

Computational Linguistics (INF2820 — More Lisp)

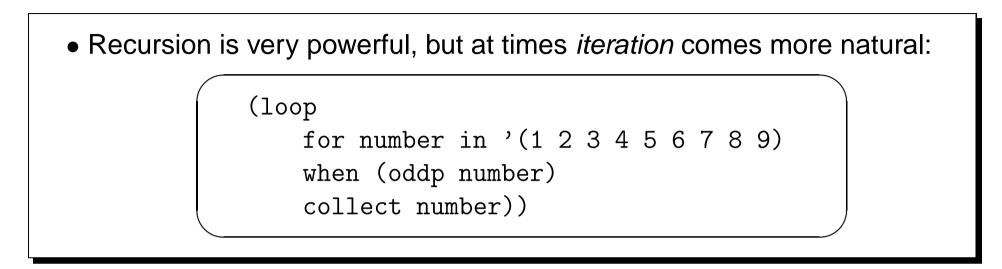
(defun ? (n) (if (equal n 0) 1 (* n (! (- n 1)))))

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Iteration — Another Control Structure



Some loop() Directives

- for symbol { in | on } list iterate symbol through list elements or tails;
- for symbol from start [to end] [by step] count symbol in range;
- [{when|unless} test] {collect|append} sexp accumulate sexp;
- [while test] do sexp⁺ execute expression(s) sexp⁺ in each iteration.



A Few More Examples

- loop() is extremely general; a single iteration construct fits all needs: ? (loop for foo in '(1 2 3) collect foo) \rightarrow (1 2 3) ? (loop for foo on '(1 2 3) collect foo) \rightarrow ((1 2 3) (2 3) (3)) ? (loop for foo on '(1 2 3) append foo) \rightarrow (1 2 3 2 3 3) ? (loop for i from 1 to 3 by 1 collect i) \rightarrow (1 2 3)
 - loop() returns the final value of the accumulator (collect or append);
 - return() terminates the iteration immediately and returns a value:

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? (loop for foo in '(1 2 3) when (evenp foo) do (return foo)) \rightarrow 2
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Input and Output — Side Effects

- Input and output, to files or the terminal, is mediated through streams;
- the symbol t can be used to refer to the default stream, the terminal:

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? (format t "line: ~a; token '~a'.~%" 42 "foo") \sim line: 42; token 'foo'.
\rightarrow nil
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- (read stream nil) reads one well-formed s-expression from stream;
- (read-line *stream* nil) reads one line of text, returning it as a string;
- the second argument to reader functions asks to return nil on end-of-file.

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(with-open-file (stream "sample.txt" :direction :input)
  (loop
    for line = (read-line stream nil)
    while (not (null line)) do (format t "~a~%" line)))
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Fine Points of Strings and Regular Expressions

- Need to escape double quote (") in strings, e.g. "foo \"bar\" baz";
- likewise for RE operators, to force literal match, e.g. /\([a-z]+\)\./;
- backslash is escape character for Lisp strings \rightarrow "\\([a-z]+\\)\\.";
- REs in Lisp represented as strings, thus need two levels of escaping.
- The Portable Perl-Compatible Regular Expressions package for Lisp;

• many more functions in PPCRE library; see the on-line documentation.



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