

# In Impcore, a name stands for a value

**Environment** associates each **variable** with one **value**

Written  $\rho = \{x_1 \mapsto n_1, \dots, x_k \mapsto n_k\}$ ,  
associates variable  $x_i$  with value  $n_i$ .

**Environment** is **finite map**, aka **partial function**

$x \in \text{dom } \rho$      $x$  is defined in environment  $\rho$

$\rho(x)$             the value of  $x$  in environment  $\rho$

$\rho\{x \mapsto v\}$     extends/modifies environment  $\rho$  to map  $x$  to  $v$

# Find behavior using environment

## Recall

`(* y 3) ; ; what does it mean?`

# Impcore uses three environments

Global variables  $\xi$  (“ksee”)

Functions  $\phi$  (“fee”)

Formal parameters  $\rho$  (“roe”)

There are **no local variables**

- Just like `awk`; if you need temps, use extra formal parameters
- For homework, you’ll add local variables

Function environment  $\phi$  not shared with variables—just like Perl

# Syntax & environments determine meaning

Initial state of abstract machine:

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

State  $\langle e, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$  is

- $e$  Expression being evaluated
- $\xi$  Values of global variables
- $\phi$  Definitions of functions
- $\rho$  Values of formal parameters

Three environments make a **basis**

# Meaning expressed as “Evaluation judgment”

We say

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

(**Big-step** judgment form.)

Notes:

- $\xi$  and  $\xi'$  may differ
- $\rho$  and  $\rho'$  may differ
- $\phi$  must equal  $\phi$

Exercise: what do we know about globals, functions?

## Primes and not primes

A prime says “**something might change**”  
(Impcore: value of a variable)

Primes are:

- Always in the *form of judgment*:

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

- Often in *judgments*
- Usually in *rules*
- **Never** in a “derivation” (computation)

Prime implies “we don’t know”

# Impcore atomic form: literal

“Literal” generalizes “numeral”

LITERAL

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

We know nothing changes!

(Numeral converted to  $\text{LITERAL}(v)$  in parser)

# Impcore atomic form: variable name

Parameters hide global variables.

FORMALVAR

$$x \in \text{dom } \rho$$

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$$\langle \text{VAR}(x), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle \rho(x), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$$

GLOBALVAR

$$x \notin \text{dom } \rho \quad x \in \text{dom } \xi$$

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$$\langle \text{VAR}(x), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle \xi(x), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$$



# Impcore compound form: assignment

In  $\text{SET}(x, e)$ ,  $e$  is any expression

FORMALASSIGN

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

GLOBALASSIGN

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

Impcore can assign only to **existing** variables

# Semantics corresponds to code

We compose rules to make proofs

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<i>Math</i>	<i>Code</i>
Semantics	Interpreter
Evaluation judgment	Result of evaluation
Proof of judgment	Computation of result
Rule of semantics	Case in the interpreter

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Interpreter succeeds if and only if a proof exists

(Homework: result is unique!)

## Implementing variables: two rules

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How do we tell them apart?

# Implementing evaluation (VAR): three cases

Consult formals  $\rho$  or globals  $\xi$ :

```
switch (e->alt) {
  case VAR:
    if (isvalbound(e->u.var, formals))
      return fetchval(e->u.var, formals);
    else if (isvalbound(e->u.var, globals))
      return fetchval(e->u.var, globals);
    else
      runerror("unbound variable %n", e->u.var);
  ...
}
```

Why a third case?

- When no proof, run-time error

# Application math: user-defined function

## APPLYUSER

$$\phi(f) = \text{USER}(\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle, e)$$

$x_1, \dots, x_n$  all distinct

$$\langle e_1, \xi_0, \phi, \rho_0 \rangle \Downarrow \langle v_1, \xi_1, \phi, \rho_1 \rangle$$

$$\langle e_2, \xi_1, \phi, \rho_1 \rangle \Downarrow \langle v_2, \xi_2, \phi, \rho_2 \rangle$$

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$$\langle e_n, \xi_{n-1}, \phi, \rho_{n-1} \rangle \Downarrow \langle v_n, \xi_n, \phi, \rho_n \rangle$$

$$\langle e, \xi_n, \phi, \{x_1 \mapsto v_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto v_n\} \rangle \Downarrow \langle v, \xi', \phi, \rho' \rangle$$

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

# Simpler math: function of two parameters

**APPLYUSER**

$$\phi(f) = \text{USER}(\langle x_1, x_2 \rangle, e)$$

$x_1, x_2$  **distinct**

$$\langle e_1, \xi_0, \phi, \rho_0 \rangle \Downarrow \langle v_1, \xi_1, \phi, \rho_1 \rangle$$

$$\langle e_2, \xi_1, \phi, \rho_1 \rangle \Downarrow \langle v_2, \xi_2, \phi, \rho_2 \rangle$$

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# 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);
```

- Evaluate body in new environment

```
return eval(f.u.userdef.body, globals, functions,  
           new_formals);
```

**Next up: Good and bad judgments**

**Which judgments describe real computations?**



## Your turn: good and bad judgments

Which *correctly* describes what happens at run time?

1.  $\langle (+\ 2\ 2), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle 4, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$
2.  $\langle (+\ 2\ 2), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle 99, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$
3.  $\langle (+\ 2\ 2), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle 0, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$
4.  $\langle (\text{while } 1\ 0), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle \Downarrow \langle 77, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$
5.  $\langle (\text{begin } (\text{set } n\ (+\ n\ 1))\ 17), \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$   
 $\Downarrow \langle 17, \xi, \phi, \rho \rangle$

To know for sure, we **need a proof**

# 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”

# 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  $\mathcal{D}$