

## Intro to Mutations

- So basically everything in Scheme is represented in pairs.

- So remember cons creates a pointer to a pair, where the car is a pointer to the first element, and the cdr is a pointer to the last...


## Pointers...

- So if you've programmed in other languages such as Java \& C you know what these are.
- So we have 2 mutators...

口set-car!
$\square$ set-cdr!

## Set-car! \& Set-cdr!

- set-car!
-Does what you think it does...it sets the car of a pair to be a value so.... (set-car! $x y$ ) means to change the car of $x$ to point to $y$
- set-cdr!
- lt sets the cdr of a pair to be a value (set-cdr! x y) means to change the cdr of $x$ to point to $y$
- *note* usually '!' means change in Scheme

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## Answers...

$>($ define $x$ (list (list 'to 'be)))
x
$>$ (define y (list 'or 'not))
y
$>$ (set-cdr! $\times \mathrm{y}$ )
okay
$>{ }^{\prime}$ (to be) or not)
$>y$ (or not)
$>$ (set-cdr! (cdr y) (car x))
okay
> ((to be) or not to be)
$>{ }^{\mathrm{y}}$ (or not to be)


## Eq? vs. Equal?

- What's the difference?
-equal? tests for whether or not two symbols are equal.
$\square e q$ ? tests for pointer equality.


## Mutation Answer

- X-Men...
(set-car! $\quad x 1 \quad($ cadr x 1$)$ )
(set-car! (cdr x1) 'x )
(set-cdr! (cddr x1) (cdr x1))
(set-cdr! $\quad$ x1 (cddr x1))
(set-cdr! (cddr x1) 'x )


## Eq? vs. Equal?

- Let's take an example...
$\square$ (define $x$ (cons 1 2))
- (define y (cons 12 ))
$\square(e q$ ? x y) $\rightarrow$ \#
$\square$ (equal? xy ) $\rightarrow$ \#t
$\square$ (set-car! x y)
$\square(e q$ ? (car $x) y) \rightarrow$ \#t
- Still confused?
$\square$ The EQ? story...
- Make sure you use these two predicates correctly!


## Another helpful predicate...

- memq

Works like member, but this is for pointer equality
STk> (define x (list 1 2))
okay
STk> (define y (list x x)
okay
STK> (memq 1 x)
(12)

STk> (memq y $x$ )
\#f
STk> (memq x y)
((1 2) (1 2))
STk> (define $z$ (list 12 ))
okay
STk> (memq x z)
\#f

## Equivalent?

- As you can see we changed the structure of $x$ and $y$ using our mutators.
- Now when we define an ADT we can define a constructor, selectors, and mutators. Many people wonder why the following are not equivalent: (set-cdr! x y) equivalent to ? (set! (cdr x) y)


## Equivalent?

(set-cdr! x y) equivalent to ? (set! (cdr x) y)

- NO, these examples are not equivalent.
- Set! changes values.
- set-car/cdr! changes pointers! Very very different.
- Now lets look at some examples of data structures that use mutation frequently.


## Stacks, Trees, \& Queues

- Stacks

A last-in first-out queue in which we keep track of pointers to the top element and the next to top element.

- Trees

We already know about trees, but look forward to 61 b where you will learn about balancedtrees, tree-rotations, removing and adding elements to all kinds of trees.

- Queues and Deques

A first-in first-out structure that needs to keep track of the first and next element. (A deque is a double-ended queue). (in book if you're interested!)

## More Problems!

- Write remove-dupls! which takes a list and removes all the duplicate elements of a nonempty list. You may not construct new pairs, ie use cons or anything like that.
> (define $x$ (list 'a 'b 'b 'a))
$>$ (remove-dupls! x$) \rightarrow$ [returns something]
$>\mathrm{x} \rightarrow(\mathrm{ba})$




[^0]:    Let's do some...
    $>$ (define x (list (list 'to 'be)))
    $>$ (define y (list 'or 'not))
    $>$ (set-cdr! x y)
    $>\mathrm{X}$
    $>y$
    $>$ (set-cdr! (cdry) (car x))
    $>\mathrm{X}$
    $>y$

