

Problem Sets

15.2 Find the definitions of Scheme functions *EVAL* and *APPLY*, and explain their actions.

EVAL

- Parameters:
 - an expression
 - an environment
- Detects the type of the expression and then evaluates it.

APPLY

- Parameters:
 - a function
 - an expression or list of arguments
- The function is applied to the expression, and is returned

15.8 If Scheme were a pure functional language, could it include *DISPLAY*? Why or why not?

If Scheme includes *DISPLAY*, it would no longer be a pure functional language because *DISPLAY* has the side effect of producing an output.

15.9 What does the following Scheme function do?

```
(define (y s lis)
  (cond
    ((null? lis) '() )
    ((equal? s (car lis)) lis)
    (else (y s (cdr lis))))
))
```

Parameters:

- *s*, an element
- *lis*, a list

Functionality:

- The function *y* returns a list of all elements up to the first occurrence of *s*

Programming Exercises

15.1 Write a Scheme function that computes the area of a circle, given its radius

```
1  define(pi 3.14159)
2  (define (sphere_volume radius)
3      (* (/ 4 3) pi
4          expt radius 3)
5  )
```

15.2 Write a Scheme function that computes the real roots of a given quadratic equation. If the roots are complex, the function must display a message indicating that. This function must use an IF function. The three parameters to the function are the three coefficients of the quadratic equation.

```
1  (DEFINE (quadratic_roots a b c)
2      (LET (
3          (term1 (/ (- 0 b)(* 2 a)))
4          (term2 (/ (SQRT (- (* b b)(* 4 a c)))(* 2 a)))
5          (LIST (+ term1 term2) (- term1 term2))
6      )
7  )
```

15.5 Write a Scheme function that returns the number of zeros in a given simple list of numbers.

```
1  (DEFINE (countzeros list)
2      (COND
3          ((null? lis) 0)
4          ((= (car list) 0) (+ 1 countzeros (cdr list)))
5          (ELSE (countzeros (cdr list)))
6      )
7  )
```

15.6 Write a Scheme function that takes a simple list of numbers as a parameter and returns a list with the largest and smallest numbers in the input list.

```
1  (DEFINE (max min lis)
2      (list (apply max lis)
3            (apply min lis))
4  )
```

15.11 Write a Scheme function that returns the reverse of its simple list parameter.

```
1 (DEFINE (reverse lis)
2   (COND
3     ((NULL? lis) '())
4     (ELSE (APPEND (reverse (CDR lis) ()) )))
5   )
6 )
```

15.19 Write the quicksort algorithm in Scheme.

```
1 (DEFINE (partition compare li)
2   (COND
3     ((null? l1) '())
4     (else (let ((pivot (car l1)))
5       (append (append (quicksort (partition (lambda (x) (< x pivot)) l1))
6         (partition (lambda (x) (= x pivot)) l1)
7       )
8       (quicksort (partition (lambda (x) (> x pivot)) l1))
9     ))
10  )
11 )
```

15.20 Rewrite the following Scheme function as a tail-recursive function

```
1 (DEFINE (doitHelper n doit_)
2   (IF (= n 0)
3     doit
4     (doitHelper (- n 1) (+ n doit)))
5   )
6 )
7
8 (DEFINE (doit n)
9   (doitHelper n 0)
10  )
```