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## 1. Object Oriented Programming

Below is the object oriented system from the April 1st Lecture Notes (just included for reference):

```
(define (get-method message object)
  (object message))

(define method? procedure?)

(define (ask object message . args)
  (let ((method (get-method message object)))
    (if (method? method)
        (apply method object args)
        (error "No method for message" message))))
```

## 2. Object Oriented Stacks

Using this object oriented style, write the function `create-stack` that will create a stack object. Recall that stacks are data structures that include the operations `push`, `pop`, `peek`, and `clear`. Objects get pushed on and popped off the stack in a last-in-first-out manner. Complete the function `create-stack`.

```
(define (create-stack)
  (lambda (message)
    (case message
      ((PUSH)
        )
      ((PEEK)
        )
      ((CLEAR)
        )
      ((POP)
        )
    )))

(define s (create-stack))
(ask s 'push 5)
(ask s 'push 3)
(ask s 'pop)           ==> 3
(ask s 'push 1)
(ask s 'pop)           ==> 1
(ask s 'pop)           ==> 5
```

## 3. Object Oriented Variables

Next, let's write an abstraction for variables in the object oriented style. We do this so that in addition to the `get` (lookup) and `set!` operations that we have in scheme, we also want to implement an `undo!` method that un-does the last `set!`ing of the variable. We want to store an arbitrary number of undos. How can we use stacks to help us with this `undo!`? Complete the code for `create-var`.

```
(define (create-var value)
  (lambda (message)
    (case message
      ((SET!)
        )
      ((GET)
        )
      ((UNDO!)
        )
    )))

(define a (create-var 1))
(ask a 'get)
==> 1
(ask a 'set! 2)
(ask a 'get)
==> 2
(ask a 'undo!)
(ask a 'get)
==> 1
```

## 4. Object Oriented Pairs

Well, we wrote it for one variable, now let's write it for pairs. Consider the function `create-pair` that generates a pair of variables (the car and the cdr) that you can get or set. When the message `undo!` is sent, the last setting gets undone (be it a `set-car!` or `set-cdr!`). Consider the following example and complete the code for `create-pair`.

```
(define (create-pair car-val cdr-val)

  (lambda (message)
    (case message
      ((SET-CAR!)

        ((SET-CDR!)

          ((CAR)

            ((CDR)

              ((PRINT)
               (lambda (self)
                 (display (ask self 'car))
                 (display ".")
                 (display (ask self 'cdr))))
               ((UNDO!)

                 ))))

            ))

          ))

        ))

      ))

    ))))

(define p (create-pair 1 2))
(ask p 'print)      ==> (1 . 2)
(ask p 'set-car! 3)
(ask p 'print)      ==> (3 . 2)
(ask p 'set-cdr! 4)
(ask p 'print)      ==> (3 . 4)
(ask p 'set-car! 5)
(ask p 'print)      ==> (5 . 4)
(ask p 'undo!)
(ask p 'print)      ==> (3 . 4)
(ask p 'undo!)
(ask p 'print)      ==> (3 . 2)
(ask p 'undo!)
(ask p 'print)      ==> (1 . 2)
```

## 5. Object Oriented Variables with Redo!

Now we have the ability to `undo!` the results to set, let's add a `redo!` feature, such that successive calls to `undo!` and be taken back using a call to `redo!`. Complete the code for `create-var`.

```
(define (create-var value)

  (lambda (message)
    (case message
      ((SET!)

        ((GET)

          ((UNDO!)

            ((REDO!)

              ))

            ))

          ))

        ))

      ))

    ))))

(define a (create-var 1))
(ask a 'set! 2)
(ask a 'undo!)
(ask a 'get)      ==> 2
(ask a 'undo!)
(ask a 'get)      ==> 1
(ask a 'redo!)
(ask a 'get)      ==> 2
```