

## Class 41: Analyzing Procedures

**Held:** Monday, April 19, 2010

**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.

### Notes:

- I'll reserve a few minutes at the start of class to go over the latest homework assignment.
- We seem to have a number of ill students today. Please take extra precautions this week.
- We'll also talk about the project proposals a bit today.

### 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)`.

## Lab

- Do the lab.

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