

6.001 Tutorial 8 Notes

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Environment Model Problems

```
(define a 5)
((lambda (a) (set! a 2)) a)
a
```

```
(define counter
  (let ((count 0))
    (lambda ()
      (set! count (+ 1 count))
      count))))
(counter)
(counter)
```

```
(define (fact n) (if (= n 0) 1 (* n (fact (- n 1)))))
(fact 3)
```

```
(define ifact
  (lambda (n)
    (define (help n p)
      (if (= n 0)
          p
          (help (- n 1) (* p n))))
      (help n 1)))
(ifact 3)
```

```
(define (make-counter)
  (let ((count 0))
    (lambda ()
      (set! count (+ 1 count))
      count)))
(define a (make-counter))
(define b (make-counter))
(a)
(a)
(b)
```

```
(define (foo n)
  (lambda (y)
    (lambda ()
      (set! n (+ n y))
      n)))
(define bar (foo 0))
(define baz (bar 2))
(baz)
(baz)
```

```
(define x 4)
(let ((x 5)
      (y (+ x 6)))
  (+ x y))
```

```
(define x 3)
((lambda (x y) (+ (x 1) y))
 (lambda (z) (+ x 2))
 3)
```

```
(define x
  (let ((a (list 9)))
    (let ((b (cons a a)))
      (cons b b))))
x
```

```
(define (compose f g)
  (lambda (x) (f (g x))))
((compose inc abs) -5)
```

```
(define (iter f n)
  (if (= n 1) f
      (compose f (iter f (- n 1)))))
(define plus3 (iter inc 3))
(plus3 4)
```

Number Procedures

(quotient n1 n2)
(remainder n1 n2)
(modulo n1 n2) These procs “do the right thing.”
remainder always returns a number with the sign of n1, modulo always returns a number with the sign of n2.

(gcd n ...)
(lcm n ...) These procedures return the greatest common divisor or least common multiple (respectively) of their arguments. The result is always non-negative.

(floor x)
(ceiling x)
(truncate x)
(round x) These procedures return integers. floor returns the largest integer not larger than x. ceiling returns the smallest integer not smaller than x. truncate returns the integer closest to x whose absolute value is not larger than the absolute value of x. round returns the closest integer to x, rounding to even when x is halfway between two integers.

(random modulus) random returns a pseudo-random number between zero (inclusive) and modulus (exclusive). The exactness of the result is the same as the exactness of modulus.

List Procedures

(cons* obj obj ...) cons* is like list, except it conses together the last two arguments rather than consing the last argument with the empty list.

```
(cons* 'a 'b 'c) => (a b . c)
(cons* 'a 'b '(c d)) => (a b c d)
(cons* 'a) => a
```

(list-copy lst) returns a newly allocated copy each of the pairs comprising lst. It does not touch the elements of the list. You can use tree-copy to make a deep copy of a list.

(list-ref lst k) returns the kth element of lst, using 0-based indexing.

(sublist lst start end) returns a newly allocated list of the elements of lst beginning at index start (inclusive) and ending at end (exclusive).

(list-head lst k) returns a newly allocated list of the first k elements of lst.

(list-tail lst k) returns the sublist of lst obtained by omitting the first k elements.

(last-pair lst) returns the last pair in lst.

(list-transform-positive lst pred)
(list-transform-negative lst pred) These procedures return a newly allocated copy of lst containing only those elements for which pred returns (respectively) true or false.

(delq element lst)
(delv element lst)
(delete element lst) Returns a newly allocated copy of lst with all elements equal to element removed. delq uses eq? to compare elements, delv uses eqv?, and delete uses equal?.

(memq obj lst)
(memv obj lst)
(member obj lst) Returns the first pair of lst whose car is obj. If obj does not appear in lst, #f is returned. memq uses eq? to compare obj, memv uses eqv?, and member uses equal?.

(map proc lst lst ...) proc must be a procedure that takes as many arguments as there are lsts. If there is more than one lst given, they must all be the same length. map applies proc element-wise to the elements of the lsts, and returns a list of the results. The order in which proc is applied is unspecified.

(for-each proc lst lst ...) Just like map, but proc is applied in order, from left to right, and the result is unspecified.

(fold-right proc init lst) Combines all the elements of lst using the binary operation proc.

(sort lst proc)
(merge-sort lst proc)
(quick-sort lst proc) Returns a newly allocated list whose elements are those of lst, rearranged to be in the order specified by proc. sort is an alias for merge-sort. quick-sort is an alternative sorting implementation.

Miscellaneous Procedures

(apply proc obj obj ...) Calls proc with the elements of the list (cons* obj obj ...) as arguments.

Environment Model Cheat Sheet

Elements of the Environment Model

- A frame consists of a list of variable bindings. Each binding associates a name (must be a symbol) with a value. We draw frames as boxes.
- Every frame except the *GE* frame has a “parent” pointer which points to another frame (also called the enclosing environment). The frames form a tree structure, with the *GE* as root.
- With each frame, there is an associated environment. The environment of a frame *F* consists of the chain of frames *F*, *parent(F)*, *parent(parent(F))*, until we hit the *GE*.
- *GE* = Global Environment. All initial bindings (e.g. for `+`, `map`) live in the *GE*. Whenever we evaluate something, we must specify the frame in which we evaluate it.
- New frames are created when a procedure is called, or when a `let` statement is evaluated.

The Hats

Double-bubble: In charge of the lambda rule (double-bubble creation)

Bind: In charge of step 5 of the combination rule, `set!` rule, `define` rule, symbol lookup rule

Trouble: In charge of steps 2–4 of the combination rule

Grand Evaluator: In charge of keeping track of evaluation, current environment, identifying the type of expression, and remembering the values of arguments

Evaluation Rules

To evaluate an expression in an environment *e*, follow the rule:

`name`|*e*

Lookup `name` in the current environment (*e*), moving up frames to find the `name`. Return the value bound to the `name`.

`(define name exp)`|*e*

Evaluate `exp` in *e* to get `val`, and create or replace a binding for `name` in the first frame of *e* with `name`. Return unspecified.

`(set! name exp)`|*e*

Evaluate `exp` in *e* to get `val`, and replace the first binding for `name` in *e* with `val`. If no such binding is found, generate an error. Return unspecified.

`(lambda args body)`|*e*

Create a double-bubble whose environment pointer (right half) is *e*, and set the left half to have the parameters `args` and body `body`. Return a pointer to the double-bubble.

`(exp1 exp2 exp3 ...)`|*F*

1. Evaluate each expression `exp1`, `exp2`, `exp3`, ... in frame *F*, resulting in `val1`, `val2`, `val3`, ...

2. If `val1` does not point to a double-bubble, it is an error. Otherwise, let *P* be this double-bubble.

3. Create a new frame *A*

4. Make *A* into an environment *E*: *A*'s enclosing environment pointer goes to the same frame as the environment pointer of *P*. Link these two pointers together with handcuffs.

5. In *A*, bind the parameters of *P* to the values `val2`, ... (`val1` is the double-bubble)

6. Evaluate the body of *P* with *E* as the current environment.

`(let ((var init) ...) body)`|*F*

Either desugar the `let`, or:

1. Evaluate each `init` in *F* (in any order) to get `vals`

2. Drop a new frame *A* that points to *F*

3. In *A*, bind each `var` to the associated `val`

4. Evaluate `body` in frame *A*.

5. Return the value of the last expression in the `body`.

Common Environment Model Mistakes

- Be sure to set the parent pointer of new frames properly — it's the same as the environment pointer of *the procedure you're applying!*
- Keep track of what expression you're evaluating, and remember what steps you have left to do. For example, when you have `(define foo bar)`, don't forget to add the binding for `foo` after you finish evaluating `bar`!
- Don't get ahead of yourself! A common mistake is for people to evaluate a `lambda` expression, giving a double bubble, and then immediately evaluate the body of the lambda. Be sure that you follow the rules carefully!