

## CSC151.02 2013F, Class 27: Other Forms of List Recursion

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### Overview

- Admin.
- Some notes on yesterday's lab.
- Questions and answers.
- Some key ideas from the reading.
- Lab.

### Admin

- Continue partners from Monday
- New homework assignment! Choose your own partners.
- Today's writeup: Exercise 5.
- Upcoming EC opportunities
  - Los Llaneros, Tonight 7:30 pm, Herrick
  - Learning from Alumni, 2:15 Thursday, 3821, Eryn O'Neil '09
  - CS Extras, 4:30 Thursday, Max Mindock
  - CS Table, Noon Friday, TBD
  - Football, 1 pm, Saturday
  - Men's soccer, 1:30 pm, Saturday
  - Jazz Band Thursday @ 7:30, in Bucksbaum Early Music
  - ...
- Other upcoming stuff
  - Optional review stuff, 1:15 pm Thursday
  - Mentor session 7:30 pm Thursday
  - ...

### Some notes on yesterday's lab

```
(define rgb-brightest
  (lambda (colors)
    (cond
      ((null? (cdr colors))
       (car colors))
      ((>= (rgb-brightness (car colors))
           (rgb-brightness (rgb-brightest (cdr colors))))
       (car colors))
      (else
       (rgb-brightest (cdr colors))))))
```

- If the colors are arranged brightest to darkest, the number of recursive calls is the same as the number of colors in the list (+/- 1)
- Takes longer if we order them darkest to lightest.
- Why does the order of the colors matter?
  - If the first color is darker, we do two recursive calls, rather than one
- Why isn't it just twice as bad?
  - Because each recursive call does double the work
- How many procedure calls do we do
  - On a list of length 1? 1
    - Main call
  - On a list of length 2? 3
    - Main call
    - Recursive call on list of length 1
    - Recursive call on list of length 1
  - On a list of length 3? 7
    - Main call
    - Recursive call on list of length 2: 3
    - Recursive call on list of length 2: 3
  - On a list of length 4? 15
    - Main call
    - Recursive call on list of length 3: 7
    - Recursive call on list of length 3: 7
  - On a list of length 5? 31
  - On a list of length 6? 63
- So  $2^{(\text{length of list})}-1$
- This procedure needs at least one value in the list
- The bad behavior depends on the ordering of values, but we'd like the same behavior independent of the ordering
- When counting procedure calls with a helper, you need to count not just the main procedure, but also the helper

## Questions and answers

### Some key ideas from the reading

- After you've written a few procedures that use a certain approach, see if you can generalize the approach to create a template for what you're doing
- Many recursive procedures on lists

```
(define PROC (lambda (lst) (if (null? lst) VALUE (OP (OP1 (car lst)) (PROC (cdr lst))))))
```

- Some procedures expect at least one element in the list

```
(define PROC (lambda (lst) (if (null? (cdr lst)) (OP1 (car lst)) (COMBINE (OP2 (car lst)) (PROC (cdr lst))))))
```

## Lab

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