$$\Sigma$$ A Library for ANSI Common Lisp

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The IncHash function will increment the value in key of the hash, initializing it to 1 if it isn't currently defined.

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The String Package

The String package contains useful tools for working with strings.

10.1 Functions

10.1.1 The Character-Range Function

The character-range function returns a list of characters from the *start* to the *end* character. Note that this is returning a list, not a string.

Syntax

```
(character-range start\ end) \Longrightarrow '(start\ ...\ end)
```

Arguments and Values

Start The character to start the range with, inclusive.

End The character to end the range with, inclusive.

Examples

```
(character-range #\a #\e) \Longrightarrow '(#\a #\b #\c #\d #\e) (character-range #\e #\a) \Longrightarrow '(#\a #\b #\c #\d #\e)
```

10.1.2 The Character-Ranges Function

The character-ranges function is a convenience wrapper for character-range function, concatenating several calls and making the resultant list contain only unique instances.

Syntax

```
(character-ranges start_1 \ end_1 \ldots \Longrightarrow '(character_1 \ldots)
```

Arguments and Values

 $Start_n$ The character to start the nth range with, inclusive.

 End_n The character to end the nth range with, inclusive.

Examples

```
(character-ranges #\a #\c #\x #\z) \Longrightarrow '(#\a #\b #\c #\x #\y #\z) (character-ranges #\a #\c #\a #\c) \Longrightarrow '(#\a #\b #\c)
```

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