

Order of Growth

Last week we saw some examples of determining the order of growth of functions. For each of the following functions, determine the Θ , Ω , Θ (if it exists). If the size of the input is not obvious, specify what it should be.

```
1. def matrix_multiply(A, B):
    C = []
    for i in range(len(A)):
        for j in range(len(B[0])):
            C[i][j] = 0
            for k in range(len(A[0])):
                C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j]
    return C
```

If A is n by m and B is m by k, the runtime is $\Theta(n*m*k)$.

```
2. def binary_search(L, x):
    if (len(L) == 0): return False
    if x == L[len(L)//2]: return True
    if x < L[len(L)//2]: return binary_search(L[:len(L)//2], x)
    return binary_search(L[len(L)//2:], x)
```

The runtime is $\Omega(1)$, $O(\log n)$.

```
3. def quicksort(L):
    if (len(L) == 0): return L
    return quicksort([x for x in L if x < L[0]]) + \
        [x for x in L if x == L[0]] + \
        quicksort([x for x in L if x > L[0]])
```

The runtime is $\Omega(n)$ and $O(n^2)$.

The Scheme Programming Language

The Scheme programming language was developed in 1975 as a minimalist dialect of the Lisp programming language. The introductory computer science course of UC-Berkeley (hey, that's us!) used Scheme from 1986 until 2011, remaining the language of choice even through the rise (and sometimes fall) of many other intensely popular programming languages including C++, Perl, Haskell, Java, PHP, and Ruby. It finally ending its 25 year reign in the switch to Python in 2011, Nonetheless, Scheme is a fully-featured language which we'll be implementing an interpreter for over the next few weeks.

If you'd like to learn some more about CS 61A's switch from Scheme, Brian Harvey has a very interesting write up on his website: <http://www.cs.berkeley.edu/~bh/61a.html>

Scheme Syntax: Prefix Notation!

In Python we use a form of prefix notation when calling functions:

```
>>> foo(1, 2, 3)
>>> mul(2, 3)
>>> add(3, 4)
```

However, Python uses infix notation for several binary operators such as +, -, *, /, "and", "or", etc... By contrast, Scheme uses prefix notation for all these operators

```
STk> (+ 2 3)
5
STk> (* 4 3)
12
STk> (and #t #t)
#t
STk> (or #f #t)
#t
```

You can define functions just like you do in Python:

```
STk> (define (fib n)
      (if (or (= n 0) (= n 1))
          1
          (+ (fib (- n 2)) (fib (- n 1)))))
fib
STk> (fib 0)
1
STk> (fib 1)
1
STk> (fib 2)
2
STk> (fib 10)
89
```

You can use high-order functions just like you do in Python:

```
STk> (define (double f n) (* (f n) 2))
double
STk> (double fib 4)
10
STk> (double fib 10)
178
```

You can even use lambda expressions like you do in Python:

```
STk> (double (lambda (x) (* x x)) 20)
800
```

Environment diagrams even work the same way they do in Python:

```
STk> (define foo (double_func (lambda (x) (* x x))))
foo
STk> (foo 20)
800
STk> (foo 10)
200
```

Exercise: Test your understanding of the above syntax by translating each of the input lines into equivalent Python code.

Defining Procedures

As shown above, you can define functions using the `define` keyword:

```
(define (<procedure name> <arg_1> ... <arg_n>)
  <body expression>
)
```

In Scheme, instead of having a sequence of expressions you usually have just a single (though often very complicated) expression for the body of the function.

Conditional Expressions: `if`, and `cond`

Scheme has the usual `if` keyword which looks like a function taking 3 arguments (the conditional argument, and true/false results), but has the usual if behavior of only evaluating an argument if necessary:

```
STk> (if (= 1 1) (* 2 3) (/ 6 0))
6
STk> (if (= 1 0) (* 2 3) (/ 6 0))
*** Error:
```

In addition to the `if` keyword, Scheme also has `cond`, which evaluates conditions in sequence and returns the first value where a condition holds true:

```
STk> (cond ((= 1 0) (/ 6 0))
          ((= 0 1) (/ 5 0))
          ((= 1 1) (* 2 3)))
6
STk> (cond ((= 1 0) (/ 6 0)) ((= 0 1) (/ 5 0)) ((= 1 2) (* 2 3)) (else (+ 1 1)))
2
```

Lists in Scheme

As mentioned above, Scheme is a dialect of LISP, a name derived from "LIST Processing". So as you might imagine, Scheme has some built-in functionality for dealing with lists:

```
STk> '(1 2 3 4)
(1 2 3 4)
```

Note the quote in front of the opening paren which indicates that this is a **list** and that we are not trying to call the function `1` with arguments `2 3 4`. Scheme also has built-in functions `car` and `cdr` which get the first and rest of a list respectively:

```
STk> (car '(1 2 3 4))
1
```

```
STk> (cdr '(1 2 3 4))
(2 3 4)
```

This might look familiar, and that's because it should! Behind the scenes, Scheme actually stores the list (1 2 3 4) as a recursive-list, i.e. as (1 (2 (3 (4))))). Scheme is just smart enough to know that it's easier for humans to read (1 2 3 4) than (1 (2 (3 (4))))), so that's what it prints out. However, if we wanted to construct a list manually, we would use the `cons` function, which works like the `make_rlist` function we've defined in Python:

```
STk> (cons 1 (cons 2 (cons 3 (cons 4 ())))))
(1 2 3 4)
```

Note the use of `()` at the end to represent the empty list. Finally, we can check to see if a list is empty using the `null?` keyword, i.e.

```
STk> (null? '(1))
#f
STk> (null? ())
#t
```

Exercise: Write a function `add_to_end` which adds an element to the end of a list:

```
STk> (define (add_to_end L x)
      (if (null? L) (cons x ())
          (cons (car L) (add_to_end (cdr L) x))
      )
)
```

```
STk> (add_to_end '(1 2 3 4) 5)
(1 2 3 4 5)
```

Exercise: Write a function in scheme that reverses a list (using the above `add_to_end` function).

```
(define (reverse_list L)
  (if (null? L) ()
      (add_to_end (reverse (cdr L)) (car L))
  )
)
```

String Manipulation

Scheme recognizes strings using double-quotes `""`.

```
STk> "hello"
"hello"
```

Scheme also has functions `first` and `butfirst` (abbreviated `bf`) which work on strings the way `car` and `cdr` work on lists:

```
STk> (first "hello")
h
```

```
STk> (butfirst "hello")
```

```
ello
```

```
STk> (bf "hello")
```

```
ello
```

Exercises

1. Define the `map_fn` procedure in Scheme – `map_fn` should take a function name and a list, returning a new list with the function applied to each element of the old list:

```
STk> (define (map_fn f L)
```

```
  (if (null? L) ()
```

```
      (cons (f (car L)) (map_fn f (cdr L))))
```

```
  )
```

```
)
```

```
STk> (map_fn (lambda (x) (* x x)) '(1 2 3 4))
```

```
(1 4 9 16)
```