

CSCI 301, Lab # 4  
'Winter, 2017

**Due:** Your program, named `lab04.rkt`, must be submitted to Canvas before midnight, Tuesday, February 7.

**Composition:** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two one-argument functions. The *composition*  $f$  after  $g$ , written  $f \circ g$ , is defined as  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$ .

**Programming composition:** Define a procedure `compose` that implements composition. For example:

```
((compose square add1) 5) => 36
((compose add1 square) 5) => 26
```

**Repeated application:** If  $f$  is a numerical function and  $n$  is a non-negative integer, then we can form the  $n$ th repeated application of  $f$ , which is defined to be the function whose value at  $x$  is  $f(f(\dots(f(x))\dots))$ , where  $f$  is repeated  $n$  times. There seems to be no standard notation for this, but  $f^{on}(x)$  is popular.

For example, if  $f$  is the function  $f(x) = x + 1$  then the  $n$ th repeated application of  $f$  is the function  $f^{on}(x) = x + n$ . If  $f$  is the operation of squaring a number, then the  $n$ th repeated application of  $f$  is the function that raises its argument to the  $2^n$ th power.

**Programming repeated application:** Using `compose` from the previous problem, write a procedure that takes as inputs a procedure that computes  $f$  and a positive integer  $n$  and returns the procedure that computes the  $n$ th repeated application of  $f$ . Your procedure should be able to be used as follows:

```
((repeated square 2) 5)  => 625
((repeated square 3) 5) => 390625
((repeated add1 50) 50) => 100
```

**Recursive and iterative:** Write both a recursive and an iterative version of the `repeated` procedure. The iterative version should use a tail-recursive function.