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#### List Recap

• A *List* is either:

(1) a Pair whose second part is a *List* 

or (2) **null** 

• Pair primitives:

(cons a b) Construct a pair <a, b>

(car pair) First part of a pair

(cdr pair) Second part of a pair

List Examples

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> null
()
> (cons 1 null)
(1)
> (list? null)
#t
> (list? (cons 1 2))
#f
> (list? (cons 1 null))
#t

#### More List Examples

> (list? (cons 1 (cons 2 null)))
#t
> (car (cons 1 (cons 2 null)))
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> (cdr (cons 1 (cons 2 null)))
(2)

## **List Procedures**

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- Consider how you would solve the problem using the result for a slightly smaller version of the problem. This is the recursive case. For lists, the smaller version of the problem is usually the **cdr** of the list.

## list-trues

Define a procedure that takes as input a list, and produces as output the number of nonfalse values in the list.

(list-trues null)  $\rightarrow 0$ (list-trues (list 1 2 3))  $\rightarrow 3$ (list-trues (list false (list 2 3 4)))  $\rightarrow 1$ 

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Quiz

#### list-sum

Define a procedure, **list-sum**, that takes a list of numbers as input and outputs the sum of the numbers in the input list.

(list-sum (list 1 2 3))  $\rightarrow$  6 (list-sum null)  $\rightarrow$  0

### list-length

Define a procedure, **list-length**, that takes a list as input and outputs the number of elements in the input list.

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(list-length (list 1 2 3))  $\rightarrow$  3 (list-length (list 1 (list 2 3)))  $\rightarrow$  2 (list-length null)  $\rightarrow$  0

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# Charge

- We'll repeat the Quiz on Friday if it seems too few people have done the readings well
- Problem Set 2: Due Monday
  - It is much longer than PS1, don't wait to get started

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- Help hours tonight in Olsson 001
- Friday: Recursive Procedures Practice