

$$f = \lambda n. \text{IF THEN ELSE (ISZERO } n) 1 \\ (\text{TIMES } n (f (\text{MINUS } n 1)))$$

$$g = \lambda f. \lambda n. \text{IF THEN ELSE } \dots$$

g h 5 needs to be 120

h needs to expand into g h

what is h ?

$$h = Y g$$

$$Y = \lambda g. (\lambda x. g (x x)) (\lambda x. g (x x))$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y g &= (\lambda x. g (x x)) (\lambda x. g (x x)) \\ &= g ((\lambda x. g (x x)) (\lambda x. g (x x))) \\ &= g (Y g) \end{aligned}$$

solution is $h = Y g$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & g \ h \ 3 \\
 = & g \ (Y \ g) \ 3 \\
 = & \text{IFTHENELSE} \ (\text{ISZERO} \ 3) \ 1 \\
 & \quad (\text{TIMES} \ 3 \ ((Y \ g) \ (\text{MINUS} \ 3 \ 1))) \\
 = & (\text{TIMES} \ (g \ (Y \ g)) \ 2) \\
 = & (\text{TIMES} \ 3 \ (\text{TIMES} \ 2 \ (g \ (Y \ g) \ 1))) \\
 = & (\text{TIMES} \ 3 \ (\text{TIMES} \ 2 \ (\text{TIMES} \ 1 \ (g \ (Y \ g) \ \emptyset)))) \\
 = & (\text{TIMES} \ 3 \ (\text{TIMES} \ 2 \ (\text{TIMES} \ 1 \ 1))) \\
 = & 6
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem : the λ calculus can compute any known function

History : John McCarthy in 1950s invented a language based on λ calculus : LISP (List Processor)

We will look at a modern version of LISP called Scheme.

Scheme is a pure functional language (actually not quite)

MOC is evaluation of expressions

An expression is a fully parenthesized prefix form:

$(+ \ 1 \ 2)$
↑
function name arguments

Scheme has an interpreter: typing $(+ \ 1 \ 2)$ into the interpreter produces 3 as the result

$(+ \ (* \ 2 \ 4) \ 3) \Rightarrow 11$

We can have anonymous functions with LAMBDA

$$\underbrace{((\text{LAMBDA } (x) (+ x 1)))}_{\text{function}} \quad \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{argument}}}{3)}$$

$$= (+ 3 1)$$

$$= 4$$

Functions can be first-class arguments

$$\underbrace{((\text{LAMBDA } (f) (f 3)))}_{\text{function}} \quad \underbrace{(\text{LAMBDA } (x) (+ x 1))}_{\text{argument}}$$

$$= ((\text{LAMBDA } (x) (+ x 1)) 3)$$

$$= (+ 3 1)$$

$$= 4$$

Scheme has a binding mechanism called define

e.g. (define x 1) binds x to 1

(define y (+ x 3)) binds y to 4

We can also bind functions

(define addOne (lambda (x) (+ x 1)))

this binds addOne to the function which returns a value that is one more than its argument.

Then we can do:

(addOne 3) => 4

We can redefine any number of times

(define addOne 1)

Then (addOne 1) produces an error because addOne is not bound to a function

Conditional form :

(if <test> <then> <else>)

The test evaluates to either #t (true) or #f (false)

If the test evaluates to #t then the value returned by if is the value of the <then> expression, otherwise the value returned is the value of the <else> expression.

(define n 1) [returns nothing]

(if (= n 1) 3 4) => 3
 ↑ ↑
 then else

Factorial function:

(define fact

(lambda (n)

(if (= n 0)

1

(* n (fact (- n 1)))))

e.g. (fact 3) we will derive the value of this expression

= (if (= 3 0) 1 (* 3 (fact (- 3 1))))

= (* 3 (fact 2))

= (* 3 (* 2 (fact 1)))

= (* 3 (* 2 (* 1 (fact 0))))

= (* 3 (* 2 (* 1 1)))

= 6

Scheme also an important data structure called the 'list'

A list has the same syntax as an expression :

Thus (1 2 3) is a list of three numbers

Strictly speaking a list a sequence of either atoms or lists.

e.g. (1 (a 2) b) is a list

This gave rise symbolic programming

We need a way to distinguish lists from expressions.

The method used is called 'quoting'. We prefix a list with single quote mark.

so '(+ 1 2) is a list consisting of three atoms
(+ 1 2) is an expression with a value.

Notice we only need one quote mark because of the parens.

The quote mark is actually a shorthand for the special function quote

So '(1 2 3) is same as (quote (1 2 3))
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 function that returns its argument unevaluated

Note the difference between :

(define x '(+ 2 3)) which binds
 x to (+ 2 3)

and (define x (+ 2 3)) which binds
 x to 5

The ' mark stops evaluation of an expression

We can also quote symbols :

$(\text{define } x \ 'y)$ binds x to y

$(\text{define } x \ y)$ binds x to y 's value

Numeric atoms don't need quoting

$(\text{define } x \ 3)$ binds x to 3

The list has four basic operations which treat it like a singly-linked list. We can only operate on the head of the list.

To return the head of a list, use `car`

e.g. $(\text{car } '(1 \ 2 \ 3)) \Rightarrow 1$

$(\text{car } '(a \ b \ c)) \Rightarrow a$

$(\text{car } '((1) (2) (3))) \Rightarrow (1)$

To return everything except the head use cdr

e.g. `(cdr '(a b c))` returns `(b c)`

`(cdr '((a) (b) (c)))` returns `((b) (c))`

`car` \equiv head (first)

`cdr` \equiv tail (rest)

We could redefine `car`, `cdr`

`(define first car)`

`(define rest cdr)`

Historically LISP was implemented on a 509 (?)

IBM machine with an address register and a decrement register

`C` - contents

`a` - address

`r` - register

`C` - contents

`d` - decrement

`r` - register