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Chapter 1

Erlang Embedding

1.1 Introduction

This chapter describes a Scheme embedding of a tuples, pattern matching, and other useful concepts from the Erlang programming language [1, 2]. Tuple and pattern matching macros provide succinct ways of composing and decomposing data structures.

1.2 Programming Interface

1.2.1 **Tuples**

A tuple is a container of named, immutable fields implemented as a vector whose first element is the tuple name and remaining elements are the fields. Each tuple definition is a macro that provides all tuple operations using field names only, not field indices. The macro makes it easy to copy a tuple without having to specify the fields that don't change. We decided not to use the Scheme record facility because it does not provide name-based constructors, copy operators, or convenient serialization.

(define-tuple name field ...)

syntax

expands to: a macro definition of name described below

The define-tuple macro defines a macro for creating, copying, identifying, and accessing tuple type *name*. *name* and *field* ... must be identifiers. No two field names can be the same. The following field names are reserved: make, copy, copy*, and is?.

(name make [field value] ...)

syntax

returns: a new instance of tuple type name with $field = value \dots$

The make form creates a new instance of the tuple type name. field bindings may appear in any order. All fields from the tuple definition must be specified.

¹Tuples, denoted by $\{e_1, \ldots, e_n\}$ in Erlang, are implemented as vectors: # (e_1, \ldots, e_n) . Similarly records, defined as syntactic sugar over tuples in Erlang, are implemented as syntactic sugar over vectors.

(name field instance) syntax

returns: instance.field

The field accessor form retrieves the value of the specified *field* of *instance*. If r = instance is not a tuple of type name, exception #(bad-tuple $name \ r \ src$) is raised, where src is the source location of the field accessor form if available.

(name field) syntax

returns: a procedure that, given instance, returns instance.field

The (name field) form expands to (lambda (instance) (name field instance)).

```
(name open instance [prefix] (field ...)) syntax expands to: definitions for field ... or prefixfield ... described below
```

The open form defines identifier syntax for each specified field so that a reference to field expands to (name field r) where r is the value of instance. If r is not a tuple of type name, exception #(bad-tuple name r src) is raised, where src is the source location of the open form if available. The open form is equivalent to the following, except that it checks the tuple type only once:

(begin

```
(define instance instance)
(define-syntax field (identifier-syntax (name field instance)))
...)
```

The open form introduces definitions only for fields listed explicitly in (field ...). If the optional prefix identifier is supplied, open produces a definition for prefixfield rather than field for each field specified.

```
(name copy instance [field value] ...) syntax returns: a new instance of tuple type name with field = value ... and remaining fields copied from instance
```

The copy form creates a copy of *instance* except that each specified *field* is set to the associated value. If r = instance is not a tuple of type name, exception #(bad-tuple $name \ r \ src$) is raised, where src is the source location of the copy form if avalable. field bindings may appear in any order.

```
(name copy* instance [field value] ...) syntax returns: a new instance of tuple type name with field = value ... and remaining fields copied from instance
```

The copy* form is like copy except that, within the value expressions, each specified field is bound to an identifier macro that returns the value of instance. field. If r = instance is not a tuple of type name, exception #(bad-tuple name r src) is raised, where src is the source location of the copy* form if avalable. The copy* form is equivalent to the following, except that it checks the tuple type only once:

```
(let ([instance instance])
  (name open instance (field ...))
  (name copy instance [field value] ...))
```

pattern	matches
symbol	itself
number	itself
boolean	itself
character	itself
string	itself
by tevector	itself
()	itself
$(p_1 \ . \ p_2)$	a pair whose car matches p_1 and cdr matches p_2
$\#(p_1 \ldots p_n)$	a vector of n elements whose elements match $p_1 \ldots p_n$
#!eof	a datum satisfying eof-object?
,_	any datum
, $variable$	any datum and binds a fresh variable to it
, @ $variable$	any datum equal? to the bound variable
, ($variable \leftarrow pattern$)	any datum that matches pattern and binds a fresh variable to it
'($type \ \{$, $field \mid$, $@field \mid$ [fie	ld pattern]})
	an instance of the tuple or native record type, each field of which
	is bound to fresh variable field or matches the corresponding
	pattern; , @field is treated as [field , @field]; type must be known
	at expand time
'(ext spec)	as specified by define-match-extension for ext

Table 1.1: Pattern Grammar

(name is? x) syntax

returns: a boolean

The is? form determines whether or not the datum x is an instance of tuple type name.

(name is?) syntax

expands to: a predicate that returns true if and only if its argument is an instance of tuple type name

The (name is?) form expands to (lambda (x) (name is? x)).

(name field-index field)

syntax

expands to: an integer n, such that (vector-ref instance n) returns instance.field

Avoid using this form when possible, as it leaks implementation details.

1.2.2 Pattern Matching

The pattern matching syntax of Table 1.1 provides a concise and expressive way to match data structures and bind variables to parts. The match, match-define, and match-let* macros use this pattern language. The implementation makes a structurally recursive pass over the pattern to check for duplicate pattern variables as it emits code that matches the input against the pattern left to right.

```
(match exp (<pattern> [(guard g)] b1 b2 ...)
...)
```

returns: the value of the last expression b1 b2 ... for the matched pattern

The match macro evaluates exp once and tests its value v against each pattern and optional guard. Each guard expression g is evaluated in the scope of its associated pattern variables. When g returns #f, v fails to match that clause. For the first pattern and guard that matches v, the expressions b1 b2 ... are evaluated in the scope of its pattern variables. If v fails to match all patterns, exception $\#(bad-match\ v\ src)$ is raised, where src is the source location of the match clause if available.

See Table 1.1 for the pattern grammar.

```
(match-define <pattern> exp) syntax expands to: see below
```

The match-define macro evaluates exp and matches the resulting input against the pattern. Pattern-variable bindings are established via define and inhabit the same scope in which the match-define form appears. The match-define macro does not support guard expressions. If the pattern fails to match, exception #(bad-match v src) is raised, where v is the datum that failed to match the pattern at source location src if available.

See Table 1.1 for the pattern grammar.

```
(match-let* ([<pattern> [(guard g)] exp] ...) b1 \ b2 \ ...)
```

returns: the value of the last expression b1 b2 ...

The match-let* macro evaluates each exp in the order specified and matches its value against its pattern and guard. The pattern variables of each clause extend the scope of its guard expression g and all subsequent pattern clauses and body expressions $b1\ b2\ldots$. The match-let* macro returns the value of the last body expression. If any pattern fails to match or any g returns #f, exception #(bad-match v src) is raised, where v is the datum that failed to match the pattern or guard at source location src if available.

See Table 1.1 for the pattern grammar.

```
(define-match-extension ext handle-object [handle-field]) syntax expands to: see below
```

The define-match-extension macro attaches a property to the identifier ext, via define-property, so that the expander calls handle-object to translate '(ext spec ...) patterns when generating code for match, match-define, match-let*, or receive. The handle-object procedure takes two arguments: v, an identifier that will be bound in the generated code to the value to be matched, and pattern, a syntax object for an expression of the form '(ext spec ...). The handle-object procedure can return #f to report an invalid pattern. Otherwise, handle-object should translate the given pattern to a list of one or more instructions in the following simple language:

```
(bind v e) binds v to the value of e via let or define (guard g) rejects the match if g evaluates to #f (sub-match e pattern) matches the value of e against pattern (handle-fields input field-spec ...) invokes handle-field to translate each field-spec
```

The generated code evaluates the instructions in the order they are returned. For example, a guard expression may refer to a binding established by a bind earlier in the list of instructions. The submatch and handle-fields instructions are processed at expand time and may appear only as the final instruction in the list returned by handle-object.

The (handle-fields input field-spec ...) instruction parses each field-spec from left to right and calls handle-field with five arguments: the input from the instruction, the field identified, the var that should be bound to the value of field, a list of options appearing in the field-spec, and the original pattern context. The following table shows how each field-spec is parsed into arguments for handle-field:

$field ext{-}spec$	field	var	options	notes
, field	field	field	()	field must be an identifier
, @ $field$	field	unique	()	field must be an identifier
[field pattern option]	field	unique	(option \dots)	unique is matched against pattern

The handle-field procedure can return #f to report an invalid field. Otherwise, handle-field should return a list of bind or guard instructions that bind var and perform any checks needed to confirm a match. The resulting instructions are evaluated in the order they are returned.

Where temporaries are introduced in the generated output, the *handle-object* and *handle-field* procedures should use with-temporaries to avoid unintended variable capture.

1.2.3 Exceptions

(catch
$$e1$$
 $e2$...) syntax expands to: (\$trap (lambda () $e1$ $e2$...) ->EXIT)

The catch macro evaluates expressions $e1\ e2\ldots$ in a dynamic context that traps exceptions. If no exception is raised, the return value is the value of the last expression. If exception reason is raised, #(EXIT reason) is returned.

(try
$$e1$$
 $e2$...) expands to: (\$trap (lambda () $e1$ $e2$...) ->fault-condition)

The try macro evaluates expressions $e1\ e2$... in a dynamic context that traps exceptions. If no exception is raised, the return value is the value of the last expression. If exception reason is raised, the return value is a fault condition matching the extended match pattern '(catch $reason\ [e]$).

$$(\mathsf{catch}\ r\ [e])$$
 match-extension

matches: exceptions trapped by try or catch

The extended match pattern '(catch r [e]) matches exceptions trapped by try. For compatibility with older code, this pattern also matches exceptions trapped by catch. The r pattern is matched against the exit reason in the trapped exception. The optional e pattern is typically a , variable pattern that binds variable for use as an argument to throw or raise. If the trapped exception is a

fault condition generated by throw, make-fault, or make-fault/no-cc, then e is matched against the fault condition, which may contain additional debugging context. Otherwise, e is matched against the exit reason.

(throw r [inner]) procedure

returns: does not return

The throw procedure raises a fault condition containing reason r, an optional inner exception *inner*, and the current continuation, which may provide useful debugging context. The exception raised may be trapped by try and matched using the extended match pattern '(catch r [e]).

 $(make-fault \ r \ [inner])$ procedure

returns: a fault condition

The make-fault procedure returns a fault condition containing reason r, an optional inner exception *inner*, and the current continuation, which may provide useful debugging context. The return value matches the extended match pattern '(catch r [e]).

(make-fault/no-cc r [inner]) procedure returns: a fault condition

The make-fault/no-cc procedure returns a fault condition containing reason r, and an optional inner exception *inner*, but omits the current continuation. The return value matches the extended match pattern '(catch r [e]).

The arg-check macro raises a bad-arg exception if any arg fails any pred specified for that arg. Within coverage reports, profile counts on the arg-check keyword indicate the number of bad-arg cases encountered.

(bad-arg who arg) procedure

returns: never

The bad-arg procedure raises exception #(bad-arg who arg).

 $\begin{array}{ll} (\texttt{dump-stack} \ [\mathit{op}]) & \textbf{procedure} \\ (\texttt{dump-stack} \ \mathit{k} \ \mathit{op} \ \mathit{max-depth}) \end{array}$

returns: unspecified

The dump-stack procedure calls walk-stack to print information about the stack to textual output port op, which defaults to the current output port.

k is a continuation, and max-depth is either the symbol default or a positive fixnum. See walk-stack for details on the max-depth argument.

 $(dump-stack \ op) \ calls \ (call/cc \ (lambda \ (k) \ (dump-stack \ k \ op \ 'default))).$

```
(limit-stack e\theta e1 ...) syntax expands to: ($limit-stack (lambda () e\theta e1 ...) source)
```

The limit-stack macro adds a stack frame that may be recognized by limit-stack? By default, walk-stack avoids descending below such frames. The limit-stack macro evaluates expressions $e0\ e1\ \dots$ from left to right and returns the values of the last expression.

```
(limit-stack? x) procedure
```

returns: see below

The limit-stack? procedure returns true if x is a continuation whose top frame is a limit-stack frame. Otherwise it returns #f.

```
(walk-stack k base handle-frame combine [who max-depth truncated]) procedure returns: see below
```

The walk-stack procedure walks the stack of continuation k by calling the *handle-frame* and *combine* procedures for each stack frame until it reaches the base of the stack or a limit-stack frame, or depth reaches the optional max-depth, or the next argument to combine is not called.

The *handle-frame* procedure is called with four arguments:

```
description a string describing the stack frame, e.g., "#<continuation in g>"
source a source object identifying the return point or #f
proc-source a source object identifying the procedure containing the return point or #f
vars a list associating live free variables by name (or index) with their values
```

If max-depth is omitted or is the symbol default, then walk-stack uses the value of walk-stack-max-depth as max-depth and stops if recognizes a limit-stack frame. If max-depth is specified explicitly, then walk-stack does not stop at limit-stack frames. If walk-stack reaches a depth of max-depth, it calls the optional truncated procedure with base and depth. Otherwise, walk-stack calls the combine procedure with four arguments:

```
    frame the value returned by handle-frame for the current frame
    base the accumulator
    depth the zero-based depth of the current frame
```

next a procedure that takes base and continues with the next frame

If walk-stack receives an invalid argument val, it calls (bad-arg who val) with the symbol walk-stack as the default value for the optional who argument. The default truncated procedure simply returns the value of base passed in.

walk-stack-max-depth parameter

returns: a nonnegative fixnum

The walk-stack-max-depth parameter specifies the default maximum depth to which walk-stack descends when the optional *max-depth* argument is omitted or is the symbol default.

```
(exit-reason->stacks x)
```

procedure

returns: a list of continuations

The exit-reason->stacks procedure takes a Swish condition x, as created by throw or trapped by try, and returns a list of continuations recorded in x. The continuations are listed innermost to outermost.

```
(make-process-parameter initial [filter])
```

procedure

returns: a parameter procedure

The make-process-parameter procedure creates a parameter procedure p that provides mutable storage. Calling p with no arguments returns the current value of the parameter, and calling p with one argument sets the value of the parameter. The filter, if present, is a procedure of one argument that is applied to the initial and all subsequent values. If filter is not a procedure, exception $\#(bad-arg\ make-process-parameter\ filter)$ is raised.

```
(reset-process-parameters!)
```

procedure

returns: unspecified

The reset-process-parameters! procedure resets all process parameters to their initial values.

```
(on-exit finally b1 b2 \dots)
```

syntax

expands to:

(dynamic-wind
 void
 (lambda () b1 b2 ...)
 (lambda () finally))

The on-exit macro executes the body expressions b1 b2 ... in a dynamic context that executes the finally expression whenever control leaves the body.

(profile-me)

procedure

returns: unspecified

The profile-me procedure does nothing but provide a place-holder for the system profiler to count the call site. When profiling is turned off, (profile-me) expands to (void), and the system optimizer eliminates it.

(profile-me-as form)

syntax

returns: unspecified

The profile-me-as macro does nothing but provide a place-holder for the system profiler to count the call site. If source information is present on *form*, the profile count for this call site is attributed to that *form*. When profiling is turned off or when source information is not present on *form*, profile-me-as expands to (void), and the system optimizer eliminates it.

windows? syntax

expands to: a boolean

The windows? macro expands to #t if the host is running Microsoft Windows and #f if not.

1.2.4 I/O

(binary->utf8 bp) procedure

returns: a transcoded textual port wrapping bp

The binary->utf8 procedure takes a binary port bp and returns a textual port wrapping bp using transcoded-port and (make-utf8-transcoder). The original port bp is marked closed so that it cannot be used except through the associated textual port.

(make-utf8-transcoder)

procedure

returns: a UTF-8 transcoder

The make-utf8-transcoder procedure creates a UTF-8 transcoder with end-of-line style none and error-handling mode replace.

(path-combine $path_1$ $path_2$...)

procedure

returns: the string combining the paths

The path-combine procedure appends one or more paths, inserting the directory-separator character between each pair of paths as needed.

1.2.5 Error Strings

current-exit-reason->english

parameter

value: a procedure of one argument that returns an English string

The current-exit-reason->english parameter specifies the conversion procedure used by exit-reason->english. It defaults to swish-exit-reason->english.

(exit-reason->english x)

procedure

returns: a string in U.S. English

The exit-reason->english procedure converts an exit reason into an English string using the procedure stored in parameter current-exit-reason->english.

(swish-exit-reason->english x)

procedure

returns: a string in U.S. English

The swish-exit-reason->english procedure converts an exit reason from Swish into an English string.

1.2.6 String Utilities

The string utilities below are found in the (swish string-utils) library.

(ct:join sep s ...) syntax

expands to: a string or a call to string-append

The ct:join macro uses ct:string-append to join adjacent string literals into a literal string or a call to string-append where adjacent string literals are combined. The sep, which must be a literal string or character, is inserted between adjacent elements of s cdots....

(ct:string-append $s \dots$)

syntax

expands to: a string or a call to string-append

The ct:string-append macro appends adjacent string literals at compile time and expands into the resulting literal string or a call to string-append where adjacent string literals are combined.

(ends-with? s p) procedure

returns: a boolean

The ends-with? procedure determines whether or not the string s ends with string p using case-sensitive comparisons.

(ends-with-ci? s p) procedure

returns: a boolean

The ends-with-ci? procedure determines whether or not the string s ends with string p using case-insensitive comparisons.

(format-rfc2822 d) procedure

returns: a string like "Thu, 28 Jul 2016 17:20:11 -0400"

The format-rfc2822 procedure returns a string representation of the date object d in the form specified in Section 3.3 of RFC 2822 [6].

(join *ls separator* [*last-separator*])

procedure

returns: a string

The join procedure returns the string formed by displaying each of the elements of list ls separated by displaying separator. When last-separator is specified, it is used as the last separator.

(oxford-comma [prefix] elt-fmt conj [suffix])

procedure

returns: a string

The oxford-comma procedure constructs a format string for use with errorf, format, printf, etc., to join the elements of a list with commas and/or conj, as appropriate. The elt-fmt argument is the format string for individual items of the list. The conj argument is a string used to separate the final two elements of the list. The prefix and suffix arguments must be supplied together or omitted. If omitted, prefix defaults to "~{" and suffix defaults to "~{".

(split str separator)

procedure

returns: a list of strings

The split procedure divides the *str* string by the *separator* character into a list of strings, none of which contain *separator*.

(split-n str separator n)

procedure

returns: a list of no more than *n* strings

The split-n procedure divides the str string by the separator character into a list of at most n strings. The last string may contain separator.

(starts-with? s p)

procedure

returns: a boolean

The starts-with? procedure determines whether or not the string s starts with string p using case-sensitive comparisons.

(starts-with-ci? s p)

procedure

returns: a boolean

The starts-with-ci? procedure determines whether or not the string s starts with string p using case-insensitive comparisons.

(trim-whitespace s)

procedure

returns: a string

The trim-whitespace procedure returns a string in which any leading or trailing whitespace in s has been removed. Internal whitespace is not affected.

(wrap-text op width initial-indent subsequent-indent text)

procedure

returns: unspecified

The wrap-text procedure writes the given text to the textual output port op after collapsing spaces that separate words. The first line is indented by initial-indent spaces. Subsequent lines are indented by subsequent-indent spaces. If possible, wrap-text breaks lines that would exceed width. Newlines and tabs are preserved, but tabs are treated as if they were the width of a single character.

The *text* argument may be a string or a list of strings. If *text* is a list, it is treated as if it were the string obtained via (join *text* #\space).

(symbol-append . ls)

procedure

returns: a symbol

The symbol-append procedure returns the symbol formed by appending the symbols passed as arguments.

1.2.7 Macro Utilities

(pretty-syntax-violation msg form [subform [who]])

procedure

returns: never

The pretty-syntax-violation procedure raises a syntax violation. It differs from the native syntax-violation in that it formats form and subform using pretty-format abbreviations, and it does not attempt to infer a who condition when who is not provided, as this can produce confusing results in error messages involving match patterns. To provide more readable exception messages, it constructs the formatted message condition by calling pretty-print before raising the exception, and it prevents display-condition from formatting the &syntax condition within the compound condition it constructs.

```
(with-temporaries (id ...) e0 e1 ...)
expands to:
(with-syntax ([(id ...) (generate-temporaries '(id ...))])
  e0 e1 ...)
```

The with-temporaries macro binds each macro-language pattern variable id to a fresh generated identifier within the body (begin e0 e1 ...).

Chapter 2

HTML Interface

2.1 Introduction

The programming interface includes procedures for the HyperText Markup Language (HTML) version 5 [5].

2.2 Programming Interface

```
(html:encode s)
(html:encode op s)
returns: see below
```

The html:encode procedure converts special character entities in string s.

input	output
11	"
&	<pre>&</pre>
<	<pre><</pre>
>	<pre>></pre>

The single argument form of html:encode returns an encoded string.

The two argument form of html:encode sends the encoded string to the textual output port op.

```
(html->string x)
(html->string op x)
returns: see below
```

The html->string procedure transforms an object into HTML. The transformation, H, is described below:

x	H(x)
()	nothing
#!void	nothing
string	E(string)
number	number
(begin pattern)	H(pattern)
(cdata $string$)	[!CDATA[string]]
(html5 [(@ attr)] pattern)	$\verb < html A(attr) \dots > H(pattern) \dots < /html> \\$
(raw $string$)	string
(script $[(@ attr)] string)$	$\langle script \ A(attr) \dots \rangle string \langle /script \rangle$
(style $[(@ attr)] string)$	<style $A(attr)$ $>$ string $<$ /style>
(tag [($@$ attr)] pattern)	$\langle tag \ A(attr) \ \rangle H(pattern) \langle /tag \rangle$
$(void\text{-}tag \ [(@ \ attr \ \ldots)])$	$< void-tag \ A(attr) \ \dots >$

E denotes the html:encode function.

A *void-tag* is one of area, base, br, col, embed, hr, img, input, keygen, link, menuitem, meta, param, source, track, or wbr. A *tag* is any other symbol.

The attribute transformation, A, is described below, where key is a symbol:

attr	A(attr)
#!void	nothing
(key)	key
$(key \ string)$	key="E(string)"
(key number)	key="number"

The single argument form of html->string returns an encoded HTML string.

The two argument form of html->string sends the encoded HTML string to the textual output port op.

Input that does not match the specification causes a $\#(bad-arg\ html->string\ x)$ exception to be raised.

```
(html->bytevector x)
returns: a bytevector
```

The html->bytevector procedure calls html->string on x using a bytevector output port transcoded using (make-utf8-transcoder) and returns the resulting bytevector.

Chapter 3

JSON Interface

3.1 Introduction

The programming interface includes procedures for JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) [3].

This implementation translates JavaScript types into the following Scheme types:

JavaScript	Scheme
true	#t
false	#f
null	#\nul
string	string
number	number
array	list
object	hashtable mapping symbols to values

This implementation does not range check values to ensure that a JavaScript implementation can interpret the data.

3.2 Programming Interface

```
(json:extend-object ht [key value] ...) syntax
```

The json:extend-object construct adds the key / value pairs to the hashtable ht using hashtable-set!. Each key is a literal identifier or an unquoted expression, e that evaluates to a symbol. The resulting expression returns ht.

```
(json:make-object [key value] ...) syntax
```

The json:make-object construct expands into a call to json:extend-object with a new hashtable.

(json:object? x procedure

returns: a boolean

The json:object? procedure determines whether or not the datum x is an object created by json:make-object.

(json:cells ht) procedure

returns: a vector

The json:cells procedure returns a vector containing the cells of the underlying hashtable.

(json:size ht) procedure

returns: an integer

The json:size procedure returns the number of cells in the underlying hashtable.

(json:delete! ht path) procedure

returns: unspecified

The json:delete! procedure expects path to be a symbol or a non-empty list of symbols. If path is a symbol, then json:delete! is equivalent to hashtable-delete!. Otherwise, json:delete! follows path as it descends into the nested hashtable ht, treating each element as a key into the hashtable reached by traversing the preceding elements. When json:delete! reaches the final key in path, it calls hashtable-delete! to remove the association for that key in the hashtable reached at that point. If any key along the way does not map to a hashtable, json:delete! has no effect.

(json:ref ht path default) procedure

returns: the value found by traversing path in ht, default if none

The json:ref procedure expects path to be a symbol or a non-empty list of symbols. If path is a symbol, then json:ref is equivalent to hashtable-ref. Otherwise, json:ref follows path as it descends into the nested hashtable ht, treating each element as a key into the hashtable reached by traversing the preceding elements. When json:ref reaches the final key in path, it calls hashtable-ref to retrieve the value of that key in the hashtable reached at that point. If any key along the way does not map to a hashtable, or if the final hashtable does not contain the final key, json:ref returns default.

(json:set! ht path value) procedure

returns: unspecified

The json:set! procedure expects path to be a symbol or a non-empty list of symbols. If path is a symbol, then json:set! is equivalent to hashtable-set!. Otherwise, json:set! follows path as it descends into the nested hashtable ht, treating each element as a key into the hashtable reached by traversing the preceding elements. When json:set! reaches the final key in path, it calls hashtable-set! to set that key in the hashtable reached at that point. If any key along the way does not map to a hashtable, json:set! installs an empty hashtable at that key before proceding. If path is malformed at some point, json:set! may still mutate hashtables along the valid portion of the path before reporting an error.

(json:update! ht path procedure default) procedure

returns: unspecified

The json:update! procedure expects path to be a symbol or a non-empty list of symbols. If path is a symbol, then json:update! is equivalent to hashtable-update!. Otherwise, json:update! follows path as it descends into the nested hashtable ht, treating each element as a key into the hashtable reached by traversing the preceding elements. When json:update! reaches the final key in path, it calls hashtable-update! to update that key in the hashtable reached at that point. If any key along the way does not map to a hashtable, json:update! installs an empty hashtable at that key before proceding. If path is malformed at some point, json:update! may still mutate hashtables along the valid portion of the path before reporting an error.

(json:read ip [custom-inflate])

procedure

returns: a Scheme object or the eof object

The json:read procedure reads characters from the textual input port *ip* and returns an appropriate Scheme object. When json:read encounters a JSON object, it builds the corresponding hashtable and calls *custom-inflate* to perform application-specific conversion. By default, *custom-inflate* is the identity function.

The following exceptions may be raised:

- invalid-surrogate-pair
- unexpected-eof
- #(unexpected-input data input-position)

(json:write $op \ x \ [indent] \ [custom-write]$)

procedure

returns: unspecified

The json:write procedure writes the object x to the textual output port op in JSON format. JSON objects are sorted by key using string<? on the string values of the symbols to provide stable output. Scheme fixnums, bignums, and finite florums may be used as numbers.

When *indent* is a non-negative fixnum, the output is more readable by a human. List items and key/value pairs are indented on individual lines by the specified number of spaces. When *indent* is 0, a newline is added to the end of the output. The default indent of #f produces compact output.

The optional *custom-write* procedure may intervene to handle lists and hashtables differently or to handle objects that have no direct JSON counterpart. If *custom-write* does not handle a given object, it should return false to let <code>json:write</code> proceed normally. The *custom-write* procedure is called with four arguments: the textual output port *op*, the Scheme object *x*, the current *indent* level, and a writer procedure *wr* that should be used to write the values of arbitrary Scheme objects. The *wr* procedure is equivalent to (lambda (*op x indent*) (json:write *op x indent custom-write*)).

If an object cannot be formatted, #(invalid-datum x) is raised.

(json:write-object op indent wr [key value] ...) syntax returns: #t

Given a textual output port op, an indent level, and a writer procedure wr, the json:write-object construct writes a JSON object with the given key / value pairs to op, sorted by key using string<?

on the string values of the symbols. Each key must be a distinct symbol. The wr procedure takes op, an object x, and an indent level just like the wr procedure that is passed to json:write's custom-write procedure.

The following are equivalent, provided the keys are symbols.

```
(begin (json:write op (json:make-object [key\ value] ...) indent) #t) (json:write-object op\ indent json:write [key\ value] ...)
```

The latter trades code size and compile time for run-time efficiency. At compile time, json:write-object sorts the keys and preformats the strings that will separate values.

```
(json:object->bytevector x [indent] [custom-write]) procedure returns: a bytevector
```

The json:object->bytevector procedure calls json:write on x with the optional *indent* and *custom-write*, if any, using a bytevector output port transcoded using (make-utf8-transcoder) and returns the resulting bytevector.

```
(json:bytevector->object x [custom-inflate]) procedure returns: a Scheme object
```

The json:bytevector->object procedure creates a bytevector input port on x, calls json:read with the optional *custom-inflate*, if any, and returns the resulting Scheme object after making sure the rest of the bytevector is only whitespace.

```
(json:object->string x [indent] [custom-write]) procedure returns: a JSON formatted string
```

The json:object->string procedure creates a string output port, calls json:write on x with the optional *indent* and *custom-write*, if any, and returns the resulting string.

```
(json:string->object x [custom-inflate]) procedure
returns: a Scheme object
```

The json:string->object procedure creates a string input port on x, calls json:read with the optional *custom-inflate*, if any, and returns the resulting Scheme object after making sure the rest of the string is only whitespace.

```
(json:write-structural-char x indent op) procedure returns: the new indent level
```

The json:write-structural-char procedure writes the character x at an appropriate indent level to the textual output port op. The character should be one of the following JSON structural characters: [] { }:,

This procedure is intended for use within custom writers passed in to json:write and, for performance, it does not check its input arguments.

(stack->json k [max-depth]) procedure returns: a JSON object

The stack->json procedure renders the stack of continuation k as a JSON object by calling walk-stack. The return value may contain the following keys:

type "stack"

depth the depth of the stack

truncated if present, the max-depth at which the stack dump was truncated

frames if present, a list of JSON objects representing stack frames

A stack frame may contain the following keys:

type "stack-frame"

depth the depth of this frame

source if present, a source object for the return point

procedure-source if present, a source object for the procedure containing the return point

free if present, a list of JSON objects representing free variables

A source object x with source file descriptor sfd is represented by a JSON object containing the following keys:

bfp (source-object-bfp x)
efp (source-object-efp x)

path (source-file-descriptor-path sfd) checksum (source-file-descriptor-checksum sfd)

A free variable with value val is represented by a JSON object containing the following keys:

name a string containing the variable name or its index

value the result of (format " \sim s" val)

(json-stack->string [op] x)

procedure

returns: see below

The two argument form of json-stack->string prints the stack represented by JSON object x to the textual output port op. The single argument form of json-stack->string prints the stack represented by JSON object x to a string output port and returns the resulting string. In either case, the printed form resembles that generated by dump-stack except that source locations are given as file offsets rather than line and character numbers.

Chapter 4

Regular Expressions

4.1 Introduction

The regular expressions library (swish pregexp) is a derivative of pregexp: Portable Regular Expressions for Scheme and Common Lisp [7]. It provides regular expressions modeled on Perl's [4, 8] and includes such powerful directives as numeric and non-greedy quantifiers, capturing and non-capturing clustering, POSIX character classes, selective case- and space-insensitivity, back-references, alternation, backtrack pruning, positive and negative look-ahead and look-behind, in addition to the more basic directives familiar to all regexp users.

A regexp is a string that describes a pattern. A regexp matcher tries to match this pattern against (a portion of) another string, which we will call the text string. The text string is treated as raw text and not as a pattern.

Most of the characters in a regexp pattern are meant to match occurrences of themselves in the text string. Thus, the pattern "abc" matches a string that contains the characters a, b, c in succession.

In the regexp pattern, some characters act as *metacharacters*, and some character sequences act as *metasequences*. That is, they specify something other than their literal selves. For example, in the pattern "a.c", the characters a and c do stand for themselves but the *metacharacter* '.' can match *any* character (other than newline). Therefore, the pattern "a.c" matches an a, followed by *any* character, followed by a c.

If we needed to match the character '.' itself, we *escape* it, i.e., precede it with a backslash (\). The character sequence \setminus is thus a *metasequence*, since it doesn't match itself but rather just '.' So, to match a followed by a literal '.' followed by c, we use the regexp pattern "a \setminus .c". Another example of a metasequence is \setminus t, which is a readable way to represent the tab character.

We will call the string representation of a regexp the *U-regexp*, where *U* can be taken to mean *Unix-style* or *universal*, because this notation for regexps is universally familiar. Our implementation uses an intermediate tree-like representation called the *S-regexp*, where *S* can stand for *Scheme*, *symbolic*, or *s-expression*. S-regexps are more verbose and less readable than U-regexps, but they are much easier for Scheme's recursive procedures to navigate.

¹The double backslash is an artifact of Scheme strings, not the regexp pattern itself. When we want a literal backslash inside a Scheme string, we must escape it so that it shows up in the string at all. Scheme strings use backslash as the escape character, so we end up with two backslashes.

4.2 Programming Interface

(pregexp regexp) procedure

returns: an S-regexp

The pregexp procedure takes a U-regexp string regexp and returns an S-regexp.

(re regexp) syntax

expands to: (pregexp regexp)

If *regexp* is a literal string, the **re** macro expands to the result of evaluating (**pregexp**) at expand time. Otherwise it expands into a run-time call to **pregexp**.

(pregexp-match-positions $pat \ str \ [start \ [end]]$)

returns: ($(s \ . \ e) \ ...$) or #f

The pregexp-match-positions procedure takes a regexp pattern pat and a text string str and returns a match if the regexp matches (some part of) the text string between the inclusive start index (defaults to 0) and the exclusive end index (defaults to the length of str).

The regexp may be either a U- or an S-regexp. pregexp-match-positions will internally compile a U-regexp to an S-regexp before proceeding with the matching. If you find yourself calling pregexp-match-positions repeatedly with the same U-regexp, it may be advisable to explicitly convert the latter into an S-regexp once beforehand, using pregexp, to save needless recompilation.

pregexp-match-positions returns a list of *index pairs* if the regexp matches the string and #f if it does not match. Index pair (s . e) gives the inclusive starting index s and exclusive ending index e of the matching substring with respect to str. The first index pair indicates the entire match, and subsequent pairs indicate submatches. Some of the submatches may be #f.

(pregexp-match pat str [start [end]]) procedure returns: list of matching substrings or #f

The pregexp-match procedure is called like pregexp-match-positions, but instead of returning index pairs, it returns the matching substrings. The first substring is the entire match, and subsequent substrings are submatches, some of which may be #f.

(pregexp-split pat str) procedure

returns: list of substrings from str

The pregexp-split procedure takes two arguments, a regexp pattern pat and a text string str, and returns a list of substrings of the text string, where the pattern identifies the delimiter separating the substrings. The returned substrings do not include the delimiter.

If the pattern can match an empty string, then the list of all the single-character substrings is returned.

To identify one or more spaces as the delimiter, take care to use the regexp " +", not " *".

(pregexp-replace pat str ins) procedure

returns: a string

The pregexp-replace procedure replaces the matched portion of the text string by another string. The first argument is the pattern pat, the second the text string str, and the third is the string to be inserted ins, which may contain back-references (see §4.3.4).

If the pattern doesn't occur in the text string, the returned string is identical (eq?) to str.

(pregexp-replace* pat str ins)

procedure

returns: a string

The pregexp-replace* procedure replaces all matches of regexp pat in the text string str by the insert string ins, which may contain back-references (see §4.3.4).

As with pregexp-replace, if the pattern doesn't occur in the text string, the returned string is identical (eq?) to str.

(pregexp-quote str)

procedure

returns: a U-regexp

The pregexp-quote procedure takes an arbitrary string *str* and returns a U-regexp string that precisely represents it. In particular, characters in the input string that could serve as regexp metacharacters are escaped with a backslash, so that they safely match only themselves.

pregexp-quote is useful when building a composite regexp from a mix of regexp strings and verbatim strings.

4.3 The Regexp Pattern Language

4.3.1 Basic Assertions

The assertions ^ and \$ identify the beginning and the end of the text string respectively. They ensure that their adjoining regexps match at the beginning or end of the text string. Examples:

```
(pregexp-match-positions "^contact" "first contact") \Rightarrow #f
```

The regexp fails to match because contact does not occur at the beginning of the text string.

(pregexp-match-positions "laugh\$" "laugh laugh laugh laugh") \Rightarrow ((18 . 23)).

The regexp matches the *last* laugh.

The metasequence \b asserts that a word boundary exists.

```
(pregexp-match-positions "yack\b" "yackety yack") \Rightarrow ((8 . 12))
```

The yack in yackety doesn't end at a word boundary so it isn't matched. The second yack does and is.

The metasequence \B has the opposite effect to \b. It asserts that a word boundary does not exist.

```
(pregexp-match-positions "an\\B" "an analysis") \Rightarrow ((3 . 5))
```

The an that doesn't end in a word boundary is matched.

4.3.2 Characters and Character Classes

Typically a character in the regexp matches the same character in the text string. Sometimes it is necessary or convenient to use a regexp metasequence to refer to a single character. Thus, metasequences \n , \r , \t , and \n match the newline, return, tab, and period characters respectively.

The metacharacter period (.) matches any character other than newline.

```
(pregexp-match "p.t" "pet") ⇒ ("pet")
```

It also matches pat, pit, pot, put, and p8t but not peat or pfffft.

A character class matches any one character from a set of characters. A typical format for this is the bracketed character class [...], which matches any one character from the non-empty sequence of characters enclosed within the brackets.² Thus "p[aeiou]t" matches pat, pet, pit, pot, put and nothing else.

Inside the brackets, a hyphen (-) between two characters specifies the ASCII range between the characters. For example, "ta[b-dgn-p]" matches tab, tac, tad, and tag, and tan, tao, tap.

An initial caret (^) after the left bracket inverts the set specified by the rest of the contents, i.e., it specifies the set of characters *other than* those identified in the brackets. For example, "do[^g]" matches all three-character sequences starting with do except dog.

Note that the metacharacter ^ inside brackets means something quite different from what it means outside. Most other metacharacters (., *, +, ?, etc.) cease to be metacharacters when inside brackets, although you may still escape them for peace of mind. - is a metacharacter only when it's inside brackets, and neither the first nor the last character.

Bracketed character classes cannot contain other bracketed character classes (although they contain certain other types of character classes—see below). Thus a left bracket ([) inside a bracketed character class doesn't have to be a metacharacter; it can stand for itself. For example, "[a[b]" matches a, [, and b.

Furthermore, since empty bracketed character classes are disallowed, a right bracket (]) immediately occurring after the opening left bracket also doesn't need to be a metacharacter. For example, "[]ab]" matches], a, and b.

Some Frequently Used Character Classes

Some standard character classes can be conveniently represented as metasequences instead of as explicit bracketed expressions. \d matches a digit using char-numeric?; \s matches a whitespace character using char-whitespace?; and \w matches a character that could be part of a word.³

The upper-case versions of these metasequences stand for the inversions of the corresponding character classes. Thus \D matches a non-digit, \S a non-whitespace character, and \W a non-word character.

Remember to include a double backslash when putting these metasequences in a Scheme string:

²Requiring a bracketed character class to be non-empty is not a limitation, since an empty character class can be more easily represented by an empty string.

³Following regexp custom, we identify word characters as alphabetic, numeric, or underscore (_).

```
(pregexp-match "\\d\\d" "0 dear, 1 have 2 read catch 22 before 9") \Rightarrow ("22")
```

These character classes can be used inside a bracketed expression. For example, "[a-z\\d]" matches a lower-case letter or a digit.

POSIX Character Classes

A *POSIX character class* is a special metasequence of the form [:...:] that can be used only inside a bracketed expression. The POSIX classes supported are:

```
[:alnum:]
              letters and digits
[:alpha:]
              letters
              the letters c, h, a and d
[:algor:]
[:ascii:]
              7-bit ASCII characters
[:blank:]
              widthful whitespace, i.e., space and tab
[:cntrl:]
              control characters, viz, those with code < 32
[:digit:]
              digits, same as \d
              characters that use ink
[:graph:]
[:lower:]
              lower-case letters
              ink-users plus widthful whitespace
[:print:]
[:space:]
              whitespace, same as \s
[:upper:]
              upper-case letters
              letters, digits, and underscore, same as \w
[:word:]
[:xdigit:]
              hex digits
```

For example, the regexp "[[:alpha:]_]" matches a letter or underscore.

The POSIX class notation is valid *only* inside a bracketed expression. For instance, [:alpha:], when not inside a bracketed expression, will *not* be read as the letter class. Rather it is (from previous principles) the character class containing the characters :, a, 1, p, and h.

```
(pregexp-match "[:alpha:]" "-a-") \Rightarrow ("a") (pregexp-match "[:alpha:]" "-_-") \Rightarrow #f
```

By placing a caret (^) immediately after [:, you get the inversion of that POSIX character class. Thus, [:^alpha:] is the class containing all characters except the letters.

4.3.3 Quantifiers

The quantifiers *, +, and ? match respectively: zero or more, one or more, and zero or one instances of the preceding subpattern.

```
(pregexp-match-positions "c[ad]*r" "cadaddadddr") \Rightarrow ((0 . 11))
```

```
(pregexp-match-positions "c[ad]*r" "cr") \Rightarrow ((0 . 2))

(pregexp-match-positions "c[ad]+r" "cadaddadddr") \Rightarrow ((0 . 11))

(pregexp-match-positions "c[ad]+r" "cr") \Rightarrow #f

(pregexp-match-positions "c[ad]?r" "cadaddadddr") \Rightarrow #f

(pregexp-match-positions "c[ad]?r" "cr") \Rightarrow ((0 . 2))

(pregexp-match-positions "c[ad]?r" "car") \Rightarrow ((0 . 3))
```

Numeric Quantifiers

You can use braces to specify much finer-tuned quantification than is possible with *, +, and ?.

The quantifier $\{m\}$ matches exactly m instances of the preceding subpattern. m must be a non-negative integer.

The quantifier $\{m,n\}$ matches at least m and at most n instances. m and n are nonnegative integers with $m \leq n$. You may omit either or both numbers, in which case m defaults to 0 and n to infinity.

It is evident that + and ? are abbreviations for $\{1,\}$ and $\{0,1\}$ respectively. * abbreviates $\{,\}$, which is the same as $\{0,\}$.

```
(pregexp-match "[aeiou]{3}" "vacuous") \Rightarrow ("uou") (pregexp-match "[aeiou]{3}" "evolve") \Rightarrow #f (pregexp-match "[aeiou]{2,3}" "evolve") \Rightarrow #f (pregexp-match "[aeiou]{2,3}" "zeugma") \Rightarrow ("eu")
```

Non-greedy Quantifiers

The quantifiers described above are *greedy*, i.e., they match the maximal number of instances that would still lead to an overall match for the full pattern.

```
(pregexp-match "<.*>" "<tag1> <tag2> <tag3>") \Rightarrow ("<tag1> <tag2> <tag3>")
```

To make these quantifiers *non-greedy*, append a ? to them. Non-greedy quantifiers match the minimal number of instances needed to ensure an overall match.

```
(pregexp-match "<.*?>" "<tag1> <tag2> <tag3>") \Rightarrow ("<tag1>")
```

The non-greedy quantifiers are respectively: *?, +?, ??, $\{m\}$?, and $\{m,n\}$?. Note the two uses of the metacharacter ?.

4.3.4 Clusters

Clustering, i.e., enclosure within parentheses (...), identifies the enclosed subpattern as a single entity. It causes the matcher to *capture* the *submatch*, or the portion of the string matching the subpattern, in addition to the overall match.

```
(pregexp-match "([a-z]+) ([0-9]+), ([0-9]+)" "jan 1, 1970") \Rightarrow ("jan 1, 1970" "jan" "1" "1970")
```

Clustering also causes a following quantifier to treat the entire enclosed subpattern as an entity.

```
(pregexp-match "(poo )*" "poo poo platter") \Rightarrow ("poo poo " "poo ")
```

The number of submatches returned is always equal to the number of subpatterns specified in the regexp, even if a particular subpattern happens to match more than one substring or no substring at all.

```
(pregexp-match "([a-z ]+;)*" "lather; rinse; repeat;")
⇒ ("lather; rinse; repeat;" " repeat;")
```

Here the *-quantified subpattern matches three times, but it is the last submatch that is returned.

It is also possible for a quantified subpattern to fail to match, even if the overall pattern matches. In such cases, the failing submatch is represented by #f.

```
(define date-re
   ;; match 'month year' or 'month day, year'.
   ;; subpattern matches day, if present
   (pregexp "([a-z]+) +([0-9]+,)? *([0-9]+)"))

(pregexp-match date-re "jan 1, 1970") ⇒ ("jan 1, 1970" "jan" "1," "1970")
(pregexp-match date-re "jan 1970") ⇒ ("jan 1970" "jan" #f "1970")
```

Back-references

Submatches can be used in the insert string argument of the procedures pregexp-replace and pregexp-replace*. The insert string can use \n as a back-reference to refer back to the n^{th} submatch, i.e., the substring that matched the n^{th} subpattern. \n refers to the entire match, and it can also be specified as \a .

```
(pregexp-replace "_(.+?)_" "the _nina_, the _pinta_, and the _santa maria_" "*\\1*") \Rightarrow "the *nina*, the _pinta_, and the _santa maria_" (pregexp-replace* "_(.+?)_" "the _nina_, the _pinta_, and the _santa maria_" "*\\1*") \Rightarrow "the *nina*, the *pinta*, and the *santa maria*" (pregexp-replace "(\\S+) (\\S+) (\\S+)" "eat to live" "\\3 \\2 \\1") \Rightarrow "live to eat"
```

Use $\$ in the insert string to specify a literal backslash. Also, $\$ stands for an empty string, and is useful for separating a back-reference $\$ n from an immediately following number.

Back-references can also be used within the regexp pattern to refer back to an already matched subpattern in the pattern. $\ \$ n stands for an exact repeat of the $n^{\rm th}$ submatch.

⁴\0, which is useful in an insert string, makes no sense within the regexp pattern, because the entire regexp has not matched yet that you could refer back to it.

```
(pregexp-match "([a-z]+) and \1" "billions and billions") \Rightarrow ("billions and billions" "billions")
```

Note that the back-reference is not simply a repeat of the previous subpattern. Rather it is a repeat of the particular substring already matched by the subpattern.

In the above example, the back-reference can only match billions. It will not match millions, even though the subpattern it harks back to—([a-z]+)—would have had no problem doing so:

```
(pregexp-match "([a-z]+) and \\1" "billions and millions") \Rightarrow #f
```

The following corrects doubled words:

```
(pregexp-replace* "(\\S+) \\1" "now is the the time for all good men to to come to the aid of the party" "\\1")
```

```
\Rightarrow "now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party"
```

The following marks all immediately repeating patterns in a number string:

```
(pregexp-replace* "(\\d+)\\1" "123340983242432420980980234" "\\1,\\1") \Rightarrow "123,34098324,243242098,0980234"
```

Non-capturing Clusters

It is often required to specify a cluster (typically for quantification) but without triggering the capture of submatch information. Such clusters are called *non-capturing*. In such cases, use (?: instead of (as the cluster opener. In the following example, the non-capturing cluster eliminates the directory portion of a given pathname, and the capturing cluster identifies the basename.

```
(pregexp-match "^(?:[a-z]*/)*([a-z]+)$" "/usr/local/bin/scheme") \Rightarrow ("/usr/local/bin/scheme" "scheme")
```

Cloisters

The location between the ? and the : of a non-capturing cluster is called a *cloister*.⁵ You can put *modifiers* there that will cause the enclustered subpattern to be treated specially. The modifier i causes the subpattern to match *case-insensitively*:

```
(pregexp-match "(?i:hearth)" "HeartH") ⇒ ("HeartH")
```

The modifier x causes the subpattern to match space-insensitively, i.e., spaces and comments within the subpattern are ignored. Comments are introduced as usual with a semicolon (;) and extend till the end of the line. If you need to include a literal space or semicolon in a space-insensitized subpattern, escape it with a backslash.

```
(pregexp-match "(?x: a lot)" "alot") \Rightarrow ("alot") (pregexp-match "(?x: a \\ lot)" "a lot") \Rightarrow ("a lot") (pregexp-match "(?x:
```

⁵A useful, if terminally cute, coinage from the abbots of Perl [8].

You can put more than one modifier in the cloister.

A minus sign before a modifier inverts its meaning. Thus, you can use -i and -x in a *subcluster* to overturn the insensitivities caused by an enclosing cluster.

```
(pregexp-match "(?i:the (?-i:TeX)book)" "The TeXbook") \Rightarrow ("The TeXbook")
```

This regexp will allow any casing for the and book but insists that TeX not be differently cased.

4.3.5 Alternation

You can specify a list of *alternate* subpatterns by separating them by |. The | separates subpatterns in the nearest enclosing cluster (or in the entire pattern string if there are no enclosing parentheses).

```
(pregexp-match "f(ee|i|o|um)" "a small, final fee") \Rightarrow ("fi" "i")
```

```
(pregexp-replace* "([yi])s(e[sdr]?|ing|ation)"
  "it is energising to analyse an organisation pulsing with noisy organisms"
  "\\1z\\2")
```

 \Rightarrow "it is energizing to analyze an organization pulsing with noisy organisms"

Note again that if you wish to use clustering merely to specify a list of alternate subpatterns but do not want the submatch, use (?: instead of (.

```
(pregexp-match "f(?:ee|i|o|um)" "fun for all") \Rightarrow ("fo")
```

An important thing to note about alternation is that the leftmost matching alternate is picked regardless of its length. Thus, if one of the alternates is a prefix of a later alternate, the latter may not have a chance to match.

```
(pregexp-match "call|call/cc" "call/cc") \Rightarrow ("call")
```

To allow the longer alternate to have a shot at matching, place it before the shorter one:

```
(pregexp-match "call/cc|call" "call/cc") \Rightarrow ("call/cc")
```

In any case, an overall match for the entire regexp is always preferred to an overall non-match. In the following, the longer alternate still wins, because its preferred shorter prefix fails to yield an overall match.

```
(pregexp-match "(?:call|call/cc) constrained" "call/cc constrained")
⇒ ("call/cc constrained")
```

4.3.6 Backtracking

We've already seen that greedy quantifiers match the maximal number of times, but the overriding priority is that the overall match succeed. Consider

```
(pregexp-match "a*a" "aaaa")
```

The regexp consists of two subregexps, a* followed by a. The subregexp a* cannot be allowed to match all four a's in the text string "aaaa", even though * is a greedy quantifier. It may match only the first three, leaving the last one for the second subregexp. This ensures that the full regexp matches successfully.

The regexp matcher accomplishes this via a process called *backtracking*. The matcher tentatively allows the greedy quantifier to match all four a's, but then when it becomes clear that the overall match is in jeopardy, it *backtracks* to a less greedy match of *three* a's. If even this fails, as in the call

```
(pregexp-match "a*aa" "aaaa")
```

the matcher backtracks even further. Overall failure is conceded only when all possible backtracking has been tried with no success.

Backtracking is not restricted to greedy quantifiers. Nongreedy quantifiers match as few instances as possible, and progressively backtrack to more and more instances in order to attain an overall match. There is backtracking in alternation, too, as the more rightward alternates are tried when locally successful leftward ones fail to yield an overall match.

Disabling Backtracking

Sometimes it is efficient to disable backtracking. For example, we may wish to *commit* to a choice, or we know that trying alternatives is fruitless. A non-backtracking regexp is enclosed in (?>...).

```
(pregexp-match "(?>a+)." "aaaa") \Rightarrow #f
```

In this call, the subregexp ?>a+ greedily matches all four a's, and is denied the opportunity to backtrack. So the overall match is denied. The effect of the regexp is therefore to match one or more a's followed by something that is definitely non-a.

4.3.7 Looking Ahead and Behind

You can have assertions in your pattern that look *ahead* or *behind* to ensure that a subpattern does or does not occur. These look-around assertions are specified by putting the subpattern checked for in a cluster whose leading characters are ?= for positive look-ahead, ?! for negative look-ahead,

?<= for positive look-behind, and ?<! for negative look-behind. Note that the subpattern in the assertion does not generate a match in the final result. It merely allows or disallows the rest of the match.

Look-ahead

Positive look-ahead (?=) peeks ahead to ensure that its subpattern *could* match.

```
(pregexp-match-positions "grey(?=hound)" "i left my grey socks at the greyhound") \Rightarrow ((28 . 32))
```

The regexp "grey(?=hound)" matches grey, but *only* if it is followed by hound. Thus, the first grey in the text string is not matched.

Negative look-ahead (?!) peeks ahead to ensure that its subpattern could not possibly match.

```
(pregexp-match-positions "grey(?!hound)" "the gray greyhound ate the grey socks") \Rightarrow ((27 . 31))
```

The regexp "grey(?!hound)" matches grey, but only if it is *not* followed by hound. Thus the grey just before socks is matched.

Look-behind

Positive look-behind (?<=) checks that its subpattern *could* match immediately to the left of the current position in the text string.

```
(pregexp-match-positions "(?<=grey)hound" "the hound is not a greyhound") \Rightarrow ((23 . 28))
```

The regexp (?<=grey)hound matches hound, but only if it is preceded by grey.

Negative look-behind (?<!) checks that its subpattern could not possibly match immediately to the left.

```
(pregexp-match-positions "(?<!grey)hound" "the greyhound is not a hound") \Rightarrow ((23 . 28))
```

The regexp (?<!grey)hound matches hound, but only if it is not preceded by grey.

Look-aheads and look-behinds can be convenient when they are not confusing.

Chapter 5

Stream Library

5.1 Introduction

Streams facilitate composition of higher-order functions like map, filter, and fold, while minimizing allocation of intermediate data structures. The s/> procedure allows expressions analogous to those found in C^{\sharp} , Ruby, and other popular languages, in which a stream of values is passed through a pipeline of operators.

A *stream* is a procedure of zero arguments that advances the position within the stream and returns the next value or the end-of-stream object *eos*.

A transformer is a procedure that takes a single argument and returns a value. The argument and return value are often streams. If a transformer requires its argument to be a stream, it is responsible for validating or coercing it. A well-behaved transformer can be applied safely to multiple streams or repeatedly to the same stream. All transformers defined in this library are well-behaved.

A transformer constructor is a procedure that returns a transformer. s/map is one such constructor. (s/map f) returns a transformer that maps stream values with procedure f.

Two transformers can be composed into a new transformer. The s/> procedure composes zero or more transformers and then applies them to an argument.

5.2 Basics

 $(s/> x t \dots)$ procedure

returns: see below

The s/> procedure applies transformers t ... to x in order. If x is a list, vector, or hashtable, it is converted to a stream. The final transformation result is passed to unstream before returning.

s/> is pronounced "stream pipe."

(stream x ...) procedure

returns: a stream

The stream procedure returns a stream containing values x cdots....

(list->stream list) procedure

returns: a stream

The list->stream procedure returns a stream containing the values in *list*, in order.

(vector->stream vector) procedure

returns: a stream

The vector->stream procedure returns a stream containing the values in vector, in order.

(hashtable->stream hashtable) procedure

returns: a stream

The hashtable->stream procedure returns a stream containing the cells of *hashtable* in no particular order.

(stream->list stream) procedure

returns: a list

The stream->list procedure returns a list containing the values in a finite stream, in order.

(stream-unfold procedure state) procedure

returns: a stream

The stream-unfold procedure returns a stream formed by the initial *state* and repeated calls to *procedure*. *procedure* is called with the current state and should return zero, one, or two values. Zero values indicate the end of the stream. One value indicates the last value in the stream. Two values indicate the next value and the next state.

(stream-repeat *n procedure*)

procedure

returns: a stream

The stream-repeat procedure returns a stream of n values. The ith value is (procedure i). procedure is invoked in order with i starting at 0.

> (stream->list (stream-repeat 5 values))
(0 1 2 3 4)

(stream-lift p)

procedure

returns: a procedure

The stream-lift procedure returns a procedure that converts its argument with unstream and then passes it to p. It can be used to include a non-stream-aware procedure in a stream pipeline.

(unstream x) procedure

returns: see below

If x is a stream, it returns (stream->list x). If x is a stream box (see s/stream), it is unboxed. Otherwise, it returns x.

5.3 Transformers

(s/all? procedure)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/all? procedure returns a transformer that returns true if and only if *procedure* returns true for all values in the finite stream.

s/any variable

The s/any variable is a transformer that returns false if the stream is empty, and the stream itself if non-empty.

(s/any? [procedure])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/any? procedure returns a transformer that returns true if and only if the stream has at least one value. If *procedure* is provided, the stream is first filtered with *procedure*.

(s/by-key procedure [hash equiv?])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/by-key procedure returns a transformer that indexes the values of a finite stream by key function procedure into a hashtable created with (make-hashtable hash equiv?). If hash and equiv? are not provided, a hashtable appropriate for the first key is created (see Table 5.1). If two values v_1 and v_2 have the same key k, error #(duplicate-key k v_1 v_2) is raised.

Key Type	Constructor
fixnum, record, or boolean	(make-eq-hashtable)
non-fixnum number or char	(make-eqv-hashtable)
string	<pre>(make-hashtable string-hash string=?)</pre>
symbol	(make-hashtable symbol-hash eq?)
else	(make-hashtable equal-hash equal?)

Table 5.1: Hashtable Type Inference

s/cells variable

The s/cells variable is a transformer that returns a stream of cells (k . v) of the given hashtable in no particular order. If the input value is not a hashtable, it is returned.

(s/chunk procedure) procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/chunk procedure returns a transformer that groups stream values into lists based on the return value of *procedure*. Consecutive values $v ext{...}$ for which (procedure v) returns the same value are grouped into a list. Return values are compared with equal?

```
> (s/> '(1 3 4) (s/chunk odd?))
((1 3) (4))
> (s/> '("one" "two" "three" "four" "five" "six") (s/chunk string-length))
(("one" "two") ("three") ("four" "five") ("six"))
```

(s/chunk2 procedure) procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/chunk2 procedure returns a transformer that groups stream values into lists based on the return value of *procedure*. Consecutive value pairs v_1 and v_2 for which (procedure v_1 v_2) returns the same value are grouped into a list. Return values are compared with equal?.

```
> (s/> '(2 3 4 3 2 1 2 3 4) (s/chunk2 <=))
((2 3 4) (3 2 1) (2 3 4))</pre>
```

(s/chunk-every n) procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/chunk-every procedure returns a transformer that groups stream values into lists of length n. The last list length L is $0 < L \le n$. n must be an exact, positive integer.

```
> (s/> (iota 5) (s/chunk-every 2))
((0 1) (2 3) (4))
```

s/concat variable

The s/concat variable is a transformer that concatenates a heterogeneous stream of streams, lists, or vectors.

```
> (s/> (list '(1 2) '#(3 4) (stream 5 6)) s/concat)
(1 2 3 4 5 6)
```

(s/count procedure)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/count procedure returns a transformer that applies *procedure* to each value in a finite stream and sums the results, treating false as 0 and other non-numbers as 1. For example, if *procedure* returns a boolean, s/count counts the number of values for which *procedure* returns true.

```
> (s/> '(1 2 3) (s/count odd?))
2
> (s/> '("1" "two" "3") (s/count string->number))
4
```

(s/do procedure)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/do procedure returns a transformer that invokes *procedure* on every value in the stream, in order, and returns an unspecified value if the stream is finite.

(s/drop n)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/drop procedure returns a transformer that returns the n^{th} tail of a stream. n must be an exact integer. If n is negative, it returns the input stream unchanged. If n is greater than or equal to the length of the stream, it returns the empty stream.

(s/drop-last n)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/drop-last procedure returns a transformer that returns a stream containing all but the last n values in a finite input stream. n must be an exact integer. If n is negative, it returns the input stream unchanged. If n is greater than or equal to the length of the stream, it returns the empty stream.

(s/drop-while procedure)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/drop-while procedure returns a transformer that returns the tail of the stream starting with the first value for which *procedure* returns false. If *procedure* returns a true value for all values, it returns the empty stream.

> (s/> '(1 3 4 5) (s/drop-while odd?))
(4 5)

(s/extrema [lt gt])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/extrema procedure returns a transformer that performs s/min and s/max simultaneously, returning the list (min max), or false if the stream is empty.

(s/extrema-by $procedure [lt \ gt]$)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/extrema-by procedure returns a transformer that performs s/min-by and s/max-by simultaneously, returning the list (min max), or false if the stream is empty.

(s/filter [procedure])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/filter procedure returns a transformer that filters stream values by *procedure*. If *procedure* is not provided, the identity procedure is used.

(s/find procedure)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/find procedure returns the transformer composition of (s/filter procedure) and s/first.

s/first variable

The s/first variable is a transformer that returns the first value in the stream, or false if the stream is empty.

(s/fold-left procedure acc)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/fold-left procedure returns a transformer that folds *procedure* over a finite stream with initial accumulator *acc*. The semantics are the same as fold-left.

(s/fold-right procedure acc)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/fold-right procedure returns a transformer that folds *procedure* over a finite stream with initial accumulator *acc*. The semantics are the same as fold-right.

(s/group-by procedure [hash equiv?])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/group-by procedure returns a transformer that groups the values of a finite stream by key function *procedure* into a hashtable created with (make-hashtable hash equiv?). The value for

key k is the list of stream values for which *procedure* returns k, in order of their appearance in the stream. If hash and equiv? are not provided, a hashtable appropriate for the first key is created (see Table 5.1).

```
(s/ht fk fv [hash equiv?])
```

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/ht procedure returns a transformer that maps each value x in a finite stream to a cell with key (fk x) and value (fv x) in a hashtable created with (make-hashtable hash equiv?). If hash and equiv? are not provided, a hashtable appropriate for the first key is created (see Table 5.1). If two values v_1 and v_2 have the same key k, error #(duplicate-key k v_1 v_2) is raised.

```
> (s/> '(1 2 3)
        (s/ht 1- 1+)
        s/cells
        (s/sort-by car <))
((0 . 2) (1 . 3) (2 . 4))</pre>
```

(s/ht* fk fv [hash equiv?])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/ht* procedure returns a transformer that maps each value in a finite stream into a hashtable created with (make-hashtable hash equiv?). Stream value x is mapped to key (fk x). The value for a key is the list of stream values with that key, in order of their appearance in the stream, mapped with fv. If hash and equiv? are not provided, a hashtable appropriate for the first key is created (see Table 5.1).

```
> (s/> '("a" "b" "cc")
      (s/ht* string-length string->symbol)
      s/cells
      (s/sort-by car <))
((1 a b) (2 cc))</pre>
```

(s/ht** fk fv [hash equiv?])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/ht** procedure returns a transformer that maps each value in a finite stream into a hashtable created with (make-hashtable hash equiv?). Stream value x is mapped to key (fk x). The value for a key is the list of stream values with that key, in order of their appearance in the stream, map-concatenated with fv. If hash and equiv? are not provided, a hashtable appropriate for the first key is created (see Table 5.1).

```
> (s/> '(("a" 1 2) ("b" 3 4) ("a" 5 6))
      (s/ht** car cdr)
      s/cells
      (s/sort-by car string<?))
(("a" 1 2 5 6) ("b" 3 4))</pre>
```

(s/join sep [sep-2 sep-last])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/join procedure returns a transformer that joins the values of a finite stream into a string, separated by string sep. If strings sep-2 and sep-last are provided, sep-2 is used to separate a stream of two values, and sep-last is used as the last separator for a stream of three or more values. Values are written to the string as with display. It returns the empty string if the stream is empty.

```
> (s/> '(a b c) (s/join ", "))
"a, b, c"
> (s/> '(a b c) (s/join ", " " and " ", and "))
"a, b, and c"
> (s/> '(a b) (s/join ", " " and " ", and "))
"a and b"
```

s/last variable

The s/last variable is a transformer that returns the last value in a finite stream, or false if the stream is empty.

s/length variable

The s/length variable is a transformer that returns the number of values in a finite stream.

(s/map procedure)
returns: a transformer

procedure

The s/map procedure returns a transformer that maps stream values with procedure.

(s/map-car f) procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-car procedure returns a transformer that maps each pair $(x \cdot y)$ to $(f(x) \cdot y)$.

```
> (s/> '((a . 1) (b . 2)) (s/map-car symbol->string))
(("a" . 1) ("b" . 2))
```

(s/map-cdr f) procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-cdr procedure returns a transformer that maps each pair $(x \cdot y)$ to $(x \cdot f(y))$.

(s/map-concat procedure)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-concat procedure returns the transformer composition of (s/map procedure) and s/-concat.

(s/map-cons f)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-cons procedure returns a transformer that maps each value x to the pair $(x \cdot f(x))$.

(s/map-extrema procedure [lt gt])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-extrema procedure returns a transformer that performs s/map-min and s/map-max simultaneously, returning the list (min max), or false if the stream is empty.

(s/map-filter procedure)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-filter procedure returns the transformer composition of (s/map procedure) and (s/filter).

```
> (s/> '("1" "two" "3") (s/map-filter string->number))
(1 3)
```

(s/map-max procedure [qt])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-max procedure returns the transformer composition of (s/map procedure) and (s/max [gt]).

(s/map-min procedure [lt])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-min procedure returns the transformer composition of $(s/map \ procedure)$ and $(s/min \ [lt])$.

(s/map-uniq procedure [hash equiv?])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/map-uniq procedure returns the transformer composition of (s/map procedure) and (s/uniq [hash equiv?]).

(s/max [qt]) procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/max procedure returns a transformer that returns the maximum value in a finite stream according to greater-than operator gt. If gt is omitted, numeric greater-than (>) is used. If the stream contains multiple equivalent maxima, the first is returned. If the stream is empty, it returns false.

(s/max-by procedure [qt])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/max-by procedure returns a transformer that returns the value x in a finite stream that maximizes (procedure x) according to greater-than operator gt. If gt is omitted, numeric greater-than (>) is used. If the stream contains multiple equivalent maxima, the first is returned. If the stream is empty, it returns false.

(s/mean [procedure])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/mean procedure returns a transformer that maps values of a finite stream with *procedure* and returns the mean, or NaN if the stream is empty. If *procedure* is omitted, the identity procedure is used.

(s/min [lt])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/min procedure returns a transformer that returns the minimum value in a finite stream according to less-than operator lt. If lt is omitted, numeric less-than (<) is used. If the stream contains multiple equivalent minima, the first is returned. If the stream is empty, it returns false.

(s/min-by procedure [lt])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/min-by procedure returns a transformer that returns the value x in a finite stream that minimizes (procedure x) according to less-than operator lt. If lt is omitted, numeric less-than (<) is used. If the stream contains multiple equivalent minima, the first is returned. If the stream is empty, it returns false.

(s/none? [procedure])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/none? procedure returns a transformer that returns true if and only if the stream is empty. If procedure is provided, the stream is first filtered with procedure.

s/reverse variable

The s/reverse variable is a transformer that reverses a finite stream and returns its values in a list.

(s/sort lt)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/sort procedure returns a transformer that sorts a finite stream by less-than operator lt. It returns a list of the sorted values.

```
> (s/> '(1 3 2) (s/sort <))
(1 2 3)
> (s/> '(1 3 2) (s/sort >))
(3 2 1)
```

(s/sort-by procedure lt)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/sort-by procedure returns a transformer that sorts a finite stream by less-than operator lt according to (procedure x) for each stream value x. It returns a list of the sorted values.

```
> (s/> '(-3 -2 1 4) (s/sort-by abs <))
(1 -2 -3 4)
```

s/stream variable

The s/stream variable is a transformer that boxes its input. Using s/stream as the last transformer in a pipeline effectively prevents s/> from attempting to convert the result from stream to list, which can improve the performance of nested pipelines.

s/sum variable

The s/sum variable is a transformer that returns the sum of values in a finite stream.

(s/take n) procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/take procedure returns a transformer that limits a stream to the first n values. n must be an exact integer. If n is negative, it returns the empty stream.

(s/take-last n) procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/take-last procedure returns a transformer that returns a stream containing the last n values in a finite input stream. n must be an exact integer. If n is negative, it returns the empty stream. If n is greater than or equal to the length of the stream, it returns the input stream unchanged.

(s/take-while procedure)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/take-while procedure returns a transformer that returns the stream of values up to but not including the first one for which *procedure* returns false. If *procedure* returns a true value for all values, it returns the input stream unchanged.

(s/uniq [hash equiv?])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/uniq procedure returns a transformer that filters out all but the first instance of each duplicate value, preserving order. Duplicates are determined by hash function *hash* and equivalence function *equiv?*, as would be passed to make-hashtable. If *hash* and *equiv?* are not provided, a hashtable appropriate for the first key is created (see Table 5.1).

(s/uniq-by procedure [hash equiv?])

procedure

returns: a transformer

The s/uniq-by procedure returns a transformer that filters out all but the first instance of each value x that duplicates (procedure x), preserving order. Duplicates are determined by hash function hash and equivalence function equiv?, as would be passed to make-hashtable. If hash and equiv? are not provided, a hashtable appropriate for the first key is created (see Table 5.1).

```
> (s/> '(-1 2 1) (s/uniq-by abs))
(-1 2)
```

5.4 Transformer Helpers

The following procedures and forms may be helpful in creating new transformers.

eos variable

The eos variable is the end-of-stream object.

(eos? x) procedure

returns: a boolean

The eos? procedure returns true if and only if x is the end-of-stream object.

(define-stream-transformer (name s a ...) e_1 e_2 ...)

syntax

expands to: a definition

The define-stream-transformer form defines a transformer or transformer constructor with the given name and arguments a.... For each transformer input s, s is rebound to (require-stream s) and a... are rebound to a.... This makes it safe for expressions e_1 e_2 ... to assume s is a stream and to set! a... while preserving transformer semantics. Expressions e_1 e_2 ... should evaluate to the transformed stream.

If there are one or more arguments a ..., define-stream-transformer defines a transformer constructor.

If there are zero arguments $a ext{...}$, define-stream-transformer defines a transformer variable.

```
> (define-stream-transformer (s/first s)
        (let ([x (s)])
            (and (not (eos? x)) x)))
> (s/> (numbers-from 1) s/first)
1
```

Avoid creating a transformer that returns a zero-argument procedure that is not a stream, because this library cannot distinguish it from a stream.

empty-stream variable

The empty-stream variable is the empty stream.

```
(stream-cons \ x \ stream) procedure
```

returns: a stream

The stream-cons procedure returns a stream containing x followed by the values of stream.

```
(stream-cons* x ... stream) procedure
```

returns: a stream

The stream-cons* procedure returns a stream containing x ... followed by the values of stream.

```
(require-stream x) procedure
```

returns: a stream

The require-stream procedure returns x if it is a stream. If x is a list, require-stream returns (list->stream x). If x is a vector, it returns (vector->stream x). If x is a hashtable, it returns (hashtable->stream x). Otherwise, error #(invalid-stream x) is raised.

(transformer-compose a b)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The transformer-compose procedure returns a new transformer that applies transformer a followed by transformer b.

(transformer-compose* ts)

procedure

returns: a transformer

The transformer-compose* procedure returns a new transformer that applies the transformers in list ts in order.

Chapter 6

Command Line Interface

6.1 Introduction

The command-line interface (cli) provides parsing of command-line arguments as well as consistent usage of common options and display of help.

6.2 Theory of Operation

Many programs parse command-line arguments and perform actions based on them. The cli library helps to make programs that process arguments and display help simple and consistent. Command-line arguments are parsed left to right in a single pass. Command-line interface specifications, or cli-specs, are used for parsing and error checking a command line, displaying one-line usage, and displaying a full help summary.

Arguments may be preceded by a single dash (-), a double dash (--), or no dash at all. A single dash precedes short, single character arguments. The API does not allow numbers as they could be mistaken as a negative numerical value supplied to another argument. A double dash precedes longer, more descriptive arguments, --repl for example. Positional arguments are not preceded by any dashes. As arguments with dashes are consumed, the remaining arguments are matched against the positional specifications in order.

Argument specifications include a type such as: bool, count, string, and list. A set of bool and count arguments can be specified together (-abc is equivalent to -a -b -c). Arguments of type list collect values in left to right order.

The API does not directly support sub-commands and alternate usage help text. These can be implemented using the primitives provided. The implementations of swish-build and swish-test provide examples of advanced command-line handling.

In the following REPL transcript, we define example-cli using cli-specs. We then set the command-line-arguments parameter as they would be for an application. Calling parse-command-line-arguments returns a procedure, opt, which we can use to access the parsed command-line values. Finally, we use display-help to display the automatically generated help.

```
> (define example-cli
    (cli-specs
     default-help
     [verbose -v count "indicates verbosity level"]
     [output -o (string "<output>") "print output to an <output> file"]
     [repl --repl bool "start a repl"]
     [files (list "<file>" ...) "a list of input files"]))
> (command-line-arguments '("-vvv" "-o" "file.out" "file.in"))
> (define opt (parse-command-line-arguments example-cli))
> (opt 'verbose)
> (opt 'output)
"file.out"
> (opt 'files)
("file.in")
> (display-help "sample" example-cli)
Usage: sample [-hv] [-o <output>] [--repl] <file> ...
 -h, --help
                    display this help and exit
                    indicates verbosity level
  -o <output>
                   print output to an <output> file
  --repl
                   start a repl
  <file> ...
                   a list of input files
```

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a list of <arg-spec> tuples

The cli-specs macro simplifies the creation of the <arg-spec> tuples. The <arg-spec> name field uniquely identifies a specification, and is used to retrieve parsed argument values and check constraints.

```
name: a symbol to identify the argument
short: a symbol of the form -x, where x is a single character, see below
long: a symbol of the form --x, where x is a string
type: see Table 6.1
help: a string or list of strings that describes the argument
conflicts: a list of <arg-spec> names
requires: a list of <arg-spec> names
```

To specify -i or -I for *short*, use |-i| and |-I| respectively to prevent Chez Scheme from reading them as the complex number 0-1i.

Type	Result
bool	#t
count	a positive integer
(string x)	a string
(list x)	a list of one item
(list x)	a list of one or more items up to the next argument
(list . x)	a list of the rest of the arguments

For each type where x is specified, x is a string that is used in the help display.

Table 6.1: Command-line argument types

The list types can support multiple x arguments, for instance (list "i1" "i2") would specify a list of two arguments.

```
visibility \rightarrow \text{show}
\mid \text{hide}
\mid \text{fit}
```

When printing the help usage line, a *visibility* of **show** means the argument must be displayed. hide forces the argument to be hidden. fit displays the argument if it fits on the line.

```
how \rightarrow \text{ short}
| \text{ long}
| \text{ opt}
| \text{ req}
```

The how expands into input of the format-spec procedure according to Table 6.2.

```
Keyword Expands into:
   short (opt (and short args))
   long (opt (and long args))
   opt (opt (and (or short long) args))
   req (req (and (or short long) args))
```

Table 6.2: cli-specs how field

For options with *short* or *long* specified, **fit** and **opt** are the defaults. For other options, **show** and **req** are the defaults.

conflicts is a list of specification names that prevent this argument from processing correctly. When multiple command-line arguments are specified that are in conflict, an exception is raised.

requires is a list of other specification names that are necessary for this argument to be processed correctly. Unless all the required command-line arguments are specified, an exception is raised.

The conflicts, requires, and usage clauses may be specified in any order.

(display-help exe-name specs [args] [op]) procedure returns: unspecified

The display-help procedure is equivalent to calling display-usage with a prefix of "Usage:" followed by display-options.

(display-options specs [args] [op]) procedure returns: unspecified

For each specification in *specs*, the display-options procedure renders two columns of output to *op*, which defaults to the current output port. The first column renders the short and long form of the argument with its additional inputs. The second column renders the <arg-spec> help field and will automatically wrap if the help-wrap-width is exceeded.

If an *args* hash table is specified, the specified value appended to the second column. This is useful for displaying default or current values.

(display-usage prefix exe-name specs [width] [op]) procedure returns: unspecified

The display-usage procedure displays the first line of help output to op, which defaults to the current output port. It starts with prefix and exe-name then attempts to fit specs onto the line using format-spec. When the line will exceed width characters, some arguments may collapse to [options].

A width of #f defaults the line width to help-wrap-width.

(format-spec spec [how]) procedure returns: a string

The format-spec procedure is responsible rendering *spec* as a string as specified by *how*. format-spec can display dashes in front of arguments, ellipses on list types, and brackets around optional arguments. A *how* of #f defaults to the <arg-spec> usage field.

how	Return value:	
short	"-x" if spec short is x, else #f	
long	"x" if spec long is x, else #f	
args	The <i>spec type</i> is evaluated as follows:	
	type	Return value:
	bool	#f
	count	#f
	(string x)	"x"
	(list x)	"x"
	(list x)	"x"
	(list x)	"x"
(or $how \dots$)	Recur and use the	ne first non-#f
(and how)	Recur and concatenate all non-#f values	
(opt how)	Recur and surround the result with square brackets []	
	if non-#f	
(req how)	Recur and use the	ne result

help-wrap-width parameter

value: a positive fixnum

The help-wrap-width parameter specifies the default width for display-usage and display-options.

```
(parse-command-line-arguments specs [ls] [fail]) procedure returns: a procedure
```

The parse-command-line-arguments procedure processes the elements of ls from left to right in a single pass. As it scans each x in ls, the parser must find a suitable s within specs. If a suitable s cannot be found, the parser reports an error by calling fail. Based on the type of s, the parser may consume additional elements following x. The type of s determines what data the parser records for that argument. When s is satisfied, the parser continues scanning the remaining elements of ls.

The parser returns a procedure p that accepts zero or one argument. When called with no arguments, p returns a hash table that maps the name of each s found while processing ls to the data recorded for that argument. When called with the name of an element s in specs, p returns the data, if any, recorded for that name in the hash table or else #f. If a particular s was not found while processing ls, the internal hash table has no entry for the name of s and p returns #f when given that name. If called with a name that is not in specs, p raises an exception.

The following table summarizes the parser's behavior.

<arg-spec> type</arg-spec>	extra arguments consumed / recorded	return value of $(p name)$
bool	none	#t
count	none	an exact positive integer
(string x)	one	a string
(list $x_0 \ldots x_n \ldots$)	n or more, up to the next option	a list of strings
(list $x_0 \ldots x_n \cdot rest$)	at least n and all remaining	a list of strings

By default *ls* is the value of (command-line-arguments) and *fail* is a procedure that applies errorf to its arguments. Providing a *fail* procedure allows a developer to accumulate parsing errors without necessarily generating exceptions.

<arg-spec> tuple

name: a symbol to use as the key of the output hash table

type: see Table 6.1
short: #f | a character
long: #f | a string

help: a string or list of strings describing argument

conflicts: a list of <arg-spec> names
requires: a list of <arg-spec> names

usage: a list containing one visibility symbol and a format-spec how expression

Chapter 7

Testing

The (swish mat) library provides methods to define, iterate through, and run test cases, and to log the results.

Test cases are called *mats* and consist of a name, a set of tags, and a test procedure of no arguments. The set of mats is stored in reverse order in a single, global list. The list of tags allows the user to group tests or mark them. For example, tags can be used to note that a test was created for a particular change request.

```
(mat name\ (tag\ \dots)\ e_1\ e_2\ \dots) syntax expands to: (add-mat 'name '(tag\ \dots) (lambda () e_1\ e_2\ \dots))
```

The mat macro creates a mat with the given name, tags, and test procedure $e_1 e_2 \dots$ using the add-mat procedure.

```
(isolate-mat name (tag ...) e_1 e_2 ...) (isolate-mat name (settings [key val] ...) e_1 e_2 ...) expands to: (mat name (tag ...) ($isolate-mat (lambda () e_1 e_2 ...)))
```

Tests involving process operations, such as spawn, send, and receive, should use isolate-mat in place of mat to isolate the host system from the test code. The isolate-mat macro is provided by the (swish testing) library, which can be accessed via swish-test.

The settings form can be used within isolate-mat to override the following defaults:

key	default	description
tags	()	a list of $tag \dots$
timeout	60000	deadline for test to complete, in milliseconds
process-cleanup-deadline	500	maximum time to wait for spawned processes to
		terminate, in milliseconds
process-kill-delay	100	delay in milliseconds before killing each spawned
		process that did not terminate by the process-
		cleanup-deadline

(mat:add-annotation! expr) syntax

returns: unspecified

The mat:add-annotation! macro extends the list of annotations recorded in the meta-data for the mat result of the current mat. Each annotation records the erlang:now timestamp, the source for the call site, if available, and the value of expr, which must evaluate to a valid JSON datum. This macro must be called only within the dynamic extent of a running mat. See load-results for more information.

(add-mat name tags test)

procedure

returns: unspecified

The add-mat procedure adds a mat to the front of the global list. *name* is a symbol, *tags* is a list, and *test* is a procedure of no arguments.

If *name* is already used, an exception is raised.

(clear-mats) procedure

returns: unspecified

The clear-mats procedure clears the global list of mats.

(run-mat name reporter)

procedure

returns: see below

The run-mat procedure runs the mat of the given name by executing its test procedure with an altered exception handler. If the test procedure completes without raising an exception, the mat result is pass. If the test procedure raises exception e, the mat result is (fail . e).

After the mat completes, the run-mat procedure tail calls (reporter name tags result statistics).

If no mat with the given *name* exists, an exception is raised.

(run-mats [name] ...)

syntax

returns: #t if all mats pass, #f otherwise

The run-mats macro runs each mat specified by symbols *name*.... When no names are supplied, all mats are executed. After each mat is executed, its result, name, and exception if it failed are displayed. When the mats are finished, a summary of the number run, passed, and failed is displayed.

(run-mats-from-file filename)

procedure

returns: #t if all mats pass, #f otherwise

The run-mats-from-file procedure clears the global list of mats, loads *filename* into an isolated environment, and calls (run-mats).

(run-mats-to-file filename)

procedure

returns: unspecified

The run-mats-to-file procedure executes all mats and writes the results into the file specified by the string *filename*. If the file exists, its contents are overwritten. The file format is a sequence of JSON objects readable with load-results and summarize.

(for-each-mat procedure)

procedure

returns: unspecified

The for-each-mat procedure calls (procedure name tags) for each mat, in no particular order.

(load-results filename)

procedure

returns: a JSON object

The load-results procedure reads the contents of the file specified by string *filename* and returns a JSON object with the following keys:

meta-data a JSON object

report-file filename

results a list of JSON objects

The meta-data object contains at least the following keys:

completed #t if test suite completed, #f otherwise
hostname (osi_get_hostname) of the host system
machine-type (machine-type) of the host system
test-file name of the file containing the tests

test-run uuid generated by swish-test for the set of tests run

uname the result from get-uname as a JSON object containing os-machine,

os-release, os-system, and os-version

If the test suite completed, the meta-data object also contains the following keys:

date (format-rfc2822 (current-date)) at the start of the test suite

software-info (software-info) for the tested code
timestamp (erlang:now) at the start of the test suite

Each result is a JSON object with the following keys:

message error message from failing test, or empty string

meta-data a JSON object that contains:

annotations an ordered list of JSON objects recording data from

mat:add-annotation!,

start-time (erlang:now) at the start of the test, and end-time (erlang:now) at the end of the test

sstats a JSON object representing the sstats-difference for the test

stacks if test failed with exception e, then

(map stack->json (exit-reason->stacks e))

tags a list of strings corresponding to the symbolic tags in the mat form

test a string corresponding to the symbolic mat name

test-file the name of the test file

type the type of result: "pass", "fail", "skip"

(summarize files) procedure

returns: five values: the number of passing mats, the number of failing mats, the number of skipped mats, the number of completed suites, and the length of *files*.

The summarize procedure reads the contents of each file in *files*, a list of string filenames, and returns the number of passing mats, the number of failing mats, the number of skipped mats, the

number of completed test suites, and the number of files specified. An error is raised if any entry is malformed.

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