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*To Mary and Helga,
to our sons
Brian, Robert, and Christopher,
and to the memory of Elliott I. Organick*

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Foreword

In 1967 I took an introductory course in photography. Most of the students (including me) came into that course hoping to learn how to be creative—to take pictures like the ones I admired by artists such as Edward Weston. On the first day the teacher patiently explained the long list of technical skills that he was going to teach us during the term. A key was Ansel Adams' "Zone System" for previsualizing the print values (blackness in the final print) in a photograph and how they derive from the light intensities in the scene. In support of this skill we had to learn the use of exposure meters to measure light intensities and the use of exposure time and development time to control the black level and the contrast in the image. This in turn supported by even lower level skills such as loading film, developing and printing, and mixing chemicals. One must learn to ritualize the process of developing sensitive material so that one gets consistent results over many years of work. The first laboratory session was devoted to finding out that developer feels slippery and that fixer smells awful.

But what about creative composition? In order to be creative one must first gain control of the medium. One can not even begin to think about organizing a great photograph without having the skills to make it happen. In engineering, as in other creative arts, we must learn to do analysis to support our efforts in synthesis. One cannot build a beautiful and functional bridge without a knowledge of steel and dirt and considerable mathematical technique for using this knowledge to compute the properties of structures. Similarly, one cannot build a beautiful computer system without a deep understanding of how to "previsualize" the process generated by the procedures one writes.

Some photographers choose to use black and-white 8×10 plates while others choose 35mm slides. Each has its advantages and disadvantages. Like photography, programming requires a choice of medium. Lisp is the medium of choice for people who enjoy free style and flexibility. Lisp was initially conceived as a theoretical vehicle for recursion theory and for symbolic algebra. It has developed into a uniquely powerful and flexible family of software development tools, providing wrap-around support for the rapid-prototyping of software systems. As with other languages, Lisp provides the glue for using a vast library of canned parts, produced by members of the user community. In Lisp, procedures are first-class data, to be passed as arguments, returned as values, and stored in data structures. This flexibility is valuable, but

most importantly, it provides mechanisms for formalizing, naming, and saving the idioms—the common patterns of usage that are essential to engineering design. In addition, Lisp programs can easily manipulate the representations of Lisp programs—a feature that has encouraged the development of a vast structure of program synthesis and analysis tools, such as cross-referencers.

The *Little LISP*er is a unique approach to developing the skills underlying creative programming in Lisp. It painlessly packages, with considerable wit, much of the drill and practice that is necessary to learn the skills of constructing recursive processes and manipulating recursive data-structures. For the student of Lisp programming, *The Little LISP*er can perform the same service that Hanon's finger exercises or Czerny's piano studies perform for the student of piano.

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Preface

Recursion is the act of defining an object or solving a problem in terms of itself. A careless recursion can lead to an infinite regress. We avoid the bottomless circularity inherent in this tactic by demanding that the recursion be stated in terms of some “simpler” object, and by providing the definition or solution of some trivial base case. Properly used, recursion is a powerful problem solving technique, both in artificial domains like mathematics and computer programming, and in real life.

The goal of this book is to teach the reader to think recursively. Our first task, therefore, is to decide which language to use to communicate this concept. There are three obvious choices: a natural language, such as English; formal mathematics; or a programming language. Natural languages are ambiguous, imprecise, and sometimes awkwardly verbose. These are all virtues for general communication, but something of a drawback for communicating concisely as precise a concept as the power of recursion. The language of mathematics is the opposite of natural language: it can express powerful formal ideas with only a few symbols. We could, for example, describe the entire technical content of this book in less than a page of mathematics, but the reader who understands that page has little need for this book. For most people, formal mathematics is not very motivating. The marriage of technology and mathematics presents us with a third, almost ideal choice: a programming language. Programming languages are perhaps the best way to convey the concept of recursion. They share with mathematics the ability to give a formal meaning to a set of symbols. But unlike mathematics, programming languages can be directly experienced—you can take the programs in this book and try them, observe their behavior, modify them, and experience the effect of your modifications.

Perhaps the best programming language for teaching recursion is Lisp. Lisp is inherently symbolic—the programmer does not have to make an explicit mapping between the symbols of his own language and the representations in the computer. Recursion is Lisp’s natural computational mechanism; the primary programming activity is the creation of (potentially) recursive definitions. Lisp implementations are predominantly interactive—the programmer can immediately participate in and observe the behavior of his programs. And, perhaps most

importantly for our lessons at the end of this book, there is a direct correspondence between the structure of Lisp programs and the data those programs manipulate.

Lisp is practical. It is the dominant language for work in artificial intelligence: computational linguistics, robotics, pattern recognition, expert systems, generalized problem solving, theorem proving, game playing, algebraic manipulation, etc. It has had a major influence on most other fields of computer science.

Although Lisp can be described quite formally, understanding Lisp does not require a particularly mathematical inclination. In fact, *The Little LISP* is based on lecture notes from a two-week "quickie" introduction to Lisp for students with no previous programming experience and an admitted dislike for anything quantitative. Many of these students were preparing for careers in public affairs. It is our belief that writing programs recursively in Lisp is essentially simple pattern recognition. Since our only concern is recursive programming, our treatment is limited to the why's and wherefore's of just a few Lisp features: car, cdr, cons, eq?, atom?, null?, number?, zero?, add1, sub1, not, and, or, quote, lambda, define, and cond. Indeed, our language is an idealized Lisp.

The Little LISP is not a complete book on Lisp. However, mastery of the concepts in this book is mastery of the foundations of Lisp—after you understand this material, the rest will be easy.

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Guidelines for the Reader

Do not rush through this book. Read carefully; valuable hints are scattered throughout the text. Do not read the book in less than three sittings unless you are already familiar with Lisp but are not a "LISPer." Read systematically. If you do not fully understand one chapter, you will understand the next one even less. The questions are ordered by increasing difficulty; it will be hard to answer later ones if you cannot solve the earlier ones.

Guess! This book is based on intuition, and yours is as good as anyone's. Also, if you can, try the examples while you read. Lisps are readily available. While there are minor syntactic variations between different implementations of Lisp (primarily the spelling of particular names and the domain of specific functions), Lisp is basically the same throughout the world. To work with Lisp, you may need to modify the programs slightly. Typically, the material requires only a few changes for modern Lisps such as COMMON LISP [4] and Scheme [1, 2]. Suggestions about how to try the programs in the book are provided in the footnotes. Footnotes preceded by "L:" concern Lisp, those by "S:" concern Scheme. For Scheme, you may have to enter the definitions of `add1`, `sub1`, and `atom?` because some implementations do not provide these functions.

```
(define add1 (let ((f +)) (lambda (x) (f x 1))))  
(define sub1 (let ((f -)) (lambda (x) (f x 1))))  
(define atom? (let ((f1 pair?) (f2 not)) (lambda (x) (f2 (f1 x)))))
```

We have formulated these definitions in such way that they are safe from redefinition of built-in functions, this is particularly important for Chapter 4 where we discuss versions of `+` and `-` in terms of `add1` and `sub1`.

We do not give any formal definitions in this book. We believe that you can form your own definitions and will thus remember them and understand them better than if we had written each one for you. But be sure you know and understand the *Lessons* and *Comments* thoroughly before passing them by. The key to learning Lisp is "pattern recognition." The *Comments* point out the patterns that you will have already seen. Early in the book, some concepts are narrowed for simplicity; later, they are expanded and qualified. You should also know that, while everything in the book is Lisp, Lisp itself is more general and incorporates more than we could intelligibly cover in an introductory text. After you have mastered this book, you can read and understand more advanced and comprehensive books on Lisp.

We use a few notational conventions throughout the text, primarily changes in font for different classes of symbols. Programs in notes preceded by "L:" or "S:" are set in typewriter font. Function definitions are in roman characters, parameters are in *italic*, and data

is in sans serif. The values for true and false are in slanted font. Special symbols such as `define` and `cond` are in boldface. These distinctions can be safely ignored until Chapter 10, when we treat programs as data. We have taken certain liberties with punctuation to increase clarity.

Food appears in many of our examples for two reasons. First, food is easier to visualize than abstract symbols. (This is not a good book to read while dieting.) We hope the choice of food will help you understand the examples and concepts we use. Second, we want to provide you with a little distraction. We know how frustrating the subject matter can be, and a little distraction will help you keep your sanity.

You are now ready to start. Good luck! We hope you will enjoy the challenges waiting for you on the following pages.

Bon appetit!

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About the cover

RECURSION YIN AND YANG

The ancient and
beautiful Chinese yin-yang
symbol represents complementary
but harmonious principles (such as earth
and heaven, female and male, dark and light)
that make up all aspects of life and the universe.
In modified form it illustrates the complementary
but harmonious relationship between two impor-
tant theories of recursive functions: the combinatory
calculus and the lambda calculus. Each separately
is computationally universal, but the combinatory
calculus has no variables while the very essence of
the lambda calculus (on which Lisp is based) is
the correct treatment of bound variables—yet
the two calculi can be integrated smoothly.
By a curious coincidence, the symbols
most representative of the two cal-
culi, Y and λ , are related by
a 180° rotation.

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THE NEW CHAIRS

Toys



Is it true that this is an atom?
atom¹

Yes,
because atom is a string of characters
beginning with the letter a

¹ L&L quote atom or 'atom'
"L" and "R" are described on page xii

Is it true that this is an atom?
turkey

Yes
because turkey is a string of characters
beginning with a letter

Is it true that this is an atom?
1492

Yes,
since 1492 is a string of characters begin-
ning with a digit.

Is it true that this is an atom?
3turkeys

Yes,
since 3turkeys is a string of characters
beginning with a digit

Is it true that this is an atom?
u

Yes,
because u is a string of one character be-
ginning with a letter or digit.

Is it true that this is an atom?
+abc\$

Yes
because +abc\$ is a string of characters
beginning with a letter, digit, or special
character other than a left "(" or right ")"
parenthesis

Is it true that this is a list?
(atom)¹

Yes
because (atom) is an atom enclosed by
parentheses

Is it true that this is a list?
(atom turkey or)

Yes,
because it is a collection of atoms enclosed
by parentheses

Is it true that this is a list?
(atom turkey) or

No,
since this is actually two *S* expressions not
enclosed by parentheses. The first one is a
list containing two atoms, and the second
one is an atom

Is it true that this is a list?
((atom turkey) or)

Yes,
because the two *S*-expressions are now
enclosed by parentheses.

Is it true that this is an *S*-expression?
xyz

Yes,
because all atoms are *S* expressions

Is it true that this is an *S* expression?
(x y z)

Yes,
because it is a list

Is it true that this is an *S* expression?
((x y) z)

Yes,
because all lists are *S* expressions

Is it true that this is a list?
(how are you doing so far)

Yes,
because it is a collection of *S* expressions
enclosed by parentheses

How many *S*-expressions are in the list
(how are you doing so far)
and what are they?

Six,
how, are, you, doing, so, and far

Is it true that this is a list? (((how) are) ((you) (doing so)) far)	Yes, because it is a collection of S expressions enclosed by parentheses
How many S-expressions are in the list (((how) are) ((you) (doing so)) far) and what are they?	Three, (((how) are), ((you) (doing so)), and far
Is it true that this is a list? ()	Yes, because it contains zero S expressions enclosed by parentheses. This special S expression is called the <u>null</u> list
Is it true that this is an atom? ()	Yes, because () is both a list and an atom
Is it true that this is a list? (() () () ())	Yes, because it is a collection of S expressions enclosed by parentheses
What is the car of l, where l is the argument (a b c)	a, because a is the first atom of this list
What is the car of l where l is the argument ((a b c) x y z)	(a b c), because (a b c) is the first S expression of this non <u>null</u> list
What is the car of l, where l is the argument hoo dog	No answer You cannot ask for the car of an atom

The Law of Car

Car is defined only for non-null lists.

What is the car of l , where l is the argument
 $((\text{hotdogs}) (\text{and}) (\text{pickle} \text{ relish}))$

$((\text{hotdogs}))$.

Read as:

"The list of the list of hotdogs."

$((\text{hotdogs}))$ is the first S-expression of l

What is $(\text{car } l)$, where l is the argument
 $((\text{hotdogs}) (\text{and}) (\text{pickle} \text{ relish}))$

$((\text{hotdogs}))$,

because $(\text{car } l)$ is another way to ask for
"the car of the list l "

What is $(\text{car } (\text{car } l))$, where l is the argu-
ment
 $((\text{hotdogs}) (\text{and}))$

(hotdogs)

What is the cdr of l , where l is the argument
 $(a \ b \ c)$

$(b \ c)$,

because $(b \ c)$ is the list l , without $(\text{car } l)$

Note "cdr" is pronounced "could er"

What is the cdr of l , where l is the argument
 $((a \ b \ c) \ x \ y \ z)$

$(x \ y \ z)$

What is (cdr a), where a is the argument
hotdogs

No answer
You cannot ask for the cdr of an atom

What is (cdr l), where l is the argument
()

No answer¹
You cannot ask for the cdr of the null list

¹ L: nil

The Law of Cdr

**Cdr is defined only for non-null lists.
The cdr of any non-null list is always
another list.**

What is (car (cdr l)), where l is the argu-
ment
((b) (x y) ((c)))

(x y),
because ((x y) ((c))) is (cdr l), and (x y) is
the car of (cdr l).

What is (cdr (cdr l)), where l is the argu-
ment
((b) (x y) ((c)))

((c)),
because ((x y) ((c))) is (cdr l), and ((c))
is the cdr of (cdr l)

What is (cdr (car l)), where l is the argu-
ment
(a (b (c)) d)

No answer,
since (car l) is an atom, and cdr does not
take an atom for an argument; see The
Law of Cdr.

What does car take as an argument?	It takes any non null list as its argument
What does cdr take as an argument?	It takes any non null list as its argument
What is the cons of the atom <i>s</i> and the list <i>l</i> , where <i>s</i> is the argument peanut, and <i>l</i> is the argument (butter and jelly) This can also be written "(cons <i>s l</i>)." Read: "cons the atom <i>s</i> onto the list <i>l</i> "	(peanut butter and jelly), because cons adds an atom to the front of a list
What is the cons of <i>s</i> and <i>l</i> , where <i>s</i> is (mayonnaise and), and <i>l</i> is (peanut butter and jelly)	((mayonnaise and) peanut butter and jelly) because cons adds any S expression to the front of a list
What is (cons <i>s l</i>), where <i>s</i> is ((help) this), and <i>l</i> is (is very ((hard) to learn))	((((help) this) is very ((hard) to learn))
What does cons take as its arguments?	cons takes two arguments the first one is any S expression, the second one is any list.
What is (cons <i>s l</i>), where <i>s</i> is (a b (c)), and <i>l</i> is ()	((a b (c))), because () is a list
What is (cons <i>s l</i>) where <i>s</i> is a, and <i>l</i> is ()	(a)

¹ In practice, $(\text{cons } \alpha \beta)$, where α and β are any entities, works. Then, if γ is $(\text{cons } \alpha \beta)$, $(\text{car } \gamma)$ is α , $(\text{cdr } \gamma)$ is β , and $(\text{cons } (\text{car } \gamma) (\text{cdr } \gamma)) = \gamma$.

What is $(\text{cons } s \ l)$, where
 s is a , and
 l is b

No answer
Why?

The Law of Cons

Cons takes two arguments. The second argument of cons must be a list. The result is a list.

What is $(\text{cons } s \ (\text{car } l))$, where
 s is a , and
 l is $((b) \ c \ d)$

$(a \ b)$
Why?

What is $(\text{cons } s \ (\text{cdr } l))$, where
 s is a , and
 l is $((b) \ c \ d)$

$(a \ c \ d)$
Why?

Is it true that the list l is the null list, where
 l is $()$

This question can also be written
 $(\text{null? } l)$

Yes,
because it is the list composed of zero
S expressions

¹ Is null

¹ Is 0
Is <0

Is (null? *l*) true or false, where
l is the argument (a b c)

False,
because it is a non null list

Is (null? *s*) true or false, where
s is spaghetti

No answer,¹
because you cannot ask null? of a non null
atom

¹ In practice, (null? *s*), where *s* is an atom, is well
defined. The beginner should follow The Law of Null?

The Law of Null?

Null? is defined only for lists.

Is it true or false, that *s* is an atom, where
s is Harry.

True,
because Harry is a string of characters
beginning with a letter

Is (atom?¹ *s*) true or false, where
s is Harry

True,
because (atom? *s*) is just another way to
ask, "Is it true or false that *s* is an atom?"

¹ Is atom
So See Preface page xxi

Is (atom? <i>s</i>) true or false, where <i>s</i> is (Harry had a heap of apples)	False, since the argument <i>s</i> is a list
How many arguments does atom? take, and what are they?	It takes one argument. The argument can be any S-expression.
Is (atom? (car <i>l</i>)) true or false, where <i>l</i> is (Harry had a heap of apples)	True, because (car <i>l</i>) is Harry, and Harry is an atom
Is (atom? (cdr <i>l</i>)) true or false, where <i>l</i> is (Harry had a heap of apples)	False
Is (atom? (cadr <i>l</i>)) true or false, where <i>l</i> is (Harry)	True, because the list () is also an atom
Is (atom? (car (cdr <i>l</i>))) true or false, where <i>l</i> is (swing low sweet cherry)	True, because (cdr <i>l</i>) is (low sweet cherry), and (car (cdr <i>l</i>)) is low, which is an atom
Is (atom? (car (cdr <i>l</i>))) true or false, where <i>l</i> is (swing (low sweet) cherry)	False, since (cdr <i>l</i>) is ((low sweet) cherry), and (car (cdr <i>l</i>)) is (low sweet), which is a list
True or false. <i>a1</i> and <i>a2</i> are the same atom, where <i>a1</i> is Harry, and <i>a2</i> is Harry	True, because <i>a1</i> is the atom Harry and <i>a2</i> is the atom Harry

Is (eq? a1 a2) true or false, where
a1 is margarine, and
a2 is butter

False,
since the arguments a1 and a2 are different atoms

How many arguments does eq? take and what are they?

It takes two arguments. Both of them must be atoms

Is (eq? l1 l2) true or false, where
l1 is () and
l2 is (strawberry)

No answer,¹
although () is an atom, (strawberry) is a non-null list

¹ Lists may be arguments of eq?. Two lists are eq? if they are the same list. Two lists that point the same are equal?, but they are not necessarily eq?. The beginner should follow The Law of Eq?

The Law of Eq?

Eq? takes two arguments. Each must be an atom.

Is (eq? (car l) a) true or false, where
l is (Mary had a little lamb chop), and
a is Mary

True,
because (car l) is the atom Mary, and the argument a is also the atom Mary

Is (eq? (cdr l) a) true or false, where
l is (soured milk), and
a is milk

No answer.
See The Laws of Cdr and Eq?

Is (eq? (car l) (car (cdr l))) true or false,
where
l is (beans beans we need jelly beans)

True,
as this compares the first and second
atoms in the list.

==> Now go make yourself a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. <==

This space reserved for

JELLY STAINS!

Exercises

- 1.1 Think of ten different atoms and write them down
- 1.2 Using the atoms of Exercise 1.1, make up twenty different lists
- 1.3 The list (all these problems) can be constructed by (cons a (cons b (cons c
d is all,
b is these,
c is problems, and
d is ()

Write down how you would construct the following lists:

(all (these problems))
(all (these) problems)
((all these) problems)
((all these problems))

- 1.4 What is (car (cons a l)), where a is french, and l is (frises),
and what is (cdr (cons a l)), where a is oranges, and l is (apples and peaches)?
- 1.5 Find an atom x that makes (eq? x y) true, where y is lis. Are there any
- 1.6 If a is atom, is there a list l that makes (null? (cons a l)) true?
- 1.7 Determine the value of
- (cons s l), where s is x, and l is y
(cons s l), where s is (), and l is ()
(car s), where s is ()
(cdr l), where l is (())

True or false,

(atom? (car l)), where l is ((meatballs) and spaghetti)
(null? (cdr l)), where l is ((meatballs))
(eq? (car l) (car (cdr l))), where l is (two meatballs)
(atom? (cons a l)), where l is (ball) and a is meat

What is

(car (cdr (cdr (car l)))) where l is ((kws mangoes lemons) and (more))
(car (cdr (car (cdr l)))) where l is (() (eggs and (bacon)) (for) (breakfa
(car (cdr (cdr (cdr l)))) where l is (() () () (and (coffee)) please)

To get the atom and in (peanut butter and jelly on toast) we can write (car
i would you write to get.

Harry in l, where l is (apples in (Harry has a backyard))
where l is (apples and Harry)
where l is (((apples) and ((Harry))) in his backyard)

Do It, Do It Again,
and Again, and Again . . .



True or false: (lat? *l*), where
l is (Jack Sprat could eat no chicken fat)

True,
because each S expression in *l* is an atom

True or false: (lat? *l*) where
l is ((Jack) Sprat could eat no chicken fat)

False,
since (car *l*) is a list

True or false: (lat? *l*), where
l is (Jack (Sprat could) eat no chicken fat)

False,
since one of the S expressions in *l* is a list

True or false: (lat? *l*), where
l is ()

True,
because () contains no lists and because
it does not contain any lists, it is a lat

True or false: a lat is a list of atoms

Every lat is a list of atoms!

Write the function lat? using some, but not
necessarily all, of the following functions:
car, cdr, cons, null?, atom?, and eq?

We did not expect you to know this, because
you are still missing some ingredients. Go on
to the next question. Good luck

```
(define1 lat?  
  (lambda (l)  
    (cond  
      ((null? l) t)  
      ((atom? (car l)) (lat? (cdr l)))  
      (t2 nil))))
```

What is the value of (lat? *l*), where
l is the argument (bacon and eggs)

¹

The application (lat? *l*) where *l* is
(bacon and eggs)
has the value t—true—because *l* is a lat

How do you determine the answer *t* for the application
(*lat?* *l*)

We did not expect you to know this one either. The answer is determined by answering the questions asked by *lat?*

Hint: Write down the function *lat?* and refer to it for the next group of questions

What is the first question asked by (*lat?* *l*)

(*null?* *l*)

Note: (*cond* . .) is the one that asks questions; (*lambda* ...) creates a function; and (*define* ...) gives it a name

What is the meaning of the *cond*-line
((*null?* *l*) *t*),
where
l is (*bacon* and *eggs*)

(*null?* *l*) asks if the argument *l* is the null list. If it is, then the value of the application is true. If it is not, then we ask the next question. In this case, *l* is not the null list, so we ask the next question

What is the next question?

(*atom?* (*car* *l*))

What is the meaning of the line
((*atom?* (*car* *l*)) (*lat?* (*cdr* *l*))),
where
l is (*bacon* and *eggs*)

(*atom?* (*car* *l*)) asks if the first S expression of the list *l* is an atom. If (*car* *l*) is an atom, then we want to know if the rest of *l* is also composed only of atoms. If (*car* *l*) is not an atom, then we ask the next question. In this case, (*car* *l*) is an atom, so the value of the function is the value of (*lat?* (*cdr* *l*))

What is the meaning of
(*lat?* (*cdr* *l*))

(*lat?* (*cdr* *l*)) finds out if the rest of the list *l* is composed only of atoms, by referring to the function, but now with a new argument

Now, what is the argument *l* for *lat?*

Now the argument *l* is (*cdr* *l*), which is
(*and* *eggs*)

What is the meaning of the line
((null? l) t)
where
l is now (and eggs)

(null? l) asks if the argument l is the null list. If it is, then the value of the application is t. If it is not, then we ask the next question. In this case, l is not the null list, so we ask the next question.

What is the next question?

(atom? (car l))

What is the meaning of the line
((atom? (car l)) (lat? (cdr l)))
where
l is (and eggs)

(atom? (car l)) asks if (car l) is an atom. If it is an atom, then the value of the application is (lat? (cdr l)). If not, then we ask the next question. In this case, (car l) is an atom, so we want to find out if the rest of the list l is composed only of atoms

What is the meaning of
(lat? (cdr l))

(lat? (cdr l)) finds out if the rest of l is composed only of atoms, by referring again to the function lat?, but this time, with the argument (cdr l), which is (eggs)

What is the next question?

(null? l)

What is the meaning of the line
((null? l) t)
where
l is now (eggs)

(null? l) asks if the argument l is the null list. If it is, the value of the application is t, namely true. If it is not, then move to the next question. In this case, l is not null, so we ask the next question.

What is the meaning of the line
((atom? (car l)) (lat? (cdr l)))
where
l is now (eggs)

(atom? (car l)) asks if (car l) is an atom. If it is, then the value of the application is (lat? (cdr l)). If (car l) is not an atom, then ask the next question. In this case, (car l) is an atom, so once again we look at (lat? (cdr l)).

What is the meaning of (lat? (cdr l))

(lat? (cdr l)) finds out if the rest of the list l is composed only of atoms, by referring to the function lat?, with l becoming the value of (cdr l).

Now, what is the argument for lat?

()

What is the meaning of the line
((null? l) t)
where
l is now ()

(null? l) asks if the argument l is the null list. If it is, then the value of the application is the value of t. If not, then we ask the next question. In this case, () is the null list. Therefore, the value of the application (lat? l), where l is (bacon and eggs), is t—true.

Do you remember the question about
(lat? l)

Probably not. The application (lat? l) has a value t if the list l is a list of atoms, where l is (bacon and eggs).

Can you describe what the function lat?
does in your own words?

Here are our words
"lat? looks at each S-expression, in turn, and asks if each S-expression is an atom, until it runs out of S-expressions. If it runs out without encountering a list, the value is t. If it finds a list, the value is nil—false."
To see how we could arrive at a value of "false," consider the next few questions

This is the function `lat?` again.

```
(define lat?
  (lambda (l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) t)
      ((atom? (car l)) (lat? (cdr l)))
      (t null))))
```

What is the value of `(lat? l)`, where
`l` is now `(bacon (and eggs))`

`null?`¹
since the list `l` contains an `S` expression
that is a list

¹ Let's see what `false` is, try `(eq? 'a 'b)`.
So `eq`, but `(eq? 'a 'null)` is `false`. To see what `false`
is try `(eq? 'a 'b)`.

What is the first question?

`(null? l)`

What is the meaning of the line
`((null? l) t)`
where
`l` is `(bacon (and eggs))`

`(null? l)` asks if `l` is the null list. If it is, the
value is `t`. If `l` is not null, then move to the
next question. In this case, it is not null, so
we ask the next question.

What is the next question?

`(atom? (car l))`

What is the meaning of the line
`((atom? (car l)) (lat? (cdr l)))`
where
`l` is `(bacon (and eggs))`

`(atom? (car l))` asks if `(car l)` is an atom.
If it is, the value is `(lat? (cdr l))`. If it is
not, we ask the next question. In this case,
`(car l)` is an atom, so we want to check if the
rest of the list `l` is composed only of atoms.

What is the meaning of
`(lat? (cdr l))`

`(lat? (cdr l))` checks to see if the rest of the
list `l` is composed only of atoms, by referring
to `lat?` with `l` replaced by `(cdr l)`

What is the meaning of the line
`((null? l) t)`
where
`l` is now `((and eggs))`

`(null? l)` asks if `l` is the null list. If it is null,
the value is `t`. If it is not null, we ask the
next question. In this case, `l` is not null, so
move to the next question.

What is the meaning of the line
((atom? (car l)) (lat? (cdr l)))
where
l is now ((and eggs))

(atom? (car l)) asks if (car l) is an atom. If it is, then the value is (lat? (cdr l)). If it is not, then we move to the next question. In this case, (car l) is not an atom, so we ask the next question

What is the next question?

t

What is the meaning of the question t?

t asks if t is true

Is t true?

Yes, because the question t is always true!

t

t

Why is t the last question?

Because we do not need to ask any more questions

Why do we not need to ask any more questions?

Because a list can only be empty, or have an atom or a list in the first position

What is the meaning of the line
(t nil)

t asks if t is true. If t is true—as it always is—then the answer is nil—false

What is
)))

These are the closing or matching parentheses of (cond, (lambda, and (define, which appear at the beginning of a function definition. We sometimes call these “aggravation parentheses,” and they are always put at the end.

Can you describe how we determined the value `nil` for

`(let? l)`

where

`l` is `(bacon (and eggs))`

Here is one way to say it.

"`(let? l)` looks at each item in its argument, to see if it is an atom. If it runs out of items before it finds a list, the value of `(let? l)` is `t`. If it finds a list, as it did in the example `(bacon (and eggs))`, the value of `(let? l)` is `nil`"

Is `(or (null? l) (atom? s))` true or false,

where

`l` is `()`, and

`s` is `(d e f g)`

True,

because `(null? l)` is true where `l` is `()`

Is `(or (null? l) (null? l2))` true or false,

where

`l` is `(a b c)`, and

`l2` is `()`

True,

because `(null? l2)` is true where `l2` is `()`

Is `(or (null? l) (null? s))` true or false, where

`l` is `(a b c)`, and

`s` is `(atom)`

False,

because neither `(null? l)` is true where `l` is `(a b c)` nor `(null? s)` is true where `s` is `(atom)`

What does `(or ...)` do?

`(or ...)` asks two questions, one at a time. If the first one is true it stops and answers true. Otherwise `(or ...)` asks the second question and answers with whatever the second question answers

Is it true or false that `a` is a member of `lat`

where

`a` is `tea`, and

`lat` is `(coffee tea or milk)`

True,

because one of the atoms of the `lat`,
`(coffee tea or milk)`
is the same as the atom `a`, namely `tea`

Is (member? a lat) true or false, where
a is poached, and
lat is (fried eggs and scrambled eggs)

False,
since a is not one of the atoms of lat

Thus is the function member?

```
(define member?  
  (lambda (a lat)  
    (cond  
      ((null? lat) nil)  
      (t (or  
          (eq? (car lat) a)  
          (member? a (cdr lat)))))))
```

t,
because the atom meat is one of the atoms
of the lat,
(mashed potatoes and meat gravy)

What is the value of (member? a lat), where
a is meat, and
lat is (mashed potatoes and meat gravy)

How do we determine the value t for the
above application?

The value is determined by asking the ques-
tions about (member? a lat).

Hint: Write down the function member?
and refer to it while you work on the next
group of questions

What is the first question asked by
(member? a lat)

(null? lat)
This is also the first question asked by lat?

The First Commandment

Always ask null? as the first question in expressing
any function.

What is the meaning of the line
 ((null? lat) nil)
where
 lat is (mashed potatoes and meat gravy)

(null? lat) asks if lat is the null list. If it is, then the value is nil, since the atom meat was not found in lat. If not, then we ask the next question. In this case, it is not null, so we ask the next question

What is the next question?

t

Why is t the next question?

Because we do not need to ask any more questions

Is t really a question?

Yes, t is a question whose value is always true

What is the meaning of the line
 (t (or
 (eq? (car lat) a)
 (member? a (cdr lat))))

Now that we know that lat is not null?, we have to find out whether the car of lat is the same atom as a, or whether a is somewhere in the rest of the lat. The question
 (or
 (eq? (car lat) a)
 (member? a (cdr lat)))
does this

Is
 (or
 (eq? (car lat) a)
 (member? a (cdr lat)))
true or false, where
 a is meat, and
 lat is (mashed potatoes and meat gravy)

We will find out by looking at each question in turn

What is the second question for (or)	(member? a (cdr lat)) This refers to the function with the argument <i>lat</i> replaced by (cdr <i>lat</i>).
Now what are the arguments for member?	<i>a</i> is meat, and <i>lat</i> is now (cdr <i>lat</i>), specifically (potatoes and meat gravy)
What is the next question?	(null? lat) Remember The First Commandment
Is (null? lat) true or false, where lat is (potatoes and meat gravy)	nil, namely false
What do we do now?	Ask the next question
What is the next question?	<i>t</i>
What is <i>t</i> ?	<i>t</i> , namely true
What is the meaning of (or (eq? (car lat) a) (member? a (cdr lat)))	(or (eq? (car lat) a) (member? a (cdr lat))) finds out if <i>a</i> is eq? to the car of <i>lat</i> or if <i>a</i> is a member of the cdr of <i>lat</i> by referring to the function.
Is <i>a</i> eq? to the car of <i>lat</i>	No, because <i>a</i> is meat and the car of <i>lat</i> is potatoes.

Now, what are the arguments of member?	<code>a</code> is meat, and <code>lat</code> is (and meat gravy)
What is the next question?	<code>(null? lat)</code>
What do we do now?	Ask the next question, since <code>(null? lat)</code> is false
What is the next question?	<code>t</code>
What is the value of (or <code>(eq? (car lat) a)</code> <code>(member? a (cdr lat))</code>)	The value of <code>(member? a (cdr lat))</code>
Why?	Because <code>(eq? (car lat) a)</code> is false
What do we do now?	Recur—refer to the function with new arguments
What are the new arguments?	<code>a</code> is meat, and <code>lat</code> is (meat gravy)
What is the next question?	<code>(null? lat)</code>
What do we do now?	Since <code>(null? lat)</code> is false, ask the next question

What is the value of (or (eq? (car lat) a) (member? a (cdr lat)))	t, because (car lat), which is meat, and a, which is meat, are the same atom. There- fore, (or ...) answers with t.
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What is the value of the application (member? a lat) where a is meat, and lat is (meat gravy)	t, because we have found that meat is a member of (meat gravy)
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What is the value of the application (member? a lat) where a is meat, and lat is (and meat gravy)	t, because meat is also a member of the lat (and meat gravy)
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What is the value of the application (member? a lat) where a is meat, and lat is (potatoes and meat gravy)	t, because meat is also a member of the lat (potatoes and meat gravy)
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What is the value of the application (member? a lat) where a is meat, and lat is (mashed potatoes and meat gravy)	t, because meat is also a member of the lat (mashed potatoes and meat gravy). Of course, you noticed that this is our original lat.
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Just to make sure you have it right, let's quickly run through it again.

```
(define member?
  (lambda (a lst)
    (cond
      ((null? lst) nil)
      (t (or
          (eq? (car lst) a)
          (member? a (cdr lst)))))))
```

What is the value of (member? a lst)
where
a is meat, and
lst is (mashed potatoes and meat gravy)

t
Hint: Write down the function member?
and its arguments and refer to them as
you go through the next group of ques-
tions

(null? lst)

No Move to the next line

t

Yes

(or
 (eq? (car lst) a)
 (member? a (cdr lst)))

Perhaps

(eq? (car lst) a)

No Ask the next question

What next?

Recur with a and (cdr lst), where
a is meat and
(cdr lst) is (potatoes and meat gravy)

(null? lat)

No Move to the next line

t

Yes, but (eq? (car lat) a) is false
Recur with s and (cdr lat), where
a is meat, and
(cdr lat) is (meat gravy)

(null? lat)

No Move to the next line

(eq? (car lat) a)

Yes, the value is t

(or
 (eq? (car lat) a)
 (member? a (cdr lat)))

t

What is the value of (member? a lat), where
a is meat, and
lat is (meat gravy)

t

What is the value of (member? a lat), where
a is meat, and
lat is (and meat gravy)

t

What is the value of (member? a lat), where
a is meat, and
lat is (potatoes and meat gravy)

t

What is the value of (member? *a* *lst*), where *t*
a is meat, and
lst is (mashed potatoes and meat gravy)

What is the value of (member? *a* *lst*), where *nil*
a is liver, and
lst is (haggis and lox)

Let's work out why it is *nil*. What's the first
question member? asks? (null? *lst*)

(null? *lst*) No Move to the next line

t Yes, but (eq? (car *lst*) *a*) is false.
Recur with *a* and (cdr *lst*), where
a is liver, and
(cdr *lst*) is (and lox)

(null? *lst*) No Move to the next line

t Yes, but (eq? (car *lst*) *a*) is false
Recur with *a* and (cdr *lst*), where
a is liver, and
(cdr *lst*) is (lox)

(null? *lst*) No Move to the next line

<code>(null? lat)</code>	Yes
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What is the value of <code>(member? a lat)</code> , where <code>a</code> is liver, and <code>lat</code> is <code>()</code>	<code>nil</code>
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What is the value of <code>(or</code> <code> (eq? (car lat) a)</code> <code> (member? a (cdr lat)))</code> where <code>a</code> is liver, and <code>lat</code> is <code>(lax)</code>	<code>nil</code>
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What is the value of <code>(member? a lat)</code> , where <code>a</code> is liver, and <code>lat</code> is <code>(lax)</code>	<code>nil</code>
<hr/>	
What is the value of <code>(or</code> <code> (eq? (car lat) a)</code> <code> (member? a (cdr lat)))</code> where <code>a</code> is liver, and <code>lat</code> is <code>(and lax)</code>	<code>nil</code>
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What is the value of <code>(member? a lat)</code> where <code>a</code> is liver, and <code>lat</code> is <code>(and lax)</code>	<code>nil</code>
<hr/>	

What is the value of `nil`
(or
 (`eq?` (`car` `lat`) `a`)
 (`member?` `a` (`cdr` `lat`)))

where
 `a` is liver, and
 `lat` is (bagels and tox)

What is the value of (`member?` `a` `lat`), where `nil`
 `a` is liver, and
 `lat` is (bagels and tox)

Do you believe all this? Then you may rest!

Exercises

For these exercises,

```
l1 is (german chocolate cake)
l2 is (poppy seed cake)
l3 is ((linzer) (torte) ( ))
l4 is ((bleu cheese) (and) (red) (wine))
l5 is (( ) ( ))
a1 is coffee
a2 is seed
a3 is poppy
```

2.1 What are the values of `(lat? l1)`, `(lat? l2)`, and `(lat? l3)`?

2.2 For each case in Exercise 2.1 step through the application as we did in this chapter

2.3 What is the value of `(member? a1 l1)`, and `(member? a2 l3)`?

Step through the application for each case

2.4 Most Lisp dialects have an `(if ...)` form. In general an `(if ...)` form looks like this

```
(if exp1 exp2 exp3)
```

When *exp1* is true, `(if exp1 exp2 exp3)` is *exp2*; when it is false, `(if exp1 exp2 exp3)` is *exp3*.
example,

```
(cond
  ((null? l) nil)
  (t (or
      (eq? (car l) a)
      (member? a (cdr l)))))
```

in `member?` can be replaced by:

```

(if (null? l)
    nil
    (or
     (eq? (car l) a)
     (member? a (cdr l))))

```

Rewrite all the functions in the chapter using (if) instead of (cond).

2.5 Write the function `nonlat?` which determines whether a list is the empty list or does not contain atomic S-expressions

Example: `(nonlat? l1)` is false,
`(nonlat? l2)` is false,
`(nonlat? l3)` is false,
`(nonlat? l4)` is true

2.6 Write a function `member-cake?` which determines whether a list contains the atom `cake`

Example: `(member-cake? l1)` is true,
`(member-cake? l2)` is true,
`(member-cake? l3)` is false.

2.7 Consider the following new definition of `member?`

```

(define member2?
  (lambda (a lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) nil)
      (# (or
          (member2? a (cdr lat))
          (eq? a (car lat)))))))

```

Do `(member2? a l)` and `(member? a l)` give the same answer when we use the same arguments? Consider the examples `a1` and `l1`, `a1` and `l2`, and `a2` and `l2`

2.8 Step through the applications `(member? a2 l2)` and `(member2? a2 l2)`. Compare the steps of the two applications

2.9 What happens when you step through `(member? a2 l3)`? Fix this problem by having `member?` ignore `l3`

2.10 The function `member?` tells whether some atom appears at least once in a list. Write a function `member-twice?` which tells whether some atom appears at least twice in a list

Cons The Magnificent



What is (remember a lat) where a is mint, and lat is (lamb chops and mint jelly)	(lamb chops and jelly) "Remember" stands for remove a member
(remember a lat) where a is mint, and lat is (lamb chops and mint flavored mint jelly)	(lamb chops and flavored mint jelly)
(remember a lat), where a is toast, and lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)	(bacon lettuce and tomato)
(remember a lat), where a is cup, and lat is (coffee cup tea cup and hick cup)	(coffee tea cup and hick cup)
What does (remember a lat) do?	It takes an atom and a lat as its arguments, and makes a new lat with the first occur rence of the atom in the old lat removed
What steps will we use to do this?	First we will test (null? lat) —The First Commandment
And if (null? lat) is true?	Return ()
What do we know if (null? lat) is not true?	We know that there must be at least one atom in the lat

How do we ask questions?

By using
(cond
 { _____ }
 { _____ })

How do we ask if *a* is the same as (car *lst*) (eq? (car *lst*) *a*)

What would be the value of (remember *a* *lst*) if
a were the same as (car *lst*) (cdr *lst*)

What do we do if *a* is not the same as
(car *lst*) We will want to keep (car *lst*), but also find
out if *a* is somewhere in the rest of the *lst*

How do we replace the first occurrence of *a*
in the rest of *lst* (remember *a* (cdr *lst*))

Is there any other question we should ask? No

Now, let's write down what we have so far

```
(define remember  
  (lambda (a lst)  
    (cond  
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))  
      (t (cond  
          ((eq? (car lst) a) (cdr lst))  
          (t (remember a (cdr lst)))))))
```

(lettuce and tomato)

Hint: Write down the function remember and its arguments, and refer to them as you go through the next sequence of questions

What is the value of (remember *a* *lst*) where
a is bacon, and
lst is (bacon lettuce and tomato)

t	t
What next?	Ask the next question
<code>(eq? (car lat) a)</code>	Yes, so the value is <code>(cdr lat)</code> . In this case, it is the list <code>(lettuce and tomato)</code>
Is this the correct value?	Yes, because the above list is the original list without the atom <code>bacon</code> .
But did we really use a good example?	Who knows? But the proof of the pudding is in the eating, so let's try another example.
What does <code>rember</code> do?	It takes an atom and a list as its arguments, and makes a new list with the first occurrence of the atom in the old list removed.
What will we do?	We will compare each atom of the list with the atom <code>a</code> , and if the comparison fails we will build a list which begins with the atom we just compared
What is the value of <code>(rember a lat)</code> , where <code>a</code> is <code>and</code> , and <code>lat</code> is <code>(bacon lettuce and tomato)</code>	<code>(bacon lettuce tomato)</code>

Let us see if our function remember works	(null? lat)
What is the first question asked by remember	
What do we do now?	Move to the next line, and ask the next question.
t	t, so ask the next question
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line
What is the meaning of (t (remember a (cdr lat)))	t asks if t is true—as it always is—and the rest of the line says to recur with a and (cdr lat), where a is and, and (cdr lat) is (lettuce and tomato)
(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line
t	t
(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line
What is the meaning of (t (remember a (cdr lat)))	Recur, where a is and, and (cdr lat) is (and tomato)

What is the value of the application
(remember a lat)

(cdr lat), that is (tomato)

Is this correct?

No, since (tomato) is not the list
(bacon lettuce and tomato)
with only a, namely and, removed

What did we do wrong?

We dropped and, but we also lost all the
atoms preceding and

How can we keep from losing the atoms
bacon and lettuce

We use *Cons The Magnificent*. Remember
cons, from Chapter 1?

The Second Commandment

Use cons to build lists.

Let's see what happens when we use cons

(bacon lettuce tomato)

```
(define remember
  (lambda (a lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
            ((eq? (car lat) a) (cdr lat))
            (t (cons (car lat)
                     (remember
                      a (cdr lat))))))))))
```

Make a copy of this function with cons
and the arguments a and lat so you can
refer to it for the following questions

What is the value of (remember a lat), where
a is and, and
lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)

t	Yes, of course
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(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line
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What is the meaning of cons (car lat) (remember a (cdr lat))) where a is and, and lat is (bacon lettuce and tomato)	cons (car lat)—that is, bacon—onto the value of (remember a (cdr lat)) But since we don't know the value of (remember a (cdr lat)) yet, we will have to find it before we can cons (car lat) onto it.
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What is the meaning of (remember a (cdr lat))	This refers to the function, with lat replaced by (cdr lat), that is, (lettuce and tomato)
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(null? lat)	No, so move to the next line
<hr/>	
t	Yes, ask the next question
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(eq? (car lat) a)	No, so move to the next line
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What is the meaning of cons (car lat) (remember a (cdr lat)))	It means cons (car lat), namely lettuce, onto the value of (remember a (cdr lat)). But since we don't know the value, we must first find that value before consing (car lat) onto it
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What is the meaning of (remember a (cdr lat))	This refers to the function with lat replaced by (cdr lat), that is, (and tomato)
(null? lat)	No, so ask the next question
t	Still
(eq? (car lat) a)	Yes
What is the value of the line ((eq? (car lat) a) (cdr lat))	(cdr lat), that is, (tomato)
Are we finished?	Certainly not! We know what (remember a lat) is when lat is (and tomato), but we don't yet know what it is when lat is (lettuce and tomato) or (bacon lettuce and tomato)
We now have a value for (remember a (cdr lat)), where a is and, and (cdr lat) is (and tomato) This value is (tomato). What next?	Recall that we wanted to cons lettuce onto the value of (remember a (cdr lat)), where a was and and (cdr lat) was (and tomato). Now that we have this value, which is (tomato), we can cons lettuce onto this value
What is the result when we cons lettuce onto (tomato)	(lettuce tomato)
What does (lettuce tomato) represent?	It represents the value of (cons (car lat) (remember a (cdr lat))), when lat was (lettuce and tomato), and (remember a (cdr lat)) was (tomato)

We now have a value for (remember a (cdr lat))
when
a is and, and
(cdr lat) is (lettuce and tomato)
This value is (lettuce tomato). This is not
the final value, so what must we do again?

Recall that, at one time, we wanted to cons
bacon onto the value of (remember a (cdr lat)),
when
a was and,
and
(cdr lat) was (lettuce and tomato).
Now that we have this value, which is
(lettuce tomato),
we can cons bacon onto this value

What is the result when we cons bacon onto
(lettuce tomato)

(bacon lettuce tomato)

What does (bacon lettuce tomato)
represent?[†]

It represents the value of
(cons
(car lat)
(remember a (cdr lat)))
when

[†] *bacon?*

lat was (bacon lettuce and tomato), and
(remember a (cdr lat)) was (lettuce tomato)

Are we finished yet?

Yes

Can you put in your own words how we
determined the final value
(bacon lettuce tomato)

In our words
"Remember checked each atom of the lat, one
at a time, to see if it was the same as the
atom and. If the car was not the same as
the atom, we saved it to be consed to the
final value later. When remember found the
atom and, it dropped it, and consed the
previous atoms onto the rest of the lat, in
reverse order."

Can you rewrite `remember` so that it reflects the above description?

Yes, we can simplify it

```
(define remember
  (lambda (a lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      ((eq? (car lat) a) (cdr lat))
      (t (cons (car lat)
                 (remember a (cdr lat)))))))
```

Do you think that is simpler?

Functions like `remember` can always be simplified in this manner

So why don't we simplify yet?

Because then a function's structure does not coincide with its data's structure.

Let's see if the new `remember` is the same as the old one. What is the value of the application

`(remember a lat)`,
where
 `a` is `and`, and
 `lat` is `(bacon lettuce and tomato)`

`(bacon lettuce tomato)`.

Hint: Write down the function `remember` and its arguments and refer to them as you go through the next sequence of questions

`(null? lat)`

No

`(eq? (car lat) a)`

No

`t`

Yes, so the value is

```
(cons
  (car lat)
  (remember a (cdr lat)))
```

What is the meaning of

```
(cons  
  (car lat)  
  (number a (cdr lat)))
```

This says to refer to the function `rember`, but with the argument `lat` replaced by `(cdr lat)`, and that after we arrive at a value for `(rember a (cdr lat))` we will `cons (car lat)`, namely `bacon`, onto it

`(null? lat)`

No

`(eq? (car lat) a)`

No

t

Yes, so the value is

```
(cons  
  (car lat)  
  (number a (cdr lat)))
```

What is the meaning of

```
(cons  
  (car lat)  
  (number a (cdr lat)))
```

This says we recur using the function `rember`, with the argument `lat` replaced by `(cdr lat)`, and that after we arrive at a value for `(rember a (cdr lat))`, we will `cons (car lat)`, namely `lettuce`, onto it

`(null? lat)`

No

`(eq? (car lat) a)`

Yes

What is the value of the line

```
((eq? (car lat) a) (cdr lat))
```

It is `(cdr lat)`, that is, `(tomato)`

Now what?

Now cons (car lat), that is, bacon, onto
(lettuce tomato).

Now that we have completed rember, try
this example

(rember a lat),
where
a is sauce, and
lat is (soy sauce and tomato sauce)

(rember a lat) is (soy and tomato sauce)

What is (firsts l), where
l is ((apple peach pumpkin)
(plum pear cherry)
(grape raisin pea)
(bean carrot eggplant))

(apple plum grape bean)

What is (firsts l), where
l is ((a b) (c d) (e f))

(a c e)

What is (firsts l), where
l is ()

()

What is (firsts l), where
l is ((five plums) (four)
(eleven green oranges))

(five four eleven)

In your own words, what does (firsts l) do?

We tried the following
"Firsts takes one argument, a list, which
must either be a null list, or contain only
non-null lists. It builds another list com-
posed of the first S expression of each
internal list."

See if you can write the function `firsts`
Remember the Commandments!

Believe it or not, you can probably write the following:

```
(define firsts
  (lambda (l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) _____)
      (t (cons _____ (firsts (cdr l)))))))
```

Why `(define firsts`
 `(lambda (l)`

Because we always state the function name, `(lambda`, and the argument(s) of the function

Why `(cond`

Because we need to ask questions about the actual arguments.

Why `((null? l) _____)`

The First Commandment

Why `(t`

Because we only have two questions to ask about the list `l`: either it is the null list, or it contains at least one non-null list

Why `(t`

See above. And because the last question is always `t`

Why `(cons`

Because we are building a list
—The Second Commandment

Why `(firsts (cdr l))`

Because we can only look at one S-expression at a time. To do this, we must recur.

Why)))

Because these are the matching parentheses for (cond, (lambda, and (define, and they always appear at the end of a function definition

Keeping in mind the definition of (firsts l), what is a typical element of the value of (firsts l), where

l is ((a b) (c d) (e f))

What is another typical element?

c or e

Consider the function seconds. What would be a typical element of the value of (seconds l), where

l is ((a b) (c d) (e f))

How do we describe a typical element for (firsts l)

As the car of (car l), that is, (car (car l))
See Chapter 1

When we find a typical element of (firsts l), what do we do with it?

We cons it onto the recursion, that is, (firsts (cdr l)).

The Third Commandment

When building a list, describe the first typical element, and then cons it onto the natural recursion.

With The Third Commandment, we can now fill in more of the function `firsts`. What does the last line look like now?

$$(\text{t } (\underbrace{\text{cons } (\text{car } (\text{car } l))}_{\text{typical element}}) (\underbrace{\text{firsts } (\text{cdr } l)}_{\text{natural recursion}})))$$

What does `(firsts l)` do

```
(define firsts
  (lambda (l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) _____)
      (t (cons (car (car l))
                (firsts (cdr l)))))))
```

where

`l` is `((a b) (c d) (e f))`

Nothing yet. We are still missing one important ingredient in our recipe. The first line `((null? l) _____)` needs a value for the case where `l` is the null list. We can, however, proceed without it for now

`(null? l)`, where

`l` is `((a b) (c d) (e f))`

No, so move to the next line

What is the meaning of

```
(cons
  (car (car l))
  (firsts (cdr l)))
```

It saves `(car (car l))` to `cons` onto `(firsts (cdr l))`. To find `(firsts (cdr l))`, we refer to the function with the new argument `(cdr l)`

`(null? l)`, where

`l` is `((c d) (e f))`

No, so move to the next line

What is the meaning of

```
(cons
  (car (car l))
  (firsts (cdr l)))
```

Save `(car (car l))`, and recur with `(firsts (cdr l))`.

(null? l), where
l is ((s t))

No, so move to the next line

What is the meaning of
(cons
 (car (car l))
 (firsts (cdr l)))

Save (car (car l)), and recur with
(firsts (cdr l))

(null? l)

Yes

Now what is the value of the line
((null? l) _____)

There is no value, something is missing

What do we need to cons atoms onto?

A list
Remember The Law of Cons?

What value can we give when (null? l) is
true, for the purpose of consing?

Since the final value must be a list, we can-
not use t or nil. Let's try (quote ())

With `()` as a value, we now have three `cons` (a c e)
steps to go back and pick up

I We need to:

1. `cons e` onto `()`
2. `cons c` onto the value of 1
3. `cons a` onto the value of 2

or, alternatively,

II We need to

1. `cons a` onto the value of 2
2. `cons c` onto the value of 3
3. `cons e` onto `()`

or, alternatively,

III We need to

- `cons a` onto
- the `cons` of `c` onto
- the `cons` of `e` onto
- `()`

In any case, what is the final value of
(firsts *i*)

With which of the three alternatives do you
feel most comfortable?

Correct! Now you use that one

What is
(insertn new old lat)
where

(ice cream with fudge topping for dessert)

new is topping,
old is fudge, and
lat is (ice cream with fudge for dessert)

(insertn new old lat), where
new is jalapeño,
old is and, and
lat is (tacos tamales and salsa)

(tacos tamales and jalapeño salsa)

(insertR new old lat), where
new is a,
old is d, and
lat is (a b c d f g d h)

(a b c d e f g d h)

In your own words, what does
(insertR new old lat) do?

In our words
"It takes three arguments: the atoms new
and old, and a lat. InsertR builds a lat
with new inserted to the right of the first
occurrence of old"

See if you can write the first three lines of
the function insertR.

```
(define insertR  
  (lambda (new old lat)  
    (cond
```

Which argument will change when we recur
with insertR?

lat, because we can only look at one of its
atoms at a time

How many questions can we ask about lat?

Two
A lat is either the null list or a non-null
list of atoms

Which questions will we ask?

First, we will ask (null? lat). Second, we will
ask t, because t is always the last question.

What do we know if (null? lat) is not true?

We know that there is at least one element
in lat

Which questions will we ask about the first
element?

First, we will ask (eq? (car lat) old). Then
we ask t, because there are no other interest
ing cases

Now see if you can write the whole function `insertR`.

```
(define insertR
  (lambda (new old lst)
    (cond
      ( _____ )
      (t (cond
            ( _____ )
            ( _____ ))))))
```

Here is our first attempt

```
(define insertR
  (lambda (new old lst)
    (cond
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
            ((eq? (car lst) old) (cdr lst))
            (t (cons (car lst)
                     (insertR
                      new old (cdr lst))))))))))
```

What is the value of the `insertR` we just wrote, where

`new` is topping,

`old` is fudge, and

`lst` is `(ice cream with fudge for dessert)`

`(ice cream with for dessert)`

Notice that so far, this is the same as remember; but for `insertR`, what do we do when `(eq? (car lst) old)` is true?

When `(car lst)` is the same as `old`, we want to insert `new` to the right

How is this done?

Let's try copying `new` onto `(cdr lst)`

Now we have

```
(define insertR
  (lambda (new old lst)
    (cond
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
            ((eq? (car lst) old)
             (cons new (cdr lst)))
            (t (cons (car lst)
                     (insertR
                      new old (cdr lst))))))))
```

Yes

So what is (insertn new old lat) now, where
new is topping,
old is fudge, and
lat is (ice cream with fudge for dessert)

(ice cream with topping for dessert)

Is this the list we wanted?

No, we have only replaced fudge with
topping

What still needs to be done?

Somehow we need to include the atom which
is the same as old before the atom new

How can we include old before new?

Try consing old onto (cons new (cdr lat))

Now you should be able to write the rest of
the function insertn. Do it

```
(define insertn
  (lambda (new old lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cons
          ((eq? (car lat) old)
           (cons new (cdr lat)))
          (t (cons (car lat)
                   (insertn
                    new old (cdr lat))))))))))
```

When new is topping, old is fudge, and lat is
(ice cream with fudge for dessert), the value
of the application, (insertn new old lat), is
(ice cream with fudge topping for dessert)

If you got this right, have one

Now try `insertL`.

Hint: `insertL` inserts the atom `new` to the left of the first occurrence of the atom `old` in `lat`.

This much is easy, right?

```
(define insertL
  (lambda (new old lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
          ((eq? (car lat) old)
           (cons new
                 (cons old (cdr lat))))
          (t (cons (car lat)
                    (insertL
                     new old (cdr lat))))))))))
```

Did you think of a different way to do it?

For example,

```
((eq? (car lat) old)
 (cons new (cons old (cdr lat))))
```

could have been

```
((eq? (car lat) old)
 (cons new lat)),
```

since `(cons old (cdr lat))` where `old` is `eq?` to `(car lat)` is the same as `lat`.

Now try `subst`.

Hint: `(subst new old lat)` replaces the first occurrence of `old` in the `lat` with the atom `new`. For example, where `new` is `topping`, `old` is `fudge`, and `lat` is `(ice cream with fudge for dessert)`, the value is `(ice cream with topping for dessert)`.

Now you have the idea.

Obviously,

```
(define subst
  (lambda (new old lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
          ((eq? (car lat) old)
           (cons new (cdr lat)))
          (t (cons (car lat)
                    (subst
                     new old (cdr lat))))))))))
```

This is the same as our second attempt at `insertR`.

Go cons a piece of cake onto your mouth.

Now try `subst2`

Hint:

`(subst2 new o1 o2 lat)`

replaces either the first occurrence of *o1*
or the first occurrence of *o2* by *new*. For
example, where

new is vanilla,

o1 is chocolate,

o2 is banana, and

lat is (banana ice cream

with chocolate topping)

the value is

(vanilla ice cream

with chocolate topping)

```
(define subst2
  (lambda (new o1 o2 lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
            ((eq? (car lat) o1)
             (cons new (cdr lat)))
            ((eq? (car lat) o2)
             (cons new (cdr lat)))
            (t (cons (car lat)
                     (subst2 new
                               o1 o2 (cdr lat))))))))))
```

Did you think of a better way?

Replace the two `eq?` lines about the `(car lat)`
by

```
((or (eq? (car lat) o1) (eq? (car lat) o2))
 (cons new (cdr lat)))
```

If you got the last function, go and repeat the cake consing

For these exercises,

```
l1 is ((paella spanish) (wine red) (and beans))
l2 is ( )
l3 is (cincinnati chili)
l4 is (texas hot chili)
l5 is (soy sauce and tomato sauce)
l6 is ((spanish) ( ) (paella))
l7 is ((and hot) (but dogs))
a1 is chili
a2 is hot
a3 is spicy
a4 is sauce
a5 is soy
```

3.1 Write the function `seconds` which takes a list of lists and makes a new list consisting of the second atom from each list in the list

Example: `(seconds l1)` is `(spanish red beans)`
`(seconds l2)` is `()`
`(seconds l7)` is `(hot dogs)`

3.2 Write the function `dupls` of `a` and `l` which makes a new list containing as many `a`'s as there are elements in `l`

Example: `(dupls a2 l4)` is `(hot hot hot)`
`(dupls a2 l2)` is `()`
`(dupls a1 l5)` is `(chili chili chili chili chili)`

3.3 Write the function `double` of `a` and `l` which is a converse to `remove`. The function doubles the first `a` in `l` instead of removing it

Example: `(double a2 l3)` is `()`
`(double a1 l3)` is `(cincinnati chili chili)`
`(double a2 l4)` is `(texas hot hot chili)`

3.4 Write the function `subst-sauce` of `s` and `l` which substitutes `a` for the first atom `sauce` in `l`

Example: `(subst-sauce a1 l4)` is `(texas hot chili)`
`(subst-sauce a1 l5)` is `(soy chili and tomato sauce)`
`(subst-sauce a1 l8)` is `()`

3.5 Write the function `subst3` of `new`, `a1`, `a2`, `a3` and `lat` which—like `subst2`—replaces the first occurrence of either `a1`, `a2`, or `a3` in `lat` by `new`

Example: `(subst3 a5 a1 a2 a3 l5)` is `(soy soy and tomato sauce)`
`(subst3 a4 a1 a2 a3 l4)` is `(texas sauce chili)`
`(subst3 a2 a1 a2 a3 l8)` is `()`

3.6 Write the function `substN` of `new`, `slat` and `lat` which replaces the first atom in `lat` that also occurs in `slat` by the atom `new`

Example: `(substN a2 l3 l4)` is `(texas hot hot)`
`(substN a4 l3 l5)` is `(soy sauce and tomato sauce)`
`(substN a4 l3 l8)` is `()`

3.7 Step through the application `(remember a4 l5)`. Also step through `(inserta a5 a2 l5)` for the “bad” definitions of `inserta`.

3.8 Determine the typical elements and the natural recursions of the functions that you have written so far

3.9 Write the function `remember2` of `a` and `l` which removes the second occurrence of `a` in `l`

Example: `(remember2 a1 l5)` is `(cincinnati chili)`
`(remember2 a4 l5)` is `(soy sauce and tomato)`
`(remember2 a4 l8)` is `()`

Hint Use the function `remember`

3.10 Consider the functions `inserta`, `inserti`, and `subst`. They are all very similar. Write the functions next to each other and draw boxes around the parts that they have in common. Can you see what `remember` has in common with these functions?

Numbers Games



Is 14 an atom?	Yes, because all numbers are atoms
Is (atom? n) true or false, where n is 14	True, because 14 is an atom
Is -3 a number?	Yes However, we do not consider negative numbers in this book
Is 3 1415 a number?	Yes However, we consider only whole numbers in this book
Are 3 and 3 1415 numbers?	Yes However, the only numbers we use are the nonnegative integers (i.e., 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...)
What is (add1 ¹ n), where n is 57	58
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¹ i.e., 14 See Section Preface, page xiii	
What is (sub1 ¹ n), where n is 5	4

¹ `(sub1 n)`, where `n` is 0, has no answer because we consider only nonnegative numbers. In practice, this result is -1.

Is `(zero? n)` true or false, where
`n` is 0

True

¹ `1` `zero?`

Is `(zero? n)` true or false, where
`n` is 1492

False

What is `(+ n m)`, where
`n` is 46 and
`m` is 12

58

Try to write the function `+`
Hint: It uses `zero?`, `add1`, and `sub1`

```
(define +  
  (lambda (n m)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? m) n)  
      (t (add1 (+ n (sub1 m)))))))
```

Wasn't that easy?

But didn't we just violate The First Commandment?

Yes! However, we can treat `zero?` like `null?` since `zero?` asks if a number is empty and `null?` asks if a list is empty

If `zero?` is like `null?`, is `add1` like `cons`?

Yes! `cons` builds lists and `add1` builds numbers.

What is $(- \ n \ m)$, where
 n is 17, and
 m is 9

8

What is $(- \ n \ m)$, where
 n is 3, and
 m is 5

No answer ¹

¹ No negative numbers

Try to write the function $-$
Hint: Use `sub1`.

How about this

```
(define -  
  (lambda (n m)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? m) n)  
      (t (sub1 (- n (sub1 m)))))))
```

Can you describe how $(- \ n \ m)$ does what it
does?

It takes two numbers as arguments, and
reduces the second until it hits zero. It sub-
tracts one from the first number as many
times as it did to cause the second one to
reach zero.

Is this a `vec`?
(2 11 3 79 47 6)

Yes, because it is a list of numbers

Is this a `vec`?
(1 2 0 x 4 3)

No, it is just a list of atoms

Is this a <code>vec</code> ? (3 7 4) 13 9)	No, because it is not a list of numbers (7 4) is not a number
Is this a <code>vec</code> ? ()	Yes, it is a list of zero numbers. This special case is the empty <code>vec</code> .
What is (<code>addvec vec</code>), where <code>vec</code> is (3 5 2 8)	18
What is (<code>addvec vec</code>), where <code>vec</code> is (15 6 7 12 3)	43
What does <code>addvec</code> do?	It builds a number by totalling all the numbers in its argument.
What is the natural way to build numbers from a list, just as <code>cons</code> is the natural way to build lists?	By using <code>+</code> in place of <code>cons</code> .
When building lists with <code>cons</code> , the value of the terminal condition is (). What should be the value of the terminal condition when building numbers with <code>+</code>	0
What is the natural terminal condition for a list?	(<code>null? l</code>)

When you want to build a number from a list of numbers, what should the terminal condition line look like?	<code>((null? vec) 0)</code> , just as <code>((null? l) (quote ()))</code> is often the terminal condition line for lists
What is the terminal condition line of <code>addvec</code> ?	<code>((null? vec) 0)</code>
How is a list defined?	It is either an empty list, or it contains an atom and a rest, where rest is again a list
How is a vec defined?	It is either an empty vec, or it contains a number and a rest, where rest is again a vec
What is used in the natural recursion on a list?	<code>(cdr list)</code>
What is used in the natural recursion on a vec?	<code>(cdr vec)</code>
Why?	Because the rest of a non-empty list is a list and the rest of a non-empty vec is a vec
How many questions do we need to ask about a list?	Two
How many questions do we need to ask about a vec?	Two, because it is either empty or it is a number and a rest, which is again a vec

How many questions do we need to ask
about a number?

Two

The Fourth Commandment

(preliminary)

When recurring on a list of atoms, *lat*, or a vec, *vec*, ask two questions about them, and use `(cdr lat)` or `(cdr vec)` for the natural recursion.

When recurring on a number, *n*, ask two questions, and use `(sub1 n)` for the natural recursion.

What does `cons` do?

It builds lists

What does `addvec` do?

It builds a number by totalling all the numbers in a vec

What is the terminal condition line of `addvec`?

`((null? vec) 0)`

What is the natural recursion for `addvec`?

`(addvec (cdr vec))`

What does `addvec` use to build a number?

It uses `+` because `+` builds numbers!

What will be the last line in the function

```
(define addvec  
  (lambda (sec)  
    (cond  
      ((null? sec) 0)  
      (t _____))))
```

(t (+ (car sec) (addvec (cdr sec)))).

Notice the similarity between this line,
and the last line of the function member:
(t (cons (car lst) (member a (cdr lst)))))

What is $(\times n\ m)$, where
 n is 5, and
 m is 3

15

What is $(\times n\ m)$, where
 n is 13, and
 m is 4

52

What does $(\times n\ m)$ do?

It builds up a number by adding n up m
times

What is the terminal condition line for \times

((zero? m) 0), because $n \times 0 = 0$

Since (zero? m) is the terminal condition, m
must eventually be reduced to zero. What
function is used to do this?

sub1

What is another name for $(\times n\ (\text{sub1 } m))$ in
this case?

Natural recursion

Try to write the function \times

```
(define  $\times$   
  (lambda (n m)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? m) 0)  
      (t (+ n ( $\times$  n (sub1 m)))))))
```

What is the meaning of
 $(+ n (\times n (\text{sub1 } m)))$

It adds n , that is 12, to the natural recursion. If \times is correct then $(\times 12 (\text{sub1 } 3))$ should be 24

What are the new arguments of
 $(\times n m)$

n is 12, and m is 2

$(\text{zero? } m)$

No

What is the meaning of
 $(+ n (\times n (\text{sub1 } m)))$

It adds n , that is 12, to $(\times n (\text{sub1 } m))$

What are the new arguments of
 $(\times n m)$

n is 12, and m is 1

$(\text{zero? } m)$

No

What is the meaning of
 $(+ n (\times n (\text{sub1 } m)))$

It adds n , that is 12, to $(\times n (\text{sub1 } m))$

What is the value of the line
 $((\text{zero? } m) 0)$

0, because $(\text{zero? } m)$ is now true

Are we finished yet?

No

Argue, using equations, that \times is the conventional multiplication of nonnegative integers, where n is 12 and m is 3

$$12 \times 3 = 12 \times 2 + 12$$

$$12 \times 2 = 12 \times 1 + 12$$

$$12 \times 1 = 12 \times 0 + 12$$

$$12 \times 0 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \times 3 &= 0 + 12 + 12 + 12 \\ &= 36 \end{aligned}$$

Which is as we expected. This technique works for all recursive functions, not just those that use numbers. You can use this approach to write functions as well as to argue their correctness.

Again, why is 0 the value for the terminal condition line in \times

Because 0 will not affect $+$. That is, $n + 0 = n$.

The Fifth Commandment

When building a value with $+$, always use 0 for the value of the terminating line, for adding 0 does not change the value of an addition.

When building a value with \times , always use 1 for the value of the terminating line, for multiplying by 1 does not change the value of a multiplication.

When building a value with `cons`, always consider `()` for the value of the terminating line.

What is $(vec + vec1\ use2)$, where $vec1$ is $(3\ 6\ 9\ 11\ 4)$, and $use2$ is $(8\ 5\ 2\ 0\ 7)$	$(11\ 11\ 11\ 11\ 11)$
What is $(vec + vec1\ use2)$, where $vec1$ is $(2\ 3)$, and $use2$ is $(4\ 6)$	$(6\ 9)$
What does $(vec + vec1\ use2)$ do?	It adds the first number of $use2$ to the first number of $vec2$, then it adds the second number of $vec1$ to the second number of $vec2$, and so on, building a vec of the answers, for $vecs$ of the same length.
What is unusual about $vec +$	It looks at each element of two $vecs$ at the same time, or in other words, it recurs on two $vecs$.
If you recur on one vec how many questions do you have to ask?	Two, they are $(null? vec)$ and t
When recurring on two $vecs$, how many questions need to be asked about the $vecs$?	Four: if the first vec is empty or non-empty, and if the second vec is empty or non-empty
Can the first vec be $()$ at the same time as the second is other than $()$	No, because the $vecs$ are of the same length
How many questions do we really need?	Two

Write the function `vec+`

```
(define vec+  
  (lambda (vec1 vec2)  
    (cond  
      ((null? vec1) (quote ( )))  
      (t (cons (+ (car vec1) (car vec2))  
                (vec+  
                  (cdr vec1) (cdr vec2)))))))
```

What are the arguments of `+` in the last line?

`(car vec1)` and `(car vec2)`

What are the arguments of `cons` in the last line?

`(+ (car vec1) (car vec2))`, and
`(vec+ (cdr vec1) (cdr vec2))`

What is `(vec+ vec1 vec2)`, where
`vec1` is `(3 7)`, and
`vec2` is `(4 6)`

`(7 13)`.

But let's see how it works

`(null? vec1)`

No

`(cons
 (+ (car vec1) (car vec2))
 (vec+ (cdr vec1) (cdr vec2)))`

cons 7 onto the natural recursion
`(vec+ (cdr vec1) (cdr vec2))`.

Why does the natural recursion include the `cdr` of both arguments?

Because the typical element of the final value uses the `car` of both `vecs`, so now we are ready to consider the rest of both `vecs`.

What is the value of the line ((null? vec1) (quote ()))	()
What is the value of the application?	(7 13) That is, the cons of 7 onto the cons of 13 onto ()
What problem arises when we want (vec+ vec1 vec2), where vec1 is (3 7), and vec2 is (4 6 8 1)	When vec1 eventually gets to be (), we quit, but that means the final value will be (7 13), which is wrong. The final value should be (7 13 8 1)
Can we still write vec+ even if the vecs are not the same length?	Yes!
What trivial change can we make in the terminal condition line to get the correct final value?	Replace ((null? vec1) (quote ())) by ((null? vec1) vec2)
What is (vec+ vec1 vec2), where vec1 is (3 7 8 1), and vec2 is (4 6)	No answer, since vec2 will become null be- fore vec1. See The Fourth Commandment. We did not ask all the necessary questions!
What do we need to include in our function?	Another terminal condition

What is the other terminal condition line?

`((null? vec$) vecf)`

So now that we have expanded our function definition so that `vec+` works for any two `vecs`, see if you can rewrite it.

```
(define vec+  
  (lambda (vecf vec$)  
    (cond  
      ((null? vecf) vec$)  
      ((null? vec$) vecf)  
      (t (cons (+ (car vecf) (car vec$))  
                (vec+  
                  (cdr vecf) (cdr vec$)))))))
```

Does the order of the two terminal conditions matter?

No

Is it really the last question?

Yes, because either `(null? vecf)` or `(null? vec$)` is true if either one of them does not contain at least one number.

What is `(> n m)` where
 `n` is 12, and
 `m` is 13

`nil`, that is, false

What is `(> n m)` where
 `n` is 12, and
 `m` is 11

`t`, that is, true

On how many numbers do we have to recur?

Two, `n` and `m`.

How many questions do we have to ask about n and m ?

Three $(\text{zero? } n)$, $(\text{zero? } m)$, and t

Can you write the function $>$ now using zero? , add1 , and sub1 ?

How about

```
(define >
  (lambda (n m)
    (cond
      ((zero? m) t)
      ((zero? n) nil)
      (t (> (sub1 n) (sub1 m))))))
```

Is the way we wrote $(> n m)$ correct?

No, try it for the case where n and m are the same number. Let n and m be 3

$(\text{zero? } m)$, where
 n is 3, and
 m is 3

No, so move to the next question

$(\text{zero? } n)$, where
 n is 3, and
 m is 3

No, so move to the next question

What is the meaning of
 $(> (\text{sub1 } n) (\text{sub1 } m))$

Recur, but with both arguments reduced by one.

$(\text{zero? } m)$, where
 n is 2, and
 m is 2

No, so move to the next question

What is the meaning of
(> (sub1 n) (sub1 m))

Recur, but with both arguments closer to zero by one

(zero? m), where
n is 1, and
m is 1

No, so move to the next question

(zero? n), where
n is 1, and
m is 1

No, so move to the next question

What is the meaning of
(> (sub1 n) (sub1 m))

Recur, but with both arguments reduced by one

(zero? m), where
n is 0, and
m is 0

Yes, so the value of (> n m) is t

Is this correct?

No because 3 is not greater than 3

How can we change the function > to take care of this subtle problem?

Switch the zero? lines, that is

```
(define >
  (lambda (n m)
    (cond
      ((zero? n) nil)
      ((zero? m) t)
      (t (> (sub1 n) (sub1 m))))))
```

$(< n m)$, where
 n is 0, and
 m is 0

nil

Now try to write $<$

```
(define <
  (lambda (n m)
    (cond
      ((zero? m) nil)
      ((zero? n) t)
      (t (< (sub1 n) (sub1 m))))))
```

Here is the definition of $=$

```
(define =
  (lambda (n m)
    (cond
      ((zero? m) (zero? n))
      ((zero? n) nil)
      (t (= (sub1 n) (sub1 m))))))
```

```
(define =
  (lambda (n m)
    (cond
      ((> n m) nil)
      ((< n m) nil)
      (t t))))
```

Rewrite $=$ using $<$ and $>$

Does this mean we have two different functions for testing equality of atoms?

Yes, they are $=$ for atoms which are numbers and $eq?$ for the others.¹

¹ In practice $eq?$ does work for atom numbers

$(= n m)$, where
 n is 1, and
 m is 1

1

(\uparrow n m), where
 n is 2, and
 m is 3

8

(\uparrow n m), where
 n is 5, and
 m is 3

125

Now write the function \uparrow

Hint: See the The Fourth and Fifth Commandments

```
(define  $\uparrow$ 
  (lambda (n m)
    (cond
      ((zero? m) 1)
      (t ( $\times$  n ( $\uparrow$  n (sub1 m)))))))
```

What is the value of (length *las*), where
las is (hotdogs with mustard sauerkraut
and pickles)

6

What is (length *las*), where
las is (ham and cheese on rye)

5

Now try to write the function length

```
(define length
  (lambda (las)
    (cond
      ((null? las) 0)
      (t (add1 (length (cdr las)))))))
```

What is (pick n *las*), where
 n is 4, and
las is (lasagna spaghetti ravioli
macaroni meatball)

macaroni

What is (pick n lat), where
n is 0, and
lat is ()?

Let's define one and

Try to write the function pick

```
(define pick
  (lambda (n lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) nil)
      ((zero? (sub1 n)) (car lat))
      (t (pick (sub1 n) (cdr lat))))))
```

Does the order of the two terminal cond
trees matter?

Think about it

Does the order of the two terminal cond
trees matter?

Try it out!

Does the order of the two previous answers
matter?

Yes. Think first, then try

What is (rempick n lat), where
n is 3, and
lat is (hotdogs with hot mustard)?

(hotdogs with mustard)

What is (rempick n lat), where
n is 0, and
lat is ()

Let's define an answer ()

Now try to write `rempick`

```
(define rempick
  (lambda (n lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      ((zero? (sub1 n)) (cdr lat))
      (t (cons (car lat)
                (rempick
                 (sub1 n) (cdr lat)))))))
```

Is `(number?1 a)` true or false, where
a is tomato

False

¹ I. `number?`

Is `(number? a)` true or false, where
a is 76

True

Can you write `number?`, which is true if its
argument is a numeric atom and false if its
argument is a non-numeric atom?

No. `number?`, like `add1`, `sub1`, `zero?`, `car`,
`cdr`, `cons`, `null?`, `eq?` and `atom?`, is a primitive function.

Now, using `number?`, write a function
`no-nums`, which gives as a final value a list
obtained by removing all the numbers from
the list. For example, where `lat` is
(5 pears 6 prunes 9 dates),
`(no-nums lat)` is
(pears prunes dates)

```
(define no-nums
  (lambda (lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cons
          (number? (car lat))
          (no-nums (cdr lat))))
      (t (cons (car lat)
                (no-nums (cdr lat)))))))
```

Now write all-nums which builds a vec as a final value given a lat

```
(define all-nums
  (lambda (lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
          ((number? (car lat))
           (cons (car lat)
                  (all-nums (cdr lat))))
          (t (all-nums (cdr lat)))))))
```

Write the function eqan? which is true if its two arguments, a1 and a2, are the same atom. Remember to use = for numbers and eq? for all others

```
(define eqan?
  (lambda (a1 a2)
    (cond
      ((number? a1)
       (cond
         ((number? a2) (= a1 a2))
         (t nil)))
      ((number? a2) nil)
      (t (eq? a1 a2)))))
```

Can we assume that all functions written using eq? can be generalized by replacing eq? by eqan?

Yes, except of course, for eqan? itself

Wouldn't a (ham and cheese on rye) be goo

Don't forget the mustard!

Exercises

For these exercises,

```
vec1 is (1 2)
vec2 is (3 2 4)
vec3 is (2 1 3)
vec4 is (6 2 1)
1 is ( )
zero is 0
one is 1
three is 3
obj is (x y)
```

4.1 Write the function `duplicate` of `n` and `obj` which builds a list containing `n` objects `obj`.

Example: `(duplicate three obj)` is `((x y) (x y) (x y))`.

`(duplicate zero obj)` is `()`.

`(duplicate one vec1)` is `((1 2))`

4.2 Write the function `multvec` that builds a number by multiplying all the numbers in a

Example: `(multvec vec2)` is 24,

`(multvec vec3)` is 6,

`(multvec 1)` is 1

4.3 When building a value with `τ`, which value should you use for the terminal line?

4.4 Argue the correctness for the function `τ` as we did for `(x n m)`. Use 3 and 4 as data.

4.5 Write the function `index` of `a` and `lat` that returns the place of the atom `a` in `lat`. You may assume that `a` is a member of `lat`. Hint: Can `lat` be empty?

Example: When `a` is `car`,

`lat1` is `(cons cdr car null? eq?)`,

`b` is `motor`, and

`lat2` is `(car engine auto motor)`,

we have `(index a lat1)` is 3,

`(index a lat2)` is 1,

`(index b lat2)` is 4

4.6 Write the function `product` of `vec1` and `vec2` that multiplies corresponding numbers in `vec1` and `vec2` and builds a new `vec` from the results. The `vecs`, `vec1` and `vec2`, may differ in length.

Example: `(product vec1 vec2)` is `(3 4 4)`,

`(product vec2 vec3)` is `(6 2 12)`,

`(product vec3 vec4)` is `(12 2 3)`

4.7 Write the function `dot-product` of `vec1` and `vec2` that multiplies corresponding numbers in `vec1` and `vec2` and builds a new number by summing the results. The `vecs`, `vec1` and `vec2`, are the same length.

Example: `(dot-product vec2 vec3)` is 29,

`(dot-product vec3 vec4)` is 26,

`(dot-product vec3 vec4)` is 17

4.8 Write the function `/` that divides nonnegative integers

Example: `(/ n m)` is 1, when `n` is 7 and `m` is 5.

`(/ n m)` is 4, when `n` is 8 and `m` is 2

`(/ n m)` is 0, when `n` is 2 and `m` is 3

Hint: A number is now defined as a rest (between 0 and $m - 1$) and a multiple addition of `m`. The number of additions is the result.

4.9 Here is the function `remainder`

```
(define remainder
  (lambda (n m)
    (cond
      (t (- n (x m (/ n m)))))))
```

Make up examples for the application `(remainder n m)` and work through them.

4.10 Write the function `≤` which tests if two numbers are equal or if the first is less than the second

Example: `(≤ zero one)` is true,

`(≤ one one)` is true,

`(≤ three one)` is false

The Multichapter Chapter



Write the function `member?`

```
(define member?  
  (lambda (a lst)  
    (cond  
      ((null? lst) nil)  
      (t (or  
          (eq? (car lst) a)  
          (member? a (cdr lst)))))))
```

Do you recall, or can you see now what `member?` does?

It checks each atom of the `lst` to see if it is the same as the atom `a`. When it finds the first occurrence of `a`, it stops and returns `t`.

Write the function `member`

```
(define member  
  (lambda (a lst)  
    (cond  
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))  
      (t (cond  
          ((eq? (car lst) a) (cdr lst))  
          (t (cons (car lst)  
                  (member  
                    a (cdr lst))))))))
```

Do you recall, or can you see now, what `member` does?

`Member` looks at each atom of the `lst` to see if it is the same as the atom `a`. If it is not `member` saves the atom and proceeds. When it finds the first occurrence of `a`, it stops and gives the value `(cdr lst)`, or the rest of the `lst`, so that the value returned is the original `lst`, with only the first occurrence of `a` removed.

Write the function `multirember` which gives as its final value the list with all occurrences of `a` removed

```
(define multirember
  (lambda (a lst)
    (cond
      (_____ )
      (t (cond
            (_____ )
            (_____ )))))))
```

Hint: What do we want as the value when `(eq? (car lst) a)` is true?
Consider the example where
`a` is `cup`, and
`lst` is `(coffee cup tea cup and hick cup)`

```
(define multirember
  (lambda (a lst)
    (cond
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
            ((eq? (car lst) a)
             (multirember a (cdr lst)))
            (t (cons (car lst)
                      (multirember
                       a (cdr lst))))))))))
```

After the first occurrence of `a`, we now recur with `(multirember a (cdr lst))`, in order to remove the other occurrences.

The value of the application is
`(coffee tea and hick)`

Can you see how `multirember` works?

Possibly not, so we will go through the steps necessary to arrive at the value
`(coffee tea and hick)`

`(null? lst)`

No, so move to the next line

`t`

`t`

`(eq? (car lst) a)`

No, so move to the next line

What is the meaning of
`(cons`
 `(car lst)`
 `(multirember a (cdr lst)))`

Save `(car lst)`, namely `coffee`, to be consed onto the value of `(multirember a (cdr lst))` later. Now determine
 `(multirember a (cdr lst))`

<code>(eq? (car lat) a)</code>	Yes, so forget <code>(car lat)</code> , and determine <code>(multirember a (cdr lat))</code>
<code>(null? lat)</code>	No, so move to the next line
<code>t</code>	Yes!
<code>(eq? (car lat) a)</code>	No, so move to the next line
What is the meaning of <code>(cons (car lat) (multirember a (cdr lat)))</code>	Save <code>(car lat)</code> , namely <code>tea</code> , to be consed onto the value of <code>(multirember a (cdr lat))</code> later Now determine <code>(multirember a (cdr lat))</code>
<code>(null? lat)</code>	No, so move to the next line
<code>t</code>	<code>t</code>
<code>(eq? (car lat) a)</code>	Yes, so forget <code>(car lat)</code> , and determine <code>(multirember a (cdr lat))</code> .
<code>(null? lat)</code>	No, so move to the next line
<code>(eq? (car lat) a)</code>	No, so move to the next line

What is the meaning of
 (cons
 (car lst)
 (multirember a (cdr lst)))

Save (car lst), namely and, to be consed
onto the value of (multirember a (cdr lst))
later. Now determine
 (multirember a (cdr lst))

(null? lst)

No, so move to the next line

(eq? (car lst) a)

No, so move to the next line

What is the meaning of
 (cons
 (car lst)
 (multirember a (cdr lst)))

Save (car lst), namely hick, to be consed
onto the value of (multirember a (cdr lst))
later. Now determine
 (multirember a (cdr lst))

(null? lst)

No, so move to the next line

(eq? (car lst) a)

Yes, so forget (car lst), and determine
 (multirember a (cdr lst)).

(null? lst)

Yes, so we have a value of ()

Are we finished?

No. We still have several cases to pick up

What do we do next?

We cons the most recent (car lst) we have,
namely hick, onto ()

What do we do next?

We cons coffee onto (tea and luck)

Are we finished now?

Yes

Now write the function `multininserts`

```
(define multininserts
  (lambda (new old lst)
    (cond
      ( _____ )
      (t (cond
            ( _____ )
            ( _____ ))))))
```

```
(define multininserts
  (lambda (new old lst)
    (cond
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
            ((eq? (car lst) old)
             (cons (car lst)
                   (cons new
                         (multininserts
                          new old (cdr lst))))))
            (t (cons (car lst)
                    (multininserts
                     new old (cdr lst))))))))
```

It would also be correct to use `old` in place of `(car lst)` because we know that
(eq? (car lst) old)

Is this function defined correctly?

```
(define multiinsert1
  (lambda (new old lst)
    (cond
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
          ((eq? (car lst) old)
           (cons new
                 (cons old
                       (multiinsert1
                        new old lst))))
          (t (cons
              (car lst)
              (multiinsert1
               new old (cdr lst))))))))))
```

Not quite To find out why, go through the function, where
new is fried,
old is fish, and
lst is (chips and fish or fish and fried)

Was the terminal condition ever reached?

No, because we never get past the first occurrence of old.

Now try to write the function multiinsert1.

```
(define multiinsert1
  (lambda (new old lst)
    (cond
      ( _____ )
      (t (cond
          ( _____ )
          ( _____ ))))))
```

```
(define multiinsert1
  (lambda (new old lst)
    (cond
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
          ((eq? (car lst) old)
           (cons new
                 (cons old
                       (multiinsert1
                        new old (cdr lst))))
          (t (cons
              (car lst)
              (multiinsert1
               new old (cdr lst))))))))))
```

The Sixth Commandment

Always change at least one argument while recurring. The changing argument(s) should be tested in the termination condition(s) and it should be changed to be closer to termination. For example:

When using `cdr`, test termination with `null`?

When using `sub1`, test termination with `zero`?

Now write the function `multisubst`

```
(define multisubst
  (lambda (new old lat)
    (cond
      ( _____ )
      (t (cond
            ( _____ )
            ( _____ ))))))
```

```
(define multisubst
  (lambda (new old lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
            ((eq? (car lat) old)
             (cons new
                   (multisubst
                    new old (cdr lat))))
            (t (cons (car lat)
                    (multisubst
                     new old (cdr lat))))))))))
```

Now write the function `occur` which counts the number of times an atom `a` appears in a `lat`.

```
(define occur
  (lambda (a lat)
    (cond
      ( _____ )
      (t (cond
            ( _____ )
            ( _____ ))))))
```

```
(define occur
  (lambda (a lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) 0)
      (t (cond
            ((eq? (car lat) a)
             (add1 (occur a (cdr lat))))
            (t (occur a (cdr lat))))))))
```

Write the function `one?` where `(one? n)` is `t` if `n` is 1, and `false` (`f` or `nil`) otherwise.

```
(define one?  
  (lambda (n)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? n) nil)  
      (t (zero? (sub1 n)))))))
```

or

```
(define one?  
  (lambda (n)  
    (cond  
      (t (= n 1)))))
```

Guess how we can further simplify this function, making it a *one liner*.

By removing the `(cond` clause, we get

```
(define one?  
  (lambda (n)  
    (= n 1)))
```

Now rewrite the function `rempack` that removes the n^{th} atom from the `lst`. For example, where `n` is 3, and `lst` is `(lemon meringue salty pie)` the application `(rempack n lst)` has the value `(lemon meringue pie)`. Use the function `one?` in your answer

```
(define rempack  
  (lambda (n lst)  
    (cond  
      ((null? lst) (quote ( )))  
      ((one? n) (cdr lst))  
      (t (cons (car lst)  
                (rempack  
                  (sub1 n) (cdr lst)))))))
```

Is `rempack` a “multi” function?

No

Exercises

For these exercises,

```
x is comma
y is dot
a is kiwis
b is plums
lat1 is (bananas kiwis)
lat2 is (peaches apples bananas)
lat3 is (kiwis pears plums bananas cherries)
lat4 is (kiwis mangoes kiwis guavas kiwis)
l1 is ((curry) ( ) (chicken) ( ))
l2 is ((peaches) (and cream))
l3 is ((plane) and (ice) and cream)
l4 is ( )
```

5.1 For Exercise 3.4 you wrote the function `subst` cake. Write the function `multasubst`

Example: `(multasubst kiwis b lat1)` is `(bananas plums)`,
`(multasubst kiwis y lat2)` is `(peaches apples bananas)`,
`(multasubst kiwis y lat3)` is `(dot mangoes dot guavas dot)`,
`(multasubst kiwis y l4)` is `()`

5.2 Write the function `multasubst2`. You can find `subst2` at the end of Chapter 3

Example: `(multasubst2 x a b lat1)` is `(bananas comma)`,
`(multasubst2 y a b lat2)` is `(dot pears dot bananas cherries)`,
`(multasubst2 a x y lat1)` is `(bananas kiwis)`.

5.3 Write the function `multidown` of `lat` which replaces every atom in `lat` by `a` is the atom

Example: `(multidown lat1)` is `((bananas) (lewis))`,
`(multidown lat2)` is `((peaches) (apples) (bananas))`,
`(multidown l4)` is `()`

5.4 Write the function `occureN` of `alist` and `lat` which counts how many times an atom also occurs in `lat`

Example: `(occureN lat1 l4)` is 0,
 `(occureN lat1 lat8)` is 1,
 `(occureN lat1 lat9)` is 2

5.5 The function `I` of `lat1` and `lat2` returns the first atom in `lat2` that is in both `lat1` as
Write the functions `I` and `multil`. `multil` returns a list of atoms common to `lat1` and `lat2`

Example: `(I lat1 l4)` is `()`,
 `(I lat1 lat8)` is `bananas`,
 `(I lat1 lat9)` is `kiwis`;
 `(multil lat1 l4)` is `()`,
 `(multil lat1 lat8)` is `(bananas)`,
 `(multil lat1 lat9)` is `(kiwis bananas)`

5.6 Consider the following alternative definition of `one?`

```
(define one?  
  (lambda (n)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? (sub1 n)) 4)  
      (t nil))))
```

Which Laws and/or Commandments does it violate?

5.7 Consider the following definition of `=`

```
(define =  
  (lambda (n m)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? n) (zero? m))  
      (t (= n (sub1 m))))))
```

This definition violates The Sixth Commandment. Why?

5.8 The function `count0` of `vec` counts the number of zero elements in `vec`. What is wrong with the following definition? Can you fix it?

```
(define count0
  (lambda (vec)
    (cond
      ((null? vec) 1)
      (t (cond
            ((zero? (car vec))
             (cons 0 (count0 (cdr vec))))
            (t (count0 (cdr vec))))))))
```

5.9 Write the function `multup` of `l` which replaces every list of length one in `l` by the atom in that list, and which also removes every empty list.

Example: `(multup l)` is `()`,
 `(multup l)` is `(very chicken)`,
 `(multup l)` is `(peaches (and cream))`

5.10 Review all the Laws and Commandments. Check the functions in Chapters 4 and 5 to see if they obey the Commandments. When did we not obey them literally? Did we act according to their spirit?

*But answer came there none—
And this was scarcely odd, because
They'd eaten every one*

The Walrus and The Carpenter
—Lewis Carroll

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True or false, (not (atom? s)), where s is (hungarian goulash)	t
(not (atom? s)) where s is atom	nil
(not (atom? s)), where s is (turkish ((coffee) and) baklava)	t Do you get the idea?
What is (leftmost l), where l is ((hot) (tuna (and)) cheese)	hot
(lat? l), where l is ((hot) (tuna (and)) cheese)	nil
Is (car l) an atom, where l is ((hot) (tuna (and)) cheese)	No
What is (leftmost l), where l is (((hamburger) french) (fries (and a) coke))	hamburger
What is (leftmost l), where l is ((({(4) four}) 17 (seventeen))	4

Write occur*

```
(define occur*  
  (lambda (a l)  
    (cond  
      ( _____ )  
      ( _____ )  
      ( _____ ))))
```

```
(define occur*  
  (lambda (a l)  
    (cond  
      ((null? l) 0)  
      ((non-atom? (car l))  
       (+ (occur* a (car l))  
          (occur* a (cdr l))))  
      (t (cond  
           ((eq? (car l) a)  
            (add1 (occur* a (cdr l))))  
           (t (occur* a (cdr l)))))))
```

```
(subset+ new old l) where  
new is orange,  
old is banana, and  
l is ((banana)  
      (split (((banana ice)))  
              (cream (banana))  
                sherbet))  
      (banana)  
      (bread)  
      (banana brandy))
```

```
((orange)  
 (split (((orange ice)))  
        (cream (orange))  
          sherbet))  
(orange)  
(bread)  
(orange brandy))
```

Write `subst*`

```
(define subst*  
  (lambda (new old l)  
    (cond  
      ( _____ )  
      ( _____ )  
      ( _____ ))))
```

```
(define subst*  
  (lambda (new old l)  
    (cond  
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))  
      ((non atom? (car l))  
       (cons  
         (subst* new old (car l))  
         (subst* new old (cdr l))))  
      (t (cond  
           ((eq? (car l) old)  
            (cons new  
                  (subst* new old (cdr l))))  
           (t (cons (car l)  
                     (subst*  
                       new old (cdr l))))))))))
```

What is `(insert! new old l)`, where
new is pecker,
old is chuck, and
l is `((how much (wood))
could
((a (wood) chuck))
(((chuck)))
(if (a) ((wood chuck)))
could chuck wood)`

```
((how much (wood))  
could  
((a (wood) pecker chuck))  
(((pecker chuck)))  
(if (a) ((wood pecker chuck)))  
could pecker chuck wood).
```

Write insertL*

```
(define insertL*  
  (lambda (new old l)  
    (cond  
      ( _____ )  
      ( _____ )  
      ( _____ ))))
```

```
(define insertL*  
  (lambda (new old l)  
    (cond  
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))  
      ((non-atom? (car l))  
       (cons  
         (insertL* new old (car l))  
         (insertL* new old (cdr l))))  
      (t (cond  
           ((eq? (car l) old)  
            (cons new  
                  (cons old  
                        (insertL*  
                          new old (cdr l))))))  
           (t (cons (car l)  
                     (insertL*  
                       new old (cdr l))))))))))
```

(member* a l), where
a is chips, and
l is ((potato) (chips ((with) fish) (chips)))

t because the atom chips appears in the
list l

Write member*

```
(define member*  
  (lambda (a l)  
    (cond  
      ( _____ )  
      ( _____ )  
      ( _____ ))))
```

```
(define member*  
  (lambda (a l)  
    (cond  
      ((null? l) nil)  
      ((non-atom? (car l))  
       (or  
         (member* a (car l))  
         (member* a (cdr l))))  
      (t (or  
          (eq? (car l) a)  
          (member* a (cdr l)))))))
```

What is (member* a l), where
a is chips, and
l is ((potato) (chips ((with fish) (chips))))

Which chips did it find? `((potato) (chips ((with fish) (chips))))`

Try to write member* without using
non-atom?

```
(define member*  
  (lambda (a l)  
    (cond  
      ((null? l) nil)  
      ((atom? (car l))  
       (or  
        (eq? (car l) a)  
        (member* a (cdr l))))  
      (t (or  
         (member* a (car l))  
         (member* a (cdr l)))))))
```

Do you remember what (or ...) does?

(or ...) asks questions one at a time until it finds one that is true. Then (or ...) stops, making its value true. If it cannot find a true argument, then the value of (or ...) is false.

What is `nil`
`(and (atom? (car l))
 (eq? (car l) x))`,
where
x is pizza, and
l is (mozzarella pizza)

Why is it false?

Since (and ..) asks (atom? (car f)), and it is not; so it is nil

Give an example for x and l where the expression is true

Here's one
x is pizza, and
l is (pizza (tastes good))

Put in your own words what (and ..) does

(and ..) asks questions one at a time until it finds an argument which is false. Then (and ..) stops with false. If it cannot find a false argument, then it is true

True or false, it is possible that one of the arguments of (and ...) and (or ...) is not considered?¹

True, because (and ..) stops if the first argument has the value nil, and (or ...) stops if the first argument has the value t

¹ (read ...) also has the property of not considering all of its arguments

(eqlist? l1 l2), where
l1 is (strawberry ice cream) and
l2 is (strawberry ice cream)

t

(eqlist? l1 l2), where
l1 is (strawberry ice cream), and
l2 is (strawberry cream ice)

nil

(`eqlist? l1 l2`), where
 `l1` is (beef ((sausage)) (and (soda))), and
 `l2` is (beef ((salami)) (and (soda)))

nil, but almost t

(`eqlist? l1 l2`), where
 `l1` is (beef ((sausage)) (and (soda))), and
 `l2` is (beef ((sausage)) (and (soda)))

t That's better

What is `eqlist?`

It is a function that determines if the two
lists are structurally the same

Write `eqlist?` using `eqan?`

```
(define eqlist?
  (lambda (l1 l2)
    (cond
      ((and (null? l1) (null? l2)) t)
      ((or (null? l1) (null? l2)) nil)
      ((and (non-atom? (car l1))
             (non-atom? (car l2)))
       (and (eqlist? (car l1) (car l2))
              (eqlist? (cdr l1) (cdr l2))))
      ((or (non-atom? (car l1))
             (non-atom? (car l2))) nil)
      (t (and
           (eqan? (car l1) (car l2))
           (eqlist? (cdr l1) (cdr l2)))))))
```

Why is there no explicit test for atoms?

If we know that the car of each list is not
a list, then the car of each list must be an
atom

Write the function `equal?` which determines if two S expressions are structurally the same

```
(define equal?
  (lambda (s1 s2)
    (cond
      ((and (atom? s1) (atom? s2))
        (equal? s1 s2))
      ((and
        (non-atom? s1)
        (non-atom? s2))
        (eqlist? s1 s2))
      (t nil))))
```

Now, rewrite `eqlist?` using `equal?`

```
(define eqlist?
  (lambda (l1 l2)
    (cond
      ((and (null? l1) (null? l2)) t)
      ((or (null? l1) (null? l2)) nil)
      (t (and
          (equal? (car l1) (car l2))
          (eqlist? (cdr l1) (cdr l2)))))))
```

Is `equal?` a "star" function?

Yes

How would `rember` change if we replaced `lat` by a general list `l` and if we replaced `s` by an arbitrary S-expression `s`?

```
(define rember
  (lambda (s l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))
      ((non-atom? (car l))
        (cond
          ((equal? (car l) s) (cdr l))
          (t (cons (car l)
                    (rember s (cdr l)))))
        )
      (t (cond
          ((equal? (car l) s) (cdr l))
          (t (cons (car l)
                    (rember s (cdr l)))))))))
```

And how does that differ?

Remember now removes the first matching S expression *s* in the list *l*, instead of the first matching atom *a* in the list *lat*

Is remember a “star” function now?

No

Why not?

Because remember only recurs with the (cdr *l*)

Can you simplify remember?

Obviously!

```
(define remember
  (lambda (s l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
            ((equal? (car l) s) (cdr l))
            (t (cons (car l)
                      (remember s (cdr l))))))))))
```

Can you simplify remember even more?

Yes, the inner (cond ...) is asking questions that the outer (cond ...) could ask!

Do it!

```
(define remember
  (lambda (s l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))
      ((equal? (car l) s) (cdr l))
      (t (cons (car l)
                (remember s (cdr l)))))))
```


Simplify insertL*

```
(define insertL*  
  (lambda (new old l)  
    (cond  
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))  
      ((non-atom? (car l))  
       (cons  
         (insertL* new old (car l))  
         (insertL* new old (cdr l)))))  
      ((eq? (car l) old)  
       (cons new  
         (cons old  
           (insertL* new old (cdr l))))))  
      (t (cons (car l)  
        (insertL*  
          new old (cdr l)))))))
```

Do these new definitions look simpler?

Yes, they do!

And they work just as well

Yes, because we know that all the cases and recursions are right before we simplify

The Seventh Commandment

Simplify only after the function is correct.

Can all functions that were written using eq? and = be generalized by replacing eq? and = by the function equal?

Not quite, this won't work for eqan?, but will work for all others. In fact, disregarding the trivial example of eqan?, that is exactly what we shall assume.

For these exercises,

```
lt is ((fried potatoes) (baked (fried)) tomatoes)
ls is (((chili) chili (chili)))
l is ( )
lat is (chili and hot)
latS is (baked fried)
a is fried
```

6.1 Write the function `down*` of `l` which puts every atom in `l` in a list by itself

```
Example (down* ls) is (((chili)) (chili) ((chili))),
(down* l) is ( ),
(down* lat) is ((chili) (and) (hot))
```

6.2 Write the function `occurN*` of `lat` and `l` which counts all the atoms that are common to `lat` and `l`

```
Example (occurN* lat l) is 3,
(occurN* latS l) is 3,
(occurN* lat lS) is 0
```

6.3 Write the function `double*` of `a` and `l` which doubles each occurrence of `a` in `l`

```
Example (double* a lt) is ((fried fried potatoes) (baked (fried fried)) tomatoes),
(double* a ls) is (((chili) chili (chili))),
(double* a latS) is (baked fried fried)
```

6.4 Consider the function `lat?` from Chapter 2. Argue why `lat?` has to ask three questions (and not two like the other functions in Chapter 2). Why does `lat?` not have to recur on the car?

6.5 Make sure that `(member* a l)`, where

```
a is chips and
l is ((potato) (chips ((with) hash) (chips))),
```

really discovers the first chips. Can you change `member*` so that it finds the last chips first?

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6.6 Write the function `list+` which adds up all the numbers in a general list of numbers

Example: When `l1` is `((1 (6 6 ())))`,
and `l2` is `((1 2 (3 6)) 1)`, then
`(list+ l1)` is 13,
`(list+ l2)` is 13,
`(list+ l3)` is 0

6.7 Consider the following function `g*` of `list` and `acc`

```
(define g*  
  (lambda (list acc)  
    (cond  
      ((null? list) acc)  
      ((atom? (car list))  
       (g* (cdr list) (+ (car list) acc)))  
      (t (g* (car list) (g* (cdr list) acc))))))
```

The function is always applied to a (general) list of numbers and 0. Make up examples and find out what the function does

6.8 Consider the following function `f*` of `l` and `acc`

```
(define f*  
  (lambda (l acc)  
    (cond  
      ((null? l) acc)  
      ((atom? (car l))  
       (cond  
         ((member? (car l) acc) (f* (cdr l) acc))  
         (t (f* (cdr l) (cons (car l) acc)))))  
      (t (f* (car l) (f* (cdr l) acc))))))
```

The function is always applied to a list and the empty list. Make up examples for `l` and step through the applications. Generalize in one sentence what `f*` does

6.9 The functions in Exercises 6.7 and 6.8 employ the *accumulator technique*. This means that they pass along an argument that represents the result that has been computed so far. When these functions reach the bottom (`null?`, `zero?`), they just return the result contained in the accumulator. The original argument for the accumulator is the element that used to be the answer for the `null?`-case. Write the function `occur` (see Chapter 5) of `a` and `list` using the accumulator technique. What is the original value for `acc`?

6.10 Step through an application of the original `occur` and the `o` and compare the arguments in the recursive applications. Can you accumulator technique?

Have you taken a tea break yet?
We're taking ours now

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Shadows



Is 1 an arithmetic expression?	Yes
Is 3 an arithmetic expression?	Yes, of course
Is $1 + 3$ an arithmetic expression?	Yes!
Is $1 + 3 \times 4$ an arithmetic expression?	Definitely
Is cookie an arithmetic expression?	Yes. Are you almost ready for one?
And what about $3 + y + 5$?	Yes
What is an arithmetic expression in your words?	In ours. "For the purpose of this chapter, an arithmetic expression is either an atom (including numbers), or two arithmetic expressions combined by $+$, \times , or $-$."
What is (quote a)	a
What is (quote +)	+
What does (quote \times) stand for?	\times

Is $(x + 3)$ an arithmetic expression?	Not really, since there are parentheses around $x + 3$. Our definition of arithmetic expression did not mention parentheses.
Could we think of $(x + 3)$ as an arithmetic expression?	Yes, if we keep in mind that the parentheses are not really there
What would you call $(x + 3)$	We call it a representation for $x + 3$
Why is $(x + 3)$ a good representation?	<p>Because</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 $(x + 3)$ is an S expression. It can therefore serve as an argument for a function, and 2 It structurally resembles the expression we want to represent
True or false, (numbered? x) where x is 1	True
How do you represent $3 + 4 \times 5$	$(3 + (4 \times 5))$
True or false, (numbered? y) where y is $(3 + (4 \times 5))$	True
True or false, (numbered? s) where s is $(2 \times \text{sausage})$	False, because sausage is not a number. It is a symbol ¹

Now you can write a skeleton for `numbered?`

```
(define numbered?
  (lambda (asexp)
    (cond
      ( _____ )
      ( _____ )
      ( _____ )
      ( _____ ))))
```

is a good guess

What is the first question?

`(atom? asexp)`

What is `(eq? (car (cdr asexp)) (quote +))`

It is the second question

Can you guess the third one?

`(eq? (car (cdr asexp)) (quote *))` is perfect

And you must know the fourth one

`(eq? (car (cdr asexp)) (quote +))`, of course

Should we ask another question about `asexp`?

No! So we could replace the previous question by `t`

Why do we ask not two but four questions about arithmetic expressions? After all, arithmetic expressions like `(1 + 3)` are lots

Because we consider `(1 + 3)` as a representation of an arithmetic expression in list form, not as a list itself. And, an arithmetic expression is either a number, or two arithmetic expressions combined by `+`, `*`, or `+`

Now you can almost write `numbered?`

Here is our proposal

```
(define numbered?
  (lambda (aexp)
    (cond
      ((atom? aexp) (number? aexp))
      ((eq? (car (cdr aexp)) (quote +))
       _____)
      ((eq? (car (cdr aexp)) (quote *))
       _____)
      ((eq? (car (cdr aexp)) (quote /))
       _____)
      (else (numbered? (car (cdr aexp)))))))
```

Why do we ask `(number? aexp)` when we know that `aexp` is an atom?

Because we want to know if all arithmetic expressions that are atoms are numbers.

What do we need to know if the `aexp` consists of two arithmetic expressions combined by `+`

We need to find out whether the two subexpressions are numbered

In which position is the first sub-expression?

It is the `car` of `aexp`

In which position is the second sub-expression?

It is the `car` of the `cdr` of the `cdr` of `aexp`

So what do we need to ask?

```
(numbered? (car aexp)) and
(numbered? (car (cdr (cdr aexp))))
Both questions must be true
```

What is the second question?

```
(and (numbered? (car aexp))
     (numbered? (car (cdr (cdr aexp)))))
```

Try `numbered?` again

```
(define numbered?
  (lambda (aexp)
    (cond
      ((atom? aexp) (number? aexp))
      ((eq? (car (cdr aexp)) (quote +))
       (and
        (numbered? (car aexp))
        (numbered?
         (car (cdr (cdr aexp))))))
      ((eq? (car (cdr aexp)) (quote *))
       (and
        (numbered? (car aexp))
        (numbered?
         (car (cdr (cdr aexp))))))
      ((eq? (car (cdr aexp)) (quote ^))
       (and
        (numbered? (car aexp))
        (numbered?
         (car (cdr (cdr aexp)))))))))
```

Since `aexp` is known to be an arithmetic expression, could we have written `numbered?` in a simpler way?

Yes

```
(define numbered?
  (lambda (aexp)
    (cond
      ((atom? aexp) (number? aexp))
      (#(and
        (numbered? (car aexp))
        (numbered?
         (car (cdr (cdr aexp)))))))))
```

(value *s*) where
s is cookie

No answer

(value *acxp*) returns what we think is the
natural value of a numbered arithmetic ex-
pression.

We hope

How many questions will value ask about
acxp?

Four

Now, let's write a first attempt at value

```
(define value
  (lambda (acxp)
    (cond
      ((number? acxp)
        _____)
      ((eq? (car (cdr acxp)) (quote +))
        _____)
      ((eq? (car (cdr acxp)) (quote ×))
        _____)
      (t _____ ))))
```

What is the natural value of an arithmetic
expression that is a number?

It is just that number

What is the natural value of an arithmetic
expression that consists of two arithmetic
expressions combined by +

If we had the natural value of the two subex-
pressions, we could just add up the two
values

Can you think of a way to get the value of the two subexpressions in $(1 + (3 \times 4))$

Of course, by applying `value` to 1, and to (3×4)

And in general?

By recurring with `value` on the subexpressions.

The Eighth Commandment

Recur on all the *subparts* that are of the same nature:

- On all the sublists of a list.
- On all the subexpressions of a representation of an arithmetic expression.

Give `value` another try

```
(define value
  (lambda (aexp)
    (cond
      ((number? aexp) aexp)
      ((eq? (car (cdr aexp)) (quote +))
       (+ (value (car aexp))
          (value (car (cdr (cdr aexp))))))
      ((eq? (car (cdr aexp)) (quote ×))
       (× (value (car aexp))
          (value (car (cdr (cdr aexp))))))
      (t (+ (value (car aexp))
             (value
              (car (cdr (cdr aexp))))))))
```

Could (+34)



Or (plus 3.4)



Is (plus (times 3 6) (expt 8 2)) a representation of an arithmetic expression?

Try to write the function value for a new kind of arithmetic expression that is either

Age Group	Male (%)	Female (%)
18-24	15	10
25-34	25	20
35-44	30	25
45-54	35	30
55-64	40	35
65-74	45	40
75-84	50	45
85+	55	50

- a number
- a list of the atom plus followed by two arithmetic expressions
- a list of the atom times followed by two arithmetic expressions
- or, a list of the atom *expt* followed by two arithmetic expressions

```
(define value
  (lambda (ascp)
    (cond
      ((number? ascp) ascp)
      ((eq? (car ascp) (quote plus))
       (+ (value (cdr ascp))
           (value (cdr (cdr ascp)))))
      ((eq? (car ascp) (quote times))
       (* (value (cdr ascp))
           (value (cdr (cdr ascp)))))
      (t (+ (value (cdr ascp))
              (value (cdr (cdr ascp)))))))
```

You missed it

In a nutshell

Let's try an example

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(number? *acc*), where
acc is (plus 1 3)

No

And now recur	Yes
What is (cdr aexp), where aexp is (plus 1 3)	(1 3)
(1 3) is not our representation of an arithmetic expression	No, we violated The Eighth Commandment (1 3) is not a subpart that is a representation of an arithmetic expression! We obviously recursed on a list. But remember, not all lists are representations of arithmetic expressions. We have to recur on subexpressions.
How can we get the first subexpression of a representation of an arithmetic expression?	By taking the car of the cdr
Is (cdr (cdr aexp)) an arithmetic expression where aexp is (plus 1 3)	No, the cdr of the cdr is (3), and (3) is not an arithmetic expression.
Again, we were thinking of the list (plus 1 3) instead of the representation for an arithmetic expression	Taking the car of the cdr of the cdr gets us back on the right track
What do we mean if we say the car of the cdr of aexp?	The first subexpression of the representation of an arithmetic expression

Let's write a function 1st-sub-exp for arithmetic expressions

```
(define 1st-sub-exp
  (lambda (aexp)
    (cond
      (t (car (cdr aexp))))))
```

Why do we ask t?

Because the first question is also the last question

Can we get by without (cond t) if we don't need to ask questions?

Yes, remember one-liners

```
(define 1st-sub-exp
  (lambda (aexp)
    (car (cdr aexp))))
```

Write 2nd-sub-exp for arithmetic expressions.

```
(define 2nd-sub-exp
  (lambda (aexp)
    (car (cdr (cdr aexp)))))
```

Finally, let's replace (car aexp) by (operator aexp)

```
(define operator
  (lambda (aexp)
    (car aexp)))
```

Now write value again

```
(define value
  (lambda (aexp)
    (cond
      ((number? aexp) aexp)
      ((eq? (operator aexp)
            (quote plus))
       (+ (value (1st-sub-exp aexp))
          (value (2nd-sub-exp aexp))))
      ((eq? (operator aexp)
            (quote times))
       (* (value (1st-sub-exp aexp))
          (value (2nd-sub-exp aexp))))
      (t (↑ (value (1st-sub-exp aexp))
              (value (2nd-sub-exp aexp)))))))
```

Can we use this value function for the first representation of arithmetic expressions in this chapter?

Yes, by changing 1st sub-exp and operator

Do it!

```
(define 1st-sub-exp
  (lambda (aexp)
    (car aexp)))
```

```
(define operator
  (lambda (aexp)
    (car (cdr aexp)))))
```

Wasn't this easy?

Yes, because we used help functions to hide the representation

The Ninth Commandment

Use help functions to abstract from representations.

Have we seen representations before?	Yes, we just did not tell you that they were representations
For what entities have we used representations?	Truth values ¹ Numbers ¹
Numbers are representations?	Yes. For example 4 stands for the concept four. We chose that symbol because we are accustomed to arabic representations
What else could we have used?	(() () () ()) would have served just as well. What about ((((()))))? How about (! V)?
Do you remember how many primitives we need for numbers?	Four: number?, zero?, add1, and sub1
Let's try another representation for numbers. How shall we represent zero now?	() is our choice
How is one represented?	(())
How is two represented?	(() ())
Got it? What's three?	Three is (() () ())
Write a function to test for the null list	<pre> (define null? (lambda (s) (and (atom? s) (eq? s (quote ())))) </pre>

Write a function to test for zero

```
(define zero?  
  (lambda (n)  
    (null? n)))
```

Can you write add1

```
(define add1  
  (lambda (n)  
    (cons (quote ( )) n)))
```

What about sub1

```
(define sub1  
  (lambda (n)  
    (cdr n)))
```

Is this correct?

Let's see

What is (sub1 n) where n is ()

No answer, but that's fine
— Recall The Law of Cdr

Rewrite + using this representation.

```
(define +  
  (lambda (n m)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? m) n)  
      (# (add1 (+ n (sub1 m)))))))
```

Has the definition of + changed?

No, only the definitions of its help functions
(i.e., zero?, add1, and sub1) have changed

How do we define a number in general?

A number is either zero or it is one added to
a number.

How many questions do we need to ask in order to write `number?`

Two

What is used in the natural recursion for `number?`

`(cdr n)`

Write the function `number?`

```
(define number?  
  (lambda (n)  
    (cond  
      ((null? n) t)  
      (t (and  
          (null? (car n))  
          (number? (cdr n)))))))
```

Is `(cookie)` a number in our representation?

No, but you deserve one now!

Go and get one!

Or better yet, make your own.

```
(define cookies
  (lambda ( )
    (bake
      (quote (350 degrees))
      (quote (12 minutes))
      (mix
        (quote (walnuts 1 cup))
        (quote (chocolate-chips 16 ounces))
        (mix
          (mix
            (quote (flour 2 cups))
            (quote (oatmeal 2 cups))
            (quote (salt 5 teaspoon))
            (quote (baking powder 1 teaspoon))
            (quote (baking soda 1 teaspoon)))
          (mix
            (quote (eggs 2 large))
            (quote (vanilla 1 teaspoon))
            (cream
              (quote (butter 1 cup))
              (quote (sugar 2 cups))))))))))
```

Exercises

For these exercises,

```
acexp1 is (1 + (3 × 4))
acexp2 is ((3 + 4) + 5)
acexp3 is (3 × (4 × (5 × 6)))
acexp4 is 5
if is ( )
is is (3 + (66 6))
lexp1 is (AND (OR x y) y)
lexp2 is (AND (NOT y) (OR u v))
lexp3 is (OR x y)
lexp4 is x
```

7.1 So far we have neglected functions that build representations for arithmetic expressions. For example, `mk+exp`

```
(define mk+exp
  (lambda (acexp1 acexp2)
    (cons acexp1
      (cons (quote +)
        (cons acexp2 ( ))))))
```

makes an arithmetic expression of the form $(acexp1 + acexp2)$, where `acexp1`, `acexp2` are already arithmetic expressions. Write the corresponding functions `mk×exp` and `mktxp`

The arithmetic expression $(1 + 3)$ can now be built by $(mk+exp\ x\ y)$, where x is 1 and y is 3. Show how to build `acexp1`, `acexp2`, and `acexp3`

7.2 A useful function is `sexp?` that checks whether an S-expression is the representation of an arithmetic expression. Write the function `sexp?` and test it with some of the arithmetic expressions from the chapter. Also test it with S-expressions that are not arithmetic expressions.

Example: `(sexp? sexp1)` is true,
`(sexp? sexp2)` is true,
`(sexp? 11)` is false,
`(sexp? 18)` is false

7.3 Write the function `count-op` that counts the operators in an arithmetic expression.

Example: `(count-op sexp1)` is 2,
`(count-op sexp2)` is 3,
`(count-op sexp4)` is 0.

Also write the functions `count+`, `count*`, and `count+` that count the respective operators.

Example: `(count+ sexp1)` is 1,
`(count* sexp1)` is 1,
`(count+ sexp1)` is 0

7.4 Write the function `count-numbers` that counts the numbers in an arithmetic expression.

Example: `(count-numbers sexp1)` is 3,
`(count-numbers sexp2)` is 4,
`(count-numbers sexp4)` is 1

7.5 Since it is inconvenient to write $(3 \times (4 \times (5 \times 6)))$ for multiplying 4 numbers, we now introduce prefix notation and allow $+$ and \times expressions to contain 2, 3, or 4 subexpressions. For example, $(+ 3 2 (\times 7 8))$, $(\times 3 4 5 6)$ etc. are now legal representations. 1-expressions are also in prefix form but are still binary.

Rewrite the functions `number?` and `value` for the new definition of `sexp`.

Hint: You will need functions for extracting the third and the fourth subexpression of an arithmetic expression. You will also need a function `cnt-sexp` that counts the number of arithmetic subexpressions in the list following an operator.

Example: When `sexp1` is $(+ 3 2 (\times 7 8))$,
`sexp2` is $(\times 3 4 5 6)$, and
`sexp3` is $(+ sexp1 sexp2)$, then
`(cnt-sexp sexp1)` is 3,
`(cnt-sexp sexp2)` is 4,
`(cnt-sexp sexp3)` is 2

7.7 Write the function `covered?` of `leap` and `let` that tests whether all the variables in `leap` are in `let`.

Example: When `lt` is `(x y z u)`, then

`(covered? leap1 lt)` is true,

`(covered? leap3 lt)` is false,

`(covered? leap4 lt)` is true

7.8 For the evaluation of L-expressions we will need an `alist`. An `alist` for L-expressions is a list of pairs. The first component of a pair is always an atom, the second one is either the number 0 (signifying false) or 1 (signifying true). The second component is referred to as the value of the variable. Write the function `lookup` of `var` and `alist` that returns the value of the first pair in `alist` whose `car` is `eq?` to `var`.

Example: When `lt` is `((x 1) (y 0))`,

`ls` is `((u 1) (v 1))`,

`ls'` is `()`,

`a` is `y`

`b` is `u`, then

`(lookup a lt)` is 0,

`(lookup b ls)` is 1,

`(lookup a ls')` has no answer

7.9 If the list of atoms in an `alist` for L-expressions contains all the variables of an L-expression `leap`, then `leap` can be evaluated with respect to this `alist`. (Use the function `covered?` from Exercise 7.7 for the appropriate test.) Write the function `Mleap` of `leap` and `alist`.

`(Mleap leap alist)` is true

— if `leap` is a variable and its value is true, or

— if `leap` is an AND-expression and both subexpressions yield true, or

— if `leap` is an OR-expression and one of the subexpressions yields true, or

— if `leap` is a NOT-expression and the subexpression yields false

Otherwise `Mleap` yields false. `Mleap` has no answer if the expression is not covered by `(atoms alist)`

Example: When `lt` is `((x 1) (y 0) (z 0))`,

`ls` is `((y 0) (u 0) (v 1))`, then

(Mlisp lisp1 l1) is false,

(Mlisp lisp2 l2) is true,

(Mlisp lisp4 l4) is false

Hint: You will need the function lookup from Exercise 7.8

7.10 Extend the representation of L-expressions to AND and OR several subexpressions, i.e.,

(AND x (OR u v w) y).

Rewrite the function Mlisp from Exercise 7.9 for this representation

Hint: Exercise 7.5 is a similar extension of arithmetic expressions.

Friends and Relations



(set? lat), where
lat is (apples peaches pears plums)

t, because no atom appears more than once

(set? lat), where
lat is ()

t, because no atom appears more than once

Try to write set?

```
(define set?  
  (lambda (lat)  
    (cond  
      ((null? lat) t)  
      (t (cond  
           ((member? (car lat) (cdr lat))  
            nil)  
           (t (set? (cdr lat)))))))
```

Simplify set?

```
(define set?  
  (lambda (lat)  
    (cond  
      ((null? lat) t)  
      ((member? (car lat) (cdr lat)) nil)  
      (t (set? (cdr lat))))))
```

Does this work for the example
(apple 3 pear 4 9 apple 3 4)

Yes, since member? is now written using
equal? instead of eq?

Were you surprised to see the function
member? appear in the definition of set?

You should not be, because we have written
member? already, and now we can use it
whenever we like.

Try to write `makeset`, using `member?`

```
(define makeset
  (lambda (lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      ((member? (car lat) (cdr lat))
       (makeset (cdr lat)))
      (t (cons (car lat)
                 (makeset (cdr lat)))))))
```

Are you surprised to see how short this is?

We hope so. But don't be afraid. It's right.

Using the definition that you just wrote, what is the result of `(makeset lat)`, where

`(pear plum apple lemon peach)`.

`lat` is `(apple peach pear peach
plum apple lemon peach)`

Try to write `makeset`, using `multirember`

```
(define makeset
  (lambda (lat)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (quote ( )))
      (t (cons (car lat)
                 (makeset
                  (multirember
                   (car lat) (cdr lat))))))))
```

What is the result of `(makeset lat)` using this second definition, where

`(apple peach pear plum lemon)`

`lat` is `(apple peach pear peach
plum apple lemon peach)`

Can you describe in your own words how the second definition of `make-set` works?

Here are our words:

"`make-set` saves the first atom in the list, and then recurs, after removing all occurrences of the first atom from the rest of the list."

Does the second `make-set` work for the example
(apple 3 pear 4 9 apple 3 4)

Yes, since `multirember` is now written using `equal?` instead of `eq?`

What is `(subset? set1 set2)`, where
`set1` is (5 chicken wings), and
`set2` is (5 hamburgers
2 pieces fried chicken and
eight duckling wings)

t, because each atom in `set1` is also in `set2`

What is `(subset? set1 set2)`, where
`set1` is (4 pounds of horseradish), and
`set2` is (four pounds chicken and
5 ounces horseradish)

nil

Try to write `subset?`

```
(define subset?  
  (lambda (set1 set2)  
    (cond  
      ((null? set1) t)  
      (t (cond  
            ((member? (car set1) set2)  
             (subset? (cdr set1) set2))  
            (t nil))))))
```

Try to write a shorter version of `subset?`

```
(define subset?  
  (lambda (set1 set2)  
    (cond  
      ((null? set1) t)  
      ((member? (car set1) set2)  
       (subset? (cdr set1) set2))  
      (t nil))))
```

Try to write `subset?` with `(and ...)`

```
(define subset?  
  (lambda (set1 set2)  
    (cond  
      ((null? set1) t)  
      (t (and  
          (member? (car set1) set2)  
          (subset? (cdr set1) set2))))))
```

What is `(eqset? set1 set2)`, where
 `set1` is (6 large chickens with wings), and
 `set2` is (6 chickens with large wings)

t

Try to write `eqset?`

```
(define eqset?  
  (lambda (set1 set2)  
    (cond  
      ((subset? set1 set2)  
       (subset? set2 set1))  
      (t nil))))
```

Can you write `eqset?` with only one `cond`
line?

```
(define eqset?  
  (lambda (set1 set2)  
    (cond  
      (t (and  
          (subset? set1 set2)  
          (subset? set2 set1))))))
```

Write the one-liner

```
(define eqset?
  (lambda (set1 set2)
    (and
      (subset? set1 set2)
      (subset? set2 set1))))
```

(intersect? set1 set2), where
set1 is (tomatoes and macaroni), and
set2 is (macaroni and cheese)

t,
because at least one atom in set1 is in
set2

Try to write intersect?

```
(define intersect?
  (lambda (set1 set2)
    (cond
      ((null? set1) nil)
      (t (cond
          ((member? (car set1) set2) t)
          (t (intersect?
              (cdr set1) set2)))))))
```

Try to write the shorter version

```
(define intersect?
  (lambda (set1 set2)
    (cond
      ((null? set1) nil)
      ((member? (car set1) set2) t)
      (t (intersect? (cdr set1) set2)))))
```

Try writing `intersect?` with `(or ...)`

```
(define intersect?  
  (lambda (set1 set2)  
    (cond  
      ((null? set1) nil)  
      (t (or  
          (member? (car set1) set2)  
          (intersect?  
            (cdr set1) set2)))))))
```

Look back at `subset?` and compare for similarities

What is `(intersect set1 set2)`, where
 `set1` is `(tomatoes and macaroni)`, and
 `set2` is `(macaroni and cheese)`

`(and macaroni)`

Try to write `intersect`

```
(define intersect  
  (lambda (set1 set2)  
    (cond  
      ((null? set1) (quote ( )))  
      ((member? (car set1) set2)  
       (cons (car set1)  
             (intersect (cdr set1) set2)))  
      (t (intersect (cdr set1) set2)))))
```

Rewrite `intersect` with
 `(member? (car set1) set2)`
replaced by
 `(not (member? (car set1) set2))`

```
(define intersect  
  (lambda (set1 set2)  
    (cond  
      ((null? set1) (quote ( )))  
      ((not (member? (car set1) set2))  
       (intersect (cdr set1) set2))  
      (t (cons (car set1)  
                (intersect (cdr set1) set2))))))
```

Confused?

Write out the long versions and start simplifying when they are correct.

What is `(union set1 set2)`, where
`set1` is `(tomatoes and macaroni casserole)`,
and
`set2` is `(macaroni and cheese)`

`(tomatoes casserole macaroni and cheese)`

Try to write `union`

```
(define union
  (lambda (set1 set2)
    (cond
      ((null? set1) set2)
      ((member? (car set1) set2)
       (union (cdr set1) set2))
      (t (cons (car set1)
                 (union (cdr set1) set2)))))))
```

What is this function?

```
(define xxx
  (lambda (set1 set2)
    (cond
      ((null? set1) (quote ( )))
      ((member? (car set1) set2)
       (xxx (cdr set1) set2))
      (t (cons (car set1)
                 (xxx (cdr set1) set2)))))))
```

In our words

"It is a function which returns all the
atoms in `set1` that are not in `set2`."

That is, `xxx` is the complement function.

What is `(intersectall l set)`, where
`l-set` is `((a b c) (c a d e) (e f g h a b))`

(a)

What is (intersectall *l-set*), where
l-set is ((6 pears and
 (3 peaches and 6 peppers)
 (8 pears and 6 plums)
 (and 6 prunes with lots of apples)))

Now, using whatever help functions you
need, write intersectall assuming that the
list of sets is non-empty

```
(define intersectall  
  (lambda (l-set)  
    (cond  
      ((null? (cdr l-set)) (car l-set))  
      (t (intersect (car l-set)  
                     (intersectall (cdr l-set)))))))
```

Is this a pair?
(pear pear)

Yes, because it is a list with only two atoms

Is this a pair?
(3 7)

Yes

Is this a pair?
(2 pair)

Yes

Is this a pair?
(full house)

Yes

How can you refer to the first atom of a
pair?

By taking the car of the pair

How can you refer to the second atom of a
pair?

By taking the car of the cdr of the pair

How can you make a pair with two atoms?

You cons the first atom onto the cons of the second atom onto (). That is,
(cons a1 (cons a2 (quote ())))

```
(define first  
  (lambda (p)  
    (cond  
      (t (car p)))))
```

```
(define second  
  (lambda (p)  
    (cond  
      (t (car (cdr p)))))
```

```
(define build  
  (lambda (a1 a2)  
    (cond  
      (t (cons a1  
                (cons a2 (quote ( )))))))
```

What possible uses do these three functions have?

They will be used to make representations of pairs and to get hold of parts of representations of pairs.

See Chapter 7

They will be used to improve readability as you will soon see

Redefine first, second, and build as one-liners

Does the definition of build require atoms as arguments?

Can you write third as a one-liner?

```
(define third  
  (lambda (l)  
    (car (cdr (cdr l)))))
```

In l a rel, where
l is (apples peaches pumpkin pie)

No, since l is not a list of pairs. We use rel to stand for relation

Is *l* a rel, where
l is ((apples peaches) (pumpkin pie))

Yes

Is *l* a rel, where
l is ((4 3) (4 2) (7 6) (6 2) (3 4))

Yes

Is *rel* a fun, where
rel is ((4 3) (4 2) (7 6) (6 2) (3 4))

No We use fun to stand for function.

What is (fun? *rel*), where
rel is ((8 3) (4 2) (7 6) (6 2) (3 4))

t, because (firsts *rel*) is a set
—See Chapter 3.

Try to write fun?

How about this?

```
(define fun?  
  (lambda (rel)  
    (cond  
      ((null? rel) t)  
      ((member?  
        (firsts (car rel)) (cdr rel))  
       nil)  
      (t (fun? (cdr rel))))))
```

When will this definition of fun? work?

When
(not (intersect? (firsts *rel*) (seconds *rel*)))

Try again to write (fun? *rel*) so it will work
for the case where
rel is ((8 3) (4 2) (7 6) (6 2) (3 4))

```
(define fun?  
  (lambda (rel)  
    (cond  
      ((null? rel) t)  
      ((member?  
        (firsts (car rel)) (firsts (cdr rel))  
       nil)  
      (t (fun? (cdr rel))))))
```

Rewrite `fun?` with `set?`

```
(define fun?  
  (lambda (ref)  
    (set? (first ref))))
```

What is `(revrel ref)`, where
`ref` is `((8 a) (pumpkin pie) (got sick))`

`((a 8) (pie pumpkin) (sick got))`

Try to write `revrel`

```
(define revrel  
  (lambda (ref)  
    (cond  
      ((null? ref) (quote ( )))  
      (t (cons  
           (build  
            (second (car ref))  
            (first (car ref)))  
            (revrel (cdr ref)))))))
```

Would the following also be correct

```
(define revrel  
  (lambda (ref)  
    (cond  
      ((null? ref) (quote ( )))  
      (t (cons  
           (cons  
            (car (cdr (car ref)))  
            (cons  
             (car (car ref))  
             (quote ( ))))  
            (revrel (cdr ref)))))))
```

Yes, but now do you see how representation
aids readability?

Can you guess why `fun` is not a *fullfun*,
where

`fun` is `((8 3) (4 2) (7 6) (6 2) (3 4))`

`fun` is not a *fullfun*, since the 2 appears more
than once as a second atom of a pair

Why is `t` the value of `(fullfun? fun)`, where
`fun` is `((8 3) (4 8) (7 6) (6 2) (3 4))`

Because the list `(3 8 6 2 4)` is a set

What is `(fullfun? fun)`, where
`fun` is `((grape raisin)
 (plum prune)
 (stewed prune))`

`nil`

What is `(fullfun? fun)`, where
`fun` is `((grape raisin)
 (plum prune)
 (stewed grape))`

`t`, because the list `(raisin prune grape)` is a
set

Try to write `(fullfun? fun)`

```
(define fullfun?  
  (lambda (fun)  
    (set? (seconds fun))))
```

What is another function name for `fullfun?`

`one-to-one?`

Can you think of a second way to write
`one to one?`

```
(define one-to-one?  
  (lambda (fun)  
    (fun? (reverse fun))))
```

If one of the ways you just wrote that last function was

- 1 Sitting down
 - 2 Standing up
 - 3 Standing on your head

For these exercises,

```
r1 is ((a b) (a a) (b b))
r2 is ((c c))
r3 is ((a c) (b c))
r4 is ((a b) (b a))
f1 is ((a 1) (b 2) (c 2) (d 1))
f2 is ( )
f3 is ((a 2) (b 1))
f4 is ((1 $) (3 *))
d1 is (a b)
d2 is (c d)
x is 3
```

8.1 Write the function `domset` of `rel` which makes a set of all the atoms in `rel`. This set is referred to as *domain-of-discourse* of the relation `rel`.

Example (domset `r1`) is (a b),
(domset `r2`) is (c),
(domset `r3`) is (a b c)

Also write the function `idrel` of `s` which makes a relation of all pairs of the form `(d d)` where `d` is an atom of the set `s`. `(idrel s)` is called the *identity relation on s*.

Example: (idrel `d1`) is ((a a) (b b)),
(idrel `d2`) is ((c c) (d d)),
(idrel `f2`) is ()

8.2 Write the function `reflexive?` which tests whether a relation is reflexive. A relation is reflexive if it contains all pairs of the form `(d d)` where `d` is an element of its domain of discourse (see Exercise 8.1).

Example (reflexive? `r1`) is true,
(reflexive? `r2`) is true,
(reflexive? `r3`) is false

8.3 Write the function `symmetric?` which tests whether a relation is *symmetric*. A relation is symmetric if it is equal? to its `revel`.

Example: `(symmetric? r1)` is false,
 `(symmetric? r2)` is true,
 `(symmetric? f2)` is true

Also write the function `antisymmetric?` which tests whether a relation is *antisymmetric*. A relation is antisymmetric if the intersection of the relation with its `revel` is a subset of the identity relation on its domain of discourse (see Exercise 8.1).

Example: `(antisymmetric? r1)` is true,
 `(antisymmetric? r2)` is true,
 `(antisymmetric? r4)` is false

And finally, this is the function `asymmetric?` which tests whether a relation is *asymmetric*.

```
(define asymmetric?  
  (lambda (rel)  
    (null? (intersect rel (revel rel)))))
```

Find out which of the sample relations is asymmetric. Characterize asymmetry in one sentence.

8.4 Write the function `sapply` of `f` and `x` which returns the value of `f` at place `x`. That is, it returns the second of the pair whose first is `eq?` to `x`.

Example: `(sapply f1 x)` is 1
 `(sapply f2 x)` has no answer,
 `(sapply f3 x)` is 2

8.5 Write the function `rcomp` of `f` and `g` which composes two functions. If `g` contains an element $\langle x, y \rangle$ and `f` contains an element $\langle y, z \rangle$, then the composed function `(rcomp f g)` will contain $\langle x, z \rangle$.

Example: `(rcomp f1 f4)` is $\langle \rangle$,
 `(rcomp f1 f3)` is $\langle \rangle$,
 `(rcomp f4 f1)` is $\langle \langle a, 3 \rangle \langle d, 5 \rangle \rangle$,
 `(rcomp f4 f3)` is $\langle \langle b, 5 \rangle \rangle$

Hint: The function `sapply` from Exercise 8.4 may be useful.

8.6 Write the function `Rapply` of `rel` and `x` which returns the value `set` of `rel` at place `x`. The value `set` is the set of second components of all the pairs whose first component is `eq?` to `x`.

Example: `(Rapply f1 x)` is $\langle 1 \rangle$,
 `(Rapply r1 x)` is $\langle b, a \rangle$,
 `(Rapply f2 x)` is $\langle \rangle$

8.7 Write the function `run` of `x` and `set` which produces a relation of pairs $(x\ d)$ where d is element of `set`

Example `(run x d1)` is $((a\ a)\ (a\ b))$,
`(run x d2)` is $((a\ c)\ (a\ d))$,
`(run x f2)` is $()$

8.8 Relations can be composed with the following function

```
(define (comp  
  (lambda (rel1 rel2)  
    (cond  
      ((null? rel1) (quote ( )))  
      (t (union  
          (run  
            (first (car rel1))  
            (apply rel2 (second (car rel1))))  
          (comp (cdr rel1) rel2)))))))
```

See Exercises 8.6 and 8.7

Find the values of `(comp r1 r2)`, `(comp r1 f1)`, and `(comp r1 r1)`

8.9 Write the function `transitive?` which tests whether a relation is transitive. A relation `rel` transitive if the composition of `rel` with `rel` is a subset of `rel` (see Exercise 8.8)

Example `(transitive? r1)` is true,
`(transitive? r2)` is true,
`(transitive? f1)` is true

Find a relation for which `transitive?` yields false

8.10 Write the functions `quasi-order?`, `partial-order?`, and `equivalence?` which test whether relation is a quasi-order, a partial-order, or an equivalence relation, respectively. A relation is
—quasi-order if it is reflexive and transitive,
—partial-order if it is a quasi-order and antisymmetric,
—equivalence relation if it is a quasi-order and symmetric

See Exercises 8.2, 8.3, and 8.9

Chapter 9

Lambda The Ultimate



Remember what we did in `remember` and insert it at the end of Chapter 6?

We replaced `eq?` by `equal?`

Can you write a function `remember-f` that would use either `eq?` or `equal?`?

No, because we have not yet told you how to do this

How can you make `remember` remove the first `a` from `(b c a)`?

By passing `a` and `(b c a)` as arguments to `remember`

How can you make `remember` remove the first `c` from `(b c a)`?

By passing `c` and `(b c a)` as arguments to `remember`

How can you make `remember f` use `equal?` instead of `eq?`?

By passing `equal?` as an argument to `remember-f`.

What is `(remember f test? a l)`, where
 `test?` is `=`,¹
 `a` is 5, and
 `l` is `(6 2 5 3)`?

`(6 2 3)`

¹ I. E. `(test? = (function (=)) or (test? = =))`
Now try `(remember-f = 5 '(6 2 5 3))`.

What is `(remember f test? a l)`, where
 `test?` is `eq?`,¹
 `a` is jelly, and
 `l` is `(jelly beans are good)`?

`(beans are good)`

And what is (member f test? a l), where
test? is equal?,
a is (pop corn), and
l is (lemonade (pop corn) and (cake))

(lemonade and (cake))

Try to write member f

```
(define member-f
  (lambda (test? a l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))
      (t (cond
          ((test? (car l) a) (cdr l))
          (t (cons (car l)
                    (member-f test? a (cdr l))))))))
```

This is good¹

¹ Lc (funcall test? (car l) a) Use funcall when
checking a function argument.

What about the short version?

```
(define member-f
  (lambda (test? a l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))
      ((test? (car l) a) (cdr l))
      (t (cons (car l)
                (member-f test? a (cdr l))))))
```

How does (member f test? a l) act where
test? is eq?

(member-f test? a l), where test? is eq?, acts
like member

And what about (member-f test? a l) where
test? is always equal?

This is just member with eq? replaced by
equal?

Now we have four functions which do almost the same thing

Yes
remember with `=`,
remember with `equal?`,
remember with `eq?`, and
remember `f`

And remember `f` can simulate all the others

Yes, so let's generate all the other versions with `remember-f`.

What kind of values can functions return?

Lists, symbols, numbers, `t`, and `nil`

What about functions themselves?

Yes,
but you probably did not know that yet

Can you say what `(lambda (a f) ...)` does?

`(lambda (a f) ...)` indicates that the expression is a function that takes two arguments, `a` and `f`

Now what is
`(lambda (a)
 (lambda (x)
 (eq? x a)))`

It is a function that, when passed an argument `a` returns the function
`(lambda (x)
 (eq? x a))`
where `a` is just that argument

Using `(define ...)`, give the preceding function a name

```
(define eq? c  
  (lambda (a)  
    (lambda (x)  
      (eq? x a))))1
```

This is our choice

What is (eq? c k) where
k is salad

Its value is a function that takes x as an argument and tests whether it is eq? to salad.

So let's give it a name using (define)

Okay

```
(define1 eq? salad (eq? c k))
```

where k is salad

¹ `Let (setq eq?-salad (eq?-c 'salad)).`
Use `setq` to define a function that will be recalled

(eq? salad y), where y is tuna

nil

(eq? salad y), where y is salad

t

Do we need to give a name to eq? salad

No, we may just as well ask
((eq?-c x) y),
where
x is salad, and
y is tuna

Now you can write a function member f that,
when passed a function as an argument,
returns a function that acts like member-f
where test? is just that argument

```
(define member-f  
  (lambda (test?)  
    (lambda (e l)  
      (cond  
        ((null? l) (quote ( )))  
        ((test? (car l) e) (car l))  
        (t (cons (car l) _____ ))))))
```

is again a good try

Describe in your own words the result of
(remember-f test?),
where
test? is eq?

A function that takes two arguments, a
and l. It compares the elements of the list
with a, and the first one that is eq? to a is
removed

Give a name to the function which is re-
turned by
(remember-f test?),
where
test? is eq?

```
(define remember-eq? (remember-f test?))
```

where
test? is eq?

What is (remember-eq? a l), where
a is tuna, and
l is (tuna salad is good)

(salad is good)

Did we need to give a name (by defining
remember-eq?) to (remember-f test?) where
test? is eq?

No, we could have written
((remember-f test?) a l)¹,
where
test? is eq?,
a is tuna, and
l is (tuna salad is good)

¹ `Let (fencall1 (remember-f eq)
tuna
(tuna salad is good))`

Now, complete the line
(cons (car l) _____)
in remember-f so that remember-f really works

```
(define remember-f  
  (lambda (test?)  
    (lambda (a l)  
      (cond  
        ((null? l) (quote ( )))  
        ((test? (car l) a) (cdr l))  
        (t (cons (car l)  
                  ((remember-f test?)  
                    a (cdr l)))))))
```

And now transform `insertl` to `insertl-f` the same way we have transformed `rember` into `rember-f`

```
(define insertl-f
  (lambda (test?)
    (lambda (new old l)
      (cond
        ((null? l) (quote ( )))
        ((test? (car l) old)
         (cons new (cons old (cdr l))))
        (t (cons (car l)
                  ((insertl-f test?)
                   new old (cdr l)))))))
```

And, just for the exercise, do it to `insertR`

```
(define insertR-f
  (lambda (test?)
    (lambda (new old l)
      (cond
        ((null? l) (quote ( )))
        ((test? (car l) old)
         (cons old (cons new (cdr l))))
        (t (cons (car l)
                  ((insertR-f test?)
                   new old (cdr l)))))))
```

`insertR` and `insertl` are very similar

Yes, only the middle piece is a little bit different.

Can you write a function `insert-g` which would insert either at the left or at the right?

If you can, get yourself some coffee cake and relax! Otherwise, don't give up. You'll see it in a minute.

Which pieces differ?

The second lines differ from each other. In `insert` it is:

```
((eq? (car l) old)
 (cons new (cons old (cdr l))))
```

but in `insert!` it is:

```
((eq? (car l) old)
 (cons old (cons new (cdr l))))
```

Put the difference in words!

We say:

"The two functions `cons old` and `new` in a different order onto the `cdr` of the list `l`."

So how can we get rid of the difference?

You probably guessed it: by passing in a function which expresses the appropriate *consing*.

Define a function `seq` which

1. takes three arguments, and
2. *conses* the first argument onto the result of *consing* the second argument onto the third argument

```
(define seq
  (lambda (new old l)
    (cons new (cons old l))))
```

What is

```
(define seqR
  (lambda (new old l)
    (cons old (cons new l))))
```

A function which

1. takes three arguments, and
2. *conses* the second argument onto the result of *consing* the first argument onto the third argument

Do you know why we wrote these functions?

Because they express what the two differing lines in `insert` and `insert!` express

Try to write the function `insert g` of one argument `seq`,
which is `insertL`,
when `seq` is `seqL`, and
which is `insertR`,
when `seq` is `seqR`.

```
(define insert-g
  (lambda (seq)
    (lambda (new old l)
      (cond
        ((null? l) (quote ( )))
        ((eq? (car l) old)
         (seq new old (cdr l)))
        (t (cons (car l)
                  ((insert-g seq)
                   new old (cdr l))))))))
```

Now define `insertL` with `insert g`

```
(define insertL (insert g seqL))
```

And `insertR`

```
(define insertR (insert g seqR))
```

Is there something unusual about these two definitions?

Yes. Earlier we would probably have written
`(define insertL (insert-g seqL))`,
where
`seq` is `seqL`,
and
`(define insertR (insert-g seq))`,
where
`seq` is `seqR`.
But when you pass functions as arguments
this is not necessary

Was it necessary to give names to `seqL` and `seqR`

Not really. We could have passed their definitions instead

Is this better?

Yes, because you do not need to remember as many names. You can (remember *func-name* 'your-mind'), where *func-name* is *seqq*.

Do you remember the definition of *subst*?

Here is the definition of *subst*

```
(define subst
  (lambda (new old f)
    (cond
      ((null? f) (quote ( )))
      ((eq? (car f) old)
       (cons new (cdr f)))
      (t (cons (car f)
                (subst new old (cdr f)))))))
```

Does this look familiar?

Yes, it looks like *insert* or *insertn*. Just the answer of the second *cond*-line is different

Define a function like *seqq* or *seqr* for *subst*

What do you think about

```
(define seqq
  (lambda (new old f)
    (cons new f)))
```

And now define *subst* using *insert* *g*

```
(define subst (insert g seqq))
```

And what do you think *xxx* is

```
(define xxx
  (lambda (a f)
    ((insert-g seqrem) nil a f)))
```

where

```
(define seqrem
  (lambda (new old f)
    f))
```

Surprise: It is our old friend *rember*!

Hint: Step through the evaluation of
(*xxx* *a* *f*),

where

a is *sausage*, and

f is (*pizza* with *sausage* and *bacon*)

What is the role of *nil*?

What you have just seen is the power of abstraction

The Tenth Commandment

Abstract functions with common structures
into a single function.

Have we seen similar functions before?

Yes, we have even seen functions with similar lines

Do you remember value from Chapter 7?

```
(define value
  (lambda (aexp)
    (cond
      ((number? aexp) aexp)
      ((eq? (operator aexp)
            (quote plus))
       (+ (value (1st-sub-exp aexp))
          (value (2nd-sub-exp aexp))))
      ((eq? (operator aexp)
            (quote times))
       (* (value (1st-sub-exp aexp))
          (value (2nd-sub-exp aexp))))
      (t (+ (value (1st-sub-exp aexp))
              (value (2nd-sub-exp aexp)))))))
```

Do you see the similarities?

The last three lines are the same except for
the +, ×, and +

Can you write a function atom-to-function
that

```
(define atom-to-function
  (lambda (x)
    (cond
      ((eq? x (quote +)) +)
      ((eq? x (quote ×)) ×)
      ((eq? x (quote +)) +))))
```

- 1 Takes one argument, x , and
- 2 Returns the function +
if (eq? x (quote +)),
Returns the function ×
if (eq? x (quote ×)), and
Returns the function +
if (eq? x (quote +))

Can you use atom-to-function to rewrite value with only two lines inside the (cond)

Of course

```
(define value
  (lambda (exp)
    (cond
      ((number? exp) exp)
      (t ((atom-to-function
            (operator exp))
          (value (1st-sub-exp exp))
          (value (2nd-sub-exp exp)))))))
```

Is this quite a bit shorter than the first version?

Yes, but that's okay. We haven't changed its meaning.

Write the functions subset? and intersect? next to each other

```
(define subset?
  (lambda (set1 set2)
    (cond
      ((null? set1) t)
      (t (and
          (member? (car set1) set2)
          (subset? (cdr set1) set2))))))
```

and

```
(define intersect?
  (lambda (set1 set2)
    (cond
      ((null? set1) nil)
      (t (or
          (member? (car set1) set2)
          (intersect?
           (cdr set1) set2))))))
```

Again, these functions have the same structure

Yes, they only differ in `(and ...)` and `(or ...)`, `t` and `nil`, and the name of the recursive function

So let's abstract them into a function
`(set-f? logical? const)`
which can generate `subset?` and `intersect?`

```
(define set-f?  
  (lambda (logical? const)  
    (lambda (set1 set2)  
      (cond  
        ((null? set1) const)  
        (t (logical?  
             (member? (car set1) set2)  
             ((set-f? logical? const)  
               (cdr set1) set2)))))))
```

Now, define `subset?` and `intersect?` using the function `set-f?`

```
(define subset? (set-f? and t))
```

```
(define intersect? (set-f? or nil))
```

almost work

Why don't they?

Because `and` and `or` are not really functions
They cannot be passed as arguments

So we write functions that do act like
`(and ...)` and `(or ...)`

Here they are

```
(define and-prime  
  (lambda (x y)  
    (and x y)))
```

```
(define or-prime  
  (lambda (x y)  
    (or x y)))
```

What does (and nil (subset? x y)) do, where x is (red wine tastes good), and y is (it goes well with brie cheese)	It returns nil without ever asking the second question!
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What does (or-prime t (intersect? x y)) do, where x is (red wine tastes good), and y is (it goes well with brie cheese)	It evaluates both questions. The first one to t, the second one to nil, and then it returns t
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What would (or) have done instead?	It would have answered t without asking the second question
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Why are both (and) and (or) unusual?	They do not always ask the second question ¹
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¹ Because of this property neither (and) nor (or ...) can be defined as functions in terms of (cond ...), but both (and ...) and (or ...) can be expressed in terms of (cond ...):

```
(and α β) = (cond (α β) (t nil))  
and
```

```
(or α β) = (cond (α t) (t β))
```

Macros are a mechanism for expressing these relationships

Which values do we need to ask the question (or x (intersect? (cdr set1) set2)), where x is the result of (member? (car set1) set2)	Only set1 and set2. The rest can be reconstructed
--	---

Now write

or-prime for intersect?,
and
and-prime for subset?

```
(define or-prime  
  (lambda (x set1 set2)  
    (or x (intersect? (cdr set1) set2))))
```

```
(define and-prime  
  (lambda (x set1 set2)  
    (and x (subset? (cdr set1) set2))))
```

Rewrite set-*l?* so that it can generate sub-*set?* and intersect? with and-prime and or-prime

```
(define set-l?  
  (lambda (logical? const)  
    (lambda (set1 set2)  
      (cond  
        ((null? set1) const)  
        (t (logical?  
             (member? (car set1) set2)  
             set1  
             set2))))))
```

But we have not yet defined intersect? and subset?

Well, that's what we defined or-prime and and-prime for

Do it!

```
(define intersect? (set-l? or-prime nil))
```

```
(define subset? (set-l? and-prime t))
```

Didn't we need intersect? for or-prime

No, we only assumed we could define it. And now we have it.

Recall the definition of `multirember`. Simplify `multirember` by removing the inner `(cond ...)`.

```
(define multirember
  (lambda (a l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))
      ((eq? (car l) a)
       (multirember a (cdr l)))
      (t (cons (car l)
                 (multirember a (cdr l)))))))
```

What is
 `(multirember (quote curry) l)`
where
 `l` is `(a b c curry e curry g curry)`

This is an application where `l` is associated with the value
 `(a b c curry e curry g curry)`
It has the value
 `(a b c e g)`

If we wrap this application by
 `(lambda (l) ...)`
what do we create?

We create a function
 `(lambda (l)`
 `(multirember (quote curry) l))`

We define the new function, and give it a name

`(a b c e g)`

```
(define member-curry
  (lambda (l)
    (multirember (quote curry) l)))
```

What is
 `(member-curry`
 `(quote (a b c curry e curry g curry)))`

Rewrite `member` `curry` using three questions

```
(define member-curry
  (lambda (l)
    (cond
      ((null? l) (quote ( )))
      ((eq? (car l) (quote curry))
       (member-curry (cdr l)))
      (t (cons (car l)
                (member-curry (cdr l)))))))
```

Compare `curry` `maker` to `insert-g`

```
(define curry-maker
  (lambda (future)
    (lambda (l)
      (cond
        ((null? l) (quote ( )))
        ((eq? (car l) (quote curry))
         ((curry-maker future) (cdr l)))
        (t (cons (car l)
                  ((curry-maker future)
                   (cdr l))))))))
```

The function `curry-maker` is like the function `member-curry` in the same way that `insert-g` is like `insert!`. It takes one extra argument `future`. When it is applied to an argument, it returns a function that looks like `member-curry` except for the applications `(curry-maker future)`.

Does `curry-maker` ever use the argument `future`?

No, unlike `eq?`, `future` is just passed around. When `curry-maker` reaches the end of the list, `future` is not used.

Can `curry-maker` then make `member-curry`?

Yes, it can.

Define `member-curry` using `curry-maker`

```
(define member-curry (curry-maker 0))
```

Does it matter what we use to define `member-curry`?

No, `future` is never used.

Can we use `curry-maker` to define `member-curry` with `curry-maker`

Of course,

```
(define member-curry
  (curry-maker curry-maker))
```

If we define `member-curry` this way what does `future` become?

The value of *future* is `curry-maker`

But can't we then just use `future` to replace `curry-maker` in `curry-maker`

Yes, we sure can.

We call the function we just described "function-maker" because its results are functions. Write `function-maker`

```
(define function-maker
  (lambda (future)
    (lambda (f)
      (cond
        ((null? f) (quote ( )))
        ((eq? (car f) (quote curry))
         ((future future) (cdr f)))
        (t (cons (car f)
                  ((future future) (cdr f))))))))
```

Describe in your own words the function `function-maker`

Here is what we say:

"When the function `function-maker` is applied to one argument that is a function and that returns `member-curry` when applied to one argument, then `function-maker` yields `member-curry`."

That explanation sounds as if `function-maker` needs an argument that is just like `function-maker` in order to construct `member-curry`.

Yes, that is exactly what it says

Write `member-curry` using just function maker

```
(define member-curry
  (function-maker _____))
```

```
(define member-curry
  (function-maker function-maker))
```

Try studying the function with
(a b c curry e curry g h curry i)

If we define `member-curry` this way what does `future` become?

The value of `future` is function maker

Why does this definition of `member-curry` work?

Because the value of `(future future)` is the same as `(function-maker function-maker)` which is the same as `member-curry`

Do we have to define (or give a name to) `function-maker`?

No, because `function-maker` does not appear within its definition

Do we have to associate a name with `member-curry` using `(define ...)`

No, because `member-curry` does not appear within its definition

True or false: no recursive function needs to be given a name with `(define ...)`

True. We chose `member-curry` as an arbitrary recursive function

True or false: instances of `add1` can be replaced by
`(lambda (x) (add1 x))`

True, because
`((lambda (x) (add1 x)) x)`
is
 $x + 1$

True or false: instances of
`(lambda (x) (add1 x))`
can be replaced by
`(lambda (y)`
 `((lambda (x) (add1 x)) y))`

True, because adding the extra wrapping has no effect.

True or false: instances of
`(lambda (x) (add1 x))`
can be replaced by
`(lambda (x)
 ((lambda (x) (add1 x)) x))`

True, because in general for any function f of
one argument, f can be replaced by
`(lambda (x) (f x))`.
Can you think of an f where this is false?

Is the definition below the same as the
function-maker we defined earlier?

```
(define function-maker
  (lambda (future)
    (lambda (f)
      (cond
        ((null? f) (quote ( )))
        ((eq? (car f) (quote curry))
         ( (lambda (arg)
              ((future future) arg))
           (cdr f))))
      (t (cons (car f)
                ( (lambda (arg)
                     ((future future) arg))
                  (cdr f))))))))
```

Yes, because for an arbitrary function f we
can always replace it by
`(lambda (x) (f x))`
In our case f is the expression
`(future future)`,
and
 x is `arg`

Is the definition below the same as the function maker we just defined?

```
(define function-maker
  (lambda (future)
    (lambda (recfun)
      (lambda (l)
        (cond
          ((null? l) (quote ( )))
          ((eq? (car l)
                (quote curry))
           (recfun (cdr l)))
          (t (cons (car l)
                    (recfun (cdr l)))))))
      (lambda (arg)
        ((future future) arg))))
```

Yes, because the atom *l* does not appear in
(lambda (arg)

((future future) arg))

Hence, we can abstract out this piece, replacing it by an atom that is associated with it. We chose the atom *recfun*.

Can you make the definition of function maker simpler by breaking it up into two functions?

Hint: look at the inner box

```
(define function-maker
  (lambda (future)
    (M (lambda (arg)
        ((future future) arg))))))
```

```
(define M
  (lambda (recfun)
    (lambda (l)
      (cond
        ((null? l) (quote ( )))
        ((eq? (car l) (quote curry))
         (recfun (cdr l)))
        (t (cons (car l)
                  (recfun (cdr l)))))))
```

Why is it safe to name
(lambda (rec/fun))

Because all the variables are explicit arguments to M , or they are primitives

Write `member-curry` without using
`function-maker`.

Hint: Use the most recent definition of
function maker in two different places

From

```
(define member-curry  
  (function-maker function-maker))
```

we get

```
(define member-curry  
  ((lambda (future)  
    (M (lambda (arg)  
        ((future future) arg))))  
   (lambda (future)  
     (M (lambda (arg)  
         ((future future) arg)))))))
```

Do you need a rest?

Yes? Then take one

Abstract the definition of `member-curry` by
abstracting away the association with M .

Hint: wrap a (lambda (M)) around
the definition

We call this function `Y`

```
(define Y  
  (lambda (M)  
    ((lambda (future)  
      (M (lambda (arg)  
          ((future future) arg))))  
     (lambda (future)  
       (M (lambda (arg)  
           ((future future) arg)))))))
```

Write `member-curry` using `Y` and `M`

```
(define member-curry (Y M))
```

You have just worked through the derivation of a function called "the applicative-order Y-combinator." The interesting aspect of Y is that it produces recursive definitions without the bother of requiring that the functions be named with (define). Define L so that length is

```
(define length (Y L))
```

```
(define L
  (lambda (recfun)
    (lambda (l)
      (cond
        ((null? l) 0)
        (t (add1 (recfun (cdr l))))))))
```

Describe in your own words what f should be for (Y f) to work as expected

Our words

" f is a function which we want to be recursive, except that the atom `recfun` replaces the recursive call, and the whole expression is wrapped in
(lambda (recfun))"

Write length using Y, but not L, by substituting the definition for L.

```
(define length
  (Y
    (lambda (recfun)
      (lambda (l)
        (cond
          ((null? l) 0)
          (t (add1
              (recfun (cdr l))))))))
```

Does the Y-combinator need to be named with (define)

No

Rewrite length without using either Y or L

```
(define length
  ((lambda (M)
    ((lambda (future)
      (M (lambda (arg)
          ((future future) arg))))
      (lambda (future)
        (M (lambda (arg)
            ((future future) arg)))))))
  (lambda (recfun)
    (lambda (l)
      (cond
        ((null? l) 0)
        (t (add1 (recfun (cdr l))))))))
```

We observe that length does not need to be named with (define ...). Write an application that corresponds to

```
(length (quote (a b c)))
```

without using length.

```
((lambda (M)
  ((lambda (future)
    (M (lambda (arg)
        ((future future) arg))))
    (lambda (future)
      (M (lambda (arg)
          ((future future) arg)))))))
  (lambda (recfun)
    (lambda (l)
      (cond
        ((null? l) 0)
        (t (add1 (recfun (cdr l)))))))
  (quote (a b c)))
```

Whew, names may not be necessary, but they sure can be useful!

Does your hat still fit?

Perhaps not, if your mind has been stretched.

And when your mind has returned, enjoy yourself
with a great dinner:

((escargots garlic)
(chicken Provençal)
((red wine) and Brie))

is our advice †

9.1 Look up the functions `firsts` and `seconds` in Chapter 3. They can be generalized to a function `map` of `f` and `l` that applies `f` to every element in `l` and builds a new list with the resulting values. Write the function `map`. Then write the functions `firsts` and `seconds` using `map`.

9.2 Write the function `assq` of `a`, `l`, `sk`, and `fk`. The function searches through `l` which is a list of pairs until it finds a pair whose first component is `eq?` to `a`. Then the function invokes the function `sk` with this pair. If the search fails, `(fk a)` is invoked.

Example: When `a` is `apple`,

```
b1 is ( ),
b2 is ((apple 1) (plum 2)),
b3 is ((peach 3)),
sk is (lambda (p)
      (build (first p) (add1 (second p)))),
fk is (lambda (name)
      (cons
       name
       (quote (not in list))))), then
```

```
(assq a b1 sk fk) is (apple not-in-list),
```

```
(assq a b2 sk fk) is (apple 2),
```

```
(assq a b3 sk fk) is (apple not-in-list)
```

9.3 In the chapter we have derived a Y combinator that allows us to write recursive functions of one argument without using `define`. Here is the Y-combinator for functions of two arguments:

```
(define Y2
  (lambda (M)
    ((lambda (future)
      (M (lambda (arg1 arg2)
          ((future future) arg1 arg2)))))
     (lambda (future)
      (M (lambda (arg1 arg2)
          ((future future) arg1 arg2)))))))
```

Write the functions `=`, `rempack`, and `pick` from Chapter 4 using Y2

Note: There is a version of `(lambda ...)` for defining a function of an arbitrary number of arguments, and an `apply` function for applying such a function to a list of arguments. With this you can write a single Y-combinator for all functions.

9.4 With the Y combinator we can reduce the number of arguments on which a function has to recur. For example `member` can be rewritten as

```
(define member-Y
  (lambda (x l)
    ((Y (lambda (recfun)
          (lambda (l)
            (cond
              ((null? l) nil)
              (t (or
                  (eq? (car l) x)
                  (recfun (cdr l))))))))
      l)))
```

Step through the application `(member-Y x l)` where `x` is `x` and `l` is `(y x)`. Rewrite the functions `member`, `insertn`, and `subst2` from Chapter 3 in a similar manner.

9.5 In Exercises 6.7 through 6.10 we saw how to use the accumulator technique. Instead of accumulators, continuation functions are sometimes used. These functions abstract what needs to be done to complete an application. For example, `multisubst` can be defined as

```
(define multisubst-k
  (lambda (new old lat k)
    (cond
      ((null? lat) (k (quote ())))
      ((eq? (car lat) old)
       (multisubst-k new old (cdr lat)
                     (lambda (d)
                      (k (cons new d))))))
      (t (multisubst-k new old (cdr lat)
                       (lambda (d)
                        (k (cons (car lat) d))))))))
```

The initial continuation function `k` is always the function `(lambda (x) x)`. Step through the application of

(`multisubst-k` `new` `old` `lat` `k`),

where

`new` is `y`,
`old` is `x`, and
`lat` is `(u v x x y z x)`

Compare the steps to the application of `multisubst` to the same arguments. Write down the things you have to do when you return from a recursive application, and, next to it, write down the corresponding continuation function.

9.6 In Chapter 4 and Exercise 4.2 you wrote `addvec` and `multvec`. Abstract the two functions into a single function `accum`. Write the functions `length` and `occur` using `accum`.

9.7 In Exercise 7.3 you wrote the four functions `count-op`, `count+`, `count*`, and `count-t`. Abstract them into a single function `count-op-f` which generates the corresponding functions if passed an appropriate help function.

9.8 Functions of no arguments are called *thunks*. If f is a thunk, it can be evaluated with (f) . Consider the following version of `or` as a function:

```
(define or-func
  (lambda (or1 or2)
    (or (or1) (or2))))
```

Assuming that `or1` and `or2` are always thunks, convince yourself that `(or ...)` and `or-func` are equivalent. Consider as an example

```
(or (null? l) (atom? (car l)))
```

and the corresponding application

```
(or-func
  (lambda ( ) (null? l))
  (lambda ( ) (atom? (car l))))
```

where

```
l is ( )
```

Write `set- \cap` to take `or-func` and `and-func`. Write the functions `intersect?` and `subset?` with this `set- \cap` function.

9.9 When you build a pair with an S expression and a thunk (see Exercise 9.8) you get a *stream*. There are two functions defined on streams: `first$` and `second$`.

Note: In practice, you can actually cons an S expression directly onto a function. We prefer to stay with the less general `cons` function.

```
(define first$ first)
```

```
(define second$
  (lambda (str)
    ((second str))))
```

An example of a stream is `(build 1 (lambda () 2))`. Let's call this stream s . `(first$ s)` is then 1, and `(second$ s)` is 2. Streams are interesting because they can be used to represent unbounded collections such as the integers. Consider the following definitions.

`Str-maker` is a function that takes a number n and a function `next` and produces a stream

```
(define str-maker
  (lambda (next n)
    (build n (lambda ( ) (str-maker next (next n))))))
```

With `str-maker` we can now define the stream of *all* integers like this:

```
(define int (str-maker add1 0))
```

Or we can define the stream of *all* even numbers.

```
(define even (str-maker (lambda (n) (+ 2 n)) 0))
```

With the function `frontier` we can obtain a finite piece of a stream in a list

```
(define frontier  
  (lambda (str n)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? n) (quote ( )))  
      (t (cons (first$ str) (frontier (second$ str) (sub1 n)))))))
```

What is `(frontier int 10)`? `(frontier int 100)`? `(frontier even 23)`?

Define the stream of odd numbers.

9.10 This exercise builds on the results of Exercise 9.9. Consider the following fun

```
(define Q  
  (lambda (str n)  
    (cond  
      ((zero? (remainder (first$ str) n))  
       (Q (second$ str) n))  
      (t (build (first$ str)  
                 (lambda ( )  
                   (Q (second$ str) n)))))))
```

```
(define P  
  (lambda (str)  
    (build$ (first$ str) (lambda ( ) (P (Q str (first$ str)))))))
```

They can be used to construct streams. What is the result of

`(frontier (P (second$ (second$ int))) 10)`?

What is the stream of numbers? (See Exercise 4.9 for the definition of `remainder`.)

What is the Value
of All of This?



An entry is a pair of lists whose first list is a set. Also, the two lists must be of equal length. Make up some examples for entries.

Here are our examples.

```
((appetizer entrée beverage)
 (paté boeuf vin))
and
((beverage dessert)
 ((food is) (number one with us)))
```

How can we build an entry from a set of names and a list of values?

```
(define new-entry build)
```

Try to build our examples with this function

What is `(lookup-in-entry name entry)`,
where
 name is *entrée*, and
 entry is `((appetizer entrée beverage)`
 `(food tastes good))`

tastes

What if name is *dessert*?

In this case we would like to leave the decision about what to do with the user of `lookup-in-entry`.

How can we accomplish this?

`lookup-in-entry` will take an additional argument which is a help function that is invoked when name is not found in the first list of an entry

How many arguments do you think this extra function should take?

We think it should take one name. Why?

Here is our definition of lookup in entry

```
(define lookup-in-entry
  (lambda (name entry entry-f)
    (lookup-in entry-help
      name
      (first entry)
      (second entry)
      entry-f)))
```

Write the help function

```
(define lookup-in-entry-help
  (lambda (name names values entry f)
    (cond
      ( _____ )
      ( _____ )
      ( _____ ))))
```

```
(define lookup-in-entry-help
  (lambda (name names values entry f)
    (cond
      ((null? names) (entry-f name))
      ((eq? (car names) name)
       (car values))
      (t (lookup-in entry-help
        name
        (cdr names)
        (cdr values)
        entry-f)))))
```

A table (also called an environment) is a list of entries. Here is one example: `()`, the empty table. Make up some others.

Here is one

```
(({appetizer entrée beverage}
  {poté boeuf vin})
  {{beverage dessert}
   {{food is} (number one with us)}}))
```

The function `extend-table` takes an entry and a table (possibly the empty one) and creates a new table by putting the new entry in front of the old table. Define the function `extend-table`

```
(define extend-table cons)
```

What is

```
(lookup-in table name table table f)
```

where

```
name is entrée,
table is (((entrée dessert)
  (spaghetti spumoni))
  ({appetizer entrée beverage}
   (food tastes good))), and
table-f is (lambda (name) ...)
```

It could be either spaghetti or testes, but we will have lookup-in-table search the list of entries in order. So it is spaghetti.

Write lookup-in table.

Hint: don't forget to get some help

```
(define lookup-in-table
  (lambda (name table table-f)
    (cond
      ((null? table) (table-f name))
      (t (lookup-in-table
          name
          (car table)
          (lambda (name)
            (lookup-in-table
              name
              (cdr table)
              table-f)))))))
```

Can you describe what the following function represents:

```
(lambda (name)
  (lookup-in-table
   name
   (cdr table)
   table-f))
```

This function is the action to take when the name is not found in the first entry

In the Preface we mentioned that sans serif font would be used to represent data. Up to this point it has hardly ever mattered. From this point on until the end of the book you must be very conscious of whether or not a particular symbol is in sans serif.

Remember to be very conscious as to whether or not a symbol is in sans serif

Did you notice that "sans serif" was not in sans serif?

We hope so. This is "sans serif"
in sans serif.

Have we chosen a good representation for programs?

Yes. They are all *S*-expressions so they can be data for functions

What kind of functions?

For example, value

Do you remember value from Chapter 7?

Recall that value is the function that returns the natural value of expressions.

What is the value of
`(car (quote (a b c)))`

a

What is (value e), where
e is `(car (quote (a b c)))`

a

What is (value e), where
e is `(quote (car (quote (a b c))))`

`(car (quote (a b c)))`

What is (value e), where
e is `(add1 6)`

7

What is (value e) where
e is 6

6, because numbers are self evaluating

What is (value e) where
e is nothing

nothing has no value

What is (value e) where
e is `((lambda (nothing)
 (cons nothing (quote ()))
 (quote
 (from nothing comes something))))`

`((from nothing comes something))`

What is the type of `e` where
`e` is 6

*self-evaluating

What is the type of `e` where
`e` is nil

*identifier

What is the type of `e` where
`e` is cons

*identifier

What is (value `e`) where
`e` is car

(primitive car)

What is the type of `e` where
`e` is nothing

*identifier

What is the type of `e` where
`e` is (lambda (x y) (cons x y))

*lambda

What is the type of `e` where
`e` is (((lambda (nothing)
 (cond
 (nothing (quote something)))
 (t (quote nothing)))))
nil)

*application

How many types do you think there are?

We found six
*self-evaluating,
*quote,
*identifier,
*lambda,
*cond, and
*application

If actions are functions that do "the right thing" when applied to the appropriate type of expression, what should value do?

You guessed it. It would have to find out the type of expression it was passed and then use the associated action.

Do you remember atom-to-function from Chapter 9?

We found atom-to-function useful when we rewrote value for numbered expressions.

Below is a program that produces the correct action (or function) for each possible S expression.

```
(define expression-to-action
  (lambda (e)
    (cond
      ((atom? e) (atom-to-action e))
      (t (list-to-action e)))))
```

```
(define atom-to-action
  (lambda (e)
    (cond
      ((number? e) *self-evaluating)
      (t *identifier)))))
```

Define the help function atom-to-action.¹

¹ Ill-formed S-expressions such as (quote a b) and (lambda a) are not considered here. They can be detected by an appropriate function to which S-expressions are submitted before they are passed on to the interpreter.

Now define the help function list-to-action.

```
(define list-to-action
  (lambda (e)
    (cond
      ((atom? (car e))
        (cond
          ((eq? (car e) (quote quote)))
            *quote)
          ((eq? (car e) (quote lambda)))
            *lambda)
          ((eq? (car e) (quote cond)))
            *cond)
        (t *application)))))
```

Assuming that expression-to-action works, we can use it to define value and meaning

```
(define value
  (lambda (e)
    (meaning e (quote ( )))))
```

```
(define meaning
  (lambda (e table)
    ((expression-to-action e) e table)))
```

What is (quote ()) in the definition of value?

It is the empty table. The function value, together with all the functions it uses, is called an *interpreter*

How many arguments should actions take according to the above?

Two, the expression *e* and a table which is initially ()

Here is the action for self-evaluating expressions

```
(define +self-evaluating
  (lambda (e table)
    e))
```

Yes, it just returns that expression, and *this* is all we have to do for 0, 1, 2, .

Is it correct?

Here is the action for +quote

```
(define +quote
  (lambda (e table)
    (text-of-quotation e)))
```

```
(define text-of-quotation second)
```

Define the help function text-of-quotation

Given that the table contains the values of identifiers, write the action `*identifier`.

```
(define *identifier  
  (lambda (x table)  
    (lookup-in-table  
      x table initial-table)))
```

Here is initial table

```
(define initial-table  
  (lambda (name)  
    (cond  
      ((eq? name (quote t)) t)  
      ((eq? name (quote nil)) nil)  
      (t (build  
          (quote primitive)  
          name))))))
```

It handles cases that are not in table. We defined it so that it gives values to pre-terminated identifiers like `t`, `nil`, `cons`, `zero?`, etc

When is it used?

What is the value of `(lambda (x) x)`

We don't know yet, but we know that it must be the representation of a non-primitive function

How are non-primitive functions different from primitives?

We know what primitives do; non-primitives are defined by their arguments and their function bodies

So when we want to use a non primitive we need to remember its formal arguments and its function body

At least. Fortunately this is just the odr of a lambda-expression

And what else do we need to remember?

We will also put in the table in case we need it later

Here is the action `*lambda`

```
(define *lambda
  (lambda (e table)
    (build (quote non-primitive)
            (cons table (cdr e)))))
```

```
(non-primitive
  (((y x) ((8) 9))) (x) (cons x y)))
```

What is (meaning `e table`), where
`e` is `(lambda (x) (cons x y))`, and
`table` is `((y x) ((8) 9))`

It is probably a good idea to define some
help functions for getting back the parts in
this three element list (i.e., the table, the
formal arguments, and the body) Write
`table-of`, `formals-of`, and `body-of`

```
(define table-of first)
```

```
(define formals-of second)
```

```
(define body-of third)
```

Describe `(cond ...)` in your own words

It is a special form which takes a list of
`cond`-lines. It considers each line in turn.
If the question part on the left is false, then
it looks at the rest of the lines. Otherwise it
proceeds to answer the right part

Here is the function `even` which does what
we just said in words

```
(define even
  (lambda (lines table)
    (cond
      ((meaning
        (question-of (car lines) table)
        (meaning
          (answer-of (car lines) table))
        (t (even (cdr lines) table)))))
```

```
(define question-of first)
```

```
(define answer-of second)
```

Write the help functions `question-of` and
`answer-of`.

Now use the function `evcon` to write the action `*cond`

```
(define +cond  
  (lambda (c table)  
    (evcon (cond-lines c) table)))
```

```
(define cond-lines cdr)
```

Aren't these help functions useful?

Yes, they make things quite a bit more readable. But you already knew this.

Are you now familiar with the definition of `*cond`

Probably not

How can you become familiar with it?

The best way is to try an example. A good one is:

```
  (+cond c table),
```

where

```
  c is (cond (coffee klatsch) (t party)), and
```

```
  table is (((coffee)
```

```
    (t))
```

```
    ((klatsch party)
```

```
    (5 (6))))
```

Have we seen how the table gets used?

Yes, `+lambda` and `+identifier` use it.

But how do the identifiers get into the table?

In the only action we have not defined, `*application`

How is an application represented?

An application is a list of expressions whose car position contains an expression whose value is a function.

How does an application differ from a special form, like (and), (or), or (cond)

An application must always determine the meaning of all its arguments

Before we can apply a function do we have to get the meaning of all arguments?

Yes

Write a function evals which takes a list of (representations of) arguments and a table, and returns a list composed of the meaning of each argument

```
(define evals
  (lambda (args table)
    (cond
      ((null? args) (quote ( )))
      (t (cons (meaning (car args) table)
                (evals (cdr args) table))))))
```

What else do we need before we can determine the meaning of an application?

We need to find out what its function-of means

And what then?

Then we apply the meaning of the function to the meaning of the arguments

Here is the function *application

```
(define *application
  (lambda (c table)
    (apply
      (meaning (function-of c) table)
      (evals (arguments-of c) table))))
```

Of course. We just have to define apply, function-of, and arguments-of correctly.

Is it correct?

Write function-of and arguments-of

```
(define function-of car)
```

```
(define arguments-of cdr)
```

How many different kinds of functions are there?

Two: primitives and non primitives

What are the two representations of functions?

(primitive primitive-name) and:
(non-primitive (table-formals body))

The list (table-formals body) without the non-primitive tag is called a closure.

Write primitive? and non-primitive?

```
(define primitive?  
  (lambda (f)  
    (eq?  
      (first f)  
      (quote primitive))))
```

```
(define non-primitive?  
  (lambda (f)  
    (eq?  
      (first f)  
      (quote non-primitive))))
```

Now we can write the function apply

Here it is

```
(define apply1  
  (lambda (fun vals)  
    (cond  
      ((primitive? fun)  
       (apply-primitive  
        (second fun) vals))  
      ((non-primitive? fun)  
       (apply-closure  
        (second fun) vals))))))
```

Thus is the definition of apply primitive

```
(define apply-primitive
  (lambda (name vals)
    (cond
      ((eq? name (quote car))
       (car (first vals)))
      ((eq? name (quote cdr))
       ( _1 (first vals)))
      ((eq? name _2)
       (cons (first vals) (second vals)))
      ((eq? name (quote eq?))
       ( _3 (first vals) _4 ))
      ((eq? name (quote atom?))
       (atom? _5 ))
      ((eq? name (quote not))
       (not (first vals)))
      ((eq? name (quote null?))
       (null? (first vals)))
      ((eq? name (quote number?))
       (number? (first vals)))
      ((eq? name (quote zero?))
       (zero? (first vals)))
      ((eq? name (quote add1))
       (add1 (first vals)))
      ((eq? name (quote sub1))
       (sub1 (first vals))))))
```

```
1 cdr1
2 (quote cons)
3 eq?
4 (second vals)
5 (first vals)
```

¹ In apply-primitive the interpreter could check for applications of cdr to () or sub1 to 0, etc.

Fill in the blanks

Is apply closure the only function left?

Yes, and apply-closure must be the part that extends the table.

How could we find the result of (f a b),
where

f is (lambda (x y) (cons x y))
a is 1, and
b is (2)

That's tricky. But we know what to do to
find the meaning of

(cons x y)
where
table is (((x y)
 (1 (2))))

Why can we do this?

Here, we don't need apply-closure

Can you generalize the last two steps?

Applying a non primitive function to a list of values is the same as finding the meaning of the associated closure's body with its table extended by an entry of the form
 (*formals values*)
formals is the *formals* of the associated closure and *values* is the result of *eval*is

Have you followed all this?

If not, here is the definition of apply-closure

```
(define apply-closure
  (lambda (closure vals)
    (meaning (body of closure)
              (extend-table
               (new-entry
                (formals of closure) vals)
               (table of closure)))))
```

This is a complicated function and it deserves an example.

In the following

```
closure is (((u v w)
              (1 2 3))
            ((x y z)
              (4 5 6)))
(x y)
(cons x x))
```

and

```
vals is ((a b c) (d e f))
```

What will be the new arguments for meaning?

The new *c* for meaning will be (cons *x* *x*) and the new *table* for meaning will be

```
((x y)
 ((a b c) (d e f))
 ((u v w)
  (1 2 3))
 ((x y z)
  (4 5 6)))
```

What is the meaning of `(cons x x)` where
`x` is 6, and
`x` is `(a b c)`

The same as
(meaning `c table`)
where
`c` is `(cons x x)`, and
`table` is `((x y)`
 `((a b c) (d e f)))`
 `((u v w)`
 `(1 2 3))`
 `((x y z)`
 `(4 5 6)))`

Let's find the meaning of all the arguments
What is
 `(evals args table)`
where
 `args` is `(x x)`,
and
 `table` is `((x y)`
 `((a b c) (d e f)))`
 `((u v w)`
 `(1 2 3))`
 `((x y z)`
 `(4 5 6)))`

In order to do this we must find both
(meaning `c table`)
where
 `c` is `x`,
and
(meaning `c table`)
where
 `c` is `x`

What is the (meaning `c table`) where
 `c` is `x`

6, by using `*identifier`

What is (meaning `c table`) where
 `c` is `x`

`(a b c)`, by using `*identifier`

So, what is the result of `evals`

`(6 (a b c))`, because `evals` returns a list of the
meanings.

We are now ready to (apply fun vals) where
fun is (primitive cons), and
vals is (6 (a b c)).
Which path will we take?

The apply primitive path

Which cond-line is chosen for
(apply-primitive name vals)
where
name is cons, and
vals is (6 (a b c))

The third:
((eq? name (quote cons))
 (cons (first vals) (second vals))))

What is (first vals) where
vals is (6 (a b c))

6

What is (second vals) where
vals is (6 (a b c))

(a b c)

What is (cons alpha beta) where
alpha is 6, and
beta is (a b c)

(6 a b c)

What is
((lambda (u v)
 (lambda (b)
 (cond
 (b u)
 (t v))))
 alpha
 beta)
where

It is a shadow of the list (6 a b c)

Why?

Because we can define `cons` by

```
(define cons
  (lambda (u v)
    (lambda (b)
      (cond
        (b u)
        (t v)))))
```

How does this work?

Well, let's step through a simple example

```
(define lunch (cons x y))
```

where

`x` is `apple`, and

`y` is `()`

The function `lunch` takes an argument, `b`. If `b` is true, the `car`, `x`, is returned (i.e., `apple`). If `b` is false, the `cdr`, `y`, is returned (i.e., `()`)

Define `car` and `cdr` for lists using this representation.

```
(define car
  (lambda (l)
    (l t)))
```

```
(define cdr
  (lambda (l)
    (l nil)))
```

What is `(car lunch)`

`apple`

What is `(cdr lunch)`

`()`

Is that what we wanted?

Yes

Can we `cons lunch` onto `lunch`?

Yes, `(cons lunch lunch)`

What is the Value of All of This?

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Chapter 7 we showed that numbers could be represented with lists. Can you recall when `not` and `null?` were defined?

But what about `(define ...)`?

It isn't needed either because recursion can be obtained with the Y combinator.

Does that mean we can run the interpreter on the interpreter if we do the transformations with the Y combinator?

Yes, but don't bother

t

Yes, it's time for a banquet

“Koot’s Banquet”

Is this

```
(Y (lambda (co)
    (cons (sub1 1) co))))
```

the same as this

```
(Y (lambda (co)
    (cons 0 co))))
```

Try it with

```
(define cons
  (lambda (u s)
    (lambda (b)
      (cond
        (b u)
        (t s)))))
```

For these exercises,

```
e1 is ((lambda (x)
  (cond
    ((atom? x) (quote done))
    ((null? x) (quote almost))
    (t (quote never))))
  (quote _____)),
e2 is (((lambda (x y)
  (lambda (u)
    (cond
      (u x)
      (t y)))))
  1 ( ))
nil),
e3 is ((lambda (x)
  ((lambda (x)
    (add1 x))
   (add1 4)))
  6),
e4 is (3 (quote a) (quote b)),
e5 is (lambda (let) (cons (quote let) let)),
e6 is (lambda (let (list)) a (quote b))
```

10.1 Make up examples for *e* and step through (value *e*) The examples should values, numbers, and quoted S-expressions

10.2 Make up some S-expressions, plug them into the _____ of *e1*, and step + application of (value *e1*).

10.3 Step through the application of (value *e2*) How many closures are produced application?

What is the Value of All of This?

10.4 Consider the expression e^3 . What do you expect to be the value of e^3 ? Which of the three x 's are "related"? Verify your answers by stepping through (value e^3). Observe to which x we add one.

10.5 Design a representation for closures and primitives such that the tags (i.e., primitive and non-primitive) at the beginning of the lists become unnecessary. Rewrite the functions that are knowledgeable of the structures. Step through (value e^3) with the new interpreter.

10.6 Just as the table for predetermined identifiers, initial-table, all tables in our interpreter can be represented as functions. Then, the function extend-table is changed to

```
(define extend-table
  (lambda (entry table)
    (lambda (name)
      (cond
        ((member? name (first entry))
         (pick (index name (first entry))
              (second entry)))
        (t (table name))))))
```

(For pick see Chapter 4; for index see Exercise 4.5.) What else has to be changed to make the interpreter work? Make the least number of changes. Make up an application of value to your favorite expression and step through it to make sure you understand the new representation. Hint: Look at all the places where tables are used to find out where changes have to be made.

10.7 Write the function `*lambda?` which checks whether an S expression is really a representation of a lambda-function.

Example: (`*lambda? e^3`) is true,
(`*lambda? e^0`) is false,
(`*lambda? e^1`) is false.

Also write the functions `*quote?` and `*cond?` which do the same for `quote`- and `cond` expressions.

10.8 Non-primitive functions are represented by tags in our interpreter. An alternative is to use functions to represent functions. For this we change `*lambda` to

```
(define *lambda
  (lambda (e table)
    (build
     (quote non-primitive)
     (lambda (val)
       (meaning (body of e)
                (extend-table
                 (new-entry (formals of e) val)
                 table))))))
```

How do we have to change apply-closure to make this representation work? Do we need to change anything else? Walk through the application (value *e8*) to become familiar with this new representation.

10.9 Primitive functions are built repeatedly while finding the value of an expression. To see this, step through the application (value *e8*) and count how often the primitive for *add1* is built. However, consider the following table for predetermined identifiers.

```
(define initial-table
  ((lambda (add1)
    (lambda (name)
      (cond
        ((eq? name (quote t)) t)
        ((eq? name (quote nil)) nil)
        ((eq? name (quote add1)) add1)
        (t (build (quote primitive) name))))))
  (build (quote primitive) add1)))
```

Using this initial-table, how does the count change? Generalize this approach to include all primitives.

10.10 In Exercise 2.4 we introduced the (if ...) form. We saw that (if ...) and (cond ...) are interchangeable. If we replace the function **cond* by **if* where

```
(define *if
  (lambda (e table)
    (if (meaning (test-pt e) table)
        (meaning (then-pt e) table)
        (meaning (else-pt e) table))))
```

we can almost evaluate functions containing (if ...). What other changes do we have to make? Make the changes. Take all the examples from this chapter that contain a (cond ...), rewrite them with (if ...), and step through the modified interpreter. Do the same for *e1* and *e2*.

Welcome to the Show



You have reached the end of your introduction to *Lisp* and recursion. Are you now ready to tackle a major programming problem in *Lisp*? Programming in *Lisp* requires two kinds of knowledge: understanding the nature of symbolic programming and recursion, and discovering the lexicon, features, and idiosyncrasies of a particular *Lisp* implementation. The first of these is the more difficult intellectual task. If you understand the material in this book, you have mastered that challenge. In any case, it would be well worth your time to develop a fuller understanding of all the capabilities in *Lisp*—this requires getting access to a running *Lisp* system and mastering those idiosyncrasies. If you want to understand *Lisp* in greater depth, the first, second, and fourth references are good choices for further reading. Abelson, Sussman, and Sussman [1] develops the concepts required for building large programs. Dybwig [2] describes Scheme, the *Lisp*-descendant used throughout this book. Steele [4] is the reference manual for Common *Lisp*, an increasingly popular dialect. Reading these books will give you some of the flavor of the features found in complete *Lisp* systems. We recommend Suppes [5] to the reader who wants to explore symbolic manipulation in a non-programming context, and Hofstadter [3] to the reader who wants to examine the place of recursion in the context of human thought.

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The Five Laws

The Law of Car

Car is defined only for non null lists

The Law of Cdr

Cdr is defined only for non-null lists

The cdr of any non-null list is always another list

The Law of Cons

Cons takes two arguments

The second argument of cons must be a list

The result is a list

The Law of Null?

Null? is defined only for lists

The Law of Eq?

Eq? takes two arguments

Each must be an atom.