

# LISTS

- A SUPER IMPORTANT DATA STRUCTURE
- USEFUL FOR PROOFS + RECURSION
- 3 ways to CONSTRUCT (at least in this class)
  - ↳ '()
  - ↳ cons
  - ↳ list

## '()

- NORMALLY IN RACKET WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYNTAX
  - ↳ (function param0 param1 etc)
  - ↳ THIS APPLIES THE function TO THE params
- WHEN WE DON'T WANT TO EVALUATE WHATS IN PARENS, WE USE '()' to create A list

Eg: '(1 2 3) is a list of elements 1 2 + 3

'(+ 1 3)	≠	(+ 1 3)
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a list of the elements +, 1, + 3		evaluates to 4

- '() on its own is an empty list

## CONS

- USED TO PUT TWO THINGS TOGETHER INTO A LIST OR PAIR
- `(cons a B)` makes the list `'(a B)` WHERE `a` is an element and `B` is a list

### EXAMPLES:

`(cons 1 2)` → `'(1 . 2)` a pair  
`(cons 1 '(2))` → `'(1 2)` a list  
`(cons '(1) '(2))` → `'('(1) 2)` a list  
`(cons 1 '())` → `'(1)` a list

## LIST

- SIMILAR TO CONS AS ITS A KEYWORD TO MAKE A LIST
- DIFFERENT FROM CONS IN TWO WAYS
  - ↳ TAKES MORE THAN TWO ELEMENTS
  - ↳ DOESN'T DO ANY PAIR THINGS

Ex: `(list 1 2 3)` → `'(1 2 3)`