

# CS 326

# Programming Languages, Concepts and Implementation

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Scheme

# The Scheme Programming Language

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- 1950s-1960s: Lisp developed at MIT (John McCarthy), based on lambda calculus (Alonzo Church)
- Lisp - the first functional programming language
- No single standard evolved for Lisp
- Two major Lisp dialects - Common Lisp and Scheme
- Scheme - developed at MIT in 1970s
- Member of functional class of programming languages
- Actually - has a functional core plus some imperative features
- Main application - symbolic computing, artificial intelligence

# The Structure of a Scheme Program

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- All programs and data are expressions
- **Expressions** can be **atoms** or **lists**
- **Atom**: number, string, identifier, character, boolean
- **List**: sequence of expressions separated by spaces, between parentheses
- Syntax:

expression           → atom | list

atom           → number | string | identifier | character | boolean

list           → ( expr\_seq )

expr\_seq → expression expr\_seq | expression

# Interacting with Scheme

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- **Interpreter:** "read-eval-print" loop

```
> 1  
1
```

Reads 1, evaluates it (1 evaluates to itself), then prints its value

```
> (+ 2 3)  
5
```

+ => function +

2 => 2

3 => 3

Applies function + on operands 2 and 3 => 5

# Evaluation

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- **Constant atoms** - evaluate to themselves

42 - a number

3.14 - another number

"hello" - a string

#/a - character 'a'

#t - boolean value "true"

> "hello world"

"hello world"

# Evaluation

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- **Identifiers (symbols)** - evaluate to the value bound to them

(define a 7)

> a

7

> +

#<procedure +>

# Evaluation

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- **Lists** - evaluate as "function calls":  
(function arg1 arg2 arg3 ...)
- First element must evaluate to a function
- Recursively evaluate each argument
- Apply the function on the evaluated arguments

```
> (- 7 1)
```

```
6
```

```
> (* (+ 2 3) (/ 6 2))
```

```
15
```

# Operators - More Examples

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- Prefix notation
- Any number of arguments

> (+)  
0

> (+ 2 3 4)  
9

> (+ 2)  
2

> (- 10 7 2)  
1

> (+ 2 3)  
5

> (/ 20 5 2)  
2



# Preventing Evaluation (quote)

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- Evaluate the following:

```
> (1 2 3)
```

Error: attempt to apply non-procedure 1.

- Use the **quote** to prevent evaluation:

```
> (quote (1 2 3))
```

```
(1 2 3)
```

- Short-hand notation for quote:

```
> '(1 2 3)
```

```
(1 2 3)
```

# More Examples

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(define a 7)

a                   => 7

'a                   => a

(+ 2 3)   => 5

'(+ 2 3)   => (+ 2 3)

((+ 2 3))   => Error: attempt to apply non-procedure 5.

'(her 3 "sons")   => (her 3 "sons")

- Make a list:

(list 'her (+ 2 1) "sons")   => (her 3 "sons")

(list '(+ 2 1) (+ 2 1))   => ((+ 2 1) 3)

# Forcing Evaluation (eval)

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`(+ 1 2 3)`  $\Rightarrow$  6

`'(+ 1 2 3)`  $\Rightarrow$  `(+ 1 2 3)`

`(eval '(+ 1 2 3))`  $\Rightarrow$  6

`(list + 1 2)`  $\Rightarrow$  `(+ 1 2)`

`(eval (list + 1 2))`  $\Rightarrow$  3

- **Eval** evaluates its single argument
- Eval is implicitly called by the interpreter to evaluate each expression entered:

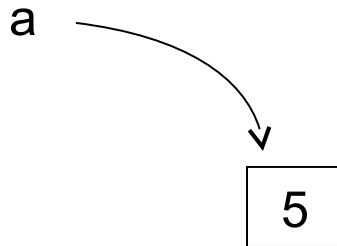
“read-**eval**-print” loop

# Special Forms

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- Have different rules regarding whether/how arguments are evaluated

`(define a 5)` ; binds a to 5, does not evaluate a



`(quote (1 2 3))` ; does not evaluate (1 2 3)

- There are a few other special forms – discussed later

# Using Scheme

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- Petite Chez Scheme

- free downloads for Windows, Linux, Unix

- The essentials:

`scheme` ; to start Scheme from the Unix prompt

`^C` ; to interrupt a running Scheme program

`(exit)` ; to exit Scheme

- Documentation available on Chez Scheme webpage

# Announcements

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- Readings
  - May look at Scheme books or on-line references

# List Operations

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- **cons** – returns a list built from head and tail

(cons 'a '(b c d))           => (a b c d)

(cons 'a '())               => (a)

(cons '(a b) '(c d))           ((a b) c d)

(cons 'a (cons 'b '()))       => (a b)

(cons 'a 'b)               => (a . b)           ; improper list

# List Operations

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- **car** – returns first member of a list (head)

`(car '(a b c d))`       $\Rightarrow$  a

`(car '(a))`               $\Rightarrow$  a

`(car '((a b) c d))`       $\Rightarrow$  (a b)

`(car '(this (is no) more difficult))`       $\Rightarrow$  this

- **cdr** – returns the list without its first member (tail)

`(cdr '(a b c d))`       $\Rightarrow$  (b c d)

`(cdr '(a b))`               $\Rightarrow$  (b)

`(cdr '(a))`               $\Rightarrow$  ()

`(cdr '(a (b c)))`       $\Rightarrow$  ((b c))

`(car (cdr (cdr '(a b c d))))`       $\Rightarrow$  c

`(caddr '(a b c d))`       $\Rightarrow$  c



# List Operations

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- **null?** – returns #t if the list is null ()  
#f otherwise
- **list** – returns a list built from its arguments

(list 'a 'b 'c)	=> (a b c)
(list 'a)	=> (a)
(list '(a b c))	= <del>x</del> (a b c))
(list '(a b) 'c)	= <del>x</del> (a b) c)
(list '(a b) '(c d))	= <del>x</del> (a b) (c d))

# List Operations

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- **length** – returns the length of a list

(length '(1 3 5 7))                      => 4

(length '((a b) c))                      2 =>

- **reverse** – returns the list reversed

(reverse '(1 3 5 7))                      => (7 5 3 1)

(reverse '((a b) c))                      => (c (a b))

- **append** – returns the concatenation of the lists received as arguments

(append '(1 3 5) '(7 9))                      => (1 3 5 7 9)

(append '(a) '())                      => (a)

(append '(a b) '((c d) e)) => (a b (c d) e)

# Type Predicates

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- Check the type of the argument and return #t or #f

(boolean? x)	; is x a boolean?
(char? x)	; is x a char?
(string? x)	; is x a string?
(symbol? x)	; is x a symbol?
(number? x)	; is x a number?
(list? x)	; is x a list?
(procedure? x)	; is x a procedure (function)?

# Boolean Expressions

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<code>(&lt; 1 2)</code>	<code>=&gt; #t</code>	
<code>(&gt;= 3 4)</code>	<code>=&gt; #f</code>	
<code>(= 4 4)</code>	<code>=&gt; #t</code>	
<code>(eq? '(a b) '(a b))</code>	<code>=&gt; #f</code>	; same object?
<code>(equal? '(a b) '(a b))</code> structure?	<code>=&gt; #t</code>	; recursively equivalent
<code>(not (&gt; 5 6))</code>	<code>=&gt; #t</code>	
<code>(and (&lt; 3 4) (= 2 3))</code>	<code>=&gt; #f</code>	
<code>(or (&lt; 3 4) (= 2 3))</code>	<code>=&gt; #t</code>	

- **and**, **or** are special forms - evaluate arguments only while needed

# Conditional Expressions

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- **if** – has the form:

(if <test\_exp> <then\_exp> <else\_exp>)

(if (< 5 6) 1 2)      => 1

(if (< 4 3) 1 2)      => 2

- Anything other than #f is treated as true:

(if 3 4 5)                      => 4

(if '() 4 5)                    => 4      ; as opposed to Lisp!!

- **if** is a special form - evaluates its arguments only when needed:

(if (= 3 4) 1 (2))      =~~E~~Error: attempt to apply non-procedure 2.

(if (= 3 3) 1 (2))      => 1

# Conditional Expressions

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- **cond** – has the form:

```
(cond
  (<test_exp1> <exp1> ...)
  (<test_exp2> <exp2> ...)
  ...
  (else <exp> ...))
```

```
(define n -5)
(cond ((< n 0) "negative")
      ((> n 0) "positive")
      (else "zero"))    => "negative"
```

- **cond** is a special form - evaluates its arguments only when needed

# Syntax (C vs. Scheme)

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## C

1 + 2 + 3

3 + 4 \* 5

factorial (9)

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

(low < x) && (x < high)

f (g(2,-1), 7)

## Scheme

(+ 1 2 3)

(+ 3 (\* 4 5))

(factorial 9)

(and (= a b) (not (= c 0)))

(< low x high)

(f (g 2 -1) 7)

# Functions

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- **Create** a function by evaluating a **lambda expression**:

`(lambda (id1 id2 ...) exp1 exp2 ...)`

- `id1 id2 ...` - formal parameters
- `exp1 exp1 ...` - body of the function
- return value of function - last expression in body
- return value of lambda expression - the (un-named) function

`(lambda (x) (* x x))`       $\Rightarrow$  `#<procedure>`

- Returns an un-named function that takes a parameter and returns its square



# Functions

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- **Call** a function by applying the evaluated lambda expression on its actual parameters:

$((\text{lambda } (x) (* x x)) 3) \Rightarrow 9$

the function      the actual parameter

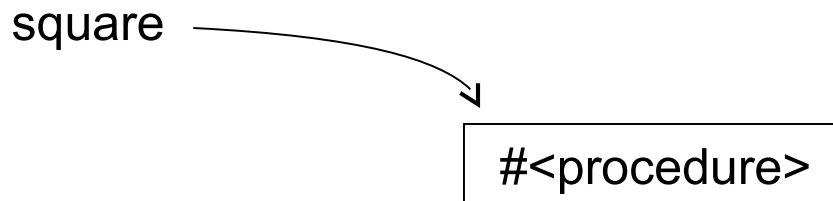
- How can you reuse the function?
  - You can't!
- Why is it then useful?
  - Return a function from another function
- What if you REALLY want to reuse it?

# Functions

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- **Bind** a name to a function:

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



- Equivalent short-hand notation (typical way to use it):

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

- Now call the function:

```
(square 3)    => 9
```

# Functions

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- Functions vs. variables:

```
(define f 3)
```

```
f                => 3
```

```
(f)              Error: attempt to apply non-procedure 3.
```

```
(define (f) 3)
```

```
f                #<procedure>
```

```
(f)              3      =>
```

- Last definition is equivalent to:

```
(define f (lambda () 3))    ; a function that takes no parameters and  
                             ; returns 3
```

# Functions

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C

```
if (a == 0)
    return f(x,y) ;
else
    return g(x,y) ;
```

Scheme

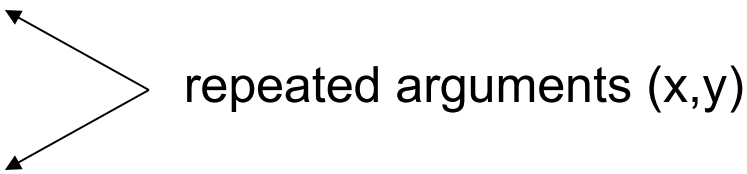
```
(if (= a 0)
    (f x y)
    (g x y))
```

# Functions

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C

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if (a == 0)
    return f(x,y) ;
else
    return g(x,y) ;
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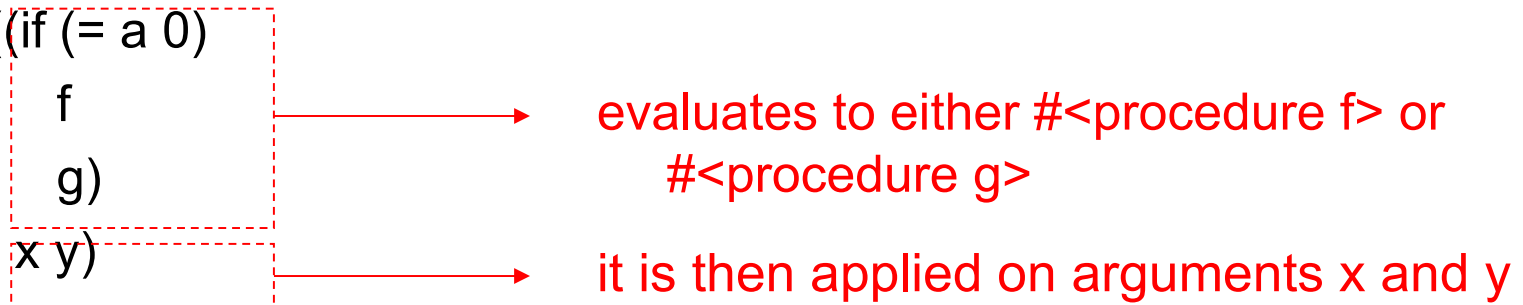


repeated arguments (x,y)

- Can we write it better in Scheme?

Scheme

```
((if (= a 0)
     f
     g)
 x y)
```



evaluates to either #<procedure f> or  
#<procedure g>

it is then applied on arguments x and y

# Interacting with Scheme

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- Instead of writing everything at the Scheme prompt, you can:
  - write your function definitions and your global variable definitions (define...) in a file ("file\_name")
  - at the Scheme prompt, load the file with: (load "file\_name")
  - at the Scheme prompt call the desired functions
  - there is no "formal" main function

# Announcements

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- Homework
  - HW 2 out – due February 20
  - Submission
    - Submit your code in Canvas as one “hw2.txt” file containing all your functions.
    - The file must be able to load and be tested in the interpreter.
      - Consequently, the file must be in a plain text format; do not submit Word, PDF, RTF, JPG or any such types of files.
      - Also make sure that any auxiliary information (such as your name or question numbers) is commented out.

# Recursion

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- Recursion plays a greater role in Scheme than in other languages
- Why?
- Functional programming – avoid side effects (assignments) and iterations
- Recursive data structures – a list is either empty, or has a `car` and a `cdr`; the `cdr` is (again) a list
- Elegance – recursive algorithms are considered more elegant than iterative ones (just ask a Scheme or Lisp programmer!)



# Recursion

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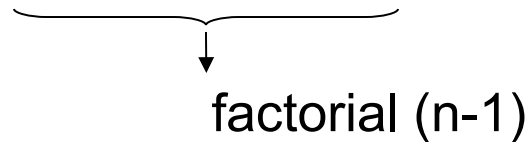
- How do you solve a problem recursively?
- Do not rush to implement it
- Think of a recursive way to describe the problem:
  - Show how to solve the problem in the general case, by decomposing it into similar, but smaller problems
  - Show how to solve the smallest version of the problem (the base case)
- Now the implementation should be straightforward (in ANY language)
  - But don't forget to handle base case first when implementing

# Recursion

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- How do you THINK recursively?
- Example: define **factorial**

$$\text{factorial}(n) = 1 * 2 * 3 * \dots (n-1) * n$$


$$\text{factorial}(n-1)$$

$$\text{factorial}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1 & \text{(the base} \\ n * \text{factorial}(n-1) & \text{otherwise} & \text{inductive} \end{cases}$$

case)                      step)

# Recursion

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- Implement **factorial** in Scheme:

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

(factorial 4)      => 24

# Recursion

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- **Fibonacci:**

$$\text{fib}(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ \text{fib}(n-1) + \text{fib}(n-2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Implement in Scheme:

```
(define (fib n)
  (cond
    ((= n 0) 0)
    ((= n 1) 1)
    (else (+ (fib (- n 1)) (fib (- n 2))))))
```

# Recursion

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- **Length** of a list:

$$\text{len}(\text{lst}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if list is empty} \\ 1 + \text{len}(\text{lst-without-first-element}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Implement in Scheme:

```
(define (len lst)
  (if (null? lst)
      0
      (+ 1 (len (cdr lst)))))
```

# Recursion

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- **Sum** of elements in a list of numbers:

$$\text{sum}(\text{lst}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if list is empty} \\ \text{first-element} + \text{sum}(\text{lst-without-first-element}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Implement in Scheme:

```
(define (sum lst)
  (if (null? lst)
      0
      (+ (car lst) (sum (cdr lst)))))
```

# Recursion

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- Check **membership** in a list:

```
(define (member? x lst)
```

```
  (cond
```

```
    ((null? lst) #f)
```

```
    ((equal? x (car lst)) #t)
```

```
    (else (member? x (cdr lst))))))
```

# Recursion

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- Return the **nth** element in a list:

`(caddddddd...dddddddr lst)` ; don't try this at home!

`(define (nth lst n) ; assumes lst is non-empty and  $n \geq 0$`

`(if (= n 0)`

`(car lst)`

`(nth (cdr lst) (- n 1))))`

- Return a **reversed** list:

`(define (reverse lst)`

`(if (null? lst)`

`lst`

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



# Recursion

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- In general:
  - When recurring on a list `lst`, ask two questions about it: `(null? lst)` and `else`
  - When recurring on a number `n`, ask two questions about it: `(= n 0)` and `else`
  - When recurring on a list `lst`, make your recursive call on `(cdr lst)`
  - When recurring on a number `n`, make your recursive call on `(- n 1)`

# Local Definitions

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- **let** - has a list of bindings and a body
  - each binding associates a name to a value
  - bindings are local (visible only in the body of **let**)
  - **let** returns the last expression in the body

> (let ((a 2) (b 3)) ; list of bindings

    (+ a b))                    ; body - expression to evaluate and  
return

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a                              => Error: variable a is not bound.

b                              => Error: variable b is not bound.

# Local Definitions

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- Factor out common sub-expressions:

$$f(x,y) = x(1+xy)^2 + y(1-y) + (1+xy)(1-y)$$

$$a = 1+xy$$

$$b = 1-y$$

$$f(x,y) = xa^2 + yb + ab$$

# Local Definitions

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$$a = 1 + xy$$

$$b = 1 - y$$

$$f(x, y) = xa^2 + yb + ab$$

- Locally define the common sub-expressions:

```
(define (f x y)
  (let ((a (+ 1 (* x y)))
        (b (- 1 y)))
    (+ (* x a a) (* y b) (* a b))))
```

```
(f 1 2)          => 4
```

# Local Definitions

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- Functions can also be declared locally:

```
(let ((a 3)
      (b 4)
      (square (lambda (x) (* x x)))
      (plus +))
  (sqrt (plus (square a) (square b))))    => 5
```

# Local Definitions

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- **let** makes its bindings in parallel:

```
(define x 'a)
(define y 'b)
(list x y)           => (a b)
```

```
(let ((x y) (y x)) (list x y))    => (b a)
```

↓      ↓  
b      a

1. First evaluate all expressions in the binding list
2. Then bind all names in binding list to those values

# Local Definitions

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- Bad **let** bindings:

```
(let ((x 1)
      (y (+ x 1)))
    (list x y))
bound.
```

=> Error: variable x is not

- What if we want y to be computed in terms of x?
  - Need to use **let\***

# Local Definitions

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- **let\*** - similar to **let**, except that bindings are made sequentially

```
(let* ((x 1) (y (+ x 1)))  
  (list x y))          => (1 2)
```

- How can you do this using **let**?
- **let\*** is equivalent to ("syntactic sugar" for):

```
(let ((x 1))  
  (let ((y (+ x 1)))  
    (list x y)))
```



# Local Definitions

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- What if we want to locally define a recursive function?
- **letrec** - similar to **let\***, but allows recursive definitions
- Define factorial locally:

```
(letrec ((factorial (lambda (n)
                      (if (= n 1)
                          1
                          (* n (factorial (- n 1)))))))
  (factorial 5))
```

=> 120

# Indentation

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- Indentation is essential in Scheme. With all these parentheses, we need something to depend on
- There are two main schools of thought on this:

(define (f x)		(define (f x)
(let ((a 1))		(let ((a 1))
	(if (< OR	(if (< x 5)
x 5)		(+ a x)
	(+)	(* a x)
a x)		)
	(* a	)
x))))	)	

- You may choose the style you like most, but be consistent and ALWAYS indent. Otherwise you will not be able to read or debug your own program

# Input and Output

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- **read** - returns the input from the keyboard

```
> (read)
```

```
234                ; user types this
```

```
234                ; the read function returns this
```

```
> (read)
```

```
"hello world"
```

```
"hello world"
```

- **display** - prints its single parameter to the screen

```
> (display "hello world")
```

```
hello world
```

```
> (display (+ 2 3))
```

```
5
```

# Input and Output

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- **newline** - displays a new line
- Define a function that asks for input:

```
(define (ask-them str)
  (display str)
  (read))
```

```
> (ask-them "How old are you? ")
How old are you? 32
32
```

# Input and Output

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- Define a function that asks for a number (if it's not a number it keeps asking):

```
(define (ask-number)
  (display "Enter a number: ")
  (let ((n (read)))
    (if (number? n)
        n
        (ask-number))))
```

```
> (ask-number)
```

```
Enter a number: a
```

```
Enter a number: (5 6)
```

```
Enter a number: "Why don't you like these?"
```

```
Enter a number: 7
```

```
7
```

# Input and Output

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- An outer-level function to go with `factorial`, that reads the input, computes the factorial and displays the result:

```
(define (factorial-interactive)
  (display "Enter an integer: ")
  (let ((n (read)))
    (display "The factorial of ")
    (display n)
    (display " is ")
    (display (factorial n))
    (newline))))
```

```
> (factorial-interactive)
```

```
Enter an integer: 4
```

```
The factorial of 4 is 24
```

# Announcements

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- Readings
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# Higher-Order Functions

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- In Scheme, a function is a **first-class object** – it can be passed as an argument to another function, it can be returned as a result from another function, and it can be created dynamically
- A function is called a **higher-order function** if it takes a function as a parameter, or returns a function as a result



# Higher-Order Functions

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- **map**
  - takes as arguments a function and a sequence of lists
  - there must be as many lists as arguments of the function, and lists must have same length
  - applies the function on corresponding sets of elements from the lists
  - returns all the results in a list

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

```
(map square '(1 2 3 4 5)) => (1 4 9 16 25)
```

```
(map + '(1 2 3) '(4 5 6))    =>          (5 7 9)
```

- You can also define the function in-place:

```
(map (lambda (x) (* 2 x)) '(1 2 3)) =>          (2 4 6)
```

# Higher-Order Functions

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- **apply**
  - takes a function and a list
  - there must be as many elements in the list as arguments of the function
  - applies the function with the elements in the list as arguments

`(apply * '(5 6))`       $\Rightarrow$  30

`(apply append '((a b) (c d)))`       $\Rightarrow$  ~~(a b c d)~~

- Comparison to **eval**:

`(eval <expression>)`      **or**      `(eval (<func> <arg1> <arg2>...))`

`(apply <func> (<arg1> <arg2>...))`

# Higher-Order Functions

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- Define a function **compose**, that composes two functions given as parameters:

```
(define (compose f g)
  (lambda (x)
    (f (g x))))
```

```
((compose car cdr) '(1 2 3))    =>
```

- compose** not only takes functions as arguments, but also returns a function

# Higher-Order Functions

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- Define a function **filter**, that takes a predicate function (one that returns #t or #f) and a list, and returns a list containing only elements that satisfy the predicate:

```
(define (filter f lst)
  (cond
    ((null? lst)      '())
    ((f (car lst))    (cons (car lst) (filter f (cdr lst))))
    (else              (filter f (cdr lst)))))
```

```
(filter number? '(a 4 (1 2) "testing" +))    =(4)
(filter (lambda (x) (>= x 0)) '(-2 3 -1 1 4)) =(3 1 4)
```

# Higher-Order Functions

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- Building procedures:

```
(define (greater-than-n? n)
  (lambda (x) (>= x n)))
```

```
greater-than-n?          =#<procedure>
```

```
(greater-than-n? 2)      =#<procedure>
```

; this is a predicate with one parameter x, that checks if  $x \geq 2$

```
((greater-than-n? 2) 3) =>          #t
```

```
(define greater-than-2? (greater-than-n? 2))
```

```
(greater-than-2? 3)      => #t
```

# Sequencing

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- **begin**
  - defines a block of expressions that are sequentially evaluated
  - returns the last expression in the block

```
(begin <exp1> <exp2> ... <expn>)
```
- Typical use - in **if** expressions, where normally only one expression is allowed for each branch:

```
(if (< x 0)
    (begin
      (display "negative")
      (f x))
    (begin
      (display "positive")
      (g x)))
```

# Programming without Side-Effects

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```
(define x 1)
```

```
(+ x 1)           => 2
```

```
x                => 1
```

```
(define y '(1 2 3))
```

```
(reverse y)       => (3 2 1)
```

```
y                => (1 2 3)
```

- Functions compute a result based on the input, and return it
- They do not alter the input

# Coming Next

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- What is missing so far?
- assignment operations
- iterations ("for", "while"...)
- pointers
- allocation



# Imperative Features

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- So far, almost everything we discussed has conformed to a "pure" functional programming style (without side-effects)
- What has not?
  - define
  - display
- Significant departure from functional programming - discuss a number of imperative extensions to the Scheme language
  - assignment, iteration
- In general, functional programming is the preferred style (also easier to use) in Scheme

# Assignment

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- **set!**

- assigns a value to a variable
- return value is unspecified

```
(set! x 1)
```

```
(set! y "apple")
```

- Difference between **set!** and **define**:

- **define** introduces a new symbol in the current scope, and binds it to a value
- **set!** modifies an existing symbol

# Assignment

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- Difference between `set!` and `define`:

(begin

  (define x 3)

  (display x)

  (let ((y 4))

    (define x 5)

    (display x))

  (display x))

(begin

  (define x 3)

  (display x)

  (let ((y 4))

    (set! x 5)

    (display x))

  (display x))

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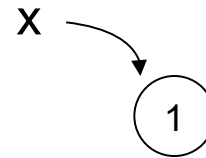
- `define` introduced a new variable `x`, locally within `let`
- `set!` just changed the global variable `x`

# Internal Structure of Expressions

- Implicitly, all variables are pointers that are bound to values

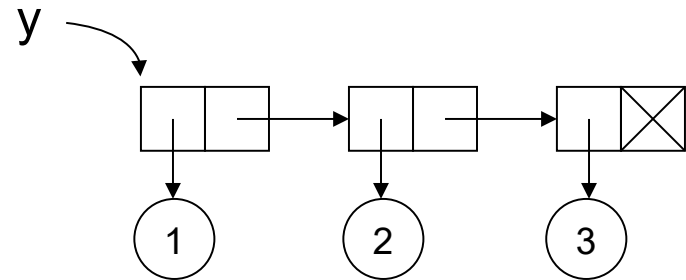
- Atom values:

`(define x 1)`



- List values:

`(define y '(1 2 3))`



- Each element in the list is a **cons cell**, which contains:
  - a pointer to a value
  - a pointer to the next cons cell

# Internal Structure of Expressions

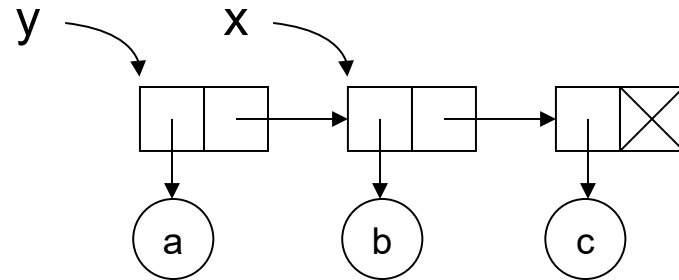
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(define x '(b c))

(define y (cons 'a x))

x                   => (b c)

y                   => (a b c)

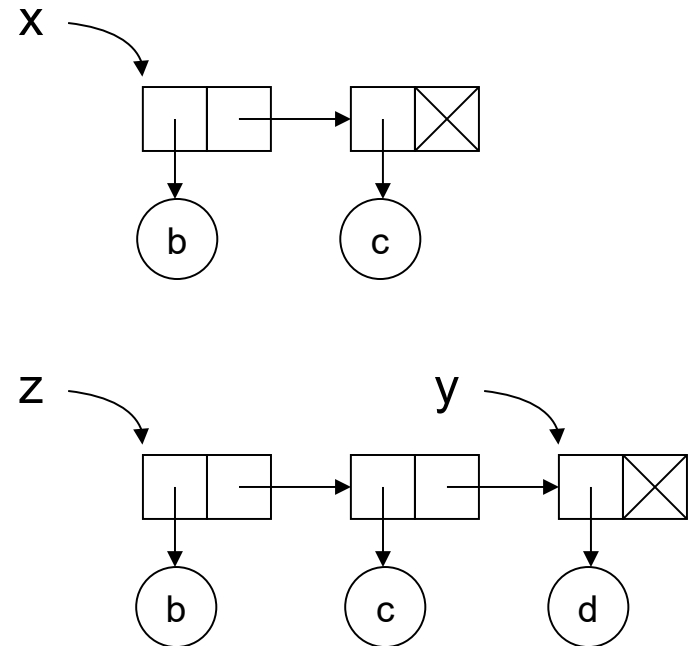


- `cons` did not alter list `x`
- the list elements `b` and `c` are shared
- no side-effects

# Internal Structure of Expressions

```
(define x '(b c))  
(define y '(d))  
(define z (append x y))
```

x           => (b c)  
y           => (d)  
z           => (b c d)

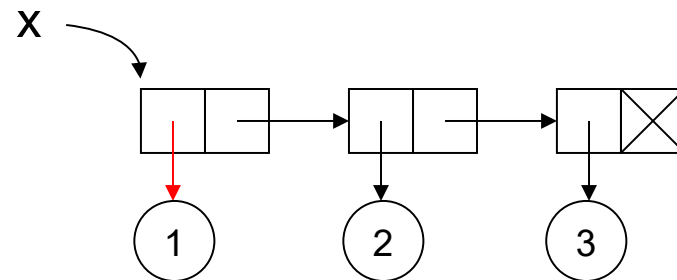


- in order not to alter list *x*, **append** created new instances of *b*, *c*
- no side-effects

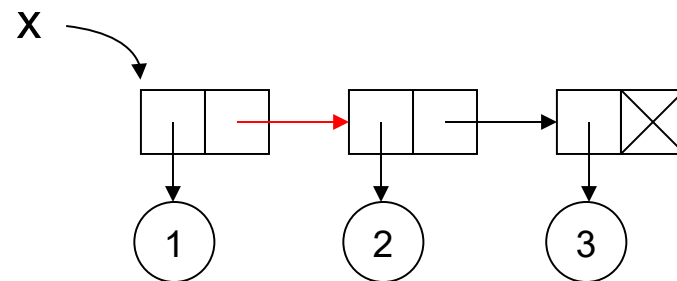
# List Surgery

- To alter the structure of a list:

- **set-car!** - changes the *pointer-to-value* in the first cons cell



- **set-cdr!** - changes the *pointer-to-next* in the first cons cell



- They alter the arguments (lists) passed to them
- Exclamation mark (!) traditionally used in names of functions that alter their arguments
- Exhibit side-effects, not a functional feature

# List Surgery

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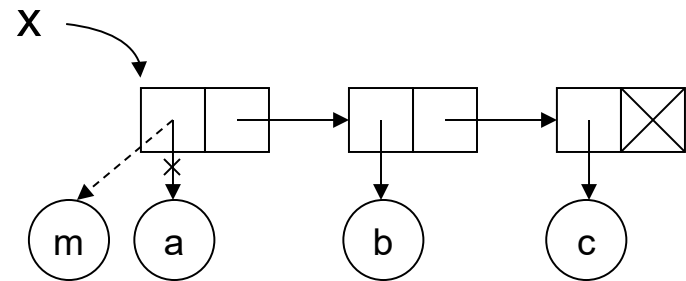
- Change the first element in a list:

```
(define x '(a b c))
```

x                    => (a b c)

```
(set-car! x 'm)
```

x                    (m b c)



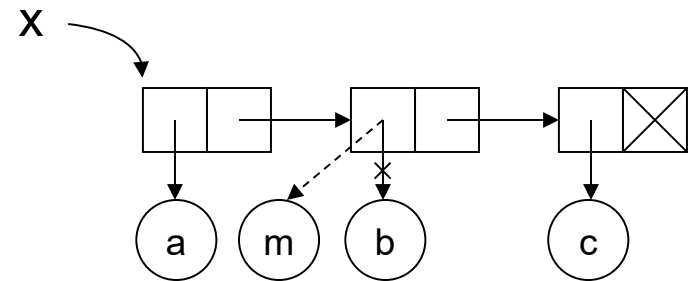


# List Surgery

- Change the second element in a list:

```
(define x '(a b c))
```

x                      => (a b c)



```
(set-car! (cdr x) 'm)
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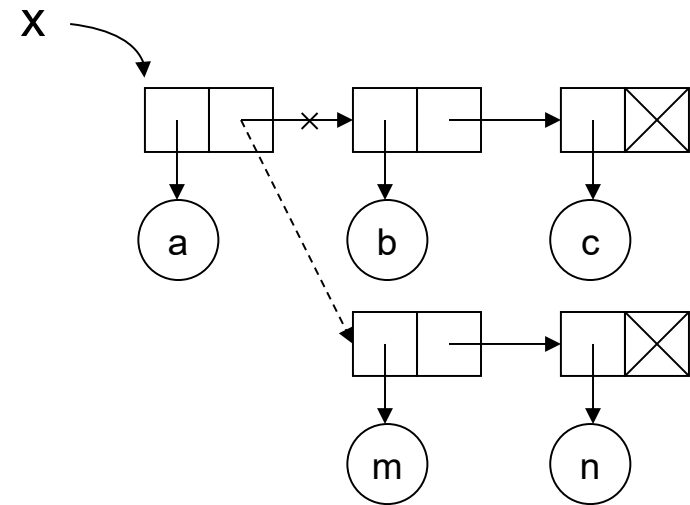
x                      (a m c)

# List Surgery

- Change the list tail:

```
(define x '(a b c))
```

x                      => (a b c)



```
(set-cdr! x '(m n))
```

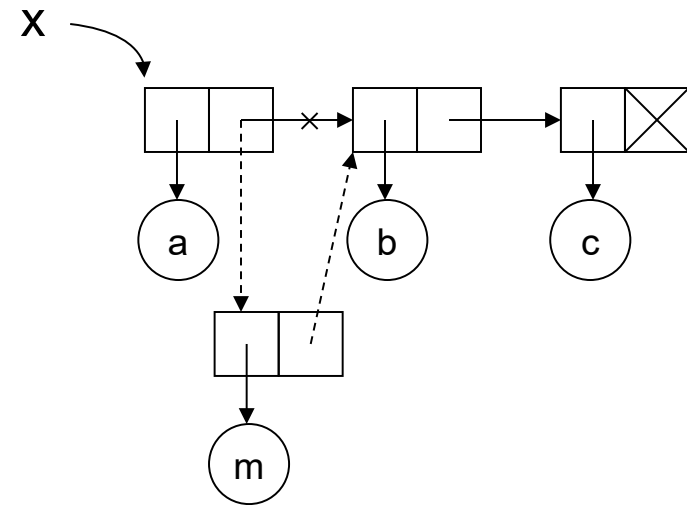
x                      (a ~~m n~~)

# List Surgery

- Insert an element in the second position:

```
(define x '(a b c))
```

x                    => (a b c)



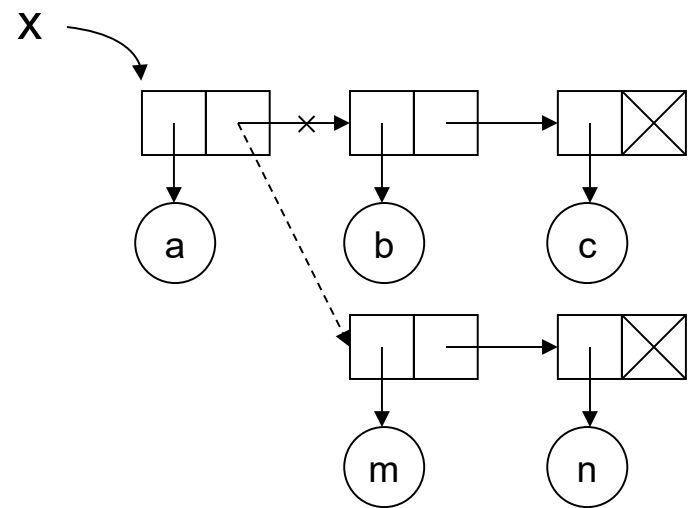
```
(set-cdr! x (cons 'm (cdr x)))
```

x                    (a m b c)

# Memory Management

- The programmer never needs to explicitly allocate memory
- Memory is allocated as needed by the language implementation (interpreter)

```
(define x '(a b c))  
(set-cdr! x '(m n))
```



- How can the memory be deallocated? What happens to the list (b c)?
  - **Garbage collection** (periodically checks and deallocates any memory cells that are not referenced by anyone)

# Iteration

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- **do**
  - very general iteration mechanism
  - has three parts
    - a list of triples (<variable> <init-value> <update-value>)
    - a pair (<termination-test> <return-value>)
    - body (sequence of expressions to be evaluated in each iteration)

# Iteration

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- Display all integer numbers from 0 to n:

```
(define (display-num n)
  (do ( (i 0 (+ i 1)) )      ; initially 0, incremented each iteration
      ( (> i n) "Done!" )  ; termination test and return value
      (display i)           ; body
      (newline)))          ; body
```

```
> (display-num 3)
```

```
0
```

```
1
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

```
"Done!"
```

# Iteration

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- Iterative version of **factorial**:

```
(define (factorial-iter n)
  (do ( (i 1 (+ i 1)) ; initially 1, incremented each iteration
        (a 1 (* a i)) ; initially 1, set to a*i each iteration
        ( (> i n) a ))) ; termination test and return value
                                ; empty body
```

```
> (factorial-iter 5)
120
```

# Iteration

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- Display the first n **Fibonacci** numbers:

```
(define (display-fib n)
  (do ( (i 0 (+ i 1)) ; initially 0, incremented each iteration
      (a1 0 a2)      ; initially 0, set to a2 each iteration
      (a2 1 (+ a1 a2)) ; initially 1, set to a1+a2 each iteration
      ( (= i n) "Done!" ) ; termination test and return value
      (display a1) ; body
      (display " "))) ; body
```

```
> (display-fib 7)
0 1 1 2 3 5 8 "Done!"
```



# A Checkbook Program

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```
(define (checkbook)
  (letrec ((IB "Enter initial balance: ")
            (AT "Enter transaction (- for withdrawal): ")
            (FB "Your final balance is: ")

            (prompt-read (lambda (Prompt)
                           (display Prompt)
                           (read))))

    ; Compute the new balance given an initial balance init and a new transaction t
    ; Termination occurs when t is 0
    (newbal (lambda (Init t)
              (if (= t 0)
                  (list FB Init)
                  (transaction (+ Init t))))))

    ; Read the next transaction and pass the information to newbal
    (transaction (lambda (Init)
                  (newbal Init (prompt-read AT))))))

; Body of checkbook - prompts for the starting balance
(transaction (prompt-read IB)))
```

# A Checkbook Program

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- Here is a sample run:

```
> (checkbook)
```

```
Enter initial balance: 100
```

```
Enter transaction (- for withdrawal): -20
```

```
Enter transaction (- for withdrawal): -40
```

```
Enter transaction (- for withdrawal): 150
```

```
Enter transaction (- for withdrawal): 0
```

```
("Your final balance is: " 190)
```

- Note the use of recursion instead of iteration

# Announcements

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- Readings
  - Chapter 3, up to 3.2.3