

Class 39: Analyzing Procedures

Held: Tuesday, 10 November 2009

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:

- Reading for tomorrow: Testing Your Procedures.
- Are there questions on Assignment 7?

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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