

## 1. Understanding Lisp code (20 marks total)

1.1 Consider the following Lisp function:

```
(defun g (L)
  (if (null L)
      1
      (+ (car L) (g (cdr L))))
  )
)
```

Show the result of evaluating each of the following expressions (2 marks each). Assume that the function + is defined only for arguments that evaluate to numbers, and gives an error otherwise.

1.1.1 (g '(1 2 3))

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1.1.2 (g nil)

1

1.1.3 (g '(nil nil))

error, nil not a number

1.1.4 (g (list (g '(1 2 3)) (g nil)))

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**1.2** Consider the following Lisp function:

```
(defun f (L)
  (if (null L)
      nil
      (cons (cons (f (cdr L)) nil)
            (cons (car L) nil)
            )
  )
)
```

Show the result of evaluating each of the following expressions (2 marks each).  
Hint: be careful near the end of the recursion, and make sure to do all the cons calls.

**1.2.1** (f '(a))

((nil) a)

**1.2.2** (f '(a b))

((((nil) b)) a)

**1.2.3** (f '(a b c))

(((((nil) c)) b)) a)

**1.3** What is the result of evaluating the following expressions? (3 marks each)

**1.3.1**

Let function h be defined by (defun h (x) (list x x)).

Expression: (mapcar 'h '((a b) c))

((a b) (a b)) (c c)

**1.3.2**

Let function l12 be defined by (defun l12 (L) (< (car L) (cadr L)))

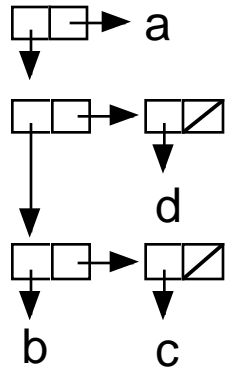
Expression: (filter 'l12 '((1 2 3) (3 2 1) (1 3 2) (3 1 2)))

((1 2 3) (1 3 2))

**2. Machine representation of Lisp (10 marks total)**

**2.1 (2x3 marks)** For the given diagram showing a machine representation, write the corresponding S-expression both in full dotted-pair form and in the simplest form.

Remark: in the diagram, nil is represented by a crossed-out box .



**2.1.1 full dotted-pair form:**

`((b.(c.nil)).(d.nil)).a`

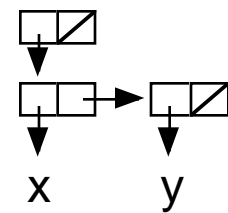
**2.1.2 simplest form:**

`((b c) d).a`

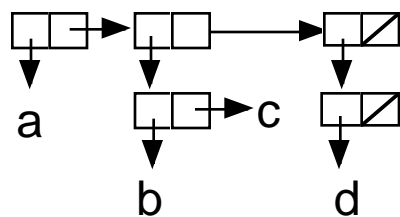
**2.2 (2x2 marks)**

Draw the diagram showing the machine representation of the following S-expressions:

**2.2.1** `((x y))`



**2.2.2** `(a (b.c) (d))`



**3. Writing Lisp code (20 marks total)**

For 3.1 and 3.2, use only the functions *car*, *cdr*, *cons*. Do not use the *list* function.

**3.1** Write the lisp code that constructs the following symbolic expressions. (2x2 marks)

**3.1.1** (a (b) c)

(cons 'a (cons (cons 'b nil) (cons 'c nil)))

**3.1.2** ((1 2) (nil))

(cons (cons '1 (cons '2 nil)) (cons (cons nil nil) nil))

**3.2** Write the Lisp code that returns a given element from the expression. (2x3 marks)

**3.2.1** Code that returns **x** from ((a b **x**) c (y))

(caddr '((a b x) c (y)))

**3.2.2** Code that returns **y** from ((a b x) c (**y**))

(caaddr '((a b x) c (y)))

### 3.3 Writing Lisp functions

**3.3.1** (5 marks) Write a Lisp function **even** that tests whether a given list has even length. Your function should return **T** for even length lists and **nil** for lists of odd length. An empty list (with length 0) has even length.

Examples: (even '(5 8 11 17)) --> T  
(even '(1 2 3 5 4)) --> nil

```
(defun even (L)
  (if (null L) T
      (not (even (cdr L)))
  )
)
```

**3.3.2** (5 marks) Write another function, **alleven**, that takes a list of lists as an input, and tests whether all these lists have even length.

Examples: (alleven '((a b) nil (e f g h))) --> T  
(alleven '((1 2) (4) (c d) (3 5))) --> nil. because the length of (4) is odd.

```
(defun alleven (L)
  (if (null L) T
      (and (even (car L)) (alleven (cdr L)))
  )
)
```

An elegant solution using reduce and mapcar:

```
(reduce 'and (mapcar 'even L))
```

Note: this works even if L is empty. See the definitions of *reduce* and *and* in the Liusp manual. Another way is to supply the identity element of *and*, which is *T*.

#### 4. Lambda Expressions (10 marks total)

Consider the lambda expression:

```
((lambda (x y) (x y)) (lambda (y) (* y 3)) 7)
```

Assume that the expression is evaluated in initial context CT0.

**4.1** (4 marks) What is the context at the time when (x y) is evaluated?

$\{x \rightarrow [(\text{lambda } (y) (* y 3)), \text{CT0}], y \rightarrow 7\} \cup \text{CT0}$

**4.2** (4 marks) What is the context at the time when (\* y 3) is evaluated?

$\{y \rightarrow 7\} \cup \text{CT0}$

**4.3** (2 marks) What is the final result of reducing the expression?

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Derivation:

Expression is an application.

fun = (lambda (x y) (x y))

arg1 = (lambda (y) (\* y 3))

arg2 = 7

eval fun in CT0 = closure [fun,CT0]

eval arg1 in CT0 = closure [arg1,CT0]

eval arg2 = 7

bind  $x \rightarrow [\text{arg1}, \text{CT0}]$

bind  $y \rightarrow 7$

extend context:  $\text{CT1} = \{x \rightarrow [\text{arg1}, \text{CT0}], y \rightarrow 7\} \cup \text{CT0}$

eval body of fun in CT1:

eval (x y) in CT1. (This gives answer to 4.1)

(x y) is application.

eval fun: eval x in CT1 = [arg1,CT0]

eval arg: eval y in CT1 = 7

bind y (from arg1)  $y \rightarrow 7$

extend context CT0 found in closure x:  $\text{CT2} = \{y \rightarrow 7\} \cup \text{CT0}$

eval body in CT2: eval (\* y 3) in CT2: (\* 7 3) = 21

**5. Reductions and Church-Rosser Theorem (10 marks total)**

As in the lecture notes, we use  $\rightarrow$  to denote a sequence of zero or more reduction steps. Which of the following statements are true, and which are not? Why?

1 mark for each right answer plus 1 mark for each *clear* explanation of a correct answer.

**5.1** if  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $A \rightarrow C$ , then there is a normal order reduction  $B \rightarrow C$ .

no. For example if B is already in normal form and C is not, then normal order reduction of B cannot change B.

**5.2** if  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $B \rightarrow C$ , then there is a reduction  $C \rightarrow A$ .

no. Reductions are not reversible. e.g. If A is a complex expression and C is a constant such as 7, there is no way back from 7 to A.

**5.3** if  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $A \rightarrow C$ , then there is a D such that  $B \rightarrow D$  and  $C \rightarrow D$ .

Yes. Guaranteed by Church-Rosser theorem part 1.

**5.4** If there is an applicative order reduction  $A \rightarrow B$ , and B is in normal form, then there is also a normal order reduction  $A \rightarrow B$ .

Yes. Guaranteed by Church-Rosser theorem part 2.

**5.5** A sequence of normal order reductions finds a normal form for any expression.

No. see counterexample in lecture notes.

## 6. Lisp Interpreter (10 marks total)

You are in the middle of a Lisp evaluation. The current context is given by the name list

$n = ((x\ y) (x) (z\ y))$  and the value list

$v = ((1\ 2) (3) (4\ 5))$ .

Show how the Lisp interpreter **eval** evaluates the following expressions. Show *each* recursive call to **eval**, as well as the final result.

**6.1** (1 mark)  $\text{eval}[(+ x 1), n, v]$

$\text{eval}[x, n, v] = \text{assoc}(x, n, v) = 1$

$\text{eval}[(+ 1 1)] = 2$

**6.2** (1 mark)  $\text{eval}[(\text{quote } y), n, v]$

$y$

**6.3** (1 mark)  $\text{eval}[(\text{quote } (\text{quote } z)), n, v]$

$(\text{quote } z)$

**6.4** (2 marks)  $\text{eval}[(\text{if } (\text{atom } x) y z), n, v]$

$\text{eval}[(\text{atom } x), n, v]$

$\text{eval}[x, n, v] \rightarrow 1$

$\text{eval}[(\text{atom } x), n, v] \rightarrow T$

$\text{eval}[y, n, v] \rightarrow 2$

result = 2

**6.5** (2 marks)  $\text{eval}[(\text{car } (\text{quote } (1\ 2\ 3))), n, v]$

$(\text{car } \text{eval}[(\text{quote } (1\ 2\ 3)), n, v])$

$\text{eval}[(\text{quote } (1\ 2\ 3)), n, v] = (1\ 2\ 3)$

$(\text{car } (1\ 2\ 3)) = 1$

**6.6** (3 marks)  $\text{eval}[(\text{lambda } (x) (+ x 1)) 3], n, v]$

application:  $\text{eval}[\text{body}(c), \text{cons}(\text{parms}(c), \text{names}(c)), \text{cons}(z, \text{values}(c))]$

where  $c = \text{eval}[e, n, v]$  and  $z = \text{evalis}[e_1 \dots e_k, n, v]$

eval fun:

$c = \text{eval}[(\text{lambda } (x) (+ x 1)), n, v] = \text{cons}(\text{cons}((x), (+ x 1)), \text{cons}(n, v))$

$= ((x).(+ x 1)).(n.v)$  [or:  $((x) + x 1).(n.v)$ , or: same with  $n, v$  written out]

evalis args:

$z = \text{evalis}((3), n, v) = (3)$

$\rightarrow \text{evalis}$  calls  $\text{eval}[3, n, v] = 3$

$n_1 = ((x).n)$ ,  $v_1 = ((3).v)$

$\text{eval}[(+ x 1), n_1, v_1]$

$\text{eval}[x, n_1, v_1] = \text{assoc}(x, n_1, v_1) = 3$

$(+ 3 1) = 4$



