Homework, Week 0, part D

September 12, 2014

Invoke clisp and type the following commands. Remember, a ':q' (COLON QUE), ':a' (COLON AIGH), CONTROL-BREAK, or CONTROL-C will restore the top level prompt if you make a mistake. This explores five Lisp functions, + (addition), - (subtraction), * (multiplication), and / (division), and (expt) which is short for 'exponent'. Write down each result and see if you can figure out what each one does.

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;; type these in clisp

;; then, do them by hand

(+ (* 3 5) (* 4 2))

(/ (+ 4 3) (* 6 2))

(/ (* (- 7 3) (+ 2 2)) 3)

(* (+ 5 4) (* 2 4) (- 13 7) (/ 36 12))

(/ (+ (* 6 4) (* 3 4)) (- (* 9 11) (* 8 7)))

;; do these by hand

;; then, type them in clisp

(5+8) \times (18-10)

(5+4) \times (3-2) \div (99+99)

\frac{(4\times 3)+(10+2)}{(20-13)+(2+2)}

\frac{(4\times 3)+(10+2)-(+55)}{(20-13)+(2+2)\times -1}

\frac{1}{(4+3)\times (10-3)}
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HINT: (expt 4 -1) is the same thing as dividing 1 by 4. In other words, (expt (-7 3) -1) is the same thing as $\frac{1}{7-3}$ or $1 \div (7-3)$.

Exit from clisp with (QUIT).