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**Scheme Basics**

\*\*\*\*\* SOLUTIONS \*\*\*\*\*

## Getting Started

For each Scheme expression below, what value results when the expression is evaluated?

42 => 42

"Hello World" => "Hello World"

(8 + 9) => Error, expected procedure, given 8

(+ 8 9) => 17

(define a 10) => undefined

a => 10

b => error

(define b a) => undefined

b => 10

(\* a b) => 100

## Nested Expressions

For each Scheme expression below, what value results when the expression is evaluated?

(\* (- 8 4) (+ 1 10)) => 44

(define foo 100) => undefined

(define bar (\* 10 foo)) => undefined

(+ (- (- 2010 (/ bar foo)) (\* foo (- (/ bar foo) 3))) 37) => 1337

## Hello, $\lambda$

For each Scheme expression below, what value results when the expression is evaluated?

`(lambda (x) (/ x 1024)) => procedure`

`((lambda (x) (/ x 1024)) 4096) => 4`

`(lambda () 1) => procedure`

`((lambda () 1)) => 1`

`((lambda () 1))) => Error, expected procedure, given 1`

`((lambda () 1) 5) => Error, too many arguments (expected: 0, got: 1)`

`(lambda (y z) (+ z y)) => procedure`

`((lambda (y z) (+ z y)) 5 4) => 9`

`((lambda (y z) (+ z y)) x 7) => error, x undefined`

## What's in a name?

Assume that you've already evaluated the following Scheme expressions:

```
(define x 1)
(define y -1)
(define foo (lambda (a b) (+ a b)))
(define bar (lambda (x) x))
(define baz (lambda () 1))
(define quux (lambda (p) (foo p 5)))
```

Alright, now to what value do each of these Scheme expressions evaluate?

`x => 1`

`foo => procedure`

`(foo 1 2) => 3`

`(foo 1) => error, too few arguments (expected: 2, got: 1)`

`(foo) => error, too few arguments (expected: 2, got: 0)`

```
(baz)    => 1
(bar 10) => 10
(quux (foo (baz) (bar y))) => 5
```

## Short and sweet: Syntactic Sugar

For each Scheme expression below, write an equivalent Scheme expression that doesn't explicitly use `lambda`.

```
(define foo (lambda (a b) (+ a b))) => (define (foo a b)
                                         (+ a b))

(define bar (lambda () 1)) => (define (bar)
                               1)
```

## Sum of all its parts

Write a procedure named `sum-numbers` which takes as input two integers, `M` and `N`, and returns the sum of all the numbers on the interval `[M,N]`.

```
(define sum-numbers-rec
  (lambda (m n)
    (if (> m n)
        0
        (+ m (sum-numbers-rec (+ m 1) n)))))

(define sum-numbers-iter
  (lambda (m n)
    (sum-helper m n 0)))

(define sum-helper
  (lambda (m n sum)
    (if (> m n)
        sum
        (sum-helper (+ m 1) n (+ m sum)))))
```

## Fibonacci

```
(define (fib n)
  (if (= n 0)
```

```

0
(if (= n 1)
    1
    (+ (fib (- n 1)) (fib (- n 2))))))

```

For the iterative one, definitely show the table as per the lecture before writing code:

$F_{x-2}$	$F_{x-1}$	n
0	1	7
1	1	6
1	2	5
2	3	4
3	5	3
5	8	2
8	13	1

```

(define (fib-iter n)
  (if (= n 0)
      0
      (fib-helper 0 1 n)))

(define (fib-helper Fx-2 Fx-1 n)
  (if (= n 1)
      Fx-1
      (fib-helper Fx-1 (+ Fx-2 Fx-1) (- n 1))))

```

**Feel the power**

```
(define (my-expt-rec x y)
  (if (= y 0)
      1
      (* x (my-expt-rec x (- y 1)))))

(define (my-expt-iter x y)
  (define (expt-helper y answer)
    (if (= 0 y)
        answer
        (expt-helper (- y 1) (* x answer))))
  (expt-helper y 1))
```

**fast-expt**

For this one, first make the error of writing

```
(* (fast-expt x (/ y 2)) (fast-expt x (/ y 2)))
```

and then discuss the difference between that and the version below.

```
(define (fast-expt x y)
  (if (= y 0)
      1
      (if (even? y)
          (square (fast-expt x (/ y 2)))
          (* x (fast-expt x (- y 1))))))
```