

Macros

Announcements

Quasiquotation

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There are two ways to quote an expression

Quote: `'(a b) => (a b)`

Quasiquote: ``(a b) => (a b)`

Parts of a quasiquoted expression can be unquoted with `,` to evaluate sub-expressions

```
(define b 4)
```

Quasiquote: ``(a ,(+ b 1)) => (a 5)`

Quasiquote is particularly convenient for generating Scheme expressions:

```
(define (make-add-lambda n) `(lambda (d) (+ d ,n)))
```

```
(make-add-lambda 2) => (lambda (d) (+ d 2))
```

Discussion Question: Fact-Exp

Use quasiquotation to define **fact-expr**, a procedure that takes an integer *n* and returns a nested multiplication **expression** that evaluates to *n factorial*.

```
scm> (fact-expr 5)
(* 5 (* 4 (* 3 (* 2 1))))
```

```
(define (fact-expr n)
  (if (<= n 1) 1 `(* _____ ,n _____ ,(fact-expr (- n 1)) _____ )))
```

Macros

Macros Perform Code Transformations

A macro is an operation performed on the source code of a program before evaluation

Macros exist in many languages, but are easiest to define correctly in a language like Lisp

Scheme has a **define-macro** special form that defines a source code transformation

```
(define-macro (twice expr)
  (list 'begin expr expr))
```

> (twice (print 2)) ▶ (begin (print 2) (print 2))
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Evaluation procedure of a macro call expression:

- Evaluate the operator sub-expression, which evaluates to a macro
- Call the macro procedure on the operand expressions *without evaluating them first*
- Evaluate the expression returned from the macro procedure

(Demo)

Discussion Question: Repeat

Define `repeat`, a macro that is called on a number `n` and an expression `expr`. It evaluates `expr` `n` times, and its value is the final result.

`(repeat (+ 2 2) (print 3))` is equivalent to `(begin (print 3) (print 3) (print 3) (print 3))`

```
; Return a list containing expr n times.
```

```
; scm> (repeated-expr 4 '(print 2))
```

```
; ((print 2) (print 2) (print 2) (print 2))
```

```
(define (repeated-expr n expr)
```

```
  (if (zero? n) nil (cons expr (repeated-expr (- n 1) expr)) ))
```

```
; Evaluate expr n times and return the last value.
```

```
; scm> (repeat (+ 1 2) (print 5))
```

```
; 5
```

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; 5
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; 5
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```
; scm> (repeat 3 (+ 2 3)) ; (+ 2 3) is evaluated 3 times, but only the last is returned
```

```
; 5
```

```
(define-macro (repeat n expr)
```

```
  (cons 'begin (repeated-expr (eval n) expr )))
```


Discussion Question: Repeat Repeat

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`(repeat (+ 2 2) (print 3))` is equivalent to:

```
(begin
  (define (repeater k)
    (if (= k 1) (print 3) (begin (print 3) (repeater (- k 1)))))
  (repeater 4))
```

; Return an expression that will repeatedly evaluate `expr` `n` times using recursion.

```
; scm> (repeated-expr 4 '(print 2))
```

```
; ((define (repeater k) (if (= k 1) (print 2) (begin (print 2) (repeater (- k 1))))) (repeater 4))
```

```
(define (repeated-expr n expr)
```

```
  \ ( define (repeater k)
      (if (= k 1) ,expr (begin ,expr (repeater (- k 1))))
      (repeater ,n) ) )
```

; Evaluate `expr` `n` times and return the last value.

```
(define-macro (repeat n expr)
```

```
  (cons 'begin (repeated-expr (eval n) expr )))
```

For Macro

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Define a `for` macro that evaluates an expression for each value in a sequence

```
scm> (for x '(2 3 4 5) (* x x))
(4 9 16 25)

scm> (map (lambda (x) (* x x)) '(2 3 4 5))
(4 9 16 25)

(define-macro (for sym vals expr)
  (list 'map (list 'lambda (list sym) expr) vals))
```

Rewrite it using quasiquotation

```
(define-macro (for sym vals expr)
  `( map ( lambda ( ,sym ) ,expr ) ,vals ))
```

Why not define it so that the values don't need to be quoted?

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```