

# **Programming Languages**

## **Scheme Functional Programming**

# Theory of Programming Languages

## Chapter 15 Appendix

# **Introduction to Scheme Syntax**

# Scheme: A Lisp dialect

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- ▶ Basic syntax:

*expression* → *atom* | *list*

*list* → '(' { *expression* } ')'

*atom* → *number* | *string* | *identifier* | *character* | *boolean*

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

# Scheme Expressions: examples

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

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

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

# Defining Functions

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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

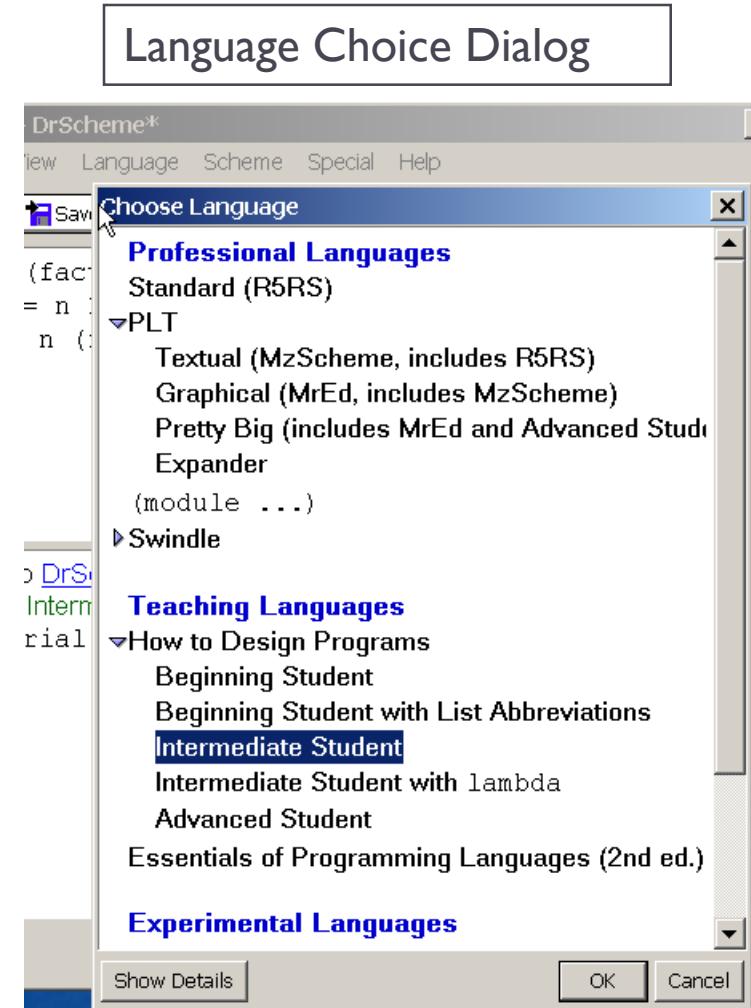
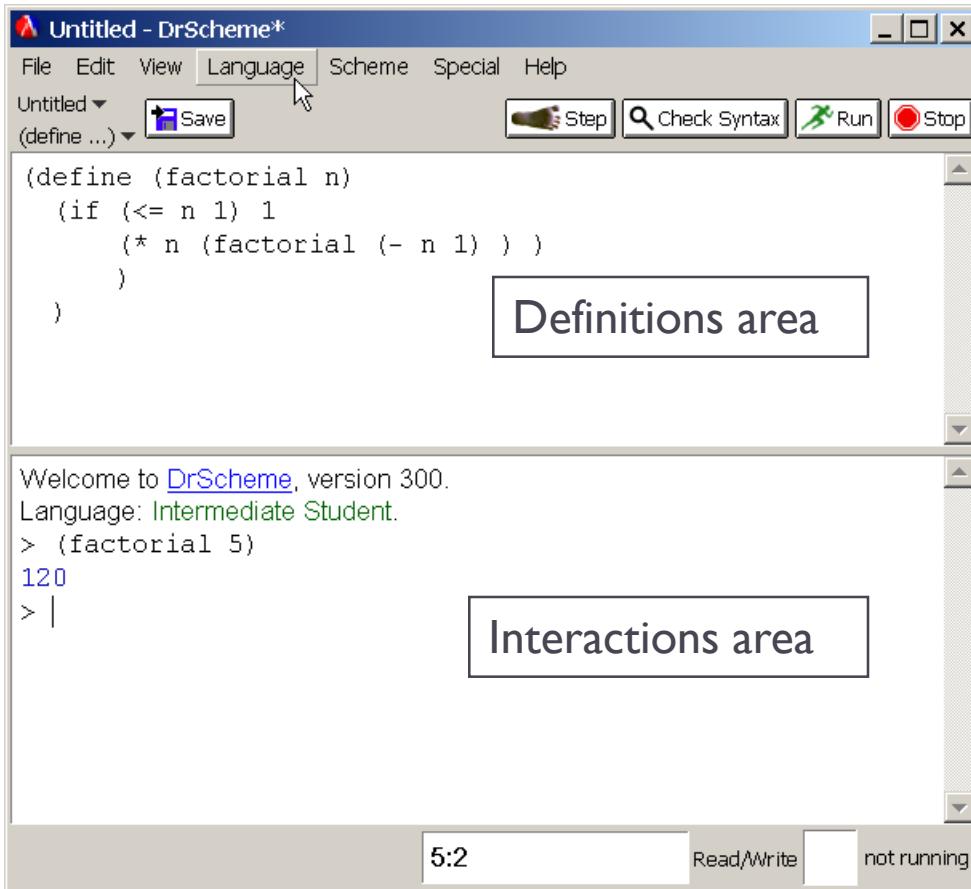
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( <b>read</b> )	read space-delimited value
( <b>display expression</b> )	output a value
( <b>newline</b> )	

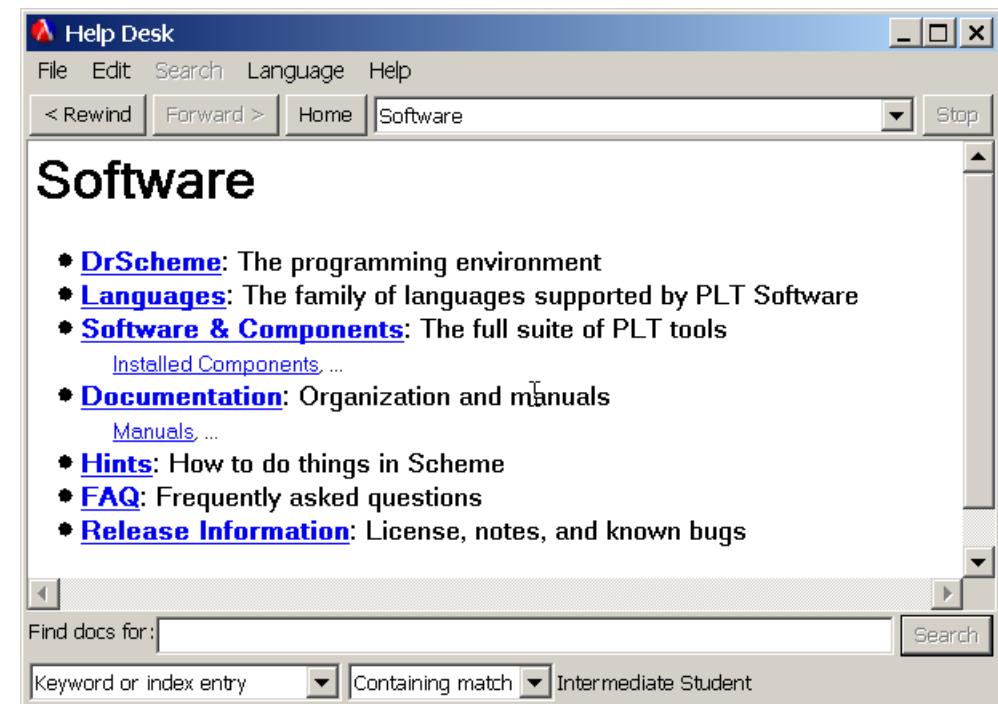
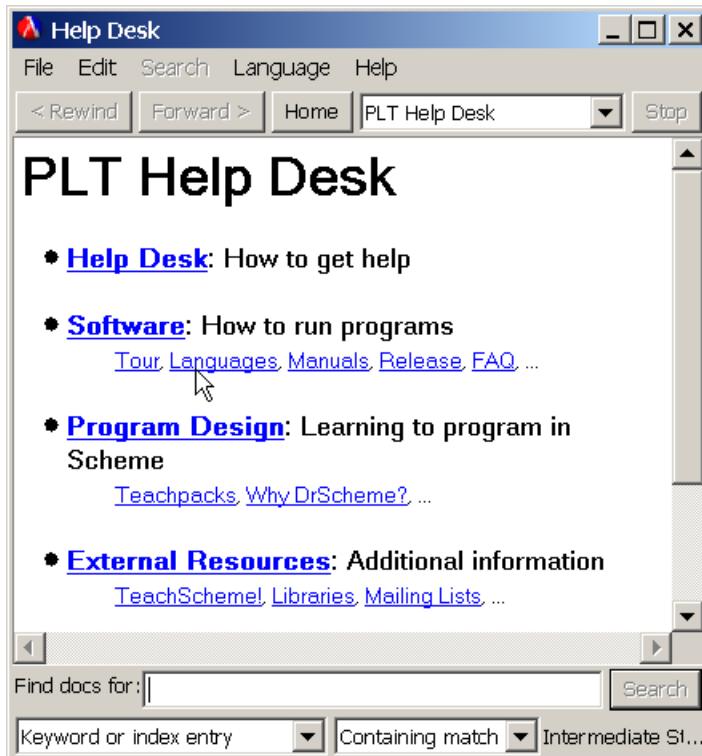
```
(display "Please input something: ")
(define x (read) )
(display (cons "you input: " (list x)))
```

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

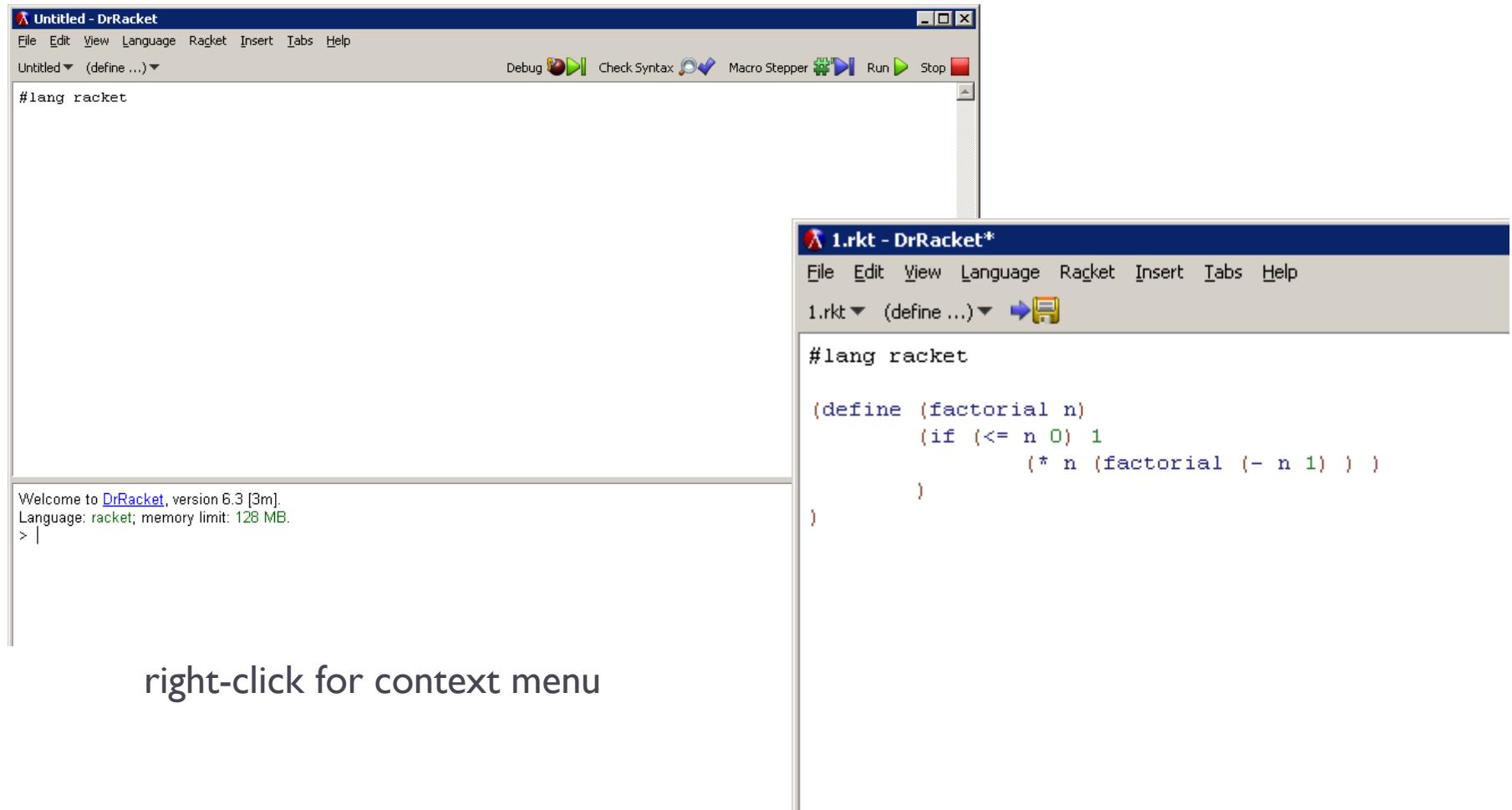
# A Look at Dr.Scheme



# Dr.Scheme online help



# Context-sensitive help, syntax checker



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".

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

# if function

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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".

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# 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  
518286253697920827223758251185210916864000000000  
00000000000000

# cond function

```
(cond  
  true or false  
  (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.

# 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**

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- ▶ **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?

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# 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

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

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

# List Functions: quote and list

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

*Why is this needed?*

( <b>quote</b> a)	→ a
( <b>quote</b> (a b c))	→ (a b c)
' (a b c)	→ ( <b>quote</b> (a b c))

- **list** makes a list of its arguments

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

# Breaking down a list: `car` `cdr`

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- ▶ 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>	→ a
<code>(cdr ' (a b c))</code>	→ (b c)
<code>(car ' ((a b) c))</code>	→ (a b)
<code>(cdr ' ((a b) c))</code>	→ (c)
<code>(car ' (a) )</code>	→ a
<code>(cdr ' (a) )</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:  
 $(\text{cons } \textit{expression} \text{ } \textit{list})$
- ▶ the second argument should be a list

$(\text{cons } 'a \text{ } '(b \text{ } c))$	$\rightarrow (a \text{ } b \text{ } c)$
$(\text{cons } ' (a) \text{ } ' (b \text{ } c))$	$\rightarrow ((a) \text{ } b \text{ } c)$
$(\text{cons } ' (a \text{ } b) \text{ } ' (c \text{ } d))$	$\rightarrow ((a \text{ } b) \text{ } c \text{ } d)$
$(\text{cons } ' () \text{ } ' (b \text{ } c) \text{ })$	$\rightarrow (() \text{ } b \text{ } c)$
$(\text{cons } 'a \text{ } 'b \text{ })$	$\rightarrow (a \text{ } . \text{ } b)$

- the last example is called a "dotted pair" and is usually an error.
- $(a \text{ } . \text{ } b)$  means that a list element contains two atoms instead of an atom (or pointer) and a pointer

# Building a list: `list` & `append`

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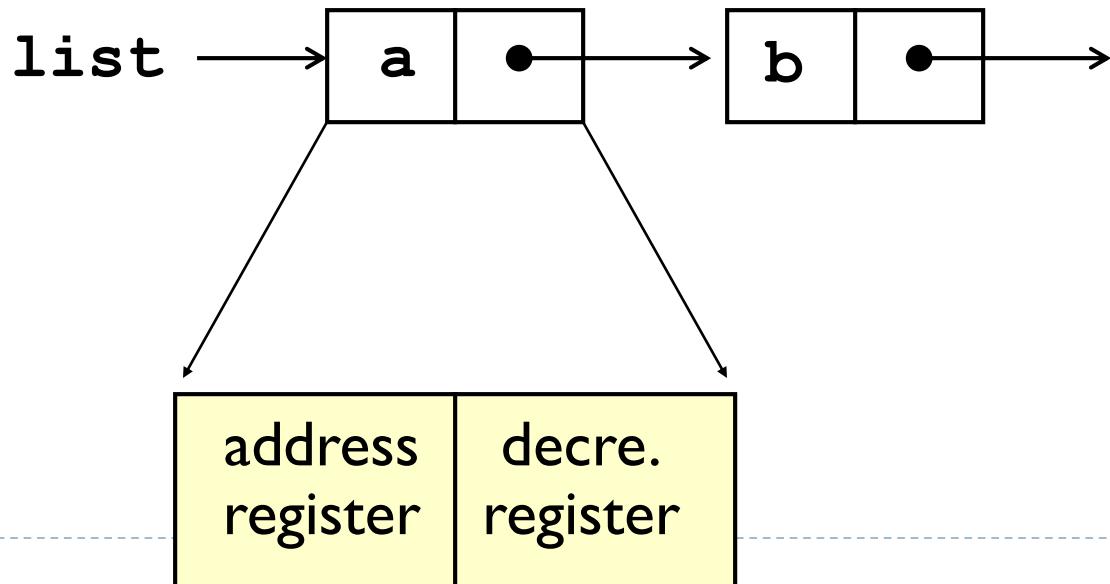
- ▶ append several lists to create a single list:  
 $(\text{append } list_1 \ list_2 \ \dots)$
- ▶ the arguments should be lists

```
(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"?

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The 704 had two machine instructions to access these values:

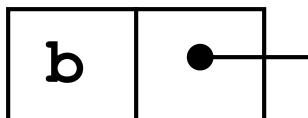
*Contents of Address Register (CAR)*

*Contents of Decrement Register (CDR)*

hence the name of the LISP commands!

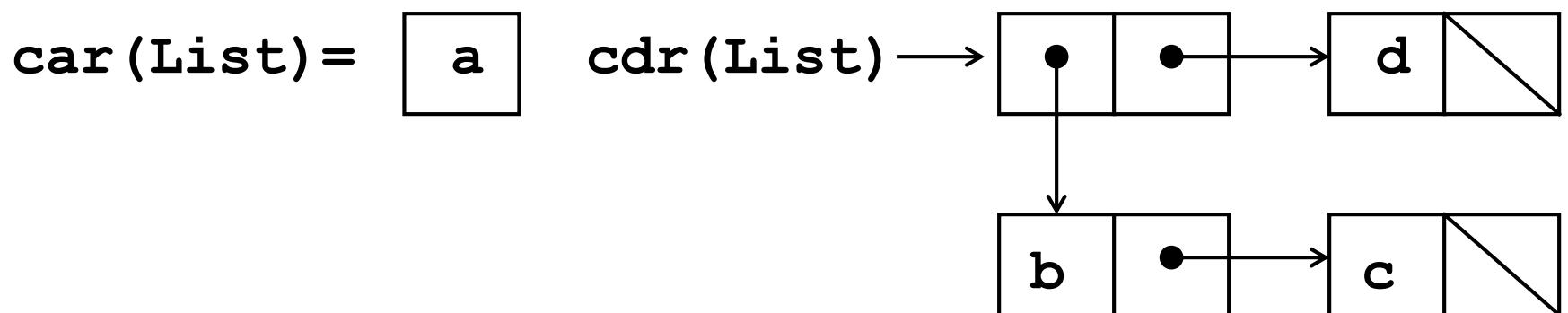
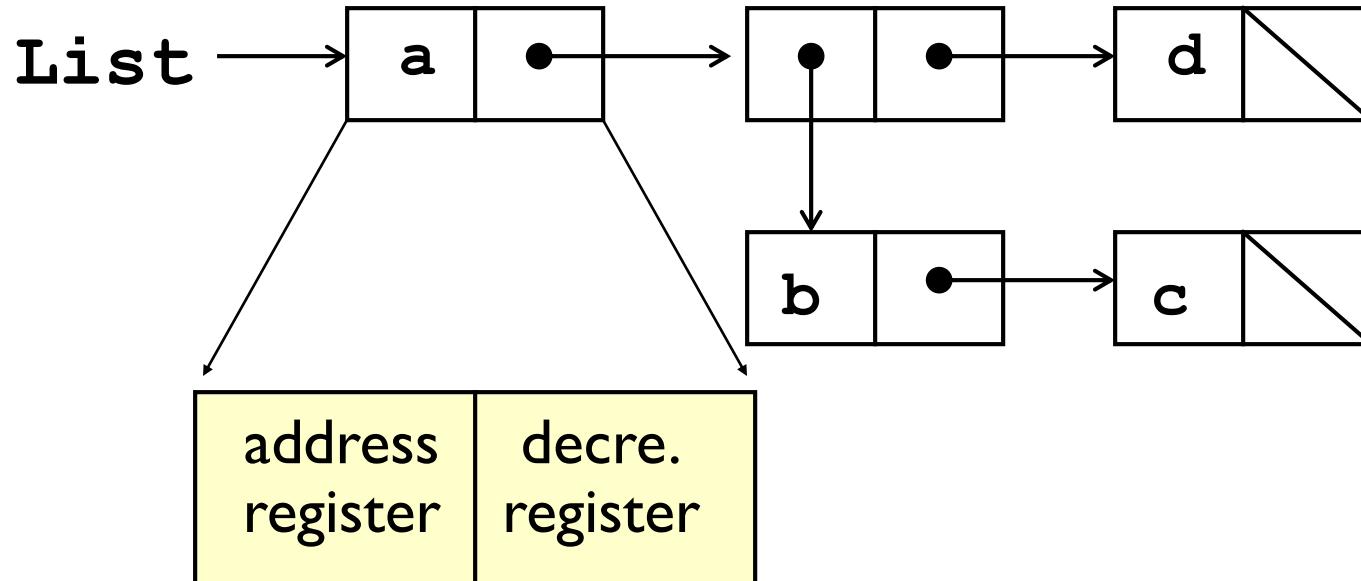
... and LISP is supposedly "machine independent"... HA!

**(car list) → a**

**(cdr list) →** A diagram showing a rectangular box divided into two equal-sized vertical columns. The left column contains the letter 'b'. The right column contains a black dot representing the end of the list.

# Why "car" and "cdr"?

How to store a list:  $\text{List} = (\text{ a } (\text{ b } \text{ c }) \text{ d })$



# 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:

`(caar List )`

= `(car (car List) )`

`(cadr List )`

= `(car (cdr List) )`

`(caddr List )`

= `(car (cdr (cdr List) ) )`

`(cddddr List )`

= `(cdr (cdr (cdr (cdr (cdr List) ) ) ) )`

`(cdadadr List )`

= `(cdr (car (cdr (car (cdr List) ) ) ) ) )`

`(xxxxxxxxr List )`

= any combination of up to 5 "a" and "d"  
refers to a composite of `car` and `cdr`

# 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)))
)
; reverse a list
(define (reverse L)
  (if (null? L) '()
      (append (reverse (cdr L)) (list (car L)))
)
)
```

**cdr down the list**

**cons up the result**

**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

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

(**member** 'B '(A B C))

returns (B C)

(**member** 'B '(A C D))

returns #F

(**member** '(B) '(A ((B) D)))

returns ((B) D)

# Scoping

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- ▶ 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

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## ▶ 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

<b>(string-length "hello")</b>	number of characters in string
<b>(substring string start end )</b>	return a substring
<b>(string-&gt;list "hello there" )</b>	convert to list of characters
<b>(list-&gt;string (#\h #\i) )</b>	convert list of chars to a string
<b>(string #\h #\e #\l #\l #\o )</b>	concatenate char args to new string
<b>(string-copy string )</b>	create a new string as copy of old
<b>(string? arg )</b>	true if argument is a string
<b>(string=? string1 ...)</b>	there are also < > <= >= functions
<b>(string=? "bye" "BYE" )</b>	false
<b>(string-ci=? "bye" "BYE" )</b>	true. there are also < > <= >=
<b>(string-null? string )</b>	
<b>(string-index string char )</b>	
<b>(string-rindex string char )</b>	

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

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

# Special String and Char Values

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

```
> (display "hello\tdog\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

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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.

# General Equality Functions

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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

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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 (l) 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

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- ▶ 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 ) )
```

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This won't work:

(+ *list-of-numbers* )

What we want is:

' + (      1 2 3 4 5 )



# Evaluating Expressions: eval

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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

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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

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# Use of eval

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- ▶ **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

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- ▶ **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?

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# Delayed Evaluation

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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)

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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

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

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

- ▶ `y/x` is only evaluated if `(x != 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)

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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)

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- ▶ `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

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- ▶ 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!*

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# 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

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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))
```

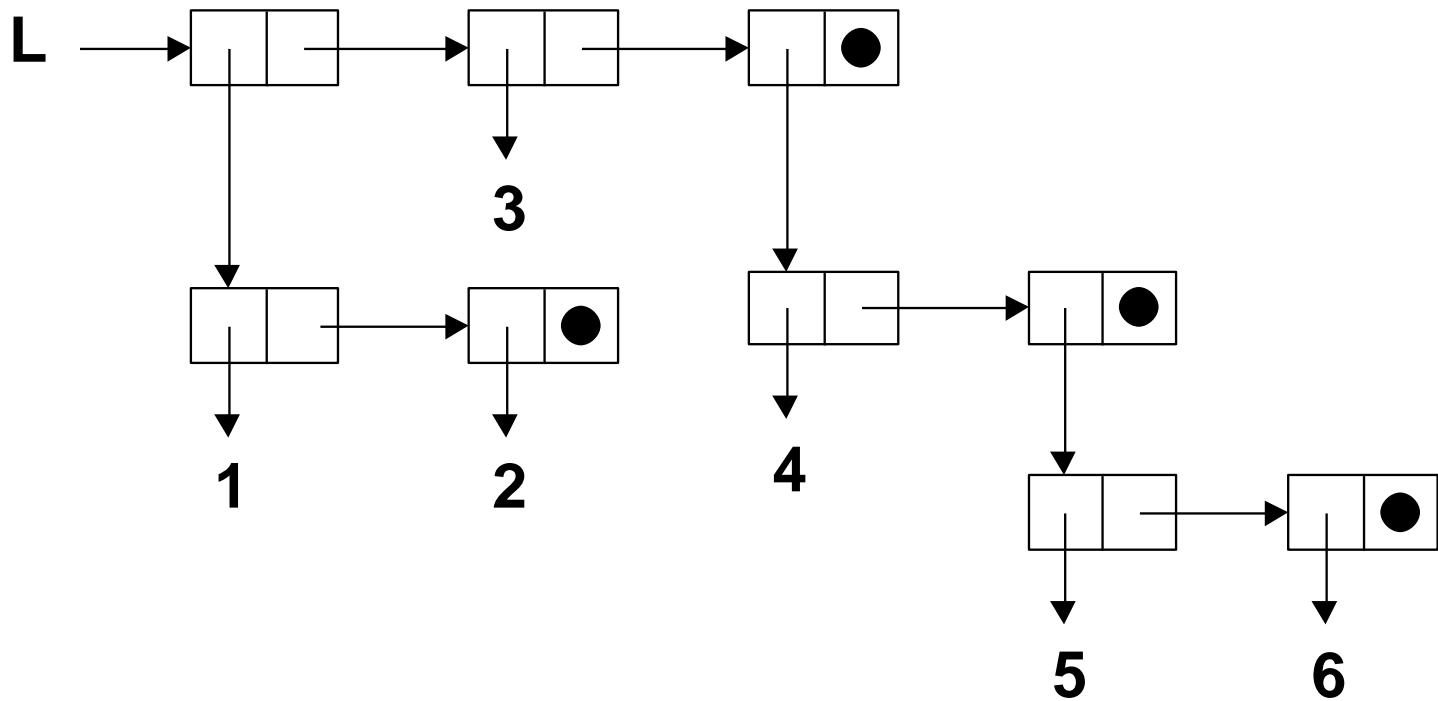
# power function generator (cont'd)

```
(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*

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- ▶ 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`

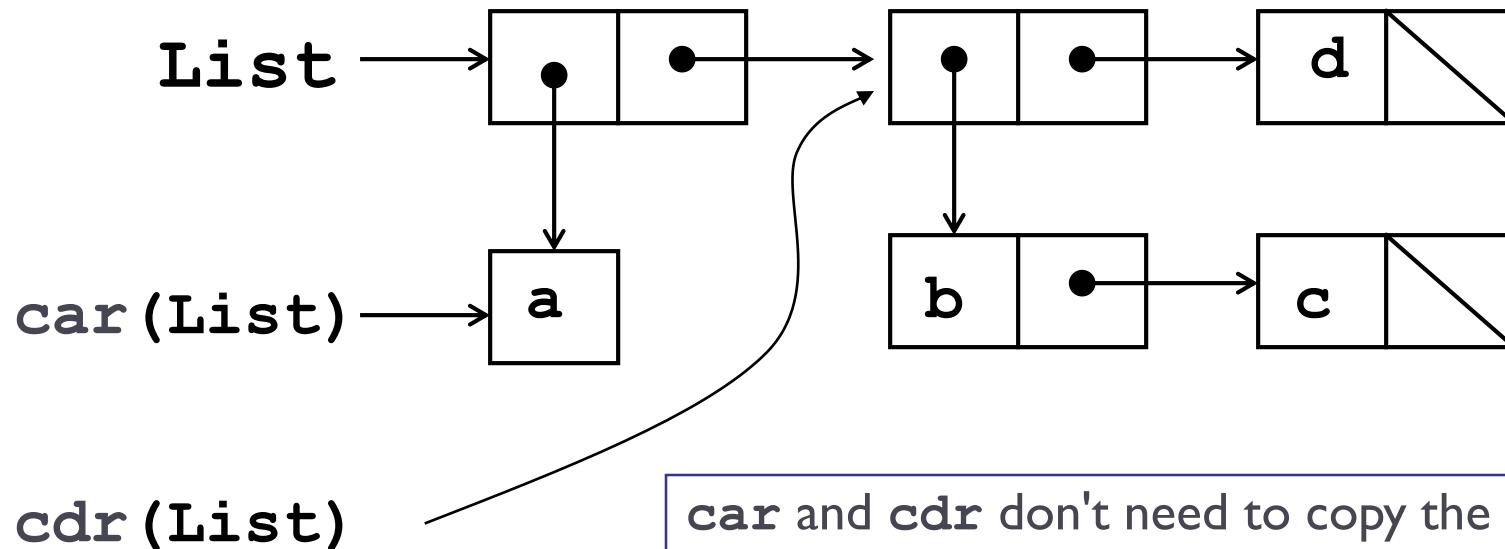
- ▶ For a linked list structure, is one more efficient?  
**car-cdr** or **head-tail**
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# Question: *alternative to car and cdr*

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

`car(List) = a`

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

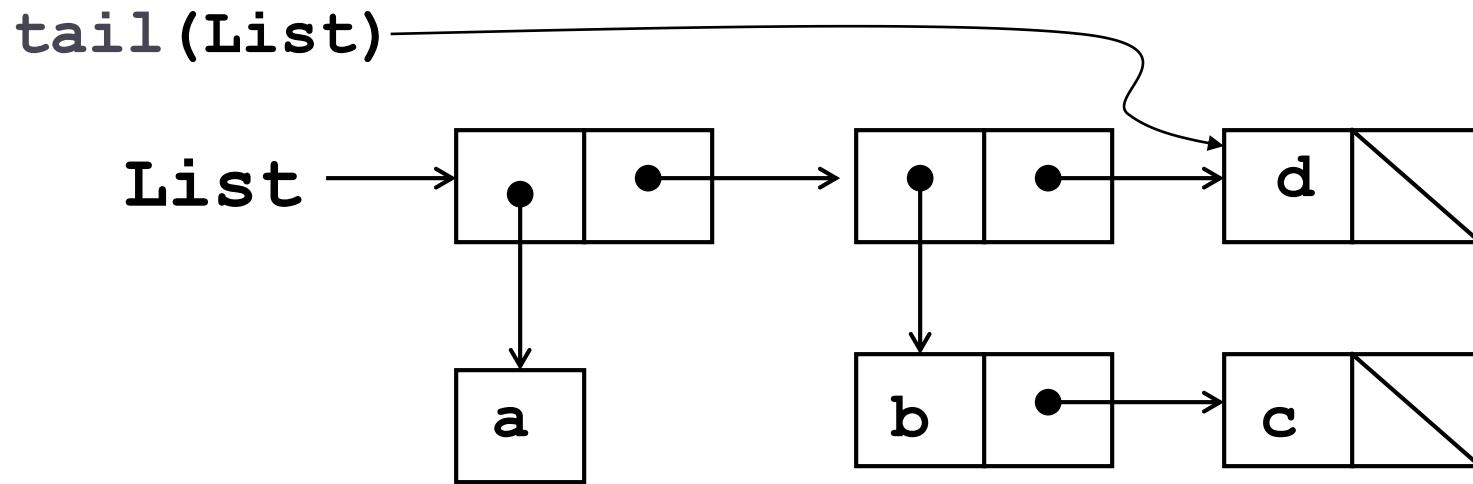


# Question: *alternative to car and cdr*

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

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

# Binary search trees

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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)

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- ▶ 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)

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- ▶ 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

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- ▶ 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.