

CSC151.02 2014S, Class 36: Pairs and Pair Structures

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Preliminaries

Upcoming Work

- Reading for Monday: Trees
- Homework for next Tuesday: HW 8: Producing Playful Polygons
- Today's lab writeup: Exercise 4

Admin

- When I send you criticisms on lab writeups, there is no need to redo the writeup.
- I've returned most HW 7's. Sorry for the difficult parts (which weren't intentionally difficult)
- Continue this week's partner assignments.
- Extra credit:
 - Math/Stats seminar monday: Cuong Nguyen '14, Noon, somewhere in Math/Stat

Questions

Can you talk about backslashes in strings and characters?

Characters. Problem: Distinguish the character `a` from the string `a` from the symbol `a` from the name `a`. Scheme decided: characters `#\a`, `"a"`, `'a`, `a`.

Strings. Sequences of characters surrounded by double-quotation marks. `"KimS is so excited."` If quotation marks appear within a string, preface them with a backslash. `"Kim S says \"I'm so excited!\""` And when things are in quotation marks, you don't need the `#`.

Whoops. Backslash has a special meaning. So to represent backslash in a string, write `\`. This lets us distinguish `"\"` `"\"`

What does `(list-drop lst n)` do?

Creates a new list by removing the first `n` elements of `lst`. You can also think of this as `(cdr (cdr ... (cdr lst)))`, with `n` calls to `cdr`.

Quiz

Wasn't that fun?

Representing lists: Pairs and cons cells

Why care about the underlying representation?

- Some people think better from pictures.
- Helps us understand why some things work the way they do.
- Reminds us about costs.

Lab

Correction: NO LAB WRITEUP!

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