

Theory of Programming Languages

Chapter 15 Appendix

Introduction to Scheme Syntax

Scheme: A Lisp dialect

- ▶ Basic syntax:

expression \rightarrow *atom* | *list*

list \rightarrow '(' { *expression* } ')'

atom \rightarrow *number* | *string* | *identifier* | *character* | *boolean*

- ▶ Everything is an expression: programs, data, anything.
 - ▶ Lists are (almost) the only structure.
 - ▶ A program consists of expressions.
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Scheme Expressions: examples

<code>42</code>	a number
<code>"hello"</code>	a string
<code>#t</code> or <code>#T</code>	Boolean value "true"
<code>#f</code> or <code>#F</code>	false
<code>#\a</code>	the character 'a'
<code>a</code>	an identifier
<code>hello</code>	another identifier
<code>(2.1 2.2 -3)</code>	a list of numbers
<code>(1 (2 3) (a))</code>	list containing other lists
<code>(+ 2 3)</code>	list consisting of the identifier "+" (a built-in procedure) and two numbers
<code>(* (+ 2 3) (/ 6 2))</code>	list consisting of an identifier and two lists

Scheme Operation

- ▶ Programs are executed by evaluating expressions.
- ▶ A Scheme program consists of a series of expressions.
- ▶ Usually, the expressions are **define**'s.
- ▶ Interpreter runs in “read-eval-print” loop.
- ▶ Programs can explicitly use **eval** to evaluate expressions.

```
(define pi 3.14159)
(define (area-of-circle rad) (* pi rad rad) )
(area-of-circle 10)
```

Expression Evaluation

Expression

Value

10

10

3/5

0.6 (fractional form OK)

(+ a b c d e)

sum of values: (+) = 0

(* a b c d)

product of values: (*) = 1

(+ 3 4)

7

(* 3 4 5)

60

(+ (* 3 4) (* 5 6))

42

(= 10 (* 2 5))

"10 = 2*5"? #t (true)

(> 3 5)

"3 > 5"? #f (false)

(and (= a b) (<> a 0))

(a == b) && (a != 0)

(not (= x 1))

!(x==1)

(read-char)

input char, like **C** getchar()

Defining Values

To define a symbol in Scheme, use “define”.

```
(define pi 3.14159)
(define n 20)
(define n-square (* n n ) )
```

Defining Functions

Syntax:

`(define (function_name parameters) expression { expression })`

the value of the function is the value of the last expression.

► Area of a rectangle:

```
(define (area width height) (* width height) )
```

► Hypotenuse of a triangle:

```
(define (hypo side1 side2)
  (sqrt (+ (* side1 side1) (* side2 side2) ) ) )
```

or:

```
(define (hypo side1 side2)
  (sqrt (+ (square side1) (square side2) ) ) )
```

Input and Output Functions

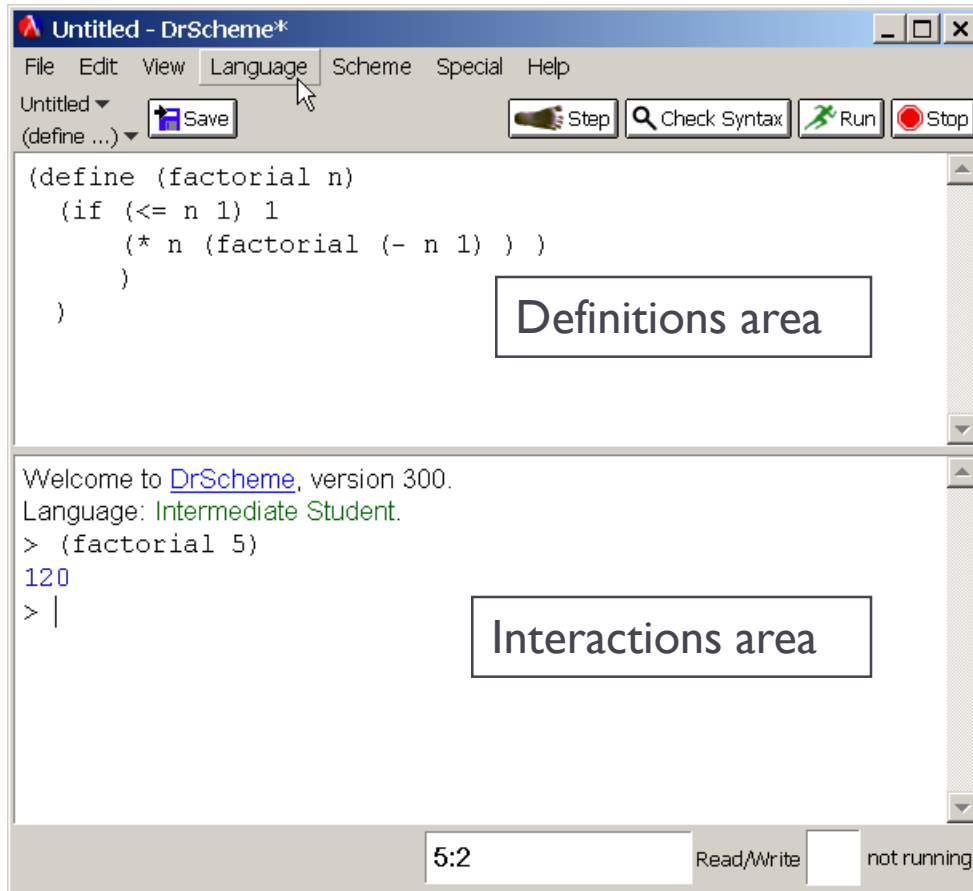
Not available in beginner's level Dr. Scheme:

<code>(read)</code>	read space-delimited value
<code>(display expression)</code>	output a value
<code>(newline)</code>	

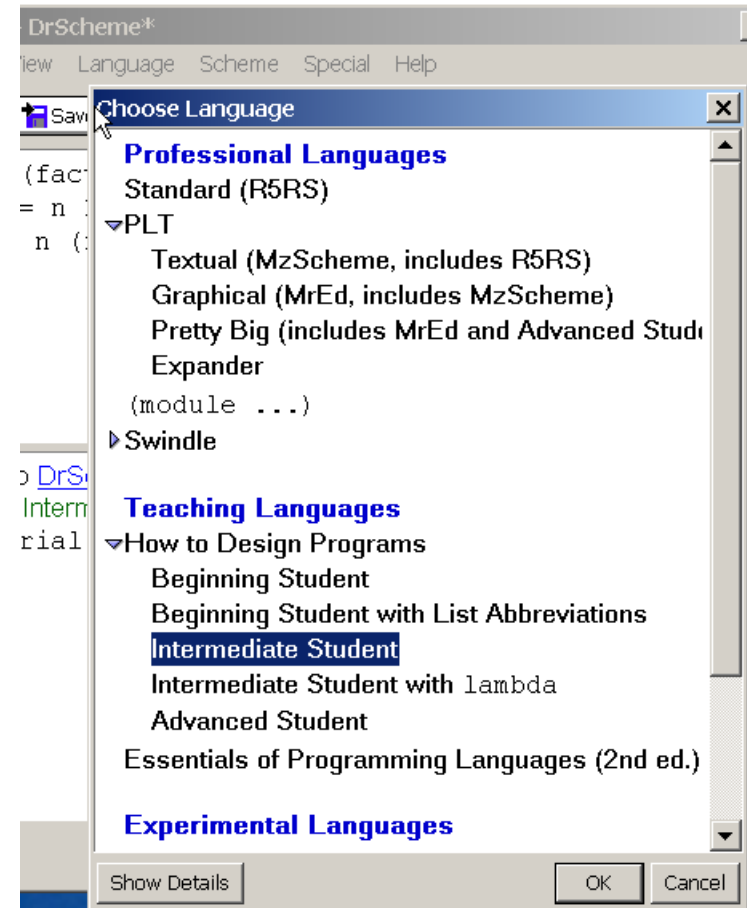
```
(display "Please input something: ")  
(define x (read) )  
(display (cons "you input: " (list x)))
```

```
Please input something: 4.5  
you input 4.5  
Please input something: hello  
you input hello
```

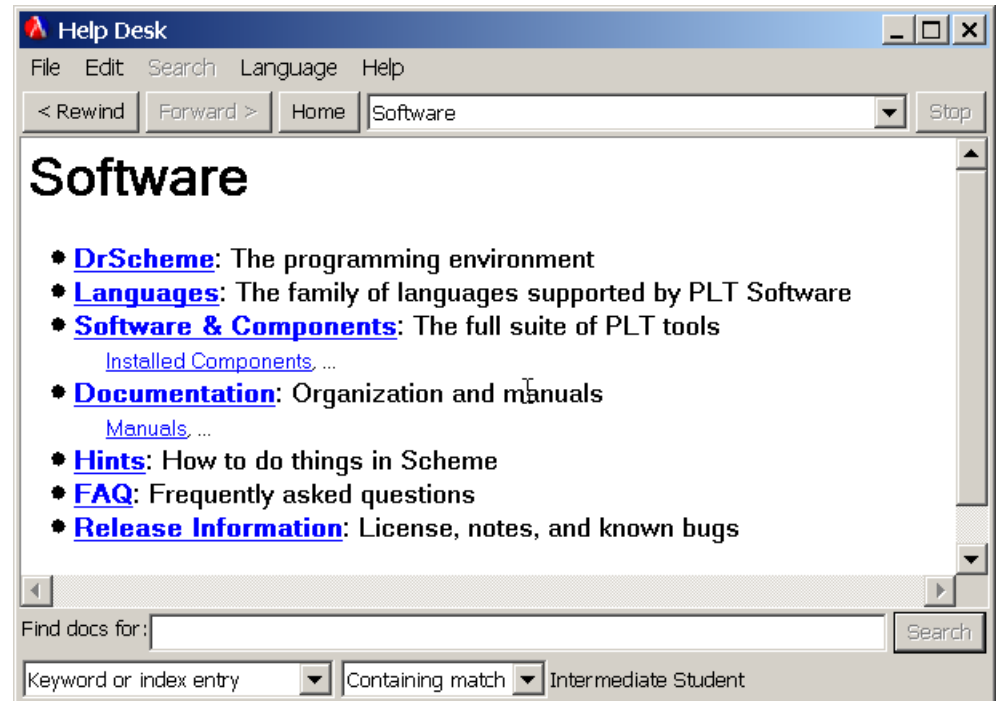
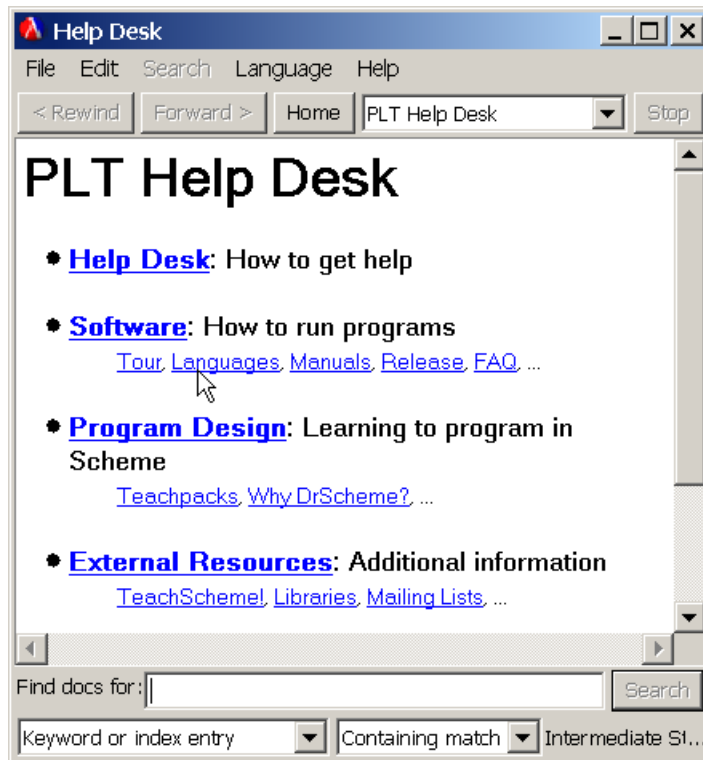
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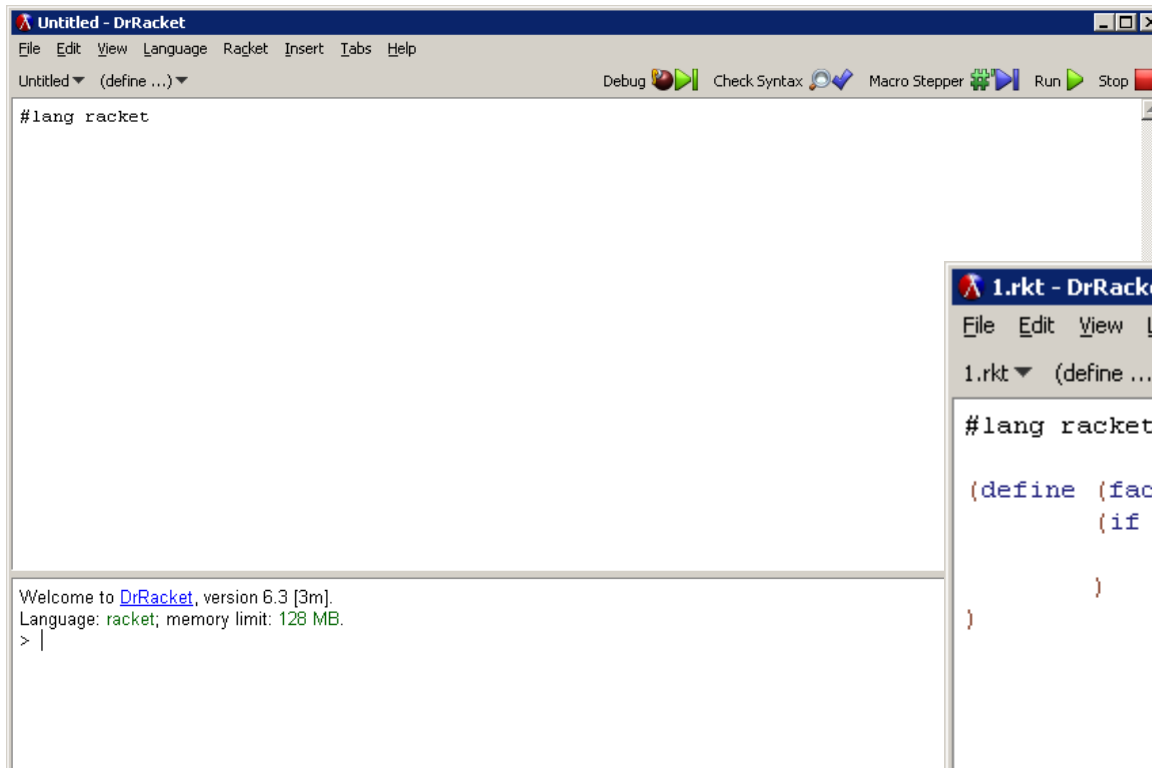
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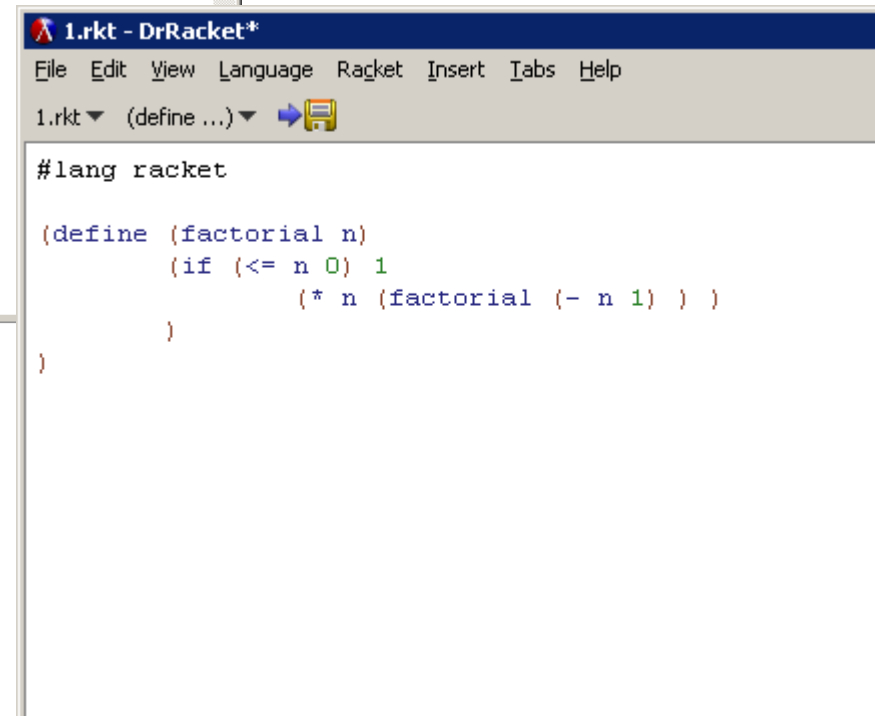
Dr.Scheme online help



Context-sensitive help, syntax checker



right-click for context menu



syntax checker and
easy-to-use debugging

Numeric Predicate Functions

- ▶ These functions compare numeric values and return true (`#t`) or false (`#f`).
- ▶ LISP (not Scheme) may return `()` for "false".

<code>(= a b)</code>	numeric equality, <code>a == b</code>
<code>(<> a b)</code>	<code>(not (= a b))</code>
<code>(> a b)</code>	<code>a > b</code>
<code>(< a b)</code>	<code>a < b</code>
<code>(<= a b)</code>	<code>(or (< a b) (= a b))</code>
<code>(>= a b)</code>	
<code>(even? x)</code>	is x an even number?
<code>(odd? x)</code>	is x an odd number?
<code>(zero? a)</code>	<code>(= a 0)</code>

if function

Syntax:

`(if predicate then_expression else_expression)`

"if" always has 3 expressions.

```
(define (fabs x)
  (if (>= x 0) x (* -1 x) )
)
```

Note: Scheme has a built-in function named "abs".

Control Flow using Predicates

```
(define (factorial n)
  (if (<= n 0) 1
      (* n (factorial (- n 1)) )
  )
)
```


- ▶ Scheme performs calculations using arbitrary precision:

(factorial 100)

```
93326215443944152681699238856266700490715968264
31621468592963895217599993229915608941463976156
5182862536979208272237582511852109168640000000000
0000000000000000
```

cond function

```
(cond  
  (predicate1 expression { expression })  
  (predicate2 expression { expression })  
  (predicate3 expression { expression })  
  ...  
  (else expression { expression } )  
)
```



- ▶ Each of the predicates is evaluated (in order) until a predicate evaluates to True. Then, all expressions for that predicate are evaluated and the value of the last expression is the return value of **cond**.
 - ▶ If no predicates are true, then the "else" clause is used and the value of the last expression is returned.
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cond example

- ▶ define a function $f(x)$ that returns:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x\sqrt{x} & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x^2 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

```
(define (f x)
  (cond
    ( (< x 0) 0 )
    ( (<= x 1) (* x (sqrt x)) )
    ( else (* x x) )
  )
)
```

if and cond compared

- ▶ **if** contains one predicate and 2 cases ("then" and "else").
- ▶ **cond** contains an arbitrary number of predicates, evaluated conditionally.
- ▶ **cond** is similar to "if .. else if ... else if ... else ..." in C or Java.
- ▶ **cond** clauses may contain any number of expressions.
- ▶ In Dr. Scheme "student" level, each clause can contain only one predicate ("question") and one other expression ("answer").

Q: Can you replace "cond" with a series of "if" statements?

cond replaced by "if"

- ▶ define a function $f(x)$ that returns:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x\sqrt{x} & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x^2 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

```
(define (ff x)
  (if (< x 0) 0
      ( if (<= x 1) (* x (sqrt x))
          (* x x)
        )
    )
)
```

Type Predicate Functions

- test the type of an argument and return `#t` or `#f`

<code>(boolean? x)</code>	is x a boolean?
<code>(char? x)</code>	is x a character?
<code>(list? x)</code>	is x a list?
<code>(number? x)</code>	is x a number? (int or floating point)
<code>(pair? x)</code>	is x a pair? (has car and cdr)
<code>(string? x)</code>	is x a string?
<code>(symbol? x)</code>	is x a valid symbol?

<code>(symbol? '\$x-%y)</code>	→ <code>#t</code> (<code>\$x-%y</code> is a valid symbol)
<code>(list? 5)</code>	→ <code>#f</code>

List Functions: quote and list

- ▶ **quote** or **'** prevents evaluation of a list
- ▶ **quote** is used to create data constants

Why is this needed?

<code>(quote a)</code>	\rightarrow <code>a</code>
<code>(quote (a b c))</code>	\rightarrow <code>(a b c)</code>
<code>' (a b c)</code>	\rightarrow <code>(quote (a b c))</code>

□ **list** makes a list of its arguments

<code>(list 'a)</code>	\rightarrow <code>(a)</code>
<code>(list '(a b) '(c d))</code>	\rightarrow <code>((a b) (c d))</code>
<code>(list (* 5 2) (/ 6 2))</code>	\rightarrow <code>(10 3)</code>

Breaking down a list: `car` `cdr`

- ▶ essential list manipulation functions in Scheme
- ▶ `car` returns the first element from a list
- ▶ `cdr` returns everything after the first element of a list
- ▶ the argument *must* be a non-empty list

<code>(car ' (a b c))</code>	<code>→ a</code>
<code>(cdr ' (a b c))</code>	<code>→ (b c)</code>
<code>(car ' ((a b) c))</code>	<code>→ (a b)</code>
<code>(cdr ' ((a b) c))</code>	<code>→ (c)</code>
<code>(car ' (a))</code>	<code>→ a</code>
<code>(cdr ' (a))</code>	<code>→ ()</code>
<code>(car ' ())</code>	error (empty list)
<code>(cdr ' a)</code>	error (argument not a list)

Building a list: cons

- ▶ prepend a value to list, and return as a new list:

(cons *expression list*)

- ▶ the second argument should be a list

<code>(cons 'a '(b c))</code>	<code>→ (a b c)</code>
<code>(cons '(a) '(b c))</code>	<code>→ ((a) b c)</code>
<code>(cons '(a b) '(c d))</code>	<code>→ ((a b) c d)</code>
<code>(cons '() '(b c))</code>	<code>→ (() b c)</code>
<code>(cons 'a 'b)</code>	<code>→ (a . b)</code>

- ❑ the last example is called a "dotted pair" and is usually an error.
 - ❑ `(a . b)` means that a list element contains two atoms instead of an atom (or pointer) and a pointer
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Building a list: `list` & `append`

- ▶ append several lists to create a single list:

`(append list1 list2 ...)`

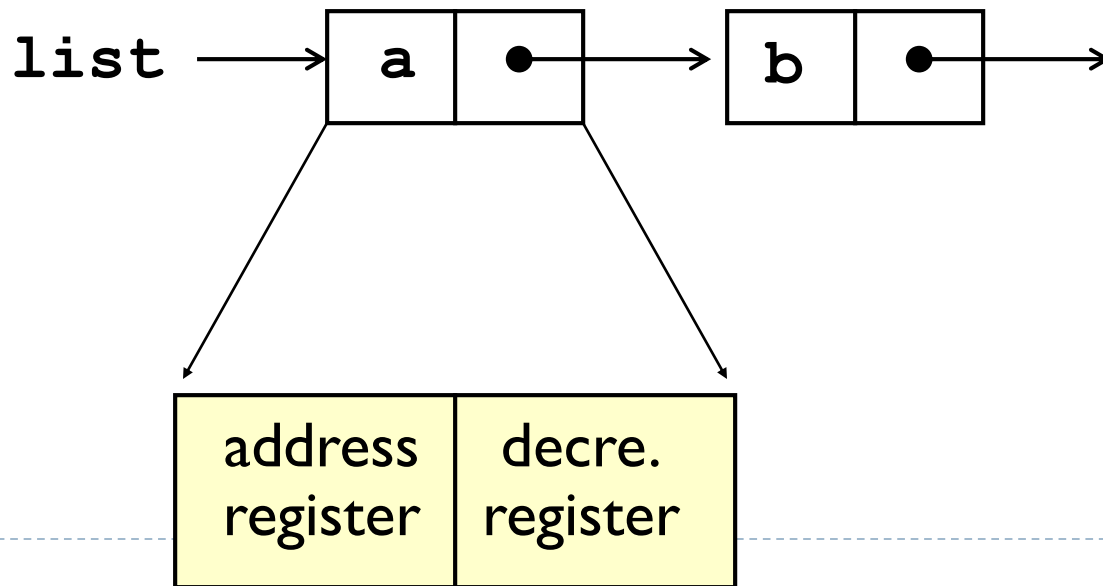
- ▶ the arguments should be lists

```
(append ' (a b) ' (c d) )      → (a b c d)
(cons    ' (a b) ' (c d) )      → ((a b) c d)
(list    ' (a b) ' (c d) )      → ((a b) (c d))
(append ' (a)   ' (b c) ' (d) ) → (a b c d)
(append ' (a b) ' ()   ' (d) ) → (a b d)
(append ' (a b) ' c    )        error: 'c is not a list
```

`append`, `cons`, and `list` are essential for building lists:
you should understand them!!

Why "car" and "cdr"?

- ▶ The names CAR and CDR come from LISP, which was first implemented on an IBM 704 computer.
- ▶ IBM 704 words had two fields: *address* and *decrement*, that could each store a memory address.
- ▶ LISP used these 2 fields to store the 2 elements of each node in a list (value and pointer to next node).



Why "car" and "cdr"?

The 704 had two machine instructions to access these values:

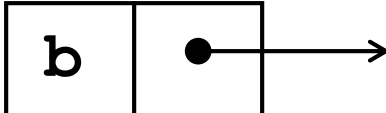
Contents of Address Register (CAR)

Contents of Decrement Register (CDR)

hence the name of the LISP commands!

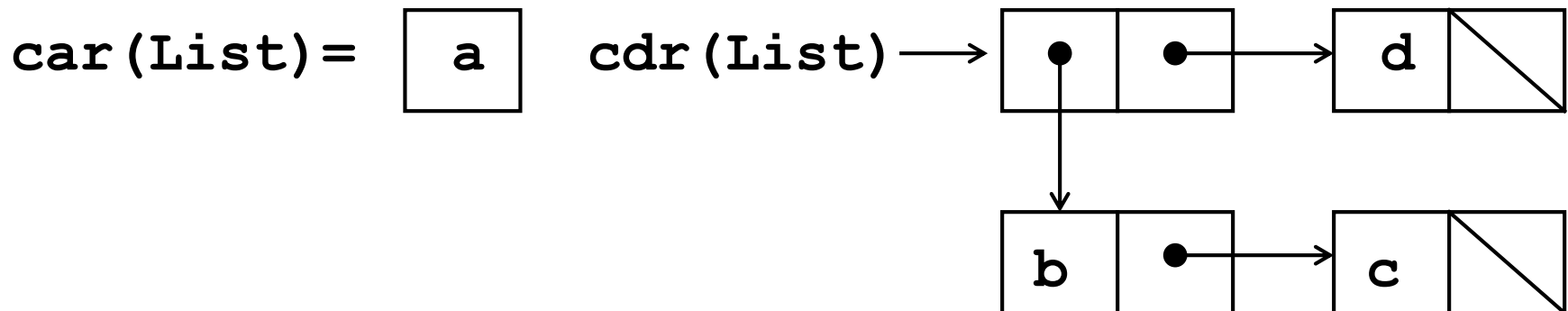
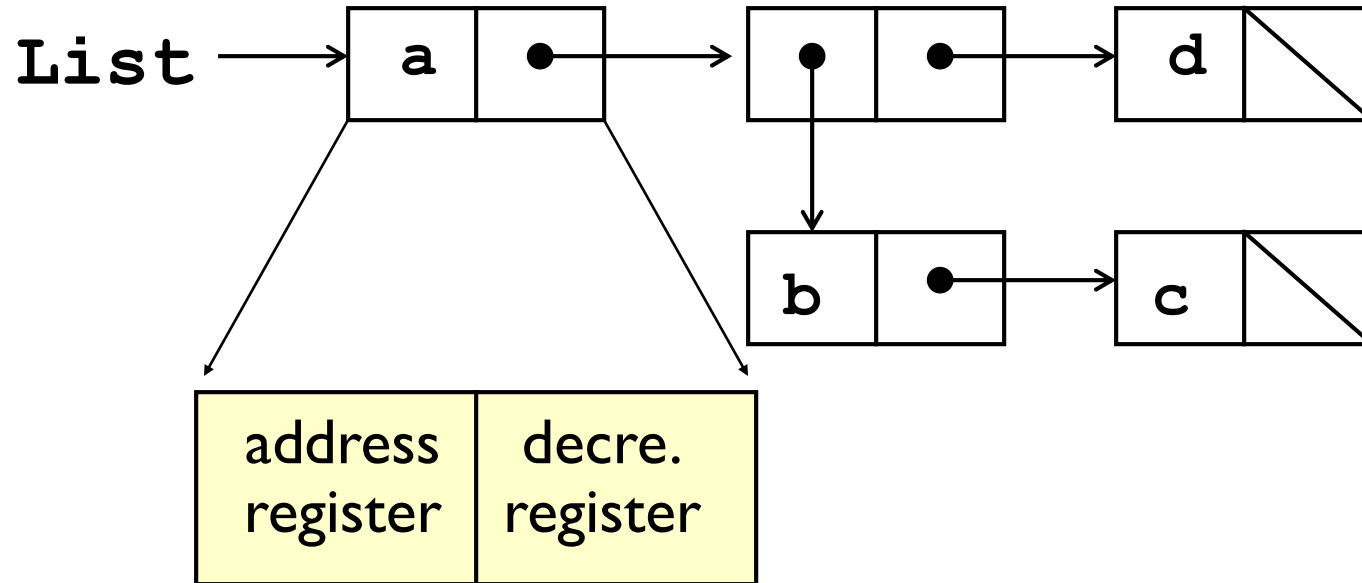
... and LISP is supposedly "*machine independent*"... HA!

`(car list) → a`

`(cdr list) →` 

Why "car" and "cdr"?

How to store a list: **List** = (a (b c) d)



Compound car and cdr

`car` and `cdr` are often used several times in succession:

`(car (cdr List))` = get 2nd element of List

`(cdr (cdr List))` = delete first 2 items from List

so, Scheme defines several compound car/cdr functions:

<code>(caar List)</code>	<code>= (car (car List))</code>
<code>(cadr List)</code>	<code>= (car (cdr List))</code>
<code>(caddr List)</code>	<code>= (car (cdr (cdr List)))</code>
<code>(cddddr List)</code>	<code>= (cdr (cdr (cdr (cdr List))))</code>
<code>(cdadadr List)</code>	<code>= (cdr (car (cdr (car (cdr List)))))</code>
<code>(cxxxxxr List)</code>	<code>= any combination of up to 5 "a" and "d"</code> <code>refers to a composite of car and cdr</code>

Tests

`(list? expression)`

true if *expression* is a list

`(null? expression)`

true if *expression* is a null list

`(eq? ex1 ex2)`

true if *ex1* and *ex2* are both atoms and identical

`(list? '(x y))`

→ #T

`(list? 'x)`

→ #F or ()

`(list? '())`

→ #T

`(null? '(a b))`

→ #F or ()

`(null? '())`

→ #T

`(null? 'A)`

→ #F or ()

`(eq? 'a 'a)`

→ #T

`(eq? 'a '(a))`

→ #F or ()

`(eq? '(a b) '(a b))`

→ #T or #F (implementation dependent)

List Processing: *cdr* down & *cons* up

Many functions operate on a list and produce a new list as a result.

1. operate on the first element: `(car List)`
2. recursive call for rest of the list: `(fun (cdr List))`
3. put the results together (`cons first-result recursive-result`)

cdr down the list

```
; square each element of a list
```

```
(define (square-all L)
```

```
  (if (null? L) '() ← termination condition
```

```
      (cons (* (car L) (car L)) (square-all (cdr L)))
```

```
  ))
```

cons join results together

List Manipulation: *cdr down & cons up*

"*cdr down and cons up*" is a common technique for applying operations to all elements of a list.

```
; append two lists
```

```
(define (append L M)
```

```
  (if (null? L) M
```

```
      (cons (car L) (append (cdr L) M)))
```

```
)
```

cdr down the list



cons up the result



```
; reverse a list
```

```
(define (reverse L)
```

```
  (if (null? L) ' ( )
```

```
      (append (reverse (cdr L)) (list (car L))))
```

```
)
```

```
)
```

create a list from element



Textbook example: member

Write a "member" function that returns true if the first argument is a member of the second arg (a list):

`(member 'B ' (A B C))` returns true, #T

`(member 'B ' (A C D))` returns false, #F

`(member 'B ' (A (B C) D))` returns false, #F

Study textbook example

```
(define (member atm lis)
  (cond
    ((null? lis) #F)
    ((eq? atm (car lis)) #T) ; compare first elem
    (else (member atm (cdr lis))) ; compare rest
  )
)
```


member built-in function

Scheme has a member function. It returns the *tail* of the list beginning with the search element.

<code>(member 'B ' (A B C))</code>	returns (B C)
<code>(member 'B ' (A C D))</code>	returns #F
<code>(member ' (B) ' (A ((B) D)))</code>	returns ((B) D)

Scoping

- ▶ Scheme uses *static scope*.
- ▶ "let" creates a new scope:

```
(define a 10)
(define (f x )
  (let (a 10)      # create a new a
    (* a x)
  )
)
```

Filter Function


- ▶ A more interesting example: define a filter for lists.

```
> (filter odd? '(2 3 4 5 6 7 8) )  
(3 5 7)
```

```
; extract elements from List that satisfy f  
(define (filter f List)  
  (cond  
    ( (null? List) '() )  
    ( (f (car List))      ; filter function is true  
      (cons (car List) (filter f (cdr List))) )  
    ( else  
      (filter f (cdr List)) )  
  )  
)
```

filter example (1)

```
(filter even? '(1 2 4 7) )  
(cond  
  ( (null? '(1 2 4 7) ...) ) #F  
  ( (even? 1) ... ) #F  
  ( else (filter even? '(2 4 7) ) ) #T
```



```
(filter even? '(2 4 7) )  
(cond  
  ( (null? '(2 4 7) ...) ) #F  
  ( (even? 2) (cons 2 (filter even? '(4 7)) ) ) #T  
)
```



```
(filter even? '(4 7) )  
(cond  
  ( (null? '(4 7) ...) ) #F  
  ( (even? 4) (cons 4 (filter even? '(7)) ) ) #T  
)
```



```
(filter even? '(7) )
```

filter example (2)

```
(filter even? '(7) )  
(cond ...  
  (else (filter even? '() ) ) )
```

returns: ' ()

```
(filter even? '(4 7) )  
(cond ...  
  ( (even? 4) (cons 4 (filter even? '(7)) ) #T
```

returns: (cons 4 ' ()) => '(4)

```
(filter even? '(2 4 7) )  
(cond ...  
  ( (even? 2) (cons 2 (filter even? '(4 7)) ) #T
```

returns: (cons 2 '(4)) => '(2 4)

```
(filter even? '(1 2 4 7) )  
(cond ...  
  ( else (filter even? '(2 4 7) ) ) #T
```

-- returns: '(2 4)

Boolean and Numeric Functions

► Boolean Functions

(not *expression*) logical negation

(and *expr1 expr2*) logical and

(or *expr1 expr2*) logical or

► Numeric Functions

(sqrt *a*) returns $(a)^{1/2}$

(sqr *a*) returns a^2

(expt *A B*) returns A^B

(remainder *A B*) remainder of integer division A/B

(log *A*) natural logarithm of *A*

(sin *A*), (cos *A*), ... trigonometric functions, *A* is in radians

(max *a b c d ...*) max of several values

(min *a b c d ...*) min of several values

(random *n*) returns a random integer value 0, 1, ..., *n*-1

String Functions

(string-length "hello")

number of characters in string

(substring *string start end*)

return a substring

(string->list "hello there")

convert to list of characters

(list->string (#\h #\i))

convert list of chars to a string

(string #\h #\e #\l #\l #\o)

concatenate char args to new string

(string-copy *string*)

create a new string as copy of old

(string? *arg*)

true if argument is a string

(string=? *string1 ...*)

there are also < > <= >= functions

(string=? "bye" "BYE")

false

(string-ci=? "bye" "BYE")

true. there are also < > <= >=

(string-null? *string*)

(string-index *string char*)

(string-rindex *string char*)

#\C#\h#\a#\r#\a#\c#\t#\e#\r Functions

char? <i>obj</i>	true if obj is a character
char=? <i>char ...</i>	equals comparison. also < <= > >=
char-ci=? <i>char ...</i>	case insensitive =. also < <= > >=
(char=? #\A #\a)	false
(char-ci=? #\A #\a)	true
char-alphabetic? <i>char</i>	true if alphabetic character
char-numeric? <i>char</i>	true if numeric character
char-whitespace? <i>char</i>	true if whitespace
char-upper-case? <i>char</i>	
char-lower-case? <i>char</i>	
char->integer <i>char</i>	char to int, (char->integer #\a) is 50
integer->char <i>char</i>	integer char sequence num. to char
char-upcase <i>char</i>	
char-downcase <i>char</i>	

Special String and Char Values

String	Character	C/Java Equivalent
<code>\0</code>	<code>#\null</code>	<code>\0</code> or <code>null</code>
<code>\f</code>	<code>#\ack</code>	<code>\f</code>
<code>\n</code>	<code>#\newline</code>	<code>\n</code>
<code>\r</code>	<code>#\return</code>	<code>\r</code>
<code>\t</code>	<code>#\tab</code>	<code>\t</code>
<code>\a</code>	<code>#\bel</code>	<code>\a</code>
<code>\v</code>	<code>#\vt</code>	<code>\v</code>

```
> (display "hello\t dog\n woof woof!")  
hello    dog  
  woof woof!
```

Code blocks using (begin ...)

begin is used to insert several expressions where a Scheme command expects one, like Pascal begin...end.

syntax: (begin (expression1) (expression2) ...)

```
(* Pascal *)  
if (x < 0) then begin  
    statement;  
    statement;  
    ...  
end  
else begin  
    statement;  
    statement;  
    ...  
end;
```

```
; Scheme  
(if (< x 0) ( begin  
    expression  
    expression  
    ...  
)  
( begin ; else part  
    expression  
    expression  
    ...  
) ) ; end of "(if..."
```

Testing Equality in Scheme

Scheme has many different equality functions:

- ▶ `=` applies only to numbers: `(= x y)`
 - ▶ `char=?` applies only to characters: `(char=? #\a #\b)`
 - ▶ `string=?` applies only to strings
 - ▶ Each non-numeric data type has its own equality function.
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General Equality Functions

There are three “generic” equality functions:

`(eq? a b)` test if a and b refer to same object,
like `==` in Java

`(eqv? a b)` test if a and b are equivalent

`(equal? a b)` test atom-by-atom equality of lists.
like `obj.equals()` in Java.

```
> (define L1 '(a b c) )
> (define L2 '(a b c) )
> (eq? L1 L2)
false
> (equal? L1 L2)
true
```

Scheme evaluation rules

1. Constant atoms, such as numbers and strings, evaluate to themselves: 4.2, "hello"
 2. Identifiers are looked up in the current environment and replaced by the value found there.
 3. A list is evaluated by recursively evaluating each element in the list (in an unspecified order).
 4. The first expression in the list must evaluate to a function. This function is applied to the remaining values in the list. Thus, all expressions are in prefix form.
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Example: Equals (1)

Write an "Equals" function that returns true if two lists are equal:

`(Equals ' (B C) ' (B C))` returns true
`(Equals ' (B C) ' (B C D))` returns false

```
(define (Equals L1 L2)
  (cond
    ( (null? L1) (null? L2) )
    ( (null? L2) #F )
    ( (eq? (car L1) (car L2))
      (Equals (cdr L1) (cdr L2) ) )
    ( else #F )
  )
)
```

Example: Equals (2)

Equals (1) doesn't work if the arguments are atoms

(Equals 'a 'a) Error

```
(define (Equals L1 L2)
  (cond
    ( (not (list? L1)) (eq? L1 L2) )
    ( (not (list? L2)) #F )
    ( (null? L1) (null? L2) )
    ( (null? L2) #F )
    ( (eq? (car L1) (car L2))
      (Equals (cdr L1) (cdr L2) ) )
    ( else #F )
  )
)
```

Example: Equals (3)

Equals (2) doesn't work if the list contains other lists

`(Equals '(a b) c) '(a b) c)`

Fix this using more recursion...

```
(define (Equals L1 L2)
  (cond
    ( (not (list? L1)) (eq? L1 L2) )
    ( (not (list? L2)) '() )
    ( (null? L1) (null? L2) )
    ( (null? L2) '() )
    ( (Equals (car L1) (car L2))
      (Equals (cdr L1) (cdr L2)) ) )
    ( else '() )
  )
)
```


More Examples

The boring GCD function:

```
(define (gcd u v) ; gcd of u and v
  (if (= v 0) u
      (gcd v (remainder u v))
  )
)
```

A "power" function to compute x^n , for integer n .

```
(define (power x n)
  (cond
    ((< n 0) (/ 1 (power x (- 0 n)))) ; 1/x^(-n)
    ((= n 0) 1) ; x^0 = 1
    (else (* x (power x (- n 1))))
  )
)
```



for-each

Syntax:

```
(for-each function list1 [list2 ...] )
```

function is called repeatedly; on the *k*-th call it is given the *k*-th element from *list1*, *list2*, ...

The lists (*list1* *list2* ...) must have the same lengths.

```
> (for-each * '(3 4 5) '(5 2 20) )  
>                               ; nothing returned  
> (for-each (lambda (a b)  
             (display (* a b )) (newline))  
  '(3 4 5) '(5 2 20))  
  
15                               ; 3*5  
8                               ; 4*2  
100                             ; 5*20
```

Evaluating Expressions: `eval`

- ▶ The Scheme interpreter "executes" your program by invoking the `eval` function.
- ▶ The interpreter is said to run a "read - eval - print" loop.
- ▶ You can use `eval` in your code, too.

Usage (`eval list`)

```
> (define hi ' ( display "hello" ) )  
>  
> (eval hi )  
Hello
```

How to...

- ▶ How would you use `eval` to create a "sum" function:

Usage (`sum list-of-numbers`)

```
> ( sum ' ( 1 2 3 4 5 ) )
```


15

This won't work:

```
(+ list-of-numbers )
```

What we want is:

```
' + ( 1 2 3 4 5 )
```



Evaluating Expressions: eval

Example: Sum the elements in a list

```
> (define data ' ( 12 3 7 99 23 17 88 ) )  
> (cons '+ data )  
( + 12 3 7 99 23 17 88 )  
> (eval (cons '+ data ) )  
249
```

Exercise using eval

Exercise:

1. Define a "sum" function that sums a list: (**sum list**)
2. Define a "square" function: (**square x**) is x^2
3. Define an **average** function that computes the average of a list of numbers. Use **length** .
4. Define a **variance** function that computes the variance of a list of numbers. The variance can be computed as:

$$\text{variance} = (\text{average data}^2) - (\text{average data})^2$$

Ex: (variance '(0 1)) is 1/4

(variance '(20 20 20 20 20)) is 0

Use of eval

- ▶ **eval** enables your program to write its own instructions and then run them!
 - ▶ this is another way to create programs that learn. In comparison:
 - ▶ **lambda** returns a new, unnamed function
 - ▶ **eval** evaluates a list.
-

Applicative Order Evaluation

- ▶ **Applicative** (aka *eager*) **order evaluation**: arguments are evaluated at the call location (caller) before they are passed to the called function.

Example: `(* (sin x) (/ x 2))`

compute `sin(x)` and `(x/2)` first, then call `*` to multiply

- ▶ *Applicative* evaluation is used in most languages, including C, Java, Pascal, and Scheme... *with exceptions*.

Q: In what situations might applicative order evaluation be a problem?

Delayed Evaluation

Consider the use of "if" in C:

```
if ( x > 0 ) y = log(x) ;  
else printf("x must be positive") ;
```

- ▶ `y = log(x)` is only evaluated if `(x>0)` is true
 - ▶ `printf(...)` is only evaluated if `(x>0)` is false
 - ▶ This is an example of *delayed evaluation*:
 - ▶ delayed evaluation is an essential part of "if"
 - ▶ *then* part is only evaluated if test condition is true.
 - ▶ Also called *normal order evaluation*
-

Delayed Evaluation (2)

- ▶ Consider "if" and "and" in Scheme:

```
(if (> x 0) (log x) (display "x must be pos") )
```

if *applicative order evaluation* is used here, then all three expressions would be evaluated before the "if" function is called! Result:

- ▶ (log x) would always be computed
 - ▶ (display "...") would always be executed
 - ▶ (if a b c) must use *delayed evaluation*.
-

Lazy Evaluation

- ▶ An expression is evaluated the *first time it is needed*.
 - ▶ It is not evaluated again.
 - ▶ This is not the same as "normal order" evaluation.
-

Short-circuit Evaluation in C and Java

- ▶ The && and || operators use *short-circuit evaluation*:

```
if ( x != 0 && y/x < 1 ) ...;
```

- ▶ y/x is only evaluated if $(x \neq 0)$ is true

```
if ( x == 0 || log(x) < 1 ) ...;
```

- ▶ $\log(x)$ is only evaluated if $(x == 0)$ is *false*

- ▶ C, C#, and Java *guarantee* this property of && and ||
-

Short-circuit Evaluation in Scheme

- What about "and" in Scheme?

```
(if (and (f x) (g x))  
    (display "True") ;; then statement  
    (display "False") ;; else statement  
)
```

does Scheme always evaluate (g x) ?

- Write a test program:

```
(define (f x) (display "F called") #f )  
(define (g x) (display "G called") #t )
```

evaluate:

```
(and (f 1) (g 1) )      (or (f 1) (g 1) )  
(and (g 1) (f 1) )      (or (g 1) (f 1) )
```

Delayed Evaluation (3)

Other situations where delayed evaluation is needed:

- ▶ **cond**

```
(cond
  (condition1 expression1)
  (condition2 expression2) ...
  (else      expression3)
)
```

evaluation of arguments is *delayed* until they are needed by "cond".

- ▶ Producer - consumer relationship (described next).

Delayed Evaluation (4)

- Applications can also benefit from delayed evaluation:

```
; generate a list of integers from m to n
(define (intlist m n)
  (if (> m n) '()
      (cons m (intlist (+ 1 m) n)) )
)
; extract first n items from list
(define (head n List)
  (if (= n 0) '()
      (cons (car List) (head (- n 1) (cdr List))))
)
; extract first 10 items from list of integers
(head 10 (intlist 1 100000) )
```

Delayed Evaluation (5)

- ▶ `intlist` is evaluated first, but only the first 10 items are used, so the rest of the work was *unnecessary*.

```
; extract first 10 items from list  
(head 10 (intlist 1 100000) )
```


delay and force

- ▶ **delay** requests that an expression be evaluated later.
- ▶ Scheme creates a "promise" to evaluate it at a later time:
(delay (+ 3 4))
#<struct:promise>
- ▶ **force** causes the "promise" to be fulfilled.
- ▶ The expression is evaluated and the result returned.
- ▶ The promise is not turned into a value -- it stays a promise.

```
> (define E (delay (+ 3 4)))
```

```
> E
```

```
#<struct:promise>
```

```
> (force E)
```

```
7
```

```
> (* E 2) ; multiply E by 2
```

E is still a promise, not a value

**: expects type <number> as 1st argument,
given: #<struct:promise>*

Uses of delay

- ▶ avoid a long calculation that may not be necessary
- ▶ to enable a function to generate an infinite amount of data
 - ▶ each time the caller wants the next term he forces the tail of the function.
 - ▶ this causes the calculation to perform one increment

```
;; generate all the integers starting from n  
(define (integers n)  
  (cons n (integers (+ n 1) ) )  
)
```

This recursion will never stop!

Applying delay and force

- Rewrite integers to use `delay` :

```
; generate a list of all integers starting at n
(define (integers n)
  (cons n (delay (integers (+ 1 n))) ) )
)

; extract first n items from list
(define (head n list)
  (if (= n 0) '()
      (cons (car (force list))
            (head (- n 1) (cdr (force list))))
  )
)

; example usage:
(head 100 (delay (integers 1) ) )
```

Applying delay and force (2)

- ▶ Each reference to the list generator is *wrapped* in (**delay** ...) or (**force** ...)

```
; generate a list of all integers
(define (integers n)
  (cons n (delay (integers (+ 1 n))) ) )
)

; consume first n items from list
(define (head n list)
  (if (= n 0) '()
      (cons (car (force list))
            (head (- n 1) (cdr (force list)))))
  )
)
```

The generator *delays* building the list;

The consumer *forces* each next step of list building.

Is this inefficient?

- ▶ "head" (list consumer) **forces** the list 2 times.
- ▶ Does that cause the generator to do the work twice?

```
; generate a list of all integers
(define (integers n)
  (cons n (delay (integers (+ 1 n))) ) )
)

; consume first n items from list
(define (head n list)
  (if (= n 0) '()
      (cons (car (force list))
            (head (- n 1) (cdr (force list))))))
)
)
```

Memoization

- ▶ Promises would be inefficient if they are evaluated every time a delayed expression is forced:

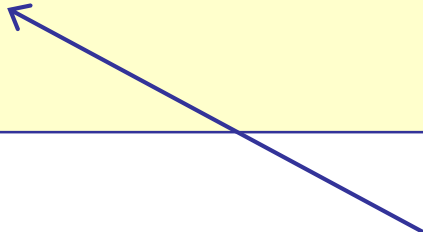
```
(define E (delay (+ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10)))  
(define (f-square x) (* (force x) (force x)))
```

- ▶ `(f-square E)` would require the sum to be computed twice.
 - ▶ To avoid this, promises are **memo-ized**:
 - ▶ when a promise is **force**-d, the value is stored
 - ▶ subsequent "**force**" simply return the stored value
 - ▶ Thus, a **delay** expression is evaluated *at most* once.
-

Memoization *Exposed*

- ▶ Memoization can be seen in Scheme using a definition that involves I/O:

```
(define SayHello (delay (display "Hello There")))
> SayHello
# <struct:promise>
> (force SayHello)
Hello There
> (force SayHello)
>
```



No output from the second "force".

Functions as 1st class entities

- ▶ Result of a `lambda` can be manipulated as ordinary data:

```
> ( define f (lambda (x) (* x x)) )  
> f  
(#<procedure>)  
> (f 5)  
25
```

```
(define (scale-by f) ( lambda(x) (* x f) ) )  
(define inch2cm (scale-by 2.54) ) ; inches to cm  
(inch2cm 20 ) ; use the func.  
50.8
```


Higher-order functions

- ▶ A **higher-order** function returns a function as its value, or takes a function as a parameter.
 - ▶ **eval** and **map** are higher-order
 - ▶ The use of higher-order functions is a characteristic of functional programs
-

Higher-order functions

```
; apply function to all values in a list
(define apply-to-all (fun values)
  (if (null? values) '()
      (cons (fun (car values))
            (apply-to-all fun (cdr values)) ) ) ; recursion
)
```

The Scheme **map** function performs apply-to-all. Example:

```
;; compute factorial of all values in a list
> (map factorial '(1 2 3 4 5 6))
(1 2 6 24 120 720)
```

Higher-order functions

```
; apply a filter (p) to elements of a list L
(define (filter p L)
  (cond
    ( (null? L) L )
    ( (p (car L)) (cons (car L) (filter p (cdr L))) )
    ( else (filter p (cdr L)) )
  )
)
```

Example:

```
> (filter even? ' (1 2 4 7) )
```

see next slide for step-by-step evaluation.

power function generator

- ▶ Define a square function and a cube function:

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

```
(define (cube x) (* x x x) )
```

```
> (square 3)
```

```
9
```

```
> (cube 3)
```

```
27
```

- ▶ Can we define a function that can generate *any* power function?
(for integer powers) That is:

```
(define square (power 2) ) ; square is a function
```

```
(define cube (power 3) ) ; cube is a function
```

```
(define inverse (power -1) )
```

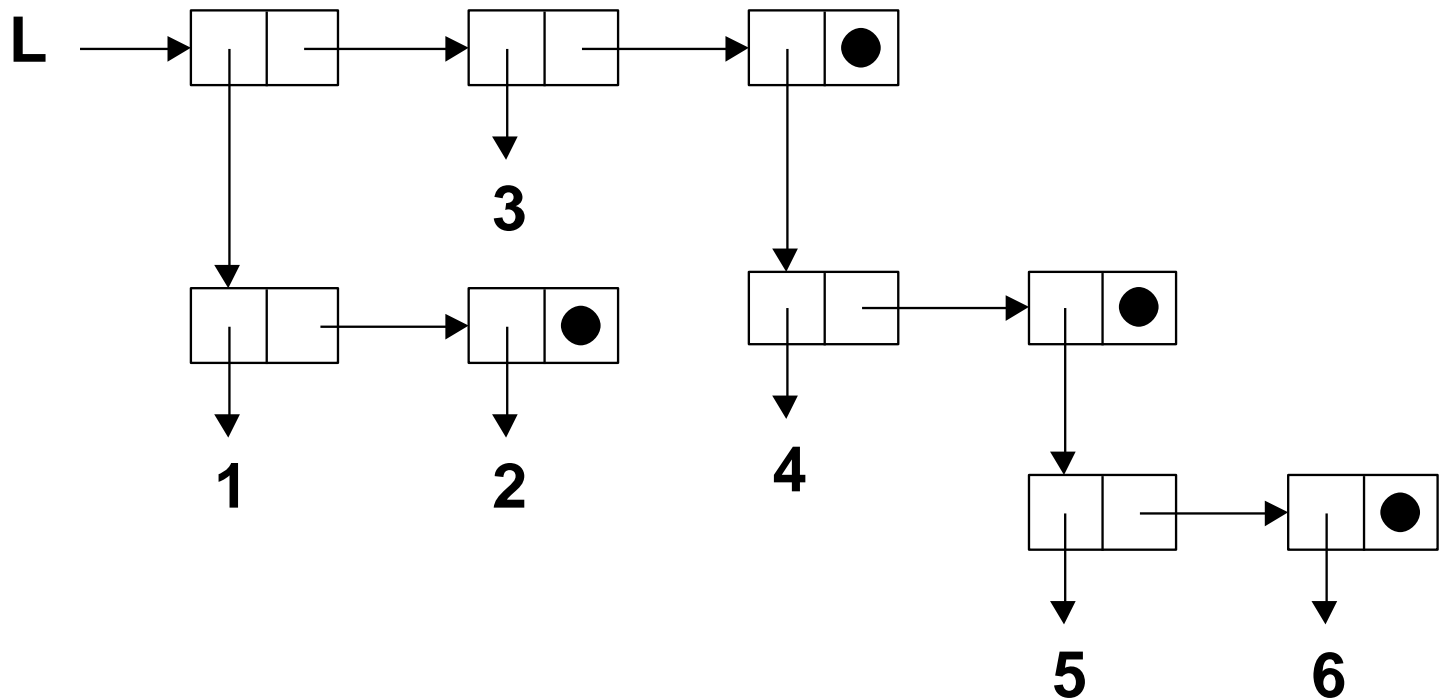
power function generator (cont'd)

```
(define (power n)
  (cond
    ; n = 0 is a constant function:  $x^0 = 1$ 
    ( (= n 0) (lambda(x) 1) )
    ; n = 1 is the identity function
    ( (= n 1) (lambda(x) x) )
    ; n < 0 use the property:  $x^n = 1/x^{-n}$ 
    ( (< n 0) (lambda(x)
                  (/ 1 ((power (- 0 n)) x) ) ) )
    ; n > 1 define recursively:  $x^n = x * x^{(n-1)}$ 
    ( else      (lambda(x)
                  ...complete this as an exercise
                )
    )
  )
)
```

Organization of Lists in Scheme

- ▶ Lists are stored as ... linked lists.
- ▶ The "car" of each node contains a type identifier (number, string, list) and pointer to value.

Example: $L = ((1\ 2)\ 3\ (4\ (5\ 6)))$



Question: *alternative to car and cdr*

- ▶ In Scheme:

`(car ' (a b c d e ...)) = a = first element`

`(cdr ' (a b c d e ...)) = '(b c d e) = remainder`

- ▶ What would be the effect of replacing **car** and **cdr** with a "head" and "tail" like this:

`(head ' (a b c ... m n)) = ' (a b c ... m)`

`(tail ' (a b c ... m n)) = n = last element`

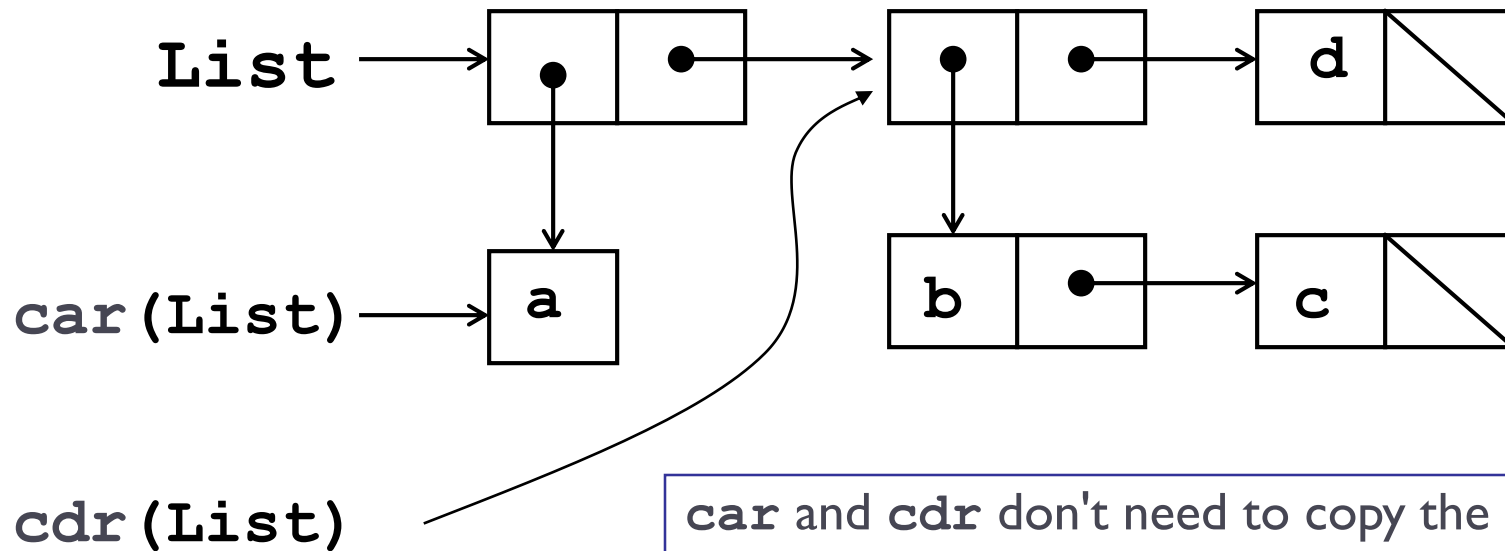
- ▶ For a linked list structure, is one more efficient?
car-cdr or **head-tail**
-

Question: *alternative to car and cdr*

Consider: `List = (a (b c) d)`

`car(List) = a`

`cdr(List) = ((b c) d)`

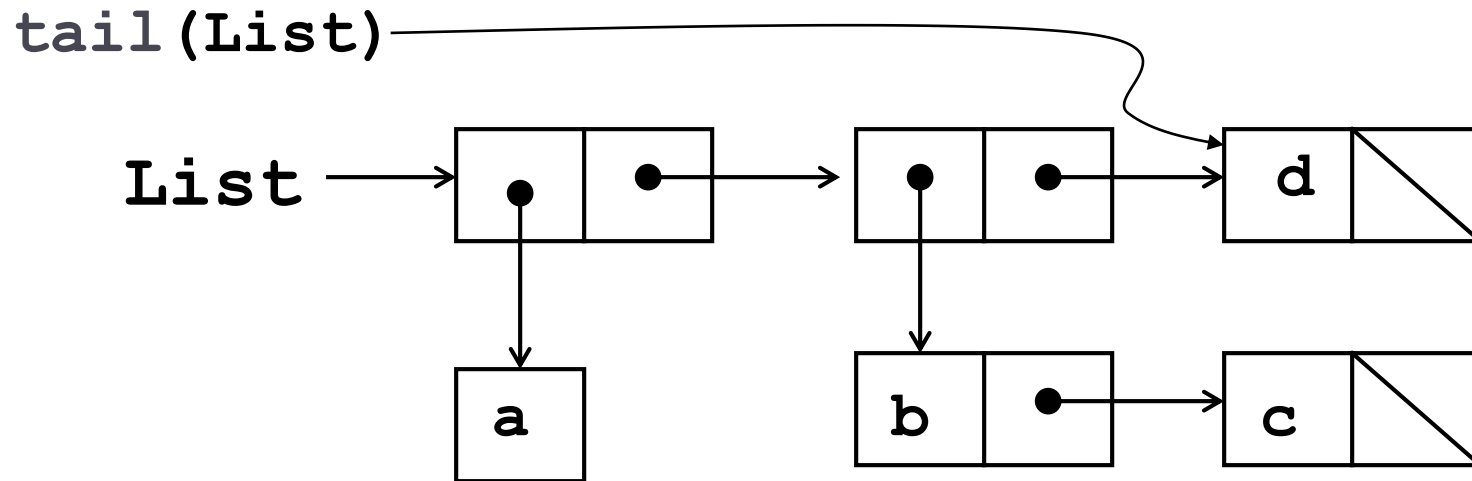


Question: *alternative to car and cdr*

Consider: `List = (a (b c) d)`

`head(List) = (a (b c))`

`tail(List) = d`



`head(List) = ?`

Data structures in Scheme

Scheme has a set of cludgy commands for managing data structures.

- ▶ **define-struct** defines a new structure
`(define-struct person '(name telephone))`
 - ▶ **make-structname** creates a new instance
`(define shin (make-person "Taksin" '01-5551212))`
 - ▶ **struct-attribute** commands are accessors:
`> (person-name shin)`
`"Taksin"`
`> (person-telephone shin)`
`01-5551212`
 - ▶ **make-person**, **person-name**, ... are defined automatically when you use **"define-struct"**
-

Object-oriented programming

- ▶ Since functions are first class objects, an element of a structure can be a function.

Binary search trees

- ▶ Represent each node as a 3-item list: (data left-child right-child)

```
'( mydata (left-child-list) (right-child-list) )
```

```
(define (data B) (car B))
```

```
(define (leftchild B) (cadr B))
```

```
(define (rightchild B) (caddr B))
```

- ▶ Example - see Figure 11.8, page 487:

```
("horse" ("cow" () ("dog" () ()))
```

```
      ("zebra" ("yak" () ())) ()))
```

- ▶ Now we can write traversals such as

```
(define (tree-to-list B)
```

```
  (if (null? B) B
```

```
      (append (tree-to-list (leftchild B))
```

```
              (list (data B))
```

```
              (tree-to-list (rightchild B))))))
```

eval and symbols

- ▶ The `eval` function evaluates an expression in an environment; many Scheme versions have an implied current environment:
`(eval (cons max '(1 3 2))) => 3`
 - ▶ Symbols are virtually unique to Lisp: they are runtime variable names, or unevaluated identifiers:
`'x => x`
`(eval 'x) => the value of x in the environment`
 - ▶ Use symbols for enums (they are more efficient than strings)
-

Functions and objects

- ▶ Functions can be used to model objects and classes in Scheme.
- ▶ Consider the simple Java class:

```
public class BankAccount
{ public BankAccount(double initialBalance)
    { balance = initialBalance; }
  public void deposit(double amount)
    { balance = balance + amount; }
  public void withdraw(double amount)
    { balance = balance - amount; }
  public double getBalance()
    { return balance; }
  private double balance;
}
```

Functions and objects (cont'd)

- ▶ This can be modeled in Scheme as:

```
(define (BankAccount balance)
  (define (getBalance) balance)
  (define (deposit amt)
    (set! balance (+ balance amt)))
  (define (withdraw amt)
    (set! balance (- balance amt)))
  (lambda (message)
    (cond
      ((eq? message 'getBalance) getBalance)
      ((eq? message 'deposit) deposit)
      ((eq? message 'withdraw) withdraw)
      (else (error "unknown message" message))) )
  )
```

Functions and objects (cont'd)

- ▶ This code can be used as follows:

```
> (define acct1 (BankAccount 50))
> (define acct2 (BankAccount 100))
> ((acct1 'getbalance))
50
> ((acct2 'getbalance))
100
> ((acct1 'withdraw) 40)
> ((acct2 'deposit) 50)
> ((acct1 'getbalance))
10
> ((acct2 'getbalance))
150
> ((acct1 'setbalance) 100)
. unknown message setbalance
```

Imperative Commands in Scheme

- ▶ In the BankAccount code **set!** enables us to treat a symbol as a memory location and alter its value. **set!** is *not* purely functional programming:

```
(set! balance (+ balance amount) )
```

- ▶ In Scheme, any function ending in “!” is a non-functional, imperative-style operation. These include:

set!

set-car!

set-cdr!

string-set!

etc.

All of these are versions of assignment.
