CS302: Paradigms of Programming

Spring 2021

PA1: Functional Programming using Lists

In this assignment, the objective is to get used to functional programming with Scheme. Though not necessary, try writing as modular programs as possible. We would soon look at a few list functions, particularly cons, car and cdr, which will help you solve the problems.

1 Questions

Q1 [3]. Write a higher order function make-qsort that takes a comparison function (e.g., < or >) as input and returns a function that could be used to sort a given list of elements using quick-sort technique. For example:

- (make-qsort <) should return a procedure that when given the list '(5 4 2 9 8 4 3 7 6) as input returns '(2 3 4 4 5 6 7 8 9).
- (make-qsort >) should return a procedure that when given the list '(5 4 2 9 8 4 3 7 6) as input returns '(9 8 7 6 5 4 4 3 2).

Q2 [3]. Imagine the following game: You are given a path that consists of black and white squares. You start on the leftmost square (say square 1) and your goal is to move off the right end of the path in the least number of moves. Here are the rules:

- If you are on a white square, you can move either 1 or 2 squares to the right.
- If you are on a black square, you can move either 1 or 4 squares to the right.

Write a function fewest-moves that takes a path represented as a list of 0s and 1s (where 0 represents black and 1 represents white) and computes the minimum number of moves. For example:

(fewest-moves '(1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1)) returns 6 and is obtained by stepping on the squares at positions 1, 2, 6, 10, 11 and 15.

(You may get some inspiration from the counting change example of SICP; see Section 1.2.)

Q3 [4]. Write a function filter-all that takes a list of predicates, a lower bound and an upper bound (in order), and returns a list of integers in the (inclusive) range that satisfy all the predicates. For example, if the list of predicates consists of two functions is-positive and is-prime that respectively check for positiveness and primeness, the lower bound as -4, and the upper bound as 10, then the returned list should be '(2 3 5 7).

2 Submission

Your submission must be named rollnum-pa1.zip, where rollnum is your roll-number in small letters. Upon unzipping the submission, we should get a directory named rollnum-pa1. This directory should contain three files: q1.scm, q2.scm and q3.scm, containing the solutions to Q1, Q2 and Q3, respectively.

3 Plagiarism Warning

The assignment has to be done individually. Any hint of plagiarism will lead to serious implications.