

# Racket and FP

Break up into pairs: find someone  
that has Dr. Racket

(Yes, you have to participate..)

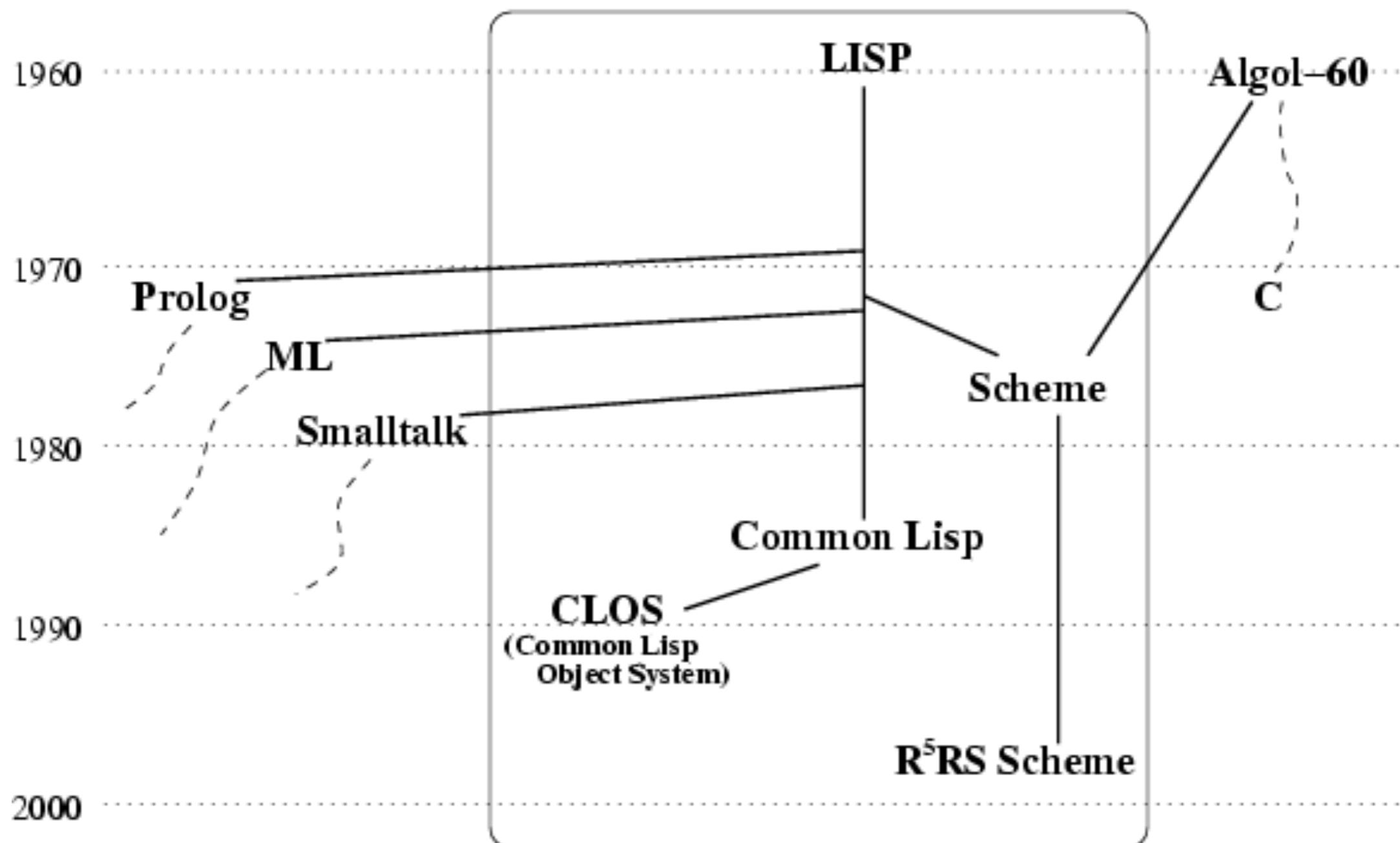
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Kris talks about failure

# Racket

- Dynamically typed: variables are untyped, values typed
- Functional: Racket emphasizes functional style
  - Immutability—Requires automatic memory management
- Imperative: Racket allows values to be strongly-updated, and is thus “impure” as functional languages go
  - Often discouraged
- Language-Oriented: Racket is really a language **toolkit**

A brief tour of history...



We wanted a language that allowed **symbolic manipulation**

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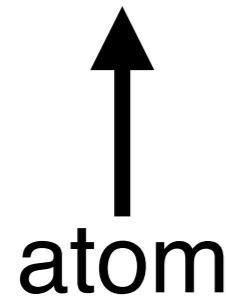
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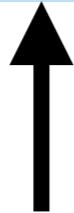
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S-expression

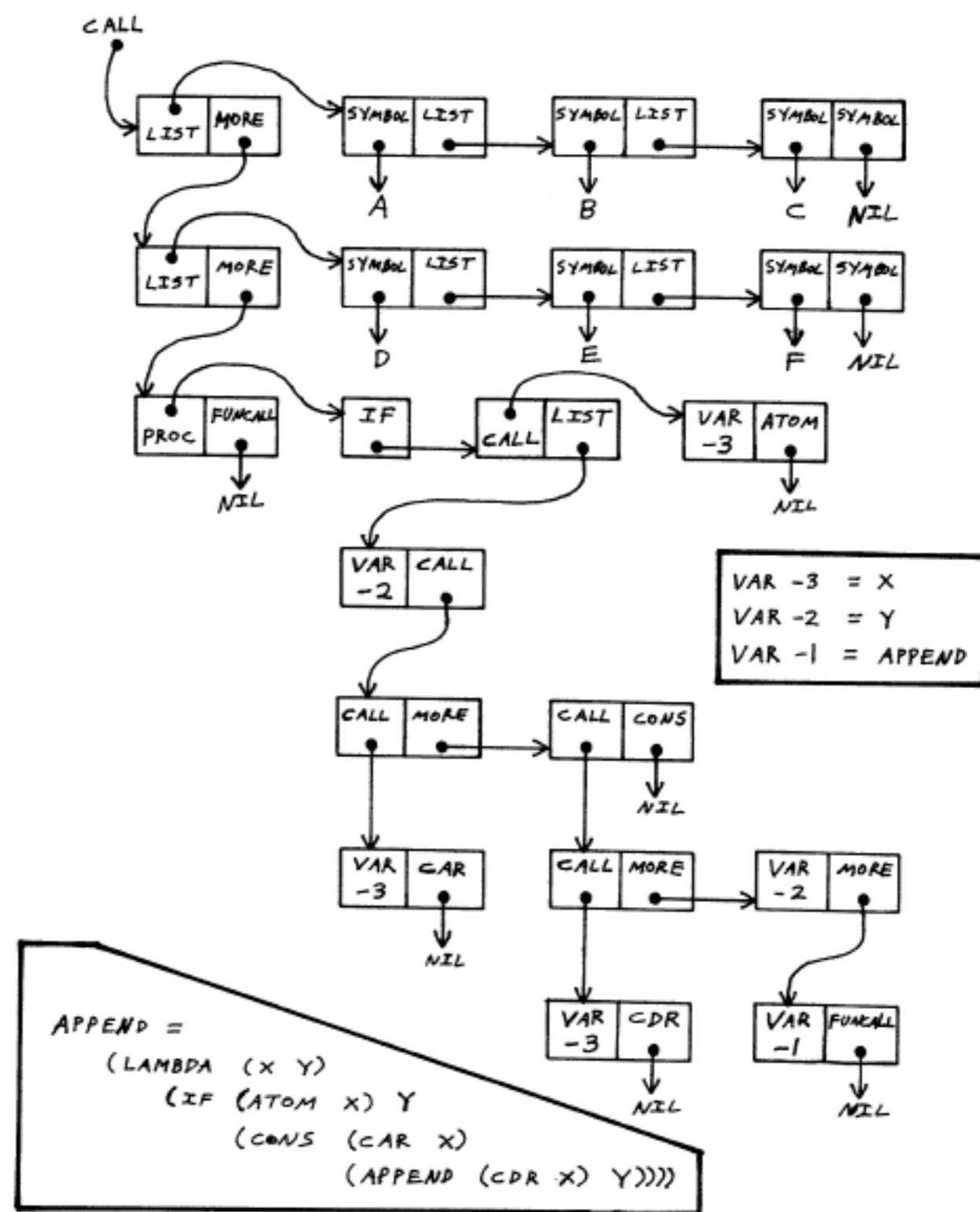
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also an S-expression

SIMPLE EXPRESSION FOR  
(APPEND '(A B C) '(D E F))





**The First No-Compromise  
LISP Machine**



LMI  **LAMBDA**



So how do we write programs in this?

Calls function with arguments  $\text{arg}_0$ ,  $\text{arg}_1$ , etc...

(function  $\text{arg}_0$   $\text{arg}_1$  ...)

**No infix operators! Everything is like this..**

Two examples with + and -

Quiz problems: + and -

Calculate  $(1 + (2 - 3)) - 4$

Introduce if, and, or

(if #t 1 2)

(if (equal? 2 3) 1 2)

(if (< 3 4) 1 2)

(if (and (or #t) #t) 1 2)

Notice: there is no “return” value

In functional programming, **every single expression** implicitly returns its resulting value

(and #t #f)

(or #t ...)

Always true, even if ... doesn't terminate!

```
(define (factorial x)
  (if (equal? x 0)
      1
      (* (factorial (- x 1)) x)))
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- Everything in parenthesis
- Prefix notation
- No variable assignment
- Recursion instead of loops
- No types
- No return

# Quiz

- Compute the factorial of 5
- Compute the factorial of 20
- Compute the factorial of 20000

# Quiz

- Define the fibonacci function:
  - Use if, equal?, -
- $\text{fib}(0) = 1$
- $\text{fib}(1) = 1$
- $\text{fib}(n) = \text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2)$

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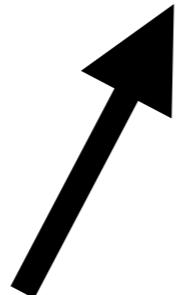
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Any number of conditional “clauses”

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Potentially an “else” clause

## Introduce cond

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(cond  
  ([= x 1] 1)  
  ([= x 2] 2)  
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```

`cond` checks each clause and executes the body  
of the first one that matches

If you get stuck, use the debugger...!

Racket is *dynamically typed*

```
> (length 2)
(length 2)
X X length: contract violation
expected: list?
given: 2
> |
```

```
(define (fib-again x)
  (cond
    [(< x 0) (raise ‘lessthanzero)]
    [(eq? 0 x) 1]
    [(eq? 1 x) 1]
    [else 0]))
```

# Define max

- cond
- <
- >
- equal?

Most Racket data is based on **lists**

‘(1 2 3)

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(first ‘(1 2 3)) → 1

(rest ‘(1 2 3)) → ‘(2 3)

(rest ‘(3)) → ‘()

Can use **empty?** to check

(empty? ‘())

(empty? ‘(1 2))

Pronounced “empty-huh?”

# Define max-of-list

- empty?
- first
- rest
- length?

Can create local variables with **let**

```
(let ([x 2]
      [y 3])
  (+ x y))
```

“Let x be 2 and y be 3 inside the expression...”

# Quiz

Define (distance x1 y1 x2 y2)

Use `sqrt`

Use `let` at least once

You can create **anonymous** functions with lambda

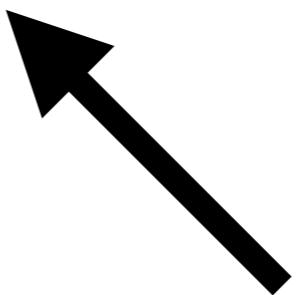
(lambda (x) (- x))

(lambda (str) (string-ref str 0))

((lambda (x) (\* x x) 3)

(define f (lambda (x) (\* 2 x))) (f 3)

```
(let ([x 1])  
    (+ x 1))
```



Rewrite this in terms of lambda!

Transform..

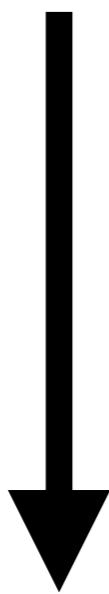
(let ([x 1])  
 (+ x 1))  ((lambda (x)  
 (+ x 1)) 1)

Let is  $\lambda$

```
(let* ([x 1]
       [y (+ x 1)])
  (list y x))
```

Lots of other things are  $\lambda$  too...

(define (f x) x)



shorthand for...

(define f (lambda (x) x))

```
(define (f x) x)
```



```
(define (f x y) x)
```



...

```
(define f (lambda (x) x))
```

```
(define f (lambda (x y) x))
```

Here's what most confused me...

```
> (lambda x x)
#<procedure>
> (lambda (x) x)
#<procedure>
> (lambda (x) x) 1
#<procedure>
1
> ((lambda (x) x) 1)
1
> ((lambda x x) 1)
'(1)
> |
```

# Define hyphenate

```
> (hyphenate '("Kristopher" "Kyle" "Micinski"))
"Kristopher–Kyle–Micinski"
> |
```

(Use string-append)

Using higher order functions...

If you give me a function, I can use it

```
(define twice
  (lambda (f)
    (lambda (x)
      (f (f x)))))
```

Challenge: figure out how I would use twice to add 2 to 2

Use Racket's add1 function

```
(add1 (add1 2))
```

All the forms we covered today:  
Define, let, lambda, cond, if

# Data Structures via Lists

LISP IS OVER HALF A CENTURY OLD AND IT STILL HAS THIS PERFECT, TIMELESS AIR ABOUT IT.



I WONDER IF THE CYCLES WILL CONTINUE FOREVER.

A FEW CODERS FROM EACH NEW GENERATION RE-DISCOVERING THE LISP ARTS.



THESE ARE YOUR FATHER'S PARENTHESES

ELEGANT WEAPONS  
FOR A MORE... CIVILIZED AGE.



In today's class, we're going to build all data  
from three things...

# The first is **atoms**

These are the *primitive things* in the language

‘symbol

1

These are like “int” and “char” in C++

The second is the **empty** list

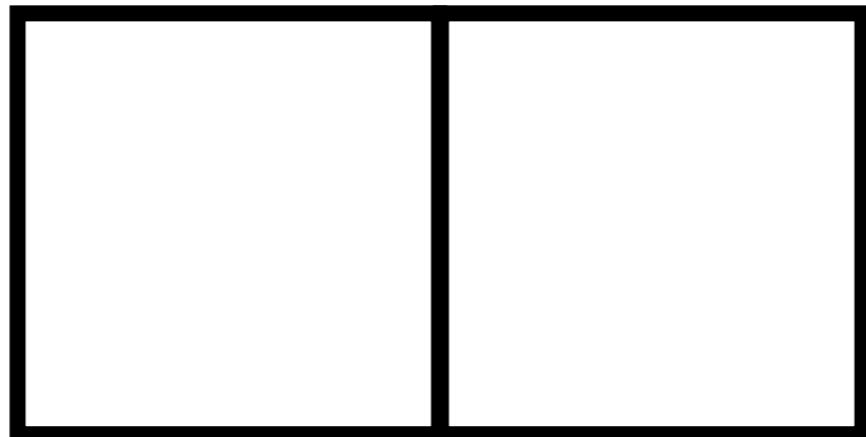
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The last is **cons**

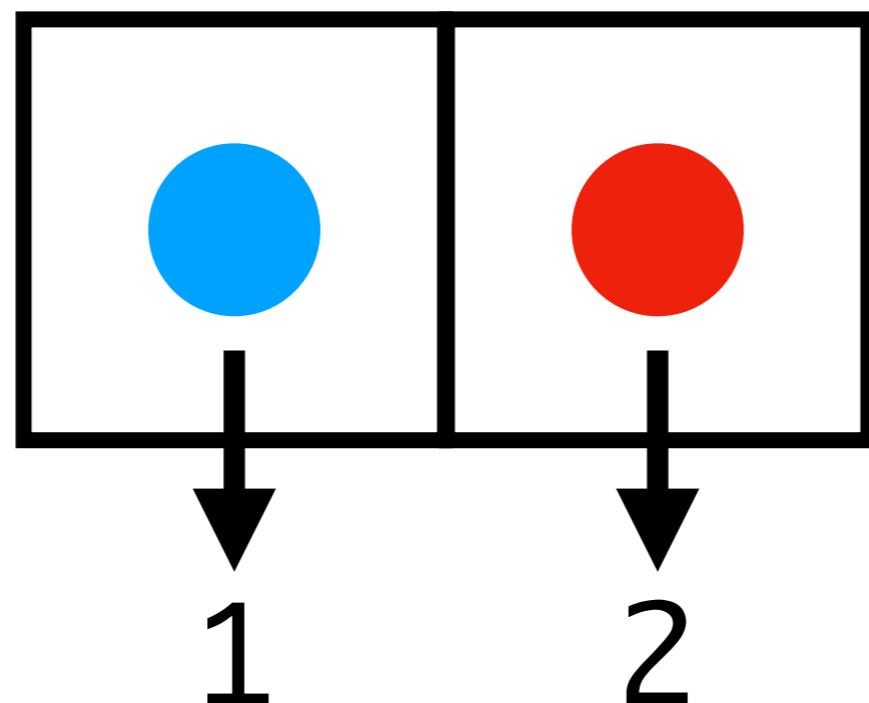
**Cons** is a function that takes two values and makes a pair



That pair is represented as a **cons cell**

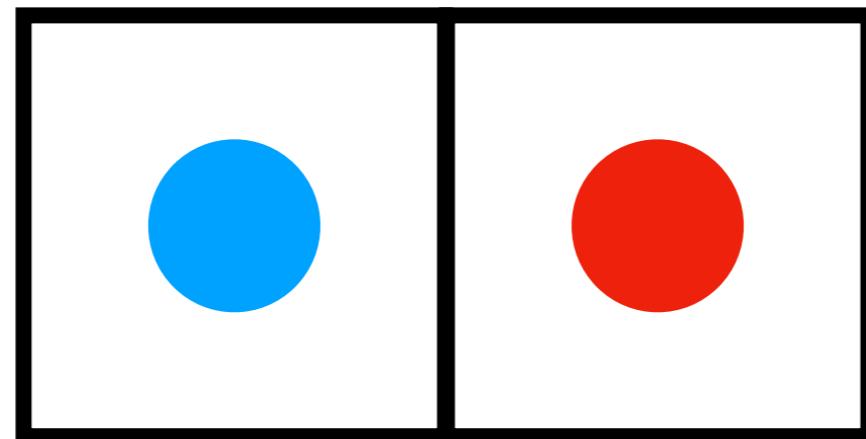


(cons 1 2)

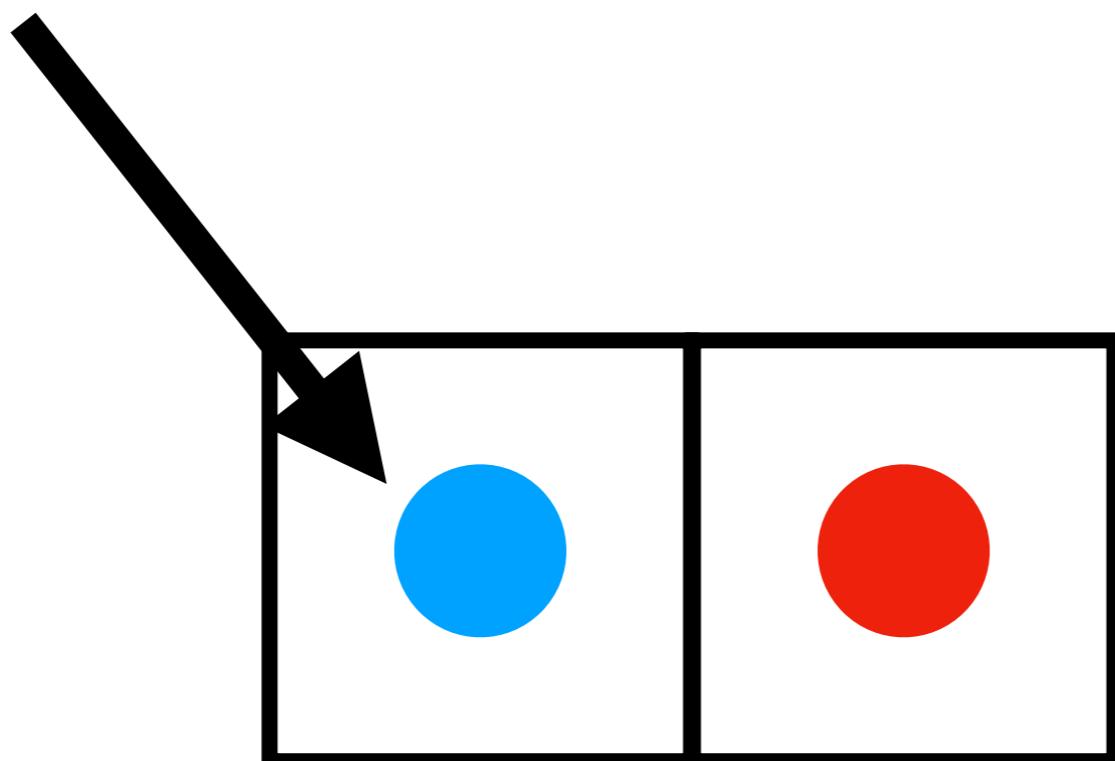


**cons** is the the natural  
**constructor** of the language

I use two strange words to refer to the elements of this cons cell

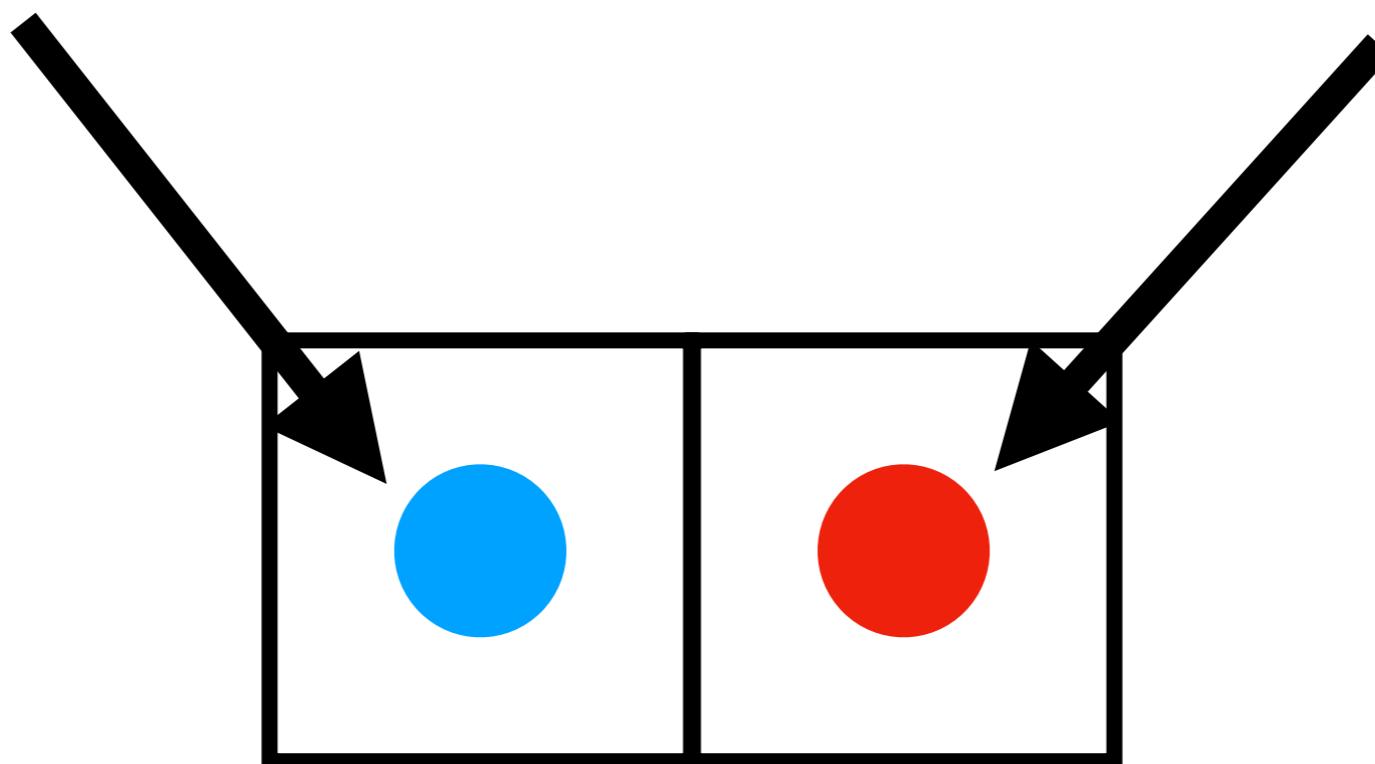


“car”



“car”

“cdr”



Because car and cdr break apart what I build with  
cons, I call them my **destructors**

And that's all

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Atoms                  ‘sym 23 #\c

Empty list                  ‘()

cons                  (cons ‘sym 23)

car/cdr                  (car (cons ‘sym 23))

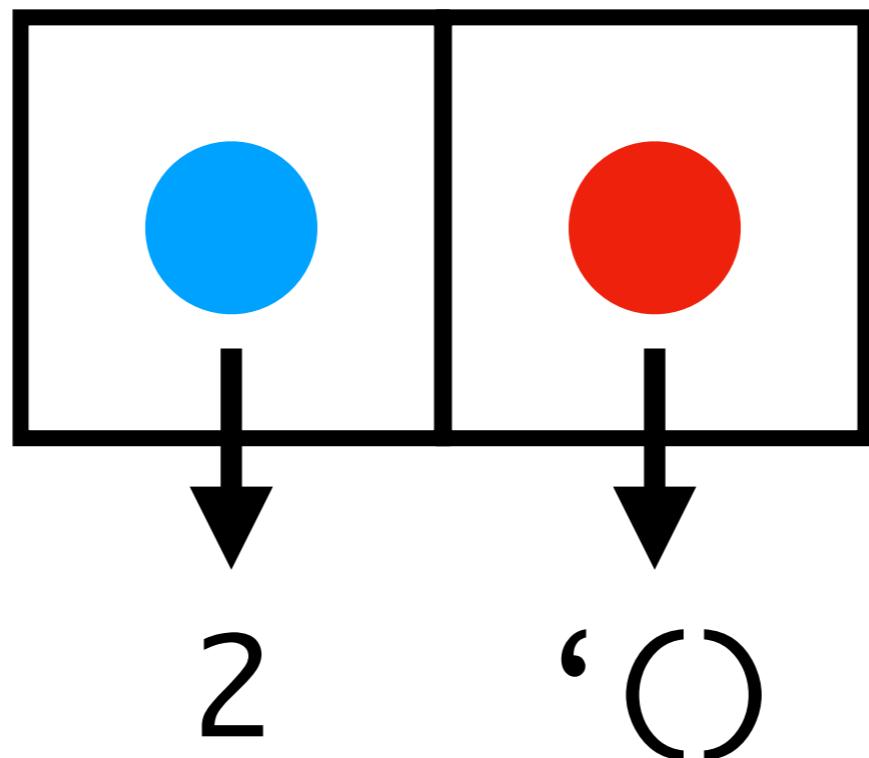
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(And everything else in the world, but we'll  
get back to that...)

If I want to make the list containing 2 I do this

(cons 2 '())



When I do this, Racket prints it out as a list

‘(2)

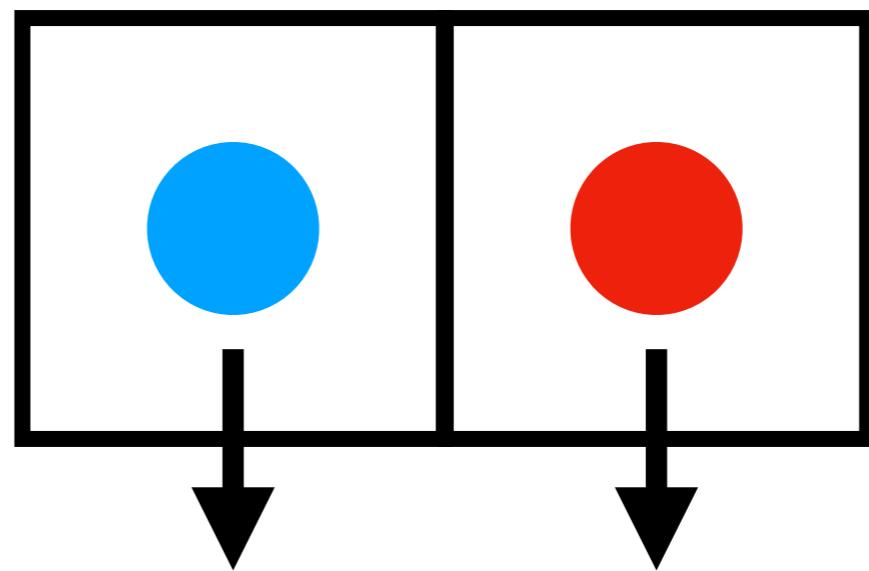
The way to read this is

“The list containing 2, followed by the empty list.”

**Just as I can build lists of a single element, I can build larger lists from smaller lists...**

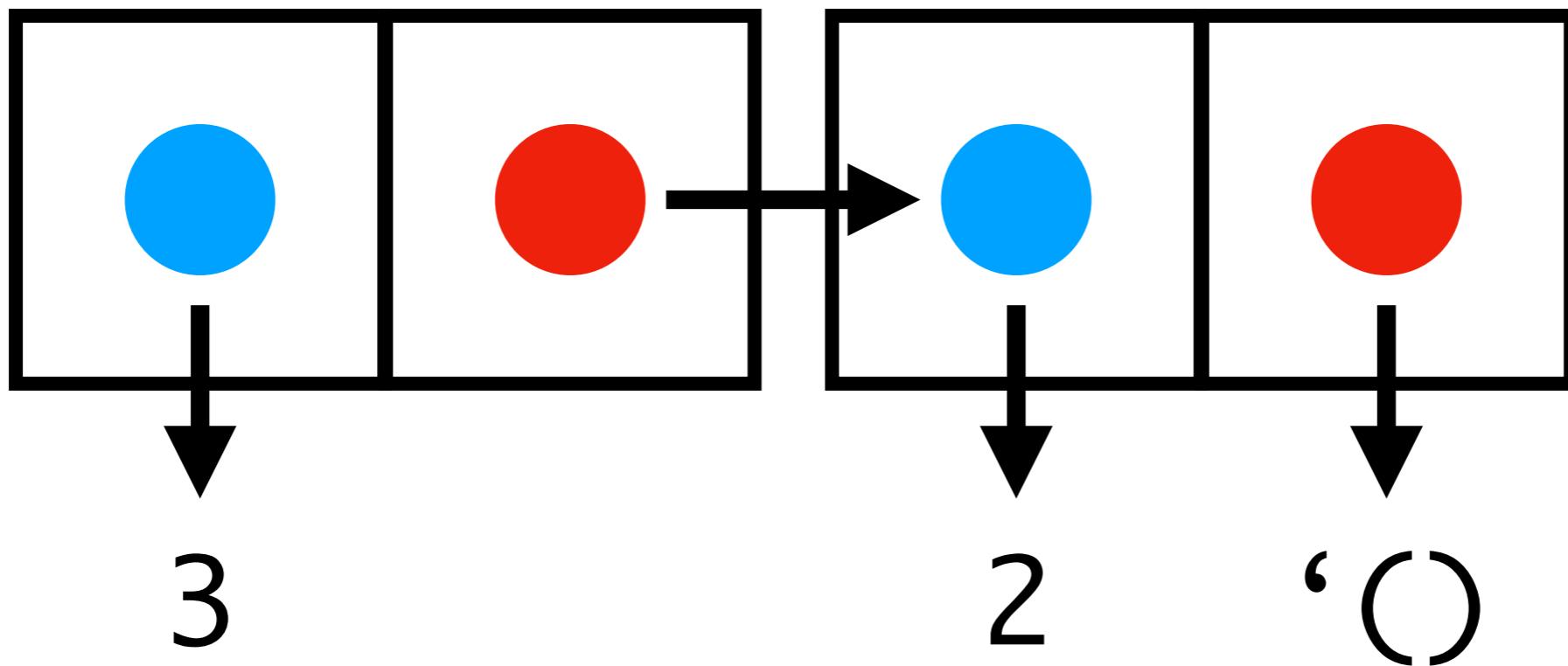
**And I do that by stuffing lists inside other lists...**

(cons 2 '())



2      '()

(cons 3 (cons 2 '○))



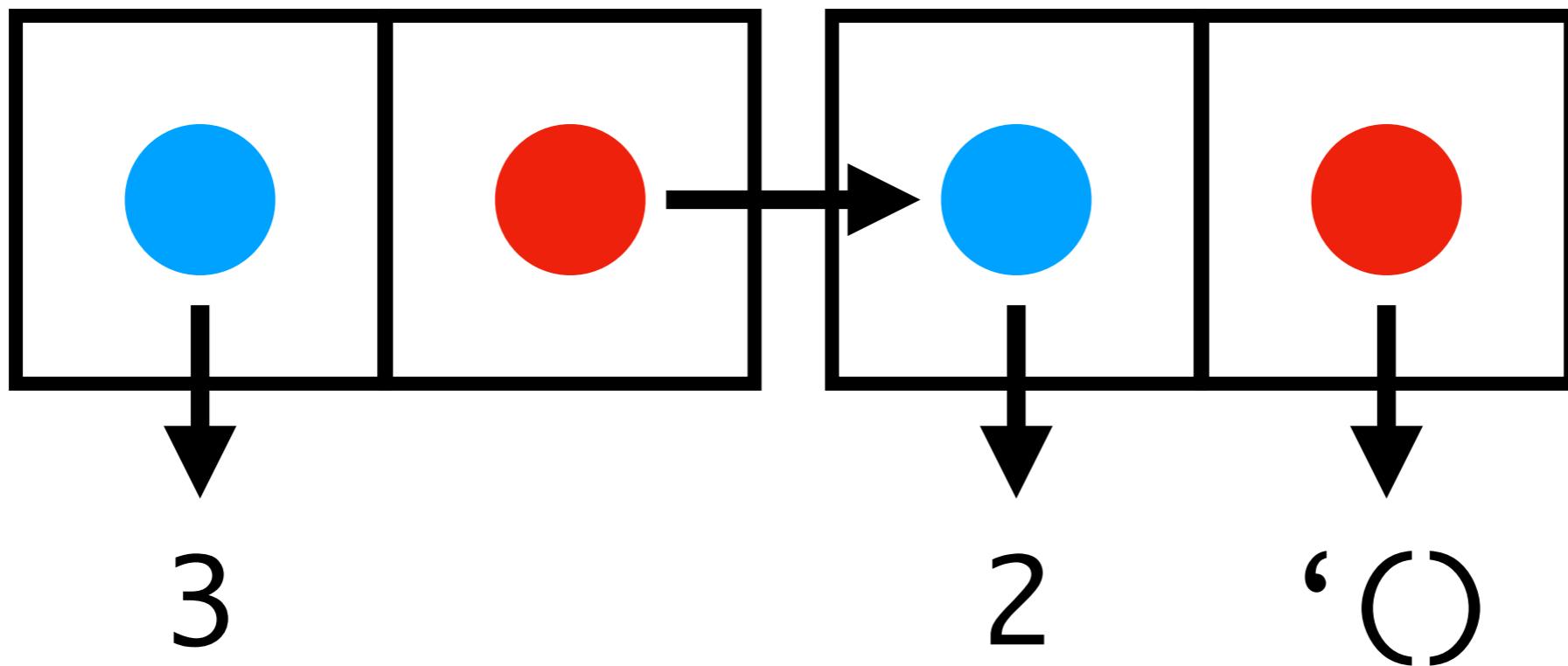
**Racket will print this out as**

‘(3 2)

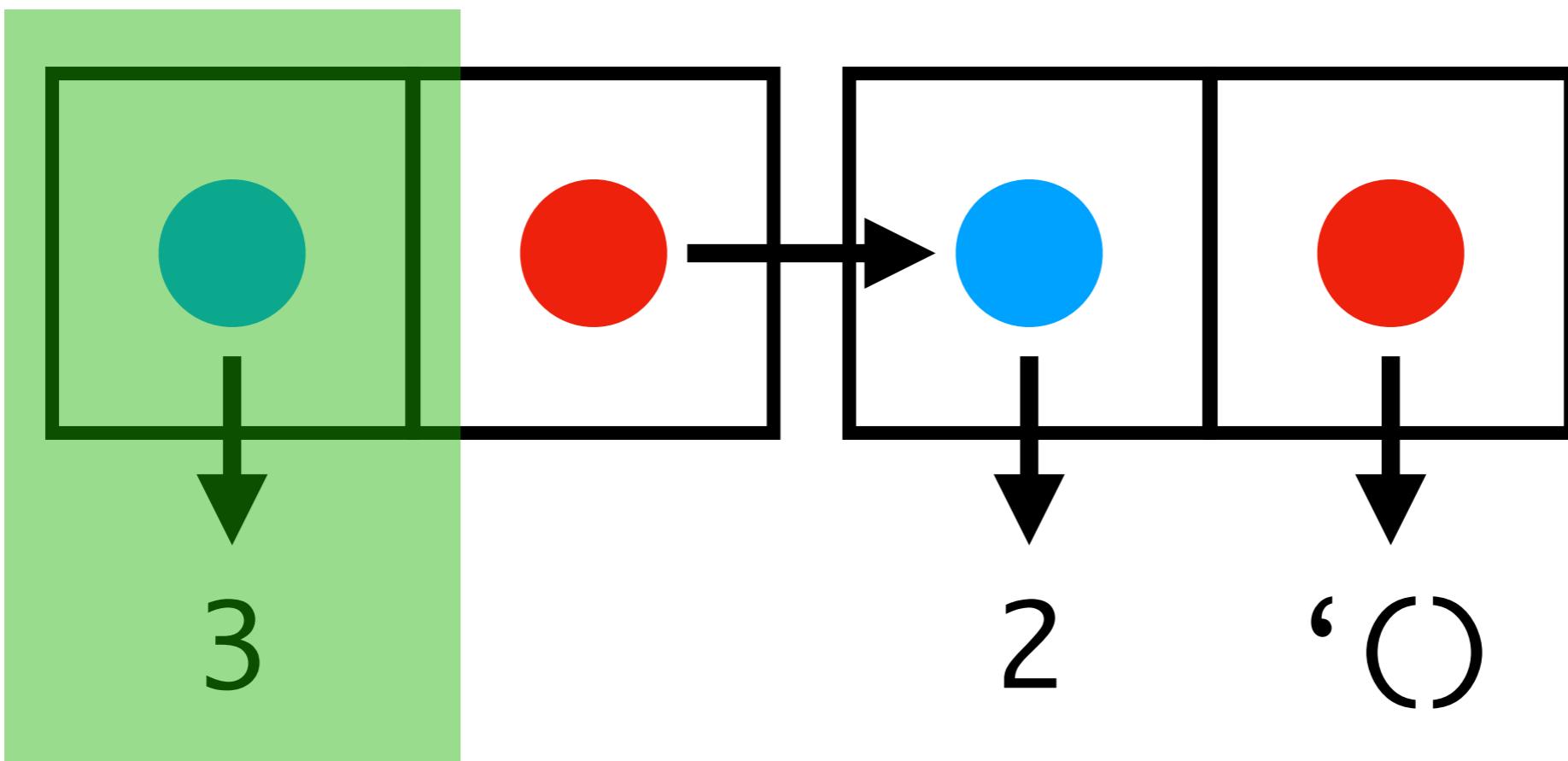
**Of course, I probably need at least numbers  
as primitives right?**

To get the head of a list, I use `car`

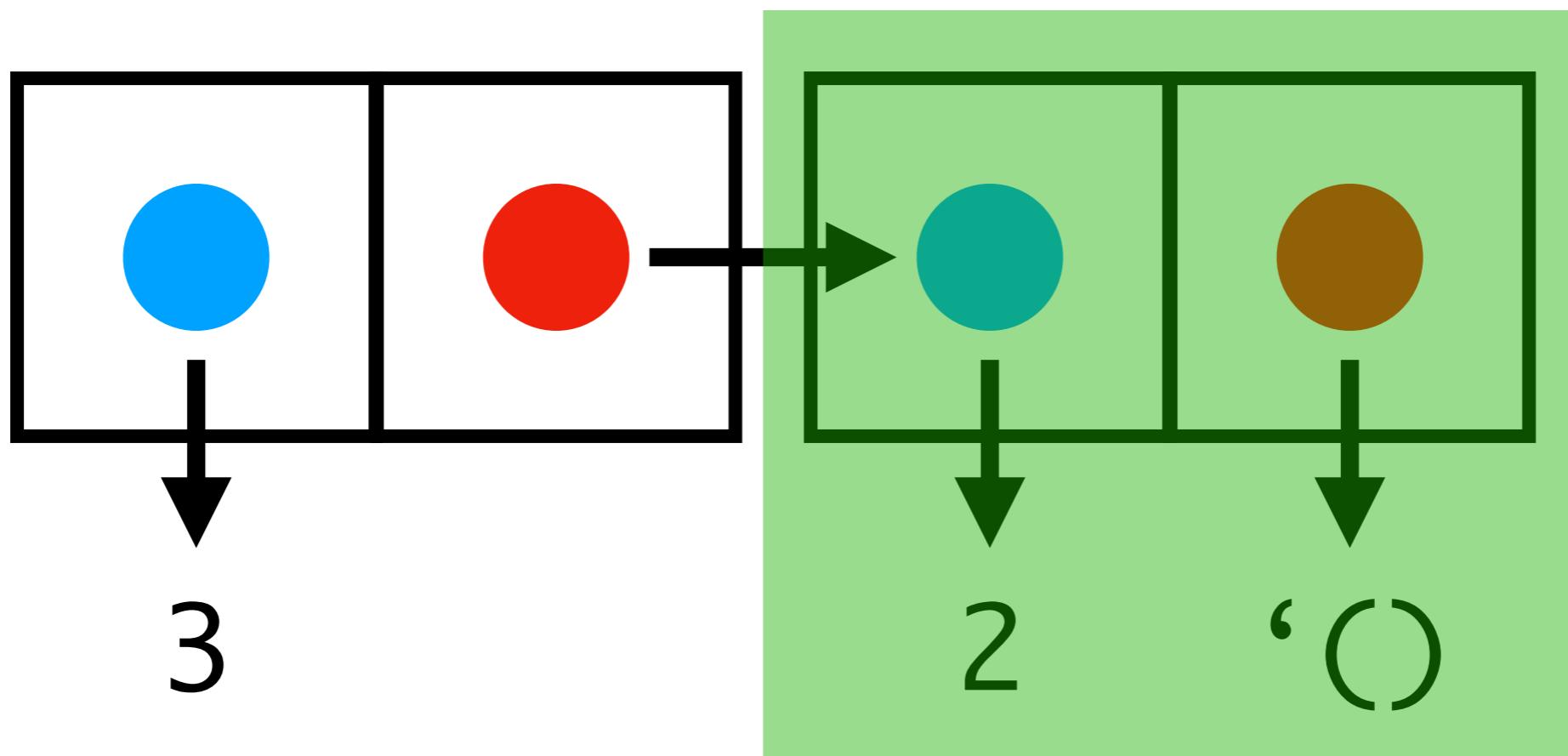
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```
(car  
(cons 3 (cons 2 '())))
```

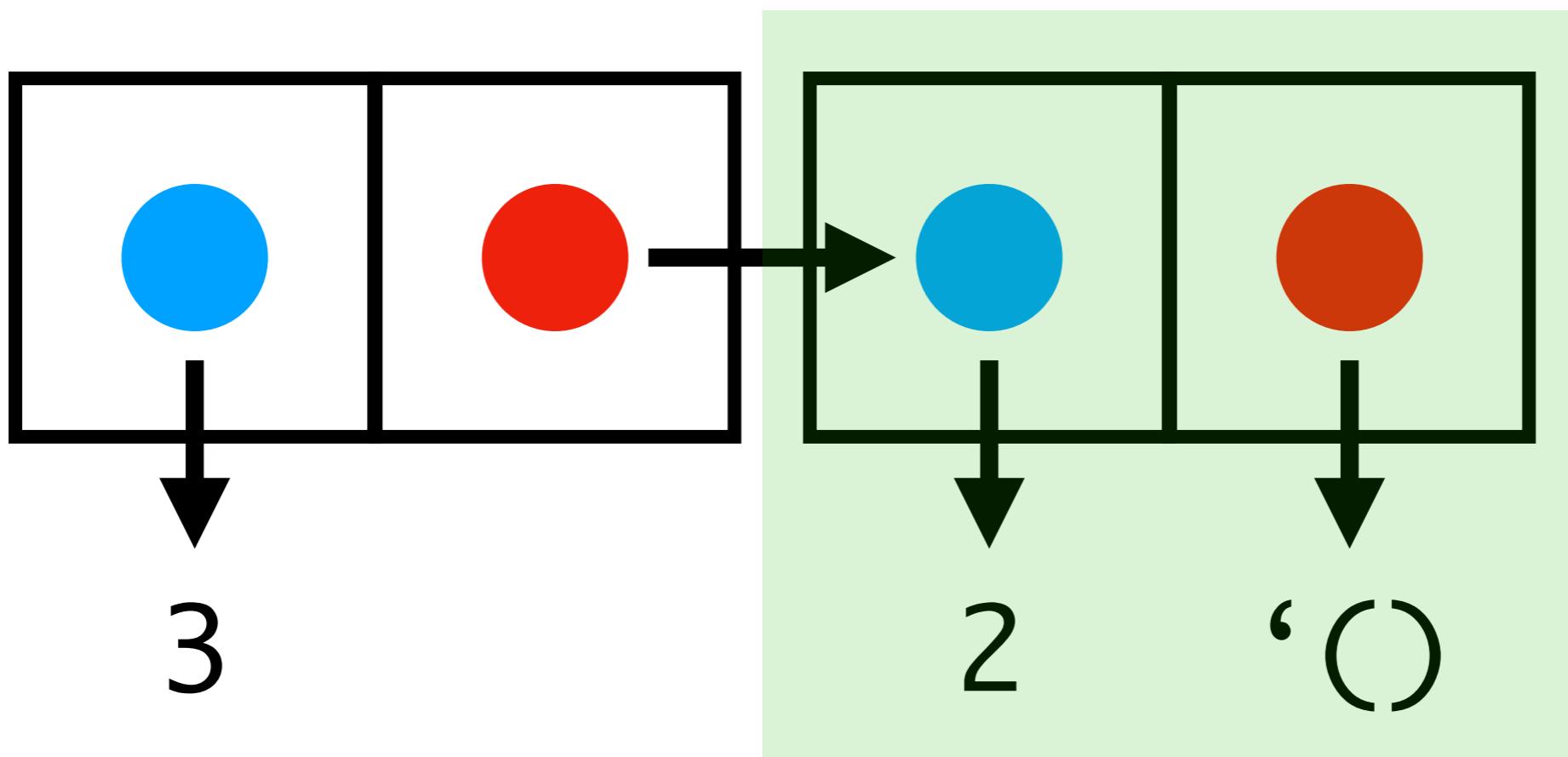


(cdr  
(cons 3 (cons 2 '())))



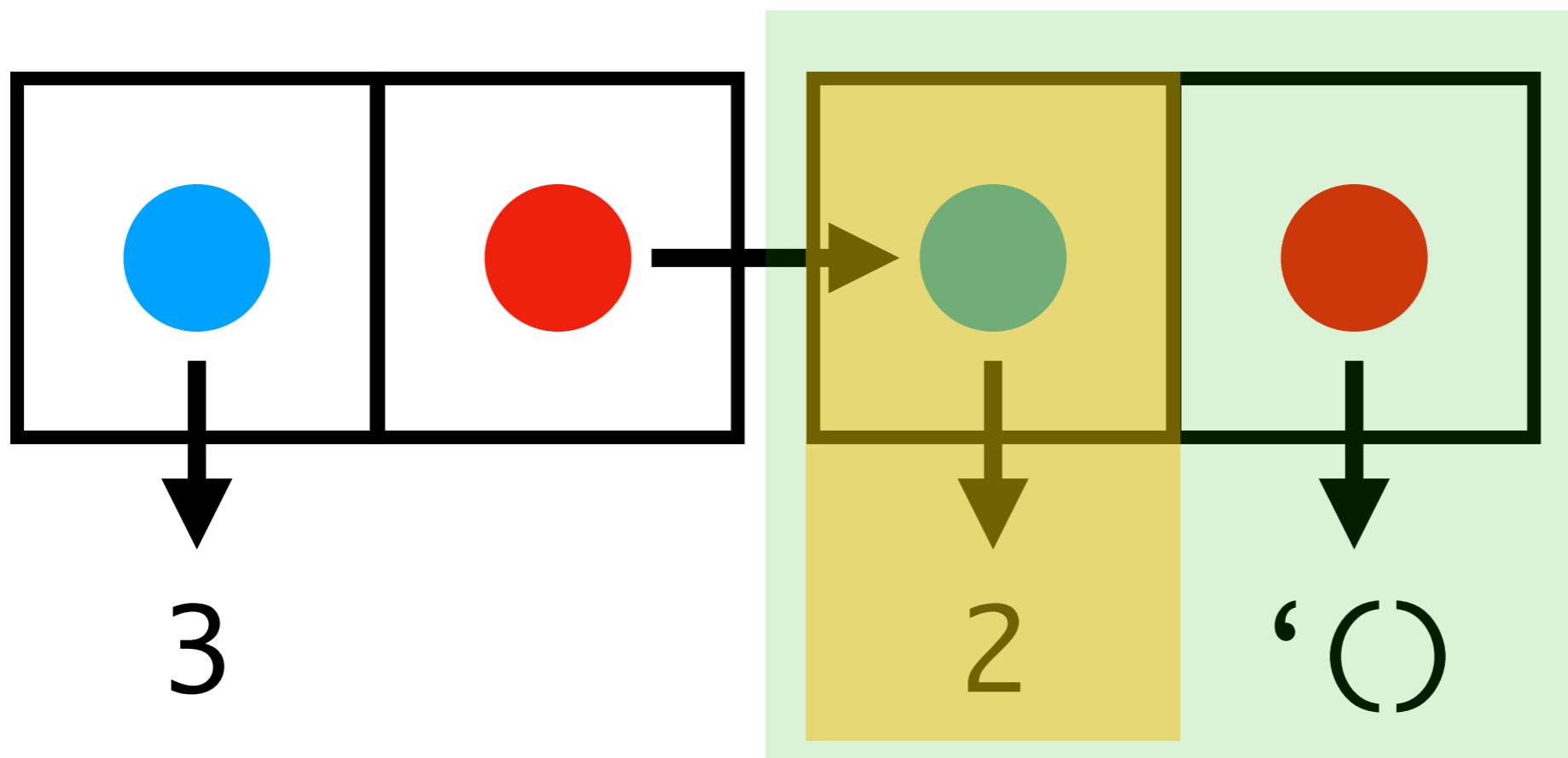
**So now how would I get the second element?**

(cdr  
(cons 3 (cons 2 '())))



(car  
(cdr

(cons 3 (cons 2 '()))))



# Racket abbreviates

(cons 1 (cons 2 (cons... (cons n '())...)))

as...

'(1 2 ... n)

If I wanted to write out lists, I could do so using

(cons 1 (cons 2 ...))

**How do I get the nth element of a list?**

```
(define (nth list n)
  (if (= 0 n)
      (car list)
      (nth (cdr list) (- n 1))))
```

Now, write (map f l)

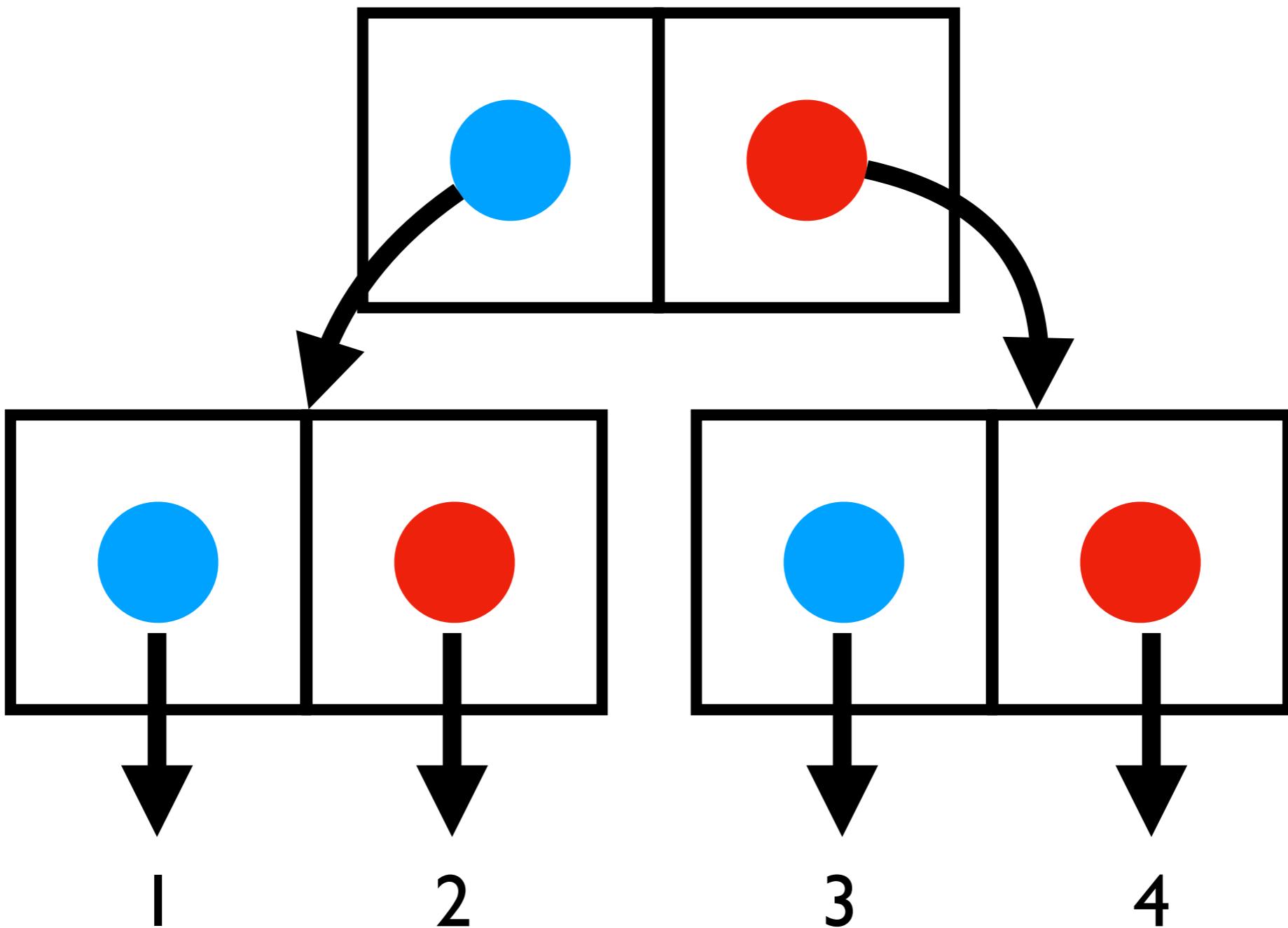
Writing lists would get quite laborious

Instead, I can use the primitive function **list**

(list 1 2 ‘serpico)

‘(1 2 serpico)

Oh, and actually I can use this to represent trees too



**How would I build this?**

```
(define empty-tree 'empty-tree)
```

```
(define (make-leaf num) num)
```

```
(define (make-tree left right)
         (cons left right))
```

You define (left-subtree tree)

```
(define (least-element tree)
  (if (number? tree)
      tree
      (least-element (left-subtree tree))))
```

**But surely I need things like numbers right?**

It turns out, you could build those using just  
**cons, car, cdr, if, =, and ‘()**

Define the number n as ...

'()

'(())

'(()) ()

...

```
(define (weird-plus i j)
  (if (equal? i '())
      j
      (weird-plus (cdr i)
                  (cons '() j)))))
```

(weird-plus '(O O) '(O O))

'(O O O O)

It turns out, if I'm clever, we can even get rid of  
**if** and **equal**

(Though we shall not do so here..)

I can build my own datatypes in this manner

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(define (get-real complex)
  (car complex))
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(define (get-imag complex)
  (cdr complex))
```

Now, define (add-complex c1 c2)

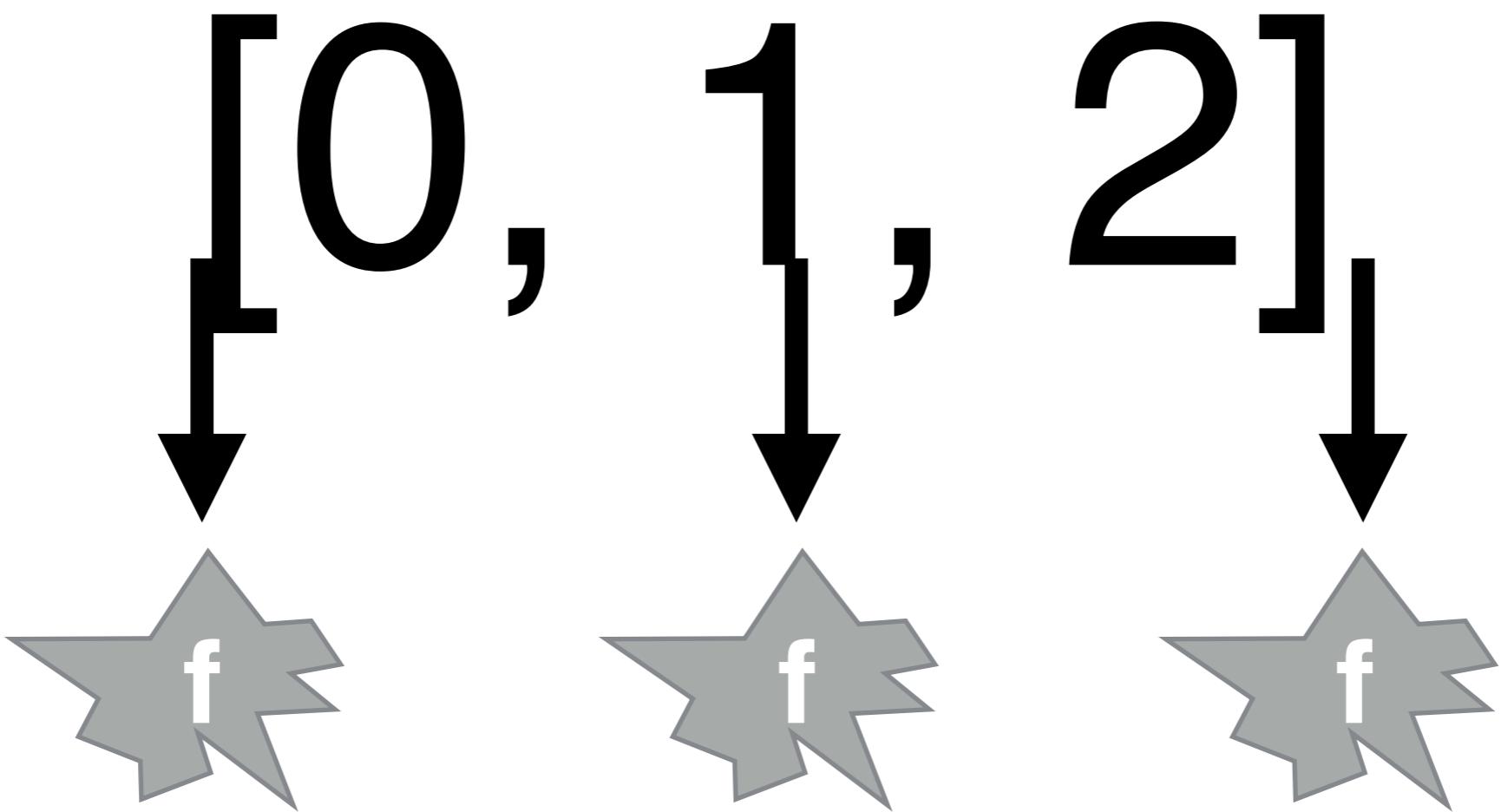
Next, define (make-cartesian x y)

And the associated helper functions

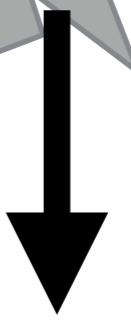
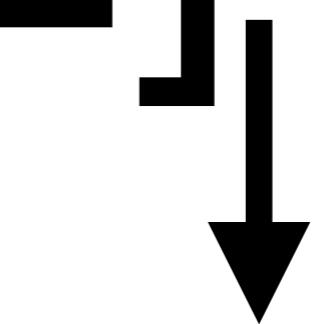
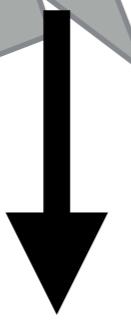
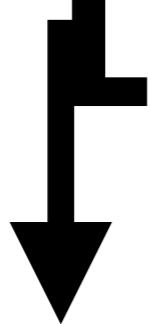
```
> (map (lambda (str) (string-ref str 0)) '("ha" "ha"))
'(#\h #\h)
```

(map f l) takes a function f and applies f to each element of l

[0, 1, 2]



[0, 1, 2]



[0, -1, -2]

Next class we will talk about...

**struct**

**match**

**I/O**

# Intermediate Racket Programming

# Tail Recursion

Tail recursion is the way you make recursion fast  
in functional languages

Anytime I'm going to recurse more than 10k  
times, I use tail recursion

(I also do it because it's a fun mental exercise)

# Tail Recursion

A function is *tail recursive* if **all** recursive calls  
are in *tail position*

A call is in tail position if it is the last thing to  
happen in a function

The following is **not** tail recursive

```
(define (factorial x)
  (if (equal? x 0)
      1
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Swap. Explain to the person next to you why this is

**This isn't merely trivia!**

```
(define (factorial x acc)
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; .. Later
(factorial 2 1)
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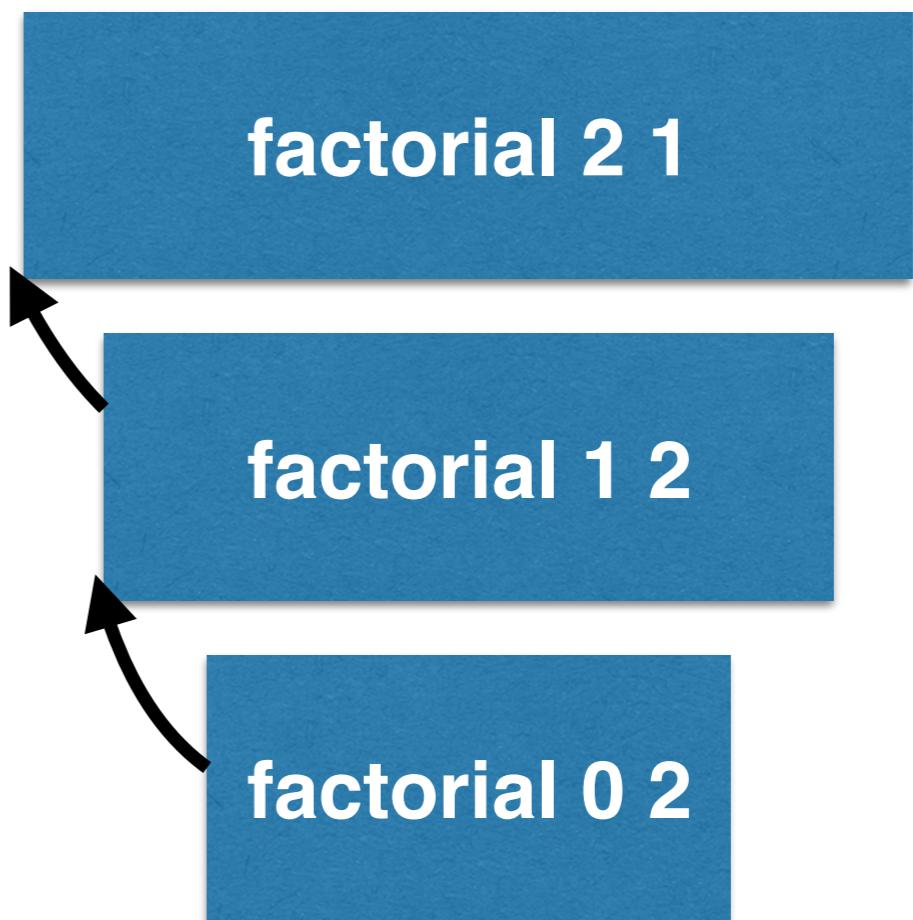


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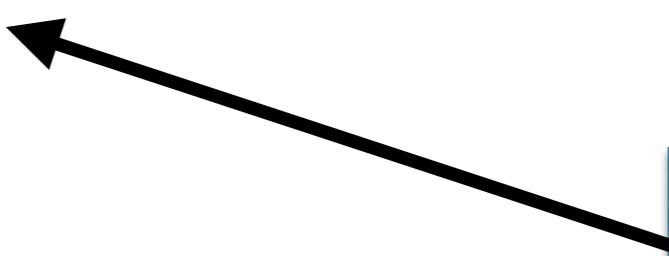
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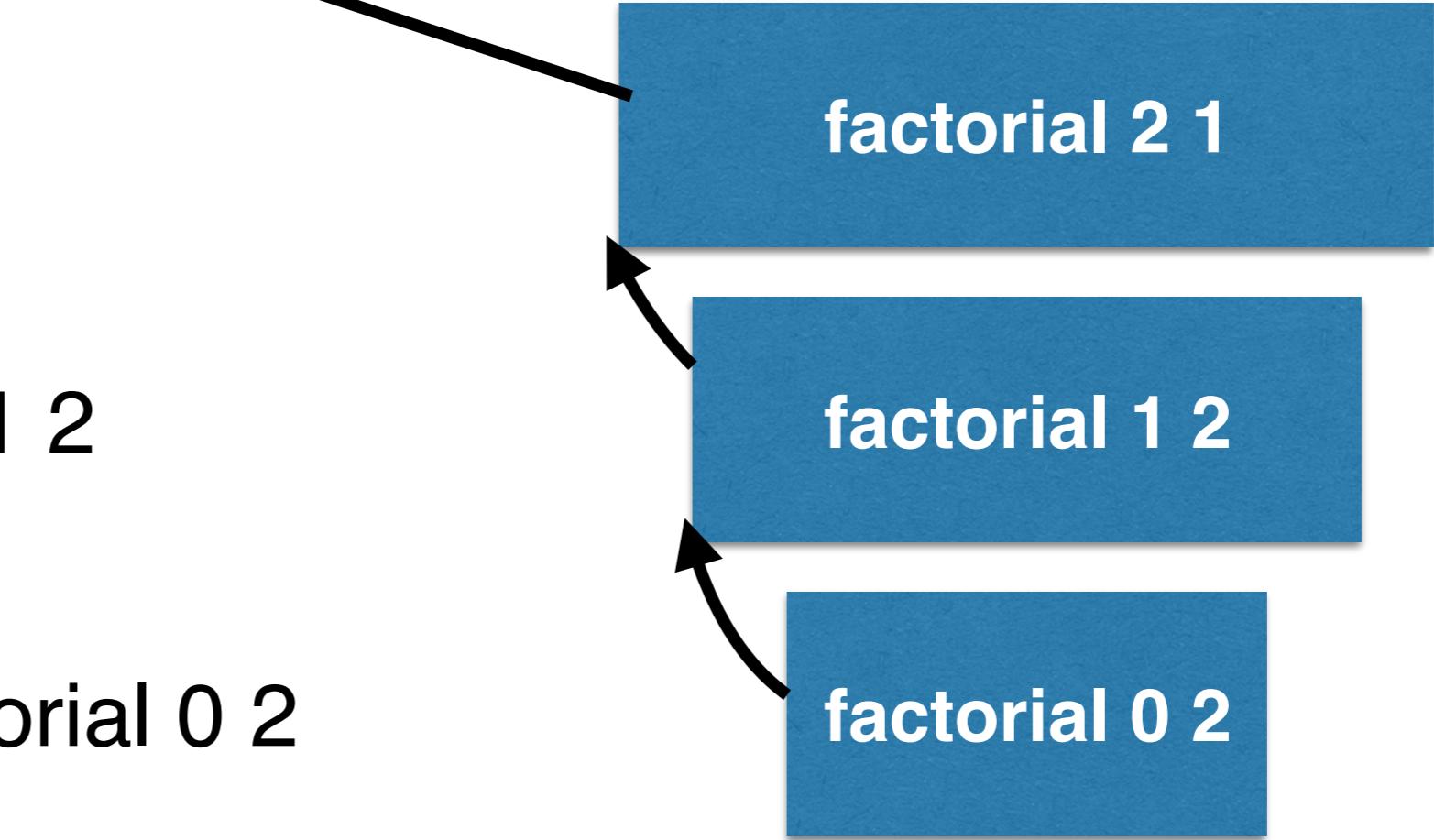
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>factorial 0 2

But wait!  
I don't need the stack at all!



Insight: in tail recursion, the stack is just used for copying back the results

**So just forget the stack. Just give the final result to the original caller.**

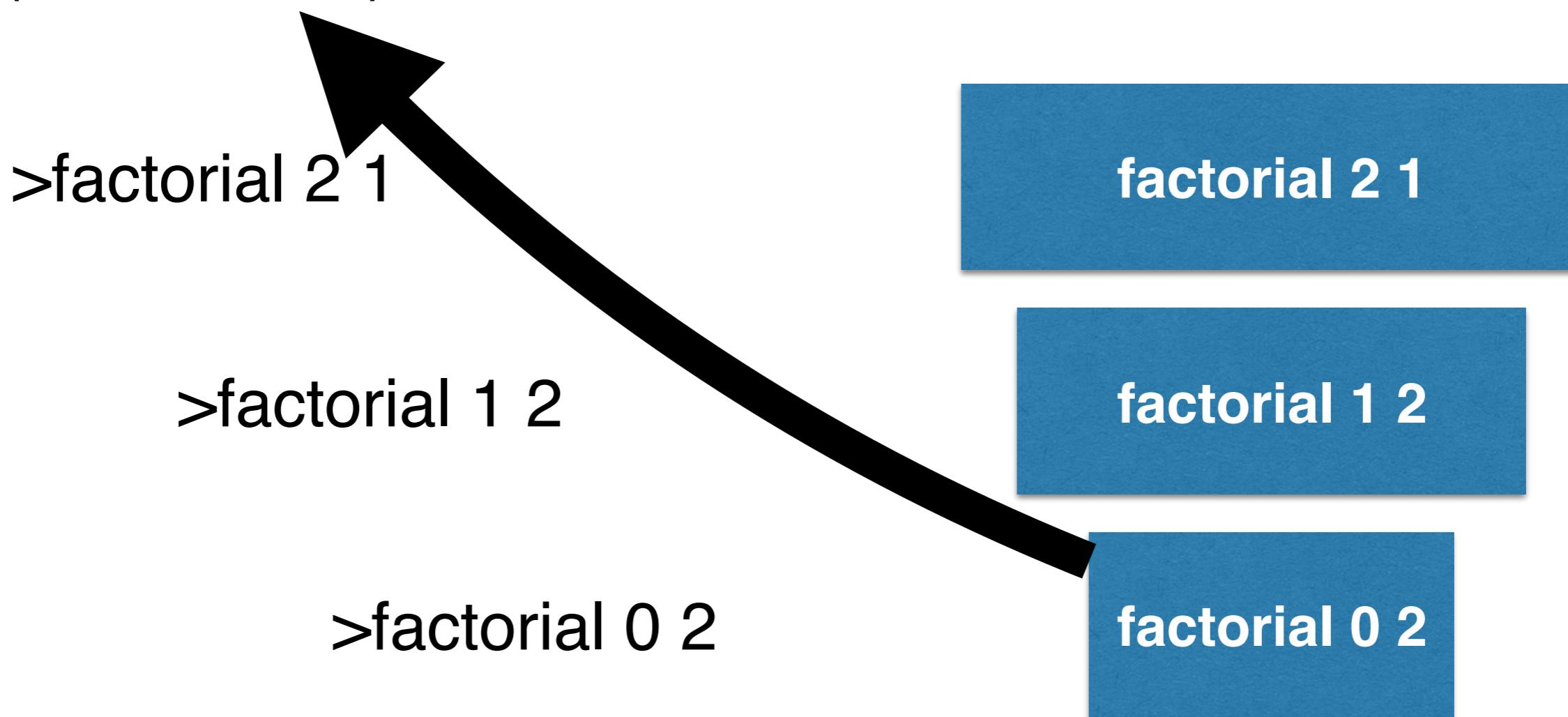
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**This is called “tail call optimization”**

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; .. Later
(factorial 2 1)
```



Why **couldn't** I do that with this?

```
(define (factorial x)
  (if (equal? x 0)
      1
      (* (factorial (- x 1)) x)))
```

Talk it out with neighbor

# Tail recursion for $\lambda$ and profit...

To make a function tail recursive...

- add an extra accumulator argument
- that tracks the result you're building up
- then return the result
- might have to use more than one extra arg
- Call function with base case as initial accumulator

This isn't the only way to do it, just a nice trick  
that usually results in clean code...

```
(define (factorial x)
  (if (equal? x 0)
      1
      (* (factorial (- x 1)) x)))
```



```
(define (factorial-tail x acc)
  (if (equal? x 0)
      acc
      (factorial-tail (- x 1) (* acc x))))
(define (factorial x) (factorial-tail x 1))
```

```
(define (max-of-list l)
  (cond [(eq? (length l) 1) 1]
        [(empty? l) (raise 'empty-list)]
        [else (max (first l) (max-of-list (rest l)))
    )]))
```

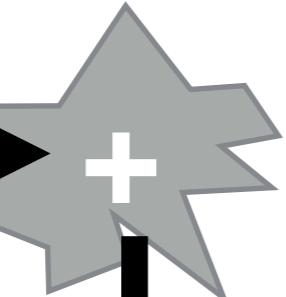
Write this as a tail-recursive function

# foldl

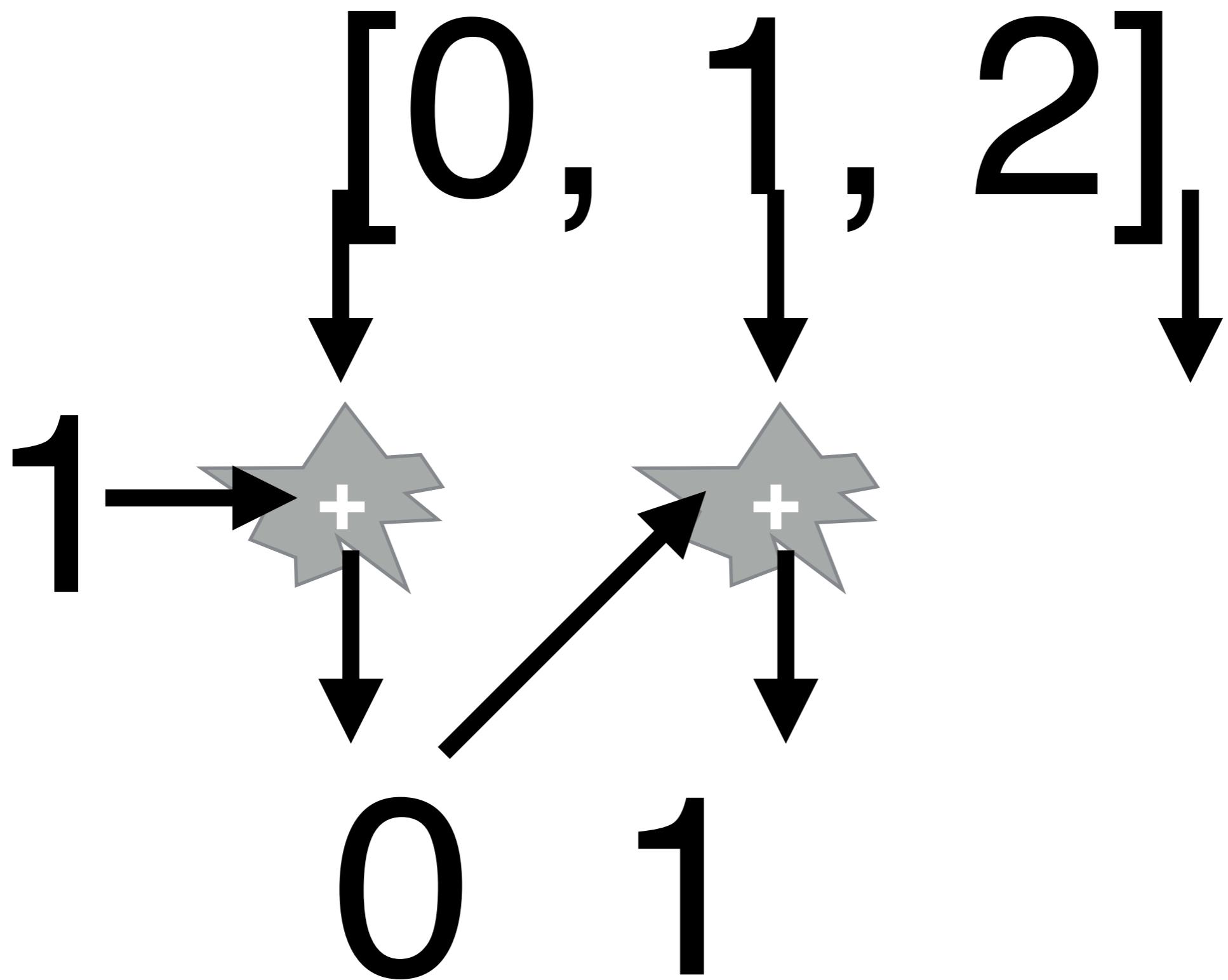
Like map, a higher order function operating on lists

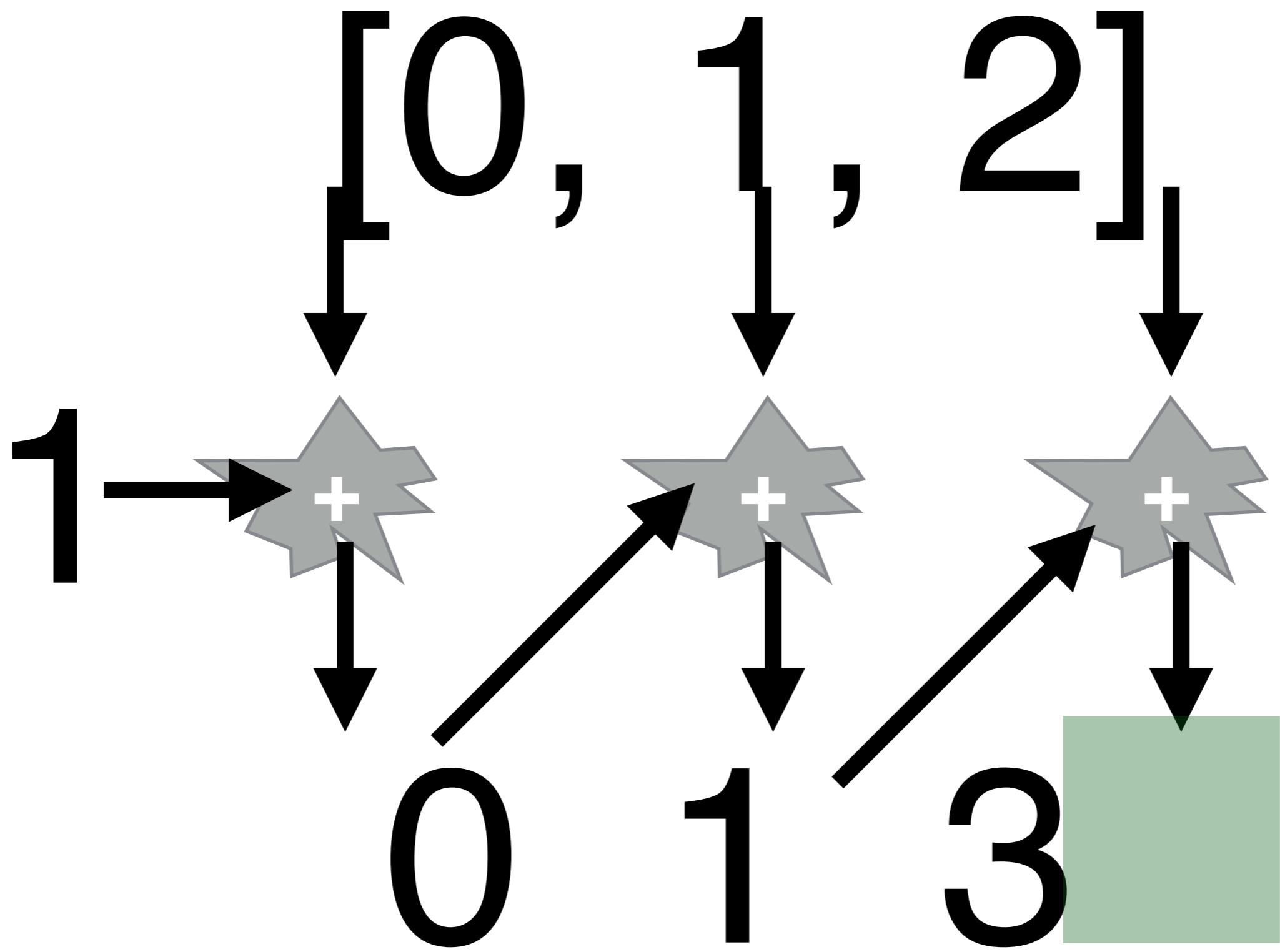
$$(\text{foldl} \ / \ 1 \ '(1 \ 2 \ 3)) = (/ \ 3 \ (/ \ 2 \ (/ \ 1 \ 1)))$$

$$(\text{foldl} \ + \ 0 \ '(1 \ 2 \ 3)) = (+ \ 3 \ (+ \ 2 \ (+ \ 1 \ 0)))$$

**1** →   
**0**

[**0**, **1**, **2**]





```
(define (concat-strings l)
  (foldl (lambda (next_element accumulator)
           (string-append next_element accumulator))
         ""))
  (reverse l)))
```

**Challenge:** use foldl to define max-of-list

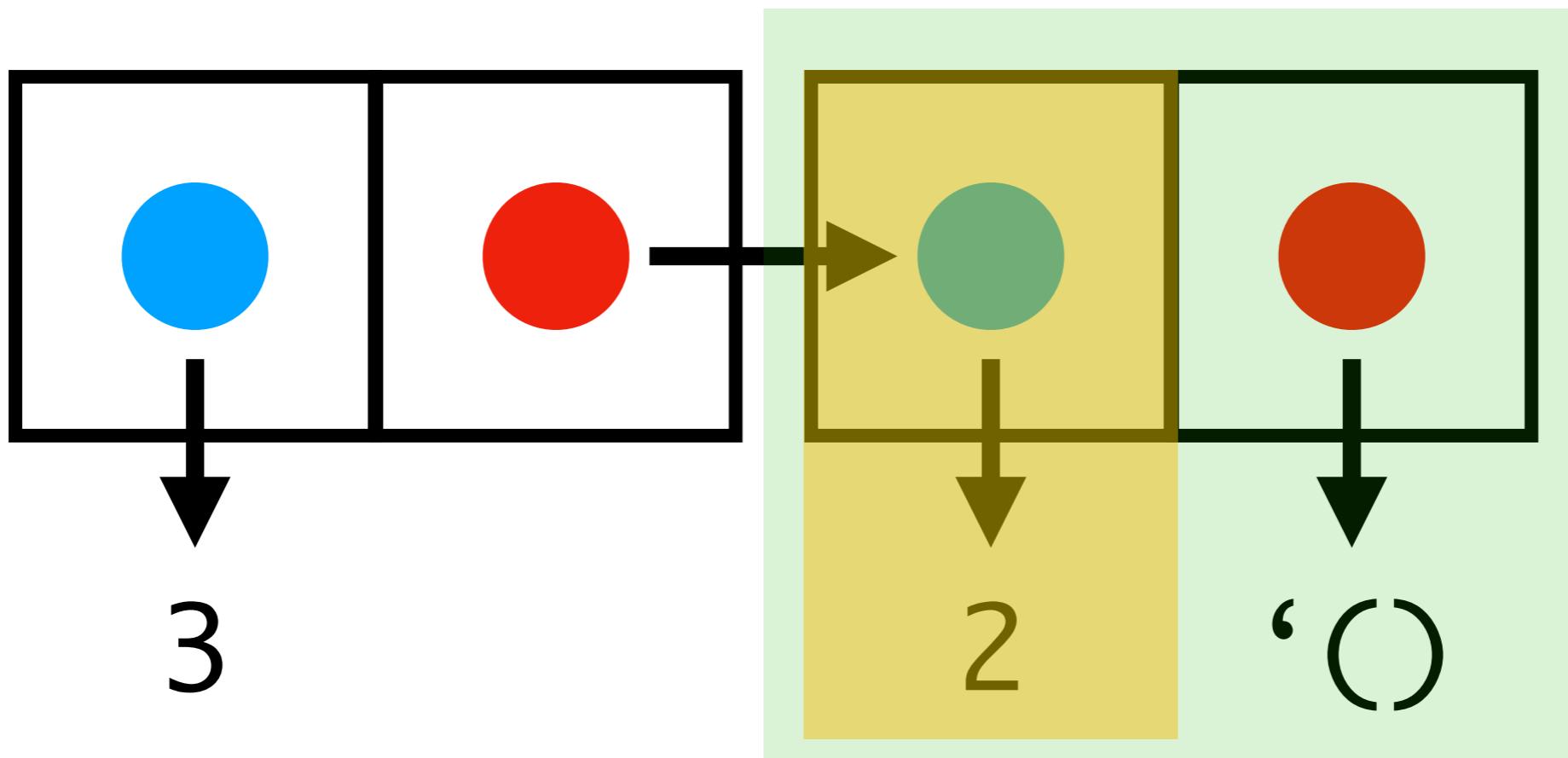
**\*\*Challenge: define foldl**

# Structures, Pattern Matching, and Contracts

Last time

(car  
(cdr

(cons 3 (cons 2 '()))))



This time

## 5 Programmer-Defined Datatypes

New datatypes are normally created with the `struct` form, which is the topic of this chapter. The class-based object system, which we defer to [Classes and Objects](#), offers an alternate mechanism for creating new datatypes, but even classes and objects are implemented in terms of structure types.

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### 5.1 Simple Structure Types: `struct`

To a first approximation, the syntax of `struct` is

```
(struct struct-id (field-id ...))
```

Examples:

```
|  (struct posn (x y))
```

The `struct` form binds *struct-id* and a number of identifiers that are built from *struct-id* and the *field-ids*:

- *struct-id* : a *constructor* function that takes as many arguments as the number of *field-ids*, and returns an instance of the structure type.

Example:

```
|> (posn 1 2)
#<posn>
```

- *struct-id?* : a *predicate* function that takes a single argument and returns `#t` if it is an instance of the structure type, `#f` otherwise.

Examples:

Use **struct** to define a new datatype

(struct empty-tree O)

(struct leaf (elem))

(struct tree (left right))

**Copy these**

(struct empty-tree ())

(struct leaf (elem))

(struct tree (value left right))

(empty-tree)

(leaf 23)

(tree 12 (empty-tree) (leaf 23))

Racket automatically generates helpers...

tree?

tree-left

tree-right

**Write max-of-tree**

**Use the helpers**

# Pattern matching

**Pattern matching allows me to tell Racket the  
“shape” of what I’m looking for**

**Manually pulling apart data  
structures is laborious**

```
(define (max-of-tree t)
  (match t
    [(_leaf e) e]
    [(_tree v _ (empty-tree)) v]
    [(_tree _ _ r) (max-of-tree r)])))
```

Variables are bound in the match, refer  
to in body

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Note: match struct w/ (name params...)

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Define is-sorted

Can match a list of x's

(list x y z ...)

(1 2 3 4)

x = 1 y = 2 z = '(3 4)

Can match cons cells too...

(cons x y)

Variants include things like match-let

IO

Racket has a “reader”

(read)

Racket “reads” the input one *datum* at a time

```
> (read)
(1 2 3)
'(1 2 3)
> (read)
1 2 3
1
> (read)
2
> (read)
3
>
```

**Read will “buffer” its input**

# NETFLIX

7%



Loading

(read-line)

(open-input-file)

# Contracts

```
(define (reverse-string s)
  (list->string (reverse (string->list s))))
```

**Write out the call and return type of this  
for yourself**

```
(define (factorial i)
  (cond
    [(= i 1) 1]
    [else (* (factorial (- i 1)) i)])))
```

**What are the call / return types?**

**What is the pre / post condition?**

```
(define (gt0? x) (> x 0))
```

```
(define/contract (factorial i)
  (-> gt0? gt0?)
  (cond
    [= i 1] 1]
    [else (* (factorial (- i 1)) i)])))
```

Now in tail form...

```
(define (fac-tail i)
  (letrec ([h (lambda (i acc)
    (cond
      [(= i 0) acc]
      [else (h (- i 1) (* acc i))])]))
    (h i 1)))
```

Now, let's say I want to say it's equal to factorial...

```
(define/contract (fac-tail i)
  (->i ([x (>=/c 0)])
        [result (x) (lambda (result) (= (factorial x) result))])
  (letrec ([h (lambda (i acc)
               (cond
                 [(= i 0) acc]
                 [else (h (- i 1) (* acc i))]))])
    (h i 1)))
```

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(<=/c 2)

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(Note: `</c` is also doing some bookkeeping, but we won't worry about that now.)

**Challenge:** write <=/c

Three stories



```
(define/contract (call-and-concat f s1 s2)
  (-> (-> string? string?) string? string? string?))
  (string-append (f s1) (f s2)))
```

```
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  (list->string (reverse (string->list s))))
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**Scenario: you call call-and-concat with reverse**

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reverse, l2, and “l2”**

## Now define

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## What went wrong?

## Who is to blame?