

# Recursive-function problem

**Exercise:** `all-fours?`

Write a function that takes a natural number  $n$  and returns true (1) if and only if all the digits in  $n$ 's numeral are 4's.

## Key design step: form of number

Choose inductive structure for natural numbers:

- Which case analysis do we want?

Step 1: Forms of DECNUMERAL proof system  
(1st lesson in program design):

- Either a single digit  $d$
- Or  $10 \times m + d$ , where  $m \neq 0$

## Example inputs

### Step 2:

- **Single digits:** 4, 9
- **Multi-digits:** 44, 907, 48

## Function's name and contract

Steps 3 and 4:

Function `(all-fours? n)` returns nonzero if and only if the decimal representation of `n` can be written using only the digit 4.

## Example results

Step 5: write expected results as unit tests:

```
(check-assert      (all-fours? 4))  
(check-assert (not (all-fours? 9)))  
(check-assert      (all-fours? 44))  
(check-assert (not (all-fours? 48)))  
(check-assert (not (all-fours? 907)))
```

## Algebraic laws

**Step 6: Generalize example results to arbitrary forms of data**

```
(all-fours? d) == (= d 4)
```

```
(all-fours? (+ (* 10 m) d)) ==  
  (= d 4) && (all-fours? m)
```

## Left-hand sides turn into case analysis

### Step 7:

```
; (all-fours? d) == ...  
; (all-fours? (+ (* 10 m) d)) == ...
```

```
(define all-fours? (n)  
  (if (< n 10)  
      ... case for n = d ...  
      ... case for n = (+ (* 10 m) d),  
          so m = (/ n 10) and  
          d = (mod n 10) ...))
```

## Each right-hand side becomes a result

### Step 8:

```
; (all-fours? d) == (= d 4)
; (all-fours? (+ (* 10 m) d)) ==
;           (= d 4) && (all-fours? m)
```

```
(define all-fours? (n)
  (if (< n 10)
      (= n 4)
      (and (= 4 (mod n 10))
            (all-fours? (/ n 10)))))
```



## Revisit tests:

### Step 9:

```
(check-assert      (all-fours? 4) )  
(check-assert (not (all-fours? 9) ) )  
(check-assert      (all-fours? 44) )  
(check-assert (not (all-fours? 907) ) )  
  
(check-assert (not (all-fours? 48) ) )
```

### Checklist:

- For each form of data, one true and one false
- One extra corner case (*partly* fours)
- Tests pass

# Our common framework

**Goal: eliminate superficial differences**

- Makes comparisons easy
- Differences that remain must be important!

**No new language ideas.**

**Imperative programming with an IMPerative CORE:**

- Has features found in most languages  
(loops and assignment)
- Trivial syntax (from LISP)

# Idea of LISP syntax

## Parenthesized prefix syntax:

- Names and numerals are basic atoms
- Other constructs bracketed with (...) or [...]  
(Possible keyword after opening bracket)

## Examples:

```
(+ 2 2)
```

```
(if (isbound? x rho) (lookup rho x) (error 99))
```

(For now, we use just the round brackets)

## Impcore structure

Two syntactic categories: expressions, definitions

No statements!—expression-oriented (compositional)

```
(if e1 e2 e3)
```

```
(while e1 e2)
```

```
(set x e)
```

```
(begin e1 ... en)
```

```
(f e1 ... en)
```

Evaluating  $e$  has value, *may* have side effects

Functions  $f$  named (e.g.,  $+ - * / = < >$  print)

The only type of data is “machine integer”  
(deliberate oversimplification)

# Syntactic structure of Impcore

An Impcore program is a sequence of **definitions**

```
(define mod (m n) (- m (* n (/ m n))))
```

**Compare**

```
int mod (int m, int n) {  
    return m - n * (m / n);  
}
```

# Impcore variable definition

## Example

```
(val n 99)
```

## Compare

```
int n = 99;
```

# Concrete syntax for Impcore

## Definitions and expressions:

```
def ::= (define f (x1 ... xn) exp)    ;; "true" defs
      | (val x exp)
      | exp
      | (use filename)                ;; "extended" defs
      | (check-expect exp1 exp2)
      | (check-assert exp)
      | (check-error exp)
```

```
exp ::= integer-literal
      | variable-name
      | (set x exp)
      | (if exp1 exp2 exp3)
      | (while exp1 exp2)
      | (begin exp1 ... expn)
      | (function-name exp1 ... expn)
```

## Example function shows every form

```
(define even? (n) (= (mod n 2) 0))
```

```
(define 3n+1-sequence (n) ; from Collatz
  (begin
    (while (≠ n 1)
      (begin
        (println n)
        (if (even? n)
            (set n (/ n 2))
            (set n (+ (* 3 n) 1))))))
  n))
```