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### Lecture 4: Symbolic and abstract data, assignments and local state



## Lecture overview

- Quotation
- Symbolic differentiation
- Complex numbers
- Tagged data
- Data directed programming
- Message passing
- Imperative programming
- Local state



## Symbols?

- Say your favorite color
- Say “your favorite color”
- What is the difference?
  - In one case, we want the meaning associated with the expression
  - In the other case, we want the actual words (or symbols) of the expression
- Constructors:
  - `(quote alpha)` → “alpha”
  - quote is a special form. One argument: a name.
- Operations:
  - `(symbol? (quote alpha))` → #t



## Symbols are ordinary values

```
(list 1 2)      → (1 2)
(list (quote delta) (quote gamma))
  → (delta gamma)
```

```
(list (quote delta) (quote delta))
  → (delta delta)
```

two quote expressions with the same name return the same object



## The eq? operation

- Primitive procedure
- Returns #t if the two arguments are the same object

```
(eq? (quote eps) (quote eps)) → #t
(eq? (quote delta) (quote eps)) → #f
```



## Quoting

- Shorthand
  - ``a` is shorthand for `(quote a)`
  - ``(1 2)` is shorthand for `(quote (1 2))`
- Rewritings
  - `(quote (a b))` → `(list (quote a) (quote b))`
  - `(quote <self-eval-expr>)` → `<self-eval-expr>`
  - `(quote (1 (b c)))` → `(list (quote 1) (quote (b c)))`
  - `(list 1 (list (quote b) (quote c)))`
  - `(1 (b c))`



## Quoting cont.

```
(define x 20)

(+ x 3)           → 23
'(+ x 3)          → (+ x 3)
(list (quote +) x 3) → (+ 20 3)
(list '+ x 3)     → (+ 20 3)
(list + x 3)      → ([procedure #...] 20 3)
```

## Symbolic differentiation

(deriv <expr> <with-respect-to-var>) → <new-expr>

```
(deriv '(+ x 3) 'x) → 1
(deriv '(+ (* x y) 4) 'x) → y
(deriv '(* x x) 'x) → (+ x x)
```

- How to implement?

## Symbolic differentiation cont.

- How to get started?
- Analyze the problem precisely
  - deriv constant dx = 0
  - deriv variable dx = 1 if variable is the same as x  
= 0 otherwise
  - deriv (e1+e2) dx = deriv e1 dx + deriv e2 dx
  - deriv (e1\*e2) dx = e1 \* (deriv e2 dx) + e2 \* (deriv e1 dx)
- Observe:
  - e1 and e2 might be complex subexpressions
  - Derivate of (e1+e2) is formed from deriv e1 and deriv e2
  - A tree problem

## Symbolic differentiation cont.

- Wishful thinking
  - Assume we have means for representing algebraic expressions
  - Assume we have procedures to implement the following

(variable? e)	Is e a variable?
(same-variable? v1 v2)	Are v1 and v2 the same variable?
(sum? e)	Is e a sum?
(addend e)	Addend of the sum e
(augend e)	Augend of the sum e
(make-sum a1 a2)	Construct the sum of a1 and a2
(product? e)	Is e a product?
(multiplier e)	Multiplier of the product e
(multiplicand e)	Multiplicand of the product e
(make-product m1 m2)	Construct the product of m1 and m2

## The differentiation procedure

```
(define (deriv exp var)
  (cond ((number? exp) 0)
        ((variable? exp)
         (if (same-variable? exp var) 1 0))
        ((sum? exp)
         (make-sum (deriv (addend exp) var)
                    (deriv (augend exp) var)))
        ((product? exp)
         (make-sum
          (make-product (multiplier exp)
                        (deriv (multiplicand exp) var))
          (make-product (deriv (multiplier exp) var)
                        (multiplicand exp))))
        (else
         (error "unknown expr type -- DERIV" exp))))
```

base

recursive

## The differentiation procedure cont.

- The deriv procedure incorporates the complete differentiation algorithm
- Expressed in terms of abstract data
  - It will work no matter how we choose to represent algebraic expressions!
- How to represent the algebraic expressions?
- How to represent  $ax + b$ ?
  - $(a * x + b)$

```

      product multiplier multiplicand
      |         |                 |
      v         v                 v
- (+ (* a x) b)
  |   |   |
  sum addend augend
```

## Representing algebraic expressions

- Variables are symbols

```
(define (variable? x) (symbol? x))
(define (same-variable? v1 v2)
  (and (variable? v1) (variable? v2) (eq? v1 v2)))
```
- Sums and products are constructed as lists

```
(define (make-sum a1 a2) (list '+ a1 a2))
(define (make-product m1 m2) (list '* m1 m2))
```
- Sums and products are identified by their first element

```
(define (sum? x)
  (and (pair? x) (eq? (car x) '+)))
(define (product? x)
  (and (pair? x) (eq? (car x) '*)))
```

## Representing algebraic expressions cont.

- Addends and multipliers are the second items of the sum and the product lists

```
(define (addend s) (car (cdr s)))
(define (multiplier p) (car (cdr p)))
```
- Augends and multiplicands are the third items of the sum and the product lists

```
(define (augend s) (car (cdr (cdr s))))
(define (multiplicand p) (car (cdr (cdr p))))
```
- Done!

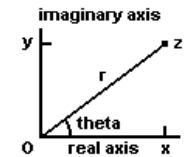
## Complex numbers

- Task: develop a system that performs arithmetic operations on complex numbers
- Two plausible representations of complex numbers
  - Rectangular form: (real part and imaginary part)  
 $z = x + iy$
  - Polar form (magnitude and angle)  
 $z = r e^{i\theta}$
- How did we represent rational numbers?
- Data abstraction!
  - Operations on complex numbers should work regardless of the representation!
  - Wishful thinking, assume it is already done

## Complex numbers cont.

- Assume that the operations on complex numbers are implemented in terms of four selectors:

```
real-part
imag-part
magnitude
angle
```
- Addition (rectangular form)  
 $\text{Real-part}(z1 + z2) = \text{Real-part}(z1) + \text{Real-part}(z2)$   
 $\text{Imag-part}(z1 + z2) = \text{Imag-part}(z1) + \text{Imag-part}(z2)$
- Multiplication (polar form)  
 $\text{Magnitude}(z1 * z2) = \text{Magnitude}(z1) * \text{Magnitude}(z2)$   
 $\text{Angle}(z1 * z2) = \text{Angle}(z1) + \text{Angle}(z2)$



## Arithmetic on complex numbers

- Assume we have two constructors of complex numbers

```
make-from-real-imag (from rectangular parts)
make-from-mag-ang (from polar parts)
```
- Implement addition and subtraction in terms of real and imaginary parts from rectangular form

```
(define (add-complex z1 z2)
  (make-from-real-imag
    (+ (real-part z1) (real-part z2))
    (+ (imag-part z1) (imag-part z2))))

(define (sub-complex z1 z2)
  (make-from-real-imag
    (- (real-part z1) (real-part z2))
    (- (imag-part z1) (imag-part z2))))
```

## Arithmetic on complex numbers cont.

- Implement multiplication and division in terms of magnitude and angle parts from polar form

```
(define (mul-complex z1 z2)
  (make-from-mag-ang
    (* (magnitude z1) (magnitude z2))
    (+ (angle z1) (angle z2))))

(define (div-complex z1 z2)
  (make-from-mag-ang
    (/ (magnitude z1) (magnitude z2))
    (- (angle z1) (angle z2))))
```
- Done?
- Done with wishful thinking

## Representing complex numbers

- How to represent complex numbers?
  - Rectangular form?
  - Polar form?
- What if we want both representations?
  - We need a way to distinguish the type of the complex number
  - Attach a type tag on the complex number
- Tagged data
  - Attach an identifying symbol to all nontrivial data values
  - Always check the symbol before operating on the data

```
(define (make-point x y) (list 'point x y))
```

## Benefits of tagged data

- Data-directed programming:
  - Functions decide what to do based on the arguments
  - Example: in a graphics program  
area: triangle|square|circle -> number
- Defensive programming:
  - Functions that fail gracefully if given bad arguments
  - Much better to give an error message than to return garbage!

## Tagging data

- Attach tags on data  

```
(define (attach-tag type-tag contents)  
  (cons type-tag contents))
```
- Get the tag  

```
(define (type-tag datum)  
  (if (pair? datum) (car datum)  
      (error "Bad tagged datum" datum)))
```
- Get the data  

```
(define (contents datum)  
  (if (pair? datum) (cdr datum)  
      (error "Bad tagged datum" datum)))
```

## Tagging complex numbers

- Checking complex types  

```
(define (rectangular? z)  
  (eq? (type-tag z) 'rectangular))  
(define (polar? z)  
  (eq? (type-tag z) 'polar))
```
- Constructors
  - Construct rectangular form from real and imaginary
  - Construct rectangular form from magnitude and angle
  - Construct polar form from real and imaginary
  - Construct polar form from magnitude and angle

$$x = r \cdot \cos(\phi) \quad r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$
$$y = r \cdot \sin(\phi) \quad \phi = \arctan(y, x)$$

## Constructing complex numbers

- Constructing rectangular forms  

```
(define (make-rect-from-real-imag x y)  
  (attach-tag 'rectangular (cons x y)))  
(define (make-rect-from-mag-ang r t)  
  (attach-tag 'rectangular  
    (cons (* r (cos t))  
          (* r (sin t)))))  
  
(define (make-polar-from-mag-ang r t)  
  (attach-tag 'polar (cons r t)))  
(define (make-polar-from-real-imag x y)  
  (attach-tag 'polar  
    (cons (sqrt (+ (square x) (square y)))  
          (atan y x))))
```

## Implementing selectors

- Real part  

```
(define (real-part z)  
  (cond ((rectangular? z)  
        (real-part-rect (contents z)))  
        ((polar? z)  
        (real-part-polar (contents z)))  
        (else (error "Unknown type: REAL-PART" z))))  
  
(define (real-part-rect z) (car z))  
  
(define (real-part-polar z)  
  (* (magnitude-polar z) (cos (angle-polar z))))
```

## Implementing selectors cont.

- **Imag part**

```
(define (imag-part z)
  (cond ((rectangular? z)
        (imag-part-rect (contents z)))
        ((polar? z)
         (imag-part-polar (contents z)))
        (else (error "Unknown type: IMAG-PART" z))))

(define (imag-part-rect z) (cdr z))

(define (imag-part-polar z)
  (* (magnitude-polar z) (sin (angle-polar z)))))
```

## Implementing selectors cont.

- **Magnitude**

```
(define (magnitude z)
  (cond ((rectangular? z)
        (magnitude-rect (contents z)))
        ((polar? z)
         (magnitude-polar (contents z)))
        (else (error "Unknown type: MAGNITUDE" z))))

(define (magnitude-rect z)
  (sqrt (+ (square (real-part-rect z))
           (square (imag-part-rect z)))))

(define (magnitude-polar z) (car z))
```

## Implementing selectors cont.

- **Angle**

```
(define (angle z)
  (cond ((rectangular? z)
        (angle-rect (contents z)))
        ((polar? z)
         (angle-polar (contents z)))
        (else (error "Unknown type: ANGLE" z))))

(define (angle-rect z)
  (atan (imag-part-rect z)
        (real-part-rect z)))

(define (angle-polar z) (cdr z))
```

## Constructing complex numbers

- **Construct from real and imaginary → rectangular form**

```
(define (make-from-real-imag x y)
  (make-rect-from-real-imag x y))
```

- **Construct from magnitude and angle → polar form**

```
(define (make-from-mag-ang r t)
  (make-polar-from-mag-ang r t))
```

- **Our operations still work!**

```
(define (add-complex z1 z2)
  (make-from-real-imag
   (+ (real-part z1) (real-part z2))
   (+ (imag-part z1) (imag-part z2))))
```

## Data directed programming

	Types	
	Polar	Rectangular
real-part	real-part-polar	real-part-rect
imag-part	imag-part-polar	imag-part-rect
magnitude	magnitude-polar	magnitude-rect
angle	angle-polar	angle-rect

Operations

## Message passing

Instead of “intelligent operations” that dispatch on data types, what about “intelligent data objects” that dispatch on operation names?

```
(define (make-from-real-imag x y)
  (define (dispatch op)
    (cond ((eq? op 'real-part) x)
          ((eq? op 'imag-part) y)
          ((eq? op 'magnitude)
           (sqrt (+ (square x) (square y))))
          ((eq? op 'angle) (atan y x))
          (else
           (error "Unknown op" op))))
  dispatch)
```

## Factorial procedure

- **Functional design**  

```
(define (fac n)
  (define (iter count prod)
    (if (> count n) prod
        (iter (+ count 1) (*count prod))))
  (iter 1 1))
```
- **Imperative design**  

```
(define (fac n)
  (let ((count 1) (prod 1))
    (define (loop)
      (if (> count n) prod
          (begin
             (set! prod (* count prod))
             (set! count (+ count 1))
             (loop))))
    (loop)))
```

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## Assignments: set!

- **Substitution model -- functional programming:**  

```
(define x 10)
(+ x 5) → 15
...
(+ x 5) → 15
```

- expression has the same value each time it is evaluated
- **With assignment:**  

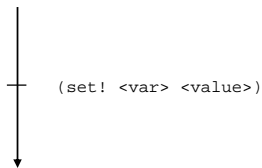
```
(define x 10)
(+ x 5) → 15
...
(set! x 94)
...
(+ x 5) → 99
```

- expression's "value" depends on **when** it is evaluated

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## Assignments

- **Assignments introduces time in our models**



- **When an assignment occurs the state of the modeled system changes**

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## Decrement – no assignment

```
(define (make-decrementer balance)
  (lambda (amount)
    (- balance amount)))
```

```
(define D (make-decrementer 25))
```

```
(D 20) → 5
(D 10) → 15
```

- **Substitution model:**  

```
((make-decrementer 25) 20)
((lambda (amount) (- 25 amount)) 20)
(- 25 20)
5
```

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## Withdraw – with assignment

```
(define (make-simple-withdraw balance)
  (lambda (amount)
    (set! balance (- balance amount))
    balance))
(define W (make-simple-withdraw 25))
```

```
(W 20) → 5
(W 10) → -5
```

- **Substitution model:**  

```
((make-simple-withdraw 25) 20)
((lambda (amount) (set! balance (- 25 amount)) 25) 20)
((set! balance (- 25 20)) 25)
((set! balance 5) 25)
```
- **What???**

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## Substitution model and set!

- **Why doesn't the substitution model work with assignments?**
  - The substitution model is based on the assumption that the symbols in the language are names that refer to values
  - If set! is included then the symbols will no longer be names that refer to values but names that refer to locations where values are stored
  - The value of such a location can be changed by set!
  - To cope with this new situation we introduce the environment model of evaluation

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## Environment model of evaluation

- What is it?
- A precise, completely mechanical description of:
  - Name-rule: looking up the value of a variable
  - Define-rule: creating a new definition of a variable
  - Set-rule: changing the value of a variable
  - Lambda-rule: creating a procedure
  - Application: applying a procedure
- New viewpoint
  - Variable
    - Location where a value is stored
  - Procedure
    - Object with inherited context
  - Expression
    - Only have meaning with respect to an environment

## Message passing

Simulating cons-cells with message passing to objects

```
(define (cons car-part cdr-part)
  (define (set-car-part! new-val)
    (set! car-part new-val))
  (define (set-cdr-part! new-val)
    (set! cdr-part new-val))
  (define dispatch (mess)
    (cond ((eq? mess 'car) car-part)
          ((eq? mess 'cdr) cdr-part)
          ((eq? mess 'set-car!)
           set-car-part!)
          ((eq? mess 'set-cdr!)
           set-cdr-part!)
          (else "bad message")))
  dispatch)
```

## Message passing cont.

```
(define (car cons-pair)
  (cons-pair 'car))

(define (cdr cons-pair)
  (cons-pair 'cdr))

(define (set-car! cons-pair new-val)
  ((cons-pair 'set-car!) new-val))

(define (set-cdr! cons-pair new-val)
  ((cons-pair 'set-cdr) new-val))
```

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