Cons the Megniticent



What is (rember a lat) where a is mint and lat is (lamb chops and mint jelly)	(lamb chops and jelly) "Rember" stands for <i>rem</i> ove a mem <i>ber</i> .
(rember a lat) where a is mint and lat is (lamb chops and mint flavored mint jelly)	(lamb chops and flavored mint jelly).
(rember a lat) where a is toast and lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)	(bacon lettuce and tomato).
(rember a lat) where a is cup and lat is (coffee cup tea cup and hick cup)	(coffee tea cup and hick cup).
What does (rember a lat) do?	It takes an atom and a lat as its arguments, and makes a new lat with the first occurrence of the atom in the old lat removed.
What steps should we use to do this?	First we will test (null? lat)—The First Commandment.
And if (null? lat) is true?	Return ().
What do we know if (null? lat) is not true?	We know that there must be at least one atom in the lat.
Is there any other question we should ask about the lat?	No. Either a lat is empty or it contains at least one atom.

What do we do if we know that the lat We ask whether a is equal to $(car \ lat)$. contains at least one atom? How do we ask questions? By using (cond (_____). How do we ask if a is the same as (car lat) (eq? (car lat) a).What would be the value of (rember a lat) if $(cdr \ lat).$ a were the same as (car lat) What do we do if a is not the same as We want to keep (car lat), but also find out (car lat)if a is somewhere in the rest of the lat. How do we remove the first occurrence of a (rember a (cdr lat)). in the rest of lat Is there any other question we should ask? No. Now, let's write down what we have so far: (lettuce and tomato). Hint: Write down the function rember and (define rember its arguments, and refer to them as you go (lambda (a lat) through the next sequence of questions. (cond ((null? lat) (quote ())) (else (cond ((eq? (car lat) a) (cdr lat))(else (rember a $(cdr \ lat)))))))))$ What is the value of (rember a lat) where a is bacon

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and

lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)

Now, let's see if this function works. What is the first question?	$(null?\ lat).$
What do we do now?	Move to the next line and ask the next question.
else	Yes.
What next?	Ask the next question.
(eq? (car lat) a)	Yes, so the value is (cdr lat). In this case, it is the list (lettuce and tomato).
Is this the correct value?	Yes, because it is the original list without the atom bacon.
But did we really use a good example?	Who knows? But the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so let's try another example.
What does rember do?	It takes an atom and a lat as its arguments, and makes a new lat with the first occurrence of the atom in the old lat removed.
What do we do now?	We compare each atom of the lat with the atom a, and if the comparison fails we build a list that begins with the atom we just compared.
What is the value of (rember a lat) where a is and and lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)	(bacon lettuce tomato).

Let us see if our function <i>rember</i> works. What is the first question asked by <i>rember</i>	(null? lat).
What do we do now?	Move to the next line, and ask the next question.
else	Okay, so ask the next question.
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line.
What is the meaning of (else (rember a (cdr lat)))	else asks if else is true—as it always is—and the rest of the line says to recur with a and (cdr lat), where a is and and (cdr lat) is (lettuce and tomato).
(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line.
else	Sure.
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line.
What is the meaning of (rember a (cdr lat))	Recur where a is and and $(cdr \ lat)$ is (and tomato).
(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line, and ask the next question.
else	Of course.

$(eq?(car\ lat)\ a)$	Yes.
So what is the result?	$(\mathit{cdr}\ \mathit{lat})$ — $(tomato).$
Is this correct?	No, since (tomato) is not the list (bacon lettuce and tomato) with just a—and—removed.
What did we do wrong?	We dropped and, but we also lost all the atoms preceding and.
How can we keep from losing the atoms bacon and lettuce	We use Cons the Magnificent. Remember cons, from chapter 1?

The Second Commandment

Use cons to build lists.

Let's see what happens when we use cons

What is the value of (rember a lat) where a is and and lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)

(bacon lettuce tomato).

Hint: Make a copy of this function with cons and the arguments a and lat so you can refer to it for the following questions.

What is the first question?	(null? lat).
What do we do now?	Ask the next question.
else	Yes, of course.
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line.
What is the meaning of (cons (car lat) (rember a (cdr lat))) where a is and and lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)	It says to cons the car of lat—bacon—onto the value of (rember a (cdr lat)). But since we don't know the value of (rember a (cdr lat)) yet, we must find it before we can cons (car lat) onto it.
What is the meaning of (rember a (cdr lat))	This refers to the function with lat replaced by $(cdr\ lat)$ —(lettuce and tomato).
(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line.
else	Yes, ask the next question.
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line.
What is the meaning of (cons (car lat) (rember a (cdr lat)))	It says to cons the car of lat—lettuce—onto the value of (rember a (cdr lat)). But since we don't know the value of (rember a (cdr lat)) yet, we must find it before we can cons (car lat) onto it.

What is the meaning of (rember a (cdr lat))	This refers to the function with <i>lat</i> replaced by (<i>cdr lat</i>), that is, (and tomato).
(null? lat)	No, so ask the next question.
else	Still.
(eq? (car lat) a)	Yes.
What is the value of the line ((eq? (car lat) a) (cdr lat))	$(\mathit{cdr}\ \mathit{lat})$ — $(tomato).$
Are we finished?	Certainly not! We know what (rember a lat) is when lat is (and tomato), but we don't yet know what it is when lat is (lettuce and tomato) or (bacon lettuce and tomato).
We now have a value for (rember a (cdr lat)) where a is and and (cdr lat) is (and tomato) This value is (tomato) What next?	Recall that we wanted to cons lettuce onto the value of (rember a (cdr lat)) where a was and and (cdr lat) was (and tomato). Now that we have this value, which is (tomato), we can cons lettuce onto it.
What is the result when we cons lettuce onto (tomato)	(lettuce tomato).
What does (lettuce tomato) represent?	It represents the value of (cons (car lat) (rember a (cdr lat))), when lat is (lettuce and tomato) and (rember a (cdr lat)) is (tomato).

Are we finished yet?	Not quite. So far we know what (rember a lat) is when lat is (lettuce and tomato), but we don't yet know what it is when lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato).
We now have a value for (rember a (cdr lat)) where a is and and (cdr lat) is (lettuce and tomato) This value is (lettuce tomato) This is not the final value, so what must we do again?	Recall that, at one time, we wanted to cons bacon onto the value of (rember a (cdr lat)), where a was and and (cdr lat) was (lettuce and tomato). Now that we have this value, which is (lettuce tomato), we can cons bacon onto it.
What is the result when we cons bacon onto (lettuce tomato)	(bacon lettuce tomato).
What does (bacon lettuce tomato) represent?† † Lunch?	It represents the value of (cons (car lat) (rember a (cdr lat))), when lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato) and (rember a (cdr lat)) is (lettuce tomato).
Are we finished yet?	Yes.
Can you put in your own words how we determined the final value (bacon lettuce tomato)	In our words: "The function rember checked each atom of the lat, one at a time, to see if it was the same as the atom and. If the car was not the same as the atom, we saved it to be consed to the final value later. When rember found the atom and, it dropped it, and consed the previous atoms back onto the rest of the lat."

Can you rewrite *rember* so that it reflects the above description?

Yes, we can simplify it.

Do you think this is simpler?

Functions like *rember* can always be simplified in this manner.

So why don't we simplify right away?

lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)

Because then a function's structure does not coincide with its argument's structure.

Let's see if the new *rember* is the same as the old one. What is the value of the application (*rember a lat*) where a is and and

(bacon lettuce tomato).

Hint: Write down the function *rember* and its arguments and refer to them as you go through the next sequence of questions.

(null? lat)

No.

(eq? (car lat) a)

No.

else

Yes, so the value is

(cons (car lat)

(rember a (cdr lat))).

What is the meaning of (cons (car lat) (rember a (cdr lat)))

This says to refer to the function rember but with the argument lat replaced by (cdr lat), and that after we arrive at a value for (rember a (cdr lat)) we must cons (car lat)—bacon—onto it.

(null? lat)	No.
$(eq^{\varrho} (car \ lat) \ a)$	No.
else	Yes, so the value is (cons (car lat) (rember a (cdr lat))).
What is the meaning of (cons (car lat) (rember a (cdr lat)))	This says we recur using the function rember, with the argument lat replaced by (cdr lat), and that after we arrive at a value for (rember a (cdr lat)), we must cons (car lat)—lettuce—onto it.
(null? lat)	No.
$(eq^{?}(car\ lat)\ a)$	Yes.
What is the value of the line ((eq? (car lat) a) (cdr lat))	It is $(cdr \ lat)$ —(tomato).
Now what?	Now cons (car lat)—lettuce—onto (tomato).
Now what?	Now <i>cons</i> (<i>car lat</i>)—bacon—onto (lettuce tomato).
Now that we have completed rember try this example: (rember a lat) where a is sauce and lat is (soy sauce and tomato sauce)	(remberalat) is (soy and tomato sauce).

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What is (firsts \ l)
                                                     (apple plum grape bean).
where
   l is ((apple peach pumpkin)
        (plum pear cherry)
        (grape raisin pea)
        (bean carrot eggplant))
                                                     (a c e).
What is (firsts \ l)
where
  l is ((a b) (c d) (e f))
What is (firsts \ l)
                                                     ().
where l is ()
                                                     (five four eleven).
What is (firsts \ l)
where
   l is ((five plums)
        (four)
        (eleven green oranges))
What is (firsts \ l)
                                                     ((five plums) eleven (no)).
where
   l is (((five plums) four)
        (eleven green oranges)
        ((no) more))
                                                     We tried the following:
In your own words, what does (firsts l) do?
                                                      "The function firsts takes one argument, a
                                                       list, which is either a null list or contains
                                                       only non-empty lists. It builds another list
                                                       composed of the first S-expression of each
                                                       internal list."
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See if you can write the function firsts Remember the Commandments!	This much is easy:	
	(define firsts	
Why (define $firsts$ (lambda (l)))	Because we always state the function name, (lambda, and the argument(s) of the function.	
Why (cond)	Because we need to ask questions about the actual arguments.	
Why ((null? l))	The First Commandment.	
Why (else	Because we only have two questions to ask about the list l : either it is the null list, or it contains at least one non-empty list.	
Why (else	See above. And because the last question is always else.	
Why (cons	Because we are building a list—The Second Commandment.	
Why (firsts (cdr l))	Because we can only look at one S-expression at a time. To look at the rest, we must recur.	
Why)))	Because these are the matching parentheses for (cond, (lambda, and (define, and they always appear at the end of a function definition.	

a. Keeping in mind the definition of (firsts l) what is a typical element of the value of $(firsts \ l)$ where l is ((a b) (c d) (e f)) c, or even e. What is another typical element? Consider the function seconds b, d, or f. What would be a typical element of the value of $(seconds \ l)$ where *l* is ((a b) (c d) (e f)) How do we describe a typical element for As the car of an element of l—(car (car l)). $(firsts \ l)$ See chapter 1. cons it onto the recursion—(firsts (cdr l)). When we find a typical element of (firsts l) what do we do with it?

The Third Commandment

When building a list, describe the first typical element, and then cons it onto the natural recursion.

With The Third Commandment, we can now fill in more of the function firstsWhat does the last line look like now?

(else $(cons \ (car \ (car \ l))) \ (firsts \ (cdr \ l)))$).

typical natural element recursion

Nothing yet. We are still missing one What does $(firsts \ l)$ do important ingredient in our recipe. The first line $((null? l) \dots)$ needs a value for the case (define firsts (lambda (l)where l is the null list. We can, however, proceed without it for now. (cond $((null? l) \ldots)$ (else (cons (car (car l)) $(firsts\ (cdr\ l)))))))$ where l is ((a b) (c d) (e f)) (null? l) where l is ((a b) (c d) (e f))No, so move to the next line. What is the meaning of It saves (car (car l)) to cons onto (firsts $(cdr \ l)$). To find (firsts $(cdr \ l)$), we $(cons\ (car\ (car\ l))$ (firsts (cdr l)))refer to the function with the new argument $(cdr \ l).$ No, so move to the next line. (null? l) where l is ((c d) (e f))What is the meaning of Save $(car\ (car\ l))$, and recur with (firsts (cdr l)). $(cons\ (car\ (car\ l))$ (firsts (cdr l))(null? l) where l is ((e f)) No, so move to the next line. What is the meaning of Save $(car\ (car\ l))$, and recur with (firsts (cdr l)). $(cons\ (car\ (car\ l))$ $(firsts\ (cdr\ l)))$ Yes. (null? l)Now, what is the value of the line There is no value; something is missing.

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 $((null? l) \ldots)$

What do we need to cons atoms onto?	A list. Remember The Law of Cons.
For the purpose of $consing$, what value can we give when $(null? l)$ is true?	Since the final value must be a list, we cannot use #t or #f. Let's try (quote ()).
With () as a value, we now have three conssteps to go back and pick up. We need to:	(a c e).
I. either	
1. $cons$ e onto ()	
2. cons c onto the value of 1	
3. cons a onto the value of 2	
II. or	
1. cons a onto the value of 2	
2. cons c onto the value of 3	
3. $cons$ e onto ()	
III. or	
cons a onto	
the cons of c onto	
the <i>cons</i> of e onto	
()	
In any case, what is the value of $(firsts \ l)$	
With which of the three alternatives do you feel most comfortable?	Correct! Now you should use that one.
What is (insertR new old lat)	(ice cream with fudge topping for dessert).
where	
new is topping	
old is fudge	
and	
lat is (ice cream with fudge for dessert)	
(insertR new old lat)	(tacos tamales and jalapeño salsa).
where	
new is jalapeño	
old is and	
and	
$lat ext{ is (tacos tamales and salsa)}$	

(insertR new old lat) where new is e old is d and lat is (a b c d f g d h)	(a b c d e f g d h).
In your own words, what does (insertR new old lat) do?	In our words: "It takes three arguments: the atoms new and old, and a lat. The function insertR builds a lat with new inserted to the right of the first occurrence of old."
See if you can write the first three lines of the function <i>insertR</i>	(define insertR (lambda (new old lat) (cond)))
Which argument changes when we recur with $insertR$	lat, because we can only look at one of its atoms at a time.
How many questions can we ask about the lat?	Two. A lat is either the null list or a non-empty list of atoms.
Which questions do we ask?	First, we ask (null? lat). Second, we ask else, because else is always the last question
What do we know if (null? lat) is not true?	We know that <i>lat</i> has at least one element.
Which questions do we ask about the first element?	First, we ask $(eq^{\varrho} (car \ lat) \ old)$. Then we ask else , because there are no other interesting cases.

Now see if you can write the whole function insertR

Here is our first attempt.

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What is the value of the application
(insertR new old lat)
that we just determined
where
new is topping
old is fudge
and
lat is (ice cream with fudge for dessert)
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(ice cream with for dessert).

So far this is the same as rember What do we do in insertR when $(eq^{?}(car\ lat)\ old)$ is true?

When (car lat) is the same as old, we want to insert new to the right.

How is this done?

Let's try consing new onto (cdr lat).

Now we have

Yes.

So what is (insertR new old lat) now where new is topping old is fudge and lat is (ice cream with fudge for dessert)	(ice cream with topping for dessert).
Is this the list we wanted?	No, we have only replaced fudge with topping.
What still needs to be done?	Somehow we need to include the atom that is the same as old before the atom new.
How can we include old before new	Try consing old onto (cons new (cdr lat)).
Now let's write the rest of the function insertR	(define insertR (lambda (new old lat) (cond ((null? lat) (quote ())) (else (cond ((eq? (car lat) old) (cons old (cons new (cdr lat)))) (else (cons (car lat) (insertR new old (cdr lat))))))))) When new is topping, old is fudge, and lat is (ice cream with fudge for dessert), the value of the application, (insertR new old lat), is (ice cream with fudge topping for dessert). If you got this right, have one.

Now try insertL

Hint: insertL inserts the atom new to the left of the first occurrence of the atom old in lat

This much is easy, right?

Did you think of a different way to do it?

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For example,

((eq? (car lat) old)
(cons new (cons old (cdr lat))))

could have been
((eq? (car lat) old)
(cons new lat))

since (cons old (cdr lat)) where old is eq? to
(car lat) is the same as lat.
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Now try subst

Hint: (subst new old lat) replaces the first occurrence of old in the lat with new
For example,
where
new is topping
old is fudge
and
lat is (ice cream with fudge for dessert)
the value is
(ice cream with topping for dessert)

Now you have the idea.

Obviously,

This is the same as one of our incorrect attempts at *insertR*.

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Now try subst2
  Hint:
    (subst2 new o1 o2 lat)
  replaces either the first occurrence of o1 or
  the first occurrence of o2 by new
  For example,
  where
    new is vanilla
    o1 is chocolate
    o2 is banana
  and
    lat is (banana ice cream
           with chocolate topping)
  the value is
    (vanilla ice cream
     with chocolate topping)
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Did you think of a better way?

Replace the two eq? lines about the (car lat) by

((or (eq? (car lat) o1) (eq? (car lat) o2))
(cons new (cdr lat))).

If you got the last function, go and repeat the cake-consing.

Do you recall what rember does?

The function rember looks at each atom of a lat to see if it is the same as the atom a. If it is not, rember saves the atom and proceeds. When it finds the first occurrence of a, it stops and gives the value (cdr lat), or the rest of the lat, so that the value returned is the original lat, with only that occurrence of a removed.

Write the function *multirember* which gives as its final value the lat with all occurrences of *a* removed.

Hint: What do we want as the value when $(eq? (car \ lat) \ a)$ is true?

Consider the example where a is cup and lat is (coffee cup tea cup and hick cup)

After the first occurrence of a, we now recur with (multirember a (cdr lat)), in order to remove the other occurrences.

The value of the application is (coffee tea and hick).

Can you see how *multirember* works? Possibly not, so we will go through the steps necessary to arrive at the value (coffee tea and hick). (null? lat) No, so move to the next line. else Yes. (eq? (car lat) a)No, so move to the next line. What is the meaning of Save (car lat)—coffee—to be consed onto the value of (multirember a (cdr lat)) later. (cons (car lat) Now determine (multirember a (multirember a (cdr lat)). $(cdr \ lat)))$ (null? lat) No, so move to the next line.

else	Naturally.
(eq? (car lat) a)	Yes, so forget (car lat), and determine (multirember a (cdr lat)).
(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line.
else	Yes!
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line.
What is the meaning of (cons (car lat) (multirember a (cdr lat)))	Save (car lat)—tea—to be consed onto the value of (multirember a (cdr lat)) later. Now determine (multirember a (cdr lat)).
(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line.
else	Okay, move on.
(eq? (car lat) a)	Yes, so forget (car lat), and determine (multirember a (cdr lat)).
(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line.
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line.
What is the meaning of (cons (car lat) (multirember a (cdr lat)))	Save (car lat)—and—to be consed onto the value of (multirember a (cdr lat)) later. Now determine (multirember a (cdr lat)).

(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line.
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line.
What is the meaning of (cons (car lat) (multirember a (cdr lat)))	Save (car lat)—hick—to be consed onto the value of (multirember a (cdr lat)) later. Now determine (multirember a (cdr lat)).
(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line.
(eq? (car lat) a)	Yes, so forget $(car \ lat)$, and determine $(multirember \ a \ (cdr \ lat))$.
(null? lat)	Yes, so the value is ().
Are we finished?	No, we still have several <i>conses</i> to pick up.
What do we do next?	We cons the most recent (car lat) we have—hick—onto ().
What do we do next?	We cons and onto (hick).
What do we do next?	We cons tea onto (and hick).
What do we do next?	We $cons$ coffee onto (tea and hick).
Are we finished now?	Yes.

Now write the function multiinsertR

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(define multiinsertR
(lambda (new old lat)
(cond
(______)
(else
(cond
(______)
(_____))))))
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It would also be correct to use old in place of (car lat) because we know that (eq? (car lat) old).

Is this function defined correctly?

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(define multiinsertL
(lambda (new old lat)
(cond
((null? lat) (quote ()))
(else
(cond
((eq? (car lat) old)
(cons new
(cons old
(multiinsertL new old
lat))))
(else (cons (car lat)
(multiinsertL new old
(cdr lat))))))))
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Not quite. To find out why, go through (multiinsertL new old lat)
where
new is fried
old is fish
and
lat is (chips and fish or fish and fried).

Was the terminal condition ever reached?

No, because we never get past the first occurrence of old.

Now, try to write the function *multiinsertL* again:

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(define multiinsertL
(lambda (new old lat)
(cond
(______)
(else
(cond
(______))
(_____))))))
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(define multiinsertL
(lambda (new old lat)
(cond
((null? lat) (quote ()))
(else
(cond
((eq? (car lat) old)
(cons new
(cons old
(multiinsertL new old
(cdr lat)))))
(else (cons (car lat)
(multiinsertL new old
(cdr lat)))))
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The Fourth Commandment

(preliminary)

Always change at least one argument while recurring. It must be changed to be closer to termination. The changing argument must be tested in the termination condition: when using cdr, test termination with null?.

Now write the function multisubst