

CSE 341

Lecture 16

More Scheme:
lists; helpers; let/let*;
higher-order functions; lambdas

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Lists

`(list expr2 ... exprN)`

`'(value1 value2 ... valueN)` ; all literals

- Scheme **lists** are created with the `list` procedure
 - the empty list is written as `null`
 - if you forget `list`, Scheme will "run" your list as a procedure call, with first element as the procedure name

```
> (define L (1 2 3 4))
```

```
procedure application: expected procedure,  
given: 1; arguments were: 2 3 4
```

```
> (define L (list 1 2 3 4))
```

```
> L
```

```
(1 2 3 4)
```

List procedures to access elements

```
(car list)           ; 1st element (ML hd)  "car"  
(cdr list)          ; all but 1st (ML tl)  "could-er"  
cadr, caddr,        ; 2nd element; all but first 2  
caddr, caddr, ...
```

- these bizarre names come from IBM 704 computer op-codes
- others: first, second, third, ..., rest, last

- Examples:

```
> (define L (list 1 2 3 4 5))  
> (car L)  
1  
> (cdr L)  
(2 3 4 5)
```

More list procedures

```
(cons expr list)           ; expr :: list  
(append list1 list2 ... listN) ; list1 @ list2  
(length list)  
(null? list)             ; list = [] ?
```

- others: drop, filter, flatten, foldl, foldr, make-list, map, member, partition, remove-duplicates, split-at, take, take-right, values

- Examples:

```
> (cons 4 '(1 2 3))  
(4 1 2 3)  
> (append '(1 2) '(30 40 50) '(6 7))  
(1 2 30 40 50 6 7)
```

Scheme exercise

- Define a procedure `sum` that accepts a list as a parameter and computes the sum of the elements of the list.
 - `(sum (list 1 2 3 4 5))` should evaluate to 15

- solution:

```
(define (sum lst)
  (if (null? lst)
      0
      (+ (car lst) (sum (cdr lst)))))
```

Scheme exercise

- Define a procedure `range` that accepts *min/max* integers and returns the list $(min, min+1, \dots, max-1, max)$.
 - `(range 2 7)` should return `(2 3 4 5 6 7)`

- solution:

```
(define (range x y)
  (if (> x y) ()
      (cons x (range (+ x 1) y))))
```

Scheme exercise

- Define a procedure named $x+y^2$ that accepts two numbers x and y as parameters and returns $(x + y)^2$.
 - Example: $(x+y^2\ 3\ 4)$ returns 49

; not an ideal solution...

```
(define (x+y^2 x y) (* (+ x y) (+ x y)))
```

let expressions

; define vars --> use them

```
(let ((name expr) ... (name expr)) expr)
```

- Defines a local symbol that can be used in the last *expr*
 - notice that it is a *list* of (*name expr*) pairs to be defined

Example:

```
; better
```

```
(define (x+y^2 x y)
```

```
  (let ((sum (+ x y))) (* sum sum)))
```


Scheme exercise

- Define a procedure named `math!!` that accepts two numbers x and y as parameters and returns:
 - $(x + y)^2 * (x + y + 2)^2$
 - Example: `(math!! 3 2)` returns 1225

; not an ideal solution...

```
(define (math!! x y)
  (* (* (+ x y) (+ x y))
     (* (+ x y 2) (+ x y 2))))
```

Limitation of let expressions

```
(define (math!! x y)
  (let ((sum (+ x y))
        (sum2 (+ sum 2)))
    (* sum sum sum2 sum2)))
```

> (math!! 2 3)

reference to undefined identifier: sum

- Problem: A symbol declared within a `let` list cannot refer to the other symbols defined in that same list!

let* expressions

; define vars --> use them

```
(let* ((name expr) ... (name expr)) expr)
```

- same as let, but the symbols are evaluated in sequence, so later ones can refer to earlier ones
 - slower / restricts evaluation order, so not default

Example:

```
(define (math!! x y)
  (let* ((sum (+ x y))
        (sum2 (+ sum 2)))
    (* sum sum sum2 sum2)))
```

Helper procedures w/ define

```
(define  
  (outer-name param1 param2 ... paramN)  
    (define (inner-name param1 ... paramN) expr1)  
  expr2)
```

- You can define a local helper with a nested define
 - the outer function's *expr2* can call the inner procedure
 - the inner procedure is visible only to the outer procedure
 - analogous to `let` with functions in ML

Helper procedure example

```
; least common multiple of integers a and b
; lcm(a, b) = (a * b) / gcd(a, b)
(define (lcmult a b)
  (define (gcd x y)
    (if (= y 0) x
        (gcd y (remainder x y))))
  (/ (* a b) (gcd a b)))
```

- (had to name it `lcmult` because `lcm` already exists)

Higher-order procedures

; apply procedure *f* to each element of *lst*
(map *f lst*)

; retain only elements where *p* returns #t
(filter *p lst*)

; reduce list; *f* takes 2 elements -> 1
(foldl *f initialValue lst*)

(foldr *f initialValue lst*)

- equivalent to ML's map/List.filter/fold*
- each takes a procedure (or "predicate") to apply to a list

Higher-order exercise

- Implement our own versions of `map` and `filter`, named `mapx` and `filterx`.
 - e.g. `(map f '(1 2 3 4 5))`
 - e.g. `(filter p '(1 2 3 4 5))`

Higher-order solutions

; Applies procedure *f* to every element of *lst*.

```
(define (mapx f lst)
  (if (null? lst)
      ()
      (cons (f (car lst)) (mapx f (cdr lst)))))
```

; Uses predicate *p* to keep/exclude elements of *lst*.

```
(define (filterx p lst)
  (cond ((null? lst) ())
        ((p (car lst)) (cons (car lst)
                              (filterx p (cdr lst))))
        (else (filterx p (cdr lst)))))
```


Anonymous procedures ("lambdas")

`(lambda (param1 ... paramN) expr)`

- defines an anonymous local procedure
 - you can pass a lambda to a higher-order function, etc.
 - analogous to ML's: `fn(params) => expr`

- Example (retain only the even elements of a list):

```
(filter (lambda (n) (= 0 (modulo n 2)))  
        (range 0 100))
```

Lambda exercise

- Using higher-order procedures and lambdas, find the sum of the factors of 24.
 - Hint: First get all the factors in a list, then add them.

- Solution:

```
(foldl + 0
      (filter (lambda (n)
                (= 0 (modulo 24 n)))
              (range 1 24)))
```