

Class 19: Tail Recursion

Held: Monday, 1 October 2007

Summary: Today we consider a particular kind of recursion, *tail recursion*. A tail recursive procedure is one that returns recursive results directly, without further processing. We study tail recursion primarily because a common technique for making a procedure tail recursive is also helpful in other circumstances.

Related Pages:

- EBoard.
- Lab: Tail Recursion.
- Reading: Tail Recursion.

Notes:

- Extra credit (EC) for attending today's Mathematics and Statistics Student Seminar.
- The President's Office scheduled me for a meeting at 1pm today (and another at 2:30 pm), so no office hours today, and I will be unavailable this afternoon.
- Reading for tomorrow: Recursion, Revisited.

Overview:

- The key idea of recursion.
- A new technique: Passing along intermediate results.
- Special case: Tail recursion.

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