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Lecture 13:

Compiling functions

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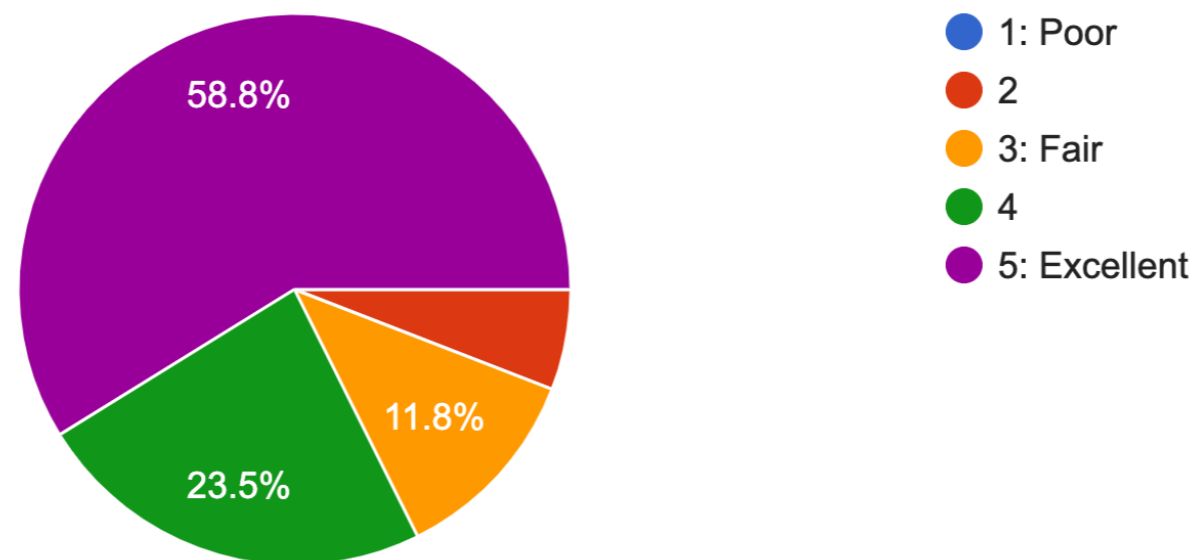
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Mid-course Eval

Please rate your learning experience in the class so far

17 responses



- Most effective:

- Homeworks
- Lectures
- Piazza/OH

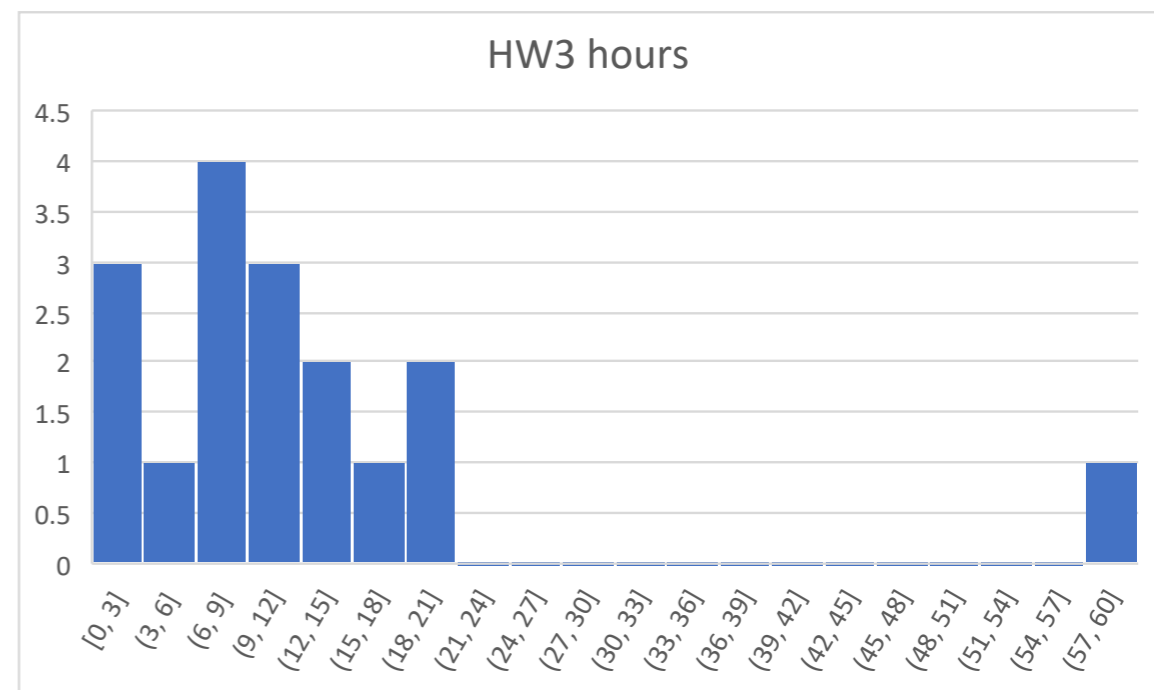
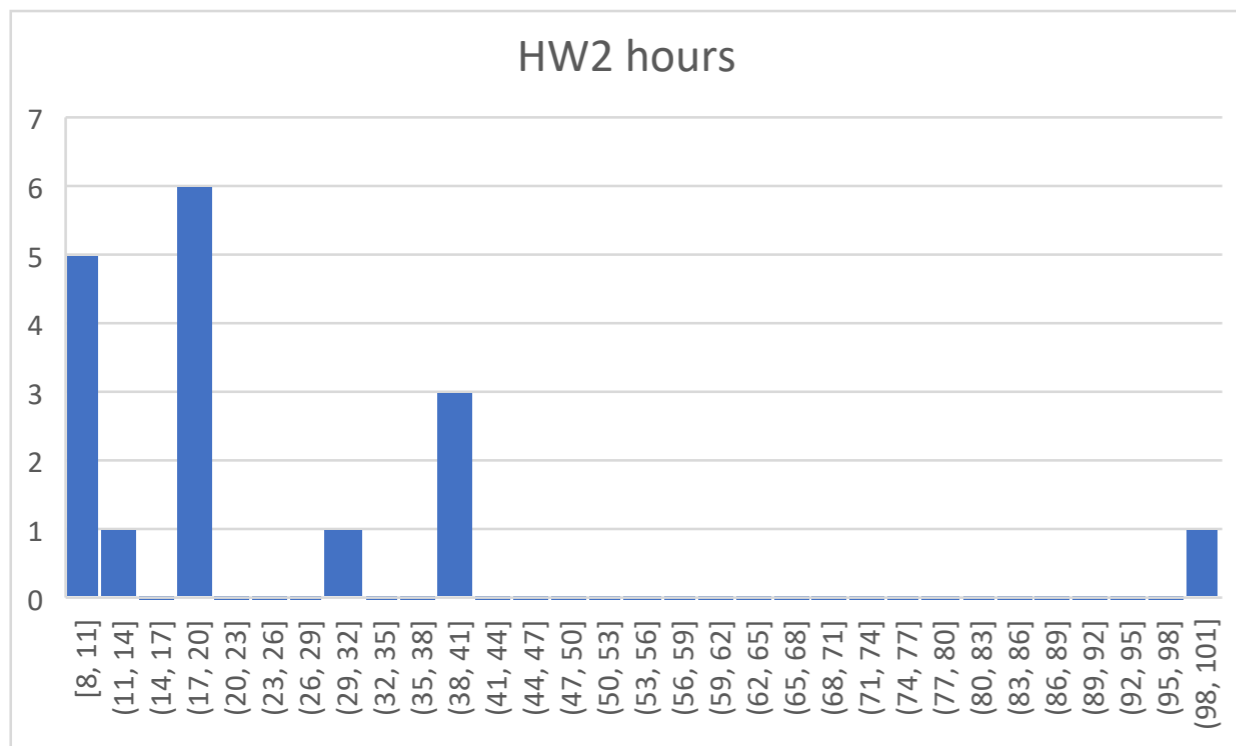
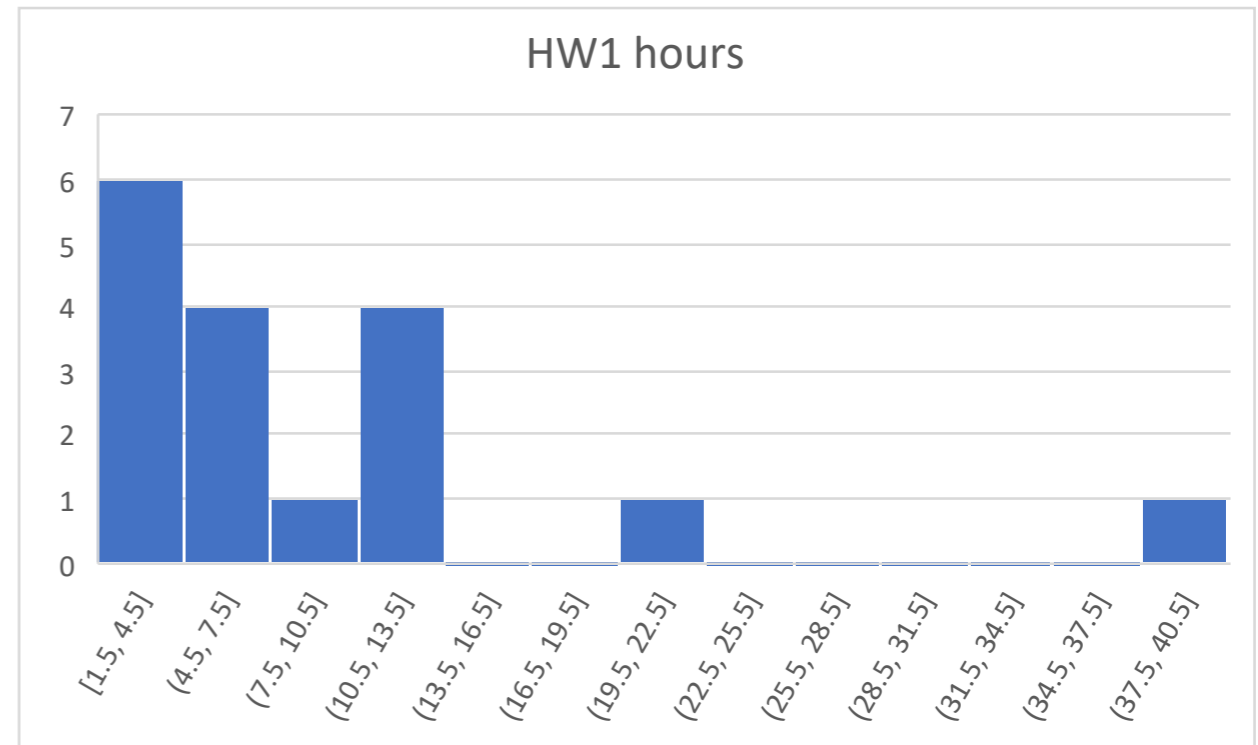
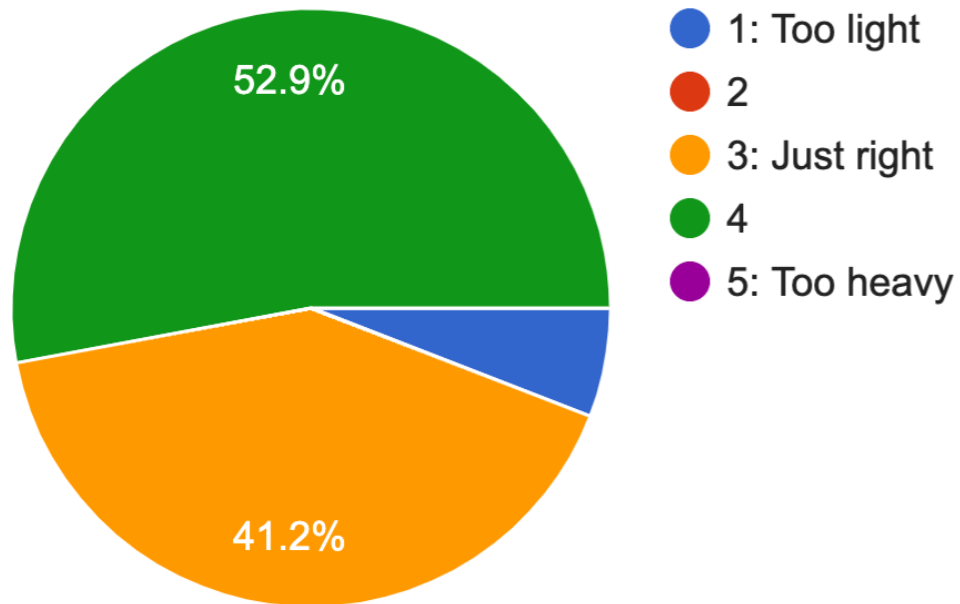
- Least effective:

- Looking at code in class (too much, too little!)
- Lecture material not relevant to current assignment
- OH for extension

Mid-course Eval

- Suggestions
 - Homework solutions
 - Idiomatic OCaml code
 - Go faster
 - “Stop using ocaml, it gets in the way of learning about compilers”, “This is not supposed to be an ocaml course, it's supposed to be a compilers course”
 - More type annotations in homework stub code
 - Long time to get OCaml set up
 - ...

Workload



Mid-course Eval: Actions

- Concrete actions course staff:
 - More type annotations in future HWs
 - Will release reference solutions
 - Lectures will be same pace or a bit faster (but will still have lots of time for questions)
- Concrete actions students:
 - Contact course staff re OH frequency/timing; we will try to adjust
 - Contact for additional info/feedback on graded HWs
 - Start HW early, reach out early and often for help
- Notes:
 - Implementation course: coding/coding style is important
 - Pedagogical decision to release HWs only after material is covered

Today

- Closure conversion
- Implementing environments and variables
 - DeBruijn indices
 - Nested environments vs flat environments

Closures

- Instead of doing substitution on nested functions when we reach the lambda, we can instead make a promise to finish the substitution if the nested function is ever applied
- Instead of
 - | $\text{Lambda}(x, e')$ \rightarrow $\text{Lambda}(x, \text{subst env } e')$we will have, in essence,
 - | $\text{Lambda}(x, e')$ \rightarrow $\text{Promise}(\text{env}, \text{Lambda}(x, e'))$
 - Called a **closure**
- Need to modify rule for application to expect environment

Closure-based Semantics

```
type value = Int_v of int
           | Closure_v of {env:env, body:var*exp}
and env = (string * value) list

let rec eval (e:exp) (env:env) : value =
  match e with
  | Int i -> Int_v i
  | Var x -> lookup env x
  | Lambda(x,e) -> Closure_v{env=env, body=(x,e)}
  | App(e1,e2) ->
    (match eval e1 env, eval e2 env with
     | Closure_v{env=cenv, body=(x,e')}, v ->
       eval e' ((x,v)::cenv))
```


Inference rules

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash i \Downarrow i} \quad \frac{\Gamma(x) = v}{\Gamma \vdash x \Downarrow v} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e1 \Downarrow i1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e2 \Downarrow i2 \quad i = i1 + i2}{\Gamma \vdash e1 + e2 \Downarrow i}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fun } x \rightarrow e \Downarrow (\Gamma, \text{fun } x \rightarrow e)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e1 \Downarrow (\Gamma_c, \text{fun } x \rightarrow e) \quad \Gamma \vdash e2 \Downarrow v \quad \Gamma_c[x \mapsto v] \vdash e \Downarrow w}{\Gamma \vdash e1 \ e2 \Downarrow w}$$

So, How Do We Compile Closures?

- Represent function values (i.e., closures) as a pair of function pointer and environment
- Make all functions take environment as an additional argument
 - Access variables using environment

Closure conversion

- Can then move all function declarations to top level (i.e., no more nested functions!)

Lambda lifting

- E.g., `fun x -> (fun y -> y+x)` becomes, in C-like code:

```
closure *f1(env *env, int x) {
    env *e1 = extend(env, "x", x);
    closure *c =
        malloc(sizeof(closure));
    c->env = e1; c->fn = &f2;
    return c;
}
```

```
int f2(env *env, int y) {
    env *e1 = extend(env, "y", y);
    return lookup(e1, "y")
        + lookup(e1, "x");
}
```

Where Do Variables Live

- Variables used in outer function may be needed for nested function
 - e.g., variable x in example on previous slide
- So variables used by nested functions can't live on stack...
- Allocate record for all variables on heap
- This will be similar to objects (which we will see in a few lectures)
 - Object = struct for field values, plus pointer(s) to methods
 - Closure = environment plus pointer to code

Closure Conversion

- Converting function values into closures
 - Make all functions take explicit environment argument
 - Represent function values as pairs of environments and lambda terms
 - Access variables via environment

• E.g.,

```
fun x -> (fun y -> y+x)
```

becomes

```
fun env x ->
```

```
  let e' = extend env "x" x in
```

```
  (e', fun env y ->
```

```
    let e' = extend env "y" y in
```

```
    (lookup e' "y")+(lookup e' "x"))
```

Lambda Lifting

- After closure conversion, nested functions do not directly use variables from enclosing scope
- Can “lift” the lambda terms to top level functions!
- E.g., `fun env x ->`

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  (e', f2)
```

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How Do We Compile Closures Efficiently?

- Don't need to heap allocate all variables
 - Just the ones that “escape”, i.e., might be used by nested functions
- Implementation of environment and variables

DeBruijn Indices

- In our interpreter, we represented environments as lists of pairs of variables names and values
- Expensive string comparison when looking up variable! `lookup env x`

```
let rec lookup env x =  
  match env with  
  | ((y,v)::rest) ->  
    if y = x then v else lookup rest  
  | [] -> error "unbound variable"
```

- Instead of using strings to represent variables, we can use natural numbers
 - Number indicates lexical depth of variable

DeBruijn Indices

```
type exp = Int of int | Var of int
         | Lambda of exp | App of exp*exp
```

- Original program

```
fun x -> fun y -> fun z -> x + y + z
```

- Conceptually, can rename program variables

```
fun x2 -> fun x1 -> fun x0 -> x2 + x1 + x0
```

- Don't bother with variable names at all!

```
fun -> fun -> fun -> Var 2 + Var 1 + Var 0
```

- Number of variable indicates lexical depth, 0 is innermost binder

Converting to DeBruijn Indices

```
type exp = Int of int | Var of int
         | Lambda of exp | App of exp*exp
```

```
let rec cvt (e:exp) (env:var->int): D.exp =
  match e with
  | Int i -> D.Int i
  | Var x -> D.Var (env x)
  | App(e1,e2) ->
      D.App(cvt e1 env,cvt e2 env)
  | Lambda(x,e) =>
      let new_env(y) =
          if y = x then 0 else (env y)+1
      in
      Lambda(cvt e new_env)
```

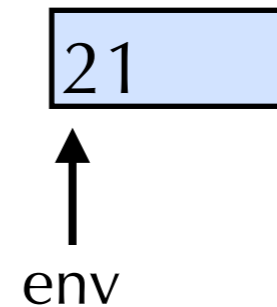
New Interpreter

```
type value = Int_v of int
           | Closure_v of {env:env, body:exp}
and env = value list

let rec eval (e:exp) (env:env) : value =
  match e with
  | Int i -> Int_v i
  | Var x -> List.nth env x
  | Lambda e -> Closure_v{env=env, body=e}
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Representing Environments

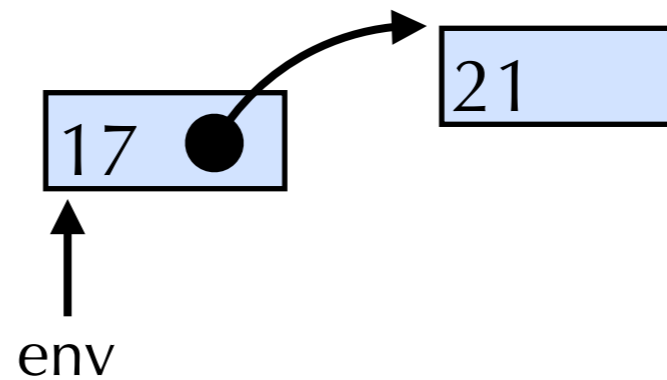
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- Linked list (nested environments)

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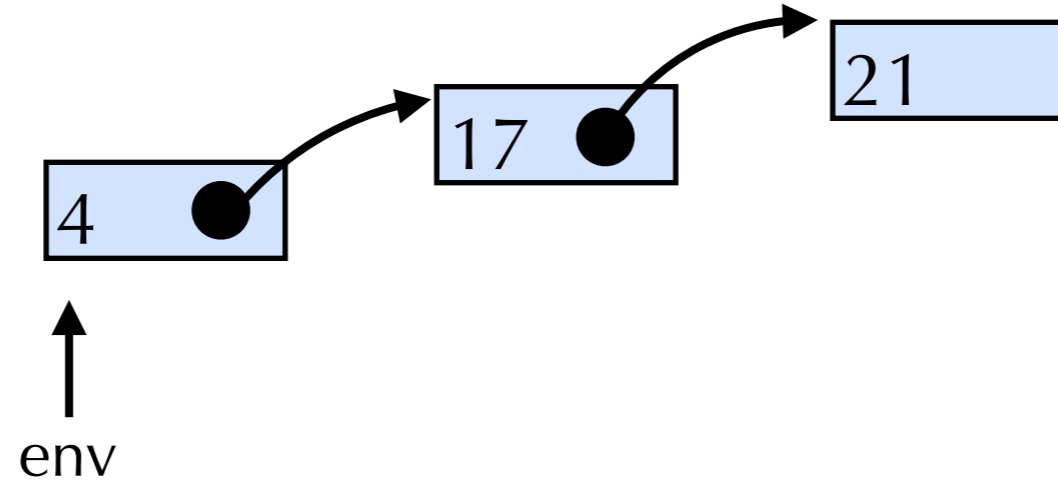
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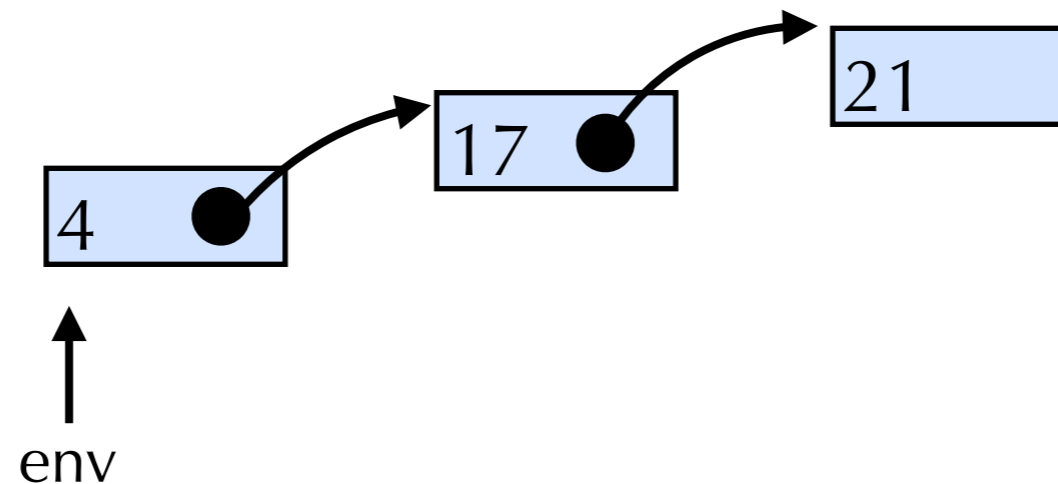
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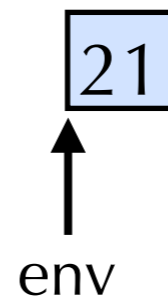
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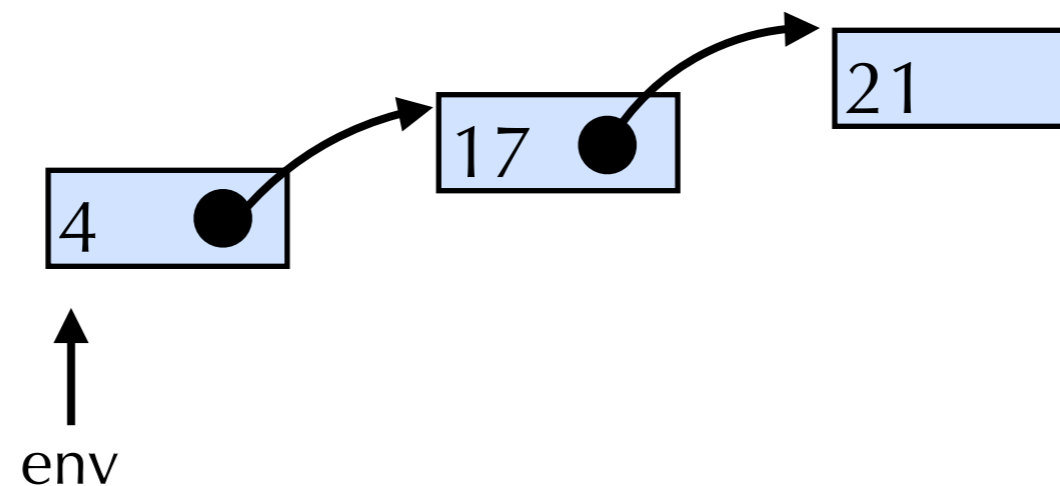


- Linked list (nested environments)
- Array (flat environment)

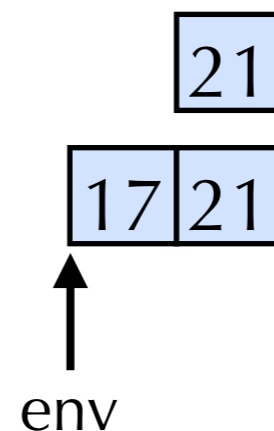


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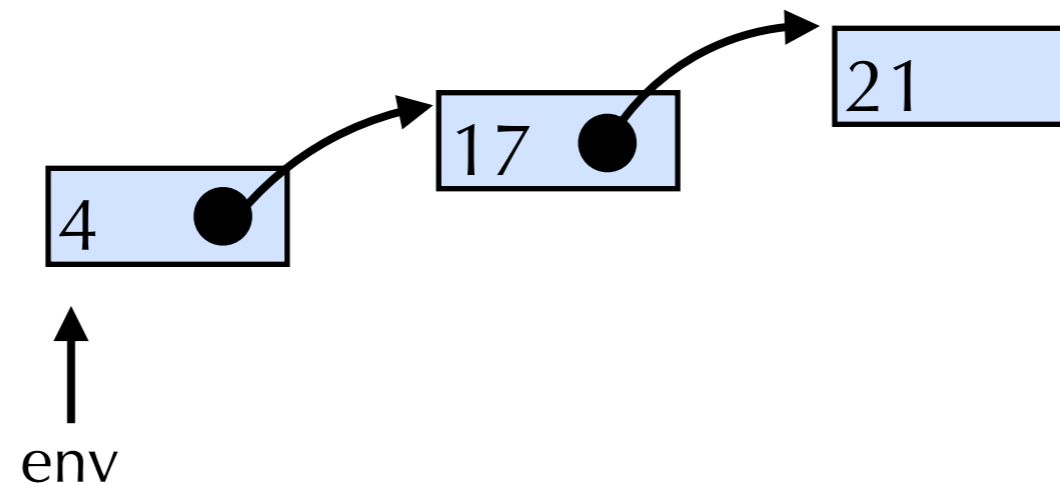


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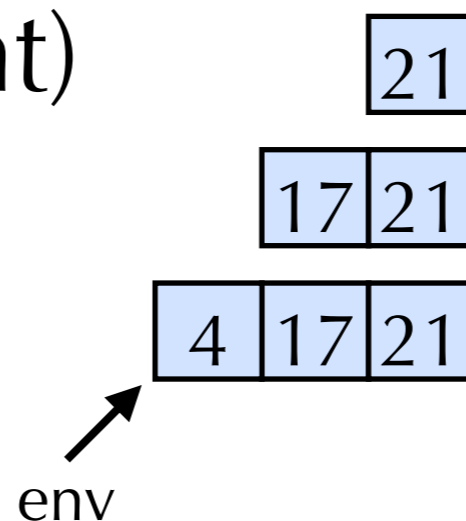


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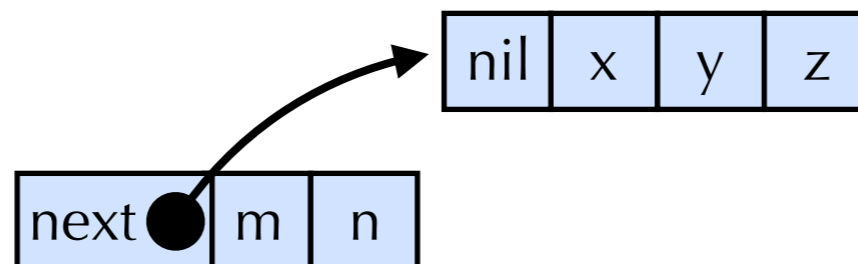
Multiple Arguments

- Can extend DeBruijn indices to allow multiple arguments

```
fun x y z -> fun m n -> x + z + n
```

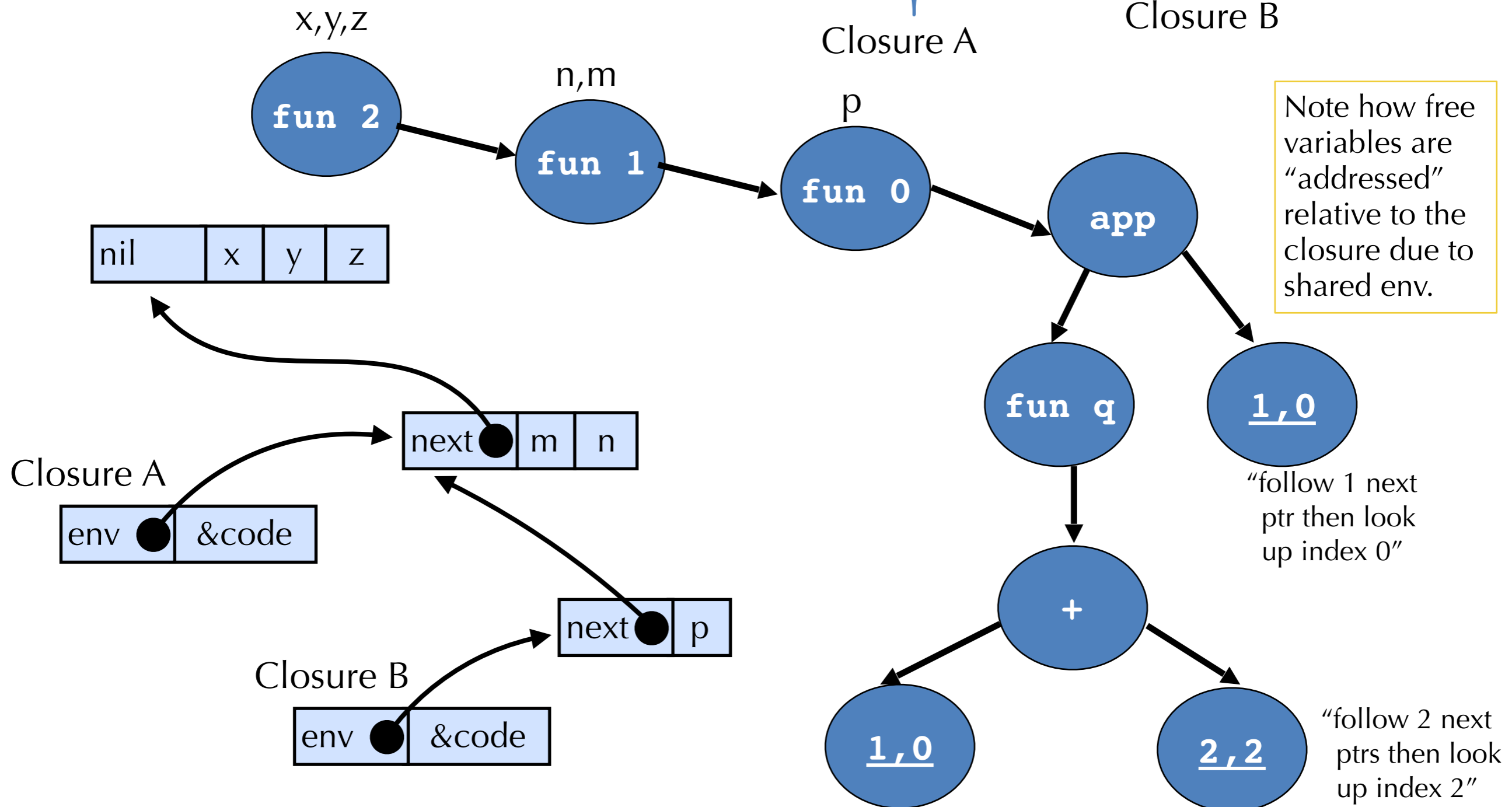
```
fun -> fun-> Var(1,0) + Var(1,2) + Var(0,1)
```

- Nested environments might then be

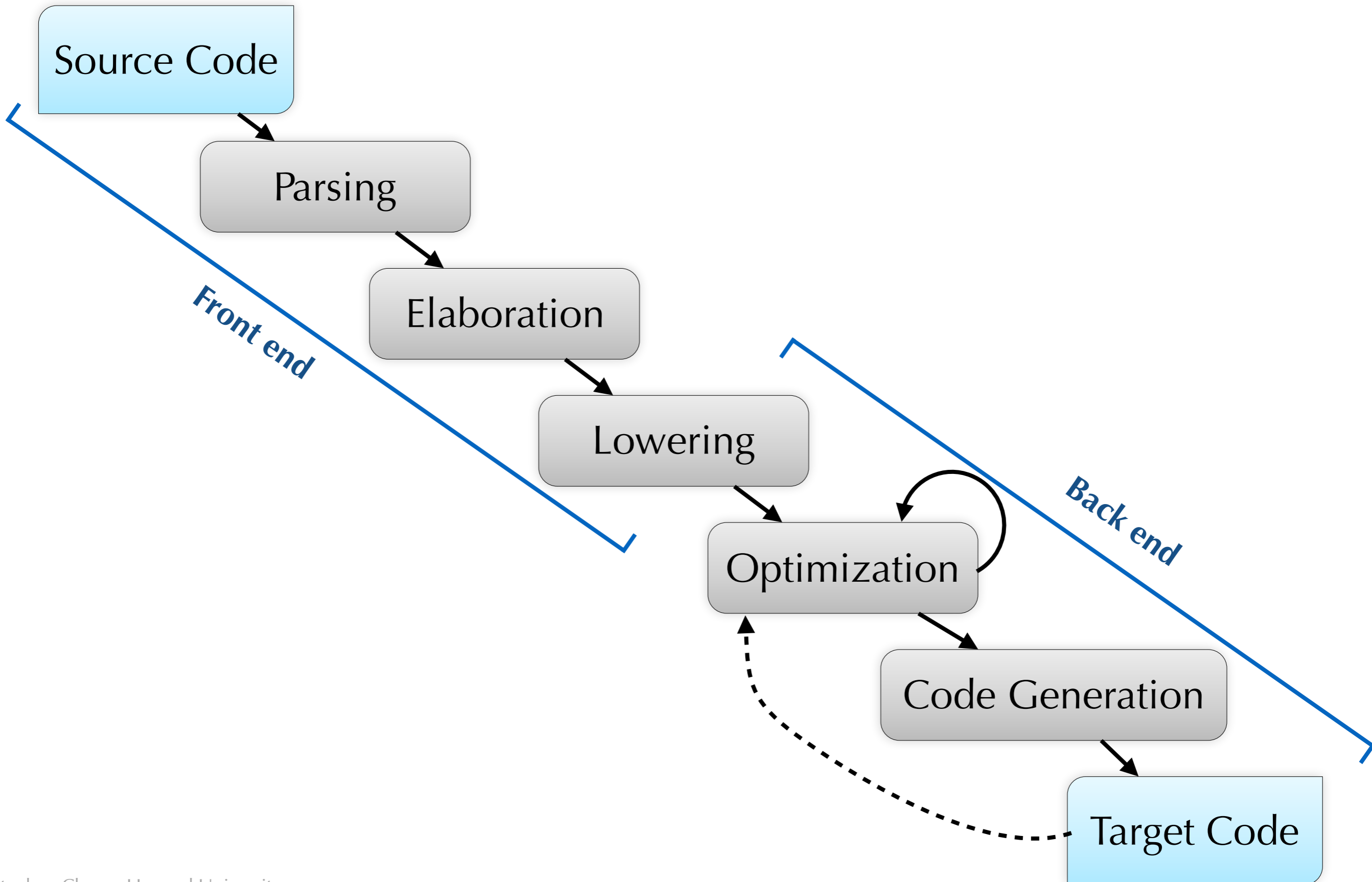


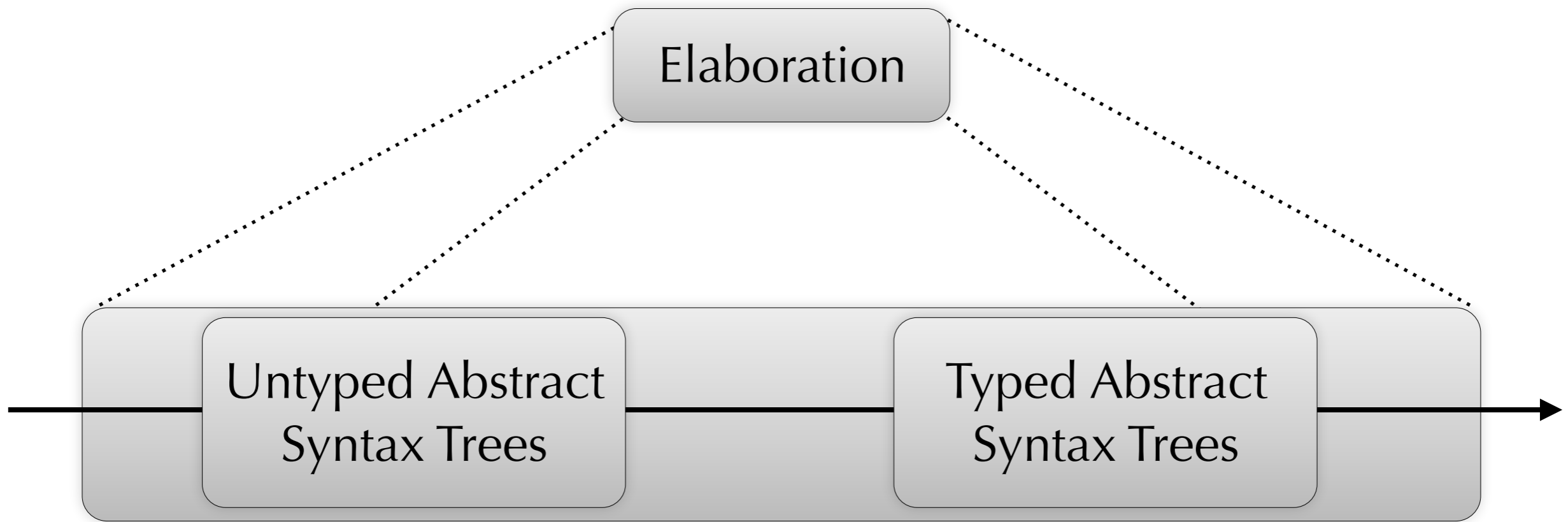
Array-based Closures with N-ary Functions

`(fun (x y z) -> (fun (m n) -> (fun p -> (fun q -> m + z) x)))`



Basic Architecture





Undefined Programs

- After parsing, we have AST
- We can interpret AST, or compile it and execute
- But: not all programs are well defined
 - E.g., $3/0$, "hello" - 7, 42(19), using a variable that isn't in scope, ...
- **Types** allow us to rule out many of these undefined behaviors
 - Types can be thought of as an approximation of a computation
 - E.g., if expression e has type `int`, then it means that e will evaluate to some integer value
 - E.g., we can ensure we never treat an integer value as if it were a function

Type Soundness

- Key idea: a well-typed program when executed does not attempt any undefined operation
- Make a model of the source language
 - i.e., an interpreter, or other semantics
 - This tells us which operations are partial
 - Partiality is different for different languages
 - E.g., "Hi" + " world" and "na"*16 may be meaningful in some languages
- Construct a function to check types: $\text{tc} : \text{AST} \rightarrow \text{bool}$
 - AST includes types (or type annotations)
 - If $\text{tc } e$ returns true, then interpreting e will not result in an undefined operation
- Prove that tc is correct

Simple Language

```
type tipe =  
  Int_t  
| Arrow_t of tipe*tipe  
| Pair_t of tipe*tipe
```

```
type exp =  
  Var of var | Int of int  
| Plus_i of exp*exp  
| Lambda of var * tipe * exp  
| App of exp*exp  
| Pair of exp * exp  
| Fst of exp | Snd of exp
```

Note: function arguments have type annotation

Interpreter

```
let rec interp (env:var->value) (e:exp) =
  match e with
  | Var x -> env x
  | Int i -> Int_v i
  | Plus_i(e1,e2) ->
    (match interp env e1, interp env e2 of
     | Int_v i, Int_v j -> Int_v(i+j)
     | _,_ -> failwith "Bad operands!")
  | Lambda(x,t,e) -> Closure_v{env=env,code=(x,e)}
  | App(e1,e2) ->
    (match (interp env e1, interp env e2) with
     | Closure_v{env=cenv,code=(x,e)},v ->
       interp (extend cenv x v) e
     | _,_ -> failwith "Bad operands!")
```

Type Checker

```
let rec tc (env:var->type) (e:exp) =
  match e with
  | Var x -> env x
  | Int _ -> Int_t
  | Plus_i(e1,e2) ->
    (match tc env e1, tc env e2 with
     | Int_t, Int_t -> Int_t
     | _,_ -> failwith "...")
  | Lambda(x,t,e) -> Arrow_t(t,tc (extend env x t) e)
  | App(e1,e2) ->
    (match (tc env e1, tc env e2) with
     | Arrow_t(t1,t2), t ->
       if (t1 != t) then failwith "...\" else t2
     | _,_ -> failwith "...")
```

Notes

- Type checker is almost like an **approximation** of the interpreter!
 - But interpreter evaluates function body only when function applied
 - Type checker always checks body of function
- We needed to assume the input of a function had some type τ_1 , and reflect this in type of function ($\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$)
- At call site ($e_1 \ e_2$), we don't know what closure e_1 will evaluate to, but can calculate type of e_1 and check that e_2 has type of argument

Growing the Language

- Adding booleans...

```
type tipe = ... | Bool_t
```

```
type exp = ... | True | False | If of exp*exp*exp
```

```
let rec interp env e = ...
```

```
| True -> True_v
```

```
| False -> False_v
```

```
| If(e1,e2,e3) -> (match interp env e1 with  
                    True_v -> interp env e2  
                    | False_v -> interp env e3  
                    | _ -> failwith "...")
```

Type Checking

```
let rec tc (env:var->tipe) (e:exp) =
  match e with
  ...
  | True -> Bool_t
  | False -> Bool_t
  | If(e1,e2,e3) ->
    (let (t1,t2,t3) = (tc env e1,tc env e2,tc env e3)
     in
      match t1 with
      | Bool_t ->
          if (t2 != t3) then error() else t2
      | _ -> failwith "...")
```

Type Safety

- “Well typed programs do not go wrong.”
 - Robin Milner, 1978
- Note: this is a **very** strong property.
 - Well-typed programs cannot “go wrong” by trying to execute undefined code (such as `3 + (fun x -> 2)`)
 - Simply-typed lambda calculus is guaranteed to terminate! (i.e. it isn't Turing complete)
- Depending on language, will not rule out **all** possible undefined behavior
 - E.g., `3/0`, `*NULL`, ...
 - More sophisticated type systems can rule out more kinds of possible runtime errors

Judgements and Inference Rules

- We saw type checking algorithm in code
- Can express type-checking rules compactly and clearly using a **type judgment** and **inference rules**

Type Judgments

- In the judgment: $E \vdash e : t$
 - E is a typing environment or a type context
 - E maps variables to types. It is just a set of bindings of the form:
 $x_1 : t_1, x_2 : t_2, \dots, x_n : t_n$
- If $E \vdash e : t$ then expression e has type t under typing environment E
 - $E \vdash e : t$ can be thought of as a set or relation
- For example:
 $x : \text{int}, b : \text{bool} \vdash \text{if } (b) \ 3 \ \text{else } x : \text{int}$
- What do we need to know to decide whether “if (b) 3 else x” has type int in the environment $x : \text{int}, b : \text{bool}$?
 - b must be a bool i.e. $x : \text{int}, b : \text{bool} \vdash b : \text{bool}$
 - 3 must be an int i.e. $x : \text{int}, b : \text{bool} \vdash 3 : \text{int}$
 - x must be an int i.e. $x : \text{int}, b : \text{bool} \vdash x : \text{int}$

Why Inference Rules?

- Compact, precise way of specifying language properties.
 - E.g. ~20 pages for full Java vs. 100's of pages of prose Java Language Spec.
- Inference rules correspond closely to the recursive AST traversal that implements them
- Type checking (and type inference) is nothing more than attempting to prove a different judgment ($E \vdash e : t$) by searching backwards through the rules.
- Compiling in a context is nothing more than a collection of inference rules specifying yet a different judgment ($G \vdash \text{src} \Rightarrow \text{target}$)
 - Moreover, the compilation rules are very similar in structure to the typechecking rules
- Strong mathematical foundations
 - The “Curry-Howard correspondence”: Programming Language ~ Logic, Program ~ Proof, Type ~ Proposition
 - See CS152 if you're interested in type systems!

Inference Rules

- For Oat, we will split environment E into global variables G and local variables L
- Judgment $G;L \vdash e : t$ “expression e is well typed and has type t ”
- Judgment $G;L \vdash s$ “statement s is well formed”

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Premises} \\ \text{Conclusion} \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \frac{G;L \vdash e : \text{bool} \quad G;L \vdash s_1 \quad G;L \vdash s_2}{G;L \vdash \text{if } (e) s_1 \text{ else } s_2} \end{array} \right.$$

- Equivalently: For any environment $G; L$, expression e , and statements s_1, s_2 .

$$G;L \vdash \text{if } (e) s_1 \text{ else } s_2$$

holds if $G;L \vdash e : \text{bool}$ and $G;L \vdash s_1$ and $G;L \vdash s_2$ all hold.

- This rule can be used for *any* substitution of the syntactic metavariables G, L, e, s_1 and s_2

Simply-typed Lambda Calculus

INT

$$\frac{}{E \vdash i : \text{int}}$$

VAR

$$\frac{x : T \in E}{E \vdash x : T}$$

ADD

$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \quad E \vdash e_2 : \text{int}}{E \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{int}}$$

FUN

$$\frac{E, x : T \vdash e : S}{E \vdash \text{fun } (x:T) \rightarrow e : T \rightarrow S}$$

APP

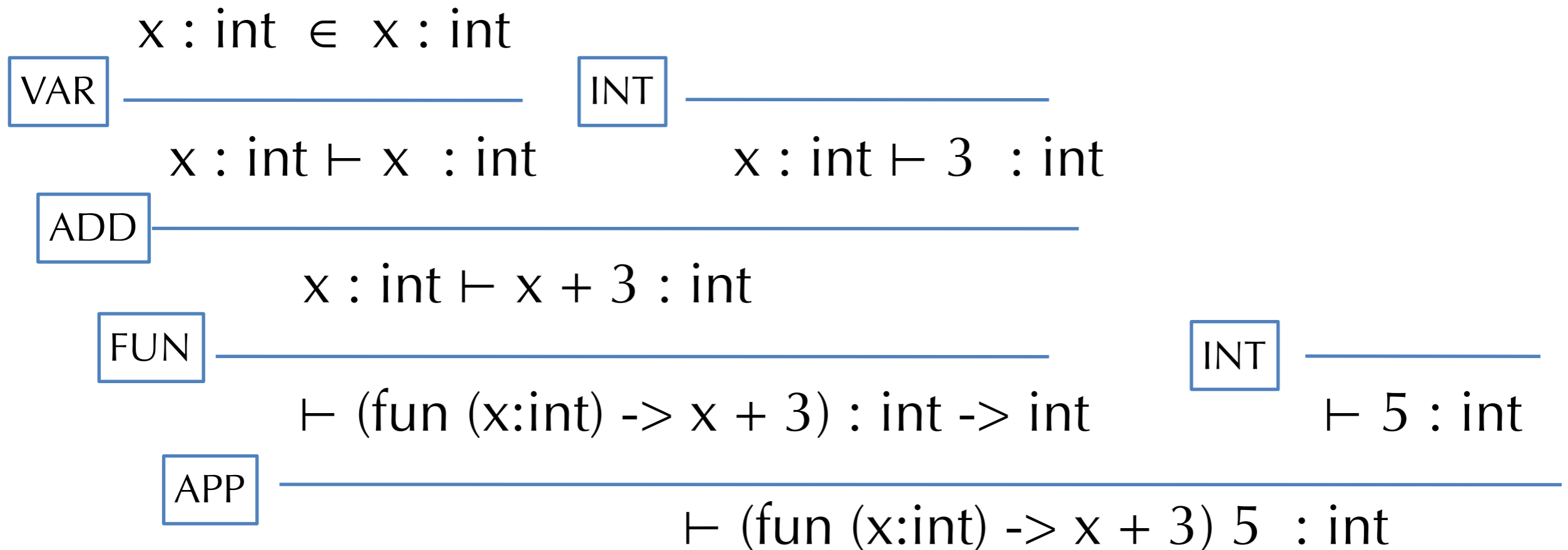
$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 : T \rightarrow S \quad E \vdash e_2 : T}{E \vdash e_1 e_2 : S}$$

- Note how these rules correspond to the code.

Type Checking Derivations

- A **derivation** or **proof tree** is a tree where nodes are instantiations of inference rules and edges connect a premise to a conclusion
- Leaves of the tree are **axioms** (i.e. rules with no premises)
 - E.g., the INT rule is an axiom
- Goal of the typechecker: verify that such a tree exists.
- Example: Find a tree for the following program using the inference rules on the previous slide:
$$\vdash (\text{fun } (x:\text{int}) \rightarrow x + 3) 5 : \text{int}$$

Example Derivation Tree



- Note: the OCaml function typecheck verifies the existence of this tree. The structure of the recursive calls when running `tc` is same shape as this tree!
- Note that $x : \text{int} \in E$ is implemented by the function `env`

Type Safety Revisited

Theorem: (simply typed lambda calculus with integers)

If $\vdash e : t$ then there exists a value v such that $e \Downarrow v$.

Arrays

- Array constructs are not hard
- First: add a new type constructor: $T[]$

e_1 is the size of the newly allocated array. e_2 initializes the elements of the array.

$$\boxed{\text{NEW}} \quad \frac{E \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \quad E \vdash e_2 : T}{E \vdash \text{new } T[e_1](e_2) : T[]}$$

$$\boxed{\text{INDEX}} \quad \frac{E \vdash e_1 : T[] \quad E \vdash e_2 : \text{int}}{E \vdash e_1[e_2] : T}$$

Note: These rules don't ensure that the array index is in bounds – that should be checked *dynamically*.

$$\boxed{\text{UPDATE}} \quad \frac{E \vdash e_1 : T[] \quad E \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \quad E \vdash e_3 : T}{E \vdash e_1[e_2] = e_3 \text{ ok}}$$

Tuples

- ML-style tuples with statically known number of products:
- First: add a new type constructor: $T_1 * \dots * T_n$

TUPLE

$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 : T_1 \quad \dots \quad E \vdash e_n : T_n}{E \vdash (e_1, \dots, e_n) : T_1 * \dots * T_n}$$

PROJ

$$\frac{E \vdash e : T_1 * \dots * T_n \quad 1 \leq i \leq n}{E \vdash \#i e : T_i}$$

References

- ML-style references (note that ML uses only expressions)
- First, add a new type constructor: $T \text{ ref}$

REF

$$\frac{E \vdash e : T}{E \vdash \text{ref } e : T \text{ ref}}$$

DEREF

$$\frac{E \vdash e : T \text{ ref}}{E \vdash !e : T}$$

ASSIGN

$$\frac{E \vdash e_1 : T \text{ ref} \quad E \vdash e_2 : T}{E \vdash e_1 := e_2 : \text{unit}}$$

Note the similarity with the rules for arrays...

Oat Type Checking

- For HW5 we will add typechecking to Oat
 - And some other features
- XXX typing rules for Oat
- Example derivation

```
var x1 = 0;  
var x2 = x1 + x1;  
x1 = x1 - x2;  
return(x1);
```

Example Derivation

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$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \quad \mathcal{D}_2 \quad \mathcal{D}_3 \quad \mathcal{D}_4}{\frac{G_0; \cdot; \text{int} \vdash \text{var } x_1 = 0; \text{var } x_2 = x_1 + x_1; x_1 = x_1 - x_2; \text{return } x_1; \Rightarrow \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}}{\vdash \text{var } x_1 = 0; \text{var } x_2 = x_1 + x_1; x_1 = x_1 - x_2; \text{return } x_1;}} \begin{array}{l} [\text{STMTS}] \\ [\text{PROG}] \end{array}$$

Example Derivation

$$\mathcal{D}_1 = \frac{\frac{\frac{}{G_0; \cdot \vdash 0 : \text{int}} \text{[INT]}}{G_0; \cdot \vdash 0 : \text{int}} \text{[CONST]}}{G_0; \cdot \vdash \text{var } x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}} \text{[DECL]}}{G_0; \cdot; \text{int} \vdash \text{var } x_1 = 0; \Rightarrow \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}} \text{[SDECL]}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_2 = \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\vdash + : (\text{int}, \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int}} \text{[ADD]}}{G_0; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int} \vdash x_1 : \text{int}} \text{[VAR]}}{G_0; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int} \vdash x_1 + x_1 : \text{int}} \text{[BOP]}}{\frac{\frac{G_0; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int} \vdash x_1 + x_1 : \text{int}}{G_0; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}; \text{int} \vdash \text{var } x_2 = x_1 + x_1; \Rightarrow \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}} \text{[DECL]}}{G_0; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}; \text{int} \vdash \text{var } x_2 = x_1 + x_1; \Rightarrow \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}} \text{[SDECL]}}$$

Example Derivation

$x_1 : \text{int} \in \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int} ;$

$$\mathcal{D}_3 \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\vdash - : (\text{int}, \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int}} \text{[ADD]} \quad \frac{x_1 : \text{int} \in \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}}{G_0 ; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int} \vdash x_1 : \text{int}} \text{[VAR]} \quad \frac{x_2 : \text{int} \in \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}}{G_0 ; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int} \vdash x_2 : \text{int}} \text{[VAR]}}{\frac{}{G_0 ; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int} \vdash x_1 - x_2 : \text{int}} \text{[BOP]}}{G_0 ; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}; \text{int} \vdash x_1 = x_1 - x_2; \Rightarrow \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}} \text{[ASSN]}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_4 = \frac{\frac{x_1 : \text{int} \in \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}}{G_0 ; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int} \vdash x_1 : \text{int}} \text{[VAR]}}{G_0 ; \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}; \text{int} \vdash \text{return } x_1; \Rightarrow \cdot, x_1 : \text{int}, x_2 : \text{int}} \text{[RET]}$$

Type Safety For General Languages

Theorem: (Type Safety)

If $\vdash P : t$ is a well-typed program, then either:

- (a) the program terminates in a well-defined way, or
- (b) the program continues computing forever

- Well-defined termination could include:
 - halting with a return value
 - raising an exception
- Type safety rules out undefined behaviors:
 - abusing “unsafe” casts: converting pointers to integers, etc.
 - treating non-code values as code (and vice-versa)
 - breaking the type abstractions of the language
- What is “defined” depends on the language semantics...

Compilation As Translating Judgments

- Consider the source typing judgment for source expressions:

$$C \vdash e : t$$

- How do we interpret this information in the target language?

$$\llbracket C \vdash e : t \rrbracket = ?$$

- $\llbracket C \rrbracket$ translates contexts
- $\llbracket t \rrbracket$ is a target type
- $\llbracket e \rrbracket$ translates to a (potentially empty) stream of instructions, that, when run, computes the result into some operand
- **INVARIANT:** if $\llbracket C \vdash e : t \rrbracket = \text{ty}, \text{operand}, \text{stream}$
then the type (at the target level) of the operand is $\text{ty} = \llbracket t \rrbracket$

Example

- $C \vdash 37 + 5 : \text{int}$ what is $\llbracket C \vdash 37 + 5 : \text{int} \rrbracket$?

$\llbracket \vdash 37 : \text{int} \rrbracket = (\text{i64}, \text{Const } 37, [])$

$\llbracket \vdash 5 : \text{int} \rrbracket = (\text{i64}, \text{Const } 5, [])$

 $\llbracket C \vdash 37 : \text{int} \rrbracket = (\text{i64}, \text{Const } 37, [])$

 $\llbracket C \vdash 5 : \text{int} \rrbracket = (\text{i64}, \text{Const } 5, [])$

 $\llbracket C \vdash 37 + 5 : \text{int} \rrbracket = (\text{i64}, \%tmp, [\%tmp = \text{add i64 (Const } 37) (\text{Const } 5)])$

What about the Context?

- What is $\llbracket C \rrbracket$?
- Source level C has bindings like: $x:\text{int}, y:\text{bool}$
 - We think of it as a finite map from identifiers to types
- What is the interpretation of C at the target level?
- $\llbracket C \rrbracket$ maps source identifiers, “ x ” to source types and $\llbracket x \rrbracket$

- What is the interpretation of a variable $\llbracket x \rrbracket$ at the target level?

$\frac{x:t \in L}{G; L \vdash x : t} \text{ TYP_VAR}$	$\frac{x:t \in L \quad G; L \vdash \text{exp} : t}{G; L \vdash \llbracket x \rrbracket : t} \text{ TYP_ASSN}$
as expressions (which denote values)	as addresses (which can be assigned)

 - How are the variables used in the type system?

Interpretation of Contexts

- $\llbracket C \rrbracket$ = a map from source identifiers to types and target identifiers
- **INVARIANT:**
 $x:t \in C$ means that
 - (1) $\text{lookup } \llbracket C \rrbracket x = (t, \%id_x)$
 - (2) the (target) type of $\%id_x$ is $\llbracket t \rrbracket^*$ (a pointer to $\llbracket t \rrbracket$)

Interpretation of Variables

- Establish invariant for expressions:

$$\frac{x:t \in L}{G;L \vdash x:t} \quad \text{TYP_VAR}$$

as expressions

(which denote values)

`(%tmp, [%tmp = load i64* %id_x])`

where `(i64, %id_x) = lookup [[L]] x`

- What about statements?

$$\frac{x:t \in L \quad G;L \vdash exp:t}{G;L;rt \vdash x = exp; \Rightarrow L}$$

as addresses

(which can be assigned)

TYP_ASSN

`= stream @`

`[store [[t]] opn, [[t]]* %id_x]`

where `(t, %id_x) = lookup [[L]] x`

and `[[G;L \vdash exp : t]] = ([[t]], opn, stream)`

Other Judgments?

- Statement:

$\llbracket C; rt \vdash \text{stmt} \Rightarrow C' \rrbracket = \llbracket C' \rrbracket, \text{stream}$

- Declaration:

$\llbracket G;L \vdash t \ x = \text{exp} \Rightarrow G;L,x:t \rrbracket = \llbracket G;L,x:t \rrbracket, \text{stream}$

INVARIANT: stream is of the form:

```
stream' @  
[ %id_x = alloca [[t]];  
store [[t]] opn, [[t]]* %id_x ]
```

and $\llbracket G;L \vdash \text{exp} : t \rrbracket = (\llbracket t \rrbracket, \text{opn}, \text{stream}')$

- Rest follow similarly

Compiling Control

Translating while

- Consider translating “while(e) s”:
 - Test the conditional, if true jump to the body, else jump to the label after the body.

$\llbracket C;rt \vdash \text{while}(e) s \Rightarrow C' \rrbracket = \llbracket C' \rrbracket,$

```
lpre:
```

```
    opn =  $\llbracket C \vdash e : \text{bool} \rrbracket$ 
```

```
    %test = icmp eq i1 opn, 0
```

```
    br %test, label %lpost, label %lbody
```

```
lbody:
```

```
     $\llbracket C;rt \vdash s \Rightarrow C' \rrbracket$ 
```

```
    br %lpre
```

```
lpost:
```

- Note: writing `opn = $\llbracket C \vdash e : \text{bool} \rrbracket$` is pun
 - translating $\llbracket C \vdash e : \text{bool} \rrbracket$ generates *code* that puts the result into opn
 - In this notation there is implicit collection of the code

Translating if-then-else

- Similar to while except that code is slightly more complicated because if-then-else must reach a merge

$\llbracket C; rt \rrbracket$

$\llbracket C' \rrbracket$

```
    opn =  $\llbracket C \vdash e : \text{bool} \rrbracket$ 
    %test = icmp eq i1 opn, 0
    br %test, label %else, label %then
then:
     $\llbracket C; rt \vdash s_1 \Rightarrow C' \rrbracket$ 
    br %merge
else:
     $\llbracket C; rt \vdash s_2 \Rightarrow C' \rrbracket$ 
    br %merge
merge:
```

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Connecting this to Code

- Instruction streams:
 - Must include labels, terminators, and “hoisted” global constants
- Must post-process the stream into a control-flow-graph
- See frontend.ml from HW4