



CS61A Lecture 35

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Announcements



- HW11 due next Wednesday

- Scheme project out

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E.g., replace (**if** **false** 1 (+ 2 3)) with (+ 2 3) and iterate.

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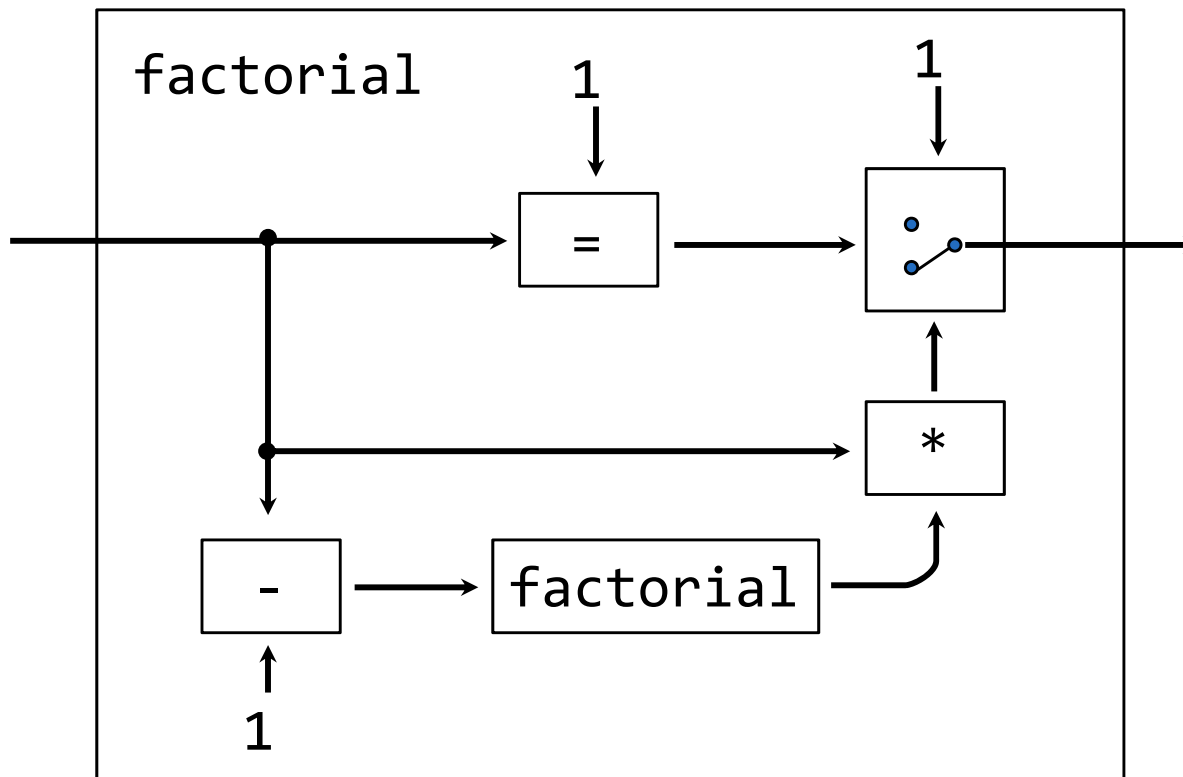
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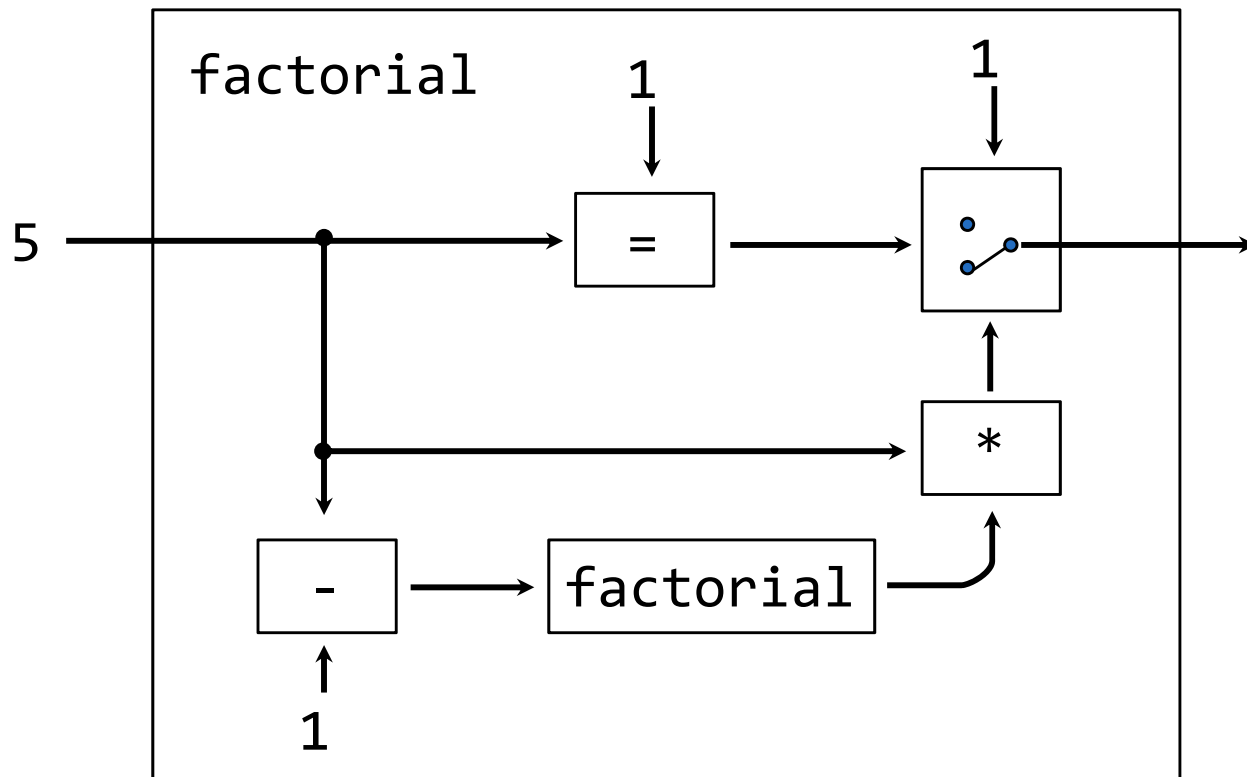
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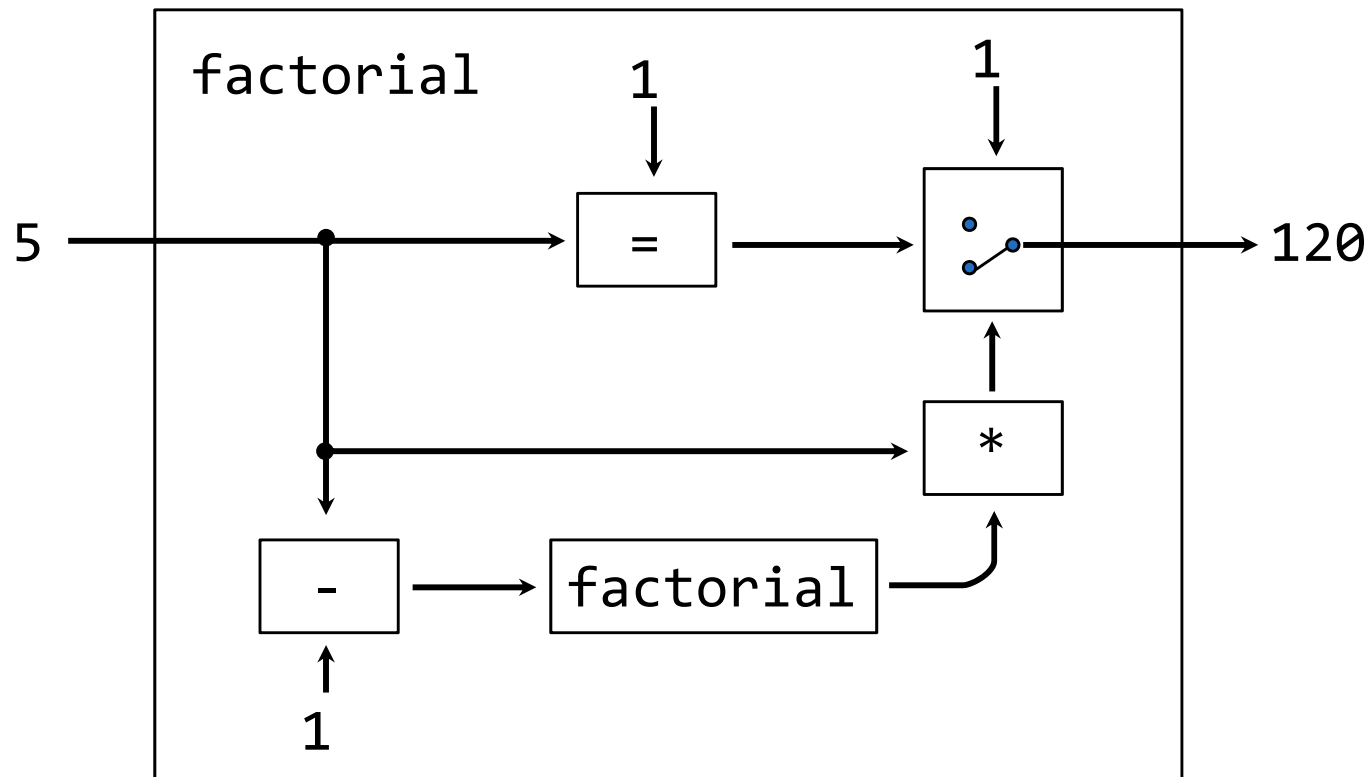
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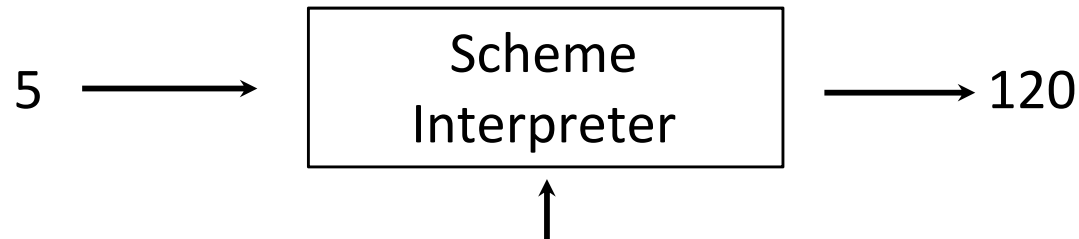


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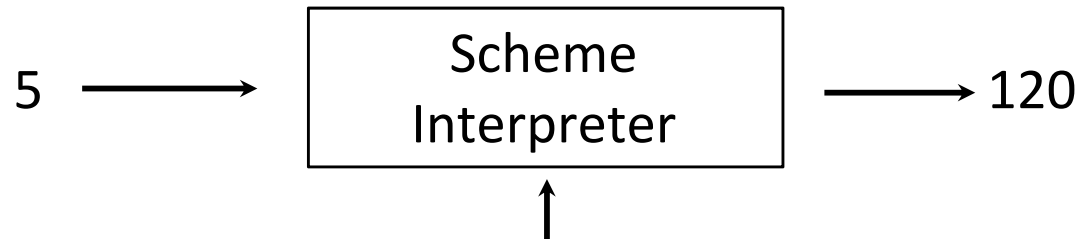


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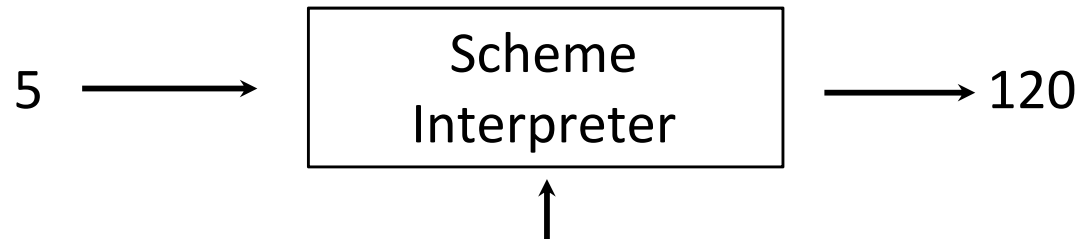
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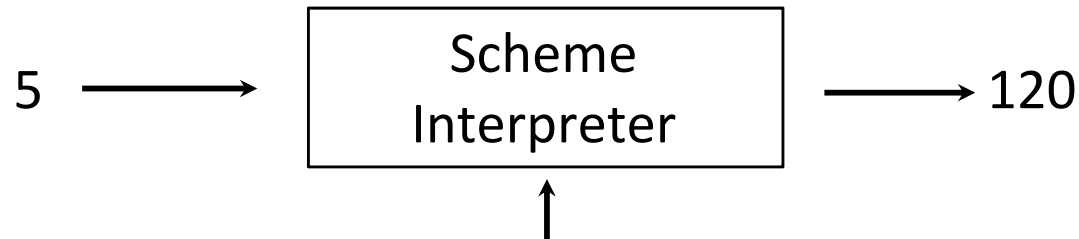
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