PROGRAMS AS DATA, INTERPRETERS & MACROS

COMPUTER SCIENCE MENTORS 61A

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1 Interpreters

1. The following questions refer to the Scheme interpreter. Assume we're using the implementation seen in lecture and in the Scheme project.

   (a) What's the purpose of the read stage in a Read-Eval-Print Loop? For our Scheme interpreter, what does it take in, and what does it return?

   (b) What are the two components of the read stage? What do they do?

   (c) Write out the constructor for the `Pair` object that the read stage creates from the input string `(define (foo x) (+ x 1))`

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(d) For the previous example, imagine we saved that Pair object to the variable `p`. How could we check that the expression is a `define` special form? How would we access the name of the function and the body of the function?

2. Circle or write the number of calls to `scheme_eval` and `scheme_apply` for the code below.

```
(if 1 (+ 2 3) (/ 1 0))
```

scheme_eval	1	3	4	6
scheme_apply	1	2	3	4

```
(or #f (and (+ 1 2) 'apple) (- 5 2))
```

scheme_eval	6	8	9	10
scheme_apply	1	2	3	4

```
(define (square x) (* x x))

(+ (square 3) (- 3 2))
```

scheme_eval	2	5	14	24
scheme_apply	1	2	3	4

```
(define (add x y) (+ x y))

(add (- 5 3) (or 0 2))
```

2 Scheme Macros

1. What will Scheme output?

```
scm> (define x 6)


scm> (define y 1)


scm> '(x y a)


scm> `(,x ,y a)


scm> `(,x y a)


scm> `(,(if (- 1 2) '+ '-) 1 2)


scm> (eval `(,(if (- 1 2) '+ '-) 1 2))


scm> (define (add-expr a1 a2)
               (list '+ a1 a2))


scm> (add-expr 3 4)


scm> (eval (add-expr 3 4))


scm> (define-macro (add-macro a1 a2)
              (list '+ a1 a2))


scm> (add-macro 3 4)
```

2. The built-in `apply` procedure in Scheme applies a procedure to a given list of arguments. For example, `(apply f '(1 2 3))` is equivalent to `(f 1 2 3)`. Write a macro procedure `meta-apply`, which is similar to `apply`, except that it works not only for procedures, but also for macros and special forms. That is, `(meta-apply operator (operand1 ... operandN))` should be equivalent to `(operator operand1 ... operandN)` for any operator and operands. See doctests for examples.

```
; Doctests
scm> (meta-apply + (1 2))
3
scm> (meta-apply or (#t (/ 1 0) #f))
#t
(define-macro (meta-apply operator operands)


)
```

3. NAND (not and) is a logical operation that returns false if all of its operands are true, and true otherwise. That is, it returns the opposite of AND. Implement the `nand` macro procedure below, which takes in a list of expressions and returns the NAND of their values. Similar to **`and`**, `nand` should short circuit and return true as soon as it encounters a false operand, evaluating from left to right.

   Hint: You may use `meta-apply` in your implementation.

```
;Doctests
scm> (nand (#t #t #t #t #t #t))
#f
scm> (nand (#t #f #t))
#t
scm> (nand (#f (/ 1 0)))
#t
(define-macro (nand operands))


)
```

4. Implement `apply-twice`, which is a macro that takes in a call expression with a single argument. It should return the result of applying the operator to the operand twice.

```
;Doctests
scm> (define add-one (lambda (x) (+ x 1)))
add-one
scm> (apply-twice (add-one 1))
3
scm> (apply-twice (print 'hi))
hi
undefined

(define-macro (apply-twice call-expr)
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)
```

5. Write a macro procedure `censor`, which takes in an expression `expr` and a symbol `phrase`. If `expr` does not contain any instance of `phrase`, then `censor` simply evaluates `expr`. However, if `expr` does contain an instance of the censored phrase, the symbol `censored` is returned and the expression is not evaluated.

```
;Doctests
scm> (censor ((lambda (stanford tree) (+ stanford tree)) 4 5) stanford)
censored
scm> (censor ((lambda (stanford tree) (+ stanford tree)) 4 5) tree)
censored
scm> (censor ((lambda (stanford tree) (+ stanford tree)) 4 5) ree)
9

(define-macro (censor expr phrase)
    (define (contains-phrase expr)









    )
    (if ____________________________________________

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```