We really do not need abs-all, however, since the corresponding direct application of map is just as short and perhaps clearer.

```
(map abs '(1 -2 3 -4 5 -6)) \Rightarrow (1 2 3 4 5 6)
```

Of course, we can use lambda to create the procedure argument to map, e.g., to square the elements of a list of numbers.

```
(map (lambda (x) (* x x))
, (1 -3 -5 7)) \Rightarrow (1 9 25 49)
```

We can map a multiple-argument procedure over multiple lists, as in the following example.

```
(map cons '(a b c) '(1 2 3)) \Rightarrow ((a . 1) (b . 2) (c . 3))
```

The lists must be of the same length, and the procedure must accept as many arguments as there are lists. Each element of the output list is the result of applying the procedure to corresponding members of the input list.

Looking at the first definition of abs-all above, you should be able to derive, before studying it, the following definition of map1, a restricted version of map that maps a one-argument procedure over a single list.

All we have done is to replace the call to abs in abs-all with a call to the new parameter p. A definition of the more general map is given in Section 5.4.

Exercise 2.8.1. Describe what would happen if you switched the order of the arguments to cons in the definition of tree-copy.

Exercise 2.8.2. Consult Section 6.3 for the description of append and define a two-argument version of it. What would happen if you switched the order of the arguments in the call to append within your definition of append?

Exercise 2.8.3. Define the procedure make-list, which takes a nonnegative integer n and an object and returns a new list, n long, each element of which is the object.

```
(make-list 7 '()) ⇒ (() () () () () () ()
```

[Hint: The base test should be $(= n \ 0)$, and the recursion step should involve $(- n \ 1)$. Whereas () is the natural base case for recursion on lists, 0 is the natural base case for recursion on nonnegative integers. Similarly, subtracting 1 is the natural way to bring a nonnegative integer closer to 0.]

Exercise 2.8.4. The procedures list-ref and list-tail return the nth element and nth tail of a list ls.

```
(list-ref '(1 2 3 4) 0) \Rightarrow 1

(list-tail '(1 2 3 4) 0) \Rightarrow (1 2 3 4)

(list-ref '(a short (nested) list) 2) \Rightarrow (nested)

(list-tail '(a short (nested) list) 2) \Rightarrow ((nested) list)

Define both procedures.
```

Exercise 2.8.5. Exercise 2.7.2 had you use length in the definition of shorter, which returns the shorter of its two list arguments, or the first if the two have the same length. Write shorter without using length. [Hint: Define a recursive helper, shorter?, and use it in place of the length comparison.]

Exercise 2.8.6. All of the recursive procedures shown so far have been directly recursive. That is, each procedure directly applies itself to a new argument. It is also possible to write two procedures that use each other, resulting in indirect recursion. Define the procedures odd? and even?, each in terms of the other. [Hint: What should each return when its argument is 0?]

```
(even? 17) ⇒ #f
(odd? 17) ⇒ #t
```

Exercise 2.8.7. Use map to define a procedure, transpose, that takes a list of pairs and returns a pair of lists as follows.

```
(transpose '((a . 1) (b . 2) (c . 3))) \Rightarrow ((a b c) 1 2 3)

[Hint: ((a b c) 1 2 3) is the same as ((a b c) . (1 2 3)).]
```

2.9. Assignment

Although many programs can be written without them, assignments to top-level variables or let-bound and lambda-bound variables are sometimes useful. Assignments do not create new bindings, as with let or lambda, but rather change the values of existing bindings. Assignments are performed with set!.