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The report gives a defining description of the standard libraries of the programming language Scheme.

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Parts of the library report are derived from earlier revisions of the report [7]. We gratefully acknowledge their authors for their contributions. More detailed information on authorship can be found at the beginning of the *Revised⁶ Report on the Algorithmic Language Scheme*.

We intend this report to belong to the entire Scheme community, and so we grant permission to copy it in whole or in part without fee. In particular, we encourage implementors of Scheme to use this report as a starting point for manuals and other documentation, modifying it as necessary.

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1. Unicode

The procedures exported by the `(rnrs unicode (6))` library provide access to some aspects of the Unicode semantics for characters and strings: category information, case-independent comparisons, case mappings, and normalization [10].

Some of the procedures that operate on characters or strings ignore the difference between upper case and lower case. These procedures have “-ci” (for “case insensitive”) embedded in their names.

1.1. Characters

<code>(char-upcase char)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-downcase char)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-titlecase char)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-foldcase char)</code>	procedure

These procedures take a character argument and return a character result. If the argument is an upper-case or title-case character, and if there is a single character that is its lower case form, then `char-downcase` returns that character. If the argument is a lower case or title case character, and there is a single character that is its upper-case form, then `char-upcase` returns that character. If the argument is a lower case or upper-case character, and there is a single character that is its title-case form, then `char-titlecase` returns that character. If the argument is not a title-case character and there is no single character that is its title-case form, then `char-titlecase` returns the upper-case form of the argument. Finally, if the character has a case-folded character, then `char-foldcase` returns that character. Otherwise the character returned is the same as the argument. For Turkic characters İ (#\x130) and ı (#\x131), `char-foldcase` behaves as the identity function; otherwise `char-foldcase` is the same as `char-downcase` composed with `char-upcase`.

<code>(char-upcase #\i)</code>	⇒ #\I
<code>(char-downcase #\i)</code>	⇒ #\i
<code>(char-titlecase #\i)</code>	⇒ #\I
<code>(char-foldcase #\i)</code>	⇒ #\i
<code>(char-upcase #\ß)</code>	⇒ #\ß
<code>(char-downcase #\ß)</code>	⇒ #\ß
<code>(char-titlecase #\ß)</code>	⇒ #\ß
<code>(char-foldcase #\ß)</code>	⇒ #\ß
<code>(char-upcase #\Σ)</code>	⇒ #\Σ
<code>(char-downcase #\Σ)</code>	⇒ #\σ
<code>(char-titlecase #\Σ)</code>	⇒ #\Σ
<code>(char-foldcase #\Σ)</code>	⇒ #\σ
<code>(char-upcase #\ς)</code>	⇒ #\Σ
<code>(char-downcase #\ς)</code>	⇒ #\σ

<code>(char-titlecase #\ς)</code>	⇒ #\Σ
<code>(char-foldcase #\ς)</code>	⇒ #\σ

Note: Note that `char-titlecase` does not always return a title-case character.

Note: These procedures are consistent with Unicode’s locale-independent mappings from scalar values to scalar values for upcase, downcase, titlecase, and case-folding operations. These mappings can be extracted from `UnicodeData.txt` and `CaseFolding.txt` from the Unicode Consortium, ignoring Turkic mappings in the latter.

Note that these character-based procedures are an incomplete approximation to case conversion, even ignoring the user’s locale. In general, case mappings require the context of a string, both in arguments and in result. The `string-upcase`, `string-downcase`, `string-titlecase`, and `string-foldcase` procedures (section 1.2) perform more general case conversion.

<code>(char-ci=? char₁ char₂ char₃ ...)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-ci<? char₁ char₂ char₃ ...)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-ci>? char₁ char₂ char₃ ...)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-ci<=? char₁ char₂ char₃ ...)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-ci>=? char₁ char₂ char₃ ...)</code>	procedure

These procedures are similar to `char=?`, etc., but operate on the case-folded versions of the characters.

<code>(char-ci<? #\z #\Z)</code>	⇒ #f
<code>(char-ci=? #\z #\Z)</code>	⇒ #t
<code>(char-ci=? #\ς #\σ)</code>	⇒ #t

<code>(char-alphabetic? char)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-numeric? char)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-whitespace? char)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-upper-case? char)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-lower-case? char)</code>	procedure
<code>(char-title-case? char)</code>	procedure

These procedures return `#t` if their arguments are alphabetic, numeric, whitespace, upper-case, lower-case, or title-case characters, respectively; otherwise they return `#f`.

A character is alphabetic if it has the Unicode “Alphabetic” property. A character is numeric if it has the Unicode “Numeric” property. A character is whitespace if it has the Unicode “White_Space” property. A character is upper case if it has the Unicode “Uppercase” property, lower case if it has the “Lowercase” property, and title case if it is in the Lt general category.

<code>(char-alphabetic? #\a)</code>	⇒ #t
<code>(char-numeric? #\1)</code>	⇒ #t
<code>(char-whitespace? #\space)</code>	⇒ #t
<code>(char-whitespace? #\x00A0)</code>	⇒ #t
<code>(char-upper-case? #\Σ)</code>	⇒ #t
<code>(char-lower-case? #\σ)</code>	⇒ #t

```
(char-lower-case? #\x00AA) ⇒ #t
(char-title-case? #\I)    ⇒ #f
(char-title-case? #\x01C5) ⇒ #t
```

```
(char-general-category char) procedure
```

Returns a symbol representing the Unicode general category of *char*, one of Lu, Ll, Lt, Lm, Lo, Mn, Mc, Me, Nd, Nl, No, Ps, Pe, Pi, Pf, Pd, Pc, Po, Sc, Sm, Sk, So, Zs, Zp, Zl, Cc, Cf, Cs, Co, or Cn.

```
(char-general-category #\a) ⇒ Ll
(char-general-category #\space)
  ⇒ Zs
(char-general-category #\x10FFFF)
  ⇒ Cn
```

1.2. Strings

```
(string-upcase string) procedure
(string-downcase string) procedure
(string-titlecase string) procedure
(string-foldcase string) procedure
```

These procedures take a string argument and return a string result. They are defined in terms of Unicode’s locale-independent case mappings from Unicode scalar-value sequences to scalar-value sequences. In particular, the length of the result string can be different from the length of the input string. When the specified result is equal in the sense of `string=?` to the argument, these procedures may return the argument instead of a newly allocated string.

The `string-upcase` procedure converts a string to upper case; `string-downcase` converts a string to lower case. The `string-foldcase` procedure converts the string to its case-folded counterpart, using the full case-folding mapping, but without the special mappings for Turkic languages. The `string-titlecase` procedure converts the first cased character of each word via `char-titlecase`, and downcases all other cased characters.

```
(string-upcase "Hi")    ⇒ "HI"
(string-downcase "Hi") ⇒ "hi"
(string-foldcase "Hi") ⇒ "hi"
```

```
(string-upcase "Straße") ⇒ "STRASSE"
(string-downcase "Straße") ⇒ "straße"
(string-foldcase "Straße") ⇒ "strasse"
(string-downcase "STRASSE") ⇒ "strasse"
```

```
(string-downcase "Σ") ⇒ "σ"
```

; Chi Alpha Omicron Sigma:

```
(string-upcase "ΧΑΟΣ") ⇒ "ΧΑΟΣ"
(string-downcase "ΧΑΟΣ") ⇒ "χαος"
```

```
(string-downcase "ΧΑΟΣΣ") ⇒ "χαοσς"
(string-downcase "ΧΑΟΣ Σ") ⇒ "χαος σ"
(string-foldcase "ΧΑΟΣΣ") ⇒ "χαοσσ"
(string-upcase "χαος")    ⇒ "ΧΑΟΣ"
(string-upcase "χαοσ")    ⇒ "ΧΑΟΣ"
```

```
(string-titlecase "kNoCK kNoCK")
  ⇒ "Knock Knock"
(string-titlecase "who's there?")
  ⇒ "Who's There?"
(string-titlecase "r6rs")    ⇒ "R6Rs"
(string-titlecase "R6RS")    ⇒ "R6Rs"
```

Note: The case mappings needed for implementing these procedures can be extracted from `UnicodeData.txt`, `SpecialCasing.txt`, `WordBreakProperty.txt` (the “MidLetter” property partly defines case-ignorable characters), and `CaseFolding.txt` from the Unicode Consortium.

Since these procedures are locale-independent, they may not be appropriate for some locales.

Note: Word breaking, as needed for the correct casing of Σ and for `string-titlecase`, is specified in Unicode Standard Annex #29 [5].

```
(string-ci=? string1 string2 string3 ...) procedure
(string-ci<? string1 string2 string3 ...) procedure
(string-ci>? string1 string2 string3 ...) procedure
(string-ci<=? string1 string2 string3 ...) procedure
(string-ci>=? string1 string2 string3 ...) procedure
```

These procedures are similar to `string=?`, etc., but operate on the case-folded versions of the strings.

```
(string-ci<? "z" "Z")    ⇒ #f
(string-ci=? "z" "Z")    ⇒ #t
(string-ci=? "Straße" "Strasse")
  ⇒ #t
(string-ci=? "Straße" "STRASSE")
  ⇒ #t
(string-ci=? "ΧΑΟΣ" "χαοσ")
  ⇒ #t
```

```
(string-normalize-nfd string) procedure
(string-normalize-nfkd string) procedure
(string-normalize-nfc string) procedure
(string-normalize-nfkc string) procedure
```

These procedures take a string argument and return a string result, which is the input string normalized to Unicode normalization form D, KD, C, or KC, respectively. When the specified result is equal in the sense of `string=?` to the argument, these procedures may return the argument instead of a newly allocated string.

```
(string-normalize-nfd "\xE9;")
  ⇒ "\x65;\x301;"
(string-normalize-nfc "\xE9;")
  ⇒ "\xE9;"
```

```
(string-normalize-nfd "\x65;\x301;")
    ⇒ "\x65;\x301;"
(string-normalize-nfc "\x65;\x301;")
    ⇒ "\xE9;"
```

2. Bytevectors

Many applications deal with blocks of binary data by accessing them in various ways—extracting signed or unsigned numbers of various sizes. Therefore, the `(rnrs bytevectors (6))` library provides a single type for blocks of binary data with multiple ways to access that data. It deals with integers and floating-point representations in various sizes with specified endianness.

Bytevectors are objects of a disjoint type. Conceptually, a bytevector represents a sequence of 8-bit bytes. The description of bytevectors uses the term *byte* for an exact integer object in the interval $\{-128, \dots, 127\}$ and the term *octet* for an exact integer object in the interval $\{0, \dots, 255\}$. A byte corresponds to its two's complement representation as an octet.

The length of a bytevector is the number of bytes it contains. This number is fixed. A valid index into a bytevector is an exact, non-negative integer object less than the length of the bytevector. The first byte of a bytevector has index 0; the last byte has an index one less than the length of the bytevector.

Generally, the access procedures come in different flavors according to the size of the represented integer and the endianness of the representation. The procedures also distinguish signed and unsigned representations. The signed representations all use two's complement.

Like list and vector literals, literals representing bytevectors must be quoted:

```
'#vu8(12 23 123)      ⇒ #vu8(12 23 123)
```

2.1. Endianness

Many operations described in this chapter accept an *endianness* argument. Endianness describes the encoding of exact integer objects as several contiguous bytes in a bytevector [4]. For this purpose, the binary representation of the integer object is split into consecutive bytes. The little-endian encoding places the least significant byte of an integer first, with the other bytes following in increasing order of significance. The big-endian encoding places the most significant byte of an integer first, with the other bytes following in decreasing order of significance.

This terminology also applies to IEEE-754 numbers: IEEE-754 describes how to represent a floating-point number as an exact integer object, and endianness describes how the bytes of such an integer are laid out in a bytevector.

Note: Little- and big-endianness are only the most common kinds of endianness. Some architectures distinguish between the endianness at different levels of a binary representation.

2.2. General operations

`(endianness <endianness symbol>)` syntax

The name of `<endianness symbol>` must be a symbol describing an endianness. An implementation must support at least the symbols `big` and `little`, but may support other endianness symbols. `(endianness <endianness symbol>)` evaluates to the symbol named `<endianness symbol>`. Whenever one of the procedures operating on bytevectors accepts an endianness as an argument, that argument must be one of these symbols. It is a syntax violation for `<endianness symbol>` to be anything other than an endianness symbol supported by the implementation.

Note: Implementors should use widely accepted designations for endianness symbols other than `big` and `little`.

Note: Only the name of `<endianness symbol>` is significant.

`(native-endianness)` procedure

Returns the endianness symbol associated implementation's preferred endianness (usually that of the underlying machine architecture). This may be any `<endianness symbol>`, including a symbol other than `big` and `little`.

`(bytevector? obj)` procedure

Returns `#t` if `obj` is a bytevector, otherwise returns `#f`.

`(make-bytevector k)` procedure

`(make-bytevector k fill)` procedure

Returns a newly allocated bytevector of `k` bytes.

If the `fill` argument is missing, the initial contents of the returned bytevector are unspecified.

If the `fill` argument is present, it must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{-128, \dots, 255\}$ that specifies the initial value for the bytes of the bytevector: If `fill` is positive, it is interpreted as an octet; if it is negative, it is interpreted as a byte.

`(bytevector-length bytevector)` procedure

Returns, as an exact integer object, the number of bytes in `bytevector`.

```
(bytevector=? bytevector1 bytevector2)      procedure
```

Returns **#t** if *bytevector*₁ and *bytevector*₂ are equal—that is, if they have the same length and equal bytes at all valid indices. It returns **#f** otherwise.

```
(bytevector-fill! bytevector fill)
```

The *fill* argument is as in the description of the `make-bytevector` procedure. The `bytevector-fill!` procedure stores *fill* in every element of *bytevector* and returns unspecified values. Analogous to `vector-fill!`.

```
(bytevector-copy! source source-start      procedure
                  target target-start k)
```

Source and *target* must be bytevectors. *Source-start*, *target-start*, and *k* must be non-negative exact integer objects that satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \textit{source-start} \leq \textit{source-start} + k \leq l_{\textit{source}} \\ 0 &\leq \textit{target-start} \leq \textit{target-start} + k \leq l_{\textit{target}} \end{aligned}$$

where $l_{\textit{source}}$ is the length of *source* and $l_{\textit{target}}$ is the length of *target*.

The `bytevector-copy!` procedure copies the bytes from *source* at indices

$$\textit{source-start}, \dots, \textit{source-start} + k - 1$$

to consecutive indices in *target* starting at *target-index*.

This must work even if the memory regions for the source and the target overlap, i.e., the bytes at the target location after the copy must be equal to the bytes at the source location before the copy.

This returns unspecified values.

```
(let ((b (u8-list->bytevector '(1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8))))
  (bytevector-copy! b 0 b 3 4)
  (bytevector->u8-list b)) ⇒ (1 2 3 1 2 3 4 8)
```

```
(bytevector-copy bytevector)                procedure
```

Returns a newly allocated copy of *bytevector*.

2.3. Operations on bytes and octets

```
(bytevector-u8-ref bytevector k)           procedure
(bytevector-s8-ref bytevector k)           procedure
```

K must be a valid index of *bytevector*.

The `bytevector-u8-ref` procedure returns the byte at index *k* of *bytevector*, as an octet.

The `bytevector-s8-ref` procedure returns the byte at index *k* of *bytevector*, as a (signed) byte.

```
(let ((b1 (make-bytevector 16 -127))
      (b2 (make-bytevector 16 255)))
  (list
   (bytevector-s8-ref b1 0)
   (bytevector-u8-ref b1 0)
   (bytevector-s8-ref b2 0)
   (bytevector-u8-ref b2 0)))
⇒ (-127 129 -1 255)
```

```
(bytevector-u8-set! bytevector k octet)    procedure
(bytevector-s8-set! bytevector k byte)     procedure
```

K must be a valid index of *bytevector*.

The `bytevector-u8-set!` procedure stores *octet* in element *k* of *bytevector*.

The `bytevector-s8-set!` procedure stores the two's-complement representation of *byte* in element *k* of *bytevector*.

Both procedures return unspecified values.

```
(let ((b (make-bytevector 16 -127)))
  (bytevector-s8-set! b 0 -126)
  (bytevector-u8-set! b 1 246))

(list
 (bytevector-s8-ref b 0)
 (bytevector-u8-ref b 0)
 (bytevector-s8-ref b 1)
 (bytevector-u8-ref b 1)))
⇒ (-126 130 -10 246)
```

```
(bytevector->u8-list bytevector)             procedure
(u8-list->bytevector list)                   procedure
```

List must be a list of octets.

The `bytevector->u8-list` procedure returns a newly allocated list of the octets of *bytevector* in the same order.

The `u8-list->bytevector` procedure returns a newly allocated bytevector whose elements are the elements of list *list*, in the same order. It is analogous to `list->vector`.

2.4. Operations on integers of arbitrary size

```
(bytevector-uint-ref bytevector k endianness size)
                                                                procedure
(bytevector-sint-ref bytevector k endianness size)
                                                                procedure
(bytevector-uint-set! bytevector k n endianness size)
                                                                procedure
(bytevector-sint-set! bytevector k n endianness size)
                                                                procedure
```

Size must be a positive exact integer object. $K, \dots, k + \textit{size} - 1$ must be valid indices of *bytevector*.

The `bytevector-uint-ref` procedure retrieves the exact integer object corresponding to the unsigned representation of size *size* and specified by *endianness* at indices $k, \dots, k + size - 1$.

The `bytevector-sint-ref` procedure retrieves the exact integer object corresponding to the two's-complement representation of size *size* and specified by *endianness* at indices $k, \dots, k + size - 1$.

For `bytevector-uint-set!`, *n* must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{0, \dots, 256^{size} - 1\}$.

The `bytevector-uint-set!` procedure stores the unsigned representation of size *size* and specified by *endianness* into *bytevector* at indices $k, \dots, k + size - 1$.

For `bytevector-sint-set!`, *n* must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{-256^{size}/2, \dots, 256^{size}/2 - 1\}$. `bytevector-sint-set!` stores the two's-complement representation of size *size* and specified by *endianness* into *bytevector* at indices $k, \dots, k + size - 1$.

The ...-set! procedures return unspecified values.

```
(define b (make-bytevector 16 -127))

(bytevector-uint-set! b 0 (- (expt 2 128) 3)
  (endianness little) 16)

(bytevector-uint-ref b 0 (endianness little) 16)
  ⇒
  #xfffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff

(bytevector-sint-ref b 0 (endianness little) 16)
  ⇒ -3

(bytevector->u8-list b)
  ⇒ (253 255 255 255 255 255 255 255
     255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255)

(bytevector-uint-set! b 0 (- (expt 2 128) 3)
  (endianness big) 16)

(bytevector-uint-ref b 0 (endianness big) 16)
  ⇒
  #xfffffffffffffffffffffffffffffff

(bytevector-sint-ref b 0 (endianness big) 16)
  ⇒ -3

(bytevector->u8-list b)
  ⇒ (255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255
     255 255 255 255 255 255 253)
```

```
(bytevector->uint-list bytevector endianness size)
  procedure
(bytevector->sint-list bytevector endianness size)
  procedure
(uint-list->bytevector list endianness size)
```

```
procedure
(sint-list->bytevector list endianness size)
  procedure
```

Size must be a positive exact integer object. For `uint-list->bytevector`, *list* must be a list of exact integer objects in the interval $\{0, \dots, 256^{size} - 1\}$. For `sint-list->bytevector`, *list* must be a list of exact integer objects in the interval $\{-256^{size}/2, \dots, 256^{size}/2 - 1\}$. The length of *bytevector* or, respectively, of *list* must be divisible by *size*.

These procedures convert between lists of integer objects and their consecutive representations according to *size* and *endianness* in the *bytevector* objects in the same way as `bytevector->u8-list` and `u8-list->bytevector` do for one-byte representations.

```
(let ((b (u8-list->bytevector '(1 2 3 255 1 2 1 2))))
  (bytevector->sint-list b (endianness little) 2))
  ⇒ (513 -253 513 513)

(let ((b (u8-list->bytevector '(1 2 3 255 1 2 1 2))))
  (bytevector->uint-list b (endianness little) 2))
  ⇒ (513 65283 513 513)
```

2.5. Operations on 16-bit integers

```
(bytevector-u16-ref bytevector k endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-s16-ref bytevector k endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-u16-native-ref bytevector k)
  procedure
(bytevector-s16-native-ref bytevector k)
  procedure
(bytevector-u16-set! bytevector k n endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-s16-set! bytevector k n endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-u16-native-set! bytevector k n)
  procedure
(bytevector-s16-native-set! bytevector k n)
  procedure
```

K must be a valid index of *bytevector*; so must $k + 1$. For `bytevector-u16-set!` and `bytevector-u16-native-set!`, *n* must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{0, \dots, 2^{16} - 1\}$. For `bytevector-s16-set!` and `bytevector-s16-native-set!`, *n* must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{-2^{15}, \dots, 2^{15} - 1\}$.

These retrieve and set two-byte representations of numbers at indices *k* and $k + 1$, according to the *endianness* specified by *endianness*. The procedures with `u16` in their names deal with the unsigned representation; those with `s16` in their names deal with the two's-complement representation.

The procedures with `native` in their names employ the native endianness, and work only at aligned indices: k must be a multiple of 2.

The ...-`set!` procedures return unspecified values.

```
(define b
  (u8-list->bytevector
    '(255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255
      255 255 255 255 255 255 255 253)))

(bytevector-u16-ref b 14 (endianness little))
  => 65023
(bytevector-s16-ref b 14 (endianness little))
  => -513
(bytevector-u16-ref b 14 (endianness big))
  => 65533
(bytevector-s16-ref b 14 (endianness big))
  => -3

(bytevector-u16-set! b 0 12345 (endianness little))
(bytevector-u16-ref b 0 (endianness little))
  => 12345

(bytevector-u16-native-set! b 0 12345)
(bytevector-u16-native-ref b 0) 12345

(bytevector-u16-ref b 0 (endianness little))
  => unspecified
```

2.6. Operations on 32-bit integers

```
(bytevector-u32-ref bytevector k endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-s32-ref bytevector k endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-u32-native-ref bytevector k) procedure
(bytevector-s32-native-ref bytevector k) procedure
(bytevector-u32-set! bytevector k n endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-s32-set! bytevector k n endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-u32-native-set! bytevector k n)
  procedure
(bytevector-s32-native-set! bytevector k n)
  procedure
```

$K, \dots, k + 3$ must be valid indices of *bytevector*. For `bytevector-u32-set!` and `bytevector-u32-native-set!`, n must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{0, \dots, 2^{32} - 1\}$. For `bytevector-s32-set!` and `bytevector-s32-native-set!`, n must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{-2^{31}, \dots, 2^{32} - 1\}$.

These retrieve and set four-byte representations of numbers at indices $k, \dots, k + 3$, according to the endianness specified by *endianness*. The procedures with `u32` in their names

deal with the unsigned representation; those with `s32` with the two's-complement representation.

The procedures with `native` in their names employ the native endianness, and work only at aligned indices: k must be a multiple of 4.

The ...-`set!` procedures return unspecified values.

```
(define b
  (u8-list->bytevector
    '(255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255
      255 255 255 255 255 255 253)))

(bytevector-u32-ref b 12 (endianness little))
  => 4261412863
(bytevector-s32-ref b 12 (endianness little))
  => -33554433
(bytevector-u32-ref b 12 (endianness big))
  => 4294967293
(bytevector-s32-ref b 12 (endianness big))
  => -3
```

2.7. Operations on 64-bit integers

```
(bytevector-u64-ref bytevector k endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-s64-ref bytevector k endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-u64-native-ref bytevector k) procedure
(bytevector-s64-native-ref bytevector k) procedure
(bytevector-u64-set! bytevector k n endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-s64-set! bytevector k n endianness)
  procedure
(bytevector-u64-native-set! bytevector k n)
  procedure
(bytevector-s64-native-set! bytevector k n)
  procedure
```

$K, \dots, k + 7$ must be valid indices of *bytevector*. For `bytevector-u64-set!` and `bytevector-u64-native-set!`, n must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{0, \dots, 2^{64} - 1\}$. For `bytevector-s64-set!` and `bytevector-s64-native-set!`, n must be an exact integer object in the interval $\{-2^{63}, \dots, 2^{64} - 1\}$.

These retrieve and set eight-byte representations of numbers at indices $k, \dots, k + 7$, according to the endianness specified by *endianness*. The procedures with `u64` in their names deal with the unsigned representation; those with `s64` with the two's-complement representation.

The procedures with `native` in their names employ the native endianness, and work only at aligned indices: k must be a multiple of 8.

The ...-`set!` procedures return unspecified values.

```
(define b
  (u8-list->bytevector
    '(255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255
      255 255 255 255 255 255 253)))

(bytevector-u64-ref b 8 (endianness little))
  => 18302628885633695743
(bytevector-s64-ref b 8 (endianness little))
  => -144115188075855873
(bytevector-u64-ref b 8 (endianness big))
  => 18446744073709551613
(bytevector-s64-ref b 8 (endianness big))
  => -3
```

2.8. Operations on IEEE-754 representations

```
(bytevector-ieee-single-native-ref bytevector k)
  procedure
(bytevector-ieee-single-ref bytevector k endianness)
  procedure
```

$K, \dots, k + 3$ must be valid indices of *bytevector*. For `bytevector-ieee-single-native-ref`, k must be a multiple of 4.

These procedures return the inexact real number object that best represents the IEEE-754 single precision number represented by the four bytes beginning at index k .

```
(bytevector-ieee-double-native-ref bytevector k)
  procedure
(bytevector-ieee-double-ref bytevector k endianness)
  procedure
```

$K, \dots, k + 7$ must be valid indices of *bytevector*. For `bytevector-ieee-double-native-ref`, k must be a multiple of 8.

These procedures return the inexact real number object that best represents the IEEE-754 single precision number represented by the eight bytes beginning at index k .

```
(bytevector-ieee-single-native-set! bytevector k x)
  procedure
(bytevector-ieee-single-set! bytevector k x endianness)
  procedure
```

$K, \dots, k + 3$ must be valid indices of *bytevector*. For `bytevector-ieee-single-native-set!`, k must be a multiple of 4.

These procedures store an IEEE-754 single-precision representation of x into elements k through $k + 3$ of *bytevector*, and return unspecified values.

```
(bytevector-ieee-double-native-set! bytevector k x)
  procedure
(bytevector-ieee-double-set! bytevector k x endianness)
  procedure
```

$K, \dots, k + 7$ must be valid indices of *bytevector*. For `bytevector-ieee-double-native-set!`, k must be a multiple of 8.

These procedures store an IEEE-754 double precision representation of x into elements k through $k + 7$ of *bytevector*, and return unspecified values.

2.9. Operations on strings

This section describes procedures that convert between strings and bytevectors containing Unicode encodings of those strings. When decoding bytevectors, encoding errors are handled as with the `replace` semantics of textual I/O (see section 8.2.4): If an invalid or incomplete character encoding is encountered, then the replacement character U+FFFD is appended to the string being generated, an appropriate number of bytes are ignored, and decoding continues with the following bytes.

```
(string->utf8 string)
  procedure
```

Returns a newly allocated (unless empty) bytevector that contains the UTF-8 encoding of the given string.

```
(string->utf16 string)
  procedure
(string->utf16 string endianness)
  procedure
```

If *endianness* is specified, it must be the symbol `big` or the symbol `little`. The `string->utf16` procedure returns a newly allocated (unless empty) bytevector that contains the UTF-16BE or UTF-16LE encoding of the given string (with no byte-order mark). If *endianness* is not specified or is `big`, then UTF-16BE is used. If *endianness* is `little`, then UTF-16LE is used.

```
(string->utf32 string)
  procedure
(string->utf32 string endianness)
  procedure
```

If *endianness* is specified, it must be the symbol `big` or the symbol `little`. The `string->utf32` procedure returns a newly allocated (unless empty) bytevector that contains the UTF-32BE or UTF-32LE encoding of the given string (with no byte mark). If *endianness* is not specified or is `big`, then UTF-32BE is used. If *endianness* is `little`, then UTF-32LE is used.

```
(utf8->string bytevector)
  procedure
```

Returns a newly allocated (unless empty) string whose character sequence is encoded by the given bytevector.

```
(utf16->string bytevector endianness)    procedure
(utf16->string! bytevector
 endianness endianness-mandatory)      procedure
```

Endianness must be the symbol `big` or the symbol `little`. The `utf16->string` procedure returns a newly allocated (unless empty) string whose character sequence is encoded by the given bytevector. *Bytevector* is decoded according to UTF-16BE or UTF-16LE: If *endianness-mandatory?* is absent or `#f`, `utf16->string` determines the endianness according to a UTF-16 BOM at the beginning of *bytevector* if a BOM is present; in this case, the BOM is not decoded as a character. Also in this case, if no UTF-16 BOM is present, *endianness* specifies the endianness of the encoding. If *endianness-mandatory?* is a true value, *endianness* specifies the endianness of the encoding, and any UTF-16 BOM in the encoding is decoded as a regular character.

Note: A UTF-16 BOM is either a sequence of bytes `#xFE`, `#xFF` specifying `big` and UTF-16BE, or `#xFF`, `#xFE` specifying `little` and UTF-16LE.

```
(utf32->string bytevector endianness)    procedure
(utf32->string! bytevector
 endianness endianness-mandatory)      procedure
```

Endianness must be the symbol `big` or the symbol `little`. The `utf32->string` procedure returns a newly allocated (unless empty) string whose character sequence is encoded by the given bytevector. *Bytevector* is decoded according to UTF-32BE or UTF-32LE: If *endianness-mandatory?* is absent or `#f`, `utf32->string` determines the endianness according to a UTF-32 BOM at the beginning of *bytevector* if a BOM is present; in this case, the BOM is not decoded as a character. Also in this case, if no UTF-32 BOM is present, *endianness* specifies the endianness of the encoding. If *endianness-mandatory?* is a true value, *endianness* specifies the endianness of the encoding, and any UTF-32 BOM in the encoding is decoded as a regular character.

Note: A UTF-32 BOM is either a sequence of bytes `#x00`, `#x00`, `#xFE`, `#xFF` specifying `big` and UTF-32BE, or `#xFF`, `#xFE`, `#x00`, `#x00`, specifying `little` and UTF-32LE.

3. List utilities

This chapter describes the `(rnrs lists (6))` library, which contains various useful procedures that operate on lists.

```
(find proc list)                          procedure
```

Proc should accept one argument and return a single value. *Proc* should not mutate *list*. The `find` procedure applies *proc* to the elements of *list* in order. If *proc* returns a true value for an element, `find` immediately returns that element. If *proc* returns `#f` for all elements of the list, `find` returns `#f`. *Proc* is always called in the same dynamic environment as `find` itself.

```
(find even? '(3 1 4 1 5 9)) => 4
(find even? '(3 1 5 1 5 9)) => #f
```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check that *list* is a chain of pairs up to the found element, or that it is indeed a list if no element is found. It should not check that it is a chain of pairs beyond the found element. The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *proc* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```
(for-all proc list1 list2 ... listn)    procedure
(exists proc list1 list2 ... listn)      procedure
```

The *lists* should all have the same length, and *proc* should accept *n* arguments and return a single value. *Proc* should not mutate the *list* arguments.

For natural numbers $i = 0, 1, \dots$, the `for-all` procedure successively applies *proc* to arguments $x_i^1 \dots x_i^n$, where x_i^j is the *i*th element of *list_j*, until `#f` is returned. If *proc* returns true values for all but the last element of *list₁*, `for-all` performs a tail call of *proc* on the *k*th elements, where *k* is the length of *list₁*. If *proc* returns `#f` on any set of elements, `for-all` returns `#f` after the first such application of *proc*. If the *lists* are all empty, `for-all` returns `#t`.

For natural numbers $i = 0, 1, \dots$, the `exists` procedure applies *proc* successively to arguments $x_i^1 \dots x_i^n$, where x_i^j is the *i*th element of *list_j*, until a true value is returned. If *proc* returns `#f` for all but the last elements of the *lists*, `exists` performs a tail call of *proc* on the *k*th elements, where *k* is the length of *list₁*. If *proc* returns a true value on any set of elements, `exists` returns that value after the first such application of *proc*. If the *lists* are all empty, `exists` returns `#f`.

Proc is always called in the same dynamic environment as `for-all` or, respectively, `exists` itself.

```
(for-all even? '(3 1 4 1 5 9))
=> #f
(for-all even? '(3 1 4 1 5 9 . 2))
=> #f
(for-all even? '(2 4 14)) => #t
(for-all even? '(2 4 14 . 9))
=> &assertion exception
(for-all (lambda (n) (and (even? n) n)) '(2 4 14))
=> 14
(for-all < '(1 2 3) '(2 3 4))=> #t
(for-all < '(1 2 4) '(2 3 4))=> #f

(exists even? '(3 1 4 1 5 9))
=> #t
(exists even? '(3 1 1 5 9)) => #f
(exists even? '(3 1 1 5 9 . 2))
=> &assertion exception
(exists (lambda (n) (and (even? n) n)) '(2 1 4 14))
```

```

=> 2
(exists < '(1 2 4) '(2 3 4))=> #t
(exists > '(1 2 3) '(2 3 4))=> #f

```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check that the *lists* are chains of pairs to the extent necessary to determine the return value. If this requires traversing the lists entirely, the implementation should check that the *lists* all have the same length. If not, it should not check that the *lists* are chains of pairs beyond the traversal. The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *proc* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```

(filter proc list)           procedure
(partition proc list)       procedure

```

Proc should accept one argument and return a single value. *Proc* should not mutate *list*. The `filter` procedure applies *proc* to each element of *list* and returns a list of the elements of *list* for which *proc* returned a true value. The `partition` procedure also applies *proc* to each element of *list*, but returns two values, the first one a list of the elements of *list* for which *proc* returned a true value, and the second a list of the elements of *list* for which *proc* returned #f. In both cases, the elements of the result list(s) are in the same order as they appear in the input list. *Proc* is always called in the same dynamic environment as `filter` or, respectively, `partition` itself. If multiple returns occur from `filter` or `partitions`, the return values returned by earlier returns are not mutated.

```

(filter even? '(3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6))
=> (4 2 6)

```

```

(partition even? '(3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6))
=> (4 2 6) (3 1 1 5 9) ; two values

```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *handler* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```

(fold-left combine nil list1 list2 ... listn) procedure

```

The *lists* should all have the same length. *Combine* must be a procedure. It should accept one more argument than there are *lists* and return a single value. It should not mutate the *list* arguments. The `fold-left` procedure iterates the *combine* procedure over an accumulator value and the elements of the *lists* from left to right, starting with an accumulator value of *nil*. More specifically, `fold-left` returns *nil* if the *lists* are empty. If they are not empty,

combine is first applied to *nil* and the respective first elements of the *lists* in order. The result becomes the new accumulator value, and *combine* is applied to the new accumulator value and the respective next elements of the *list*. This step is repeated until the end of the list is reached; then the accumulator value is returned. *Combine* is always called in the same dynamic environment as `fold-left` itself.

```

(fold-left + 0 '(1 2 3 4 5))=> 15

```

```

(fold-left (lambda (a e) (cons e a)) '()
 '(1 2 3 4 5))
=> (5 4 3 2 1)

```

```

(fold-left (lambda (count x)
 (if (odd? x) (+ count 1) count))
 0
 '(3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5 3))
=> 7

```

```

(fold-left (lambda (max-len s)
 (max max-len (string-length s)))
 0
 ("longest" "long" "longer"))
=> 7

```

```

(fold-left cons '(q) '(a b c))
=> (((q) . a) . b) . c)

```

```

(fold-left + 0 '(1 2 3) '(4 5 6))
=> 21

```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation should check that the *lists* all have the same length. The implementation must check the restrictions on *combine* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *combine* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```

(fold-right combine nil list1 list2 ... listn) procedure

```

The *lists* should all have the same length. *Combine* must be a procedure. It should accept one more argument than there are *lists* and return a single value. *Combine* should not mutate the *list* arguments. The `fold-right` procedure iterates the *combine* procedure over the elements of the *lists* from right to left and an accumulator value, starting with an accumulator value of *nil*. More specifically, `fold-right` returns *nil* if the *lists* are empty. If they are not empty, *combine* is first applied to the respective last elements of the *lists* in order and *nil*. The result becomes the new accumulator value, and *combine* is applied to the respective previous elements of the *lists* and the new accumulator value. This step is repeated until the beginning of the list is reached; then the accumulator value is returned. *Proc* is always called in the same dynamic environment as `fold-right` itself.

```
(fold-right + 0 '(1 2 3 4 5)) ⇒ 15

(fold-right cons '() '(1 2 3 4 5))
  ⇒ (1 2 3 4 5)

(fold-right (lambda (x l)
              (if (odd? x) (cons x l) l))
            '()
            '(3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5))
  ⇒ (3 1 1 5 9 5)

(fold-right cons '(q) '(a b c))
  ⇒ (a b c q)

(fold-right + 0 '(1 2 3) '(4 5 6))
  ⇒ 21
```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation should check that the *lists* all have the same length. The implementation must check the restrictions on *combine* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *combine* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```
(remproc proc list)           procedure
(remove obj list)             procedure
(remv obj list)               procedure
(remq obj list)               procedure
```

Proc should accept one argument and return a single value. *Proc* should not mutate *list*. Each of these procedures returns a list of the elements of *list* that do not satisfy a given condition. The *remproc* procedure applies *proc* to each element of *list* and returns a list of the elements of *list* for which *proc* returned *#f*. *Proc* is always called in the same dynamic environment as *remproc* itself. The *remove*, *remv*, and *remq* procedures return a list of the elements that are not *obj*. The *remq* procedure uses *eq?* to compare *obj* with the elements of *list*, while *remv* uses *eqv?* and *remove* uses *equal?*. The elements of the result list are in the same order as they appear in the input list. If multiple returns occur from *remproc*, the return values returned by earlier returns are not mutated.

```
(remproc even? '(3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5))
  ⇒ (3 1 1 5 9 5)

(remove 1 '(3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5))
  ⇒ (3 4 5 9 2 6 5)

(remv 1 '(3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5))
  ⇒ (3 4 5 9 2 6 5)

(remq 'foo '(bar foo baz)) ⇒ (bar baz)
```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* to the extent performed by

applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *proc* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```
(memp proc list)           procedure
(member obj list)         procedure
(memv obj list)           procedure
(memq obj list)           procedure
```

Proc should accept one argument and return a single value. *Proc* should not mutate *list*.

These procedures return the first sublist of *list* whose car satisfies a given condition, where the sublists of *lists* are the lists returned by *(list-tail list k)* for *k* less than the length of *list*. The *memp* procedure applies *proc* to the cars of the sublists of *list* until it finds one for which *proc* returns a true value, without traversing *list* further. *Proc* is always called in the same dynamic environment as *memp* itself. The *member*, *memv*, and *memq* procedures look for the first occurrence of *obj*. If *list* does not contain an element satisfying the condition, then *#f* (not the empty list) is returned. The *member* procedure uses *equal?* to compare *obj* with the elements of *list*, while *memv* uses *eqv?* and *memq* uses *eq?*.

```
(memp even? '(3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5))
  ⇒ (4 1 5 9 2 6 5)

(memq 'a '(a b c)) ⇒ (a b c)
(memq 'b '(a b c)) ⇒ (b c)
(memq 'a '(b c d)) ⇒ #f
(memq (list 'a) '(b (a) c)) ⇒ #f
(member (list 'a)
        '(b (a) c)) ⇒ ((a) c)
(memq 101 '(100 101 102)) ⇒ unspecified
(memv 101 '(100 101 102)) ⇒ (101 102)
```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check that *list* is a chain of pairs up to the found element, or that it is indeed a list if no element is found. It should not check that it is a chain of pairs beyond the found element. The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *proc* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```
(assp proc alist)           procedure
(assoc obj alist)           procedure
(assv obj alist)           procedure
(assq obj alist)           procedure
```

Alist (for “association list”) should be a list of pairs. *Proc* should accept one argument and return a single value. *Proc* should not mutate *alist*.

These procedures find the first pair in *alist* whose car field satisfies a given condition, and returns that pair without

traversing *alist* further. If no pair in *alist* satisfies the condition, then `#f` is returned. The `assp` procedure successively applies *proc* to the car fields of *alist* and looks for a pair for which it returns a true value. *Proc* is always called in the same dynamic environment as `assp` itself. The `assoc`, `assv`, and `assq` procedures look for a pair that has *obj* as its car. The `assoc` procedure uses `equal?` to compare *obj* with the car fields of the pairs in *alist*, while `assv` uses `eqv?` and `assq` uses `eq?`.

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check that *alist* is a chain of pairs containing pairs up to the found pair, or that it is indeed a list of pairs if no element is found. It should not check that it is a chain of pairs beyond the found element. The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *proc* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```
(define d '((3 a) (1 b) (4 c)))

(assp even? d)           ⇒ (4 c)
(assp odd? d)           ⇒ (3 a)

(define e '((a 1) (b 2) (c 3)))
(assq 'a e)             ⇒ (a 1)
(assq 'b e)             ⇒ (b 2)
(assq 'd e)             ⇒ #f
(assq (list 'a) '((a) ((b)) ((c))))
                        ⇒ #f
(assoc (list 'a) '((a) ((b)) ((c))))
                        ⇒ ((a))
(assq 5 '((2 3) (5 7) (11 13)))
                        ⇒ unspecified
(assv 5 '((2 3) (5 7) (11 13)))
                        ⇒ (5 7)
```

```
(cons* obj1 ... objn obj)      procedure
(cons* obj)                    procedure
```

If called with at least two arguments, `cons*` returns a freshly allocated chain of pairs whose cars are *obj*₁, ..., *obj*_n, and whose last cdr is *obj*. If called with only one argument, `cons*` returns that argument.

```
(cons* 1 2 '(3 4 5))        ⇒ (1 2 3 4 5)
(cons* 1 2 3)               ⇒ (1 2 . 3)
(cons* 1)                   ⇒ 1
```

4. Sorting

This chapter describes the (`rnrs sorting (6)`) library for sorting lists and vectors.

```
(list-sort proc list)       procedure
(vector-sort proc vector)   procedure
```

Proc should accept any two elements of *list* or *vector*, and should not have any side effects. *Proc* should return a true

value when its first argument is strictly less than its second, and `#f` otherwise.

The `list-sort` and `vector-sort` procedures perform a stable sort of *list* or *vector* in ascending order according to *proc*, without changing *list* or *vector* in any way. The `list-sort` procedure returns a list, and `vector-sort` returns a vector. The results may be `eq?` to the argument when the argument is already sorted, and the result of `list-sort` may share structure with a tail of the original list. The sorting algorithm performs $O(n \lg n)$ calls to *proc* where *n* is the length of *list* or *vector*, and all arguments passed to *proc* are elements of the list or vector being sorted, but the pairing of arguments and the sequencing of calls to *proc* are not specified. If multiple returns occur from `list-sort` or `vector-sort`, the return values returned by earlier returns are not mutated.

```
(list-sort < '(3 5 2 1))    ⇒ (1 2 3 5)
(vector-sort < '#(3 5 2 1)) ⇒ #(1 2 3 5)
```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *proc* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```
(vector-sort! proc vector)  procedure
```

Proc should accept any two elements of the vector, and should not have any side effects. *Proc* should return a true value when its first argument is strictly less than its second, and `#f` otherwise.

The `vector-sort!` procedure destructively sorts *vector* in ascending order according to *proc*. The sorting algorithm performs $O(n^2)$ calls to *proc* where *n* is the length of *vector*, and all arguments passed to *proc* are elements of the vector being sorted, but the pairing of arguments and the sequencing of calls to *proc* are not specified. The sorting algorithm may be unstable. The procedure returns unspecified values.

```
(define v (vector 3 5 2 1))
(vector-sort! v)           ⇒ unspecified
v                          ⇒ #(1 2 3 5)
```

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *proc* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

5. Control structures

This chapter describes the (`rnrs control (6)`) library, which provides useful control structures.

(when <test> <expression₁> <expression₂> ...) syntax
 (unless <test> <expression₁> <expression₂> ...) syntax

Syntax: <Test> must be an expression.

Semantics: A **when** expression is evaluated by evaluating the <test> expression. If <test> evaluates to a true value, the remaining <expression>s are evaluated in order, and the results of the last <expression> are returned as the results of the entire **when** expression. Otherwise, the **when** expression returns unspecified values. An **unless** expression is evaluated by evaluating the <test> expression. If <test> evaluates to #f, the remaining <expression>s are evaluated in order, and the results of the last <expression> are returned as the results of the entire **unless** expression. Otherwise, the **unless** expression returns unspecified values.

The final <expression> is in tail context if the **when** or **unless** form is itself in tail context.

```
(when (> 3 2) 'greater)    => greater
(when (< 3 2) 'greater)    => unspecified
(unless (> 3 2) 'less)     => unspecified
(unless (< 3 2) 'less)     => less
```

The **when** and **unless** expressions are derived forms. They could be defined in terms of base library forms by the following macros:

```
(define-syntax when
  (syntax-rules ()
    ((when test result1 result2 ...)
     (if test
         (begin result1 result2 ...))))))
```

```
(define-syntax unless
  (syntax-rules ()
    ((unless test result1 result2 ...)
     (if (not test)
         (begin result1 result2 ...))))))
```

(do ((<variable₁> <init₁> <step₁>) ...)
 <test> <expression> ...)
 <command> ...) syntax

Syntax: The <init>s, <step>s, <test>s, and <command>s must be expressions. The <variable>s must be pairwise distinct variables.

Semantics: The **do** expression is an iteration construct. It specifies a set of variables to be bound, how they are to be initialized at the start, and how they are to be updated on each iteration.

A **do** expression is evaluated as follows: The <init> expressions are evaluated (in some unspecified order), the <variable>s are bound to fresh locations, the results of the <init> expressions are stored in the bindings of the <variable>s, and then the iteration phase begins.

Each iteration begins by evaluating <test>; if the result is #f, then the <command>s are evaluated in order for effect, the <step> expressions are evaluated in some unspecified order, the <variable>s are bound to fresh locations holding the results, and the next iteration begins.

If <test> evaluates to a true value, the <expression>s are evaluated from left to right and the values of the last <expression> are returned. If no <expression>s are present, then the values of the **do** expression are unspecified.

The region of the binding of a <variable> consists of the entire **do** expression except for the <init>s.

A <step> may be omitted, in which case the effect is the same as if (<variable> <init> <variable>) had been written instead of (<variable> <init>).

If a **do** expression appears in a tail context, the <expression>s are a <tail sequence> in the sense of report section 11.20, i.e., the last <expression> is also in a tail context.

```
(do ((vec (make-vector 5))
     (i 0 (+ i 1)))
    ((= i 5) vec)
  (vector-set! vec i i))    => #(0 1 2 3 4)

(let ((x '(1 3 5 7 9)))
  (do ((x x (cdr x))
      (sum 0 (+ sum (car x))))
      ((null? x) sum)))     => 25
```

The following definition of **do** uses a trick to expand the variable clauses.

```
(define-syntax do
  (syntax-rules ()
    ((do ((var init step ...) ...)
         (test expr ...)
         command ...)
     (letrec
        ((loop
          (lambda (var ...)
            (if test
                (begin
                  #f ; avoid empty begin
                  expr ...)
                (begin
                  command
                  ...
                  (loop (do "step" var step ...)
                        ...))))))
         (loop init ...)))
    ((do "step" x)
     x)
    ((do "step" x y)
     y)))
```

(case-lambda <case-lambda clause> ...) syntax

Syntax: Each <case-lambda clause> must be of the form

```
(⟨formals⟩ ⟨body⟩)
```

⟨Formals⟩ must be as in a `lambda` form (report section 11.4.2), and ⟨body⟩ is as described in report section 11.3.

Semantics: A `case-lambda` expression evaluates to a procedure. This procedure, when applied, tries to match its arguments to the ⟨case-lambda clause⟩s in order. The arguments match a clause if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- ⟨Formals⟩ has the form (⟨variable⟩ ...) and the number of arguments is the same as the number of formal parameters in ⟨formals⟩.
- ⟨Formals⟩ has the form (⟨variable₁⟩ ... ⟨variable_n⟩ . ⟨variable_{n+1}⟩) and the number of arguments is at least *n*.
- ⟨Formals⟩ has the form ⟨variable⟩.

For the first clause matched by the arguments, the variables of the ⟨formals⟩ are bound to fresh locations containing the argument values in the same arrangement as with `lambda`.

The last expression of a ⟨body⟩ in a `case-lambda` expression is in tail context.

If the arguments match none of the clauses, an exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised.

```
(define foo
  (case-lambda
    (() 'zero)
    ((x) (list 'one x))
    ((x y) (list 'two x y))
    ((a b c d . e) (list 'four a b c d e))
    (rest (list 'rest rest))))

(foo)           ⇒ zero
(foo 1)         ⇒ (one 1)
(foo 1 2)       ⇒ (two 1 2)
(foo 1 2 3)     ⇒ (rest (1 2 3))
(foo 1 2 3 4)  ⇒ (four 1 2 3 4 ())
```

The `case-lambda` keyword can be defined in terms of `lambda` by the following macros:

```
(define-syntax case-lambda
  (syntax-rules ()
    ((_ (fmls b1 b2 ...))
     (lambda fmls b1 b2 ...))
    ((_ (fmls b1 b2 ...) ...)
     (lambda args
       (let ((n (length args)))
         (case-lambda-help args n
          (fmls b1 b2 ...) ...))))))

(define-syntax case-lambda-help
  (syntax-rules ()
```

```
((_ args n)
  (assertion-violation #f
    "unexpected number of arguments")
  ((_ args n ((x ...) b1 b2 ...) more ...)
   (if (= n (length '(x ...)))
       (apply (lambda (x ...) b1 b2 ...) args)
       (case-lambda-help args n more ...)))
  ((_ args n ((x1 x2 ... . r) b1 b2 ...) more ...)
   (if (>= n (length '(x1 x2 ...)))
       (apply (lambda (x1 x2 ... . r) b1 b2 ...)
              args)
       (case-lambda-help args n more ...)))
  ((_ args n (r b1 b2 ...) more ...)
   (apply (lambda r b1 b2 ...) args))))
```

6. Records

This section describes abstractions for creating new data types representing records.

A record is a compound data structure with a fixed number of components, called *fields*. Each record has an associated type specified by a *record-type descriptor*, which is an object that specifies the fields of the record and various other properties that all records of that type share. Record objects are created by a *record constructor*, a procedure that creates a fresh record object and initializes its fields to values. Records of different types can be distinguished from each other and from other types of objects by *record predicates*. A record predicate returns `#t` when passed a record of the type specified by the record-type descriptor and `#f` otherwise. An *accessor* extracts from a record the component associated with a field, and a *mutator* changes the component to a different value.

Record types can be extended via single inheritance, allowing record types to model hierarchies that occur in applications like algebraic data types as well as single-inheritance class systems. If a record type *t* extends another record type *p*, each record of type *t* is also a record of type *p*, and the predicate, accessors, and mutators applicable to a record of type *p* are also applicable to a record of type *t*. The extension relationship is transitive in the sense that a type extends its parent's parent, if any, and so on. A record type that does not extend another record type is called a *base record type*.

A record type can be *sealed* to prevent it from being extended. Moreover, a record type can be *nongenerative*, i.e., it is globally identified by a “uid”, and new, compatible definitions of a nongenerative record type with the same uid as a previous always yield the same record type.

The record mechanism spans three libraries:

- the (`rnrs records syntactic (6)`) library, a syntactic layer for defining a record type and associated constructor, predicate, accessor, and mutators,

- the `(rnrs records procedural (6))` library, a procedural layer for creating and manipulating record types and creating constructors, predicates, accessors, and mutators;
- the `(rnrs records inspection (6))` library, a set of inspection procedures.

The inspection procedures allow programs to obtain from a record instance a descriptor for the type and from there obtain access to the fields of the record instance. This facility allows the creation of portable printers and inspectors. A program may prevent access to a record's type—and thereby protect the information stored in the record from the inspection mechanism—by declaring the type opaque. Thus, opacity as presented here can be used to enforce abstraction barriers.

The procedural layer is particularly useful for writing interpreters that construct host-compatible record types. It may also serve as a target for expansion of the syntactic layers. However, the record operations provided through the procedural layer may be significantly less efficient than the operations provided through the syntactic layer. Therefore, alternative implementations of syntactic record-type definition should, when possible, expand into the syntactic layer rather than the procedural layer.

The syntactic layer is used more commonly and therefore described first. This chapter uses the *rt* and *constructor-descriptor* parameter names for arguments that must be record-type descriptors and constructor descriptors, respectively (see section 6.3).

6.1. Mutability and equivalence of records

The fields of a record type are designated *mutable* or *immutable*. Correspondingly, a record type with no mutable field is called *immutable*, and all records of that type are immutable objects. All other record types are *mutable*, and so are their records.

Each call to a record constructor returns a new record with a fresh location (see report section 5.10). Consequently, for two records *obj₁* and *obj₂*, the return value of `(eqv? obj1 obj2)`, adheres to the following criteria (see report section 11.5):

- If *obj₁* and *obj₂* have different record types (i.e., their record-type descriptors are not `eqv?`), `eqv?` returns `#f`.
- If *obj₁* and *obj₂* are both records of the same record type, and are the results of two separate calls to record constructors, then `eqv?` returns `#f`.

- If *obj₁* and *obj₂* are both records of the same record type, and both are the result of a single call to a record constructor, then `eqv?` returns `#t`.
- If *obj₁* and *obj₂* are both records of the same record type, where applying an accessor to both yields results for which `eqv?` returns `#f`, then `eqv?` returns `#f`.

These comments apply as well to `eq?`, which is guaranteed to have the same behavior on records as `eqv?`.

6.2. Syntactic layer

The syntactic layer is provided by the `(rnrs records syntactic (6))` library. Some details of the specification are explained in terms of the specification of the procedural layer below.

The record-type-defining form `define-record-type` is a definition and can appear anywhere any other (definition) can appear.

```
(define-record-type <name spec> <record clause>*)
                                     syntax
fields                               auxiliary syntax
mutable                              auxiliary syntax
immutable                            auxiliary syntax
parent                               auxiliary syntax
protocol                             auxiliary syntax
sealed                               auxiliary syntax
opaque                               auxiliary syntax
nongenerative                        auxiliary syntax
parent-rt                             auxiliary syntax
```

A `define-record-type` form defines a record type along with associated constructor descriptor and constructor, predicate, field accessors, and field mutators. The `define-record-type` form expands into a set of definitions in the environment where `define-record-type` appears; hence, it is possible to refer to the bindings (except for that of the record type itself) recursively.

The `<name spec>` specifies the names of the record type, constructor, and predicate. It must take one of the following forms:

```
((record name) <constructor name> <predicate name>)
 <record name>
```

`<Record name>`, `<constructor name>`, and `<predicate name>` must all be identifiers.

`<Record name>`, taken as a symbol, becomes the name of the record type. (See the description of `make-record-type-descriptor` below.) Additionally, it is bound by this definition to an expand-time representation of the record type; it can be used as parent name in syntactic record-type definitions that extend this definition. It can also be used as a handle to

gain access to the underlying record-type descriptor and constructor descriptor (see `record-type-descriptor` and `record-creator-descriptor` below).

`<Constructor name>` is defined by this definition to be a constructor for the defined record type, with a protocol specified by the `protocol` clause, or, in its absence, using a default protocol. For details, see the description of the `protocol` clause below.

`<Predicate name>` is defined by this definition to a predicate for the defined record type.

The second form of `<name spec>` is an abbreviation for the first form, where the name of the constructor is generated by prefixing the record name with `make-`, and the predicate name is generated by adding a question mark (?) to the end of the record name. For example, if the record name is `frob`, the name of the constructor is `make-frob`, and the predicate name is `frob?`.

Each `<record clause>` must take one of the following forms; it is a syntax violation if multiple `<record clause>`s of the same kind appear in a `define-record-type` form.

`(fields <field spec>*)`

Each `<field spec>` has one of the following forms

```
(immutable <field name> <accessor name>)
(mutable <field name>
  <accessor name> <mutator name>)
(immutable <field name>)
(mutable <field name>)
<field name>
```

`<Field name>`, `<accessor name>`, and `<mutator name>` must all be identifiers. The first form declares an immutable field called `<field name>`, with the corresponding accessor named `<accessor name>`. The second form declares a mutable field called `<field name>`, with the corresponding accessor named `<accessor name>`, and with the corresponding mutator named `<mutator name>`.

If `<field spec>` takes the third or fourth form, the accessor name is generated by appending the record name and field name with a hyphen separator, and the mutator name (for a mutable field) is generated by adding a `-set!` suffix to the accessor name. For example, if the record name is `frob` and the field name is `widget`, the accessor name is `frob-widget` and the mutator name is `frob-widget-set!`.

If `<field spec>` is just a `<field name>` form, it is an abbreviation for `(immutable <field name>)`.

The `<field name>`s become, as symbols, the names of the fields in the record-type descriptor being created, in the same order.

The `fields` clause may be absent; this is equivalent to an empty `fields` clause.

`(parent <parent name>)`

Specifies that the record type is to have parent type `<parent name>`, where `<parent name>` is the `<record name>` of a record type previously defined using `define-record-type`. The record-type definition associated with `<parent name>` must not be sealed. If no `parent` clause and no `parent-rtd` (see below) clause is present, the record type is a base type.

`(protocol <expression>)`

`<Expression>` is evaluated in the same environment as the `define-record-type` form, and must evaluate to a protocol appropriate for the record type being defined.

The protocol is used to create a record-creator descriptor (see below). If the record type being defined has a parent, the parent-type constructor descriptor is the one associated with the parent type specified in the `parent` clause. If no `protocol` clause is specified, a constructor descriptor is still created using a default protocol. The rules for this are the same as for `make-record-creator-descriptor`: the clause can be absent only if the record type defined has no parent type, or if the parent definition does not specify a protocol.

`(sealed #t)`

`(sealed #f)`

If this option is specified with operand `#t`, the defined record type is sealed, i.e., no extensions of the record type can be created. If this option is specified with operand `#f`, or is absent, the defined record type is not sealed.

`(opaque #t)`

`(opaque #f)`

If this option is specified with operand `#t`, or if an opaque parent record type is specified, the defined record type is opaque. Otherwise, the defined record type is not opaque. See the specification of `record-rtd` below for details.

`(nongenerative <uid>)`

`(nongenerative)`

This specifies that the record type is nongenerative with uid `<uid>`, which must be an `<identifier>`. If `<uid>` is absent, a unique uid is generated at macro-expansion time. If two record-type definitions specify the same `uid`, then the record-type definitions should be equivalent, i.e., the implied arguments to `make-record-type-descriptor` must be equivalent as described under `make-record-type-descriptor`. If this condition is not met, it is either considered a syntax violation or an exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised. If the condition is met, a single record type is generated for both definitions.

In the absence of a `nongenerative` clause, a new record type is generated every time a `define-record-type` form is evaluated:

```
(let ((f (lambda (x)
          (define-record-type r ...
            (if x r? (make-r ...))))))
      ((f #t) (f #f)))    ⇒ #f
```

```
(parent-rtd ⟨parent rtd⟩ ⟨parent cd⟩)
```

Specifies that the record type is to have its parent type specified by `⟨parent rtd⟩`, which should be an expression evaluating to a record-type descriptor, and `⟨parent cd⟩`, which should be an expression evaluating to a constructor descriptor (see below). The record-type definition associated with the value of `⟨parent rtd⟩` must not be sealed. Moreover, a record-type definition must not have both a `parent` and a `parent-rtd` clause.

Note: Use of the `parent-rtd` clause generally forces an implementation to delay the generation of constructor, accessor, and mutator code until the record-type definition is evaluated at run time, since the type of the parent is not generally known until then. The `parent` clause should therefore be used instead whenever possible.

All bindings created by `define-record-type` (for the record type, the constructor, the predicate, the accessors, and the mutators) must have names that are pairwise distinct.

The constructor created by a `define-record-type` form is a procedure as follows:

- If there is no `parent` clause and no `protocol` clause, the constructor accepts as many arguments as there are fields, in the same order as they appear in the `fields` clause, and returns a record object with the fields initialized to the corresponding arguments.
- If there is no `parent` or `parent-rtd` clause and a `protocol` clause, the protocol expressions must evaluate to a procedure that accepts a single argument. The protocol procedure is called once with a procedure `p` as its argument. It should return a procedure, which will become the constructor bound to `⟨constructor name⟩`. The procedure `p` accepts as many arguments as there are fields, in the same order as they appear in the `fields` clause, and returns a record object with the fields initialized to the corresponding arguments.

The constructor returned by the protocol procedure can accept an arbitrary number of arguments, and should call `p` once to construct a record object, and return that record object.

For example, the following protocol expression for a record-type definition with three fields creates a constructor that accepts values for all fields, and initialized them in the reverse order of the arguments:

```
(lambda (p)
  (lambda (v1 v2 v3)
    (p v3 v2 v1)))
```

- If there is both a `parent` clause and a `protocol` clause, then the protocol procedure is called once with a procedure `n` as its argument. As in the previous case, the protocol procedure should return a procedure, which will become the constructor bound to `⟨constructor name⟩`. However, `n` is different from `p` in the previous case: It accepts arguments corresponding to the arguments of the constructor of the parent type. It then returns a procedure `p` that accepts as many arguments as there are (additional) fields in this type, in the same order as in the `fields` clause, and returns a record object with the fields of the parent record types initialized according to their constructors and the arguments to `n`, and the fields of this record type initialized to its arguments of `p`.

The constructor returned by the protocol procedure can accept an arbitrary number of arguments, and should call `n` once to construct the procedure `p`, and call `p` once to create the record object, and finally return that record object.

For example, the following protocol expression assumes that the constructor of the parent type takes three arguments:

```
(lambda (n)
  (lambda (v1 v2 v3 x1 x2 x3 x4)
    (let ((p (n v1 v2 v3)))
      (p x1 x2 x3 x4))))
```

The resulting constructor accepts seven arguments, and initializes the fields of the parent types according to the constructor of the parent type, with `v1`, `v2`, and `v3` as arguments. It also initializes the fields of this record type to the values of `x1`, ..., `x4`.

- If there is a `parent` clause, but no `protocol` clause, then the parent type must not have a `protocol` clause itself. The constructor bound to `⟨constructor name⟩` is a procedure that accepts arguments corresponding to the parent types' constructor first, and then one argument for each field in the same order as in the `fields` clause. The constructor returns a record object with the fields initialized to the corresponding arguments.
- If there is a `parent-rtd` clause, then the constructor is as with a `parent` clause, except that the constructor of the parent type is determined by the constructor descriptor of the `parent-rtd` clause.

A protocol may perform other actions consistent with the requirements described above, including mutation of the new record or other side effects, before returning the record.

Any definition that takes advantage of implicit naming for the constructor, predicate, accessor, and mutator names can be rewritten trivially to a definition that specifies all

names explicitly. For example, the implicit-naming record definition:

```
(define-record-type frob
  (fields (mutable widget))
  (protocol
    (lambda (p)
      (lambda (n) (p (make-widget n))))))
```

is equivalent to the following explicit-naming record definition.

```
(define-record-type (frob make-frob frob?)
  (fields (mutable widget
           frob-widget
           frob-widget-set!))
  (protocol
    (lambda (p)
      (lambda (n) (p (make-widget n))))))
```

Also, the implicit-naming record definition:

```
(define-record-type point (fields x y))
```

is equivalent to the following explicit-naming record definition:

```
(define-record-type (point make-point point?)
  (fields
    (immutable x point-x)
    (immutable y point-y)))
```

With implicit naming, one can choose to specify just some of the names explicitly; for example, the following overrides the choice of accessor and mutator names for the widget field.

```
(define-record-type frob
  (fields (mutable widget getwid setwid!))
  (protocol
    (lambda (p) (p (make-widget n))))))
```

`(record-type-descriptor <record name>)` syntax

Evaluates to the record-type descriptor (see below) associated with the type specified by <record-name>.

Note: The `record-type-descriptor` procedure works on both opaque and non-opaque record types.

`(record-constructor-descriptor <record name>)` syntax

Evaluates to the record-constructor descriptor (see below) associated with <record name>.

```
(define-record-type (point make-point point?)
  (fields (immutable x point-x)
          (mutable y point-y set-point-y!))
  (nongenerative
    point-4893d957-e00b-11d9-817f-00111175eb9e))

(define-record-type (cpoint make-cpoint cpoint?)
```

```
(parent point)
(protocol
  (lambda (n)
    (lambda (x y c)
      ((n x y) (color->rgb c)))))
(fields
  (mutable rgb cpoint-rgb cpoint-rgb-set!)))
```

```
(define (color->rgb c)
  (cons 'rgb c))
```

```
(define p1 (make-point 1 2))
(define p2 (make-cpoint 3 4 'red))
```

```
(point? p1)           => #t
(point? p2)           => #t
(point? (vector))     => #f
(point? (cons 'a 'b)) => #f
(cpoint? p1)          => #f
(cpoint? p2)          => #t
(point-x p1)           => 1
(point-y p1)           => 2
(point-x p2)           => 3
(point-y p2)           => 4
(cpoint-rgb p2)        => (rgb . red)
```

```
(set-point-y! p1 17)  => unspecified
(point-y p1)          => 17
```

```
(record-rtd p1)
  => (record-type-descriptor point)
```

```
(define-record-type (ex1 make-ex1 ex1?)
  (protocol (lambda (p) (lambda a (p a))))
  (fields (immutable f ex1-f)))
```

```
(define ex1-i1 (make-ex1 1 2 3))
(ex1-f ex1-i1)  => (1 2 3)
```

```
(define-record-type (ex2 make-ex2 ex2?)
  (protocol
    (lambda (p) (lambda (a . b) (p a b))))
  (fields (immutable a ex2-a)
          (immutable b ex2-b)))
```

```
(define ex2-i1 (make-ex2 1 2 3))
(ex2-a ex2-i1)  => 1
(ex2-b ex2-i1)  => (2 3)
```

```
(define-record-type (unit-vector
  make-unit-vector
  unit-vector?)
  (protocol
    (lambda (p)
      (lambda (x y z)
        (let ((length
              (sqrt (+ (* x x) (* y y) (* z z)))))
          (p (/ x length)
              (/ y length)
              (/ z length)))))))
```

```

(fields (immutable x unit-vector-x)
        (immutable y unit-vector-y)
        (immutable z unit-vector-z)))

(define *ex3-instance* #f)

(define-record-type ex3
  (parent cpoint)
  (protocol
   (lambda (n)
     (lambda (x y t)
       (let ((r ((n x y 'red) t)))
         (set! *ex3-instance* r)
         r))))
  (fields
   (mutable thickness))
  (sealed #t) (opaque #t))

(define ex3-i1 (make-ex3 1 2 17))
(ex3? ex3-i1)           ⇒ #t
(cpoint-rgb ex3-i1)     ⇒ (rgb . red)
(ex3-thickness ex3-i1)  ⇒ 17
(ex3-thickness-set! ex3-i1 18)
  ⇒ unspecified
(ex3-thickness ex3-i1)  ⇒ 18
*ex3-instance*         ⇒ ex3-i1

(record? ex3-i1)       ⇒ #f

```

6.3. Procedural layer

The procedural layer is provided by the `(rnrs records procedural (6))` library.

```
(make-record-type-descriptor name           procedure
                             parent uid sealed? opaque? fields)
```

Returns a *record-type descriptor*, or *rtd*, representing a record type distinct from all built-in types and other record types.

The *name* argument must be a symbol. It names the record type, and is intended purely for informational purposes and may be used for printing by the underlying Scheme system.

The *parent* argument must be either `#f` or an *rtd*. If it is an *rtd*, the returned record type, *t*, extends the record type *p* represented by *parent*. An exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised if *parent* is sealed (see below).

The *uid* argument must be either `#f` or a symbol. If *uid* is a symbol, the record-creation operation is *nongenerative* i.e., a new record type is created only if no previous call to `make-record-type-descriptor` was made with the *uid*. If *uid* is `#f`, the record-creation operation is *generative*, i.e., a new record type is created even if a previous call to `make-record-type-descriptor` was made with the same arguments.

If `make-record-type-descriptor` is called twice with the same *uid* symbol, the parent arguments in the two calls must be `eqv?`, the *fields* arguments `equal?`, the *sealed?* arguments boolean-equivalent (both `#f` or both true), and the *opaque?* arguments boolean-equivalent. If these conditions are not met, an exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised when the second call occurs. If they are met, the second call returns, without creating a new record type, the same record-type descriptor (in the sense of `eqv?`) as the first call.

Note: Users are encouraged to use symbol names constructed using the UUID namespace (for example, using the record-type name as a prefix) for the *uid* argument.

The *sealed?* flag must be a boolean. If true, the returned record type is sealed, i.e., it cannot be extended.

The *opaque?* flag must be a boolean. If true, the record type is opaque. If passed an instance of the record type, `record?` returns `#f`. Moreover, if `record-rtd` (see “Inspection” below) is called an instance of the record type, an exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised. The record type is also opaque if an opaque parent is supplied. If *opaque?* is `#f` and an opaque parent is not supplied, the record is not opaque.

The *fields* argument must be a vector of field specifiers. Each field specifier must be a list of the form `(mutable name)` or a list of the form `(immutable name)`. Each name must be a symbol and names the corresponding field of the record type; the names need not be distinct. A field identified as mutable may be modified, whereas, when a program attempts to obtain a mutator for a field identified as immutable, an exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised. Where field order is relevant, e.g., for record construction and field access, the fields are considered to be ordered as specified, although no particular order is required for the actual representation of a record instance.

The specified fields are added to the parent fields, if any, to determine the complete set of fields of the returned record type. If *fields* is modified after `make-record-type` has been called, the effect on the returned *rtd* is unspecified.

A generative record-type descriptor created by a call to `make-record-type-descriptor` is not `eqv?` to any record-type descriptor (generative or nongenerative) created by another call to `make-record-type-descriptor`. A generative record-type descriptor is `eqv?` only to itself, i.e., `(eqv? rtd1 rtd2)` iff `(eq? rtd1 rtd2)`. Also, two nongenerative record-type descriptors are `eqv?` iff they were created by calls to `make-record-type-descriptor` with the same *uid* arguments.

```
(record-type-descriptor? obj)           procedure
```

Returns `#t` if the argument is a record-type descriptor, `#f` otherwise.

(**make-record-constructor-descriptor** *rtd* procedure
parent-constructor-descriptor protocol)

Returns a *record-constructor descriptor* (or *constructor descriptor* for short) that specifies a *record constructor* (or *constructor* for short), that can be used to construct record values of the type specified by *rtd*, and which can be obtained via **record-creator**. A constructor descriptor can also be used to create other constructor descriptors for subtypes of its own record type. *Rtd* must be a record-type descriptor. *Protocol* must be a procedure or **#f**. If it is **#f**, a default *protocol* procedure is supplied.

If *protocol* is a procedure, it is handled analogously to the protocol expression in a **define-record-type** form.

If *rtd* is a base record type and *protocol* is a procedure, *parent-constructor-descriptor* must be **#f**. In this case, *protocol* it is called by **record-creator** with a single argument *p*. *P* is a procedure that expects one argument for every field of *rtd* and returns a record with the fields of *rtd* initialized to these arguments. The procedure returned by *protocol* should call *p* once with the number of arguments it expects and return the resulting record as shown in the simple example below:

```
(lambda (p)
  (lambda (v1 v2 v3)
    (p v1 v2 v3)))
```

Here, the call to **p** returns a record whose fields are initialized with the values of *v1*, *v2*, and *v3*. The expression above is equivalent to **(lambda (p) p)**. Note that the procedure returned by *protocol* is otherwise unconstrained; specifically, it can take any number of arguments.

If *rtd* is an extension of another record type *parent-rtd* and *protocol* is a procedure, *parent-creator-descriptor* must be a constructor descriptor of *parent-rtd* or **#f**. If *parent-creator-descriptor* is a constructor descriptor, *protocol* it is called by **record-creator** with a single argument *n*, which is a procedure that accepts the same number of arguments as the constructor of *parent-creator-descriptor* and returns a procedure *p* that, when called, constructs the record itself. The *p* procedure expects one argument for every field of *rtd* (not including parent fields) and returns a record with the fields of *rtd* initialized to these arguments, and the fields of *parent-rtd* and its parents initialized as specified by *parent-creator-descriptor*.

The procedure returned by *protocol* should call *n* once with the number of arguments it expects, call the procedure *p* it returns once with the number of arguments it expects and return the resulting record. A simple *protocol* in this case might be written as follows:

```
(lambda (n)
  (lambda (v1 v2 v3 x1 x2 x3 x4)
    (let ((p (n v1 v2 v3)))
      (p x1 x2 x3 x4))))
```

This passes arguments *v1*, *v2*, *v3* to *n* for *parent-creator-descriptor* and calls **p** with *x1*, ..., *x4* to initialize the fields of *rtd* itself.

Thus, the constructor descriptors for a record type form a sequence of protocols exactly parallel to the sequence of record-type parents. Each constructor descriptor in the chain determines the field values for the associated record type. Child record constructors need not know the number or contents of parent fields, only the number of arguments accepted by the parent constructor.

Protocol may be **#f**, specifying a default value that accepts one argument for each field of *rtd* (not including the fields of its parent type, if any). Specifically, if *rtd* is a base type, the default *protocol* procedure behaves as if it were **(lambda (p) p)**. If *rtd* is an extension of another type, then *parent-creator-descriptor* must be either **#f** or itself specify a default constructor. In this case, the default *protocol* procedure behaves as if it were:

```
(lambda (n)
  (lambda (v1 ... vj x1 ... xk)
    (let ((p (n v1 ... vj)))
      (p x1 ... xk))))
```

The resulting constructor accepts one argument for each of the record type's complete set of fields (including those of the parent record type, the parent's parent record type, etc.) and returns a record with the fields initialized to those arguments, with the field values for the parent coming before those of the extension in the argument list. (In the example, *j* is the complete number of fields of the parent type, and *k* is the number of fields of *rtd* itself.)

If *rtd* is an extension of another record type, and *parent-creator-descriptor* or *protocol* is **#f**, *protocol* must also be **#f**, and a default constructor descriptor is as described above is also assumed.

Implementation responsibilities: If *protocol* is a procedure, the implementation must check the restrictions on it to the extent performed by applying it as described when the constructor is called. An implementation may check whether *protocol* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

(**record-creator** *constructor-descriptor*) procedure

Calls the *protocol* of *constructor-descriptor* (as described for **make-record-creator-descriptor**) and returns the resulting constructor *constructor* for records of the record type associated with *constructor-descriptor*.

(**record-predicate** *rtd*) procedure

Returns a procedure that, given an object *obj*, returns **#t** if *obj* is a record of the type represented by *rtd*, and **#f** otherwise.

```
(record-accessor rtd k)
```

```
procedure
```

K must be a valid field index of *rtd*. The `record-accessor` procedure returns a one-argument procedure that, given a record of the type represented by *rtd*, returns the value of the selected field of that record.

The field selected is the one corresponding the *k*th element (0-based) of the *fields* argument to the invocation of `make-record-type-descriptor` that created *rtd*. Note that *k* cannot be used to specify a field of any type *rtd* extends.

If the accessor procedure is given something other than a record of the type represented by *rtd*, an exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised. Records of the type represented by *rtd* include records of extensions of the type represented by *rtd*.

```
(record-mutator rtd k)
```

```
procedure
```

K must be a valid field index of *rtd*. The `record-mutator` procedure returns a two-argument procedure that, given a record *r* of the type represented by *rtd* and an object *obj*, stores *obj* within the field of *r* specified by *k*. The *k* argument is as in `record-accessor`. If *k* specifies an immutable field, an exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised. The mutator returns unspecified values.

```
(define :point
  (make-record-type-descriptor
    'point #f
    #f #f #f
    '#((mutable x) (mutable y))))

(define :point-cd
  (make-record-constructor-descriptor :point #f #f))

(define make-point (record-constructor :point-cd))

(define point? (record-predicate :point))
(define point-x (record-accessor :point 0))
(define point-y (record-accessor :point 1))
(define point-x-set! (record-mutator :point 0))
(define point-y-set! (record-mutator :point 1))

(define p1 (make-point 1 2))
(point? p1)           => #t
(point-x p1)         => 1
(point-y p1)         => 2
(point-x-set! p1 5)  => unspecified
(point-x p1)         => 5

(define :point2
  (make-record-type-descriptor
    'point2 :point
    #f #f #f '#((mutable x) (mutable y))))

(define make-point2
```

```
(record-constructor
  (make-record-constructor-descriptor :point2
    #f #f)))

(define point2? (record-predicate :point2))
(define point2-xx (record-accessor :point2 0))
(define point2-yy (record-accessor :point2 1))

(define p2 (make-point2 1 2 3 4))
(point? p2)           => #t
(point-x p2)         => 1
(point-y p2)         => 2
(point2-xx p2)       => 3
(point2-yy p2)       => 4

(define :point-cd/abs
  (make-record-constructor-descriptor
    :point #f
    (lambda (new)
      (lambda (x y)
        (new (abs x) (abs y))))))

(define make-point/abs
  (record-constructor :point-cd/abs))

(point-x (make-point/abs -1 -2))
=> 1
(point-y (make-point/abs -1 -2))
=> 2

(define :cpoint
  (make-record-type-descriptor
    'cpoint :point
    #f #f #f
    '#((mutable rgb))))

(define make-cpoint
  (record-constructor
    (make-record-constructor-descriptor
      :cpoint :point-cd
      (lambda (p)
        (lambda (x y c)
          ((p x y) (color->rgb c)))))))

(define make-cpoint/abs
  (record-constructor
    (make-record-constructor-descriptor
      :cpoint :point-cd/abs
      (lambda (p)
        (lambda (x y c)
          ((p x y) (color->rgb c)))))))

(define cpoint-rgb
  (record-accessor :cpoint 0))

(define (color->rgb c)
  (cons 'rgb c))

(cpoint-rgb (make-cpoint -1 -3 'red))
=> (rgb . red)
(point-x (make-cpoint -1 -3 'red))
```

```

    ⇒ -1
(point-x (make-cpoint/abs -1 -3 'red))
    ⇒ 1

```

6.4. Inspection

The inspection layer is provided by the (`rnrs records inspection (6)`) library.

A set of procedures are provided for inspecting records and their record-type descriptors. These procedures are designed to allow the writing of portable printers and inspectors.

On the one hand, `record?` and `record-rtd` treat records of opaque record types as if they were not records. On the other hand, the inspection procedures that operate on record-type descriptors themselves are not affected by opacity. In other words, opacity controls whether a program can obtain an `rtd` from a record. If the program has access to the original `rtd` via `make-record-type-descriptor` or `record-type-descriptor`, it can still make use of the inspection procedures.

Any of the standard types mentioned in this report may or may not be implemented as an opaque record type. Consequently, `record?`, when applied to an object of one of these types, may return `#t`. In this case, inspection is possible for these objects.

`(record? obj)` procedure

Returns `#t` if `obj` is a record, and its record type is not opaque, and returns `#f` otherwise.

`(record-rtd record)` procedure

Returns the `rtd` representing the type of `record` if the type is not opaque. The `rtd` of the most precise type is returned; that is, the type `t` such that `record` is of type `t` but not of any type that extends `t`. If the type is opaque, an exception is raised with condition type `&assertion`.

`(record-type-name rtd)` procedure

Returns the name of the record-type descriptor `rtd`.

`(record-type-parent rtd)` procedure

Returns the parent of the record-type descriptor `rtd`, or `#f` if it has none.

`(record-type-uid rtd)` procedure

Returns the uid of the record-type descriptor `rtd`, or `#f` if it has none. (An implementation may assign a generated

uid to a record type even if the type is generative, so the return of a uid does not necessarily imply that the type is nongenerative.)

`(record-type-generative? rtd)` procedure

Returns `#t` if `rtd` is generative, and `#f` if not.

`(record-type-sealed? rtd)` procedure

Returns a boolean value indicating whether the record-type descriptor is sealed.

`(record-type-opaque? rtd)` procedure

Returns a boolean value indicating whether the record-type descriptor is opaque.

`(record-type-field-names rtd)` procedure

Returns a vector of symbols naming the fields of the type represented by `rtd` (not including the fields of parent types) where the fields are ordered as described under `make-record-type-descriptor`. The returned vector may be immutable. If the returned vector is modified, the effect on `rtd` is unspecified.

`(record-field-mutable? rtd k)` procedure

Returns a boolean value indicating whether the field specified by `k` of the type represented by `rtd` is mutable, where `k` is as in `record-accessor`.

7. Exceptions and conditions

Scheme allows programs to deal with exceptional situations using two cooperating facilities: The exception system for raising and handling exceptional situations, and the condition system for describing these situations.

The exception system allows the program, when it detects an exceptional situation, to pass control to an exception handler, and to dynamically establish such exception handlers. Exception handlers are always invoked with an object describing the exceptional situation. Scheme's condition system provides a standardized taxonomy of such descriptive objects, as well as a facility for extending the taxonomy.

7.1. Exceptions

This section describes Scheme's exception-handling and exception-raising constructs provided by the (`rnrs exceptions (6)`) library.

Exception handlers are one-argument procedures that determine the action the program takes when an exceptional

situation is signalled. The system implicitly maintains a current exception handler.

The program raises an exception by invoking the current exception handler, passing it an object encapsulating information about the exception. Any procedure accepting one argument may serve as an exception handler and any object may be used to represent an exception.

The system maintains the current exception handler as part of the dynamic environment of the program; see report section 5.12.

When a program begins its execution, the current exception handler is expected to handle all `&serious` conditions by interrupting execution, reporting that an exception has been raised, and displaying information about the condition object that was provided. The handler may then exit, or may provide a choice of other options. Moreover, the exception handler is expected to return when passed any other non-`&serious` condition. Interpretation of these expectations necessarily depends upon the nature of the system in which programs are executed, but the intent is that users perceive the raising of an exception as a controlled escape from the situation that raised the exception, not as a crash.

`(with-exception-handler handler thunk)` procedure

Handler must be a procedure and should accept one argument. *Thunk* must be a procedure that accepts zero arguments. The `with-exception-handler` procedure returns the results of invoking *thunk*. *Handler* is installed as the current exception handler for the dynamic extent (as determined by `dynamic-wind`) of the invocation of *thunk*.

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the restrictions on *handler* to the extent performed by applying it as described when it is called as a result of a call to `raise` or `raise-continuable`. An implementation may check whether *handler* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

```
(guard (<variable>                                syntax
  <cond clause1> <cond clause2> ...)
  <body>)
=>
else
  auxiliary syntax
  auxiliary syntax
```

Syntax: Each `<cond clause>` is as in the specification of `cond`. (See report section 11.4.5.)

Semantics: Evaluating a `guard` form evaluates `<body>` with an exception handler that binds the raised object to `<variable>` and within the scope of that binding evaluates the clauses as if they were the clauses of a `cond` expression. That implicit `cond` expression is evaluated with the continuation and dynamic environment of the `guard` expression.

If every `<cond clause>`'s `<test>` evaluates to `#f` and there is no `else` clause, then `raise` is re-invoked on the raised object within the dynamic environment of the original call to `raise` except that the current exception handler is that of the `guard` expression.

The final expression in a `<cond>` clause is in a tail context if the `guard` expression itself is.

`(raise obj)` procedure

Raises a non-continuable exception by invoking the current exception handler on *obj*. The handler is called with a continuation whose dynamic environment is that of the call to `raise`, except that the current exception handler is the one that was in place when the handler being called was installed. When the handler returns, a non-continuable exception with condition type `&non-continuable` is raised in the same dynamic environment as the handler.

`(raise-continuable obj)` procedure

Raises a *continuable exception* by invoking the current exception handler on *obj*. The handler is called with a continuation that is equivalent to the continuation of the call to `raise-continuable`, with these two exceptions: (1) the current exception handler is the one that was in place when the handler being called was installed, and (2) if the handler being called returns, then it will again become the current exception handler. If the handler returns, the values it returns become the values returned by the call to `raise-continuable`.

```
(guard (con
  ((error? con)
    (if (message-condition? con)
        (display (condition-message con))
        (display "an error has occurred"))
    'error)
  ((violation? con)
    (if (message-condition? con)
        (display (condition-message con))
        (display "the program has a bug"))
    'violation))
```

```
(raise
  (condition
    (&error)
    (&message (message "I am an error")))))
prints: I am an error
```

⇒ error

```
(guard (con
  ((error? con)
    (if (message-condition? con)
        (display (condition-message con))
        (display "an error has occurred"))
    'error)
  ((violation? con)
    (if (message-condition? con)
        (display (condition-message con))
        (display "the program has a bug"))
    'violation))
  (raise
    (condition
      (&violation)
```

```

(&message (message "I am an error"))))
      ⇒ &violation exception

(guard (con
  ((error? con)
    (display "error opening file")
    #f))
  (call-with-input-file "foo.scm" read))
  prints: error opening file
      ⇒ #f

(with-exception-handler
  (lambda (con)
    (cond
      ((not (warning? con))
        (raise con))
      ((message-condition? con)
        (display (condition-message con)))
      (else
        (display "a warning has been issued")))
    42)
  (lambda ()
    (+ (raise-continuable
      (condition
        (&warning)
        (&message
          (message "should be a number"))))
      23)))
  prints: should be a number
      ⇒ 65

```

7.2. Conditions

The section describes Scheme's (`rnrs conditions (6)`) library for creating and inspecting condition types and values. A condition value encapsulates information about an exceptional situation, or *exception*. Scheme also defines a number of basic condition types.

Scheme conditions provides two mechanisms to enable communication about exceptional situation: subtyping among condition types allows handling code to determine the general nature of an exception even though it does not anticipate its exact nature, and compound conditions allow an exceptional situation to be described in multiple ways.

7.2.1. Condition objects

Conceptually, there are two different kinds of condition objects: *simple conditions* and *compound conditions*. An object that is either a simple condition or a compound condition is simply a *condition*. Compound conditions form a type disjoint from the base types described in report section 11.1. A simple condition describes a single aspect of an exceptional situation. A compound condition represents multiple aspects of an exceptional situation as a

list of simple conditions, its *components*. Most of the operations described in this section treat a simple condition identically to a compound condition with itself as its own sole component. For a subtype *t* of `&condition`, a *condition of type t* is either a record of type *t* or a compound condition containing a component of type *t*.

`&condition` condition type

Simple conditions are records of subtypes of the `&condition` record type. The `&condition` type has no fields and is neither sealed nor opaque.

`(condition condition1 ...)` procedure

The `condition` procedure returns a condition object with the components of the *conditions* as its components, in the same order, i.e., with the components of *condition₁* appearing first in the same order as in *condition₁*, then with the components of *condition₂*, and so on. The returned condition is compound if the total number of components is zero or greater than one. Otherwise, it may be compound or simple.

`(simple-conditions condition)` procedure

The `simple-conditions` procedure returns a list of the components of *condition*, in the same order as they appeared in the construction of *condition*. The returned list is immutable. If the returned list is modified, the effect on *condition* is unspecified.

Note: Because `condition` decomposes its arguments into simple conditions, `simple-conditions` always returns a “flattened” list of simple conditions.

`(condition? obj)` procedure

Returns `#t` if *obj* is a (simple or compound) condition, otherwise returns `#f`.

`(condition-predicate rtd)` procedure

Rtd must be a record-type descriptor of a subtype of `&condition`. The `condition-predicate` procedure returns a procedure that takes one argument. This procedure returns `#t` if its argument is a condition of the condition type represented by *rtd*, i.e., if it is either a simple condition of that record type (or one of its subtypes) or a compound condition with such a simple condition as one of its components.

`(condition-accessor rtd proc)` procedure

Rtd must be a record-type descriptor of a subtype of `&condition`. *Proc* should accept one argument, a record

of the record type of *rtd*. The `condition-accessor` procedure returns a procedure that accepts a single argument, which must be a condition of the type represented by *rtd*. This procedure extracts the first component of the condition of the type represented by *rtd*, and returns the result of applying *proc* to that component.

```
(define-record-type (&cond1 make-cond1 real-cond1?)
  (parent &condition)
  (fields
   (immutable x real-cond1-x)))

(define cond1?
  (condition-predicate
   (record-type-descriptor &cond1)))
(define cond1-x
  (condition-accessor
   (record-type-descriptor &cond1)
   real-cond1-x))

(define foo (make-cond1 'foo))

(condition? foo)           ⇒ #t
(cond1? foo)              ⇒ #t
(cond1-x foo)             ⇒ foo

(define-record-type (&cond2 make-cond2 real-cond2?)
  (parent &condition)
  (fields
   (immutable y real-cond2-y)))

(define cond2?
  (condition-predicate
   (record-type-descriptor &cond2)))
(define cond2-y
  (condition-accessor
   (record-type-descriptor &cond2)
   real-cond2-y))

(define bar (make-cond2 'bar))

(condition? (condition foo bar))
  ⇒ #t
(cond1? (condition foo bar))
  ⇒ #t
(cond2? (condition foo bar))
  ⇒ #t
(cond1? (condition foo))    ⇒ #t
(real-cond1? (condition foo))
  ⇒ unspecified
(real-cond1? (condition foo bar))
  ⇒ #f
(cond1-x (condition foo bar))
  ⇒ foo
(cond2-y (condition foo bar))
  ⇒ bar

(equal? (simple-conditions (condition foo bar))
  (list foo bar)) ⇒ #t
```

```
(equal? (simple-conditions
  (condition foo (condition bar)))
  (list foo bar)) ⇒ #t
```

```
(define-condition-type <condition-type>          syntax
  <supertype>
  <constructor> <predicate>
  <field-spec1> ...)
```

Syntax: `<Condition-type>`, `<supertypes>`, `<constructor>`, and `<predicate>` must all be identifiers. Each `<field-spec1>` must be of the form

```
((<field> <accessor>))
```

where both `<field>` and `<accessor>` must be identifiers.

Semantics: The `define-condition-type` form expands into a record-type definition for a record type `<condition-type>` (see section 6.2). The record type will be non-opaque, non-sealed, and its fields will be immutable. It will have `<supertype>` as its parent type. The remaining identifiers will be bound as follows:

- `<Constructor>` is bound to a default constructor for the type (see section 6.3): It accepts one argument for each of the record type's complete set of fields (including parent types, with the fields of the parent coming before those of the extension in the arguments) and returns a condition object initialized to those arguments.
- `<Predicate>` is bound to a predicate that identifies conditions of type `<condition-type>` or any of its subtypes.
- Each `<accessor>` is bound to a procedure that extracts the corresponding field from a condition of type `<condition-type>`.

```
(define-condition-type &c &condition
  make-c c?
  (x c-x))
```

```
(define-condition-type &c1 &c
  make-c1 c1?
  (a c1-a))
```

```
(define-condition-type &c2 &c
  make-c2 c2?
  (b c2-b))
```

```
(define v1 (make-c1 "V1" "a1"))
```

```
(c? v1)           ⇒ #t
(c1? v1)          ⇒ #t
(c2? v1)          ⇒ #f
(c-x v1)          ⇒ "V1"
(c1-a v1)         ⇒ "a1"
```

```
(define v2 (make-c2 "V2" "b2"))

(c? v2)           ⇒ #t
(c1? v2)          ⇒ #f
(c2? v2)          ⇒ #t
(c-x v2)          ⇒ "V2"
(c2-b v2)         ⇒ "b2"

(define v3 (condition
  (make-c1 "V3/1" "a3")
  (make-c2 "V3/2" "b3")))

(c? v3)           ⇒ #t
(c1? v3)          ⇒ #t
(c2? v3)          ⇒ #t
(c-x v3)          ⇒ "V3/1"
(c1-a v3)         ⇒ "a3"
(c2-b v3)         ⇒ "b3"

(define v4 (condition v1 v2))

(c? v4)           ⇒ #t
(c1? v4)          ⇒ #t
(c2? v4)          ⇒ #t
(c-x v4)          ⇒ "V1"
(c1-a v4)         ⇒ "a1"
(c2-b v4)         ⇒ "b2"

(define v5 (condition v2 v3))

(c? v5)           ⇒ #t
(c1? v5)          ⇒ #t
(c2? v5)          ⇒ #t
(c-x v5)          ⇒ "V2"
(c1-a v5)         ⇒ "a3"
(c2-b v5)         ⇒ "b2"
```

7.3. Standard condition types

<code>&message</code>	condition type
<code>(make-message-condition <i>message</i>)</code>	procedure
<code>(message-condition? <i>obj</i>)</code>	procedure
<code>(condition-message <i>condition</i>)</code>	procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &message &condition
  make-message-condition message-condition?
  (message condition-message))
```

It carries a message further describing the nature of the condition to humans.

<code>&warning</code>	condition type
<code>(make-warning)</code>	procedure
<code>(warning? <i>obj</i>)</code>	procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &warning &condition
  make-warning warning?)
```

This type describes conditions that do not, in principle, prohibit immediate continued execution of the program, but may interfere with the program's execution later.

<code>&serious</code>	condition type
<code>(make-serious-condition)</code>	procedure
<code>(serious-condition? <i>obj</i>)</code>	procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &serious &condition
  make-serious-condition serious-condition?)
```

This type describes conditions serious enough that they cannot safely be ignored. This condition type is primarily intended as a supertype of other condition types.

<code>&error</code>	condition type
<code>(make-error)</code>	procedure
<code>(error? <i>obj</i>)</code>	procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &error &serious
  make-error error?)
```

This type describes errors, typically caused by something that has gone wrong in the interaction of the program with the external world or the user.

<code>&violation</code>	condition type
<code>(make-violation)</code>	procedure
<code>(violation? <i>obj</i>)</code>	procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &violation &serious
  make-violation violation?)
```

This type describes violations of the language standard or a library standard, typically caused by a programming error.

<code>&assertion</code>	condition type
<code>(make-assertion-violation)</code>	procedure
<code>(assertion-violation? <i>obj</i>)</code>	procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &assertion &violation
  make-assertion-violation assertion-violation?)
```

This type describes an invalid call to a procedure, either passing an invalid number of arguments, or passing an argument of the wrong type.

<code>&irritants</code>	condition type
<code>(make-irritants-condition <i>irritants</i>)</code>	procedure
<code>(irritants-condition? <i>obj</i>)</code>	procedure
<code>(condition-irritants <i>condition</i>)</code>	procedure

This condition type could be defined by

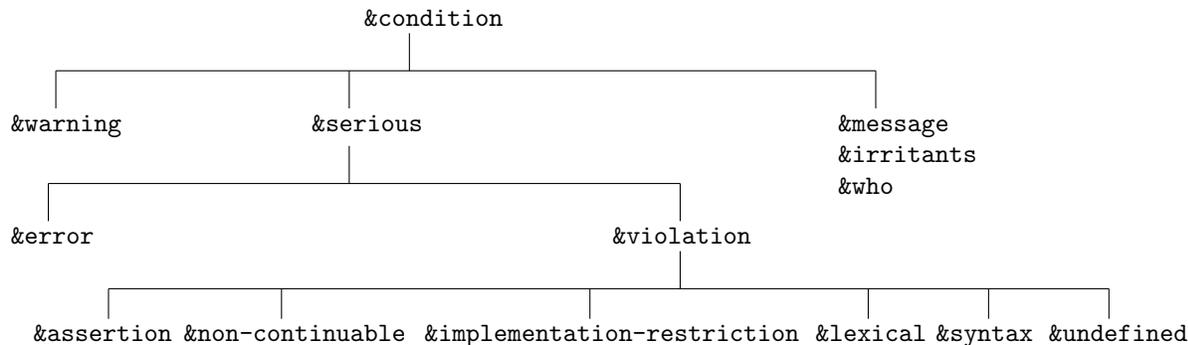


Figure 7.1: Hierarchy of standard condition types

```

(define-condition-type &irritants &condition
  make-irritants-condition irritants-condition?
  (irritants condition-irritants))

```

The `irritants` field should contain a list of objects. This condition provides additional information about a condition, typically the argument list of a procedure that detected an exception. Conditions of this type are created by the `error` and `assertion-violation` procedures of report section 11.14.

```

&who                                condition type
(make-who-condition who)           procedure
(who-condition? obj)               procedure
(condition-who condition)         procedure

```

This condition type could be defined by

```

(define-condition-type &who &condition
  make-who-condition who-condition?
  (who condition-who))

```

The `who` field should contain a symbol or string identifying the entity reporting the exception. Conditions of this type are created by the `error` and `assertion-violation` procedures (report section 11.14), and the `syntax-violation` procedure (section 12.9).

```

&non-continuable                    condition type
(make-non-continuable-violation)    procedure
(non-continuable-violation? obj)  procedure

```

This condition type could be defined by

```

(define-condition-type &non-continuable &violation
  make-non-continuable-violation
  non-continuable-violation?)

```

This type indicates that an exception handler invoked via `raise` has returned.

```

&implementation-restriction         condition type
(make-implementation-restriction-violation)
                                     procedure

```

```

(implementation-restriction-violation? obj)
                                     procedure

```

This condition type could be defined by

```

(define-condition-type &implementation-restriction
  &violation
  make-implementation-restriction-violation
  implementation-restriction-violation?)

```

This type describes a violation of an implementation restriction allowed by the specification, such as the absence of representations for NaNs and infinities. (See section 11.3.)

```

&lexical                             condition type
(make-lexical-violation)              procedure
(lexical-violation? obj)            procedure

```

This condition type could be defined by

```

(define-condition-type &lexical &violation
  make-lexical-violation lexical-violation?)

```

This type describes syntax violations at the level of the datum syntax.

```

&syntax                              condition type
(make-syntax-violation form subform)  procedure
(syntax-violation? obj)              procedure
(syntax-violation-form condition)    procedure
(syntax-violation-subform condition)  procedure

```

This condition type could be defined by

```

(define-condition-type &syntax &violation
  make-syntax-violation syntax-violation?
  (form syntax-violation-form)
  (subform syntax-violation-subform))

```

This type describes syntax violations. The `form` field contains the erroneous syntax object or a datum representing the code of the erroneous form. The `subform` field may contain an optional syntax object or datum within the erroneous form that more precisely locates the violation. It can be `#f` to indicate the absence of more precise information.

`&undefined` condition type
`(make-undefined-violation)` procedure
`(undefined-violation? obj)` procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &undefined &violation
  make-undefined-violation undefined-violation?)
```

This type describes unbound identifiers in the program.

8. I/O

This chapter describes Scheme's libraries for performing input and output:

- The `(rnrs io ports (6))` library (section 8.2) is an I/O layer for conventional, imperative buffered input and output with mixed text and binary data.
- The `(rnrs io simple (6))` library (section 8.3) is a convenience library atop the `(rnrs io ports (6))` library for textual I/O, compatible with the traditional Scheme I/O procedures [7].

Section 8.1 defines a condition-type hierarchy that is exported by both the `(rnrs io ports (6))` and `(rnrs io simple (6))` libraries.

8.1. Condition types

The procedures described in this chapter, when they detect an exceptional situation that arises from an “I/O errors”, raise an exception with condition type `&i/o`.

The condition types and corresponding predicates and accessors are exported by both the `(rnrs io ports (6))` and `(rnrs io simple (6))` libraries. They are also exported by the `(rnrs files (6))` library described in chapter 9.

`&i/o` condition type
`(make-i/o-error)` procedure
`(i/o-error? obj)` procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o &error
  make-i/o-error i/o-error?)
```

This is a supertype for a set of more specific I/O errors.

`&i/o-read` condition type
`(make-i/o-read-error)` procedure
`(i/o-read-error? obj)` procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-read &i/o
  make-i/o-read-error i/o-read-error?)
```

This condition type describes read errors that occurred during an I/O operation.

`&i/o-write` condition type
`(make-i/o-write-error)` procedure
`(i/o-write-error? obj)` procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-write &i/o
  make-i/o-write-error i/o-write-error?)
```

This condition type describes write errors that occurred during an I/O operation.

`&i/o-invalid-position` condition type
`(make-i/o-invalid-position-error)` procedure
`(i/o-invalid-position-error? obj)` procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-invalid-position &i/o
  make-i/o-invalid-position-error
  i/o-invalid-position-error?
  (position i/o-error-position))
```

This condition type describes attempts to set the file position to an invalid position. The value of the position field should be the file position that the program intended to set. This condition describes a range error, but not an assertion violation.

`&i/o-filename` condition type
`(make-i/o-filename-error filename)` procedure
`(i/o-filename-error? obj)` procedure
`(i/o-error-filename condition)` procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-filename &i/o
  make-i/o-filename-error i/o-filename-error?
  (filename i/o-error-filename))
```

This condition type describes an I/O error that occurred during an operation on a named file. Condition objects belonging to this type should specify a file name in the `filename` field.

`&i/o-file-protection` condition type
`(make-i/o-file-protection-error filename)` procedure
`(i/o-file-protection-error? obj)` procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-file-protection
  &i/o-filename
  make-i/o-file-protection-error
  i/o-file-protection-error?)
```

A condition of this type specifies that an operation tried to operate on a named file with insufficient access rights.

```
&i/o-file-is-read-only          condition type
(make-i/o-file-is-read-only-error filename)
                                procedure
(i/o-file-is-read-only-error? obj) procedure
```

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-file-is-read-only
  &i/o-file-protection
  make-i/o-file-is-read-only-error
  i/o-file-is-read-only-error?)
```

A condition of this type specifies that an operation tried to operate on a named read-only file under the assumption that it is writeable.

```
&i/o-file-already-exists       condition type
(make-i/o-file-already-exists-error filename)
                                procedure
(i/o-file-already-exists-error? obj) procedure
```

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-file-already-exists
  &i/o-filename
  make-i/o-file-already-exists-error
  i/o-file-already-exists-error?)
```

A condition of this type specifies that an operation tried to operate on an existing named file under the assumption that it did not exist.

```
&i/o-file-does-not-exist       condition type
(make-i/o-file-does-not-exist-error filename)
                                procedure
(i/o-file-does-not-exist-error? obj) procedure
```

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-file-does-not-exist
  &i/o-filename
  make-i/o-file-does-not-exist-error
  i/o-file-does-not-exist-error?)
```

A condition of this type specifies that an operation tried to operate on a non-existent named file under the assumption that it existed.

```
&i/o-port                      condition type
(make-i/o-port-error port)      procedure
(i/o-port-error? obj)          procedure
(i/o-error-port condition)      procedure
```

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-port &i/o
  make-i/o-port-error i/o-port-error?
  (port i/o-error-port))
```

This condition type specifies the port with which an I/O error is associated. Condition objects belonging to this type should specify a port in the `port` field. Conditions raised by procedures accepting a port as an argument should include an `&i/o-port-error` condition.

8.2. Port I/O

The `(rnrs io ports (6))` library defines an I/O layer for conventional, imperative buffered input and output. A *port* represents a buffered access object for a data sink or source or both simultaneously. The library allows ports to be created from arbitrary data sources and sinks.

The `(rnrs io ports (6))` library distinguishes between *input ports* and *output ports*. An input port is a source for data, whereas an output port is a sink for data. A port may be both an input port and an output port; such a port typically provides simultaneous read and write access to a file or other data.

The `(rnrs io ports (6))` library also distinguishes between *binary ports*, which are sources or sinks for uninterpreted bytes, and *textual ports*, which are sources or sinks for characters and strings.

This section uses *input-port*, *output-port*, *binary-port*, *textual-port*, *binary-input-port*, *textual-input-port*, *binary-output-port*, *textual-output-port*, and *port* as parameter names for arguments that must be input ports (or combined input/output ports), output ports (or combined input/output ports), binary ports, textual ports, binary input ports, textual input ports, binary output ports, textual output ports, or any kind of port, respectively.

8.2.1. File names

Some of the procedures described in this chapter accept a file name as an argument. Valid values for such a file name include strings that name a file using the native notation of filesystem paths on an implementation's underlying operating system, and may include implementation-dependent values as well.

A *filename* parameter name means that the corresponding argument must be a file name.

8.2.2. File options

When opening a file, the various procedures in this library accept a `file-options` object that encapsulates flags to specify how the file is to be opened. A `file-options` object is an enum-set (see chapter 14) over the symbols constituting valid file options. A *file-options* parameter

name means that the corresponding argument must be a file-options object.

(file-options <file-options symbol> ...) syntax

Each <file-options symbol> must be a symbol. The file-options syntax returns a file-options object that encapsulates the specified options.

When supplied to an operation that opens a file for output, the file-options object returned by (file-options) specifies that the file is created if it does not exist and an exception with condition type &i/o-file-already-exists is raised if it does exist. The following standard options can be included to modify the default behavior.

- **no-create** If the file does not already exist, it is not created; instead, an exception with condition type &i/o-file-does-not-exist is raised. If the file already exists, the exception with condition type &i/o-file-already-exists is not raised and the file is truncated to zero length.
- **no-fail** If the file already exists, the exception with condition type &i/o-file-already-exists is not raised, even if no-create is not included, and the file is truncated to zero length.
- **no-truncate** If the file already exists and the exception with condition type &i/o-file-already-exists has been inhibited by inclusion of no-create or no-fail, the file is not truncated, but the port's current position is still set to the beginning of the file.

These options have no effect when a file is opened only for input. Symbols other than those listed above may be used as <file-options symbol>s; they have implementation-specific meaning, if any.

Note: Only the name of <file-options symbol> is significant.

8.2.3. Buffer modes

Each port has an associated buffer mode. For an output port, the buffer mode defines when an output operation flushes the buffer associated with the output port. For an input port, the buffer mode defines how much data will be read to satisfy read operations. The possible buffer modes are the symbols **none** for no buffering, **line** for flushing upon line endings or reading until line endings, and **block** for arbitrary buffering. This section uses the parameter name *buffer-mode* for arguments that must be buffer-mode symbols.

If two ports are connected to the same mutable source, both ports are unbuffered, and reading a byte or character from that shared source via one of the two ports would

change the bytes or characters seen via the other port, a lookahead operation on one port will render the peeked byte or character inaccessible via the other port, while a subsequent read operation on the peeked port will see the peeked byte or character even though the port is otherwise unbuffered.

In other words, the semantics of buffering is defined in terms of side effects on shared mutable sources, and a lookahead operation has the same side effect on the shared source as a read operation.

(buffer-mode <buffer-mode symbol>) syntax

<Buffer-mode symbol> must be a symbol whose name is one of **none**, **line**, and **block**. The result is the corresponding symbol, and specifies the associated buffer mode.

Note: Only the name of <buffer-mode symbol> is significant.

(buffer-mode? *obj*) procedure

Returns **#t** if the argument is a valid buffer-mode symbol, and returns **#f** otherwise.

8.2.4. Transcoders

Several different Unicode encoding schemes describe standard ways to encode characters and strings as byte sequences and to decode those sequences [10]. Within this document, a *codec* is an immutable Scheme object that represents a Unicode or similar encoding scheme.

An *end-of-line style* is a symbol that, if it is not **none**, describes how a textual port transcodes representations of line endings.

A *transcoder* is an immutable Scheme object that combines a codec with an end-of-line style and a method for handling decoding errors. Each transcoder represents some specific bidirectional (but not necessarily lossless), possibly stateful translation between byte sequences and Unicode characters and strings. Every transcoder can operate in the input direction (bytes to characters) or in the output direction (characters to bytes), but the composition of those directions need not be identity (and often is not). The composition of two transcoders is not defined. A *transcoder* parameter name means that the corresponding argument must be a transcoder.

A *binary port* is a port that supports binary I/O, does not have an associated transcoder and does not support textual I/O. A *textual port* is a port that supports textual I/O, and does not support binary I/O. A textual port may or may not have an associated transcoder.

(*latin-1-codec*) procedure
 (*utf-8-codec*) procedure
 (*utf-16-codec*) procedure

These are predefined codecs for the ISO 8859-1, UTF-8, and UTF-16 encoding schemes [10].

A call to any of these procedures returns a value that is equal in the sense of `eqv?` to the result of any other call to the same procedure.

(*eol-style* *<eol-style symbol>*) syntax

<Eol-style symbol> should be a symbol whose name is one of `lf`, `cr`, `crlf`, `nel`, `crnel`, `ls`, and `none`. The form evaluates to the corresponding symbol. If the name of *eol-style symbol* is not one of these symbols, the effect and result are implementation-dependent; in particular, the result may be an eol-style symbol acceptable as an *eol-mode* argument to `make-transcoder`. Otherwise, an exception is raised.

All eol-style symbols except `none` describe a specific line-ending encoding:

`lf` *<linefeed>*
`cr` *<carriage return>*
`crlf` *<carriage return>* *<linefeed>*
`nel` *<next line>*
`crnel` *<carriage return>* *<next line>*
`ls` *<line separator>*

For a textual port with a transcoder, and whose transcoder has an eol-style symbol `none`, no conversion occurs. For a textual input port, any eol-style symbol other than `none` means that all of the above line-ending encodings are recognized and are translated into a single linefeed. For a textual output port, `none` and `lf` are equivalent. Linefeed characters are encoded according to the specified eol-style symbol, and all other characters that participate in possible line endings are encoded as is.

Note: Only the name of *<eol-style symbol>* is significant.

(*native-eol-style*) procedure

Returns the default end-of-line style of the underlying platform, e.g., `lf` on Unix and `crlf` on Windows.

&i/o-decoding condition type
 (*make-i/o-decoding-error* *port*) procedure
 (*i/o-decoding-error?* *obj*) procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-decoding &i/o-port
  make-i/o-decoding-error i/o-decoding-error?)
```

An exception with this type is raised when one of the operations for textual input from a port encounters a sequence of bytes that cannot be translated into a character or string by the input direction of the port's transcoder.

When such an exception is raised, the port's position is past the invalid encoding.

&i/o-encoding condition type
 (*make-i/o-encoding-error* *port* *char*) procedure
 (*i/o-encoding-error?* *obj*) procedure
 (*i/o-encoding-error-char* *condition*) procedure

This condition type could be defined by

```
(define-condition-type &i/o-encoding &i/o-port
  make-i/o-encoding-error i/o-encoding-error?
  (char i/o-encoding-error-char))
```

An exception with this type is raised when one of the operations for textual output to a port encounters a character that cannot be translated into bytes by the output direction of the port's transcoder. The `char` field of the condition object contains the character that could not be encoded.

(*error-handling-mode* *<error-handling-mode symbol>*) syntax

<Error-handling-mode symbol> should be a symbol whose name is one of `ignore`, `raise`, and `replace`. The form evaluates to the corresponding symbol. If *error-handling-mode symbol* is not one of these identifiers, effect and result are implementation-dependent: The result may be an error-handling-mode symbol acceptable as a *handling-mode* argument to `make-transcoder`. If it is not acceptable as a *handling-mode* argument to `make-transcoder`, an exception is raised.

Note: Only the name of *<error-handling-style symbol>* is significant.

The error-handling mode of a transcoder specifies the behavior of textual I/O operations in the presence of encoding or decoding errors.

If a textual input operation encounters an invalid or incomplete character encoding, and the error-handling mode is `ignore`, an appropriate number of bytes of the invalid encoding are ignored and decoding continues with the following bytes. If the error-handling mode is `replace`, the replacement character U+FFFD is injected into the data stream, an appropriate number of bytes are ignored, and decoding continues with the following bytes. If the error-handling mode is `raise`, an exception with condition type *&i/o-decoding* is raised.

If a textual output operation encounters a character it cannot encode, and the error-handling mode is `ignore`, the character is ignored and encoding continues with the next

character. If the error-handling mode is `replace`, a codec-specific replacement character is emitted by the transcoder, and encoding continues with the next character. The replacement character is U+FFFD for transcoders whose codec is one of the Unicode encodings, but is the `?` character for the Latin-1 encoding. If the error-handling mode is `raise`, an exception with condition type `&i/o-encoding` is raised.

```
(make-transcoder codec)           procedure
(make-transcoder codec eol-style)  procedure
(make-transcoder codec eol-style handling-mode) procedure
```

Codec must be a codec; *eol-style*, if present, an eol-style symbol; and *handling-mode*, if present, an error-handling-mode symbol. *Eol-style* may be omitted, in which case it defaults to the native end-of-line style of the underlying platform. *Handling-mode* may be omitted, in which case it defaults to `replace`. The result is a transcoder with the behavior specified by its arguments.

```
(native-transcoder)           procedure
Returns an implementation-dependent transcoder that
represents a possibly locale-dependent “native” transcod-
ing.
```

```
(transcoder-codec transcoder)    procedure
(transcoder-eol-style transcoder)  procedure
(transcoder-error-handling-mode transcoder) procedure
```

These are accessors for transcoder objects; when applied to a transcoder returned by `make-transcoder`, they return the *codec*, *eol-style*, and *handling-mode* arguments, respectively.

```
(bytevector->string bytevector transcoder) procedure
Returns the string that results from transcoding the
bytevector according to the input direction of the
transcoder.
```

```
(string->bytevector string transcoder)  procedure
Returns the bytevector that results from transcoding the
string according to the output direction of the transcoder.
```

8.2.5. End-of-file object

The end-of-file object is returned by various I/O procedures when they reach end of file.

```
(eof-object)           procedure
Returns the end-of-file object.
```

```
(eqv? (eof-object) (eof-object))
      ⇒ #t
(eq? (eof-object) (eof-object))
     ⇒ #t
```

Note: The end-of-file object is not a datum value, and thus has no external representation.

```
(eof-object? obj)           procedure
Returns #t if obj is the end-of-file object, #f otherwise.
```

8.2.6. Input and output ports

The operations described in this section are common to input and output ports, both binary and textual. A port may also have an associated *position* that specifies a particular place within its data sink or source, and may also provide operations for inspecting and setting that place.

```
(port? obj)           procedure
Returns #t if the argument is a port, and returns #f otherwise.
```

```
(port-transcoder port)           procedure
Returns the transcoder associated with port if port is textual and has an associated transcoder, and returns #f if port is binary or does not have an associated transcoder.
```

```
(textual-port? port)           procedure
(binary-port? port)           procedure
```

The `textual-port` procedure returns `#t` if *port* is textual, and returns `#f` otherwise. The `binary-port` procedure returns `#t` if *port* is binary, and returns `#f` otherwise.

```
(transcoded-port binary-port transcoder) procedure
The transcoded-port procedure returns a new textual port with the specified transcoder. Otherwise the new textual port’s state is largely the same as that of binary-port. If binary-port is an input port, the new textual port will be an input port and will transcode the bytes that have not yet been read from binary-port. If binary-port is an output port, the new textual port will be an output port and will transcode output characters into bytes that are written to the byte sink represented by binary-port.
```

As a side effect, however, `transcoded-port` closes *binary-port* in a special way that allows the new textual port to continue to use the byte source or sink represented by *binary-port*, even though *binary-port* itself is closed and cannot be used by the input and output operations described in this chapter.

(port-has-port-position? *port*) procedure
(port-position *port*) procedure

The `port-has-port-position?` procedure returns `#t` if the port supports the `port-position` operation, and `#f` otherwise.

For a binary port, the `port-position` procedure returns the index of the position at which the next byte would be read from or written to the port as an exact non-negative integer object. For a textual port, `port-position` returns a value of some implementation-dependent type representing the port's position; this value may be useful only as the *pos* argument to `set-port-position!`, if the latter is supported on the port (see below).

If the port does not support the operation, `port-position` raises an exception with condition type `&assertion`.

Note: For a textual port, the port position may or may not be an integer object. If it is an integer object, the integer object does not necessarily correspond to a byte or character position.

(port-has-set-port-position!? *port*) procedure
(set-port-position! *port pos*) procedure

If *port* is a binary port, *pos* should be a non-negative exact integer object. If *port* is a textual port, *pos* should be the return value of a call to `port-position` on *port*.

The `port-has-set-port-position?` procedure returns `#t` if the port supports the `set-port-position!` operation, and `#f` otherwise.

The `set-port-position!` procedure raises an exception with condition type `&assertion` if the port does not support the operation. Otherwise, it sets the current position of the port to *pos*. If *port* is an output port, `set-port-position!` first flushes *port*. (See `flush-output-port`, section 8.2.10.)

If *port* is a binary output port and the current position is set beyond the current end of the data in the underlying data sink, the object is not extended until new data is written at that position. The contents of any intervening positions are unspecified. Binary ports created by `open-file-output-port` and `open-file-input/output-port` can always be extended in this manner within the limits of the underlying operating system. In other cases, attempts to set the port beyond the current end of data in the underlying object may result in an exception with condition type `&i/o-invalid-position`.

(close-port *port*) procedure

Closes the port, rendering the port incapable of delivering or accepting data. If *port* is an output port, it is flushed before being closed. This has no effect if the port has

already been closed. A closed port is still a port. The `close-port` procedure returns unspecified values.

(call-with-port *port proc*) procedure

Proc must accept one argument. The `call-with-port` procedure calls *proc* with *port* as an argument. If *proc* returns, *port* is closed automatically and the values returned by *proc* are returned. If *proc* does not return, *port* is not closed automatically, except perhaps when it is possible to prove that *port* will never again be used for an input or output operation.

8.2.7. Input ports

An input port allows the reading of an infinite sequence of bytes or characters punctuated by end-of-file objects. An input port connected to a finite data source ends in an infinite sequence of end-of-file objects.

It is unspecified whether a character encoding consisting of several bytes may have an end of file between the bytes. If, for example, `get-char` raises an `&i/o-decoding` exception because the character encoding at the port's position is incomplete up to the next end of file, a subsequent call to `get-char` may successfully decode a character if bytes completing the encoding are available after the end of file.

(input-port? *obj*) procedure

Returns `#t` if the argument is an input port (or a combined input and output port), and returns `#f` otherwise.

(port-eof? *input-port*) procedure

Returns `#t` if the `lookahead-u8` procedure (if *input-port* is a binary port) or the `lookahead-char` procedure (if *input-port* is a textual port) would return the end-of-file object, and `#f` otherwise. The operation may block indefinitely if no data is available but the port cannot be determined to be at end of file.

(open-file-input-port *filename*) procedure
(open-file-input-port *filename file-options*)

 procedure
(open-file-input-port *filename* procedure
 file-options buffer-mode)

(open-file-input-port *filename* procedure
 file-options buffer-mode maybe-transcoder)

Maybe-transcoder must be either a transcoder or `#f`.

Returns an input port for the named file. The *file-options* and *maybe-transcoder* arguments are optional.

The *file-options* argument, which may determine various aspects of the returned port (see section 8.2.2), defaults to the value of `(file-options)`.

The *buffer-mode* argument, if supplied, must be one of the symbols that name a buffer mode. The *buffer-mode* argument defaults to `block`.

If *maybe-transcoder* is a transcoder, it becomes the transcoder associated with the returned port.

If *maybe-transcoder* is `#f` or absent, the port will be a binary port and will support the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations. Otherwise the port will be a textual port, and whether it supports the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations will be implementation-dependent (and possibly transcoder-dependent).

(`open-bytevector-input-port` *bytevector*) procedure
 (`open-bytevector-input-port` *bytevector* *maybe-transcoder*) procedure

Maybe-transcoder must be either a transcoder or `#f`.

The `open-bytevector-input-port` procedure returns an input port whose bytes are drawn from the *bytevector*. If *transcoder* is specified, it becomes the transcoder associated with the returned port.

If *maybe-transcoder* is `#f` or absent, the port will be a binary port and will support the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations. Otherwise the port will be a textual port, and whether it supports the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations will be implementation-dependent (and possibly transcoder-dependent).

If *bytevector* is modified after `open-bytevector-input-port` has been called, the effect on the returned port is unspecified.

(`open-string-input-port` *string*) procedure

Returns a textual input port whose characters are drawn from *string*. The port may or may not have an associated transcoder; if it does, the transcoder is implementation-dependent. The port should support the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations.

If *string* is modified after `open-string-input-port` has been called, the effect on the returned port is unspecified.

(`standard-input-port`) procedure

Returns a fresh binary input port connected to standard input. Whether the port supports the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations is implementation-dependent.

(`current-input-port`) procedure

This returns a default textual port for input. Normally, this default port is associated with standard

input, but can be dynamically re-assigned using the `with-input-from-file` procedure from the (`rnrs io simple` (6)) library (see section 8.3). The port may or may not have an associated transcoder; if it does, the transcoder is implementation-dependent.

(`make-custom-binary-input-port` *id* *read!* *get-position* *set-position!* *close*) procedure

Returns a newly created binary input port whose byte source is an arbitrary algorithm represented by the *read!* procedure. *Id* must be a string naming the new port, provided for informational purposes only. *Read!* must be a procedure and should behave as specified below; it will be called by operations that perform binary input.

Each of the remaining arguments may be `#f`; if any of those arguments is not `#f`, it must be a procedure and should behave as specified below.

- (*read!* *bytevector* *start* *count*)

Start will be a non-negative exact integer object, *count* will be a positive exact integer object, and *bytevector* will be a bytevector whose length is at least *start* + *count*. The *read!* procedure should obtain up to *count* bytes from the byte source, and should write those bytes into *bytevector* starting at index *start*. The *read!* procedure should return an exact integer object. This integer object should represent the number of bytes that it has read. To indicate an end of file, the *read!* procedure should write no bytes and return 0.

- (*get-position*)

The *get-position* procedure (if supplied) should return an exact integer object representing the current position of the input port. If not supplied, the custom port will not support the `port-position` operation.

- (*set-position!* *pos*)

Pos will be a non-negative exact integer object. The *set-position!* procedure (if supplied) should set the position of the input port to *pos*. If not supplied, the custom port will not support the `set-port-position!` operation.

- (*close*)

The *close* procedure (if supplied) should perform any actions that are necessary when the input port is closed.

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the return values of *read!* and *get-position* only when it actually calls them as part of an I/O operation requested by the program. The implementation is not required to check that these procedures otherwise behave as described.

If they do not, however, the behavior of the resulting port is unspecified.

`(make-custom-textual-input-port id read! procedure
get-position set-position! close)`

Returns a newly created textual input port whose character source is an arbitrary algorithm represented by the *read!* procedure. *Id* must be a string naming the new port, provided for informational purposes only. *Read!* must be a procedure and should behave as specified below; it will be called by operations that perform textual input.

Each of the remaining arguments may be `#f`; if any of those arguments is not `#f`, it must be a procedure and should behave as specified below.

- `(read! string start count)`

Start will be a non-negative exact integer object, *count* will be a positive exact integer object, and *string* will be a string whose length is at least *start* + *count*. The *read!* procedure should obtain up to *count* characters from the character source, and should write those characters into *string* starting at index *start*. The *read!* procedure should return an exact integer object representing the number of characters that it has written. To indicate an end of file, the *read!* procedure should write no bytes and return 0.

- `(get-position)`

The *get-position* procedure (if supplied) should return a single value. The return value should represent the current position of the input port. If not supplied, the custom port will not support the `port-position` operation.

- `(set-position! pos)`

The *set-position!* procedure (if supplied) should set the position of the input port to *pos* if *pos* is the return value of a call to *get-position*. If not supplied, the custom port will not support the `set-port-position!` operation.

- `(close)`

The *close* procedure (if supplied) should perform any actions that are necessary when the input port is closed.

The port may or may not have an associated transcoder; if it does, the transcoder is implementation-dependent.

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the return values of *read!* and *get-position* only when it actually calls them as part of an I/O operation requested by the program. The implementation is not required to check that these procedures otherwise behave as described. If they do not, however, the behavior of the resulting port is unspecified.

8.2.8. Binary input

`(get-u8 binary-input-port)` procedure

Reads from *binary-input-port*, blocking as necessary, until a byte is available from *binary-input-port* or until an end of file is reached. If a byte becomes available, `get-u8` returns the byte as an octet and updates *binary-input-port* to point just past that byte. If no input byte is seen before an end of file is reached, the end-of-file object is returned.

`(lookahead-u8 binary-input-port)` procedure

The `lookahead-u8` procedure is like `get-u8`, but it does not update *binary-input-port* to point past the byte.

`(get-bytevector-n binary-input-port count)` procedure

Count must be an exact, non-negative integer object representing the number of bytes to be read.

Reads from *binary-input-port*, blocking as necessary, until *count* bytes are available from *binary-input-port* or until an end of file is reached. If *count* bytes are available before an end of file, `get-bytevector-n` returns a bytevector of size *count*. If fewer bytes are available before an end of file, `get-bytevector-n` returns a bytevector containing those bytes. In either case, the input port is updated to point just past the bytes read. If an end of file is reached before any bytes are available, `get-bytevector-n` returns the end-of-file object.

`(get-bytevector-n! binary-input-port
bytevector start count)` procedure

Count must be an exact, non-negative integer object, representing the number of bytes to be read. *bytevector* must be a bytevector with at least *start* + *count* elements.

The `get-bytevector-n!` procedure reads from *binary-input-port*, blocking as necessary, until *count* bytes are available from *binary-input-port* or until an end of file is reached. If *count* bytes are available before an end of file, they are written into *bytevector* starting at index *start*, and the result is *count*. If fewer bytes are available before the next end of file, the available bytes are written into *bytevector* starting at index *start*, and the result is a number object representing the number of bytes actually read. In either case, the input port is updated to point just past the bytes read. If an end of file is reached before any bytes are available, `get-bytevector-n!` returns the end-of-file object.

`(get-bytevector-some binary-input-port)` procedure

Reads from *binary-input-port*, blocking as necessary, until bytes are available from *binary-input-port* or until

an end of file is reached. If bytes become available, `get-bytevector-some` returns a freshly allocated bytevector containing the initial one or more available bytes, and it updates *binary-input-port* to point just past these bytes. If no input bytes are seen before an end of file is reached, the end-of-file object is returned.

`(get-bytevector-all binary-input-port)` procedure

Attempts to read all bytes until the next end of file, blocking as necessary. If one or more bytes are read, `get-bytevector-all` returns a bytevector containing all bytes up to the next end of file. Otherwise, `get-bytevector-all` returns the end-of-file object. The operation may block indefinitely waiting to see if more bytes will become available, even if some bytes are already available.

8.2.9. Textual input

`(get-char textual-input-port)` procedure

Reads from *textual-input-port*, blocking as necessary, until a complete character is available from *textual-input-port*, or until an end of file is reached.

If a complete character is available before the next end of file, `get-char` returns that character and updates the input port to point past the character. If an end of file is reached before any character is read, `get-char` returns the end-of-file object.

`(lookahead-char textual-input-port)` procedure

The `lookahead-char` procedure is like `get-char`, but it does not update *textual-input-port* to point past the character.

Note: With some of the standard transcoders described in this document, up to four bytes of lookahead are needed. Nonstandard transcoders may need even more lookahead.

`(get-string-n textual-input-port count)` procedure

Count must be an exact, non-negative integer object, representing the number of characters to be read.

The `get-string-n` procedure reads from *textual-input-port*, blocking as necessary, until *count* characters are available, or until an end of file is reached.

If *count* characters are available before end of file, `get-string-n` returns a string consisting of those *count* characters. If fewer characters are available before an end of file, but one or more characters can be read, `get-string-n` returns a string containing those characters. In either case, the input port is updated to point just past

the characters read. If no characters can be read before an end of file, the end-of-file object is returned.

`(get-string-n! textual-input-port string start count)` procedure

Start and *count* must be exact, non-negative integer object, with *count* representing the number of characters to be read. *String* must be a string with at least *start* + *count* characters.

The `get-string-n!` procedure reads from *textual-input-port* in the same manner as `get-string-n`. If *count* characters are available before an end of file, they are written into *string* starting at index *start*, and *count* is returned. If fewer characters are available before an end of file, but one or more can be read, those characters are written into *string* starting at index *start* and the number of characters actually read is returned as an exact integer object. If no characters can be read before an end of file, the end-of-file object is returned.

`(get-string-all textual-input-port)` procedure

Reads from *textual-input-port* until an end of file, decoding characters in the same manner as `get-string-n` and `get-string-n!`.

If characters are available before the end of file, a string containing all the characters decoded from that data are returned. If no character precedes the end of file, the end-of-file object is returned.

`(get-line textual-input-port)` procedure

Reads from *textual-input-port* up to and including the linefeed character or end of file, decoding characters in the same manner as `get-string-n` and `get-string-n!`.

If a linefeed character is read, a string containing all of the text up to (but not including) the linefeed character is returned, and the port is updated to point just past the linefeed character. If an end of file is encountered before any linefeed character is read, but some characters have been read and decoded as characters, a string containing those characters is returned. If an end of file is encountered before any characters are read, the end-of-file object is returned.

Note: The end-of-line style, if not `none`, will cause all line endings to be read as linefeed characters. See section 8.2.4.

`(get-datum textual-input-port)` procedure

Reads an external representation from *textual-input-port* and returns the datum it represents. The `get-datum` procedure returns the next datum that can be parsed from the given *textual-input-port*, updating *textual-input-port* to

point exactly past the end of the external representation of the object.

Any ⟨interlexeme space⟩ (see report section 4.2) in the input is first skipped. If an end of file occurs after the ⟨interlexeme space⟩, the end-of-file object (see section 8.2.5) is returned.

If a character inconsistent with an external representation is encountered in the input, an exception with condition types `&lexical` and `&i/o-read` is raised. Also, if the end of file is encountered after the beginning of an external representation, but the external representation is incomplete and therefore cannot be parsed, an exception with condition types `&lexical` and `&i/o-read` is raised.

8.2.10. Output ports

An output port is a sink to which bytes or characters are written. The written data may control external devices or may produce files and other objects that may subsequently be opened for input.

`(output-port? obj)` procedure

Returns `#t` if the argument is an output port (or a combined input and output port), `#f` otherwise.

`(flush-output-port output-port)` procedure

Flushes any output from the buffer of *output-port* to the underlying file, device, or object. The `flush-output-port` procedure returns unspecified values.

`(output-port-buffer-mode output-port)` procedure

Returns the symbol that represents the buffer mode of *output-port*.

`(open-file-output-port filename)` procedure

`(open-file-output-port filename file-options)` procedure

`(open-file-output-port filename file-options buffer-mode)` procedure

`(open-file-output-port filename file-options buffer-mode maybe-transcoder)` procedure

Maybe-transcoder must be either a transcoder or `#f`.

The `open-file-output-port` procedure returns an output port for the named file.

The *file-options* argument, which may determine various aspects of the returned port (see section 8.2.2), defaults to the value of `(file-options)`.

The *buffer-mode* argument, if supplied, must be one of the symbols that name a buffer mode. The *buffer-mode* argument defaults to `block`.

If *maybe-transcoder* is a transcoder, it becomes the transcoder associated with the port.

If *maybe-transcoder* is `#f` or absent, the port will be a binary port and will support the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations. Otherwise the port will be a textual port, and whether it supports the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations will be implementation-dependent (and possibly transcoder-dependent).

`(open-bytevector-output-port)` procedure

`(open-bytevector-output-port maybe-transcoder)` procedure

Maybe-transcoder must be either a transcoder or `#f`.

The `open-bytevector-output-port` procedure returns two values: an output port and an extraction procedure. The output port accumulates the bytes written to it for later extraction by the procedure.

If *maybe-transcoder* is a transcoder, it becomes the transcoder associated with the port. If *maybe-transcoder* is `#f` or absent, the port will be a binary port and will support the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations. Otherwise the port will be a textual port, and whether it supports the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations will be implementation-dependent (and possibly transcoder-dependent).

The extraction procedure takes no arguments. When called, it returns a bytevector consisting of all the port's accumulated bytes (regardless of the port's current position), removes the accumulated bytes from the port, and resets the port's position.

`(call-with-bytevector-output-port proc)` procedure

`(call-with-bytevector-output-port proc maybe-transcoder)` procedure

Proc must accept one argument. *Maybe-transcoder* must be either a transcoder or `#f`.

The `call-with-bytevector-output-port` procedure creates an output port that accumulates the bytes written to it and calls *proc* with that output port as an argument. Whenever *proc* returns, a bytevector consisting of all of the port's accumulated bytes (regardless of the port's current position) is returned and the port is closed.

The transcoder associated with the output port is determined as for a call to `open-bytevector-output-port`.

`(open-string-output-port)` procedure

Returns two values: a textual output port and an extraction procedure. The output port accumulates the characters written to it for later extraction by the procedure.

The port may or may not have an associated transcoder; if it does, the transcoder is implementation-dependent. The port should support the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations.

The extraction procedure takes no arguments. When called, it returns a string consisting of all of the port's accumulated characters (regardless of the current position), removes the accumulated characters from the port, and resets the port's position.

`(call-with-string-output-port proc)` procedure

Proc must accept one argument. The `call-with-string-output-port` procedure creates a textual output port that accumulates the characters written to it and calls *proc* with that output port as an argument. Whenever *proc* returns, a string consisting of all of the port's accumulated characters (regardless of the port's current position) is returned and the port is closed.

The port may or may not have an associated transcoder; if it does, the transcoder is implementation-dependent. The port should support the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations.

`(standard-output-port)` procedure

`(standard-error-port)` procedure

Returns a fresh binary output port connected to the standard output or standard error respectively. Whether the port supports the `port-position` and `set-port-position!` operations is implementation-dependent.

`(current-output-port)` procedure

`(current-error-port)` procedure

These return default textual ports for regular output and error output. Normally, these default ports are associated with standard output, and standard error, respectively. The return value of `current-output-port` can be dynamically re-assigned using the `with-output-to-file` procedure from the `(rnrs io simple (6))` library (see section 8.3). A port returned by one of these procedures may or may not have an associated transcoder; if it does, the transcoder is implementation-dependent.

`(make-custom-binary-output-port id write! get-position set-position! close)` procedure

Returns a newly created binary output port whose byte sink is an arbitrary algorithm represented by the *write!* procedure. *Id* must be a string naming the new port, provided for informational purposes only. *Write!* must be a procedure and should behave as specified below; it will be called by operations that perform binary output.

Each of the remaining arguments may be `#f`; if any of those arguments is not `#f`, it must be a procedure and should behave as specified in the description of `make-custom-binary-input-port`.

- (*write! bytevector start count*)

Start and *count* will be non-negative exact integer objects, and *bytevector* will be a bytevector whose length is at least *start + count*. The *write!* procedure should write up to *count* bytes from *bytevector* starting at index *start* to the byte sink. If *count* is 0, the *write!* procedure should have the effect of passing an end-of-file object to the byte sink. In any case, the *write!* procedure should return the number of bytes that it wrote, as an exact integer object.

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the return values of *write!* only when it actually calls *write!* as part of an I/O operation requested by the program. The implementation is not required to check that *write!* otherwise behaves as described. If it does not, however, the behavior of the resulting port is unspecified.

`(make-custom-textual-output-port id write! get-position set-position! close)` procedure

Returns a newly created textual output port whose byte sink is an arbitrary algorithm represented by the *write!* procedure. *Id* must be a string naming the new port, provided for informational purposes only. *Write!* must be a procedure and should behave as specified below; it will be called by operations that perform textual output.

Each of the remaining arguments may be `#f`; if any of those arguments is not `#f`, it must be a procedure and should behave as specified in the description of `make-custom-textual-input-port`.

- (*write! string start count*)

Start and *count* will be non-negative exact integer objects, and *string* will be a string whose length is at least *start + count*. The *write!* procedure should write up to *count* characters from *string* starting at index *start* to the character sink. If *count* is 0, the *write!* procedure should have the effect of passing an end-of-file object to the character sink. In any case, the *write!* procedure should return the number of characters that it wrote, as an exact integer object.

The port may or may not have an associated transcoder; if it does, the transcoder is implementation-dependent.

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the return values of *write!* only when it actually calls *write!* as part of an I/O operation requested by the program. The implementation is not required to check that *write!* otherwise behaves as described. If it does not, however, the behavior of the resulting port is unspecified.

8.2.11. Binary output

(**put-u8** *binary-output-port* *octet*) procedure
Writes *octet* to the output port and returns unspecified values.

(**put-bytevector** *binary-output-port* *bytevector*) procedure

(**put-bytevector** *binary-output-port* *bytevector* *start*) procedure

(**put-bytevector** *binary-output-port* *bytevector* *start* *count*) procedure

Start and *count* must be non-negative exact integer objects that default to 0 and (**bytevector-length** *bytevector*) – *start*, respectively. *Bytevector* must have a length of at least *start* + *count*. The **put-bytevector** procedure writes the *count* bytes of the bytevector *bytevector* starting at index *start* to the output port. The **put-bytevector** procedure returns unspecified values.

8.2.12. Textual output

(**put-char** *textual-output-port* *char*) procedure
Writes *char* to the port. The **put-char** procedure returns unspecified values.

(**put-string** *textual-output-port* *string*) procedure

(**put-string** *textual-output-port* *string* *start*) procedure

(**put-string** *textual-output-port* *string* *start* *count*) procedure

Start and *count* must be non-negative exact integer objects. *String* must have a length of at least *start* + *count*. *Start* defaults to 0. *Count* defaults to (**string-length** *string*) – *start*. Writes the *count* characters of *string* starting at index *start* to the port. The **put-string** procedure returns unspecified values.

(**put-datum** *textual-output-port* *datum*) procedure

Datum should be a datum value. The **put-datum** procedure writes an external representation of *datum* to *textual-output-port*. The specific external representation is implementation-dependent. However, whenever possible, an implementation should produce a representation for which **get-datum**, when reading the representation, will return an object equal (in the sense of **equal?**) to *datum*.

Note: Not all datums may allow producing an external representation for which **get-datum** will produce an object that is equal to the original. Specifically, NaNs contained in *datum* may make this impossible.

Note: The **put-datum** procedure merely writes the external representation, but no trailing delimiter. If **put-datum** is used to write several subsequent external representations to an output port, care should be taken to delimit them properly so they can be read back in by subsequent calls to **get-datum**.

8.2.13. Input/output ports

(**open-file-input/output-port** *filename*) procedure

(**open-file-input/output-port** *filename* *file-options*) procedure

(**open-file-input/output-port** *filename* *file-options* *buffer-mode*) procedure

(**open-file-input/output-port** *filename* *file-options* *buffer-mode* *transcoder*) procedure

Returns a single port that is both an input port and an output port for the named file. The optional arguments default as described in the specification of **open-file-output-port**. If the input/output port supports **port-position** and/or **set-port-position!**, the same port position is used for both input and output.

(**make-custom-binary-input/output-port** *id* *read!* *write!* *get-position* *set-position!* *close*) procedure

Returns a newly created binary input/output port whose byte source and sink are arbitrary algorithms represented by the *read!* and *write!* procedures. *Id* must be a string naming the new port, provided for informational purposes only. *Read!* and *write!* must be procedures, and should behave as specified for the **make-custom-binary-input-port** and **make-custom-binary-output-port** procedures.

Each of the remaining arguments may be **#f**; if any of those arguments is not **#f**, it must be a procedure and should behave as specified in the description of **make-custom-binary-input-port**.

(**make-custom-textual-input/output-port** *id* *read!* *write!* *get-position* *set-position!* *close*) procedure

Returns a newly created textual input/output port whose textual source and sink are arbitrary algorithms represented by the *read!* and *write!* procedures. *Id* must be a string naming the new port, provided for informational purposes only. *Read!* and *write!* must be procedures, and should behave as specified for the **make-custom-textual-input-port** and **make-custom-textual-output-port** procedures.

Each of the remaining arguments may be **#f**; if any of those arguments is not **#f**, it must be a procedure and should behave as specified in the description of **make-custom-textual-input-port**.

8.3. Simple I/O

This section describes the (**rnrs io simple** (6)) library, which provides a somewhat more convenient interface for performing textual I/O on ports. This library implements

most of the I/O procedures of the previous version of this report [7].

The ports created by the procedures of this library are textual ports associated implementation-dependent transcoders.

(eof-object) procedure
(eof-object? *obj*) procedure

These are the same as `eof-object` and `eof-object?` from the (rnrs ports (6)) library.

(call-with-input-file *filename proc*) procedure
(call-with-output-file *filename proc*) procedure

Proc should accept one argument. These procedures open the file named by *filename* for input or for output, with no specified file options, and call *proc* with the obtained port as an argument. If *proc* returns, the port is closed automatically and the values returned by *proc* are returned. If *proc* does not return, the port is not closed automatically, unless it is possible to prove that the port will never again be used for an I/O operation.

(input-port? *obj*) procedure
(output-port? *obj*) procedure

These are the same as the `input-port?` and `output-port?` procedures in the (rnrs io ports (6)) library.

(current-input-port) procedure
(current-output-port) procedure
(current-error-port) procedure

These are the same as the `current-input-port`, `current-output-port`, and `current-error-port` procedures from the (rnrs io ports (6)) library.

(with-input-from-file *filename thunk*) procedure
(with-output-to-file *filename thunk*) procedure

Thunk must be a procedure and must accept zero arguments. The file is opened for input or output using empty file options, and *thunk* is called with no arguments. During the dynamic extent of the call to *thunk*, the obtained port is made the value returned by `current-input-port` or `current-output-port` procedures; the previous default values are reinstated when the dynamic extent is exited. When *thunk* returns, the port is closed automatically. The values returned by *thunk* are returned. If an escape procedure is used to escape back into the call to *thunk* after *thunk* is returned, the behavior is unspecified.

(open-input-file *filename*) procedure

This opens *filename* for input, with empty file options, and returns the obtained port.

(open-output-file *filename*) procedure

This opens *filename* for output, with empty file options, and returns the obtained port.

(close-input-port *input-port*) procedure
(close-output-port *output-port*) procedure

This closes *input-port* or *output-port*, respectively.

(read-char) procedure
(read-char *textual-input-port*) procedure

This reads from *textual-input-port*, blocking as necessary until a character is available from *textual-input-port*, or the data that are available cannot be the prefix of any valid encoding, or an end of file is reached.

If a complete character is available before the next end of file, `read-char` returns that character, and updates the input port to point past that character. If an end of file is reached before any data are read, `read-char` returns the end-of-file object.

If *textual-input-port* is omitted, it defaults to the value returned by `current-input-port`.

(peek-char) procedure
(peek-char *textual-input-port*) procedure

This is the same as `read-char`, but does not consume any data from the port.

(read) procedure
(read *textual-input-port*) procedure

Reads an external representation from *textual-input-port* and returns the datum it represents. The `read` procedure operates in the same way as `get-datum`, see section 8.2.9.

If *textual-input-port* is omitted, it defaults to the value returned by `current-input-port`.

(write-char *char*) procedure
(write-char *char textual-output-port*) procedure

Writes an encoding of the character *char* to the *textual-output-port*. This returns unspecified values.

If *textual-output-port* is omitted, it defaults to the value returned by `current-output-port`.

(newline) procedure
(newline *textual-output-port*) procedure

This is equivalent to using `write-char` to write `#\linefeed` to *textual-output-port*.

If *textual-output-port* is omitted, it defaults to the value returned by `current-output-port`.

(display *obj*) procedure
 (display *obj textual-output-port*) procedure

Writes a representation of *obj* to the given *textual-output-port*. Strings that appear in the written representation are not enclosed in doublequotes, and no characters are escaped within those strings. Character objects appear in the representation as if written by `write-char` instead of by `write`. The `display` procedure returns unspecified values. The *textual-output-port* argument may be omitted, in which case it defaults to the value returned by `current-output-port`.

(write *obj*) procedure
 (write *obj textual-output-port*) procedure

Writes the external representation of *obj* to *textual-output-port*. The `write` procedure operates in the same way as `put-datum`; see section 8.2.12.

If *textual-output-port* is omitted, it defaults to the value returned by `current-output-port`.

9. File system

This chapter describes the (`rnrs files (6)`) library for operations on the file system. This library, in addition to the procedures described here, also exports the I/O condition types described in section 8.1.

(file-exists? *filename*) procedure

Filename must be a file name (see section 8.2.1). The `file-exists?` procedure returns `#t` if the named file exists at the time the procedure is called, `#f` otherwise.

(delete-file *filename*) procedure

Filename must be a file name (see section 8.2.1). The `delete-file` procedure deletes the named file if it exists and can be deleted, and returns unspecified values. If the file does not exist or cannot be deleted, an exception with condition type `&i/o-filename` is raised.

10. Command-line access and exit values

The procedures described in this section are exported by the (`rnrs programs (6)`) library.

(command-line) procedure

Returns a nonempty list of strings. The first element is an implementation-specific name for the running top-level program. The remaining elements are command-line arguments according to the operating system's conventions.

(exit) procedure
 (exit *obj*) procedure

Exits the running program and communicates an exit value to the operating system. If no argument is supplied, the `exit` procedure should communicate to the operating system that the program exited normally. If an argument is supplied, the `exit` procedure should translate the argument into an appropriate exit value for the operating system. If *obj* is `#f`, the exit is assumed to be abnormal.

11. Arithmetic

This chapter describes Scheme's libraries for more specialized numerical operations: `fixnum` and `flonum` arithmetic, as well as bitwise operations on exact integer objects.

11.1. Bitwise operations

A number of procedures operate on the binary two's-complement representations of exact integer objects: Bit positions within an exact integer object are counted from the left, i.e. bit 0 is the least significant bit. Some procedures allow extracting *bit fields*, i.e., number objects representing subsequences of the binary representation of an exact integer object. Bit fields are always positive, and always defined using a finite number of bits.

11.2. Fixnums

Every implementation must define its `fixnum` range as a closed interval

$$[-2^{w-1}, 2^{w-1} - 1]$$

such that *w* is a (mathematical) integer $w \geq 24$. Every mathematical integer within an implementation's `fixnum` range must correspond to an exact integer object that is representable within the implementation. A `fixnum` is an exact integer object whose value lies within this `fixnum` range.

This section describes the (`rnrs arithmetic fixnums (6)`) library, which defines various operations on `fixnums`. `Fixnum` operations perform integer arithmetic on their `fixnum` arguments, but raise an exception with condition type `&implementation-restriction` if the result is not a `fixnum`.

This section uses *fx*, *fx₁*, *fx₂*, etc., as parameter names for arguments that must be `fixnums`.

(fixnum? *obj*) procedure

Returns `#t` if *obj* is an exact integer object within the `fixnum` range, `#f` otherwise.

(fixnum-width) procedure
 (least-fixnum) procedure
 (greatest-fixnum) procedure

These procedures return w , -2^{w-1} and $2^{w-1} - 1$: the width, minimum and the maximum value of the fixnum range, respectively.

(fx=? $f x_1 f x_2 f x_3 \dots$) procedure
 (fx>? $f x_1 f x_2 f x_3 \dots$) procedure
 (fx<? $f x_1 f x_2 f x_3 \dots$) procedure
 (fx>=? $f x_1 f x_2 f x_3 \dots$) procedure
 (fx<=? $f x_1 f x_2 f x_3 \dots$) procedure

These procedures return #t if their arguments are (respectively): equal, monotonically increasing, monotonically decreasing, monotonically nondecreasing, or monotonically nonincreasing, #f otherwise.

(fxzero? $f x$) procedure
 (fxpositive? $f x$) procedure
 (fxnegative? $f x$) procedure
 (fxodd? $f x$) procedure
 (fxeven? $f x$) procedure

These numerical predicates test a fixnum for a particular property, returning #t or #f. The five properties tested by these procedures are: whether the number object is zero, greater than zero, less than zero, odd, or even.

(fxmax $f x_1 f x_2 \dots$) procedure
 (fxmin $f x_1 f x_2 \dots$) procedure

These procedures return the maximum or minimum of their arguments.

(fx+ $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure
 (fx* $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure

These procedures return the sum or product of their arguments, provided that sum or product is a fixnum. An exception with condition type `&implementation-restriction` is raised if that sum or product is not a fixnum.

(fx- $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure
 (fx- $f x$) procedure

With two arguments, this procedure returns the difference of its arguments, provided that difference is a fixnum.

With one argument, this procedure returns the additive inverse of its argument, provided that integer object is a fixnum.

An exception with condition type `&assertion` is raised if the mathematically correct result of this procedure is not a fixnum.

(fx- (least-fixnum)) \implies `&assertion exception`

(fxdiv-and-mod $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure
 (fxdiv $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure
 (fxmod $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure
 (fxdiv0-and-mod0 $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure
 (fxdiv0 $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure
 (fxmod0 $f x_1 f x_2$) procedure

$F x_2$ must be nonzero. These procedures implement number-theoretic integer division and return the results of the corresponding mathematical operations specified in report section 11.7.3.

(fxdiv $f x_1 f x_2$) $\implies f x_1 \text{ div } f x_2$
 (fxmod $f x_1 f x_2$) $\implies f x_1 \text{ mod } f x_2$
 (fxdiv-and-mod $f x_1 f x_2$)
 $\implies f x_1 \text{ div } f x_2, f x_1 \text{ mod } f x_2$
 ; two return values
 (fxdiv0 $f x_1 f x_2$) $\implies f x_1 \text{ div}_0 f x_2$
 (fxmod0 $f x_1 f x_2$) $\implies f x_1 \text{ mod}_0 f x_2$
 (fxdiv0-and-mod0 $f x_1 f x_2$)
 $\implies f x_1 \text{ div}_0 f x_2, f x_1 \text{ mod}_0 f x_2$
 ; two return values

(fx+/carry $f x_1 f x_2 f x_3$) procedure

Returns the two fixnum results of the following computation:

```
(let* ((s (+ f x1 f x2 f x3))
      (s0 (mod0 s (expt 2 (fixnum-width))))
      (s1 (div0 s (expt 2 (fixnum-width)))))
      (values s0 s1))
```

(fx-/carry $f x_1 f x_2 f x_3$) procedure

Returns the two fixnum results of the following computation:

```
(let* ((d (- f x1 f x2 f x3))
      (d0 (mod0 d (expt 2 (fixnum-width))))
      (d1 (div0 d (expt 2 (fixnum-width)))))
      (values d0 d1))
```

(fx*/carry $f x_1 f x_2 f x_3$) procedure

Returns the two fixnum results of the following computation:

```
(let* ((s (+ (* f x1 f x2) f x3))
      (s0 (mod0 s (expt 2 (fixnum-width))))
      (s1 (div0 s (expt 2 (fixnum-width)))))
      (values s0 s1))
```

(fxnot $f x$) procedure

Returns the unique fixnum that is congruent mod 2^w to the one's-complement of $f x$.

(**fxand** fx_1 ...) procedure
 (**fxior** fx_1 ...) procedure
 (**fxxor** fx_1 ...) procedure

These procedures return the fixnum that is the bit-wise “and”, “inclusive or”, or “exclusive or” of the two’s complement representations of their arguments. If they are passed only one argument, they return that argument. If they are passed no arguments, they return the fixnum (either -1 or 0) that acts as identity for the operation.

(**fxif** fx_1 fx_2 fx_3) procedure

Returns the fixnum that is the bit-wise “if” of the two’s complement representations of its arguments, i.e. for each bit, if it is 1 in fx_1 , the corresponding bit in fx_2 becomes the value of the corresponding bit in the result, and if it is 0, the corresponding bit in fx_3 becomes the corresponding bit in the value of the result. This is the fixnum result of the following computation:

```
(fxior (fxand  $fx_1$   $fx_2$ )
      (fxand (fxnot  $fx_1$ )  $fx_3$ ))
```

(**fxbit-count** fx) procedure

If fx is non-negative, this procedure returns the number of 1 bits in the two’s complement representation of fx . Otherwise it returns the result of the following computation:

```
(fxnot (fxbit-count (fxnot  $ei$ )))
```

(**fxlength** fx) procedure

Returns the number of bits needed to represent fx if it is positive, and the number of bits needed to represent (**fxnot** fx) if it is negative, which is the fixnum result of the following computation:

```
(do ((result 0 (+ result 1))
     (bits (if (fxnegative?  $fx$ )
              (fxnot  $fx$ )
               $fx$ )
      (fxarithmetic-shift-right bits 1)))
    ((fxzero? bits)
     result))
```

(**fxfirst-bit-set** fx) procedure

Returns the index of the least significant 1 bit in the two’s complement representation of fx . If fx is 0, then -1 is returned.

```
(fxfirst-bit-set 0)    ⇒ -1
(fxfirst-bit-set 1)    ⇒ 0
(fxfirst-bit-set -4)   ⇒ 2
```

(**fxbit-set?** fx_1 fx_2) procedure

Fx_2 must be non-negative and less than (**fixnum-width**). The **fxbit-set?** procedure returns **#t** if the fx_2 th bit is 1 in the two’s complement representation of fx_1 , and **#f** otherwise. This is the fixnum result of the following computation:

```
(not
 (fxzero?
  (fxand  $fx_1$ 
         (fxarithmetic-shift-left 1  $fx_2$ ))))
```

(**fxcopy-bit** fx_1 fx_2 fx_3) procedure

Fx_2 must be non-negative and less than (**fixnum-width**). Fx_3 must be 0 or 1. The **fxcopy-bit** procedure returns the result of replacing the fx_2 th bit of fx_1 by the fx_2 th bit of fx_3 , which is the result of the following computation:

```
(let* ((mask (fxarithmetic-shift-left 1  $fx_2$ ))
       (fxif mask
              (fxarithmetic-shift-left  $fx_3$   $fx_2$ )
               $fx_1$ ))
```

(**fxbit-field** fx_1 fx_2 fx_3) procedure

Fx_2 and fx_3 must be non-negative and less than (**fixnum-width**). Moreover, fx_2 must be less than or equal to fx_3 . The **fxbit-field** procedure returns the number represented by the bits at the positions from fx_2 (inclusive) to fx_3 (exclusive), which is the fixnum result of the following computation:

```
(let* ((mask (fxnot
              (fxarithmetic-shift-left -1  $fx_3$ )))
       (fxarithmetic-shift-right (fxand  $fx_1$  mask)
                                   $fx_2$ ))
```

(**fxcopy-bit-field** fx_1 fx_2 fx_3 fx_4) procedure

Fx_2 and fx_3 must be non-negative and less than (**fixnum-width**). Moreover, fx_2 must be less than or equal to fx_3 . The **fxcopy-bit-field** procedure returns the result of replacing in fx_1 the bits at positions from fx_2 (inclusive) to fx_3 (exclusive) by the corresponding bits in fx_4 , which is the fixnum result of the following computation:

```
(let* ((to  $fx_1$ )
       (start  $fx_2$ )
       (end  $fx_3$ )
       (from  $fx_4$ )
       (mask1 (fxarithmetic-shift-left -1 start))
       (mask2 (fxnot
              (fxarithmetic-shift-left -1 end)))
       (mask (fxand mask1 mask2)))
  (fxif mask
         (fxarithmetic-shift-left from start)
         to))
```

(**fxarithmetic-shift** fx_1 fx_2) procedure

The absolute value of fx_2 must be less than (**fixnum-width**). If

```
(*  $fx_1$  (expt 2  $fx_2$ ))
```

is a fixnum, then that fixnum is returned. Otherwise an exception with condition type `&implementation-restriction` is raised.

```
(fxarithmetic-shift-left fx1 fx2)      procedure
(fxarithmetic-shift-right fx1 fx2)      procedure
```

Fx₂ must be non-negative. `fxarithmetic-shift-left` behaves the same as `fxarithmetic-shift`, and `(fxarithmetic-shift-right fx1 fx2)` behaves the same as `(fxarithmetic-shift fx1 (fixnum- fx2))`.

```
(fxrotate-bit-field fx1 fx2 fx3 fx4)      procedure
```

Fx₂, *fx₃*, and *fx₄* must be non-negative and less than `(fixnum-width)`. *fx₂* must be less than or equal to *fx₃*. *Fx₄* must be less than the difference between *fx₃* and *fx₂*. The `fxrotate-bit-field` procedure returns the result of cyclically permuting in *fx₁* the bits at positions from *fx₂* (inclusive) to *fx₃* (exclusive) by *fx₄* bits towards the more significant bits, which is the result of the following computation:

```
(let* ((n      fx1)
       (start  fx2)
       (end    fx3)
       (count  fx4)
       (width  (fx- end start)))
  (if (fxpositive? width)
      (let* ((count (fxmod count width))
             (field0
              (fxbit-field n start end))
             (field1
              (fxarithmetic-shift-left
               field0 count))
             (field2
              (fxarithmetic-shift-right
               field0 (fx- width count)))
             (field (fxior field1 field2)))
        (fxcopy-bit-field n start end field))
      n))
```

```
(fxreverse-bit-field fx1 fx2 fx3)      procedure
```

Fx₂ and *fx₃* must be non-negative and less than `(fixnum-width)`. Moreover, *fx₂* must be less than or equal to *fx₃*. The `fxreverse-bit-field` procedure returns the fixnum obtained from *fx₁* by reversing the order of the bits at positions from *fx₂* (inclusive) to *fx₃* (exclusive).

```
(fxreverse-bit-field #b1010010 1 4)
⇒ 88 ; #b1011000
```

11.3. Flonums

This section describes the `(rnrs arithmetic flonums (6))` library.

This section uses *fl*, *fl₁*, *fl₂*, etc., as parameter names for arguments that must be flonums, and *ifl* as a name for arguments that must be integer-valued flonums, i.e., flonums for which the `integer-valued?` predicate returns true.

```
(flonum? obj)      procedure
```

Returns `#t` if *obj* is a flonum, `#f` otherwise.

```
(real->flonum x)      procedure
```

Returns the best flonum representation of *x*.

The value returned is a flonum that is numerically closest to the argument.

Note: If flonums are represented in binary floating point, then implementations should break ties by preferring the floating-point representation whose least significant bit is zero.

```
(fl=? fl1 fl2 fl3 ...)      procedure
```

```
(fl<? fl1 fl2 fl3 ...)      procedure
```

```
(fl<=? fl1 fl2 fl3 ...)      procedure
```

```
(fl>? fl1 fl2 fl3 ...)      procedure
```

```
(fl>=? fl1 fl2 fl3 ...)      procedure
```

These procedures return `#t` if their arguments are (respectively): equal, monotonically increasing, monotonically decreasing, monotonically nondecreasing, or monotonically nonincreasing, `#f` otherwise. These predicates must be transitive.

```
(fl= +inf.0 +inf.0)      ⇒ #t
```

```
(fl= -inf.0 +inf.0)      ⇒ #f
```

```
(fl= -inf.0 -inf.0)      ⇒ #t
```

```
(fl= 0.0 -0.0)          ⇒ #t
```

```
(fl< 0.0 -0.0)          ⇒ #f
```

```
(fl= +nan.0 fl)        ⇒ #f
```

```
(fl< +nan.0 fl)        ⇒ #f
```

```
(flinteger? fl)      procedure
```

```
(flzero? fl)        procedure
```

```
(flpositive? fl)     procedure
```

```
(flnegative? fl)     procedure
```

```
(flodd? ifl)         procedure
```

```
(fleven? ifl)         procedure
```

```
(flfinite? fl)       procedure
```

```
(flinfinite? fl)     procedure
```

```
(flnan? fl)          procedure
```

These numerical predicates test a flonum for a particular property, returning `#t` or `#f`. The `flinteger?` procedure tests whether the number object is an integer, `flzero?` tests whether it is `fl=?` to zero, `flpositive?` tests whether it is greater than zero, `flnegative?` tests whether it is less than zero, `flodd?` tests whether it is odd, `fleeven?` tests whether it is even, `flfinite?` tests whether it is not an infinity and not a NaN, `flinfinite?` tests whether it is an infinity, and `flnan?` tests whether it is a NaN.

```
(flnegative? -0.0)    ⇒ #f
(flfinite? +inf.0)   ⇒ #f
(flfinite? 5.0)      ⇒ #t
(flinfinite? 5.0)    ⇒ #f
(flinfinite? +inf.0) ⇒ #t
```

Note: (flnegative? -0.0) must return #f, else it would lose the correspondence with (fl< -0.0 0.0), which is #f according to IEEE 754 [6].

```
(flmax fl1 fl2 ...) procedure
(flmin fl1 fl2 ...) procedure
```

These procedures return the maximum or minimum of their arguments. They always return a NaN when one or more of the arguments is a NaN.

```
(fl+ fl1 ...) procedure
(fl* fl1 ...) procedure
```

These procedures return the flonum sum or product of their flonum arguments. In general, they should return the flonum that best approximates the mathematical sum or product. (For implementations that represent flonums using IEEE binary floating point, the meaning of “best” is defined by the IEEE standards.)

```
(fl+ +inf.0 -inf.0) ⇒ +nan.0
(fl+ +nan.0 fl)     ⇒ +nan.0
(fl* +nan.0 fl)     ⇒ +nan.0
```

```
(fl- fl1 fl2 ...) procedure
(fl- fl)           procedure
(fl/ fl1 fl2 ...) procedure
(fl/ fl)           procedure
```

With two or more arguments, these procedures return the flonum difference or quotient of their flonum arguments, associating to the left. With one argument, however, they return the additive or multiplicative flonum inverse of their argument. In general, they should return the flonum that best approximates the mathematical difference or quotient. (For implementations that represent flonums using IEEE binary floating point, the meaning of “best” is reasonably well-defined by the IEEE standards.)

```
(fl- +inf.0 +inf.0) ⇒ +nan.0
```

For undefined quotients, fl/ behaves as specified by the IEEE standards:

```
(fl/ 1.0 0.0) ⇒ +inf.0
(fl/ -1.0 0.0) ⇒ -inf.0
(fl/ 0.0 0.0) ⇒ +nan.0
```

```
(flabs fl) procedure
```

Returns the absolute value of *fl*.

```
(fldiv-and-mod fl1 fl2) procedure
(fldiv fl1 fl2)           procedure
(flmod fl1 fl2)           procedure
(fldiv0-and-mod0 fl1 fl2) procedure
(fldiv0 fl1 fl2)         procedure
(flmod0 fl1 fl2)         procedure
```

These procedures implement number-theoretic integer division and return the results of the corresponding mathematical operations specified in report section 11.7.3. For zero divisors, these procedures may return a NaN or some unspecified flonum.

```
(fldiv fl1 fl2)           ⇒ fl1 div fl2
(flmod fl1 fl2)           ⇒ fl1 mod fl2
(fldiv-and-mod fl1 fl2) ⇒ fl1 div fl2, fl1 mod fl2
                                ; two return values
(fldiv0 fl1 fl2)         ⇒ fl1 div0 fl2
(flmod0 fl1 fl2)         ⇒ fl1 mod0 fl2
(fldiv0-and-mod0 fl1 fl2) ⇒ fl1 div0 fl2, fl1 mod0 fl2
                                ; two return values
```

```
(flnumerator fl) procedure
(fldenominator fl) procedure
```

These procedures return the numerator or denominator of *fl* as a flonum; the result is computed as if *fl* was represented as a fraction in lowest terms. The denominator is always positive. The denominator of 0.0 is defined to be 1.0.

```
(flnumerator +inf.0) ⇒ +inf.0
(flnumerator -inf.0) ⇒ -inf.0
(fldenominator +inf.0) ⇒ 1.0
(fldenominator -inf.0) ⇒ 1.0
(flnumerator 0.75) ⇒ 3.0 ; probably
(fldenominator 0.75) ⇒ 4.0 ; probably
```

Implementations should implement following behavior:

```
(flnumerator -0.0) ⇒ -0.0
```

```
(flfloor fl) procedure
(flceiling fl) procedure
(fltruncate fl) procedure
(flround fl) procedure
```

These procedures return integral flonums for flonum arguments that are not infinities or NaNs. For such arguments, flfloor returns the largest integral flonum not larger than *fl*. The flceiling procedure returns the smallest integral flonum not smaller than *fl*. The fltruncate procedure returns the integral flonum closest to *fl* whose absolute value is not larger than the absolute value of *fl*. The flround procedure returns the closest integral flonum to *fl*, rounding to even when *fl* represents a number halfway between two integers.

Although infinities and NaNs are not integer objects, these procedures return an infinity when given an infinity as an argument, and a NaN when given a NaN:

```
(flfloor +inf.0)      ⇒ +inf.0
(flceiling -inf.0)   ⇒ -inf.0
(fltruncate +nan.0)  ⇒ +nan.0
```

```
(flexp fl)           procedure
(fllog fl)           procedure
(fllog fl1 fl2)    procedure
(fl1sin fl)          procedure
(fl1cos fl)          procedure
(fl1tan fl)          procedure
(fl1asin fl)         procedure
(fl1acos fl)         procedure
(fl1atan fl)         procedure
(fl1atan fl1 fl2)  procedure
```

These procedures compute the usual transcendental functions. The `fexp` procedure computes the base- e exponential of fl . The `fllog` procedure with a single argument computes the natural logarithm of fl (not the base ten logarithm); (`fllog fl1 fl2`) computes the base- fl_2 logarithm of fl_1 . The `fl1sin`, `fl1cos`, and `fl1atan` procedures compute arcsine, arccosine, and arctangent, respectively. (`fl1atan fl1 fl2`) computes the arc tangent of fl_1/fl_2 .

See report section 11.7.3 for the underlying mathematical operations. In the event that these operations do not yield a real result for the given arguments, the result may be a NaN, or may be some unspecified flonum.

Implementations that use IEEE binary floating-point arithmetic should follow the relevant standards for these procedures.

```
(fexp +inf.0)        ⇒ +inf.0
(fexp -inf.0)        ⇒ 0.0
(fllog +inf.0)       ⇒ +inf.0
(fllog 0.0)          ⇒ -inf.0
(fllog -0.0)         ⇒ unspecified
                    ; if -0.0 is distinguished
(fllog -inf.0)       ⇒ +nan.0
(fl1atan -inf.0)     ⇒ -1.5707963267948965
                    ; approximately
(fl1atan +inf.0)     ⇒ 1.5707963267948965
                    ; approximately
```

```
(flsqrt fl)         procedure
```

Returns the principal square root of fl . For -0.0 , `flsqrt` should return -0.0 ; for other negative arguments, the result may be a NaN or some unspecified flonum.

```
(flsqrt +inf.0)     ⇒ +inf.0
(flsqrt -0.0)       ⇒ -0.0
```

```
(flexpt fl1 fl2)  procedure
```

Either fl_1 should be non-negative, or, if fl_1 is negative, fl_2 should be an integer object. Returns fl_1 raised to the power fl_2 . If fl_1 is negative and fl_2 is not an integer object, the result may be a NaN, or may be some unspecified flonum. If fl_1 is zero, then the result is zero.

```
&no-infinities      condition type
(make-no-infinities-violation obj)  procedure
(no-infinities-violation? obj)      procedure
&no-nans             condition type
(make-no-nans-violation obj)        procedure
(no-nans-violation? obj)            procedure
```

These condition types could be defined by the following code:

```
(define-condition-type &no-infinities
  &implementation-restriction
  make-no-infinities-violation
  no-infinities-violation?)

(define-condition-type &no-nans
  &implementation-restriction
  make-no-nans-violation no-nans-violation?)
```

These types describe that a program has executed an arithmetic operations that is specified to return an infinity or a NaN, respectively, on a Scheme implementation that is not able to represent the infinity or NaN. (See report section 11.7.2.)

```
(fixnum->flonum fx)  procedure
```

Returns a flonum that is numerically closest to fx .

Note: The result of this procedure may not be numerically equal to fx , because the fixnum precision may be greater than the flonum precision.

11.4. Exact bitwise arithmetic

This section describes the (`rnrs arithmetic bitwise (6)`) library. The exact bitwise arithmetic provides generic operations on exact integer objects. This section uses ei , ei_1 , ei_2 , etc., as parameter names that must be exact integer objects.

```
(bitwise-not ei)    procedure
```

Returns the exact integer object whose two's complement representation is the one's complement of the two's complement representation of ei .

`(bitwise-arithmetic-shift ei_1 ei_2)` procedure

Returns the result of the following computation:

```
(floor (*  $ei_1$  (expt 2  $ei_2$ )))
```

Examples:

```
(bitwise-arithmetic-shift -6 -1)
  ⇒ -3
(bitwise-arithmetic-shift -5 -1)
  ⇒ -3
(bitwise-arithmetic-shift -4 -1)
  ⇒ -2
(bitwise-arithmetic-shift -3 -1)
  ⇒ -2
(bitwise-arithmetic-shift -2 -1)
  ⇒ -1
(bitwise-arithmetic-shift -1 -1)
  ⇒ -1
```

`(bitwise-arithmetic-shift-left ei_1 ei_2)` procedure
`(bitwise-arithmetic-shift-right ei_1 ei_2)` procedure

ei_2 must be non-negative. The `bitwise-arithmetic-shift-left` procedure returns the same result as `bitwise-arithmetic-shift`, and `(bitwise-arithmetic-shift-right ei_1 ei_2)` returns the same result as `(bitwise-arithmetic-shift ei_1 (- ei_2))`.

`(bitwise-rotate-bit-field ei_1 ei_2 ei_3 ei_4)` procedure

ei_2 , ei_3 , ei_4 must be non-negative, ei_2 must be less than or equal to ei_3 , and ei_4 must be non-negative. procedure returns the result of cyclically permuting in ei_1 the bits at positions from ei_2 (inclusive) to ei_3 (exclusive) by ei_4 bits towards the more significant bits, which is the result of the following computation:

```
(let* ((n  $ei_1$ )
      (start  $ei_2$ )
      (end  $ei_3$ )
      (count  $ei_4$ )
      (width (- end start)))
  (if (positive? width)
      (let* ((count (mod count width))
            (field0
              (bitwise-bit-field n start end))
            (field1 (bitwise-arithmetic-shift-left
                    field0 count))
            (field2 (bitwise-arithmetic-shift-right
                    field0
                    (- width count)))
            (field (bitwise-ior field1 field2)))
        (bitwise-copy-bit-field n start end field))
      n))
```

`(bitwise-reverse-bit-field ei_1 ei_2 ei_3)` procedure

ei_2 and ei_3 must be non-negative, and ei_2 must be less than or equal to ei_3 . The `bitwise-reverse-bit-field`

procedure returns the result obtained from ei_1 by reversing the order of the bits at positions from ei_2 (inclusive) to ei_3 (exclusive).

```
(bitwise-reverse-bit-field #b1010010 1 4)
  ⇒ 88 ; #b1011000
```

12. syntax-case

The `(rnrs syntax-case (6))` library provides support for writing low-level macros in a high-level style, with automatic syntax checking, input destructuring, output restructuring, maintenance of lexical scoping and referential transparency (hygiene), and support for controlled identifier capture.

12.1. Hygiene

Barendregt’s *hygiene condition* [1] for the lambda calculus is an informal notion that requires the free variables of an expression N that is to be substituted into another expression M not to be captured by bindings in M when such capture is not intended. Kohlbecker, et al [8] propose a corresponding *hygiene condition for macro expansion* that applies in all situations where capturing is not explicit: “Generated identifiers that become binding instances in the completely expanded program must only bind variables that are generated at the same transcription step”. In the terminology of this document, the “generated identifiers” are those introduced by a transformer rather than those present in the form passed to the transformer, and a “macro transcription step” corresponds to a single call by the expander to a transformer. Also, the hygiene condition applies to all introduced bindings rather than to introduced variable bindings alone.

This leaves open what happens to an introduced identifier that appears outside the scope of a binding introduced by the same call. Such an identifier refers to the lexical binding in effect where it appears (within a `syntax` (template); see section 12.4) inside the transformer body or one of the helpers it calls. This is essentially the referential transparency property described by Clinger and Rees [3].

Thus, the hygiene condition can be restated as follows:

A binding for an identifier introduced into the output of a transformer call from the expander must capture only references to the identifier introduced into the output of the same transformer call. A reference to an identifier introduced into the output of a transformer refers to the closest enclosing binding for the introduced identifier or, if it appears outside of any enclosing binding for the introduced identifier, the closest enclosing lexical binding where the identifier appears (within a `syntax` (template)) inside the transformer body or one of the helpers it calls.

Explicit captures are handled via `datum->syntax`; see section 12.6.

Operationally, the expander can maintain hygiene with the help of *marks* and *substitutions*. Marks are applied selectively by the expander to the output of each transformer it invokes, and substitutions are applied to the portions of each binding form that are supposed to be within the scope of the bound identifiers. Marks are used to distinguish like-named identifiers that are introduced at different times (either present in the source or introduced into the output of a particular transformer call), and substitutions are used to map identifiers to their expand-time values.

Each time the expander encounters a macro use, it applies an *antimark* to the input form, invokes the associated transformer, then applies a fresh mark to the output. Marks and antimarks cancel, so the portions of the input that appear in the output are effectively left unmarked, while the portions of the output that are introduced are marked with the fresh mark.

Each time the expander encounters a binding form it creates a set of substitutions, each mapping one of the (possibly marked) bound identifiers to information about the binding. (For a `lambda` expression, the expander might map each bound identifier to a representation of the formal parameter in the output of the expander. For a `let-syntax` form, the expander might map each bound identifier to the associated transformer.) These substitutions are applied to the portions of the input form in which the binding is supposed to be visible.

Marks and substitutions together form a *wrap* that is layered on the form being processed by the expander and pushed down toward the leaves as necessary. A wrapped form is referred to as a *wrapped syntax object*. Ultimately, the wrap may rest on a leaf that represents an identifier, in which case the wrapped syntax object is referred to more precisely as an *identifier*. An identifier contains a name along with the wrap. (Names are typically represented by symbols.)

When a substitution is created to map an identifier to an expand-time value, the substitution records the name of the identifier and the set of marks that have been applied to that identifier, along with the associated expand-time value. The expander resolves identifier references by looking for the latest matching substitution to be applied to the identifier, i.e., the outermost substitution in the wrap whose name and marks match the name and marks recorded in the substitution. The name matches if it is the same name (if using symbols, then by `eq?`), and the marks match if the marks recorded with the substitution are the same as those that appear *below* the substitution in the wrap, i.e., those that were applied *before* the substitution. Marks applied after a substitution, i.e., appear over the substitution in the wrap, are not relevant and are ignored.

An algebra that defines how marks and substitutions work more precisely is given in section 2.4 of Oscar Waddell’s PhD thesis [11].

12.2. Syntax objects

A *syntax object* is a representation of a Scheme form that contains contextual information about the form in addition to its structure. This contextual information is used by the expander to maintain lexical scoping and may also be used by an implementation to maintain source-object correlation.

Syntax objects may be wrapped or unwrapped. A wrapped syntax object (section 12.1) consists of a *wrap* (section 12.1) and some internal representation of a Scheme form. (The internal representation is unspecified, but is typically a datum value or datum value annotated with source information.) A wrapped syntax object representing an identifier is itself referred to as an identifier; thus, the term *identifier* may refer either to the syntactic entity (symbol, variable, or keyword) or to the concrete representation of the syntactic entity as a syntax object. Wrapped syntax objects may or may not be distinct from other types of values, but syntax objects representing identifiers are distinct from other types of values.

An unwrapped syntax object is one that is unwrapped, fully or partially, i.e., whose outer layers consist of lists and vectors and whose leaves are either wrapped syntax objects or nonsymbol values.

The term *syntax object* is used in this document to refer to a syntax object that is either wrapped or unwrapped. More formally, a syntax object is:

- a pair of syntax objects,
- a vector of syntax objects,
- a nonpair, nonvector, nonsymbol value, or
- a wrapped syntax object.

The distinction between the terms “syntax object” and “wrapped syntax object” is important. For example, when invoked by the expander, a transformer (section 12.3) must accept a wrapped syntax object but may return any syntax object, including an unwrapped syntax object.

12.3. Transformers

In `define-syntax` (report section 11.2.2), `let-syntax`, and `letrec-syntax` forms (report section 11.18), a binding for a syntactic keyword is an expression that evaluates to a *transformer*.

A transformer is a *transformation procedure* or a *variable transformer*. A transformation procedure is a procedure that must accept one argument, a wrapped syntax object (section 12.2) representing the input, and return a *syntax object* (section 12.2) representing the output. The transformer is called by the expander whenever a reference to a keyword with which it has been associated is found. If the keyword appears in the car of a list-structured input form, the transformer receives the entire list-structured form, and its output replaces the entire form. Except with variable transformers (see below), if the keyword is found in any other definition or expression context, the transformer receives a wrapped syntax object representing just the keyword reference, and its output replaces just the reference. Except with variable transformers, an exception with condition type `&syntax` is raised if the keyword appears on the left-hand side of a `set!` expression.

`(make-variable-transformer proc)` procedure
Proc should accept one argument, a wrapped syntax object, and return a syntax object.

The `make-variable-transformer` procedure creates a *variable transformer*. A variable transformer is like an ordinary transformer except that, if a keyword associated with a variable transformer appears on the left-hand side of a `set!` expression, an exception is not raised. Instead, *proc* is called with a wrapped syntax object representing the entire `set!` expression as its argument, and its return value replaces the entire `set!` expression.

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the restrictions on *proc* only to the extent performed by applying it as described. An implementation may check whether *proc* is an appropriate argument before applying it.

12.4. Parsing input and producing output

Transformers can destructure their input with `syntax-case` and rebuild their output with `syntax`.

`(syntax-case <expression> (<literal> ...)` syntax
 <syntax-case clause> ...)
 - auxiliary syntax
 ... auxiliary syntax

Syntax: Each <literal> must be an identifier. Each <syntax-case clause> must take one of the following two forms.

<(pattern) <output expression>
 <(pattern) <fender> <output expression>

<Fender> and <output expression> must be <expression>s.

A <pattern> is an identifier, constant, or one of the following.

<(pattern) ...>
 <(pattern) <pattern> <pattern>>
 <(pattern) ... <pattern> <ellipsis> <pattern> ...>
 <(pattern) ... <pattern> <ellipsis> <pattern> <pattern>>
 #<(pattern) ...>
 #<(pattern) ... <pattern> <ellipsis> <pattern> ...>

An <ellipsis> is the identifier “...” (three periods).

An identifier appearing within a <pattern> may be an underscore (_), a literal identifier listed in the list of literals (<literal> ...), or an ellipsis (...). All other identifiers appearing within a <pattern> are *pattern variables*. It is a syntax violation if an ellipsis or underscore appears in (<literal> ...).

_ and ... are the same as in the `(rnrs base (6))` library.

Pattern variables match arbitrary input subforms and are used to refer to elements of the input. It is a syntax violation if the same pattern variable appears more than once in a <pattern>.

Underscores also match arbitrary input subforms but are not pattern variables and so cannot be used to refer to those elements. Multiple underscores may appear in a <pattern>.

A literal identifier matches an input subform if and only if the input subform is an identifier and either both its occurrence in the input expression and its occurrence in the list of literals have the same lexical binding, or the two identifiers have the same name and both have no lexical binding.

A subpattern followed by an ellipsis can match zero or more elements of the input.

More formally, an input form *F* matches a pattern *P* if and only if one of the following holds:

- *P* is an underscore (_).
- *P* is a pattern variable.
- *P* is a literal identifier and *F* is an equivalent identifier in the sense of `free-identifier=?` (section 12.5).
- *P* is of the form $(P_1 \dots P_n)$ and *F* is a list of *n* elements that match P_1 through P_n .
- *P* is of the form $(P_1 \dots P_n . P_x)$ and *F* is a list or improper list of *n* or more elements whose first *n* elements match P_1 through P_n and whose *n*th cdr matches P_x .
- *P* is of the form $(P_1 \dots P_k P_e \langle\text{ellipsis}\rangle P_{m+1} \dots P_n)$, where <ellipsis> is the identifier ... and *F* is a proper list of *n* elements whose first *k* elements match P_1 through P_k , whose next $m - k$ elements each match P_e , and whose remaining $n - m$ elements match P_{m+1} through P_n .

- P is of the form $(P_1 \dots P_k P_e \langle\text{ellipsis}\rangle P_{m+1} \dots P_n . P_x)$, where $\langle\text{ellipsis}\rangle$ is the identifier \dots and F is a list or improper list of n elements whose first k elements match P_1 through P_k , whose next $m - k$ elements each match P_e , whose next $n - m$ elements match P_{m+1} through P_n , and whose n th and final cdr matches P_x .
- P is of the form $\#(P_1 \dots P_n)$ and F is a vector of n elements that match P_1 through P_n .
- P is of the form $\#(P_1 \dots P_k P_e \langle\text{ellipsis}\rangle P_{m+1} \dots P_n)$, where $\langle\text{ellipsis}\rangle$ is the identifier \dots and F is a vector of n or more elements whose first k elements match P_1 through P_k , whose next $m - k$ elements each match P_e , and whose remaining $n - m$ elements match P_{m+1} through P_n .
- P is a pattern datum (any nonlist, nonvector, non-symbol datum) and F is equal to P in the sense of the `equal?` procedure.

Semantics: A `syntax-case` expression first evaluates $\langle\text{expression}\rangle$. It then attempts to match the $\langle\text{pattern}\rangle$ from the first $\langle\text{syntax-case clause}\rangle$ against the resulting value, which is unwrapped as necessary to perform the match. If the pattern matches the value and no $\langle\text{fender}\rangle$ is present, $\langle\text{output expression}\rangle$ is evaluated and its value returned as the value of the `syntax-case` expression. If the pattern does not match the value, `syntax-case` tries the second $\langle\text{syntax-case clause}\rangle$, then the third, and so on. It is a syntax violation if the value does not match any of the patterns.

If the optional $\langle\text{fender}\rangle$ is present, it serves as an additional constraint on acceptance of a clause. If the $\langle\text{pattern}\rangle$ of a given $\langle\text{syntax-case clause}\rangle$ matches the input value, the corresponding $\langle\text{fender}\rangle$ is evaluated. If $\langle\text{fender}\rangle$ evaluates to a true value, the clause is accepted; otherwise, the clause is rejected as if the pattern had failed to match the value. Fenders are logically a part of the matching process, i.e., they specify additional matching constraints beyond the basic structure of the input.

Pattern variables contained within a clause's $\langle\text{pattern}\rangle$ are bound to the corresponding pieces of the input value within the clause's $\langle\text{fender}\rangle$ (if present) and $\langle\text{output expression}\rangle$. Pattern variables can be referenced only within `syntax` expressions (see below). Pattern variables occupy the same name space as program variables and keywords.

If the `syntax-case` form is in tail context, the $\langle\text{output expression}\rangle$ s are also in tail position.

`(syntax <template>)` syntax

Note: `\#<template>` is equivalent to `(syntax <template>)`.

A `syntax` expression is similar to a `quote` expression except that (1) the values of pattern variables appearing within $\langle\text{template}\rangle$ are inserted into $\langle\text{template}\rangle$, (2) contextual information associated both with the input and with the template is retained in the output to support lexical scoping, and (3) the value of a `syntax` expression is a syntax object.

A $\langle\text{template}\rangle$ is a pattern variable, an identifier that is not a pattern variable, a pattern datum, or one of the following.

```

((subtemplate) ...)
((subtemplate) ... . <template>)
#\<subtemplate> ...

```

A $\langle\text{subtemplate}\rangle$ is a $\langle\text{template}\rangle$ followed by zero or more ellipses.

The value of a `syntax` form is a copy of $\langle\text{template}\rangle$ in which the pattern variables appearing within the template are replaced with the input subforms to which they are bound. Pattern data and identifiers that are not pattern variables or ellipses are copied directly into the output. A subtemplate followed by an ellipsis expands into zero or more occurrences of the subtemplate. Pattern variables that occur in subpatterns followed by one or more ellipses may occur only in subtemplates that are followed by (at least) as many ellipses. These pattern variables are replaced in the output by the input subforms to which they are bound, distributed as specified. If a pattern variable is followed by more ellipses in the subtemplate than in the associated subpattern, the input form is replicated as necessary. The subtemplate must contain at least one pattern variable from a subpattern followed by an ellipsis, and for at least one such pattern variable, the subtemplate must be followed by exactly as many ellipses as the subpattern in which the pattern variable appears. (Otherwise, the expander would not be able to determine how many times the subform should be repeated in the output.) It is a syntax violation if the constraints of this paragraph are not met.

A template of the form $((\langle\text{ellipsis}\rangle \langle\text{template}\rangle)$ is identical to $\langle\text{template}\rangle$, except that ellipses within the template have no special meaning. That is, any ellipses contained within $\langle\text{template}\rangle$ are treated as ordinary identifiers. In particular, the template $(\dots \dots)$ produces a single ellipsis. This allows macro uses to expand into forms containing ellipses.

The output produced by `syntax` is wrapped or unwrapped according to the following rules.

- the copy of $((\langle t_1 \rangle . \langle t_2 \rangle)$ is a pair if $\langle t_1 \rangle$ or $\langle t_2 \rangle$ contain any pattern variables,
- the copy of $((\langle t \rangle \langle\text{ellipsis}\rangle)$ is a list if $\langle t \rangle$ contains any pattern variables,
- the copy of $\#\langle t_1 \rangle \dots \langle t_n \rangle$ is a vector if any of $\langle t_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle t_n \rangle$ contain any pattern variables, and

- the copy of any portion of $\langle t \rangle$ not containing any pattern variables is a wrapped syntax object.

The input subforms inserted in place of the pattern variables are wrapped if and only if the corresponding input subforms are wrapped.

The following definitions of `or` illustrate `syntax-case` and `syntax`. The second is equivalent to the first but uses the `#'` prefix instead of the full `syntax` form.

```
(define-syntax or
  (lambda (x)
    (syntax-case x ()
      [(_) (syntax #f)]
      [( _ e) (syntax e)]
      [( _ e1 e2 e3 ...)
       (syntax (let ([t e1])
                  (if t t (or e2 e3 ...)))))])))
```

```
(define-syntax or
  (lambda (x)
    (syntax-case x ()
      [(_) #'#f]
      [( _ e) #'e]
      [( _ e1 e2 e3 ...)
       #'(let ([t e1])
           (if t t (or e2 e3 ...)))))])))
```

The examples below define *identifier macros*, macro uses supporting keyword references that do not necessarily appear in the first position of a list-structured form. The second example uses `make-variable-transformer` to handle the case where the keyword appears on the left-hand side of a `set!` expression.

```
(define p (cons 4 5))
(define-syntax p.car
  (lambda (x)
    (syntax-case x ()
      [( _ . rest) #'((car p) . rest)]
      [_ #'(car p)])))
p.car           ⇒ 4
(set! p.car 15) ⇒ &syntax exception
```

```
(define p (cons 4 5))
(define-syntax p.car
  (make-variable-transformer
   (lambda (x)
     (syntax-case x (set!)
       [(set! _ e) #'(set-car! p e)]
       [( _ . rest) #'((car p) . rest)]
       [_ #'(car p)]))))
(set! p.car 15)
p.car           ⇒ 15
p               ⇒ (15 5)
```

12.5. Identifier predicates

(`identifier?` *obj*) procedure

Returns `#t` if *obj* is an identifier, i.e., a syntax object representing an identifier, and `#f` otherwise.

The `identifier?` procedure is often used within a fender to verify that certain subforms of an input form are identifiers, as in the definition of `rec`, which creates self-contained recursive objects, below.

```
(define-syntax rec
  (lambda (x)
    (syntax-case x ()
      [( _ x e)
       (identifier? #'x)
       #'(letrec ([x e]) x)])))

(map (rec fact
      (lambda (n)
        (if (= n 0)
            1
            (* n (fact (- n 1))))))
     '(1 2 3 4 5))
⇒ (1 2 6 24 120)

(rec 5 (lambda (x) x)) ⇒ &syntax exception
```

The procedures `bound-identifier=?` and `free-identifier=?` each take two identifier arguments and return `#t` if their arguments are equivalent and `#f` otherwise. These predicates are used to compare identifiers according to their *intended use* as free references or bound identifiers in a given context.

(`bound-identifier=?` *id*₁ *id*₂) procedure

*Id*₁ and *id*₂ must be identifiers. The procedure `bound-identifier=?` returns `#t` if and only if a binding for one would capture a reference to the other in the output of the transformer, assuming that the reference appears within the scope of the binding. In general, two identifiers are `bound-identifier=?` only if both are present in the original program or both are introduced by the same transformer application (perhaps implicitly—see `datum->syntax`). Operationally, two identifiers are considered equivalent by `bound-identifier=?` if and only if they have the same name and same marks (section 12.1).

The `bound-identifier=?` procedure can be used for detecting duplicate identifiers in a binding construct or for other preprocessing of a binding construct that requires detecting instances of the bound identifiers.

(`free-identifier=?` *id*₁ *id*₂) procedure

*Id*₁ and *id*₂ must be identifiers. The `free-identifier=?` procedure returns `#t` if and only if the two identifiers would

resolve to the same binding if both were to appear in the output of a transformer outside of any bindings inserted by the transformer. (If neither of two like-named identifiers resolves to a binding, i.e., both are unbound, they are considered to resolve to the same binding.) Operationally, two identifiers are considered equivalent by `free-identifier=?` if and only the topmost matching substitution for each maps to the same binding (section 12.1) or the identifiers have the same name and no matching substitution.

The `syntax-case` and `syntax-rules` forms internally use `free-identifier=?` to compare identifiers listed in the literals list against input identifiers.

The following definition of unnamed `let` uses `bound-identifier=?` to detect duplicate identifiers.

```
(define-syntax let
  (lambda (x)
    (define unique-ids?
      (lambda (ls)
        (or (null? ls)
            (and (let notmem?
                   ([x (car ls)] [ls (cdr ls)])
                 (or (null? ls)
                     (and (not (bound-identifier=?
                                x (car ls)))
                          (notmem? x (cdr ls))))))
             (unique-ids? (cdr ls))))))
    (syntax-case x ()
      [(_ ((i v) ...) e1 e2 ...)
       (unique-ids? #'(i ...))
       #'((lambda (i ...) e1 e2 ...) v ...))]))
```

The argument `#'(i ...)` to `unique-ids?` is guaranteed to be a list by the rules given in the description of `syntax` above.

With this definition of `let`:

```
(let ([a 3] [a 4]) (+ a a))
⇒ &syntax exception
```

However,

```
(let-syntax
  ([dolet (lambda (x)
            (syntax-case x ()
              [(_ b)
               #'(let ([a 3] [b 4]) (+ a b))]))])
  (dolet a))
⇒ 7
```

since the identifier `a` introduced by `dolet` and the identifier `a` extracted from the input form are not `bound-identifier=?`.

The following definition of `case` is equivalent to the one in section 12.4. Rather than including `else` in the literals list as before, this version explicitly tests for `else` using `free-identifier=?`.

```
(define-syntax case
  (lambda (x)
    (syntax-case x ()
      [(_ e0 [(k ...) e1 e2 ...] ...
            [else-key else-e1 else-e2 ...])
       (and (identifier? #'else-key)
            (free-identifier=? #'else-key #'else))
       #'(let ([t e0])
           (cond
            [(memv t '(k ...)) e1 e2 ...]
            ...
            [else else-e1 else-e2 ...]))
       [(_ e0 [(ka ...) e1a e2a ...]
              [(kb ...) e1b e2b ...] ...)
       #'(let ([t e0])
           (cond
            [(memv t '(ka ...)) e1a e2a ...]
            [(memv t '(kb ...)) e1b e2b ...]
            ...)))]))
```

With either definition of `case`, `else` is not recognized as an auxiliary keyword if an enclosing lexical binding for `else` exists. For example,

```
(let ([else #f])
  (case 0 [else (write "oops")]))
⇒ &syntax exception
```

since `else` is bound lexically and is therefore not the same `else` that appears in the definition of `case`.

12.6. Syntax-object and datum conversions

(`syntax->datum` *syntax-object*) procedure

Strips all syntactic information from a syntax object and returns the corresponding Scheme datum.

Identifiers stripped in this manner are converted to their symbolic names, which can then be compared with `eq?`. Thus, a predicate `symbolic-identifier=?` might be defined as follows.

```
(define symbolic-identifier=?
  (lambda (x y)
    (eq? (syntax->datum x)
         (syntax->datum y))))
```

(`datum->syntax` *template-id* *datum*) procedure

Template-id must be a template identifier and *datum* should be a datum value. The `datum->syntax` procedure returns a syntax-object representation of *datum* that contains the same contextual information as *template-id*, with the effect that the syntax object behaves as if it were introduced into the code when *template-id* was introduced.

The `datum->syntax` procedure allows a transformer to “bend” lexical scoping rules by creating *implicit identifiers* that behave as if they were present in the input form, thus permitting the definition of macros that introduce visible bindings for or references to identifiers that do not appear explicitly in the input form. For example, the following defines a `loop` expression that uses this controlled form of identifier capture to bind the variable `break` to an escape procedure within the loop body. (The derived `with-syntax` form is like `let` but binds pattern variables—see section 12.8.)

```
(define-syntax loop
  (lambda (x)
    (syntax-case x ()
      [(k e ...)
       (with-syntax
          ([break (datum->syntax #'k 'break)])
          #'(call-with-current-continuation
              (lambda (break)
                (let f () e ... (f))))))]))

(let ((n 3) (ls '()))
  (loop
   (if (= n 0) (break ls))
   (set! ls (cons 'a ls))
   (set! n (- n 1))))
⇒ (a a a)
```

Were `loop` to be defined as

```
(define-syntax loop
  (lambda (x)
    (syntax-case x ()
      [( _ e ...)
       #'(call-with-current-continuation
           (lambda (break)
             (let f () e ... (f))))]))
```

the variable `break` would not be visible in `e ...`.

The `datum` argument *datum* may also represent an arbitrary Scheme form, as demonstrated by the following definition of `include`.

```
(define-syntax include
  (lambda (x)
    (define read-file
      (lambda (fn k)
        (let ([p (open-file-input-port fn)])
          (let f ([x (get-datum p)])
            (if (eof-object? x)
                (begin (close-port p) '())
                (cons (datum->syntax k x)
                      (f (get-datum p))))))))))
    (syntax-case x ()
      [(k filename)
       (let ([fn (syntax->datum #'filename)])
         (with-syntax ([exp ...]
                       (read-file fn #'k))]
           #'(begin exp ...))))))
```

`(include "filename")` expands into a `begin` expression containing the forms found in the file named by `"filename"`. For example, if the file `flib.ss` contains `(define f (lambda (x) (g (* x x))))`, and the file `glib.ss` contains `(define g (lambda (x) (+ x x)))`, the expression

```
(let ()
  (include "flib.ss")
  (include "glib.ss")
  (f 5))
```

evaluates to 50.

The definition of `include` uses `datum->syntax` to convert the objects read from the file into syntax objects in the proper lexical context, so that identifier references and definitions within those expressions are scoped where the `include` form appears.

Using `datum->syntax`, it is even possible to break hygiene entirely and write macros in the style of old Lisp macros. The `lisp-transformer` procedure defined below creates a transformer that converts its input into a datum, calls the programmer’s procedure on this datum, and converts the result back into a syntax object that is scoped at top level (or, more accurately, wherever `lisp-transformer` is defined).

```
(define lisp-transformer
  (lambda (p)
    (lambda (x)
      (datum->syntax #'lisp-transformer
        (p (syntax->datum x))))))
```

12.7. Generating lists of temporaries

Transformers can introduce a fixed number of identifiers into their output simply by naming each identifier. In some cases, however, the number of identifiers to be introduced depends upon some characteristic of the input expression. A straightforward definition of `letrec`, for example, requires as many temporary identifiers as there are binding pairs in the input expression. The procedure `generate-temporaries` is used to construct lists of temporary identifiers.

`(generate-temporaries l)` procedure
L must be a list or syntax object representing a list-structured form; its contents are not important. The number of temporaries generated is the number of elements in *l*. Each temporary is guaranteed to be unique, i.e., different from all other identifiers.

A definition of `letrec` equivalent to the one using `syntax-rules` given in report appendix B is shown below.


```

#, (let f ([c1 #'c1] [cmore #'(c2 ...)])
  (if (null? cmore)
      (syntax-case c1 (else)
        [(else e1 e2 ...)
         #'(begin e1 e2 ...)]
        [(k ...) e1 e2 ...]
         #'(if (memv t '(k ...))
              (begin e1 e2 ...)))]
      (syntax-case c1 ()
        [(k ...) e1 e2 ...]
         #'(if (memv t '(k ...))
              (begin e1 e2 ...)
              #,(f (car cmore)
                  (cdr cmore)))))))))

```

```

(make-variable-transformer
 (lambda (x)
   (syntax-case x (set!)
     [(set! var val) #'exp2]
     [(id x (... ...)) #'(exp1 x (... ...))]
     [id (identifier? #'id) #'exp1])))

```

12.9. Syntax violations

```

(syntax-violation who message form)      procedure
(syntax-violation who message form subform) procedure

```

Uses of `unsyntax` and `unsyntax-splicing` with zero or more than one subform are valid only in splicing (list or vector) contexts. `(unsyntax template ...)` is equivalent to `(unsyntax template) ...`, and `(unsyntax-splicing template ...)` is equivalent to `(unsyntax-splicing template) ...`. These forms are primarily useful as intermediate forms in the output of the `quasisyntax` expander.

Note: Uses of `unsyntax` and `unsyntax-splicing` with zero or more than one subform enable certain idioms [2], such as `#,@#,@`, which has the effect of a doubly indirect splicing when used within a doubly nested and doubly evaluated `quasisyntax` expression, as with the nested `quasiquote` examples shown in section 11.17.

Note: Any `syntax-rules` form can be expressed with `syntax-case` by making the `lambda` expression and `syntax` expressions explicit, and `syntax-rules` may be defined in terms of `syntax-case` as follows.

```

(define-syntax syntax-rules
  (lambda (x)
    (syntax-case x ()
      [(_ (k ...) [_ . p] f ... t] ...)
       #'(lambda (x)
           (syntax-case x (k ...)
             [_ . p] f ... #'t] ...)))))

```

A more robust implementation would verify that the literals (literal) ... are all identifiers, that the first position of each pattern is an identifier, and that at most one fender is present in each clause.

Note: The `identifier-syntax` form of the base library (see report section 11.19) may be defined in terms of `syntax-case`, `syntax`, and `make-variable-transformer` as follows.

```

(define-syntax identifier-syntax
  (syntax-rules (set!)
    [(_ e)
     (lambda (x)
       (syntax-case x ()
         [id (identifier? #'id) #'e]
         [(_ x (... ...)) #'(e x (... ...))])])])
    [(_ (id exp1) ((set! var val) exp2))
     (and (identifier? #'id) (identifier? #'var))

```

Who must be `#f` or a string or a symbol. *Message* must be a string. *Form* must be a syntax object or a datum value. *Subform* must be a syntax object or a datum value. The `syntax-violation` procedure raises an exception, reporting a syntax violation. The *who* argument should describe the macro transformer that detected the exception. The *message* argument should describe the violation. The *form* argument is the erroneous source syntax object or a datum value representing a form. The optional *subform* argument is a syntax object or datum value representing a form that more precisely locates the violation.

If *who* is `#f`, `syntax-violation` attempts to infer an appropriate value for the condition object (see below) as follows: When *form* is either an identifier or a list-structured syntax object containing an identifier as its first element, then the inferred value is the identifier's symbol. Otherwise, no value for *who* is provided as part of the condition object.

The condition object provided with the exception (see chapter 7) has the following condition types:

- If *who* is not `#f` or can be inferred, the condition has condition type `&who`, with *who* as the value of the `who` field. In that case, *who* should identify the procedure or entity that detected the exception. If it is `#f`, the condition does not have condition type `&who`.
- The condition has condition type `&message`, with *message* as the value of the `message` field.
- The condition has condition type `&syntax` with *form* as the value of the `form` field, and *subform* as the value of the `subform` field. If *subform* is not provided, the value of the `subform` field is `#f`.

13. Hashtables

The `(rnrs hashtables (6))` library provides a set of operations on hashtables. A *hashtable* is a data structure that

associates keys with values. Any object can be used as a key, provided a *hash function* and a suitable *equivalence function* is available. A hash function is a procedure that maps keys to exact integer objects. It is the programmer's responsibility to ensure that the hash function is compatible with the equivalence function, which is a procedure that accepts two keys and returns true if they are equivalent and #f otherwise. Standard hashables for arbitrary objects based on the eq? and eqv? predicates (see report section 11.5) are provided. Also, hash functions for arbitrary objects, strings, and symbols are provided.

This section uses the *hashtable* parameter name for arguments that must be hashables, and the *key* parameter name for arguments that must be hashtable keys.

13.1. Constructors

(make-eq-hashtable) procedure
(make-eq-hashtable *k*) procedure

Returns a newly allocated mutable hashtable that accepts arbitrary objects as keys, and compares those keys with eq?. If an argument is given, the initial capacity of the hashtable is set to approximately *k* elements.

(make-eqv-hashtable) procedure
(make-eqv-hashtable *k*) procedure

Returns a newly allocated mutable hashtable that accepts arbitrary objects as keys, and compares those keys with eqv?. If an argument is given, the initial capacity of the hashtable is set to approximately *k* elements.

(make-hashtable *hash-function equiv*) procedure
(make-hashtable *hash-function equiv k*) procedure

Hash-function and *equiv* must be procedures. *Hash-function* should accept a key as an argument and should return a non-negative exact integer object. *Equiv* should accept two keys as arguments and return a single value. Neither procedure should mutate the hashtable returned by *make-hashtable*. The *make-hashtable* procedure returns a newly allocated mutable hashtable using *hash-function* as the hash function and *equiv* as the equivalence function used to compare keys. If a third argument is given, the initial capacity of the hashtable is set to approximately *k* elements.

Both *hash-function* and *equiv* should behave like pure functions on the domain of keys. For example, the *string-hash* and *string=?* procedures are permissible only if all keys are strings and the contents of those strings are never changed so long as any of them continues to serve as a key in the hashtable. Furthermore, any pair of keys

for which *equiv* returns true should be hashed to the same exact integer objects by *hash-function*.

Implementation responsibilities: The implementation must check the restrictions on *hash-function* and *equiv* to the extent performed by applying them as described.

Note: Hashables are allowed to cache the results of calling the hash function and equivalence function, so programs cannot rely on the hash function being called for every lookup or update. Furthermore any hashtable operation may call the hash function more than once.

13.2. Procedures

(hashtable? *hashtable*) procedure
Returns #t if *hashtable* is a hashtable, #f otherwise.

(hashtable-size *hashtable*) procedure
Returns the number of keys contained in *hashtable* as an exact integer object.

(hashtable-ref *hashtable key default*) procedure
Returns the value in *hashtable* associated with *key*. If *hashtable* does not contain an association for *key*, *default* is returned.

(hashtable-set! *hashtable key obj*) procedure
Changes *hashtable* to associate *key* with *obj*, adding a new association or replacing any existing association for *key*, and returns unspecified values.

(hashtable-delete! *hashtable key*) procedure
Removes any association for *key* within *hashtable* and returns unspecified values.

(hashtable-contains? *hashtable key*) procedure
Returns #t if *hashtable* contains an association for *key*, #f otherwise.

(hashtable-update! *hashtable key proc default*) procedure

Proc should accept one argument, should return a single value, and should not mutate *hashtable*. The *hashtable-update!* procedure applies *proc* to the value in *hashtable* associated with *key*, or to *default* if *hashtable* does not contain an association for *key*. The *hashtable* is then changed to associate *key* with the value returned by *proc*.

The behavior of *hashtable-update!* is equivalent to the following code, but may be implemented more efficiently in cases where the implementation can avoid multiple lookups of the same key:

```
(hashtable-set!
  hashtable key
  (proc (hashtable-ref
        hashtable key default)))
```

```
(hashtable-copy hashtable)           procedure
(hashtable-copy hashtable mutable)   procedure
```

Returns a copy of *hashtable*. If the *mutable* argument is provided and is true, the returned hashtable is mutable; otherwise it is immutable.

```
(hashtable-clear! hashtable)         procedure
(hashtable-clear! hashtable k)       procedure
```

Removes all associations from *hashtable* and returns unspecified values.

If a second argument is given, the current capacity of the hashtable is reset to approximately *k* elements.

```
(hashtable-keys hashtable)          procedure
```

Returns a vector of all keys in *hashtable*. The order of the vector is unspecified.

```
(hashtable-entries hashtable)       procedure
```

Returns two values, a vector of the keys in *hashtable*, and a vector of the corresponding values.

```
(let ((h (make-eqv-hashtable)))
  (hashtable-set! h 1 'one)
  (hashtable-set! h 2 'two)
  (hashtable-set! h 3 'three)
  (hashtable-entries h))
  ⇒ #(1 2 3), #(one two three)
  ; two return values
```

13.3. Inspection

```
(hashtable-equivalence-function hashtable) procedure
```

Returns the equivalence function used by *hashtable* to compare keys. For hashtables created with `make-eq-hashtable` and `make-eqv-hashtable`, returns `eq?` and `eqv?` respectively.

```
(hashtable-hash-function hashtable) procedure
```

Returns the hash function used by *hashtable*. For hashtables created by `make-eq-hashtable` or `make-eqv-hashtable`, `#f` is returned.

```
(hashtable-mutable? hashtable)      procedure
```

Returns `#t` if *hashtable* is mutable, otherwise `#f`.

13.4. Hash functions

The `equal-hash`, `string-hash`, and `string-ci-hash` procedures of this section are acceptable as the hash functions of a hashtable only if the keys on which they are called are not mutated while they remain in use as keys in the hashtable.

```
(equal-hash obj)                     procedure
```

Returns an integer hash value for *obj*, based on its structure and current contents. This hash function is suitable for use with `equal?` as an equivalence function.

Note: Like `equal?`, the `equal-hash` procedure must always terminate, even if its arguments contain cycles.

```
(string-hash string)                 procedure
```

Returns an integer hash value for *string*, based on its current contents. This hash function is suitable for use with `string=?` as an equivalence function.

```
(string-ci-hash string)              procedure
```

Returns an integer hash value for *string* based on its current contents, ignoring case. This hash function is suitable for use with `string-ci=?` as an equivalence function.

```
(symbol-hash symbol)                procedure
```

Returns an integer hash value for *symbol*.

14. Enumerations

This chapter describes the `(rnrs enums (6))` library for dealing with enumerated values and sets of enumerated values. Enumerated values are represented by ordinary symbols, while finite sets of enumerated values form a separate type, known as the *enumeration sets*. The enumeration sets are further partitioned into sets that share the same *universe* and *enumeration type*. These universes and enumeration types are created by the `make-enumeration` procedure. Each call to that procedure creates a new enumeration type.

This library interprets each enumeration set with respect to its specific universe of symbols and enumeration type. This facilitates efficient implementation of enumeration sets and enables the complement operation.

In the descriptions of the following procedures, *enum-set* ranges over the enumeration sets, which are defined as the subsets of the universes that can be defined using `make-enumeration`.

`(make-enumeration symbol-list)` procedure
Symbol-list must be a list of symbols. The `make-enumeration` procedure creates a new enumeration type whose universe consists of those symbols (in canonical order of their first appearance in the list) and returns that universe as an enumeration set whose universe is itself and whose enumeration type is the newly created enumeration type.

`(enum-set-universe enum-set)` procedure
 Returns the set of all symbols that comprise the universe of its argument, as an enumeration set.

`(enum-set-indexer enum-set)` procedure
 Returns a unary procedure that, given a symbol that is in the universe of *enum-set*, returns its 0-origin index within the canonical ordering of the symbols in the universe; given a value not in the universe, the unary procedure returns `#f`.

```
(let* ((e (make-enumeration '(red green blue)))
      (i (enum-set-indexer e)))
  (list (i 'red) (i 'green) (i 'blue) (i 'yellow)))
  ⇒ (0 1 2 #f)
```

The `enum-set-indexer` procedure could be defined as follows using the `memq` procedure from the `(rnrs lists (6))` library:

```
(define (enum-set-indexer set)
  (let* ((symbols (enum-set->list
                  (enum-set-universe set)))
        (cardinality (length symbols)))
    (lambda (x)
      (let ((probe (memq x symbols)))
        (if probe
            (- cardinality (length probe)
              #f))))))
```

`(enum-set-creator enum-set)` procedure
 Returns a unary procedure that, given a list of symbols that belong to the universe of *enum-set*, returns a subset of that universe that contains exactly the symbols in the list. The values in the list must all belong to the universe.

`(enum-set->list enum-set)` procedure
 Returns a list of the symbols that belong to its argument, in the canonical order of the universe of *enum-set*.

```
(let* ((e (make-enumeration '(red green blue)))
      (c (enum-set-creator e)))
  (enum-set->list (c '(blue red))))
  ⇒ (red blue)
```

`(enum-set-member? symbol enum-set)` procedure
`(enum-set-subset? enum-set1 enum-set2)` procedure
`(enum-set=? enum-set1 enum-set2)` procedure

The `enum-set-member?` procedure returns `#t` if its first argument is an element of its second argument, `#f` otherwise.

The `enum-set-subset?` procedure returns `#t` if the universe of *enum-set₁* is a subset of the universe of *enum-set₂* (considered as sets of symbols) and every element of *enum-set₁* is a member of *enum-set₂*. It returns `#f` otherwise.

The `enum-set=?` procedure returns `#t` if *enum-set₁* is a subset of *enum-set₂* and vice versa, as determined by the `enum-set-subset?` procedure. This implies that the universes of the two sets are equal as sets of symbols, but does not imply that they are equal as enumeration types. Otherwise, `#f` is returned.

```
(let* ((e (make-enumeration '(red green blue)))
      (c (enum-set-creator e)))
  (list
   (enum-set-member? 'blue (c '(red blue)))
   (enum-set-member? 'green (c '(red blue)))
   (enum-set-subset? (c '(red blue)) e)
   (enum-set-subset? (c '(red blue)) (c '(blue red)))
   (enum-set-subset? (c '(red blue)) (c '(red)))
   (enum-set=? (c '(red blue)) (c '(blue red))))
  ⇒ (#t #f #t #t #f #t)
```

`(enum-set-union enum-set1 enum-set2)` procedure
`(enum-set-intersection enum-set1 enum-set2)` procedure
`(enum-set-difference enum-set1 enum-set2)` procedure

Enum-set₁ and *enum-set₂* must be enumeration sets that have the same enumeration type.

The `enum-set-union` procedure returns the union of *enum-set₁* and *enum-set₂*. The `enum-set-intersection` procedure returns the intersection of *enum-set₁* and *enum-set₂*. The `enum-set-difference` procedure returns the difference of *enum-set₁* and *enum-set₂*.

```
(let* ((e (make-enumeration '(red green blue)))
      (c (enum-set-creator e)))
  (list (enum-set->list
        (enum-set-union (c '(blue)) (c '(red))))
        (enum-set->list
        (enum-set-intersection (c '(red green))
                              (c '(red blue))))
        (enum-set->list
        (enum-set-difference (c '(red green))
                              (c '(red blue))))))
  ⇒ ((red blue) (red) (green))
```

`(enum-set-complement enum-set)` procedure

Returns *enum-set*'s complement with respect to its universe.

```
(let* ((e (make-enumeration '(red green blue)))
      (c (enum-set-creator e)))
  (enum-set->list
   (enum-set-complement (c '(red))))
  ⇒ (green blue)
```

`(enum-set-projection enum-set1 enum-set2)` procedure

Projects *enum-set*₁ into the universe of *enum-set*₂, dropping any elements of *enum-set*₁ that do not belong to the universe of *enum-set*₂. (If *enum-set*₁ is a subset of the universe of its second, no elements are dropped, and the injection is returned.)

```
(let ((e1 (make-enumeration
          '(red green blue black)))
      (e2 (make-enumeration
          '(red black white))))
  (enum-set->list
   (enum-set-projection e1 e2)))
  ⇒ (red black)
```

`(define-enumeration <type-name>` syntax
`<(symbol) ...>`
`<constructor-syntax>`)

The `define-enumeration` form defines an enumeration type and provides two macros for constructing its members and sets of its members.

A `define-enumeration` form is a definition and can appear anywhere any other (definition) can appear.

<Type-name> is an identifier that is bound as a syntactic keyword; <symbol> ... are the symbols that comprise the universe of the enumeration (in order).

<(type-name) <symbol>> checks at macro-expansion time whether the name of <symbol> is in the universe associated with <type-name>. If it is, <(type-name) <symbol>> is equivalent to <symbol>. It is a syntax violation if it is not.

<Constructor-syntax> is an identifier that is bound to a macro that, given any finite sequence of the symbols in the universe, possibly with duplicates, expands into an expression that evaluates to the enumeration set of those symbols.

<(constructor-syntax) <symbol> ...> checks at macro-expansion time whether every <symbol> ... is in the universe associated with <type-name>. It is a syntax violation if one or more is not. Otherwise

```
<(constructor-syntax) <symbol> ...>
```

is equivalent to

```
((enum-set-creator (<constructor-syntax>))
 '(<symbol> ...)).
```

Example:

```
(define-enumeration color
  (black white purple maroon)
  color-set)

(color black)           ⇒ black
(color purple)         ⇒ &syntax exception
(enum-set->list (color-set)) ⇒ ()
(enum-set->list
 (color-set maroon white)) ⇒ (white maroon)
```

Note: In <(type-name) <symbol>> and <(constructor-syntax) <symbol> ...> forms, only the names of the <symbol>s are significant.

15. Composite library

The `(rnrs 6)` library is a composite of most of the libraries described in this report. The only exceptions are:

- `(rnrs eval 6)` (chapter 16)
- `(rnrs mutable-pairs 6)` (chapter 17)
- `(rnrs mutable-strings 6)` (chapter 18)
- `(rnrs r5rs 6)` (chapter 19)

The library exports all procedures and syntactic forms provided by the component libraries.

All of the bindings exported by `(rnrs 6)` are exported for both `run` and `expand`; see report section 7.2.

16. eval

The `(rnrs eval 6)` library allows a program to create Scheme expressions as data at run time and evaluate them.

`(eval expression environment-specifier)` procedure

Evaluates *expression* in the specified environment and returns its value. *Expression* must be a syntactically valid Scheme expression represented as a datum value, and *environment-specifier* must be a *library specifier*, which can be created using the `environment` procedure described below.

If the first argument to `eval` is determined not to be a syntactically correct expression, then `eval` must raise an exception with condition type `&syntax`. Specifically, if the first argument to `eval` is a definition or a splicing `begin`

form containing a definition, it must raise an exception with condition type `&syntax`.

```
(environment import-spec ...) procedure
Import-spec must be a datum representing an
⟨import spec⟩ (see report section 7.1). The environment
procedure returns an environment corresponding to
import-spec
```

The bindings of the environment represented by the specifier are immutable: If `eval` is applied to an expression that is determined to contain an assignment to one of the variables of the environment, then `eval` must raise an exception with a condition type `&assertion`.

```
(library (foo)
  (export)
  (import (rnrs))
  (write
    (eval '(let ((x 3)) x)
      (environment '(rnrs))))
    writes 3
```

```
(library (foo)
  (export)
  (import (rnrs))
  (write
    (eval
      '(eval:car (eval:cons 2 4))
      (environment
        '(prefix (only (rnrs) car cdr cons null?)
          eval:))))
    writes 2
```

17. Mutable pairs

The procedures provided by the `(rnrs mutable-pairs (6))` library allow new values to be assigned to the `car` and `cdr` fields of previously allocated pairs.

```
(set-car! pair obj) procedure
Stores obj in the car field of pair. The set-car! procedure
returns unspecified values.
```

```
(define (f) (list 'not-a-constant-list))
(define (g) '(constant-list))
(set-car! (f) 3) ⇒ unspecified
(set-car! (g) 3) ⇒ unspecified
; should raise &assertion exception
```

If an immutable pair is passed to `set-car!`, an exception with condition type `&assertion` should be raised.

```
(set-cdr! pair obj) procedure
Stores obj in the cdr field of pair. The set-cdr! procedure
returns unspecified values.
```

If an immutable pair is passed to `set-cdr!`, an exception with condition type `&assertion` should be raised.

```
(let ((x (list 'a 'b 'c 'a))
      (y (list 'a 'b 'c 'a 'b 'c 'a)))
  (set-cdr! (list-tail x 2) x)
  (set-cdr! (list-tail y 5) y)
  (list
    (equal? x x)
    (equal? x y)
    (equal? (list x y 'a) (list y x 'b))))
⇒ (#t #t #f)
```

18. Mutable strings

The `string-set!` procedure provided by the `(rnrs mutable-strings (6))` library allows mutating the characters of a string in-place.

```
(string-set! string k char) procedure
K must be a valid index of string. The string-set! procedure
stores char in element k of string and returns unspecified
values.
```

Passing an immutable string to `string-set!` should cause an exception with condition type `&assertion` to be raised.

```
(define (f) (make-string 3 #\*))
(define (g) "***")
(string-set! (f) 0 #\?) ⇒ unspecified
(string-set! (g) 0 #\?) ⇒ unspecified
; should raise &assertion exception
(string-set! (symbol->string 'immutable)
  0
  #\?) ⇒ unspecified
; should raise &assertion exception
```

Note: Implementors should make `string-set!` run in constant time.

```
(string-fill! string char) procedure
Stores char in every element of the given string and returns
unspecified values.
```

19. R⁵RS compatibility

The features described in this chapter are exported from the `(rnrs r5rs (6))` library and provide some functionality of the preceding revision of this report [7] that was omitted from the main part of the current report.

```
(exact->inexact z) procedure
(inexact->exact z) procedure
```

These are the same as the `inexact` and `exact` procedures; see report section 11.7.4.

```
(quotient n1 n2)           procedure
(remainder n1 n2)         procedure
(modulo n1 n2)             procedure
```

These procedures implement number-theoretic (integer) division. N_2 must be non-zero. All three procedures return integer objects. If n_1/n_2 is an integer object:

```
(quotient n1 n2)  => n1/n2
(remainder n1 n2) => 0
(modulo n1 n2)    => 0
```

If n_1/n_2 is not an integer object:

```
(quotient n1 n2)  => nq
(remainder n1 n2) => nr
(modulo n1 n2)    => nm
```

where n_q is n_1/n_2 rounded towards zero, $0 < |n_r| < |n_2|$, $0 < |n_m| < |n_2|$, n_r and n_m differ from n_1 by a multiple of n_2 , n_r has the same sign as n_1 , and n_m has the same sign as n_2 .

Consequently, for integer objects n_1 and n_2 with n_2 not equal to 0,

```
(= n1 (+ (* n2 (quotient n1 n2))
         (remainder n1 n2)))
    => #t
```

provided all number object involved in that computation are exact.

```
(modulo 13 4)           => 1
(remainder 13 4)        => 1

(modulo -13 4)          => 3
(remainder -13 4)       => -1

(modulo 13 -4)          => -3
(remainder 13 -4)       => 1

(modulo -13 -4)         => -1
(remainder -13 -4)      => -1

(remainder -13 -4.0)    => -1.0
```

Note: These procedures could be defined in terms of `div` and `mod` (see report section 11.7.4) as follows (without checking of the argument types):

```
(define (sign n)
  (cond
    ((negative? n) -1)
    ((positive? n) 1)
    (else 0)))

(define (quotient n1 n2)
  (* (sign n1) (sign n2) (div (abs n1) (abs n2))))

(define (remainder n1 n2)
  (* (sign n1) (mod (abs n1) (abs n2))))
```

```
(define (modulo n1 n2)
  (* (sign n2) (mod (* (sign n2) n1) (abs n2))))
```

```
(delay <expression>)           syntax
```

The `delay` construct is used together with the procedure `force` to implement *lazy evaluation* or *call by need*. `(delay <expression>)` returns an object called a *promise* which at some point in the future may be asked (by the `force` procedure) to evaluate `<expression>`, and deliver the resulting value. The effect of `<expression>` returning multiple values is unspecified.

```
(force promise)                procedure
```

Promise must be a promise.

Forces the value of *promise*. If no value has been computed for the promise, then a value is computed and returned. The value of the promise is cached (or “memoized”) so that if it is forced a second time, the previously computed value is returned.

```
(force (delay (+ 1 2)))        => 3
(let ((p (delay (+ 1 2))))
  (list (force p) (force p)))  => (3 3)
```

```
(define a-stream
  (letrec ((next
            (lambda (n)
              (cons n (delay (next (+ n 1)))))))
    (next 0)))
(define head car)
(define tail
  (lambda (stream) (force (cdr stream))))

(head (tail (tail a-stream)))  => 2
```

Promises are mainly intended for programs written in functional style. The following examples should not be considered to illustrate good programming style, but they illustrate the property that only one value is computed for a promise, no matter how many times it is forced.

```
(define count 0)
(define p
  (delay (begin (set! count (+ count 1))
                (if (> count x)
                    count
                    (force p)))))

(define x 5)
p                               => a promise
(force p)                       => 6
p                               => a promise, still
(begin (set! x 10)
  (force p))                    => 6
```

Here is a possible implementation of `delay` and `force`. Promises are implemented here as procedures of no arguments, and `force` simply calls its argument:

```
(define force
  (lambda (object)
    (object)))
```

The expression

```
(delay <expression>)
```

has the same meaning as the procedure call

```
(make-promise (lambda () <expression>))
```

as follows

```
(define-syntax delay
  (syntax-rules ()
    ((delay expression)
     (make-promise (lambda () expression))))),
```

where `make-promise` is defined as follows:

```
(define make-promise
  (lambda (proc)
    (let ((result-ready? #f)
          (result #f))
      (lambda ()
        (if result-ready?
            result
            (let ((x (proc)))
              (if result-ready?
                  result
                  (begin (set! result-ready? #t)
                         (set! result x)
                         result))))))))))
```

`(null-environment n)` procedure

N must be the exact integer object 5. The `null-environment` procedure returns an environment specifier suitable for use with `eval` (see chapter 16) representing an environment that is empty except for the (syntactic) bindings for all keywords described in the previous revision of this report [7].

`(scheme-report-environment n)` procedure

N must be the exact integer object 5. The `scheme-report-environment` procedure returns an environment specifier for an environment that is empty except for the bindings for the identifiers described in the previous revision of this report [7], omitting `load`, `transcript-on`, `transcript-off`, and `char-ready?`. The bindings have as values the procedures of the same names described in this report.

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