Today's topics

- Abstractions
 - Procedural
 - Data
- Relationship between data abstraction and procedures that operate on it
- · Isolating use of data abstraction from details of implementation

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Procedural abstraction

- · Process of procedural abstraction
 - Define formal parameters, capture process in body of procedure
 - Give procedure a name
 - Hide implementation details from user, who just invokes name to apply procedure

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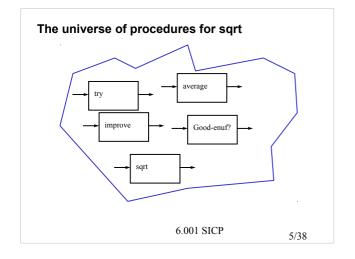
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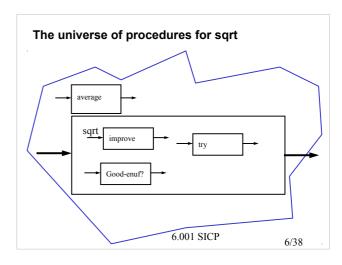
Procedural abstraction · Process of procedural abstraction · Define formal parameters, capture process in body of procedure · Give procedure a name · Hide implementation details from user, who just invokes name to apply procedure procedure Output: type Input: type Details of contract for converting input to output 6.001 SICP

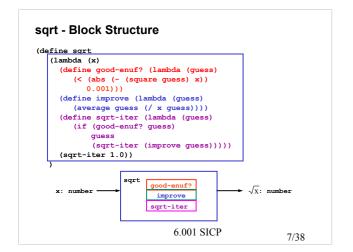
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Procedural abstraction example: sqrt
To find an approximation of square root of x:

   Make a guess G

• Improve the guess by averaging G and x/G
• Keep improving the guess until it is good enough
(define try (lambda (guess x)
                 (if (good-enuf? guess x)
                     auess
                     (try (improve guess x) x))))
(define improve (lambda (guess x)
                    (average guess (/ x guess))))
(define average (lambda (a b) (/ (+ a b) 2)))
(define good-enuf? (lambda (guess x)
                      (< (abs (- (square guess) x)) 0.001)))</pre>
(define sqrt (lambda (x) (try 1 x)))
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Summary of part 1

- · Procedural abstractions
 - Isolate details of process from its use
 - Designer has choice of which ideas to isolate, in order to support general patterns of computation

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Language Elements

- Primitives
 - prim. data: numbers, strings, booleans
 - primitive procedures
- Means of Combination
 - · procedure application
 - · compound data (today)
- Means of Abstraction
 - naming
 - · compound procedures
 - block structure
 - higher order procedures (next time)
 - conventional interfaces lists (today)
 - data abstraction

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Compound data

- Need a way of gluing data elements together into a unit that can be treated as a simple data element
- · Need ways of getting the pieces back out
- •Need a contract between the "glue" and the "unglue"
- •Ideally want the result of this "gluing" to have the property of closure:
 - •"the result obtained by creating a compound data structure can itself be treated as a primitive object and thus be input to the creation of another compound

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Pairs (cons cells)

- * (cons <x-exp> <y-exp>) ==> <P>
 - Where <x-exp> evaluates to a value <x-val>, and <y-exp> evaluates to a value <y-val>
 - Returns a pair whose car-part is <x-val> and whose cdr-part is <y-val>
- ' (car <P>) ==> <x-val>
 - Returns the car-part of the pair
- ' (cdr <P>) ==> <y-val>
 - Returns the cdr-part of the pair

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Compound Data

- Treat a PAIR as a single unit:
 - Can pass a pair as argument
 Can return a pair as a value

(define (make-point x y)
 (cons x y))

(define (point-x point)
 (car point))

(define (point-y point)
 (cdr point))

(define (make-seg pt1 pt2)
 (cons pt1 pt2))

(define (start-point seg)
 (car seg))



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Pair abstraction

- Note how there exists a contract between the constructor and the selectors:
 - (car (cons <a>)) → <a>
 - (cdr (cons <a>)) →
- Note how pairs have the property of closure we can use the result of a pair as an element of a new pair:
 - (cons (cons 1 2) 3)

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Using pair abstractions to build procedures

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• Here are some data abstractions

(define p1 (make-point 1 2))

(define p2 (make-point 4 3)) 5

(define s1 (make-seg p1 p2)) 4

2

(define stretch-point

(lambda (pt scale)

(make-point (* scale (point-x pt))

(* scale (point-y pt)))))

(stretch-point p1 2) → (2 . 4)

p1 → (1 . 2)
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Using pair abstractions to build procedures

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· Generalize to other structures
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Grouping together larger collections

• Suppose we want to group together a set of points. Here is one way

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(cons (cons (cons p1 p2)
(cons p3 p4))
(cons (cons p5 p6)
(cons p7 p8)))
```

• UGH!! How do we get out the parts to manipulate them?

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Conventional interfaces -- lists

- A list is a data object that can hold an arbitrary number of ordered items.
- More formally, a list is a sequence of pairs with the following properties:
 - Car-part of a pair in sequence holds an item
 - Cdr-part of a pair in sequence holds a pointer to rest of list
 - Empty-list nil signals no more pairs, or end of list
- Note that lists are closed under operations of cons and cdr.

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... to be really careful

- For today we are going to create different constructors and selectors for a list
 - (define first car)
 - (define rest cdr)
 - (define adjoin cons)
- Note how these abstractions inherit closure from the underlying abstractions!

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=> (2 3 4) 6 001 SICP

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Cdr'ing and Cons'ing Examples (define (copy 1st) (if (null? lst) nil (append (list 1 2) (list 3 4)) ==> (1 2 3 4) Strategy: "copy" list1 onto front of list2. (define (append list1 list2) (cond ((null? list1) list2) ; base (else (adjoin (first list1) ; recursion (append (rest list1) list2))))) 6.001 SICP 23/38

Common Pattern #3: Transforming a List (define group (list p1 p2 ... p9)) (define stretch-group (lambda (gp sc) (if (nul1? gp) nil (adjoin (stretch-point (first gp) sc) (stretch-group (rest gp) sc))))) Note how application of stretch-group to a list of points nicely separates the operations on points from the operations on the group, without worrying about details Note also how this procedure walks down a list, creates a new point, and cons'es up a new list of points.

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Common Pattern #3: Transforming a List

```
(define add-x (lambda (gp)
              (if (null? gp)
                  (+ (point-x (first gp))
                     (add-x (rest gp)))))
(define add-y (lambda (gp)
              (if (null? gp)
                  0
                  (+ (point-y (first gp))
                     (add-y (rest gp)))))
(define centroid (lambda (gp)
                   (let ((x-sum (add-x gp))
                          (y-sum (add-y gp))
                          (how-many (length qp))
                      (make-point (/ x-sum how-many)
                                 (/ y-sum how-many)))))
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```

Lessons learned

- There are conventional ways of grouping elements together into compound data structures.
- The procedures that manipulate these data structures tend to have a form that mimics the actual data structure.
- · Compound data structures rely on an inductive format in much the same way recursive procedures do. We can often deduce properties of compound data structures in analogy to our analysis of recursive procedures by using induction.

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Pairs, Lists, & Trees

Trees

· user knows trees are also lists

Lists

· user knows lists are also pairs

Pairs

• contract for cons, car, cdr

- · Conventions that enable us to think about lists and trees.
- Specified the implementations for lists and trees: weak data abstraction
- · How build stronger abstractions?

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Elements of a Data Abstraction

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-- Pair Abstaction --
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1. Constructor
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;cons: A, B -> Pair<A,B>; A & B = anytype
(cons <x> <y>) ==>
```

2. Accessors

```
(car )
              ; car: Pair<A,B> -> A
(cdr )
              ; cdr: Pair<A,B> -> B
```

3. Contract

(car (cons <x> <y>)) ==> <x> (cdr (cons <x> <y>)) ==> <y>

; pair?: anytype -> boolean

(pair?) 5. Abstraction Barrier

Say nothing about implementation!

Could have alternative implementations!

Rational numbers as an example

- A rational number is a ratio n/d
- a/b + c/d = (ad + bc)/bd
- a/b * c/d = (ac)/(bd)

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```
Rational Number Abstraction

1. Constructor

; make-rat: integer, integer -> Rat
(make-rat <n> <d>) -> <r>
2. Accessors

; numer, denom: Rat -> integer
(numer <r>)
(denom <r>)
3. Contract
(numer (make-rat <n> <d>)) ==> <n>
(denom (make-rat <n> <d>)) ==> <d>

4. Layered Operations
(print-rat <r>) (rat x y); trat: Rat, Rat -> Rat
(*rat x y); *rat: Rat, Rat -> Rat
5. Abstraction Barrier
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Rational Number Abstraction

- 1. Constructor
- 2. Accessors
- 3. Contract
- 4. Layered Operations
- 5. Abstraction Barrier

6. Concrete Representation & Implementation

```
; Rat = Pair<integer,integer>
(define (make-rat n d) (cons n d))
(define (numer r) (car r))
(define (denom r) (cdr r))
```

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Alternative Rational Number Abstraction

Say nothing about implementation!

- 1. Constructor
- 2. Accessors
- 3. Contract
- 4. Layered Operations
- 5. Abstraction Barrier

6. Concrete Representation & Implementation

```
; Rat = List
(define (make-rat n d) (list n d))
(define (numer r) (car r))
(define (denom r) (cadr r))
```

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print-rat Layered Operation ; print-rat: Rat -> undef (define (print-rat rat) (display (numer rat)) (display "/") (display (denom rat)))

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Using our system

- '(define one-half (make-rat 1 2))
- '(define three-fourths (make-rat 3 4))
- (define new (+rat one-half three-fourths))

(numer new) → 10 (denom new) → 8 Oops – should be 5/4 not 10/8!!

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"Rationalizing" Implementation

Alternative "Rationalizing" Implementation

Strategy: remove common factors when create a rational number