

CS3L: Introduction to Symbolic Programming

Lecture 13:
Bugs and Two Stage Recursion

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Today

- Lab
 - Tail Recursion
 - Two-stage recursion
 - Bugs in recursion
- Homework
 - **Thurs**: Bowling (Hwk11) due Monday
 - **Fri**: Compress (Hwk12) occurs-in? (Hwk13) due Tuesday
 - **Mon**: Mini-project 2 due **Thursday**



Non-Tail Recursion

- Scratch Demo
<http://scratch.mit.edu/projects/ColleenBerkeley/213678>



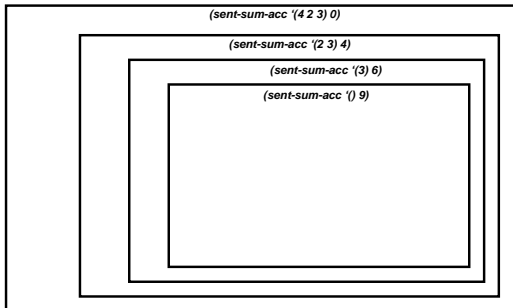
Two Stage Recursion

```
(define (sent-sum-acc sent sum-so-far)
  (if (empty? sent)
      sum-so-far
      (sent-sum-acc
        (bf sent)
        (+ (first sent) sum-so-far))))
```



Tail Recursion

```
> (sent-sum-acc '(4 2 3) 0)
```



Tail Recursion

- “Technically” the monkey doesn’t have to stick around.
 - Computers are smart and try to make things faster
 - You don’t have to worry about this in CS3 but it is an important thing in CS (like at my job at Leapfrog)



Is there a bug?



```
(define (no-pairs? sent)
  (cond
    ((empty? sent) #t)
    ((equal? (first sent)
              (first (bf sent))) #f)
    (else (no-pairs? (bf sent))))

(no-pairs? '(a))
```

Number Spelling



- How do you spell 40? - FORTY
- No "and"s necessary! (or wanted)