

6.090, Building Programming Experience
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Lecture 7: Quiz Day

Hypothetical “Implementation” of pairs

```
(define cons  
  (lambda (a b)  
    (lambda (x)  
      (if x a b))))
```

```
(define (car p)  
  (p #t))
```

Do type analysis on the above. `p` is located inside a single open paren and is followed by a Boolean. It must therefore be a procedure which takes in a Boolean and returns something (we don't know what).

```
(define (cdr p)  
  (p #f))
```

```
(car (cons 1 2)) => 1  
(cdr (cons 1 2)) => 2
```

```
((lambda (p) (p #t)) ((lambda (a b) (lambda (x) (if x a b)))) 1 (2))
```

```
((lambda (p) (p #t)) (lambda (x) (if x 1 2)))
```

```
((lambda (x) (if x 1 2)) #t)
```

```
(if #t 1 2) => 1
```

Three arguments of cons

```
(define cons3  
  (lambda (a b c)  
    (lambda (x)  
      (if (= x 0) a (if (= x 4 2) b c)))))
```

```
(define (car p)  
  (p 0))
```

```
(define (cdr p)  
  (p 42))
```

```
(define (cgr p)  
  (p 7))
```

The three above definitions are nonsensical, created to make a point that we can define functions any way we wish, with any number or value we choose.

Sorting...in ascending order.

```
(define (min x y)
  (if (> x y)
      y
      x))
```

```
(define (min-list lst)
  (if (null? (cdr lst))
      (car lst)
      (min (car lst) (min-list (cdr lst)))))
```

```
(define (without-n lst n)
  (if (null? lst)
      nil
      (if (= (car lst) n)
          (cdr lst)
          (cons (car lst)
                 (without-n (cdr lst) n)))))
```

```
(define (sort-list lst)
  (if (or (null? lst) (null? (cdr lst)))
      lst
      (let ((least (min-list lst)))
        (cons least
              (sort-list (without-n lst least))))))
```

Create a function `insert`, to insert an element into a list (unsorted), using only one helper function.

```
(define (insert elem lst)
  (if (null? lst)
      (list elem)
      (if (< elem (car lst))
          (cons elem lst)
          (cons (car lst)
                 (insert elem (cdr lst))))))
```

```
(define (insert-sort lst)
  (if (or (null? lst) (null? (cdr lst)))
      lst
      (insert (car lst)
              (insert-sort (cdr lst)))))
```