Class 15: Where are our Bagels?

Upcoming Schedule

- **Monday, 3 October:** Problem Set 4
- **Wednesday, 12 October:** Exam 1 Due (will be take-home, handed out on Friday, 7 October)

Groups

Find your "bagel buddies" and work in a group on the problems.

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0. **Class 14 Take-Home Problem**

Design a Turing Machine that starts with an input tape that starts with a “#”, is followed by a series of “∗” and “♦” symbols, followed by a “#” at the end. The output should be the number of “∗” symbols. A first version should produce the output in unary, leaving the output tape with a sequence of “1” symbols followed by a “#”. For example, if the input tape is 

```
#∗♦♦∗♦∗∗♦♦∗♦♦♦#
```

the output tape should be 

```
#11111#
```

(A gold-star bonus solution would produce the output in binary notation, instead of unary.)

(If you’ve already worked on this problem at home as intended, discuss your approach with your groupmates who also worked on it. If not, start with the next problem.)

1. **Two-Bit Comparator**

Design a simple machine that computes the greater-than operator for two, two-bit inputs. It should produce a single output bit that has value 1 if the first input is greater than the second input, and value 0 otherwise.

Here are a few examples:

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<th>Input 1</th>
<th>Input 2</th>
<th>Output</th>
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<td>0 1</td>
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You can describe your machine as a Scheme expression that uses only two-input and not procedures.
2. Building Loops
Unlike most languages, Scheme does not provide any built-in constructs for looping such as a `while` or `for` loop. For example, here is a `for` loop in Python:

```python
for i in range(1, 10):
    print(i)
```

This will go through the numbers from 1 to 9 (the top of the range is not included, and execute the loop body each time with the name `i` having each value in turn. So, the result is printing the numbers 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (each is printed on its own line, not as shown here).

Define a procedure that provides similar functionality in Scheme. For example,

```scheme
(for 1 10 (lambda (i) (display i) (newline)))
```

should behave identically to the Python code above. (Hint: you may find it helpful to use a `begin` expression in your definition.) (Note: this will be useful for the last question on PS4.)

3. While Loops
The `for` procedure from the previous question is limited to loops where the loop index increases by one for each iteration. Define a more general `while` procedure, where the updating and terminating conditions are procedures. It should take four inputs: the starting (or current) value of the index, the test procedure, the update procedure, and the body procedure.

For example,

```scheme
(while 1 (lambda (i) (< i 10)) (lambda (i) (+ i 1)) (lambda (i) (display i) (newline)))
```

would be the same as the `for` expression above. And,

```scheme
(define (print-list p) (while p (lambda (p) (not (null? p))) cdr (lambda (p) (display (car p)) (newline))))
```

defines a procedure that prints out all the elements of the input list.