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### Recitation 17 — 4/14/2006 Message Passing Objects

### **Special Forms**

1. case - (case expr clauses)

Works like cond, except the test of each clause is a list of numbers and symbols to compare against the value of *expr* with eqv?.

### Procedures

1. (for-each proc list)

Similar to map: Applies *proc* to each element of *list*. However, for-each works for its side effects, and applies the procedure in order from first element to last, and does not specify a return value.

2. (apply proc args) Applies proc to args. It's like having written (proc arg0 arg1 arg2 ...).

#### Variable number of arguments

1. . *args* - In order to implement variable-number-of-arguments procedures (like +,list,append, or map). End the parameter list of a lambda with . args. The variable args will be bound to a list of all the remaining arguments. Examples:

((lambda (x . args) (append x args)) '(1 2) 3 4 5)
(define (do-stuff x y . rest) ...)
(define (add . args) (fold-right + 0 args))
(define add (lambda args (fold-right + 0 args)))
((lambda args (cons 'yay args)) 3 4)
((lambda args (cons 'yay args)))

# Message Passing Pairs

Consider the following possible definitions for cons, car and cdr.

```
(define (cons x y)
 (lambda (msg . rest)
   (case msg
        ((PAIR?) #t)
        ((CAR) x)
        ((CDR) y)
    ;;set-car!, set-cdr! go here
        (else (error "pair cannot" msg)))))
```

```
(define (car p)
 (p 'CAR))
(define (cdr p)
 (p 'CDR))
(define (pair? p)
 (and (procedure? p) (p 'PAIR?)))
```

1. Complete the definition for cons to handle set-car! and set-cdr!, and write new definitions for set-car! and set-cdr!.

The addition to cons is:

((SET-CAR!) (set! x (first rest)))
((SET-CDR!) (set! y (first rest)))

The definitions for set-car! and set-cdr! are:

```
(define (set-car! p nval)
 (p 'SET-CAR! nval))
(define (set-cdr! p nval)
 (p 'SET-CDR! nval))
```

# Message Passing Bank Account

```
(define (make-bank-account)
  (let ((balance 0))
    (lambda (msg . rest)
      (case msg
        ((BALANCE) balance)
        ((DEPOSIT)
         (set! balance (+ balance (car rest)))
         balance)
        ((WITHDRAW)
         (let ((v (car rest)))
           (if (>= balance v)
               (set! balance (- balance v))
               (error "cannot withdraw" v))
           balance))
        (else
         (error "no action for message" msg))
        ))))
(define checking (make-bank-account))
(define savings (make-bank-account))
(checking 'DEPOSIT 10)
(savings 'DEPOSIT 100)
(checking 'WITHDRAW 2.50)
```

1. Draw an environment diagram corresponding to the final state of global environment after evaluating the above expressions. You do not need to include procedures and frames that are no longer accessible such as procedure objects created by a let that are no longer accessible, and frames from procedure applications that are inaccessible.

2. Add additional methods to the bank account.

ACCRUE-INTEREST, which takes an interest rate, computes the amount of interest and deposits the correct additional amount.

TRANSFER, which takes an amount, and another account to transfer to, and adjusts the balances in the two accounts accordingly.

EVIL-ATM-WITHDRAW, which takes an amount to withdraw, ensures that it is a multiple of \$20, and withdraws that amount along with a \$2 service charge. Make sure the account does the right thing when the balance is enough for the withdrawal but not the withdrawal plus fee.