 - The *lexical analysis* step turns the user input string into tokens that are like "words" of the implemented language. Tokens represent the **smallest** units of information.
 - The *syntactic analysis* step takes the tokens from the previous step and organizes them into a data structure that the underlying language can understand. For our Scheme interpreter, we create a Pair object (similar to a Linked List) from the tokens to represent the original call expression.
 - * The first item in the Pair represents the operator of the call expression. The subsequent items are the operands of the call expression, or the arguments that the operator will be applied to. Note that operands themselves can also be nested call expressions.

Below is a summary of the read process for a Scheme expression input:



- Eval: Mutual recursion between eval and apply evaluate the expression to obtain a value.
 - eval takes an expression and evaluates it according to the rules of the language. Evaluating a call expression involves calling apply to apply an evaluated operator to its evaluated operands.

- apply takes an evaluated operator, i.e., a function, and applies it to the call expression's arguments. Apply may call eval to do more work in the body of the function, so eval and apply are mutually recursive.
- **Print:** Display the result of evaluating the user input.

Here's how all the pieces fit together:

