## **COMPUTER SCIENCE MENTORS 61A**

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**1** Scheme

1. What will Scheme output? Draw box-and-pointer diagrams to help determine this.

```
(a) (cons (cons 1 nil) (cons 2 (cons (cons 3 (cons 4 5)) (cons
 6 nil))))
(b) (cons (cons (car '(1 2 3)) (list 2 3 4)) (cons 2 3))
(c) (define a 4)
  ((lambda (x y) (+ a)) 1 2)
(d) ((lambda (x y z) (y x)) 2 / 2)
(e) ((lambda (x) (x x)) (lambda (y) 4))
(f) (define boom1 (/ 1 0))
(g) boom1
(h) (define boom2 (lambda () (/ 1 0)))
(i) (boom2)
```

(j) How can we rewrite boom2 without using the lambda operator?

- 2. What will Scheme output?.
  (a) (if 0 (/ 1 0) 1)
  - (b) (and 1 #f (/ 1 0))
  - (c) (and 1 2 3)
  - (d) (or #f #f 0 #f (/ 1 0))
  - (e) (or #f #f (/ 1 0) 3 4)
  - (f) (and (and) (or))
- 3. **let** is a special form in Scheme which allows you to create local bindings. Consider the example

(let ((x 1)) (+ x 1))

Here, we assign x to 1, and then evaluate the expression (x + 1) using that binding, returning 2. However, outside of this expression, x would not be bound to anything.

Each let special form has a corresponding lambda equivalent. The equivalent lambda expression for the above example is

((lambda (x) (+ x 1)) 1)

The following line of code does not work. Why? Write the lambda equivalent of the let expressions.

```
(let ((foo 3)
(bar (+ foo 2)))
(+ foo bar))
```

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- 1. What is the difference between dynamic and lexical scoping?
- 2. What would this print using lexical scoping? What would it print using dynamic scoping?

3. How would you modify an environment diagram to represent dynamic scoping?

## **3** Code-Writing

1. Implement waldo. waldo returns #t if the symbol waldo is in a list. You may assume that the list passed in is well-formed.

```
scm> (waldo '(1 4 waldo))
#t
scm> (waldo '())
#f
scm> (waldo '() 4 9))
#f
(define (waldo lst)
```

2. Extra challenge: Define waldo so that it returns the index of the list where the symbol waldo was found (if waldo is not in the list, return #f).

```
scm> (waldo '(1 4 waldo))
2
scm> (waldo '())
#f
scm> (waldo '() 4 9))
#f
```

(define (waldo lst)

)

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## 4 Challenge Question

3. **(Optional)** The quicksort sorting algorithm is an efficient and commonly used algorithm to order the elements of a list. We choose one element of the list to be the pivot element and partition the remaining elements into two lists: one of elements less than the pivot and one of elements greater than the pivot. We recursively sort the two lists, which gives us a sorted list of all the elements less than the pivot and all the elements greater than the pivot for a completely sorted list.

Implement quicksort in Scheme. Choose the first element of the list as the pivot. You may assume that all elements are distinct. Hint: you may want to use a helper function.

You may additionally want to use the built-in append function, which takes in two lists and returns a new list containing the elements of the first list followed by the elements of the second list. You can also use filter procedure, which takes in a one-argument function and a list and returns a new list containing only the elements of the original list for which the function returns true, although it is not required.

scm> (quicksort (list 5 2 4 3 12 7))
(2 3 4 5 7 12)