

A, B, C, D represent any expression, and will be evaluated first
A B C ... indicates any number of arguments, even just one.

Functions that work only on numeric arguments

(zerop A)	T if A=0, NIL otherwise
(plusp A)	T if A>0, NIL otherwise
(minusp A)	T if A<0, NIL otherwise
(evenp A)	T if A is even, NIL otherwise
(oddp A)	T if A is odd, NIL otherwise
(= A B)	T if A=B, NIL otherwise
(= A B C D ...)	T if all of A B C D ... are equal, NIL otherwise
(/= A B)	T if A≠B, NIL otherwise
(/= A B C D ...)	T if all of A B C D ... are different, NIL otherwise
(< A B)	T if A<B, NIL otherwise
(< A B C D ...)	T if A<B and B<C and C<D ..., NIL otherwise
<=, >, >=	behave the same way as <
(max A B C ...)	the biggest of them all
(min A B C ...)	the smallest of them all
(+ A B C D ...)	A+B+C+D...
(- A B C D ...)	A-B-C-D...
(* A B C D ...)	A*B*C*D...
(/ A B C D ...)	A/B/C/D...
(rem A B)	(rem 9 4)=1, (rem -9 4)=-1, (rem 9 -4)=1, (rem -9 -4)=-1
(mod A B)	(mod 9 4)=1, (mod -9 4)=3, (mod 9 -4)=-3, (mod -9 -4)=-1
(gcd A B C ...)	greatest common divisor of them all
(lcm A B C ...)	least common multiple of them all
(random A)	random number, same type as A, ≥0 and <A
(expt A B)	A to the power of B
(sqrt A)	square root of A

other obvious operations, used just like sqrt:

abs exp log sin cos tan asin acos atan
floor ceiling truncate round numerator denominator

Functions that work only on character arguments

(alpha-char-p A)	T if A in 'A'..'Z' or 'a'..'z', NIL otherwise
(upper-case-p A)	T if A in 'A'..'Z', NIL otherwise
(lower-case-p A)	T if A in 'a'..'z', NIL otherwise
(digit-char-p A)	T if A in '0'..'9', NIL otherwise
(graphic-char-p A)	T if A is a normal non-invisible character, NIL otherwise
(alphanumericp A)	T if A in 'A'..'Z' or 'a'..'z' or '0'..'9', NIL otherwise
(char= A B ...)	used the same ways as (= A B) is for numbers also char/= char< char<= char> char>=
(char-upcase A)	if A is in 'a'..'z', convert it to capital. Otherwise = A
(char-downcase A)	if A is in 'A'..'Z', convert it to lower case. Otherwise = A
(char-code A)	converts from character to ASCII code (char-code #\a) = 97
(ocde-char A)	the opposite, (code-char 97) = #\a

Special things

(setq SYM A)	SYM is a symbol, it is not evaluated A is any expression, it is evaluated first the symbol's value is set to A
(quote X) 'X	X, unevaluated. It can be any expression equivalent to (quote X)
(set A B)	A and B may be any expressions, they are both evaluated first The value of A must be something that can behave like a variable. (setq A B) is equivalent to (set (quote A) B)
T	constant used to represent the boolean value TRUE
nil	like NULL and null in C++ and Java, also used for FALSE

Cons-cell functions

(cons A B)	cons cell whose CAR is A and whose CDR is B
(car A)	(car (cons A B)) = A
(cdr A)	(cdr (cons A B)) = A
(caar A)	equivalent to (car (car A))
(cadr A)	equivalent to (car (cdr A))
(cdaadr A)	equivalent to (cdr (car (car (cdr A))))
	all combinations of up to four As and Ds are provided
(nth A B)	A must be an int, B must be a list. A th item of B, count from 0. so (nth 0 '(a b c)) = a and (nth 2 '(a b c)) = c
(first A)	equivalent to (nth 0 A)
(second A)	equivalent to (nth 1 A), very tricky second is not nth 2.
(tenth A)	(nth 9 A), all in between are provided too.

String functions

(char A B)	A must evaluate to a string, and B to an int returns B th character of A, counting from 0
(string= A B ...)	used the same ways as (= A B) is for numbers also string/= string< string<= string> string>=
(string-upcase A)	String same as A, but with every character in upper case
(string-downcase A)	String same as A, but with every character in lower case
(coerce A 'cons)	if A is a string, this produces a list of characters
(coerce A 'string)	if A is a list of characters, this produces a string

Input and Output

(print A)	What you'd expect, but with a newline printed first
(prin1 A)	What you'd expect print to do - no automatic newline
(princ A)	Same as prin1 except characters and strings printed plain
(princ-to-string A)	returns a string, nothing is actually printed also prin1-to-string and print-to-string
(terpri)	print a newline
(read)	one whole Lisp value typed by user, not evaluated
(read-line)	string containing one whole line typed by user

Types

The important types are:

number symbol cons string null character integer float rational

(coerce A B)	Convert A to type B if reasonably possible e.g. (coerce 7/5 'float) = 1.4
(typep A B)	is A's type equal to B? T or nil e.g. (typep 7/5 'rational) = T
(null A)	is A = nil? T or nil
(consp A)	is A a cons cell? T or nil
(symbolp A)	is A a symbol? T or nil
(functionp A)	is A a function? T or nil
(atom A)	is A not a cons cell? T or nil - note that '() is an atom.
(listp A)	is A either nil or a cons cell? T or nil
(numberp A)	is A numeric? T or nil
(stringp A)	is A a string? T or nil
(characterp A)	is A a character? T or nil
(integerp A)	is A an integer? T or nil
(rationalp A)	is A a rational? T or nil
(floatp A)	is A a float? T or nil
(complexp A)	is A a complex number? T or nil
(type-of A)	usually returns the type of A

Logic

(eq A B)	T if A and B are the same thing, nil otherwise Does not compare the contents of cons cells, but returns T if A and B are the same cons cell. for big numbers this will seem not to work
(eql A B)	T if (eq A B) would be T, also extended to work for characters and same-typed numbers
(equal A B)	Deep equality test, even for lists and trees.
(not A)	T if A is nil, nil otherwise
(and A B C ...)	evaluate A, B, C in turn until one is nil as soon as a nil is found, stop, the result is nil if no nil is found, the result is the value of the last argument
(or A B C ...)	evaluate A, B, C in turn until one is not nil as soon as a non-nil value is found, stop, that is the result if all values are nil, the result is nil