

Trees

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Recap of Previous Lecture

Data-directed design

- Start with *data definition*
 - Specifies structure of data
- Derive *function template* from data definition
 - Model for any function that can be performed on data
 - Use generic name (e.g., `£`) for function
- Create *template instantiation* for a specific function and primary argument
 - Use specific name (e.g., `sort`) for function
 - Define separate auxiliary functions for other arguments if needed
- Develop *code* based on template instantiation



Today's Goals

- Loose Ends
 - Catching mistakes and raising errors
 - `and` & `or` operations
- Trees
 - Significantly more expressive type
 - “Lists with many tails”
- Examples:
 - Family tree
 - Binary search tree



Using `and` & `or`

Scheme `and` abbreviates a conditional and takes an arbitrary number of arguments (our student dialects require at least 2)

```
(and arg1 arg2 ... argn)  abbreviates  
(cond [(not arg1) false]  
      [(not arg2) false]  
      ...  
      [else argn])
```

- Hence,

```
(and true true false (zero? (/ 2 0)) ...) => false
```

Called “short-circuit” or “non-strict” semantics for `and`
- What does `or` do? It is the *dual* of `and`.

```
(or arg1 arg2 ... argn)  abbreviates  
(cond [arg1 true]  
      [arg2 true]  
      ...  
      [else argn])
```



and & or cont.

- What are the reduction rules (laws) for `and`?
 - `(and false ... argn) => false`
 - `(and true arg2 ... argn) => (and arg2 ... argn)`
 - `(and v) => v`
- What are the reduction rules (laws) for `or`?
 - `(or true ... argn) => true`
 - `(or false arg2 ... argn) => (or arg2 ... argn)`
 - `(or v) => v`



Error Reporting

To report an error in (a student dialect of) Scheme invoke:

(error msg)

where **msg** is a string enclosed in quotation marks. In full Scheme, **error** takes additional arguments. See Help Desk.

HTDP (our online book) describes an *obsolete* version of **error**.

Semantics: the entire computation is aborted and an error message **msg** is printed.

Example:

```
(define (len aloa)
  (cond
    [(empty? Aloa) 0]
    [(cons? aloa) (add1 (len (rest aloa)))]
    [else (error "len: expects argument of type <list>")]))
```



Error Reporting (cont.)

Questions:

- Is error reporting a good idea.
- Should error behavior be documented?
- Answers to questions are surprising subtle and lacking in consensus. In the case above, it is probably a good idea but it is often not done because it clutters the code and adds overhead. Moreover, the error is caught anyway with a slightly less informative diagnostic. On the other hand, DrScheme libraries do perform such checks, partly because Scheme does not perform static type checking.
- Error checking should not be included in a contract (purpose) unless the client code can depend on it and use it (by "catching" the error). We will cover error catching in Java.



Reductions for Errors

- First, note how errors work for functions you already know. In any context, erroneous primitive function applications like `(/ 1 0)` abort the computation and return an error *at the top level*:

`(/ 1 0) => /: division by zero`

This aborting behavior is unique among our rules.

- The error construct gives program text access to this mechanism. In any context

`(error "append: expects <list> as first argument") =>`
`append: expects <list> as first argument [at top level]`

- Use errors *only* as required by the problem or recipe.

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graph TD
 63 --> 29
 63 --> 89
 29 --> 15
 29 --> 24
 15 --> 10
 15 --> 24
 89 --> 77
 89 --> 95
 95 --> 99

```





# From Lists to Trees

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## Example of a List Data Definition

```
; A list-of-symbols is
; empty, or
; (cons s los)
; where s is a symbol and los is a list-of-symbols
```

A list has one embedded structure (**rest**)



# (Ancestor) Family Trees

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## Example of a Family Tree Data Definition

```
; A child is
; empty // Represents "unknown"
; (make-child n m f) // Two self-references
; where n is a symbol, m is a child and f is a child

(define-struct child (name mother father))
```

A `child` has two embedded structures (`mother`, `father`) which belong to type `child`. Perhaps `child` is misnamed.



# Tree Depth (in class ex.)

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- Consider the following problem
  - Given an ancestry tree, compute the maximum number of generations for which we know something about this person.
- Contract (or “type”) is
  - `child -> natural`
- Examples (next slide)



# Tree Depth Examples

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```
(define cat (make-child 'Cat empty empty))
(define tom (make-child 'Tom cat empty))
(define jane (make-child empty tom))
(define johnny (make-child 'Johnny empty empty))
(define ray (make-child 'Ray empty johnny))
(define sue (make-child 'Sue empty ray))
(define rob (make-child 'Rob empty sue))
(define bob (make-child 'Bob jane rob))
```

```
(check-expect (max-depth cat) 1)
(check-expect (max-depth tom) 2)
(check-expect (max-depth jane) 3)
(check-expect (max-depth johnny) 1)
(check-expect (max-depth ray) 2)
(check-expect (max-depth sue) 3)
(check-expect (max-depth rob) 4)
(check-expect (max-depth bob) 5)
```



# Tree Depth Template Instantiation

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```
; Template Instantiation (trivial)
(define (max-depth c)
 (cond
 [(empty? c) ...]
 [else ...
 ... (max-depth (child-mother c)) ...
 ... (max-depth (child-father c)) ...]))
```



# Tree Depth Code

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```
; Code
(define (max-depth c)
 (cond
 [(empty? c) 0]
 [else (add1
 (max (max-depth (child-mother c))
 (max-depth (child-father c))))]))
```

Examples can help in writing code. Work through simple examples by hand.



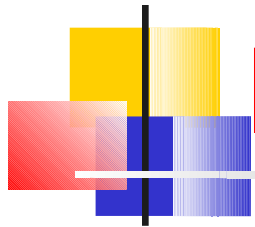
# Binary Trees and Binary Search Trees

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```
; A binary tree (BT) is either
; empty, or
; (make-node n l r)
; where n is a number, l and r are BTs.
(define-struct node (num left right))
```

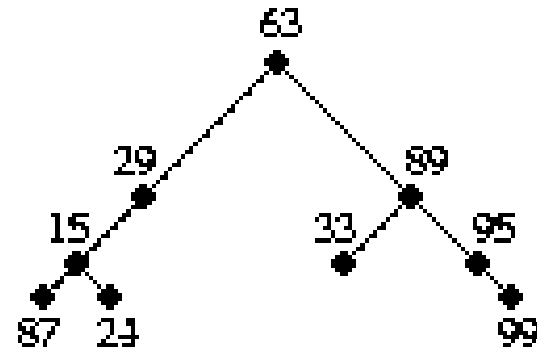
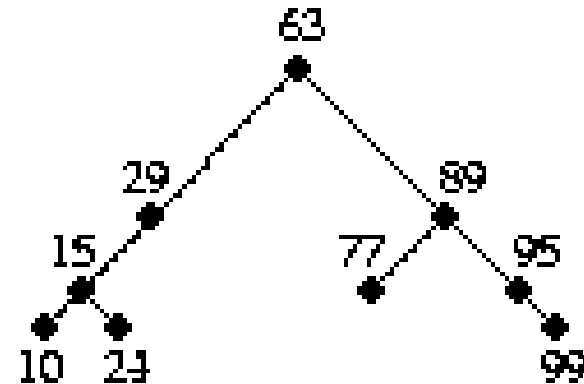
```
; A binary search tree (BST) is a binary tree where
; the following invariants hold:
; 1. Numbers in l are less than or equal to n
; 2. Numbers in r are greater than n
```



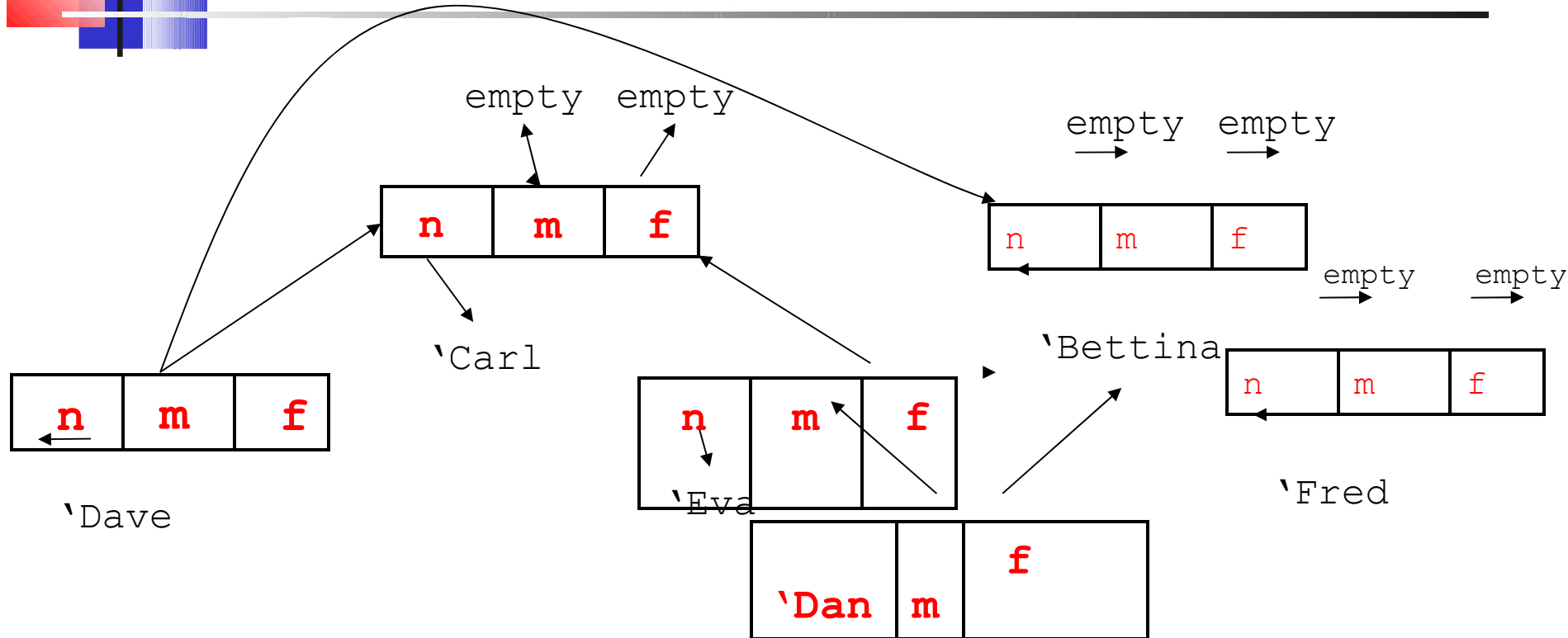


# Binary Search Trees

Which binary tree satisfies the invariants of a binary search tree?



# Example Family Tree (variant of Figure 35 in textbook)



# Challenge Problem

- Can you think of a Scheme program that can create a cycle among structures?

