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1. Streams

In lecture yesterday, we looked at a simple implementation of streams which used two new special forms:

- `(delay x)` which returns a promise and is equivalent to `(lambda () x)`
- `(cons-stream a b)` which is equivalent to `(cons a (delay b))`

and a few data abstractions:

```
(define (force obj) (obj))                (define (stream-car stream) (car stream))
(define (stream-cdr stream) (force (cdr stream)))
```

Using these basic functions, we can build infinite streams. For example:

```
(define ones (cons-stream 1 ones))        (define twos (cons-stream 2 twos))
```

Here's another way we can define `twos` using `stream-map` a very useful function that works like `map`, except on streams:

```
(define twos
  (stream-map + ones ones))
```

2. Warm Up

Write a procedure `powers-of-2-from` which takes a power of 2 (`n`) and returns the stream `n, n*2, (n*2)*2, ((n*2)*2)*2, ...`

```
(define (powers-of-2-from n)
  )
```

Define a stream of the whole numbers $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3 \dots\}$ using `ones`

```
(define whole
  )
```

3. Taylor Series

We can represent an infinite Taylor Series as a stream. The series $f(x) = (a_0x + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots)$ can simply be represented as the stream of numbers $(a_0 \ a_1 \ a_2 \ a_3 \ \dots)$.

Recall that (for $-1 < x < 1$), $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$. What series could we use to represent this series?

For example, recall that $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$. Using `stream-map`, `fact` (factorial), and `whole`, define the stream corresponding to this series.

```
(define e^x
  )
```

4. Evaluating a Series

Now say we want to evaluate e^x for some x . Write a function `eval-series` that takes a series `s`, a value `x`, and the number of terms to use `n`, and evaluates the series.

```
(define (eval-series s x n)
```

```
)
```

Now we can evaluate our series: `(eval-series e^x -0.5 100)` ; value .6065306597126333

5. More Stream Tools

Write the function `interleave` that takes two infinite streams and interleaves them. For example

```
(define all-ints
  (cons-stream 0 (interleave integers (stream-map - integers))))
```

This would be the infinite stream (0 1 -1 2 -2 3 -3 4 -4 ...)

```
(define (interleave s t)
```

```
)
```

6. Cosine Series

For example, recall that $\cos(x) = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$. How could we create this stream using the `e^x` stream we already created? (What stream could we create that we could multiply with `e^x`?)

$$\begin{array}{rcl} e^x & = & 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \\ \cos(x) & = & 1 + 0 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + 0 + \frac{x^4}{4!} + 0 - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \end{array}$$

...

How could we define the cosine stream in this way using `ones` and `zeros` and `interleave` twice?

```
(define cos-x
```

```
)
```

7. All Pairs

What about the set of all pairs of positive integers: $\{\langle x, y \rangle \mid x, y \in \text{PositiveIntegers}\}$? How can we capture this infinite-way infinite sequence into a stream? Let's define a procedure `pairs` that takes two infinite streams and returns a stream of all possible pairs of elements of the two streams.

```
(define (pairs s t)
```

```
))
```

	1	2	3	4	5	...
1	$\langle 1, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 1, 2 \rangle$	$\langle 1, 3 \rangle$	$\langle 1, 4 \rangle$	$\langle 1, 5 \rangle$...
2	$\langle 2, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 2, 2 \rangle$	$\langle 2, 3 \rangle$	$\langle 2, 4 \rangle$	$\langle 2, 5 \rangle$...
3	$\langle 3, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 3, 2 \rangle$	$\langle 3, 3 \rangle$	$\langle 3, 4 \rangle$	$\langle 3, 5 \rangle$...
4	$\langle 4, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 4, 2 \rangle$	$\langle 4, 3 \rangle$	$\langle 4, 4 \rangle$	$\langle 4, 5 \rangle$...
5	$\langle 5, 1 \rangle$	$\langle 5, 2 \rangle$	$\langle 5, 3 \rangle$	$\langle 5, 4 \rangle$	$\langle 5, 5 \rangle$...
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