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```
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(define (magnitude n)
  (cond
    [(eq? (first n) 'cart)
     (sqrt (+ (sqr (second n))
              (sqr (third n))))]
    [(eq? (first n) 'polar)
     (second n)]))
```

```
(: magnitude : Complex -> Real)
(define (magnitude n)
  (if (not (pair? n))
      (error 'bad-input)
      (let ([t1 (first n)]
            [t1* (rest n)])
        (if (not (pair? t1*))
            (error 'bad-input)
            (let ([t2 (first t1*)]
                  [t2* (rest t1*)])
              (if (not (pair? t3))
                  (error 'bad-input)
                  (let ([t3 (first t2*)]
                        [t3* (rest t2*)])
                    (if (not (null? t3))
                        (error 'bad-input))
                    (cond [(eq? t1 'cart)
                           (sqrt (+ (sqr t2) (sqr t3)))]
                          [(eq? t1 'polar)
                           t2]
                          [else (error 'bad-input)])))))))))
```

```
(: magnitude : Complex -> Real)
(define (magnitude n)
  (match n
    [(list 'cart x y)
     (sqrt (+ (sqr x) (sqr y)))]
    [(list 'polar r theta)
     r]))
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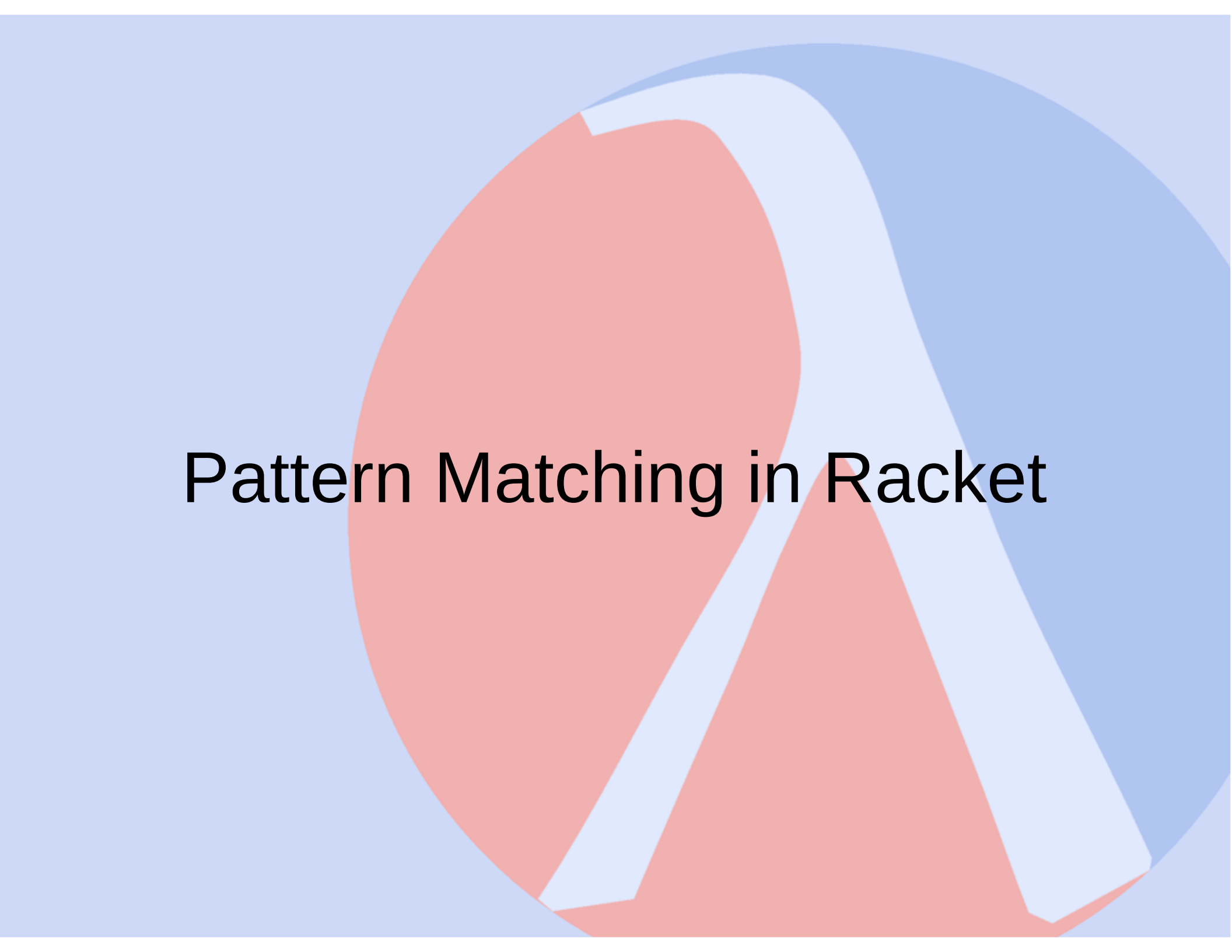
Pattern Matching in Racket

## `match` works for arbitrary data

```
(match e
  [(list a b) (+ a b)]
  [(? string? a) (string-length a)]
  [(? number? a) a])
```

# `match` provides expressive patterns

```
(match e
  [(app add1 n) n])
```

## `match` is an optimizer

```
(match e
  [(list (? B?)) do-something-else])
```

[Le Fessant & Maranget]

# `match` supports recursive patterns

```
(match (list 2 4 6 8 10)
  [(list (? even? y) ...)
   (foldr + 0 y)])
```

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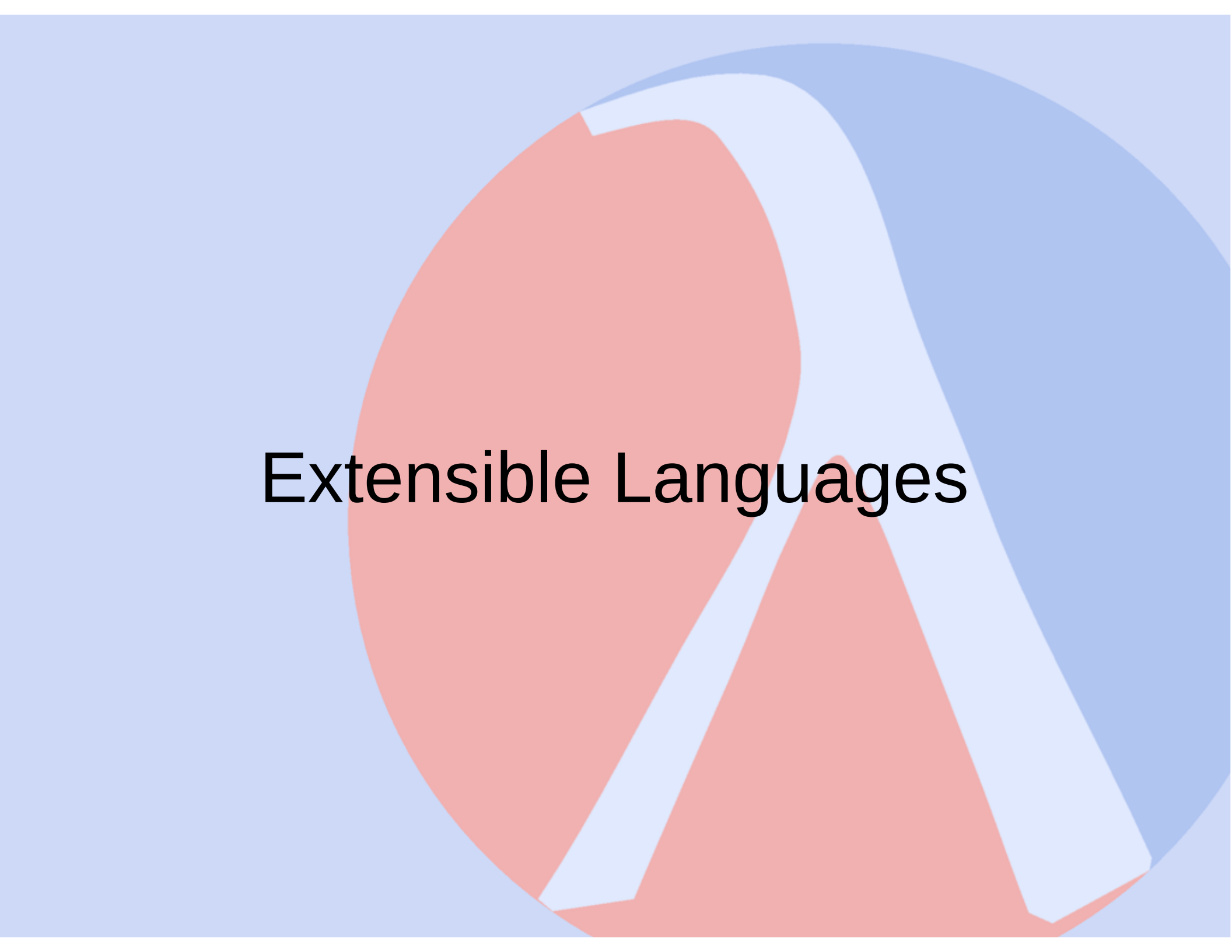
```
(match '(3 2 1 3)
  [(list-no-order 1 2 3 ...) 'yes]
  [_ 'no])
```


Extensible Languages

# Simple Language Extension

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  ((lambda (x ...) body) e ...))
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[Kohlbecker et al, 1980s]

# Adding Computation

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[Dybvig et al, 1990s]

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[Flatt et al, 2000s]

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  (syntax-value x))


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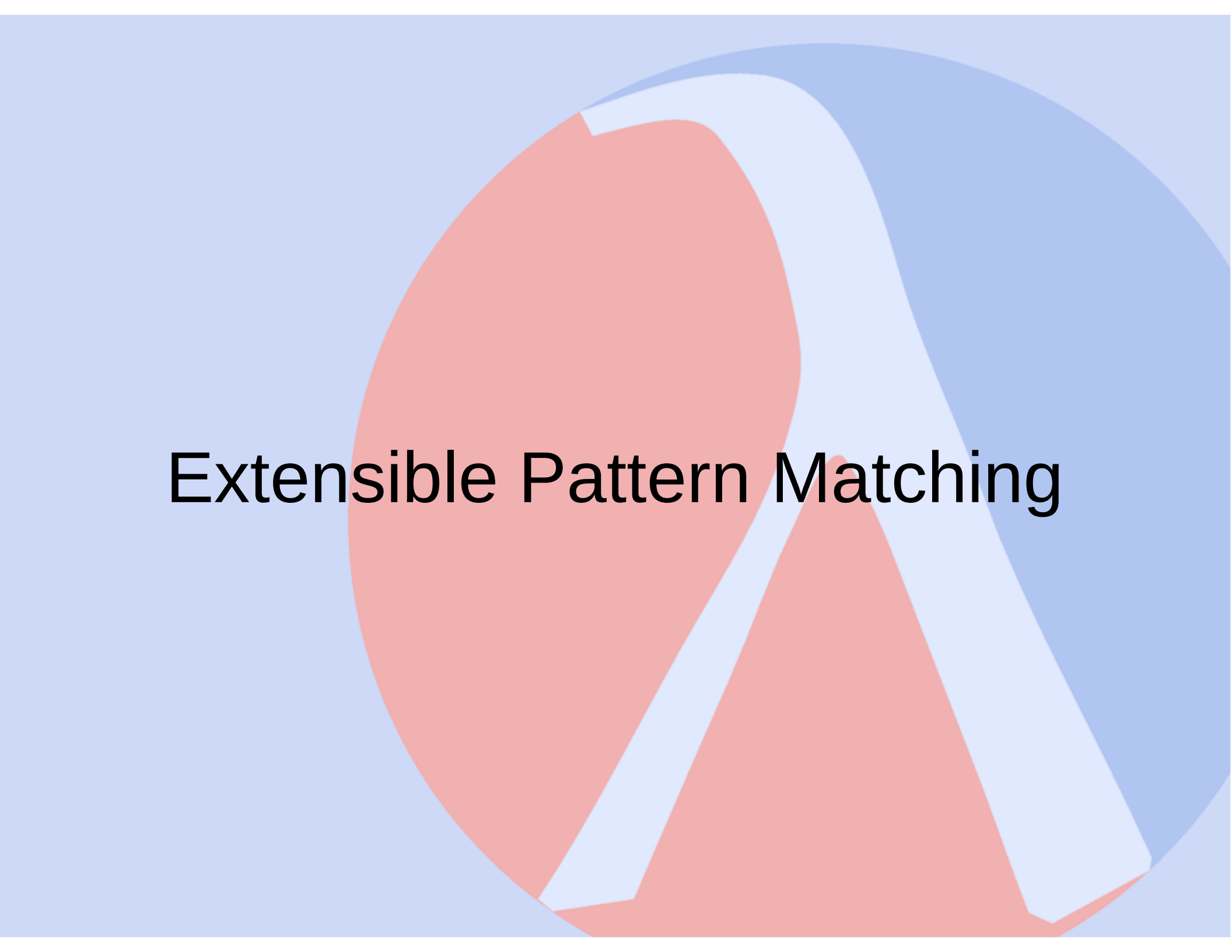
Extensible Pattern Matching

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  ((lambda (x ...) b) e ...))
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(define-matcher (not-false p)
  (? (compose not false?) p))
```

# The core of `match`

```
(define (parse-pattern pat)
  (syntax-case pat

    [(cons pat1 pat2) ...]
    [(? pred pat) ...]
    ...))
```

# The extended core

```
(define (parse-pattern pat)
  (syntax-case pat

    [(id pats ...)

                                                ]

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(define (parse-pattern pat)
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# An Example

```
(define-matcher (not-false p) ...)

(match (list 7 #f)
  [(list (not-false x) ... y) x])
```

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```
(define-syntax not-false
  (match-expander ...))
(match (list 7 #f)
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(define-syntax not-false
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(match (list 7 #f)
  [(list (not-false z) ... y) z])
```

```
(let ([transformer
       (match-expander-fn (syntax-value not-false))])
  (parse-pattern (transformer (not-false z))))
```

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```
(? (compose not false?) z)
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# Applications

# Views [Wadler 87] as a library

```
(require (planet cobbe/views/views))
(define-view Zero zero? ())
(define-view Succ
  exact-positive-integer? (sub1))
(define (even? n)
  (match n
    [(Zero) true]
    [(Succ (Zero)) false]
    [(Succ (Succ n)) (even? n)]))
```

# Web Server Dispatching

```
(dispatch-rules
 [("") list-posts]
 [("posts" (string-arg)) review-post]
 [("archive" (integer-arg) (integer-arg))
  review-archive]
 [else list-posts])
```

# Other Extensible Systems

View Patterns [Peyton-Jones et al]: **`app`** patterns

Views [Wadler]: **`define-matcher`** and **`app`**

Active Patterns [Syme et al]: Multiple uses of **`define-matcher`**, **`app`**, and **`?`**

Pattern matching is great

Extensible pattern matching is even better

An expressive and extensible language can give us both


Thanks!
Available at racket-lang.org