

Data-directed Design

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Sample Development of Sorting

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Recall our definition of lists of numbers in Lecture 3:
; A list-of-number is either
    empty, or
    (cons n lon)
; where n is a number and lon is a list-of-number.
and the corresponding template:
#| (define (f-lon ... alon ...)
     (cond [(empty? alon) ... ]
            [(cons? alon) ... (first alon) ...
                               (f-lon ... (rest alon) ...) ... ])) |#
Our task is to define a function
; Type contract
 sort: list-of-number - > list-of-number
 Purpose: (sort lon) returns a list containing the
 elements of lon in ascending (non-descending) order
; Examples:
(check-expect (sort empty) empty)
(check-expect (sort '(1)) '(1))
(check-expect (sort '(4 2)) '(2 4))
(check-expect (sort '(4 10 2 -5 4)) '(-5 2 4 4 10))
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Sorting cont.

Before coding, we must develop our template instantiation::

To write the code, we must fill in the ellipsis.

What does (insert n alon) do? It inserts the element n in sorted position in alon assuming that alon is already sorted. We need to develop the function insert using our design recipe. We have already defined the list-of-number data type and provided a template for processing it.

Sorting cont.

Our task is to define a function

```
; Type contract
: insert: number list-of-number - > list-of-number
; Purpose: (insert n lon) returns a list containing n
; and the elements of lon in sorted (ascending) order,
; assuming that lon is already sorted.
; Examples:
(check-expect (insert 0 empty) '(0))
(check-expect (insert 0 '(1)) '(0 1))
(check-expect (insert 1 '(0)) '(0 1))
(check-expect (insert 5 '(-2 4 6)) '(-2 4 5 6))
; Template instantiation
#| (define (insert n alon)
     (cond [(empty? alon) ... ]
           [(cons? alon) .. . (first alon)
                               (insert n (rest alon)) ... ])) |#
```

Sorting cont.

Parameterized Data Definitions

In our definition of lists from Lecture 3 and Lab 2, we stipulated that the list elements were numbers. But we can use an unspecified type alpha for the element type and the definition looks essentially the same:

```
; A list-of-alpha is either
; empty, or
; (cons a loa)
; where a is an alpha and loa is a list-of-alpha
In subsequent type contracts and template instantiations we can instantiate alpha as any type, such as list-of-symbol, list-of-string, Or list-of-number.
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Parameterized List Template

The template for the preceding data definition is:

```
;; (define (f ... a-list ...)
;; (cond
;; [(empty? a-list) ...]
;; [else ... (first a-list) ...
;; ... (f ... (rest a-list) ...) ...]))
```

which is **identical** to the template for <code>list-of-number</code>. The form of the template does not depend on element type. It applies to <code>list-of-alpha</code> where <code>alpha</code> is any type. In fact, some functions

like length (in HW01 under a different name and restricted to symbols), reverse, append, first, rest work for all types list-of-alpha. Henceforth, we will allow type variables like alpha in data definitions.



Plan for this lecture

- List abbreviations
- Practice with the list template
 - Choosing the argument to process
 - Recognizing when help (auxiliary) functions are required/advisable.
- Data-directed design with numbers

List Abbreviations

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Let e1, e2, ..., en be Scheme expressions. Then
(list e1 e2 ... en) abbreviates
  (cons e1 (cons e2 ... (cons en empty))...)
Let s1, s2, ..., sn be symbols, numbers, or unquoted lists
(constructed in the same way).
  (s1 \ldots sn) abbreviates (list s1 \ldots sn)
Examples (all equal):
'((1 2) (3 four))
(list (list 1 2) (list 3 'four))
(cons (cons 1 (cons 2 empty))
       (cons (cons 3 (cons 'four empty))) empty)
Do not nest quotation! It does not work!
Do not use true, false, empty inside quotation. When in
doubt, use (list ...) in preference to quotation.
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A simple list function of two list arguments

The append function that concatenates lists is built-in to Scheme.

```
; Type contract:
; app: list-of-alpha list-of-alpha -> list-of-alpha
; Purpose: (app a b) concatenates the lists a and b.
; Examples
(check-expect (app '(a) '(b c)) '(a b c))
(check-expect (app empty '(c d)) '(c d))
(check-expect (app '(a b) empty) '(a b))
(check-expect (app '(a b) '(c d)) '(a b c d))
; Template Instantiation:
|# (define (app x y)
     (cond [(empty? x) ...]
           [(cons? x) ... (first x) ...
            (app (rest x) y) ...]))
# 1
```



Would recurring on the second argument work?



- append is included in the Scheme library
- concatenation is the common string (a form of list of char) "construction" operation
- *Problem:* cost of operation is not constant; it is proportional to size of first argument (or, in case of strings, size of constructed list)
- Example of function that uses **append** to construct its result: **flatten**

Defining flatten

```
;; Type contract
 ;; flatten: list-of-list-of-alpha -> list-of-alpha
 ;; Purpose: concatenates all of the lists of elements in the
 ;; input to form a list of elements
 ;; Tests WARNING: empty, true, false do NOT work inside '
 (check-expect (flatten '((a b) (c d) (e f)) '(a b c d e f))
 (check-expect (flatten empty) empty)
 (check-expect (flatten '((a b) () (c d)) '(a b c d))
 (check-expect (flatten '(() (a b) (c d) ()) '(a b c d))
 Recall that:
 ;; A list-of-alpha is either:
 ; ;
      empty, or
      (cons a aloa) where a is an alpha and aloa is a list-of-alpha
    Template:
    (define (f ... aloa ...)
      (cond [(empty? aloa) ...]
 ; ;
             [(cons? aloa) ... (first aloa)
 ;;
              ... (f ... (rest aloa) ...) ...]))
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Defining flatten

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Template Instantiation:
# 1
  (define (flatten aloloa)
    (cond [(empty? aloloa) ... ]
          [(cons? aloloa) ... (first aloloa)
              ... (flatten (rest aloloa)) ... ]))
1#
;; Code:
(define (flatten aloloa)
  (cond [(empty? aloloa) empty]
        [(cons? aloloa)
         (append (first aloloa)
                  (flatten (rest aloloa)))]))
```

This is not the standard operation that is defined in some Lisp/Scheme libraries; it has a more resrictive input type.



Examples of Algebraic Data

- Files on your computer
 - · Simple File, or
 - Folder, which contains a list of Files
- XML
 - General format for representing algebraic data as ASCII text
- Internet domain names
- Natural numbers
- Arithmetic expressions
- Syntax trees

Natural Numbers: Data definition

Standard definition from mathematics

```
;; A natural-number (N for short) is either
;; 0, or
;; (add1 n)
;; where n is a natural-number
```

- Comments:
 - In mathematics, **add1** is usually called **succ** or **S**, for *successor*.
 - Principle of mathematical induction for the natural numbers is based on this definition (using S for successor):

P(0),
$$\forall x [P(x) \rightarrow P(S(x))]$$

 $\forall x P(x)$

 Is there an analogous induction principle for other forms of inductively defined data? Yes!

Examples and Basic Operations

- Examples (using constructors)
 - · Zero: 0
 - · One: (add1 0)
 - Four: (add1 (add1 (add1 0))))
- Accessors:
 - sub1 : N -> N

Note: **sub1** is typically called **pred** or **P** in mathematics; using sub1 instead is a bit of a cheat because (**sub1 0**) behaves incorrectly.

- Recognizers:
 - zero? : Any -> bool
 - positive?: Any -> bool ;; not add1?

Numbers

- Basic Laws (Reductions) for Natural
- Recall the ones for lists:
 - For all elements v, and lists 1, we have

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(empty? (cons v l)) = false
(rest (cons v 1)) = 1 ;; accessor
\cdot (first (cons v 1)) = v
```

- Basic laws:
 - For all natural numbers n, we have

```
· (zero? 0) = true :: recognizer
(zero? (add1 n)) = false
(positive? (add1 n)) = true
(positive? 0) = false
(sub1 (add1 n)) = n ;; accessor
```

- Similar rules exist for all inductively-defined data types
- What about laws for (equal? ...)

Natural Mumbers: Template

```
Template is very similar to lists:
;; f : natural number -> ...
;; (define (f ...)
;; (cond [(zero? n) ...]
;; [(positive? n)
;; ... (f ... (sub1 n) ...) ...]))
```

Example

Write a function repeat that given a symbol s and number n constructs a list containing n copies of s.

```
; Type contract
 ; repeat : symbol natural-number -> list-of-symbol
 ; Purpose: (repeat s n) returns a list containing n copies of s
 ; Examples
 (check-expect (repeat 'Rabbit 0) empty)
 (check-expect (repeat 'Goose 1) '(Goose))
 (check-expect (repeat 'Rabbit 2) '(Rabbit Rabbit))
 ; Template instantiation:
 ; f : natural-number -> ...
 ; (define (repeat s n)
    (cond [(zero? n) ...]
          [(positive? n) ... (repeat s (sub1 n)) ...]))
 ; Code
 (define (repeat s n)
  (cond [(zero? n) empty]
         [(positive? n) (cons s (repeat s (sub1 n)))]))
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More Examples

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 add: N N -> N
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multiply: N N -> N

factorial: N -> N

 Defining and using familiar functions on natural numbers helps us understand structural recursion (our design template for recursive mixed data definitions)

Add

```
; Template Instantiation
(define (add m n)
(cond [(zero? m) ...]
       [(positive? m) ... (add (sub1 m) n) ...)]))
; Code
(define (add m n)
(cond [(zero? m) n]
       [(positive? m) (add1 (add (sub1 m) n))]))
; Template Instantiation
(define (right-add m n)
(cond [(zero? n) ...]
       [(positive? n) ... (right-add m (sub1 n)) ...)]))
; Code
(define (right-add m n)
 (cond [(zero? n) m]
       [(positive? n) (add1 (right-add m (sub1 n)))]))
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Defining Integers

An integer is either:

- 0; or
- · (add1 n) where n has the form 0 or (add1 ...) [non-negative]; or
- (sub1 n) where n has the form 0 or (sub1 ...) [non-positive].

Recognizers:

- zero?: any -> bool
- positive?: any -> bool
- negative?: any -> bool

In Scheme, add1 and sub1 have been extended to all integers by defining for all integers $\bf n$:

- \cdot (add1 (sub1 n)) = n
- \cdot (sub1 (add1 n)) = n



For Next Class

 Homework due 10am, Friday. Submit it via OwlSpace.

Reading: Chs. 11-13