

## This Lecture

- Substitution model
- An example using the substitution model
- Designing recursive procedures
- Designing iterative procedures



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## Substitution model

- a way to figure out what happens during evaluation
  - not really what happens in the computer
- to apply a compound procedure:
  - evaluate the body of the procedure, with each parameter replaced by the corresponding operand
- to apply a primitive procedure: just do it

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

```
1.      (square 4)
2.      (* 4 4)
3.      16
```



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## Substitution model details

```
(define square (lambda (x) (* x x)))
(define average (lambda (x y) (/ (+ x y) 2)))
```

```
(average 5 (square 3))
(average 5 (* 3 3))
(average 5 9)           first evaluate operands,
                        then substitute (applicative order)
```

```
(/ (+ 5 9) 2)
(/ 14 2)                if operator is a primitive procedure,
7                        replace by result of operation
```



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## End of part 1

- how to use substitution model to trace evaluation



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## A less trivial procedure: factorial

- Compute  $n$  factorial, defined as  $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\dots 1$

- Notice that  $n! = n * [(n-1)(n-2)\dots] = n * (n-1)!$  if  $n > 1$

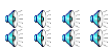
```
(define fact
  (lambda (n)
    (if (= n 1)
        1
        (* n (fact (- n 1))))))
```

- predicate = tests numerical equality  
(= 4 4) ==> #t (true)  
(= 4 5) ==> #f (false)

- if special form

```
(if (= 4 4) 2 3) ==> 2
(if (= 4 5) 2 3) ==> 3
```

predicate      consequent      alternative



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```
(define fact (lambda (n)
  (if (= n 1) 1 (* n (fact (- n 1))))))
```

```
(fact 3)
(if (= 3 1) 1 (* 3 (fact (- 3 1))))
(if #f 1 (* 3 (fact (- 3 1))))
(* 3 (fact (- 3 1)))
(* 3 (fact 2))
(* 3 (if (= 2 1) 1 (* 2 (fact (- 2 1)))))
(* 3 (if #f 1 (* 2 (fact (- 2 1)))))
(* 3 (* 2 (fact (- 2 1))))
(* 3 (* 2 (fact 1)))
(* 3 (* 2 (if (= 1 1) 1 (* 1 (fact (- 1 1)))))
(* 3 (* 2 (if #t 1 (* 1 (fact (- 1 1)))))
(* 3 (* 2 1))
(* 3 2)
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```

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## The fact procedure is a recursive algorithm

- A recursive algorithm:
  - In the substitution model, the expression keeps growing  
`(fact 3)`  
`(* 3 (fact 2))`  
`(* 3 (* 2 (fact 1)))`
  - Other ways to identify will be described next time



## End of part 2

- how to use substitution model to trace evaluation
- how to recognize a recursive procedure in the trace



## How to design recursive algorithms

- follow the general pattern:
  1. wishful thinking
  2. decompose the problem
  3. identify non-decomposable (smallest) problems

### 1. Wishful thinking

- Assume the desired procedure exists.
- want to implement fact? OK, assume it exists.
- BUT, only solves a smaller version of the problem.



## 2. Decompose the problem

- Solve a problem by
  1. solve a smaller instance (using wishful thinking)
  2. convert that solution to the desired solution
- Step 2 requires creativity!
  - Must design the strategy before coding.
  - $n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots = n[(n-1)(n-2)\dots] = n * (n-1)!$
  - solve the smaller instance, multiply it by  $n$  to get solution

```
(define fact  
  (lambda (n) (* n (fact (- n 1)))))
```



## 3. Identify non-decomposable problems

- Decomposing not enough by itself
  - Must identify the "smallest" problems and solve directly
- Define  $1! = 1$

```
(define fact  
  (lambda (n)  
    (if (= n 1) 1  
        (* n (fact (- n 1)))))
```



## General form of recursive algorithms

- test, base case, recursive case

```
(define fact  
  (lambda (n)  
    (if (= n 1)          ; test for base case  
        1                ; base case  
        (* n (fact (- n 1)) ; recursive case  
    )))
```

- base case: smallest (non-decomposable) problem
- recursive case: larger (decomposable) problem



### End of part 3

- Design a recursive algorithm by
  - wishful thinking
  - decompose the problem
  - identify non-decomposable (smallest) problems
- Recursive algorithms have
  - test
  - recursive case
  - base case

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### Iterative algorithms

- In a recursive algorithm, bigger operands => more space
 

```
(define fact (lambda (n)
  (if (= n 1) 1
      (* n (fact (- n 1))))))

(fact 4)
(* 4 (fact 3))
(* 4 (* 3 (fact 2)))
(* 4 (* 3 (* 2 (fact 1))))
(* 4 (* 3 (* 2 1)))
...
24
```

- An iterative algorithm uses **constant space**

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### Intuition for iterative factorial

- same as you would do if calculating 4! by hand:
  - multiply 4 by 3 gives 12
  - multiply 12 by 2 gives 24
  - multiply 24 by 1 gives 24
- At each step, only need to remember:
  - previous product, next multiplier
- Therefore, constant space
- Because multiplication is associative and commutative:
  - multiply 1 by 2 gives 2
  - multiply 2 by 3 gives 6
  - multiply 6 by 4 gives 24

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### Iterative algorithm to compute 4! as a table

- In this table:
  - One column for each piece of information used
  - One row for each step

first row handles 0! cleanly

product	counter	N
1	1	4
1	2	4
2	3	4
6	4	4
24	5	4

product \* counter

answer

counter + 1

- The last row is the one where counter > n
- The answer is in the product column of the last row

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### Iterative factorial in scheme

- (define ifact (lambda (n) (ifact-helper 1 1 n)))
- initial row of table
- ```
(define ifact-helper (lambda (product counter n)
  (if (> counter n)
      product
      (ifact-helper (* product counter) (+ counter 1) n))))
```
- compute next row of table
- answer is in product column of last row at last row when counter > n

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### Partial trace for (ifact 4)

```
(define ifact-helper (lambda (product count n)
  (if (> count n) product
      (ifact-helper (* product count)
                    (+ count 1) n))))

(ifact 4)
(ifact-helper 1 1 4)
(if (> 1 4) 1 (ifact-helper (* 1 1) (+ 1 1) 4))
(ifact-helper 1 2 4)
(if (> 2 4) 1 (ifact-helper (* 1 2) (+ 2 1) 4))
(ifact-helper 2 3 4)
(if (> 3 4) 2 (ifact-helper (* 2 3) (+ 3 1) 4))
(ifact-helper 6 4 4)
(if (> 4 4) 6 (ifact-helper (* 6 4) (+ 4 1) 4))
(ifact-helper 24 5 4)
(if (> 5 4) 24 (ifact-helper (* 24 5) (+ 5 1) 4))
24
```

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### Iterative = no pending operations when procedure calls itself

- Recursive factorial:

```
(define fact (lambda (n)
  (if (= n 1) 1
      (* n (fact (- n 1)) )
  )))
```

pending operation

- (fact 4)  
(\* 4 (fact 3))  
(\* 4 (\* 3 (fact 2)))  
(\* 4 (\* 3 (\* 2 (fact 1))))

- Pending ops make the expression grow continuously

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### Iterative = no pending operations

- Iterative factorial:

```
(define ifact-helper (lambda (product count n)
  (if (> count n) product
      (ifact-helper (* product count)
                     (+ count 1) n))))
```

- (ifact-helper 1 1 4)  
(ifact-helper 1 2 4)  
(ifact-helper 2 3 4)  
(ifact-helper 6 4 4)  
(ifact-helper 24 5 4)

no pending operations

- Fixed size because no pending operations

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### End of part 4

- Iterative algorithms have constant space
- How to develop an iterative algorithm
  - figure out a way to accumulate partial answers
  - write out a table to analyze precisely:
    - initialization of first row
    - update rules for other rows
    - how to know when to stop
  - translate rules into scheme code
- Iterative algorithms have no pending operations when the procedure calls itself

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