Part I Lexical Addresses and Compilation

Suppose that

$$\{ \text{fun } \{x\} \ \{+ \ x \ y\} \}$$

appears in a program...

If the body is eventually evaluated:

where will x be in the substitution?

Answer: always at the beginning:

Suppose that

$$\{with \{y 1\} \{+ x y\}\}$$

appears in a program...

If the body is eventually evaluated:

where will y be in the substitution?

Answer: always at the beginning:

Suppose that

```
{with {y 1}
  {fun {x} {+ x y}}}
```

appears in a program...

If the body is eventually evaluated:

where will y be in the substitution?

Answer: always second:

$$x = \dots y = 1 \dots$$

Suppose that

```
{with {y 1}
{{fun {x} {- {+ x y} 17}} 88}}
```

appears in a program...

If the body is eventually evaluated:

where will x and y be in the substitution?

Answer: always first and second:

$$x = \dots y = 1 \dots$$

Suppose that

appears in a program...

If the body is eventually evaluated:

where will x and y be in the substitution?

Answer: always first and fourth:

$$x = \dots \quad z = 9 \quad w = \dots \quad y = 1 \quad \dots$$

Suppose that

```
{with {y {with {r 8} {f {fun {x} r}}}}

{{fun {w} {with {z 9}}

{fun {x} {+ x y}}}}}
```

appears in a program...

If the body is eventually evaluated:

where will x and y be in the substitution?

Answer: always first and fourth:

$$x = \dots \quad z = 9 \quad w = \dots \quad y = \dots$$

Lexical Scope

Our language is *lexically scoped*:

- For any expression, we can tell which identifiers will have substititions at run time
- The order of the substitutions is also predictable

(The value for each substitution is not necessarily predictable)

Compiling FAE

A *compiler* can transform **FAE** expressions to expression without identifiers — only lexical addresses

```
; compile : FAE ... -> CFAE
(define-type FAE
                          (define-type CFAE
 [num (n number?)]
                            [cnum (n number?)]
 [add (lhs FAE?)
                            [cadd (lhs CFAE?)
      (rhs FAE?)]
                                  (rhs CFAE?)]
 [sub (lhs FAE?)
                            [csub (lhs CFAE?)
      (rhs FAE?)]
                                  (rhs CFAE?)]
 [id (name symbol?)]
                            [cat (pos number?)]
 [fun (param symbol?)
                            [cfun (body CFAE?)]
      (body FAE?)]
                            [capp (fun-expr CFAE?)
 [app (fun-expr FAE?)
                                  (arg-expr CFAE?)])
      (arg-expr FAE?)])
```

Compile Examples

```
(compile 1 \ldots) \Rightarrow 1
(compile \{+12\} ...) \Rightarrow \{+12\}
(compile x ...) \Rightarrow compile: free identifier
(compile \{\text{fun } \{x\} \ x\} \dots) \Rightarrow \{\text{fun } \{\text{at } 0\}\}
(compile \{\text{fun }\{y\} \text{ } \{\text{fun }\{x\} \text{ } \{+ \text{ } x \text{ } y\}\}\}\} ...)
   ⇒ {fun {fun {+ {at 0} {at 1}}}}
(compile |\{\{\text{fun }\{x\} | x\} | 10\}| \dots)
   \Rightarrow \{\{\text{fun } \{\text{at } 0\}\} \ 10\}
```

Implementing the Compiler

```
; compile : FAE CSubs -> CFAE
(define (compile a-fae cs)
  (type-case FAE a-fae
    [num (n) (cnum n)]
    [add (1 r) (cadd (compile 1 cs)
                     (compile r cs))]
    [sub (1 r) (csub (compile 1 cs)
                     (compile r cs))]
    [id (name) (cat (locate name cs))]
    [fun (param body-expr)
         (cfun (compile body-expr
                         (aCSub param cs)))]
    [app (fun-expr arg-expr)
         (capp (compile fun-expr cs)
               (compile arg-expr cs))]))
```

Compile-Time Substitution

Mimics run-time substitutions, but without values:

```
(define-type CSubs
  [mtCSub]
  [aCSub (name symbol?)
         (rest CSubs?)])
; locate : symbol CSubs -> number
(define (locate name cs)
  (type-case CSubs cs
    [mtCSub ()
            (error 'compile "free identifier")]
    [aCSub (sub-name rest)
           (if (symbol=? name sub-name)
               0
               (+ 1 (locate name rest)))]))
```

CFAE Values

Values are still numbers or closures, but a closure doesn't need a parameter name:

CFAE Interpreter

Almost the same as **FAE interp**:

```
; cinterp : CFAE list-of-CFAE-Value -> CFAE-Value
(define (cinterp a-cfae subs)
  (type-case CFAE a-cfae
    [cnum (n) (cnumV n)]
    [cadd (l r) (cnum+ (cinterp l subs) (cinterp r subs))]
    [csub (l r) (cnum- (cinterp l subs) (cinterp r subs))]
    [cat (pos) (list-ref subs pos)]
    [cfun (body-expr)
          (cclosureV body-expr subs)]
    [capp (fun-expr arg-expr)
         (local [(define fun-val
                   (cinterp fun-expr subs))
                 (define arg-val
                   (cinterp arg-expr subs))]
           (cinterp (cclosureV-body fun-val)
                    (cons arg-val
                          (cclosureV-subs fun-val)))))))
```

CFAE Versus FAE Interpretation

On my machine,

is 30% faster than

Note: using built-in list-ref simulates machine array indexing, but don't take the numbers too seriously

Part II Dynamic Scope

Recursion

What if we want to write a recursive function?

```
{with {f {fun {x} {f {+ x 1}}}}
{f 0}}
```

This doesn't work, because **f** is not bound in the right-hand side of the **with** binding

But by the time that **f** is called, **f** is available...

Dynamic Scope

```
{with {f {fun {x} {f {+ x 1}}}}
{f 0}}
f = {fun {x} {f {+ x 1}}}
⇒ {f 0}
```

Lexical scope:
$$x = 0$$
 $\Rightarrow \{f \{+ x 1\}\}$

Dynamic scope:

$$x = 0$$
 f = {fun {x} {f {+ x 1}}}
 \Rightarrow {f {+ x 1}}

Implementing Dynamic Scope

```
; dinterp : FAE SubCache -> FAE-Value
(define (dinterp a-fae sc)
 (type-case FAE a-fae
    [num (n) (numV n)]
    [add (l r) (num+ (dinterp l sc) (dinterp r sc))]
   [sub (1 r) (num- (dinterp 1 sc) (dinterp r sc))]
   [id (name) (lookup name sc)]
   [fun (param body-expr)
         (closureV param body-expr (mtSub))]
    [app (fun-expr arg-expr)
         (local [(define fun-val
                   (dinterp fun-expr sc))
                 (define arg-val
                   (dinterp arg-expr sc))]
           (dinterp (closureV-body fun-val)
                    (aSub (closureV-param fun-val)
                          arg-val
                          sc))))))
```

Benefits of Dynamic Scope

Dynamic scope looks like a good idea:

- Seems to make recursion easier
- Implementation seems simple:
 - No closures; change to our interpreter is trivial
 - There's only one binding for any given identifier at any given time
- Supports optional arguments:

Drawbacks of Dynamic Scope

There are serious problems:

• lambda doesn't work right

```
(define (num-op op op-name)
  (lambda (x y)
          (numV (op (numV-n x) (numV-n y)))))
```

- It's easy to accidentally depend on dynamic bindings
- It's easy to accidentally override a dynamic binding

The last two are unacceptable for large systems

⇒ make your language statically scoped

A Little Dynamic Scope Goes a Long Way

Sometimes, the programmer really needs dynamic scope:

```
(define (notify user msg)
  ; Should go to the current output stream,
  ; whatever that is for the current process:
    (printf "Msg from ~a: ~a\n" user msg))
```

Static scope should be the implicit default, but supporting explicit dynamic scope is a good idea:

- In Common LISP, variables can be designated as dynamic
- In PLT and other Schemes, special forms can be used to define and set dynamic bindings:

HW 4

- Change **fun** and **app** to allow multiple arguments
- Add support for records
- Extra credit: Add support for dynamic bindings