

# Call function of two parameters

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$$\langle \text{APPLY}(f, e_1, e_2), \xi_0, \phi, \rho_0 \rangle \Downarrow \langle v, \xi', \phi, \rho_2 \rangle$$

# Evaluating function application

The math demands these steps:

- Find function in  $\phi$  environment

```
f = fetchfun(e->u.apply.name, functions);
```

- Using caller's  $\rho$ , evaluate actuals

```
vs = evallist(e->u.apply.actuals, globals, functions,  
             formals);
```

**N.B.** actuals evaluated in current environment

- **Make a new environment:** bind formals to actuals

```
new_formals = mkValenv(f.u.userdef.formals, vs);
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- Evaluate body in new environment

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return eval(f.u.userdef.body, globals, functions,  
           new_formals);
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# Judgment speaks truth when “derivable”

Special kind of proof: **derivation**

- It's a data structure (**derivation tree**)
- Made inductively, by composing rules
- **Valid** derivation matches rules (by substitution)
- Spacelike representation of timelike behavior  
(think **flip-book animation**)

A form of “syntactic proof”

# Valid derivation

Initial state partially or fully known

Final state **determined** by initial state (homework)

Every node in tree is an **instance** of some rule

No primes!

- **Substitute** known subexpressions for  $e_1, \dots$
- Substitute known results for  $\xi', \rho'$

# Recursive evaluator travels inductive proof

Root of derivation at the **bottom** (surprise!)

## Build

- Start on the left, go up
- Cross the ↓
- Finish on the right, go down

The “Tony Hawk” algorithm

First let's see a movie

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# Algorithm for building derivations

Want to solve

$$\langle e, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow ?$$

What rule can I use to prove it?

1. **Syntactic form** of  $e$  narrows to a few choices  
(usually 1 or 2)
2. Look for form in **conclusion**
3. Now check **premises**
4. When premise is evaluation judgment,  
build sub-derivation recursively

Derivation is written  $\mathcal{D}$

# Syntactic proofs empower meta reasoning

Proof  $\mathcal{D}$  is a data structure

Got a fact about all proofs?

- It's a fact about all **terminating** evaluations
- They are 1 to 1

Prove facts by **structural induction** over derivations

- (Or “induction on height of derivation tree”)

Example: evaluating an expression doesn't create or destroy any global variables (the set of *defined* global variables is invariant)

# Metatheorems often help implementors

## More example metatheorems:

- OK to mutate environments if you use a stack
- Interactive browser doesn't leak space  
(POPL 2012)
- Device driver can't harm kernel  
(Microsoft Singularity)

## Metatheorems come in stylized form

For any  $e, \xi, \phi, \rho, \nu, \xi'$ , and  $\rho'$  such that

$$\langle e, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle \nu, \xi', \phi, \rho' \rangle,$$

***FACT***

**Exercise (30 seconds):** how to say “evaluation doesn’t change the set of \*defined\* global variables”? (Values may change, but no variable is created or destroyed.)



# Metatheorems are proved by induction

Induction over structure (or height) of derivation trees  $\mathcal{D}$

These are “math-class proofs” (*not* derivations)

**Proof**

- Has **one** case for each **rule**
- Has **multiple** cases for some syntactic **forms**
- Assumes the induction hypothesis for any proper sub-derivation (derivation of a premise)

Let's try it!

# Assume the existence of a derivation

Could terminate in **any** rule!

Base case:

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{}{\langle \text{LITERAL}(v), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle v, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle}$$

Both sides identical!

$$\text{dom } \xi = \text{dom } \xi$$

## Holds for formal-parameter lookup

Another base case:

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{x \in \text{dom } \rho}{\langle \text{VAR}(x), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle \rho(x), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle}$$

Both sides identical!

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## Inductive case: good sub-derivation

Assignment to formal parameter

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{x \in \text{dom } \rho \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_r}{\langle e, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle v, \xi', \phi, \rho' \rangle}}{\langle \text{SET}(x, e), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle v, \xi', \phi, \rho' \{x \mapsto v\} \rangle}$$

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True conditional

$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{\frac{\mathcal{D}_1}{\langle e_1, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle v_1, \xi', \phi, \rho' \rangle} \quad v_1 \neq 0 \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_2}{\langle e_2, \xi', \phi, \rho' \rangle \Downarrow \langle v_2, \xi'', \phi, \rho'' \rangle}}{\langle \text{IF}(e_1, e_2, e_3), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle v_2, \xi'', \phi, \rho'' \rangle}$$

By induction hypothesis on  $\mathcal{D}_1$ ,  $\text{dom } \xi = \text{dom } \xi'$

By induction hypothesis on  $\mathcal{D}_2$ ,  $\text{dom } \xi' = \text{dom } \xi''$

Therefore, both sides have same domain:

$$\text{dom } \xi = \text{dom } \xi''$$

## The only interesting case: assign to global

$$\frac{x \notin \text{dom } \rho \quad x \in \text{dom } \xi \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_r}{\langle e, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle v, \xi', \phi, \rho' \rangle}}{\langle \text{SET}(x, e), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle v, \xi' \{x \mapsto v\}, \phi, \rho' \rangle}$$

Do both sides have same domain?

- Does  $\text{dom } \xi = \text{dom}(\xi' \{x \mapsto v\})$  ?

By induction hypothesis on  $\mathcal{D}_r$ ,  $\text{dom } \xi = \text{dom } \xi'$

And  $\text{dom}(\xi' \{x \mapsto v\}) = \text{dom } \xi' \cup \{x\} = \text{dom } \xi \cup \{x\}$

But  $x \in \text{dom } \xi$ ! So  $\text{dom } \xi \cup \{x\} = \text{dom } \xi$