

# Logic and Functional Programming

## Basic Elements of LISP

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## Lambda functions.

- ▶ A function to be used one time that is too simple to be defined
- ▶ A function that must be dynamically synthesized, not defineable with `defun`
- ▶ definition: `(lambda <parameter-list> <body>)`
- ▶ Its arguments are evaluated when called. If the arguments should not be evaluated then `qlambda` should be used
- ▶ Application: `((lambda <parameter-list> <body>) <arguments>)`
- ▶ Examples:

```
((lambda (l) (cons (car l) (cdr l))) '(1 2 3)) = (1 2 3)
```

```
((lambda (l1 l2) (append l1 l2)) '(1 2) '(3 4)) = (1 2 3 4)
```

## Lambda functions.

Define a function that takes a multi-level list and checks if there are no numeric atoms at top level.

```
(defun f(l)
  (cond
    ((null l) t)
    (((lambda (v)
        (cond
          ((numberp v) t)
          (t nil)
        )
      )
     (car l)
     ) nil)
    (t (f (cdr l))))
)
```

## Labels

A special form for defining local functions.

```
(labels ((fct (l) (cdr l))) (fct '(1 2))) = (2)
(labels
  ((temp (n)
    (cond
      ((= n 0) 0)
      (t (+ 2 (temp (- n 1))))
    ))
  )
  (temp 3)
) = (6)
```

## Labels

Define a function that takes a list of lists of atoms and checks if all sublists contains only numeric atoms

```
(test '((1 2) (3 4))) = T
```

```
(test '((1 2) (a 4))) = NIL
```

```
(test '((1 (2)) (a 4))) = NIL
```

## Labels

Define a function that takes a list of lists of atoms and checks if all sublists contains only numeric atoms

```
(DEFUN TEST (L)
  (COND
    ((NULL L) T)
    ((LABELS ((TEST1 (L)
                    (COND
                      ((NULL L) T)
                      ((NUMBERP (CAR L)) (TEST1 (CDR L)))
                      (T NIL))))
              (TEST1 (CAR L)))
      (TEST (CDR L)))
    (T NIL)))
```

## Using lambda functions to avoid repeated calls

```
(defun g (l)
  (cond
    ((null l) nil)
    (t (cons (car (f l)) (cadr (f l))))
  )
)
```

We can use an anonymous function to avoid calling `(f l)` twice.



## Using lambda functions to avoid repeated calls

Option 1.

```
(defun g (l)
  (cond
    ((null l) nil)
    (t ((lambda (v) (cons (car v) (cadr v))) (f l)))
  )
)
```

## Using lambda functions to avoid repeated calls

Option 2.

```
(defun g (l) (
  (lambda (v)
    (cond
      ((null l) nil)
      (t (cons (car v) (cadr v)))
    )
  )
  (f l)
))
```

## Using lambda functions to avoid repeated calls

Let's consider the function that generates the lists of all subsets of a list.

```
(defun subsets(l)
  (cond
    ((null l) (list nil))
    (t (append
         (subsets (cdr l))
         (pushFirst (car l) (subsets (cdr l)))
        )))
)
```

## Using lambda functions to avoid repeated calls

Let's consider the function that generates the lists of all subsets of a list.

```
(defun subsets(l)
  (cond
    ((null l) (list nil))
    (t (
        (lambda (s) (append s (pushFirst (car l) s)))
        (subsets (cdr l))
      ))
  )
)
```

# Closures

- ▶ The combination between a function and the scope of its definition
- ▶ Closure
  - ▶ Function
    - ▶ Parameters
    - ▶ Body
  - ▶ Environment
    - ▶ Local Variables
    - ▶ Global Variables

# Closures

Let's see the following evaluations

```
> (defun f () 10)
```

```
F
```

```
> (setq f '11)
```

```
11
```

```
> (f)
```

```
10
```

```
> f
```

```
11
```

```
> (function f)
```

```
#<CLOSURE F NIL (DECLARE (SYSTEM::IN-DEFUN F)) (BLOCK F 10)>
```

# Closures

Let's see the following evaluations

```
> (setq g 7)
```

```
7
```

```
> (function g)
```

```
undefined function G
```

```
> (quote g) ;; equivalent to 'g
```

```
G
```

```
> (function car)
```

```
#<SYSTEM-FUNCTION CAR>
```

```
> (function (lambda (l) (cdr l)))
```

```
#<CLOSURE :LAMBDA (L) (CDR L)>
```

# Closures

Notice that `and` and `or` are operators and not functions

```
> (function not)
#<SYSTEM-FUNCTION NOT>
> (function and)
undefined function AND
> (function or)
undefined function OR
```



# Closures

From a syntax perspective CommonLisp requires the indication is a term is a function or a symbol

Function <b>f</b>	#'f	(function f)
Symbol <b>s</b>	's	(quote s)

There are also differences between dialects

Standard	#'f
	#'(lambda ...)
CLisp	'f
	(lambda ...)
GCLisp, Emacs Lisp, others	'f
	'(lambda ...)

## The `eval` form

- Equivalent to calling the interpreter, returns the evaluation of its argument

```
(SETQ X '((CAR Y) (CDR Y) (CADR Y)))
```

```
(SETQ Y '(A B C))
```

```
(CAR X) --> (CAR Y)
```

```
(EVAL (CAR X)) --> A
```

## The `eval` form

- Similar to working with pointers

```
(SETQ L '(1 2 3))
```

```
(SETQ P '(CAR L))
```

```
P --> (CAR L)
```

```
(EVAL P) --> 1
```

```
(SETQ B 'X)
```

```
(SETQ A 'B)
```

```
(EVAL A) --> X
```

```
(SETQ L '(+ 1 2 3))
```

```
L --> (+ 1 2 3)
```

```
(EVAL L) --> 6
```

## The `eval` form

- Lisp does not evaluate the first element of a list, it applies it

```
(SETQ Q 'CAR)
```

```
(SETQ P 'Q)
```

```
(EVAL P) --> CAR
```

```
((EVAL P) '(A B C)) --> "Bad function when ..."
```

## Functional forms

- ▶ There are situations when the form of a function is unknown, but has to be applied and we would need something like:

`(<functional-expression> <parameter-list>)`

- ▶ `(apply <function> <parameter-list>)`

`(APPLY #'CONS '(A B)) --> (A . B)`

`(APPLY (FUNCTION CONS) '(A B)) --> (A . B)`

`(APPLY #'MAX' (1 2 3)) --> 3`

`(APPLY #'+' (1 2 3)) --> 6`

`(DEFUN F(L) (CDR L))`

`(APPLY #'F '((1 2 3))) --> (2 3)`

## Functional forms

- ▶ There are situations when the form of a function is unknown, but has to be applied and we would need something like:

`(<functional-expression> <parameter-list>)`

- ▶ `(apply <function> <parameter-list>)`

`(APPLY #'(LAMBDA (L) (CAR L)) '((A B C))) --> A`

`(SETQ P 'CAR)`

`(APPLY P '((A B C))) --> A`

`(APPLY #'P '((A B C))) --> undefined function P`

`(SETQ Q 'CAR)`

`(SETQ P 'Q)`

`(APPLY (EVAL P) '((1 2 3))) --> 1`

## Functional forms

- ▶ `funcall` is a variant of `apply` that allows the application of a functional form
- ▶ `(funcall <function> <parameters>)`
  - `(FUNCALL #'CONS 'A 'B) --> (A . B)`
  - `(FUNCALL (FUNCTION CONS) 'A 'B) --> (A . B)`
  - `(FUNCALL #'MAX '1 '2 '3) --> 3`
  - `(FUNCALL #' + '1 '2 '3) --> 6`
  - `(DEFUN F(L) (CDR L))`
  - `(FUNCALL #'F '1 '2 '3) --> (2 3)`
  - `(FUNCALL #'(LAMBDA (L) (CAR L)) '(A B C)) --> A`

## Functional forms

- ▶ `funcall` is a variant of `apply` that allows the application of a functional form
- ▶ `(funcall <function> <parameters>)`  
`(SETQ P 'CAR)`  
`(FUNCALL P '(A B C)) --> A`  
`(FUNCALL # 'P '(A B C)) --> undefined function P`  
`(SETQ Q 'CAR)`  
`(SETQ P 'Q)`  
`(FUNCALL (EVAL P) '(1 2 3)) --> 1`



## Functional forms

- Take care when using `and` and `or` since they are not functions!

```
(APPLY #'AND '((T NIL))) --> undefined function AND
```

```
(APPLY #'OR '((T NIL))) --> undefined function OR
```

```
(FUNCALL #'AND '(T NIL)) --> undefined function AND
```

```
(FUNCALL #'OR '(T NIL)) --> undefined function OR
```

## Functional forms

- The solution is defining a function that evaluates to applying `and` and `or` to the elements of a list with `t`/`nil` values

```
(defun SI(l)
  (cond
    ((null l) t)
    ; (t (and (car l) (SI (cdr l))))
    ((not (car l)) nil)
    (t (SI (cdr l)))
  )
)
(FUNCALL #'SI '(T NIL T)) --> NIL
(SI '(T T T)) --> T
```

## Functional forms

```
(DEFUN F() #'(LAMBDA (x) (CAR x)))
```

```
(FUNCALL (F) '(1 2 3)) --> ???
```

```
(APPLY (F) '((1 2 3))) --> ???
```

```
(FUNCALL (FUNCTION (LAMBDA (x) x)) 1) --> ???
```

## Functional forms

```
(DEFUN F() #'(LAMBDA (x) (CAR x)))
```

```
(FUNCALL (F) '(1 2 3)) --> 1
```

```
(APPLY (F) '((1 2 3))) --> 1
```

```
(FUNCALL (FUNCTION (LAMBDA (x) x)) 1) --> 1
```

## Functional forms

```
(defun increment (x)
  (lambda (y) (+ x y))
)
(setq inc5 (increment 5))
; returns a function (closure) that adds 5 to its argument
(print (funcall inc5 3)) --> 8
```

## MAP Functions.

- ▶ The role of a map function is to apply a function repeatedly onto the elements of a list
- ▶ `(mapcar f l1 l2 ...)`
- ▶ The results are grouped with `list`

```
(MAPCAR #'CAR' ((A B C) (X Y Z))) --> (A X)
```

```
(MAPCAR #'EQUAL' (A (B C) D) '(Q (B C) D X)) --> (NIL T T)
```

```
(MAPCAR #'LIST' (A B C)) --> ( (A) (B) (C) )
```

```
(MAPCAR #'LIST' (A B C) '(1 2)) --> ( (A 1) (B 2) )
```

```
(MAPCAR #'+' (1 2 3) '(4 5 6)) --> (5 7 9)
```

## MAP Functions.

- ▶ The role of a map function is to apply a function repeatedly onto the elements of a list
- ▶ `(mapcan f l1 l2 ...)`
- ▶ The results are grouped with `nconc`

```
(SETQ L1 '(A B C) L2 '(D E)) --> (D E)
```

```
(APPEND L1 L2) --> (A B C D E)
```

```
L1 --> (A B C)
```

```
L2 --> (D E)
```

```
(SETQ L3 (NCONC L1 L2)) --> (A B C D E)
```

```
L3 --> (A B C D E)
```

## MAP Functions.

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- ▶ `(mapcan f l1 l2 ...)`
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```
(SETQ L1 '(A) L2 '(B) L3 '(C)) --> (C)
```

```
L1 --> (A)
```

```
L2 --> (B)
```

```
L3 --> (C)
```

```
(NCONC L1 L2 L3) --> (A B C)
```

```
L1 --> (A B C)
```

```
L2 --> (B C)
```

```
L3 --> (C)
```



## MAP Functions.

- ▶ The role of a map function is to apply a function repeatedly onto the elements of a list
- ▶ `(mapcan f l1 l2 ...)`
- ▶ The results are grouped with `nconc`

```
(MAPCAN #'CAR '((A B C) (X Y Z))) --> NIL,  
; because nconc requires lists, so (NCONC 'A 'X) is NIL  
(MAPCAN #'LIST '(A B C) '(1 2)) --> (A 1 B 2)  
(MAPCAN #'LIST '(A B C)) --> ( A B C )  
(MAPCAN #'EQUAL '(A (B C) D) '(Q (B C) D X)) --> NIL  
(MAPCAN #' + '(1 2 3) '(4 5 6)) --> NIL
```

## MAP Functions.

- ▶ The role of a map function is to apply a function repeatedly onto the elements of a list
- ▶ `(maplist f l1 l2 ...)`
- ▶ The results are grouped with `list`

```
(MAPLIST #'APPEND '(A B C) '(1 2 3))  
--> ((A B C 1 2 3) (B C 2 3) (C 3))  
(MAPLIST #'(LAMBDA (X) X) '(A B C)) --> ((A B C) (B C) (C))  
(SETF TEMP '(1 2 7 4 6 5))  
(MAPLIST #'(LAMBDA (XL YL) (< (CAR XL) (CAR YL)))  
  TEMP (CDR TEMP))  
) --> (T T NIL T NIL)
```

## MAP Functions.

- ▶ The role of a map function is to apply a function repeatedly onto the elements of a list
- ▶ `(maplist f l1 l2 ...)`
- ▶ The results are grouped with `list`

```
(MAPLIST #'CAR '((A B C) (X Y Z))) --> ((A B C) (X Y Z))
```

```
(MAPLIST #'LIST '(A B C) '(1 2)) --> ( ((A B C) (1 2)) ((B C) (2)))
```

```
(MAPLIST #'LIST '(A B C)) --> ( ((A B C)) ((B C)) ((C)) )
```

```
(MAPLIST #'EQUAL '(A (B C) D) '(Q (B C) D X)) --> (NIL NIL NIL)
```

```
(MAPLIST #'+ '(1 2 3) '(4 5 6))
```

```
--> \argument to + should be a number: (1 2 3)".
```

## MAP Functions.

- ▶ The role of a map function is to apply a function repeatedly onto the elements of a list
- ▶ `(mapcon f l1 l2 ...)`
- ▶ The results are grouped with `list`

```
(MAPCON #'CAR '((A B C) (X Y Z))) --> (A B C X Y Z)
```

```
(MAPCON #'LIST '(A B C) '(1 2)) --> ((A B C) (1 2) (B C) (2))
```

```
(MAPCON #'LIST '(A B C)) --> ((A B C) (B C) (C))
```

```
(MAPCON #'EQUAL '(A (B C) D) '(Q (B C) D X)) --> NIL
```

## MAP Functions.

- ▶ The role of a map function is to apply a function repeatedly onto the elements of a list
- ▶ `(mapcon f l1 l2 ...)`
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```
(MAPCON #' + '(1 2 3) '(4 5 6))  
--> \argument to + should be a number: (1 2 3)"  
(DEFUN G(L)  
  (MAPCON #'LIST L)  
)  
(G '(1 2 3)) --> ((1 2 3) (2 3) (3))  
(MAPCON #'(LAMBDA (L) (MAPCON #'LIST L)) '(1 2 3))  
--> ((1 2 3) (2 3) (3) (2 3) (3) (3))
```