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Announcements

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A Scheme Expression is a Scheme List

Scheme programs consist of expressions, which can be:

- Primitive expressions: 2 3.3 true + quotient
- Combinations: (quotient 10 2) (not true)

The built-in Scheme list data structure (which is a linked list) can represent combinations

```
scm> (list 'quotient 10 2)
(quotient 10 2)

scm> (eval (list 'quotient 10 2))
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```

In such a language, it is straightforward to write a program that writes a program

(Demo)

Discussion Question: Automatically Simplifying Code

```
scm> (* 1 2 (* 3 (* 4)) (+ 5 (* 6 (* 7 8))))
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scm> (flatten-nested-* '(* 1 2 (* 3 (* 4)) (+ 5 (* 6 (* 7 8)))))
(* 1 2 3 4 (+ 5 (* 6 7 8)))
scm> (* 1 2 3 4 (+ 5 (* 6 7 8)))
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scm> (eval (flatten-nested-* '(* 1 2 (* 3 (* 4)) (+ 5 (* 6 (* 7 8))))))
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```

```
(define (is-*-call expr) (and (list? expr) (equal? '* (car expr))))  ; E.g., (* 3 4)
(define (flatten-nested-* expr) ; Return an equivalent expression with no nested calls to *
  (if (not (list? expr)) expr
    (let ((expr (map flatten-nested-* expr))) ; Now expr is (* 1 2 (* 3 4) (+ 5 (* 6 7 8)))
      (if (is-*-call expr)
          (apply append (map (lambda (e) (if (is-*-call e) (cdr e) (list e))) expr))
          expr))))
```

(* 3 4)

(+ 5 (* 6 7 8))

Discussion Question: Printing Evaluations

Define `print_evals`, which takes a Scheme expression `expr` that contains only numbers, `+`, `*`, `>`, `if` and parentheses. It prints all of the expressions that are evaluated during the evaluation of `expr` and their values. Print in the **order that evaluation completes.**

Assume every `if` expression has three sub-expressions: predicate, consequence, & alternative.

```
scm> (define expr '(* 2 (if (> 2 (+ 1 1)) (+ 3 4) (* 5 6))))
expr
scm> (eval expr)
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scm> (print-evals expr)
* => #[*]
2 => 2
> => #[>]
2 => 2
+ => #[+]
1 => 1
1 => 1
(+ 1 1) => 2
(> 2 (+ 1 1)) => #f
* => #[*]
5 => 5
6 => 6
(* 5 6) => 30
(if (> 2 (+ 1 1)) (+ 3 4) (* 5 6)) => 30
(* 2 (if (> 2 (+ 1 1)) (+ 3 4) (* 5 6))) => 60
```

```
(define (print-evals expr)
  (if (list? expr)
      (if (equal? (car expr) 'if )
          (begin
            (print-evals (car (cdr expr)))
            (if (eval (car (cdr expr))))
                (print-evals (car (cdr (cdr expr))))
                (print-evals (car (cdr (cdr (cdr expr)))))))
          (map print-evals expr) ))
  (print expr '=> (eval expr)))
```

Quasiquotation

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There are two ways to quote an expression

```
Quote:      '(a b)   =>   (a b)

Quasiquote: `(a b)   =>   (a b)
```

Parts of a quasiquoted expression can be unquoted with , to evaluate sub-expressions

```
            (define b 4)

Quasiquote: `(a ,(+ b 1))  =>   (a 5)
```

Quasiquotation is particularly convenient for generating Scheme expressions:

```
(define (make-add-lambda n) `(lambda (d) (+ d ,n)))

(make-add-lambda 2)  => (lambda (d) (+ d 2))
```

Discussion Question: Fact-Exp

Use quasiquotation to define **fact-expr,** a procedure that takes an integer n and returns a nested multiplication **expr**ession that evaluates to n **fact**orial**.**

```
scm> (fact-expr 5)
(* 5 (* 4 (* 3 (* 2 (* 1 1)))))
```

```
(define (fact-expr n)
  (if (= n 0) 1 `(* ________,n________ ____,(fact-expr (- n 1))____ )))
```