

## CS61A Lecture 30

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#### **Announcements**



☐ HW9 due Wednesday

Ants extra credit due Wednesday

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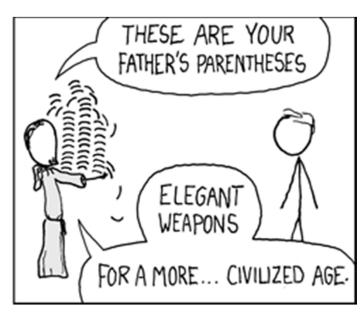
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http://imgs.xkcd.com/comics/lisp\_cycles.png





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Not a well-formed list!







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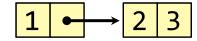
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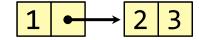
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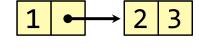
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