

## Class 39: Analyzing Procedures

**Held:** Friday, 11 April 2008

**Summary:** We consider techniques for analyzing the number of calls made in evaluating procedures, particularly recursive procedures.

### Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Analyzing Procedures.
- Reading: Analyzing Procedures.
- Due: Quiz 8.

### Notes:

- Normal start-of-class time for discussion of campus issues.
- EC for attending Friday noon or evening talk by Patch Adams.
- EC for attending Saturday Evening's 10:00 p.m. RHPS.
- Jonathan Tsu and Ian Young are conducting a usability study on the Grinnell CS Department website as a project for Human-Computer Interaction. We are looking for students currently taking Fundamentals of CS to take part. The study should take about twenty minutes to complete. Email [youngian] if you are interested. *EC for participating.*
- Reading for Monday: Pairs and Pair Structures.
- Distributed: Assignment 9: Palettes.

### Overview:

- Comparing algorithms.
- Two related metrics: Time and Number of steps.
- Counting procedure calls by printing.
- Tools for analysis.

## Overview

- When comparing algorithms, we often care which one is faster.
- We can analyze by hand.
- We can analyze by using a library written at Grinnell.
- We can carefully study the code and predict (covered in future CS courses)

## Steps in Automating Analysis

- Replace `define` with `define$`.
- Type `(analyze exp procedure)`
- Alternately, type `(analyze exp)`.
- I will try to demonstrate.

## Lab

- Do the lab.

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